

The San Francisco Sentencing Commission

City & County of San Francisco

(Administrative Code 5.250 through 5.250-3)

Safety and Justice Challenge Subcommittee

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 12:00 pm

REMOTE MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

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1. Call to Order; Roll Call.
2. Public Comment.
 - a. General Public Comment.
 - b. Public Comment on All Agenda Items.
3. Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e). (Discussion and Action)
 - a. The Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup will consider adoption of a resolution making findings that Government Code Section 54953(e) requires in order to allow the Workgroup to hold meetings remotely, as currently required under local law, without complying with infeasible Brown Act requirements.
4. COVID Update and Monthly Jail Population Report. (Discussion and Possible Action).
5. Reflection and SJC Goals for 2022. (Discussion and Possible Action).
 - a. Looking back: SJC Workgroup successes in 2021
 - b. Looking forward: Goals for 2022
6. Request for Future Agenda Items. (Discussion and Possible Action).
7. Adjournment.

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-002

RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 54953(e) empowers local policy bodies to convene by teleconferencing technology during a proclaimed state of emergency under the State Emergency Services Act so long as certain conditions are met; and

WHEREAS, In March, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency in California in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic, and that state of emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, In February 25, 2020, the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco (the “City”) declared a local emergency, and on March 6, 2020 the City’s Health Officer declared a local health emergency, and both those declarations also remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, On March 11 and March 23, 2020, the Mayor issued emergency orders suspending select provisions of local law, including sections of the City Charter, that restrict teleconferencing by members of policy bodies; those orders remain in effect, so City law currently allows policy bodies to meet remotely if they comply with restrictions in State law regarding teleconference meetings; and

WHEREAS, On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that amends the Brown Act to allow local policy bodies to continue to meet by teleconferencing during a state of emergency without complying with restrictions in State law that would otherwise apply, provided that the policy bodies make certain findings at least once every 30 days; and

WHEREAS, While federal, State, and local health officials emphasize the critical importance of vaccination and consistent mask-wearing to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City’s Health Officer has issued at least one order (Health Officer Order No. C19-07y, available online at www.sfdph.org/healthorders) and one directive (Health Officer Directive No. 2020-33i, available online at www.sfdph.org/directives) that continue to recommend measures to promote

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physical distancing and other social distancing measures, such as masking, in certain contexts; and

WHEREAS, The California Department of Industrial Relations Division of Occupational Safety and Health (“Cal/OSHA”) has promulgated Section 3205 of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, which requires most employers in California, including in the City, to train and instruct employees about measures that can decrease the spread of COVID-19, including physical distancing and other social distancing measures; and

WHEREAS, Without limiting any requirements under applicable federal, state, or local pandemic-related rules, orders, or directives, the City’s Department of Public Health, in coordination with the City’s Health Officer, has advised that for group gatherings indoors, such as meetings of boards and commissions, people can increase safety and greatly reduce risks to the health and safety of attendees from COVID-19 by maximizing ventilation, wearing well-fitting masks (as required by Health Officer Order No. C19-07), using physical distancing where the vaccination status of attendees is not known, and considering holding the meeting remotely if feasible, especially for long meetings, with any attendees with unknown vaccination status and where ventilation may not be optimal; and

WHEREAS, On July 31, 2020, the Mayor issued an emergency order that, with limited exceptions, prohibited policy bodies other than the Board of Supervisors and its committees from meeting in person under any circumstances, so as to ensure the safety of policy body members, City staff, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup of the San Francisco Sentencing Commission has met remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic and can continue to do so in a manner that allows public participation and transparency while minimizing health risks to members, staff, and the public that would be present with in-person meetings while this emergency continues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup finds as follows:

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1. As described above, the State of California and the City remain in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this meeting, the Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
2. As described above, State and City officials continue to recommend measures to promote physical distancing and other social distancing measures, in some settings.
3. As described above, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting meetings of this body and its committees in person would present imminent risks to the safety of attendees, and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That for at least the next 30 days meetings of the Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup and its committees will continue to occur exclusively by teleconferencing technology (and not by any in-person meetings or any other meetings with public access to the places where any policy body member is present for the meeting). Such meetings of the Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup and its committees that occur by teleconferencing technology will provide an opportunity for members of the public to address this body and its committees and will otherwise occur in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of parties and the members of the public attending the meeting via teleconferencing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the staff of the Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup is directed to place a resolution substantially similar to this resolution on the agenda of a future meeting of the Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup within the next 30 days. If the Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup does not meet within the next 30 days, the staff is directed to place a such resolution on the agenda of the next meeting of the Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup.

