

# 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Department of Correctional Services

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# What is the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Department of Correctional Services?

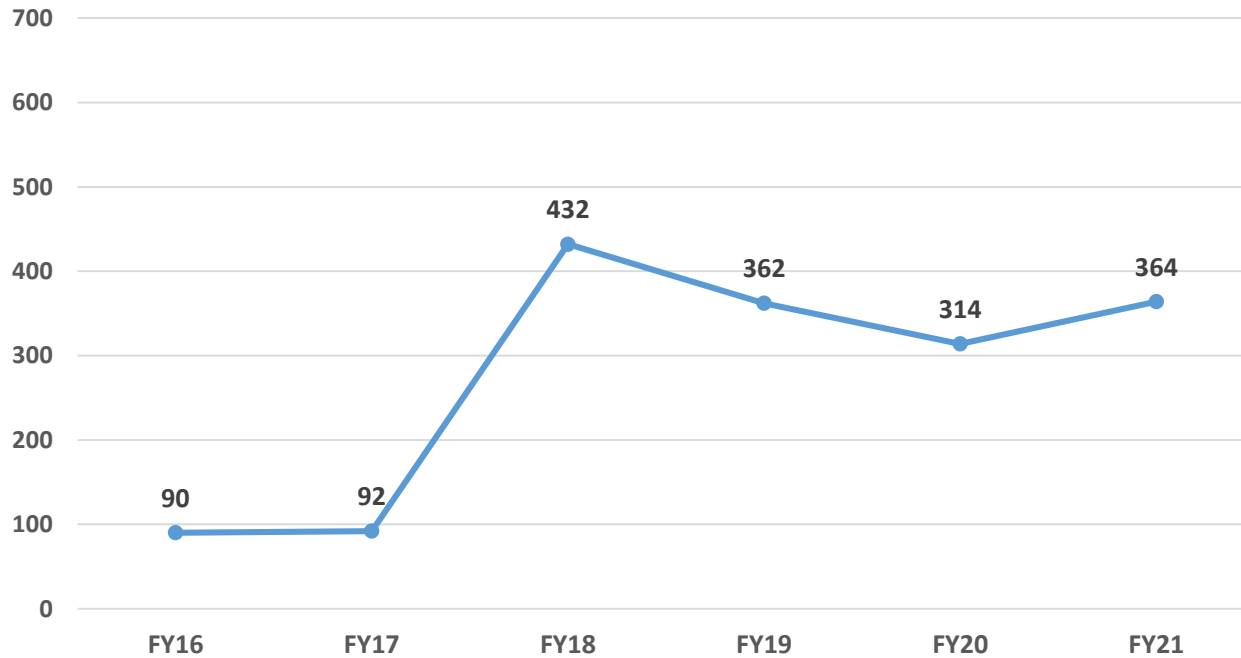
- A government subdivision
- Receive funding through a POS with DOC
- Operates CBC programming within the guidelines established by the Iowa DOC
- Director reports to a local board
- Responsible for all community based correctional services to include:

# 7<sup>th</sup> District's Scope of Work

- Pretrial-assessments and supervision
- Presentence investigations
- Probation
- Residential programming for various correctional statuses, including work release, probation and Federal BOP referrals
- Parole
- Specialty courts
- Treatment/Programming

