

State of Alaska
Department of Corrections
Unsentenced Prison Population
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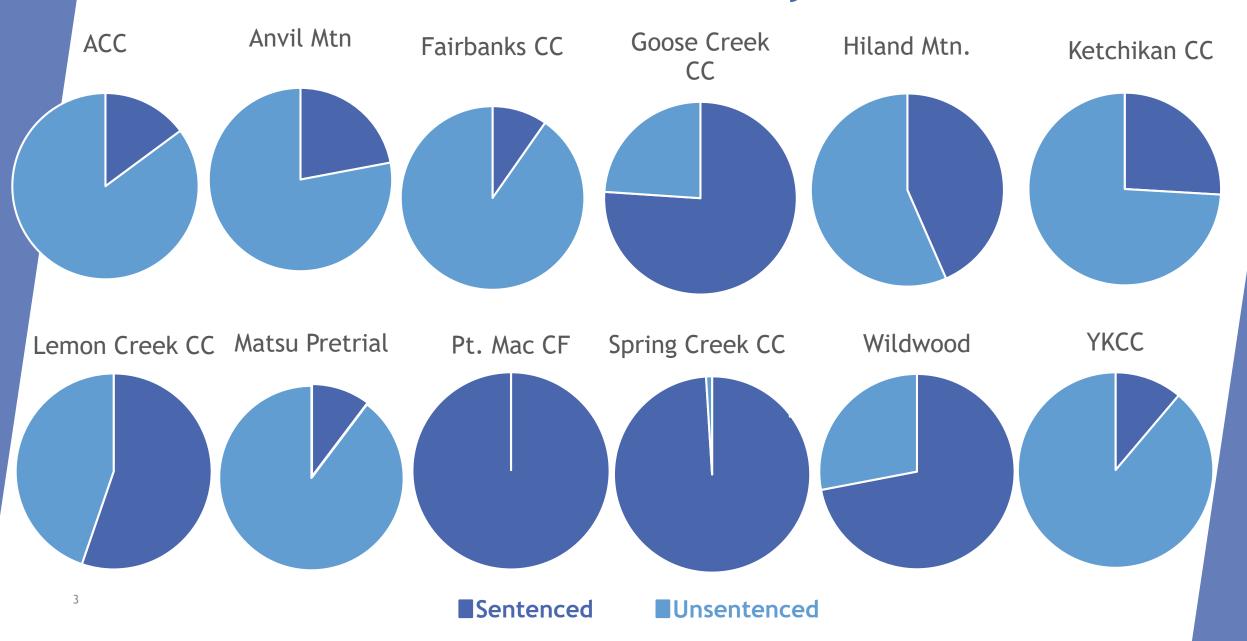
Definition: Unsentenced

• All inmates incarcerated who are awaiting trial or sentencing

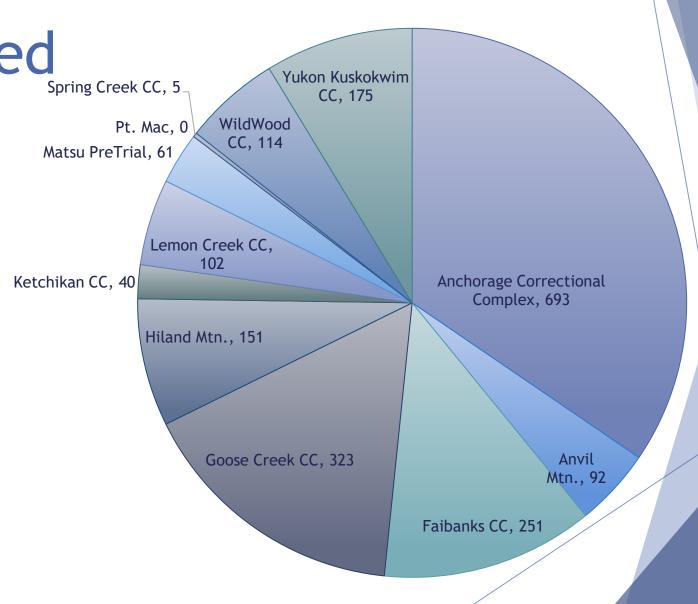
Breakdown of Unsentenced Population

- Make up 46% of the total incarcerated population
- Housed at 11 of our 12 facilities statewide due to:
 - > Population management
 - Vicinity to Court

Unsentenced Prisoners by Location



Total
Unsentenced
Prisoner
Location



How does Alaska Compare?



Alaska is one of 6 states in the country who operates under a unified correctional system

*It is difficult to compare Alaska's unsentenced population to the 5 other unified states



Unique prison population: Sentenced, Unsentenced, Federal Inmates, T-47 Holds



Large population of offenders that remain incarcerated until they are sentenced

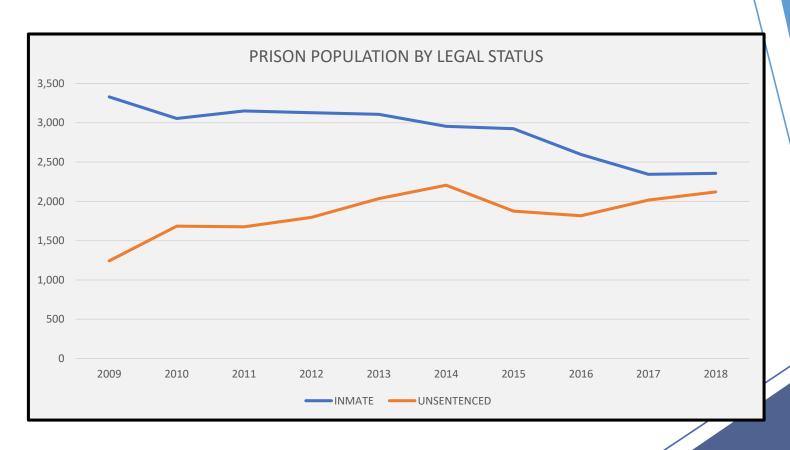
Pretrial Supervision vs. Unsentenced

- ▶ Pretrial Supervision: Offenders who have been arrested and released by the Court on supervision awaiting disposition on their cases.
- ► Unsentenced: Offenders who are incarcerated awaiting trial, disposition or sentencing.

