

Lorraine asked this question of GROK Artificial Intelligence: *“In the large crowds--like Los Angeles now--are there hundreds of Port-a-Potties scattered around?”*

Information on the specific deployment of portable toilets (Port-a-Potties) during large crowd events or protests in Los Angeles in June 2025 is limited. However, based on available data and general practices for managing large crowds, here's what can be inferred:

Recent Protests in Los Angeles (June 2025): Protests in Los Angeles, sparked by immigration raids starting June 6, 2025, have drawn significant crowds, particularly in areas like downtown Los Angeles, Compton, and Paramount. These protests, which escalated with clashes involving law enforcement and the National Guard, were not pre-planned events with extensive logistical setups like festivals or concerts. A post on X from June 9, 2025, specifically noted the absence of Port-a-Potties during these protests, suggesting that no significant number of portable toilets were deployed in response to these spontaneous gatherings.

General Practice for Large Crowds: For planned large-scale events in Los Angeles, such as festivals, concerts, or public celebrations (e.g., LA Pride, Fleet Week, or Barnsdall Park wine tastings), organizers typically provide portable toilets to accommodate crowds. The number of Port-a-Potties depends on the event size, duration, and expected attendance. Industry standards suggest one portable toilet per 50–100 people for a short-duration event, with additional units for longer events or those with food and drink. For example, an event with 10,000 attendees might require 100–200 units, though "hundreds" scattered across a single event is rare unless the crowd reaches tens of thousands and is spread over a large area.

June 2025 Events in Los Angeles: The events calendar for June 2025 includes planned activities like the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's Fishtival (June 13) and LA Pride events, which likely have portable toilets arranged as part of their logistics. However, these are controlled, ticketed, or localized events, unlike the widespread, unplanned protests. For instance, the Fishtival at Cabrillo Beach, with food vendors and a dance party, would likely have a moderate number of Port-a-Potties, but not "hundreds" unless attendance far exceeds typical expectations.

Protests vs. Planned Events: The protests described in Los Angeles during June 2025 were dynamic, moving across locations like the 101 Freeway and the Metropolitan Detention Center, making it logistically challenging to deploy portable toilets quickly. Unlike planned events, spontaneous protests typically lack such amenities unless local authorities or community groups arrange them on short notice, which doesn't appear to have happened based on available reports.

Conclusion: There is no evidence suggesting "hundreds of Port-a-Potties" were scattered around Los Angeles during the June 2025 protests. For planned events in the same period, organizers likely provide portable toilets, but the scale would typically be dozens rather than hundreds unless the event draws massive, centralized crowds (e.g., 50,000+ attendees). The X post indicates that for the protests specifically, no notable portable toilet presence was observed. If you're referring to a specific event or location in Los Angeles, providing more details could help narrow down a more precise answer.