

# San Francisco Sentencing Commission

## City & County of San Francisco

(Administrative Code 5.250 through 5.250-3)

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### AGENDA

Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

#### Location:

San Francisco District Attorney's Office  
350 Rhode Island Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Obama Conference Room  
San Francisco, CA 94103

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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 December 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. Remarks from District Attorney Brooke Jenkins (discussion only)

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

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

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

9. Public Comment on Any Item Listed Above, as well as Items not Listed on the Agenda (discussion only)

10. Adjournment

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# SENTENCING COMMISSION: MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 5, 2024

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

## Location:

San Francisco Police Headquarters  
1245 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Room 1025  
San Francisco, CA 94158

### 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 Operations for Initiatives, called roll for attendance by member seat.

#### 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 **Tanzanika Carter**, *Sheriff*
- Police Department - Representative **Alexa O'Brien**, *Captain Special Victims Unit*
- Department of Public Health – Representative **Annie Shui**, *Deputy Director of Health*
- Reentry Council – Member **Karen Roye**, *Director of Child Support Services*
- Superior Court – Representative **Melanie Kushnir**, *Director of Collaborative Courts*
- 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**

#### Members Absent:

- Sentencing Expert chosen by the Board of Supervisors – Member Theshia Naidoo
- Member of a nonprofit organization serving victims chosen by Family Violence Council – vacant seat

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 September 26, 2024 (Discussion & Possible Action)

Representative Agnese introduced the meeting minutes from the Sentencing Commission meeting held on September 26, 2024. Representative Agnese requested an edit Agenda Item 9 of the September 26, 2024

Minutes to specify that the motion introduced for Agenda Item 9 was proposed by Member Roye and seconded by Representative Riker. The September 26, 2024 Minutes, with this proposed edit, were unanimously approved in a motion introduced by Representative Carter and seconded by Member Roye. 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. Ms. Agnese shared that staff are working on the Sentencing Commission Annual Report, which will be submitted to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors when complete; noted that the Sentencing Commission continues to explore ideas for future agenda items and welcomes input on topics of interest; and reported that the next Sentencing Commission meeting takes place on Thursday, March 27, 2025, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Member Roye provided an update on the most recent San Francisco Reentry Council meeting, which was held on Thursday, October 17, 2024. The Reentry Council introduced new Board of Supervisor appointees for seats one, two, three, four, and six for terms ending on June 1st, 2026. Upcoming events include the Reentry Council Retreat on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, an Overdose Prevention Summit on January 30, 2025, and multi-collaborative court graduation on February 27, 2025. The next Reentry Council meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2025.

An update from the Family Violence Council was not provided due to the vacancy in the seat for a “Member from a Nonprofit Organization Serving Victims chosen by the Family Violence Council. Representative Agnese reported that the next meeting for the Family Violence Council is on February 19, 2025.

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

Aaqilah Islam provided an update on the Just Home Initiative, noting that the underwriting for the program-related investment loan is complete and that the project is in the early stages of service design. On-site workforce development and construction are underway for the program, which targets transitional aged youth (TAY). The groundbreaking ceremony will take place in 2026. Member Roye inquired about the program model, gender specific needs of the TAY population, and the proximity of gang affiliations to the program. Ms. Islam shared that they are working with community partners on these items.

**6. Update on MacArthur Foundation-funded Safety & Justice Challenge Initiative by Alissa Riker, Director of Programs (Discussion Only & Possible Action)**

Alissa Riker provided updates on the Safety & Justice Challenge (SJC) Initiative. An implementation plan and timeline were submitted to the MacArthur Foundation. Partner agencies will meet on December 11, 2024, to review the plan and grant budget. Further, Ms. Riker reported that she received confirmation of the transfer of grant funds to the Sheriff’s Office.

Member Palmer inquired about the funding and purpose of the SJC Initiative. Ms. Riker explained that the SJC Initiative began in 2018 with goals of safely reducing the jail population and addressing racial disparities in the jail. Ms. Riker also shared that future work would focus on interventions at arraignments and trying to provide the court with information on clinical needs and provider linkages in an effort to shorten timelines associated with 4011.6 reports and eligibility for Mental Health Diversion.

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

Lucas Jennings presented jail population data for October 2024, including data on bookings, releases, the average daily population with breakdowns for age, gender, race/ethnicity, charge level, and count of bookings for individuals.

Member Roye expressed appreciation to Mr. Jennings, asked for further analysis of charges and bookings for the female population and for individuals aged 55 and older in jail, and expressed interest in further understanding the health issues of those in jail. Members and Representatives discussed questions around length of stay (LOS), including LOS for those in jail on low level offenses, and charges for individuals categorized as unhoused. Representative Carter shared that individuals in jail on low-level offenses/misdemeanors do not stay in jail, however, the length of stay may be impacted by accompanying warrants. Representative Kushnir commented on disparities in LOS for the black population and asked for a future presentation comparing the composition of victims served and those in jail.

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

Representative Agnese presented an update on a preliminary analysis of individuals with long jail stays of two or more years. The analysis aims to continue to examine the composition of the jail population to learn more about the factors that may be contributing to increases in the jail population, length of stay, and disparities. This preliminary analysis included four data sources (i.e., jail population data, victim service data, qualitative data from a case file review, and court data) and covered a timeframe from March to September of 2024. As of June 2024, there were 138 individuals with jail stays of two years or more: 97% are unsentenced, 38% have been in jail for more than 5 years, approximately two-thirds are black and brown individuals, 63% have cases with a lead charge of homicide or attempted homicide, 45% of victims served by the SF District Attorney's office are black or brown individuals, one-third victims served are children, and across the 195 court cases for the 138 individuals in jail, there have been 13,068 hearings, averaging to 67 hearings per case. The qualitative case file review data revealed case processing themes including tendencies for cases to be complex and serious, for numerous and varied motions to be filed on cases (27 distinct types of motions were identified), for cases to include multiple changes or reassignments of attorneys (32% of cases had district attorney changes/reassignments and 45% of cases had defense attorney changes/reassignments), and for cases to be impacted by COVID. Additionally, this preliminary analysis is exploring cost estimates for cases and, using costs published in a RAND study from 2016, estimates that that the 85 homicide/attempted homicide cases cost ~\$4to \$5.4 million dollars.

Members and Representatives offered comments or raised questions regarding procedural case delays that may be associated with competency matters; pending legislative changes to mental health diversion and incompetency to stand trial that begin in January 2025, challenges associated with limited human resources, and whether similar data exists for other counties to allow for comparisons between SF and other jurisdictions.

**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)**

Patricia Martinez presented the Young Adult Justice Initiative: Local Action Plan for Justice-Involved Young Adults. The presentation included a background and overview of the Young Adult Justice Initiative (YAJI), quantitative and qualitative data, and recommendations. Ms. Martinez shared that the YAJI was launched in March 2022 and includes a five-year lookback from 2018 to 2023, with community

engagement from June 2022 to June 2023. The completed action plan includes eight recommendations for at-risk youth between the ages of 18-24 years old. These recommendations, which are designed to support goals of reducing racial disparities and serious and violent crime committed by young adults, include:

- increase referrals to Young Adult Court,
- 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, and
- establish rehabilitative service agreements with neighboring counties.

