

# Kern County



## Incarceration at a glance

Of all counties in California in 2021, Kern County has the **tenth highest** county jail population and **fourth most** people sent to state prisons.

### Kern County has:

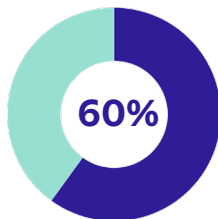
- 5 county jails
- 5 state prisons
- 6 juvenile facilities

On an average day in 2021, there were 1,759 people in county jails and 3,469 people from Kern County in the state prison system.

In 2021, law enforcement agencies made 27,475 arrests and 20,714 county jail admissions, and courts sentenced 1,549 people to state prison.

## Looking across the system

### Arrests



**60 percent of all arrests** in Kern County in 2021 were for **misdemeanors**.

**2.2x**

On any given day in 2021, the **Black arrest rate was 2.2 times** the arrest rate of white people.

### Jails



nearly 10 in 10

**95 percent of people** in jail in Kern are pretrial, meaning they **have not been convicted** of charges filed against them.

### FOLLOW THE MONEY

#### Kern County general fund spending, fiscal year 2021

Criminal Legal System	348.9M
General Government	92.5M
Health	83.2M
Other Protection	27.9M
Public Assistance	16.5M
Capital Expenditures	15.5M
Education Recreation & Cultural Services	14.8M
Public Ways and Facilities	0
Sanitation	0

In 2021, Kern County used 58% of its total general fund spending on the criminal legal system. That's \$348.9 million 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

- 35%** goes to law enforcement (Sheriff)
- 48%** goes to detention and probation
- 17%** goes to judicial expenses