

Rockingham County

2015 Municipal Services



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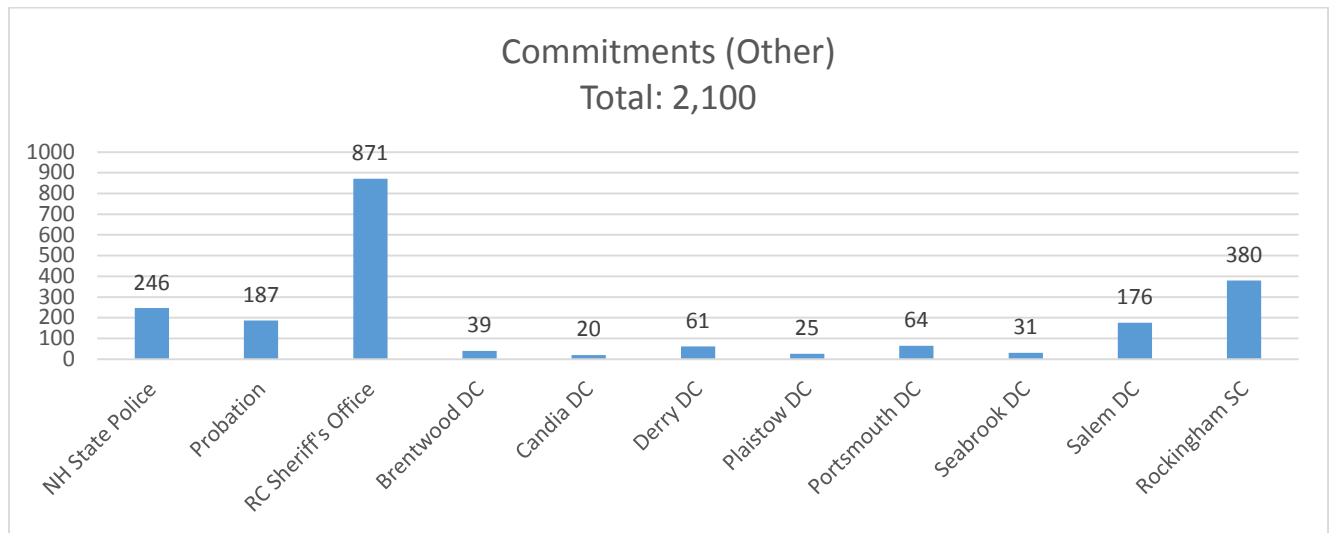
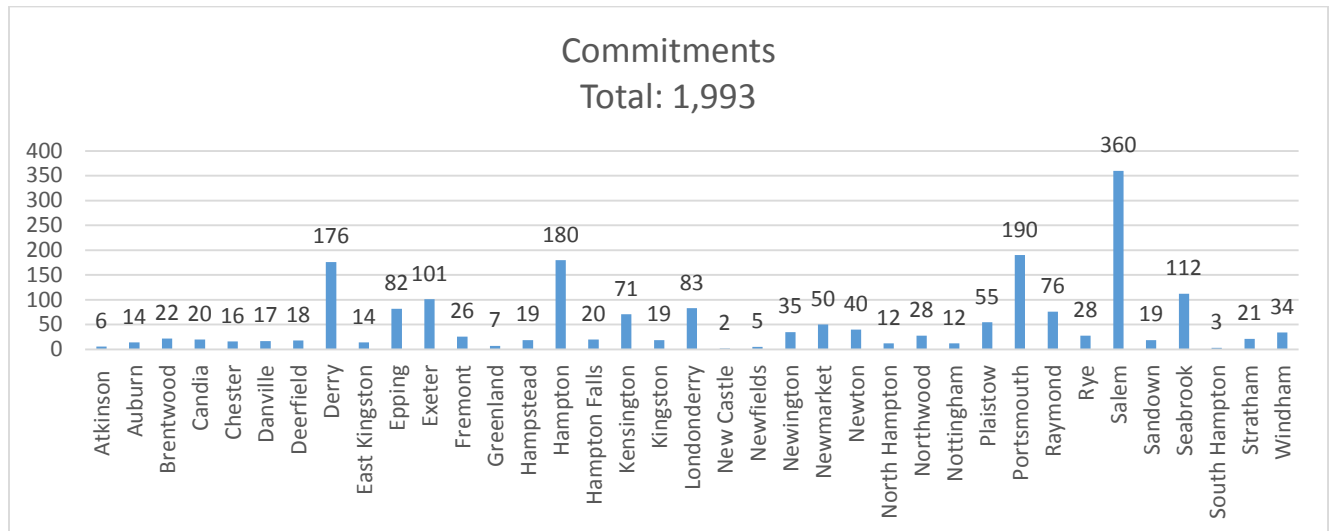
Department of Corrections

The following charts show the various services provided to the towns and city across Rockingham County by the Department of Corrections in 2015.

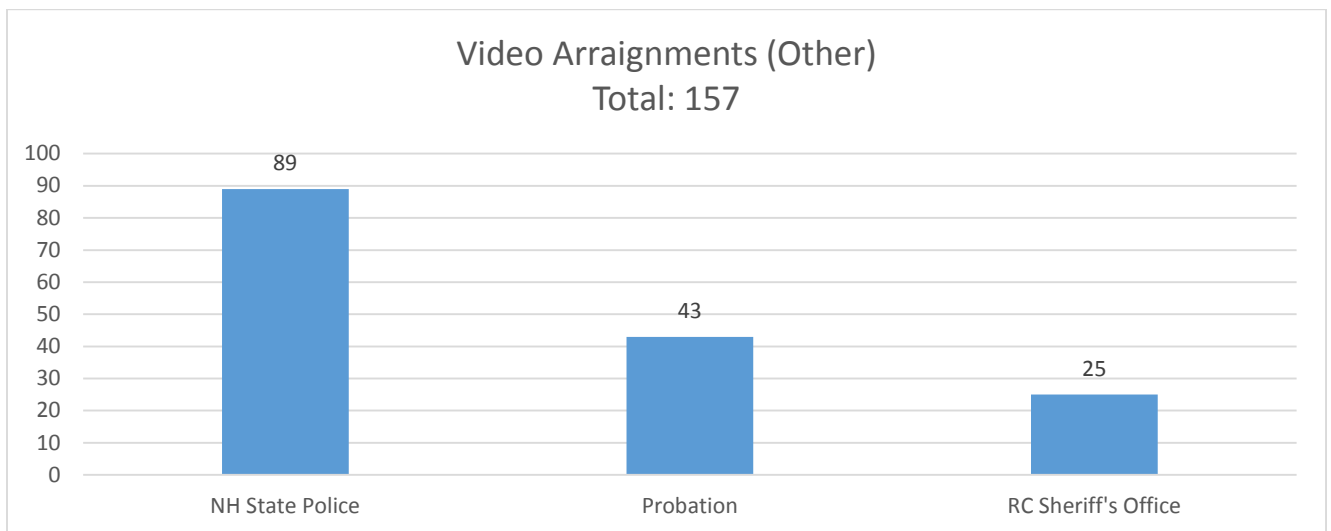
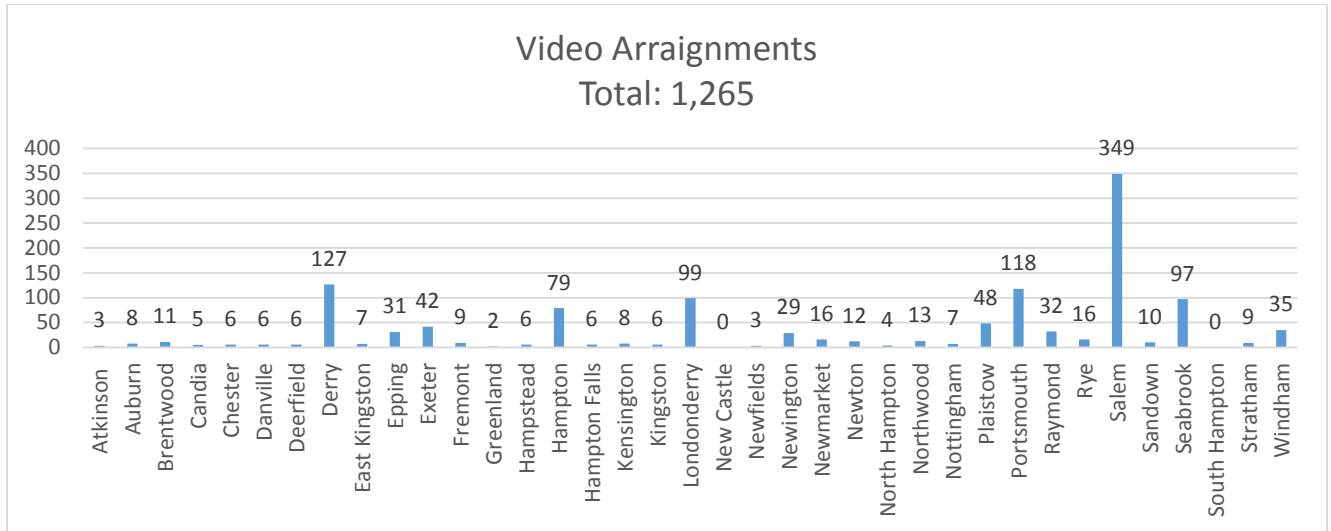
Services by Category:

