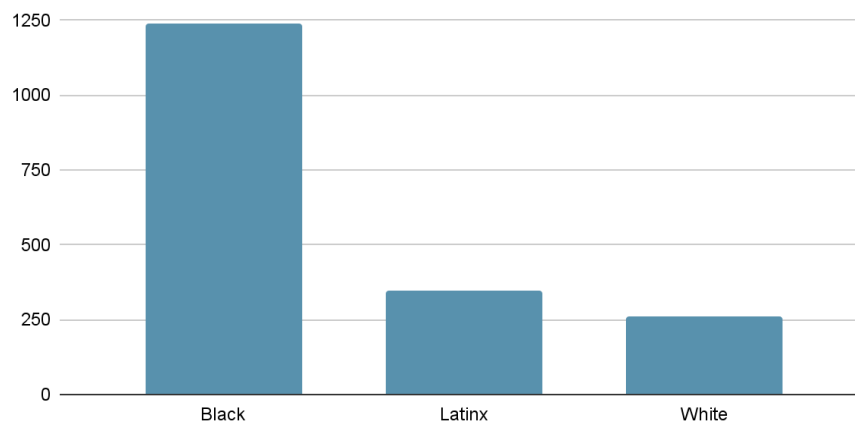


Key Statistics & Solutions

- Black Americans are incarcerated in state prisons at nearly 5 times the rate of white Americans⁴
- Latinx Americans are incarcerated at 1.3 times the rate of white Americans⁴
- The poverty rate for Black Americans is 19.5% compared to 8.1% for white Americans⁴
- Hate crimes against Asian Americans rose 73% in 2020⁴
- 32.9% of prisoners in America are Black and 23.3% are Latinx, despite Black people only making up 12.3% of the population and Latinx people 18.3%⁴

Average Rate of Black, Latinx, and White Incarceration Per 100,000 Residents



Eliminate mandatory sentences for all crimes

Mandatory minimum sentences, habitual offender laws, and mandatory transfer of juveniles to the adult criminal system give prosecutors too much authority while limiting the discretion of impartial judges. These policies contributed to a substantial increase in sentence length and time served in prison, disproportionately imposing unduly harsh sentences on Black and Latinx Individuals.

Decriminalize low-level drug offenses.

Discontinue arrest and prosecutions for low-level drug offenses which often lead to the accumulation of prior convictions which accumulate disproportionately in communities of color. These convictions generally drive further and deeper involvement in the criminal legal system.

Endnotes

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