

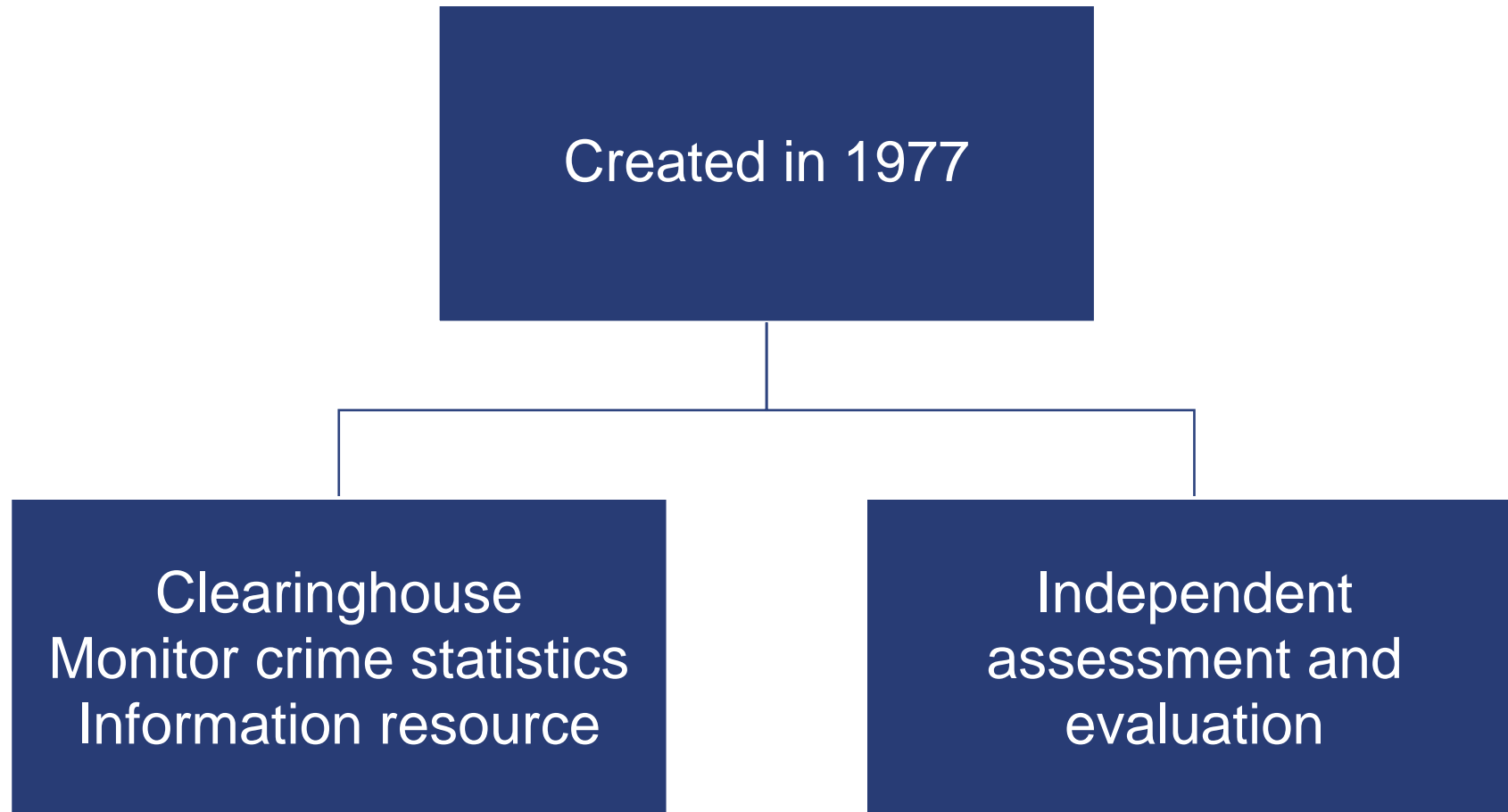


Data-Driven Approach to Protecting Public Safety, Improving and Expanding Rehabilitative Treatment and Services, and Advancing Equity through Alternatives to Incarceration

Preliminary Report Overview

March 2022

SANDAG's Criminal Justice Research Division (CJRD)



