

**ORLEANS PARISH**  
***2019-2020 CALLS FOR SERVICE, ARRESTS, AND  
INMATE POPULATION TRENDS***

**Metropolitan Crime Commission**  
**November 9, 2020**



# SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS



- **Demand for NOPD services remains high** as residents consistently place more than 33,000 calls for service each month (see [Exhibit 1, pg. 3](#)).
- **Total year-to-date (YTD) arrests decreased by 50% in 2020** compared to 2019, a trend that began prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (see [Exhibit 2, pg. 3](#)).
- **Homicides spiked 87% YTD in 2020**, but there were 16% fewer homicide arrests compared with 2019 ([Exhibits 5 and 7, pg. 5](#)).
- 2020 has 9% fewer reported YTD violent crimes and 31% fewer violent offense arrests compared with 2019 (see [Exhibits 3 and 4, pg. 4](#)).
- Aggravated battery incidents increased 37% in 2020, while arrests for aggravated battery and serious nonfatal violent crimes (e.g., attempted murder) decreased 35% in 2020 ([Exhibits 8 and 10, pg. 6](#)).
- In 2019, there was 1 arrest for every 12 reported robberies, compared to 1 arrest for every 15 reported robberies in 2020 (see [Exhibits 11-13, pg. 7](#)).
- Compared to 2019, 2020 has had 49% fewer property crime arrests (see [Exhibit 15, pg. 8](#)), 59% fewer drug arrests ([Exhibit 23, pg. 11](#)), and 39% fewer weapons arrests ([Exhibit 25, pg. 12](#)). The decreases in drug and weapons arrests are likely due in part to shifts in NOPD strategies and prioritization of more serious nonviolent offenses, such as burglary.
- **2020 had a 73% increase in burglary arrests**, although reported burglaries were approximately the same in 2019 and 2020 ([Exhibits 16 and 18, pg. 9](#)).
- **Average monthly inmate populations decreased 23% compared to the same time frame in 2019** (see [Exhibit 26, pg. 13](#)).
  - The trend in fewer inmates began prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and inmate populations dropped steeply in March 2020.
  - Since August 2020, the number of inmates steadily increased to near pre-pandemic levels.
- The Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office inmate population on November 1 was 944, with 85% of inmates held for felony pretrial offenses (see [Exhibit 27, pg. 14](#)).
  - 71% of November 1, 2020 inmates had pending violent felony or weapons felony charges.

# Year-to-Date Incident Calls and Arrest Trends 2019-2020

\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

**Exhibit 1. YTD Calls for Service**

Month	2019	2020	% change
January	36,926	34,825	-6%
February	33,045	33,382	1%
March	37,696	33,278	-12%
April	37,432	32,688	-13%
May	40,402	34,722	-14%
June	37,427	33,952	-9%
July	39,353	33,814	-14%
August	39,724	33,727	-15%
September	38,428	34,054	-11%
October	37,630	34,204	-9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>378,063</b>	<b>338,649</b>	<b>-10%</b>

The NOPD receives an average of more than 33,000 calls for service each month

Overall, there were 10% fewer calls for service in 2020 compared with reported YTD totals in 2019

**Exhibit 2. All YTD Arrests**

Month	2019	2020	% change
January	1,392	906	-35%
February	1,196	1,028	-14%
March	1,468	805	-45%
April	1,320	492	-63%
May	1,410	614	-56%
June	1,290	491	-62%
July	1,199	529	-56%
August	1,434	572	-60%
September	1,395	585	-58%
October	1,336	651	-51%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,440</b>	<b>6,673</b>	<b>-50%</b>

2020 arrests fell by half (50%) compared with the same time frame in 2019

Monthly arrest totals in January and February (pre-COVID-19 pandemic) indicate a decrease in overall arrests prior to city/state stay-at-home orders

