

Criminalization of Girls in California: A Fact Sheet

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ACROSS THE STATE

From 2012-2020, **1,122** girls were detained in non-secure facilities and **32,331** in secure facilities. **18.4%** of detentions between 2012-2017 were in secure facilities.

TOP INCARCERATING COUNTIES

Counties that detained the most girls in 2017:

County	Percent of State Total	Number Detained
Los Angeles	12.5%	577
San Bernadino	10.99%	509
Ventura	7.12%	330
Orange	6.54%	303
Contra Costa	5.12%	237
Santa Clara	4.62%	214
Santa Barbara	4.23%	196
Kern	3.97%	184
Fresno	3.5%	162
Mendocino	3.3%	153

Counties most likely to detain girls in 2017:

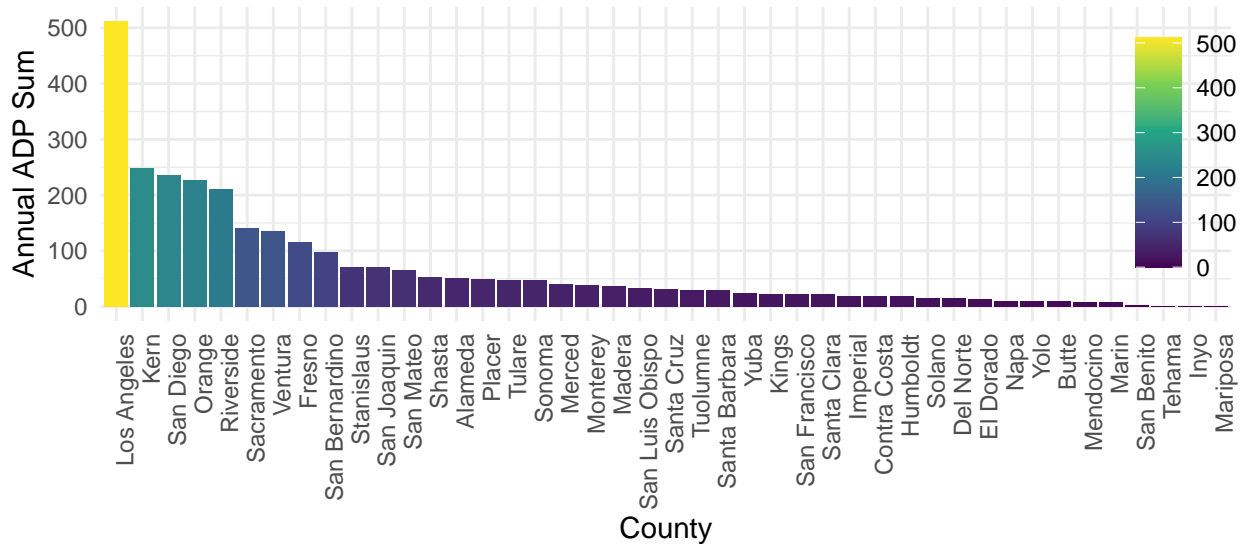
County	Percent of Cases	Number of Times in Top 10
Glenn	100%	6
Modoc	100%	4
Mendocino	56.7%	5
Sonoma	49.2%	2
Imperial	48.7%	4
San Francisco	48.4%	3
Shasta	47.8%	5
Ventura	43.5%	2
Santa Clara	41.6%	2
San Luis Obispo	41.1%	NA

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATIONS

Statewide by County

California's Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) reports Average Daily Populations (ADP) of juvenile facilities by county. In 2021, LA County's annual sum of monthly ADP counts was over twice that of Kern's, the second highest.

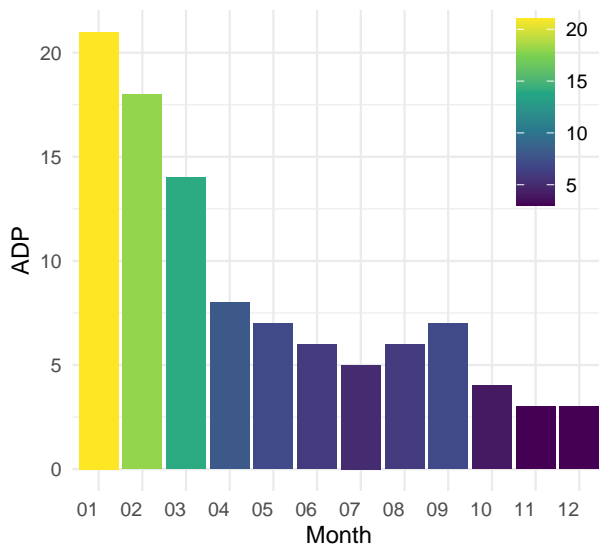
Annual Sum of Monthly ADP by CA County, 2021



