

The San Francisco Sentencing Commission

City & County of San Francisco

(Administrative Code 5.250 through 5.250-3)

AGENDA

Thursday, December 5, 2024
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location:
San Francisco Police Headquarters
1245 3rd Street, Room 1025
San Francisco, CA 94158

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1. Call to Order; Roll call

Pursuant to Sentencing Commission bylaws, acknowledgment of the ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula

2. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below (discussion only)

3. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes from September 26th, 2024 (discussion & action)

4. Staff Report on Sentencing Commission Activities, and Reports from the Reentry Council and the Family Violence Council (discussion & possible action)

5. Update on the MacArthur Foundation-funded *Just Home Initiative* by Aaqilah Islam, Manager of Housing Justice System Initiatives (discussion & possible action)

6. Update on MacArthur Foundation-funded *Safety & Justice Challenge Initiative* by Alissa Riker, Director of Programs (discussion only & possible action)

7. Presentation: Jail Population Trends by Lucas Jennings, Senior Administrative Analyst (discussion & possible action)

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8. Update on Individuals with Long Jail Stays by Tara Agnese, Director of Policy (discussion & possible action)
9. Presentation: Young Adult Justice Initiative: Local Action Plan for Justice Involved Young Adults by Patricia Martinez, Director of Youth & Young Adult Services (discussion & possible action)
10. Presentation: Disrupting the Pipeline by William Palmer, Reentry Council Appointee to the Sentencing Commission (discussion & possible action)
11. Members' Comments, Questions, Requests for Future Agenda Items (discussion & possible action)
12. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Above, as well as Items not Listed on the Agenda
13. Adjournment

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SENTENCING COMMISSION: MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 26, 2024

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location:

City Hall, Room 201
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

Representative Tara Agnese, Director of Policy for the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Alexandra Lopes, Director of Safety and Justice Challenge, called roll for the meeting.

Members in Attendance:

- Adult Probation - Representative **Alea Brown-Hoffmeister**, *Policy Director*
- Juvenile Probation - Representative **Gabriel Calvillo**, *Assistant Chief*
- Public Defender's Office - Representative **Carolyn Goossen**, *Director of Policy*
- District Attorney's Office - Representative **Tara Agnese**, *Director of Policy*
- Sheriff's Office - Representative **Paul Miyamoto**, *Sheriff*
- Police Department - Representative **Alexa O'Brien**, *Captain Special Victims Unit*
- Department of Public Health – Representative **Naveena Bobba**, *Deputy Director of Health*
- Reentry Council – Representative **Karen Roye**, *Director of Child Support Services*
- Superior Court – Representative **Melanie Kushnir**, *Director of Collaborative Courts*
- Sentencing Expert chosen by the Board of Supervisors – Member **Theshia Naidoo**, *Legal Director, Criminal Justice Drug Policy Alliance*
- Member of a nonprofit organization serving victims chosen by Family Violence Council – Representative **Beverly Upton**, *Executive Director, San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium*
- Academic Researcher with expertise in data analysis appointed by the mayor – Member **Mia Bird**, *Assistant Research Professor at the Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkley*
- Member of a nonprofit organization working with formerly incarcerated people appointed by the Reentry Council – Member **William Palmer**

Pursuant to Sentencing Commission bylaws, Representative Agnese read the acknowledgement of the ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.

2. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Below (Discussion Only)

No Public Comment received.

3. Review and Adoption of Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2024 (Discussion & Possible Action)

Representative Agnese introduced the meeting minutes from the Sentencing Commission meeting held on June 27, 2024. Members and representatives reviewed the meeting minutes. No edits or additions to the minutes were requested.

Representative Agnese asked for a motion to accept the June 27, 2024, Sentencing Commission Meeting Minutes. Representative Naidoo moved to accept, and the motion was seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved in a roll call vote. Motion passed.

4. Staff Report on Sentencing Commission Activities, and Reports from the Reentry Council and the Family Violence Council (Discussion & Possible Action)

Representative Agnese provided an update on Sentencing Commission activities since the last meeting in June. The member seat for a nonprofit organization serving victims chosen by the Family Violence Council (FVC) was vacant when member Andrew Tan transitioned to another agency. Representative Agnese reported that the FVC hopes to address the seat vacancy at their next meeting. Additionally, the Sentencing Commission continued to explore agenda items for the next meeting. Input on topics of interest is welcomed and should be communicated to representative Agnese. The next Sentencing Commission meeting is scheduled for December 26, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Representative Agnese proposed rescheduling the next Sentencing Commission meeting to Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Members confirmed availability for this new date.

Representative Roye provided an update on the most recent Reentry Council meeting, which took place on July 17th, 2024. The Reentry Council updated subcommittee rosters for the Women 1st subcommittee and the Direct Action subcommittee. The agenda included presentations on CalAIM initiatives and the Just Home Initiative. The next Reentry Council meeting is scheduled for October 16th, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

Representative Upton provided an update on the Family Violence Council and shared information on ongoing changes that impact the Department on the Status of Women (DOSW) in San Francisco, including transition centered around the Mayor's Office of Victim's Rights. The FVC is exploring training, policy, and prevention in three areas: child abuse, elder or dependent adult abuse, and domestic violence. The FVC is also seeking volunteers and fostering new leadership opportunities. Member Roye asked if the FVC meetings will continue with the transition to the Office of Victim's Rights. Representative Upton responded that the FVC is working with the Mayor's Office on transition and more information will be available in coming months. The next meeting of the FVC is on November 27th, 2024. Representative Goosen commented that the Public Defender's Office has a seat on the Family Violence Council and allows for conversations for justice-involved survivors. Representative Kushnir commented that there was a presentation on the CARE Act and CARE Court to CPS and APS and asked if there might be interest in this type of presentation at the FVC. Representative Upton expressed appreciation and interest in this type of presentation and offered to follow up with the FVC at the November meeting.

5. Update on the MacArthur Foundation-funded *Just Home Initiative* by Aaqilah Islam, Manager of housing Justice System Initiatives & Ashly Qiang Senior Strategy & Planning Analyst (discussion & possible action).

Aaqilah Islam was unable to attend today's meeting to provide an update on Just Home.

6. Update on MacArthur Foundation-funded Safety & Justice Challenge Initiative by Alexandra Lopes, Director of Safety & Justice Challenge (Discussion Only & Possible Action)

Director Alexandra Lopes provided an update on the Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) Initiative, noting that these grants will transition to being administered by the Sheriff's Office. The District Attorney's Office is partnering with them through the transition process. SJC updates will continue to be provided at Sentencing Commission meetings.

7. Presentation: Jail Population Trends by Lucas Jennings, Senior Administrative Analyst (Discussion & Possible Action)

Lucas Jennings presented jail population data for August 2024, including data on bookings, releases, the average daily population with breakdowns for age, gender, race/ethnicity, charge level, etc.

Representative Goossen asked for clarification on the historical trends and whether the percentages have increased. Mr. Jennings provided clarification on percentages. Member Roye expressed appreciation for the presentation and inquired on the feasibility of analyzing bookings by gender and breaking down the types of charges to better understand the female population. Mr. Jennings agreed to explore this by of breakdown. Representative Agnese asked about the average daily population and commented on the mode for June (20) compared to August (4). Member Palmer asked about how this data has been helpful to the Sentencing Commission. Member Roye highlighted that the jail population data has previously helped understand more about the composition of individuals in jail including the number of incarcerated parents. The data has facilitated discussions with legislators about the suspension of child support when someone is in the system and has helped with efforts to build out debt relief options for incarcerated parents. Representative Kushnir inquired about how family incomes are supplemented when child support is not paid and mentioned that they are enhancing non-cash services (e.g., food, diapers, etc.) in cases where domestic violence is not present.

8. Presentation: Drug Market Agency Coordination Center (DMACC) by Derrick Lew, Commander and Scott Biggs, Captain (discussion only & possible action)

Commander Derrick Lew and Captain Scott Biggs from the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) presented on DMACC, including an overview of the creation and overall strategy of DMACC, daily operations and deployment of resources, coordination and sequencing of federal and city resources, and shared data on arrests, bookings, cases presented. SFPD reported there is a highly organized network of sellers, Fentanyl/Methamphetamine, and 45% of seizures are Fentanyl. SFPD shared information on how DMACC has realigned resources and details on the Neighborhood Recovery Branch and Journey Home Project, which are designed to help unhoused people with travel and relocation assistance to reconnect individuals with their hometown and support systems. Member Palmer inquired whether other agencies in different counties are collaborating to transport individuals to services, noting that there are many families who find themselves burnt out and who may not want to be involved. Commander Lew responded that this type of collaboration is not currently part of the program. Member Palmer offered support to SFPD. Member Roye commented that it could be helpful to regularly see the DMACC statistics and suggested that SFPD present at a future Reentry Council meeting. Commander Lew expressed willingness to present and shared that DMACC data is publicly available on the SFPD website. Representative Goosen commented on the data and looking at the effectiveness of law enforcement practices. Representative Bobba noted the presence of the Tenderloin Night Program and commented that programs and services have developed out of DMACC as part of efforts to get individuals into treatment. Monifa Willis, Chief of Staff at the SFDA's office, commented on DMACC and interagency collaboration and services designed to get individuals engaged care, noting the effectiveness of Telehealth, and commenting that disruption is an intervention method that can aid in getting an assessment to access treatment.

9. Update on Individuals with Long Jail Stays by Tara Agnese, Director of Policy (discussion & possible action)

Due to time, Representative Agnese moved to shift Agenda Item 9 to the agenda for the next meeting in December. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Members' Comments, Questions, Requests for Future Agenda Items (discussion & possible action)

Member Palmer commented on his ability to present on reentry at a future meeting.

11. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Above, as well as Items not Listed on the Agenda

David Mauroff commented that the jail data for the 25-35-year-old population is increasing and suggested looking at it and services for this population. Mr. Mauroff commented on referrals for those released from jail and noted that many people are not ready for that step. Joanna Hernandez commented on interventions available for those in custody, requested to hear from the Sheriff's office regarding treatment services for the Latino population, and reported on difficulty in obtaining beds for women and women who have children. Alissa Riker, Director of Programs at the Sheriff's office, commented on a huge need for adequate services, including more substance abuse treatment in the jail, and noted that CalAIM is designed to increase case management.

12. Adjournment

Representative Agnese reminded members that the next Sentencing Commission Meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2024 at 10:00 am. A motion to adjourn the meeting was introduced by Member Roye and seconded by Representative Alissa Riker. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.