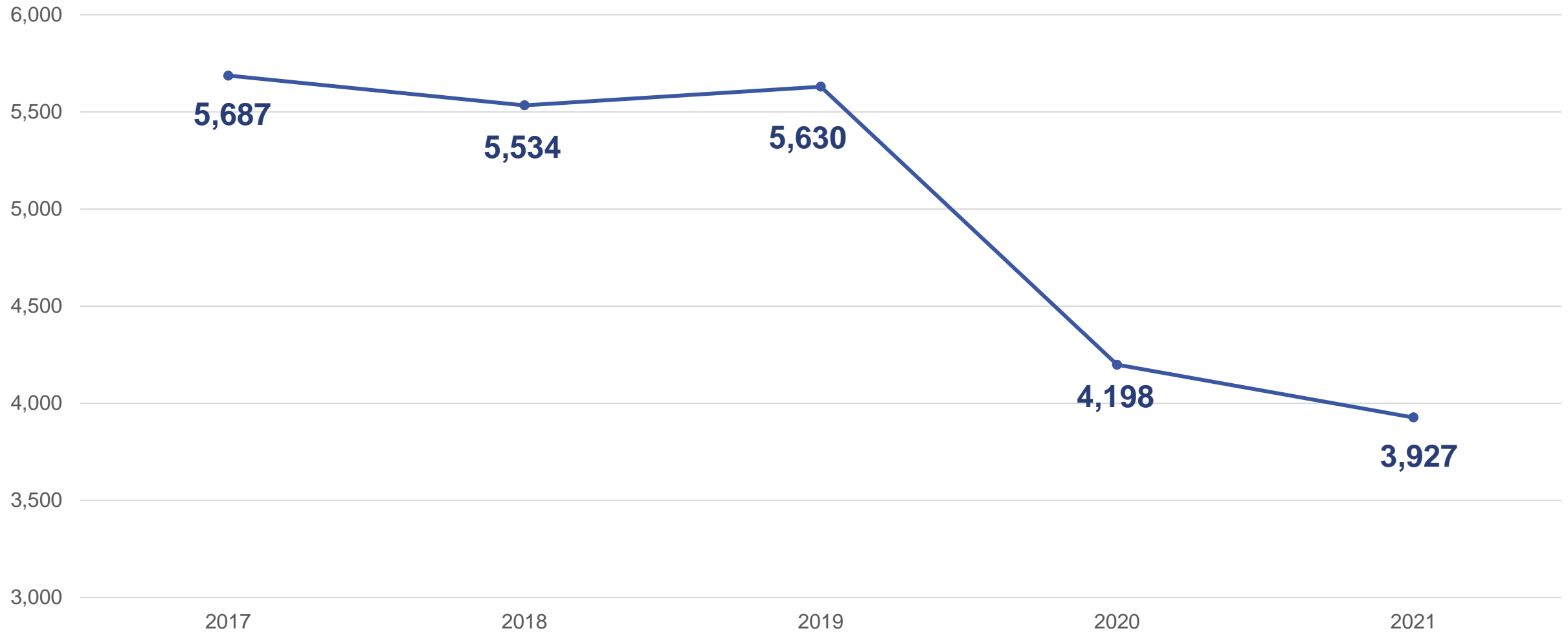
Populations of Interest (including but not limited to)

- Individuals with non-violent offenses including public intoxication, encroachment, loitering, and illegal lodging
- Pre-trial defendants not booked into jail
- Individuals who remained out of custody on Sheriff's County Parole and Alternative Custody (CPAC)
- Individuals released and monitored on Sheriff's pre-trial services
- Individuals diverted through Mental Health Diversion and other collaborative court options

Research Goal 1:

Produce a data driven analysis on how use of jails changed pre-COVID-19 versus during COVID-19 with a focus on identifying policy interventions that would effectively, safely, and permanently reduce San Diego County jail populations.

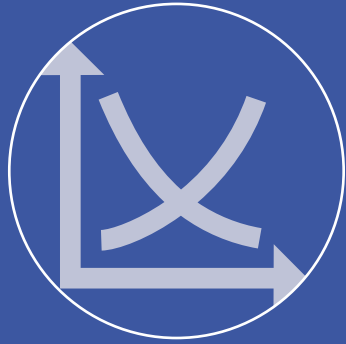
Average Daily Jail Populations, 2017-2021



Research Goal 2:

Identify the primary policy drivers of reduced incarceration rates during COVID-19, conduct a population sub-analysis by demographics and geography for the population affected by these policy changes, analyze public safety outcomes associated with these short-term changes in incarceration policy, and recommend policy changes to safely and permanently reduce jail populations and better protect public safety with alternatives to incarceration.

