



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

## POPULATION

1 in 24 adults<sup>1,2</sup>

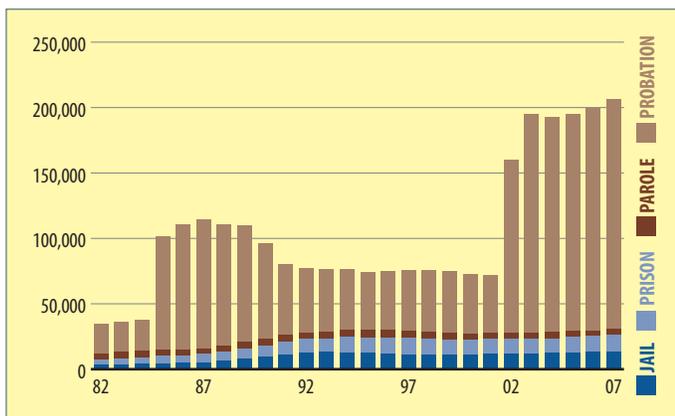
is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** in 1982, the figure was 1 in 127 adults<sup>1,2</sup>
- **Percent behind bars:** at year end 2007, 13 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 50); the figure for 1982 was 22 percent (national rank: 39)<sup>1</sup>

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

	Population		Combined Population	Share of adults	National rank
	State	Federal			
Probation	175,419 <sup>1</sup>	214 <sup>3</sup>	179,854	1 in 28	3
Parole	3,209 <sup>1</sup>	1,012 <sup>3</sup>			
Prison	11,300 <sup>1</sup>	1,693 <sup>4</sup>	26,387	1 in 190	47
Jail	13,394 <sup>5</sup>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>206,241</b>			<b>1 in 24</b>	<b>5</b>

### TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION



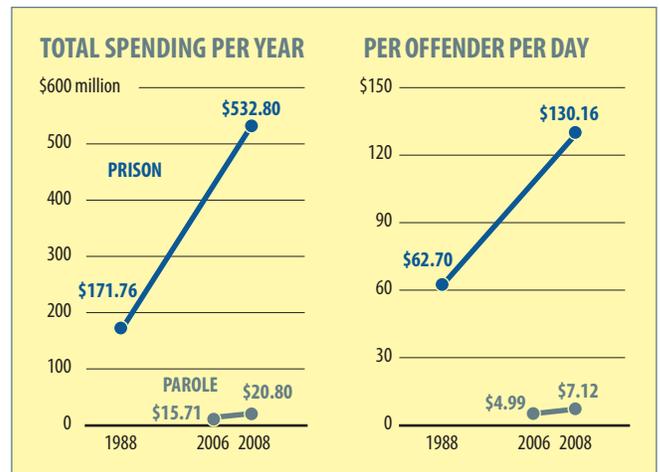
## COSTS

\$1.25 billion<sup>6</sup>

spent on corrections

- **Share of general fund:** 4.6 percent in fiscal year 2008<sup>6</sup>
- **Ratio of spending:** For every dollar Massachusetts spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 4 cents on parole<sup>5</sup>
- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison (\$130.16) = 18 days of 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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