- Commitments (individuals brought to the jail on various charges)
- Video Arraignments (individuals arraigned via video rather than transported to court)
- Adult Diversion
- Electronic Monitoring (Pretrial & Sentenced)
- Special Details (supervised inmates performing community services)

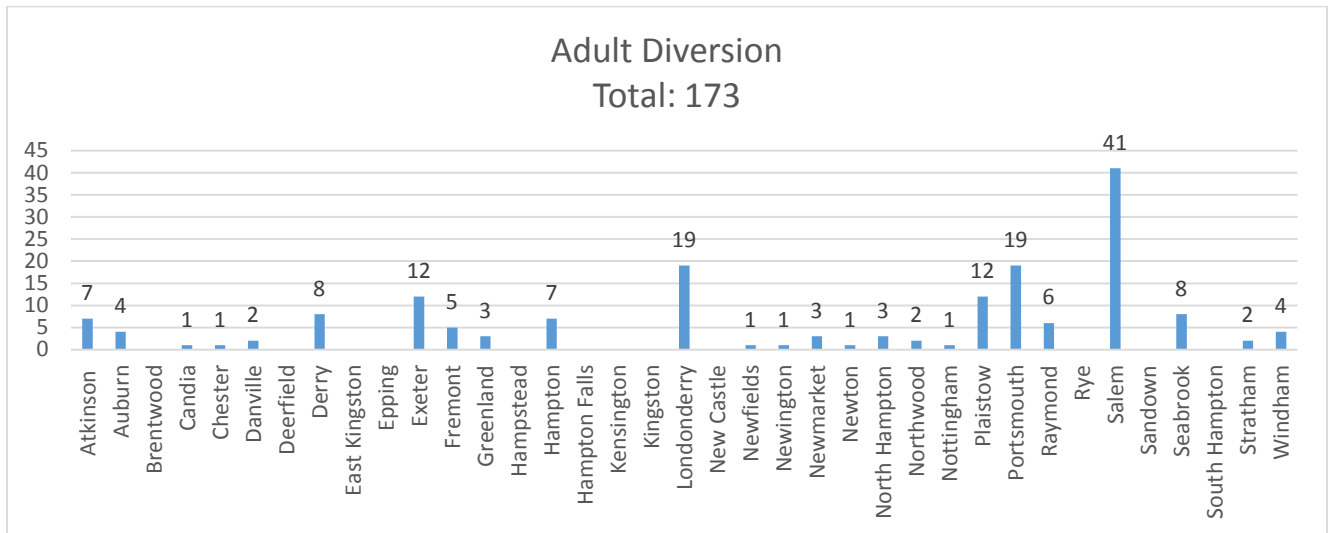
Commitments are adult individuals arrested and detained or convicted and sentenced to incarceration throughout Rockingham County. These commitments are for varied crimes throughout the 37 communities in the county and beyond.



The Video Arraignment system has allowed us the ability to provide arraignments and hearings that would otherwise have required transport to various courts. The Rockingham County Department of Corrections maintains the ability to connect to all seven Rockingham County Circuit Courts as well as many other courts and institutions throughout the state and beyond using an I.P. (cable) connection. This allows for a much more efficient and secure process by creating the ability to arraign an offender and never having to transport that offender out of the facility and through the community making it fiscally responsible and security minded.

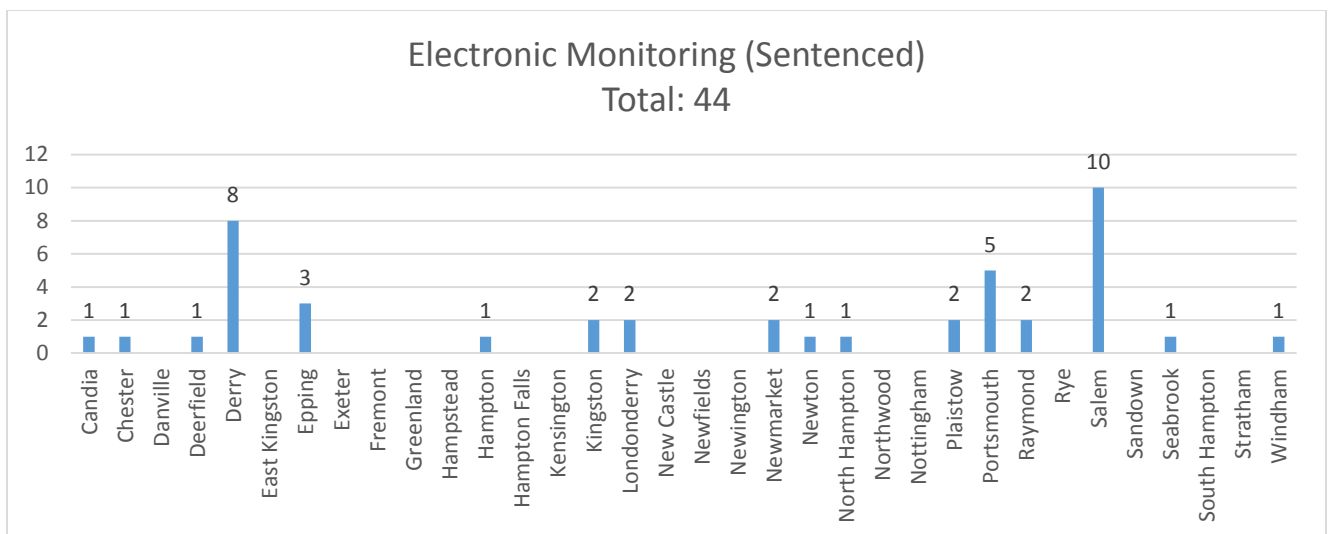
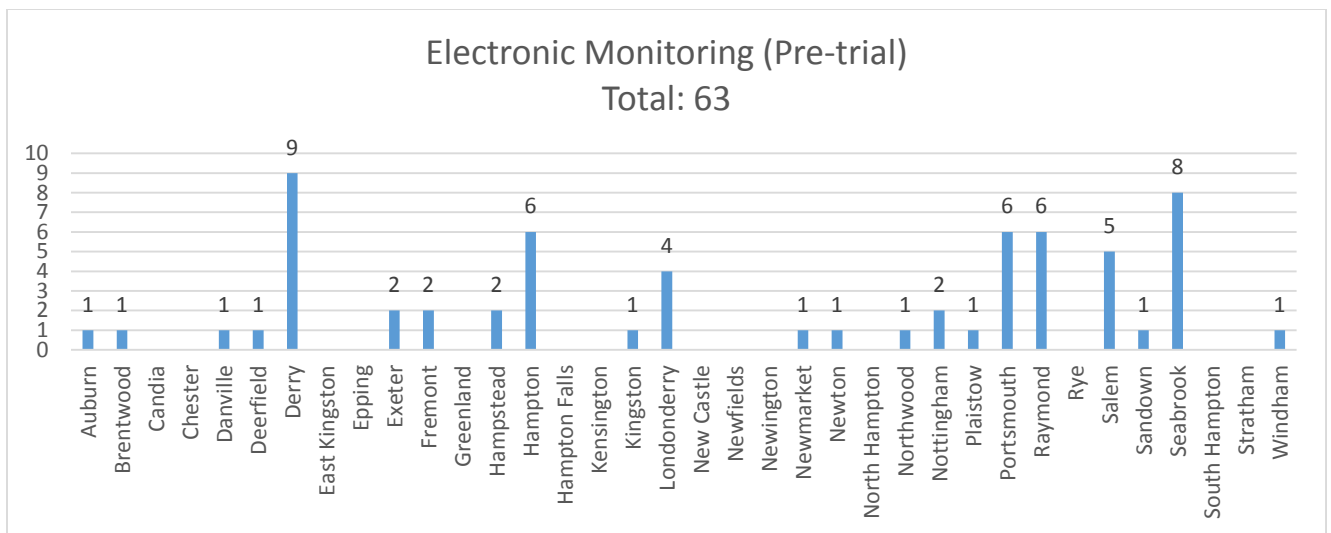


