

Criminal Justice Leadership Alliance
“United to implement justice system innovation”



New Orleans Safe City Initiative

Criminal Justice Leadership Seminar

January 28, 2010

FACT SHEET

Criminal Justice Statistics

- The arrest rate in New Orleans is more than 3 times the national average. New Orleans arrests 14,427 out of 100,000 residents, compared to the national average of 4,638.
- The detention rate in New Orleans is more than 4 times the national average. New Orleans detains 10.52 persons in jail for every 1,000 residents, compared to the national average of 2.58. Even if all state sentenced prisoners are excluded, New Orleans’s detention rate is still more than 3 times the national average.
- The violent crime rate in New Orleans is more than twice the national average. New Orleans has 920 violent crimes per 100,000 residents, compared to the national average of 455.
- Only 3 percent of arrests in New Orleans are for violent felonies. 51 percent of arrests are for misdemeanor, municipal, or traffic offenses.

Criminal Justice Expenditures

New Orleans spends \$147 million—nearly one-third of its \$463 million budget—on criminal justice.

Agency	2010 Budget
Police Department	\$ 109,000,000
Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff’s Office	\$ 20,489,901
District Attorney’s Office	\$ 5,689,519
Juvenile Court	\$ 3,236,427
Municipal Court	\$ 1,763,882
Traffic Court	\$ 940,706
Clerk of Court	\$ 3,260,000
Criminal District Court	\$ 2,560,196
Total	\$ 146,940,631