#### California: The State of Incarceration

# **Kings County**



### Incarceration at a glance

Of all counties in California in 2021, Kings County has the **eighth highest** arrest rate, **fifth highest** county jail incarceration rate, **highest** proportion of its residents in California state prisons, and **second highest** arrest rate of Latinx people.

# Kings County has:

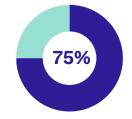
- 1 county jail
- 3 state prisons
- 3 juvenile facilities

On an average day in 2021, there were 469 people in county jails and 969 people from Kings County in the state prison system.

In 2021, law enforcement agencies made 7,068 arrests and 4,765 county jail admissions, and courts sentenced 362 people to state prison.

## Looking across the system

Arrests

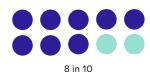


**75** percent of all arrests in Kings County in 2021 were for misdemeanors.

1.9x

On any given day in 2021, the Black arrest rate was 1.9 times the arrest rate of white people.

Jails



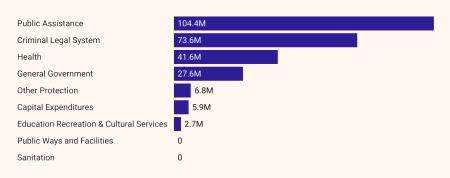
**81** percent of people in jail in Kings are pretrial, meaning they have not been convicted of charges filed against them.

57%

**57 percent** of the jail population in Kings County has **mental health needs.** 

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



In 2021, Kings County used 28% of its total general fund spending on the criminal legal system. That's \$73.6 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

95% goes to law

enforcement (Sheriff)

goes to detention and probation

25% goes to judicial expenses

