

Report on the Progress of Closing Men's Central Jail

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Community Safety Implementation Team **New name. Same mission.**

Mission

Safely and methodically depopulate and eventually close Men's Central Jail by **expanding the continuum of care** for individuals being diverted or released from jail, while ensuring public health and safety.

Community Safety Implementation Team (CSIT)

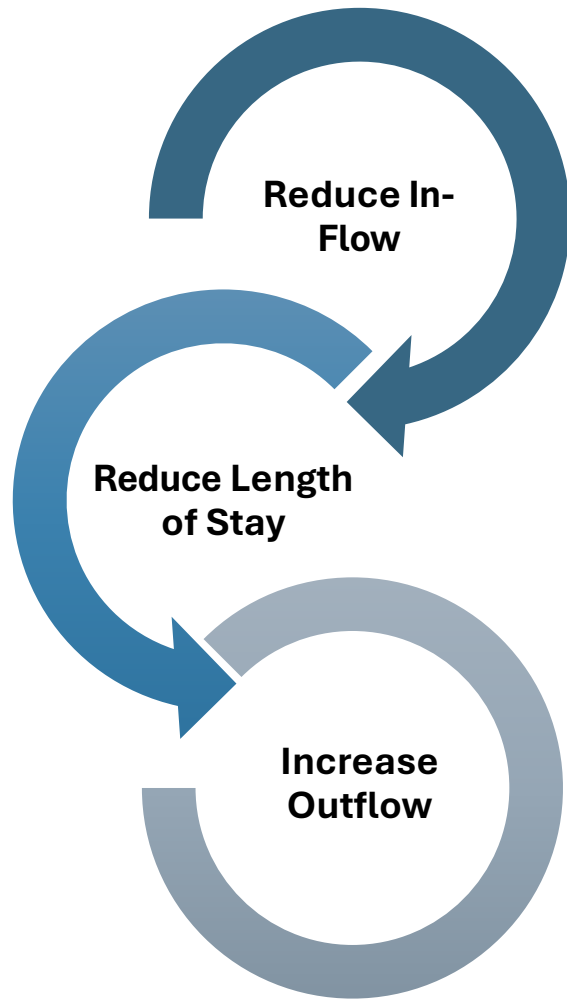
The reframing better aligns with the County's **Care First, Jails Last** priority, and reflects your Board's multipronged objective—to close Men's Central Jail (MCJ) and **expand the community-based continuum of care.**

General

- Outdated jail conditions that pose risks to people housed in the jail and staff
- Need to consistently engage community partners to increase transparency and gather input
- Need to increase accountability
- Clear buy-in from all stakeholders
- Healthy skepticism that the current effort is authentic
- Need to expand the number of community organizations that provide the level of care necessary for depopulation

Community

- Lack of transparency and action has led to distrust of efforts to close MCJ
- Untapped community capacity
- No clear standard of care for community organizations to meet to provide depopulation services
- Overly burdensome County contracting practices and requirements
- Funding not sufficient to cover actual cost of services
- Lack of service coordination

