



PHILADELPHIA'S PRISON POPULATION | DECEMBER 2025

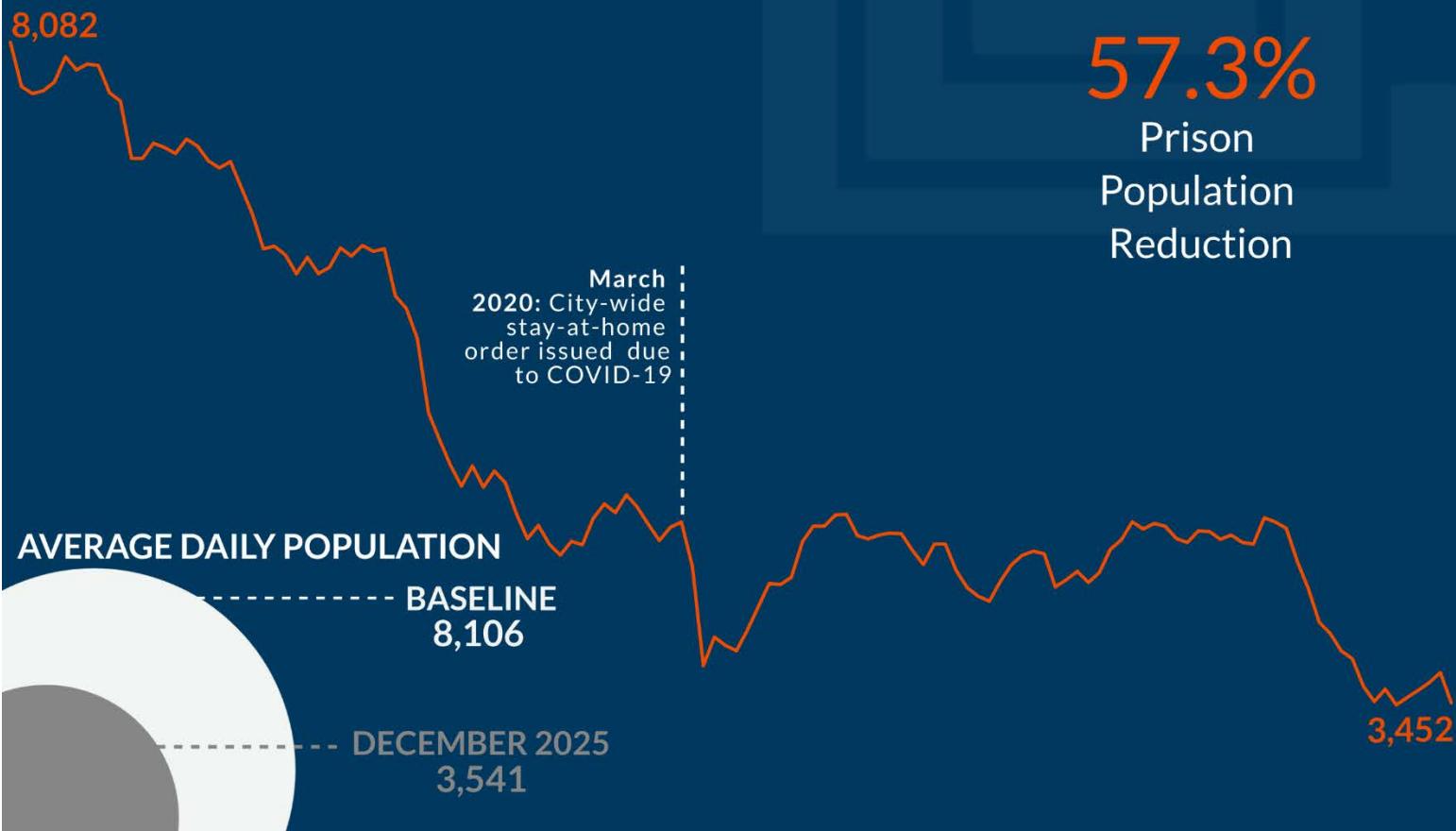


MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge

First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
Department of Research and Development

