



Board Workshop / Discussion Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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December 2, 2025 - 1:30 p.m.

Courthouse Room 220

WORKSHOP

1. Project Bridge

[2025-456](#)

Sponsors: Community Corrections



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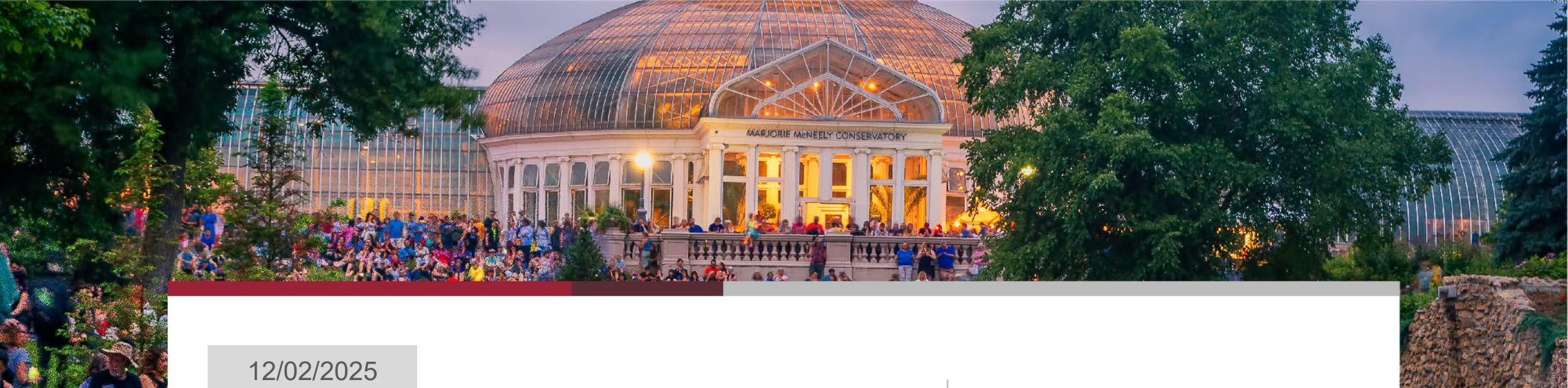
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Title

Project Bridge

Attachment

1. Presentation



12/02/2025

Project Bridge

A bridge to long-term appropriate and sustainable housing and increased services for individuals in the county's care and custody



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Community Corrections

Agenda

- I. Introductions and Presenters**
- II. History and Reason for Program**
- III. Opportunities for Project Bridge Residents**
- IV. Characteristics of Project Bridge Residents**
- V. What's Next? Project Bridge 2.0**
- IV. Questions and Discussion**

Introduction and Presenters

I. Introduction

- Nadir Abdi, Deputy County Manager, Health & Wellness Service Team
- Gloria Reyes, Deputy County Manager, Safety & Justice Service Team

II. Presenters

- Ashlee Bryant, Undersheriff – Detention Services, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office
- Michelle Dean, Correctional Health Manager, St. Paul - Ramsey County Public Health
- Tim Vasquez, Superintendent, Ramsey County Correctional Facility



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History and Reason for Program

Ramsey County Adult Facilities

	Adult Detention Center (ADC)	Ramsey County Correctional Facility (RCCF)
Type:	Pre-trial	Post-trial
Design:	Temporary; up to five to seven days Individual cells	Long-term; up to one year Dormitory style
Contact:	Following arrest until released by the court or sentenced	Following sentencing by the court
Population:	Generally, more unregulated, unmedicated, in need of services	Generally, more stable, regulated, and adjusted; had access to stabilization
Recreation:	Limited, small rooms, no outdoors	Open recreation rooms, outdoor space

About Project Bridge

- One Ramsey County: Collaborative Effort
 - Public Health – Correctional Health
 - Community Corrections
 - Ramsey County Sheriff's Office
- Residents First
 - Provide opportunities to residents awaiting sentencing
 - Address overcrowding at the Adult Detention Center (ADC)

Facility Standards and Mandates

- Established by state statute
- Rated / licensed for a maximum number of beds.
- Classification is based on behavior, offense, criminal history, special needs (i.e., mental health, medical, etc.), gender, and precautions.
- Proper classification preserves the safety and security of the facility.
- Classification can impact the number of individuals that can be safely housed in-custody.

