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July 31, 2024 Probation Data Snapshot

Data Analysis of Youth Detained in Los Angeles County Probation Facilities

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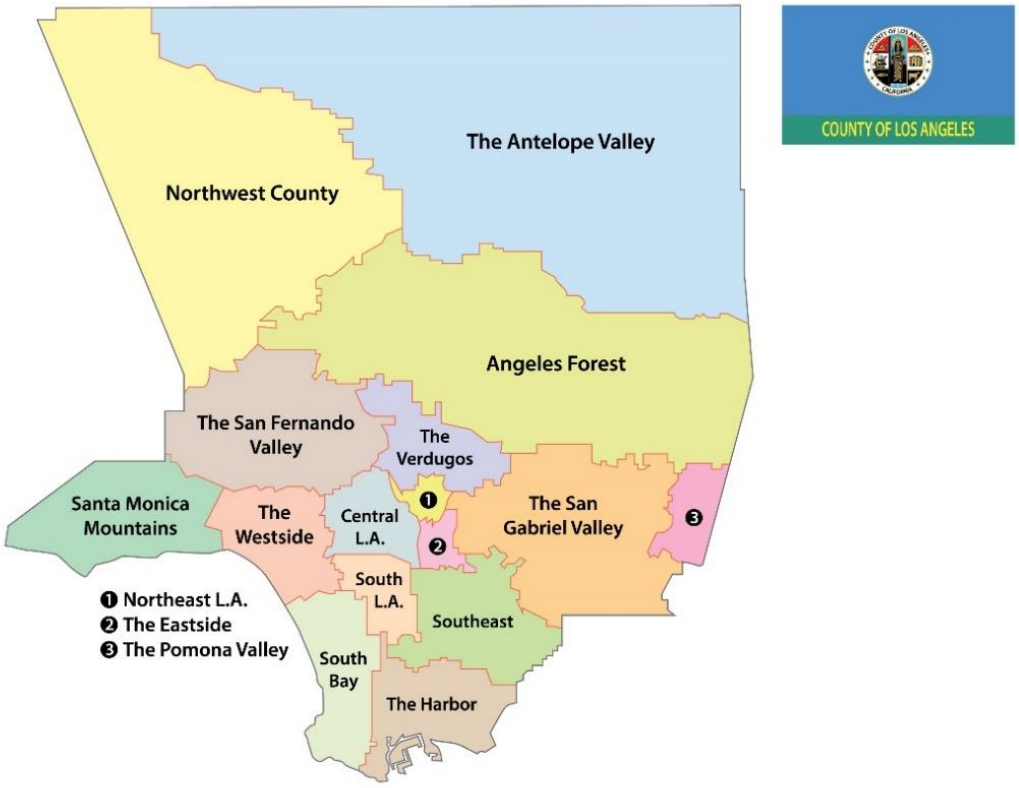
Introduction

The Los Angeles County Probation Department shared an anonymized data "snapshot" with the Probation Oversight Commission (POC) containing demographic information about the youth housed at all of the Los Angeles County juvenile detention facilities on July 31, 2024. This report provides information about the geographic areas in Los Angeles County most impacted by the juvenile justice system based on the residential zip codes of detained youth in this dataset.

There were 543 youth in the dataset.[1] Of those, 45 youth had residential zip codes that either fell outside of Los Angeles County or were left blank. The data discussed in this fact sheet reflects the remaining 498 youth.

The County of Los Angeles consists of 88 cities and over 120 unincorporated communities, making it the most populous county in the nation. Given its size, it is imperative to take a regional and community-level approach to understand which regions are most impacted by the juvenile justice system. The POC used the *L.A. Times Mapping Project*, which divides the County into sixteen regions, to allocate the zip codes into their respective region.[2]

The map below depicts the regions of Los Angeles County according to the L.A. Times Mapping Project:[3]



[1] The 543 youth were from all facilities – Juvenile Halls, SYTF, Residential Treatment Camps, and Dorothy Kirby Center

