



**Los Angeles County Probation  
COVID-19 Weekly Update  
November 6, 2020**

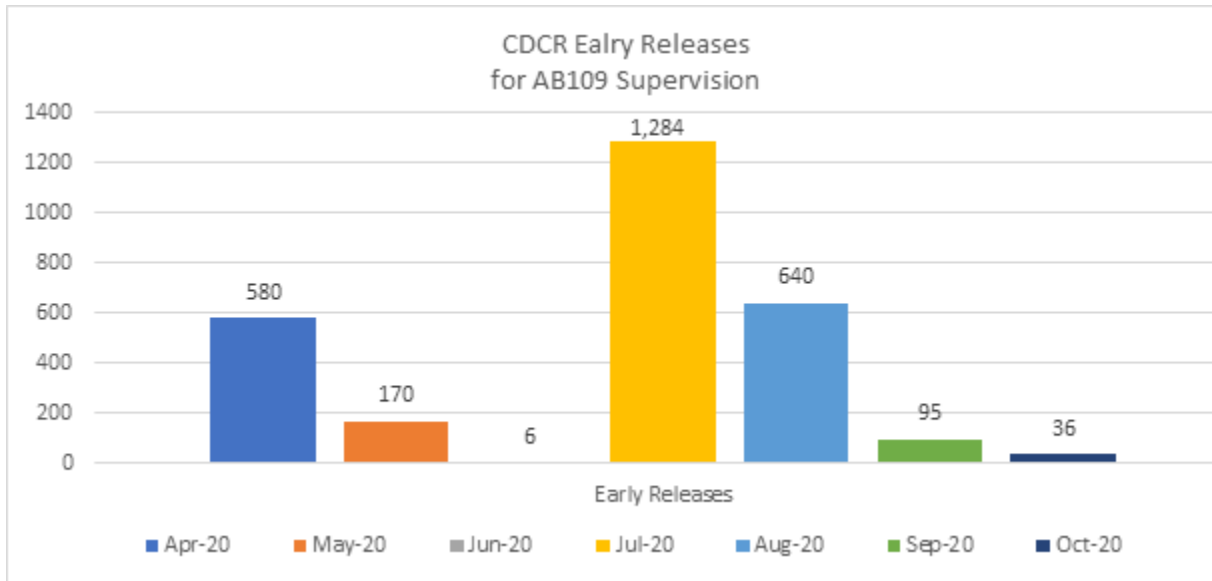
**Efforts to address the medically fragile population in detention facilities**

The Probation Department currently does not have any youth with compromised immune systems or other medical conditions placing them at higher risk for COVID-19 infection. Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS) has identified 11 youth in care with underlying medical conditions which might exacerbate the impact of such infection. There are 7 youth in the juvenile halls and 4 in the camps. If infection were to occur JCHS and the Probation Department will be working together on individualized plans to address their care

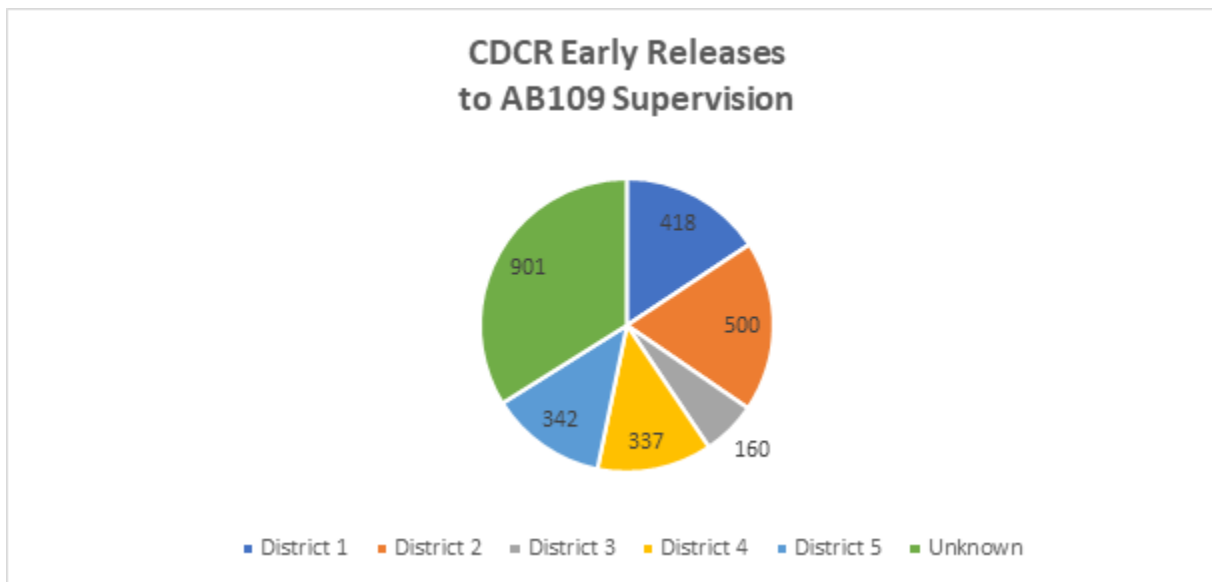
**Efforts to further reduce population in adult and juvenile detention facilities while balancing public safety**

