POLICING
TRANSITIONAL-AGED YOUTH
IN CULVER CITY

AN ANALYSIS OF ARRESTS BY THE CULVER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (2016-2018)
A MILLION DOLLAR HOODS REPORT

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Between January 1, 2016 and July 15, 2018, the Culver City Police Department (CCPD) reported making 5,100 adult arrests. Consistent with state[1] and national[2] trends, arrests in Culver City are highly concentrated among transitional-aged youth (TAY), being persons 18 to 25 years old. That eight-year age bracket experiences 35% of all arrests. Notably, the racial disparities in CCPD arrests[3] are most severe within the TAY age bracket. Black and Brown young adults comprise the overwhelming majority (82%) of TAY arrests. Misdemeanor charges, led by petty theft and driving on an invalid/suspended license, constituted 65% of all charges against TAYs arrested by CCPD during this time period. This data suggests that policing Black and Brown young adults, largely on misdemeanor charges, is an important driver both of CCPD's total volume of arrests and also of racial disparities in CCPD arrests.

TEN MOST-FREQUENT CCPD ARREST CHARGES FOR TRANSITIONAL-AGED YOUTH

CHARGE CATEGORY	% OF CHARGES
PETTY THEFT	19%
DRIVING WITH INVALID/SUSPENDED LICENSE	12%
DRUG POSSESSION	11%
OUTSTANDING WARRANT	9%
POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA	4%
ROBBERY	4%
BURGLARY	4%
FRAUD/FORGERY/IDENTITY THEFT/EMBEZZLEMENT	3%
GRAND THEFT	3%
DUI	3%

ARRESTS BY AGE GROUP

18-25 (TAY) — 35%
26-35 — 33%
36-45 — 16%
46-55 — 11%
56-65 — 4%
66+ — 1%
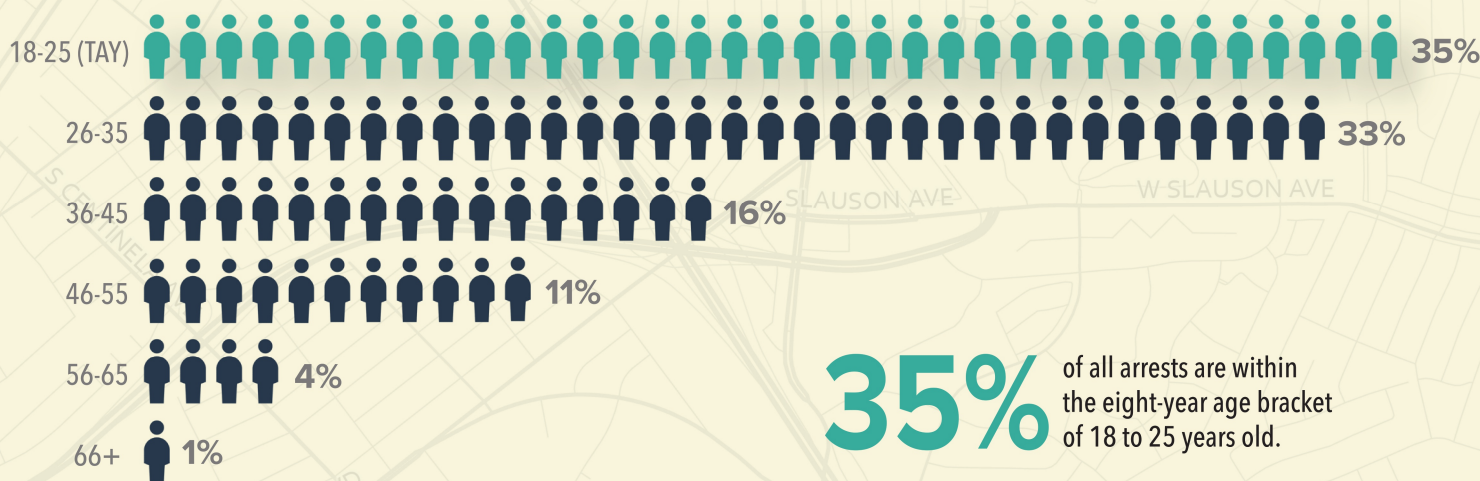
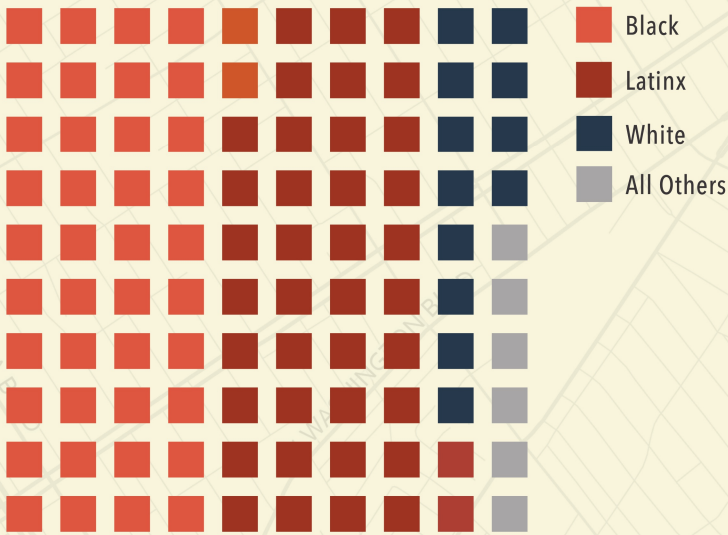**35%** of all arrests are within the eight-year age bracket of 18 to 25 years old.