# Violence-Related Incident Calls and Arrest Trends 2019-2020

\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

Exhibit 3. YTD Violence-Related Incident Calls			
Month	2019	2020	% change
January	1,327	1,428	8%
February	1,310	1,725	32%
March	1,670	1,320	-21%
April	1,486	1,051	-29%
May	1,760	1,169	-34%
June	1,494	1,281	-14%
July	1,464	1,367	-7%
August	1,597	1,455	-9%
September	1,554	1,349	-13%
October	1,468	1,659	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,130</b>	<b>13,804</b>	<b>-9%</b>

Violence-related incident calls decreased 9%, from 15,130 as of October 31, 2019 to 13,804 as of October 31, 2020

The NOPD averaged approximately 50 violence-related calls per day in 2019 versus 45 in 2020

Exhibit 4. YTD Violent Offense Arrests			
Month	2019	2020	% change
January	436	314	-28%
February	372	315	-15%
March	501	313	-38%
April	436	256	-41%
May	435	309	-29%
June	460	273	-41%
July	405	283	-30%
August	502	336	-33%
September	462	330	-29%
October	435	329	-24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,444</b>	<b>3,058</b>	<b>-31%</b>

Arrests for violent offenses decreased 31%, from 4,444 as of October 31, 2019 to 3,058 as of October 31, 2020

Felony charges made up similar portions of violent arrests in both years; 53% in 2019, compared to 51% in 2020

# Homicides and Homicide Arrest Trends

## 2019-2020

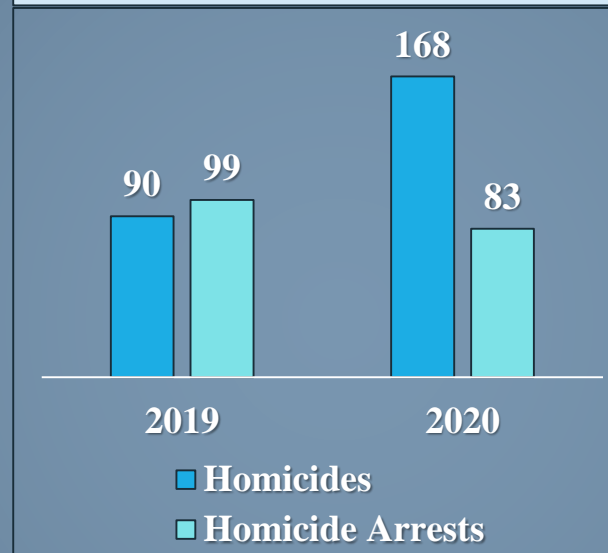
\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

**Exhibit 5. YTD Homicide Victims<sup>†</sup>**

Month	2019	2020	% change
January	8	16	100%
February	13	11	-15%
March	6	9	50%
April	6	19	217%
May	13	11	-15%
June	11	18	64%
July	10	25	150%
August	11	16	45%
September	8	20	150%
October	4	23	425%
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>87%</b>

**Homicides increased 87%**, from 90 as of October 31, 2019 to 168 as of October 31, 2020

**Exhibit 6. YTD Homicide Victims and Arrests 2019-2020**



In 2019, there was a higher rate of arrest for homicides than homicide victims, indicating some arrests made were for homicides alleged to have occurred in earlier years

**2020 had approximately one arrest for every 2 homicide victims**

**Exhibit 7. YTD Homicide Arrests**

Month	2019	2020	% change
January	11	16	45%
February	9	3	-67%
March	12	14	17%
April	9	6	-33%
May	12	5	-58%
June	11	3	-73%
July	10	9	-10%
August	6	6	0%
September	7	7	0%
October	12	11	-8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>-16%</b>

**Homicide arrests decreased 16%**, from 99 as of October 31, 2019 to 83 as of October 31, 2020

<sup>†</sup> Reflects actual YTD number of homicide victims, NOT the number of homicide calls for service. Source: NOPD