How We Got Here: Ramsey County Correctional Facility (RCCF)

- Decreasing census at RCCF
 - 2019: average daily population of 263
 - 2025: average daily population of 95
- What drives the reduction?
 - More Community, Less Confinement
 - Reducing Revocations Challenge (RRC)
 - Community Alternatives Program (CAP)

How We Got Here: Adult Detention Center (ADC)

- Increasing census at ADC
- Unknown lengths of stay
- Increased opportunities for long-term residents

How We Got Here

- Project Bridge
 - Alleviate overcrowding at the Adult Detention Center (ADC)
 - Utilize available space at the Ramsey County Correctional Facility (RCCF)
 - Collaboration between County leadership
 - One Ramsey County: Ramsey County Sheriff's Office and Ramsey County Community Corrections partnership for improved resident outcomes

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Opportunities for Project Bridge Residents



Opportunities for Project Bridge Residents

- Movement and sunlight
- No cost phone calls
- No cost video visits
- Learning Center
- Transition services
- Educational programming
- Cultural programming
- Jobs within the facility
- Financial incentives

Participation in Programming

In 2025, 77% of Project Bridge residents participated in at least one of the following programs at the Ramsey County Correctional Facility:



62% participated in
Cultural/Educational Programming



24% participated in
Transition Services Programming



3% participated in
Learning Center Programs



39% participated in
Work Crews

Collaboration with Correctional Health

- Medical Clearance and Intake
- Daily Suboxone Clinic
- Dental Services
- Mental and Chemical Health Services
 - Correctional Health
 - Ramsey County Correctional Facility Staff
- Discharge Planning for Continued Healthcare

Mental Health Services

- Offered by Correctional Health, Correctional Facility staff and contracted service providers
- Available by request or by referral
- Psychiatric care
- Chemical dependency assessment
- Mental health care
- Continued care following release

Participation in Correctional Health Services at the Ramsey County Correctional Facility (RCCF)



72% of Project Bridge residents received mental health services



36% of Project Bridge residents participated in the Chemical Health Groups at RCCF



11% of Project Bridge residents have received medication assisted therapy

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Characteristics of Project Bridge Residents