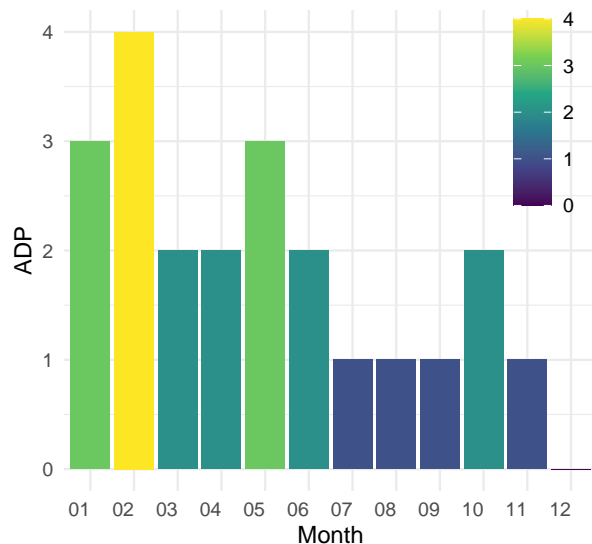
Zooming in on Santa Clara County

In 2020, Santa Clara County's highest ADP (n=21) occurred in January, with a steady decline continuing throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. By 2021, even the county's highest ADP, occurring in February, had seen an **81%** decrease (n=4).

Santa Clara County ADP, 2020



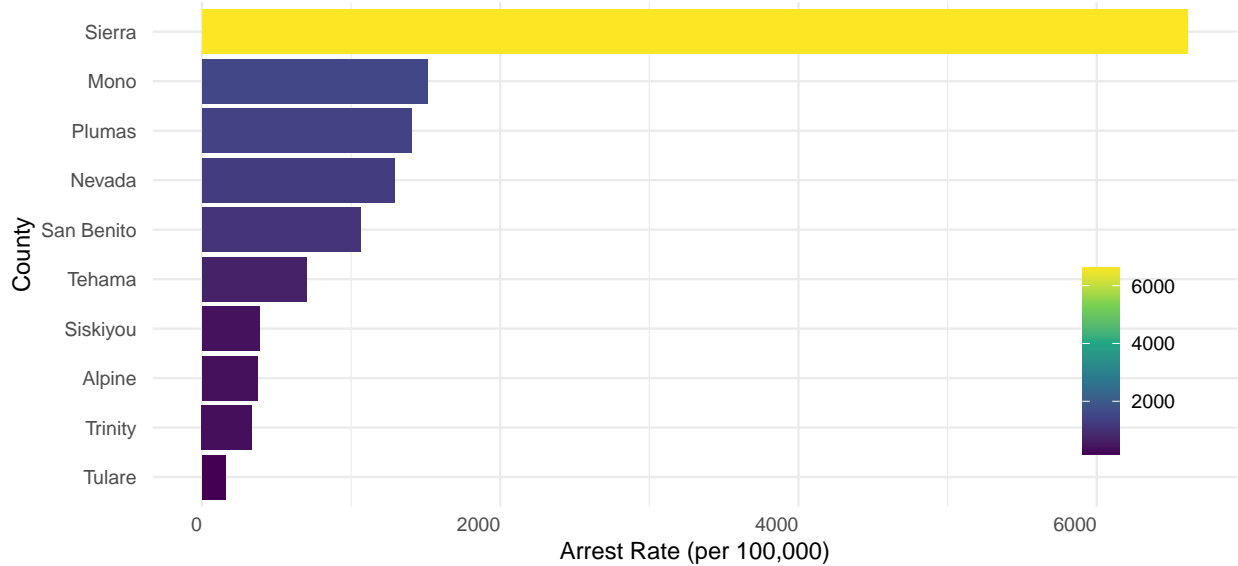
Santa Clara County ADP, 2021



ARREST RATES

In 2020, Sierra County had the highest arrest rate of girls per 100,000 population (n=**6610.99**); Sutter County had the lowest (n=0). The top 10 counties with highest girls' arrest rates in 2020 are displayed below:

