

September 2, 2020

The Honorable Lee Fowler
Fifth Judicial District, Lyon County Courthouse
430 Commercial
Emporia, KS 66801

Dear Judge Fowler:

Pursuant to provisions of K.S.A. 21-6822, I am hereby informing the Kansas Sentencing Commission that the number of Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) residents as of August 31, 2020, represented 85% of the capacity of the Kansas correctional system, at 85% for males and 80% for females.

The below table illustrates the available capacity today and in 2030, which is based upon the Kansas Sentencing Commission's recently published *FY 2021 Prison Population Projections Report*. While the FY2021 projections report is very different than recent years, if not any year in memory, with populations projected to be well within capacity, the lower population provides necessary flexibility to increase social distancing between residents in our facilities in response to COVID-19. Limiting the spread of the virus in facilities is essential to the safety of staff and residents working and living there, as well as the public whom our employees interact with when off duty and the neighbors of residents when they release back into the community.

	KDOC Capacity	August 31, 2020 Actual Population	FY2021 Projected Population	FY2021 Projected to Exceed Capacity by	FY2030 Projected Population	FY2030 Projected to Exceed Capacity by
Male	9420	8020	8133	-1287	8807	-613
Female	948	763	747	-201	777	-171
Total	10368	8783	8880	-1488	9584	-784

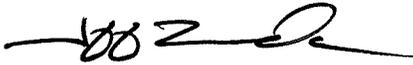
To provide housing for the population as of August 31st, the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) continues to utilize 120 contracted beds at the Saguaro Correctional Center located in Eloy, Arizona, 120 contract beds with county jails and 4 female beds at the Larned State Hospital, in addition to the facilities operated by KDOC.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Commission, Executive Director Schultz, and the staff at the Sentencing Commission for their work on the FY 2021-2030 projections. This resource

you provide our policy makers in the Kansas Legislature and our agency is vital for planning, and doing so this year was more difficult than any in memory due to significant changes in criminal justice activity in the last quarter of FY 2020. You have all done great work at a challenging time. Thank you!

I look forward to continuing to work with you and the other members of the Kansas Sentencing Commission.

Sincerely,



Jeff Zmuda
Secretary

cc: Governor Laura Kelly
Scott Schultz, Executive Director, Kansas Sentencing Commission
Senator Carolyn McGinn, Chair, Senate Ways & Means Committee
Senator Rick Wilborn, Chair, Senate Judiciary and Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight
Representative Troy Waymaster, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Representative J. Russell Jennings, Chair, HS Corrections & Juvenile Justice Committee
Representative Shannon Francis, Chair, House Transportation & Public Safety