



PHILADELPHIA'S JAIL POPULATION DURING COVID-19

Report no. 3 | June 5 - July 10, 2020

This is the third 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 decreased by 177 people (3,999 on 6/5 - 3,822 on 7/10) and **3 out of 4 individuals in jail were Black**. Included in the report are areas in which the decrease was most prevalent, confinement categories in which a decrease 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 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

April 15, 2020

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

JAIL POPULATION: 4,017

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Philadelphia Police Department announced COVID-19 emergency arrest procedures were no longer in effect for certain charges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 9, 2020

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

JAIL POPULATION: 3,655

MAY 15, 2020

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

JAIL POPULATION: 3,750

MAY 25, 2020

George Floyd's murder by police in Minneapolis, MN

JAIL POPULATION: 3,897

MAY 30, 2020

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

JAIL POPULATION: 3,921

*<http://trends.vera.org/rates/philadelphia-county-pa?incarcerationData=all>



Top 5 Confinement Category Changes

Note: All volume/proportional increases/decreases are calculated from 6/5 - 7/10

Proportional Change

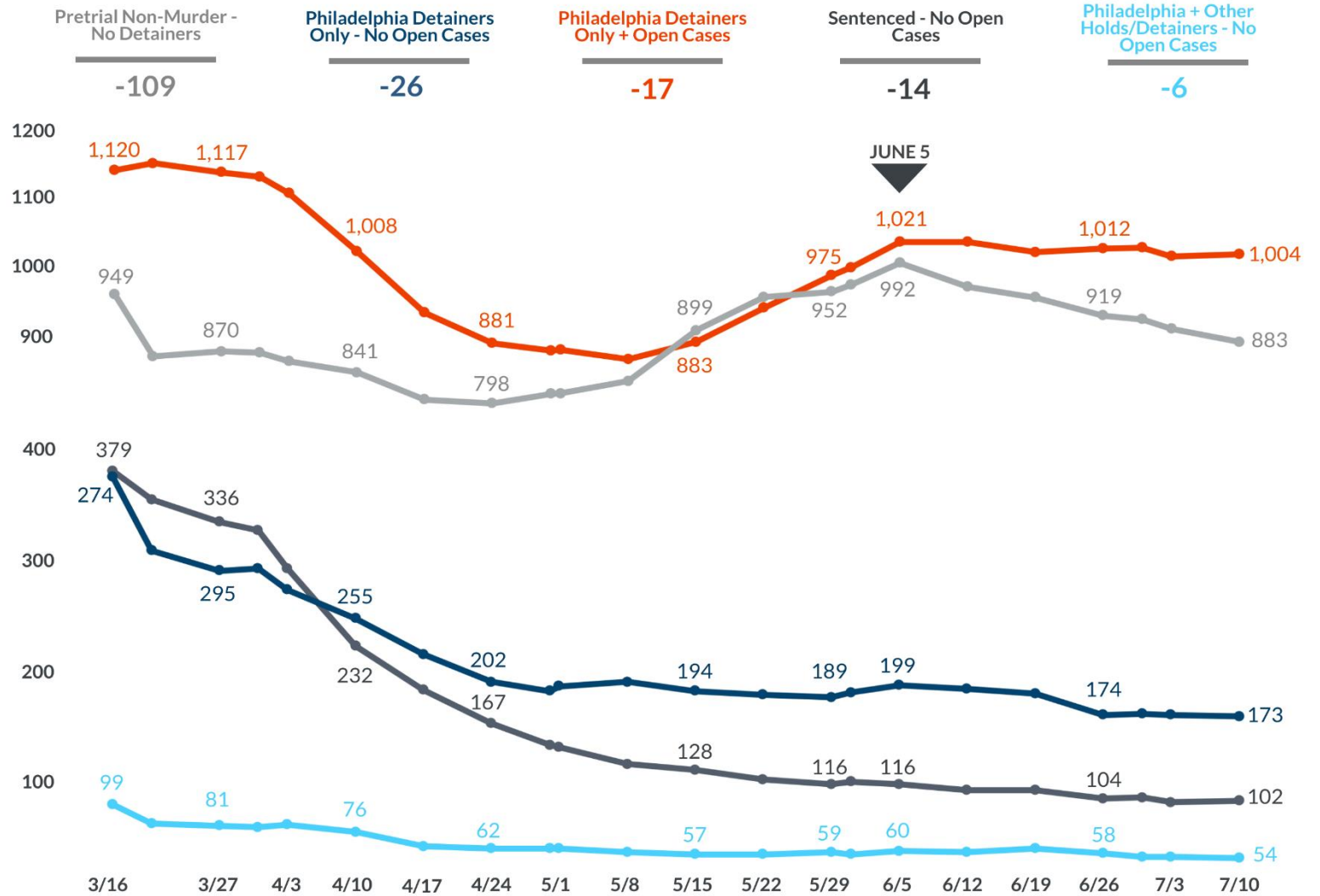
Pretrial Non-Murder - No Detainers	
JUNE 5	JULY 10
24.8%	23.1%

