

California: The State of Incarceration

Monterey County



Incarceration at a glance

Of all counties in California in 2021, Monterey County has the **seventh highest** per capita spending on jails and detention.

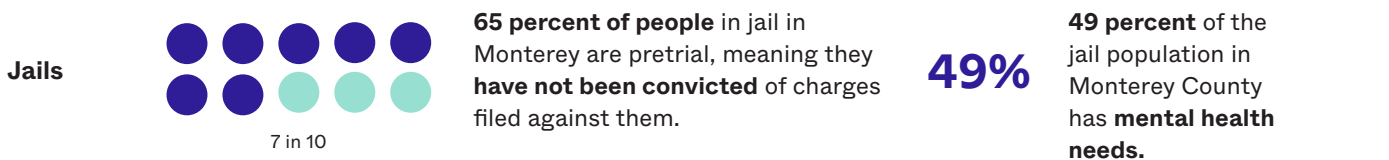
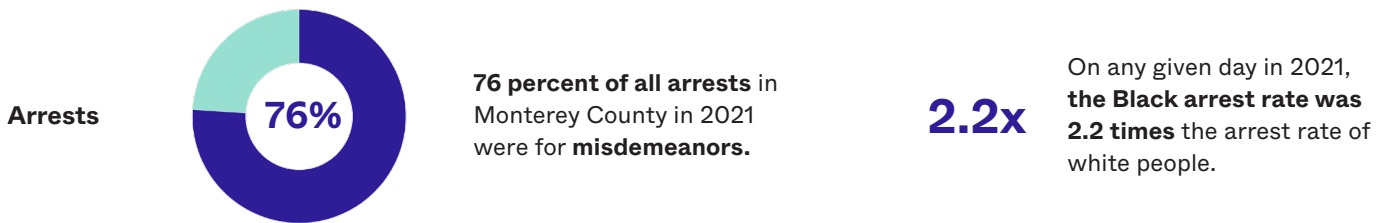
Monterey County has:

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

On an average day in 2021, there were 800 people in county jails and 1,380 people from Monterey County in the state prison system.

In 2021, law enforcement agencies made 9,511 arrests and 9,408 county jail admissions, and courts sentenced 474 people to state prison.

Looking across the system



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Monterey County general fund spending, fiscal year 2021

Criminal Legal System	244.4M
Public Assistance	208M
Health	97.2M
Other Protection	61.4M
General Government	25.2M
Capital Expenditures	7.8M
Education Recreation & Cultural Services	6.5M
Sanitation	207.9K
Public Ways and Facilities	0

In 2021, Monterey County used 38% of its total general fund spending on the criminal legal system. That's \$244.4 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

- 22%** goes to law enforcement (Sheriff)
- 49%** goes to detention and probation
- 29%** goes to judicial expenses