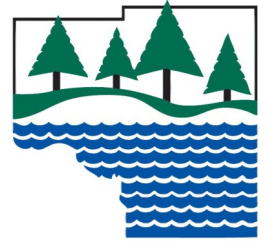


# Itasca County



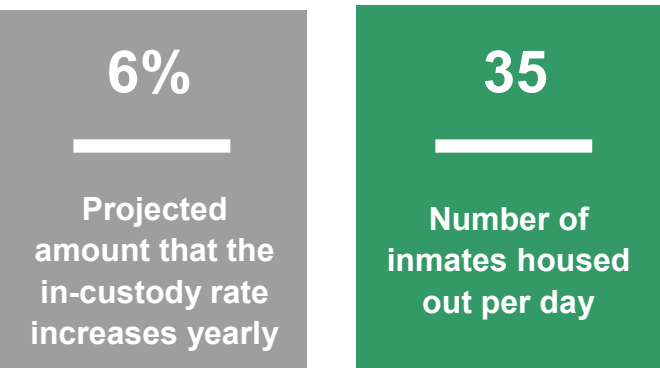
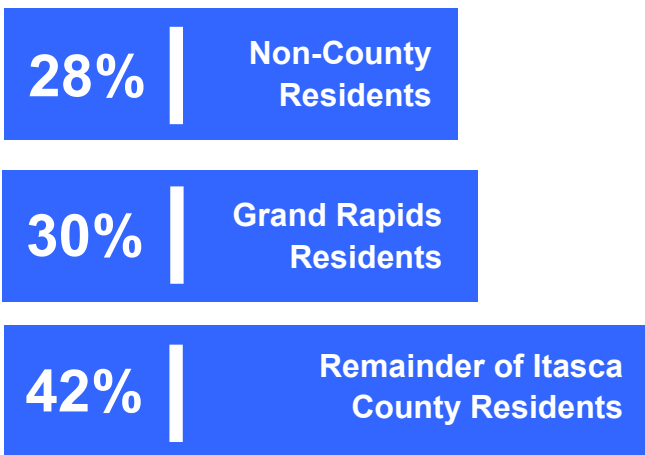
## Department of Corrections Issues Sunset Authorization

“Based on the limitations of the current facility, physical plant deficiencies, increasing inmate populations, facility operations and inspection deficiencies...The Itasca County jail will be

approved to operate with a ‘Sunset Authorization.’ As such, the sunset date for the Itasca County Jail shall be September 1, 2021.”

Source: DOC Letter, April 25, 2018

### Jail Population



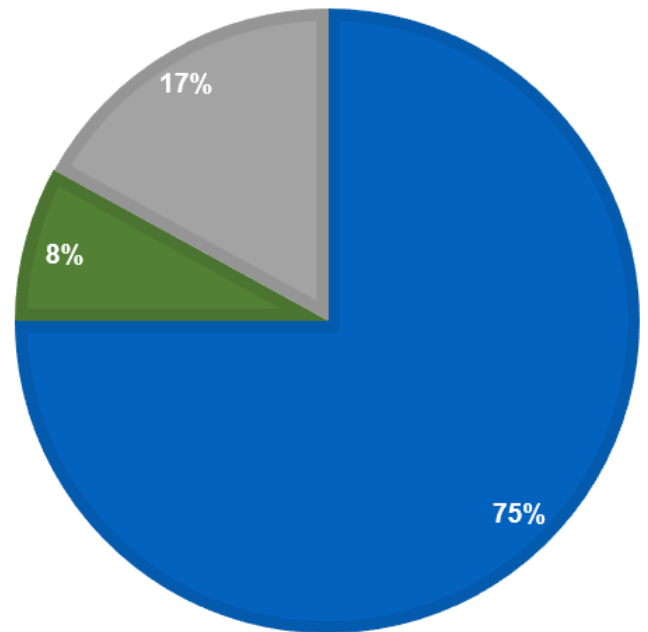
### Timeline

- 1981 | Itasca County Jail Built
- 1997 | Itasca County Jail Annex Built
- 2018 | Sunset Notice Received  
Jail Taskforce Created
- 2019 | Jail Taskforce Present Final Report
- 2020 | Sales & Use Tax Application Submitted



### Constituent Support

■ Sales Tax ■ Property Tax ■ Other



**Taxpayer Burden:** Decreases in state assessed utility values, Boswell Energy closing two power generating lines, Blandin down to one paper line, Blandin conservation easement devaluation, mining has not resumed, and a vast majority of land in Itasca County is publicly owned.

# Itasca County Quick Facts

- The State Department of Corrections has sunset our current correctional facility—necessitating our new build.
  - We have never brought a Local Option Sales and Use Tax request to the Legislature; this would be a first in Itasca County.
  - Nearly 40% of our population is over 62, indicated a large portion of our residents are on a fixed income.
  - Approximately 50% of our households are dual income; however, 50% of these families have an annual household income of less than \$50,000—equating to a 14% poverty rate.
  - Itasca County has over 65% of our total acreage as public land—further diluting our property tax base resulting in the 11th highest property tax rate in the state.
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## Regionality

- Itasca County is approximately the same size as the entire 7 County metro area with a population of only 45,000 (1/3 the population of the City of Rochester).
- Much of the northern region of the State lacks adequate inmate bed space, particularly for female residents—the new facility will have space to address these regional needs.
- Itasca County has received letters of support from St. Louis, Beltrami and Koochiching Counties indicating inmate placement into the new facility. The State Department of Corrections has also indicated a huge need for inmate placements and will use the new correctional facility to fulfill their immediate needs.
- Additional programming, including culturally specific training, will be incorporated into the new facility to improve inmate outcomes and reduce recidivism.
- In addition, the State Department of Corrections has provided a letter of support to expand cognitive skills building and domestic violence programming within the inmate population.