The Probation Department's juvenile detention population has declined during the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 2, 2020, the juvenile detention population was 840. On November 5, 2020, the population was 522. The population in juvenile halls was 328 and the population in camps was 194. The Probation Department continues to receive new clients for AB109 supervision due to early prison release dates from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). There have been 2,658 early releases from April 2020 through October 31, 2020. The number of early releases from CDCR have dropped significantly in the last two months. In total, there have been a 142 released on quarantine and 12 released with medical isolation, due to COVID-19 positive results.

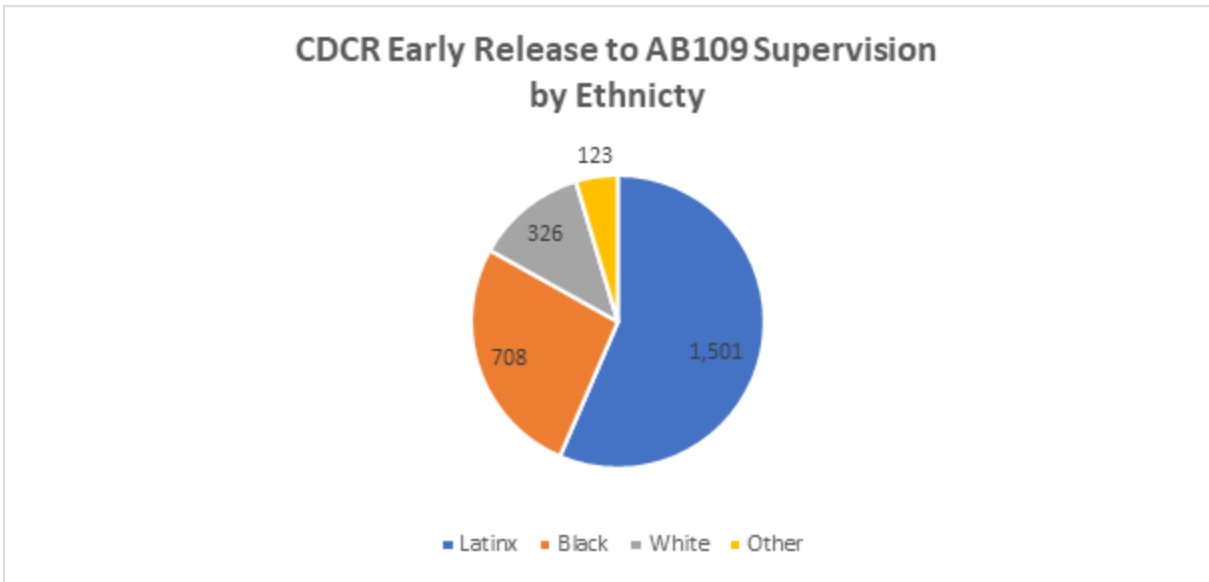
The chart below illustrates the CDCR early releases to AB109 supervision by month.



