A Look Inside the Criminal Justice System

The U.S. is Home to 5% of the Global Population

The U.S. is Home to 25% of Prisoners Worldwide

International Rates of Incarceration, 2011
IMPRISONMENT RATE PER 100,000 BY COUNTRY

- U.S.: 743
- Canada: 114
- Spain: 159
- Germany: 85
- Sweden: 78
- France: 96
- Russia: 568
- Rwanda: 595
- China: 122
- Brazil: 253
- Australia: 133

Chart by: The NorthStar News 12/18/2012 • Source: International Center for Prison Studies
How many people are locked up in the United States?

The United States locks up more people, per capita, than any other nation. But grappling with why requires us to first consider the many types of correctional facilities and the reasons that people are confined there.

Sources and data notes: See http://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/pie.html
**LIFE SENTENCE**

Nationally, 48% of people given life sentences are African-American. That's 67,916 people.

Black representation in the general prison population is 33%.

In 13 states and the federal system, blacks are more than 60% of those serving a life sentence.

Sources: "We Do", The Sentencing Project, July 2010

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**Economic Impact**

2010 Cost per State Prisoner to Taxpayer: $31,286

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**Daily Costs Per Offender**

- **Prison Systems**: $7.47
- **Parole Agencies**: $3.42
- **Probation Agencies**: $1.42

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**Sources:**

- "Incarceration by Race": The NorthStar News

- "Daily Costs per Offender": The Pew Charitable Trusts

- "$2010 Cost per State Prisoner to Taxpayers": Vera Institute of Justice

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