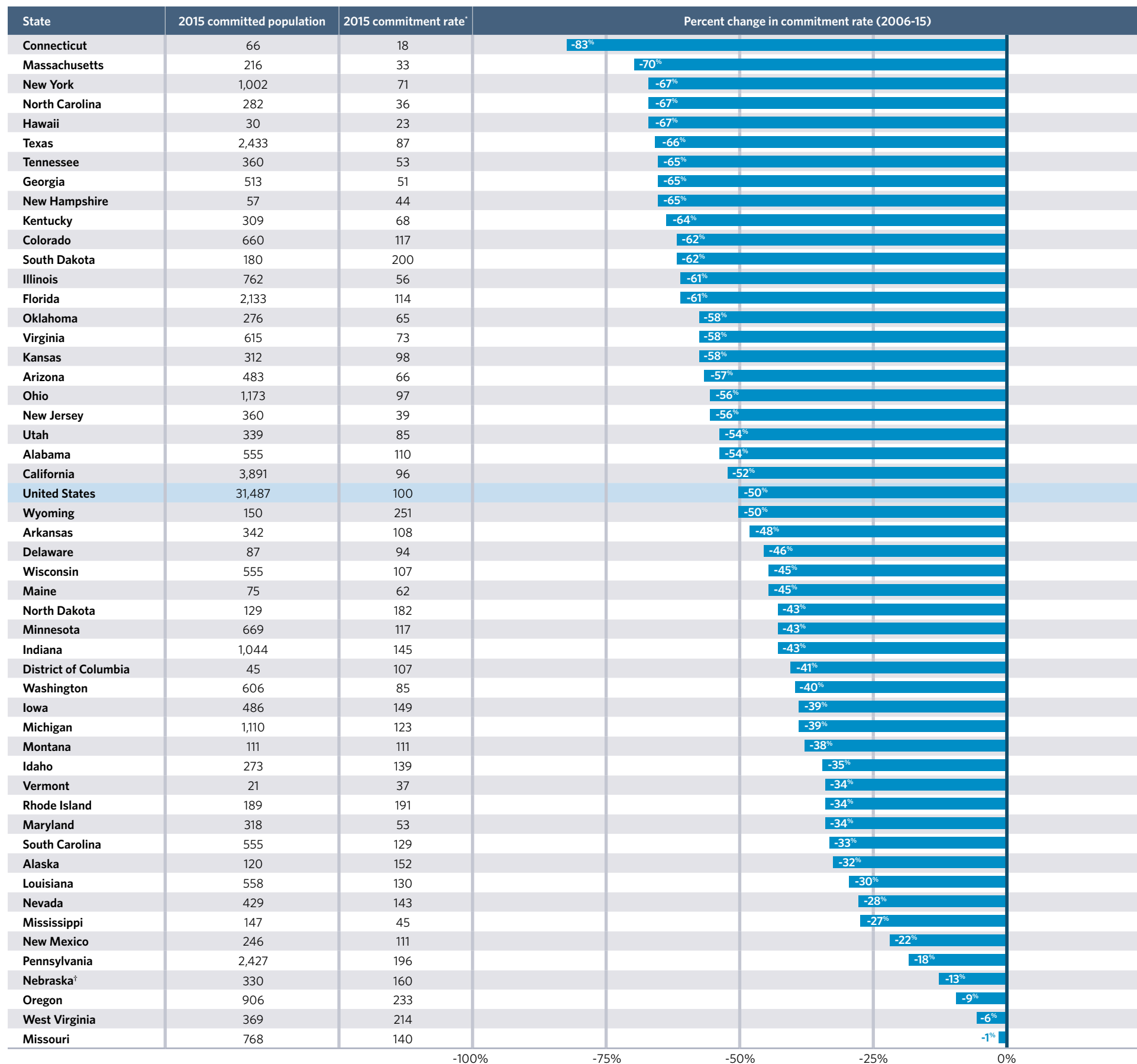


Juvenile Confinement Drops by Half

More states diverting youths from residential facilities

From 2006-15, the rate at which adjudicated youths were sent to out-of-home placement by juvenile courts fell 50 percent, according to data recently released by the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.¹ Rates declined in states across the country, including decreases of at least 50 percent in 24 states. The nationwide reduction is matched by a 49 percent drop in juvenile violent crime arrests over the same period and comes as a growing number of states adopt policies that prioritize costly space in residential facilities for youths adjudicated for serious crimes.²



* The commitment rate is the number of adjudicated juveniles in residential facilities per 100,000 youths in the population (ages 10 through the upper age of original juvenile court jurisdiction in each state).

† Pew used 2007 as the base year for Nebraska because of data limitations.

Source: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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Endnotes

- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, "Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement: 1997-2015," <https://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezacjrp>. Pew's analysis includes only youths committed to a facility as part of a court-ordered disposition. The census reference dates for the data analyzed by Pew were Feb. 22, 2006, and Oct. 28, 2015; Oct. 24, 2007, was used only for Nebraska.
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