

# San Francisco Sheriff's Office Data Transparency



## Legal Statutes: Data Transparency

#### **Federal Statutes**

<u>Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)</u> -Provides the public with the right to request access to federal agency records, serving as a model for state and local transparency.

#### **State Statutes**

<u>CA Public Records Act (CPRA)</u>- Grants public access to information maintained by state and local government agencies.

<u>CA Government Code Section 6254(f)</u>- Provides guidelines on the disclosure of law enforcement records, outlining exemptions for records that could compromise privacy or public safety.

#### **Municipal Statutes**

<u>San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance-</u> Expands on CPRA, detailing the City's requirements for transparency, including accessibility of records from all City departments, boards, and commissions.

San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 67- Outlines local procedures for public access to city records, specifying additional provisions for transparency and accountability within San Francisco agencies.



## Legal Statutes: Criminal History Data

#### **Federal Statutes**

<u>Privacy Act of 1974</u> - Limits disclosure of personal information and protects individuals from unauthorized distribution of their records.

<u>Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Policy</u> - Provides standards for the protection, dissemination, and handling of sensitive criminal justice data.

#### **State Statutes**

<u>CA Penal Code Section 11075-11105</u> - Regulates the collection, access, and disclosure of state criminal history information, restricting access to law enforcement and authorized agencies only.

<u>CA Information Practices Act (IPA)</u> - Governs the handling of personal information by state agencies, setting limits on data sharing and disclosure to protect privacy.

#### **Municipal Statutes**

<u>San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 12M</u> - Prohibits the unnecessary disclosure of criminal history records, outlining city-level guidelines for data handling and privacy.

San Francisco Fair Chance Ordinance - Restricts use of criminal history information in hiring and housing, supporting data protections and limiting the sharing of criminal history data beyond legal requirements.



## **Current Publicly Available Data**

- Jail Population in Custody Dashboard
- Jail Historical Data (2020-2024 trends)
- Inmate Locator
- COVID-19 Jail Release Dashboards (Suspended)
- Sheriff's Reports and Forms
- DataSF Open Datasets





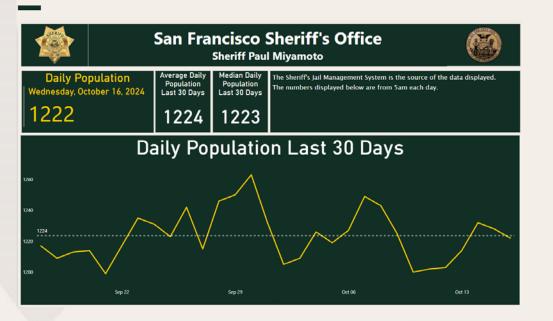
## Jail Population on Custody Dashboard

Daily updated data on custody, demographics, and trends

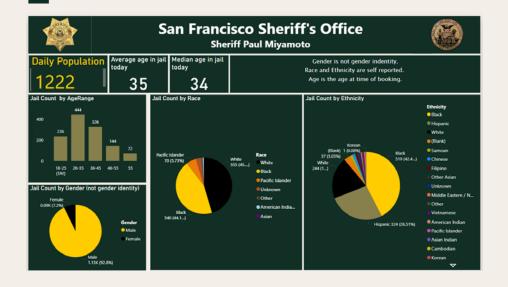
Description and key metrics (age, sex, race, ethnicity, length of custody).

Link: Current jail data and trends | San Francisco Sheriff's Department (sfsheriff.com)

Daily jail count and 30-day trends



#### Demographic information



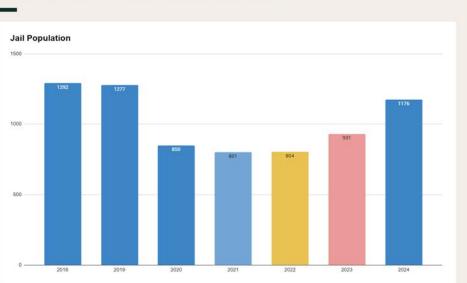


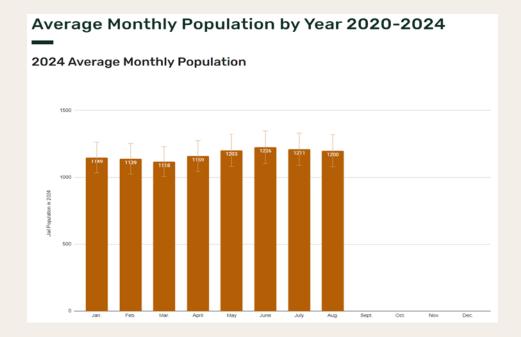
## **Sheriff's Office**

## **Jail Historical Data**

### Breakdown of historical population data (monthly, annual). Link: Jail Data 2020-2024

### Link: Jail Data 2020-2024 | San Francisco Sheriff's Department (sfsheriff.com)





Average Annual Jail Count 2020-2024



### **Inmate Locator**

Public tool to find individuals in custody (name, booking number, next court date, charges, bond, etc.).

