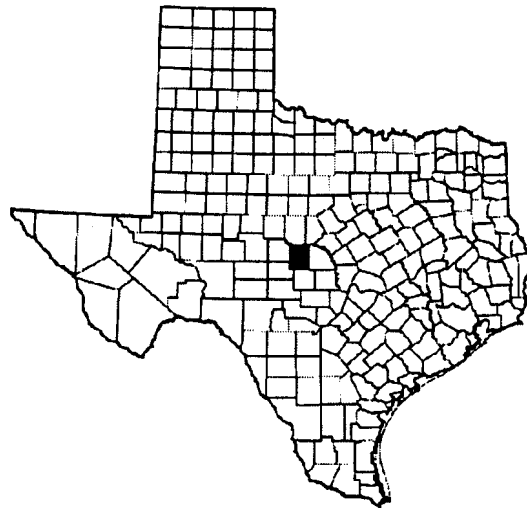


FACILITY NEEDS ANALYSIS

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to evaluate future county jail capacity needs for McCulloch County. Information maintained by the Commission and data provided by the Texas State Data Center, the U. S. Census Bureau and the McCulloch County Sheriff's Office are utilized in this report. In addition, historical jail population trends are presented and assist in predicting future needs.

Review of the statewide adult incarceration system provides perspective for determining the needs for counties. The availability of beds in the state prison system directly affects populations in county jails and has in previous years created a higher county jail population.

Currently the statewide county jail capacity is 93,668 and the inmate population is 63,514. This represents an occupancy level of 68% statewide.

The estimated capacity recommended in this report is not a directive as to what capacity a facility must be designed. Local community standards should be applied to these findings as well as your prison movement status to determine the final scope of your construction project.

CURRENT JAIL CONDITIONS

McCulloch County currently operates 1 facility that is located in Brady, Texas. The facility was built in 1974 with a capacity of 22 beds. The detention areas of the facility consist of 4 separation cells, 4 multiple occupancy cells with a capacity of 8 beds and 1 dormitory with a capacity of 10 beds. Of the 22 beds, 2 are designated for female use.

The intake area at the McCulloch County Jail contains one detoxification cell and no holding cells, making the processing of inmates difficult. On May 18, 2012, the total inmate population of the McCulloch County Jail was 21 inmates, four of which were housed in Comanche County. In the past year McCulloch County has averaged 24 inmates per day.

McCulloch County currently operates the facility with six variances. Without these variances McCulloch County would not be able to operate the County jail.

The McCulloch County Jail also provides support for various local and state agencies. These include the McCulloch County Sheriff's Office, Brady Police Department, Department of Public Safety, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

INCARCERATION RATE TRENDS

The incarceration rate for the current year is calculated by dividing the average daily population (ADP) of the jail by the total county population for the year (per information provided by the McCulloch County Sheriff's Department). The incarceration rate reflects the number of inmates housed per 1,000 people in the county.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADP</u>	<u>COUNTY POPULATION</u>	<u>LOCAL RATE</u>	<u>STATE RATE</u>
05-07-2012	24	8,408	2.85	2.35

Last year's local incarceration rate for McCulloch County was higher than the average state rate. For use in this analysis, the current local incarceration rate of 2.85 per thousand (.00285) will be used as a base to project future needs until the year 2030.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the latest population census (2010) received from the U.S. Census Bureau, McCulloch County currently is home to approximately 8,283 residents which represents a 1% growth factor in the past decade.

The Texas State Data Center predicts that McCulloch County could be home to 8,722 residents by 2020 which represents a 5% growth factor. The data center also predicts that McCulloch County could be home to 8,685 residents by the year 2030, a 0% growth factor for that decade.

It should be noted, that these numbers are projections based on several demographic factors and do not take into account actual growth experienced by the county in the previous decade. The Data Center instead bases its projections on a statewide basis, regardless of variations in the actual growth experienced in the County.

The projected population of McCulloch County comprises both males and females. Population forecasts are based on many factors that are unpredictable including birth rate, death rate, immigration, and emigration; however, this analysis should be a good model to employ in determining the future jail needs of McCulloch County.

PEAK POPULATION FACTOR

To project future capacity needs for the jail, consideration is given to historical peak inmate populations. Peak populations represent those days in each month when the jail has the highest number of inmates.