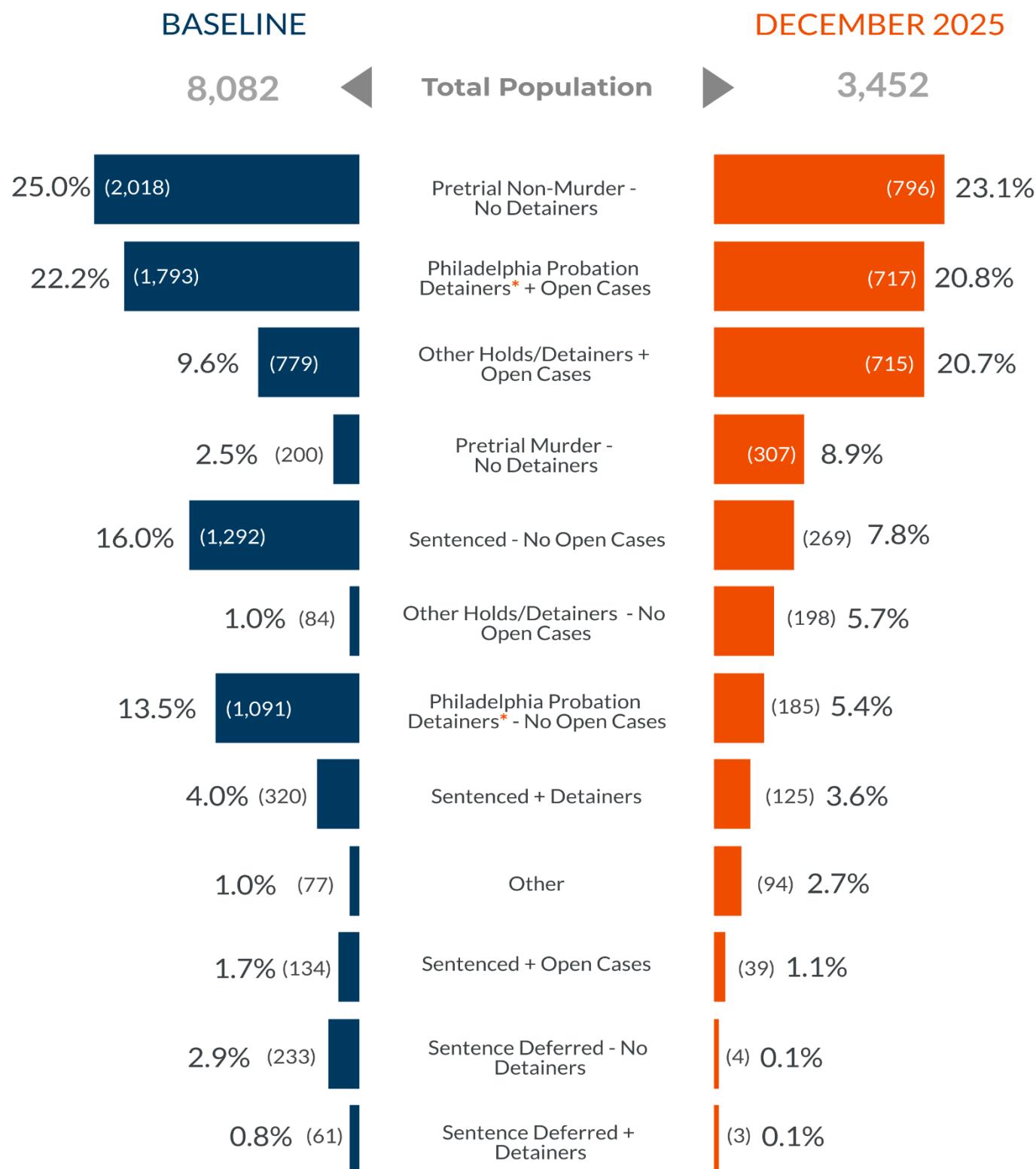


In 2016, Philadelphia received \$3.5 million dollars as part of the MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge - a national initiative to decrease local jail populations and address racial, ethnic, and economic disparities in the criminal justice system. Philadelphia implemented a number of 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 **57.3%** from **8,082** in **July 2015 (Baseline)** to **3,452** in **December 2025**. 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>

*People in these categories may also have detainers or holds from other jurisdictions, and/or Philadelphia warrants in addition to their Philadelphia Probation detainer. 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

SEX

DECEMBER 2025

94%
n = 3,233
MALE

6%
n = 219
FEMALE

VS
BASELINE*

90%
n = 7,275
MALE

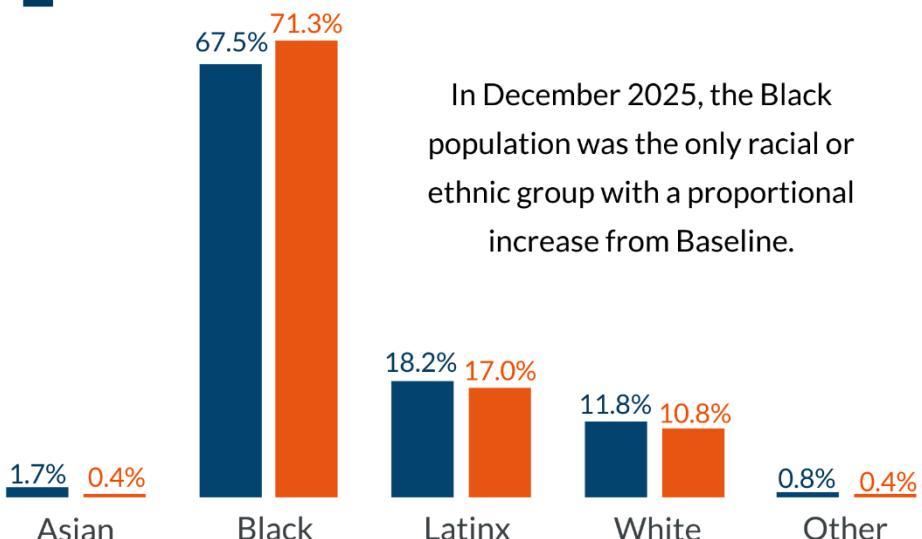
10%
n = 784
FEMALE

*23 records at Baseline were unknown

CURRENT
BASELINE

RACE/ETHNICITY

In December 2025, the Black population was the only racial or ethnic group with a proportional increase from Baseline.



LENGTH OF STAY*

DECEMBER 2025



BASELINE



*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

3.1%
n = 108

13.0%
n = 1,053

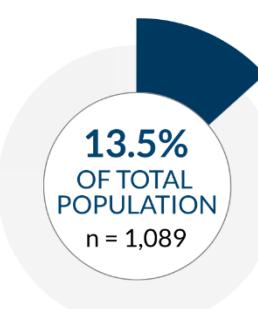
These folks would need to post 10% of their monetary bail to be released from prison.

SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL (SMI)

DECEMBER 2025



BASELINE





Philadelphia Prison Population

JANUARY 2015 - DECEMBER 2025

● BASELINE

● CURRENT MONTH