Note: Information is only available while the individual is in custody.

Link: Find a person in jail | San Francisco Sheriff's Department (sfsheriff.com)

Find a person in jail	
Search by name	~
Enter the first three letters of their first name and last name in the spaces provide	d.
First Name (required):	(required):
Or search by SF number	^
Or search by booking number	^
Search for person in jail $\rightarrow$	

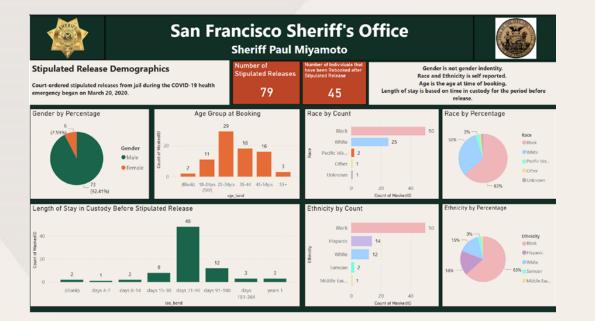
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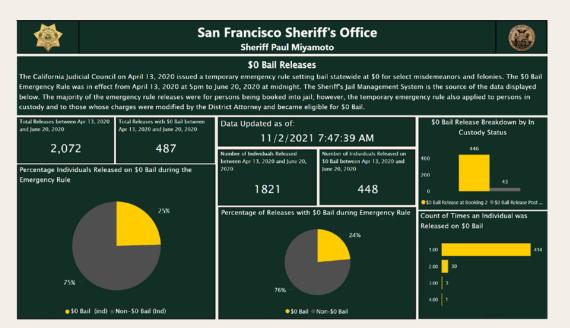


## **COVID-19 Jail Release Dashboards**

Stipulated Releases: Early releases approved by the courts to reduce jail overcrowding and mitigate COVID-19 exposure.

**\$0 Bail Releases:** Temporary emergency rule issued by the California Judicial Council for specific misdemeanors and felonies to expedite releases during the pandemic.





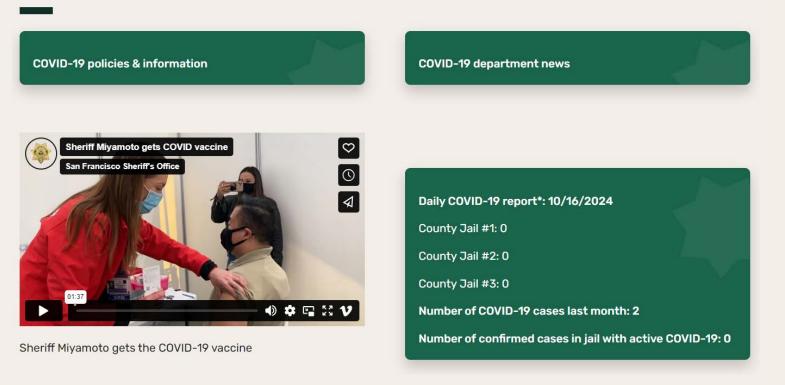


## **COVID-19 Jail Dashboards**

The San Francisco Sheriff's Office (SFSO) remains committed to transparency by continuously providing data on COVID-19 infection rates within county jails. SFSO advocates for voluntary vaccinations and ongoing improvements in health practices for criminal justice-involved individuals to prevent the spread of the virus and protect public health.

Link: <u>COVID-19 Information | San Francisco</u> Sheriff's Department (sfsheriff.com)

#### SFSO COVID-19 data & information

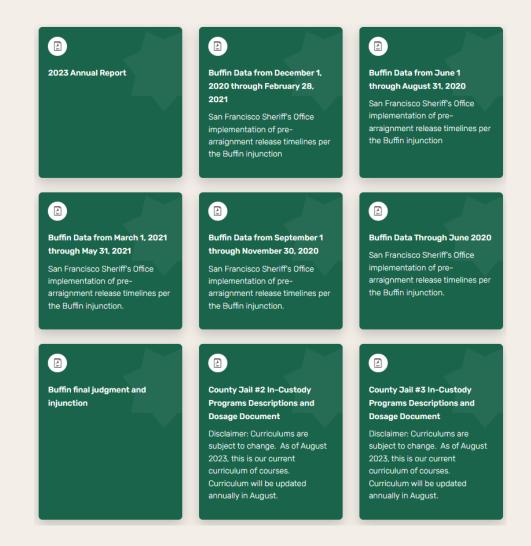




## **Reports and Additional Data Products**

Annual Reports Federal Court Reports on the Buffin Injunction Dosage Documents Budget Presentations Offender Crime Reduction Evaluation Reports MEUP (Military Equipment Use Policy) Mentally III Offender Crime Reduction Grant Misdemeanor Behavioral Health Findings Equipment Use Reports Oversight Presentations And other important documents

