Your Jail, You’re in Control - From Booking to Final Disposition

With the world’s largest number of inmates passing through the 2900+ local jails in the United States, Sheriffs and Jail Administrators face the constant uphill battle of overpopulation – a constant flux of short-term inmates. Challenges arise around tracking and measuring the success of inmate programs; treatment services to short-term inmates; rising inmate medical costs; and maintaining stringent compliance with a host of external standards – all within strained budgets.

The rising trend of correctional facilities shutting down and inmates being transferred to other existing facilities is only adding to the significant pressure in terms of resource, and inmate management. You would need a system that helps reduce recidivism and overcrowding, and finds ways to save taxpayer money.

Unisys’ Jail Management Solution (JMS) can help you meet your goals while striving to improve the safety of inmates and corrections officers.

Changes In Sentencing Laws, Not Crime Rates Leading to Overcrowded Jails?

There is a growing trend of increasing incarceration rates: 2.2 million people are currently in the nation’s prisons or jails, a 500% increase over the last forty years³. This trend has resulted in prison and jail overcrowding. Many corrections departments and jails are still relying on high maintenance, aging technological infrastructure that is not equipped to meet the demands of modern jail management, for the rapidly growing numbers of inmates passing through their systems.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of inmates confined in US county and city jails is estimated to be 744,600² - challenging administrators with problems of overcrowding and inmate management.
- Jail administrators can adapt to the demands of the changing corrections environment with the Unisys JMS solution.
- Unisys is a globally recognized leader in the Public Safety & Justice space with a rich heritage of offering mission critical solutions at the local, state and US Federal level for over 45 years.
What Does All This Mean?
Unlike prisons, jails are constructed for shorter-term stays and high intake and release volumes. Modern Jail systems - with their emphasis on management of recidivism rates, healthcare and success of inmate programs - are in need of innovative change – starting with visionary leadership, optimization of policy, process and procedures, and robust supporting technologies.

A Technological Levee For Today’s Flooded Jails
With no end in sight to the increasing inmate populations, jail administrators have to focus on technology to manage and counter the consequences of overcrowding; a dynamic jail management system becomes essential to manage the space and resource constraints by:

- Creating an efficient system for tracking and reporting of Jail operations - from booking to release
- Giving you real-time inmate tracking and data collection – to better evaluate the needs of inmates and reducing recidivism
- Allowing you to interact and integrate with multiple systems, through one interface – like booking data, Electronic Medical Records (EMR), inmate accounting (commissary), courts and prosecutors case management systems or other jail and justice agencies
- Giving you access to the latest identification technologies (e.g., facial recognition, bar codes, mobile Instant ID) - greater versatility in identifying and tracking inmates
- Enabling you by leveraging secure mobile/smart device platforms – giving you access and control in the palm of your hand

Unisys JMS – Giving You More Time to do What is Needed - Managing Inmates
The Unisys approach is based on the configurability of the core processes that are unique to large jails and detention centers and provides a jail management system that is highly functional and flexible, meeting those unique needs.

- Streamlining daily inmate management activities, can free administrators to focus on essential functions. Managing reporting on activities such as scheduling and movement for inmates and units for both “one time” and recurrent events, inmate visitation management, tracking program data and maintaining incident reporting (including a use of force report, investigator’s report, review board results, inmate appeals and inmate program data reports).
- Enabling self-service via “Inmate Help” can improve inmate morale by giving access to read rules and regulations, get directions for the grievance process and discover new programs or procedural changes. Inmates also get access to account balances, commissary orders, projected release dates, charges and their current day’s schedule. The self-service function extends to inmate welfare functions such as requests for medical appointments and meetings with their public defenders, chaplains or social workers through secure kiosks located in facility common areas.
- Providing access on mobile devices can significantly improve administrator productivity. Using mobile devices, administrators can now positively identify all inmates, while gaining the ability for initiating remote log entries, record counts, incident reports, retrieval and updates of real-time information.
- Simplifying tracking of legal and justice processes as jails run on details! Unisys’ JMS provides instant alerts to key staff for situations involving mental health, medical conditions, or “keep separates.”
- Creating flexible workflow management streamlines critical jail operations such as intake, movements, and release to reduce processing time and process backlogs.
- Strengthening data sharing between justice organizations by providing secure access to critical information from courts, attorneys, jail and corrections databases, as well as national databases. Unisys’ JMS can interface with automated fingerprint identification systems, mug-shot systems, and external entities such as Human Services, the Social Security Administration and Pretrial Services.

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2Bureau of Justice Statistics, Annual Survey of Jails, and National Prisoner Statistics Program
3Bureau of Justice Statistics-Prisoners Series