



Understanding the Justice Equity Services Index

An Interactive Tool Locating and Examining LA County's Justice-Related System of Care

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Purpose of Webinar

- Explain the Justice Equity Services Index (JESI) and the methods used to develop the tool.
- Learn how to use the tool in your own examination of the community-based system of care across L.A. County.

JESI Purpose and Partnerships

- Filling a gap: advocacy tool (in tandem with the JENI) to inform budget allocation and programmatic strategies to build equitable service coverage across L.A. County
- Relies upon community-based expertise & partnership at every stage – from tool development and refinement to strategic implementation

JESI Limitations

- Does not include County-run direct services nor track county-contracted funding
- Does not reflect providers' entire scope of service nor geographic range
- Does not consider quality of services delivered
- Not a real-time service provider referral tool

JESI Overview

Justice Equity Services Index

Health &
Wellness
Services

Housing &
Employment
Services

Prevention &
Intervention
Services

Community
Services &
Advocacy

Four components make up the JESI. Each ZIP Code has five scores— one for the JESI and one for each of JESI's four components

The Data and Methods Behind the JESI

1. Selected organizations from **the Internal Revenue Services' Exempt Organizations Business Master File Extract**
2. Calculated **service level scores** for **each component** based on:
 1. The **count of organizations** within each component per ZIP Code
 2. The **size of organizations** based on income. Larger organizations are given more weight.
 3. The **population** of each ZIP Code
3. Calculated each ZIP Code's **JESI score** based on **the average of the four component scores**

Guidance for Interpreting the Data

Layer all three when using the data to make decisions, and keep in mind data limitations

1. JESI Service Levels

- What are the service levels?
- Where are cold spots, or areas with low services?

2. JENI Need Levels

- How do service levels compare to need levels?
- Where are hotspots, or areas with high need?

3. Community input and insights

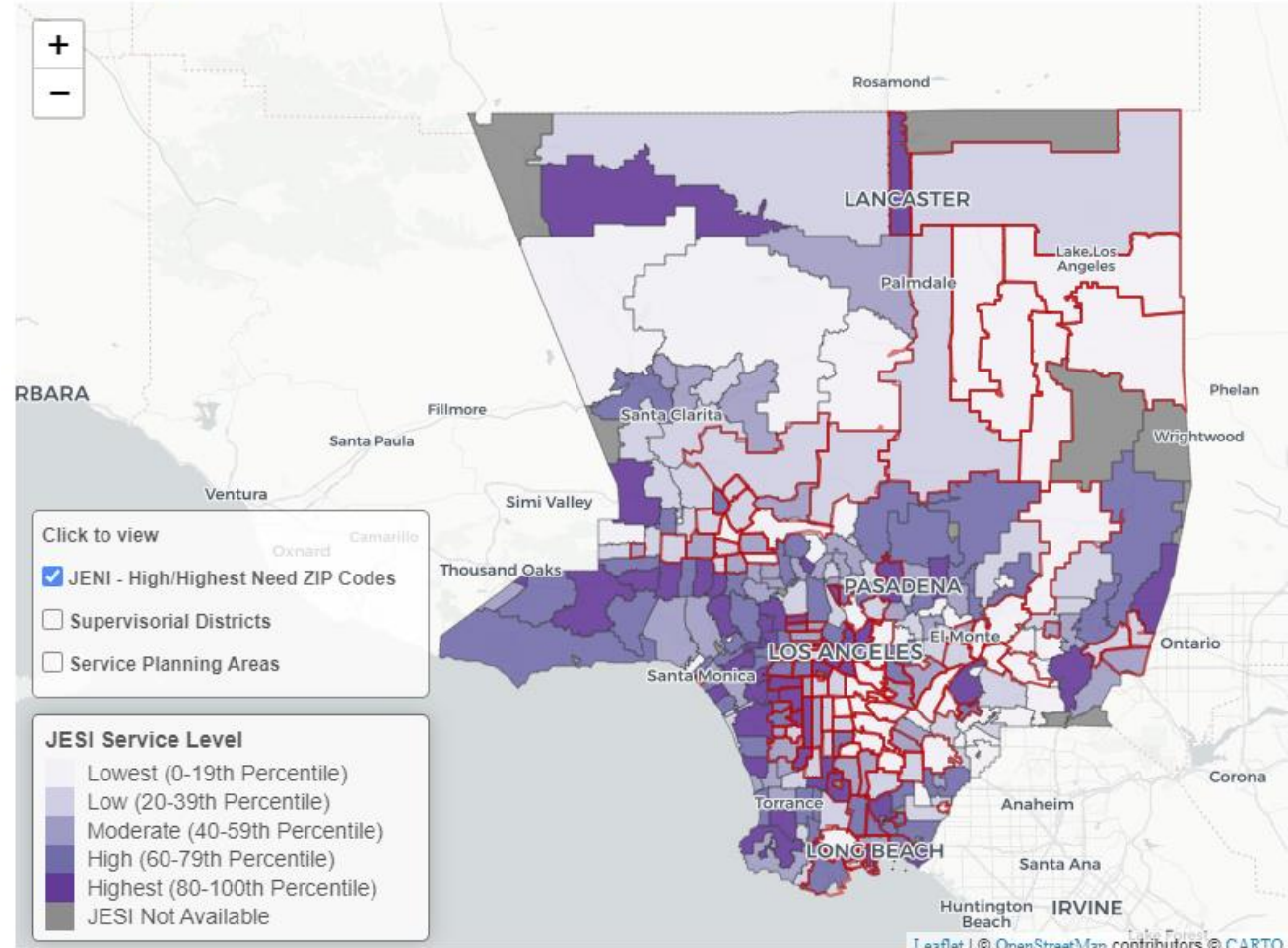
- Does the data track with community experiences?
- What services are we missing?

