



Use of Private Prisons in New Mexico

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About the NM Sentencing Commission

- 27 member commission chaired by Honorable Edward Chair (retd.)
- Its mission is to provide impartial information, analysis, recommendations, and assistance from a coordinated cross-agency perspective, with an emphasis on maintaining public safety and making the best use of our criminal and juvenile justice resources.
- Conduct both legislative analysis and research work to provide policy makers assessments of current programs and policies as well as proposed changes.
- We forecast the prison population for the New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD).

Some points before we look at NMCD prison population

- For the projection we look at total prison population.
- Total prison population includes residence population as well as any inmates who are away from the facility.
- Inmates can be away for things like transit, medical care and court.
- Overall, around 3% are away, but will return and need a bed at the facility.

- My remarks will be limited to private prisons the are used by NMCD.
- There are other private facilities in NM that house offenders for the Federal Government.

Facility	Operated by	Federal Contracts	Region	Facility Capacity
Cibola County	CoreCivic	ICE, US Marshals	NW	1,204
Otero County Prison Facility*	MTC	US Marshals, BOP, Army, Air Force	SW	814
Otero County Processing	MTC	ICE	SW	1,089
Torrance County	CoreCivic	ICE, US Marshals	NW	975

* Does not include beds contracted to NMCD

NMCD Public Versus Private Capacity & Current Population

Male Capacity

- State Operated Capacity is 3,821
- Private Operated Capacity is 3,163

Female Capacity

- State Operated Capacity of 661

Male Total Population on 9/12/2021

- State Operated 2,749
- Private Operated 2,478

Female Total Population

- State Operated 531

Considerations

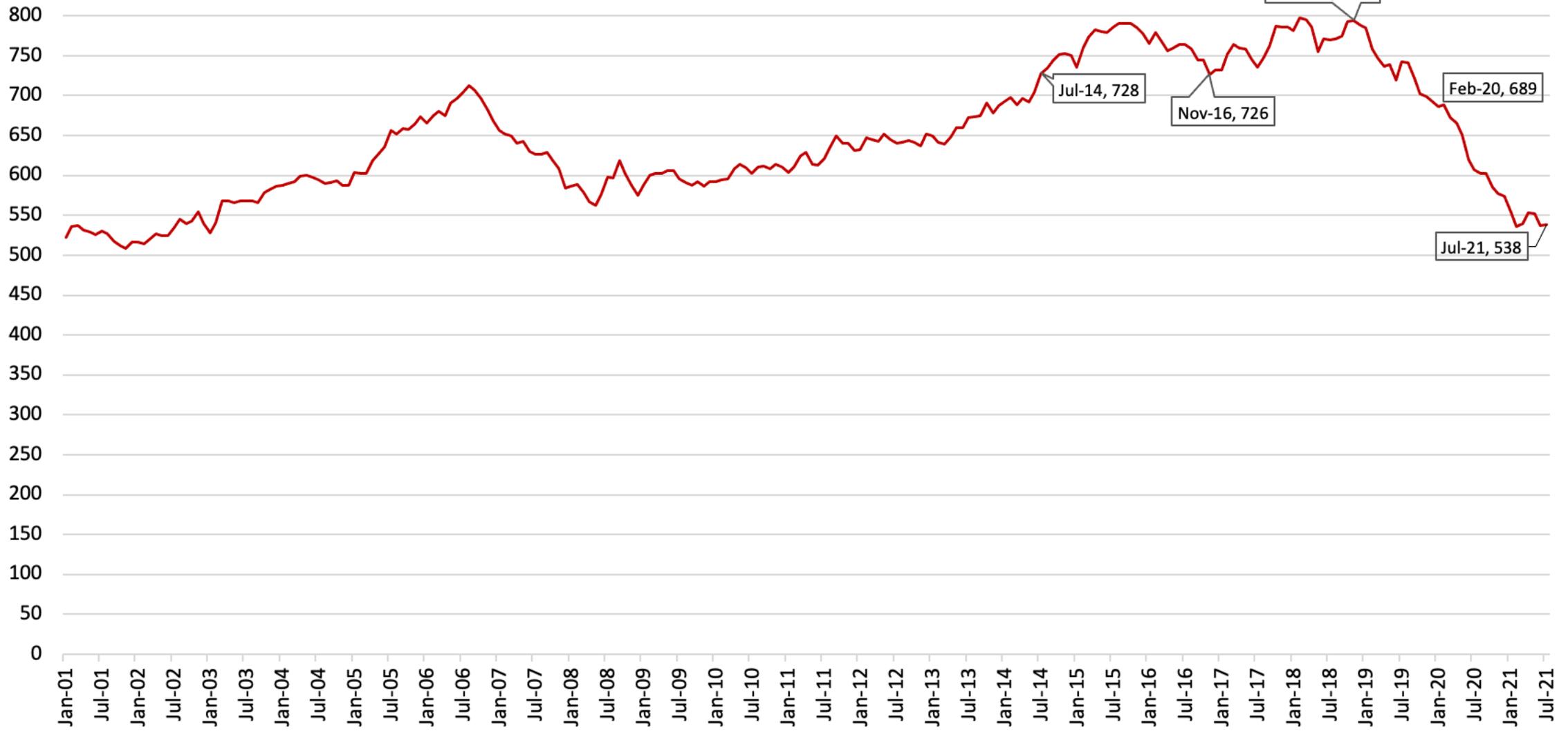
Capacity by classification level

- Need to look at the number of beds by each classification level
- Extra beds may not be at the right classification

