



1 in 31: The Long Reach of American Corrections Colorado

POPULATION

1 in 29 adults^{1,2}

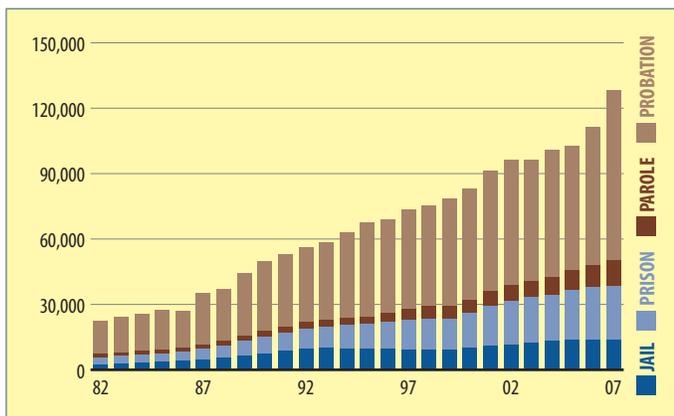
is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** in 1982, the figure was 1 in 102 adults^{1,2}
- **Percent behind bars:** at year end 2007, 30 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 33); the figure for 1982 was 26 percent (national rank: 31)¹

POPULATION, RATES AND RANKS (YEAR END 2007)

	Population		Combined Population	Share of adults	National rank
	State	Federal			
Probation	77,635 ¹	238 ³	89,913	1 in 41	16
Parole	11,086 ¹	954 ³			
Prison	22,666 ¹	1,736 ⁴	38,273	1 in 97	18
Jail	13,871 ⁵				
Total	128,186			1 in 29	15

TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION



COSTS

\$625 million⁶

spent on corrections

- **Share of general fund:** 8.6 percent in fiscal year 2008⁶
- **Ratio of spending:** For every dollar Colorado spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 15 cents on probation and parole⁵
- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison (\$76.51) = 6 days of parole or 21 days of probation⁵

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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