Philadelphia Detainers Only - No Open Cases	
JUNE 5	JULY 10
5.0%	4.5%

Sentenced - No Open Cases	
JUNE 5	JULY 10
2.9%	2.7%

Philadelphia Detainers Only + Open Cases	
JUNE 5	JULY 10
25.5%	26.3%

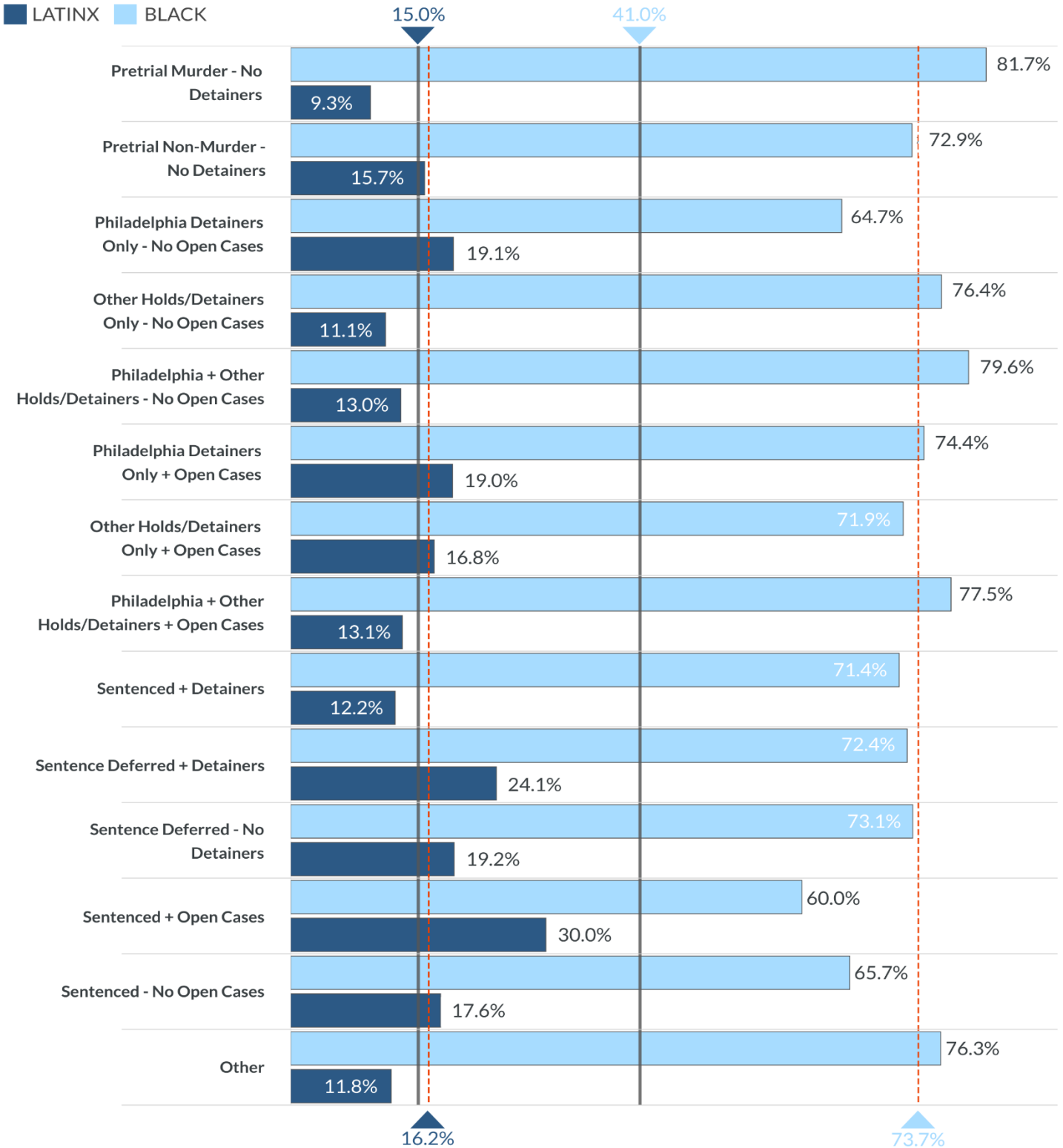
Philadelphia + Other Holds/Detainers - No Open Cases	
JUNE 5	JULY 10
2.5%	2.6%





