

Criminalization of Girls in California: A Fact Sheet

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California is one of the United States' top incarcerators of girls

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

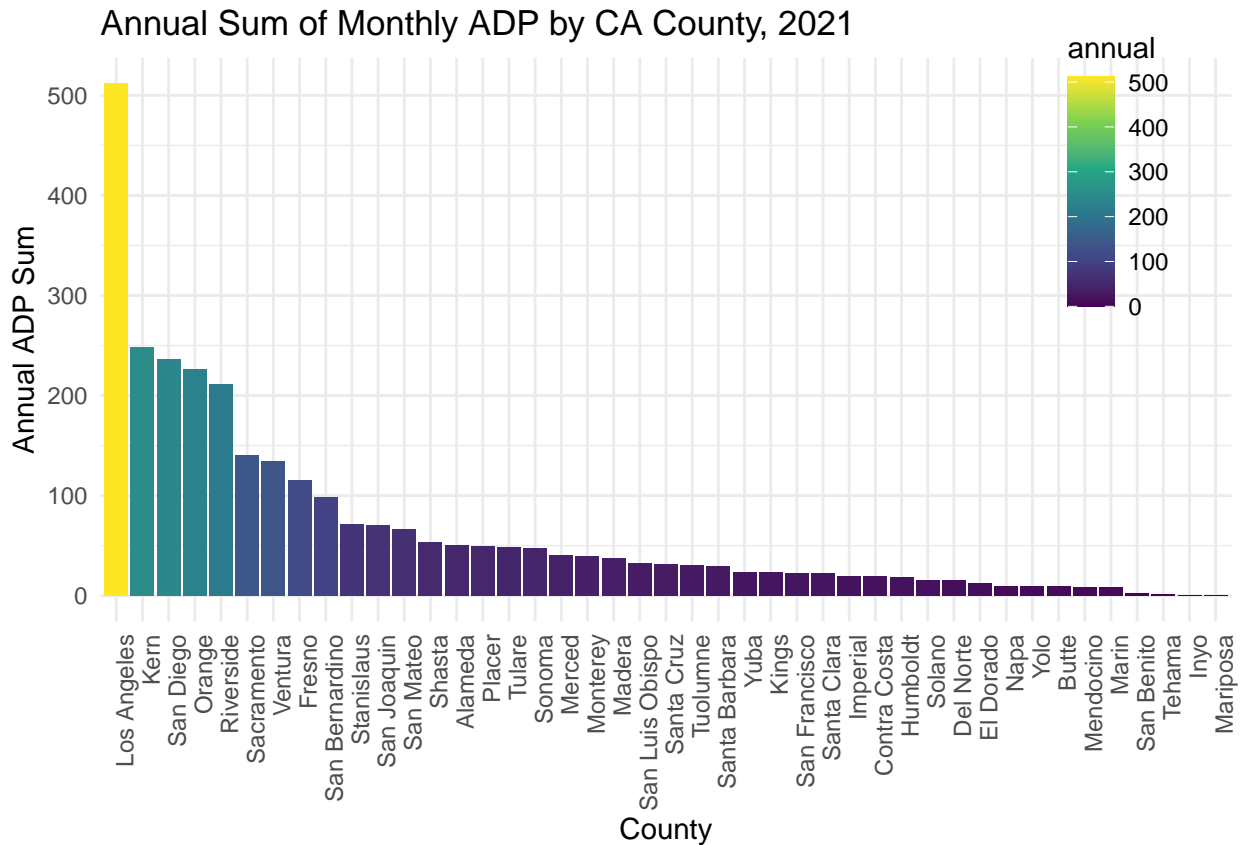
Counties that detained the most girls in 2017:

Counties most likely to detain girls in 2017:

Average Daily Populations

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

County	Percent of State Total	Number Detained	County	Percent of Cases	Number of Times in
Los Angeles	12.5%	577	Glenn	100%	
San Bernadino	10.99%	509	Modoc	100%	
Ventura	7.12%	330	Mendocino	56.7%	
Orange	6.54%	303	Sonoma	49.2%	
Contra Costa	5.12%	237	Imperial	48.7%	
Santa Clara	4.62%	214	San Francisco	48.4%	
Santa Barbara	4.23%	196	Shasta	47.8%	
Kern	3.97%	184	Ventura	43.5%	
Fresno	3.5%	162	Santa Clara	41.6%	
Mendocino	3.3%	153	San Luis Obispo	41.1%	



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=3).

