1 in 31: The Long Reach of American Corrections

1 in **54** adults[^12] is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** In 1982, the figure was 1 in 132 adults[^12].
- **Percent behind bars:** At year end 2007, 35 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 28); the figure for 1982 was 25 percent (national rank: 34)[^1].

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

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### TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION

- **2003:**
  - Prison: 12,000
  - Probation and Parole: 5,500
  - Jail: 3,000
- **2008:**
  - Prison: 14,000
  - Probation and Parole: 7,000
  - Jail: 4,000

### COSTS

$**353 million[^6]** spent on corrections

- **Share of general fund:** 6 percent in fiscal year 2008[^6].
- **Ratio of spending:** For every dollar Iowa spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 13 cents on probation and parole[^5].
- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison ($85.02) = 21 days of probation and parole[^5].

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