



**Presentation for L.A. County Jail
Population Review Council
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The average daily population dropped after the onset of COVID-19 but has **been rising since May.**

BSCC Rated Capacity	<u>Oct-Dec 2019 ADP</u>	<u>Jan-Mar 2020 ADP</u>	5/11/2020	8/19/2020	10/23/2020
12,404	17,203	16,655	11,723	13,018	14,821

~17% of the jail population are people awaiting transfer to state prison.

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Population	
Total Daily Bookings	192
Total Daily Releases	266
Jail Population (Custody Division Total ADP)	14,821
Total State Prison Inmates Awaiting Transfer	2,591

<https://lasd.org/covid19updates/>

The % of people in the jail population awaiting transfer to state prison is higher now than pre-COVID, likely b/c of limitations on transfers.

<u>July - Sept</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan - Mar</u> <u>2020</u>	8/19/2020	10/23/2020
4% (758)	4% (702)	17% (2,164)	18% (2,591)

Basic demographics

Race/Ethnicity

Racial disparities persist.

Race / Ethnicity	% of L.A. County population	% of jail population, Jul - Sept 2019	% of jail population, Jan - March 2020	% of jail population, August 19, 2020	% of jail population, October 23, 2020
Hispanic	49%	53%	52%	53%	55%
Black	9%	29%	29%	31%	30%
White	26%	15%	15%	12%	12%
All Others	6%	3%	4%	4%	3%

Age

Average age: 36

Median age: 33

Broken down by race/ethnicity, people who are classified as American Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Pacific Islander, and White skew older.

Based on 8/19/2020 snapshot

Age

Although most people are 34 and under, there is still a significant number (2,789) who are 45 and older.

Inmate Age Groups					
Males	Count	Percentage	Females	Count	Percentage
18 to 25	2,856	21.26%	18 to 25	269	19.39%
26 to 34	4,682	34.85%	26 to 34	538	38.79%
35 to 39	1,913	14.24%	35 to 39	201	14.49%
40 to 44	1,418	10.56%	40 to 44	155	11.18%
45 & Over	2,565	19.09%	45 & Over	224	16.15%
Total	13,434	100.00%	Total	1,387	100.00%

Based on 10/23/2020 LASD Custody Division Daily Briefing

Gender

CRDF is known as the [female jail facility](#). There may be people at CRDF of varying gender identities; LASD data does not capture that. See previous memorandum on how gender identity is captured in the data.

A Snapshot of CRDF

BSCC Rated Capacity: 1,708

Population on 8.19.2020: 1,247

- **Average age:** 35
 - **Median age:** 33
 - **Average days in custody*:** 202
 - **Median days in custody:** 98
 - **Pretrial:** 47%
 - **Partially sentenced:** 26%
 - **Sentenced:** 32%
 - **Awaiting prison:** 164
 - **Awaiting state hospital:** 53
- Throughout this presentation, days in custody = days people have been incarcerated prior to 8.19.2020. We do not have release date, so days in custody ≠ length of stay.
- Note: 117 people were in medical “unrated” beds that do not count towards the BSCC rated capacity. So, the facility exceeded rated capacity by 345.)

CRDF

8/19/2020: 1,247 people

(164 awaiting transfer to state prison)

10/23/2020: 1,374 people

(185 awaiting transfer to state prison)

Thinking ahead

**There is still a significant
pretrial population despite
COVID-19 decarceration
efforts.**

The % of people in jail pretrial has remained steady,
even with efforts to reduce the overall jail
population during COVID-19.

<u>July - Sept</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Jan - Mar</u> <u>2020</u>	8/19/2020	10/23/2020
45% (7,546)	44% (7,357)	45% (5,629)	44% (6,492)

Note: we use pretrial as shorthand for “sentence status 1” in the data set. People in sentence status 1 can be pretrial, in trial, or even completed a trial but they are not sentenced. However, most people listed as sentence status 1 are pretrial. Thus, we will use the term “pretrial” consistent with LASD quarterly reports.

Pretrial Population & Days in Custody

The pretrial population has spent an **average of 221 days (7+ months)** in custody and a **median of 99 days (3+ months)** in jail.

