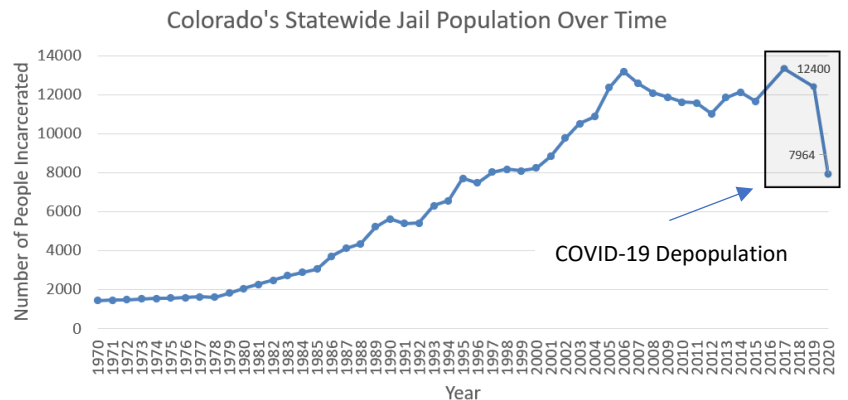


It's time to reverse the trend of CO's exploding jail population

- Before COVID, **over 12,000 people** slept in Colorado jails every night, an **800% increase** since the 1970s.
- **Why did our jail population grow exponentially?**
 - The pretrial population drove the increase – **60% of people in jail are unconvicted** and are only jailed because they cannot afford to pay money bond.
 - Jails have become our **first response to homelessness, substance abuse & mental illness**, even though jail staff lack the expertise or resources to address these societal problems.
 - Failed **broken windows policing** and the **war on drugs** have filled our jails with people accused of low-level crimes who pose no public safety risk.
- **Mass incarceration harms our most vulnerable communities.**
 - **Black, Indigenous and Latino** people are disproportionately policed and arrested compared to White people, and they are more likely to have money bond set, more likely to face higher bond amounts and more likely to be detained pretrial.
 - **People with disabilities**. People in jail are 4 times more likely to have disabilities, and more than half of people in jail have psychiatric disabilities.

SB21-62 ensures jails are reserved for people who pose a safety threat.

- SB21-62 takes lessons from the COVID-19 crisis, where sheriffs, judges, public defenders and DAs worked to save lives by safely reducing Colorado's jail population by reserving jail beds for people who pose a safety risk to others.



- SB21-62 adopts a narrow set of COVID-19 jail population reduction policies aimed at keeping people accused of **low-level crimes out of jail** while leaving wide discretion to arrest and hold people who pose a public safety threat:
 - ***Increase use of summons in lieu of arrest.*** SB21-62 increases officer discretion to issue summons, requires summons for low-level offenses, and increases summons for misdemeanors and low-level felonies when there is no safety risk or concern about ongoing criminal behavior. Arrest still mandatory for domestic violence.
 - ***Decrease use of cash bonds.*** SB21-62 limits the use of money bonds to cases where there is a safety or a flight risk, but does not apply to high-level felonies.
 - ***Empower sheriffs to continue to safely manage county jail populations.*** SB21-62 ensures Sheriffs can institute safe jail population reduction policies in their jail.

Save taxpayer money. With a daily incarceration cost of \$98.83 per person, sustained jail population reductions could save local communities millions each year.

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Colorado has an opportunity to save money, families and lives

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