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# DeQuincy City Jail

## Introduction

DeQuincy, Louisiana, is the northernmost city incorporated within Calcasieu Parish.[1] The city extends into Beauregard Parish and is surrounded by pine and hardwood forests.[2] The city of DeQuincy is 3.2 square miles with a population of 2,931.[3] According to the 2024 census, 16.5% of the population lives below the poverty line, and 5.9% of the population has a bachelor's degree or higher.[4] Additionally, the city's population is 83% White and 14% Black.[5] DeQuincy described itself as a place to escape the hustle and bustle of big city life.[6] Known as a former railroad town, the city is still heavily influenced by the railroad industry.[7] The DeQuincy City jail is operated by the DeQuincy Police Department and is under the supervision of Chief of Police AnnaJo Haynes.[8]

## Jail Characteristics

The DeQuincy Detention Center is a short-term municipal facility operated by the DeQuincy Police Department, located at 101 S. Pine Street, DeQuincy, LA 70633. It solely holds people who have been arrested for booking, sobriety checks, or until their first appearance. The space is not designed for long stays and is limited.[9]

Official public-facing size or capacity data for DeQuincy City Jail are not published on their website or in any articles, as it is used for temporary detention rather than long-term holding. According to a monthly audit from October 29, 2010, from the Louisiana Department of Corrections, the DeQuincy City Jail had a capacity of 20 people; however, that information is dated and was not confirmed anywhere else.

After intake, most people are moved to parish custody. [10]As DeQuincy City jail is only a holding facility, people who are detained are most commonly transferred to the Calcasieu Parish

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[1] About DeQuincy, Louisiana. *City of DeQuincy, Louisiana.* (2025, January 2). https://dequincy.org/about-dequincy/#:~:text=DeQuincy%2C%20Louisiana%20is%20located%20in%20the%20northern,proclamation%20recognizing%20DeQuincy%20as%20an%20incorporated%20village

[2] *Id.*

[3] Census profile: Dequincy, LA. *Census Reporter.* (n.d.). https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US2220575-dequincy-la/#:~:text=2%2C931%20Population,2024%205%2Dyear%20unless%20noted

[4] *Id.*

[5] *Id.*

[6] About DeQuincy, Louisiana. *City of DeQuincy, Louisiana.* (2025, January 2). https://dequincy.org/about-dequincy/#:~:text=DeQuincy%2C%20Louisiana%20is%20located%20in%20the%20northern,proclamation%20recognizing%20DeQuincy%20as%20an%20incorporated%20village

[7] *Id.*

[8] *Id.*

[9] DeQuincy Jail, LA Inmate Roster, Municipal Jail Info. (n.d.). https://dequincycityjailla.org

[10] *Id.*

Correction Center located at 5410 E. Broad St., Lake Charles, LA 70615, managed by the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office.[11]

Specific, up-to-date population demographics for the DeQuincy City Jail are not publicly available. Information is supposed to be available on the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement website at https://lcle.la.gov/programs/lavine/lavine_rosters/. From there, you scroll down under Municipal Jails, and the Roster URL is listed as DeQuincy.LAVINE.org; however, when you click the link, it says "This site can't be reached." On a website called DeQuincy City Jail roster https://dequincycityjail.org/inmate-search/, which is not owned or operated by any state government agency, there is 3rd party search engine for people to look up their friends and family, and a link to Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office Jail Roster, as many people from DeQuincy are soon transferred there http://www.calcasieu.lavns.org/. The DeQuincy City Jail Facility does not host regular public visits due to its function of being short-term, and short stays also generally prevent mail delivery.[12] The official DeQuincy Police Department page https://dequincy.org/police-department/ is located as a sub-tab on the DeQuincy City Hall Website and only provides location information and pictures of the leadership, along with their roles- no other information is provided.