**10. Presentation: Disrupting the Pipeline by Member William Palmer, Reentry Council Appointee to the Sentencing Commission (discussion & possible action)**

Member Palmer provided a Disrupting the Pipeline presentation where he shared information about at-risk youth, single parent homes, poverty, homelessness, behavioral health, and other challenges that impact youth and justice-involved individuals and presented information about life coaches and how this approach may help address these challenges.

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

Representative Kushnir requested a presentation comparing the composition of victims served and those in jail. Member Roye requested a future presentation from the Department of Public Health regarding the health needs of individuals aged 55 and older in jail.

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

There was one public comment received by a member of the public who attended the meeting via Zoom. This member of the public asked a question about the jail population presentation and whether the booking data excludes multiple booking numbers in a single case?

**13. Adjournment**

Representative Agnese reminded members that the next Sentencing Commission Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2025, at 10:00 am. A motion to adjourn the meeting was introduced by Member Roye and seconded by Member Palmer. Motion passed unanimously.

# Jail Population Trend Report

February Jail Report



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# Jail Population February 2025 Report

### Average Daily Population

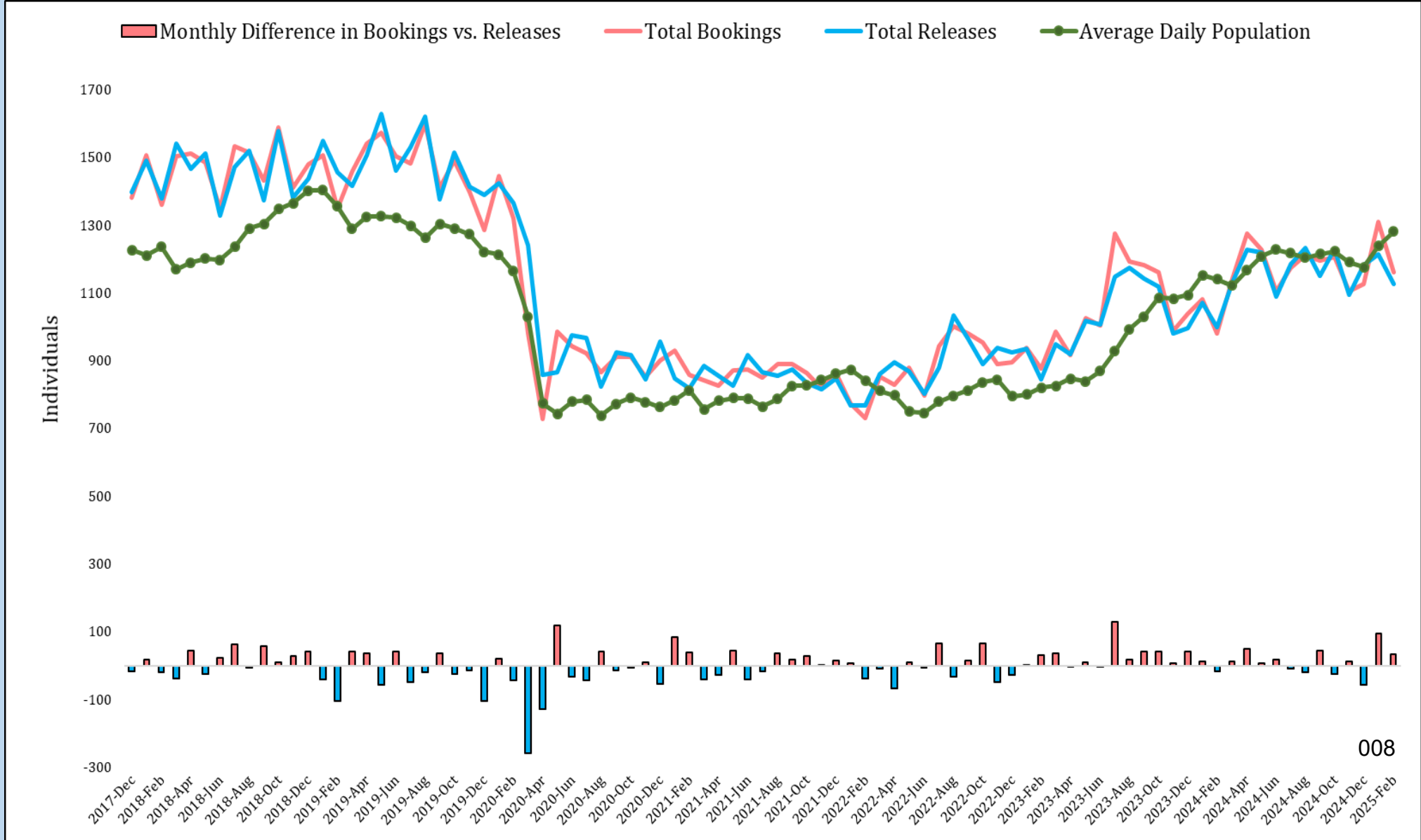
This Month	Change from last month	Change from last year
1281	3% <span style="color: red;">↑</span>	12% <span style="color: red;">↑</span>

### Bookings

This Month	Change from last month	Change from last year
1160	11% <span style="color: blue;">↓</span>	18% <span style="color: red;">↑</span>

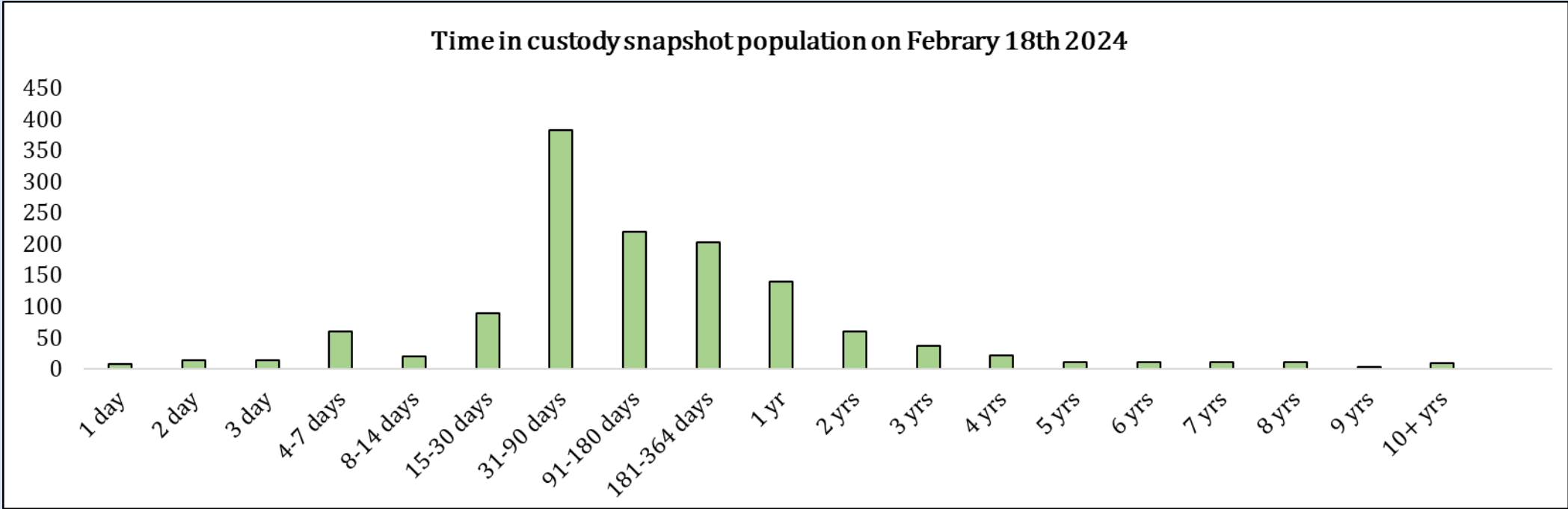
### Releases

This Month	Change from last month	Change from last year
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# Jail Population February 2025 Report