Adult Diversion is a pretrial program designed to divert individuals who have been charged with a violation, misdemeanor and/or felony level offenses. Individuals, who are referred to, accepted into and successfully complete the program avoids prosecution/convictions, related fines and/or incarceration. Diversion is an alternative to incarceration and a positive way to reach first time offenders and curb recidivism. The goal is to redirect offenders away from the criminal justice system and toward healthier choices through support, guidance and education. This is a highly successful program and diverts offender and helps prevent them from re-offending in the community. This program has been greatly expanded to include a Felony diversion program.



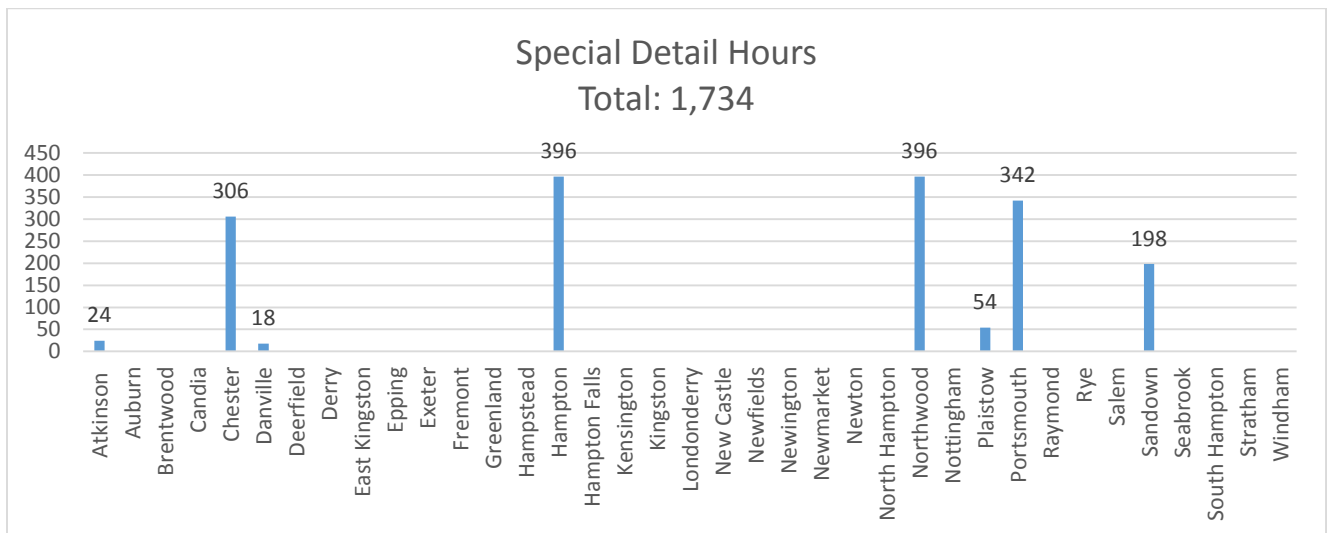
Electronic Monitoring, both Pre-trial and Sentenced has helped to alleviate overcrowding at the jail facility and the tax burden of care and custody of these offenders. The newer of these programs; Pre-trial Supervision is a cooperative effort in a task force capacity with the Department of Corrections working with the County Board of Commissioners, the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department, Superior Court, Prosecutors and Defense Bar.

Pre-trial Electronic monitoring /supervision is designed to keep pre-trial offenders in the community without compromising public safety. The cost to hold an offender in jail is approximately \$97.50 per bed day. The Pre-trial Supervision program saved a total of 6267 bed days in 2015. Sentenced (Convicted) offender electronic monitoring allows for re-integration back into the community with the opportunity for employment, substance abuse programming, paying restitution, etc. Sentenced offender Electronic monitoring saved a total of 8,374 bed days in 2015.



