

NEBRASKA BOARD OF PAROLE DIVISION OF PAROLE SUPERVISION

ANNUAL REPORT

FY 2022

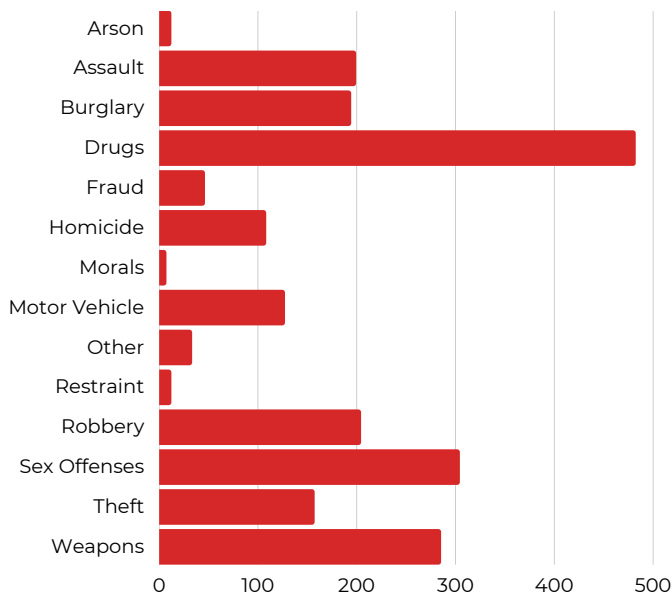
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Good Life. Great Communities.

Creating Opportunities for Change

Individuals on Parole Supervision in the State of Nebraska are justice-involved individuals who have been sentenced to prison for a Class I or II Felony, these charges require a minimum sentence to be served in prison, or other secure facility, before they can go before the Board of Parole to petition for community supervision.

Populations Served



PAROLE ELIGIBILITY

In 2020, 58% of incarcerated individuals were eligible for parole supervision.



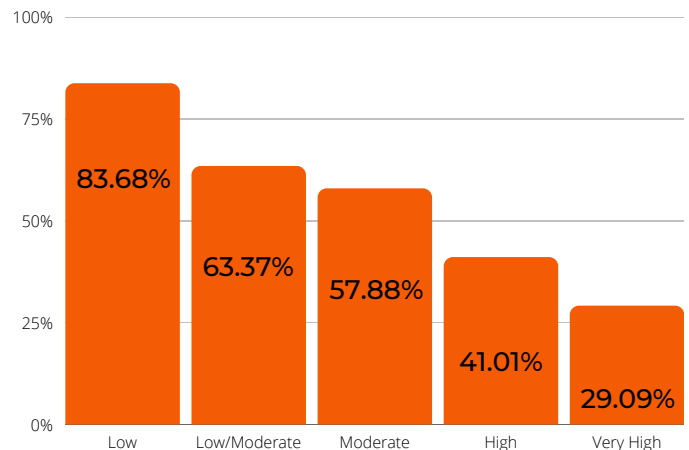
As of January 1, 2023 4 out of 10 individuals who are still in prison past their parole eligibility date have previously been on parole and had their parole revoked in the past.



Support offered by DPS officers and through programming play integral roles in a client's successful reentry back into our communities.

By utilizing evidence-based practices, officers monitor client's behavior through a personalized case plan consisting of risk assessments, personal meetings, responding to pro-social behaviors and sanctioning negative behaviors, as well as utilizing, and funding, appropriate community treatment based on the client's individual needs.

Finding Success Across All Risk Levels

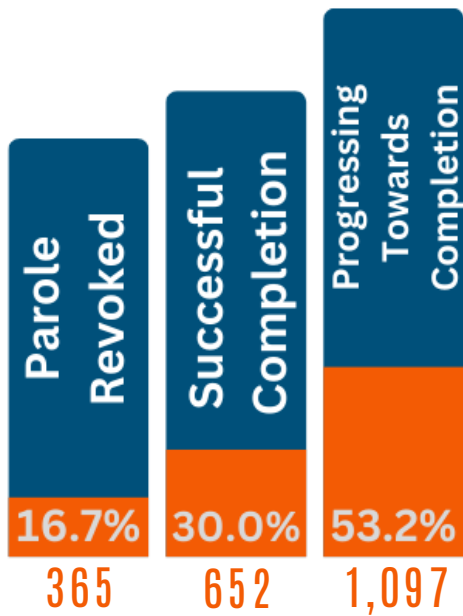


From 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021, DPS clients across all risk levels successfully discharged from parole supervision.