SJC WORKING GROUP



Tuesday Feb 15th,
2022



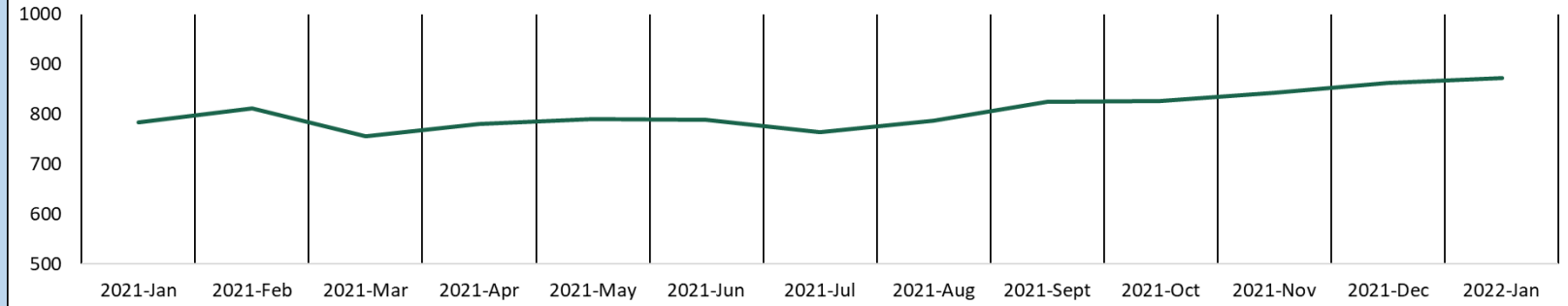
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Safety and Justice Challenge January 2022 Report



