1 in 31: The Long Reach of American Corrections

Kentucky

1 in 35 adults\(^1\)\(^2\) is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** in 1982, the figure was 1 in 104 adults\(^1\)\(^2\)
- **Percent behind bars:** at year end 2007, 38 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 18); the figure for 1982 was 26 percent (national rank: 30)\(^3\)

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

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### TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION

- **2003:** 60,000
- **2007:** 100,000

### COSTS

**$521 million\(^6\)** spent on corrections

- **Share of general fund:** 5.5 percent in fiscal year 2008\(^6\)
- **Ratio of spending:** For every dollar Kentucky spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 13 cents on probation and parole\(^5\)
- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison ($52.17) = 20 days of probation and parole\(^5\)

### TOTAL SPENDING PER YEAR

- **Prison:** $281.72
- **Probation and Parole:** $191.77
- **Jail:** $35.72

### PER OFFENDER PER DAY

- **Prison:** $52.17
- **Probation and Parole:** $47.11
- **Jail:** $2.64

### 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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