# Aggravated Battery Incident Calls and Arrest Trends 2019-2020

\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

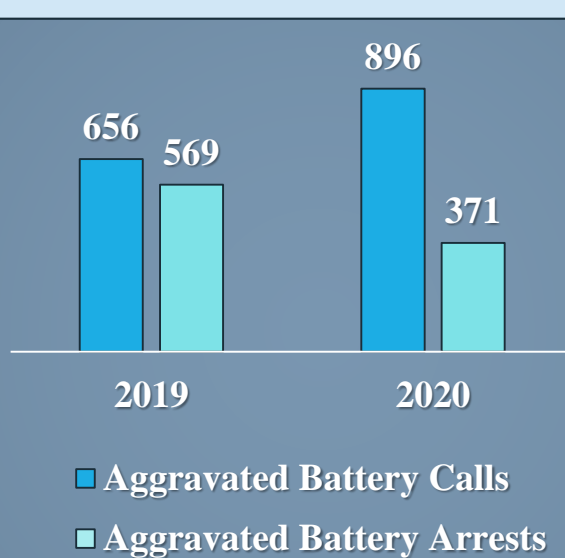
**Exhibit 8. YTD Agg. Battery Incident Calls**

Month	2019	2020	% change
January	54	63	17%
February	34	64	88%
March	91	89	-2%
April	64	61	-5%
May	87	77	-11%
June	66	98	48%
July	57	117	105%
August	75	115	53%
September	64	83	30%
October	64	129	102%
<b>Total</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>37%</b>

2020 had a 37% increase in aggravated battery calls for service (including battery by shooting, cutting, and domestic), from 656 as of October 31, 2019 to 896 as of October 31, 2020

[Click for Exhibit 8.2 YTD Shooting Incidents 2019-2020](#)

**Exhibit 9. YTD Agg. Battery Incidents and Arrests 2019-2020\*\***



In 2019, there was 1 arrest per 1.2 aggravated battery incident calls

2020 had 1 arrest per 2.4 aggravated battery incident calls

**\*\*Note:** Attempted murder charges are typically “aggravated battery” calls for service and are combined with aggravated batteries for a more accurate comparison of serious violent non-fatal incidents and arrests.

**Exhibit 10. YTD Agg. Battery Arrests\*\***

Month	2019	2020	% change
January	56	43	-23%
February	45	35	-22%
March	61	39	-36%
April	48	32	-33%
May	50	40	-20%
June	73	38	-48%
July	52	28	-46%
August	65	38	-42%
September	56	36	-36%
October	63	42	-33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>-35%</b>

In 2020, there was a 35% decrease in aggravated battery arrests (including agg. 2<sup>nd</sup> degree battery, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree battery, aggravated battery, and attempted murder charges), from 569 as of October 31, 2019 to 371 as of October 31, 2020

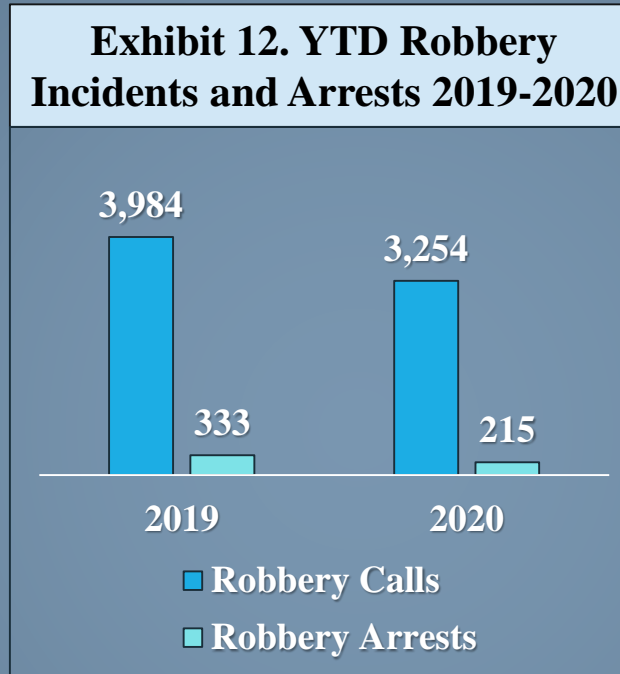
# Robbery Incident Calls and Arrest Trends 2019-2020