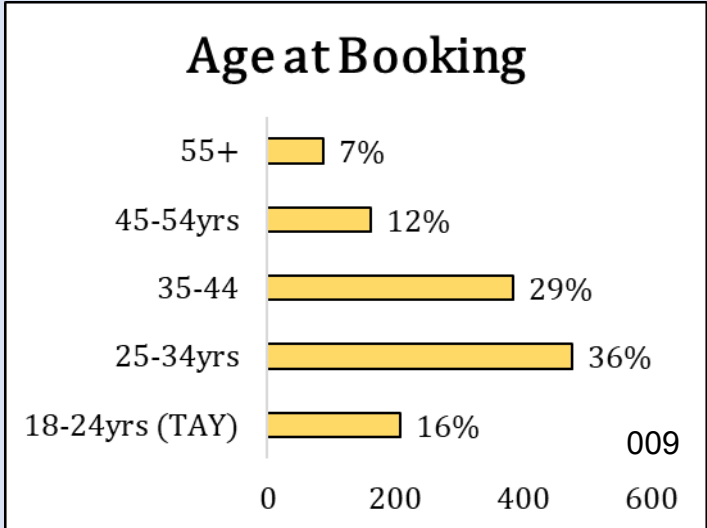
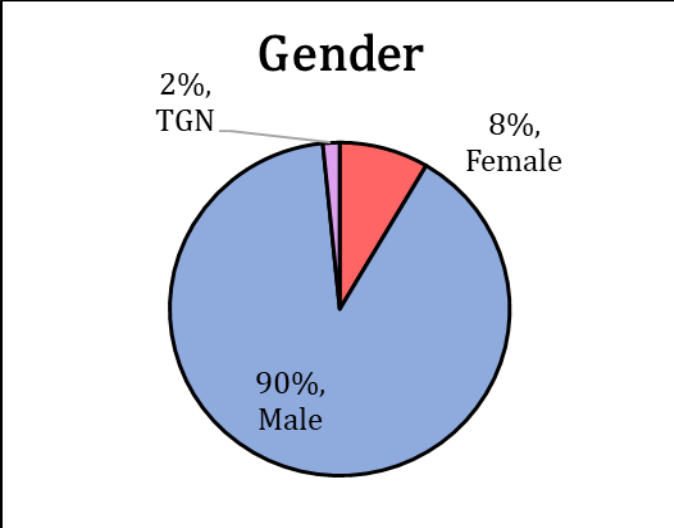
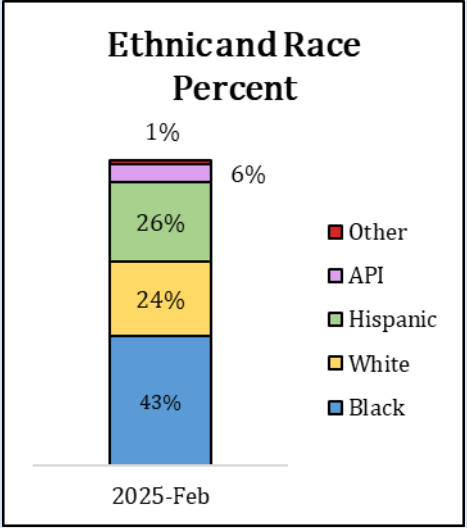
**Population**  
1319

**Average days in custody**  
358

**Median days in custody**  
119

**Mode time in custody**  
4

Feb	Last 12 Months
Black	43% Low 42 High 45
White	23% Low 22 High 23
Hispanic	27% Low 25 High 27
API	6% Low 5 High 7
Other	1% Low 1 High 2



# Jail Population Long Stayers February 2025 Report

Snapshot  
Population 113

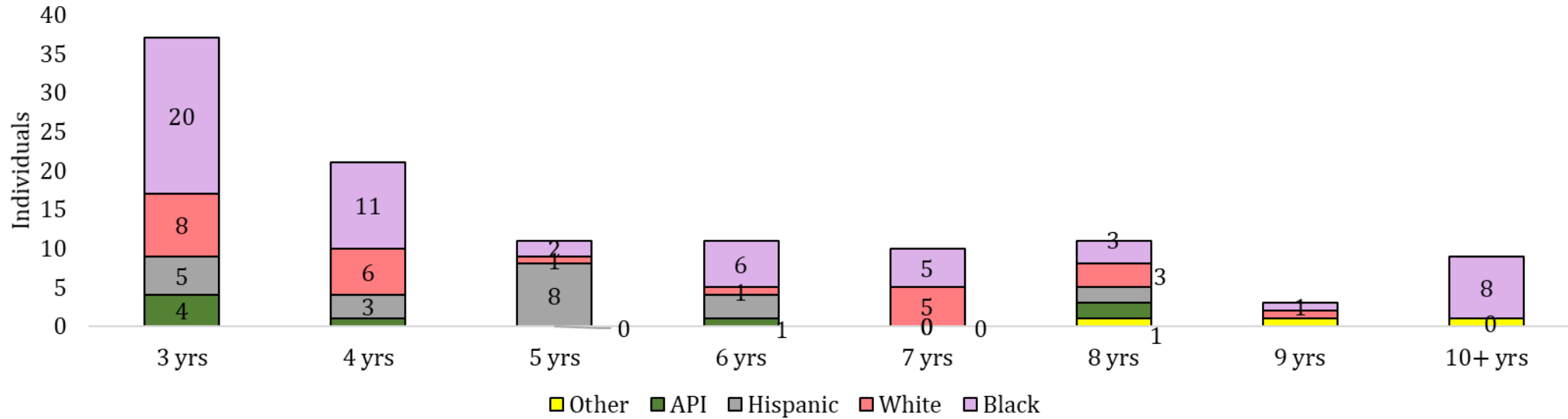
Percent of  
Population 9%

Average time in  
custody 5.9 yrs.

