

# City of Inmates

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Source: City of Inmates: Conquest, Rebellion and the rise of  
in Los Angeles, 1771-1965



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# Mass Incarceration is Mass Elimination

“Incarceration operates as a means of purging, removing, caging, containing, erasing, disappearing, and eliminating targeted populations from land, life, and society in the United States”

**How does Kelly Lytle Hernandez describe the purpose of incarceration (to be imprisoned)?**

# Los Angeles

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Each night 17,000 men, women, and youth are locked somewhere in Los Angeles County's \$1 Billion system of jails, detention centers, and one penal farm.

There are 88 other municipal jails, more than 20 juvenile detention centers and camps, two federal facilities and a private prison company owned by GEO group holding immigrants.

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**Arrests, by Race and Gender, for the Los Angeles City Jail, 1894-1906**

	<i>Total Arrests</i>	<i>Women Held in City Jail during the Year</i>	<i>African Americans Held in City Jail during the Year</i>	<i>Asians Held in City Jail during the Year</i>	<i>White Men Held in City Jail as Percentage of Total Arrests</i>
1894	4,022	174	179	112	88.50
1895	4,862	240	185	93	89.00
1896	4,818	252	165	225	87.00
1897	4,649	246	157	276	85.00
1898	4,369	252	105	94	90.00
1899	3,878	256	184	118	86.00
1900	3,961	164	144	71	91.50
1901	5,898	220	172	71	92.10
1902	7,613	224	151	41	95.00
1903	9,320	317	267	67	93.00
1904	8,968	345	149	59	94.00
1905	9,904	108	82	8	98.00
1906	12,649	550	490	54	91.40

SOURCE: Data gathered from arrests tables and jail department reports in the Los Angeles Police Department Annual Reports, 1894-1906. No corresponding data available for 1881-1893 or 1907-1910.



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**Total Arrests by LAPD, 1887-1906**

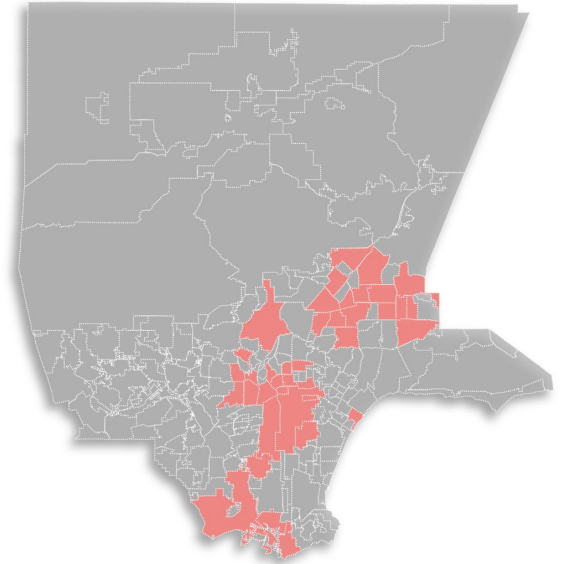
	<i>Total Arrests</i>	<i>Drunk</i>	<i>Vagrancy</i>	<i>Disorderly Conduct</i>	<i>Three Leading Public Order Charges as Percentage of Total Arrests Made by LAPD</i>
1887	5,194	489	199	1,220	37.00
1888	5,994	1,734	397	319	41.00
1889	3,407	912	337	364	47.00
1890	3,292	815	214	310	41.00
1891	2,530	980	162	281	56.00
1892	2,303	940	102	258	56.00
1893	3,077	1,075	389	321	58.00
1894	4,022	1,139	740	467	58.00
1895	4,862	1,784	901	347	62.00
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1903	9,320	5,417	528	585	70.00
1904	8,968	4,659	490	527	63.00
1905	9,904	5,519	610	547	67.00
1906	12,649	7,758	422	712	70.00

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# Million Dollar Hoods Project

Million Dollar Hoods Project  
was created to map out how  
much money is spent to lock  
up people in Los Angeles





# Let's Create our Own Report

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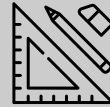
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# Create your report



