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Los Angeles County has the largest jail system in the country and is home to one of the most notoriously inhumane facilities, Mens Central Jail (MCJ). Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, around 17,000 people were incarcerated in Los Angeles County on any given day. In addition to the massive number of people in jail, there are significant racial disparities in who is incarceratedwith Latinx/Hispanic and especially Black Angelenos hit hardest. After decades of advocacy, the county Board of Supervisors committed to do things differently and decrease the countys use of incarceration through a care first approach. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the jail population dropped by 30 percent, inspiring even more interest from the Board of Supervisors in reducing the number of people in jail and closing MCJ. As the county takes steps toward its new care first vision, the Vera Institute of Justice designed this tool to track its progress and show, in real time, how Los Angeles County is using its jail system. The underlying data is from the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department (LASD).

El condado de Los ngeles tiene el sistema carcelario ms grande del pas y alberga una de las instalaciones ms notablemente inhumanas, la Crcel Central de Hombres ("Men's Central Jail" o "MCJ" por sus siglas en ingls). Antes de la pandemia del COVID-19 en el condado de Los ngeles se encarcelaban alrededor de 17,000 personas en un da cualquiera. Adems de la enorme cantidad de personas encarceladas, hay importantes disparidades raciales en cuanto a quin se encarcela, siendo los latinos/hispanos y especialmente la gente afrodescendiente los ms afectados. Despus de dcadas de defensa, la Junta de Supervisores (Board of Supervisors en ingls) del condado se comprometi a hacer las cosas de manera diferente y disminuir el uso del encarcelamiento por parte del condado mediante una estrategia de apoyo primero. Cuando comenz la pandemia del COVID-19, la poblacin encarcelada se redujo en un 30 por ciento, inspirando an ms inters de la Junta de Supervisores en reducir el nmero de personas en la crcel y cerrar la MCJ. A medida que el condado avanza hacia su nueva visin de apoyo primero, el Vera Institute of Justice dise esta herramienta para observar su progreso y mostrar, en tiempo real, cmo el condado de Los ngeles est usando su sistema carcelario. Los datos subyacentes provienen del Departamento del Sheriff del Condado de Los ngeles (LASD).

The data presented in this dashboard is obtained from three summary-level documents released by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) and made available via the Los Angeles County Open Data Portal. The Population Management Bureau Daily Inmate Statistics document is released daily. The Correctional Services Daily Briefing document is released on workdays. The LASD Mental Health Count document is released weekly. This dashboard is updated daily using the data that was available at 10:30am PT the prior day. Please note:

- **Gender/Sex**: The LASD documents use females and males as the only two gender/sex categories. Vera recognizes that this data does not capture people of varying gender identitieslike transgender, gender-non-conforming, and intersex people. In March 2020, the countys Alternatives to Incarceration Work Group <u>recommended</u> that the county improve data collection on gender identity. The Board has taken <u>exploratory steps</u> to standardize processes, but as of April 2021, changes have yet to be implemented.
- Race/Ethnicity: This dashboard presents race/ethnicity categories as they appear in the LASD documents. These categories reflect historical data collection practices, may not align with how people personally identify, and present some challenges for tracking disparities. For example, some categories allow for identification with country of familial origin and somelike Hispanicdo not.

Download all of the data.

Los datos presentados en este panel se obtienen a partir de tres documentos a nivel de resumen dados a conocer por el <u>Departamento del Sheriff de Los ngeles</u> (LASD por sus siglas en ingls) y disponibles mediante el <u>Portal de Datos Abiertos del Condado de Los ngeles</u>. El documento Population Management Bureau Daily Inmate Statistics (Estadsticas diarias de reclusos de la Oficina de Gestin de la Poblacin) se publica a diario. El documento Correctional Services Daily Briefing (Informacin diaria de los servicios correccionales) se publica los das laborables. El documento LASD Mental Health Count (Recuento de salud mental del LASD) se publica semanalmente. Este panel se actualiza diariamente usando los datos que estaban disponibles a las 10:30 a. m. horario del Pacfico del da anterior. Tenga en cuenta que:

- Gnero/sexo: Los documentos del LASD usan mujeres y hombres como las nicas dos categoras de gnero/sexo. Vera reconoce que estos datos no incluyen a personas de diferentes identidades de gnero, como personas transgneras, no conformes con el gnero e intersexuales. En marzo de 2020, el Grupo de Trabajo de Alternativas al Encarcelamiento del condado recomend que el condado mejorara la recopilacin de datos sobre identidad de gnero. La Junta de Supervisores sigui los pasos exploratorios para estandarizar los procesos, pero a abril de 2021, los cambios an no se han implementado.
- Raza/Etnia: Este panel presenta las categoras de raza/etnia como aparecen en los documentos del LASD. Estas categoras reflejan preticas histricas de recopilacin de datos, pueden no coincidir con la forma en que las personas se identifican personalmente y presentan algunos retos para hacer un seguimiento de las disparidades. Por ejemplo, algunas categoras permiten la identificacin con el pas de

origen familiar y otras, como la categoria hispana, no.

Descargar todos los datos.

Jacqueline Fernandez: DACA, simply put, allowed me to do some of the basic things like work and live without fear of deportation, that select citizens and others with documentation get to do freely. The difference is we have to fight for these basic rights, and there are still limitations. Black communities in the United States have long suffered ...

Lifting a nearly 30-year ban on Pell Grants for people who are incarcerated, Congress passed the FAFSA Simplification Act, which restores their Pell Grant eligibility starting in 2023, allowing them to affordably pursue postsecondary education in prison. The Second Chance Pell (SCP) Experiment has highlighted the success of prison education program ...

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