



**State Board of Local and Regional Jails
Calendar Year 2025
Annual Report on Audits and Inspections**

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PURPOSE

The State Board of Local and Regional Jails (BLRJ) is statutorily obligated to annually report to the General Assembly and the Governor on the results of jail audits and inspections.

Code of Virginia (COV) §53.1-5. Powers and duties of the Board (8.)

To report annually on or before December 1 to the General Assembly and the Governor on the results of the inspections and audits of local, regional, or community correctional facilities conducted pursuant to § 53.1-68 COV. The report shall include (i) a summary of the results of such inspections and audits, including any trends identified by such inspections and audits and the frequency of violations of each standard established for local, regional, or community correctional facilities, and (ii) any recommendations for changes to the standards established for local, regional, or community correctional facilities to improve the operations, safety, and security of local, regional, or community correctional facilities.

DATA SOURCES

Sources for this report include jail records, annual inspections, and triennial audits conducted by BLRJ staff. The findings and data presented reflect inspections, audits, and compliance activities that occurred during January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025. It should also be noted that ongoing corrective actions, follow-up reviews, and compliance verification activities taking place after December 31, 2025, are not reflected in this report.

JAIL AUDITS & INSPECTIONS

BLRJ compliance staff conduct annual inspections and audits of local and regional jails, lockups and federal detention centers to evaluate compliance with [Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups](#) (6VAC15-40) of the Virginia Administrative Code (VAC). Each facility is subject to at least one compliance review annually via an annual inspection or triennial compliance audit.

The annual inspection is primarily focused on 43 life, health, and safety standards that are critical to the safe operation of the jail and assess compliance in areas such as fire safety, sanitation, security, medical services, and environmental conditions. Inspections take place annually unless there is a scheduled triennial audit taking place within that same year.

Compliance audits provide a more comprehensive review of facility operations and evaluate compliance with all 150 minimum standards. Audits are conducted on a rotating three-year cycle, ensuring that each facility's compliance with the full range of standards is assessed over time.

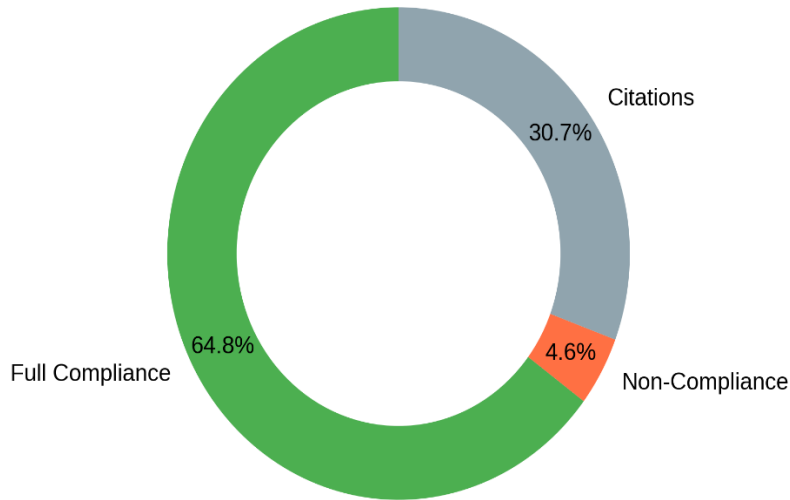
When a deficiency or citation is identified during an inspection or audit, the facility is required to develop and implement corrective action to address the issue. Compliance staff monitor corrective action efforts and may conduct follow-up inspections or site visits to verify implementation and sustained compliance. Additional inspections may also be conducted at the direction of the Board or in response to corrective action plan compliance.

In accordance with the definitions of [COV §53.1-1](#), Caroline Detention Facility and Farmville Detention Center are included in this report for reference. As a part of this process, these locations are reviewed for only the sanitation standards and not the full BLRJ standards outlined within 6VAC15-40.

CY25 Audit and Inspection Results

In CY25, BLRJ completed 29 audits and 59 inspections, at 82 local and regional jails, lockups and federal detention centers.

Figure 1: Percentage of jails that were in full compliance, non-compliance and cited.



- 57 audits/inspections resulted in full compliance.
- 27 audits/inspections resulted in citation of a minimum standard(s).
- 4 audits/inspections resulted in non-compliance.
- 7 jails were non-operational in CY25:
 - Essex County Lockup (May 21, 2025)
 - Highland County Lockup (May 21, 2025) – **Inspected Prior**
 - Meherrin River Regional Jail-Boydton (January 8, 2021)
 - Mount Vernon Lockup (March 27, 2020)
 - Portsmouth City Jail & Annex (May 26, 2024)
 - Surry County Lockup (November 19, 2025) – **Audited Prior**
 - Virginia Beach Lockup #3 (March 19, 2025)
- CY25 audits and inspections citations are listed below and the entire Minimum Standards for Jails and Lockups may be found at <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title6/agency15/chapter40/>.