Personalized Programming Available

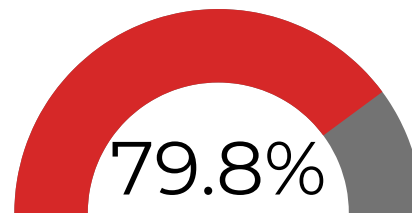
- Batterer's Intervention
- CBI4NE1
- Living with Success
- Mental Health Services
- Pre-Treatment Substance Use Groups
- Relapse Substance Use Groups
- Residential Treatment Use Programming
- Sex Offender Aftercare
- Substance Use Evaluations
- Trauma Groups

2,170 Total clients on DPS supervision



2022 By the Numbers

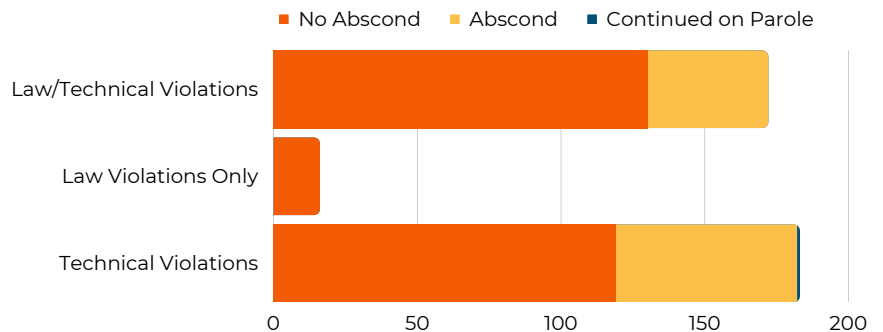
In FY 2022, DPS supervised a total of 2,170 individuals. Of those individuals, 652 successfully discharged from their parole supervision while 1,097 clients continue to work towards their completion. That gives a DPS client over a 2/3 likelihood of successfully completing parole supervision. For context, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, a Nebraska DPS client is 79.8% more likely to successfully complete parole supervision than the 2021 national average!



REVOCATION RATES

In FY 2022, the Board held 417 review of parole hearings for 365 unique parole clients. A total of 52 hearings were continued to a later date. A total of 365 hearings were completed and parole was revoked in 99.7 percent (364) of those completed cases affecting 364 unique parole clients. Of those revoked, 9 individuals were returned to custody until the end date for their current sentence.

Approximately 45 percent (188) of the completed review of parole hearings involved at least one law violation. Of the remaining 229 completed hearings, 61 included a violation for absconding parole and 165 included only non-abscond technical violations.



70% of individuals on DPS supervision are currently employed with meaningful employment.