Sentence Status	Number of People	Average Days in Custody	Median Days in Custody
Pretrial	5,885	221	99
Partially Sentenced	2,850	372	202
Sentenced	4,283	237	180
Grand Total	13,018	259	157

Based on 8/19/2020 data

A note about pretrial days in custody

- This is not the same as “length of stay.” It is based on the number of days people in the jail on 8/19/2020 had been in custody. Many remained in jail after that date.
- This number does NOT include local lock-ups and substations, which are part of the picture of criminalization and incarceration in LA County.

A Point of Comparison

L.A. average days in pretrial: 221 days (7+ months)

New York City in 2017:

- **Average length of stay pretrial:** 54-55 days
- **For misdemeanor admissions:** 17 days
- **For felony admissions:** 80 days
- **For violent crimes:** 119 days

Source: [John Jay College of Criminal Justice](#)

**Based on 8/19/2020 data,
more than half of the people
in jail were there based on
nonserious, nonviolent
booking charges.**

Nonserious / Nonviolent charges: 52% of the jail population

42% of the pretrial population and 73% of the sentenced population were booked on nonserious / nonviolent charges.

Sentence Status	Number of People	Non-serious / Non-violent	Pct. Non-serious / Non-violent
Pretrial	5,885	2,459	42%
Partially Sentenced	2,850	1,190	42%
Sentenced	4,283	3,144	73%
Grand Total	13,018	6,793	52%

Racial disparities need to be proactively addressed and monitored when implementing policies.

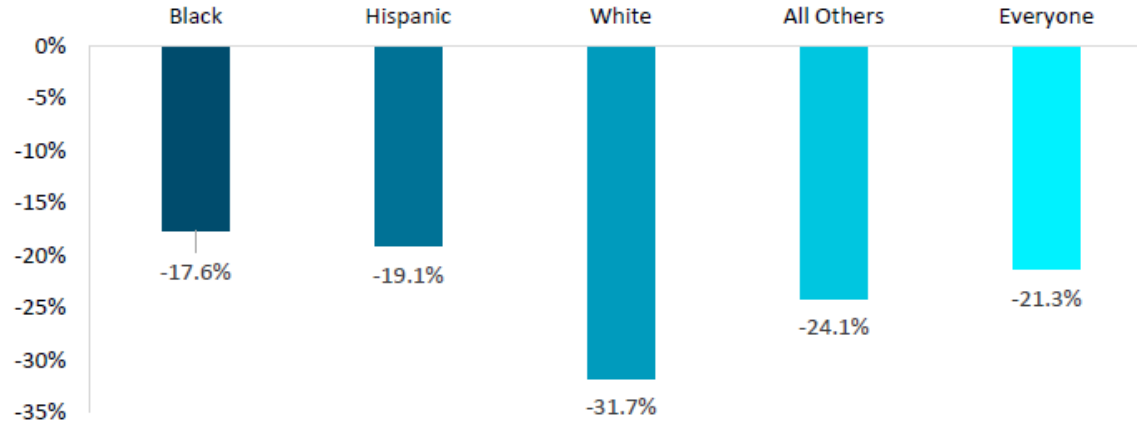
A Look at Racial Disparities

When analyzing a DHS data set of 1,653 people released early due to COVID-19 policies, there were racial disparities.

Example: Black people were 29% of the pre-COVID jail population and only 24% of the people released early from this data set.

A Look at Racial Disparities

Of the 1,653 people released early due to COVID-19, **Black people with mental health needs were released at lower rates than their white counterparts.**



A Look at Racial Disparities

Of the 1,653 people released early due to COVID-19, **Black women spent more days incarcerated on average than any other group.**

Average days incarcerated of people released early, by race/ethnicity, by gender

Race/Ethnicity	Male	Female	Everyone
Black	99.7	139.9	104.2
Hispanic	106.1	104.5	105.9
White	106.1	102.1	105.6
All Others	130.7	131.4	130.8
All race/ethnicities	105.5	114.3	106.6

Thanks!
Questions?

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