



PHILADELPHIA'S JAIL POPULATION DURING COVID-19

Report no. 2 | May 15 - June 5, 2020

This is the second installment in a series describing Philadelphia's jail population throughout the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Data are collected weekly to closely monitor the population. In addition to the pandemic, George Floyd was murdered by police in Minneapolis on May 25, prompting protests in Philadelphia which resulted in additional arrests. During this period, the population increased by 249 people (3,750 on 5/15 - 3,999 on 6/5) and **3 out of 4 individuals in jail were Black**. Included in the report are areas in which the increase was most prevalent, confinement categories in which an increase occurred, cash bail disparities, and changes in demographics. Subsequent reports will be released.

Timeline of Events

MARCH 16, 2020

A city-wide stay-at-home order was issued closing all non-essential businesses and the First Judicial District limited operations

JAIL POPULATION: 4,727

MARCH 17, 2020

Philadelphia Police Department announced COVID-19 emergency arrest procedures

JAIL POPULATION: 4,665

April 15, 2020

The MacArthur SJC goal of reducing the jail population by 50% was achieved

JAIL POPULATION: 4,017

APRIL 7, 2020

The First Judicial District, in collaboration with the Defender Association and District Attorney's Office, began expedited criminal motions

JAIL POPULATION: 4,319

MAY 9, 2020

Philadelphia's jail population fell to a level not seen since 1985*

JAIL POPULATION: 3,655

MAY 1, 2020

Philadelphia Police Department announced COVID-19 emergency arrest procedures were no longer in effect for certain charges

JAIL POPULATION: 3,694

MAY 25, 2020

George Floyd's murder by police in Minneapolis, MN

JAIL POPULATION: 3,897

MAY 15, 2020

Since May 9, there was a steady, daily increase between 5 - 26 individuals per day

JAIL POPULATION: 3,750

MAY 30, 2020

Protests in Philadelphia against police violence, institutional racism, and calls to defund the police