As far as the budget and financing are concerned, the most current Annual Financial Report for the City of DeQuincy was issued August 6, 2024, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022.[13] For their public safety special revenue fund, they had a reported revenue of $1,013,444 with a total expenditure reported of $2,169,384.[14] Financing is largely supported by a sales tax, followed by fines and forfeits, grants, and a miscellaneous category.[15] They also reported other financing sources used, reporting a total of $1,270,142, mainly from operating transfers in and $1800 of sales from fixed assets.[16] Finally, $411,308 was reported as being a restricted fund balance for public safety, representing funds set aside for purposes of public safety. [17] From the data, we know the jail funding is not separate; it is embedded in the public safety fund. Additionally, the financing relies heavily on sales tax and internal transfers to support public safety operations.

## Public Records Request and Inmate Mortality

On the DeQuincy City Police/ City Hall website, there is a listed contact email as contact@dequincy.org; however, when I emailed that address, I got an error message that the address could not be found or is unable to receive mail. I found an email listed on the website for Lauren Laundry, City Clerk of Court, lauren@dequincy.org, and received no response. I called

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[11] *Id.*
[12] DeQuincy Jail, *LA Inmate Roster,* Municipal Jail Info. (n.d.). https://dequincycityjailla.org
[13] City of DeQuincy*, Louisiana*, Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022 (Aug. 6, 2024), at 1, https://app.lla.la.gov/publicreports.nsf/0/917538e7f3458cf286258b860078c412/$file/00005cee.pdf
[14] *Id.* at 49
[15] *Id.*
[16] *Id.*
[17] *See Id.* at 6, 49

DeQuincy City Hall at the number listed on their website, 337-786-8211, who gave me the new City Clerk's Sherri Breaux email addresssbreaux@dequincy.org and Police Chief AnnaJo Haynes ' direct email at ahaynes@dequincy.org. I received a document directly from Chief Haynes confirming there was one death reported during transportation from jail to the local hospital, but it wasn't until further communication and over a month later that I finally received several redacted records from Joy Rabalais, an attorney in Lafayette (free of charge).

Based on the Public Records provided from the facility, from January 1, 2020, to March 19, 2026, there has been one death reported of a man who died while in custody at DeQuincy City Jail.

On July 29, 2025, a 37-year-old Clifton Dale Boudreaux of DeQuincy was arrested after police responded to a possible home invasion.[18] The police said Boudreaux appeared to be actively attempting to break into the home. Police Chief AnnaJo Haynes reported that Boudreaux resisted arrest and kicked and punched the officer, so another officer tased him and placed him in a unit to take him to the DeQuincy City Police Department.[19] Chief Haynes reported that once Boudreaux was awaiting booking in a holding room, he jumped up and down and then fell to the floor, and then lay motionless. Officers called an ambulance while another performed CPR, and Boudreaux was taken to Cal-Cam Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. [20]

## Jail Leadership

At DeQuincy City Jail, daily operations fall under the Chief of Police AnnaJo Haynes and city leadership. AnnaJo Haynes was appointed by Mayor Smith as Chief of Police in June, 2024. As of April 2026, she has been in this role for nearly two years[21]. She was appointed as the first female Chief of Police for the city and Calcasieu Parish. The DeQuincy News posted on Facebook on January 15 2025, that in the first year of Chief Haynes' position, crime decreased in the city however, the primary data supporting this claim was not publicly available.[22] She graduated from the Louisiana State Probation and Patrol Academy in 2008. As a Probation Agent, she was noted as not being fearful, and the parolees respected her. In January 2020, she came to work at the DeQuincy Police Department as a patrol officer, and in February 2022, the staff recommended she be promoted to Patrol Sergeant and was later promoted to Assistant Chief of Police. City Council reported that the announcement of Haynes as Police Chief was well received by those in attendance at that meeting.[23] Before Haynes was appointed Chief of Police,

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[18] KPLC Digital Team, *Authorities Identify Suspect Who Died in Custody of DeQuincy Police*, KPLC (Aug. 6, 2025), https://www.kplctv.com/2025/08/06/authorities-identify-suspect-who-died-custody-dequincy-police

[19] *Id.*

[20] *Id.*

[21] DeQuincy News, (2024, June 15). *Haynes appointed chief; First Female police chief in City, parish*. The DeQuincy News. https://www.dequincynews.com/2024/06/15/haynes-appointed-chief-first-female-police-chief-in-city-parish/#:~:text=Haynes%20appointed%20Chief;%20first%20female,city%2C%20parish%20%E2%80%93%20The%20DeQuincy%20News

[22] See DeQuincy News, *Annual Report: Chief Annajo Haynes reports that in the year 2024 the DQPD answered …, Facebook* (Jan. 15, 2025), https://www.facebook.com/dequincynews/posts/annual-report-chief-annajo-haynes-reports-that-in-the-year-2024-the-dqpd-answere/1420725989044914

she stated she wanted to continue working in DeQuincy and keep it one of the safest cities in Louisiana.