\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

Exhibit 11. YTD Robbery Incident Calls			
Month	2019	2020	% change
January	356	427	20%
February	344	712	107%
March	481	312	-35%
April	347	217	-37%
May	463	221	-52%
June	365	209	-43%
July	417	258	-38%
August	410	251	-39%
September	405	277	-32%
October	396	370	-7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,984</b>	<b>3,254</b>	<b>-18%</b>

**Robbery incident calls decreased 18%,**  
from 3,984 as of October 31, 2019 to  
3,254 as of October 31, 2020

[Click for Exhibit 11.2 YTD Carjacking Incidents  
2019-2020](#)



In 2019, there was a rate of  
approximately 1 robbery arrest per  
12 robbery incident calls

In 2020, there has been  
approximately 1 robbery arrest per  
15 robbery incident calls

Exhibit 13. YTD Robbery Arrests			
Month	2019	2020	% change
January	35	33	-6%
February	26	13	-50%
March	24	24	0%
April	28	27	-4%
May	39	22	-44%
June	37	9	-76%
July	27	24	-11%
August	45	23	-49%
September	28	19	-32%
October	44	22	-50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>-35%</b>

**Arrests for robbery decreased 35%,**  
from 333 as of October 31, 2019 to 215 as  
of October 31, 2020

# Property-Related Incident Calls and Arrest Trends 2019-2020

\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

Exhibit 14. YTD Property-Related Incident Calls			
Month	2019	2020	% change
January	2,896	3,755	30%
February	2,659	3,354	26%
March	2,874	2,710	-6%
April	3,098	2,379	-23%
May	3,550	2,254	-37%
June	2,865	2,455	-14%
July	2,899	2,540	-12%
August	2,917	2,737	-6%
September	2,902	2,828	-3%
October	2,949	3,123	6%
Total	29,609	28,141	-5%

Property-related incident calls decreased 5%,  
from 29,609 as of October 31, 2019 to 28,141 as  
of October 31, 2020

Exhibit 15. YTD All Property Offense Arrests			
Month	2019	2020	% change
January	279	200	-28%
February	218	205	-6%
March	261	149	-43%
April	234	109	-53%
May	263	125	-52%
June	254	90	-65%
July	252	100	-60%
August	250	98	-61%
September	263	100	-62%
October	279	129	-54%
Total	2,553	1,305	-49%

Arrests for property offenses decreased 49%, from  
2,553 as of October 31, 2019 to 1,305 as of October 31,  
2020

In 2019, 59% of arrests for property offenses were  
felony charges compared to 54% of 2020 property  
arrests that were were felony charges

# Burglary Incident Calls and Arrest Trends

## 2019-2020

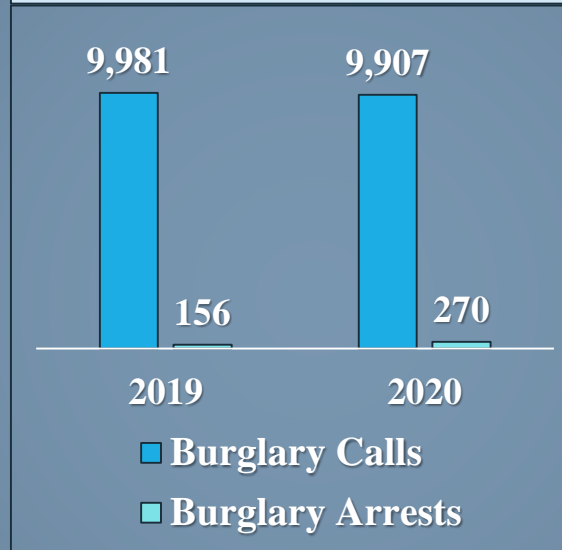
\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