Jail Population Trend Report

October Jail Report



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Jail Population October 2024 Report

Average Daily Population

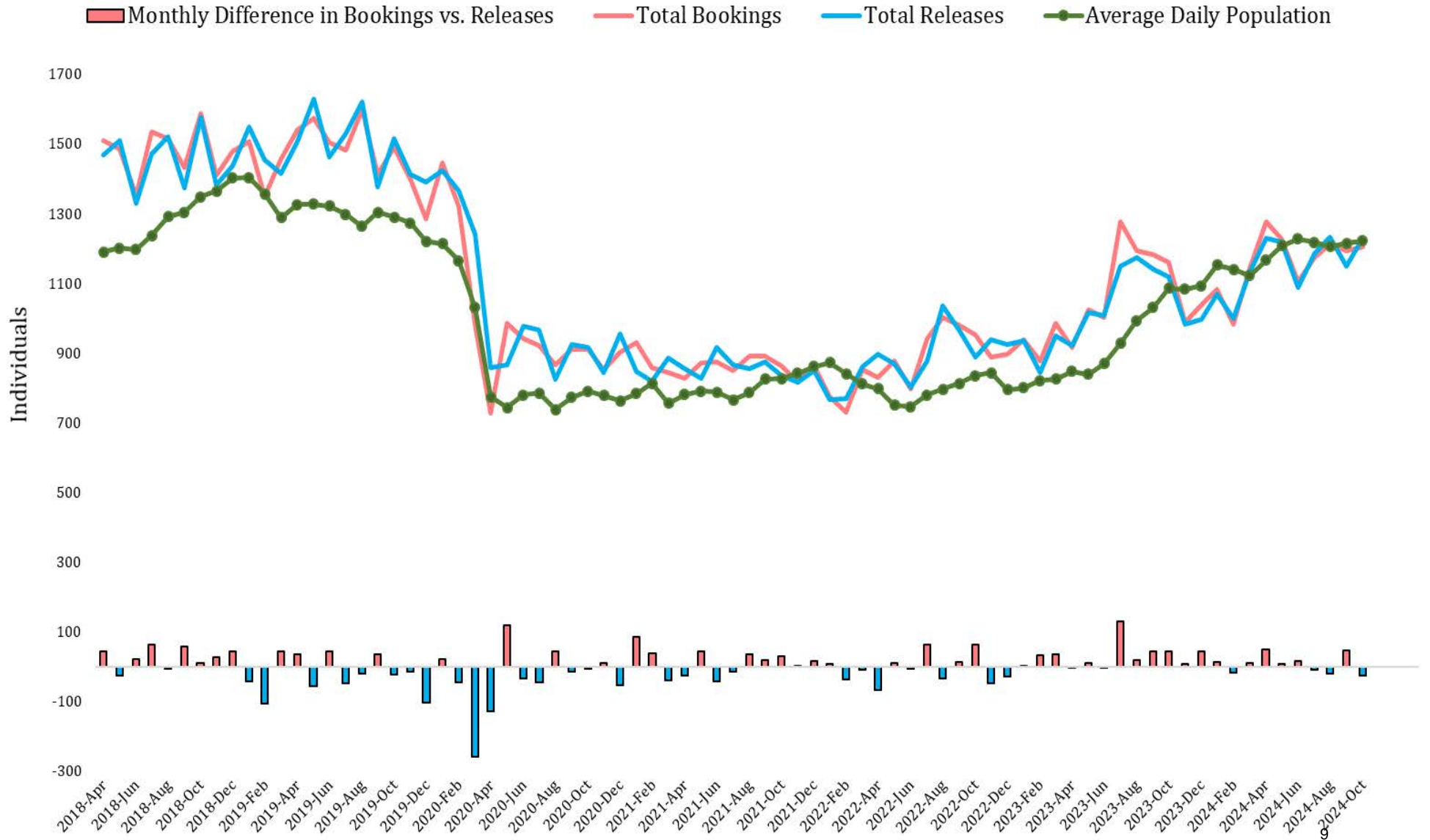
This Month	Change from last month	Change from last year
1228	1% ↑	12% ↑

Bookings

This Month	Change from last month	Change from last year
1205	1% ↑	4% ↑

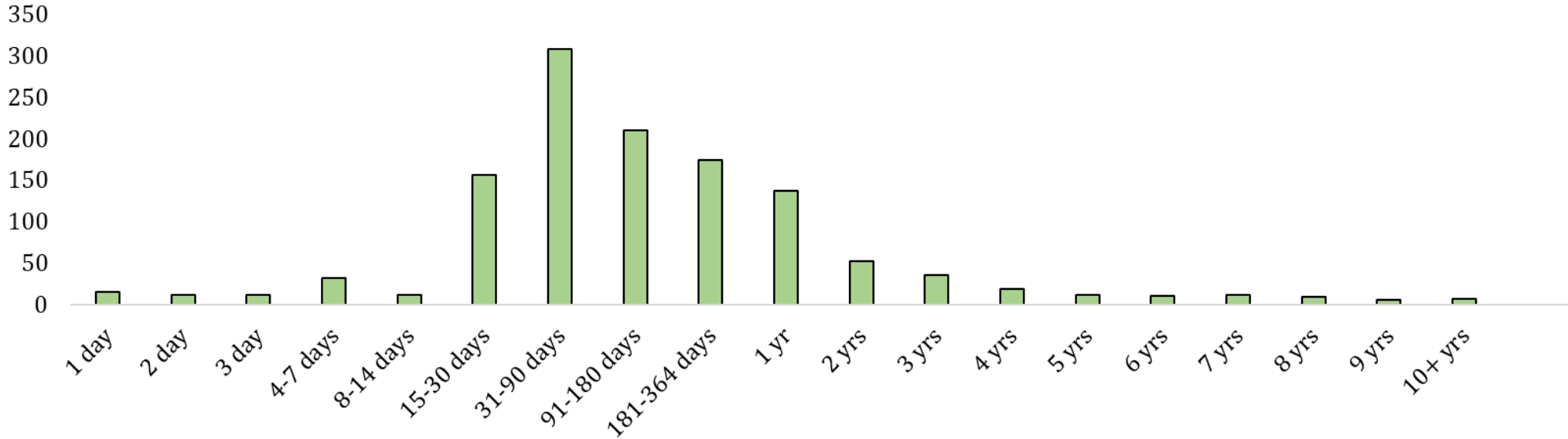
Releases

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1230	7% ↑	10% ↑



Jail Population October 2024 Report

Time in custody snapshot population on October 15th 2024



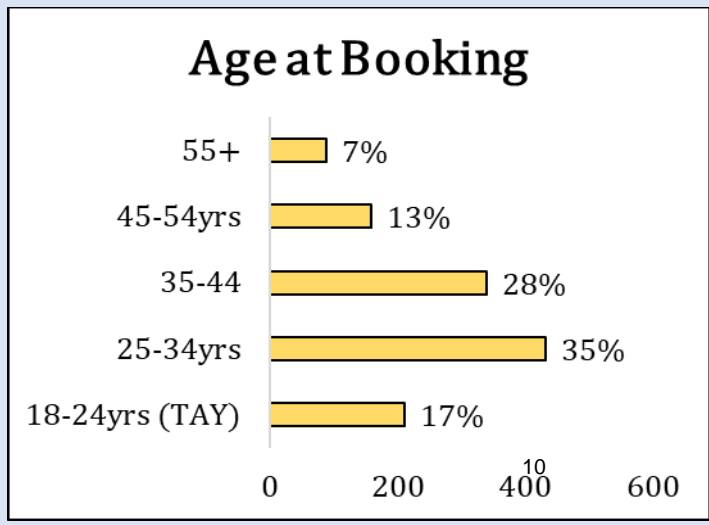
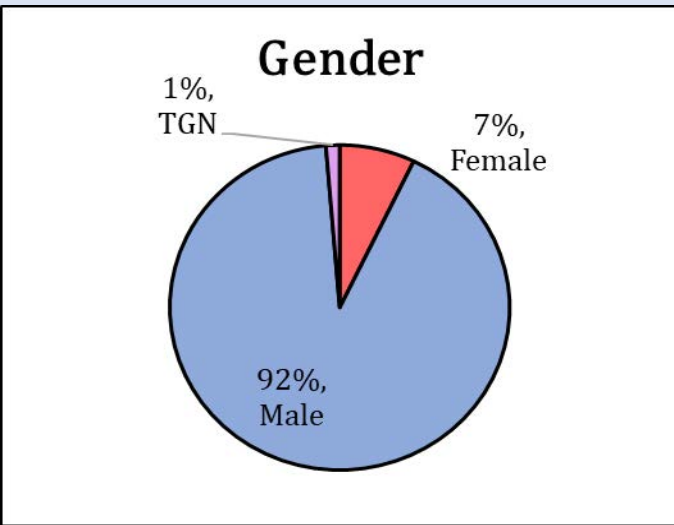
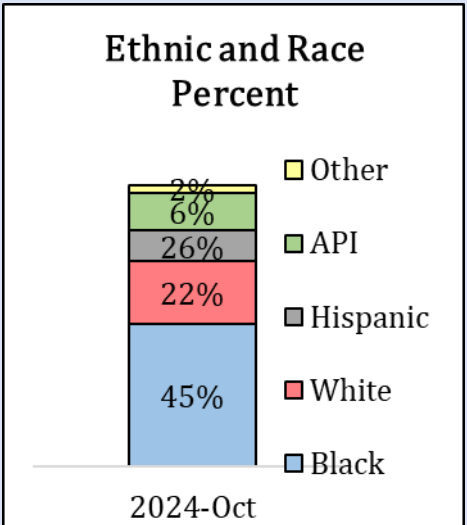
Population
1228

Average time in custody
356

Median time in custody
116

Mode time in custody
20

Oct	Last 12 Months
Black	45% Low 42 High 45
White	22% Low 22 High 23
Hispanic	26% Low 25 High 28
API	6% Low 5 High 7
Other	2% Low 1 High 2



Jail Population Long Stayers October 2024 Report

Snapshot
Population 109

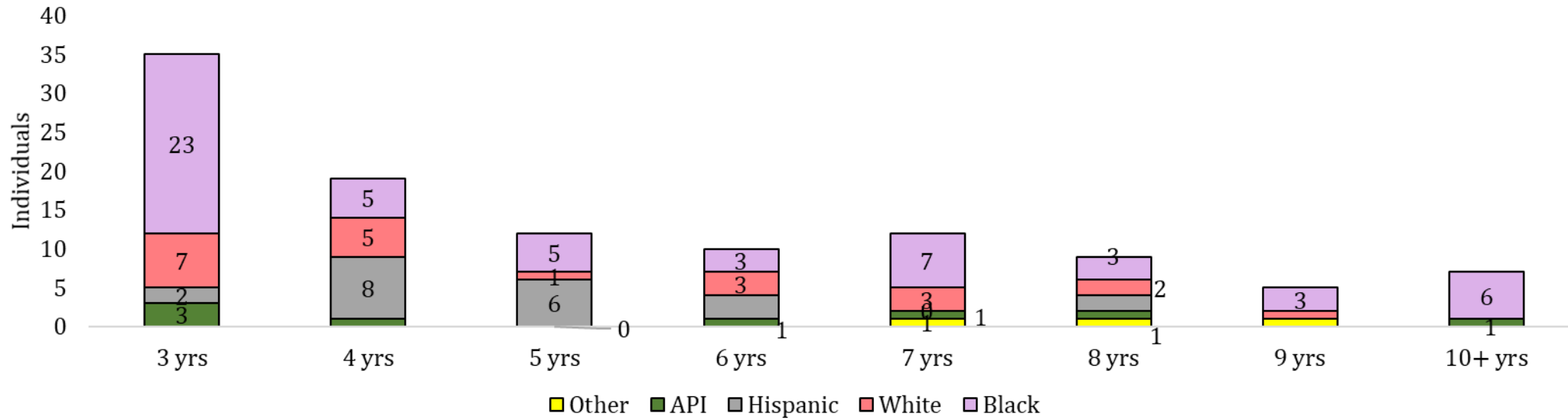
Percent of
Population 9%

Average time in
custody 5.80 yrs.

