



# 1 in 31: The Long Reach of American Corrections Louisiana

## POPULATION

1 in 26 adults<sup>1,2</sup>

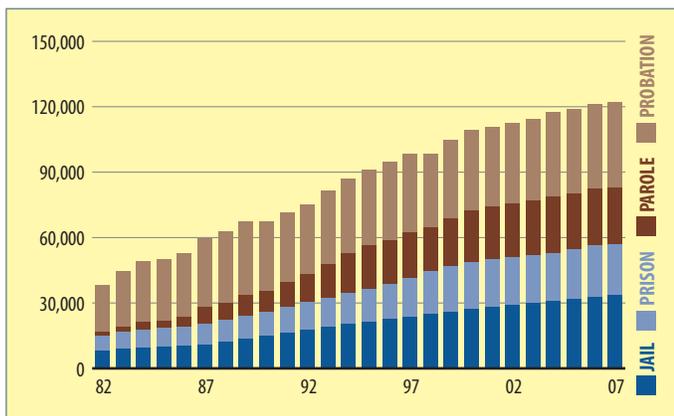
is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** in 1982, the figure was 1 in 79 adults<sup>1,2</sup>
- **Percent behind bars:** at year end 2007, 47 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 7); the figure for 1982 was 39 percent (national rank: 11)<sup>1</sup>

### POPULATION, RATES AND RANKS (YEAR END 2007)

	Population		Combined Population	Share of adults	National rank
	State	Federal			
Probation	39,006 <sup>1</sup>	541 <sup>3</sup>	65,157	1 in 48	21
Parole	24,085 <sup>1</sup>	1,525 <sup>3</sup>			
Prison	20,461 <sup>1</sup>	2,962 <sup>4</sup>	57,050	1 in 55	2
Jail	33,627 <sup>5</sup>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,207</b>			<b>1 in 26</b>	<b>7</b>

### TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION



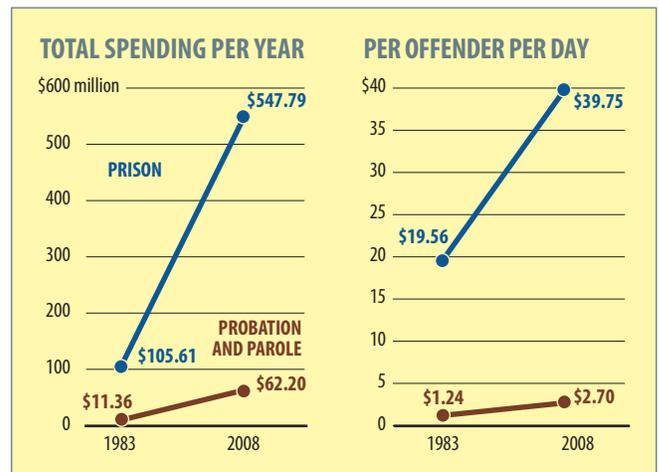
## COSTS

\$625 million<sup>6</sup>

spent on corrections

- **Share of general fund:** 6.4 percent in fiscal year 2008<sup>6</sup>
- **Ratio of spending:** For every dollar Louisiana spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 11 cents on probation and parole<sup>5</sup>
- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison (\$39.75) = 15 days of probation and parole<sup>5</sup>

### 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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