

ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2018-2019

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PUBLIC SERVICE WITH FAIRNESS AND INTEGRITY



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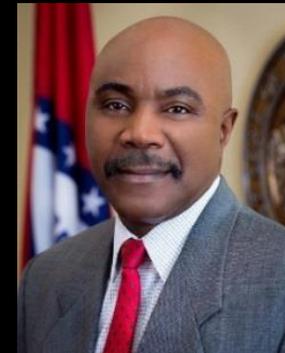
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Commissioner



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Commissioner



Our Mission

To effectively and efficiently serve the citizens of Arkansas through the conditional release of offenders via structured and evidence-based decision-making; thereby ensuring the public's safety, empowering victims, and making certain that offenders will be provided opportunities for positive behavior change and held accountable for their actions upon release.

Our Values

FAIRNESS

INTEGRITY

INNOVATION

Our Vision

The Arkansas Parole Board will strive to become a national model for releasing authorities by:

- ❖ Making data-driven parole decisions through: (1) the consistent application of nationally recognized evidence-based approaches, (2) the consideration of all available case information, and (3) the application of appropriate decision criteria;
- ❖ Stipulating programs, conditions, and services in a manner that enhances the reentry of offenders into the community;
- ❖ Responding to parole violations appropriately and effectively by utilizing evidence-based approaches and taking into account the severity of the violation and the risks posed by the offender;
- ❖ Providing victims of crime with opportunities to give input and with timely information regarding the decision-making process;
- ❖ Collaborating with stakeholders on policies, programs, and processes; and
- ❖ Streamlining the decision-making process through innovative policies, programs, and technologies.



Arkansas Parole Board Staff Members

As of June 30, 2019

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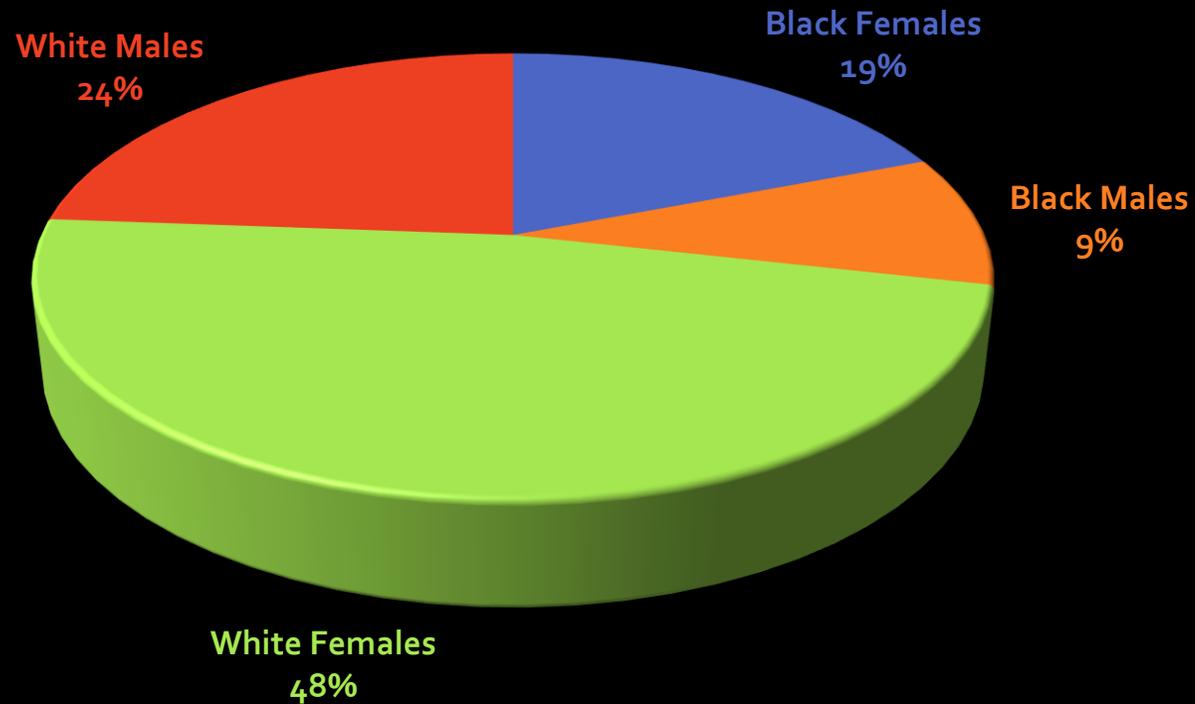
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REVOCATION SERVICES