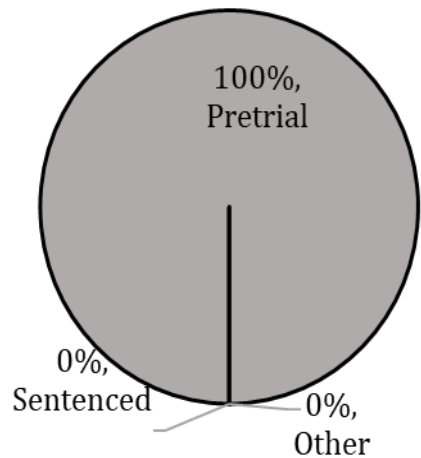
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Transgender/
Non-Binary
Population 0

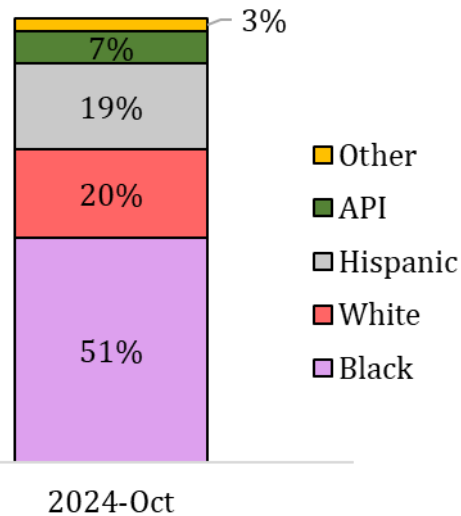
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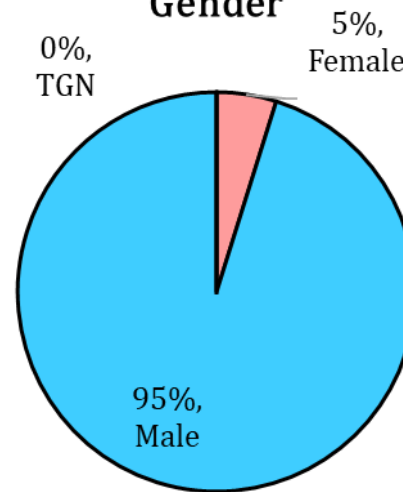
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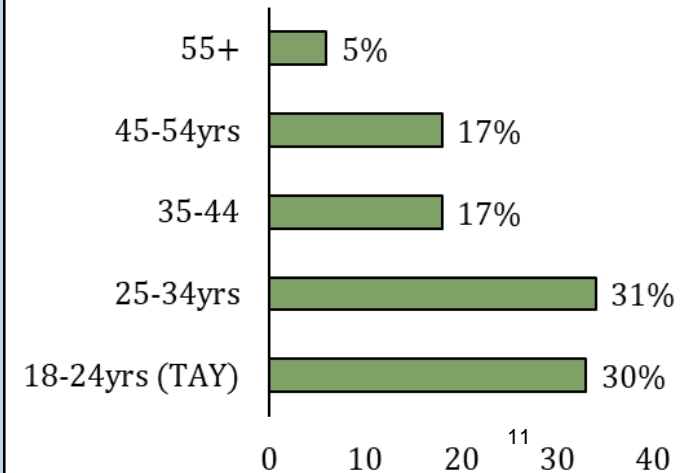
Ethnic and Race Percent



Gender

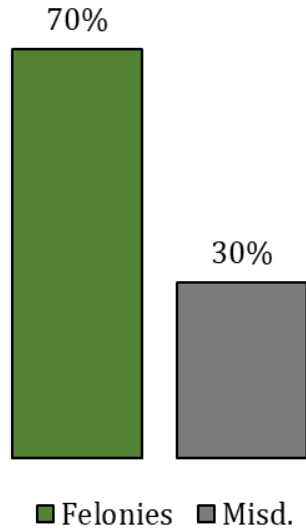


Age at Booking

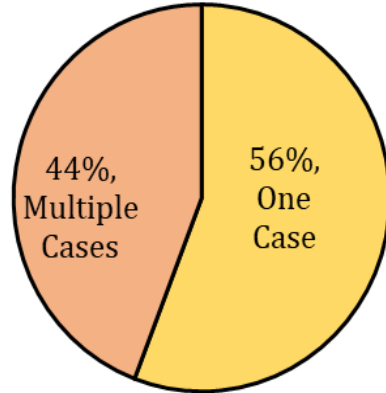


Jail Population (Bookings) October 2024 Report

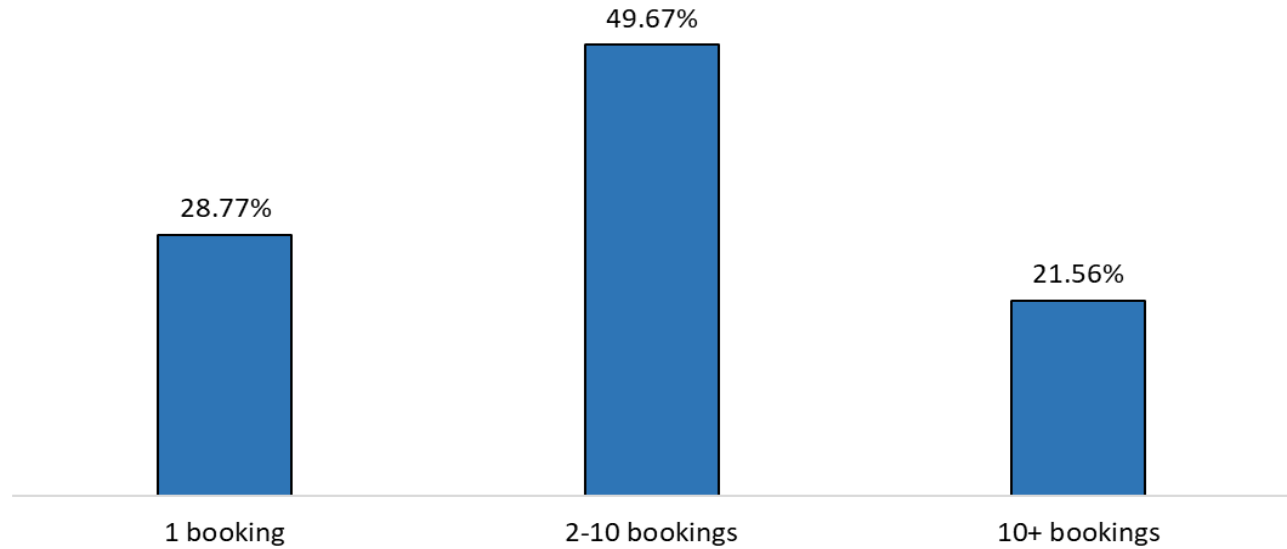
Crime Class at Booking



Caseload Per Booking Number



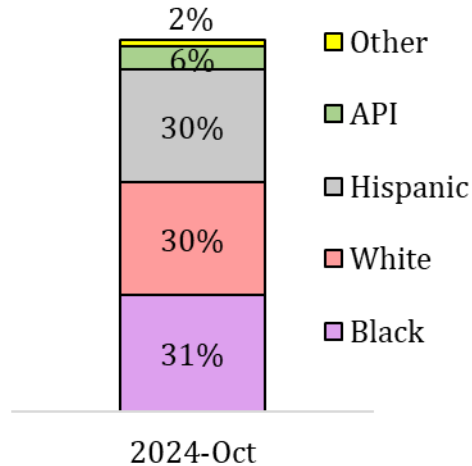
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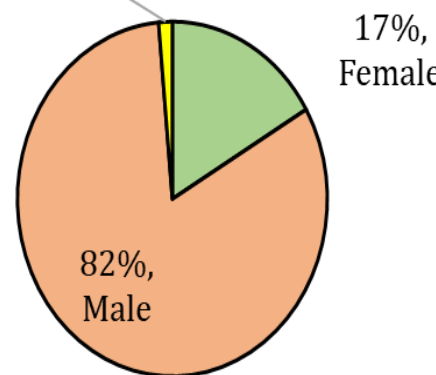
Oct Last 12 Months

Black	31% Low 31 High 37
White	30% Low 26 High 31
Hispanic	30% Low 25 High 34
API	6% Low 5 High 7
Other	2% Low 1 High 3

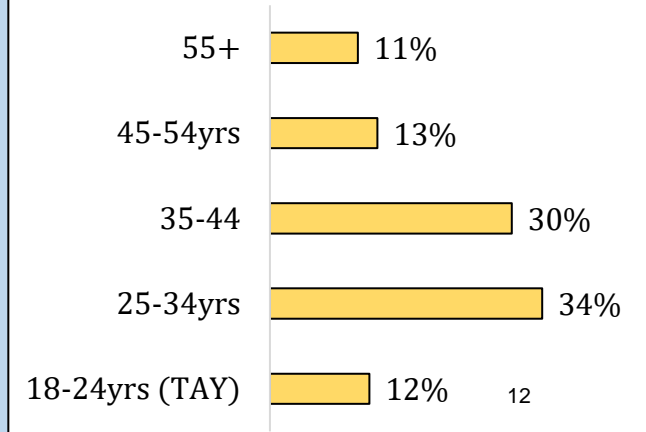
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Gender