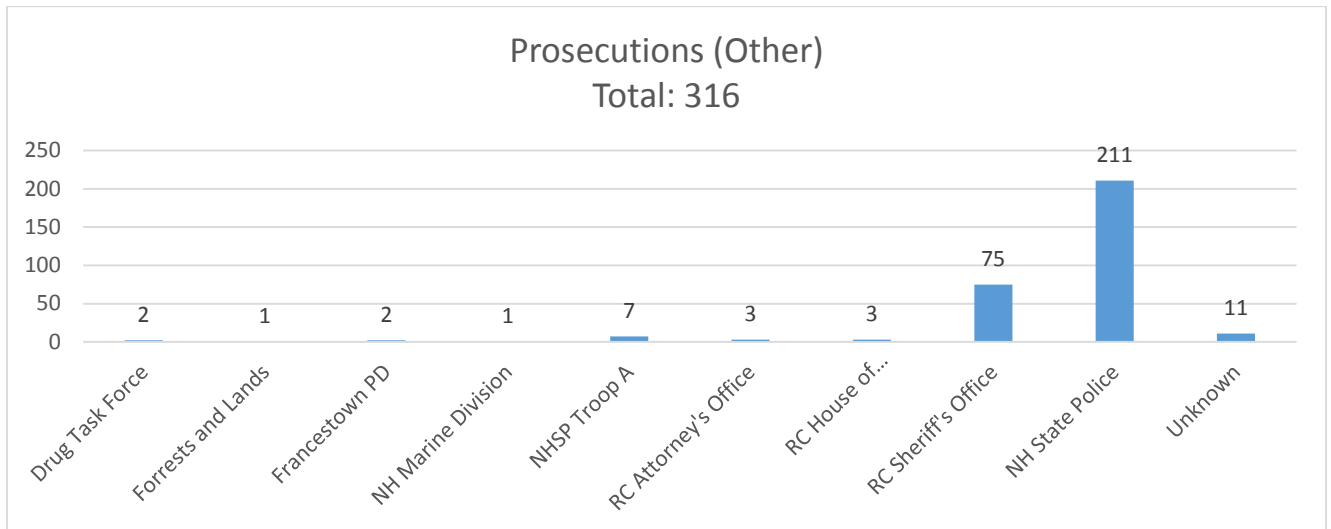
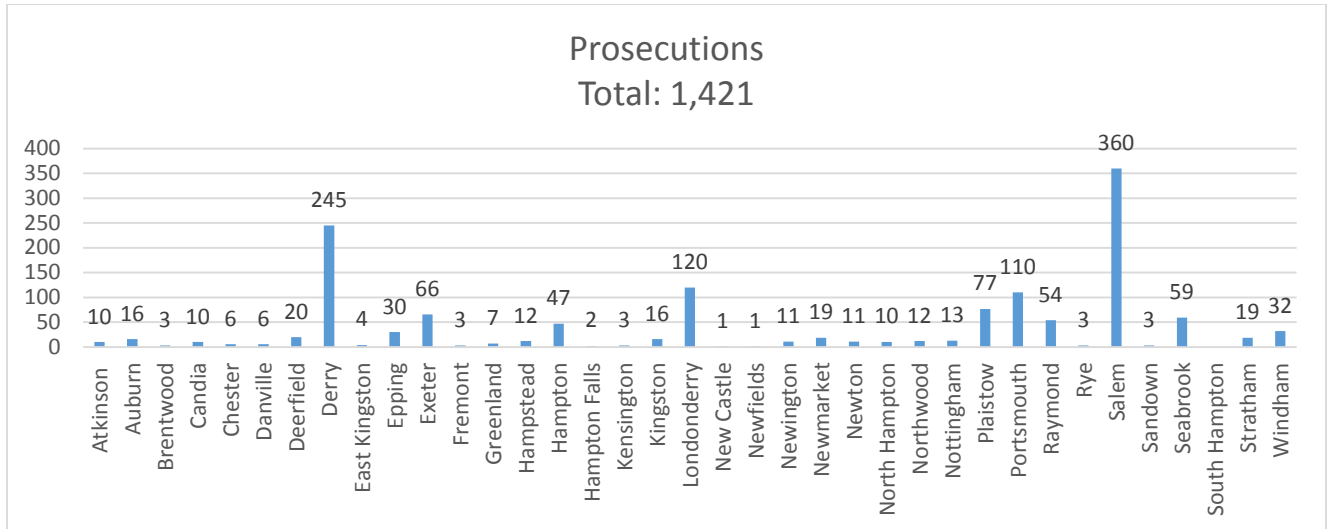
Trustee Program

In 2015, eight communities in Rockingham County took advantage of the Trustee Program. The Trustee Program provides labor and services to the towns and city of Rockingham County utilizing inmates from the House of Corrections. Inmates that are chosen for the program have met low security risk classification through the inmate classification process. This resource has saved numerous local tax dollars for the local communities. Municipalities can request these services for varied tasks in the community such as roadside trash pickup, painting, light maintenance, trail clearing etc. This work crew is supervised by a Department of Corrections employee and the municipality is responsible for providing lunch for the work crew and officer. Not only is this program an excellent resource for the towns, helping to save local tax dollars, but it has a positive impact on participating inmates as well, enabling them to begin acclimating back into the workforce and giving back to the community.

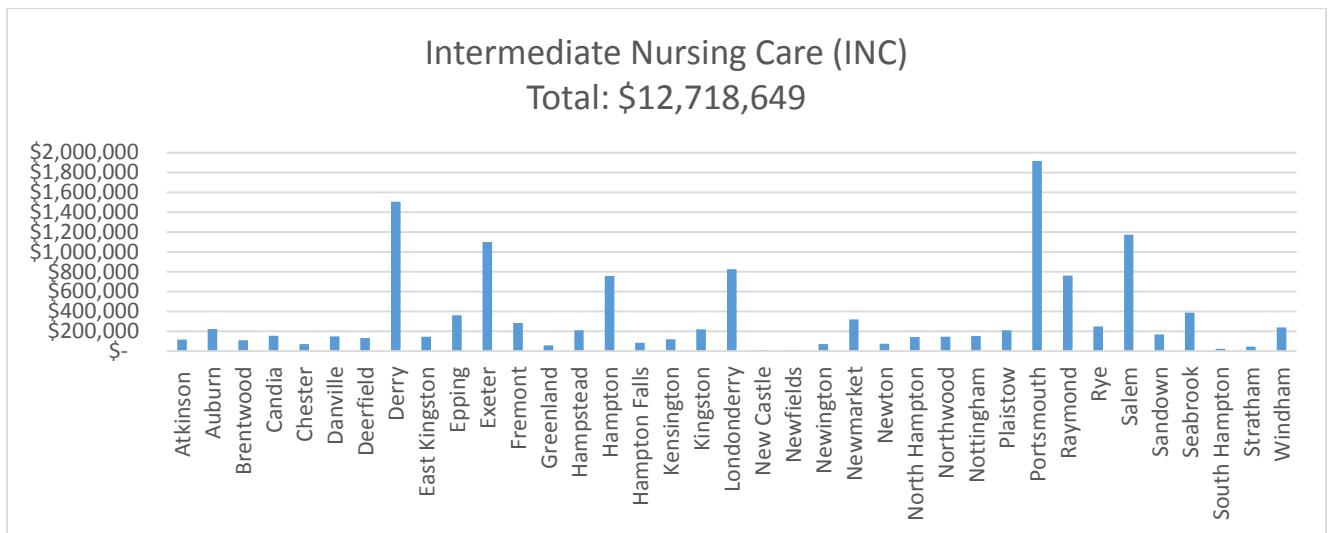
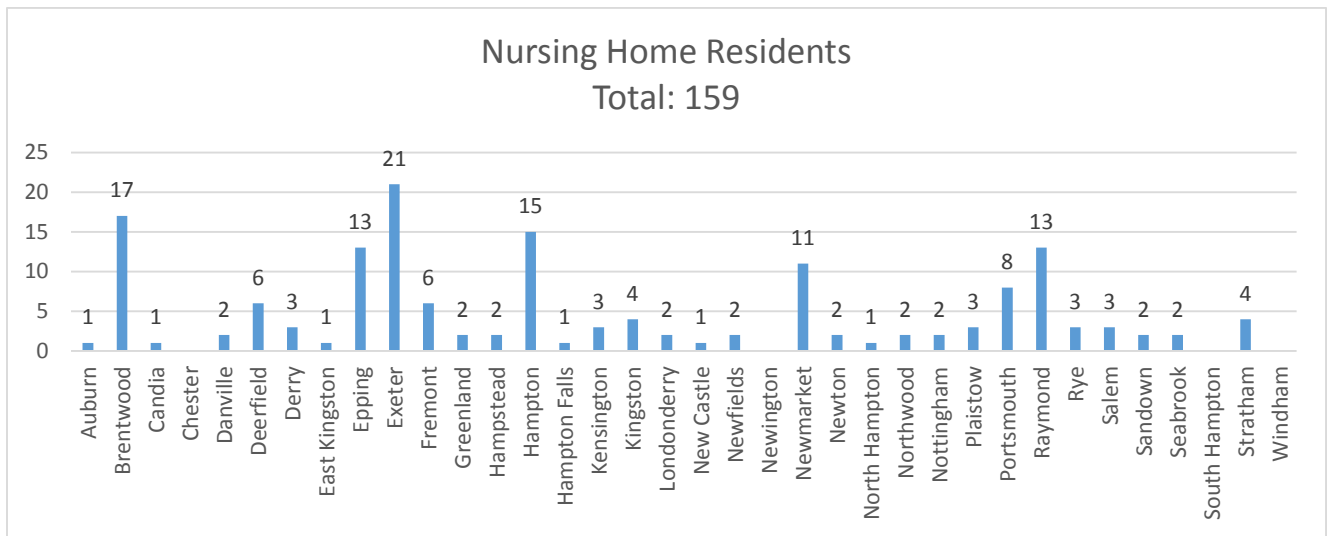
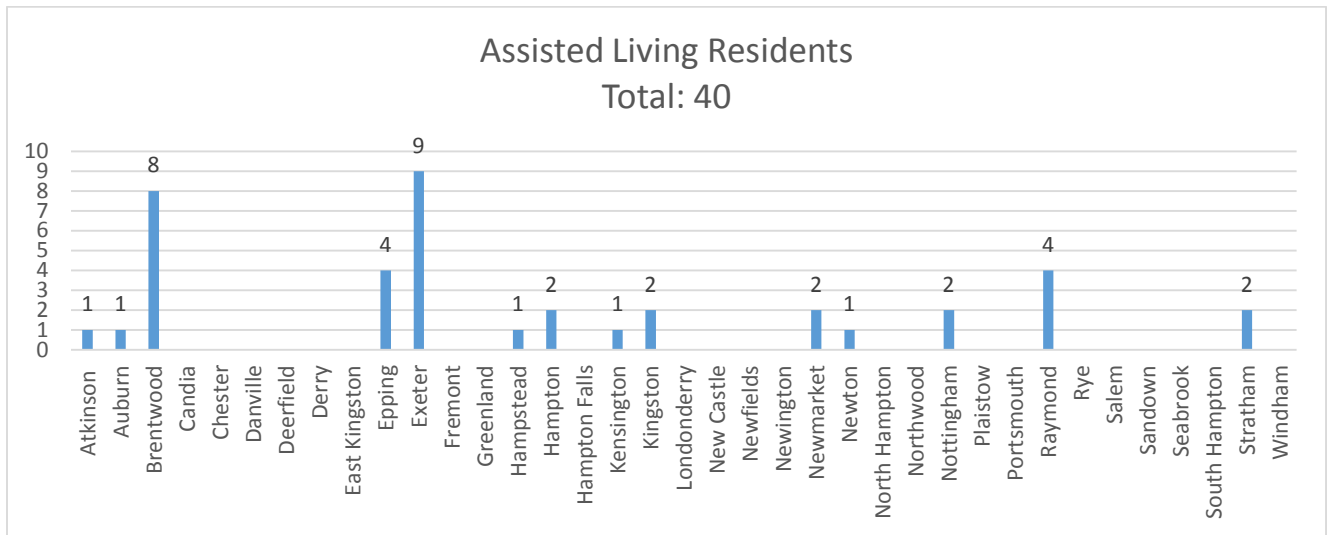


