



# Yolo County Criminal Justice Facts

## Mass Incarceration

- Yolo County is in the top quarter of California counties for its incarceration rate (measured as incarcerations per 1,000 felony arrests)<sup>1</sup>
- In Yolo County, 0.9% of 10-17-year-olds are in the criminal justice system—the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest percentage of any county in the state<sup>1,2</sup>

## Racial Disparities

- In Yolo County a Black adult is nearly 10x more likely to be imprisoned than a white adult (by comparison, a Black adult is about 9x more likely to be imprisoned than a white adult statewide<sup>1</sup> and 6x more likely nationwide<sup>3</sup>)
- A Latino adult in Yolo County is more than 2x more likely to be imprisoned than a white adult<sup>1</sup>
- Since 2013, 93% of the youth charged as adults in Yolo County have been Latino<sup>4</sup>

## Overcharging & Waste

- Yolo has the highest rate of per capita jury trials of any county in California<sup>5</sup>
- 41% of the current DA's felony charges are acquitted or dismissed by a judge—more than twice the state average<sup>6</sup>
- Yolo has more felony jury trials than Alameda County—which has a population over 7x larger than Yolo's<sup>6,7</sup>
- Only 13% of misdemeanor cases are resolved within 30 days in Yolo, compared to 58% statewide (only one county is lower than Yolo)<sup>6</sup>
- Nearly 3 quarters of detainees in Yolo's jail await trial<sup>1</sup>—jailing a single person costs taxpayers nearly \$150/day<sup>8</sup>

## Sources & More Information

1. Source: California Sentencing Institute (data available for download here: <http://casi.cjcj.org/about.html#download>). All statistics are based on most recent available datasets (i.e., data from 2016, which was released in 2018).
2. Measured as the reported percentage of 10-17-year-olds incarcerated or under alternative supervision.
3. Source: <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/01/12/shrinking-gap-between-number-of-blacks-and-whites-in-prison/> (pg. 3).
4. Demographic data on the juveniles tried in adult court not available prior to 2013.
5. Statistic calculated using jury trial statistics from the Judicial Council of California's 2017 Court Statistics Report (<http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/2017-Court-Statistics-Report.pdf>, pg. 111-112) and population estimates from the State of California Department of Finance (<http://www.dof.ca.gov/Forecasting/Demographics/Estimates/E-1/>). During fiscal year 2015-2016, Yolo County had a rate of 89 jury trials per 100,000—the highest among 53 reporting counties.
6. Source: Judicial Council of California, 2017 Court Statistics Report (<http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/2017-Court-Statistics-Report.pdf>). All statistics are based on most recently released data (which is from fiscal year 2015-2016).
7. Population estimates from the State of California Department of Finance (see #5).
8. Yolo County Counsel, personal communication.

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