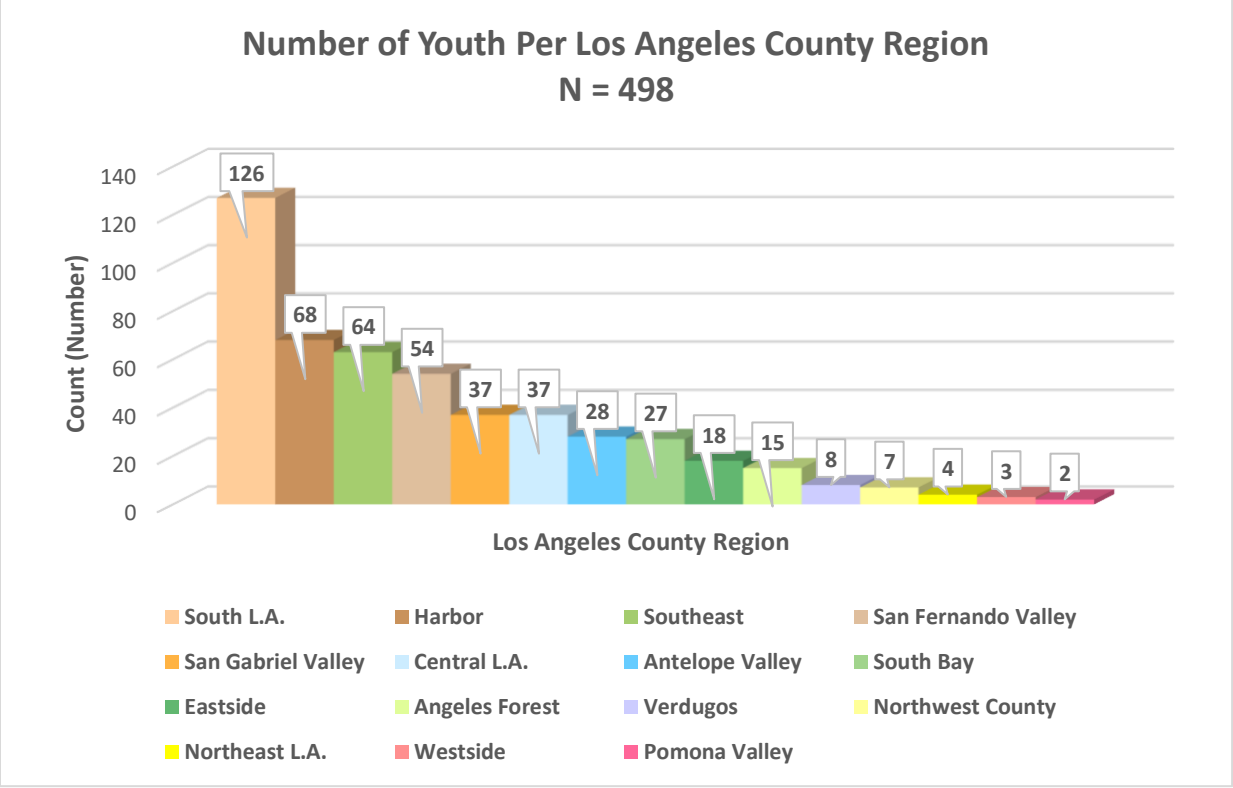
[2] Mapping L.A. - Los Angeles Times No youth in the dataset were from the Santa Monica Mountains Region.

[3] Image Source: L.A. County Regional Map, Vectorstock.com

Los Angeles County Data – Regions

These charts show the number of youths per region sorted by the total percentage:

No.	Regions	Count	Percent	Supervisorial Districts
1	South L.A.	126	25.3%	2nd District
2	Harbor	68	13.7%	2nd and 4th Districts
3	Southeast	64	12.9%	1st, 2nd, and 4th Districts
4	San Fernando Valley	54	10.8%	3rd and 5th Districts
5/6	San Gabriel Valley	37	7.4%	1st, 4th, and 5th Districts
5/6	Central L.A.	37	7.4%	1st, 2nd, and 3rd Districts
7	Antelope Valley	28	5.6%	5th District
8	South Bay	27	5.4%	2nd and 4th Districts
9	Eastside	18	3.6%	1st District
10	Angeles Forest	15	3.0%	5th District
11	Verdugos	8	1.6%	5th District
12	Northwest County	7	1.4%	5th District
13	Northeast L.A.	4	0.8%	1st District
14	Westside	3	0.6%	2nd and 3rd Districts
15	Pomona Valley	2	0.4%	1st District
	Total Youth	**498**	**100%**	**All 5 Supervisorial Districts**