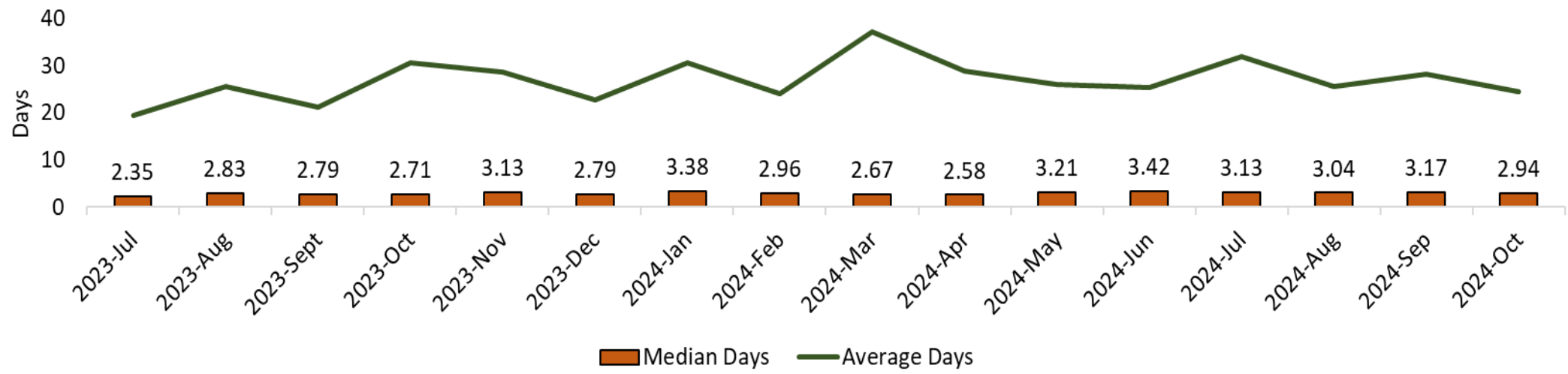


Age at Booking



Jail Population (Releases) October 2024 Report

Average and median length of stay for released individuals



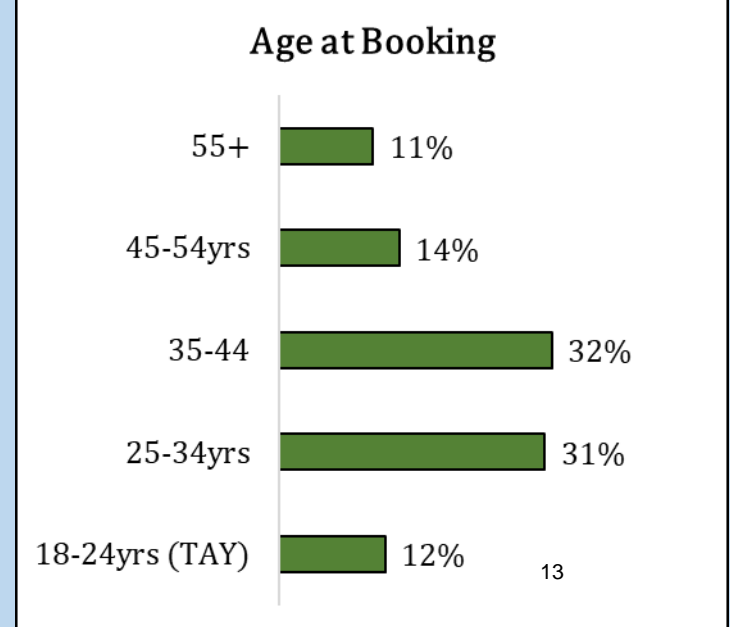
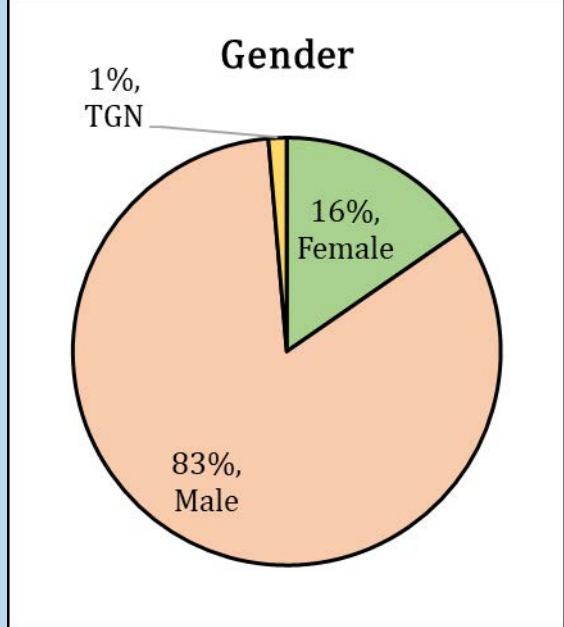
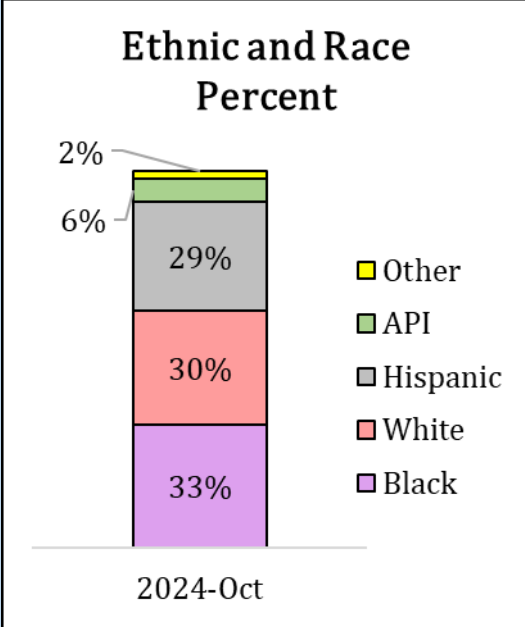
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Average length of stay in days 25

Median length of stay 2.94 days

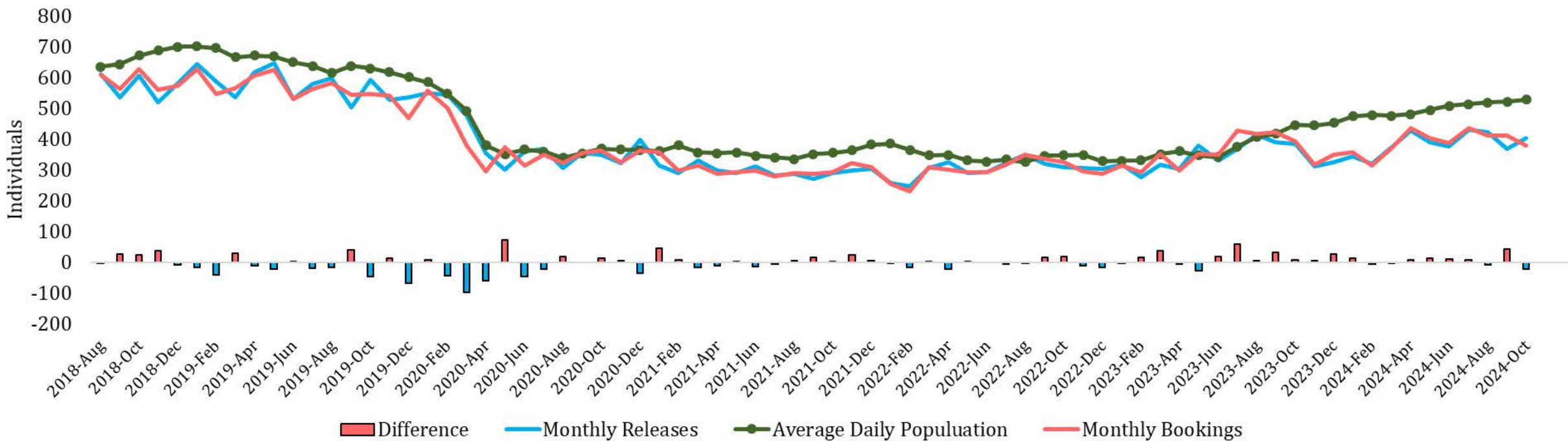
Mode length of stay 1 day

Oct	Last 12 Months
Black	33% Low 32 High 36
White	30% Low 25 High 31
Hispanic	29% Low 26 High 33
API	6% Low 5 High 7
Other	2% Low 1 High 4



Jail Population October 2024 Report

Black / African American Population

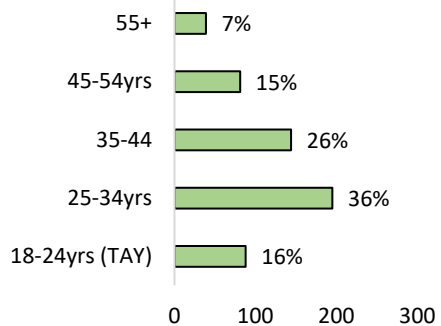


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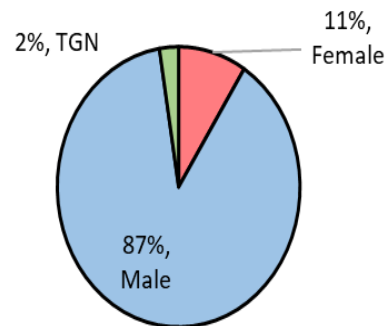
Black

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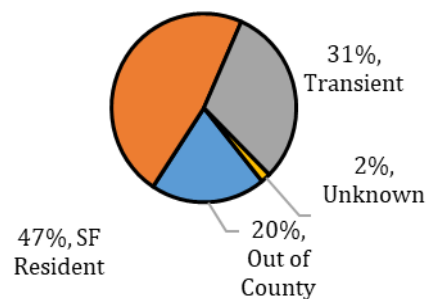
Age at Booking