ARRESTS OF TRANSITIONAL-AGED YOUTH BY RACE

Legend:
- Black
- Latinx
- White
- All Others

82%
BLACK AND BROWN YOUTH COMPRISE THE MAJORITY OF TAY ARRESTS

ARRESTS BY CHARGE LEVEL FOR TRANSITIONAL-AGED YOUTH

4%
31%
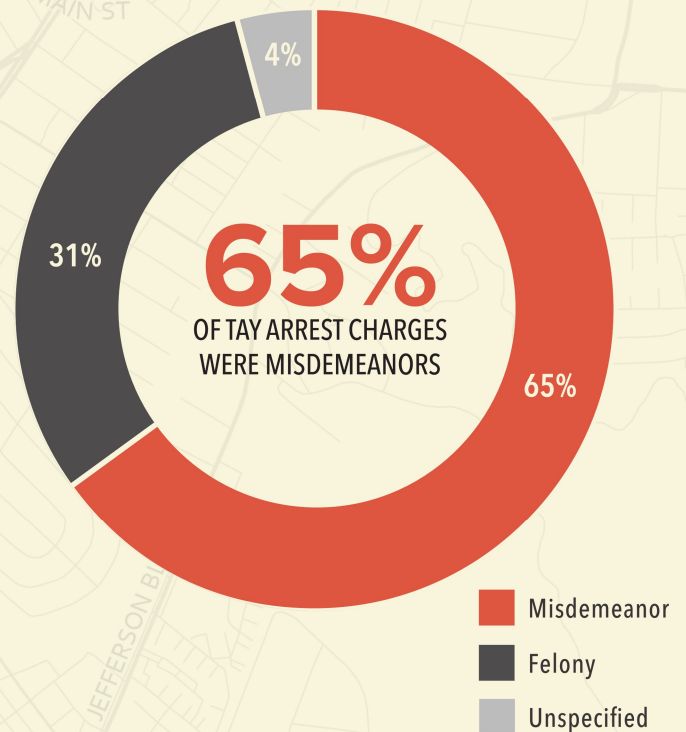
65%
OF TAY ARREST CHARGES WERE MISDEMEANORS

65%

Legend:
- Misdemeanor
- Felony
- Unspecified

Methodology: In response to a California Public Records Act request submitted by Professor Kelly Lytle Hernández, CCPD provided the MDH data team datasets including more than 20 categories of information on all adult arrests made by CCPD between January 1, 2016 to July 15, 2018. This dataset does not include arrests for persons 17 years old or younger. For this report, we utilized the following categories of information: Race, Date of Arrest, Date of Birth, and Charge Code. Most-frequent charges are derived from the sum of all charges in the datasets, including single arrests with multiple charges. When any single arrest includes both a misdemeanor and felony charge, the felony charge takes precedent in calculating the charge level for that given arrest. The most-frequent charge categories include the following charge codes: Theft (PC 484 and 537); Driving on a Suspended License or Without a Valid License (VC 14601.1, 14601.2, and 12500); Drug Possession (HS 11377, 11350, 11550, and 11375(B); Warrants include both CCPD and Outside CCPD Warrants (all non-specific); Possession of Paraphernalia (HS 11364); DUI (VC 23152 and 23153); Burglary (PC 459); Robbery (PC 211 and 212.5); Grand Theft (PC 487).

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