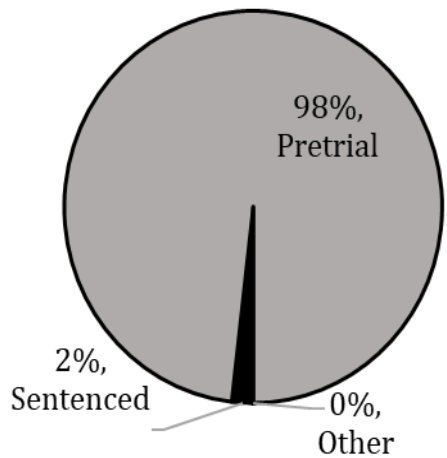
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Transgender/  
Non-Binary  
Population 0

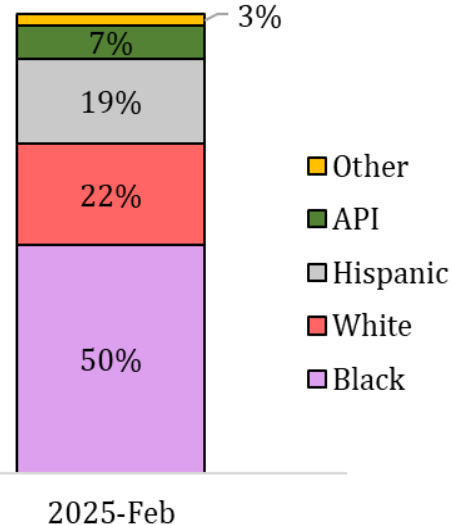
Time in custody over three years on Febraury 18th 2024



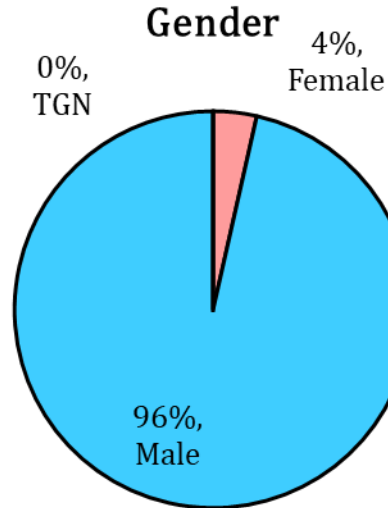
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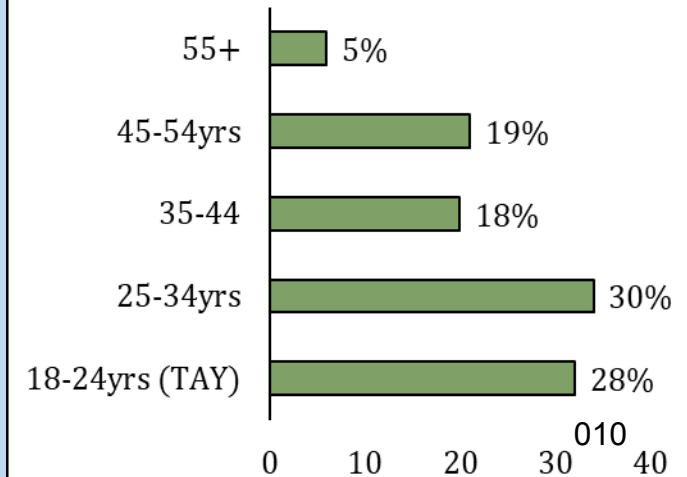
Ethnic and Race Percent



Gender

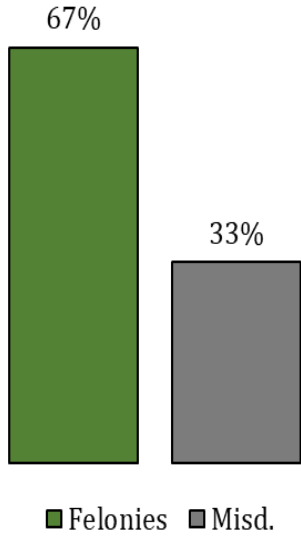


Age at Booking

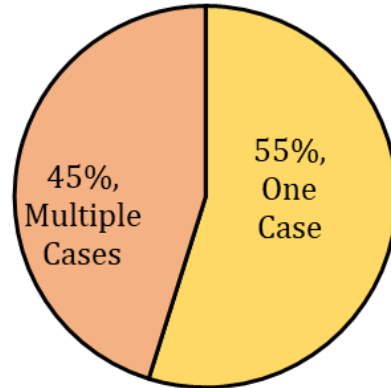


# Jail Population (Bookings) February 2025 Report

Crime Class at Booking



Caseload Per Booking Number



On View Charges

New Felonies and Non-Citable Misdemeanors

49%

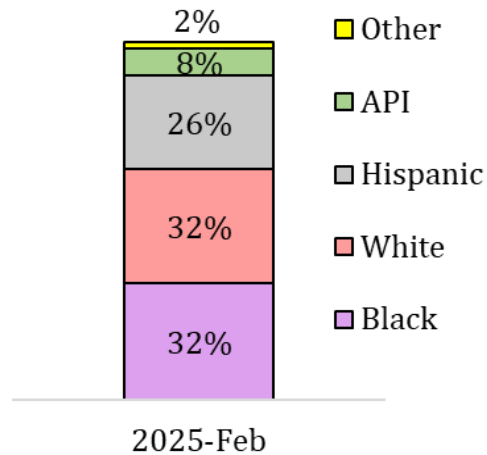
Other

51%

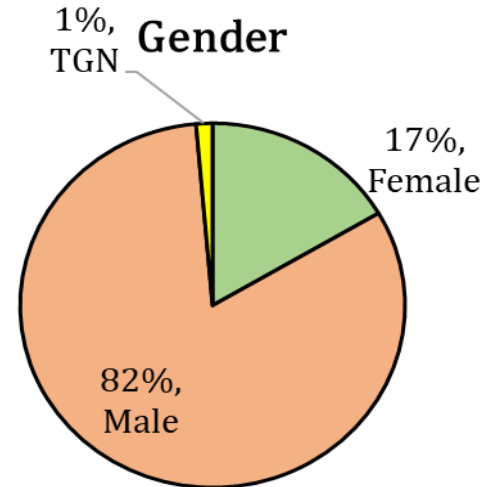
Feb Last 12 Months

Black	32%	Low 31	High 37
White	32%	Low 26	High 31
Hispanic	26%	Low 25	High 32
API	8%	Low 5	High 8
Other	2%	Low 1	High 3

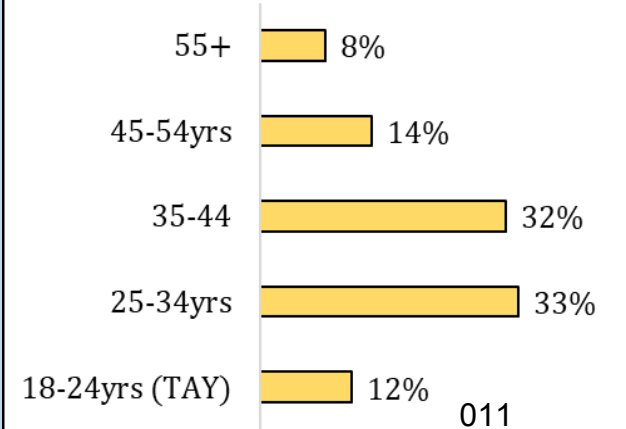
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Gender

