

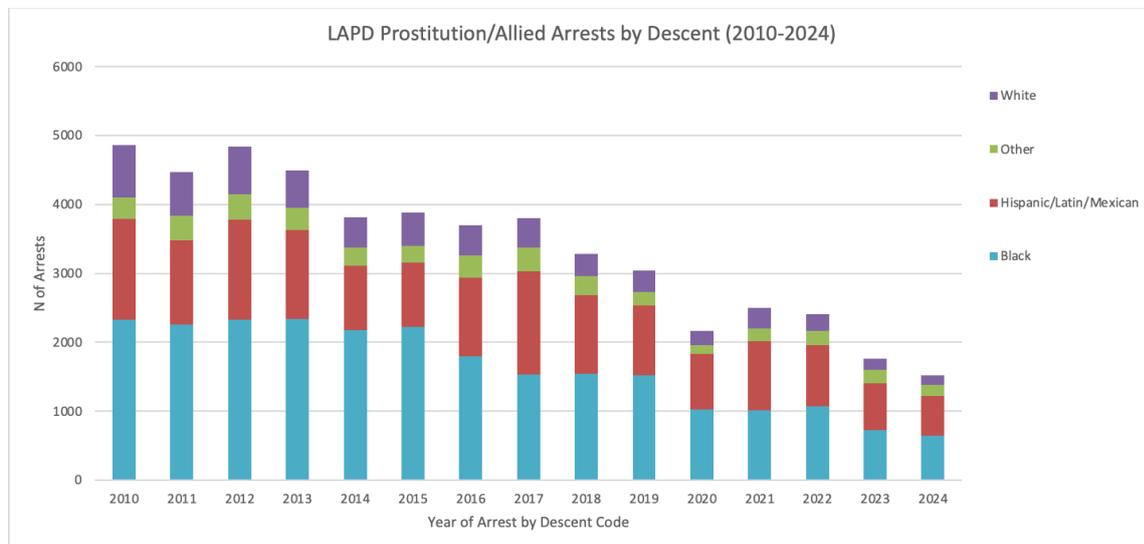
Policing of Prostitution and Human Trafficking in Modern Day Los Angeles

We, researchers from York University in Toronto, Canada, are engaged in ongoing analysis of open source LAPD arrest data. Preliminary findings have been prepared, as they pertain to AB 379’s guise of minor protection.

LAPD Arrests: Prostitution/Allied Charge Group¹ (Jan 2010-Mar² 2025)

As per negative binomial regression models:

- Black individuals faced nearly 4 times the likelihood of arrest compared to White individuals (B = 1.347, IRR = 3.845 p < .001)
- Hispanic/Latin/Mexican individuals were more than 3.5 times as likely to be arrested compared to White individuals (B = 1.264, IRR = 3.538, p < .001)
- Black women were found to be nearly twice as likely to be arrested compared to Black men (B = 0.651, IRR = 1.917, p < .001).
- White women had a significantly higher likelihood of arrest—almost three times that of White men (B = 1.047, IRR= 2.85, p < .001).
- Hispanic/Latin/Mexican women were significantly less likely to be arrested than Hispanic/Latin/Mexican men (B = -1.900, IRR = 0.150, p < .001).³
- Accounting for only 8.5% of the Los Angeles (city) population, Black individuals make up 47.8% of Prostitution/Allied arrests by LAPD



¹ Charges included in LAPD Charge Group Description 13 (Prostitution/Allied): 266APC; 266EPC; 266FPC; 266H(A)PC; 266H(B)1PC; 266H(B)2PC; 266H(B)PC; 266HBPCUND; 266HPC; 266HPCPIM; 266I(A)1PC; 266I(A)2PC; 266I(A)3PC; 266I(A)6PC; 266I(A)PC; 266I(B)1PC; 266I(B)2PC; 266IAPCPAN; 266IBPCOVR; 266IPC; 266IPCPAN; 266JPC; 266PC; 315PC; 316PC; 647(B)(1)PC; 647(B)(2)PC; 647(B)(3)PC; 647(B)PC; 647FPC; 653.22(A)PC; 653.22PC; 653.23A1PC; 674(B)(1)PC; A266I(A)2PC

https://data.lacity.org/Public-Safety/Arrest-Data-from-2010-to-2019/yr6-6re4/about_data