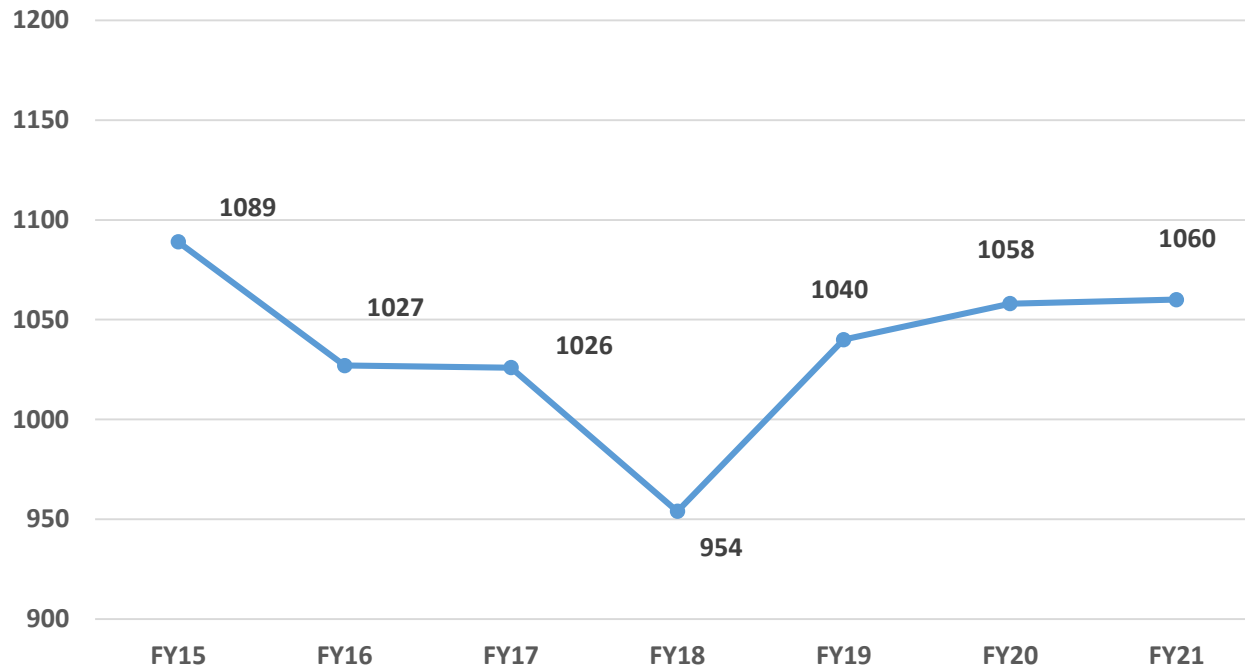
# Pretrial Supervision

Offenders Served



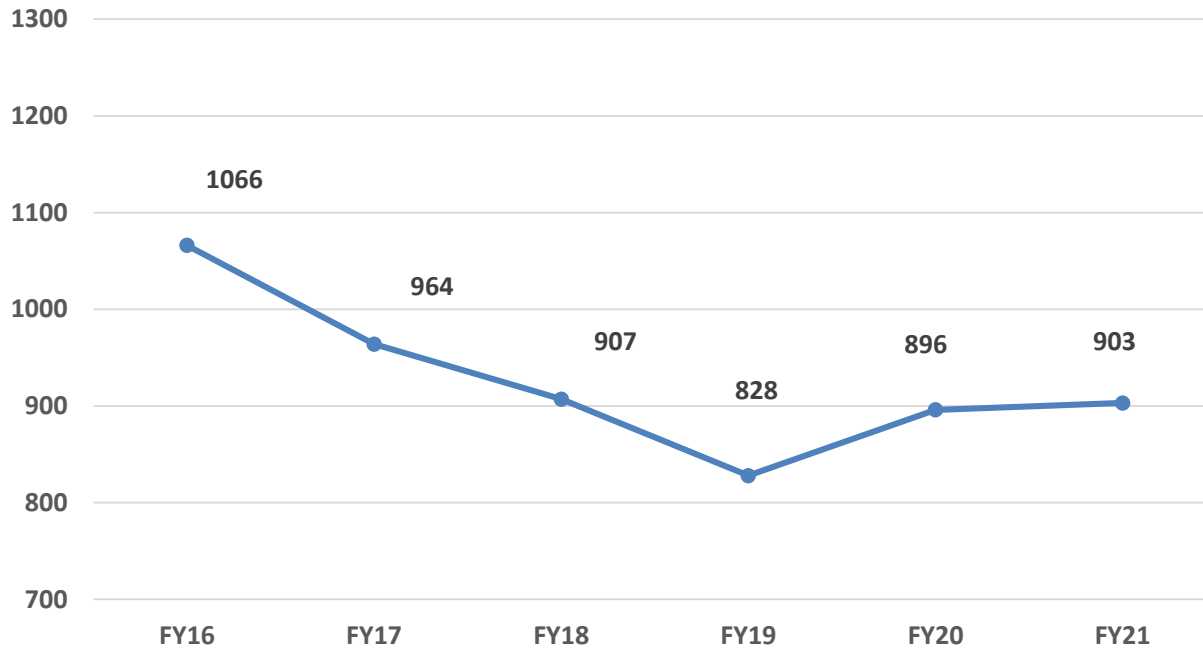
