



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

## POPULATION

### 1 in 36 adults<sup>1,2</sup>

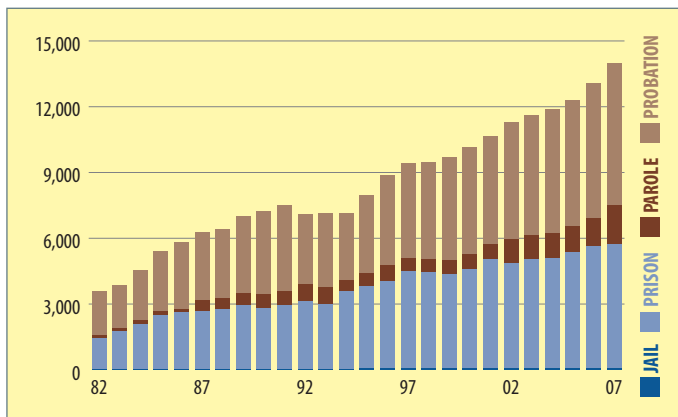
is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** in 1982, the figure was 1 in 90 adults<sup>1,2</sup>
- **Percent behind bars:** at year end 2007, 41 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 13); the figure for 1982 was 40 percent (national rank: 5)<sup>1</sup>

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

|              | Population         |                  | Combined Population | Share of adults | National rank |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|              | State              | Federal          |                     |                 |               |
| Probation    | 6,416 <sup>1</sup> | 83 <sup>3</sup>  | 8,263               | 1 in 61         | 33            |
| Parole       | 1,544 <sup>1</sup> | 220 <sup>3</sup> |                     |                 |               |
| Prison       | 5,167 <sup>1</sup> | 509 <sup>4</sup> | 5,742               | 1 in 88         | 12            |
| Jail         | 66 <sup>5</sup>    |                  |                     |                 |               |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>14,005</b>      |                  |                     | <b>1 in 36</b>  | <b>28</b>     |

### TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION



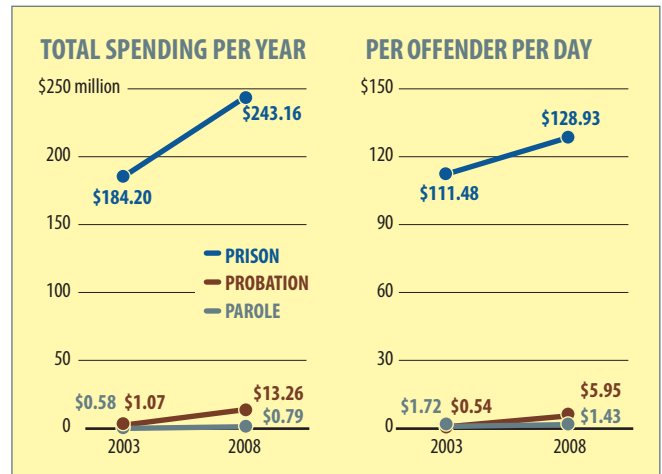
## COSTS

### \$240 million<sup>6</sup>

spent on corrections

- **Share of general fund:** 4.7 percent in fiscal year 2008<sup>6</sup>
- **Ratio of spending:** For every dollar Alaska spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 6 cents on probation and parole<sup>5</sup>
- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison (\$128.93) = 90 days of parole or 22 days of probation<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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