

Covid-19 in Prisons

Main Problems

- Overcrowding (prisons are overcapacity)
- Vulnerable populations (older adults make up larger share of state prison population (bc of extreme sentencing), which means covid affects them more)
- Violence and abuse (more abuse within jail and prisons)
- Lack of adequate medical care access in jails
- No early release for at-risk populations

Source: *Covid-19's Impact on People in Prison*. (2020, May 11). Equal Justice Initiative.

<https://eji.org/news/covid-19s-impact-on-people-in-prison/>

Other Dataset:

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COVID Tracking in Prisons

The image shows a stylized ASCII art representation of a COVID-19 virus particle. It consists of two main parts: a head on the left and a tail on the right. The head is composed of several rows of 'M' characters, with the number of 'M's decreasing from top to bottom (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10). The tail is composed of various symbols including slashes (/), backslashes (\), and underscores (_), arranged in a way that suggests the structure of a virus particle. The entire ASCII art is rendered in a light blue color on a white background.

https://github.com/themarshallproject/COVID_prison_data

- `name` - The name of the state or "Federal" for the Federal Bureau of Prisons
- `abbreviation` - The two-letter postal code abbreviation for the state or "US" for the Bureau of Prisons
- `staff_tests` - The cumulative number prison employees, including correctional officers and other staff, tested.
- `staff_tests_with_multiples` - The cumulative number of tests administered to prison employees, including correctional officers and other staff where unique patients was not available.
- `total_staff_cases` - The cumulative number of positive coronavirus cases among prison employees.
- `total_staff_deaths` - The number of deaths of prison employees to date.
- `staff_partial_dose` - The cumulative number of prison staff who've received one shot of a two-dose vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna), from the corrections agency. This number does not include those who were vaccinated on their own in the community.
- `staff_full_dose` - Cumulative number of prison employees who received either two shots of a two-dose vaccine or the single-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine, from their corrections agency.
- `prisoner_tests` - The cumulative number of incarcerated people tested.
- `prisoner_tests_with_multiples` - The cumulative number of tests administered to incarcerated people where unique patients was not available.
- `total_prisoner_cases` - The cumulative number of positive coronavirus cases among the incarcerated population.
- `total_prisoner_deaths` - The number of deaths of prisoners to date.
- `prisoners_partial_dose` - The cumulative number of prisoners who've received one shot of a two-dose vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna), from the corrections agency.
- `prisoners_full_dose` - Cumulative number of prisoners who received either two shots of a two-dose vaccine or the single-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine.
- `as_of_date` - The date these data reflect.
- `notes` - Caveats or explanation about any aspect of this row of data.

Other Datasets

UCLA LAW COVID BEHIND BARS DATA PROJECT

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1 [COVID-19 Jail/Prison Confirmed Cases & Deaths](#)

Tracking viral spread, screening procedures, and testing

*Explanation of this dataset is in our Data Dictionary located on <https://github.com/uclalawcovid19behindbars/data>
Content Moderator: Michael Everett, Hope Johnson, Neal Marquez, & Erika Tyagi (Data Science Fellows)

2 [COVID-19 Prison/ICE Aggregate Cases and Deaths](#)

Statewide aggregate totals

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3 [COVID-19 Related Jail Releases](#)

Tracking number of residents released from jail population reduction efforts

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5 [COVID-19 Correctional Pop. Reduction Requests](#)

Requests for authoritative actions necessary to reduce correctional population densities

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6 [COVID-19 Correctional Pop. Reduction Responses](#)

System responses and authoritative actions to reduce correctional population densities

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7 [COVID-19 Related Legal Filings & Court Orders](#)

Tracking specific legal requests and court orders

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8 [COVID-19 Related Immigration Filings](#)

Cataloging immigration-related filings self-reported by attorneys

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9 [COVID-19 Related Youth Filings & Court Orders](#)

Tracking specific legal requests and court orders regarding youth facilities

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10 [COVID-19 Immigration Detention Facilities](#)

Confirmed cases, requests for decarceration, responses, and policy in immigration detention facilities

Content Moderator: Theresa Cheng (MD/JD) & Ishan V. Nagpal (JD)

11 [COVID-19 Youth Correctional Facilities](#)

Confirmed cases, requests for decarceration, and responses in youth correctional facilities

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12 [COVID-19 Visitation Policy by State \(Prisons\)](#)

Tracking visitation suspension policies and offerings of compensatory remote access

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13 [COVID-19 Jail/Prison Condition Policies](#)

Descriptive summaries of ongoing policies affecting carceral conditions

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14 [COVID-19 Fundraisers & Mutual Aid Efforts](#)

Links and descriptions of COVID-19 fundraising efforts

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15 [Grassroots and Other COVID-19 Organizing Efforts](#)

Other organized efforts and grassroots campaigns

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16 [Additional Resources](#)

Collection of additional useful resources, recommendations, and databases

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UCLA Law COVID Behind Bars Data. (2021). UCLA Law Covid-19 Behind Bars Data Project.

<https://github.com/uclalawcovid19behindbars/data> (Original work published 2020)