JESI Demonstration

Navigating and Interpreting
the JESI Tool

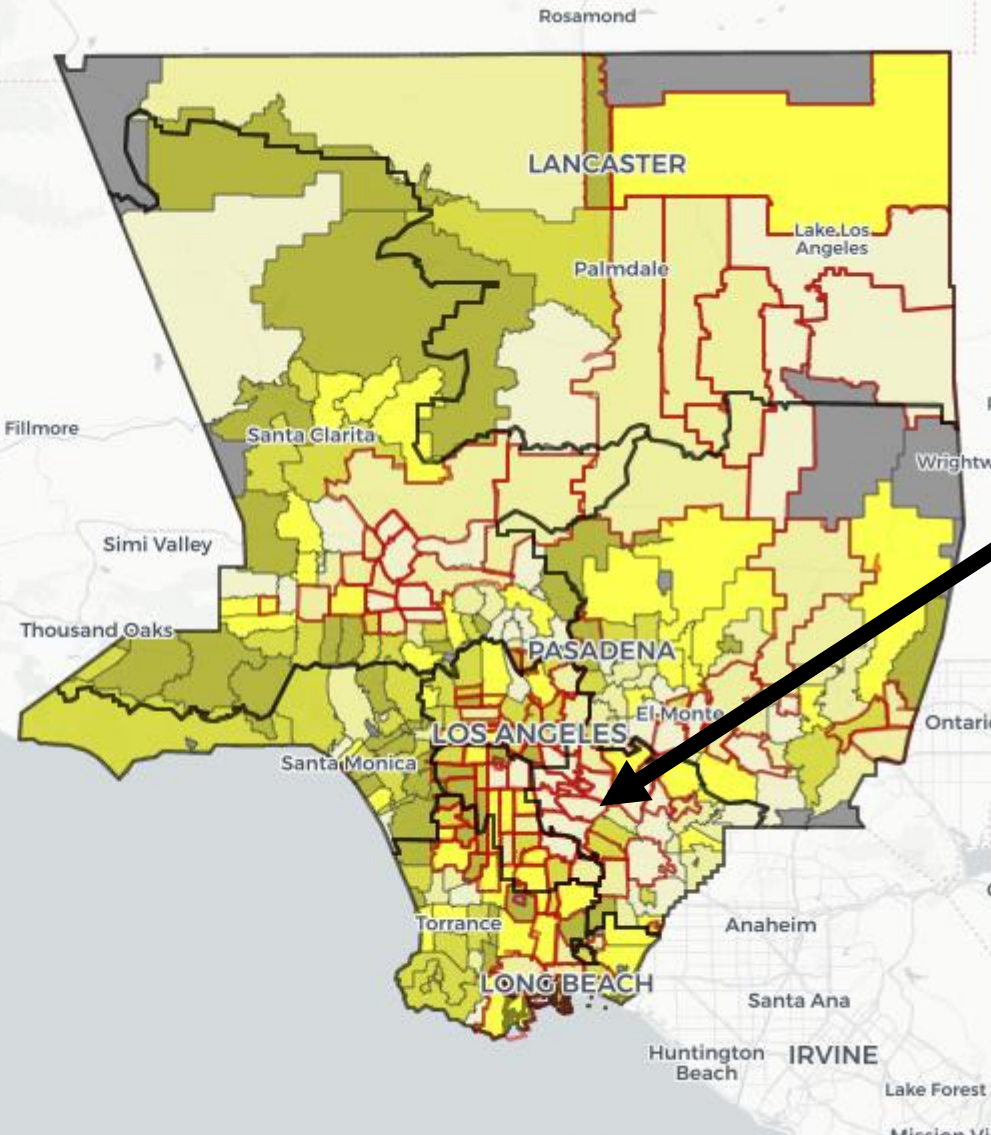
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Justice Equity Services Index (JESI) Results