**Exhibit 16. YTD Burglary Incident Calls**

Month	2019	2020	% change
January	959	1,474	54%
February	941	1,030	9%
March	871	901	3%
April	1,106	913	-17%
May	1,304	797	-39%
June	903	837	-7%
July	975	922	-5%
August	974	928	-5%
September	951	1,049	10%
October	997	1,056	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,981</b>	<b>9,907</b>	<b>-1%</b>

**Burglary incident calls decreased 1%,**  
from 9,981 as of October 31, 2019 to 9,907  
as of October 31, 2020

**Exhibit 17. Burglary Incidents  
and Arrests 2019-2020**



In 2019, there was a rate of  
approximately 1 burglary arrest per  
64 burglary incident calls

In 2020, there has been  
approximately 1 burglary arrest per  
37 burglary incident calls

**Exhibit 18. YTD Burglary Arrests**

Month	2019	2020	% change
January	24	24	0%
February	13	27	108%
March	11	40	264%
April	15	41	173%
May	21	27	29%
June	20	21	5%
July	11	23	109%
August	10	20	100%
September	14	18	29%
October	17	29	71%
<b>Total</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>73%</b>

**Burglary arrests increased 73%,** from  
156 as of October 31, 2019 to 270 as of  
October 31, 2020

# Theft Incident Calls and Arrest Trends

## 2019-2020

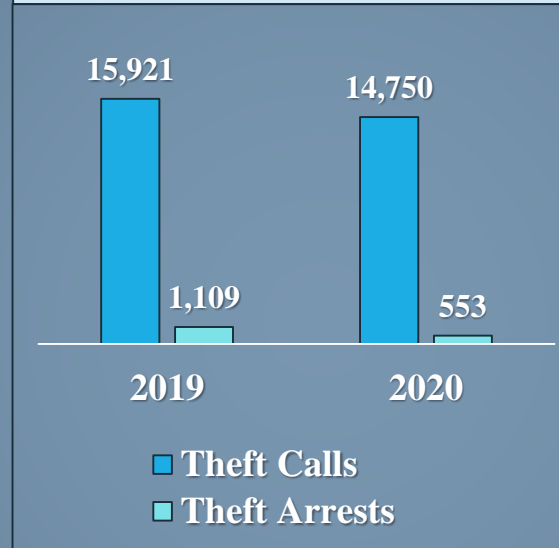
\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

**Exhibit 19. YTD Theft Incident Calls**

Month	2019	2020	% change
January	1,565	1,888	21%
February	1,394	1,965	41%
March	1,596	1,469	-8%
April	1,587	1,171	-26%
May	1,791	1,153	-36%
June	1,602	1,274	-20%
July	1,564	1,262	-19%
August	1,600	1,463	-9%
September	1,631	1,424	-13%
October	1,591	1,681	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,921</b>	<b>14,750</b>	<b>-7%</b>

Theft incident calls decreased 7%, from 15,921 as of October 31, 2019 to 14,750 as of October 31, 2020

**Exhibit 20. YTD Theft Incidents and Arrests 2019-2020**



In 2019, there was a rate of approximately 1 theft arrest per 14 theft incident calls

In 2020, there has been approximately 1 theft arrest per 27 theft incident calls

**Exhibit 21. YTD Theft Arrests**

Month	2019	2020	% change
January	129	84	-35%
February	99	73	-26%
March	115	64	-44%
April	112	36	-68%
May	97	64	-34%
June	111	38	-66%
July	111	37	-67%
August	123	47	-62%
September	100	45	-55%
October	112	65	-42%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,109</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>-50%</b>

Arrests for theft offenses decreased 50%, from 1,109 as of October 31, 2019 to 553 as of October 31, 2020

2019 YTD theft offenses consisted of 77% felony charges, which increased slightly to 81% of 2020 theft offense arrests for felony charges

# Drug-Related Incident Calls and Arrest Trends 2019-2020

\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

Exhibit 22. YTD Drug-Related Incident Calls			
Month	2019	2020	% change
January	371	230	-38%
February	312	276	-12%
March	346	294	-15%
April	304	207	-32%
May	311	280	-10%
June	284	112	-61%
July	278	110	-60%
August	290	145	-50%
September	311	113	-64%
October	281	131	-53%
Total	3,088	1,897	-39%