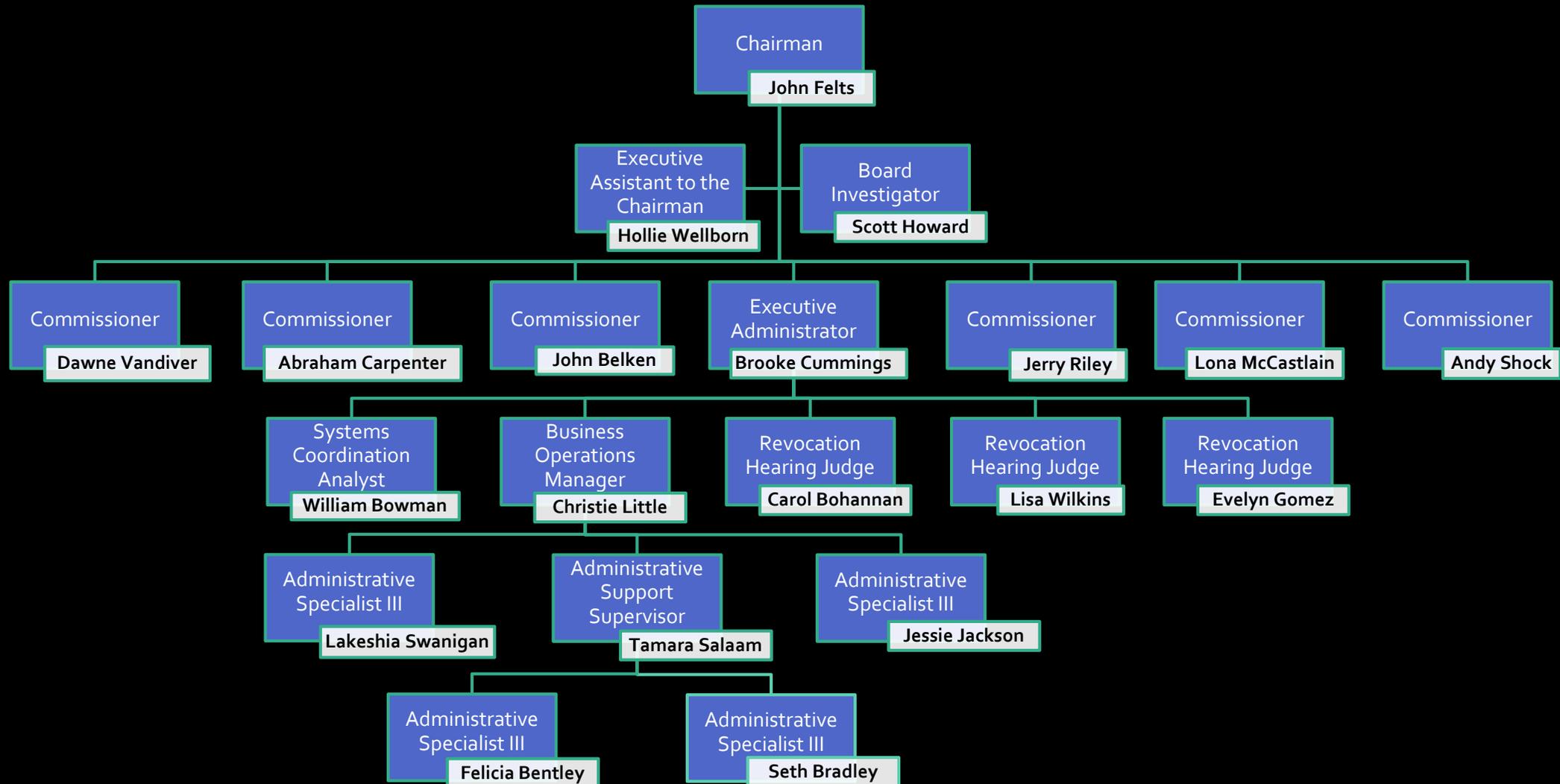
Lakeshia Swanigan
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Organizational Chart & Employee Demographics