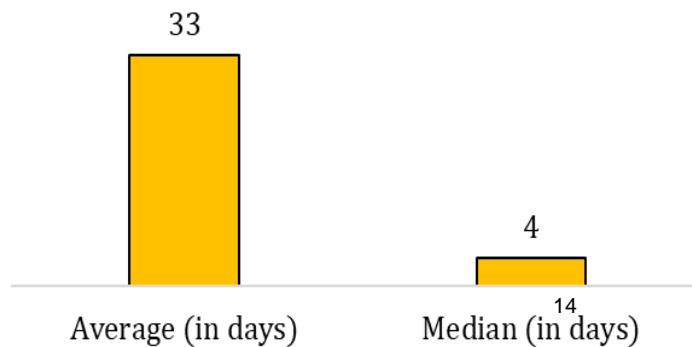
Gender Black Population



Snapshot Population Residency

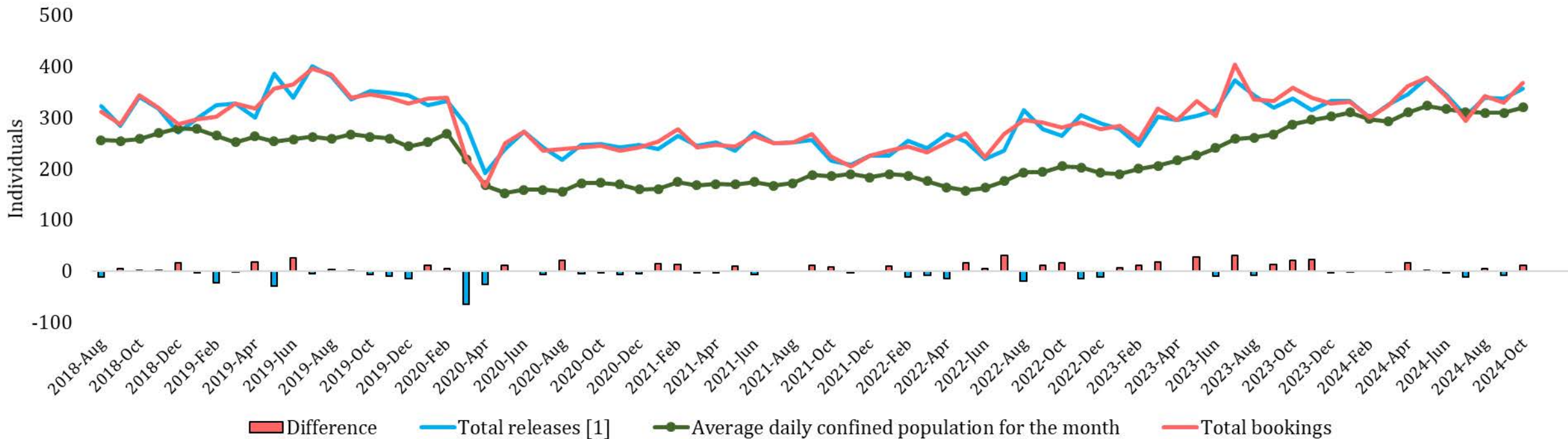


Length of Stay for those Released

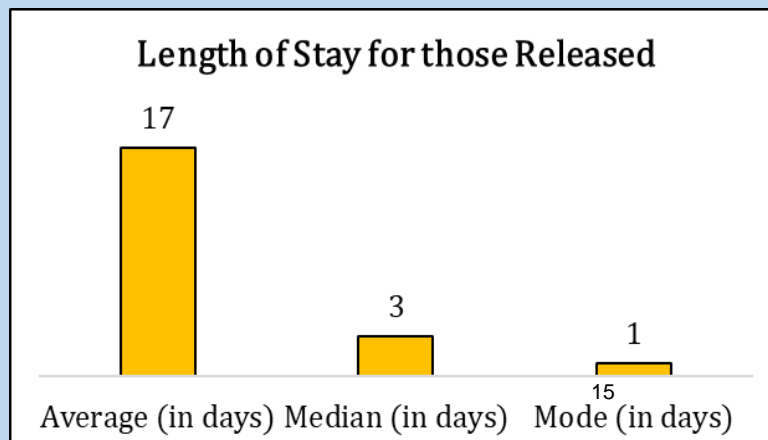
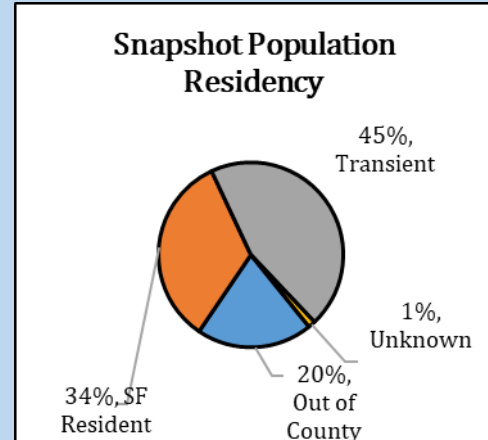
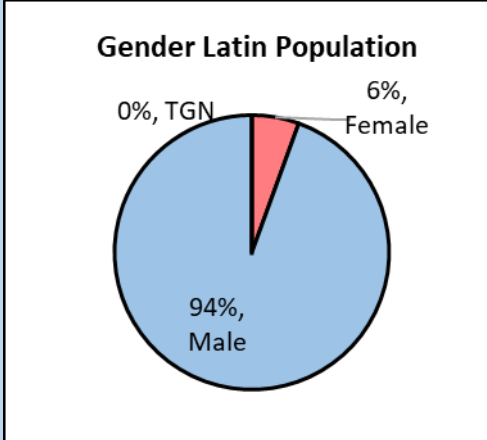
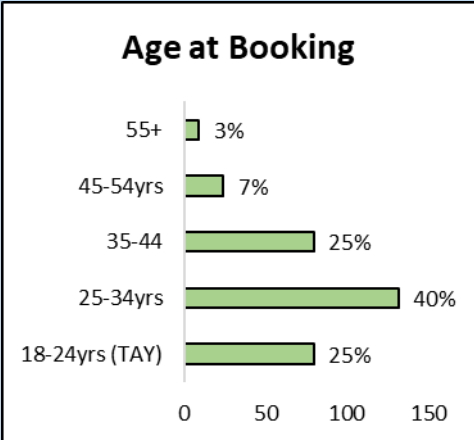


Jail Population October 2024 Report

Hispanic/Latino Population

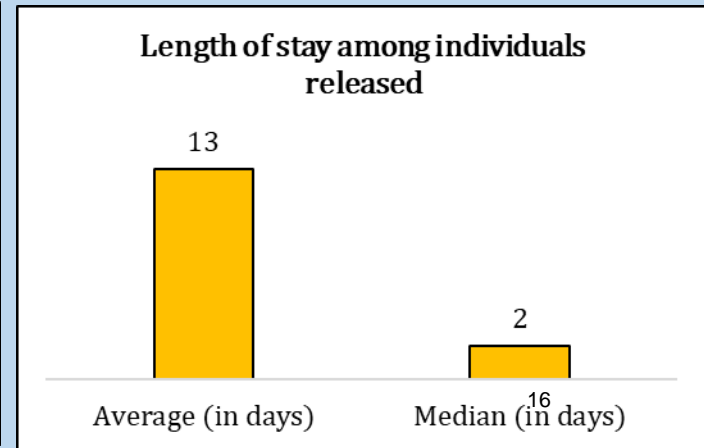
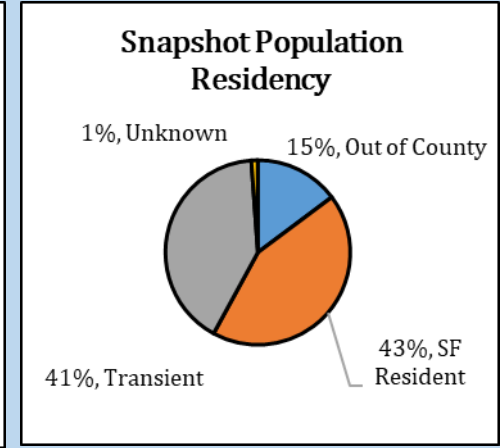
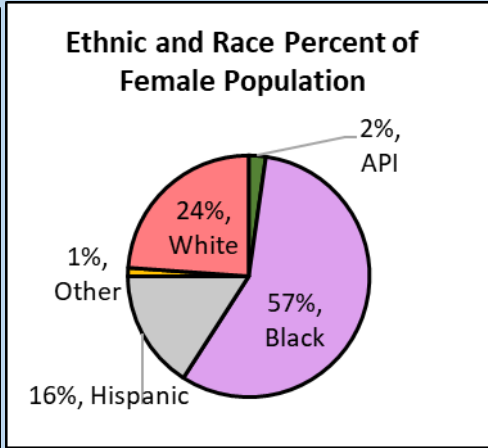
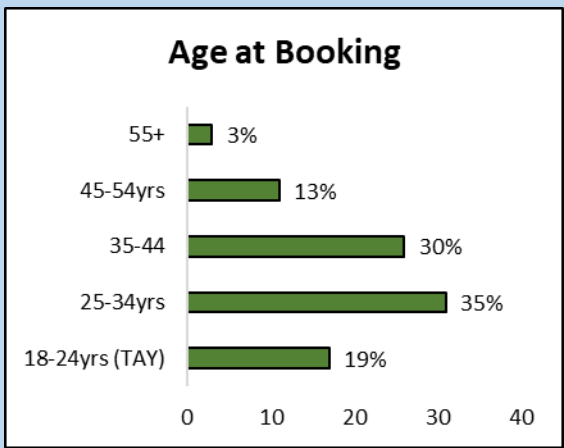
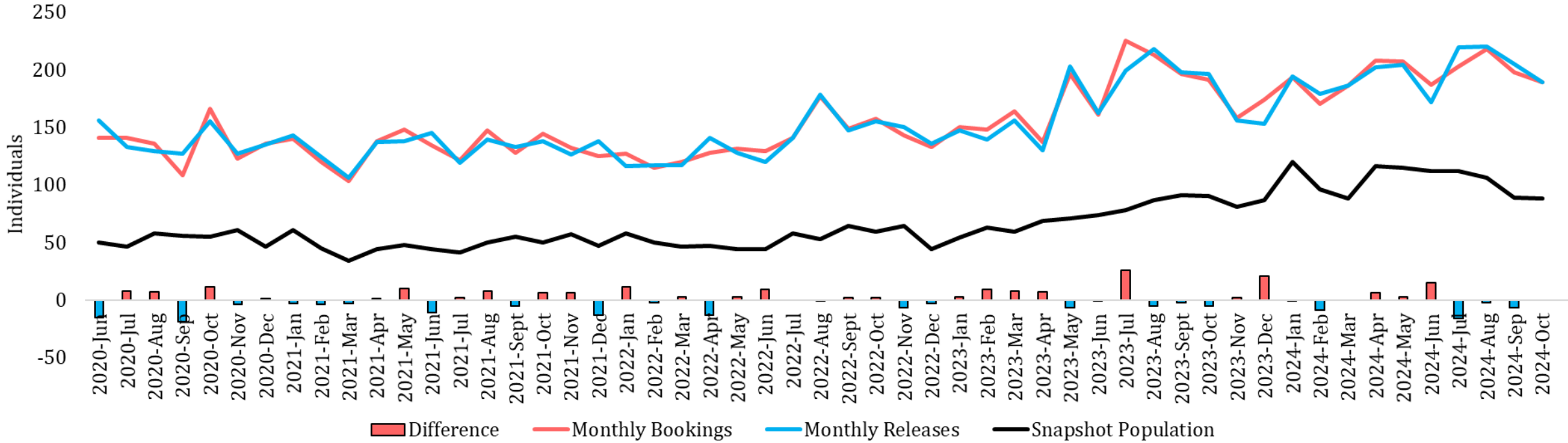


