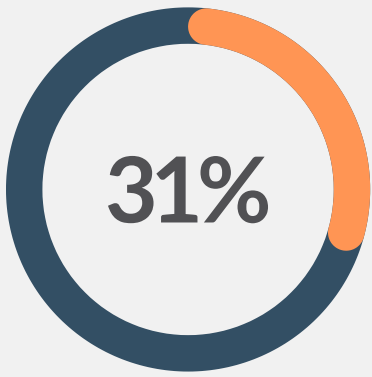
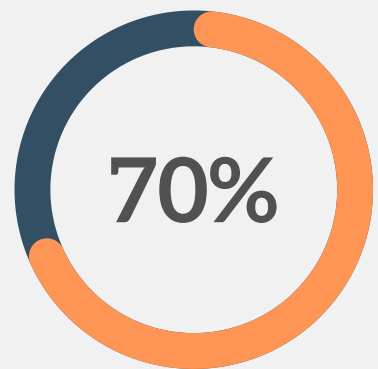


Racial Disparities in Maryland's Prison System



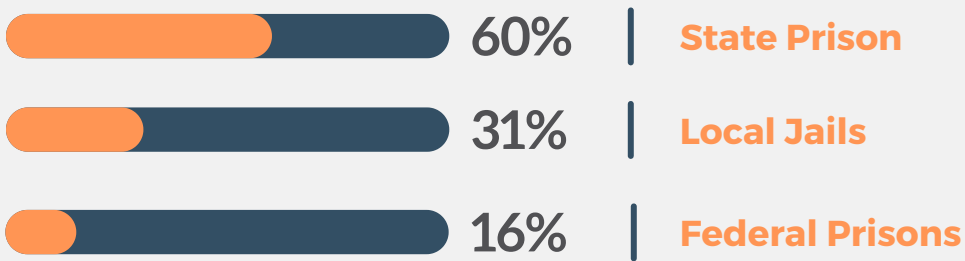
The population of Maryland is 6,045,680. White residents account for 58.5% while Black residents only account for 31%.

36,000 people are incarcerated in Maryland. White prisoners account for 30% while Black prisoners account for 70%.



Maryland has the highest percentage of Black citizens making up its prison population in the country. The national average is a little over 30%, but Maryland has double that at 70%.

1 out of every 10 Maryland residents lives in Baltimore and 1 out of every 3 Maryland residents in a state prison is from Baltimore. Incarcerations rates are overwhelmingly larger from predominantly poor, black neighborhoods.



Under investment in poor, predominantly black neighborhoods and harsh crime policies are some of the reasons for the large racial disparity

The racial disparity is most pronounced among emerging adults ages 18-24

Black defendants make up 80% of those with prison sentences of at least 10 years



The LDDC produces statistical and analytical support for all kinds of causes, but most of the issues the Maryland legal community faces centers around the racial disparity that is so prominent in our state.

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