

Girls in the California Justice System

90% of girls in the California justice system are Latina, Black, or more than one racial identity*



Compared with one white girl from the general population that ends up in the justice system,



a Latina girl is twice as likely,



a Black girl is six times more likely,



and a girl with more than one racial or ethnic identity is twenty times more likely to end up in the justice system.

*Groups with less than 3% of the population were not included in the formal analysis. Preliminary results suggest that Native American girls are eight times more likely than white girls to enter the juvenile justice system and that Asian girls are less likely than white girls to enter the justice system.

Over 40% of girls in the California justice system are lesbian, bisexual, and questioning (LBQ)



Compared with one white, straight girl from the general population that ends up in the justice system,



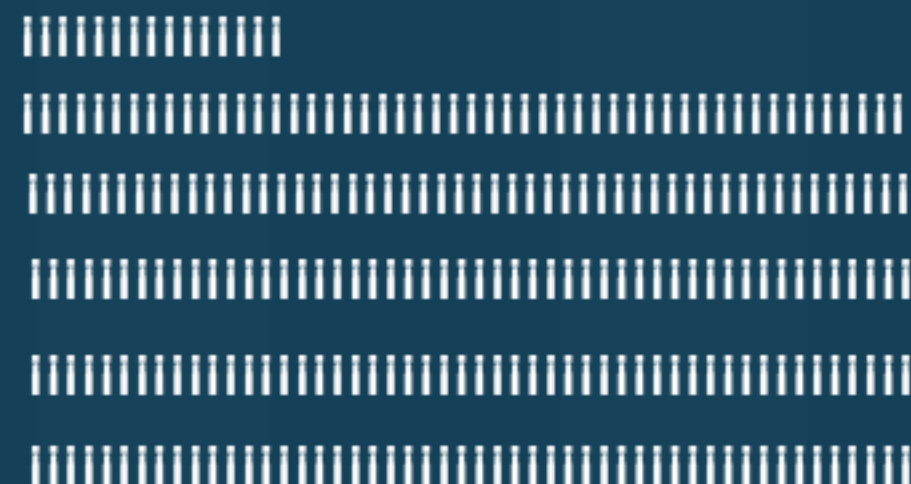
a white, LBQ girl is eight times more likely,



a Latina, LBQ girl is fifteen times more likely,



a Black, LBQ girl is seventy-one times more likely



and a girl who is LBQ with more than one racial or ethnic identity is 265 times more likely to enter the justice system.

*Groups with less than 3% of the population were not included in the formal analysis. Preliminary results suggest that Native American, LBQ girls are eighty times more likely than white straight girls to enter the juvenile justice system and that Asian LBQ girls are less likely than white straight girls to enter the justice system.

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