Snapshot Population
Hispanic
325



Jail Population October 2024 Report

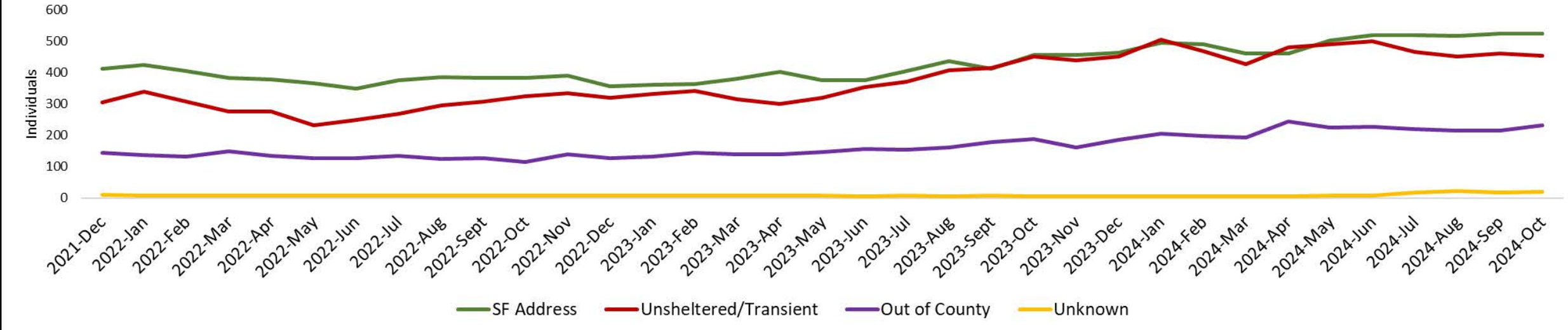
Female Population



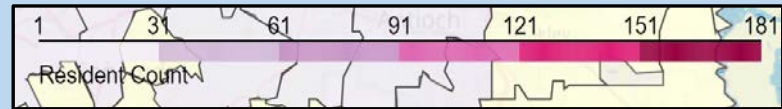
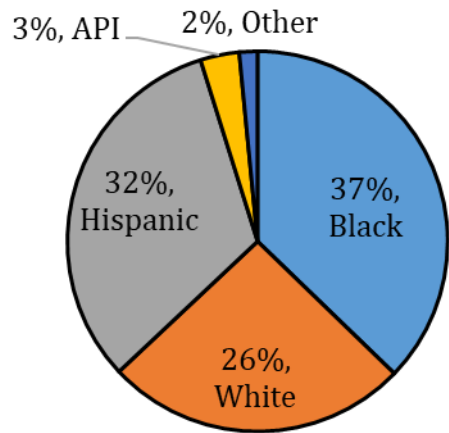
Snapshot Population
Female
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Jail Population (Snapshot) October 2024 Report

Historical Trends of Residency

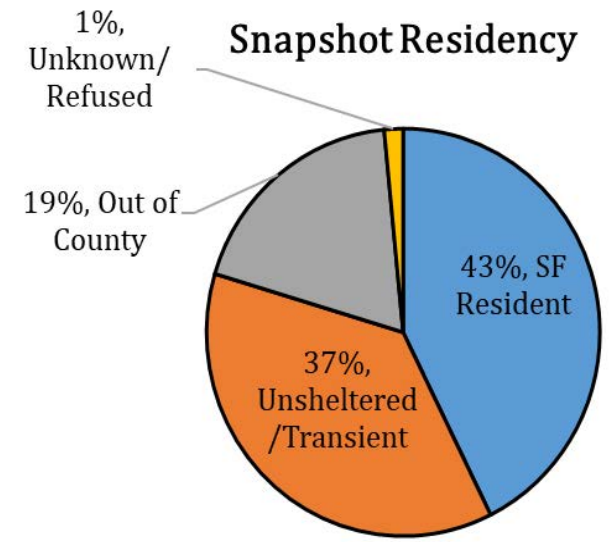


Unsheltered Ethnic and Race Percent



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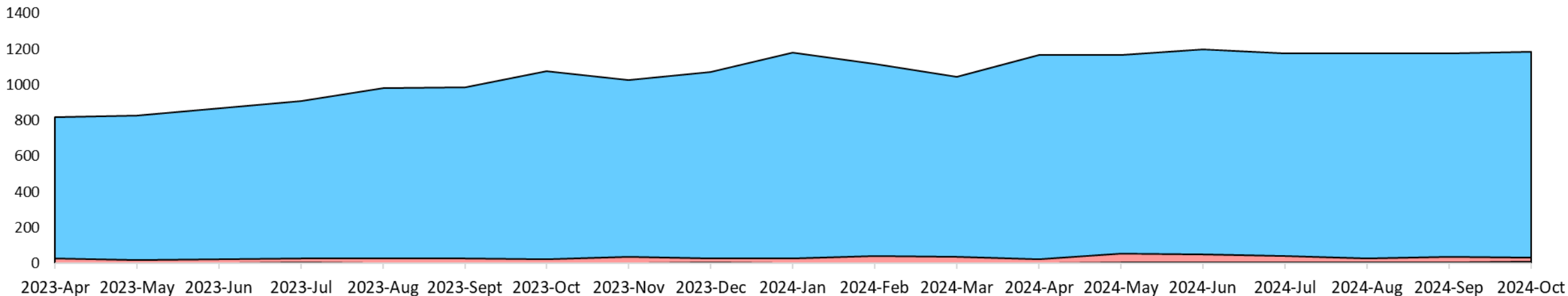
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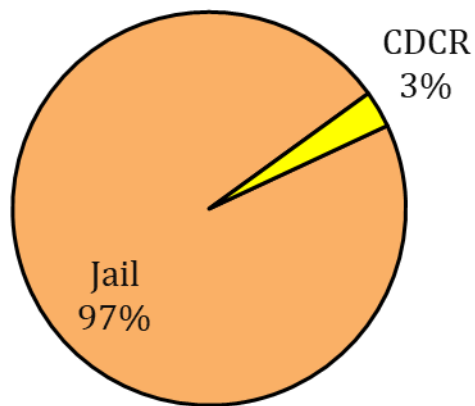
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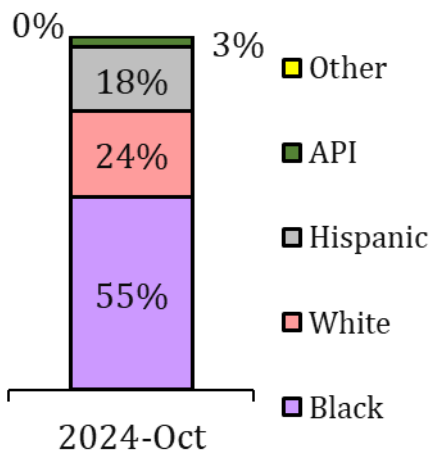
Pretrial, 1184 Sentenced, 33 Other, 11



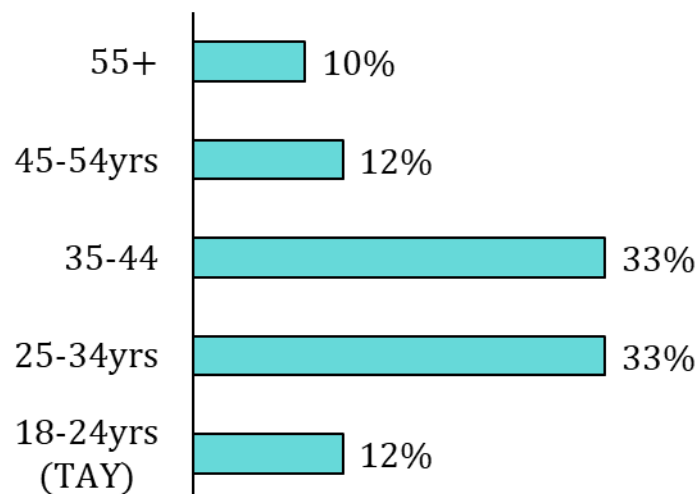
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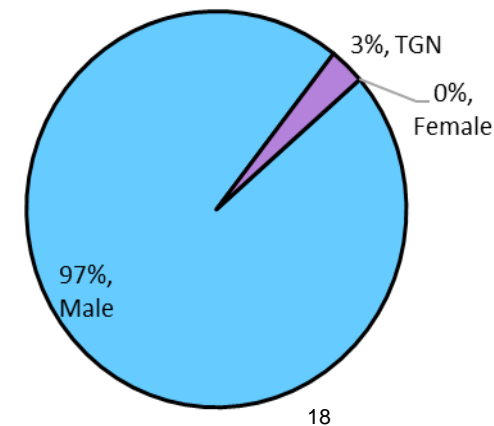
Ethnic and Race Percent



Age at Booking



Gender





Individuals with Long Jail Stays

December, 2024



Individuals with Long Jail Stays (2 years or more)

Update | Preliminary Data | Next Steps



**Jail
Population
Data**

June 2024



**Victim
Services
Data**

March 2024



**Qualitative
Case File
Review**

August 2024



**Superior
Court
Data**

September 2024

Preliminary Data

138

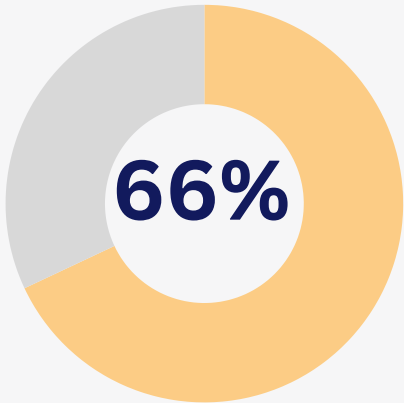
Individuals in Jail for 2 or More Years

Represents 11% of the jail population

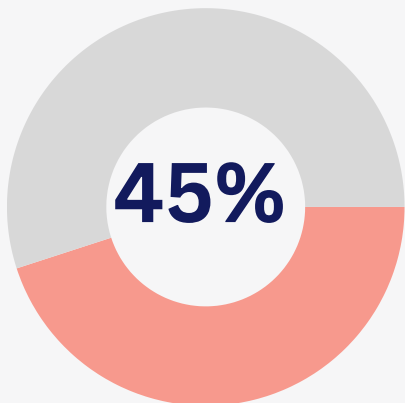


38% in for >5 years

Race / Ethnicity



of Defendants are Black or Brown



of Victims Served are Black or Brown

269

Unique victims served by SFDA Victim Services Division



33% of Victims Served are Children

Case File Review

Stratified Random Sample: 13 people with 22 cases (Length of Stay, Charge Type, Defense Type)