# Presentence Investigations

PSI's Conducted



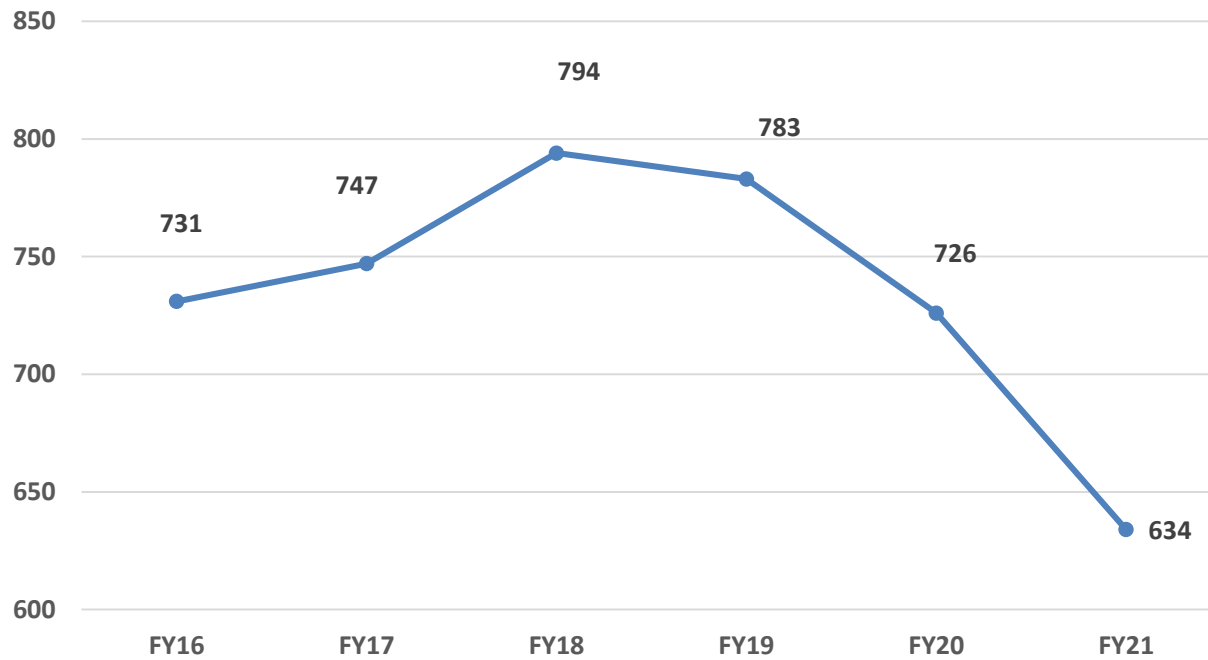
# Probation

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