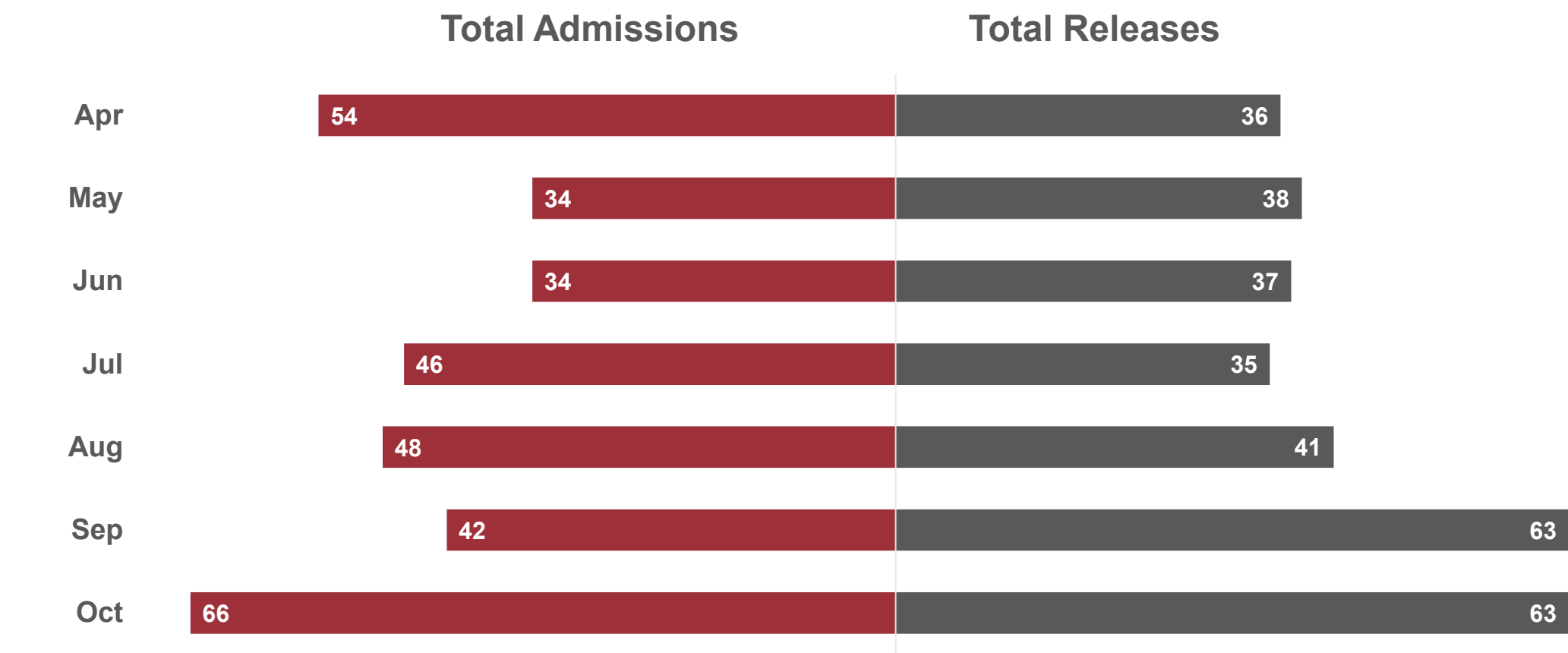


Project Bridge Residents

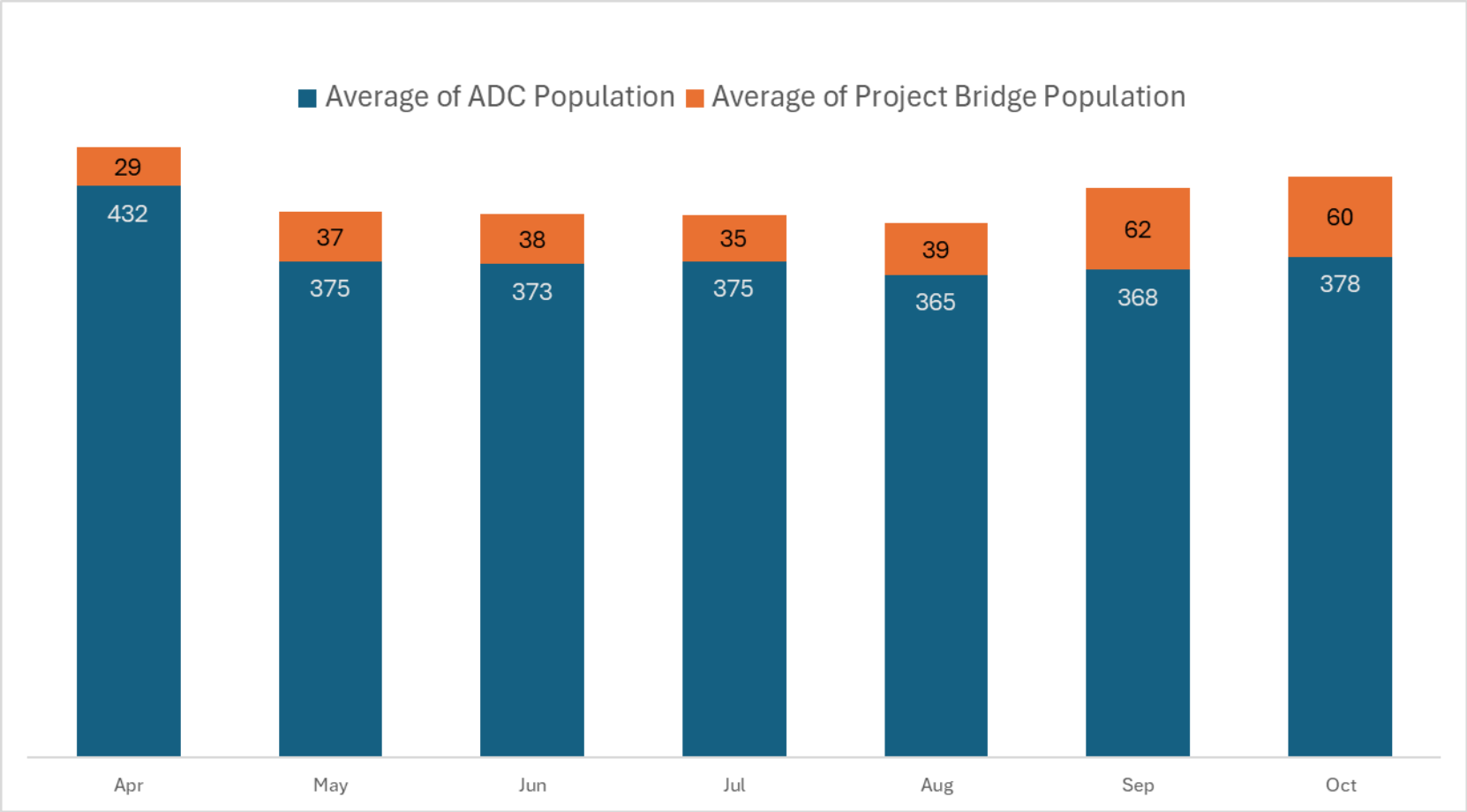
- Identifying participants
 - Behavior
 - Court dates
 - Withdrawal management needs
 - Willingness to participate in programming
- April: 30 males and 10 females
- September: 60 males and 10 females
- 322 total Project Bridge admissions (April 9 – November 1)