EMPLOYEE DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY



ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW



History and Highlights

- 1943**—The State Penitentiary Board is created.
- 1968**—State Penitentiary Board becomes the Board of Correction. The Department of Correction and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles are created.
- 1989**—Board of Pardons and Paroles is abolished, and the State Board of Parole and Community Rehabilitation is created.
- 1993**—State Board of Parole and Community Rehabilitation is renamed the Arkansas Post-Prison Transfer Board.
- 2005**—Post-Prison Transfer Board is renamed Arkansas Parole Board. The Parole Board receives accreditation from the American Correctional Association.
- 2007**—All seven members of the Parole Board become full-time employees of the State.
- 2008**—The Board is reaccredited with the American Correctional Association.

History and Highlights

- 2013**—Acts 135 and 495 give the Board discretion over all sex offenses and additional violent and serious felonies.
- 2014**—The Board is reaccredited with the American Correctional Association.
- 2015**—Act 895 expands the Board's discretion relating to certain offenses and places day-to-day operations of the Board under the authority of the Chairman. Additional legislation expands the Board's role in inmate reentry programming and strengthens the protections afforded to victim impact statements provided to the Board.
- 2017**—Act 539 further extends the discretion of the Board specifically relating to certain individuals who were minors at the time of crime commission. However, Act 423 somewhat limits the Board's ability to revoke parolees who are considered technical violators. The Board is reaccredited with the American Correctional Association.

Victim Input Hearings

Crime victims may provide information to the Board via a written and/or oral statement regarding the potential release of an offender. Victims who wish to appear before the Board are scheduled by the Victim Input Coordinator to appear in front of the Board to provide input regarding the potential release of an offender.

