

DCRC

DELAWARE CORRECTIONAL REENTRY COMMISSION

YEAR IN REVIEW 2023

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The mission of the Delaware Department of Correction is to protect the public and promote successful reentry through safe and secure facilities, effective supervision, and rehabilitative services supported by a professional and diverse workforce.



A WORD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

Dear Fellow Delawarean,

I am pleased to present you with the Delaware Correctional Reentry Commission 2023 Interim Report. This publication reflects the DCRC's commitment to transparency and information-sharing.

This work would not be possible without the partnerships among state agencies, community providers, and other non-profit agencies that support reentry system improvements. Community members may identify Reentry with the Delaware Department of Correction, but success cannot be achieved in a silo. The various state, local, and community partnerships are integral to improving the reentry landscape in Delaware.

The DDOC is also pleased to announce our updated mission statement, reenforcing our commitment to supporting reentry success through the dedication of our diverse workforce.

Terra Taylor
Commissioner

2021-2024

DELAWARE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION SYSTEM BLUEPRINT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is an interagency steering committee composed of agency leaders responsible for the success of the DCRC's comprehensive vision for reentry in Delaware. The Committee allows for consensus decision-making across partners via monthly meetings, enables continuous communication, facilitates problem-solving across partners, and contributes to agency investment in the shared initiative and its objectives. In 2023, the Executive Committee focused on improving data collection and analysis, supporting the workgroups in meeting deliverables, and continuing reentrant and community engagement efforts. The success of these efforts is evidenced throughout this report.

MEDICAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ DSAMH has partnered with Bamboo Health to develop a digital care coordination platform that will allow users to communicate and follow behavioral health client progress more effectively.
- ◆ DOC, DSAMH, and the Mental Health Association have partnered to offer a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist Program in Level V facilities.
- ◆ The DOC has continued to expand the use of Medication Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder in all facilities as well as increased Naloxone education and distribution.
- ◆ The DOC continues to partner with the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) to offer care coordination services to individuals leaving custody. Each Managed Care Organization has designated coordinators for each facility.
- ◆ The DOC and DSAMH, in collaboration with Delaware's First Lady, Mrs. Tracy Quillen Carney implemented a trauma psychoeducational program, TAMAR, for individuals in Delaware's carceral facilities.
- ◆ DOC continues high rate of referring inmates to services post release.

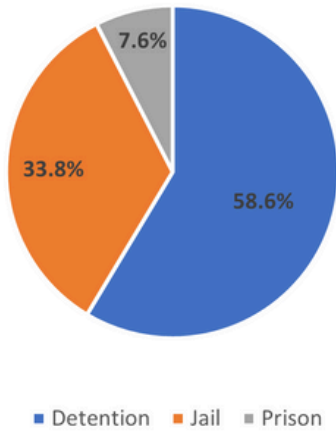


First Lady of Delaware, Mrs. Tracy Quillen Carney speaks to inmates at Howard R. Young Correctional Institution