Proportion of Black and Latinx People in Each Confinement Category | July 10

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*.

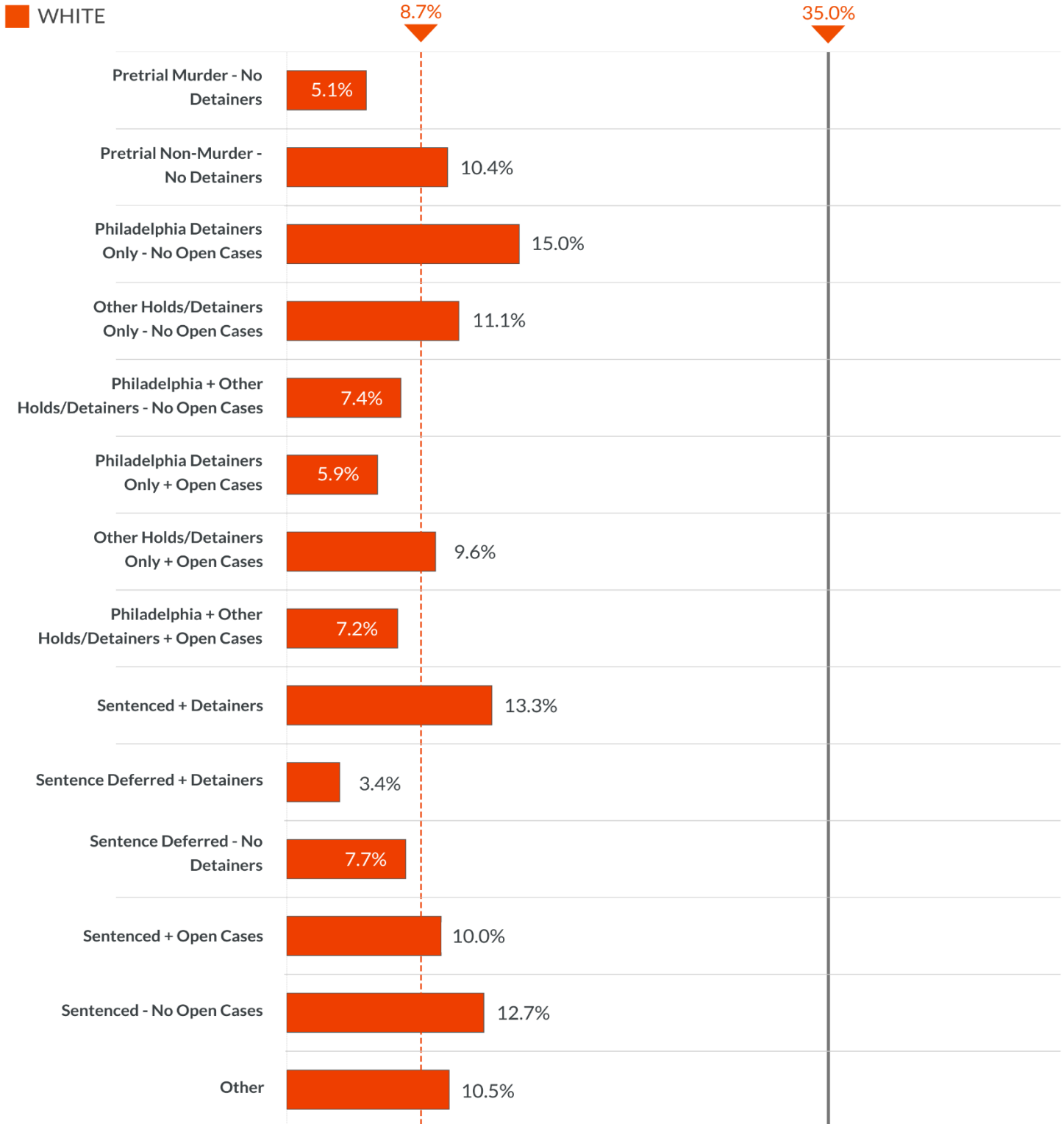


*<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/reports/2019/04/11/philadelphia-2019>