Admissions & Releases of Project Bridge Residents

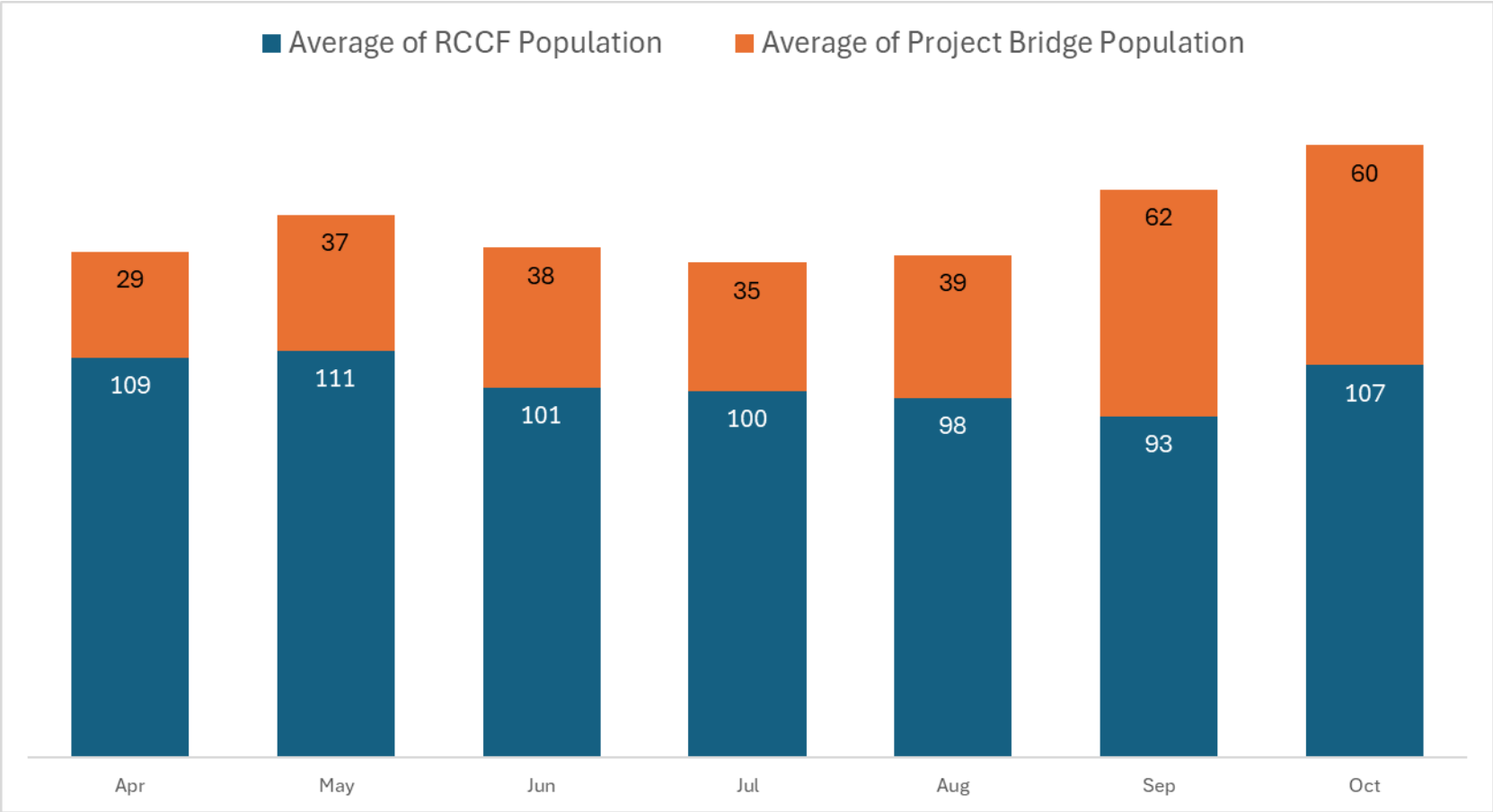
From the start of the program through November 1, 2025, there have been 322 admissions and 266 releases at the Ramsey County Correctional Facility for Project Bridge residents.