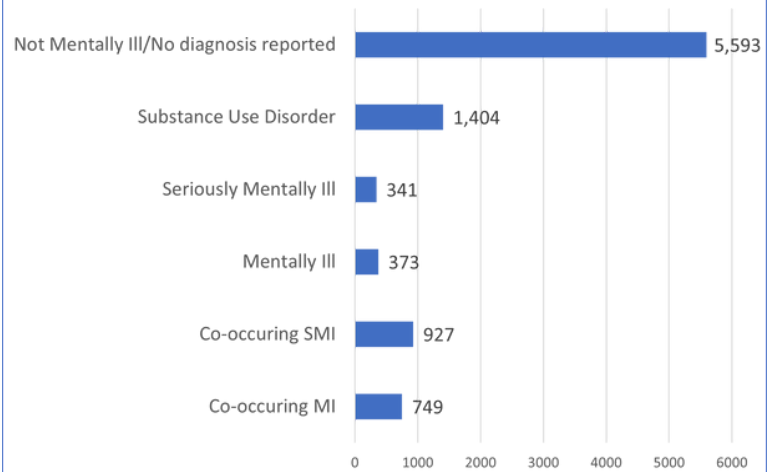
CONNECTION TO CARE

2022

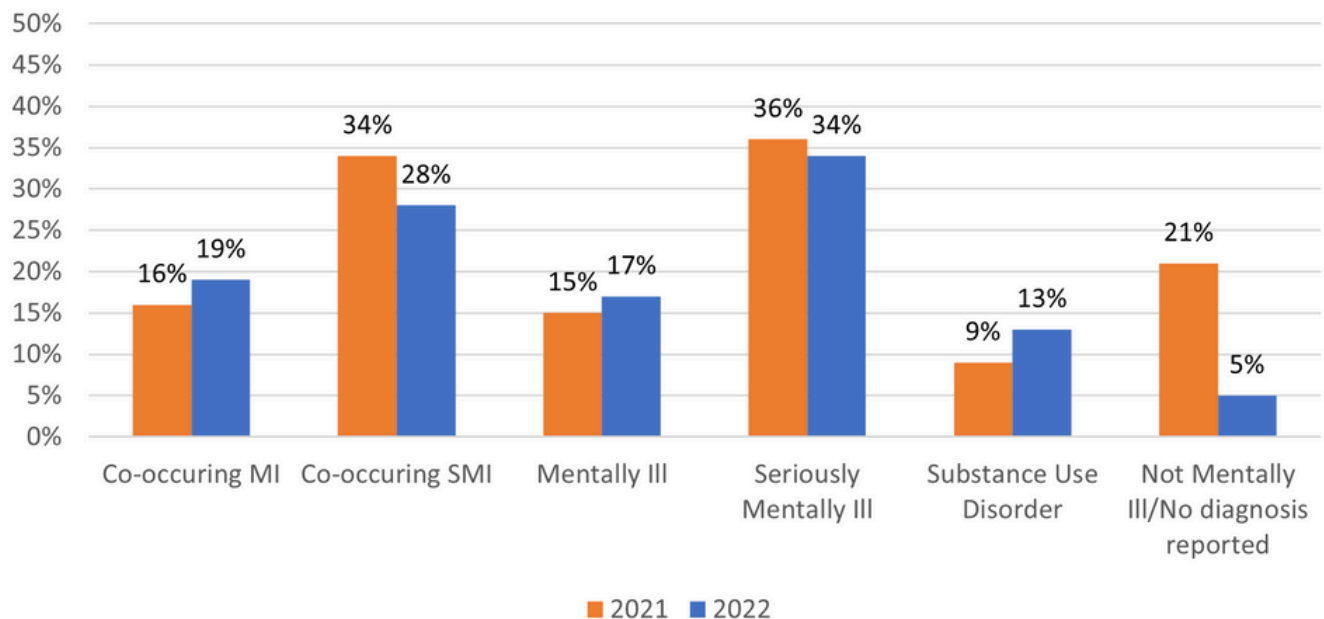
Calendar Year 2022 Releases by Type



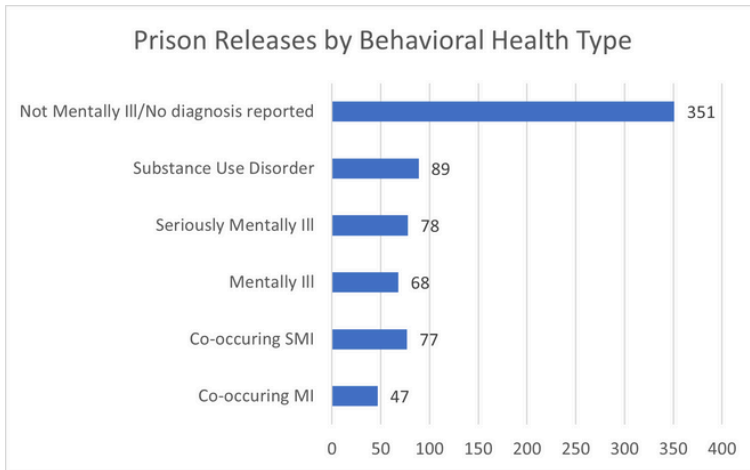
Releases by Behavioral Health Type



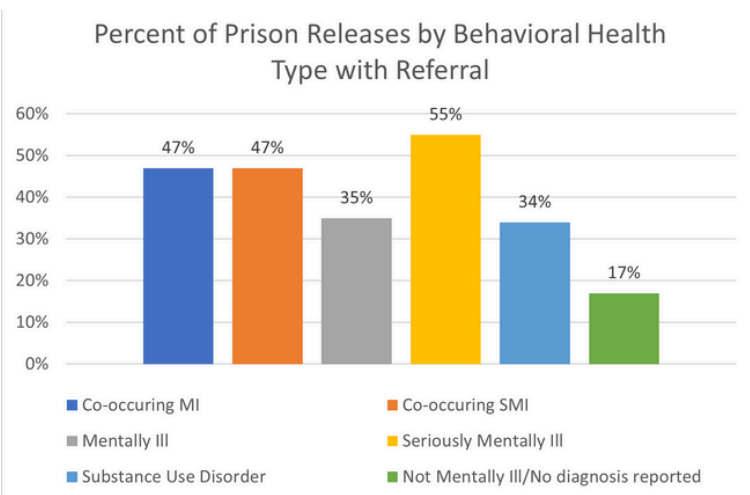
Percent of Releases by Behavioral Health Type with Referral



