

California: The State of Incarceration

Santa Clara County



Incarceration at a glance

Of all counties in California in 2021, Santa Clara County has the **eighth highest** county jail population and **tenth highest** arrest rate of Latinx people.

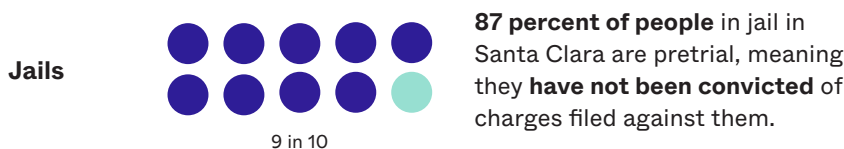
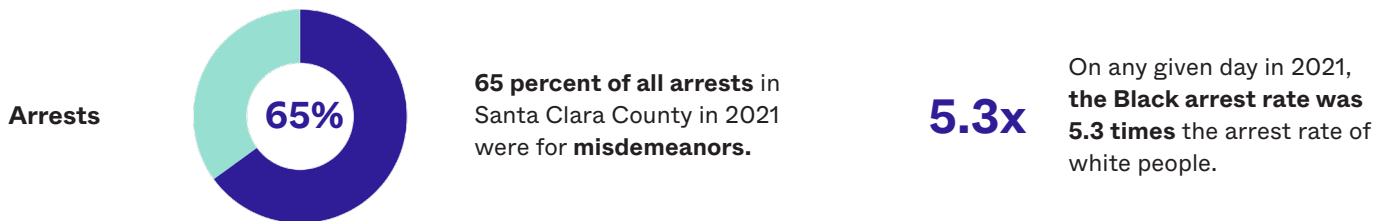
Santa Clara County has:

- 3 county jails
- 0 state prisons
- 3 juvenile facilities

On an average day in 2021, there were 2,359 people in county jails and 3,268 people from Santa Clara County in the state prison system.

In 2021, law enforcement agencies made 31,020 arrests and 26,056 county jail admissions, and courts sentenced 548 people to state prison.

Looking across the system



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Santa Clara County general fund spending, fiscal year 2021

Public Assistance	1.1B
Criminal Legal System	906.5M
Health	798.5M
General Government	489.4M
Capital Expenditures	81.4M
Other Protection	29.5M
Education Recreation & Cultural Services	0
Public Ways and Facilities	0
Sanitation	0

In 2021, Santa Clara County used 27% of its total general fund spending on the criminal legal system. That's \$906.5 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

- 20% goes to law enforcement (Sheriff)
- 50% goes to detention and probation
- 30% goes to judicial expenses