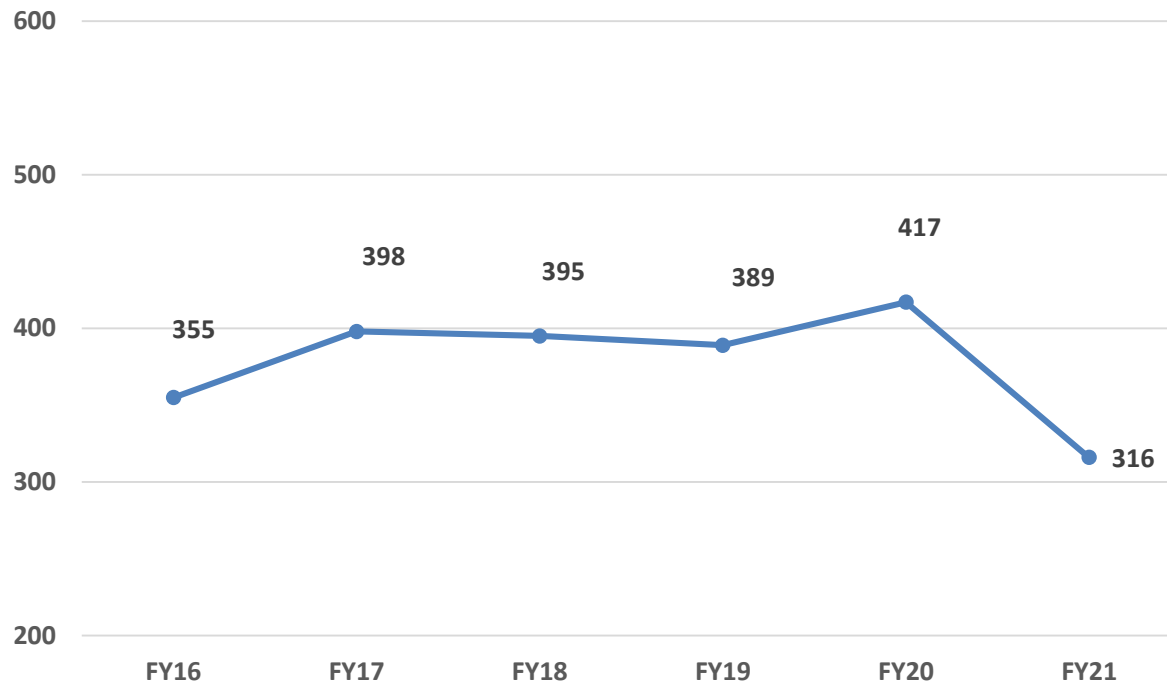
# Residential

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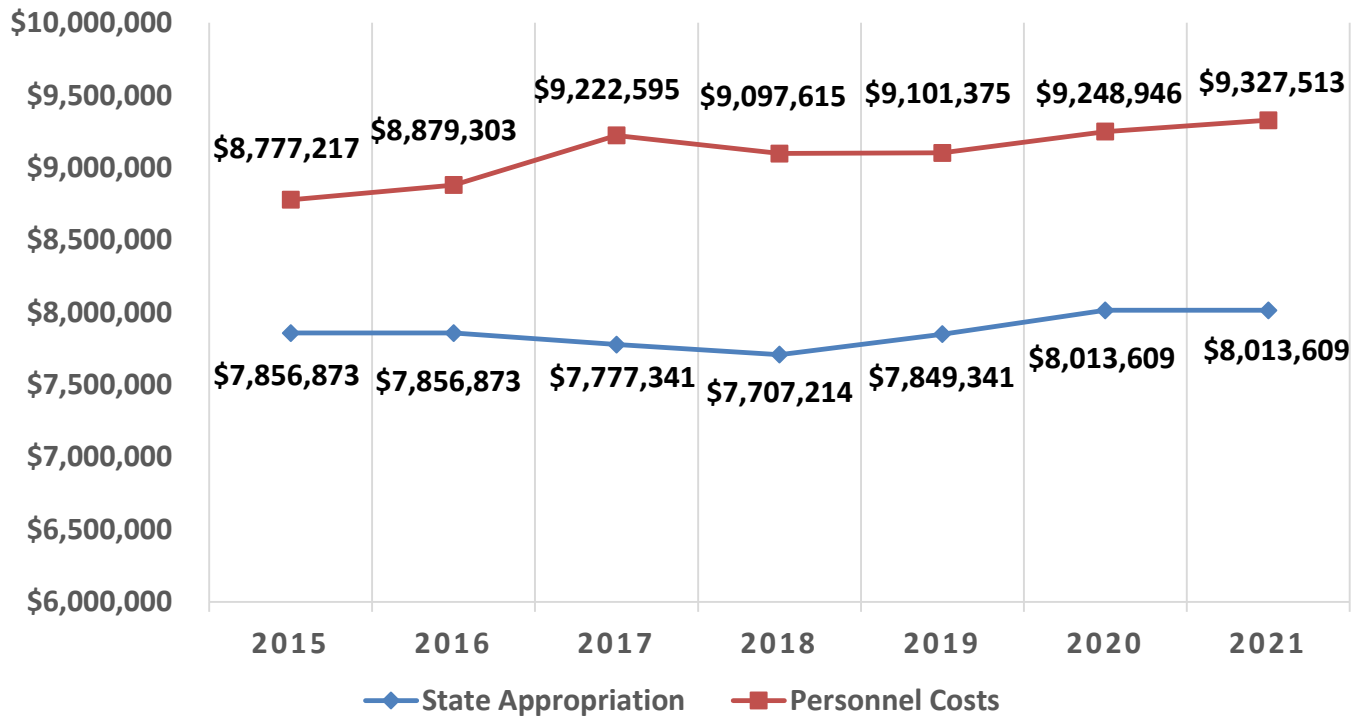
# Parole

