



The Promise of Measure 57 Coalition

Individuals and Organizations Working Together to Find a Better Way to Fight Crime

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Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs

Human Services Coalition of Oregon

Juvenile Rights Project

League of Women Voters of Oregon

National Association of Social Workers, Oregon Chapter

Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs

Oregon Business Association

Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

Oregon Education Association

Oregon Prevention Education & Recovery Association

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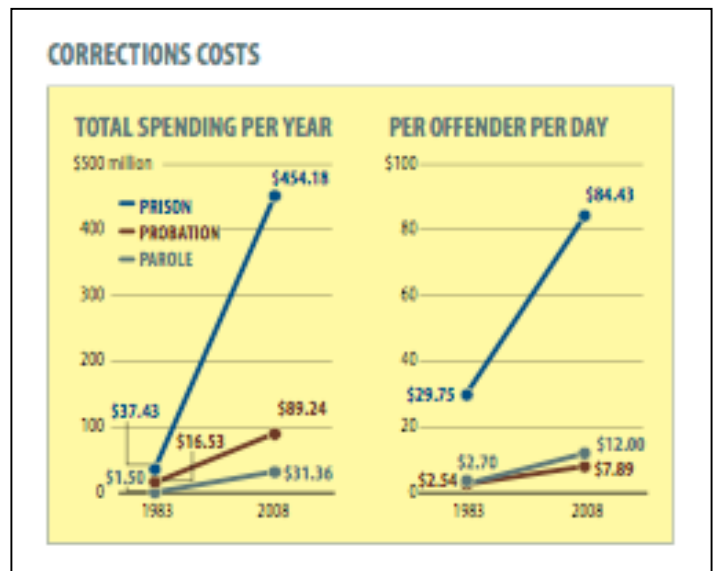
Stand for Children

A recent study by PEW Center on the States, found that 1 in 31 American adults are in prison or on probation or parole.



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<p>1 in 33 adults^{1,2}</p> <p>is under correctional control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Growth over time: in 1982, the figure was 1 in 74 adults^{1,2} ● Percent behind bars: at year end 2007, 25 percent of the correctional population was in prison or jail (national rank: 42); the figure for 1982 was 24 percent (national rank: 35)¹ 	<p>\$763 million⁵</p> <p>spent on corrections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Share of general fund: 10.6 percent in fiscal year 2008⁵ ● Ratio of spending: For every dollar Oregon spent on prisons in 2008, it spent 27 cents on probation and parole⁵ ● Ratio of costs: 1 day of prison (\$84.43) = 7 days of parole or 11 days of probation⁵

In Oregon, costs have soared.



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The New York Times

Prison Spending Outpaces All but Medicaid

By SOLOMON MOORE

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One in every 31 adults, or 7.3 million Americans, is in prison, on parole or probation, at a cost to the states of \$47 billion in 2008, according to a new study.

Criminal correction spending is outpacing budget growth in education, transportation and public assistance, based on state and federal data. Only [Medicaid](#) spending grew faster than state corrections spending, which quadrupled in the past two decades, according to the report Monday by the [Pew Center on the States](#), the first breakdown of spending in confinement and supervision in the past seven years.

The increases in the number of people in some form of correctional control occurred as crime rates declined by about 25 percent in the past two decades.

As states face huge budget shortfalls, prisons, which hold 1.5 million adults, are driving the spending increases.

States have shown a preference for prison spending even though it is cheaper to monitor convicts in community programs, including probation and parole, which require offenders to report to law enforcement officers. A survey of 34 states found that states spent an average of \$29,000 a year on prisoners, compared with \$1,250 on probationers and \$2,750 on parolees. The study found that despite more spending on prisons, recidivism rates remained largely unchanged.

Pew researchers say that as states trim services like education and health care, prison budgets are growing. Those priorities are misguided, the study says. ...