Drug-related incident calls decreased 39%, from 3,088 as of October 31, 2019 to 1,897 as of October 31, 2020

Exhibit 23. YTD All Drug Offense Arrests			
Month	2019	2020	% change
January	137	98	-28%
February	118	127	8%
March	141	115	-18%
April	118	27	-77%
May	137	44	-68%
June	125	14	-89%
July	107	15	-86%
August	134	26	-81%
September	136	28	-79%
October	127	30	-76%
Total	1,280	524	-59%

Arrests for drug offenses decreased 59%, from 1,280 as of October 31, 2019 to 524 as of October 31, 2020

In 2019, 96% of drug arrests were for felony charges, which remained stable in 2020 when 95% of drug offense arrests were felony charges

# Weapons-Related Incident Calls and Arrest Trends 2019-2020

\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

Exhibit 24. YTD Weapons-Related Incident Calls			
Month	2019	2020	% change
January	255	298	17%
February	195	228	17%
March	253	246	-3%
April	253	291	15%
May	257	295	15%
June	208	308	48%
July	234	355	52%
August	194	293	51%
September	165	339	105%
October	228	461	102%
Total	2,242	3,114	39%

Weapons-related incident calls increased 39%, from 2,242 as of October 31, 2019 to 3,114 as of October 31, 2020

Exhibit 25. YTD All Weapons Offense Arrests			
Month	2019	2020	% change
January	110	79	-28%
February	91	141	55%
March	132	68	-48%
April	94	49	-48%
May	85	59	-31%
June	80	23	-71%
July	57	30	-47%
August	76	25	-67%
September	87	31	-64%
October	80	39	-51%
Total	892	544	-39%

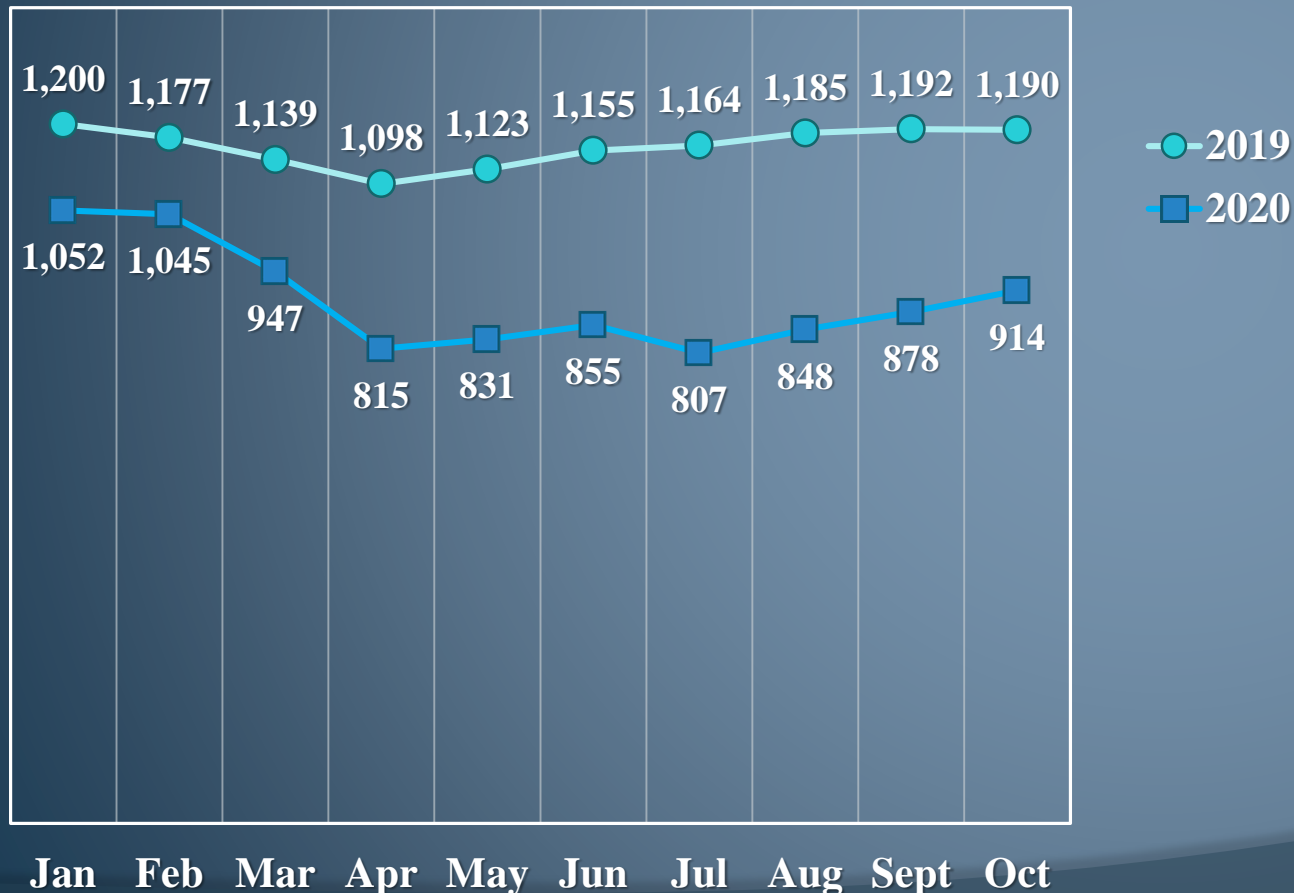
Arrests for weapons offenses decreased 39%, from 892 as of October 31, 2019 to 544 as of October 31, 2020