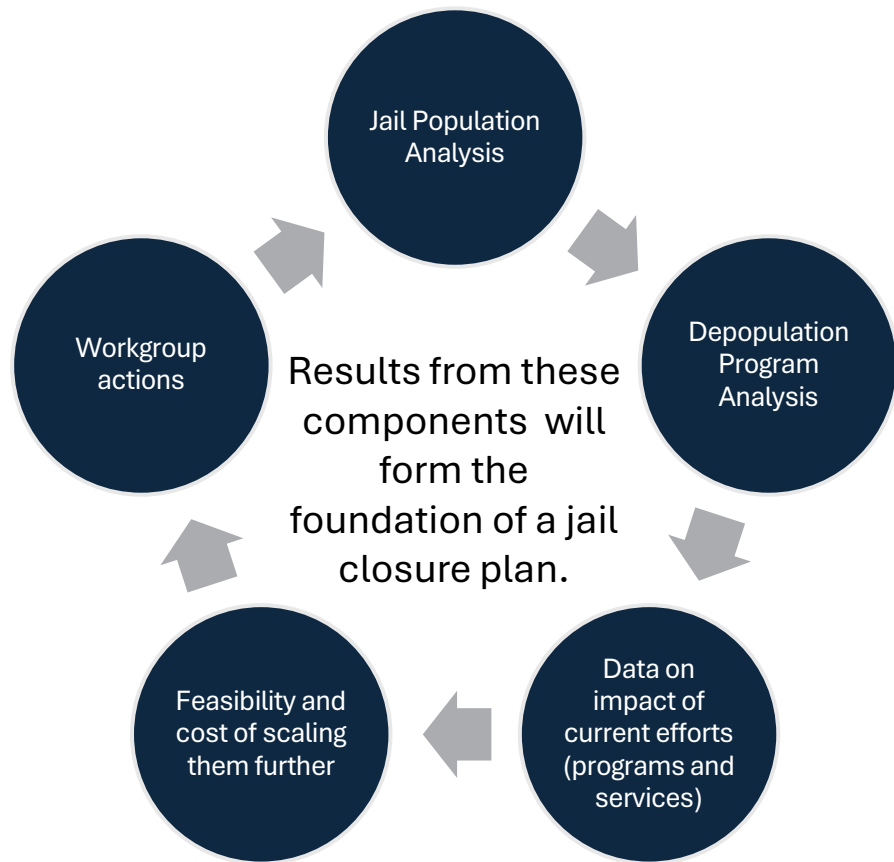


Lever 1: Reduce Inflow – Immediate action to redirect people away from the County jail system to prevent increased admissions.

Lever 2: Reduce Length of Stay – Expedite court-related processing to shorten detention times—regardless of the case outcome.

Lever 3: Increase Outflow – Immediately prioritize and facilitate the release of individuals already in County jail custody to safe and appropriate community-based alternatives.

CSIT is assessing the current jail closure landscape to provide a comprehensive view of existing efforts, opportunities, and gaps relating to jail closure.



CSIT aims to complete this landscape assessment in approx. 6-9 months.

Current Jail Population

Jail Population (March 26)

12,945

↑ 3% since Jan 2025

Population Rise of Specialty Mental Health Housing in MCJ

↑76% Since Jan 2024

Population Currently in Specialty Mental Health Housing*

38% 4,866

Average Length of Stay

Pre-Covid: 66 days
Calendar Year 2024: 84 days

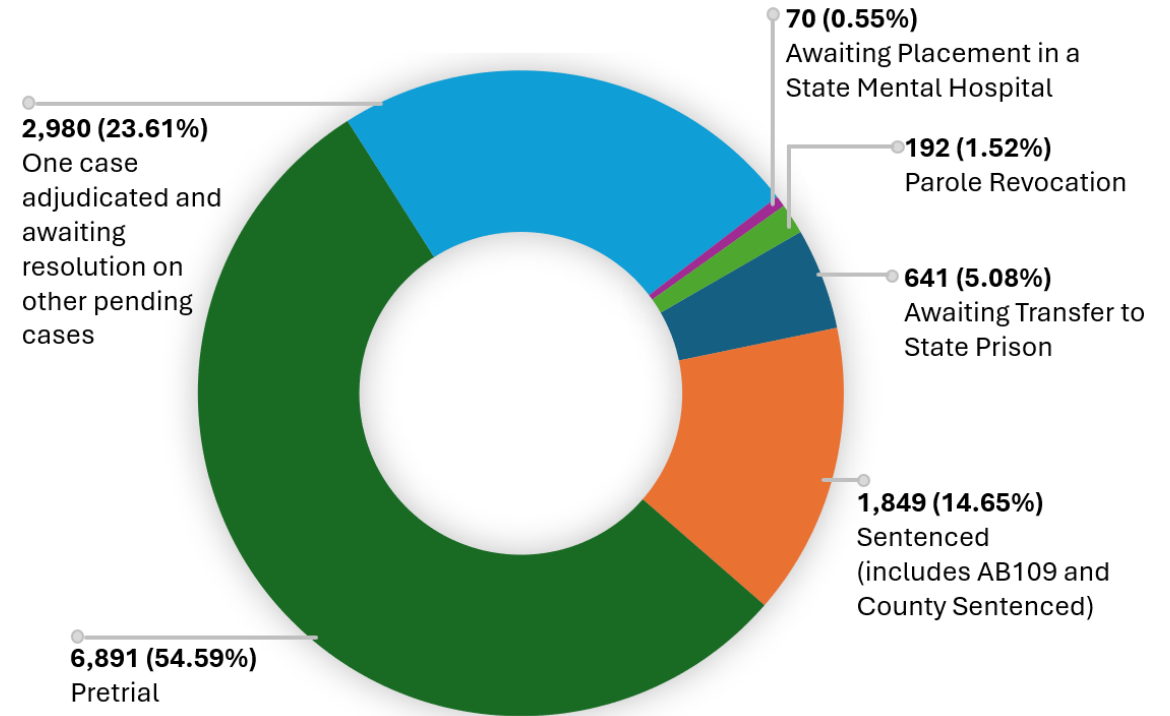
↑ 18 days since 2020**

AB 109 Sentenced Population (Serving Sentence in Jail)*

7% 891

Sentenced Population*

7% 958



*Population figures provided by LASD Daily Custody Population Briefing: March 26, 2025. Specialty mental health housing figures include permanent moderate observation housing and high observation housing.

