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The Honorable Stanley M. Meador
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, Chair
Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Luke E. Torian, Chair
House Appropriations Committee

Dear Secretary Meador, Chair Lucas, and Chair Torian,

Chapter 1, Item 385 D. of House Bill 30, the Virginia Biennial 2026-2028 budget, states:

“The State Board of Local and Regional Jails shall include within its reporting formats on the capacity of each local and regional jail, a measure of the actual jail capacity, which shall include double-bunking, with exceptions as appropriate, in the judgment of the Board, for isolation, segregation, or medical cells, or similar units which would not normally be double-bunked. Exceptions to this measure of capacity may also be made for jails which were constructed prior to 1980. A report including the double-bunking capacity, as well as the standard State Board of Local and Regional Jails measure of rated capacity, for each jail shall be presented to the Secretary of Public Safety and the Chairs of the Senate Finance and Appropriations and House Appropriations Committees by October 1 of each year.”

The summary capacity report of the local and regional jails in Virginia is attached. The annualized Average Daily Population (ADP) is provided by the State Compensation Board's Local Inmate Data System (LIDS).

It may appear that the data establishes sufficient and appropriate bed space in Virginia, however, this would be an over-simplified analysis. Bed space, or capacity, cannot be analyzed globally; it must be assessed within each individual facility for accuracy. As an example, available minimum-security bed space in Loudoun County does not benefit the Superintendent in the Northern Neck Regional Jail who needs space for an inmate with severe psychiatric

disorders. The overarching issue is the maximum population level for each facility to remain safe and secure for the public, the staff and the inmates. A rated capacity, also referenced as the design capacity, is determined by the State Board of Local and Regional Jails (BLRJ) for each facility at the time of construction. The rated capacity is the bed space assigned to the facility by the architect upon construction and is constant. It does not consider changes in the numbers of beds or bunks in cells, changes in staffing systems, improvements in technology or best practices, quality of leadership or the history of the facility. The number of beds in a facility is not the same as the number of inmates it can safely and constitutionally hold. While administrators have increased the number of beds in facilities above the rated capacity, they have done so to provide flexibility to manage specific needs and fluctuating inmate populations. It is critical for local and regional jails to have the flexibility to make safety determinations.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Commonwealth. Please let us know if we may provide additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hackworth", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David A. Hackworth
Chair

Attachment: 2026 BLRJ Capacity Report

cc: Brian Flaherty, BLRJ Executive Director

BLRJ Capacity Report October 1, 2026

Jail	Actual Capacity Including Double- Bunking 2026	Rated Capacity	ADP 7/1/25-6/30/26 (Compensation Board)
Accomack	98	46	99.30
Albemarle/Charlottesville Regional	500	329	294.12
Alexandria	623	340	258.37
Allegheny/Covington Regional	112	56	79.09
Arlington	631	474	327.33
Blue Ridge Regional-Amherst	547	340	921.42 (combined)
Blue Ridge Regional-Bedford	96	55	
Blue Ridge Regional-Campbell Co	124	79	
Blue Ridge Regional-Halifax	205	147	
Blue Ridge Regional-Lynchburg	519	429	
Botetourt/Craig Regional	251	124	95.32
Central Virginia Regional	586	442	426.50
Charlotte	101	29	33.79
Chesapeake	747	747	637.20
Chesterfield	479	250	341.61
Culpeper	81	37	69.30
Danville Adult Detention Center & Farm	120	120	88.04
Danville City	235	213	195.84
Eastern Shore Regional	248	148	52.23
Fairfax County/City	1181	1260	502.44
Fauquier	98	56	49.32
Franklin	70	49	49.36
Gloucester	46	42	23.98
Hampton Community Corrections Center	300	308	151.66
Henrico Regional-East	513	528	1,037.69 (combined)
Henrico Regional-West	557	329	
Henry	400	400	230.52
Lancaster	40	26	21.93
Loudoun	485	460	281.81
Martinsville City Jail & Farm	140	79	94.90
Meherrin River Regional-Alberta	697	400	217.48 (combined)
Meherrin River Regional-Mecklenburg	80	115	
Middle Peninsula Regional	253	121	168.65
Middle River Regional	650	396	591.40
Montgomery	115	60	63.70
New River Valley Regional	1194	859	624.69
Newport News Jail & Annex	609	300	473.28
Norfolk	1552	833	711.45
Northern Neck Regional	448	234	415.34
Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center	784	556	594.98
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Pamunkey Regional	494	302	395.17
Patrick	169	63	79.73
Piedmont Regional	600	274	484.69

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Pittsylvania	72	36	84.92
Portsmouth	160	280	160.55
Prince William/Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center	1320	871	532.35
Rappahannock Regional	2235	1024	1,192.75
Richmond	1032	1032	612.60
Riverside Regional	1372	1372	1,229.96
Roanoke City Adult Detention Center	784	409	350.60
Roanoke County	145	108	86.69
Rockbridge Regional	166	56	117.57
Rockingham/Harrisonburg Regional	312	208	293.67
Rappahannock-Shenandoah-Warren (RSW) Regional	550	375	301.78
Southampton County Jail & Farm	157	90	47.26
Southside Regional	236	100	157.73
Southwest Virginia Regional Abingdon	1108	619	1,617.21 (combined)
Southwest Virginia Regional Duffield	760	405	
Southwest Virginia Regional Haysi	499	257	
Southwest Virginia Regional Tazewell	212	95	
Sussex	84	28	33.11
Virginia Beach	1562	889	1,079.07
Virginia Peninsula Regional	564	290	337.35
Western Tidewater Regional	900	552	792.35
Western Virginia Regional	919	605	607.59