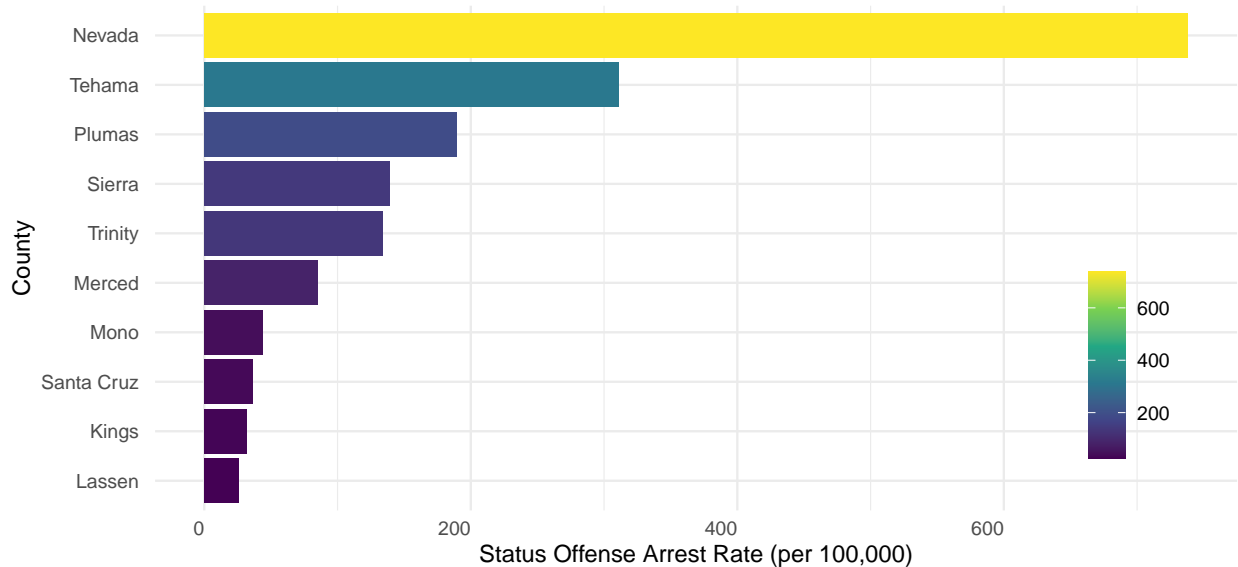
Girls' Arrest Rates by County, 2020



Status Offenses

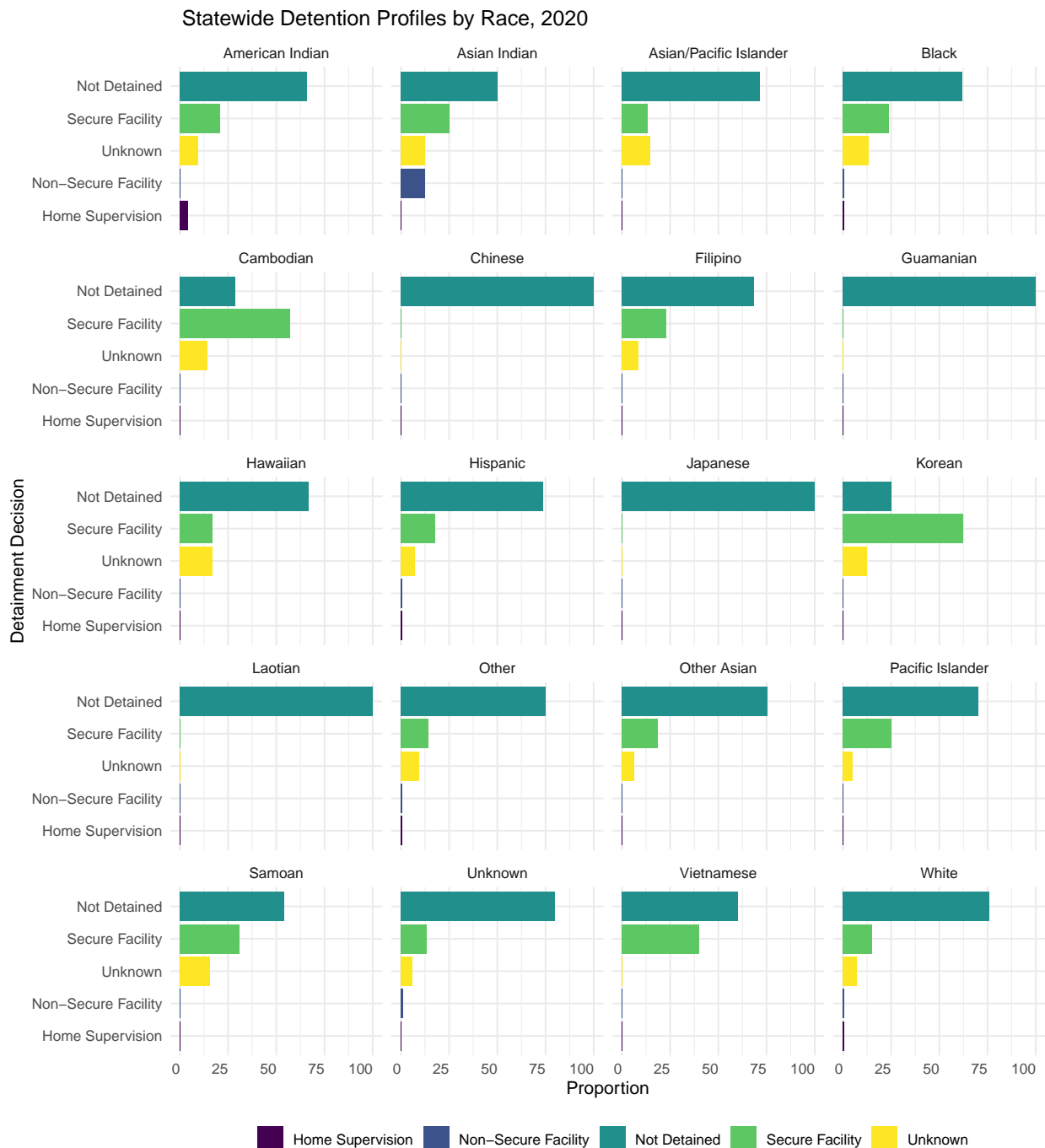
A status offense is an offense that would not be considered a crime if committed by an adult. Common status offenses include truancy, running away, violating curfew, or possessing substances (BSCC). Nevada County had the highest status offense rate per 100,000 girls in 2020 (n=**738.15**). The top 10 counties with highest girls' status offense arrest rates in 2020 are displayed below.

Girls' Status Offense Arrest Rates by County, 2020



DETENTION PROFILES

The California Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System (JCPSS) reports data on the proportion of cases within racial groups that result in types of detention decisions.



SUSTAINED OFFENSES

Sustained offenses for girls across California in 2020, in descending order of frequency:

Sustained charge	Number of cases	Percent of cases
