

# PHILADELPHIA'S PRISON POPULATION | MAY 2021

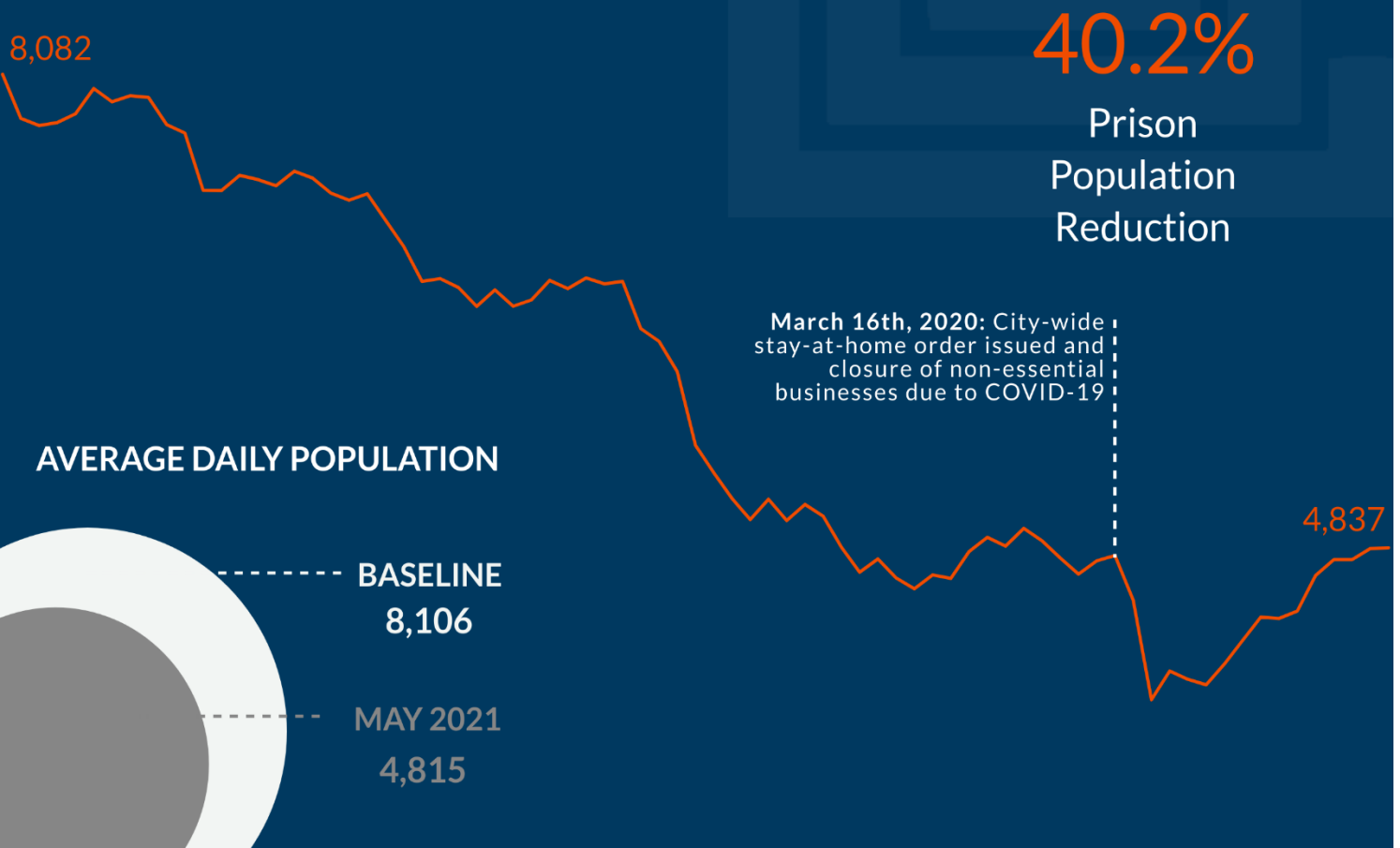


MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge

First Judicial District of Pennsylvania  
Department of Research and Development

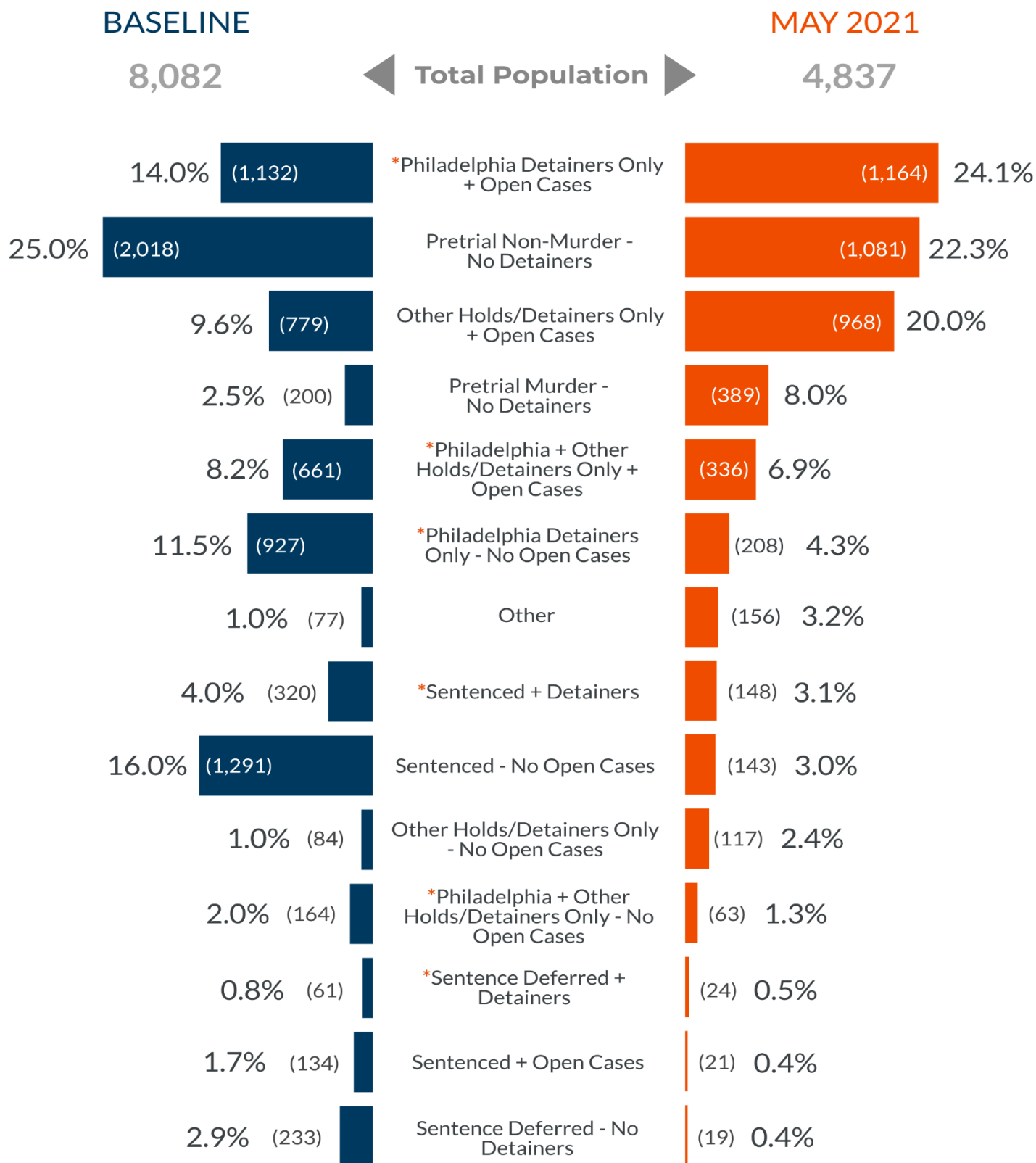


In 2016, Philadelphia received \$3.5 million dollars as part of the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge - a national initiative to decrease local jail populations and address racial, ethnic, and economic disparities in the criminal justice system. Philadelphia implemented a number of collaborative reform measures with justice and behavioral health partners. Efforts to achieve a 50% reduction in the city's prison population were bolstered by an additional \$4 million dollars awarded in October 2018. To date, Philadelphia's prison population is down **40.2%** from **8,082 in July 2015 (Baseline)** to **4,837 in May 2021**. 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



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

Note. All Philadelphia detainer categories also include those issued on special probation cases at the request of Pennsylvania State Parole. A sentencing judge may request, while retaining their decision-making power, the Pennsylvania Parole Board to supervise certain people released from state custody, known as 'special probation' cases.