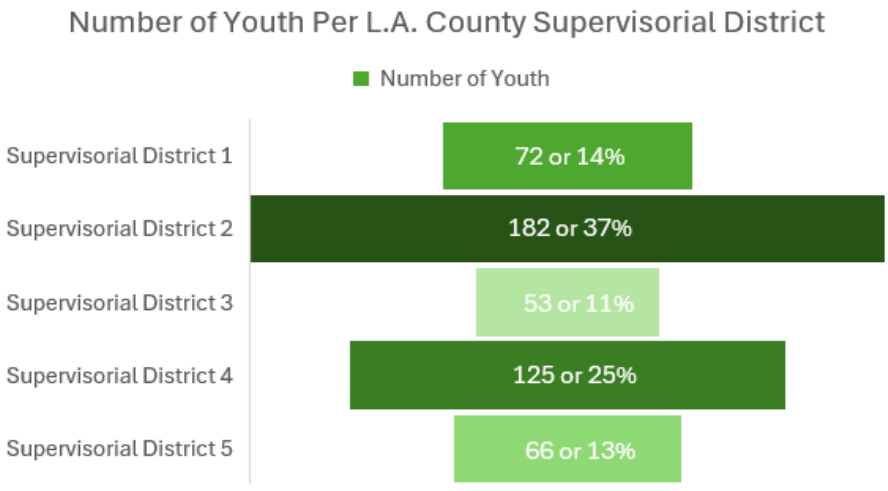


Los Angeles County Data – Zip Codes

Among the **498** Los Angeles County youth, there were **153** unique zip codes in the dataset. Analyzing youth by zip code helps identify communities most impacted by the juvenile justice system. The chart below shows the 10 most common zip codes:

Rank	Zip Code and Count	Supervisorial District	Region	Community
1	90044 (22)	2nd	South Los Angeles	Athens-Westmont, Harvard Heights
2	90805 (18)	4th	Harbor	Long Beach
3	90011 (17)	2nd	South Los Angeles	Central L.A., South Park
4	93535 (13)	5th	Antelope Valley	City Lancaster, Unincorporated North Lancaster Lake Los Angeles
5/6	90002 (12)	2nd	South Los Angeles (City of L.A.)	Florence-Firestone, Watts
5/6	90003 (12)	2nd	South Los Angeles (City of L.A.)	Broadway-Manchester
7	90813 (10)	4th	Harbor	Long Beach
8/9/10	90744 (9)	4th	Harbor	Wilmington, Harbor City (City of L.A.)
8/9/10	90006 (9)	2nd	Central L.A.	Pico-Union, Koreatown
8/9/10	90250 (9)	2nd	South Bay	City of Hawthorne, Unincorporated Hawthorne, Del Aire

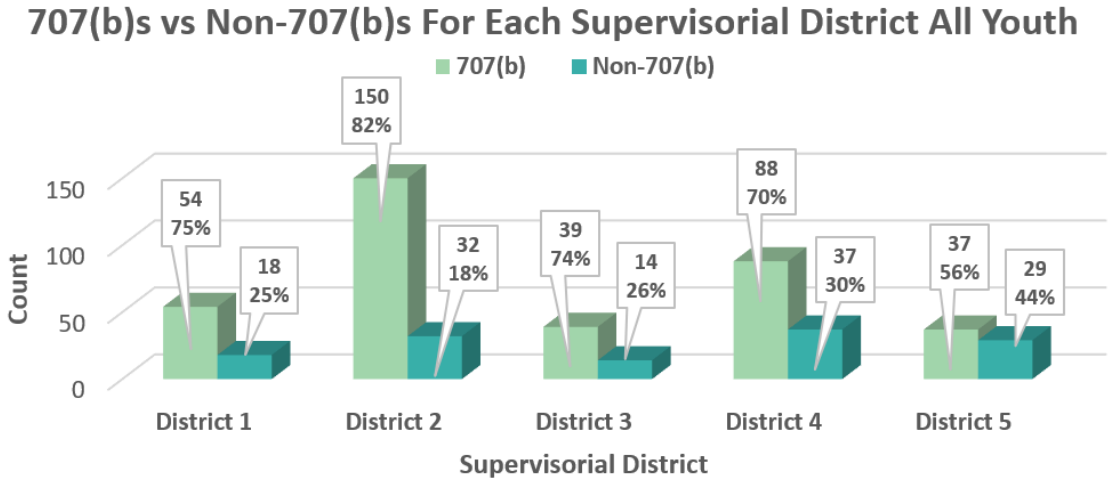
Los Angeles County Data – Supervisorial Districts



