# PHILADELPHIA'S JAIL POPULATION | NOVEMBER 2020
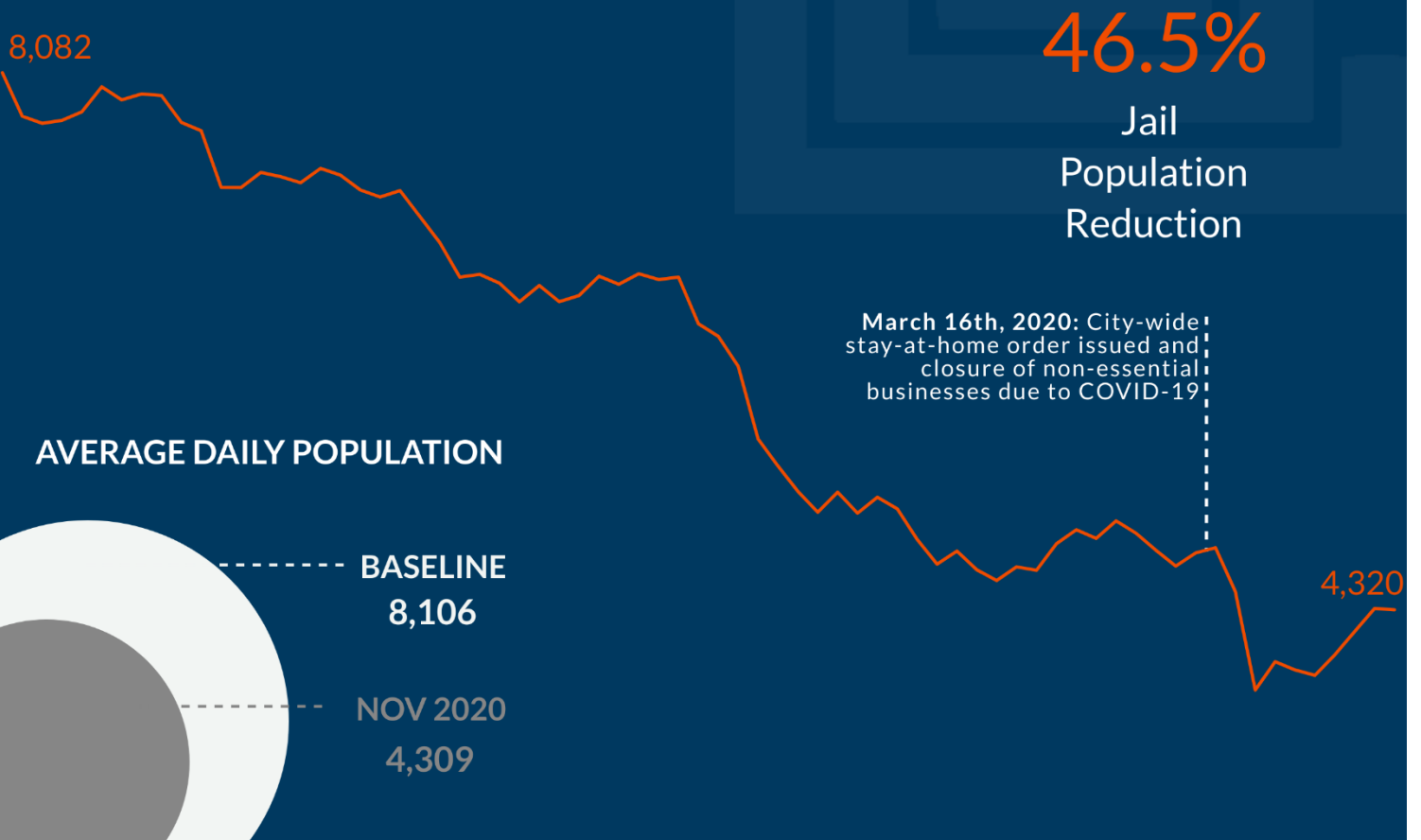
MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge