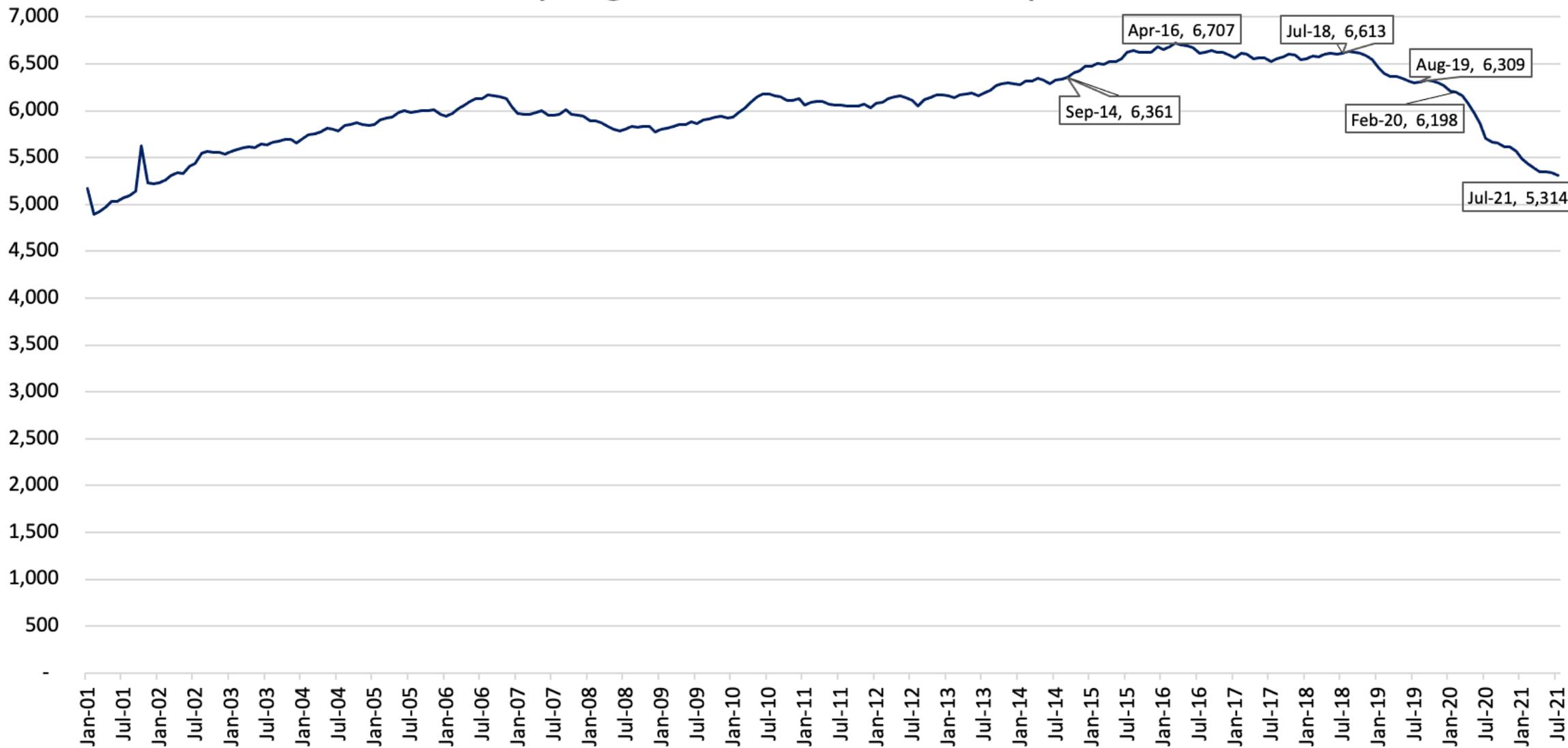
Reasonable Capacity

- Space may be needed to separate inmates
- Need for distancing
- Maintenance

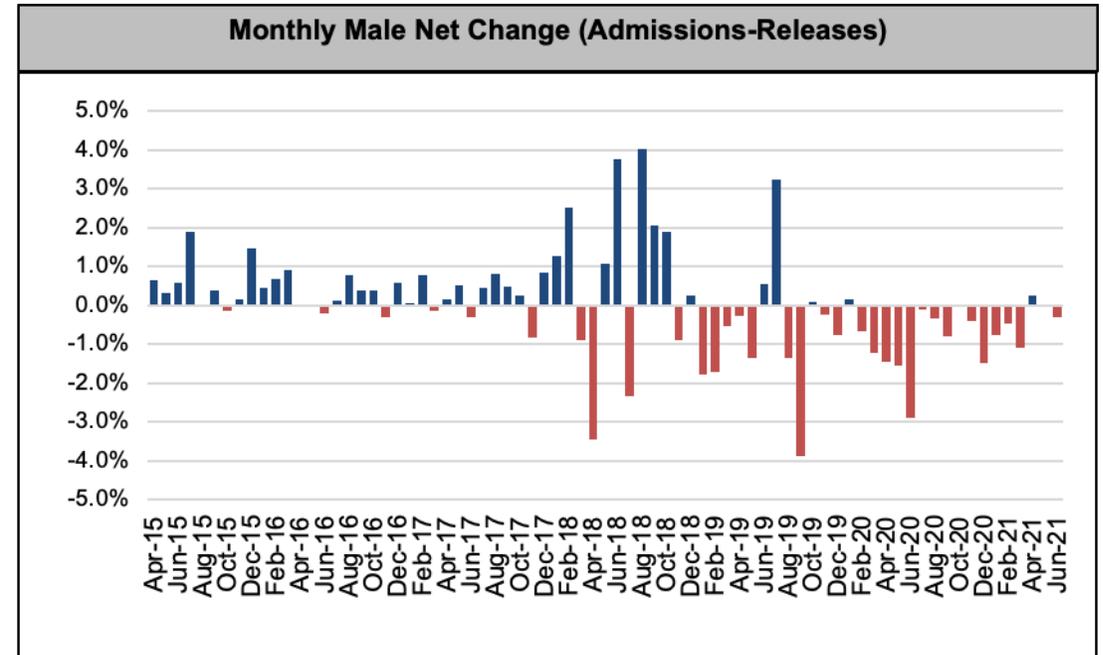
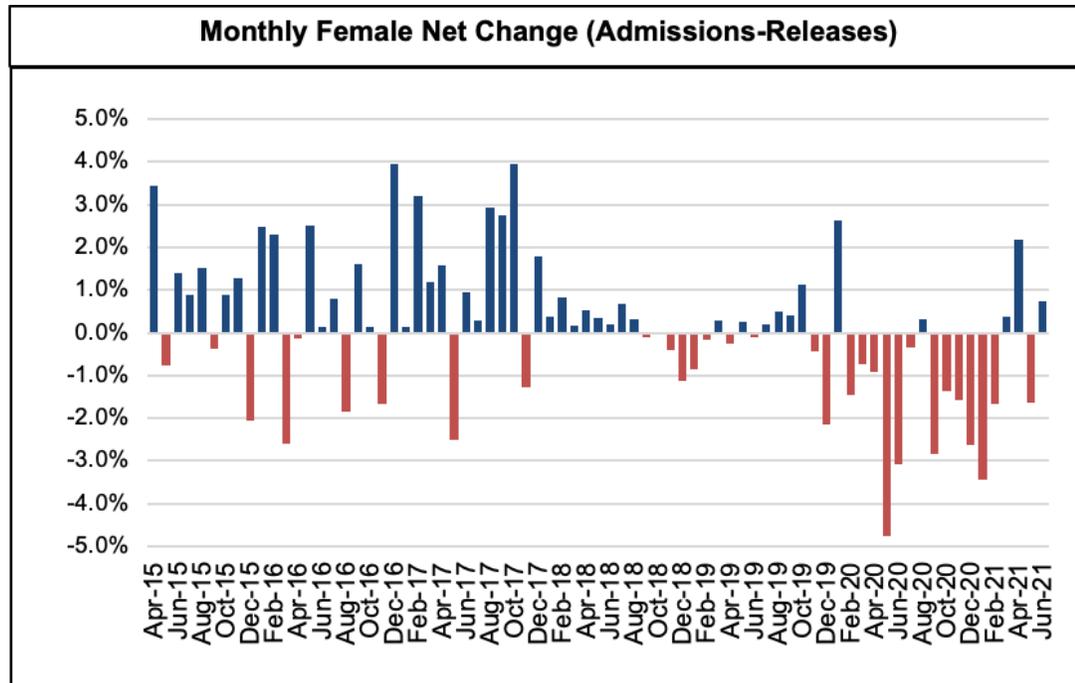
Monthly High Total Female Prison Population



Monthly High Total Male Prison Population



Monthly Population Change



Fiscal Year Population Change

	Releases			Admissions			Difference	
Gender	F	M	Gender	F	M		F	M
Fiscal Year	Count	Count	Fiscal Year	Count	Count		Count	Count
FY2021	394	2,332	FY2021	326	2,029		-68	-303
FY2020	499	2,765	FY2020	422	2,322		-77	-443
FY2019	523	2,818	FY2019	523	2,721		0	-97
FY2018	509	2,910	FY2018	622	3,200		113	290
FY2017	539	3,118	FY2017	594	3,317		55	199
FY2016	550	3,211	FY2016	603	3,591		53	380
FY2015	508	3,082	FY2015	656	3,657		148	575
FY2014	482	3,025	FY2014	589	3,526		107	501
FY2013	388	2,922	FY2013	452	3,350		64	428
FY2012	389	3,028	FY2012	473	3,443		84	415
FY2011	424	3,205	FY2011	523	3,525		99	320
FY2010	450	3,161	FY2010	509	3,890		59	729
FY2009	493	3,157	FY2009	576	3,659		83	502
FY2008	486	3,294	FY2008	526	3,583		40	289
FY2007	526	3,242	FY2007	542	3,513		16	271
FY2006	454	3,337	FY2006	612	3,868		158	531
FY2005	420	3,137	FY2005	542	3,791		122	654

Population Forecast

