

**Sedgwick County  
Department of Corrections**

**Joint Committee on Corrections and  
Juvenile Justice Oversight**

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# Sedgwick County Kansas Crime Index 2020

Estimated population 508,051

Violent Crime:

Murder	61
Rape	374
Robbery	492
Agg. Assault	4,609

In Kansas, Violent Index Crimes were 24.4% above the 10 yr. average. Violent crime index rate for Kansas was 4.7 offenses per 1,000 people. Murder, rape and robbery = 2,695; equates to 19% of violent crimes.



## Impact For Community Corrections

- More felony cases = increase for Community Corrections Supervision
- 2020 – Average population for supervision was 1541
- COVID 19 – DA has a large backlog of cases (450+) pending to be filed.

Hire an additional Intensive Supervision Officer through ARPA funding. No additional funding in our state grant to use for these new intakes.

- Increase in clients = Higher caseloads



# Current Community Corrections Crisis

- Hiring difficulties
- Increased turnover rate 11%
- Competition with Court Services
- Losing institutional knowledge
- Increase caseload = less pay than our competitors
- Fewer programs to meet offenders' risk and needs
- Increased use of prison beds
- Increase in recidivism rates



# Intensive Supervision Officer's Compensation vs. Court Services



## **Sedgwick County Community Corrections has recent lost 8 Intensive Supervision Officers (ISOs) to Court Services**

- Loss of institutional knowledge
- New ISO training within the first year = 162.25 hours
- Average caseload size is 40 clients (x) times the loss of 8 ISOs = 320 felony clients have to be transfer to other ISOs
- It will take 1 to 2 years to replace the knowledge and experience of skilled ISOs



## Community Corrections Challenges

- Hiring and retention
- Flat funding; Sedgwick County is having to constantly assist with funding
- Public safety; clients coming to Community Corrections have serious criminal histories, mental health and substance use issues.
- Less programming because of higher caseloads
- Meeting KDOC expectations when the funding does not support the service needs



# Suggested Next Steps

Increase the funding to KDOC for Community Corrections to go for salaries and programming to the level it should be for programs to provide intensive supervision as mandated by Kansas Statute 75-5291.





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