2019 YTD weapons offenses consisted of 77% felony charges versus 80% of 2020 weapons arrests for felony charges

# Orleans Parish Monthly Inmate Population Trends 2019-2020

\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

Exhibit 26. Monthly Inmate Population Averages  
2019-2020



Compared to 2019, the average monthly inmate population dropped 23% as of November 1, 2020

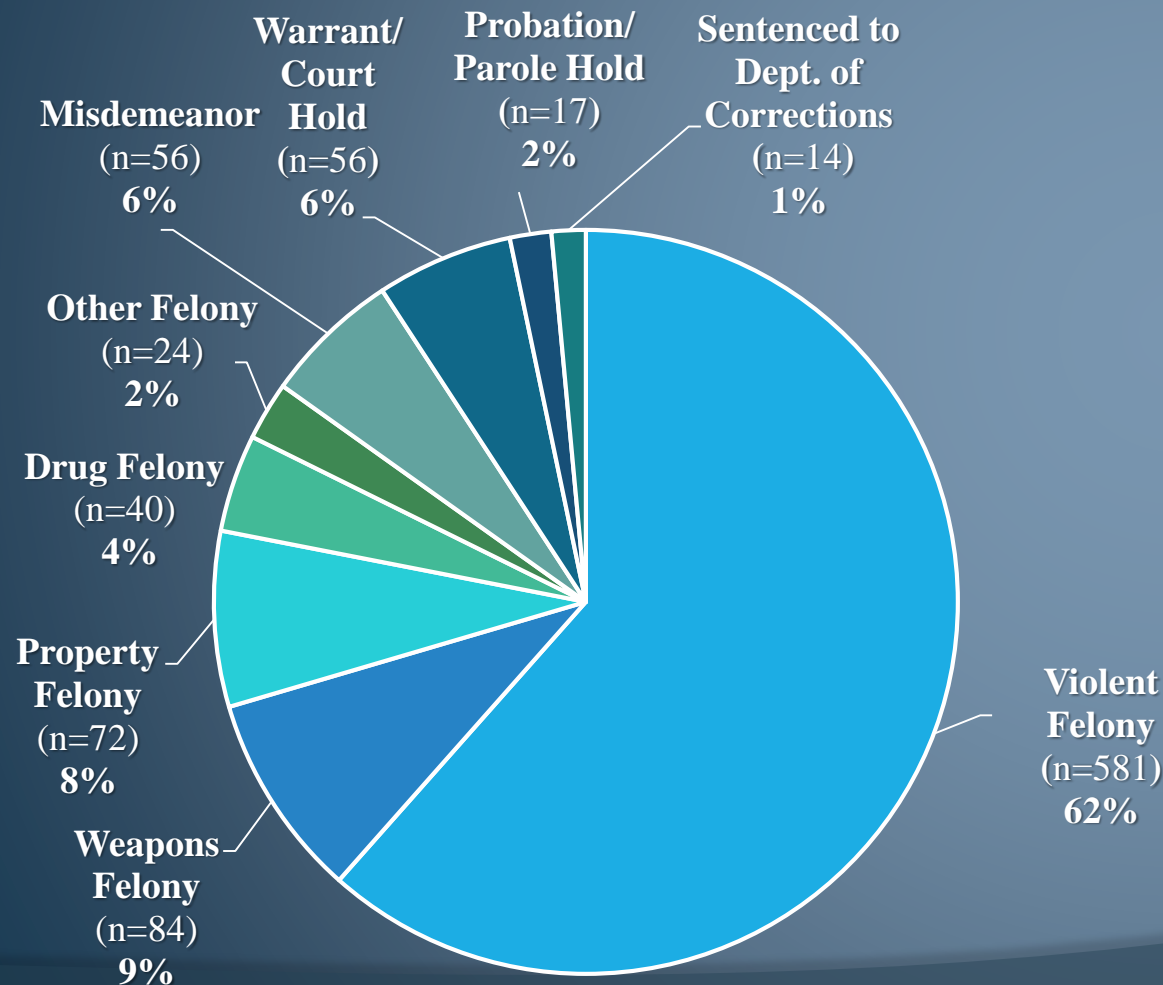
Although this trend was evident prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e., Jan/Feb), the differences became more pronounced following the stay-at-home order in March of 2020

Since August 2020, the inmate population has steadily risen to near pre-pandemic levels, although it remains substantially lower than 2019 averages

# Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Inmate Population

## November 1, 2020

**Exhibit 27. Most Serious Inmate Charges**  
**N=944**



Ninety-four percent (94%) of the inmate population on November 1, 2020 were held on felony charges

71% of inmates are held for violent and weapons charges

44% have pending murder, attempted murder, rape, or robbery charges

Six percent (6%) of the inmates were held on misdemeanor charges

66% of inmates held on misdemeanor offenses were charged with violent misdemeanors (e.g., simple battery, domestic abuse battery)