The **498** Los Angeles County youth in the dataset are not divided evenly between the five supervisorial districts, with the largest group coming from Supervisorial District 2 (represented by Supervisor Holly Mitchell) and the second largest group stemming from Supervisorial District 4 (represented by Supervisor Janice Hahn).

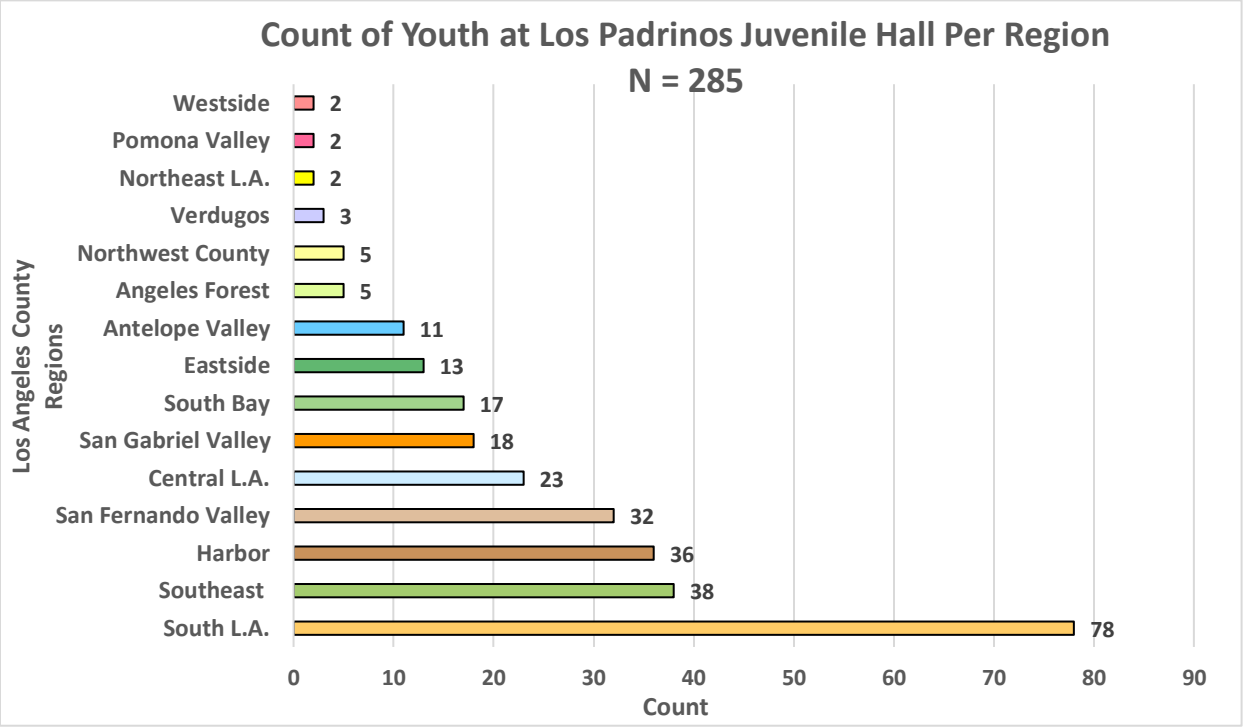
707(b) Charges by Supervisorial District (Los Angeles County)

The dataset also contains information about the charges the youth are facing. When divided by supervisorial district, the percentage of 707(b) charges among the youth detained also varies.