Link: <u>Forms, Policies & Reports</u> | San Francisco Sheriff's Department (sfsheriff.com)





## Data Available Through Partnerships



### Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)

The Sheriff's Office participates in the BSCC's Jail Profile Survey. <u>JPS Dashboard – BSCC (ca.gov)</u>



#### California Policy Lab

A research institute that makes criminal justice reports . <u>Criminal Justice Archives - California</u> <u>Policy Lab (capolicylab.org)</u>



#### San Francisco Department of Health (DPH) – Jail Health Data

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Health-related jail data for incarcerated individuals <u>Department of Public Health | San</u> <u>Francisco (sf.gov)</u>



#### **Pretrial Diversion Program**

Data supports publications and reports on the impact of diversion programs on reducing incarceration. <u>Our Publications – San Francisco Pretrial Diversion</u> <u>Project (sfpretrial.org)</u>



#### City and County Drug Market Agency Coordination Center (DMACC)

This multi-agency collaboration provides a comprehensive understanding of the city's illicit drug markets.

Drug Market Agency Coordination Center | San Francisco Police Department



#### San Francisco Sheriff's Office Upcoming Data Transfers - Safety and Justice Challenge

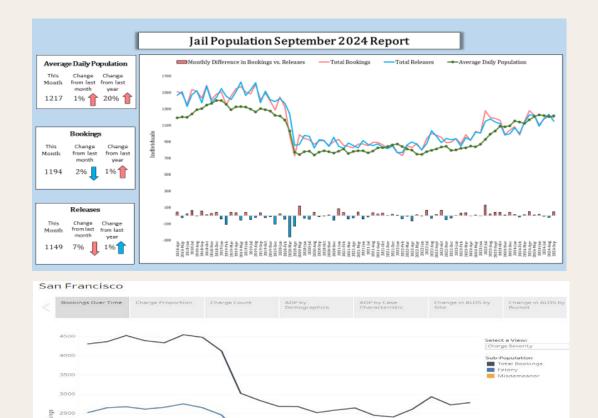
The Sheriff's Office also provides the monthly Jail Population Trend Presentation to the **Safety and Justice Working Group and Sentencing Commission,** which has been accessible to the public through the SFDA but will soon be available directly on the Sheriff's Office website.

We also partner with the **Safety and Justice Challenge** (SJC) to share public data through the *Measuring Progress* dashboard. This platform, which was launched to provide transparency into findings from SJC sites, is now expanding to include case-level jail data.

Current Link <u>Safety and Justice Challenge – San Francisco District Attorney</u> (sfdistrictattorney.org)

#### Measuring Progress Visuals - San Francisco | Tableau Public

Measuring Progress: Jail Trends in SJC Sites - Safety and Justice Challenge





## DataSF Open Dataset Partnership

DataSF: The City's centralized open data platform

Through this partnership, a variety of datasets are made publicly available to offer insight into jail operations and demographics.

Jail bookings categorized by:

- Race
- Age Group
- Gender
- Ethnicity

Link: <u>Results for "Sheriff", matching of Sheriff | Page 1 of</u> <u>1 | DataSF | City and County of San Francisco (sfgov.org)</u>

Sheriff Jail Bookings by Male/Female Public Safety	Dataset
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Sheriff Jail Bookings by Age Group Public Safety	Dataset
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## **Data Pending Public Release**

Future updates to increase public access to booking and release information

#### **1. Booking Information**

Current issues with JUSTIS feed and work with IT to improve data accuracy. Plans to add booking data to the Sheriff's website.

#### 2. Release Information

Current issues with data entry to enhance release reason data, aiming for future publication. Part of CalAIM Medicare expansion can also expect a DPH dashboard related to insurance coverage from Jail Health.



## **Next Steps for Increasing Transparency**

- Improving internal data systems (JMS)
   Jail Management System (JMS) is outdated
   and needs replacement. In 2025, the
   server and database will migrate to a new
   version. Current versions no longer
   supported. In contract for a new jail
   management system that should be in
   place by 2026/27.
- 2. Continuous collaboration with DataSF Planned expansion of data available on DataSF.
- 3. Expansion Sheriff's Website Expansion of dashboards and links to partner data products.





## Conclusion

The San Francisco Sheriff's Office has and continues to be a pioneer in criminal justice transparency and data access. The Sheriff is commitment to data transparency, third party research, public access, and criminal justice improvements.