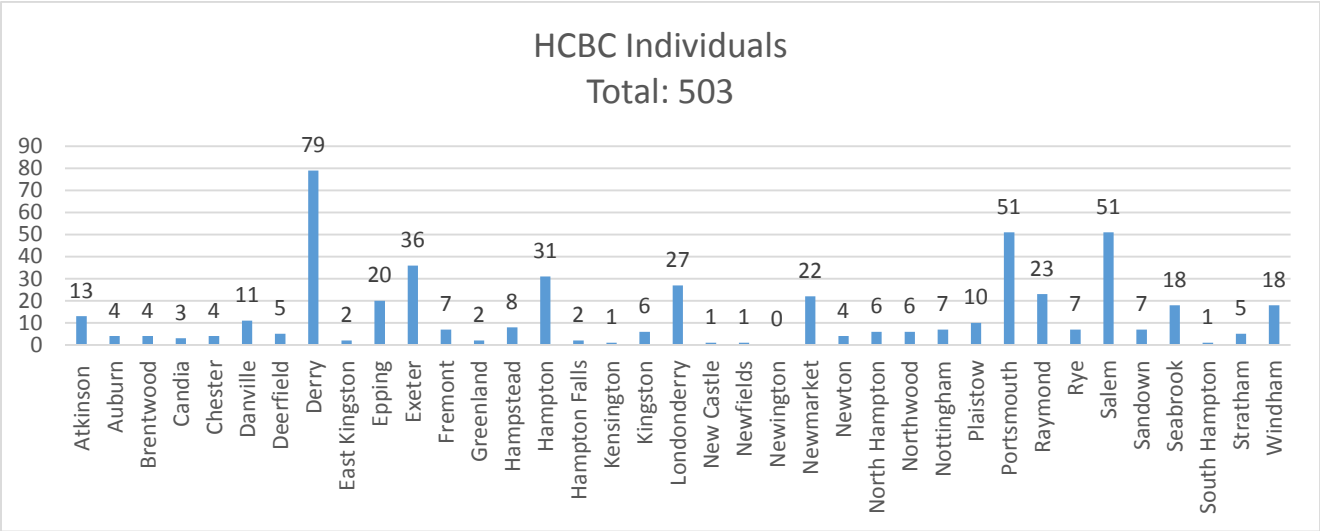
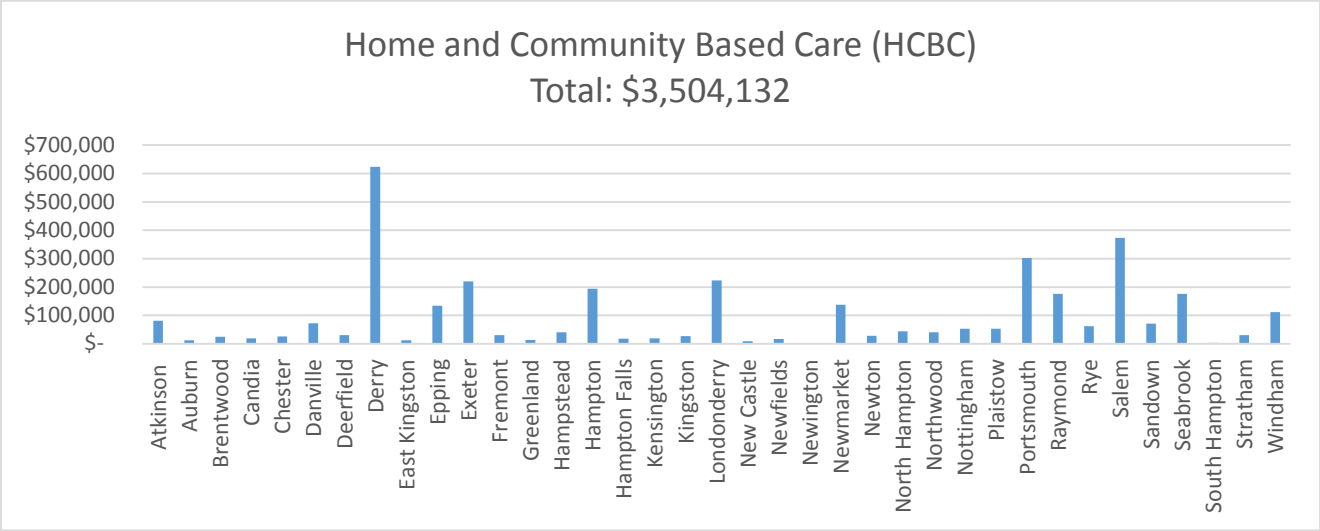
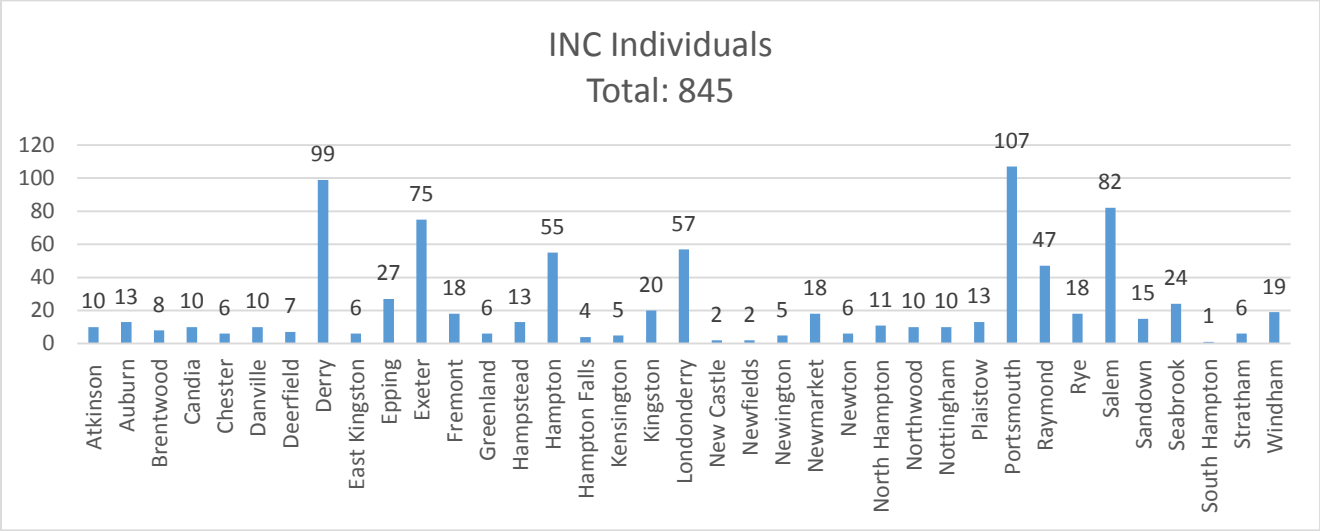
County Attorney's Office

