

# PHILADELPHIA'S JAIL POPULATION | DECEMBER 2019

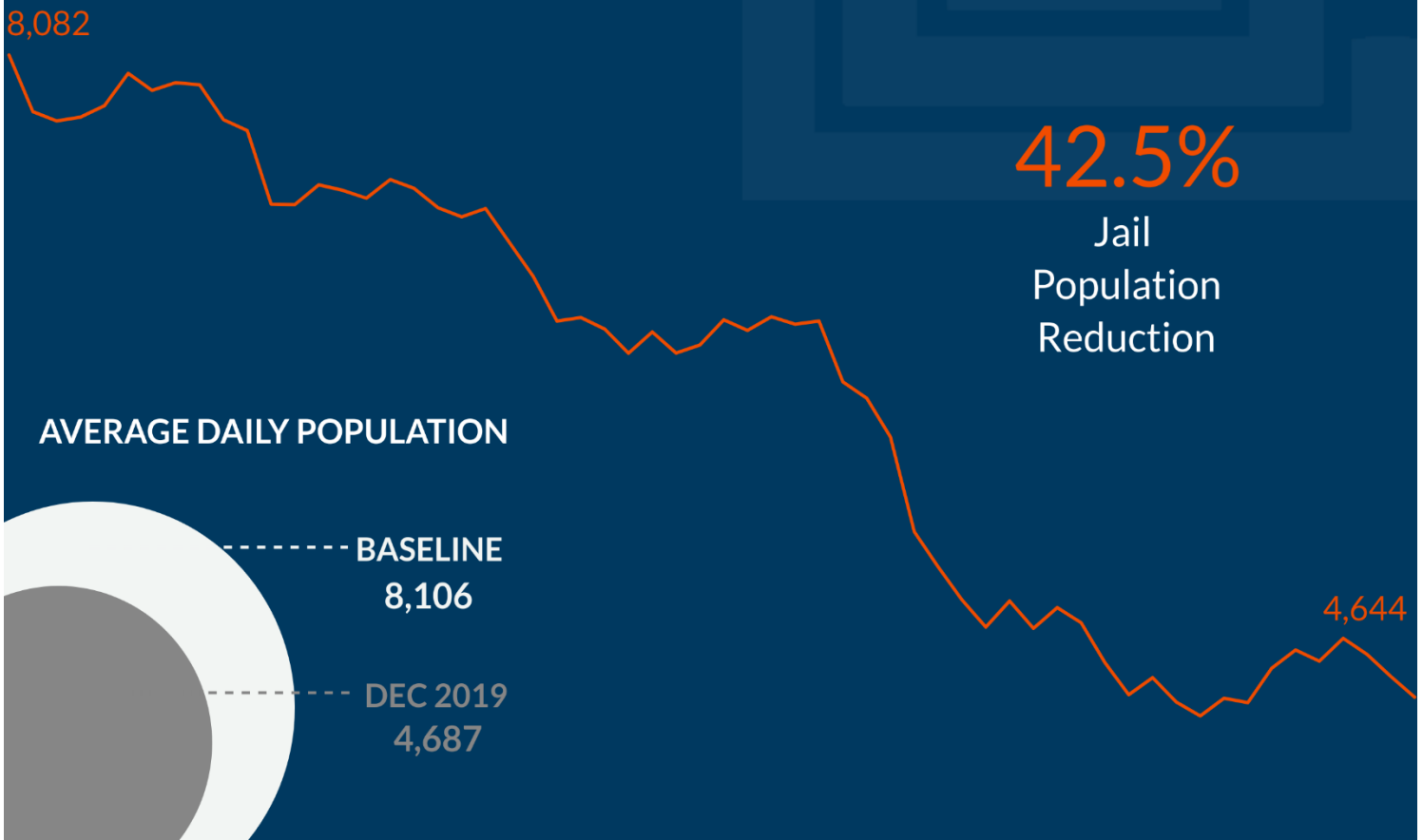


MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge

First Judicial District of Pennsylvania  
Department of Research and Development



In 2016, Philadelphia received \$3.5 million dollars as part of the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge - a national initiative to decrease local jail populations and address racial, ethnic, and economic disparities in the criminal justice system. Philadelphia implemented a number of collaborative reform measures with justice and behavioral health partners. Efforts to achieve a 50% reduction in the city's jail population were bolstered by an additional \$4 million dollars awarded in October, 2018. To date, Philadelphia's jail population is down **42.5%** from **8,082 in July, 2015 (Baseline)** to **4,644 in December, 2019**. This summary report provides a high level glance at progress by comparing the current population to baseline data.