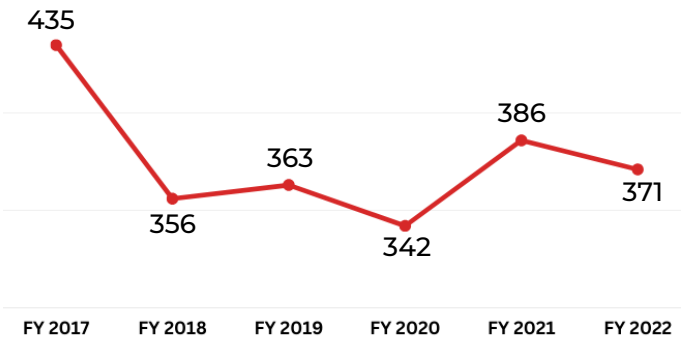
For More Information

NBOP ANNUAL REPORTS

<https://parole.nebraska.gov/reports-statistics>

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Overcrowding

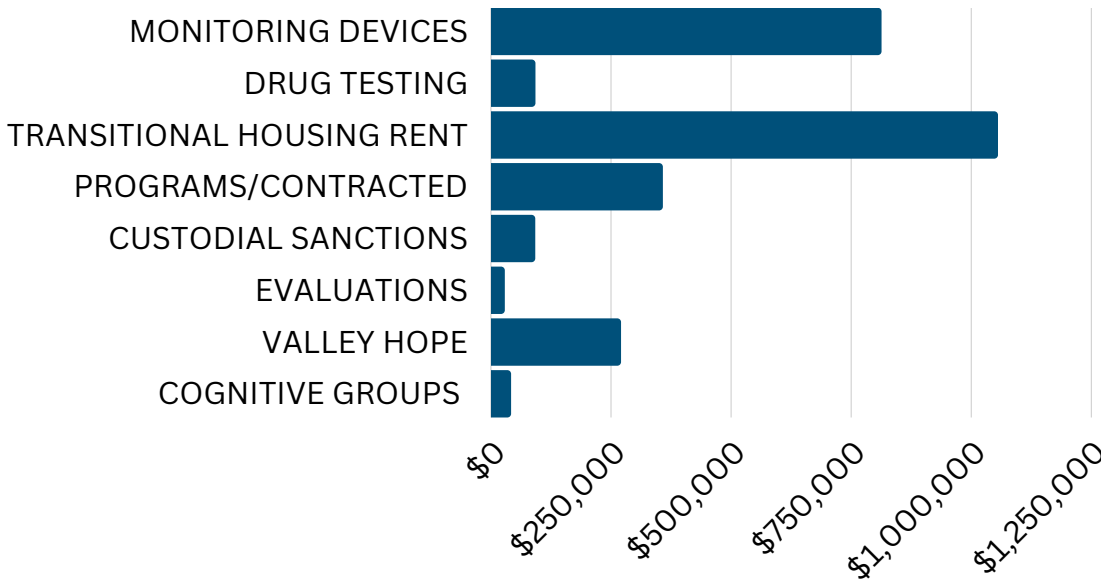


INDIVIDUALS REVOKED AND SENT BACK TO NDCS

Since DPS started gathering data in 2017, there has been an, overall, downward trend of individuals having their parole revoked and returning to secure facilities

PAROLE AND OVERCROWDING

The relationship between Parole and Overcrowding The Board of Parole has reduced returns to prison: numbers from FY 2018-FY 2022 show that, each year, 50 and 90 fewer individuals return to prison. The Board also re-paroles those who have not successfully completed parole in the past—but with fewer inmates eligible for parole and longer time served prior to parole eligibility, the capacity to use parole to reduce overcrowding is limited.



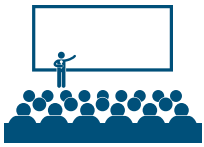
Annual Budget

Over 30% of the DPS annual budget allocated by the Legislature goes directly to assisting client's needs.



Cost Savings

Taxpayers save over \$85 per individual per day while a client remains on parole supervision in their communities. Overall, the cost of supporting a client on parole for one year is about 91% cheaper than the cost for one year of imprisonment in Nebraska!



Reaching a Wide Audience

In August, five DPS staff were invited to present at the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) 47th Annual Training Institute in Chicago. Director Julie Micek, PO Heather Schultze, and PO Russ Schultze presented on lessons learned in the implementation of DPS's cognitive behavioral group, CBI4NE1. Supervisors Heather Roberson and Denny Campbell presented on targeted coaching for performance improvement. In September Director Julie Micek, William Burrell, and Wade Warren presented on the implementation of evidence-based practices within an agency setting at the 5th World Congress on Probation and Parole in Ottawa, Canada. The conference attendees included people from over 20 countries. The conference focused on best practices and shined a light on what parole and probation agencies are doing around the world to work with justice involved individuals.

Internship Opportunities



In 2022, DPS was able to advance their partnerships with local universities to include a paid internship program. Students participating in the program receive a stipend, class credit, and hands-on experience while gaining knowledge about Parole's role in the criminal justice system.



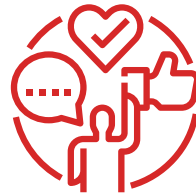
Expanding Our Services

DPS will continue to expand its services to clients in 2023 through opening a Prep House for clients needing additional services. The DPS plans on increasing its staff to support clients at this facility that will operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Shining Star



Every 6 months, parole staff are asked to recognize the outstanding efforts of teammates who have gone above and beyond in the work they've done in the Agency or within their community. This year's Shining Stars are: Blair Hofeldt, Oscar Lopez, and Alyssa Hanks.



Continued Investment in Staff Safety

One of the major initiatives of the DPS for 2022 has been a significant investment in improving officer safety training. This has been accomplished by implementing Verbal Judo, a de-escalation technique used to redirect behavior, creating a "Safety Week" at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) in Grand Island, and continuing Mental Health First Aid training for all staff.



Change of Address

To better support staff and client needs, the Parole office in Omaha will be moving to a new location in early 2023.



Making a Difference

Each month, we recognize the work and contributions of members of our team who have done great work and performed exceptionally—here are our amazing staff that received recognition in 2022: Cayla Tritle, Brittney Christensen, Dylan Rotert, Craig Williamson, The Teletype Team, Amy Bethards, Alyssa Hanks Oscar Lopez, Jordan Wall, Trevor Donahey, Sonia Limas, Thomas Mealey, Alix Adams, Brad Henrie, Connie Pfeiffer, Nichole Reisig, & Jordan Wall.