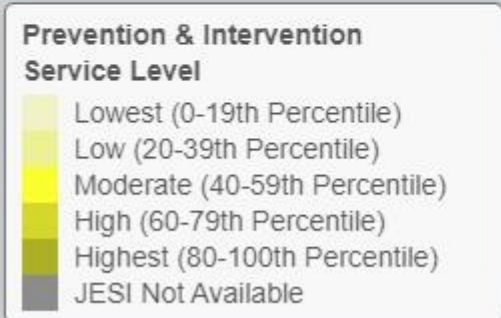


Prevention & Intervention Component

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- JENI - High/Highest Need ZIP Codes
- Supervisorial Districts
- Service Planning Areas



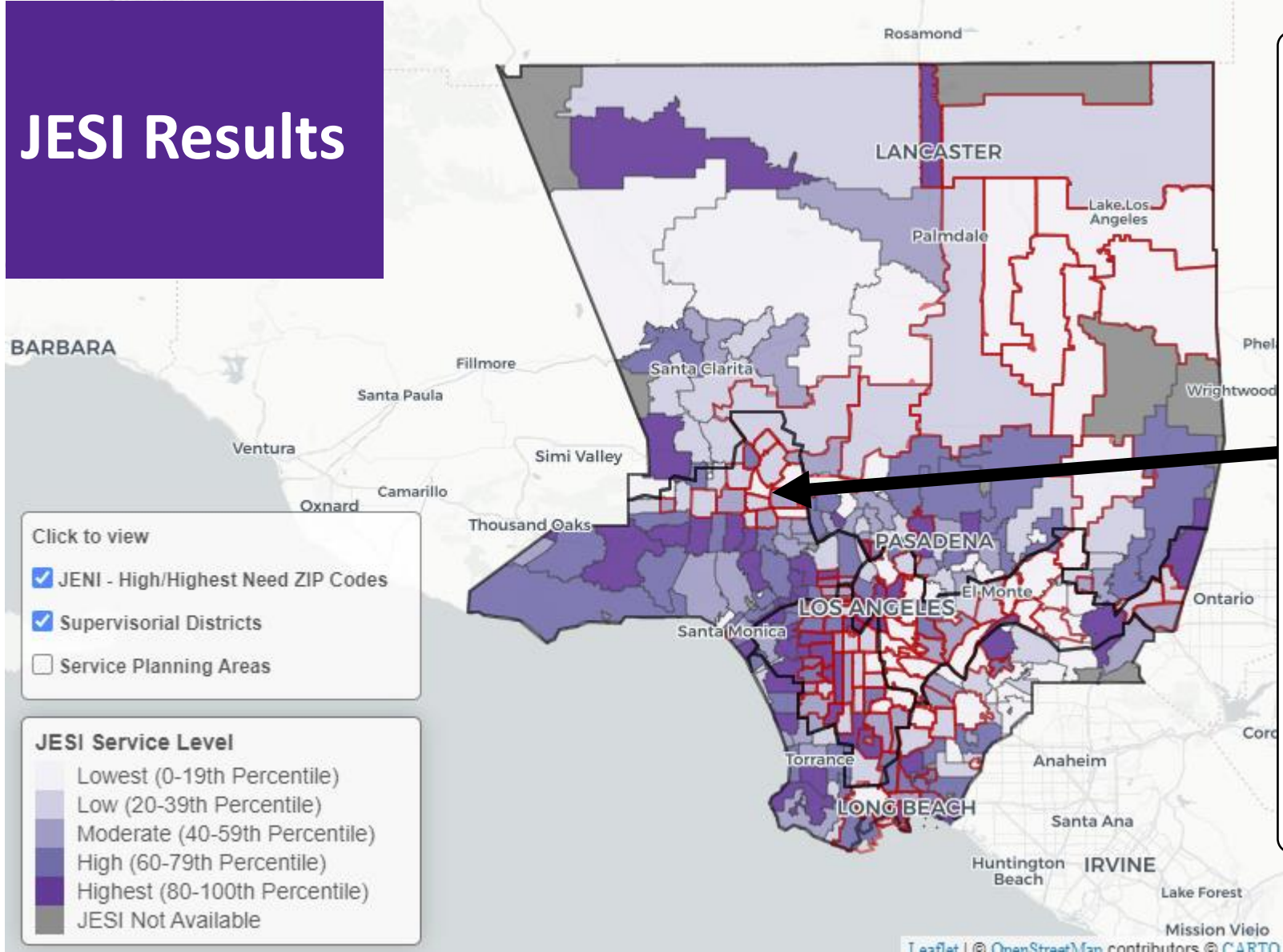
ZIP Code: **90201**
 Neighborhood: **Bell**
 Prevention & Intervention Percentile*: **12.2 | Lowest Service Level**
 JESI Rank: **250** out of 277
 Population: 101,096
 Supervisorial District: 1 | Solis
 Service Planning Area: 7 | East

90201 has a **Lowest** level of Prevention & Intervention services. It has a **Low** Health & Wellness service level, **Low** Housing & Employment service level, **Lowest** Community Services & Advocacy service level, and **Lowest** overall service level.

JESI & Component Percentiles*
 JESI Percentile: **10.8**
 Health & Wellness Percentile: **36.9**
 Housing & Employment Percentile: **25.8**
 Community Services & Advocacy: **9**

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JESI Results



ZIP Code: **91402**
Neighborhood: **Panorama City**
JESI Percentile*: **13.6 | Lowest Service Level**
JESI Rank: **241** out of 277
Population: 71,141
Supervisorial District: 3 | Kuehl
Service Planning Area: 2 | San Fernando Valley

91402 has a **Lowest** overall service level. It has a **Moderate** Health & Wellness service level, **Lowest** Housing & Employment service level, **Low** Prevention & Intervention service level, and **Lowest** Community Services & Advocacy service level.

Component Percentiles*
Health & Wellness Percentile: **57.3**
Housing & Employment Percentile: **0**
Prevention & Intervention: **25.8**
Community Services & Advocacy: **9.7**