Assault and Battery	689	24.25
Other Status Offenses	363	12.78
Assault	357	12.57
Petty Theft	167	5.88
Theft	134	4.72
Robbery	128	4.51
Motor Vehicle Theft	126	4.44
Burglary	118	4.15
Vandalism	113	3.98
Other Misdemeanor	105	3.70
Other Felonies	102	3.59
Weapons	83	2.92
Other Drugs	53	1.87
Drive Under Influence	51	1.80
City/County Ordinance	39	1.37
Joy Riding	34	1.20
Dangerous Drugs	29	1.02
Disturbing the Peace	29	1.02
Other Theft	26	0.92
Hit and Run	19	0.67
Trespassing	15	0.53
Drunk	13	0.46
Other Sex	6	0.21
Selected Traffic	6	0.21
Kidnapping	5	0.18
Narcotics	5	0.18
Malicious Mischief	4	0.14
Drive Under the Influence	3	0.11
Lewd or Lascivious	3	0.11
Liquor Laws	3	0.11
Manslaughter - Misd	2	0.07
Manslaughter N/Veh	2	0.07
Checks/Access Cards	1	0.04
Disorderly Conduct	1	0.04
Lewd Conduct	1	0.04
Manslaughter - Vehicle	1	0.04
Marijuana	1	0.04
Obscene Matter	1	0.04
Other Drug Violations	1	0.04
Runaway	1	0.04
Truancy	1	0.04