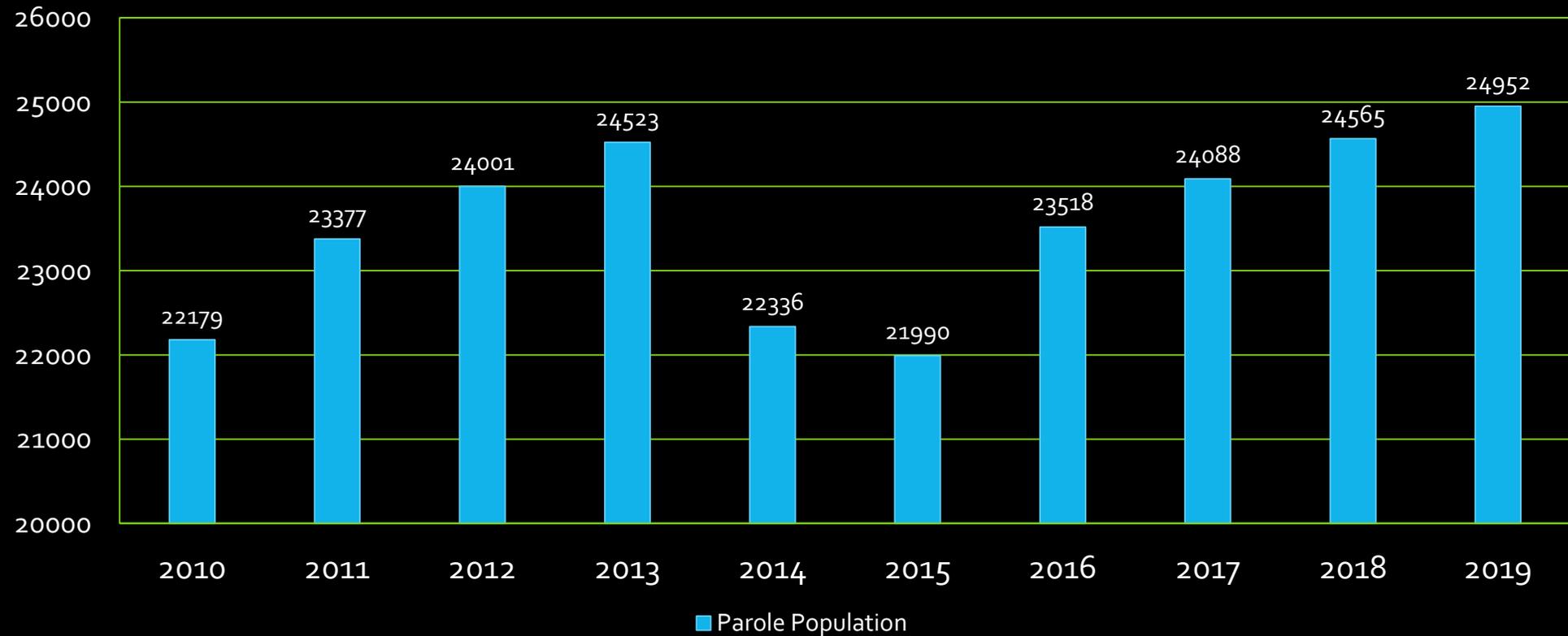
The Parole Board conducts Victim Input Hearings each month during the fiscal year. A total of 150 Victim Input Hearings were held during FY19.

FY19 Victim Input Hearing Overview

Month	Hearings Scheduled	Hearings Conducted
Jul-18	15	10
Aug-18	13	12
Sep-18	19	18
Oct-18	28	24
Nov-18	12	10
Dec-18	14	14
Jan-19	13	13
Feb-19	14	10
Mar-19	11	8
Apr-19	14	13
May-19	10	8
Jun-19	15	10
	178	150

Parole Approved		Parole Denied		Outcome Deferred	
3	20%	9	60%	3	20%
7	54%	6	46%	0	0%
0	0%	18	95%	1	5%
6	21.5%	20	71.5%	2	7%
1	8%	9	75%	2	17%
3	21.5%	10	71.5%	1	7%
4	31%	9	69%	0	0%
9	64%	4	29%	1	7%
3	27%	7	64%	1	9%
1	7%	13	93%	0	0%
0	0%	9	90%	1	10%
4	27%	9	60%	2	13%
41	23%	123	69%	14	8%