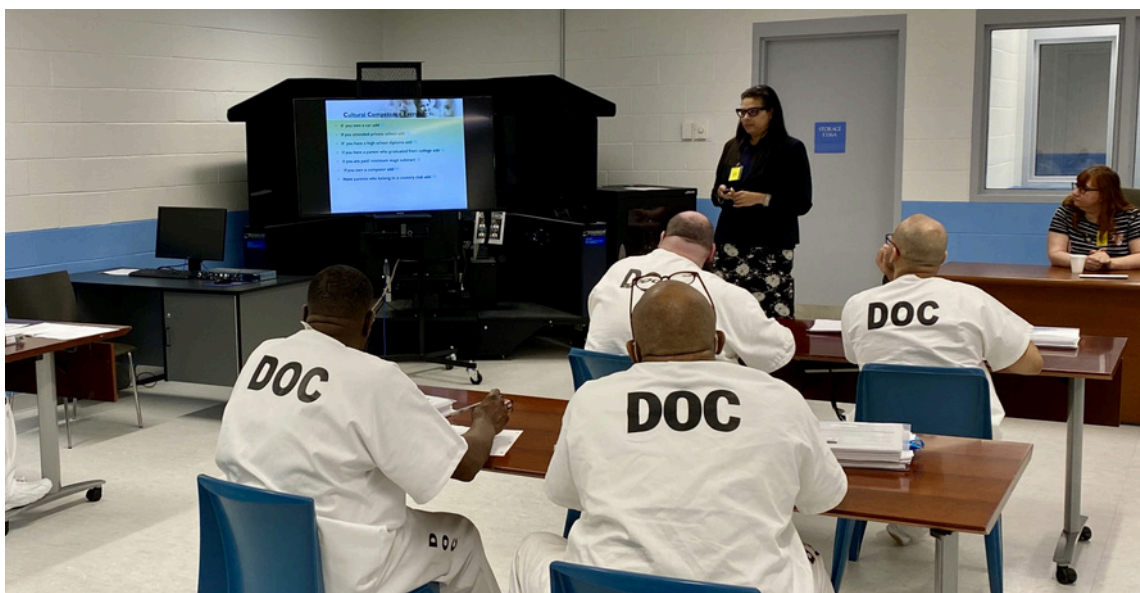
CONNECTION TO CARE 2022



The DHSS Mobile Bridge Clinic staffs an information and outreach table at the Northern New Castle County Probation Office.



Connection to care data is based on referrals made in the Delaware Treatment and Referral Network (Open Beds). Referrals made through other means are not reflected here.



Inmates participate in Peer Specialist Certification training at Howard R. Young Correctional Institution.

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Prison Education student attendance hours have been incorporated into the DOC's Automated Offender Management System (DACS) allowing for easier data analysis and reporting.
- ◆ The Second Chance Pell Grant program partnership with Del Tech has been fully implemented at two Level V facilities, with the remaining facilities starting in 2024.
- ◆ NCCER Core Vocational certification and/ or other entry level vocational training is being offered at most Level IV and V facilities.
- ◆ Vocational surveys are collected during initial classification into the prison system. The workgroup reviews the survey results to inform vocational training decisions within DOC facilities and to compare with the Department of Labor In Demand job listings. From March 2022 through December 2023:
 - 2,380 surveys completed
 - The top sectors for the most recently held job were Hospitality, Architecture & Construction, and Transportation & Logistics.
 - 467 report having licensing or credentials such as Flagger, ServSafe®, and auto tech.