Average Daily Population

This Month	Change from last month	Change from last year
872	1% 	11% 

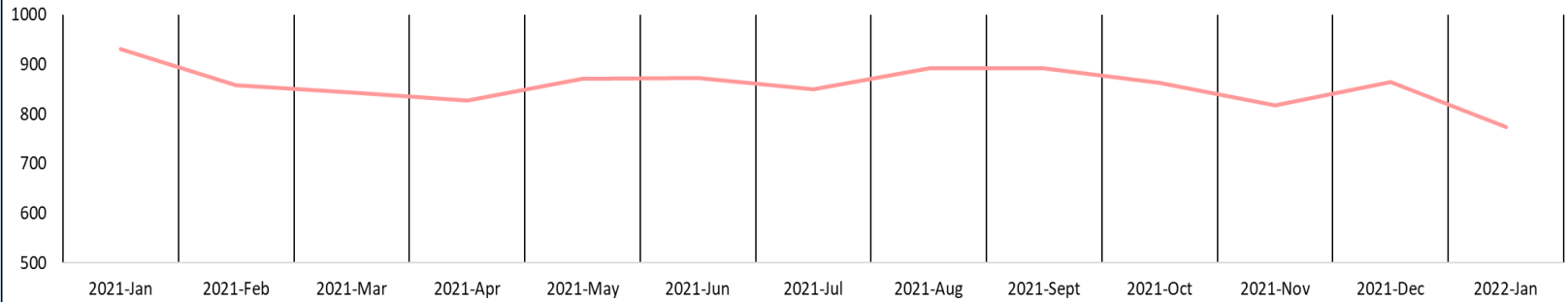
Average Daily Population Last 12 Months



Bookings

This Month	Change from last month	Change from last year
773	10% 	17% 

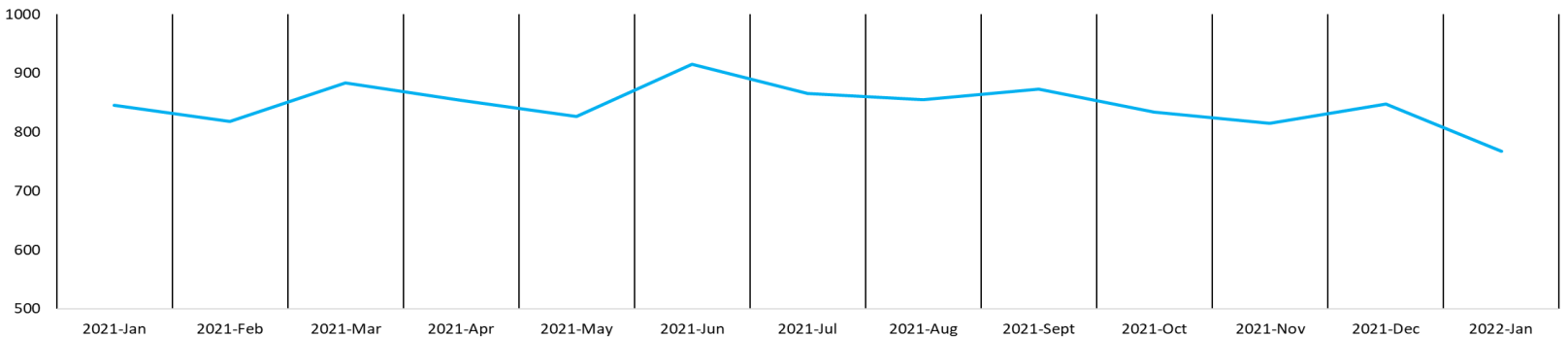
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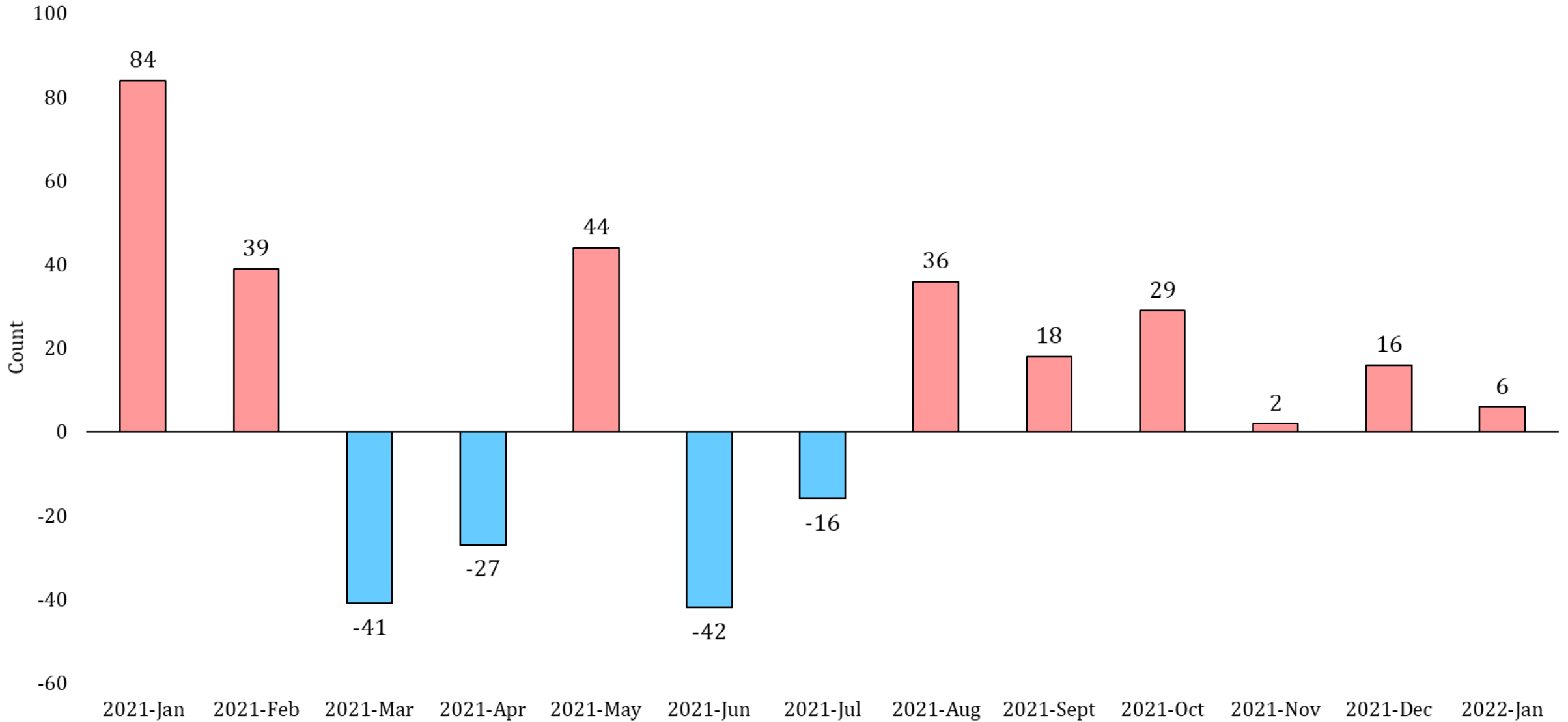
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767	10% 	9% 

Releases Last 12 Months



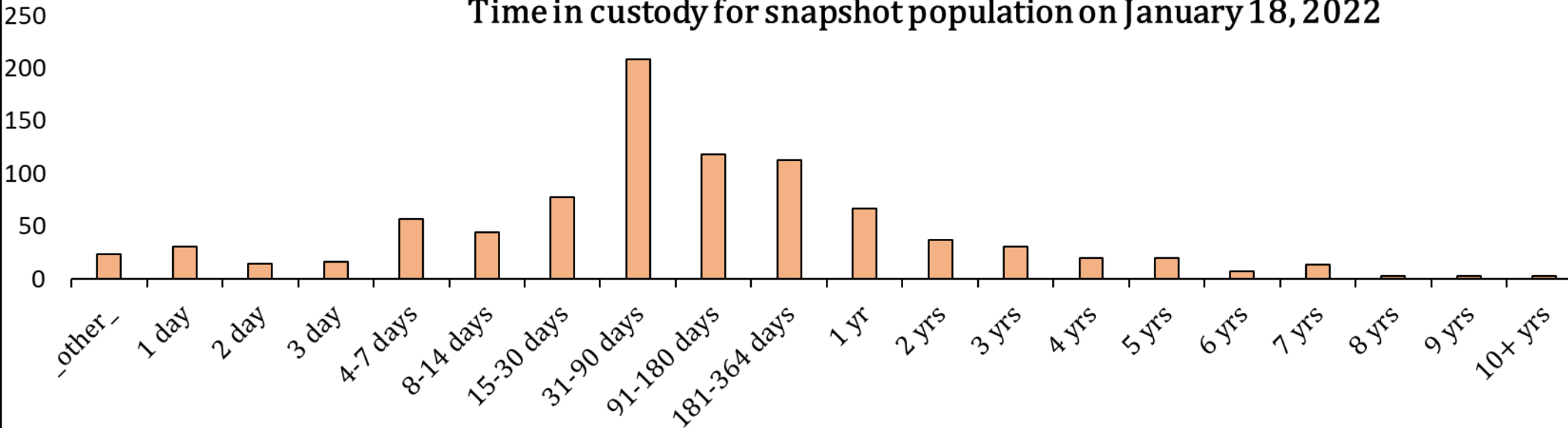
Safety and Justice Challenge January 2022 Report