Data Specific to Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall

In the dataset, there were **308** youth detained at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall on July 31, 2024. Of those, **285** had Los Angeles County zip codes. This section shares the geographic data for those youth. The bar graph below illustrates the distribution of youth held at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall by region.



Last year, the POC published a demographic report about the youth detained at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall using data provided by Probation for July 27, 2023. In the chart below, we compare that data to the findings from the 2024 dataset.

Snapshot Data Comparison							
JULY 27, 2023				JULY 31, 2024			
Rank	Region	Count & Percentage	Supervisorial District	Rank	Region	Count & Percentage	Supervisorial District
1	South L.A.	56 (26%)	2nd	1	South L.A.	78 (27%)	2nd
2	Southeast	29 (14%)	1st, 2nd, and 4th	2	Southeast	38 (13%)	1st, 2nd, and 4th
3	Antelope Valley	24 (11%)	5th	3	Harbor	36 (13%)	2nd and 4th
4	Harbor	22 (10%)	2nd and 4th	4	San Fernando Valley	32 (11%)	3rd and 5th
5	Central L.A.	20 (9%)	1st, 2nd, and 5th	5	Central L.A.	23 (8%)	1st, 2nd, and 5th

Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall – Zip Codes

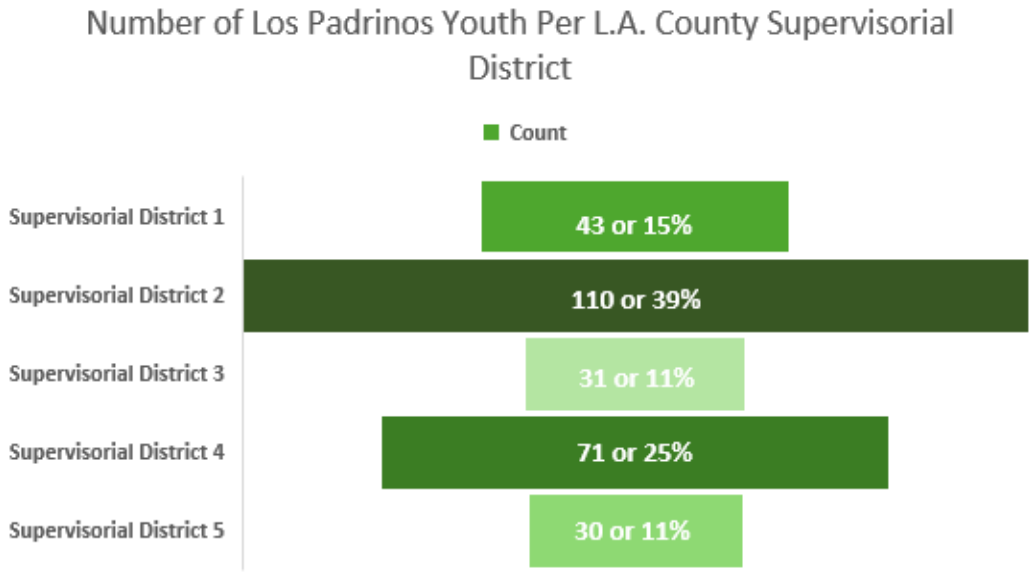
Top Zip Codes at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall[4]

No.	Zip Code and Count	Supervisorial District	Region	Community
1	90044 (14)	2nd	South L.A.	Athens-Westmont, Harvard Heights
2	90011 (11)	2nd	South L.A.	Central L.A., South Park
3	90805 (10)	4th	Harbor	City of Long Beach
4/5	90250 (7)	2nd	South Bay	City of Hawthorne, Del Aire, Wiseburn, Unincorporated Hawthorne
4/5	90002 (7)	2nd	South L.A.	Florence-Firestone, Watts
6/7/8/9/10/11	93535 (6)	5th	Antelope Valley	City Lancaster, Unincorporated North Lancaster, Lake Los Angeles, Hi Vista
6/7/8/9/10/11	90744 (6)	4th	Harbor	Wilmington, Harbor City (City of L.A.)
6/7/8/9/10/11	90813 (6)	4th	Harbor	City of Long Beach
6/7/8/9/10/11	91331 (6)	3rd	San Fernando Valley	Arleta/Pacoima (City of L.A.)
6/7/8/9/10/11	90047 (6)	2nd	South L.A.	Athens-Westmont, Harvard Heights, Manchester Square
6/7/8/9/10/11	90059 (6)	2nd	South L.A.	Watts, Willowbrook, City of Compton