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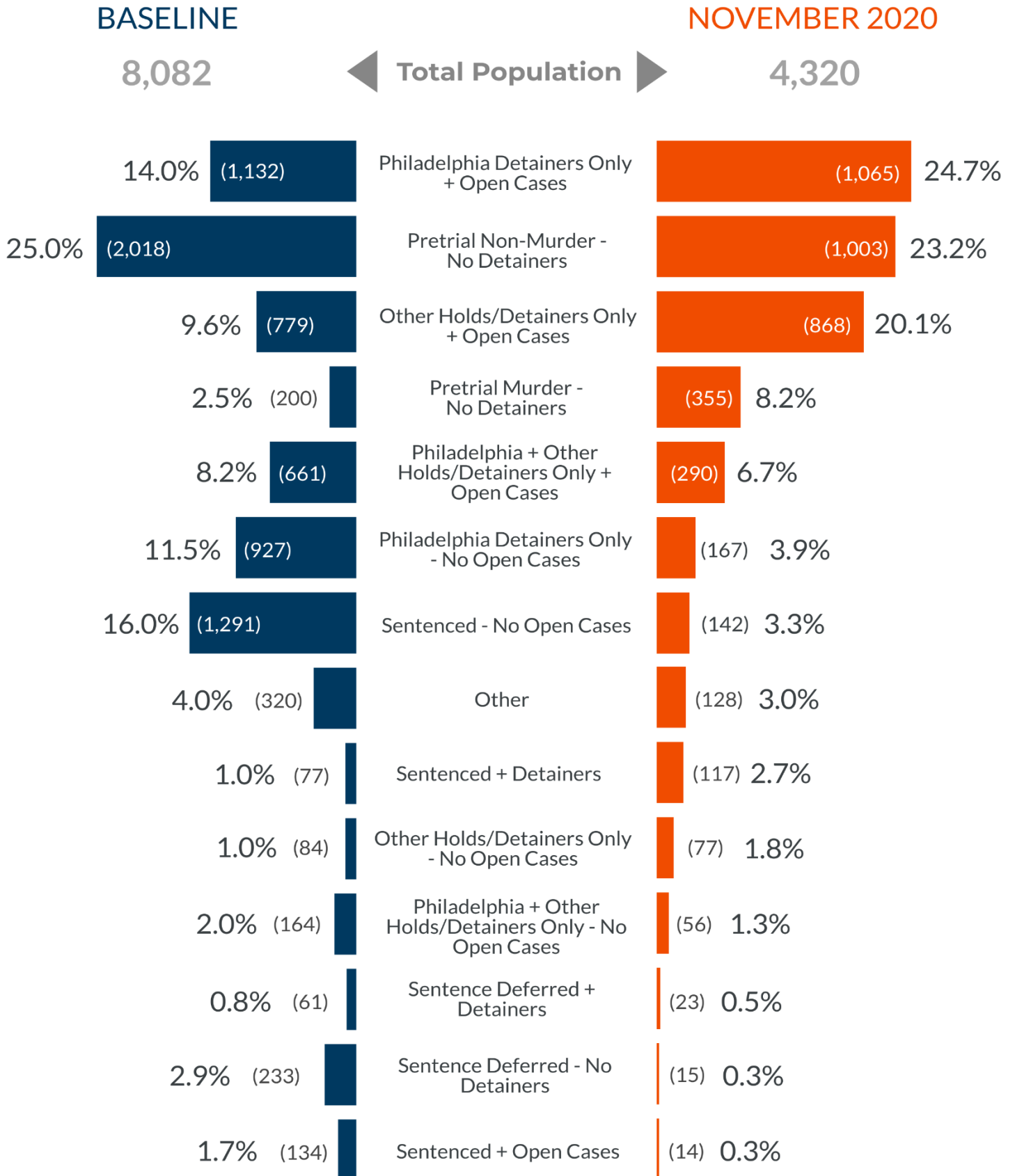
In 2016, Philadelphia received $3.5 million dollars as part of the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge - a national initiative to decrease local jail populations and address racial, ethnic, and economic disparities in the criminal justice system. Philadelphia implemented a number of collaborative 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 **46.5%** from **8,082 in July, 2015 (Baseline)** to **4,320 in November, 2020**. This summary report provides a high level glance at progress by comparing the current population to baseline data.