Incarcerated students earning their diploma at JTVCC

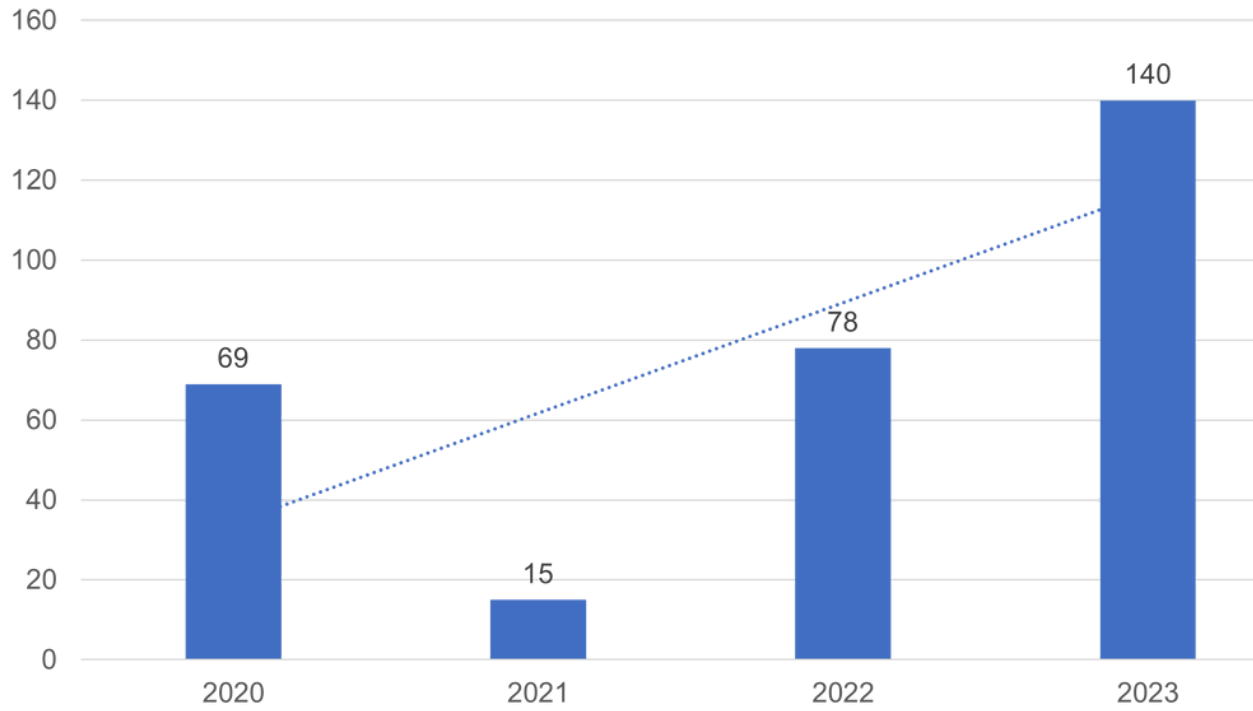


Culinary Arts Program, BWCJ

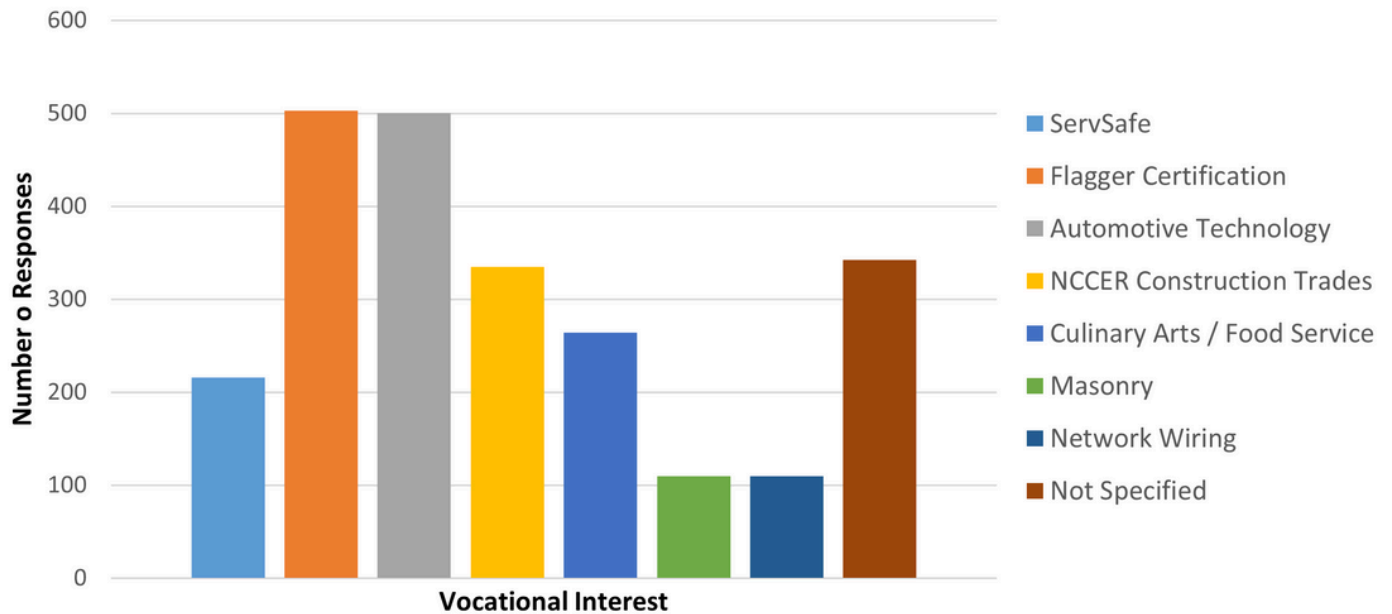


DOC VOCATIONAL TRAINING

GED's Earned



