



1 in 31: The Long Reach of American Corrections Alabama

POPULATION

1 in 32 adults^{1,2}

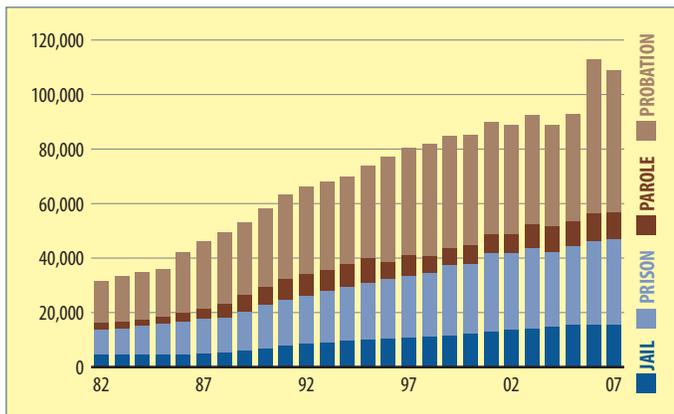
is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** in 1982, the figure was 1 in 90 adults^{1,2}
- **Percent behind bars:** at year end 2007, 43 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 11); the figure for 1982 was 43 percent (national rank: 3)¹

POPULATION, RATES AND RANKS (YEAR END 2007)

	Population		Combined Population	Share of adults	National rank
	State	Federal			
Probation	51,745 ¹	574 ³	61,952	1 in 57	27
Parole	7,790 ¹	1,843 ³			
Prison	27,816 ¹	3,674 ⁴	46,891	1 in 75	6
Jail	15,401 ⁵				
Total	108,843			1 in 32	20

TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION



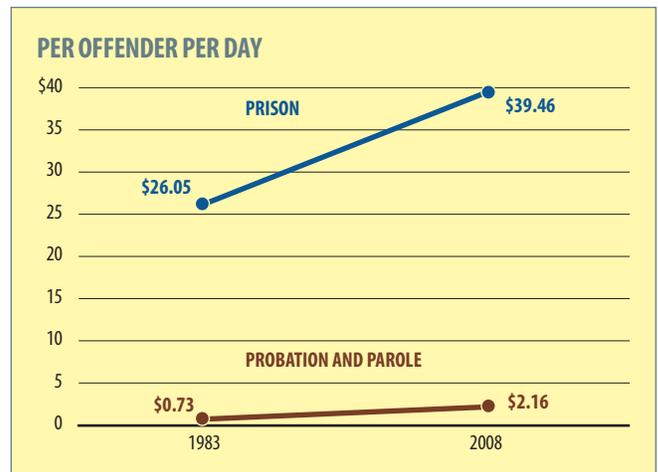
COSTS

\$420 million⁶

spent on corrections

- **Share of general fund:** 2.5 percent in fiscal year 2008⁶
- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison (\$39.46) = 18 days of probation and parole⁵

CORRECTIONS COSTS



SOURCES:

- 1) Bureau of Justice Statistics, Correctional Surveys (U.S. Department of Justice);
- 2) U.S. Census, State Population Estimates;
- 3) Administrative Office of U.S. Courts;
- 4) Bureau of Prisons (U.S. Department of Justice);
- 5) Pew, Original Data;
- 6) National Association of State Budget Officers, State Expenditure Reports

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