Below are charts representing the number of cases prosecuted by the Rockingham County Attorney's Office in 2015. The number of cases received from law enforcement agencies has increased approximately 20 percent over the last four years.

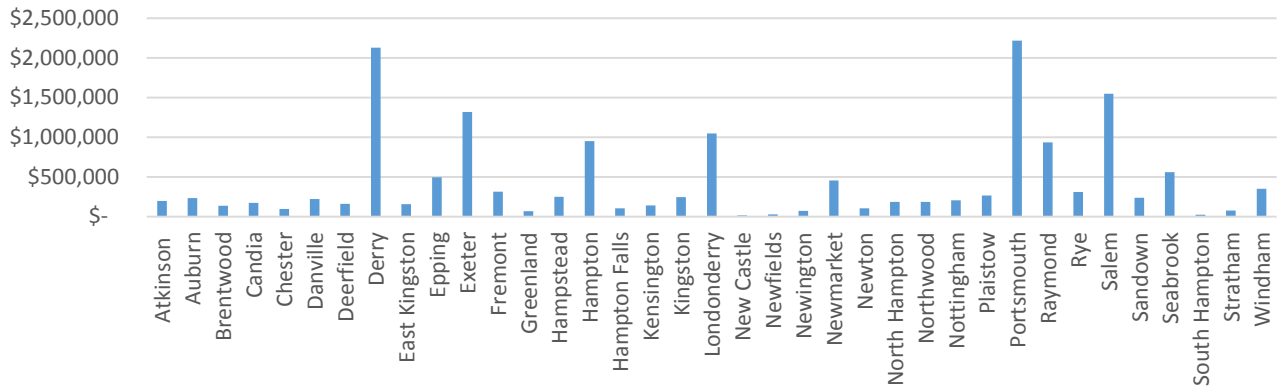


Long Term Care & Categorical Assistance

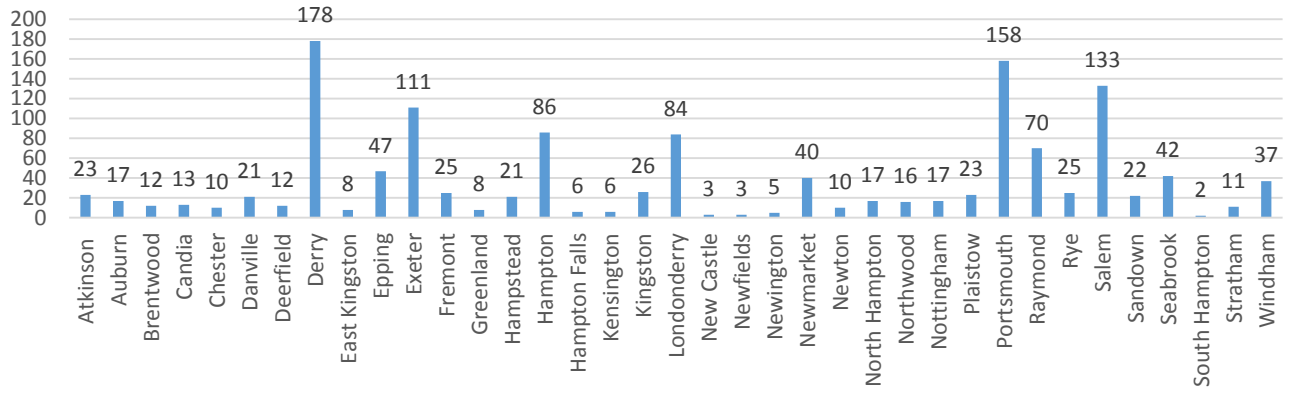




INC & HCBC Total: \$16,222,781



INC & HCBC Individuals Total: 1,348



Sheriff's Office

The following charts illustrate the services rendered to the city and towns by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office in 2015.

These services are broken down into the following categories:

- Prisoner Transports (Transporting prisoners to/from the jail to court)
- Dispatch Calls (Calls for service to the Rockingham County Dispatch Center)
- Enforcement Action (Traffic enforcement by Deputies within the city/towns)
- Civil Services (Service of court writs and orders)

While the transporting of prisoners by the Sheriff's Office is not mandated by law, it makes sense for the Sheriff's Office to provide this services because they are required to provide security while the prisoners are in court. By providing this service, the local police departments do not have to tie up their personnel and equipment to go to and from the jail or other facility.

The Sheriff's Office also provides this service for the transportation of juveniles for the local departments. These often involve lengthy transports, such as to the towns of Bradford, Dublin, and Jefferson, often tying up a deputy for a full shift.

When the deputies are in the communities serving the civil processes, they back up and assist the local police, take traffic enforcement action, assist the general public, and provide security by the presence of additional marked police vehicles.