# CONFINEMENT CATEGORY\* COMPARISON

Note: Counts are noted in parentheses

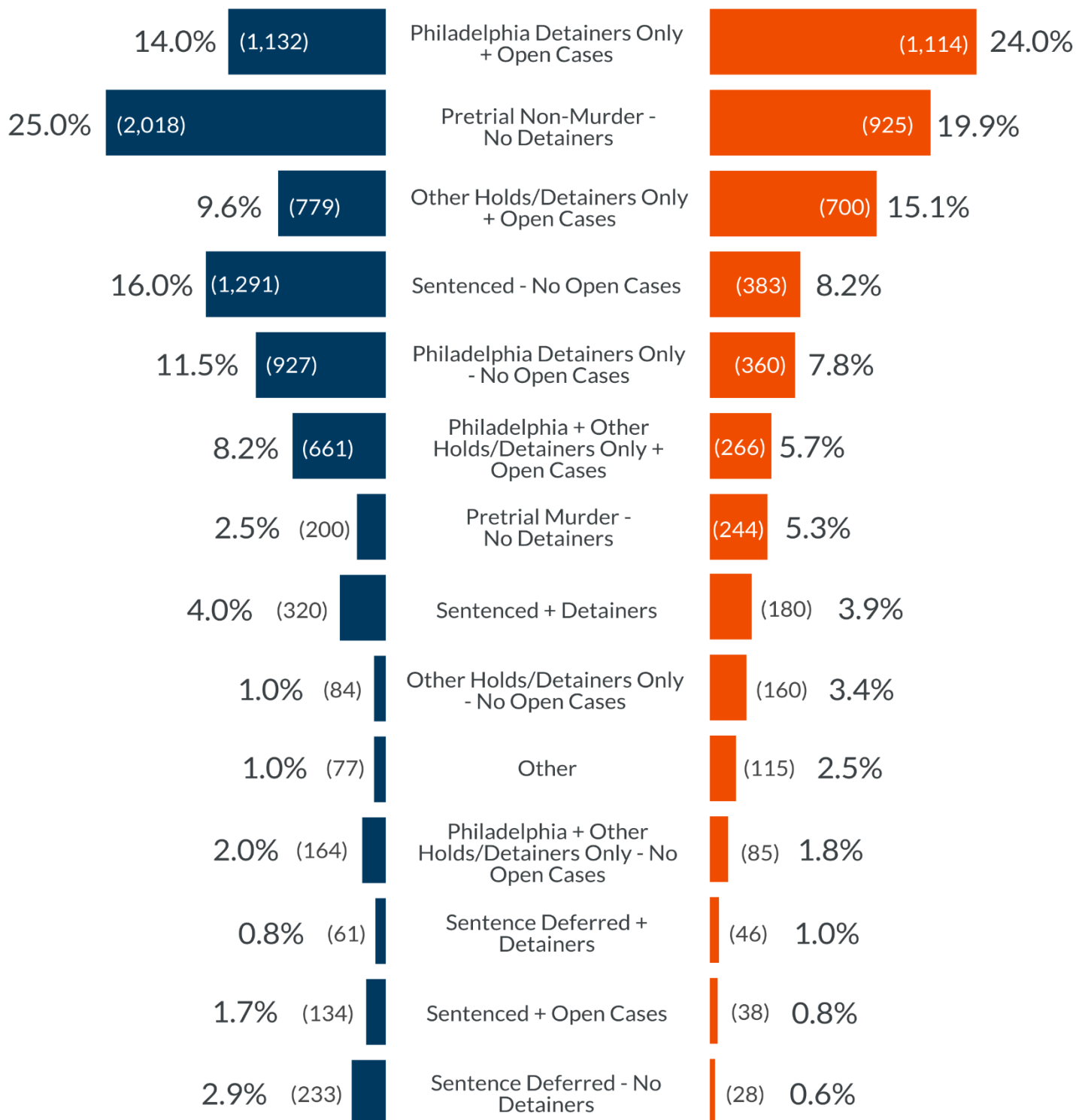
BASELINE

8,082

DECEMBER 2019

4,644

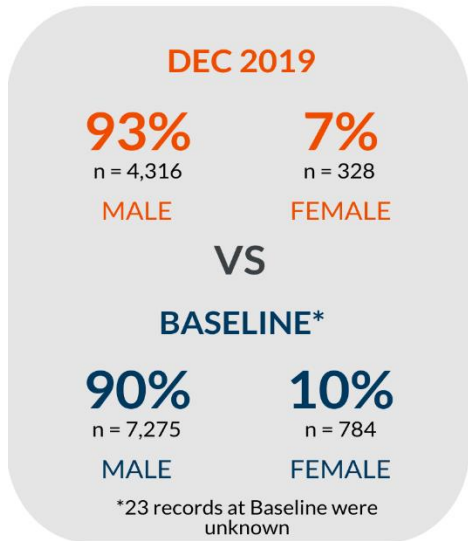
◀ Total Population ▶





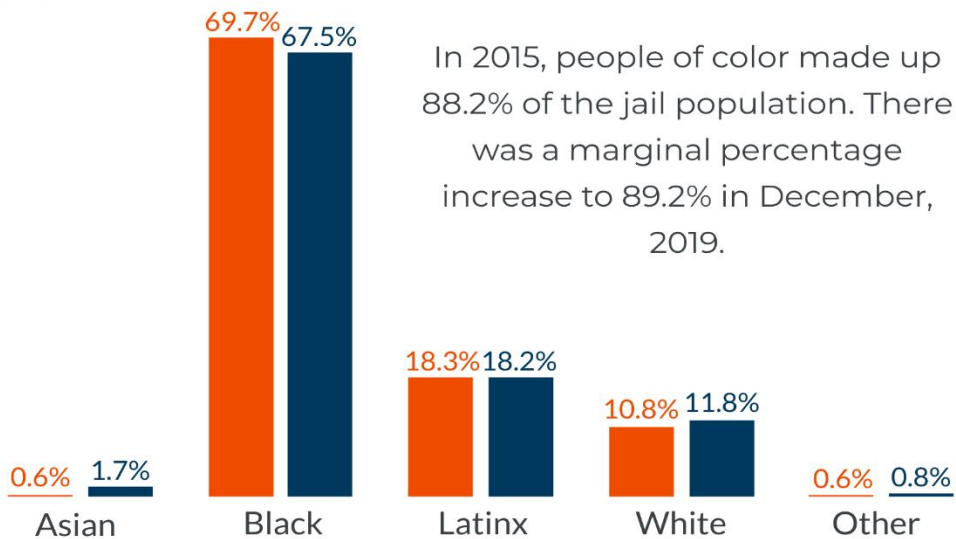
# POPULATION OVERVIEW

## GENDER



## RACE / ETHNICITY

In 2015, people of color made up 88.2% of