





FACT SHEET: PRISON

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There are approximately 2.2 million people in prison in the United States - the highest prison population in the world.
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The prison population in the United states has increased 700% since 1970.
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The United States represents 5% of the world's population and 25% of the world's prison population.
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At least 95% of inmates will eventually be released from prison.
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Black men are incarcerated 6 times more often than white men.
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One out of every four black males born today will end up in jail if current incarceration rates continue.
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The state of California houses more than 130,000 inmates across 35 prisons.
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In 2017 alone, California taxpayers will pay \$11.4 BILLION dollars to oversee 129,000 inmates and 44,000 parolees.
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As of 2017, the cost to the California taxpayer is \$75,560 a year for each inmate - more than the cost of tuition at Harvard for a year.
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The recidivism rate in California hovers around 45%.