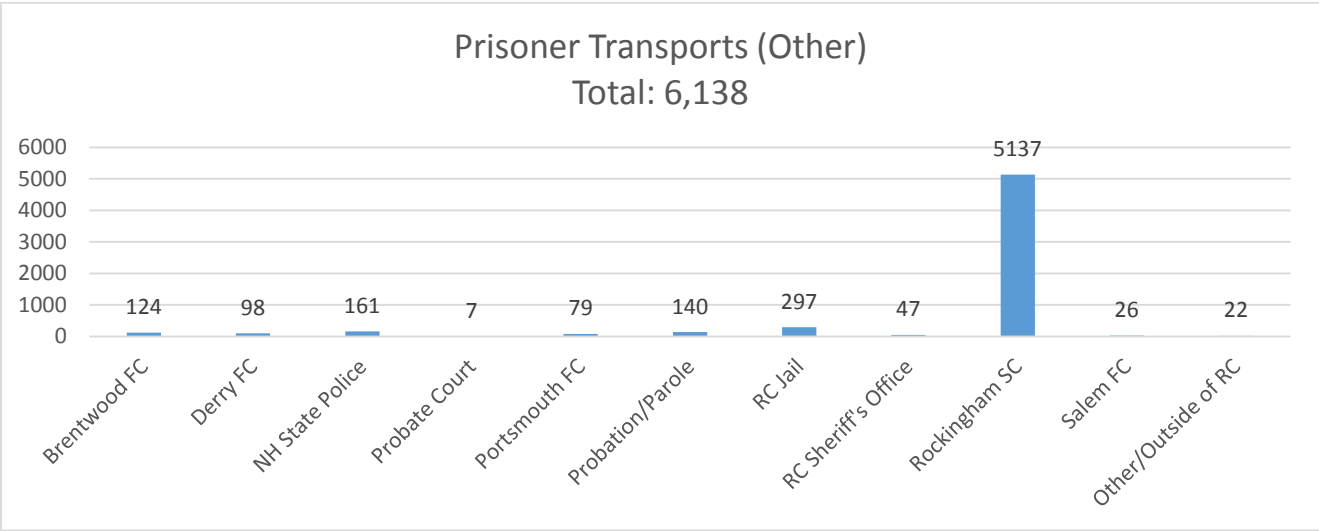
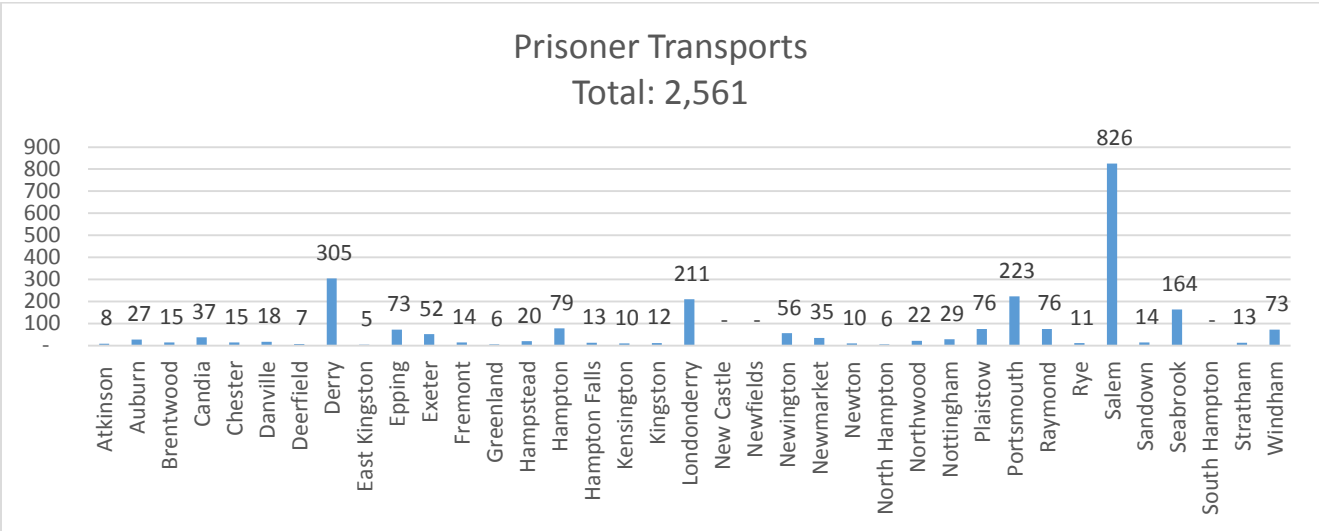
In addition to dispatching for 25 Police Departments and 18 Fire/EMS Departments, the Dispatch Center is the designated backup dispatch for Portsmouth and Hampton, should their dispatch centers become inoperative. Rockingham County Dispatch also handles overflow 911 calls for communities during emergencies.

The Sheriff's Office regularly conducts Internal Investigations for local departments when requested due to internal conflicts of interest. They provide deputies to cover local police departments when they are short on manpower, at times covering the entire department in a time of need.

The Sheriff's Office has formed and leads a county-wide Drug Task Force in conjunction with designated local police officers. The Drug Task Force assists and supports local agencies with drug investigations. They also provide training to local agencies in the use of the laptop Mobile Data Terminals and support these agencies with the computer-aided dispatch software system.

The Sheriff's Office MIFO (Mobile Incident Field Office) is utilized throughout the county and available for the use of the local agencies during emergencies or public events.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office radio technician assists local fire and police departments with equipment and communication issues.



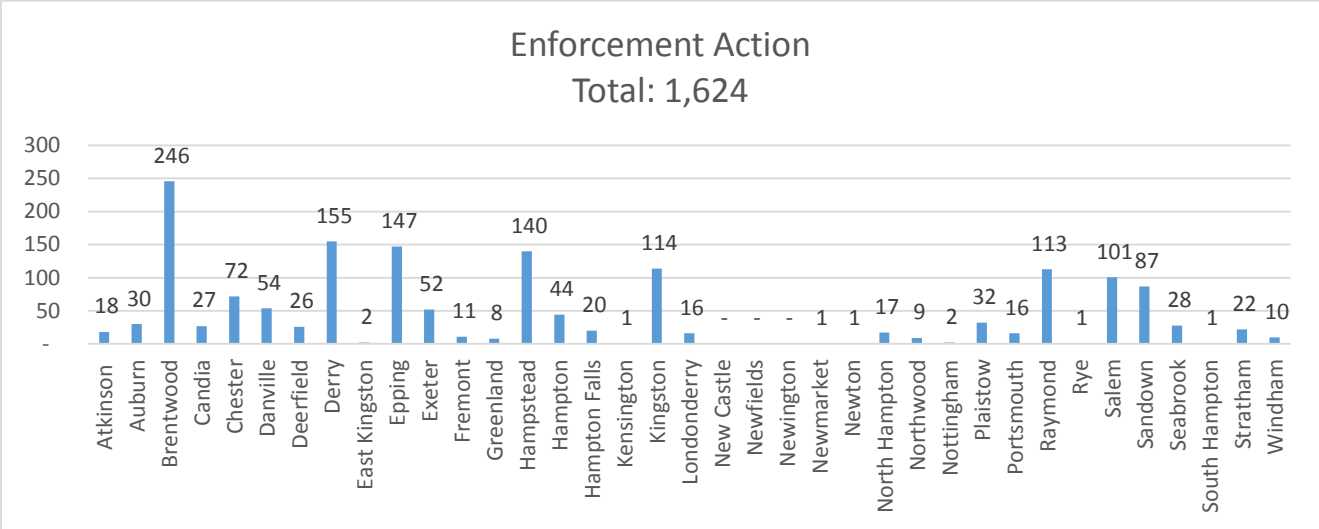
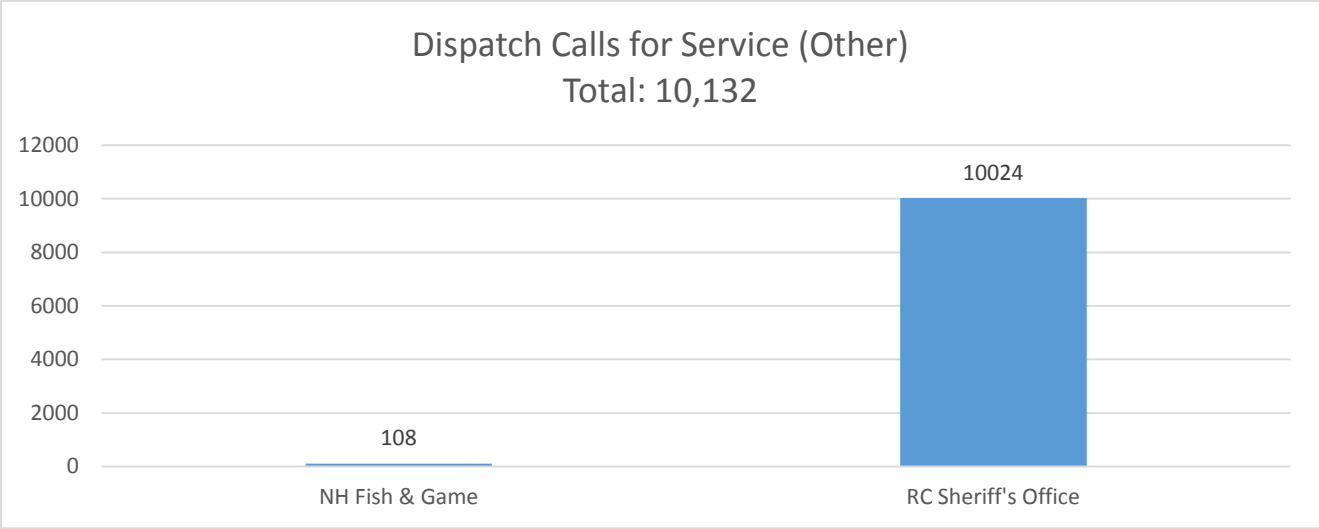
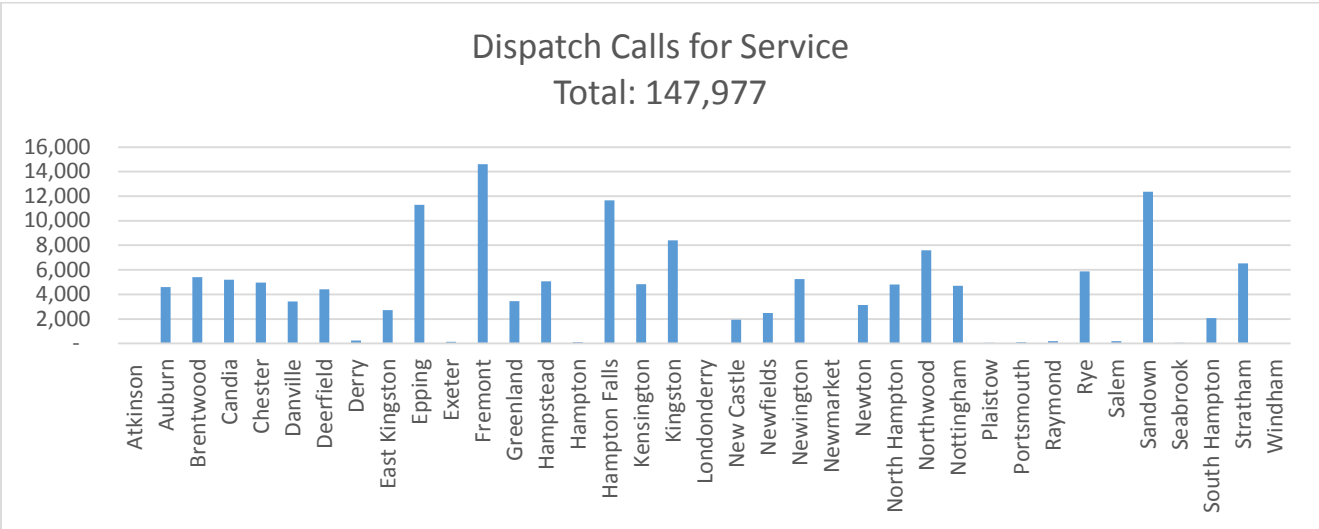
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¹ Brentwood Family Division Jurisdiction: Towns of Atkinson, Brentwood, Danville, East Kingston, Epping, Exeter, Fremont, Hampstead, Kensington, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow, Deerfield, Northwood, Nottingham, Raymond and Exeter.