Case Processing Themes

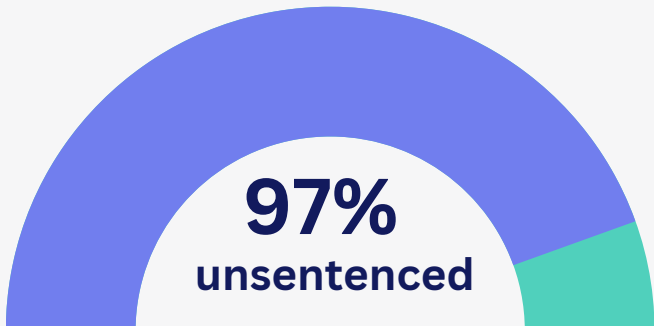
- Case complexity/Seriousness
- Numerous & Varied Motions Filed
 - 27 distinct types of motions identified
- Attorney Changes/Reassignments

63%

Lead Charge: Homicide or Att. Homicide

92%

Rep by Pub Def or Conflict Counsel



97% unsentenced

195

Court Cases

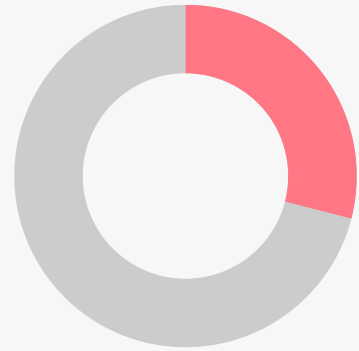


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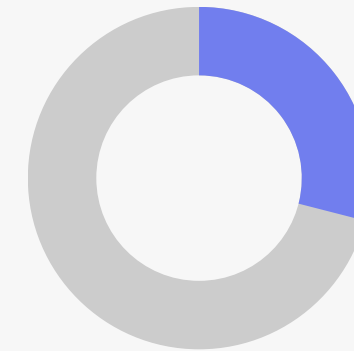
Hearings

Average Hearings/Case **67**

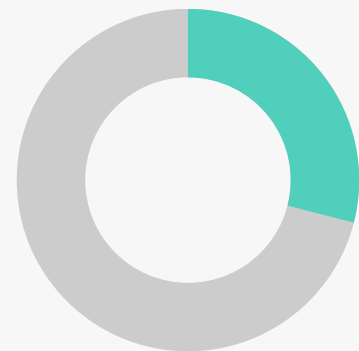
Next Steps



Continue to Review Case Files



Explore Cost Estimates

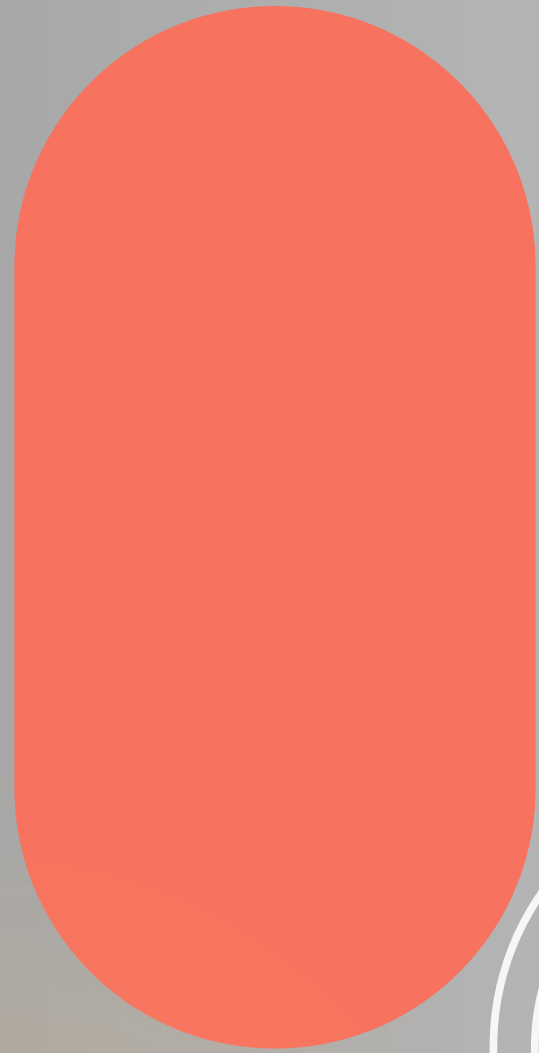


Try to Quantify Continuances



Open Forum for Feedback & Conversation

Questions





LOCAL ACTION PLAN: STRATEGIES TO PREVENT YOUNG ADULTS FROM BECOMING JUSTICE-INVOLVED

2024

Overview: Young Adult Justice Initiative

- In September of 2020, the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) was awarded a Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to fund a Young Adult Justice Initiative (YAJI).
- **The focus of the YAJI is to reduce serious and violent crime committed by young adults between the ages of 18–24-years old.**
- This Multidisciplinary Local Action Plan: Strategies to Prevent Young Adults from Becoming Justice-involved 2024 (referred to as the LAP) was produced through a multitude of information gathering and collaborative efforts to align goals of CCSF



Introduction

Main Goal

The YAJI aims to reduce young adult incarceration, recidivism, racial and ethnic disparities, and the social and fiscal costs associated with system involvement.

Priority Population

Transitional age young adults (18-24) who are: at risk, involved, or with a closed criminal case.

Current Investments

San Francisco criminal justice partners have historically considered a young person's unique developmental needs such as maturity level, living situation, employment, and impulsivity, which have led to specialized innovations such as a Young Adult Court and other strategies.

Violence Prevention & Intervention Strategies

CCSF invests \$12.7M-\$14M in Justice Services for Young People



YOUNG ADULT COURT



**JUSTICE SERVICES CARE
COORDINATORS**



**IN-CUSTODY-BASED
SERVICES**



**CREDIBLE MESSENGER
LIFE COACHES**

Research Strategies

Data Source

Description

Data / Outcome

Multidisciplinary Collaboration

Information collected through SF Sentencing Commission, Safety and Justice Challenge Workgroup, and YAJI Workgroup

- Community Listening Sessions (5)
- YAJI Workgroup (7)

Key Informant Interviews

Themes summarized from informal interviews with individuals who were willing to engage with YAJI Coordinator

- Government/System Actors (45)
- Community Members/Partners (38)

Criminal Justice Data Dashboards

Informed by data dashboards produced by the San Francisco Police Department, District Attorney's Office, and Sheriff's Department

- Arrests presented
- Bookings
- Case filings
- Diversion, convictions, and acquittals
- Gender
- Residency
- Releases

Qualitative Data & Findings

Observations: Themes from Interviews*

How has the pandemic impacted young adults?

- Young adults were less inclined to get vaccinated, resulting in less employment opportunities
- This generation is very tech savvy, but “zoomed out”
- Virtual learning made obtaining diploma/GED/college for this generation more challenging

What are some structural gaps?

- Less funds devoted to this distinct population
- Young adults are very transient, and often lack connections to resources out of county
- Breakdowns of communication between criminal justice partners and non-profit organizations

What are current priorities?

- Provide culturally relevant trauma informed practices to support the higher rates of monolingual Spanish speakers, commonly referred to as “newcomers”
- Expand gender responsive strategies
- Convene system and service providers more regularly to collaborate and share resources

What’s needed to prevent incarceration?

- Young adults need support before becoming justice-involved, a focus on prevention is key
- More harm reduction strategies to stop cycles of violence in schools/communities
- More paid job opportunities that teach leadership development

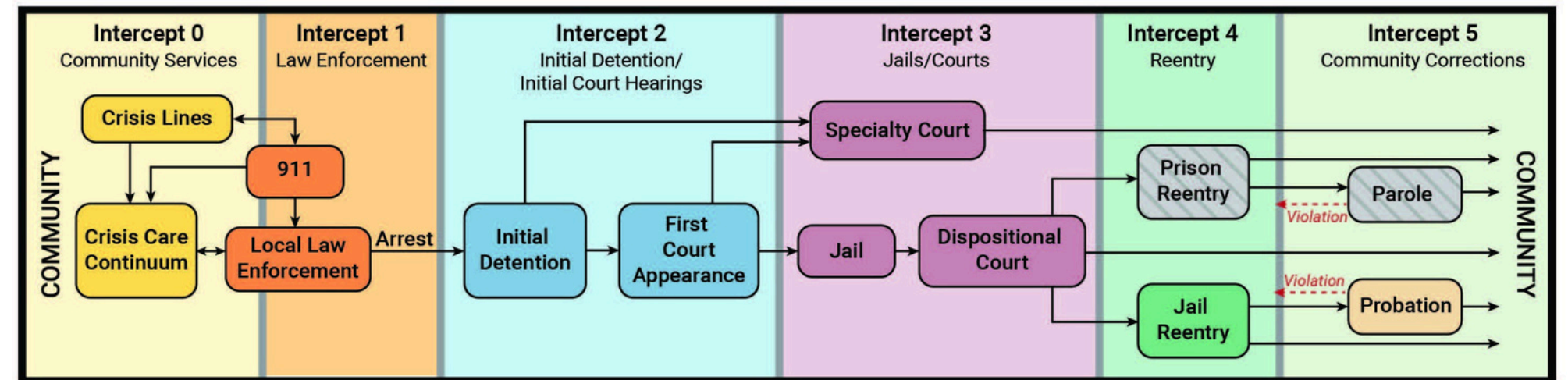
*The YAJI conducted key Informant interviews and community listening sessions with individuals who worked directly/indirectly with the criminal justice system, community advocates, formerly and currently incarcerated people, and young people throughout San Francisco from June 2022 and June 2023.

Qualitative Data & Findings

Observations: Sequential Intercept Map (SIM)*

Key Findings

- Increase both the accessibility of resources and utilization of services.
- Acknowledge and support existing services, and refine partnership agreements if necessary.
- Promote a one-stop shop in a community-based center for young adults that offers healing and centralized services outside of law enforcement.
- Improve tactical operations for young adults exiting custody and reentering the community.



This visual was a key talking point with various partners in order to develop the priorities to improve system and service level responses for young adults. The SIM's primary objectives are to identify gaps, resources, and opportunities at each intercept.

The SIM model, developed by Mark R. Munetz, M.D. and Patricia A. Griffin, Ph.D., has been used as a focal point for states and communities to assess available resources, determine gaps in services, and plan for community change (Munetz, M., & Griffin, P. 2006).

