



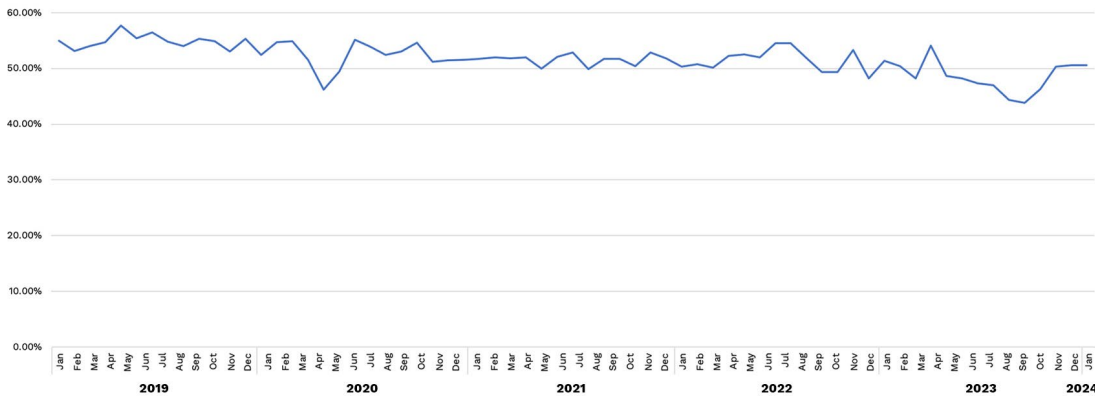
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ACCOUNTABILITY & EFFECTIVE CHARGING PRACTICES

- The District Attorney’s Office has implemented charging policies that improve **public safety** while reducing the impact of the criminal justice system on people accused of crimes where data has shown that prosecution has no meaningful public safety benefit.

FELONY FILING RATES



*The filing rates for violent crimes presented to the District Attorney’s office by law enforcement have **remained consistent**. Under D.A. Gascón’s leadership, we have refocused our misdemeanor prosecutions away from cases associated only with addiction, while prioritizing those misdemeanors where violence--especially domestic violence--occurs.*

- In 2023, D.A. Gascón launched the office’s first-ever **Labor Justice Unit** (LJU). The LJU dedicates a team of seasoned prosecutors and investigators to focus specifically on the enforcement of labor laws, and the LJU has already seen success in filing wage theft, unfair labor practices, exploitation of workers, and failure to pay overtime cases.
- Environmental justice** recognizes that the fair and equitable distribution of environmental benefits and burdens across all communities, regardless of their socio-economic status, race, or ethnicity, is critical to public safety. In June 2023, D.A. Gascón announce the filing of **22 felony counts** and two misdemeanor counts against Atlas Iron and Metal Corporation and its owners for environmental crimes that affected Jordan High School in Watts.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

- In 2023, LADA **charged 48 cases against 56 law enforcement personnel** for crimes ranging from DUI to voluntary manslaughter. To date, the Gascón administration has **charged 140 cases against 153 law enforcement personnel**.
- Under D.A. Gascón’s leadership, the Office has also filed more criminal cases arising out of on-duty officer involved shootings than it had over the course of the prior combined 20 years. D.A Gascón has filed **ten criminal cases** involving the on-duty use of unreasonable force on 17 officers, and **six cases** arising from on-duty officer-involved shootings against eight officers, for a total of **sixteen cases involving 25 officers from 2021 through 2023**. By comparison, the Lacey administration filed one officer involved shooting case from 2012 to 2020 and the Cooley administration filed none from 2000 to 2012.



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ADVANCING VICTIM SERVICES

- Inspired by an LA Times Op-Ed co-authored by District Attorney Gascón in early 2023, Assemblymember Miguel Santiago joined forces with the DA and community advocates to author a bill that would encourage **undocumented crime survivors and witnesses** to come forward by protecting them from deportation. AB 1261, the “Immigrant Rights Act,” was signed into law by Governor Newsom in October 2023.

JUSTICE REFORM

- Under D.A. Gascón, the Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU), which reviews claims of factual innocence and wrongful convictions, was **tripled** in size. To date, **six people have been exonerated**.
- While District Attorney Gascón ended the general practice of charging children as adults on the first day of his administration, he also recognizes that each case involves its own unique set of circumstances and facts. As a result of this policy shift, **only ten juvenile cases warranted transfer to adult court**. Since 2021, at least **747 youth have been kept out of the adult court system**, and instead addressed their cases in juvenile court, as a result of D.A. Gascón’s youth justice policy.
- D.A. Gascón established the office’s Resentencing Unit (RU) during his first year in office. In the last three years, approximately **244 individuals have been resentenced**. Out of the 187 people whose resentencing has so far resulted in their release, none have been convicted of a new offense, resulting in a 0% recidivism rate.
- District Attorney Gascón **ended the practice of seeking the death penalty** upon taking office on Dec. 7, 2020, drawing to a close decades of past practice that saw Los Angeles send more people to death row than any other county in the United States. LADA has also **resentenced 29 people on California’s death row to life without the possibility of parole**, in the interest of justice. The vast majority suffer from intellectual or cognitive disabilities, or brain damage. 72% are Black, 17% are Latino, two are white, and one is Asian.



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COMMUNITY ACCESS

- In 2023, District Attorney Gascón convened **two additional Community Advisory Boards** to represent the Latine and Interfaith communities. The two boards join the Crime Victims, African American, LGBTQ+ and AAPI Advisory Boards, each group representing members of our community who are the most impacted and/or marginalized by the Los Angeles County justice system. These **six** boards serve as a vital bridge between LADA and the communities we represent.