## Jail News Coverage and Transparency

The Death in Custody at DeQuincy City Jail of Dale Boudreaux was covered on television and published in an article on & 7 News KPLC, which is a television station in Lake Charles, LA, affiliated with NBC and CW Plus.[24] DeQuincy Police Chief AnnaJo Haynes provided an official narrative in the custody death case involving Clifton Dale Boudreaux to the press. The DeQuincy website provides little to no transparency, and when I finally got in contact with Chief Haynes, she confirmed the death in custody but did not take any accountability and instead said that an inmate who was transported to a local hospital from the jail passed away at the hospital. She did not provide any records relating to the death; it was just an official document confirming there was one death of a person in their custody who passed away at the hospital. It was not until almost a month later that the records were sent by attorney Joy Rabalais, and I was able to see the redacted records regarding the case. Boudreaux was a white man, age 37, and drugs were reported to be involved. On the Use of taser report, it was reported that Boudreaux was under the influence of Methamphetamine and that the taser darts penetrated the subject's skin at a target distance of 15 feet. The report says the reason for deployment was the subject trying to punch and kick an officer and trying to flee. No coroner's report was provided by the attorney.

In the article published by 7 News KPLC, it said the Calcasieu Parish Coroner's Office was currently working to determine Boudreaux's cause of death and that more information will be released once the coroner's investigation is finished, according to the attorney. As of today, there is still no completed autopsy report in the public domain, and the coroner's report was not included in my public records request despite having asked for all available documents regarding the death in custody. While Police Chief Haynes provided an official narrative to the public that matched the PRA reports, the lack of a coroner's report provided to the news and within our PRA request is concerning. Chief Haynes also framed the death in a way that leaves no real accountability to the DeQuincy Police in any way. This is the only notable case found about the jail in the last 5 years.

Overall, there is extremely limited information regarding DeQuincy City Jail. The website is outdated and contains no substantive information about the facility's operation. There is baseline structural transparency with the address and phone number listed, but the email address where it tells people to "contact us" is out of service. There is no clearly documented inmate locator and instead, people must rely on broader Calcasieu Parish Systems or by calling the jail directly. There are no demographics listed of detainees, capacity booking trends, or

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[23] *Id.*

[24] KPLC Digital Team, *Authorities Identify Suspect Who Died in Custody detainees, capacity booking trends, or length-of-stay data, Custody of DeQuincy Police*, KPLC (Aug. 6, 2025), h,ttps://www.kplctv.com/2025/08/06/authorities-identify-suspect-who-died-custody-dequincy-police

length of stay data other than the general notion that space is limited and not designed for long stays.

The only evidence of oversight is through internal oversight by the City of DeQuincy, City Council. and Police Chief. Additionally, we have found State Financial oversight through the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's financial audit. The City of Dequincy performed the audit with Governmental Auditing Standards. The City Council provides access to the website that is limited in scope and correctness and the City Council reported that Chief Haynes, as the first female police Chief, was well received by people in attendance. The only external state-level financial accountability was through the Louisiana Legislative financial audit. However, within the audit, there was no specific section for the DeQuincy Police or Jail; it was listed as the cost of "public safety" in its entirety. The DeQuincy City Jail salaries are publicly reported in aggregate, and because Chief Haynes position is municipal rather than Parish or State, her salary is not publicly available. Overall, there is a lack of salary transparency at the individual executive level and based on the public safety reports aggregated in the audit, there is no way to tell what is specifically being spent by the DeQuincy City Jail. The Louisiana Department of Corrections does not have oversight in DeQuincy City Jail because it is a local jail.