Quantitative Data & Findings

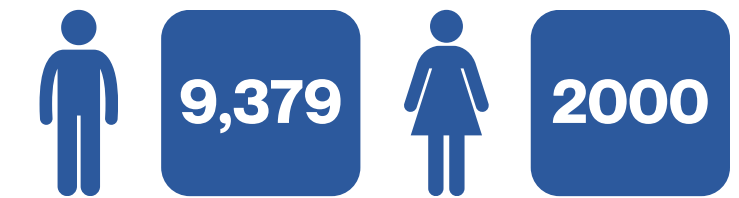
Observations: 5 Year Description (2018-2022)

High-Level Takeaways

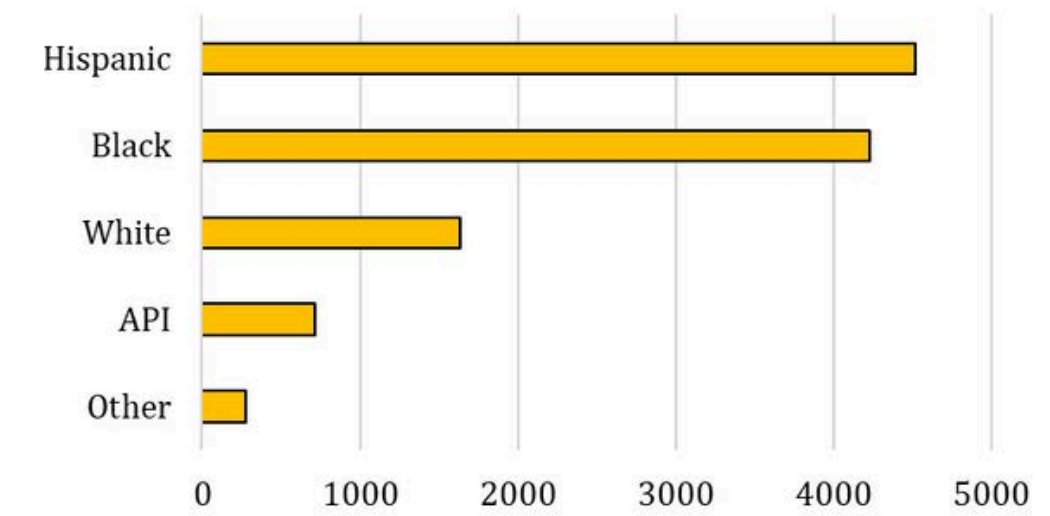
- Reported Crime: According to SFPD, there were 59,444 reported crimes in 2018 and 54,678 reported crimes in 2022.
- Arrests Presented: Arrests of young adults ranged from 19% in 2018 to 17% as of Dec 2022.
- Bookings: As of Dec 2022, young adults represented 15% of all bookings
 - Average length of stay in custody was 16 days.
 - Median length of stay remained 2 days.
- Case Filing Rates: On average, ranged from 50% in 2018 to 54% in 2022
- Diversion: Referrals to diversion increased by 50% during the 2018-2022 period
- Conviction Rates: the conviction rate for young adults was 62% in 2018 and 38% in 2022; this represents a 39% decrease.
- Reported Residency - Of the 11,379 young people who were in custody from 2018-2022, 45% reported as SF residents, 30% reported being from out of county, and 25% reported being unsheltered/transient.

11,379 Young Adults were in custody from 2018-2022

Gender Distribution



BOOKING NUMBER BY RACE (18-24) RANING FROM 2018-2022)



Racial Disparities: Hispanic/Latino young adults made up 38% of all young adult arrests in 2023, a noted rise from 30% in 2019. In every year since 2021, the Hispanic/Latino group was the most represented in both arrests and case filings among young adults.

This was sourced from datasets on adult criminal data, which are compiled and matched using data from the Police Department, the Courts, the Sheriff's Department, and eProsecutor.

Quantitative Data & Findings

Observations: Violent Crime vs Victimization (2018-2022)

High-Level Takeaways

- Young adults are less likely to be arrested for violent crime, but are more likely to be victims of violent victimization.
- 12,102 victims of reported crime occurred to young people 29 and younger.
- Of these reported crimes, 61% were violent crime types which includes: *assault, domestic violence, kidnapping, sexual assault, robbery, and homicide.*
- **This concludes that more services are needed to support younger victims of violent crime.**

This was sourced from datasets from the San Francisco District Attorney's Victim Services Division Dashboard,

To 10 Cases Filed Counts by Crime Types Among 18-24 Year Olds from 2018-2022			
Felony	Crime Type	Case Count	Proportion of All Filed Cases
Drug	Narcotics	2533	14.1%
Other	DUI	2506	14.0%
Property	Burglary	1957	10.9%
Violent	Robbery	1717	9.6%
Violent	Assault	1506	8.4%
Violent	Assault and Battery	1420	7.9%
Nonviolent	Petty Theft	1331	7.4%
Other	Weapons	1190	6.6%
Other	Other	885	4.9%
Property	Theft	463	2.6%

61% Of violent crimes reported from 2018-2022 impacted young people 29 and younger

Recommendations

The findings from the Young Adult Justice Initiatives exploratory investigation into the present needs of young adults was made possible by the shared commitment across the City and County of San Francisco. This assessment has found eight targeted recommendations designed to meet the goals of reducing racial and ethnic disparities, incarceration, and violent victimization. These recommendations include:

- Increase referrals to Young Adult Court (YAC)
- Establish a Young Adult workgroup
- Dedicate an Alternative Sentencing Planner for Young Adults
- Leverage Jail Population Review to focus on Young Adult Cases
- Establish A Through the Gate Mentoring Program
- Increase referrals to Post-Arrest Diversion
- Expand Expungement Provisions for Young Adults
- Establish Rehabilitative Service Agreements with Neighboring Counties

Thank You



The background features a large, semi-transparent seal of San Francisco County. The seal is circular and contains the text "SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY" at the top and "SEAL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO" around the bottom. In the center, there is a shield with a figure holding a staff and a banner that reads "EN GUERRA".

**SAN FRANCISCO
SENTENCING COMMISSION**

DISRUPTING THE PIPELINE

December 5, 2024

William M. Palmer, II
Sentencing Commission Member

BROKEN HOMES



Grim Statistics (2022):

- **Single Parent Homes**
- **18.3 Million Children**
- **80% Single Mothers**
- **1 in 4 Children
Fatherless in Home**

ABSENCE OF ROLE MODEL EFFECTS

- **Poverty:** 5X more likely to live in poverty.
- **Delinquency:** 9X more likely to drop out of school.
- **Mental Illness:** 2X more likely to suffer mental illness.
- **Homelessness:** 90% runaways and homeless.
- **Substance Abuse:** 75% adolescent addiction.
- **Suicide:** 63% youth suicides.
- **Behavior Disorders:** 85% behavioral disorders.
- **Anger Management:** 80% rapists.

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Trends in Juvenile Offending (Sept. 2024)

Brendan Lantz, Ph.D., Florida State University

Kyle G. Knapp, M.S. Florida State University

The Sentencing Project - Youth Justice by the
Numbers (Aug. 2024)

Joshua Rovner

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Youth Offenses Generally Decreased 2000-2022.
- 2016-2022:
 - 15-17 Age Group (-23%).
 - Male Offenders (-21%).
 - Burglary (-62%)/Robbery (-45%)
- Exceptions - Homicides (+65)/Firearms (+21%).
- Focus on where reforms work.



IMPACT OF FOOD

- Artificial contaminants in foods marketed for children
- Reduced high-fat and high-sugar decreased antisocial behavior 47%.

Anderson, J. G., & Erickson, K. M. (2011). The importance of trace elements for neurological function. In Martin, C. R., Preedy, V. R., & Watson, R. R. (Eds.), *Handbook of behavior, food and nutrition* (Vol. 1, pp. 423-440). Springer.

SOLUTION

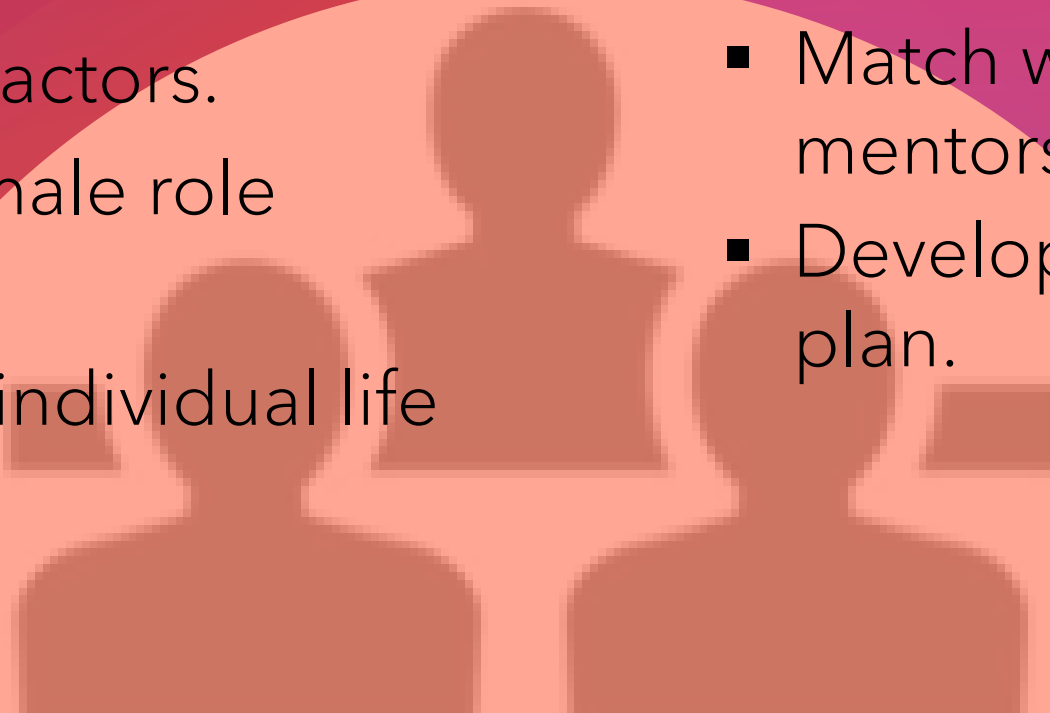
LIFE COACHES

■ SCHOOLS

- Connecting with "at risk" students.
- Identify risk factors.
- Match with male role models.
- Developing individual life plans.

■ CARCERAL FACILITIES

- Coaches for inmates.
- Identify causative factors.
- Match with outside mentorship.
- Developing relapse and life plan.



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THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS