



PRIORITIZING DIGNITY & LIFE IN THE LA COUNTY JAILS



Correctional Health Services
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
LOS ANGELES COUNTY

**ITEM NO. 21 FROM THE
MAY 13, 2025 AGENDA**

Compared to pre-COVID-19, the Los Angeles County Jail population is

- Older
- Faces more chronic medical and mental health issues
- Subject to rising fentanyl/substance use
- Continues to grow from a post-pandemic low
 - Proposition 36: Increase of 4–5 additional individuals per day
 - As of June 23, 2025: Census increase of 700



PRIMARY CAUSES OF DEATH BY YEAR IN LA COUNTY JAILS

(2016-2025 YTD)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Natural Causes	14	21	14	20	23	29	23	23	17	27
Cancer	2	2	0	2	5	6	5	2	2	5
Heart Disease	9	5	6	6	2	4	5	7	6	10
Respiratory	0	3	1	1	8	10	4	5	2	7
All Other	3	11	7	11	8	9	9	9	7	5
Overdose	2	1	5	8	4	10	10	13	8	9
Suicide	3	3	5	4	4	9	4	3	3	8
Traumatic Injury (excluding suicide)	2	1	0	1	4	2	5	5	4	1
Unknown	1	0	2	1	3	0	1	1	0	1
TOTAL	22	26	26	34	38	50	43	45	32	46

TOTAL INMATE POPULATION vs. MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION

2016–2025 (Q1–Q3)



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025
■ TOTAL INMATE POPULATION	16,613	17,024	16,910	17,070	14,212	14,577	13,807	13,241	12,561	12,738	13,036	13,243
■ MENTAL HEALTH POPULATION	3,263	3,592	3,966	4,172	6,174	6,605	6,707	6,696	6,959	7,536	7,839	8,078

Total Inmate Population Data Source: Average Daily Inmate Population from LASD Custody Division Reports
 Mental Health Population Data Source: 2016–2019 LASD MH Count, 2020–2025 P-Level Reports



SUICIDE

- What CHS is already doing
 - FIP STEPDOWNs (16 at TTCF, 5 at CRDF)
 - LPS BED EXPANSION (52 licensed LPS beds in CTC)
 - Acute Intervention Module (AIM) (10 bed LPS Licensed Mental Health Urgent Care)
- What is needed
 - Funding for:
 - Inmate Reception Center Psychiatric Services
 - Medication Refusal Team
 - Increase in Community Health Resources



OVERDOSE

- What CHS is already doing
 - Active Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) program
 - Naloxone Program
 - Harm Reduction Vending Machine
 - Referrals to Community-Based Substance Use Resources
- What is needed
 - Additional Funding for an Increase to MAT Medications and Staff
 - Funding to Enable LASD to Decrease Introduction of Substances into LA County Jail System



NATURAL CAUSES

- What CHS is already doing
 - Aggressive Release Requests
 - Creation of Population Health Program
- What is needed
 - Automated Health Services Request Form system
 - Primary Care Model
 - Universal Screening and Treatment as recommended by CDC





QUESTIONS?