

Public Safety Realignment in Contra Costa County



Fiscal Year 2018-19 Community Report



What is Public Safety Realignment?

In response to prison overcrowding, the Public Safety Realignment Act, AB 109, took effect in California on October 1, 2011 and transferred the responsibility of supervising individuals incarcerated for specific low-level offenses from the state to the county.

The primary objective of AB 109 is to reduce the jail population and recidivism while ensuring public safety.

In the spirit of transparency and community knowledge, this report offers a brief overview of the AB 109 funded services the county provided during the fiscal year 2018-19.



Reentry in Contra Costa County



Upon release from custody, individuals are referred to either the Reentry Success Center (RSC) or the Reentry Network, according to their region of residence. The RSC primarily serves West County residents and the Reentry Network serves residents returning to Central and East County.

Both the RSC and Reentry Network act as hubs where returning residents can be connected to a broad range of services including housing, employment, substance abuse treatment, legal, educational, family reunification, and peer-to-peer mentoring. These service hubs ensure smooth transitions and easy access for those returning to the community.

The Reentry Population



We envision a county where individuals involved with or impacted by the justice system are treated fairly; have the opportunity to make meaningful, positive contributions; and help build a safe and healthy community.

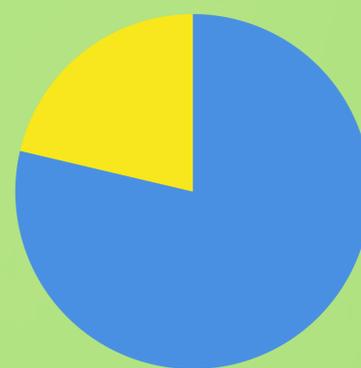


Race/Ethnicity Distribution



Black (43.41%) White (26.82%) Hispanic (17.05%)
Other (12.73%)

Gender Distribution



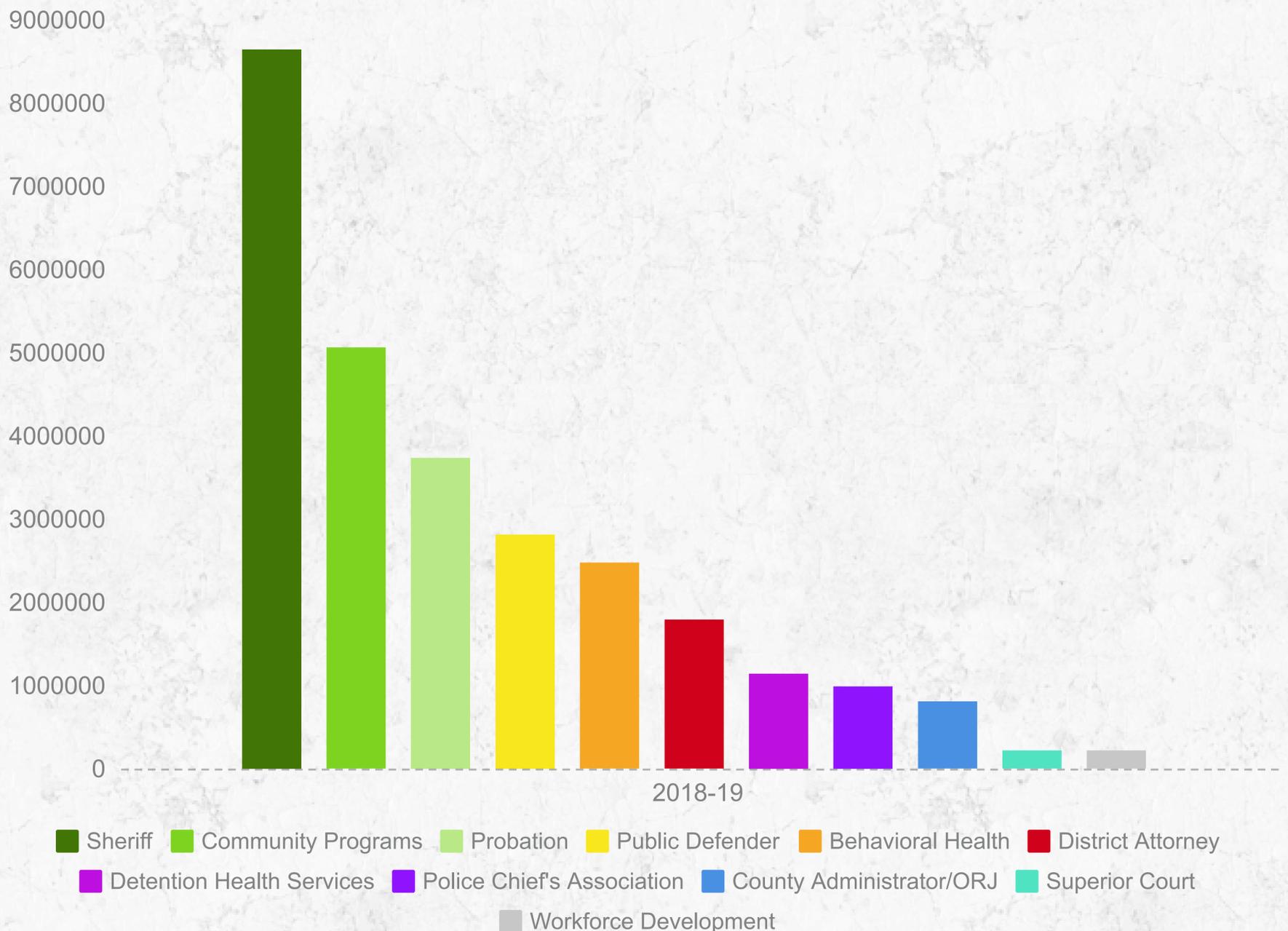
Male (78.69%) Female (21.31%)

