1 in 31: The Long Reach of American Corrections

Louisiana

1 in 26 adults is under correctional control

- **Growth over time:** in 1982, the figure was 1 in 79 adults
- **Percent behind bars:** at year end 2007, 47 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 7); the figure for 1982 was 39 percent (national rank: 11)

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

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### TOTAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION

![Graph showing the total correctional population over time](image)

### CORRECTIONS COSTS

- **$625 million** spent on corrections
- **Share of general fund:** 6.4 percent in fiscal year 2008
- **Ratio of spending:** For every dollar Louisiana spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 11 cents on probation and parole
- **Ratio of costs:** 1 day of prison ($39.75) = 15 days of probation and parole

### 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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