

California: The State of Incarceration

San Mateo County



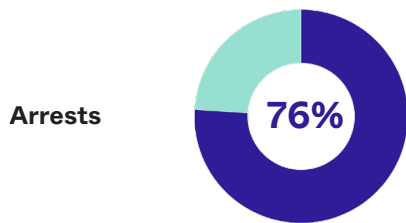
San Mateo County has:

- 3** county jails
- 0** state prisons
- 3** juvenile facilities

On an average day in 2021, there were 744 people in county jails and 862 people from San Mateo County in the state prison system.

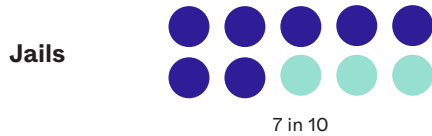
In 2021, law enforcement agencies made 12,676 arrests and 8,980 county jail admissions, and courts sentenced 282 people to state prison.

Looking across the system



76 percent of all arrests in San Mateo County in 2021 were for **misdemeanors**.

6.6x On any given day in 2021, the **Black arrest rate was 6.6 times** the arrest rate of white people.



72 percent of people in jail in San Mateo are pretrial, meaning they **have not been convicted** of charges filed against them.

37% **37 percent** of the jail population in San Mateo County has **mental health needs**.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

San Mateo County general fund spending, fiscal year 2021

General Government	398.2M
Criminal Legal System	391.5M
Health	344.6M
Public Assistance	266.6M
Other Protection	54.2M
Education Recreation & Cultural Services	18.7M
Capital Expenditures	9.4M
Public Ways and Facilities	1.4M
Sanitation	155

In 2021, San Mateo County used 26% of its total general fund spending on the criminal legal system. That's \$391.5 million that could have been spent on the things proven to make communities safer: good schools, jobs, housing, and health care.

Within criminal legal system spending

- 41%** goes to law enforcement (Sheriff)
- 34%** goes to detention and probation
- 25%** goes to judicial expenses