JAIL POPULATION: 3,921



Top 5 Confinement Category Changes

Note: All volume/proportional increases/decreases are calculated from 5/15 - 6/5

Proportional Change

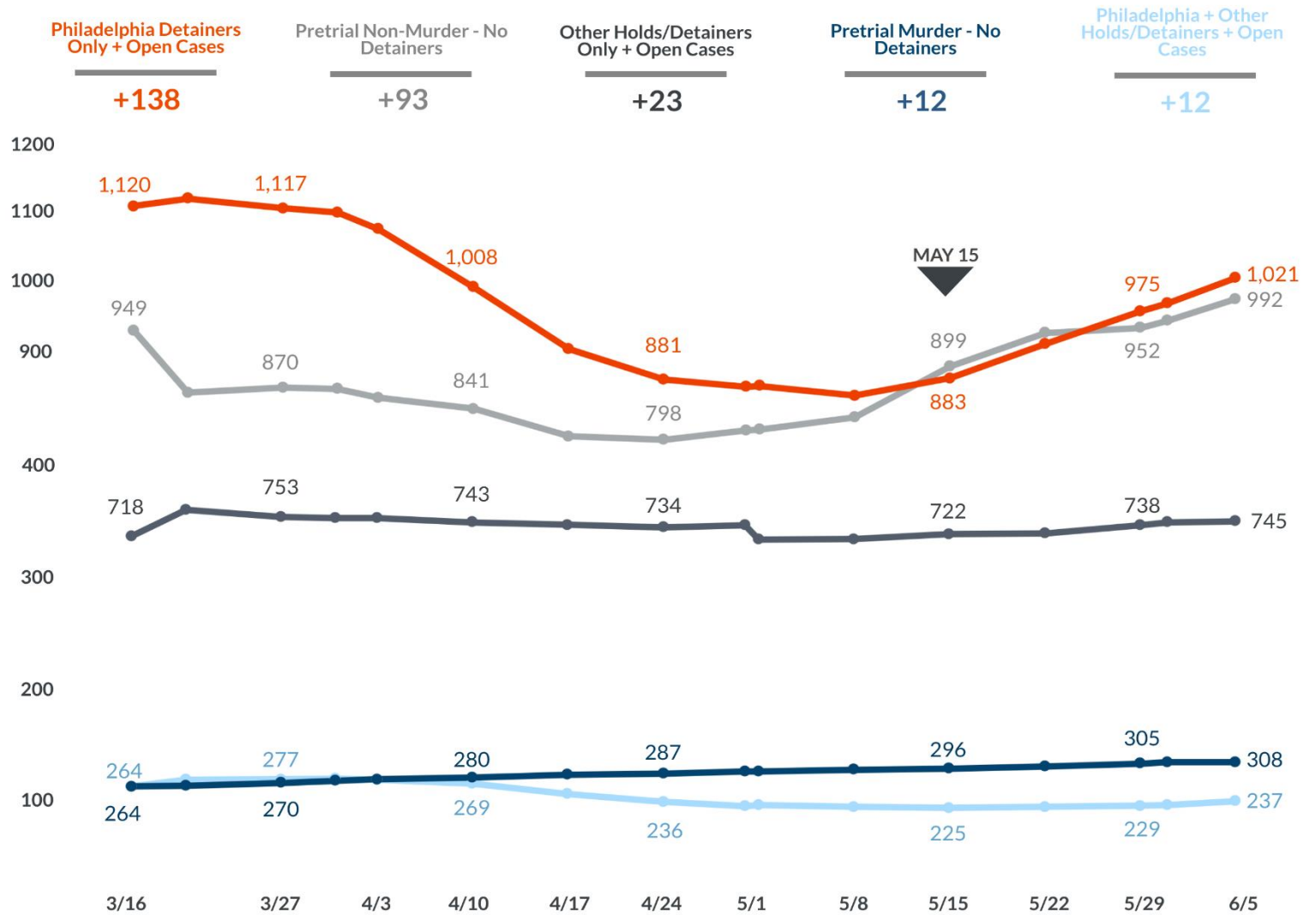
Philadelphia Detainers Only + Open Cases	
MAY 15	JUNE 5
23.5%	25.5%

