1 in 31: The Long Reach of American Corrections

Nebraska

1 in 44 adults is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** in 1982, the figure was 1 in 87 adults
- **Percent behind bars:** at year end 2007, 31 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 31); the figure for 1982 was 21 percent (national rank: 43)

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

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### TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION

- 200 million spent on corrections
- **Share of general fund:** 5.1 percent in fiscal year 2008
- **Ratio of spending:** For every dollar Nebraska spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 19 cents on probation and parole
- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison ($95.48) = 11 days of parole or 45 days of probation

**CORRECTIONS COSTS**

**TOTAL SPENDING PER YEAR**

- $200 million

**PER OFFENDER PER DAY**

- $100

**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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