Monthly difference in bookings vs. releases



Snapshot Population January 2022 Report

Time in custody for snapshot population on January 18, 2022



Snapshot Population 907

Average time in custody 364

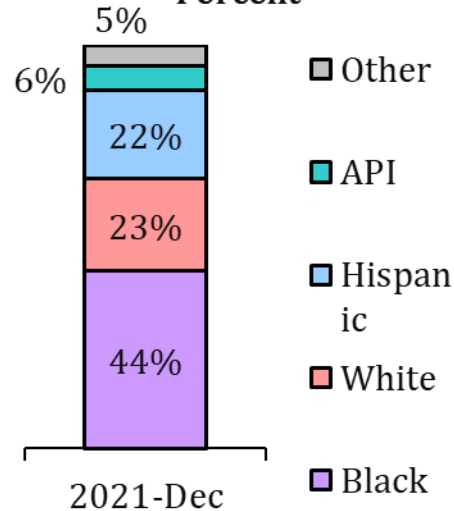
Median time in custody 92

Average age at booking 34

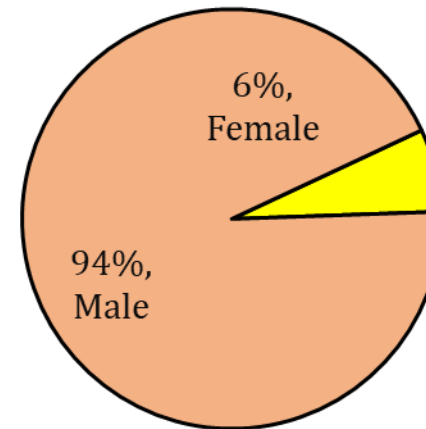
Dec Last 12 Months

Black	44%	Low 42	High 47
White	23%	Low 21	High 25
Hispanic	22%	Low 21	High 23
API	6%	Low 6	High 7
Other	5%	Low 4	High 5