Average Daily Population: Adult Detention Center (ADC) and Project Bridge

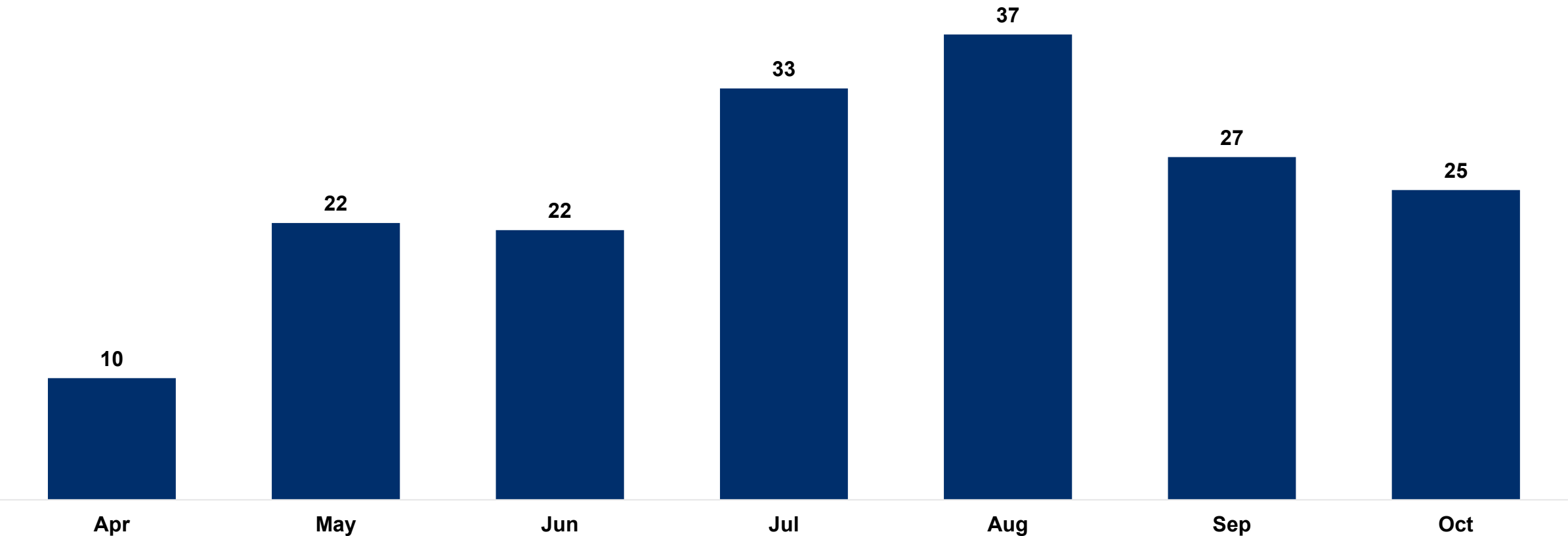


Average Daily Population: Ramsey County Correctional Facility (RCCF) and Project Bridge



Average Length of Stay (in Days): Project Bridge Residents

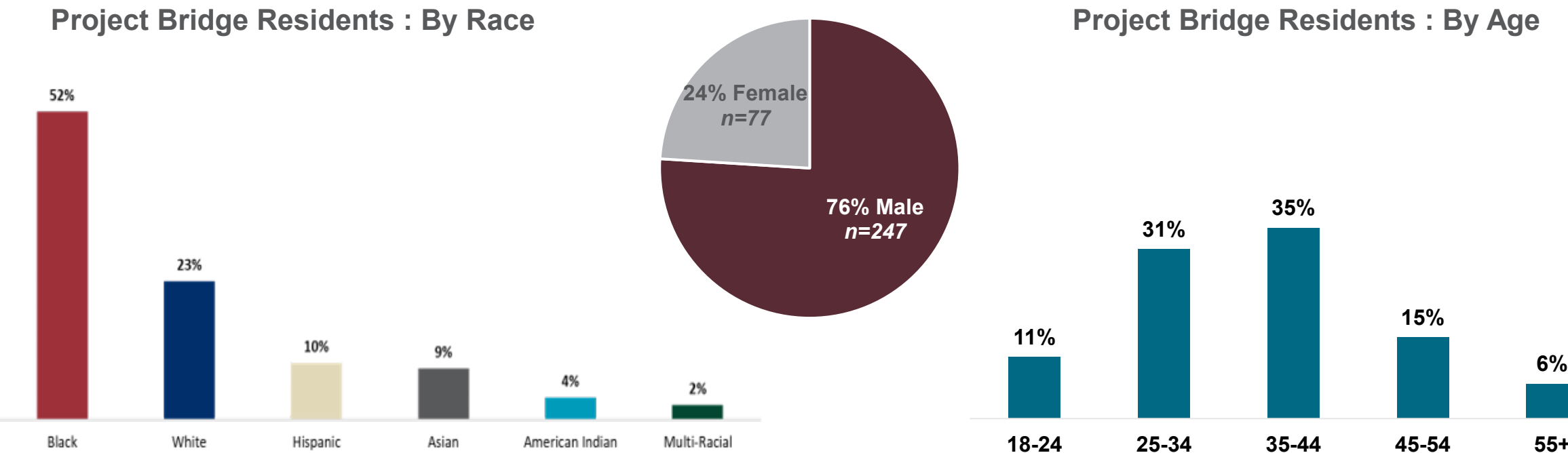
Most average lengths of stays for Project Bridge residents in 2025 were between three to five (3-5) weeks.



