

California: The State of Incarceration

Los Angeles County



Incarceration at a glance

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

Los Angeles County has:

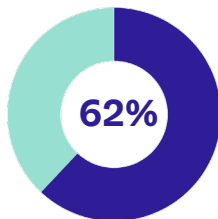
- 8** county jails
- 1** state prison
- 11** juvenile facilities

On an average day in 2021, there were 14,329 people in county jails and 30,358 people from Los Angeles County in the state prison system.

In 2021, law enforcement agencies made 175,775 arrests and 53,268 county jail admissions, and courts sentenced 6,638 people to state prison.

Looking across the system

Arrests

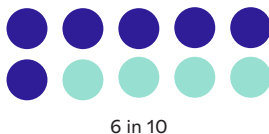


62 percent of all arrests in Los Angeles County in 2021 were for **misdemeanors**.

3.4x

On any given day in 2021, the **Black arrest rate was 3.4 times** the arrest rate of white people.

Jails



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

34%

34 percent of the jail population in Los Angeles County has **mental health needs**.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Los Angeles County general fund spending, fiscal year 2021

Public Assistance	7.9B
Health	6B
Criminal Legal System	5.8B
General Government	1.9B
Education Recreation & Cultural Services	397M
Other Protection	306.9M
Capital Expenditures	32.3M
Public Ways and Facilities	0
Sanitation	0

In 2021, Los Angeles County used 26% of its total general fund spending on the criminal legal system. That's \$5.8 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

37% goes to law enforcement (Sheriff)

34% goes to detention and probation

29% goes to judicial expenses