Parole Population FY10 through FY19



Parole Population

By Area Office

as of June 30, 2019

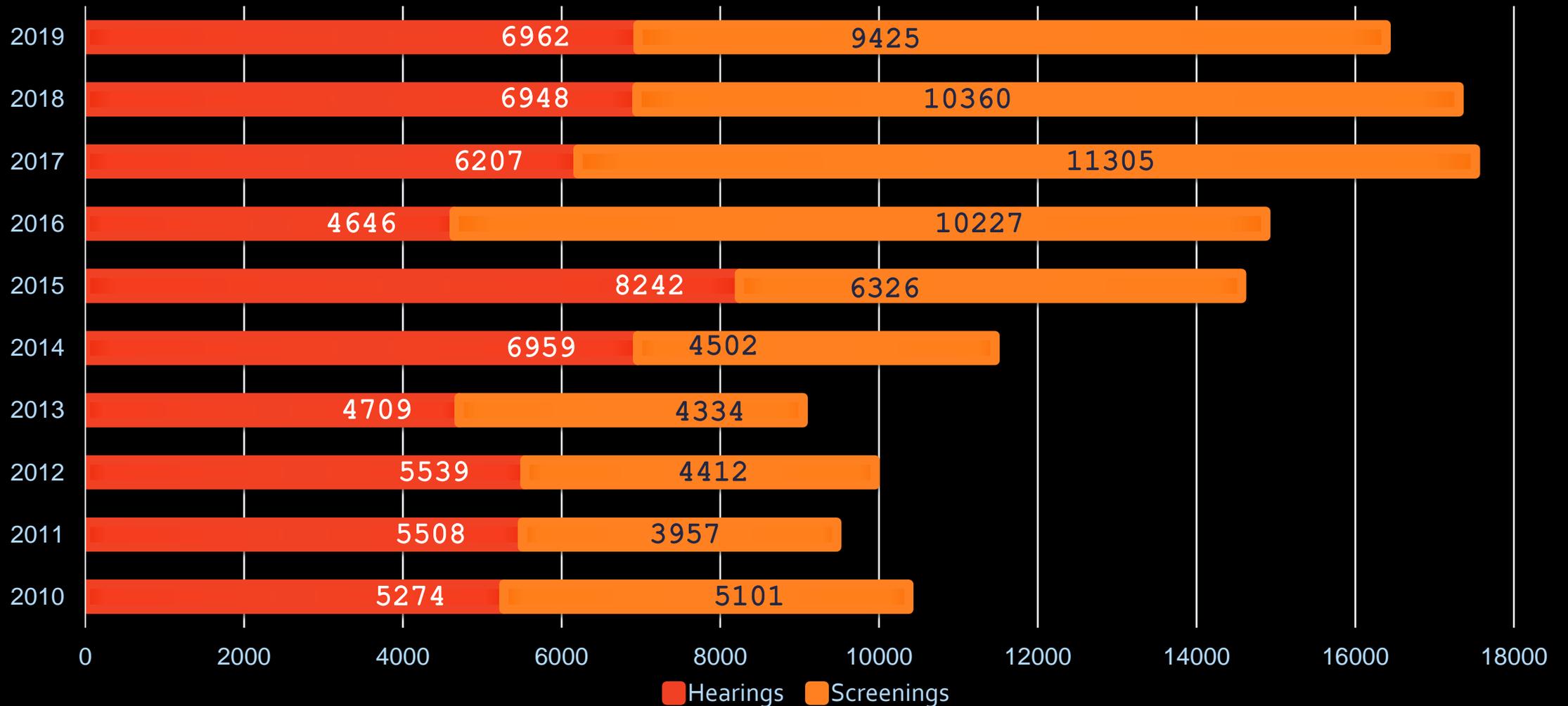


Area Office	Population	Area Office	Population
Fayetteville	2591	Little Rock	4113
Mountain Home	918	West Memphis	1024
Searcy	1982	Hot Springs	2045
Jonesboro	1348	Pine Bluff	2003
Fort Smith	2530	Texarkana	1729
Conway	1566	El Dorado	1151
Interstate Compact	1952		