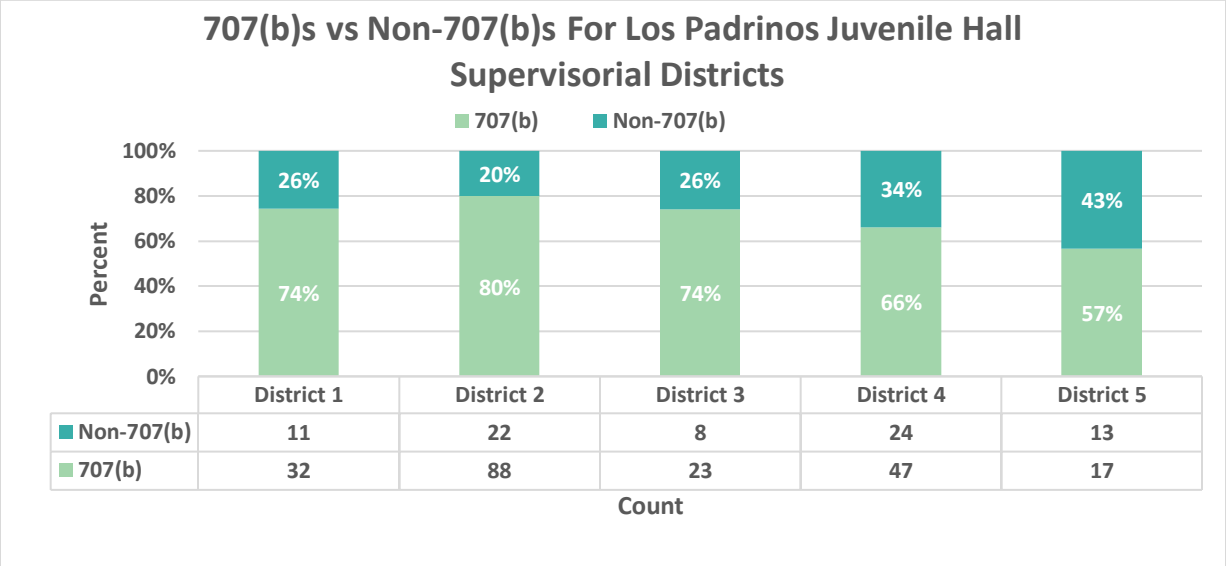
[4] Some of the zip codes are tied

Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall – Supervisorial Districts

Similar to the graph for *Los Angeles County Data – Supervisorial Districts* on page 3, the **285** youth in the dataset for Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall are not divided evenly between the five supervisorial districts, with the largest group coming from Supervisorial District 2 (represented by Supervisor Holly Mitchell) and the second largest group stemming from Supervisorial District 4 (represented by Supervisor Janice Hahn).



707(b) vs. Non-707(b) Charges by Supervisorial District (Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall)



Conclusion

The POC's 2023 demographic report indicated that most detained youth lived in low-and low-moderate income communities with histories of disinvestment and poverty. The same holds true for the 2024 snapshot dataset. South Los Angeles continues to be the community most impacted by juvenile detentions. South Los Angeles, the Harbor and Southeast Los Angeles saw the most detentions in this dataset across all Probation detention facilities.