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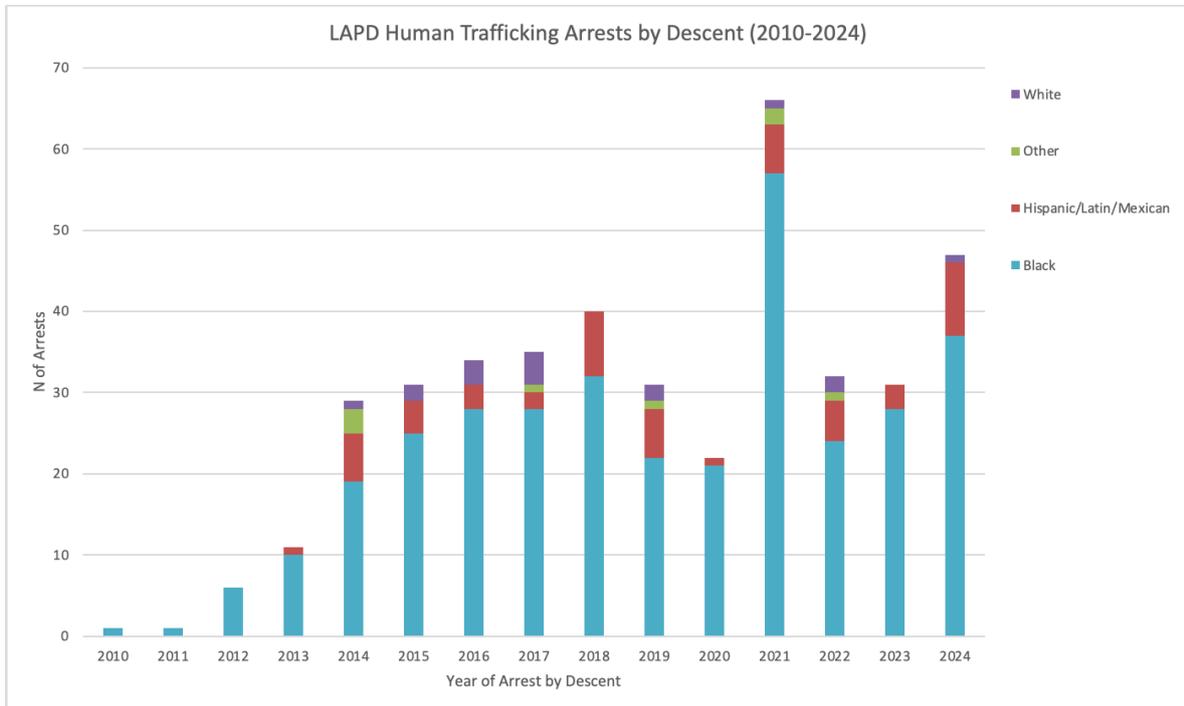
² March 2025 represents a partial month, as the month was not yet completed when data was accessed on March 6th, 2025. 2025 was removed from visualisation to compare only completed years.

³ We interpret this information, and all sex related statistics cautiously. Given LAPD data exclusively provides sex assigned at birth, the realities of trans sex workers are erased.

LAPD Arrests: Human Trafficking⁴ (Jan 2010-Mar⁵ 2025)

As per descriptive statistics:

- While the rate of Prostitution/Allied related arrests has declined over the last 15 years, Human Trafficking arrests have risen. From 2010-2019, there were 219 Human Trafficking arrests made by LAPD. In nearly half the time of 2020-Mar 2025, LAPD has already made 210 arrests.
- Black Individuals—again, making up only 8.5% of the Los Angeles (City) population—account for 81.5% of Human Trafficking arrests by LAPD.



AB 379

As per descriptive statistics:

With specific attention to AB 379, the recriminization of loitering is especially concerning given patterns of LAPD arrests. Using data from Jan 2010-Mar 2025, historic loitering arrests (under: 653.22PC; 653.22(A)PC) show Black individuals made up 65.2% (8,365/12,838) of arrests, whereas Latino/a’s made up 20.9% (2,686/12,838) of arrests. The two groups respectively make up only 8.5% and 47.2% of Los Angeles (city) population. White individuals, despite making up 37.3% of the Los Angeles (city) population, represent only 10.4% of loitering arrests by LAPD in the same period.

Arrests where victims were minors, make less than 0.01% of all LAPD Prostitution/Allied arrests⁶ (85/51,465). Per LAPD Human Trafficking arrests, 236.1(C) (VICTIM UNDER 18 YRS) make up 59.5% (251/422) of all LAPD Human

⁴ Human Trafficking arrests were filtered by charges: 236.1(A)PC; 236.1(B)PC; 236.1(C)PC https://data.lacity.org/Public-Safety/Arrest-Data-from-2010-to-2019/yr6-6re4/about_data https://data.lacity.org/Public-Safety/Arrest-Data-from-2020-to-Present/amvf-fr72/about_data

⁵ March 2025 represents a partial month, as the month was not yet completed when data was accessed on March 6th, 2025. 2025 was removed from visualisation to compare only completed years.

⁶ Victim as minor (Prostitution/Allied) arrests include: 266I(B)1PC; 266I(B)2PC; 266IBPCOVR; 266H(B)PC; 266H(B)1PC; 266H(B)2PC; 266HBPCUND; 266JPC; 266PC.

Trafficking arrests. It should be noted however, 236.1(C) is encompassing all types of Human Trafficking, and could contain counts where sexual exploitation is not present. Hence, rhetoric to increase protections for minors under AB 379 ignores existing, and underused criminalization laws per prostitution related charges, and further ignores existing Human Trafficking statutes specifically designed to protect minors. In essence, criminal statutes already exist—with a specific and tailored focus to minor protection.

AB 379 presents serious concern. The re-criminalization of offences such as loitering, in addition to vague and subjective language under the guise of minor protection, **is likely to criminalize Black and Latino/a residents at rates in clear violation of the California Racial Justice Act.**