Pretrial Non-Murder - No Detainers	
MAY 15	JUNE 5
24.0%	24.8%

Other Holds/Detainers Only + Open Cases	
MAY 15	JUNE 5
19.3%	18.6%

Pretrial Murder - No Detainers	
MAY 15	JUNE 5
7.9%	7.7%

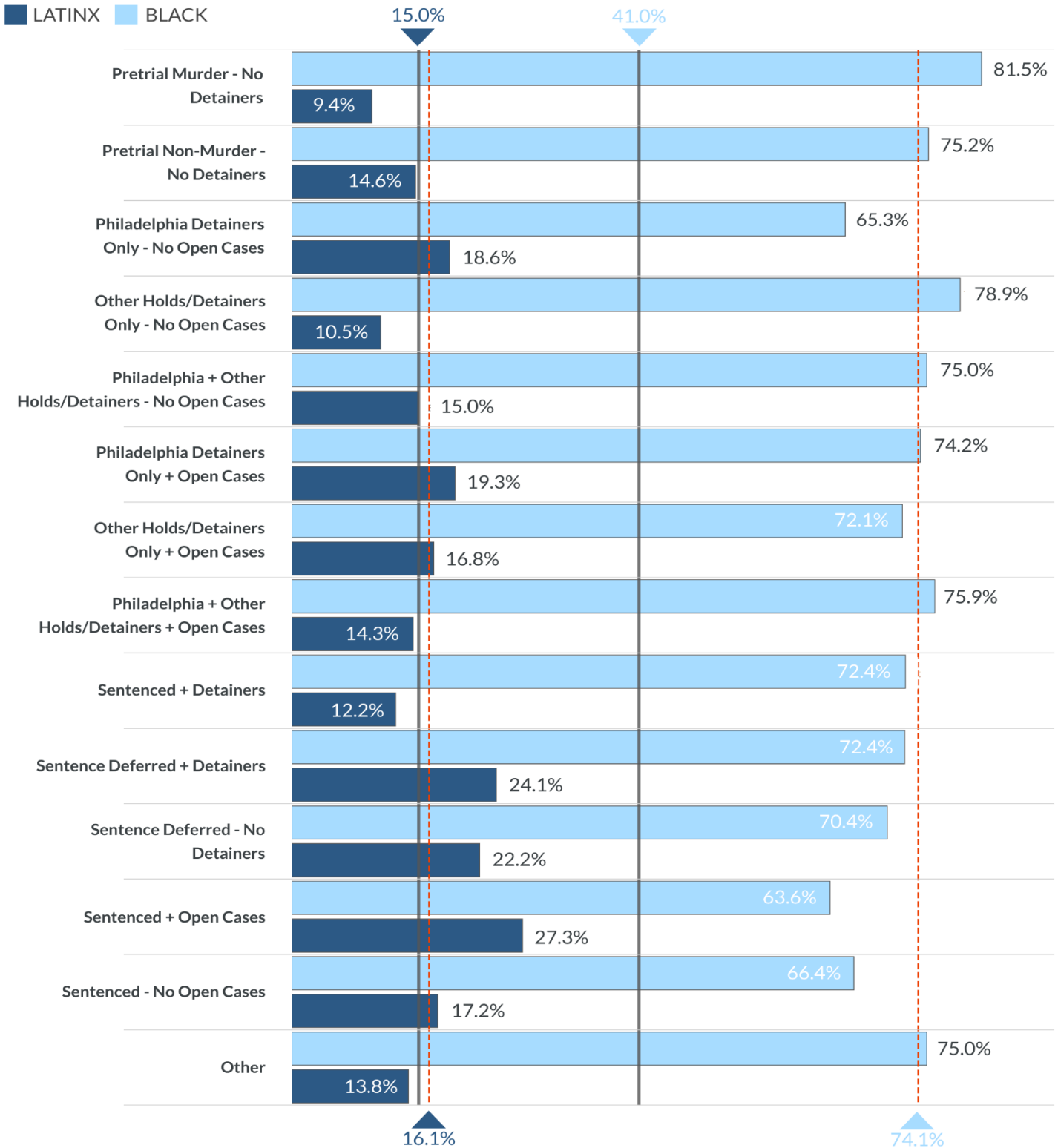
Philadelphia + Other Holds/Detainers + Open Cases	
MAY 15	JUNE 5
6.0%	5.9%





Proportion of Black and Latinx People in Each Confinement Category | June 5

The graph below displays the proportion of Black and Latinx individuals in each of the 14 Confinement Categories. The **orange lines** represent each group's presence in the total population to illustrate which Confinement Categories have an over-representation compared to the total population. The **grey lines** indicate the population percentage of both groups in the City of Philadelphia*.