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# State Appropriation vs. Personnel Costs



# Strategic Plan

- 1) Improve services through enhanced staff development, improved program implementation and continuous quality improvement.
- 2) Build, manage and promote diversity and inclusion in the department's workforce.
- 3) Focus resources on evidence-based and core correction practices to reduce recidivism, both in the areas of subsequent crimes and in revocations due to technical violations of the supervision agreement.

# Protocols implemented to help mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Adhere to CDC established guidelines (masks, hand washing, safe distancing).
- Follow COVID Master Action Plan (MAP) developed by Department of Corrections (DOC).
- Expanded sanitation efforts.
- No visitors allowed.
- Reduce number of residents in facilities to allow for distancing in sleeping rooms and provide space for quarantining.
- Developed Telework protocols allowing field and residential case managers adjusted work schedules in order to reduce the number of employees in the building each day.
- Allow Parole/Probation/RWS supervision virtually via FaceTime, Google Meets, Zoom, etc.
- In person group client sessions and employee meetings conducted virtually.
- Home checks and furlough checks conducted outside residences with virtual tours of inside of home.
- Many in-person office appointments continued with safety protocols in place.

# Tablets

APDS

- ✓ APDS provides programming tailored to the correctional environment.
- ✓ Use of Tablets is innovative and dedicated to correctional reform, providing programming for more successful reentry.
- ✓ Changing how we do things in corrections for the good.
- ✓ Clients are receptive and often feel more comfortable expressing themselves in this digital format.
- ✓ Helps clients stay focused and engaged in programming throughout their day not just when in groups or during appointments with PO.



A new option for communication between clients and probation/parole officers

The criminal justice system is complex and dehumanizing for most individuals going through it. The partnership with Uptrust will allow the client and the probation\parole officer to have a direct line of communication to assist them in getting help and building a support network in the community.



Two-way direct messaging



Automated reminders & notes of positive reinforcement



Centralized calendar for all mandatory appointments



Referrals to local social services



Mobile surveys & programmatic check-ups



Video chat *(coming soon)*



Ability to send & receive PDF forms & documents *(coming soon)*

- **It's free to clients and completely voluntary**
- Makes communication with your PO simple and transparent
- Assist with supervision and reduces the stress and anxiety of

# 2021 Treatment Gap Pilot Program

## Reach In-Services and Reconsiderations

- \* Connect with incarcerated individuals at the earliest possible point of intervention.
- \* Begin reentry process as soon as they arrive in prison.
- \* Collaborative effort with IMCC, Mt. Pleasant Treatment Team and our 7<sup>th</sup> CBC Team.
- \* Reintroduce reconsideration of sentencing options to Judges.
- \* Reduce number of inmates in jails and prisons.
- \* Focus on and expand programming services to 600 clients by providing 60 additional cognitive behavioral groups, parenting classes, women's issues classes, etc.



Thank you

Questions?