The 8 (or 1%) of inmates held on “other misdemeanor” offenses were almost all charged with domestic violence-related offenses, including violation of protective orders and domestic criminal damage

Nearly all inmates held on misdemeanor charges will be released within 24 hours

*Supplemental Exhibits*

# Shooting and Carjacking Incident Trends 2019-2020

# Shooting Incidents 2019-2020

\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

Exhibit 8.2. YTD Aggravated Battery by Shooting Calls			
Month	2019	2020	% change
January	19	29	53%
February	10	31	210%
March	37	32	-14%
April	29	23	-21%
May	37	26	-30%
June	21	55	162%
July	20	65	225%
August	23	64	178%
September	21	38	81%
October	27	69	156%
Total	244	432	77%

Aggravated shooting incident calls increased 77%, October from 244 as of 31, 2019 to 432 as of October 31, 2020

# Carjacking Incidents

## 2019-2020

\*All YTD as of October 31, 2019/2020

**Exhibit 11.2. YTD Carjacking Calls**

Month	2019	2020	% change
January	7	10	43%
February	3	19	533%
March	8	11	38%
April	7	5	-29%
May	13	10	-23%
June	5	12	140%
July	6	18	200%
August	8	10	25%
September	5	20	300%
October	3	32	967%
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>126%</b>

Carjacking incident calls increased 126%, from 65 as of October 31, 2019 to 147 as of October 31, 2020