

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Nassau County vs. National Statistics

1 DEMOGRAPHICS

Nassau County, Long Island, NY

- Total Population: 1.39 million
- White: 70.2%
- Black: 13.4%
- Hispanic: 18.8%
- Asian: 13.4%

National Context: African Americans comprise 13% of US population but face disproportionate criminal justice involvement



2 POLICE STOPS

National Statistics

- Los Angeles: 28% of stops are Black people (9% of population)
- San Francisco: 26% of stops are Black people (5% of population)
- Milwaukee: Black drivers 7x more likely to be stopped

Nassau County

- Black residents 3x more likely to be stopped than White residents
- Hispanic residents 2x more likely to be stopped than White residents

3 ARREST RATES

National Patterns

- Black men arrested at 6x the rate of White men
- Arrest rates for Hispanic men were three times higher than non-Hispanic White men's rates.

Nassau County (NY State Data)

- Black individuals: 38% of adult arrests (15% of state population)
- Hispanic individuals: 28% of arrests (19% of state population)
- White individuals: 34% of arrests (70% of county population)



4 INCARCERATION

National Statistics

- African American men face 6 times incarceration rates compared to their White counterparts
- Hispanic men face 3 times incarceration rates compared to their White counterparts

Nassau County Jail

- Black residents: 50%+ of jail population (13% of county population)
- Hispanic residents: 30% of inmates (18.8% of county population)
- Dramatic overrepresentation of minorities

5 SENTENCING DISPARITIES

National Level

- Black males: Sentences 20% longer than White males
- Hispanic males: Sentences 7% longer than non-Hispanic White males

Nassau County

- It is more difficult for black defendants to obtain favorable plea deals.
- Hispanic individuals receive longer sentences for similar offenses
- White defendants 20% more likely to receive pre-trial release



6 KEY SIMILARITIES

1. Disproportionate Police Contact: Both nationally and locally, minorities face higher rates of police stops
2. Overrepresentation in Jail: Black and Hispanic populations significantly overrepresented in custody
3. Sentencing Inequality: Both jurisdictions show longer sentences for minorities
4. Pre-trial Disparities: White defendants more likely to be released before trial

7 KEY DIFFERENCES

1. Magnitude of Disparities: Nassau County jail population disparities are glaring as there are a 50%+ black people in jail while comprising just 13 percent of the county's total population.
2. Regional Context: Despite relative prosperity, the county has economic disparities consistent or worse than national standards.
3. Local Demographics: Nassau County has higher Asian population (13.4%) than national average



4 CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

- Systemic bias and racial profiling
- Socioeconomic inequality
- Legislative policies (mandatory minimums, cash bail)
- Historical patterns of discrimination
- Differences in legal representation quality

5 CALL TO ACTION

From these statistics it is clear that racial inequality in the justice system is continuing at the national level and in Nassau County. To correct these inequities and ensure that all individuals receive fair treatment, deliberate policy reforms, active participation of the community, and continued discussions are needed.



Sources: New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Nassau County Jail Records, US Census Bureau, Commission of Correction