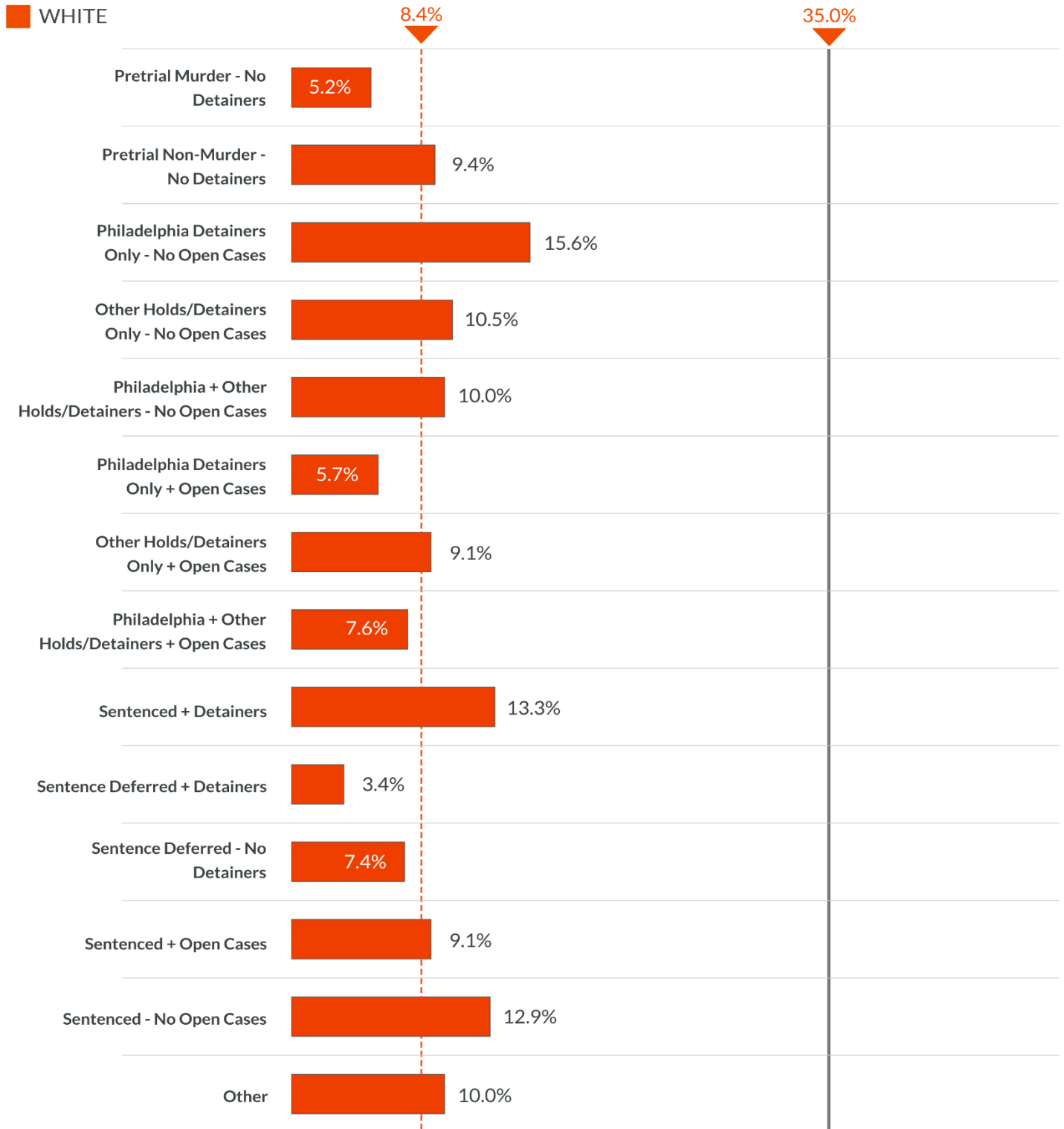


*<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/reports/2019/04/11/philadelphia-2019>



Proportion of White People in Each Confinement Category | June 5

The graph below displays the proportion of White individuals in each of the 14 Confinement Categories. The **orange line** represents White people's presence in the total population to illustrate which Confinement Categories have an over-representation compared to the total population. The **grey line** indicates the White population percentage in the City of Philadelphia*.



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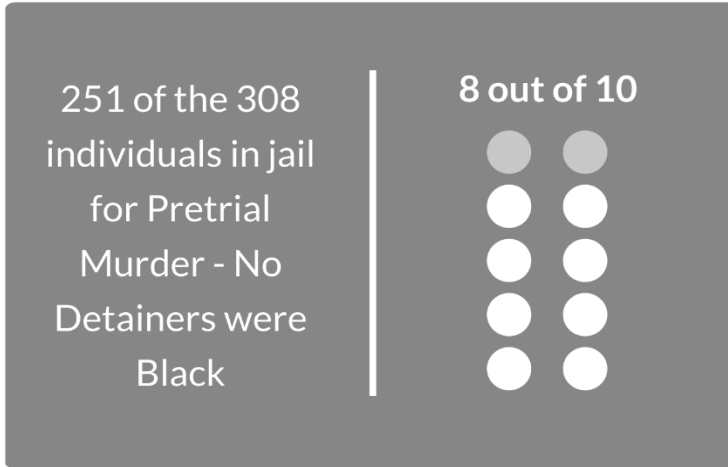