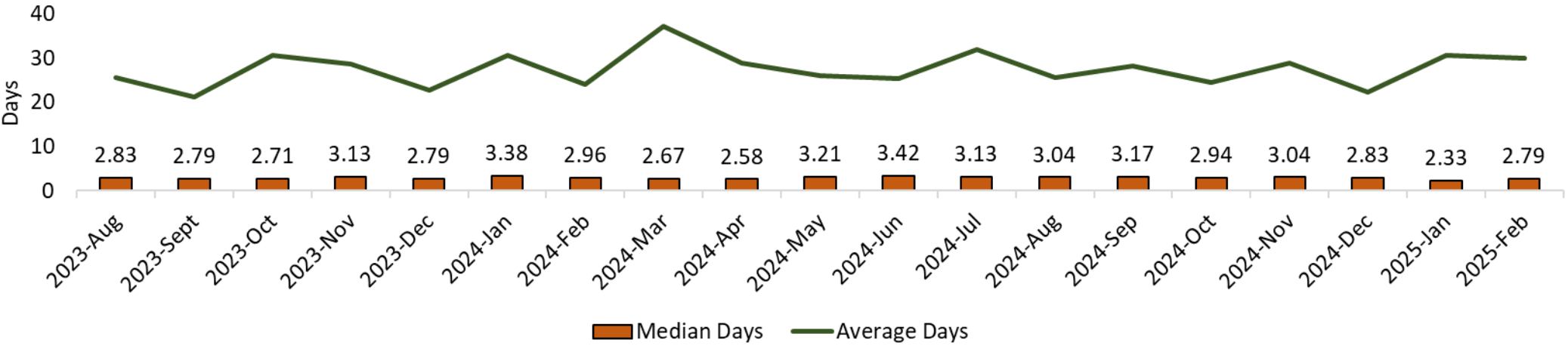


Age at Booking



# Jail Population (Releases) February 2025 Report

## Average and median length of stay for released individuals



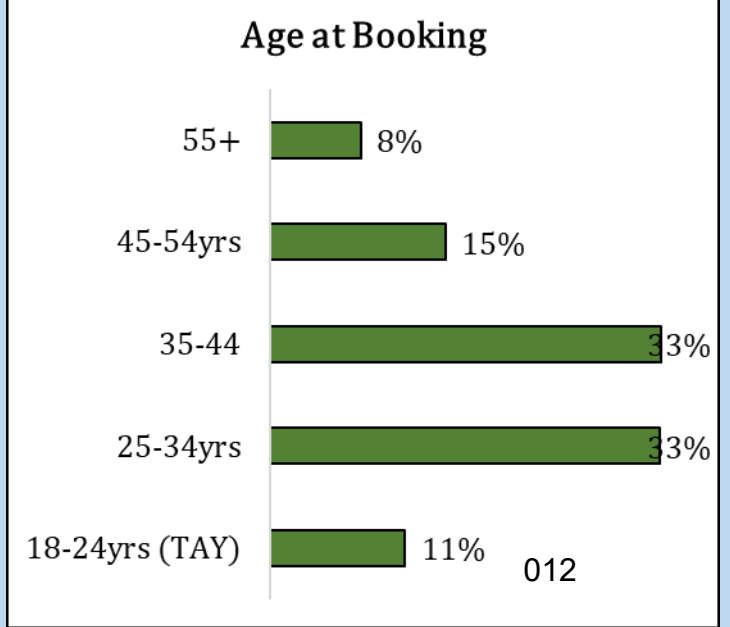
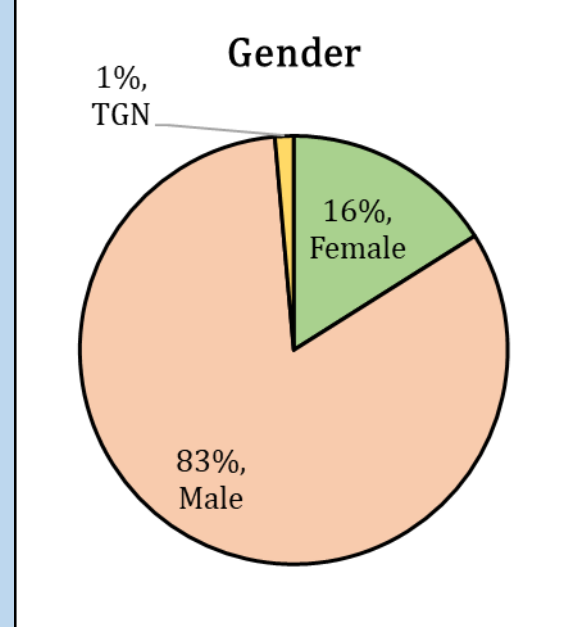
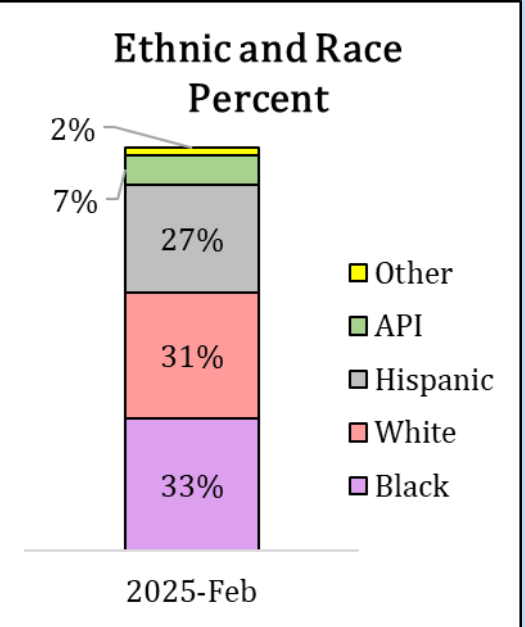
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Average length of stay in days 30