CY25 6VAC15-40 Citations

- 370 Receiving and medical screening of inmates (1)
- 390 Training and competency of staff (1)
- 393 Universal precautions (2)
- 395 Management of sharps (2)
- 400 Management of pharmaceuticals (2)
- 440 Medical care provided by personnel other than physician (2)
- 450 Suicide prevention and intervention plan (2)
- 540 Standards for food service equipment and personnel (4)
- 545 Standards for inmate food service workers (6)**
- 940 Culinary items (1)
- 945 Tools (1)
- 950 Flammable, toxic and caustic materials (1)
- 1045 Supervision of inmates (2)
- 1080 Emergency plans and fire drills (3)
- 1100 Fire safety inspections (2)
- 1140 Cleanliness (2)
- 1160 Appropriate lighting and heating (2)
- 1170 Water utilities (2)
- 1380 Fire safety inspections (3)

CY25 Total Citations: 41

ACTIONS AVAILABLE TO JAILS

When citations are documented during inspections and audits, jails are required to promptly implement corrective action. BLRJ compliance staff verifies corrective action implementation, effectiveness, and completion. Examples of corrective action available for jails to address documented citations include:

- Reviewing emergency medical policies for the jail and medical provider to enhance the continuity of care;
- Additional training for staff, e.g., formal re-training of staff regarding supervision of inmates;
- Accountability of staff and administration, e.g., deputies/officers/medical staff were terminated for violating policy and procedures;
- Featuring the importance of following jail policy and procedure during supervisory/officer meetings;
- Adding automated systems to track security rounds, sharps and narcotics;
- Enhancing medical care, e.g., additional medical staff;
- Changing health care contracted providers;
- Continuous Quality Improvement Program in health care services;
- Incorporating internal audits by supervisory and administrative staff to ensure compliance with regulations; and
- Ensuring Virginia Department of Health and Fire Marshal inspections are properly scheduled.

CY25 AUDITS & INSPECTIONS FINDINGS

JAIL	TYPE	MONTH	FINDINGS
ACCOMACK COUNTY JAIL	Inspection	December	440 (Corrected)
ALBEMARLE/CHARLOTTESVILLE REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	April	Compliant
ALEXANDRIA ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Audit	September	Compliant
ALLEGHANY REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	May	945 (Corrected)
ARLINGTON COUNTY ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Audit/ Inspection	August/ November	545 (Non-Compliant)
BLACKSTONE TOWN LOCKUP	Audit	August	1380 (Corrected)
BOTETOURT-CRAIG REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	August	Compliant
BRRJA – AMHERST ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	September	545 (Corrected)
BRRJA – BEDFORD ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	August	540 (Corrected)
BRRJA – CAMPBELL ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	August	Compliant
BRRJA – HALIFAX ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	August	Compliant
BRRJA – LYNCHBURG ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Audit/ Inspection	May/ June	395, 1100 (Corrected)
CAROLINE FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	November	Compliant
CARROLL COUNTY LOCKUP	Inspection	June	Compliant
CENTRAL VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	May	Compliant
CHARLOTTE COUNTY JAIL	Audit/ Inspection	January/ March	540 (Corrected)
CHESAPEAKE CITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER	Inspection	August	395 (Corrected)
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY JAIL	Inspection	January	Compliant
CULPEPER COUNTY ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Audit/ Inspection	March/ June	540 (Corrected)
DANVILLE CITY JAIL	Audit	June	Compliant
DANVILLE CITY ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Audit	April	Compliant
DINWIDDIE COUNTY LOCKUP	Inspection	January	Compliant
EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	December	Compliant
FAIRFAX COUNTY ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Audit/ Inspection	September/ November	395,450,1080,545 (Corrected)
FARMVILLE FEDERAL DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	August	1140,1160,1170 (Non-Compliant)
FAUQUIER COUNTY ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Audit	June	Compliant
FLOYD COUNTY LOCKUP	Inspection	September	Compliant
FLUVANNA COUNTY LOCKUP	Inspection	February	1380 (Corrected)
FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL	Inspection	May	940, 950 (Corrected)
GALAX CITY LOCKUP	Audit	April	Compliant