Multiple Methodologies



Analysis of regional
crime statistics and
relevant policy changes



Analysis of local and
County public safety
and health data



Community feedback
through Advisory Group,
surveys, forums, and
ongoing dialogue



Methodology & Challenges

- Accurate linking of data across different systems and use of practitioner data for research purposes
- Selection of the “treatment” group – individuals out of custody due to COVID-19 policies
- Timeframe to sample “treatment” group to allow sufficient follow-up period
- Historical comparison group using propensity score matching on key variables
- Limitations: lack of random assignment and groups of interest may not be mutually exclusive, other variations over time that cannot be controlled

Research Goal 3:

Develop a set of comprehensive recommendations for short- and long-term actions and investments to expand access to alternatives to incarceration for justice involved individuals who do not pose a public safety threat.

What services are available?

What are barriers to receiving services?

What are client needs?

Where do gaps exist?

What are promising and effective programs?

What recommendations should be made regarding implementing or expanding programs to meet needs?



Research Question 4:

Analyze the costs, savings, and long-term fiscal impacts to Public Safety group departments, HHSA, and other aspects of County operations by shifting the County approach to public safety to prioritize “safety through services” and evidence-based alternatives to incarceration.

What savings to the County of San Diego would be realized (1, 5, 10, and 20 years) from having fewer individuals incarcerated locally?

What costs to the County of San Diego would there be (1, 5, 10, and 20 years) associated with providing needed services and programs in the community to individuals?



A photograph of several people holding hands in a circle, symbolizing community and support. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay. The people are wearing various clothing, including a yellow sweater, a checkered shirt, and a striped shirt.

Community Engagement

Advisory Group

- 10-15 individuals
- Application form in English and Spanish
- Virtual public meetings expected monthly
March 2022-February 2023
- Selection from diverse panel
- Deadline to apply March 15th, 5:00 p.m.
PST

Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Group Application

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Preferred Salutation: Mr. Ms. Dr. Other: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

How long have you lived in San Diego County? _____

Occupation: _____

Place of Employment: _____

1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this Advisory Group (if you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material).

2. Why do you want to become a member of this Advisory Group and what specific contributions do you hope to make?

3. List the community concerns related to this Advisory Group that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.

Web Site, Email, and Social Media

www.sandag.org/ATISStudy

ATISStudy@sandag.org

Up-to-date information on the project posted

Ability to share comments and feedback at any time

SANDAG Updates on Facebook and Twitter

Adults

Alternatives to Incarceration

In December 2021, SANDAG responded to a Request for Proposals (RFP) from the County of San Diego entitled "Data-Drive Approach to Protecting Public Safety, Improving and Expanding Rehabilitative Treatment and Services, and Advancing Equity Through Alternatives to Incarceration." SANDAG was notified by the County that it was selected for this contract, pending successful negotiations.

The County of San Diego released this RFP with an interest of partnering with a research entity who would be able to compile data and work with stakeholders to conduct a data-driven approach to identifying the primary policy drivers of reduced incarceration rates during the period of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

As part of this effort, SANDAG will identify available data, analyze jail population changes, conduct a gap analysis related to services and supports, review best evidence-based practices, make recommendations that incorporate feedback from diverse groups, prepare a comprehensive fiscal analysis, and publish a series of written reports and updates.

Advisory Group

An important component of this project will be ongoing communication and collaboration with an Advisory Group to be formed in March 2022. Individuals interested in applying to be a member of this Advisory Group are asked to complete the application available under downloads and return it to SANDAG at ATISStudy@SANDAG.org.

Applications are due on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 5 p.m. PST.

Stay Informed

If you would like to be added to this project's email distribution list, or if you have questions, comments, or feedback regarding this study, contact ATISStudy@sandag.org.



Community Survey



Community Forums

San Diego

SANDAG Progress to Date

- ✓ Contract signed January 21, 2022
- ✓ Working with County Public Safety staff to document and validate data
- ✓ Submitted Project Plan
- ✓ Submitted Preliminary Report
- ✓ Weekly meetings with County project team and bi-weekly meetings with Working Group
- ✓ Created Advisory Group application and selection process and posted application

Project Timeline Highlights (1 of 2)

April

- Share jail population data analysis with all stakeholders
- Community surveys

June

- Compile cost data, service data, and best practices information

March

- Advisory Group Selection and 1st Advisory Group Meeting
- Data preparation

May

- Community Forums
- Population recidivism analysis
- Present to the Board of Supervisors May 24th

July

- Analyze cost data and conduct gap analysis of service to needs

Project Timeline Highlights (2 of 2)



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