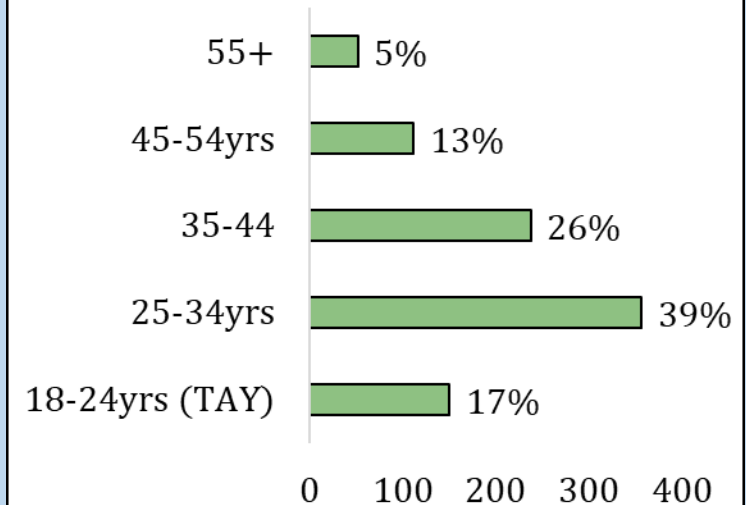
Ethnic and Race Percent



Gender

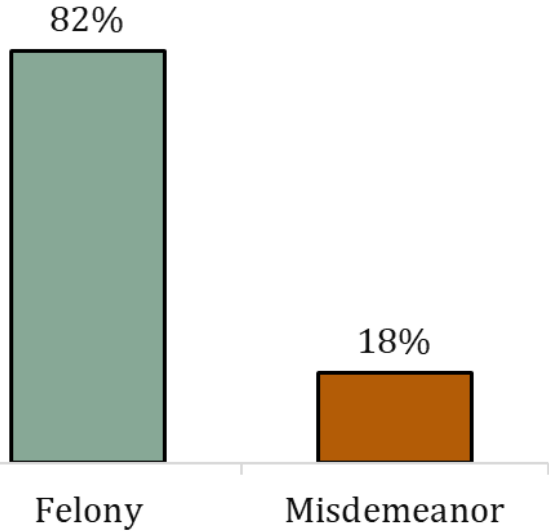


Age at Booking

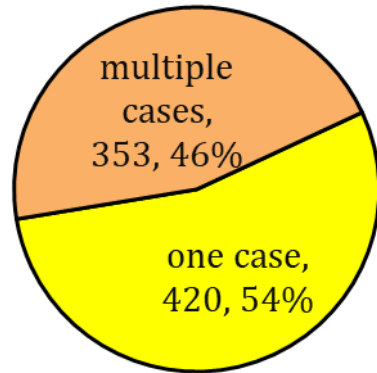


Monthly Bookings January 2022

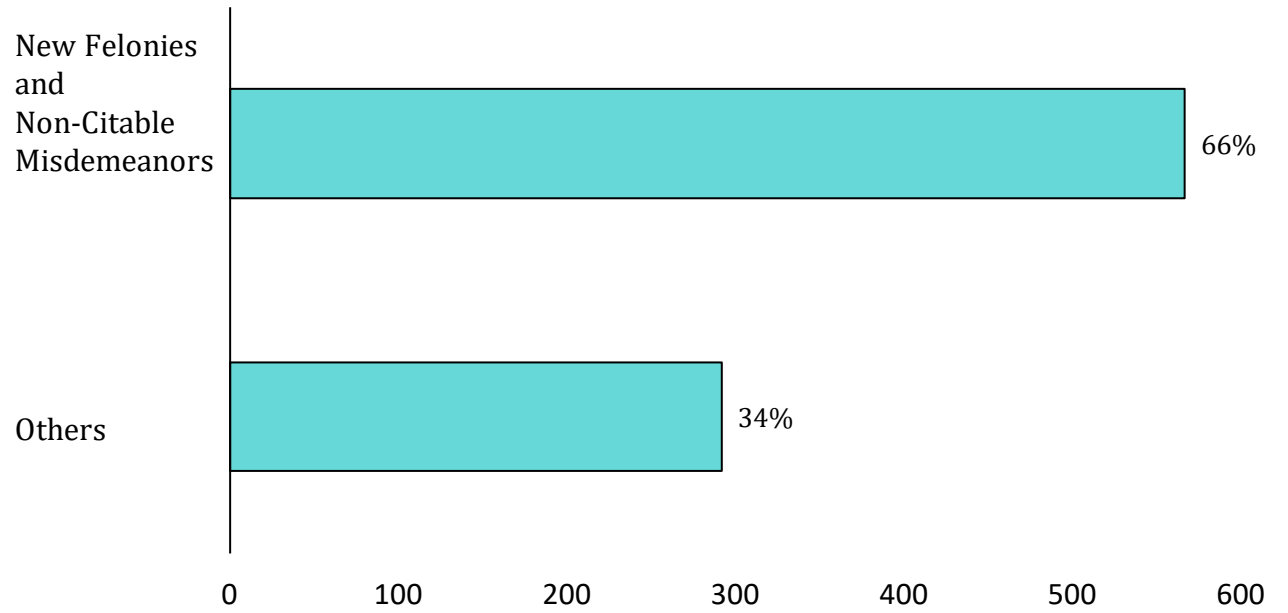
Crime Class at Booking



Case Load per Booking Number



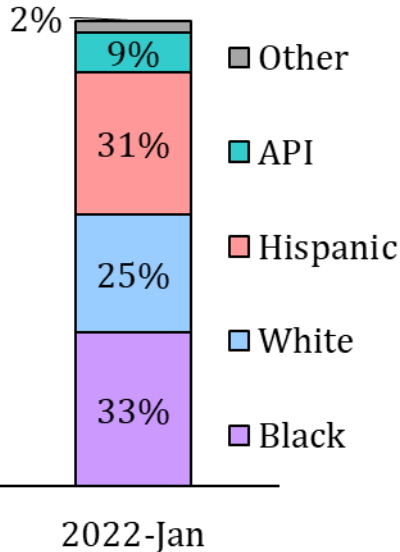
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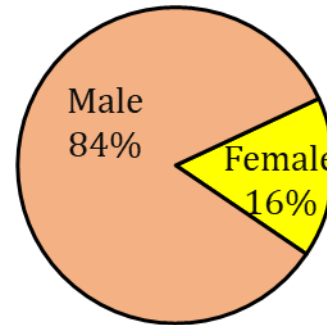
Dec Last 12 Months

Black	33%	Low 32	High 40
White	25%	Low 24	High 30
Hispanic	31%	Low 26	High 32
API	9%	Low 5	High 9
Other	2%	Low 1	High 3