Vocational Training Interest



Top Vocational Training Interest per facility:

BWCI: ServSafe®

HRYCI: Auto Tech

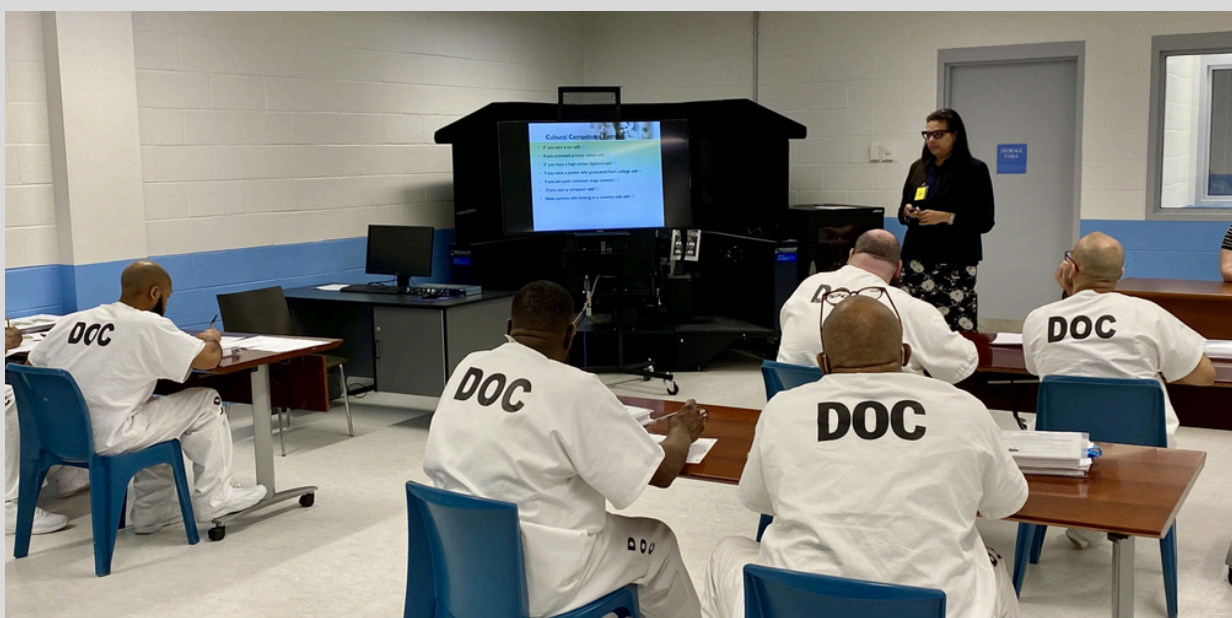
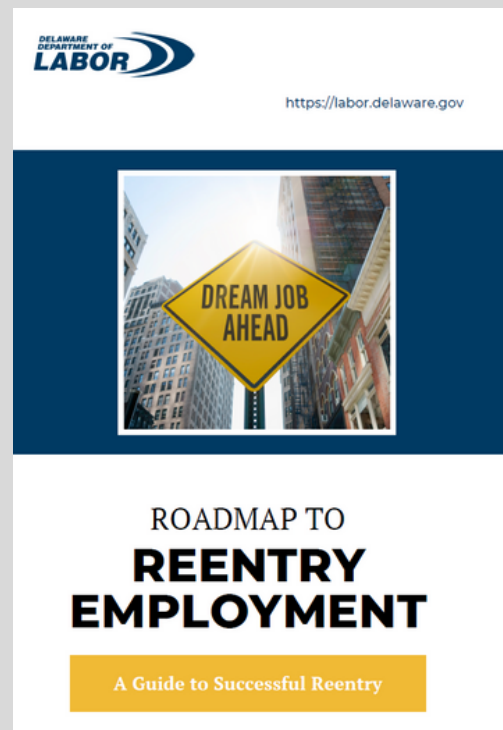
JTVCC: NCCER Construction