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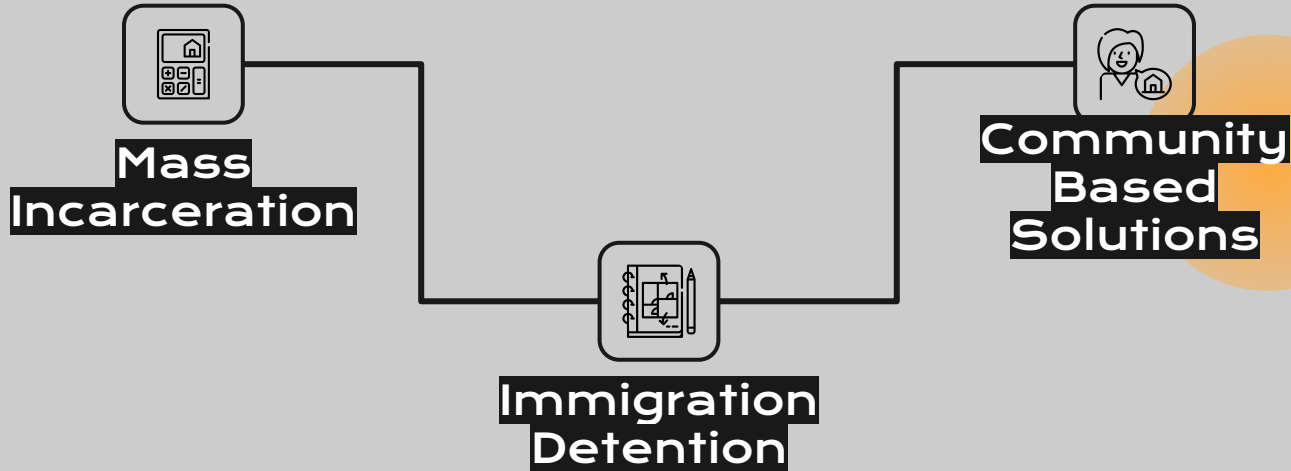
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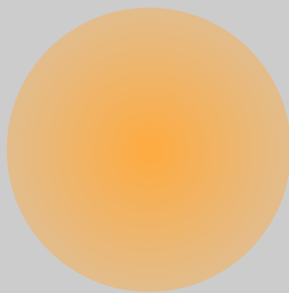
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# Where we are going ...

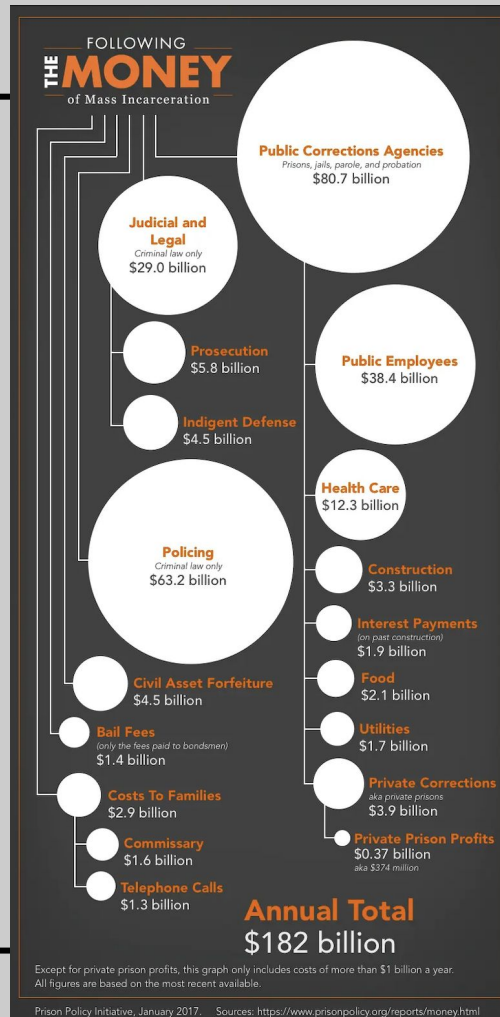


# Where does the money go?

Almost half of the money spent on running the correctional system goes to paying staff. This group is an influential lobby that sometimes prevents reform and whose influence is often protected even when prison populations drop.



Source: [prisonpolicy.org](https://www.prisonpolicy.org)



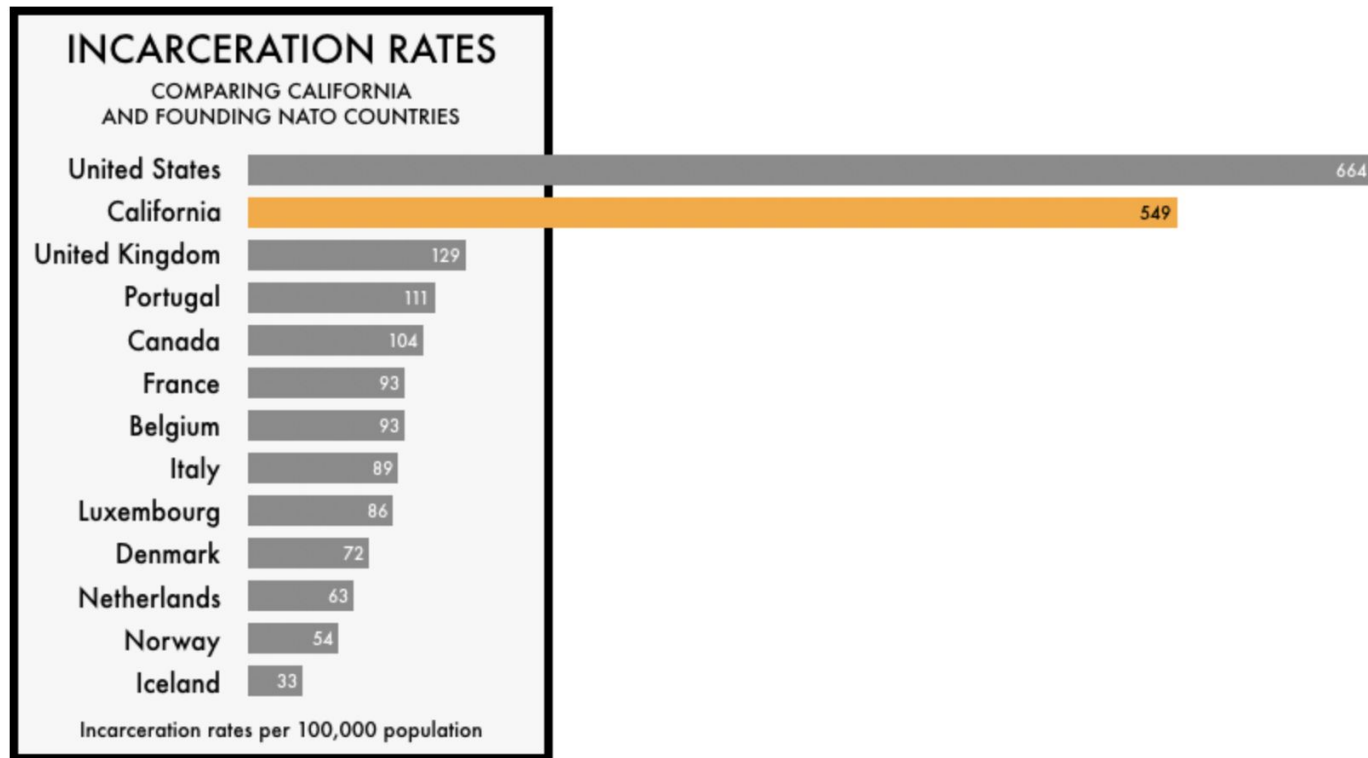
239,000 people from California are behind bars