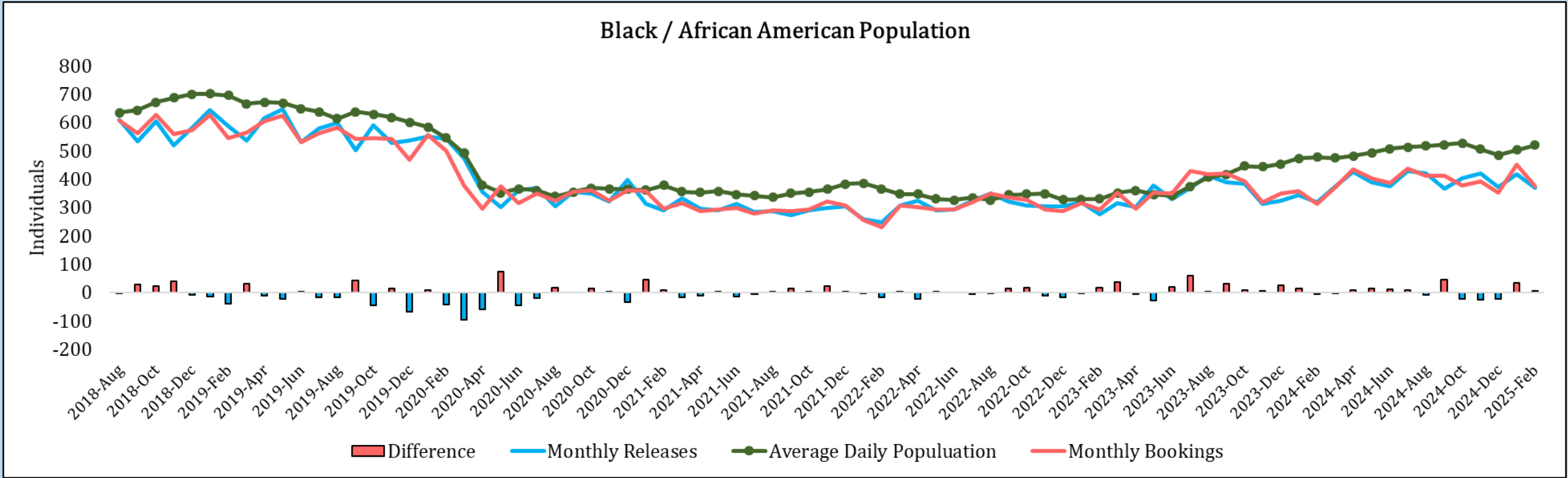
Median length of stay 2.79 days

Mode length of stay 1 day

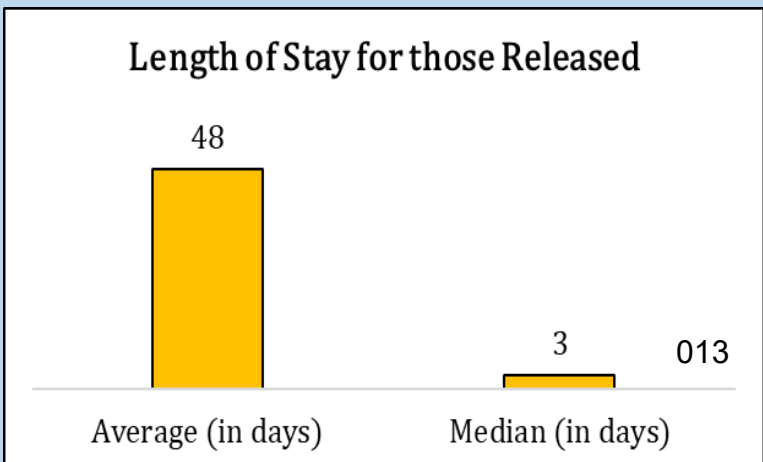
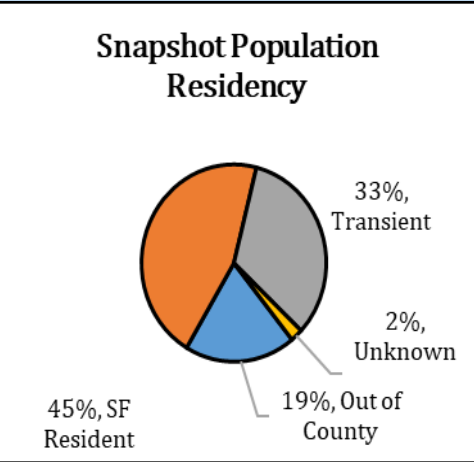
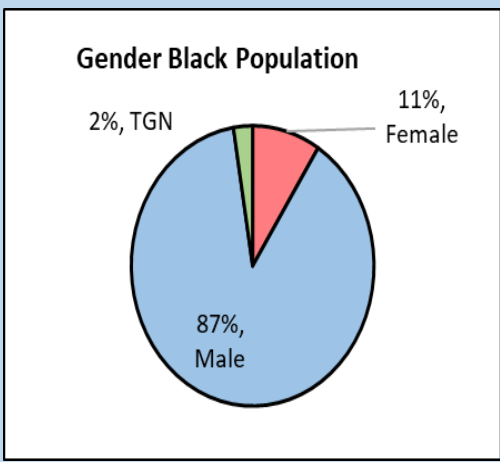
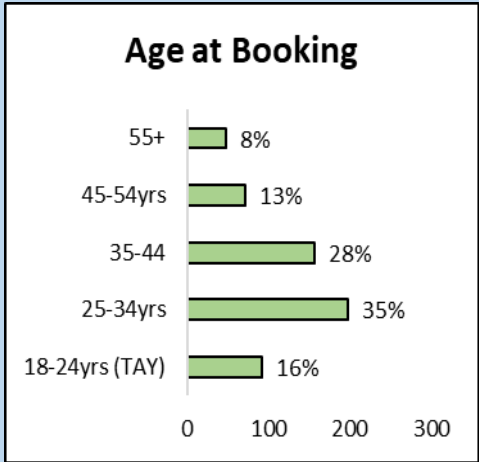
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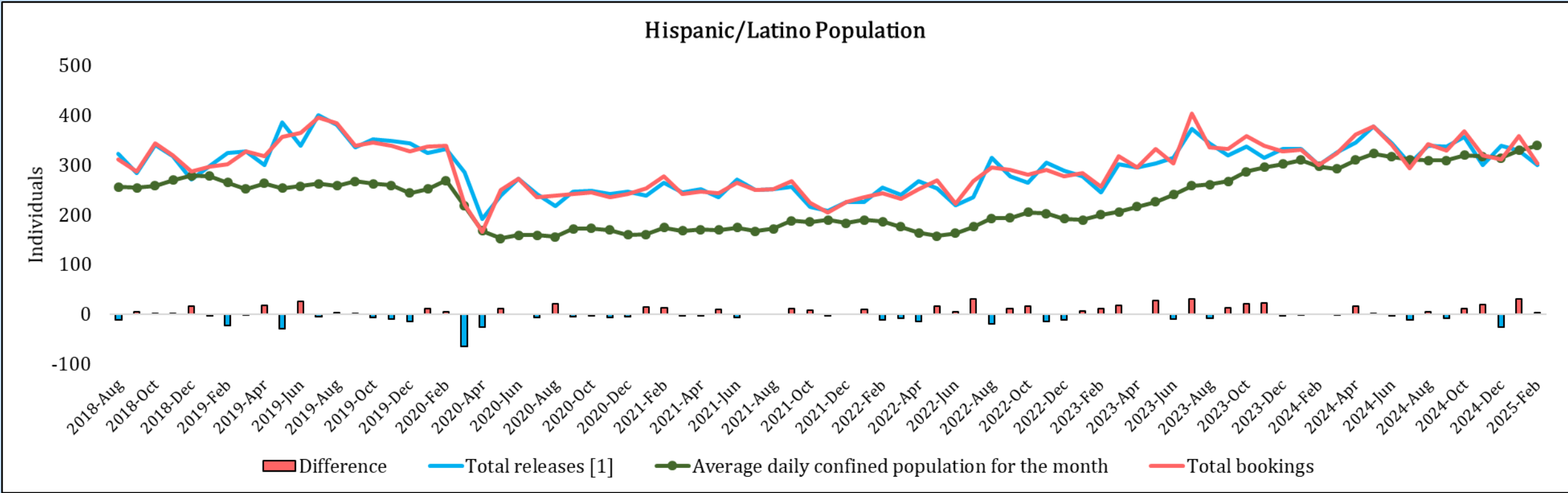
# Jail Population February 2025 Report