GLOUCESTER COUNTY JAIL	Inspection	April	Compliant
GRAYSON COUNTY LOCKUP	Inspection	April	Compliant
GREENE COUNTY LOCKUP	Audit	February	Compliant
HAMPTON CITY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	Inspection	September	1045,1080 (Corrected)
HENRICO COUNTY REGIONAL JAIL EAST	Inspection	July	Compliant
HENRICO COUNTY REGIONAL JAIL WEST	Inspection	July	Compliant
HENRY COUNTY ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	July	Compliant
HIGHLAND COUNTY LOCKUP*	Inspection	March	Compliant
LANCASTER COUNTY JAIL	Inspection	April	Compliant
LOUDOUN COUNTY ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	March	Compliant
LOUISA COUNTY LOCKUP	Inspection	February	1380 (Corrected)
MADISON COUNTY LOCKUP	Inspection	March	Compliant
MARTINSVILLE CITY & ANNEX	Inspection	November	Compliant
MEHERRIN RIVER REGIONAL JAIL - ALBERTA	Audit	July	Compliant
MIDDLE PENINSULA REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	February	Compliant
MIDDLE RIVER REGIONAL. JAIL	Audit	April	Compliant
MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL	Inspection	September	Compliant
NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	January	Compliant
NEWPORT NEWS CITY JAIL & ANNEX	Inspection	October	Compliant
NORFOLK CITY JAIL	Audit	July	Compliant
NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	March	400,545 (Corrected)
NORTHERN NECK REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	March	Compliant
PAGE COUNTY JAIL	Inspection	May	Compliant
PAMUNKEY REGIONAL JAIL	Audit	October	Compliant
PATRICK COUNTY JAIL	Inspection	July	400,440 (Corrected)
PIEDMONT REGIONAL JAIL	Audit	August	Compliant
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY JAIL	Inspection	July	Compliant
PORTSMOUTH CITY JAIL (ELMHURST LANE)	Audit	December	393,450,1080,1140,1160,1170 (Non-Compliant)
PRINCE WILLIAM/MANASSAS REGIONAL ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Audit	March	Compliant
RAPPAHANNOCK REGIONAL JAIL	Audit/ Inspection	June/ November	540 (Corrected)
RICHMOND CITY JUSTICE CENTER	Inspection	August	1045 (Corrected)
RIVERSIDE REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	September	Compliant
ROANOKE CITY ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	October	Compliant
ROANOKE COUNTY-SALEM JAIL	Inspection	July	Compliant
ROCKBRIDGE REGIONAL JAIL	Audit	February	Compliant
ROCKINGHAM/HARRISONBURG REGIONAL JAIL	Audit	September	Compliant

RSW REGIONAL JAIL (Rappahannock, Shenandoah, Warren Counties)	Audit	February	Compliant
SMITHFIELD LOCK-UP	Audit	August	Compliant
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY & ANNEX	Inspection	February	Compliant
SOUTHSIDE REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	January	Compliant
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY (SWVRJA)-ABINGDON ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	April	370, 545 (Corrected)
SWVRJA-DUFFIELD ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	April	Compliant
SWVRJA-HAYSI ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Inspection	March	Compliant
SWVRJA-TAZEWELL ADULT DETENTION CENTER	Audit	April	Compliant
SURRY COUNTY LOCKUP*	Audit	September	1380 (Corrected)
SUSSEX COUNTY JAIL	Inspection	March	1100 (Corrected)
VIRGINIA BEACH CORRECTIONAL CENTER	Audit	October	Compliant
VIRGINIA BEACH LOCKUP #2	Audit	October	Compliant
VIRGINIA PENINSULA REGIONAL JAIL	Audit	January	Compliant
WESTERN TIDEWATER REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	June	390 (Corrected)
WESTERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL	Inspection	July	Compliant
WYTHE COUNTY LOCKUP	Inspection	March	Compliant

*** Indicates lockup inspected/audited prior to decommission**

RECOMMENDATIONS & CONCLUSION

Context & Ongoing Work

BLRJ is responsible for establishing and maintaining operational and fiscal standards governing local and regional jails. Findings from audits and inspections continue to drive recommendations for updates to these standards.

The periodic review of 6VAC15-40 remains ongoing and BLRJ anticipates continuing this work through CY26, with a goal of publishing draft revisions in the Virginia Register of Regulations, followed by public comment and adherence to Administrative Process Act.

Staffing & System Needs to Support Effective Oversight

BLRJ has requested funding for two additional full-time employees, to strengthen its ability to carry out core oversight responsibilities. These positions were included in the House and Senate budget proposals, reflecting recognition of this shared need. These positions are critical to advancing BLRJ's ongoing review of standards and ensuring that regulatory updates are timely, relevant, and responsive to current operational realities within local and regional jails.

In addition to staffing, BLRJ requires a modern data management system to enhance its ability to track inspection and audit outcomes. Improved data capabilities will allow the agency to identify trends and patterns more effectively, supporting the development of targeted, evidence-based recommendations that drive meaningful and purposeful improvements to operational settings.

Conclusion

CY25 audit and inspection findings indicate a decline in the number of fully compliant jails. In response, BLRJ remains committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to promote safe, secure, and compliant environments for staff, inmates, and the public.

Jails across the Commonwealth continue to demonstrate resilience and commitment to public safety despite ongoing staffing and resource challenges. BLRJ recognizes these efforts and the progress being made to address identified deficiencies.