Total Population: 24,952

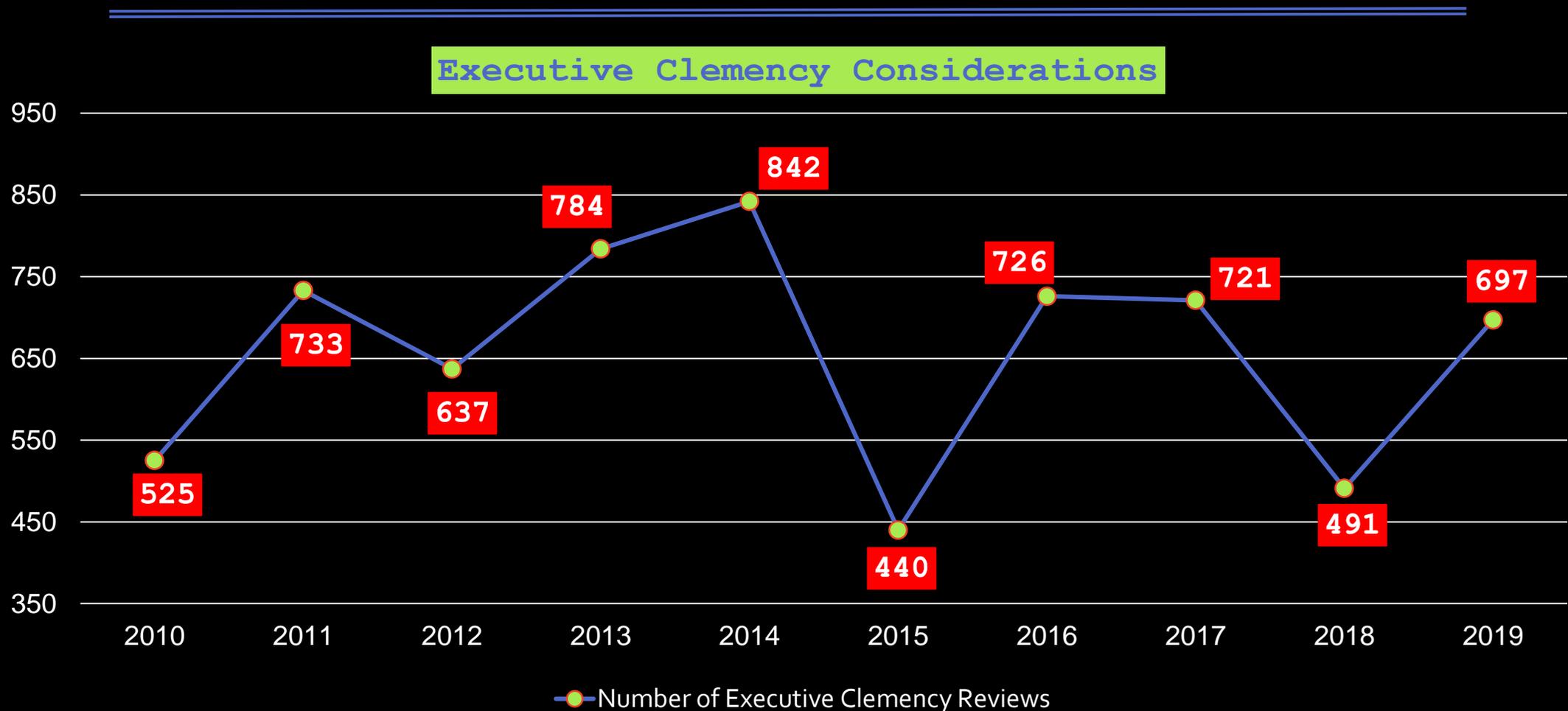
Parole Considerations

Hearings and Screenings



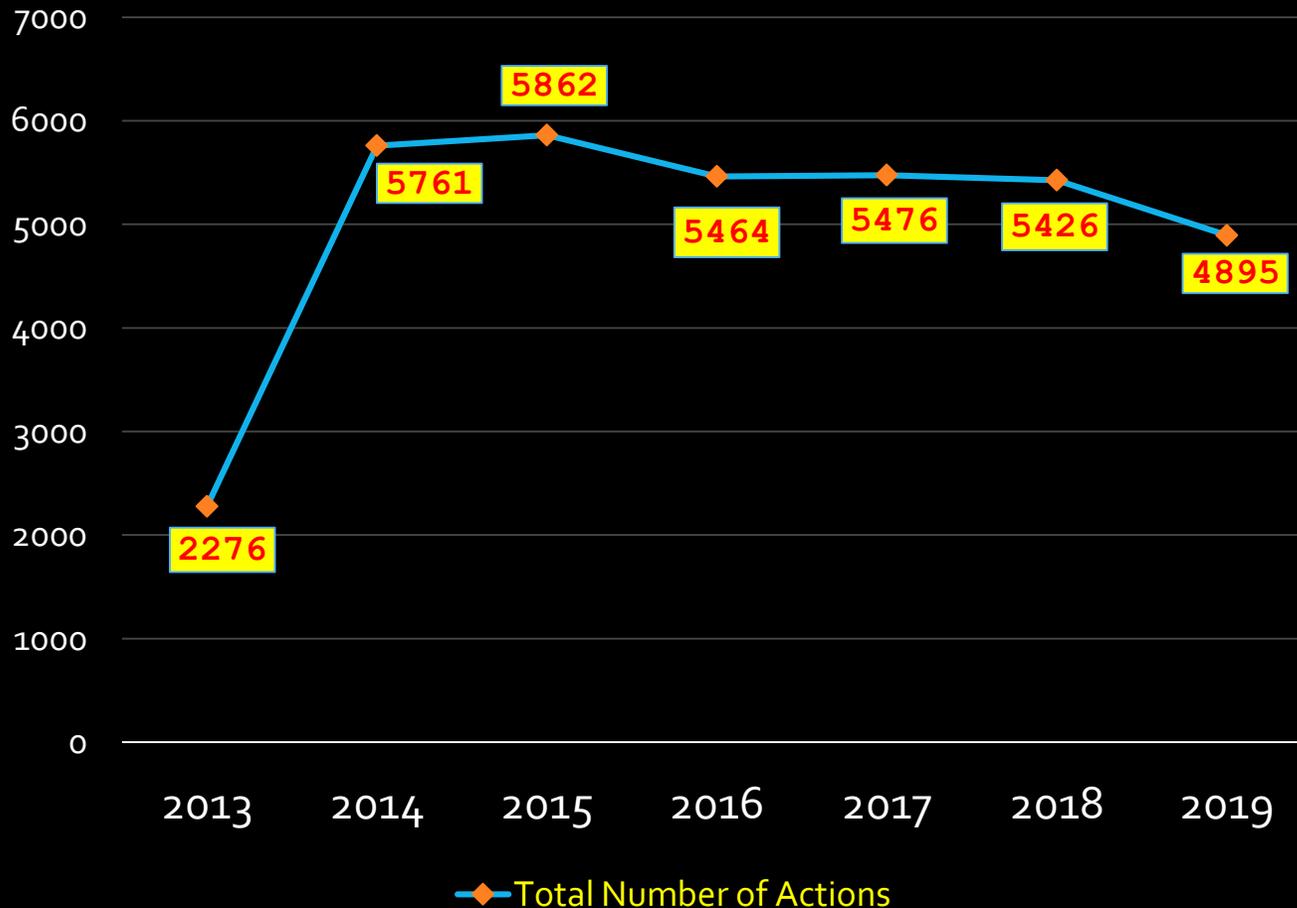
Executive Clemency Hearings and Screenings

FY10 through FY19



PAROLE REVOCATIONS

Parole Revocation Actions Year-End Totals



- **2583** revoked for ≥ 6 months
 - **564** WAIVERS (22%)
 - **944** ADMINISTRATIVE REVOCATIONS (37%)
 - **450** REVOKED AT HEARING (17%)
 - **625** REMOVED FROM 90 DAY STRP (24%)
- **2312** offenders successfully completed and were released from the STRP

Total Revocation Actions: **4895**

REVOCATION CONSIDERATION

OUTCOMES & VIOLATION TYPES

FINAL ACTION	VIOLATION TYPES				TOTAL ACTIONS	TOTAL REVOKED	
	Laws and Technical	Laws Only	No Violations Noted	Technical Only			
*Revoked	365	54	-	31	450	*450	
Deferred	11	5	15	1	32		
Reinstated	42	26	2	23	93		
**Administrative Revocation	-	944	-	-	944	1508	**1508
**Waived	473	46	-	45	564	1958 (Not inclusive of offenders sent to the go day STRP)	
TOTAL	891	1075	17	100	2083		