RACE / ETHNICITY

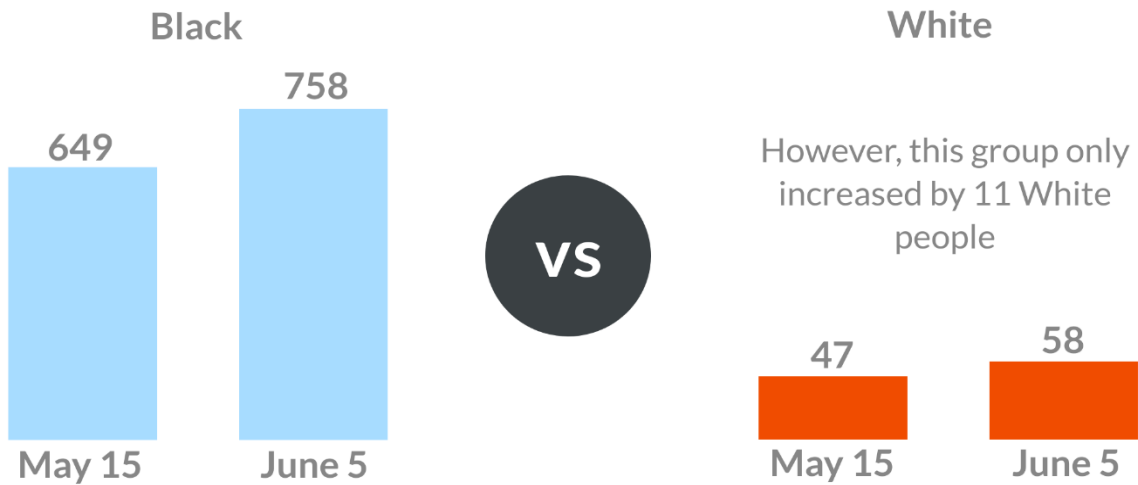
▶ On June 5, nearly 3 out of 4 people in jail were Black



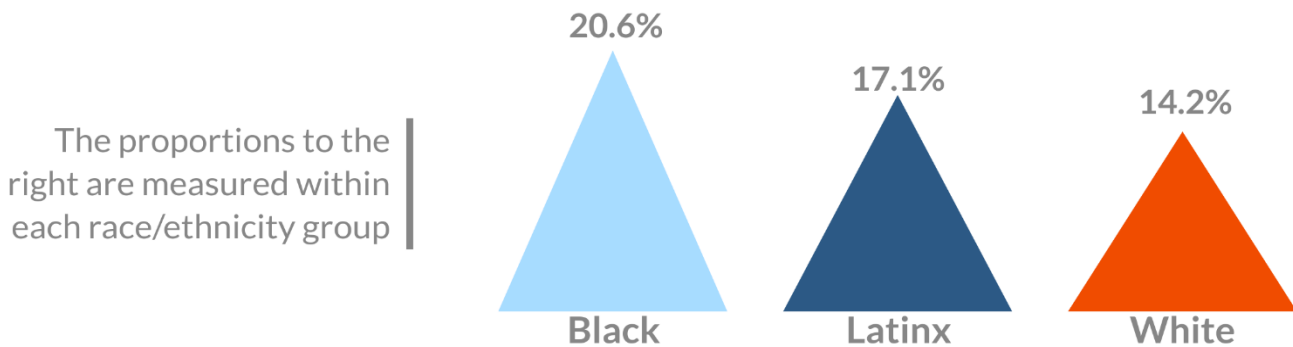
This is a 5% increase in the Black population from March 16