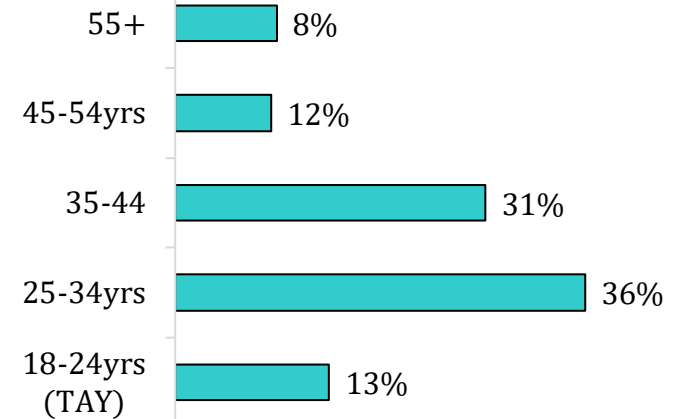
Ethnicity and Race



Gender

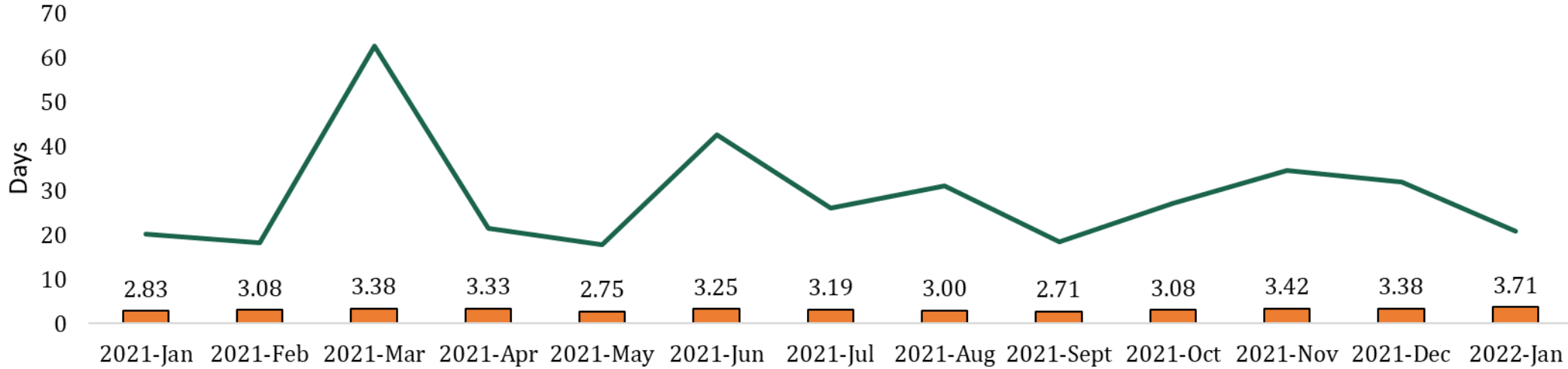


Age at Booking



Monthly Releases January 2022

Average and median length of stay for released individuals



Released for month 767

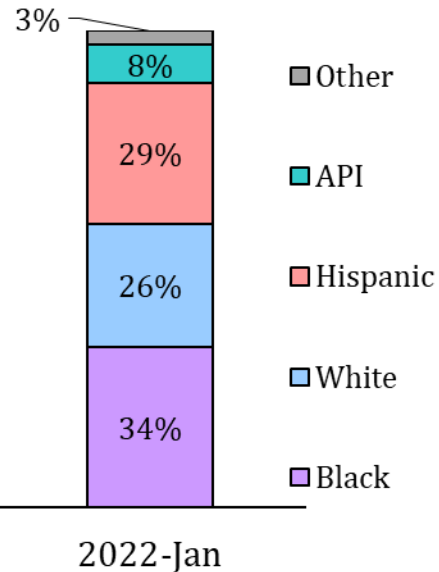
Average length of stay for month days 20.9

Median length of stay for month 3.7 days

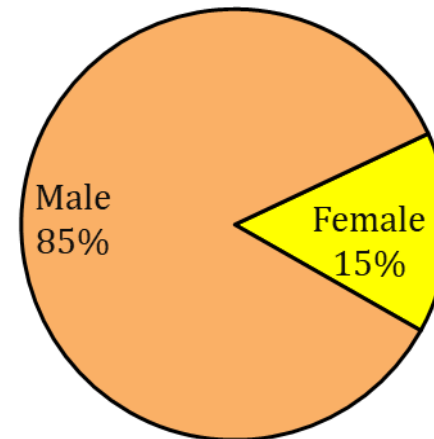
Dec Last 12 Months

Black	34%	Low 31	High 37
White	26%	Low 24	High 31
Hispanic	29%	Low 26	High 32
API	8%	Low 6	High 8
Other	3%	Low 1	High 3