Proportion of White People in Each Confinement Category | July 10

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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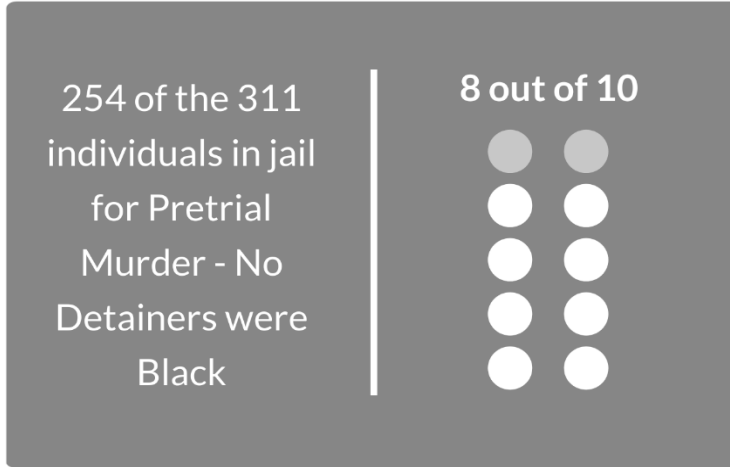


RACE / ETHNICITY

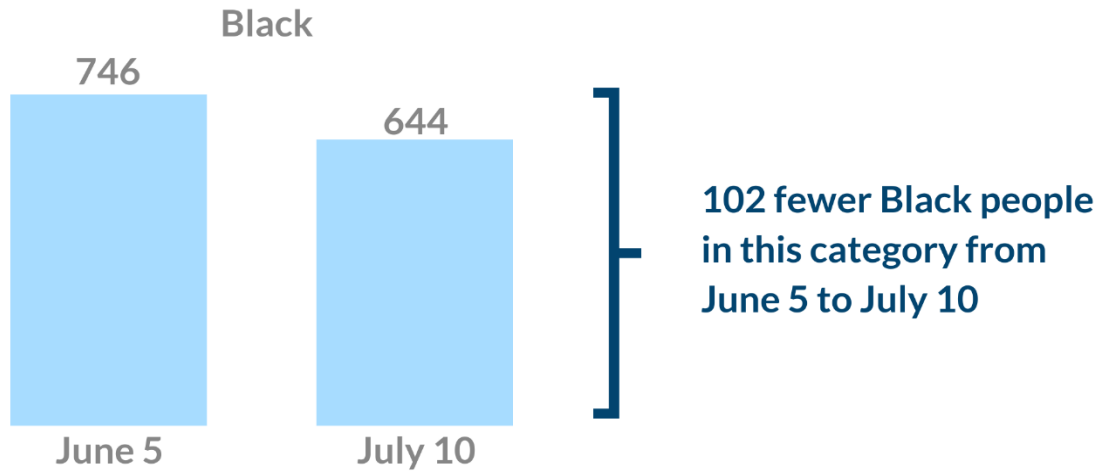
▶ On July 10, nearly 3 out of 4 people in jail were Black