Project Bridge Residents Population Demographics

The majority of Project Bridge residents were males between 25 and 44 years old. Project Bridge residents who identified as Black made up 52% of the Project Bridge residents.

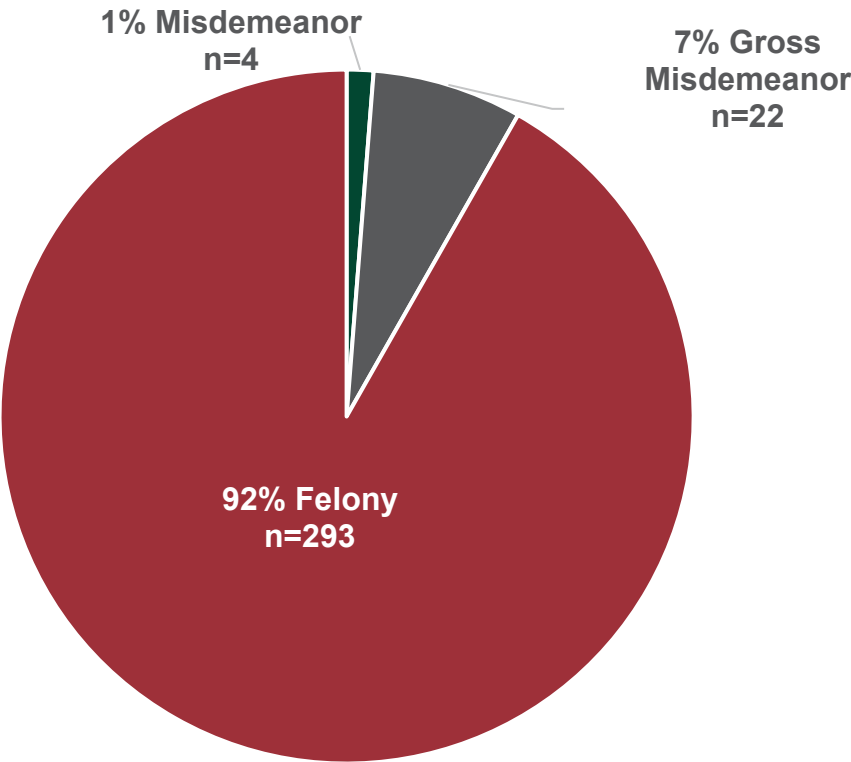
Project Bridge Residents : By Gender



Offense Level: Project Bridge Residents

Most Project Bridge residents were incarcerated for **felony level offenses**.

The most serious offenses were **person/violent crimes**.



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What's Next? Project Bridge 2.0



Project Bridge 2.0: Goals

- County partnerships
- National Commission on Correctional Health Care
- Minnesota Reinvestment and Rehabilitation Act credit
- Cognitive behavioral programming
- Enhanced incentive program
- Clients awaiting transfer to treatment

Project Bridge 2.0: Challenges - Adult Detention Center (ADC)

- Population continues to increase
- Higher percentage of individuals in custody with increasing chemical health and behavioral needs at the ADC
- Population size impacted by multiple decision makers
- Identifying appropriate participants
- Staffing issues continue

Project Bridge 2.0: Challenges - Ramsey County Correctional Facility

- Resources needed for expansion of program:
 - Renovations
 - Increased staffing
 - Increased programming
- Higher costs for higher census:
 - Custody staff, mental health staff, correctional health staff
 - Food
 - Medical supplies



Questions & Discussion