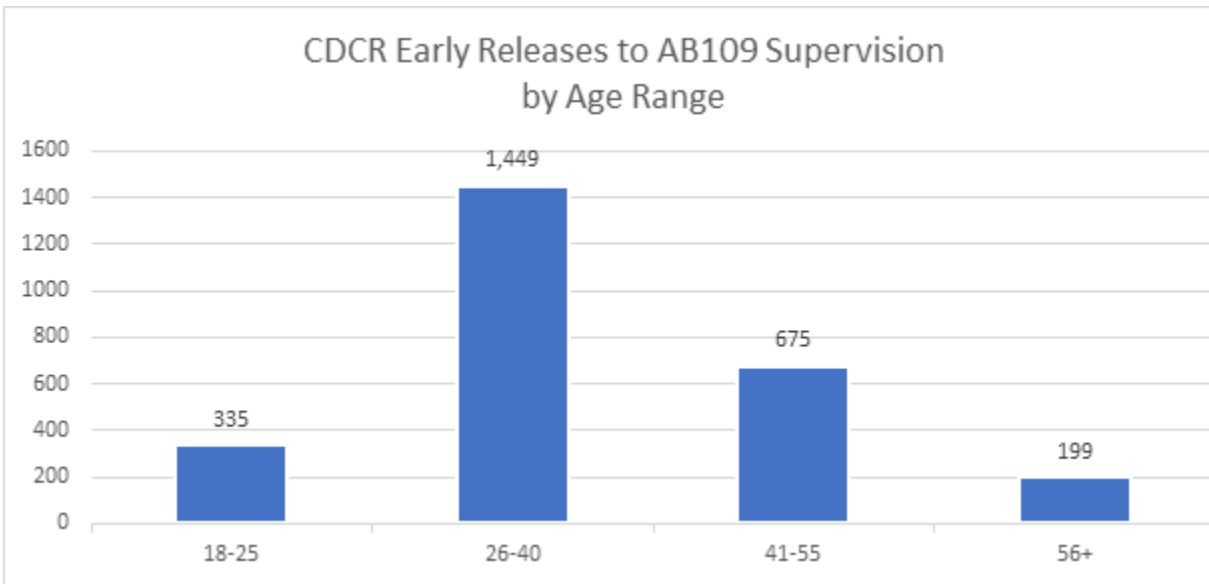
The chart below illustrates the CDCR early release population by supervisory district.



The chart below illustrates the CDCR early releases by ethnicity.



The chart below illustrates the CDCR early releases according to age range.

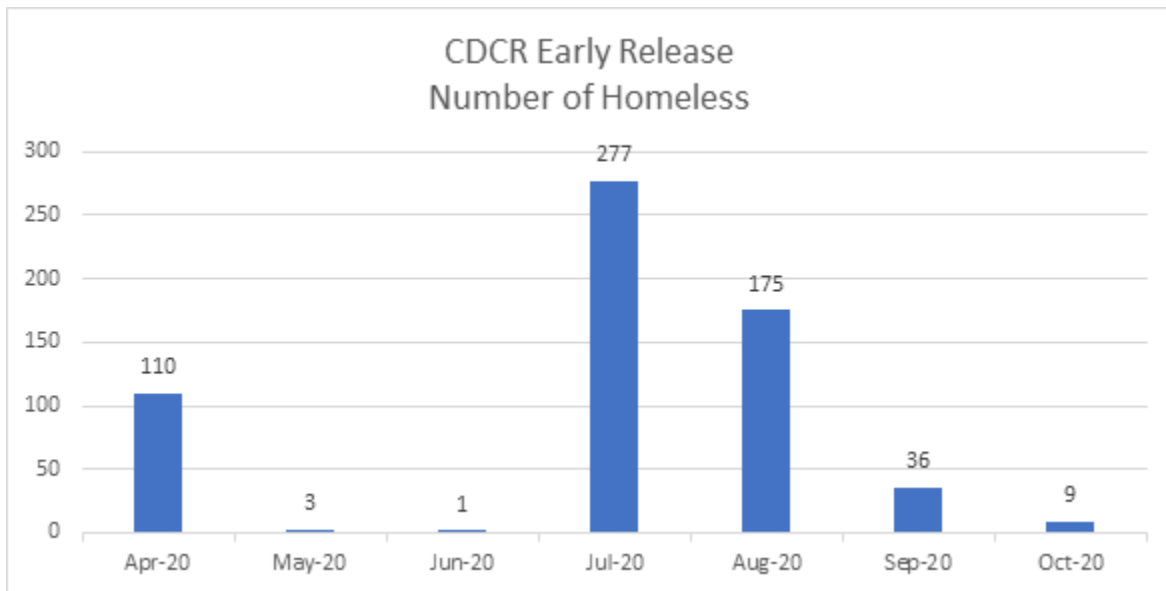


**Efforts to provide resources to support those released from jails, and juvenile detention facilities in order to prevent homelessness**

The Probation Department continues to make efforts to reduce the population in juvenile halls by releasing youth to parents, guardians, and suitable placements when appropriate.