## 46.5%
Jail
Population
Reduction
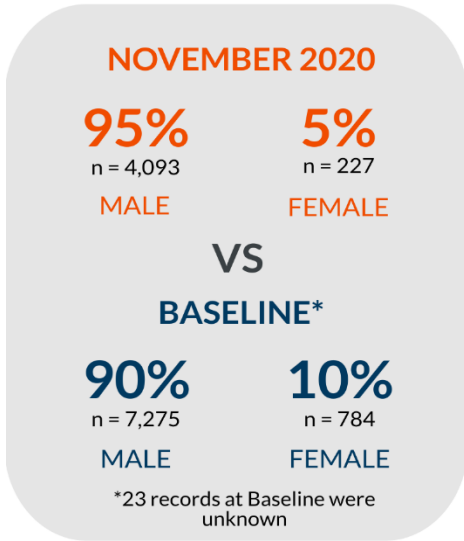
8,082

**March 16th, 2020:** City-wide stay-at-home order issued and closure of non-essential businesses due to COVID-19

4,320

**AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION**

- - - - - **BASELINE**
8,106

- - - - - NOV 2020
4,309

# CONFINEMENT CATEGORY* COMPARISON

*Note: Counts are noted in parentheses*

| BASELINE | | NOVEMBER 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| 8,082 | ◄ Total Population ► | 4,320 |

| BASELINE | Category | NOVEMBER 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| 14.0% (1,132) | Philadelphia Detainers Only + Open Cases | (1,065) 24.7% |
| 25.0% (2,018) | Pretrial Non-Murder - No Detainers | (1,003) 23.2% |
| 9.6% (779) | Other Holds/Detainers Only + Open Cases | (868) 20.1% |
| 2.5% (200) | Pretrial Murder - No Detainers | (355) 8.2% |
| 8.2% (661) | Philadelphia + Other Holds/Detainers Only + Open Cases | (290) 6.7% |
| 11.5% (927) | Philadelphia Detainers Only - No Open Cases | (167) 3.9% |
| 16.0% (1,291) | Sentenced - No Open Cases | (142) 3.3% |
| 4.0% (320) | Other | (128) 3.0% |
| 1.0% (77) | Sentenced + Detainers | (117) 2.7% |
| 1.0% (84) | Other Holds/Detainers Only - No Open Cases | (77) 1.8% |
| 2.0% (164) | Philadelphia + Other Holds/Detainers Only - No Open Cases | (56) 1.3% |
| 0.8% (61) | Sentence Deferred + Detainers | (23) 0.5% |
| 2.9% (233) | Sentence Deferred - No Detainers | (15) 0.3% |
| 1.7% (134) | Sentenced + Open Cases | (14) 0.3% |

*Detailed description of confinement categories can be found here: http://bit.ly/2TjoVQS

# POPULATION OVERVIEW

## GENDER

**CURRENT**
**BASELINE**

### NOVEMBER 2020

**95%**
n = 4,093
MALE

**5%**
n = 227
FEMALE

**VS**

### BASELINE*

**90%**
n = 7,275
MALE

**10%**
n = 784
FEMALE

*23 records at Baseline were unknown
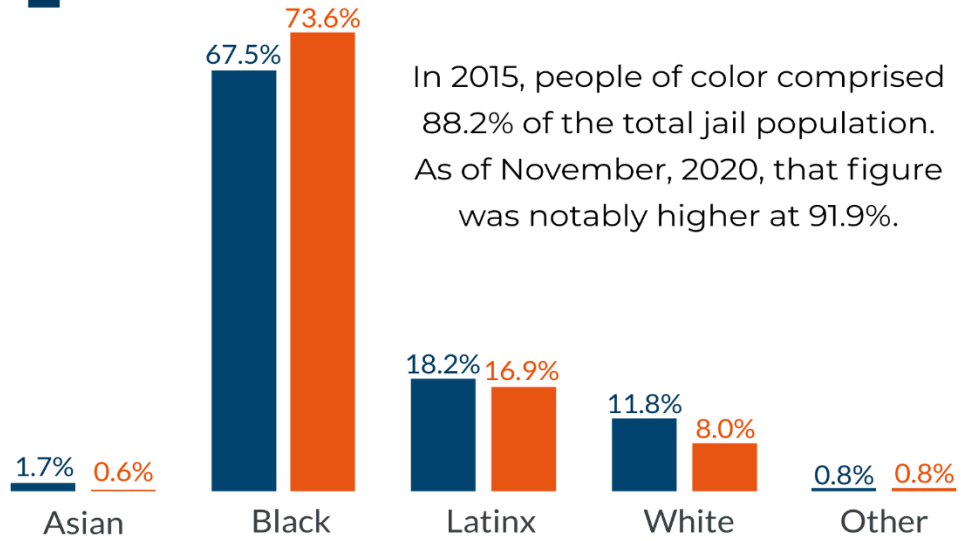
## RACE / ETHNICITY

