

Mass Incarceration: By the Numbers

132,935 — The number of people California imprisoned in 2012.ⁱ

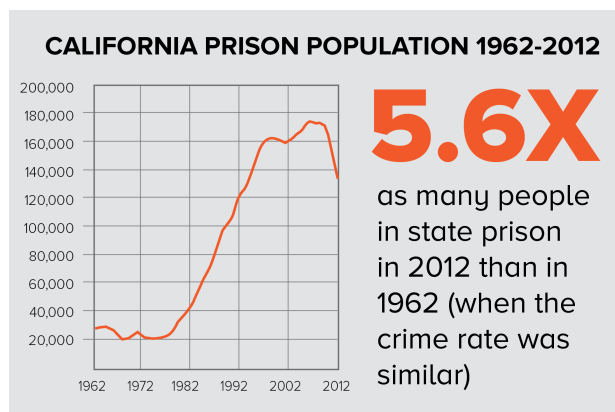
52,440 — The number of people California would have had in prison in 2012 if it had the same incarceration rate for when crime was similarly low in 1960.ⁱⁱ

22% — In July 2013, one in five people in California prisons were there for a nonviolent offense.ⁱⁱⁱ At a cost of \$62,396 per person, that equates to \$1.86 billion per year in taxpayer expense.

1,000+ — The number of new laws added to California's penal code in the past 25 years, most of which increased the number of felonies and the length of prison terms.

51% — Increase in length of sentences for the same offense from 1991 to 2009.^{iv}

8x — In 2011, African Americans in California were incarcerated at 8 times the rate of whites. Latinos were incarcerated at nearly twice the rate of whites (1.7).^v



1500% — The increase in California spending on prisons since 1981 – now \$10 billion per year.^{vi}

3x — In the past 20 years, California spending per prisoner (\$62,396) has increased nearly 3X faster than per K-12 student (\$9,194).^{vii}

22 vs. 1 — In the past 30 years, California has built one university but 22 prisons. Corrections spending is 80% higher than spending on California State Universities and University of California colleges combined.^{viii}

21% cuts — From 2009 to 2012, California cut 21% (more than \$586 million) from mental health programs – the most in the nation.^{ix}

3x — One in four adults in California prisons suffers from mental illness, and there are now 3 times more people with mental illness in jails and prisons than in hospitals.

\$0 — The amount of money California has given since 2010 to the voter-mandated fund for drug treatment alternatives to prison.^x

ⁱ California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

ⁱⁱ JFA Institute

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^{iv} *Time Served: The High Cost, Low Return of Longer Prison Terms*, Pew Center on the States

^v Public Policy Institute of California, http://www.ppic.org/main/publication_show.asp?i=702

^{vi} California Budget Project

^{vii} California Budget Project, http://cbp.org/californiabudgetbites/140326_spending_per_prisoner.png

^{viii} California Budget Project

^{ix} National Alliance on Mental Illness

^x <http://www.drugpolicy.org/departments-and-state-offices/california/proposition-36-victory>