▶ The number of Black people grew by 109 in the Philadelphia Detainers Only + Open Cases from May 15 - June 5; this was the largest increase across Confinement Categories



▶ 1 out of 5 Black people were in prison for over 1 year on June 5





DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

17 AND UNDER



The entire 17 and under population in jail on June 5 were people of color

- ◆ Black = 19
- ◆ Latinx = 7



were in the Pretrial Murder - No Detainers category

18 - 24



1 in 4

people in jail were between the ages of 18 and 24

76%
were Black

WOMEN IN JAIL



of women fell into 4 confinement categories

- 1 Philadelphia Detainers Only + Open Cases
n = 42
- 2 Pretrial Non-Murder - No Detainers
n = 41
- 3 Other Holds/Detainers Only + Open Cases
n = 26
- 4 Pretrial Murder - No Detainers
n = 25

SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS POPULATION

There was an increase of 2 individuals experiencing SMI from **May 15** (n = 589) to **June 5** (n = 591)

15.7%
MAY 15

14.8%
JUNE 5



POPULATION INCREASE | MAY 15 - JUNE 5

The population rose by 249 people during the three week period

The largest volume increases were in these three confinement categories



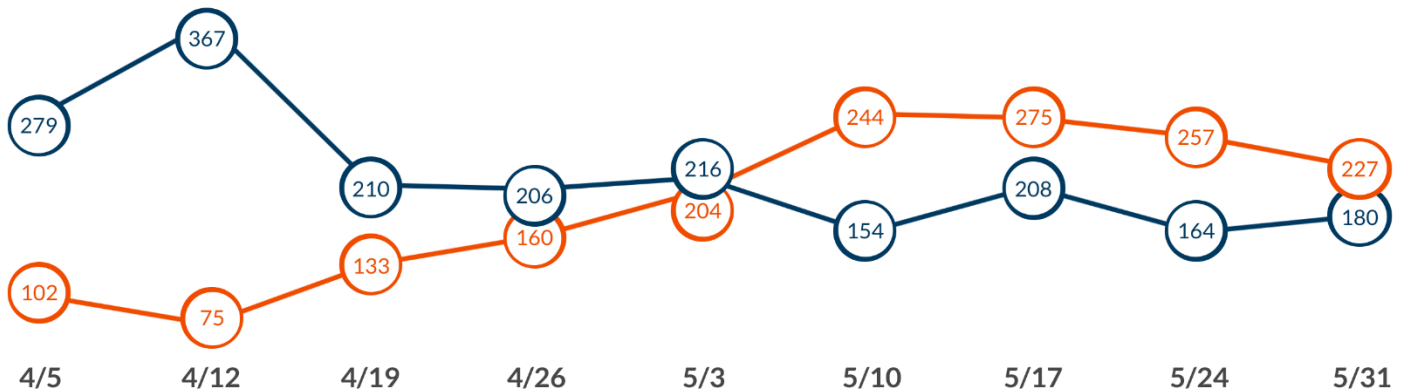
* The number of individuals that increased in these three confinement categories is greater than the total population increase because other confinement categories decreased during the same period

The groups below had the largest LOS disparity on June 5

Non-sentenced confinement categories

	BLACK	LATINX	WHITE
PHILADELPHIA + OTHER HOLDS/DETAINERS - NO OPEN CASES	265.3 Days	250.9 Days	45.3 Days
PHILADELPHIA + OTHER HOLDS/DETAINERS + OPEN CASES	230.3 Days	184.4 Days	155.9 Days
PHILADELPHIA DETAINERS ONLY + OPEN CASES	195.2 Days	189.4 Days	145.1 Days

