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Passed in 2011 by the California Legislature, Public Safety Realignment shifted to counties the responsibility for monitoring, tracking, and incarcerating lower-level offenders previously bound for state prison. In brief, AB 109 (and AB 117, a companion bill) altered both sentencing and post-prison supervision for the newly statutorily classified “non-serious, non-violent, non-sex” offenders. To better appreciate the extent and ramifications of the legislation, the Stanford Criminal Justice Center undertook a number of research projects to analyze decision-making and resource allocation within California’s 58 counties.