

THE LOS ANGELES



POLICE DEPARTMENT'S METROPOLITAN DIVISION

A MILLION DOLLAR HOOPS REPORT

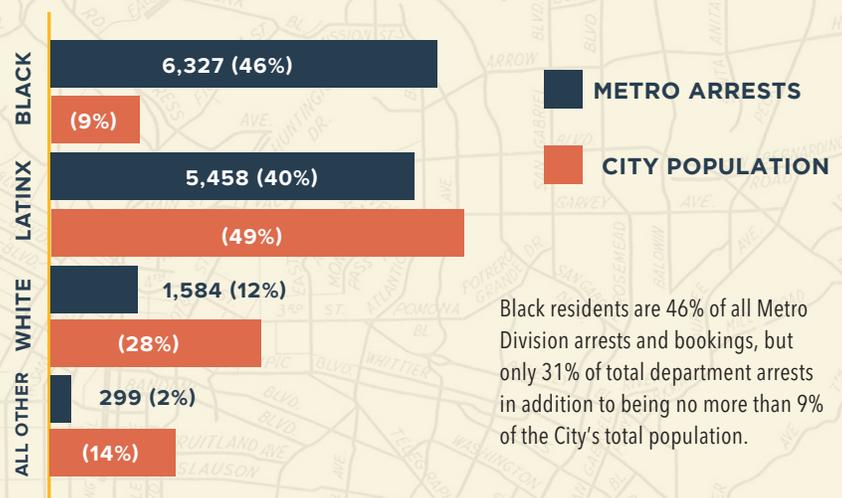
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In 1933, LAPD Chief James E. Davis, a.k.a. Two-Guns Davis, established the LAPD's Metropolitan Division (Metro) as an "elite" unit under his command. Like Chief Davis, the Metro Division was largely dedicated to suppressing political dissidents, arresting labor organizers, and skimming profits from L.A.'s \$75M vice industry, especially gambling and liquor operations located in segregated South Central Los Angeles. In 1967, amid anxiety that followed the 1965 Watts Uprising, LAPD Chief Reddin expanded the Metro Division and tasked its 200 officers with "rousting[ing] anything strange that moves on the street." Soon, community members dubbed the Metro Division the "shake, rattle and roll boys" for their aggressive tactics.¹

Today, Community members are still concerned with Metro Division tactics, especially in South Los Angeles. On January 24, 2019, the Los Angeles Times published a report showing that Metro Division officers stopped Africans Americans at a rate more than five times their share of the population.²

In response to the Los Angeles Times' report, the Los Angeles Community Coalition asked the Million Dollar Hoops research team to take a close look at Metro Division arrest data. This report provides an overview of the nearly 13,700 arrests made by the LAPD Metro Division between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2017. It shows that the disparate racial impact of the Metro Division extends beyond traffic stops and continues to be concentrated in South Los Angeles.

TOTAL ARRESTS AND BOOKINGS FROM 2012-2017



Black residents are 46% of all Metro Division arrests and bookings, but only 31% of total department arrests in addition to being no more than 9% of the City's total population.

People booked by Metro Division collectively lost at least **34,985 DAYS** spent in LAPD lockups or **96 YEARS** worth of time that could have been spent in the community.

THE COST OF METRO POLICING

Conservatively, the cost of incarceration to the City of Los Angeles for arrests by the Metro Division was **\$8,040,953**. Including **\$3,722,029** spent solely on the jailing of Black residents.