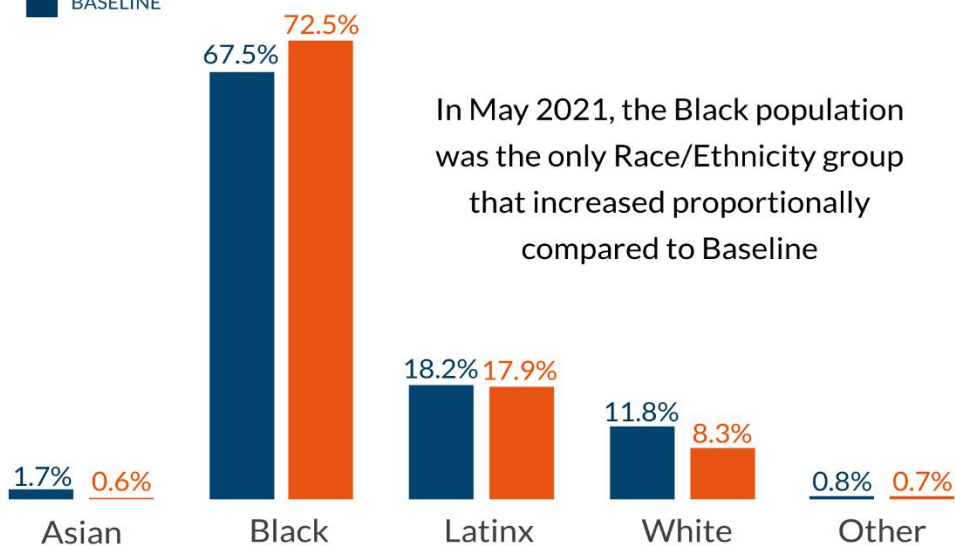
# POPULATION OVERVIEW

## GENDER



■ CURRENT  
■ BASELINE

## RACE / ETHNICITY

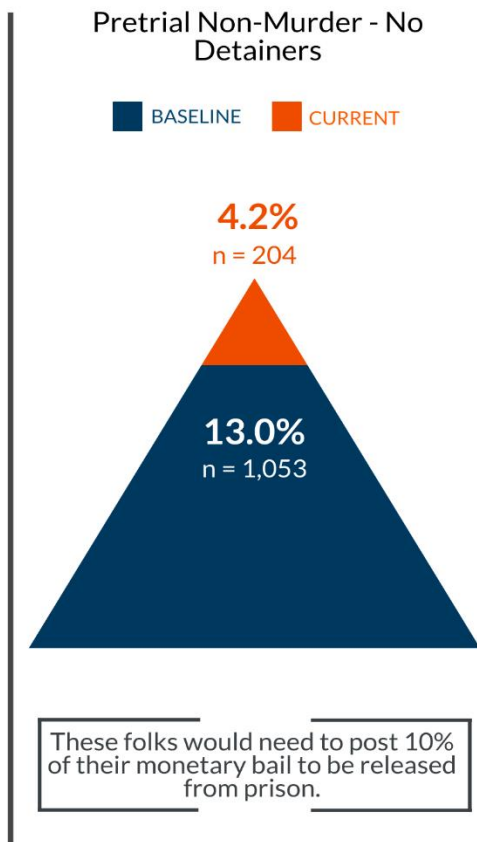


## LENGTH OF STAY\*

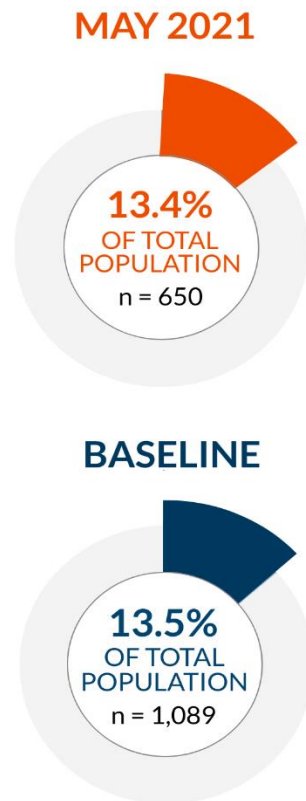


\*Length of stay (LOS) figures are for individuals who were still in custody at the time of the data extraction, as opposed to LOS for people who were released.

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

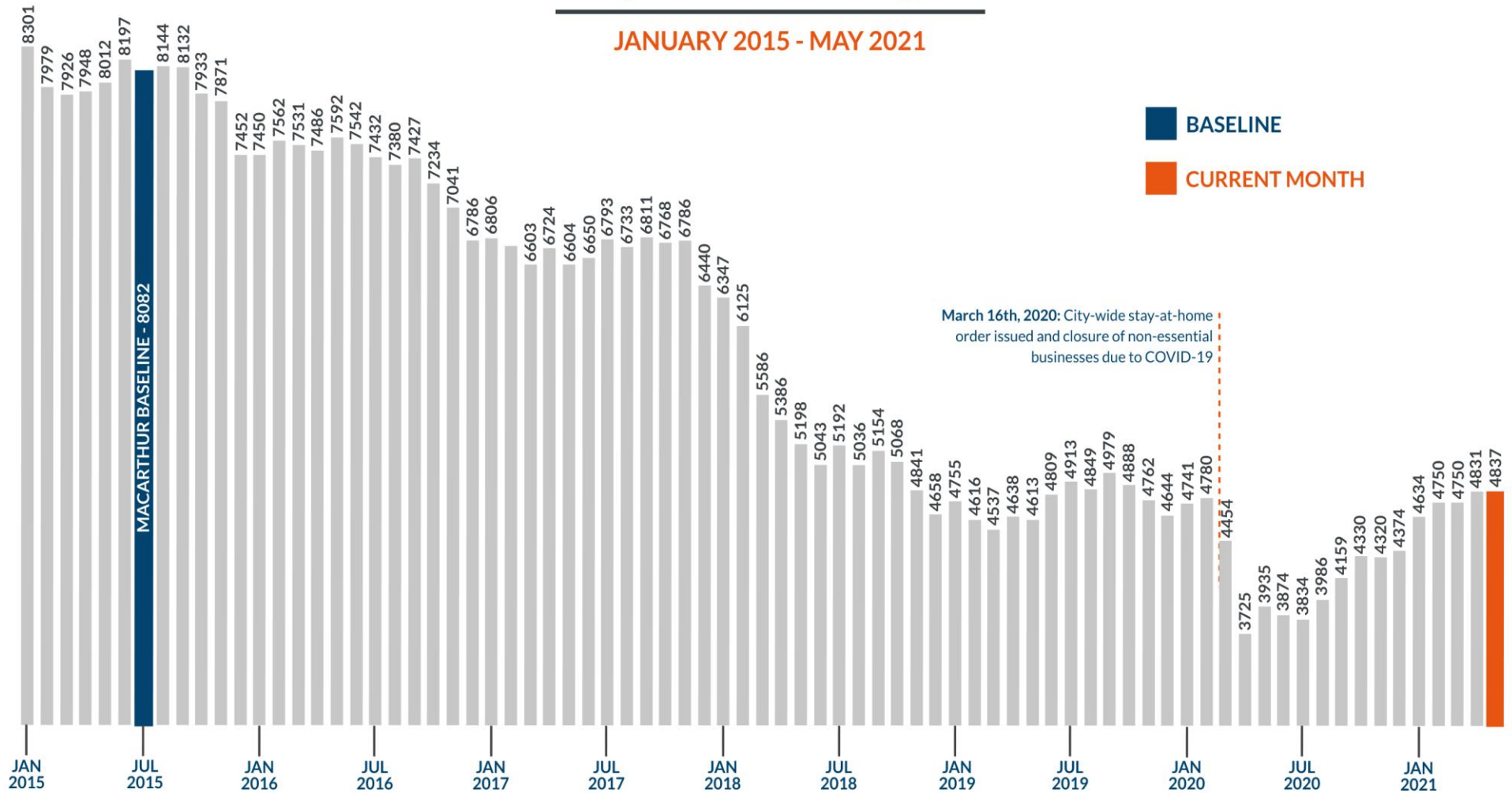


## SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL (SMI)



# Philadelphia Prison Population

JANUARY 2015 - MAY 2021



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