SCI: Flagger

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHTS

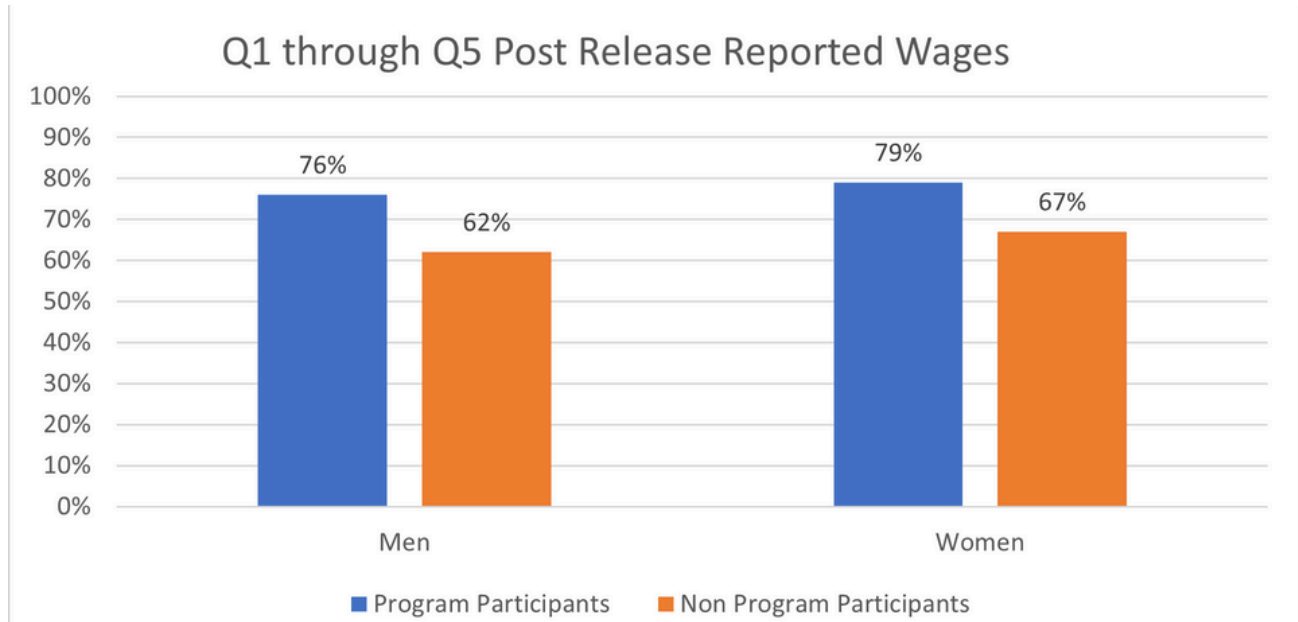
- ◆ Department of Labor (DOL) created and published a reentry employment guide.
- ◆ Registered pre-apprenticeship programs approved by DOL for JTVCC in welding and auto tech.
- ◆ Continued collaboration between DOC and DOL to continue the CDL training program at HRYCI.
- ◆ Expanded services for the justice involved population through the DOL APEX program.
- ◆ DOL is currently developing a short registration for Delaware Job Link. DOL is collaborating with DOC on implementation of this tool for the justice involved population.



Incarcerated students participate in the Patient Companion Care Training at HRYCI

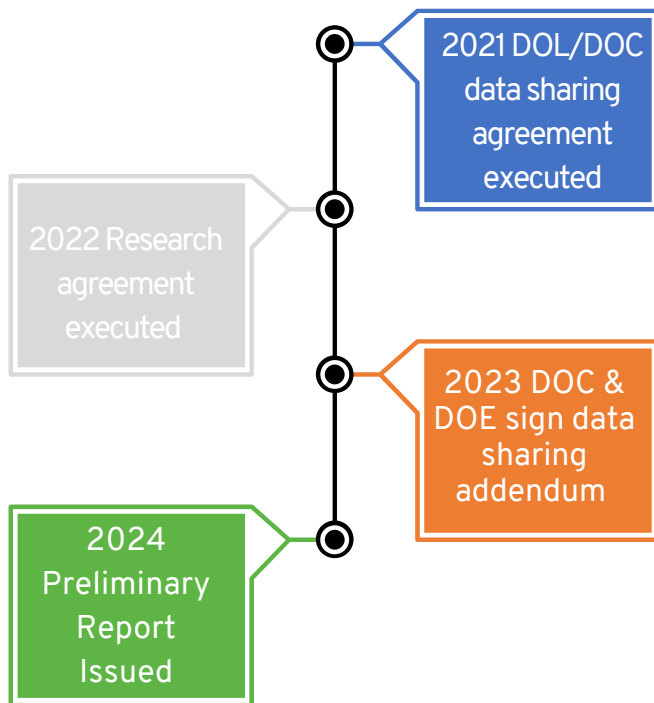
EMPLOYMENT

2020-2022



The data analyzed is based on individuals released in FY 20, 21, & 22 after serving at least a year of incarceration. The data shows the percent of men and women released who had reported wages within the first 5 quarters post release.

