California: The State of Incarceration

Alameda County



Incarceration at a glance

Of all counties in California in 2021, Alameda County has the ninth highest county jail population.

Alameda County has:

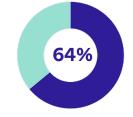
- 1 county jail
- O state prisons
- 3 juvenile facilities

On an average day in 2021, there were 2,182 people in county jails and 2,665 people from Alameda County in the state prison system.

In 2021, law enforcement agencies made 26,832 arrests and 24,557 county jail admissions, and courts sentenced 320 people to state prison.

Looking across the system

Arrests

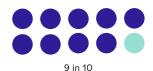


64 percent of all arrests in Alameda County in 2021 were for misdemeanors.

4.5x

On any given day in 2021, the Black arrest rate was 4.5 times the arrest rate of white people.

Jails



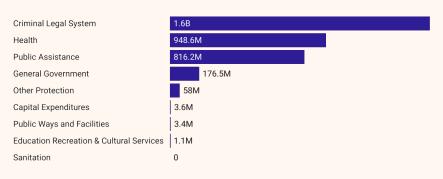
93 percent of people in jail in Alameda are pretrial, meaning they have not been convicted of charges filed against them.

26%

26 percent of the jail population in Alameda County has mental health needs.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Alameda County general fund spending, fiscal year 2021



In 2021, Alameda County used 44% of its total general fund spending on the criminal legal system. That's \$1.6 billion that could have been spent on the things proven to make communities safer: good schools, jobs, housing, and health care.

Within criminal legal system spending

61% goes to law enforcement (Sheriff)

24% goes to detention and probation

15% goes to judicial expenses