AMOUNT SPENT ON BLACK RESIDENTS BOOKED BY METRO

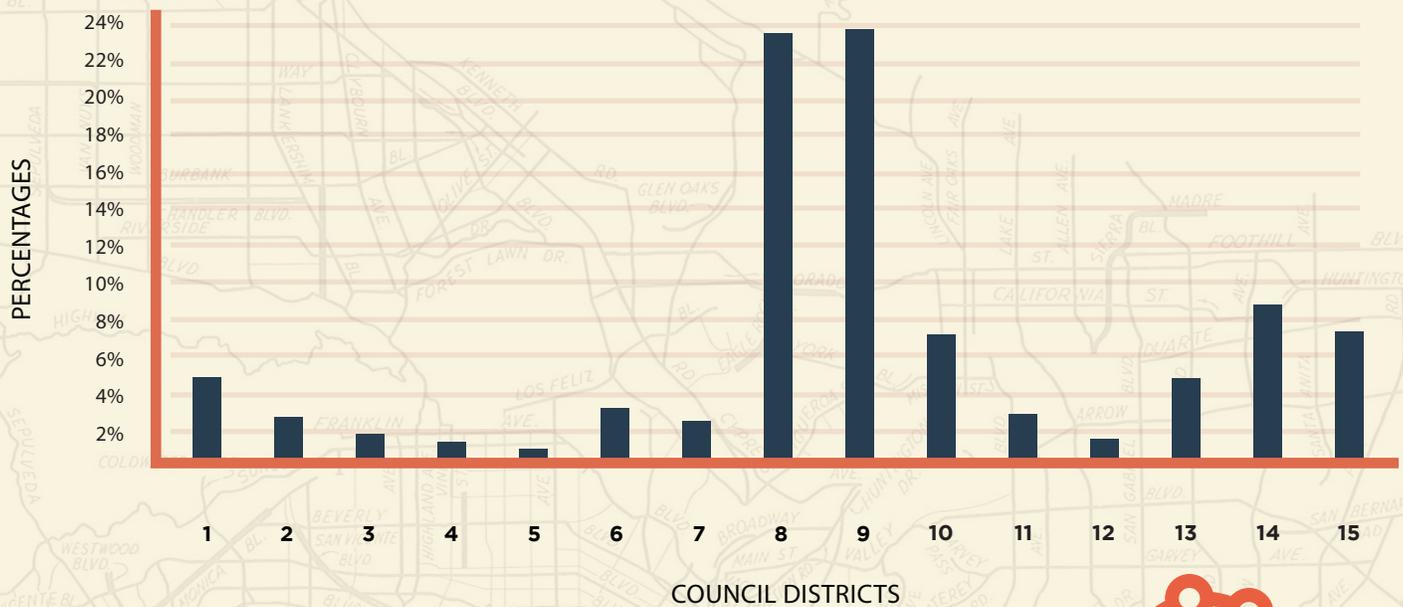
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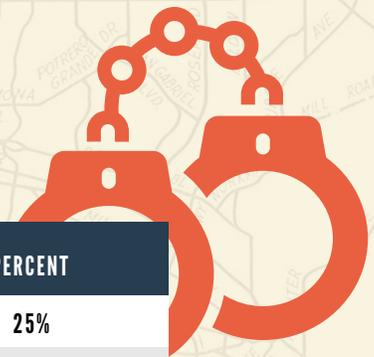
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OVER 46% OF METRO ARRESTS WITH A HOME ADDRESS IN THE CITY RESIDE IN JUST TWO CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

19% of Metro Arrests were of the Houseless



A non-refundable cash extraction of **\$6,157,093** was withdrawn from community in exchange for pre-trial freedom for those booked by Metro from 2012-2017.



MOST COMMON CHARGES		PERCENT
#1	Failure to Appear	25%
#2	Possession Of Controlled Substance	14%
#3	Supervision Violation	12%
#4	Unlawful Possession Of A Firearm	8%
#5	Driving with Suspended License/No Insurance/Registration	5%

Methodology: On March 15, 2018, the LAPD fulfilled a Public Records Act request submitted by Professor Kelly Lytle Hernandez on January 4, 2018. The data provided included more than twenty categories of information for all detention bookings made by the LAPD between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2017, including arrests made by LAPD and other law enforcement agencies within the City of LA. For this report, we utilized the following categories of information: Race, Total_Bail (the sum of all bail set), Rel_Reas (release disposition), and Home_Res (home address), Charge, and Arrest Division. Charges were aggregated across all charges alleged, categorized based on offense type, and then divided by the total number of charges found in the data set. To calculate total money bail set, we calculated the sum of all numeric values included in the "Total_Bail" category. To calculate how much was paid to bail bond agents, we estimated that for persons released on "BOND" 10% of their total money bail charge was paid to a bail bond agent. To estimate bail by residence, we geo-coded and cross-referenced the home addresses provided in the "Home_Res" category within the City of Los Angeles. Houseless persons were determined by aggregating individuals with the "Home_Res" "1942 Transient" or the address of a known homeless shelter. The arrest division "4241" was used to isolate the Metropolitan Division of the LAPD. Revised on: 4/8/2019 to show updated city demographics.

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 2. <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-lapd-traffic-stops-20190124-story.html>

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