The AB109 supervision program has encountered a reduction in CDCR early releases that required housing referrals and services. The reduction in referrals correlate to the reduced number of early releases within the last two months.

The chart below illustrates the number of CDCR early releases that were identified as homeless. Each of the CDCR homeless releases were referred to housing services in the community.



### **Plans for adequate quarantining and isolation of individuals in custody**

The Probation Department continues to utilize the plans for quarantine and isolation in accordance with the Public Health Order for the control of COVID-19.

All isolations and quarantines in detention facilities continue to occur in partnership with JCHS personnel. Upon entry to probation facilities, all youth will continue to be tested for COVID-19 and remain in isolation until results are received. As of November 5, 2020, 82 youth had tested positive for COVID-19. There are 55 youth who tested positive at admission.

27 youth have tested positive for COVID-19 while in care: 9 at Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC), 8 from BJNJH, 5, 7 at Camp Rockey (CGR), 3 at Camp Afflerbaugh (CBA) and 1 at Central Juvenile Hall (CJH).

As of November 5, 2020, there are 112 youth in quarantine due to possible exposure to COVID-19. There are 35 youth at CJH, 1 at BJNJH, 34 at CGR, and 42 at DKC due to possible exposure.

### **Increased washing of hands, hygiene, additional cleaning supplies and custodial services**

The Probation Department has continued to utilize the hygiene and cleaning plans outlined in the first weekly update. The Probation Department continues to receive additional supplies to assist with cleaning and enhanced safety measures. The field offices have continued to establish safety plans and ordered equipment necessary for public re-opening.

### **Screening of youth, focus on healthy staffing in the detention facilities**

The Probation Department continues to screen newly detained youth upon their arrival to juvenile hall. They are separated from other youth until negative COVID-19 results are received. Employees continue to be screened prior to their entrance into detention facilities. Youth who have tested positive remain in medical isolation and those youth who potentially have been exposed have been quarantined and continue to be monitored by JCHS.

Additions include the following:

- As of November 5, 2020, there have been 2,183 youth tested for COVID-19 since testing was initiated on May 3, 2020.
- There have been 1,298 youth tested upon admission in juvenile halls, 583 tested from juvenile hall's general population, and 302 tested from the camp population.
- As of November 5, 2020, 195 Probation Department employees have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Of this 195, 91 employees work in detention facilities and 104 work in field offices, which includes 3 contract employees.

### **Plan for virtual contact with visitation, keeping families connected and increased communication**

The Probation Department continues to utilize virtual platforms for keeping families connected when in-person visits are not available. 119 youth in juvenile halls and 67 youth in camps received in-person visits for the weekend of October 31 and November 1, 2020.

## **Additional Information**

As of November 5, 2020, there are 292 youth placed in short term residential treatment programs (STRTP). There are 243 youth placed in state and there are 25 youth placed in out of state residential programs and 25 youth placed with resource families. As of November 5, 2020, there are 19 STRTP youth in quarantine in state. There 16 youth in quarantine in Boys Republic facilities, and 3 youth in quarantine at Florence Crittenton. As of November 5, 2020, there is a youth who tested positive for COVID-19 in the Sierra Ridge facility in Nevada. The Nevada public health is monitoring the case.

## **Communication with the Public**

For information or services, clients and members of the community may call the juvenile facilities. For general questions, please contact the Probation Information Center at 866-931-2222 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## **Future Updates**

The care of youth in Probation facilities is a joint effort between the L.A. County Probation Department, Juvenile Court Health Services, Department of Mental Health and the Los Angeles County Office of Education. During the COVID-19 crisis, these agencies have collaborated to create an environment of safety and stability for the youth under their care.

We are pleased that the situation in our juvenile facilities has remained largely stable during the COVID crisis and this creates an opportunity to respond to your needs for additional information about the situation. Accordingly, we invite questions related to the County's response to COVID-19 in its juvenile probation facilities or topics you would like to see addressed in future updates. Please email any questions to [COVIDquestions@probation.lacounty.gov](mailto:COVIDquestions@probation.lacounty.gov) and we will select questions and provide responses in future weekly updates. Please note that we cannot discuss the circumstances of any individual youth assigned to probation facilities or any pending litigation.

To view previous Probation COVID-19 updates, please visit <https://probation.lacounty.gov/coronavirus>