*Hearing Held

**No Hearing Required

REVOCATION OF PAROLE

Administrative, Hearings, and Waivers

FY19	Revoked ≥ 6 mos	Administrative Revocation	Total
JUL	100	55	155
AUG	107	82	189
SEP	99	80	179
OCT	102	71	173
NOV	85	74	159
DEC	70	64	134
JAN	98	90	188
FEB	70	43	113
MAR	69	105	174
APR	72	96	168
MAY	69	100	169
JUN	73	84	157
Total	1014	944	1958

- An Administrative Revocation occurs when a parolee receives a new sentence and commitment to the Arkansas Department of Correction or Community Correction. Administrative Revocations do not require a hearing.
- Every parolee alleged to have violated conditions of parole is given the opportunity to waive his/her hearing.
- Revocation hearings are conducted each week by Revocation Hearings Judges who must determine if the parolee has violated conditions of parole.

90 Day Short-Term Revocation Program

Hearings and Waivers

FY19	90 Day STRP Outcomes
JUL	276
AUG	279
SEP	189
OCT	203
NOV	181
DEC	202
JAN	252
FEB	253
MAR	289
APR	262
MAY	274
JUN	277
Total	2937

Eligibility Requirements

- Cannot have a pending charge involving an Act 1029 offense
- Cannot be under active supervision for a violent crime involving a firearm and alleged to have violated the conditions of parole by possessing a firearm
- Cannot be under active supervision for a 1029 offense
- Cannot have been incarcerated in the program within the last ninety (90) days

Short-Term Revocation Program Removals

Month	Removals
JUL	45
AUG	41
SEP	39
OCT	45
NOV	36
DEC	53
JAN	61
FEB	69
MAR	64
APR	56
MAY	74
JUN	42
FY19 Total	625

Reasons for Removal from the STRP

- Failure to obtain a home plan at the expiration of 90 days
- Failure to obtain good behavior while incarcerated in the 90 day program
- Receiving a new conviction and being sentenced to the Department of Correction

90 Day Short-Term Revocation Program

FY19	Number of Offenders
Parolees who waived or were sent to the Program by a Hearing Judge	2937
Removed for failure to adhere to eligibility requirements	625
Successfully Completed the Program	2312

79 % of parolees who entered the Short-Term Revocation Program adhered to the terms of the program and were released without revocation back to the ADC

Parole Revocation Warrants

VIOLATION REPORT REVIEWS

ACC parole supervision officers utilize violation reports to provide the information necessary for the Board to determine if a technical warrant should be issued. When a parolee has committed a violation that results in the submission of a violation report, a warrant is issued when the parolee's presence in the community, pending disposition of a Revocation Hearing, would present unreasonable risk to public or individual safety or when it is likely that the parolee will abscond.

Violation Report Reviews

Technical Warrant Requests and Outcomes

FY19	Issuance Deferred	Return to Supervision	Issue Warrant	Total Considerations
JUL	259	21	226	506
AUG	329	6	255	590
SEP	364	2	215	581
OCT	383	0	224	607
NOV	332	0	191	523
DEC	294	1	198	493
JAN	379	1	268	648
FEB	355	0	276	631
MAR	364	2	267	633
APR	392	1	289	682
MAY	382	1	251	634
JUN	349	0	259	608
Total	4182 59%	35 <0.01%	2919 41%	7136

Fiscal Year 2019 Revenue and Expenditures

Funding	
General Revenue	\$2,312,177
Federal Revenue	\$33,432
Total	\$2,345,609

Expenditures from General Revenue			
COMMITMENT ITEM	FUNDED	EXPENDED	BALANCE
Regular Salaries	\$1,483,926	\$1,401,255	\$82,671
Personal Services Matching	\$468,040	\$452,460	\$15,580
Maintenance & Operation	\$286,800	\$243,900	\$42,900
Conference & Travel	\$8,411	\$8,082	\$329
Professional Fees	\$98,432	\$63,432	\$35,000
TOTAL	\$2,345,609	\$2,169,129	\$176,480