Summary

While a good proportion of the reentry population did not declare their racial/ethnic identity, the population that did and returned to the community during the 2018-19 fiscal year is primarily men of color.

* Data presented is sourced from the County's AB 109 SAFE database and reflects Intakes throughout the 2018-19 fiscal year.

AB 109 Budget



Summary

With the goal of decreasing the jail population and reducing recidivism, the Board of Supervisors approved and allocated a total budget of \$27,885,959 to serve the needs of the AB 109 population.

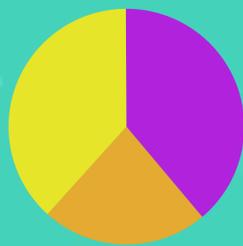
Recognizing the need for an inclusive reentry system where all returning residents can access services regardless of their AB 109 status, the Public Safety Realignment budget provides services to all residents returning to their community from custody within the last 3 years.

Community-Based Services Provided

1269

of justice involved individuals who received services from community-based providers throughout the County*

Distribution of Individuals Served by Region



West (38.96%) Central (22.79%) East (38.25%)



Bay Area Legal Aid provides legal services to individuals returning to the community from custody. Services range from health care to tenants' rights. In 2018-19, Bay Area Legal served 74 individuals.



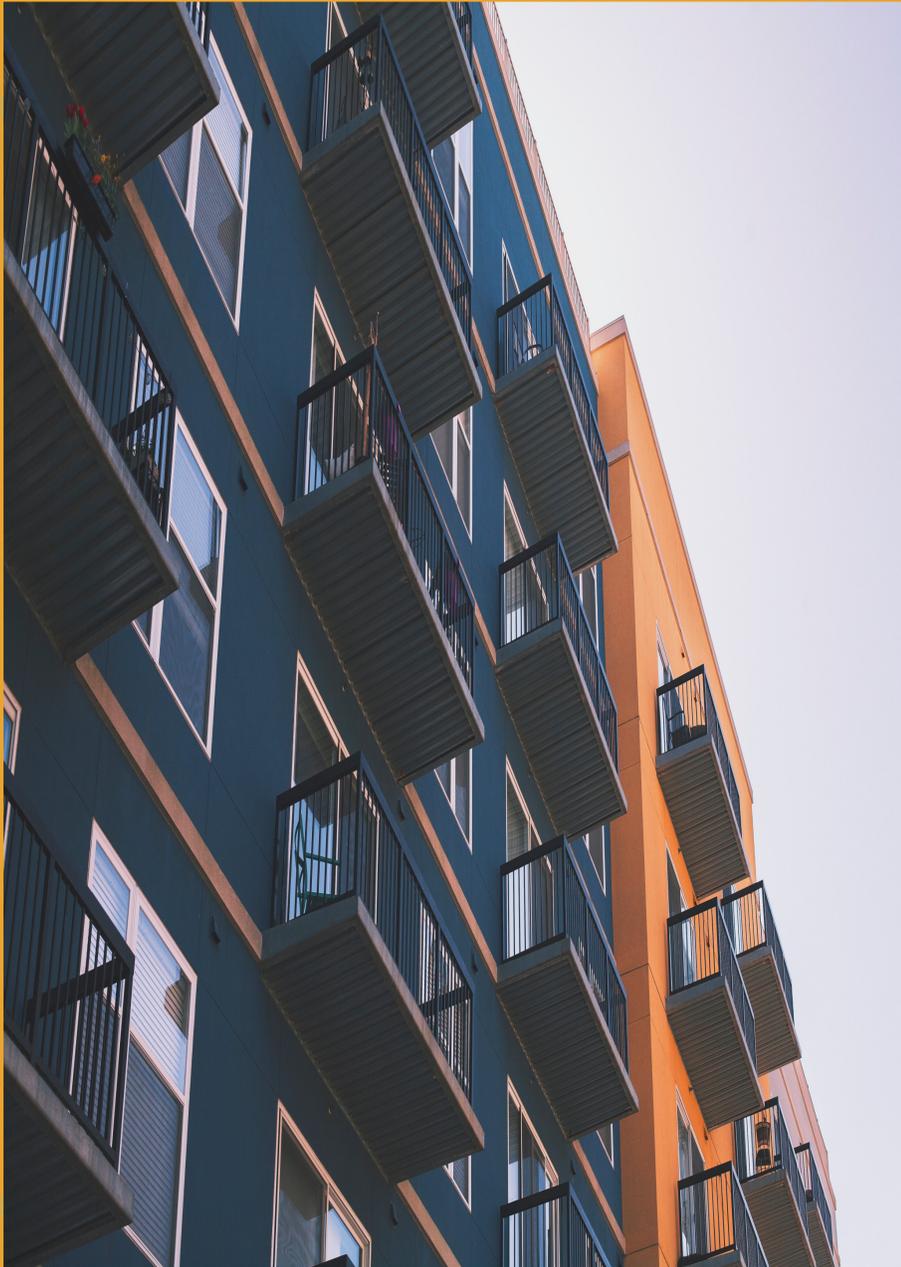
Rubicon offers employment support and placement services along with a variety of other support services such as financial stability workshops, legal services, domestic violence prevention, and anger management. In 2018-19 Rubicon served over 300 individuals who returned to the community.



Fast Eddie's provides workforce training and placement in the automotive industry. In 2018-19, Fast Eddie's served 28 returning individuals.

*Data presented is sourced from the County's AB 109 SAFE database as well as quarterly reports provided by community based service providers.

Community-Based Services Provided



Housing is a critical aspect of reentry success and stability as well as in reducing returns to custody.

