1 in 31: The Long Reach of American Corrections

California

1 in 36 adults

is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** in 1982, the figure was 1 in 69 adults

- **Percent behind bars:** at year end 2007, 35 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 26); the figure for 1982 was 28 percent (national rank: 27)

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

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**TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION**

$9.66 billion spent on corrections

- **Share of general fund:** 9.3 percent in fiscal year 2008

- **Ratio of spending:** For every dollar California spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 15 cents on parole

- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison ($134.83) = 12 days of parole

**CORRECTIONS COSTS**

**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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