the jail population. There was a marginal percentage increase to 89.2% in December, 2019.

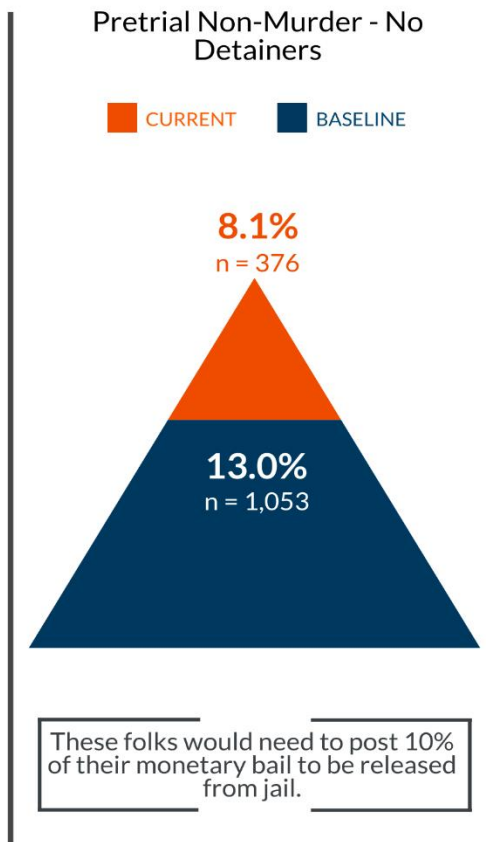


## LENGTH OF STAY\*

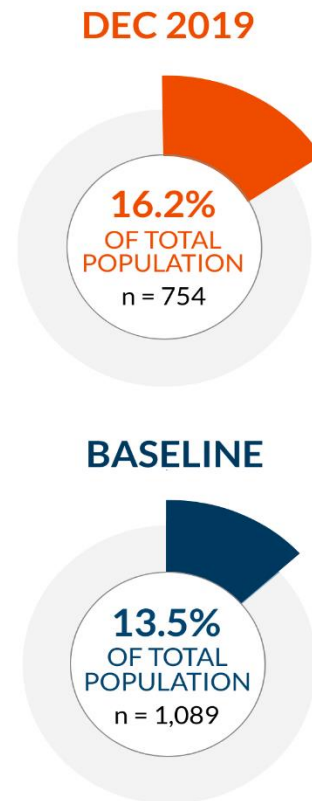


\*Length of stay (LOS) figures are for individuals who were still in custody at the time of the data extraction, as opposed to LOS for people who were released.