**Pre-Covid defined as period of January 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020; Post-Covid defined as period of January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024.

15 County and City Departments operate 65+ programs across the 3 levers



Observations

CSIT is analyzing more than 65 programs, overseen by 15 County and City Departments. 13 were surveyed in-depth this winter.

Of the 13 County programs that were surveyed:

- 7 programs focus on the pretrial population.
- All programs accept people with **felony** charges.
- 7 programs focus on people with Serious Mental Illness.
- All programs involve **collaboration** across multiple departments.
- The programs have an average budget of \$3M per year, and 6 rely exclusively on CSIT-CFCI funding.
- Programs serve a wide range of participants—from 20 people/year to 200,000+ people/year—and track varying metrics. Many do not track the # of participants coming from jail.
- 5 programs have been formally **evaluated**.

* Several agencies manage programs across multiple levers. The graphic above displays the lever in which each department has the greatest concentration of programs.

CSIT established and manages three groups designed to **coordinate and mobilize** our work in closing the jail.

County Dept. Heads Meetings

- **Goal:** To align and coordinate efforts, drive them forward, and develop a comprehensive view of the existing efforts, opportunities, and gaps as it relates to jail closure.

Case Processing Workgroup

- **Goal:** Identify and implement data-driven strategies to reduce pretrial case delay and advance fairness and timely access to justice for incarcerated people and people impacted by crime.

Facilities Workgroup

- **Goal:** Update the County's cost estimates of replacing and/or relocating the systemwide functions housed at MCJ (i.e., inmate reception center, court line, and transportation) that will be impacted by the closure of MCJ.

- Instruct Departments to begin providing 90-day report backs in June 2025 as directed by Your Board in the April 2024 Board motion
- Synthesize results of the depopulation program survey
- Oversee the work of the facilities workgroup
- Establish cost estimates for expanding and creating more relevant program beds/slots
- Monitor the impact of legislative and policy changes on CSIT's mission
- Oversee the work of the case processing workgroup

PRESENTATION ACRONYMS

ACR - Alternate Crisis Response
 APRU – Advanced Provider Response Unit
 CAMP - Case Assessment Management Program
 CBO – Community Based Organization
 CEO – Chief Executive Office
 CFCI – Care First Community Investment
 CIRCLE - Crisis and Incident Response through
 Community Lead Engagement
 CRT - Crisis Response Team
 CSIT - Community Safety Implementation Team
 CSU - Crisis Stabilization Unit
 DHS – Department of Health Services
 DMH - Department of Mental Health
 DOJ – Department of Justice
 DPH - Department of Public Health

EDP – Early Disposition Program
 GRYD – Gang Reduction Youth Development
 FIT - Field Intervention Team
 HOST – Homeless Services Outreach Team
 (LASD)
 JCIT - Jail Closure Implementation Team
 JCOD – Justice, Care and Opportunities
 Department
 JENI – Justice Equity Needs Index
 JESI – Justice Equity Services Index
 LAC - Los Angeles County
 LAPD - Los Angeles Police Department
 LASD - Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department
 LEAD – Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion
 LET - Law Enforcement Team
 LOS – Length of Stay
 MCJ – Men's Central Jail

MCOT - Mobile Crisis Outreach Team
 MET - Mental Evaluation Team (County)
 MEU - Mental Evaluation Unit (City)
 ODR - Office of Diversion and Reentry (Dept.
 of Health Services)
 PARP - Pre-Arrest Release Protocols
 PMRT – Psychiatric Mobile Response Team
 RAMP - Risk Assessment and Management Program
 SMART - Systemwide Mental Assessment Response
 Team
 SMI – Serious Mental Illness
 START – School Threat Assessment Response Team
 UCC- Urgent Care Center
 UMCR – Unarmed Model of Crisis Response

OTHER ACRONYMS

ATI – Alternatives to Incarceration
 CHS – Correctional Health Services
 CRDF – Century Regional Detention Facility
 FSP – Full-Service Partnership
 LA MOCS – Los Angeles City Mayors Office of Community
 Safety
 SUD – Substance Use Disorder
 TTCF – Twin Towers Correctional Facility

DEFINITIONS

- **AB 109:** California Assembly Bill 109 – Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011.
- **Alternative Crisis Response Model:** Programs rerouting nonviolent mental health-related emergency calls to crisis response teams or behavioral health services instead of law enforcement.
- **Co-Responder Model:** Collaborative programs pairing law enforcement with mental health clinicians to provide immediate support and diversion options.