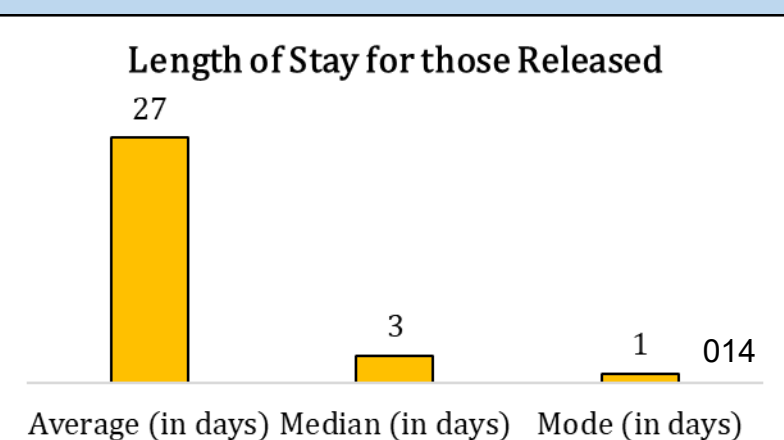
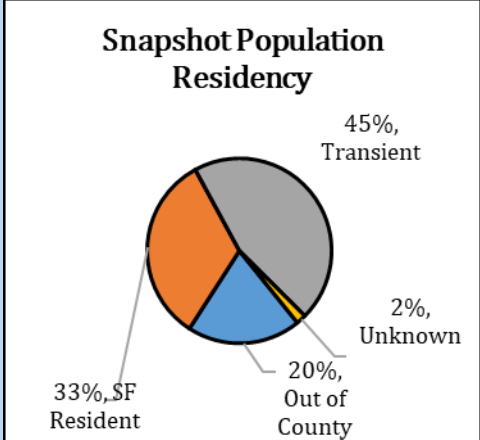
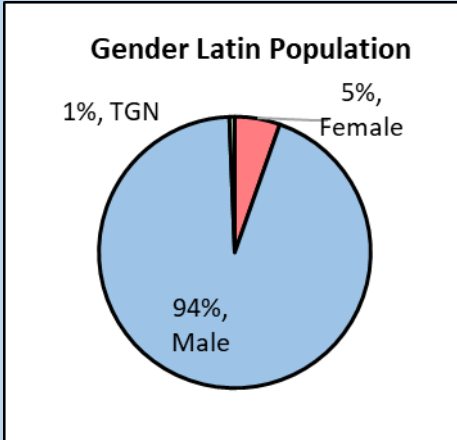
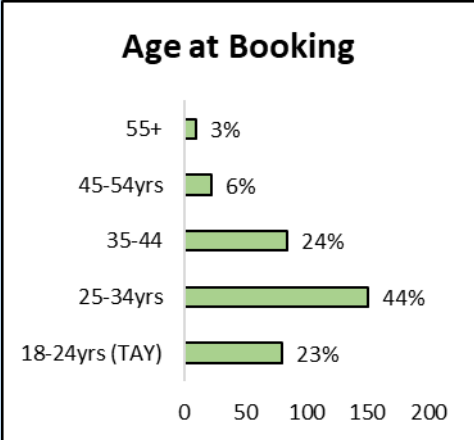
Snapshot Population  
 Black  
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# Jail Population February 2025 Report