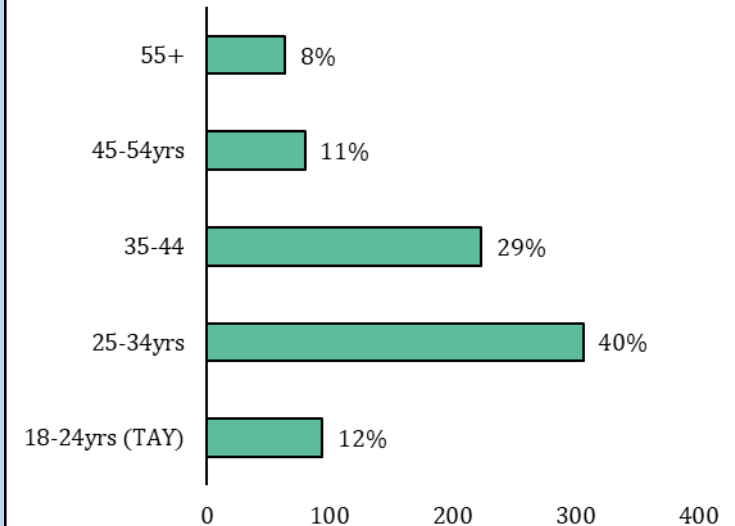
Ethnic and Race Percent



Gender

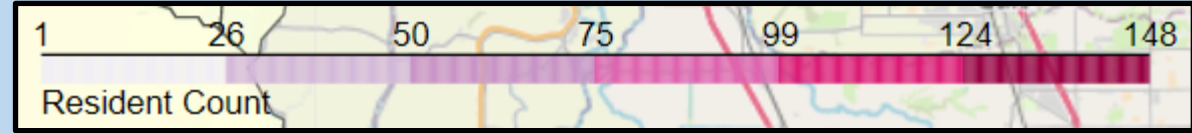
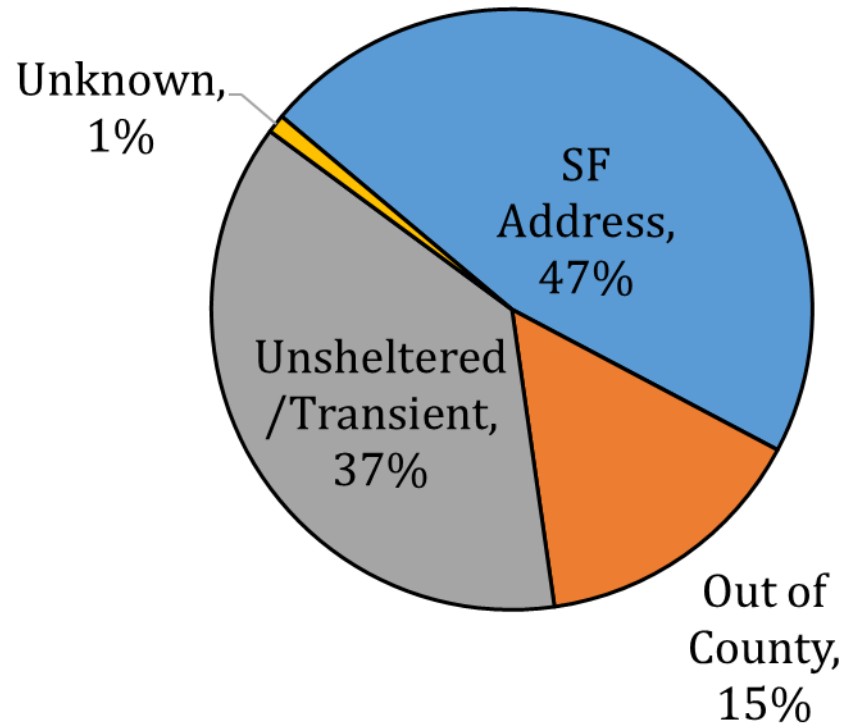


