## 1 in 31: The Long Reach of American Corrections New Jersey

## POPULATION

## 1 in 35 adults ${ }^{12}$

is under correctional control

- Growth over time: in 1982, the figure was 1 in 87 adults ${ }^{1,2}$
- Percent behind bars: at year end 2007, 25 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 41); the figure for 1982 was 21 percent (national rank: 42)¹

POPULATION, RATES AND RANKS (YEAR END 2007)


TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION

$\$ 1.58$ billion
spent on corrections

- Share of general fund: 4.8 percent in fiscal year $2008^{6}$

Detailed correctional cost data for New Jersey were not available.

## 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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