When comparing those regions to Los Angeles County benchmark data, they all have:

- Above average unemployment
- Concentrations of poverty above the countywide average
- Less educational attainment than the county average
- Higher concentrations of African American and/or Latino/a residents

As noted by many advocates and scholars, living in disinvested communities significantly increases the likelihood that a young person, particularly a Black or Latino/a youth, will encounter the juvenile justice system. The excerpt below from the report Juvenile InJustice by Human Impact Partners, summarizes the issue well:

> "Community disinvestment affects youth development and behavior. In low-income communities and communities of color, there are clear indicators of disinvestment rooted in historical trends and contemporary policies — including poor quality housing, under-resourced schools, scarce and low-paying jobs, and omnipresent police. These policies and their consequences marginalize communities, and the lack of opportunity influences young peoples' physical health and outlook on life. Growing up in these neighborhoods puts children at risk for behavior considered "deviant" and antisocial. Youth that grow up in affluent households are protected from having to [take on caretaking burdens in light their families material need] and from being criminalized for their behavior when they act out."

It is our hope that the findings in this report shed light on the regions and communities in Los Angeles County that need stronger investment and targeted interventions to expand opportunities for low-moderate income families of color and reduce the likelihood of youth becoming justice-involved.

For more information, please see the **Appendix** below which includes tables about the top Zip Codes in each Supervisorial District. Some of the numbers are so low that they could easily change from one snapshot to the next and should not be overanalyzed. The POC will continue to review and report on this data as future snapshots are received.

APPENDIX

Top Zip Codes for all Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts

(Please note that many zip codes are tied and have very low counts)

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1:

No.	Zip Code	Count	Region	Community
1	90022	7	Eastside	East Los Angeles, City of Commerce
2	90057	6	Central L.A.	Westlake/Temple-Beaudry
3	90023	4	Eastside	East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights (City of L.A.)
4	90033	4	Eastside	Boyle Heights
5	91706	4	San Gabriel Valley	City of Baldwin Park, City of Irwindale
6	91744	4	San Gabriel Valley	City of La Puente, Valinda, San Jose Hills, City of Industry, West Puente Valley
7	90640	4	Southeast	City of Montebello

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2:

No.	Zip Code	Count	Region	Community
1	90044	22	South L.A.	Athens-Westmont, Harvard Heights
2	90011	17	South L.A.	Central LA, South Park
3	90002	12	South L.A.	Florence-Firestone, Watts
4	90003	12	South L.A.	South LA (City of L.A.)
5	90250	9	South Bay	City of Hawthorne, Del Aire, Wiseburn, Unincorporated Hawthorne
6	90006	9	Central L.A.	Pico-Union/Koreatown/Harvard Heights (City of L.A.)

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3:

No.	Zip Code	Count	Region	Community
1	91331	7	San Fernando Valley	Arleta/Pacoima (City of L.A.)
2	91605	7	San Fernando Valley	North Hollywood (City of L.A.)
3	91402	7	San Fernando Valley	Panorama City
4	91343	5	San Fernando Valley	North Hills, Northridge (City of L.A.)
5	91406	4	San Fernando Valley	Van Nuys, Lake Balboa (City of L.A.)

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4:

No.	Zip Code	Count	Region	Community
1	90805	18	Harbor	City of Long Beach
2	90813	10	Harbor	City of Long Beach
3	90744	9	Harbor	Wilmington, Harbor City (City of L.A.)
4	90706	8	Southeast	City of Bellflower
5	90804	7	Harbor	City of Long Beach
6	90280	7	Southeast	South Gate
7	90201	7	Southeast	Bell Gardens, Bell, Cudahy
8	90242	7	Southeast	Downey

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5:

No.	Zip Code	Count	Region	Community
1	93535	13	Antelope Valley	City Lancaster, Unincorporated North Lancaster, Lake Los Angeles, Hi Vista
2	93550	7	Angeles Forest	City of Palmdale, Unincorporated Palmdale, South Antelope Valley, Angeles National Forest
3	93534	5	Antelope Valley	City of Lancaster, Unincorporated North Lancaster
4	93552	4	Antelope Valley	City of Palmdale, Unincorporated Palmdale, South Antelope Valley, Angeles National Forest
5	93551	3	Antelope Valley	City of Palmdale, Leona Valley, Desert View Highlands, White Fence Farms, Anaverde
6	91104	3	Verdugos	City of Pasadena, Altadena
7	91001	3	Angeles Forest	Altadena
8	93536	3	Antelope Valley	City of Lancaster, Quartz Hill, Del Sur, West Antelope Valley