The peak population factor represents an additional percentage of beds that are needed in a jail to accommodate those days when the jail population is higher than average. To calculate the peak population factor for McCulloch County, we utilize data provided by the Sheriff's Office.

The peak population during the last twelve months was 33 while the average daily population (ADP) was 24; this represents a difference of 9. To calculate the peak population factor, 9 is divided by the ADP of 24. This represents a factor of 38%, which will be utilized in calculating the projected capacity needs in the next section.

PROJECTED CAPACITY NEEDS

Projected needs are based on the county incarceration rate, projected county population, the peak population factor, and a classification percentage.

First, the county population is multiplied by the incarceration rate (.00285) to yield expected inmate population. Second, a percentage is added to the anticipated population for peak populations (38%). Third, a classification percentage (10%) is added to ensure a sufficient number of beds are provided for objective jail classification. The following table indicates projected future incarceration needs for McCulloch County:

Year	Projected County Pop	Incarceration Rate	Projected Inmate Pop	Peak Population	Minimum Capacity	Classification	Total Cap	Suggested size
2010	8,283	2.85	23.61	8.85	32.46	3.25	36	48
2012	8,408	2.85	23.96	8.99	32.95	3.29	36	48
2015	8,596	2.85	24.50	9.19	33.69	3.37	37	48
2020	8,722	2.85	24.86	9.32	34.18	3.42	38	48
2025	8,757	2.85	24.96	9.36	34.32	3.43	38	48
2030	8,685	2.85	24.75	9.28	34.03	3.40	37	48

RECOMMENDATION

The Chart above indicates that McCulloch County would need, at a minimum, 37 jail beds by the year 2030. However, based upon the 1:48 staff to inmate ratio, we recommend no less than 48 beds be considered with the capability to expand in the future to act as a buffer for future unexpected growth. The design professional should also take into account future planning and construction needs based upon past and predicted future female incarceration rates (typically 15%) and classification variances of all inmates. There is

an indication that female incarceration rates will continue to increase throughout the state.

This recommendation for space greater than the figures indicated is based on several conditions. (1) Based on the age of the existing jail, this facility will become more costly to maintain in the future; (2) additional space could be utilized for housing inmates from other counties to defray the cost of constructing a new facility.

You are reminded that our analysis is based on a 20 year proposal beginning in 2010. Failure to meet this time period can affect our projections requiring additional space. Your pretrial felon and misdemeanor figures appear to be consistent with other jails. Any reduction in these numbers could impact your needs. This figure should be assessed as you proceed with any project.

To state our recommendation more specifically: (1) choose a site sufficient for growth; (2) design a jail that is truly expandable; (3) provide adequate service and support space in the initial design to allow for future expansion. This, in our opinion, is the most feasible and economical approach to your incarceration needs.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Additional information received from the McCulloch County Sheriff's Office needs to be considered as the county plans for a new jail.

First, the McCulloch County Sheriff's Office and Brady Police Department currently have approximately 800 outstanding warrants. In addition; all people arrested by other local Law Enforcement agencies can impact the county jail population, causing unexpected peaks in population.

Second, McCulloch County has several highways within its boundaries including U.S. Highways 87, 190, 283, 377 and 71 which are heavily relied upon by commuters, and travelers. Department of Public Safety State Troopers patrolling these highways make arrests on drivers who are trafficking drugs or have misdemeanor violations, felony violations, parole violations and previous speeding tickets which can also adversely impact the jail population.

Third, The Texas Data Center and U.S. Census Bureau do not make individual predictions for counties. Therefore any data such as, development of new businesses, are not taken into account in predicting the future growth in McCulloch County.

Fourth, McCulloch County currently has 6 variances and without these variances, McCulloch County would not be able to operate the jail. All variances granted by the Commission on Jail Standards are contingent upon the facility maintaining compliance.

All of these factors play a major role in deciding whether or not McCulloch County needs a new jail. With increasing population, highway traffic, tourist attractions, and outstanding warrants

the projected inmate population can only be expected to increase. Additional inmate beds for McCulloch County should be considered to help alleviate potential overcrowding and prepare for future inmate population growth.

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