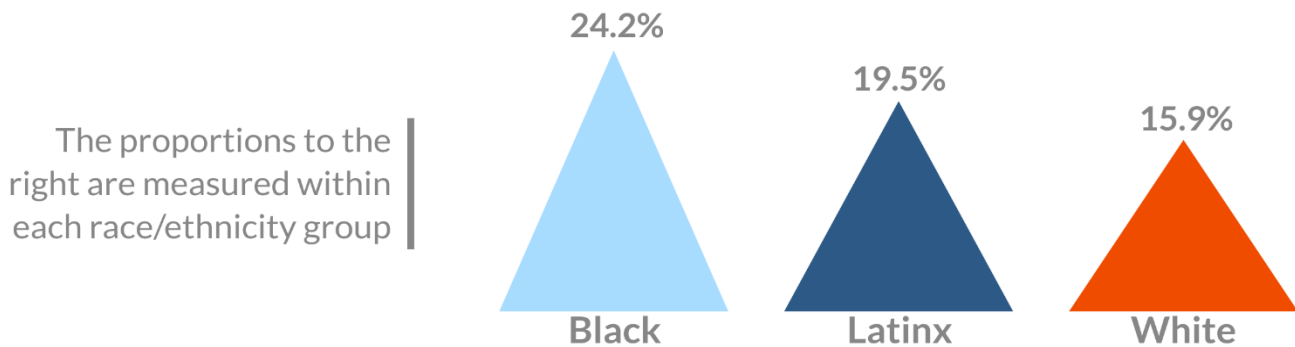
This is a 5% increase in the Black population from March 16



▶ The largest change across confinement categories was the volume decrease of Black people in Pretrial Non-Murders - No Detainers



▶ Nearly 1 out of 4 Black people were in prison for over 1 year on July 10





DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

17 AND UNDER



The entire 17 and under population in jail on July 10 were people of color

- ◆ Black = 15
- ◆ Latinx = 7



were in the Pretrial Non-Murder - No Detainers category

18 - 24



1 in 4 people in jail were between the ages of 18 and 24

80% were Black

WOMEN IN JAIL



of women fell into 4 confinement categories

- 1 Pretrial Non-Murder - No Detainers
n = 37
- 2 Philadelphia Detainers Only + Open Cases
n = 36
- 3 Other Holds/Detainers Only + Open Cases
n = 27
- 4 Pretrial Murder - No Detainers
n = 25

SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS POPULATION

There was a decrease of 2 individuals experiencing SMI from **June 5** (n = 591) to **July 10** (n = 589)