Age at Booking



Snapshot Residency January 2022

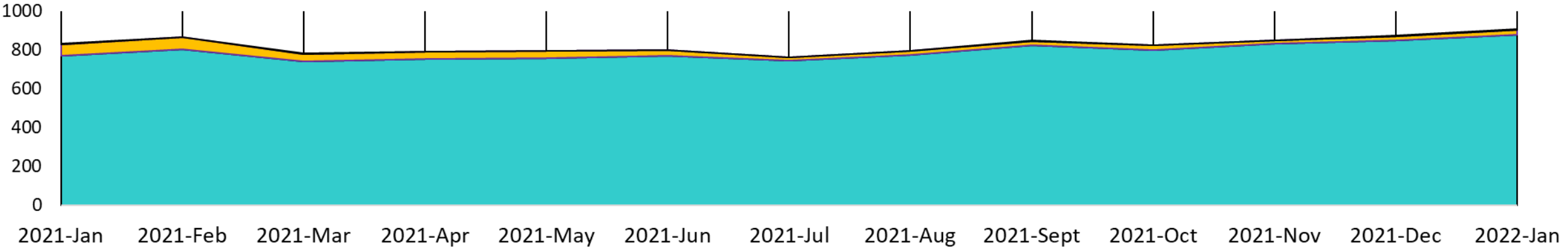
Snapshot Population by Residency



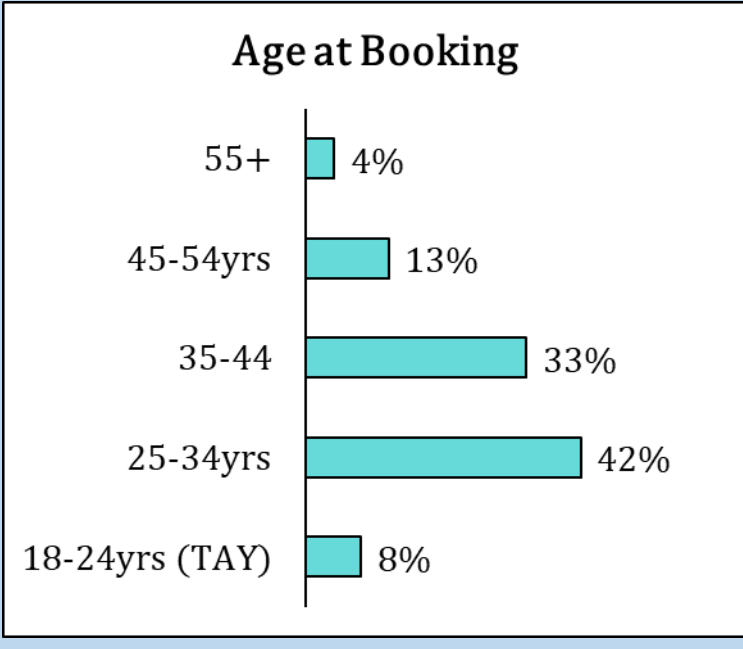
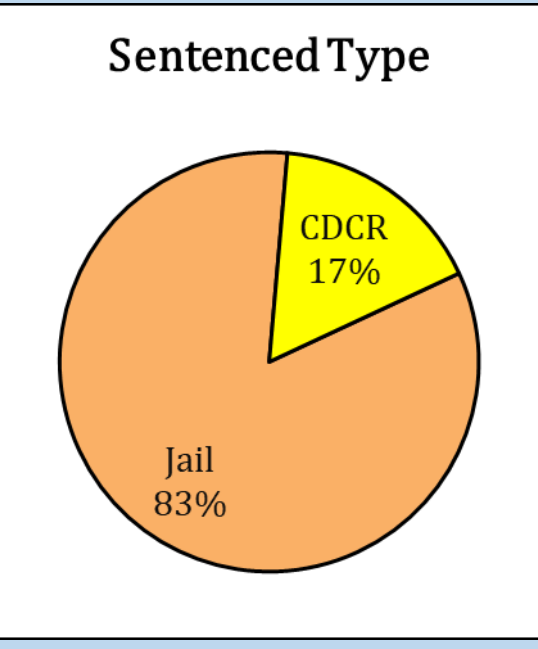
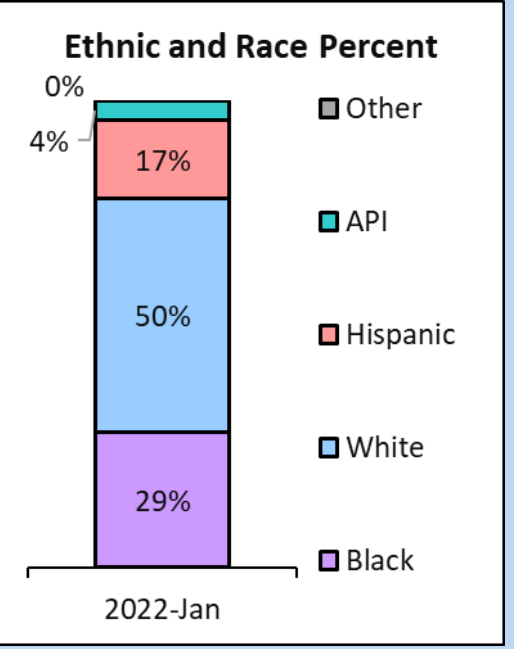
Sentenced of the Snapshot Population January 2022

Legal Status of Confined Individuals

■ Pretrial, 880
 ■ Sentenced, 24
 ■ Other, 3



	Dec	Last 12 Months	
Black	29%	Low 25	High 58
White	50%	Low 4	High 54
Hispanic	17%	Low 13	High 47
API	4%	Low 4	High 16
Other	0%	Low 0	High 19



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SAN FRANCISCO GOALS & ACTIVITIES FOR 2022

Overarching Goals:

- 1) Reduce racial disparities in the jail
- 2) Maintain overall jail population reductions
- 3) Develop mechanisms to sustain efforts and changes

Area	Objective(s)	Activities	Suggestions
Lead with Race	Center all strategies around racial disparities reduction. Engage community members with lived experience in to inform strategies and activities. Develop new activities focused on disparities reduction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch SJC Fellowship cohort 2, focused on strategies to increase access to housing • DA's Office implement Fellows' recommendations on restorative justice expansion • Support Criminal Justice Racial Equity Work Group to finalize and implement "Shared Safety" priorities (e.g., phase two of Racial Justice Act training series; present on Department Racial Equity Action Plans) • Provide input on Young Adult Justice Action Plan through SJC meetings 	
Sustain Shared Focus	Sustain and enhance a vigorous jail population review (JPR) process. Use the lessons from case review to drive policy change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold bimonthly JPR meetings, revisit criteria quarterly to ensure focus on reducing racial disparities • Implement plan to track impact and share lessons learned • Bring policy recommendations to SJC Workgroup quarterly for discussion/action • Host more intensive case review as needed during COVID 	
Improve Case Processing	Justice partners work to adopt systems and structures to reduce delay, coordinate criminal case priorities, and address lengthy stays in jail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JMI and Court launch workgroup to explore/develop new case processing tools • Court, Defense, and District Attorney consult and pilot new case processing tools • Explore processes/practices related to warrants and holds and implement changes 	
Increase & Maintain Healthy Connections	Increase connections to community-based support for people with behavioral health and/or housing needs in jail. Improve coordination across local criminal justice, public health, and housing systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners support Dept. of Homelessness and Supportive Housing MacArthur application • Dept. of Public Health clinician works with people in jail, referring to JPR and community-based supports • DA Sentencing Planner develops plans for community-based care • Develop process to flag cases for behavioral health intervention • Develop/act on policy proposals and to better serve high users of multiple systems • Monitor progress of new citywide crisis response efforts and participate as needed 	
Drive with Data	Build a more transparent, data-driven justice system in San Francisco. Develop tools and data-sharing agreements that enhance partners' ability to sustain jail reductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share monthly jail population data with SJC Workgroup, refining with input • Continue development of internal and external facing data dashboards • Data team meets quarterly to discuss data trends and data sharing needs • Provide input to JUSTIS workgroups on performance measures transition of the Justice Dashboard 	