Examining our Population

- Sentenced & Unsentenced inmate populations are trending in opposite directions
- Unsentenced population has nearly doubled

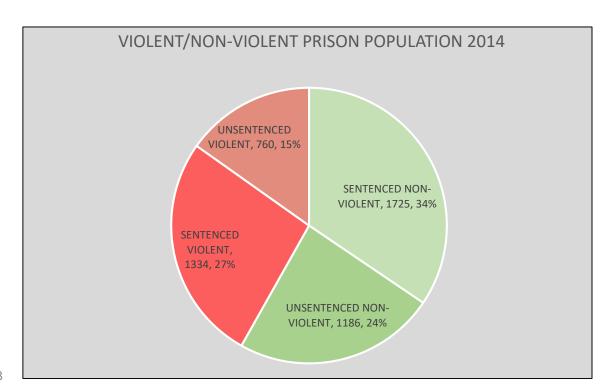
Why?



Violence is Up

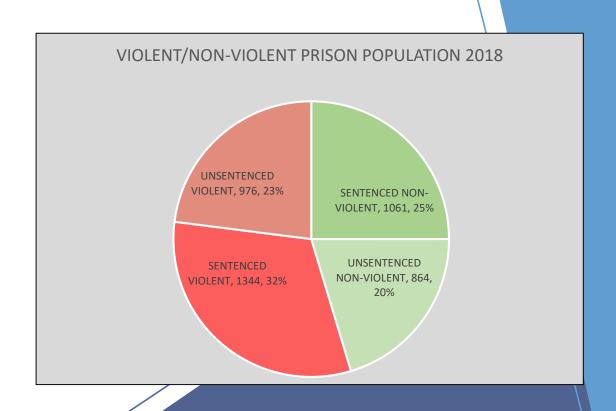
2014

- > 42% of the prison population was violent
- ➤ 15% of the unsentenced prison population was violent



<u>2018</u>

- > 55% of the prison population was violent
- 23% of the unsentenced prison population was violent



Remands are Increasing

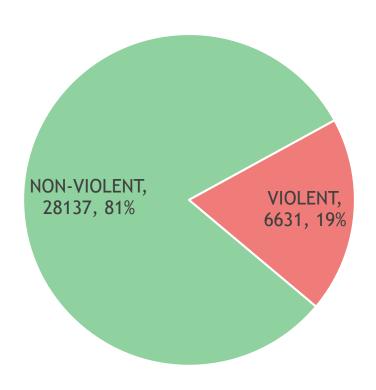
Over the last 2 years, the number of remands has jumped from 28,830 to 31,533.

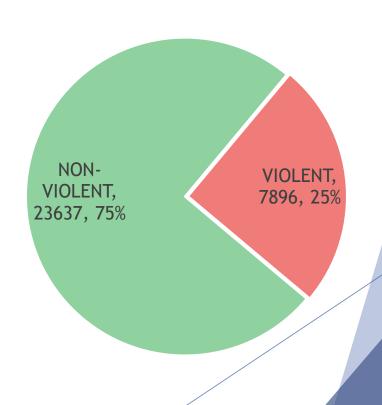


Rise in Violent Remands

VIOLENT VERSUS NON-VIOLENT OFFENSE REMANDS 2014

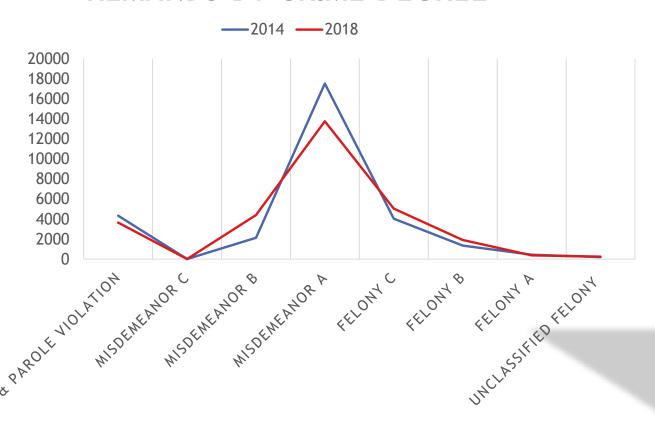
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Increase in Severity of Remands

REMANDS BY CRIME DEGREE



	2014	2018
Felony B	1,345	1,913
Felony C	4,034	5,042
Unclassified Felony	193	240

PROBAT

Community Residential Centers Eligibility

2,012
Unsentenced
Prisoners

Sex Offenders **379**

Close Custody 278

Medical/ Mental Health Hold

Federal Inmates 210 Arson/Burning Behavior

Other
(Title 47,
Detainer, Ad
Seg, PACE)

Unsentenced Felons 882

92% of unsentenced inmates are ineligible for CRC Placement

1,851 Ineligible Prisoners

Conclusions

- Alaska faces unique challenges in managing our unsentenced population
- > Unsentenced prison population is trending up
- > Remands are increasing
- > The offenses are becoming more serious
- > The offenses are becoming more violent



Questions?