



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

## POPULATION

**1 in 13 adults**<sup>1,2</sup>

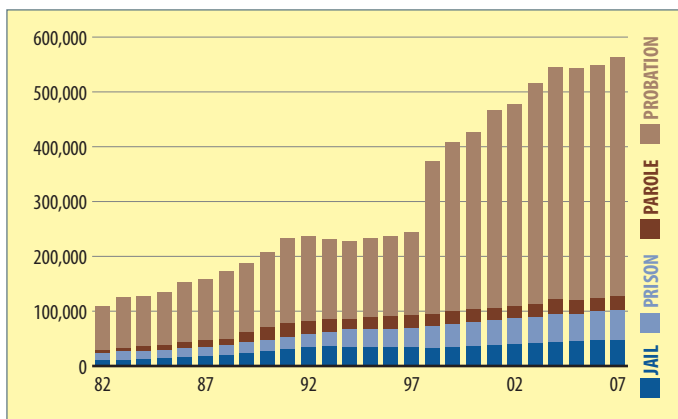
is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** in 1982, the figure was 1 in 37 adults<sup>1,2</sup>
- **Percent behind bars:** at year end 2007, 18 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 47); the figure for 1982 was 22 percent (national rank: 40)<sup>1</sup>

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

	Population		Combined Population	Share of adults	National rank
	State	Federal			
Probation	435,361 <sup>1</sup>	765 <sup>3</sup>	461,823	1 in 15	1
Parole	23,111 <sup>1</sup>	2,586 <sup>3</sup>			
Prison	49,337 <sup>1</sup>	5,871 <sup>4</sup>	100,940	1 in 70	4
Jail	45,732 <sup>5</sup>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>562,763</b>			<b>1 in 13</b>	<b>1</b>

### TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION



## COSTS

**\$1.1 billion**<sup>6</sup>

spent on corrections

- **Share of general fund:** 5.9 percent in fiscal year 2008<sup>6</sup>
- **Ratio of spending:** For every dollar Georgia spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 12 cents on probation and parole<sup>5</sup>
- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison (\$47.96) = 10 days of parole or 36 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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