SHELTER, Inc provides short and long term housing programs and services to individuals reentering the community from custody. In 2018-19 SHELTER, Inc served over 130 individuals from the community.

Ms. Shirliz Transitional provides a sober living program in East County where individuals are encouraged and supported to maintain sobriety. In 2018-19, Ms. Shirliz provided extended housing services to a 49 individuals returning to the community.

All returning residents who access services with either the Reentry Success Center or the Reentry Network are given the opportunity to work with a peer mentor from Men and Women of Purpose. Peer mentors are members of the community who work one-on-one with each individual. Mentors provide support, guidance, opportunity, encouragement, and advice. Establishing social support networks such as these allows for smoother transitions for those returning home.



Community Corrections Partnership

Todd Billeci, Chief Probation Officer
David O. Livingston, Sheriff of Contra Costa County
Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender
Guy Swanger, Concord Chief of Police (2018)
Tammany Brooks, Antioch Chief of Police (2019)
Diana Becton, District Attorney
Jim Paulsen, Superior Court Designee
Vacant, Victim's Representative
Donna Van Wert, Workforce Development Board
Kathy Gallagher, Employment and Human Services
Matthew White, Behavioral Health Services
David Twa, County Administrator
Fatima Matal Sol, Alcohol and Other Drug Services
Lynn Mackey, County Superintendent of Schools
Patrice Guillory, Community Based Programs



Community-Based Partners

- Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg, Richmond and Walnut Creek Police Depts.
- Behavioral health service providers
- Bay Area Legal Aid
- Center for Human Development
- Centerforce
- Fast Eddie's Automotive Services
- Goodwill
- HealthRight360, operating the Central-East County Reentry Network
- Men and Women of Purpose
- Mz. Shirliz Transitional
- Rubicon Programs, operating the Reentry Success Center
- SHELTER, Inc.

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