LA City Controller Kenneth Mejia Releases a Map of LAPD Arrests from 2019-2022

The Office of LA City Controller Kenneth Mejia today released a map and analysis of the nearly 300,000 arrests by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) from 2019-2022. The data was obtained from the Los Angeles Police Department, but marks the first time the data has been made accessible and mapped for the public.

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The map for each year of arrests shows locations and details of the arrests, and users can filter by race, Council District, LAPD Division, and arrest type.

As the map highlights, Brown and Black people are arrested at a disproportionate rate, making up an average of 78.26% of all arrests over the past four years (2019-2022) despite being only 56% of the LA City population according to 2020 Census data.
For almost every year, Council District 14 leads all other districts for the total number of arrests. In 2021, it came in second to Council District 8 by a difference of only 3 arrests.
The LAPD arrest types fall into five categories identified by the LAPD: (1) felony, (2) misdemeanor, (3) infractions, (4) dependent, and (5) other.

Analysis of the arrest data shows that the LAPD makes more arrests for misdemeanor and infraction offenses than for felonies. In a pre-pandemic Los Angeles, the LAPD made 55,954 arrests for misdemeanors and infractions compared to 33,663 arrests for felonies. From 2020 through 2022, the misdemeanor and infractions arrests continued to outpace the felony arrests.
The map also highlights that LAPD makes over 400 arrests each year in the “dependent” category. This category includes children who are taken into custody because their parent or guardian has been accused of abuse, neglect, or endangerment, and children who are deemed to be runaways or beyond parental control. The data available is unclear about the nature of these interactions, but raises questions about the frequency that children and youth are coming into contact with the LAPD.

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