## CASH BAIL (Under \$50,000)



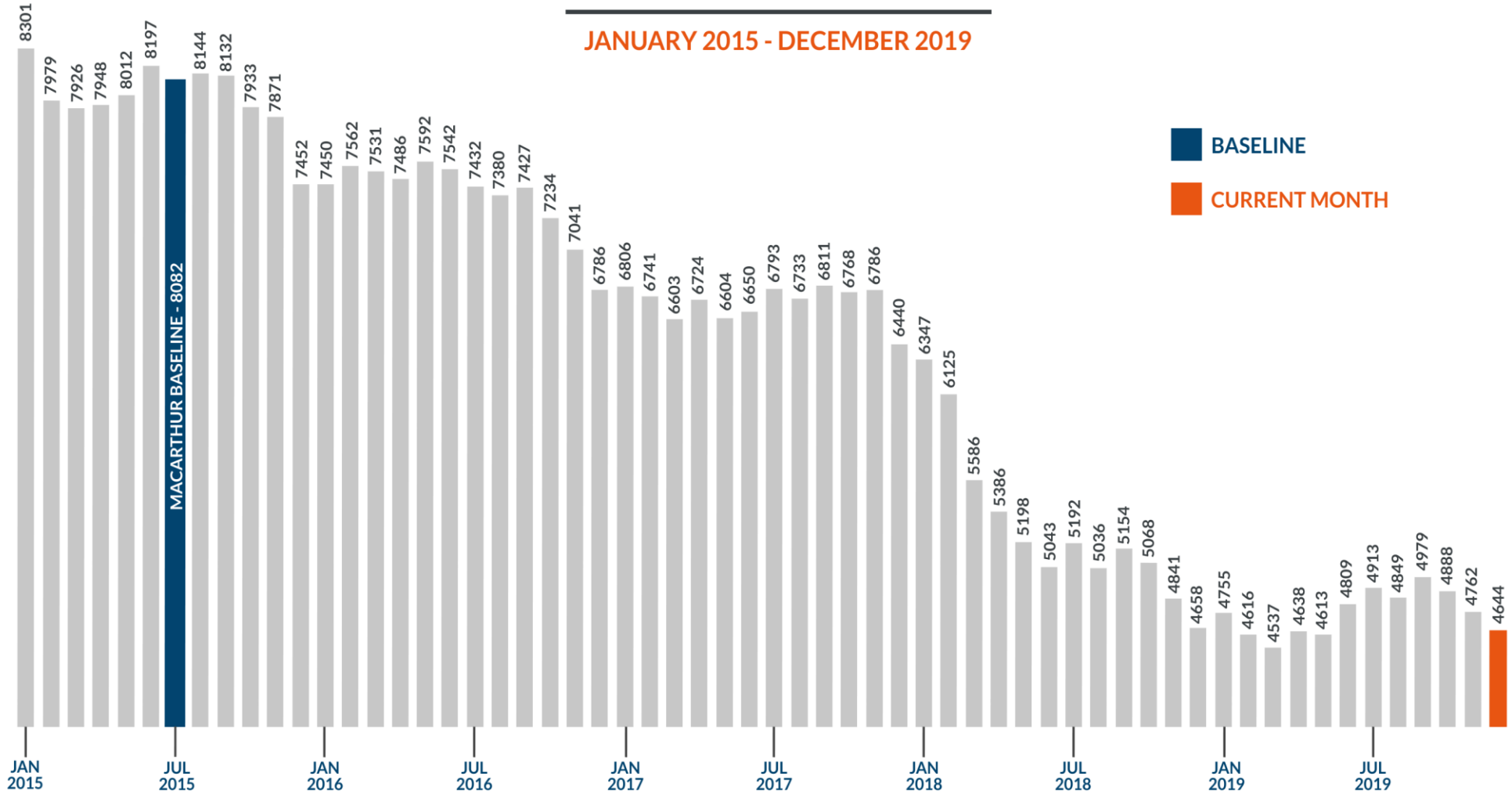
## SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL (SMI)





# Philadelphia Jail Population

JANUARY 2015 - DECEMBER 2019



Note: Due to scaling issues in previous reports this graph was redesigned in January, 2020, and all archival reports were updated.