

Webster Parish Jail: Oversight & Transparency Analysis



Transparency Deficiencies

- 01 No response to Louisiana Public Records Act request
- 02 5 deaths in custody (2015-2019) with inconsistent reporting
- 03 No publicly available demographic or population data
- 04 Minimal operational reporting by Sheriff's Office



Limited Oversight



Webster Parish Jail operates with minimal external scrutiny. Only two inspections are publicly accessible: a 2023 BJG inspection (passed) and a 2019 PREA audit (compliant only after corrective action was required).

Key Findings:

PREA audit revealed inadequate staff training, female housing overcrowding, and limited mental health services
No national accreditation; only Louisiana state accreditation maintained
Statewide litigation (United States v. Louisiana, 2024) highlights systemic issues of holding individuals past release dates

Constitutional Concerns



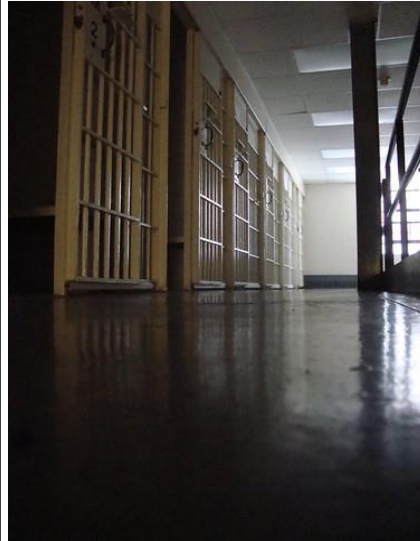
Key constitutional issues affecting pretrial detainees:

- 01 14th Amendment protections for pretrial detainees (Kingsley v. Hendrickson)
- 02 Lack of transparency impedes constitutional compliance assessment
- 03 Absence of litigation reflects rural legal access barriers, not compliance

Louisiana's per diem system incentivizes longer detention without accountability mechanisms.



Facility Overview

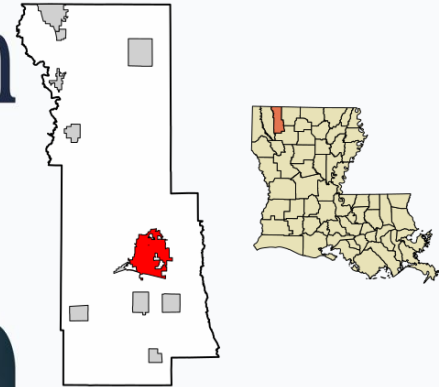


Key facility characteristics and leadership structure:

- 01 Capacity ~150 individuals, rural NW Louisiana
- 02 Sheriff Jason Parker (2020), Warden Scott Tucker (2024)
- 03 2026 Budget: \$1,549,300

Rural jurisdiction with limited resources and oversight mechanisms.

Conclusion



Oversight at Webster Parish Jail is fragmented and insufficient. Failures in public record access, incomplete mortality data, and lack of demographic transparency raise serious statutory and constitutional concerns. The absence of litigation reflects structural accountability barriers in rural jurisdictions rather than evidence of compliance.