



BACK ON TRACK

LOS ANGELES

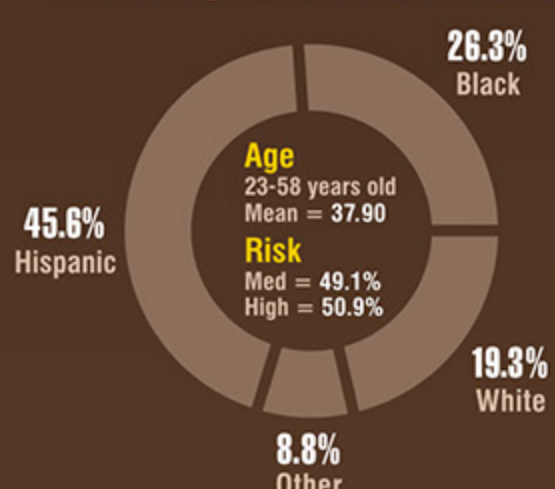
BOT-LA, a pilot program designed to reduce recidivism and provide an ex-offender with resources and skills for successful reentry, was launched March 2015. The evidence-based program addresses the repeat offender—those with the highest risk to recidivate. The following data is a first look at those participating in the program.

The following report includes data reported through May 31, 2016.

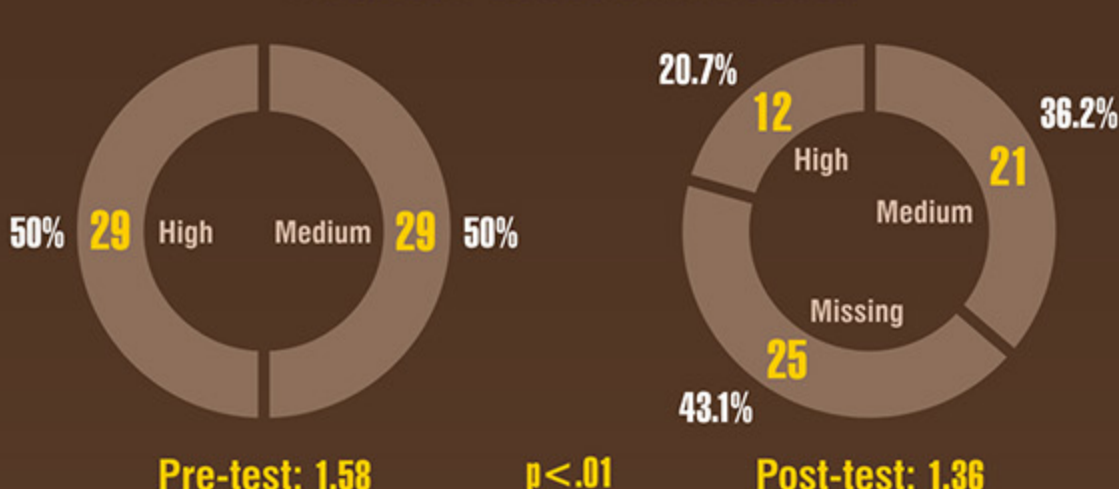
Participants

Since its launch, 57 participants between the ages of 23 and 58 and, all medium-to-high risk to recidivate, have completed the BOT-LA program. A decrease in recidivism risk level has been observed for participants that have taken both a pre-test and post-test COMPAS¹ risk assessment. Of the participants, 45.6% are Hispanic, 26.3% are Black and 19.3% are White.

Participant Information



COMPAS Risk Assessment



¹a validated risk-needs tool used to assess individuals' risk to recidivate and common criminogenic needs.

Criminal History

The participants have been arrested an average of 20 times, spanning from 1 to 64 arrests. The convictions from these arrests range from 1 to 31 with an overall average conviction rate of 10. Drug crimes represent the largest offense category for both arrests and convictions.

Arrests

Drug Crimes: 0-27 Mean=8.70
Person Crimes: 0-8 Mean=1.46
Property Crimes: 0-20 Mean=5.11
Total Crimes: 1-64 Mean=19.75



Convictions

Drug Crimes: 0-12 Mean=3.67
Person Crimes: 0-3 Mean=0.18
Property Crimes: 0-7 Mean=1.61
Total Crimes: 1-31 Mean=10.16

Cognitive Behavioral Training

Cognitive Behavior Training (CBT) is an evidence-based intervention that helps offenders change pro-criminal, destructive thoughts, beliefs and values that underlie criminal thinking. As part of the core BOT-LA programming, all participants must complete the 26-week Thinking for a Change curriculum. The Aggression Replacement Training and the Cognitive Behavior Intervention for Substance Abuse curricula are completed on an as needed basis. The following data reports differences between pre-test (prior to program entry) and post-test (prior to release from custody) scores.

Course Completers



TCU Drug Screener V*

Scores indicate a reduction in BOT-LA participant substance abuse disorder.



*Scores reported are based on classification change, not changes in raw scores

TCU Criminal Thinking Scale

Possible scores can range from 10 to 50 with higher scores indicating the participant engages in more criminal thinking.



Criminal Rationalization **

**statistically significant at the p<.05 level



Personal Irresponsibility ***

***trends towards statistically significant at the p<.05 level; p= .07

In-Custody Activities



Education

Empirical evidence shows that the less education an offender has attained, the more likely he or she is to recidivate. A meta-analysis by the RAND Corporation found that participation in educational offerings while in custody—including high school, college courses, and career-technical education—reduces recidivism. BOT-LA has followed the RAND research recommendations and provided high school, college, and career-technical course opportunities.

High School Diplomas = 14

Career Technical Education Certificates

- Welding I (9); Welding II (6); Welding III (6)
- Construction (13)
- Painting I (10); Painting II (7)

Transferrable College Credits Earned = 72

Academic College Courses Completed = 18



Reentry Planning

Participants engage in additional program components to ensure foundational life skills, employment readiness, and to address reentry barriers prior to release from incarceration. Participants meet with a dedicated case manager who documents their needs and tracks progress toward reducing those needs. Participants attend life skills seminar offerings, employment readiness sessions, and reentry coordination meetings.

Reentry Planning Sessions = 8

Participants Per Case Manager = 27 to 1

Housing Placement = 15

- 7 Transitional Housing/Sober Living
- 8 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment

Tattoo Removal = 20 Served

Identification Cards Issued = 15

Birth Certificates Issued = 29

Reentry Kits Issued = 42

Return Destination

- Transitional Housing/Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility = 15
- Stay with Family and Friends = 5
- Home = 5
- Unknown = 18

Participants That Completed The Life Skills Course = 52

Resume Building = 52



Recidivism

Although the BOT-LA pilot has been in operation for just over a year, 46 of the 57 participants who have completed the program have been released into the community. Of the 46 participants released, eight have been rearrested—resulting in a 17.39% rearrest rate. The Attorney General is committed to producing a rigorous outcome evaluation of BOT-LA. Work is underway to establish a control group to further evaluate the success of the of the BOT-LA reentry program.

Rearrest Rate

17.39%



8 out of 46

¹Days released from custody: mean = 147, range = 3 to 269