## How many California residents are locked up and where?

239,000 of California's residents are locked up in various kinds of facilities



Today, California's incarceration rates stand out internationally



Source: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/global/2021.html>

*In the U.S., incarceration extends beyond prisons and local jails to include other systems of confinement. The U.S. and state incarceration rates in this graph include people held by these other parts of the justice system, so they may be slightly higher than the commonly reported incarceration rates that only include prisons and jails. Details on the data are available in [States of Incarceration: The Global Context](#). We also have a version of this graph focusing on the [incarceration of women](#).*



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# Alameda County

Nearly **one in three youth** incarcerated in Alameda County are later reconvicted. The County spends about **\$493,000** per youth per year on incarceration.

- The average cost per year to place a young person on probation in Alameda County is **\$23,000** while evidence-based restorative justice practices have a **one-time cost of \$4,500** .

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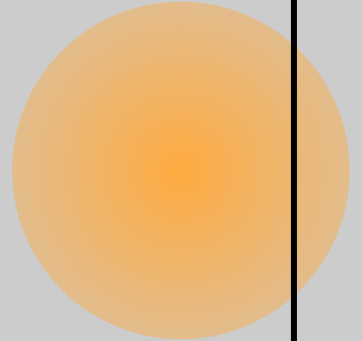
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# Immigration Detention Centers

Basically - jail. People are detained at every step of the immigration "process:" (1) awaiting adjudication of asylum or adjustment applications; (2) picked up and jailed without charges; (3) pending immigration proceedings; (4) after being ordered deported, while ICE is actively trying to remove them; and (5) sometimes indefinitely, where ICE knows it may not be able to deport someone with an order of deportation.







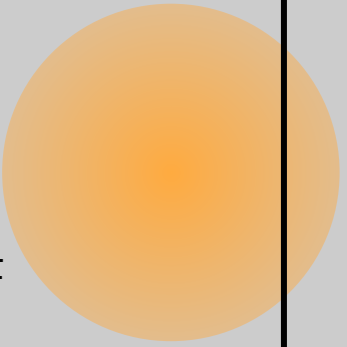
# Deportation - a legal proceeding where you are returned to your country of origin.

## Who can be deported?

Any person who is not a citizen can be deported from the US. Certain immigrants are particularly at risk for deportation.

### Immigrants With Past Conviction (Including Green Card Holders)

Immigrants with certain convictions can be deported, barred from adjusting their status to lawful permanent residency.






# Who is impacted by mandatory detention?

The expansion of mandatory immigration detention in the 1996 laws reflected the long history of racism **similar** to those like “**War on Drugs**” campaign that started in the 1970’s

Any non-citizen can end up in mandatory detention including legal permanent residents who have lived in the U.S. their entire lives. Due to racial disparities in the criminal legal system (courts) and policing of Black and Brown people, the majority of people affected by mandatory detention are Black and Brown.



# Mandatory Detention by the Numbers

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**\$2.8 Billion**

Money Congress spent in Fiscal Year 2021 to lock up immigrants.



**190,000**

The approximate number of people detained in Fiscal Year 2021, a nearly 300% increase since the passage of AEDPA and IIRIRA in 1996.



**Over 66%**

Approximate percentage of immigrants detained under mandatory detention on a given day in Fiscal Year 2021. ICE expects this number to continue to rise.



**219 Deaths**

The number of people known to have died in ICE custody since 2003.



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