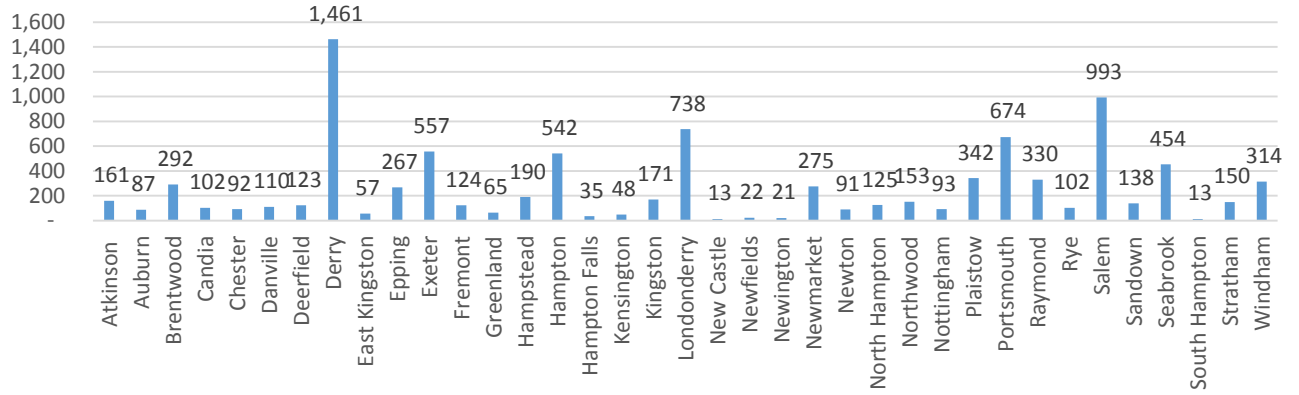
Derry Family Division Jurisdiction: Towns of Derry, Auburn, Candia, Chester, Londonderry, and Sandown.

Portsmouth Family Division Jurisdiction: City of Portsmouth and the towns of Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, New Castle, Newington, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rye, Seabrook, South Hampton, Newfields, Newmarket, and Stratham.

Salem Family Division Jurisdiction: Towns of Pelham, Salem and Windham.



Civil Services Total: 9,525



Looking Ahead

Long Term Care Services Construction Project

A significant project has been approved by the Commissioners and County Delegation. Our Fernald 2 nursing unit is going to be completely overhauled and renovated to become a state of the art skilled nursing unit with a projected 18 private rooms each with its own bathroom. This will allow the unit to be as comfortable and inviting as possible. It allows us to be as competitive as possible with our Skilled/Rehab program. Updated finishing touches in this new unit (lighting, carpets, handrails, etc.) will be carried over to both of the Blaisdell Units, as well as adding bathrooms so that there is a bathroom for every two beds.

We have begun moving residents off of Fernald 2 to our other nursing units as beds open up. Social Services is closely involved in this process to make all transitions as smooth as possible. It is anticipated that this phase of the transition will continue into the summer months.

At this time, the best estimate is that construction would begin this fall and take 12 – 18 months to complete. Once construction starts on Fernald 2, the project will simultaneously impact the two Blaisdell Units, as well. The plan is to empty out rooms on the floor that are above and below each other (as the plumbing, ventilation and wiring connects the rooms). Once a particular block of Blaisdell rooms is completed, residents would then be moved into these updated rooms and the construction crew would move to the next block of rooms down the two Blaisdell halls. Our best estimates at this time are that each block of rooms would take about one month to complete. The floors will obviously be disrupted during this entire process but this will significantly create a nicer, newer and much more inviting environment when complete with better lighting, better closets, additional bathrooms, etc.

From a staffing perspective this is great timing. Every single staff member on Fernald 2 will be moved to other floors. This will provide temporary relief from the staffing shortages we are currently experiencing as we will only need to staff 5 nursing units for the time being.

A final piece of this project will be a new entrance in the back of the building at the current bank of Blaisdell Lobby doors. The plan is to have this new inviting entrance connect to the current staff dining room. This will allow that area to be refurbished to look more like a cafeteria you would see at a hospital where residents, families, visitors and staff could all share the space together. The outdoor courtyard refurbishment will be completed this spring, as well, providing much better access for residents to move about the entire area. We are planning on moving and modernizing the hairdressing salon, too! Finally, we are updating the security of the entire building by adding more locked doors with card reader access for staff.

This entire project will make our home a better place to live and work. These investments show the level of support we have from the County Commissioners and the Delegation to continue to maintain and enhance the quality of life we are known for as we look forward to the future!

Your feedback is welcomed and important. Let us know any ideas you have to keep the County moving forward.