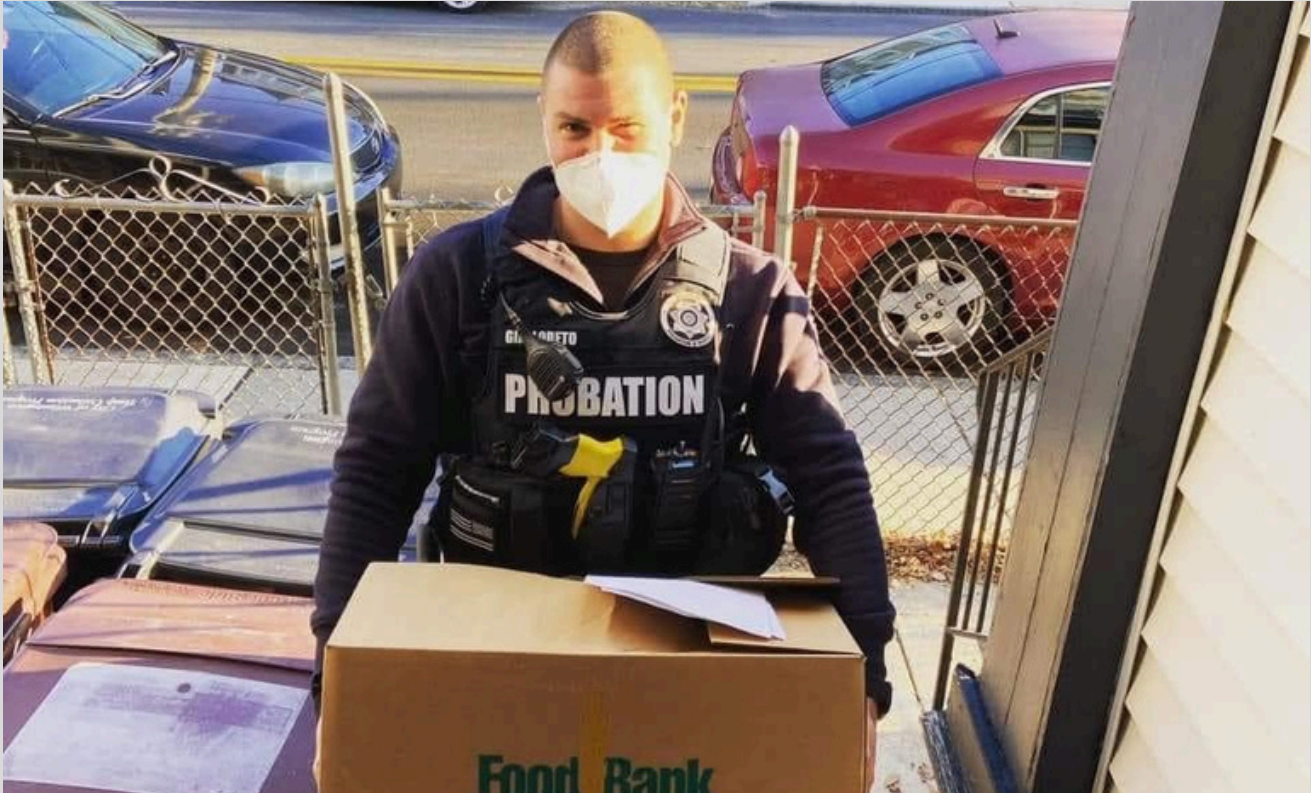
Timeline



Key Findings:

- ◆ Trainees are more likely to report earnings after release, and report higher overall earnings.
- ◆ Top four sectors with reported wages are; Administrative, Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services, Accommodation and Food Services, Manufacturing, and Retail Trade.
- ◆ Construction and Manufacturing and wholesale trade jobs had the highest quarterly earnings.
- ◆ Rearrest and readmission patterns are similar among trainees and non trainees.

Housing



Probation & Parole Officer provides a box from the Food Bank of Delaware during a home visit.

HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Creation of the SRAP Program, via MOU with DSHA. DSHA has allocated 10 vouchers for eligible reentrants.
- ◆ Improved data collection through DOC's Offender Case Management System.
- ◆ Continued use of grant funds and partnerships with community organizations to provide short term funding for housing.
- ◆ Stakeholder education to ensure incarcerated persons are considered in homelessness and housing insecurity mitigation efforts.



Delaware 211 connects people in Delaware to resources throughout the state.



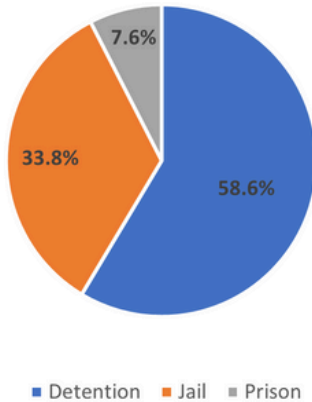
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Centralized Intake provides information and referral services to emergency shelter openings and available housing assistance for people experiencing homelessness in Delaware.

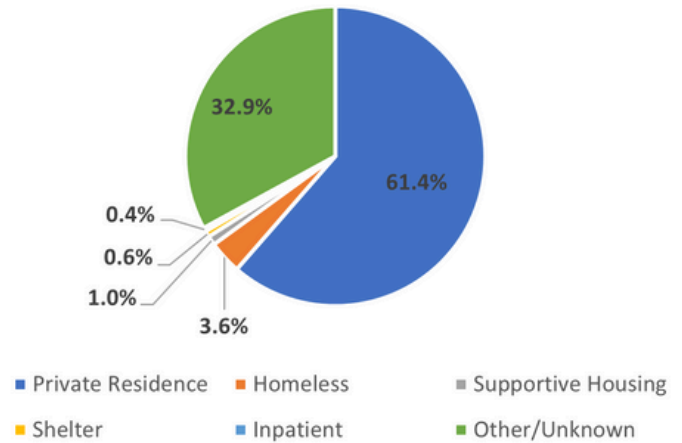
HOUSING

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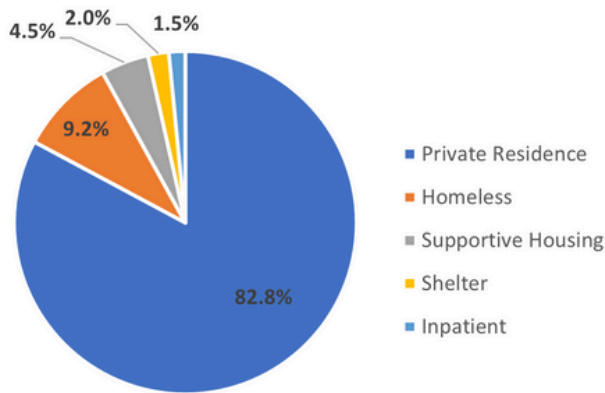
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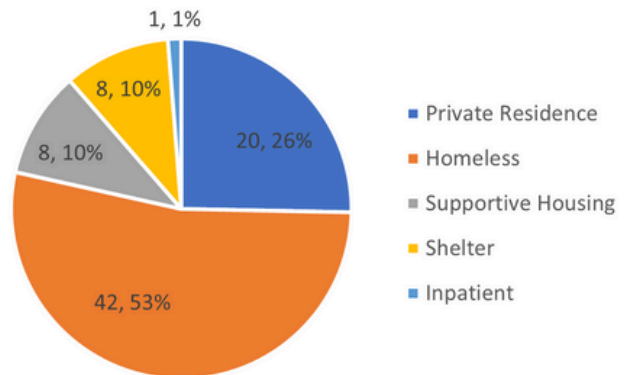
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Calendar Year 2022 Prison Releases by Housing Type



Housing 90 days Post Release for prison population released as Homeless/Shelter



Conclusion

In the first year of DCRC, great progress was made towards the system, policy, and investment recommendations set forth in the Blueprint. The second year has focused on improving data collection and analysis systems to better identify the causes of returns to incarceration. The workgroups were able to focus on making measurable gains by working to improve connection to care post-release, creating avenues for incarcerated students to further their education, and seeking specific solutions to improve both access and availability to housing upon release. The third and final year will see a focus on completing the remaining deliverables and creating new recommendations to carry the Reentry momentum forward.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF DOC'S PARTNERS IN REENTRY



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WORKGROUP CHAIRS
WORKGROUP MEMBERS
COMMUNITY PARTNERS