RELEASES vs ADMISSIONS | WEEKLY





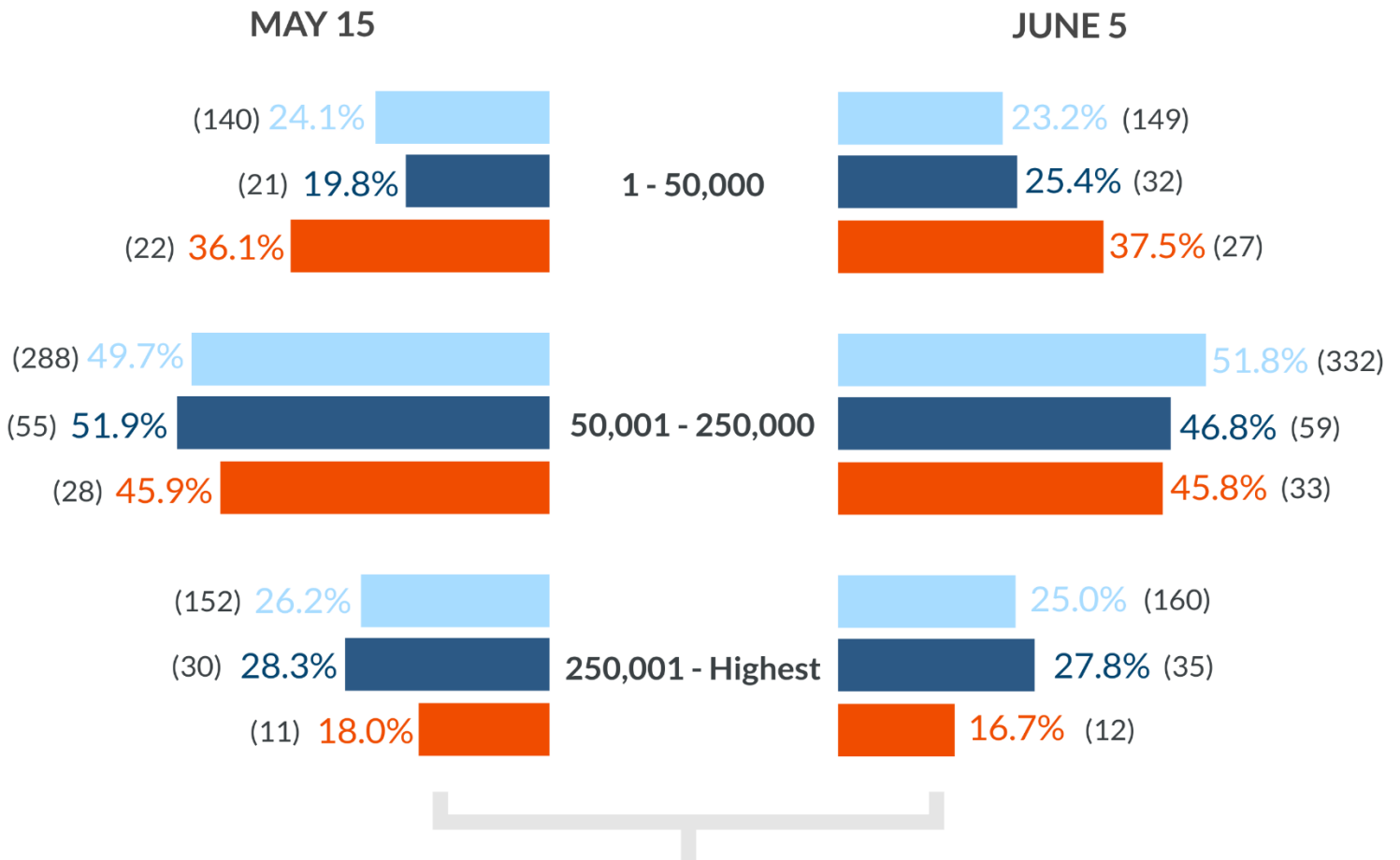
PRETRIAL NON-MURDER - NO DETAINERS | JUNE 5

1 out of 4 people in prison
were in this category



CASH BAIL POPULATION

BLACK LATINX WHITE



The proportion of those in jail with over \$250,000 of cash bail was much lower for White individuals than Black or Latinx

Marked disparities in LOS remain for those with cash bail

