1 in 31: The Long Reach of American Corrections

South Dakota

1 in 40 adults\(^1\) is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** in 1982, the figure was 1 in 130 adults\(^1,2\)
- **Percent behind bars:** at year end 2007, 38 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 19); the figure for 1982 was 32 percent (national rank: 21)\(^1\)

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

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### CORRECTIONS COSTS

**$81 million\(^6\)** spent on corrections

- **Share of general fund:** 7.1 percent in fiscal year 2008\(^6\)
- **Ratio of spending:** For every dollar South Dakota spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 20 cents on probation and parole\(^5\)
- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison ($59.00) = 16 days of parole or 16 days of probation\(^5\)

### TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION

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