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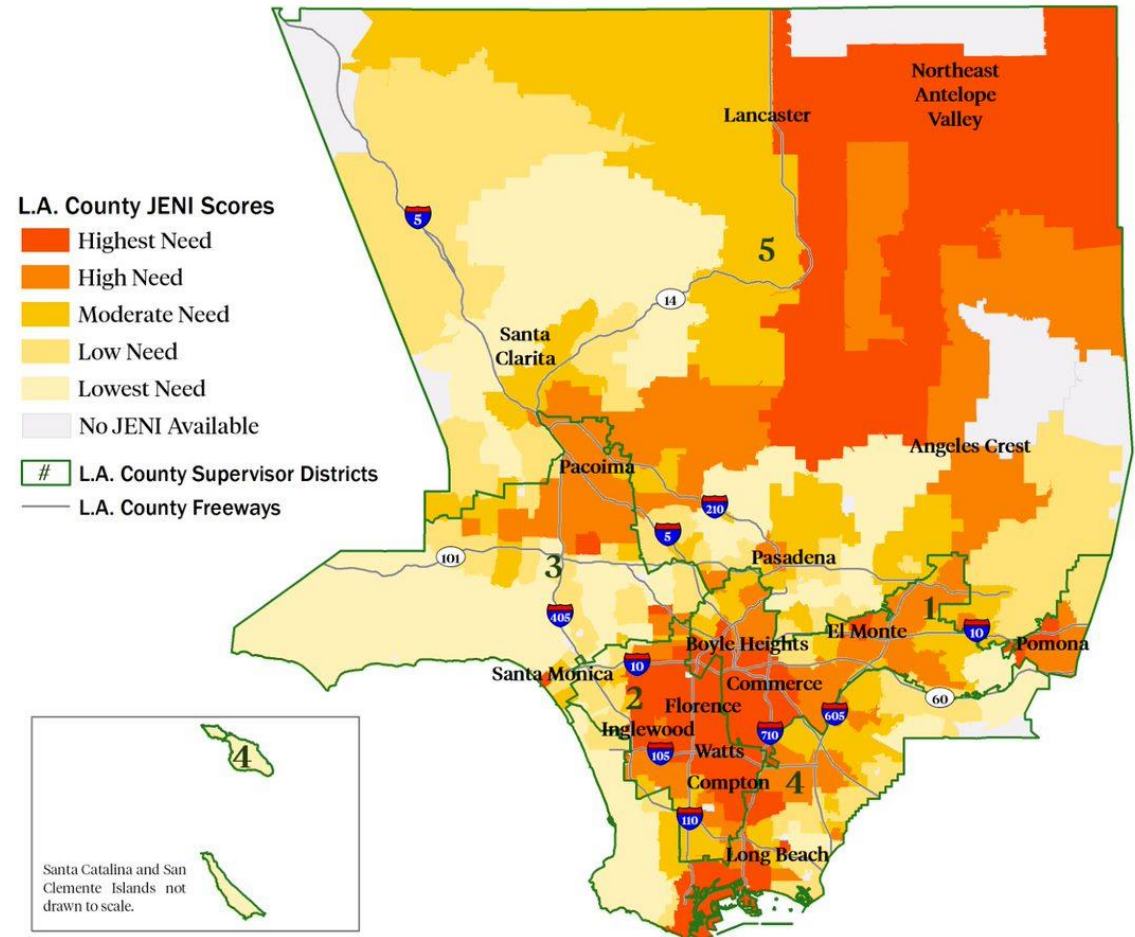


The Justice Equity Need Index (JENI) 2019

A spatial tool that estimates which communities bear the disproportionate burden of our broken criminal justice system, or require the greatest response to justice equity.

Update coming soon!

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Key Findings

- **Some regions overall have lower levels of justice-related, care-first services.** Antelope Valley, East L.A., and Southeast L.A. have some of the lowest levels of services on the JESI.
- **Some regions have greater access to certain types of justice-related and care-first services, or JESI components, and lower access to other types.**
- **Some regions have a better match between services and needs.** A greater share of Highest/High Need JENI ZIP Codes in Metro L.A., the South Bay, and West L.A. have Highest/High JESI Service Levels.
- **Justice-related, care-first services are mostly smaller organizations with incomes less than \$500K.** Organizations in the Highest/High Need communities are not larger than this to meet the greater need.

Recommendations

- Policymakers and advocates should work with providers, community organizations, and system-impacted individuals across priority community areas to gain a grounded understanding of needs and the quality of services.
- Identify service capacity gaps and devise a strategy to fill those gaps – can include funding, capacity-building, technical assistance.
- Contracting reform is critical to ensuring that service capacity is increased to meet the need.

Thank You!

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