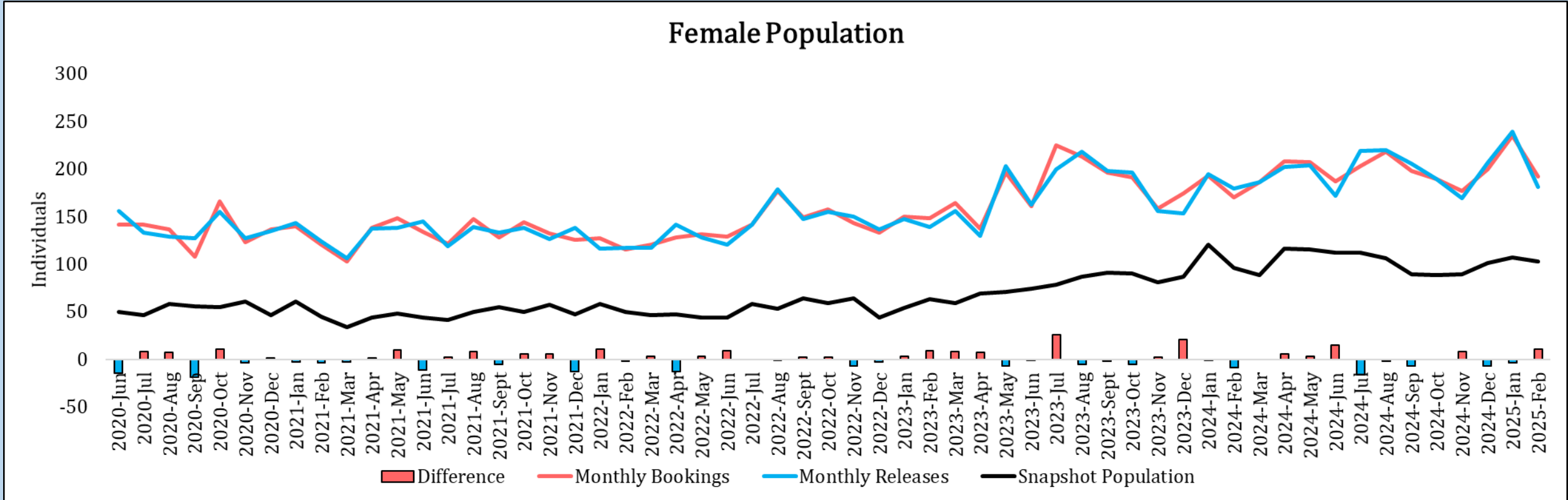


Snapshot Population  
Hispanic  
346

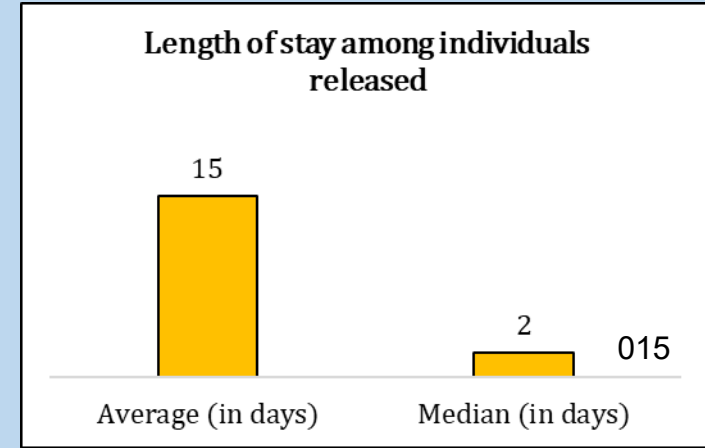
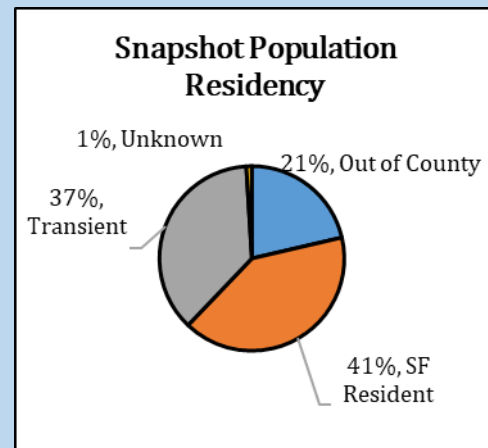
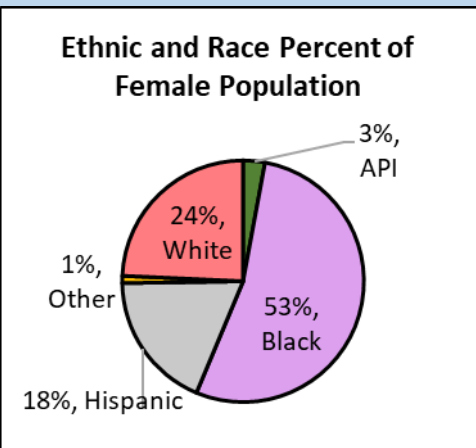
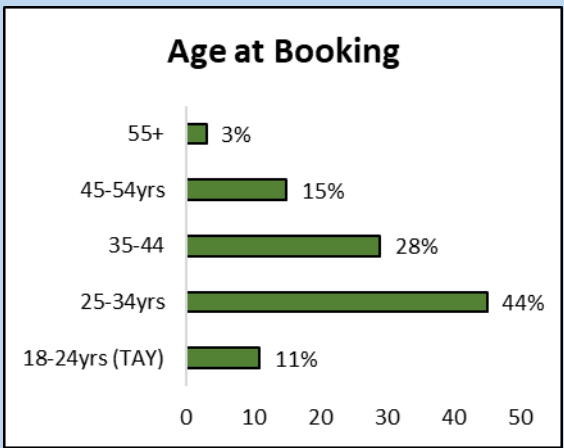


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## Female Population



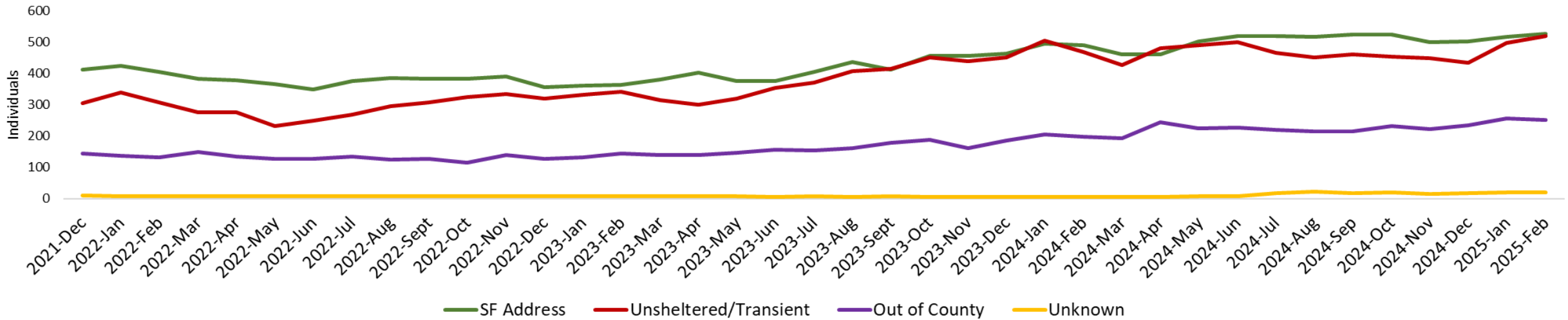
Snapshot Population  
Female  
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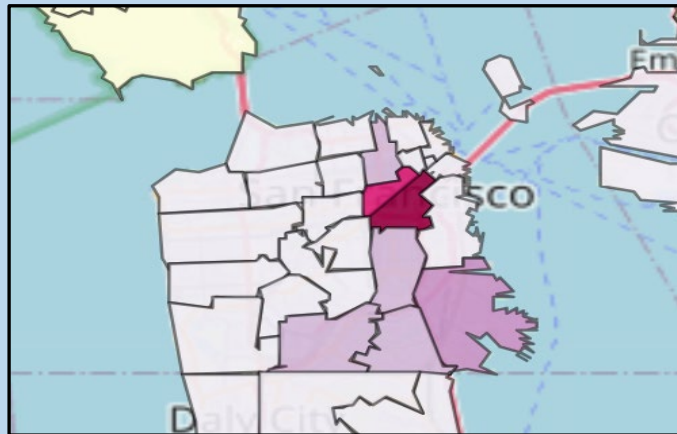
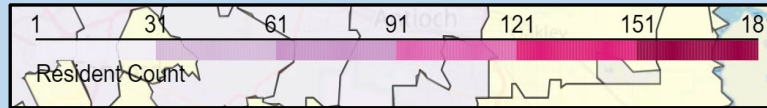
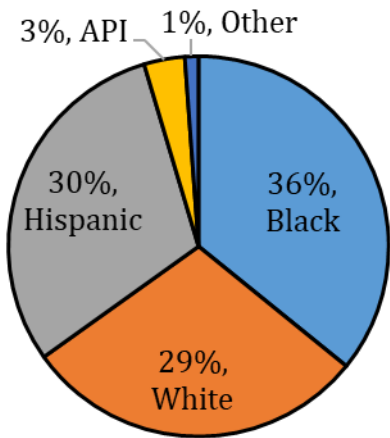


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## Historical Trends of Residency

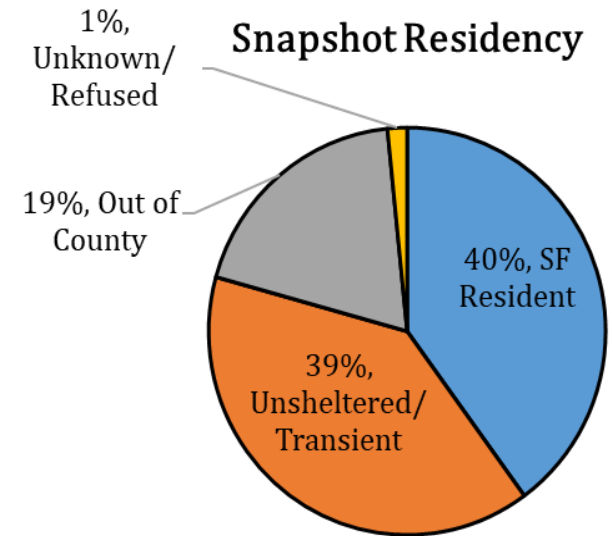


## Unsheltered Ethnic and Race Percent



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## Snapshot Residency





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## Legal Status of Confined Individuals

Pretrial, 1239    Sentenced, 58    Other, 22