14.8%
JUNE 5

15.4%
JULY 10



PRETRIAL NON-MURDER - NO DETAINERS | JULY 10

1 out of 4 people in prison
were in this category

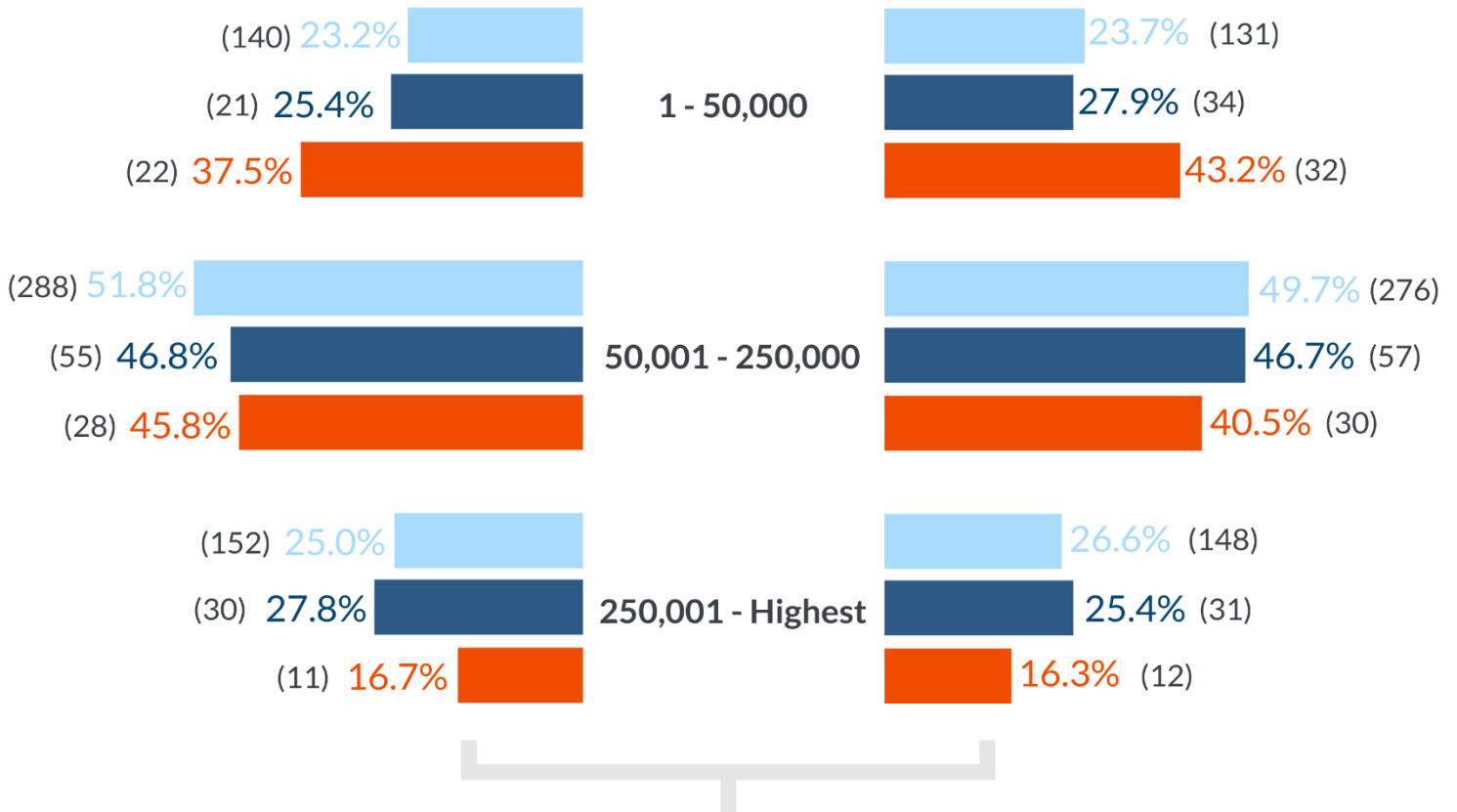


CASH BAIL POPULATION

BLACK LATINX WHITE

JUNE 5

JULY 10



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

Marked disparities in ALOS remain for those with cash bail





POPULATION DECREASE | JUNE 5 - JULY 10

The population declined by 177 people during the three week period

The largest volume differences were in these three confinement categories



The groups below had the largest ALOS disparity on July 10

Non-sentenced confinement categories

BLACK

LATINX

WHITE

PHILADELPHIA + OTHER
HOLDS/DETAINEES - NO OPEN CASES

272.4
Days

310.0
Days

53.8
Days

OTHER HOLDS/DETAINEES ONLY -
NO OPEN CASES

335.2
Days

313.7
Days

247.6
Days

PHILADELPHIA DETAINERS ONLY -
NO OPEN CASES

250.7
Days

263.3
Days

172.8
Days

RELEASES vs ADMISSIONS | WEEKLY