In 2015, people of color comprised 88.2% of the total jail population. As of November, 2020, that figure was notably higher at 91.9%.
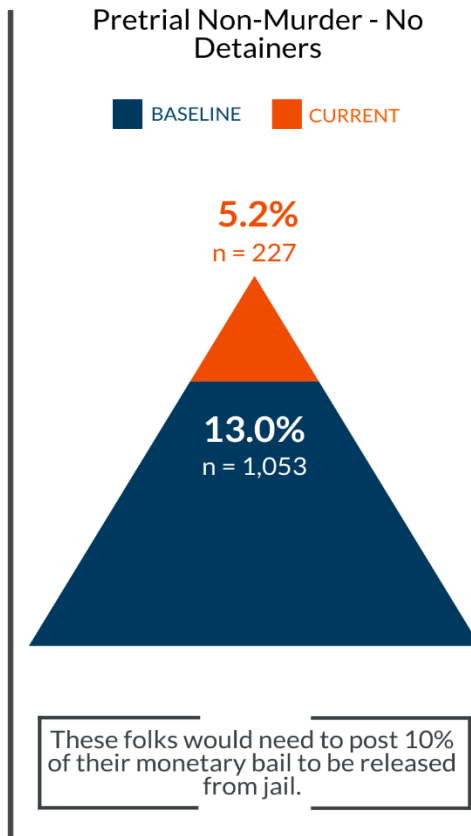
Asian 1.7% 0.6%
Black 67.5% 73.6%
Latinx 18.2% 16.9%
White 11.8% 8.0%
Other 0.8% 0.8%

## LENGTH OF STAY*

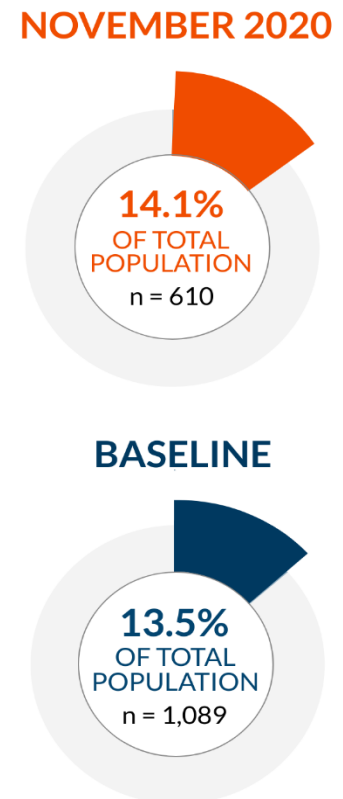### NOVEMBER 2020

**252.7 DAYS**

### BASELINE

**198.8 DAYS**

*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)

**Pretrial Non-Murder - No Detainers**

BASELINE    CURRENT

**5.2%**
n = 227

**13.0%**
n = 1,053

These folks would need to post 10% of their monetary bail to be released from jail.

## SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL (SMI)

### NOVEMBER 2020

**14.1%**
OF TOTAL POPULATION
n = 610

### BASELINE

**13.5%**
OF TOTAL POPULATION
n = 1,089

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# Philadelphia Jail Population

## JANUARY 2015 - NOVEMBER 2020

**BASELINE**

**CURRENT MONTH**

MACARTHUR BASELINE - 8082

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Data values (in approximate chronological order): 8301, 7979, 7926, 7948, 8012, 8197, 8144, 8132, 7933, 7871, 7452, 7450, 7562, 7531, 7486, 7592, 7542, 7432, 7380, 7427, 7234, 7041, 6786, 6806, 6741, 6603, 6724, 6604, 6650, 6793, 6733, 6811, 6768, 6786, 6440, 6347, 6125, 5586, 5386, 5198, 5043, 5192, 5036, 5154, 5068, 4841, 4658, 4755, 4616, 4537, 4638, 4613, 4809, 4913, 4849, 4979, 4888, 4762, 4644, 4741, 4780, 4454, 3725, 3935, 3874, 3834, 3986, 4159, 4330, 4320

X-axis labels: JAN 2015, JUL 2015, JAN 2016, JUL 2016, JAN 2017, JUL 2017, JAN 2018, JUL 2018, JAN 2019, JUL 2019, JAN 2020, JUL 2020

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