

Criminal Justice System – Investments and Outcomes

What is the recidivism rate for NH Corrections?

- 48% in 2018 (Adult Corrections Re-Incarceration*)
- 42% in 2018 (Court Diversion re-arrest)

How much does New Hampshire spend annually on Adult Corrections?

- 2021 NH Corrections Budget: \$134 Million (\$102 Million for Prisons)
- NH investment per day for the Sununu Center: \$35,600 (\$13 Million annual budget)

How much does New Hampshire spend annually on Restorative Justice Programs?

NH investment in Diversion Programs: \$300,000/year is awarded across 10 accredited programs

How much does the United States spend annually on prisons?

- Total U.S. government expenses on public prisons and jails: \$80.7 billion
- On private prisons and jails: \$3.9 billion
- Growth in justice system expenditures, 1982-2012 (adjusted for inflation): 310%
- Annual cost to families of prison phone calls and commissary purchases: \$2.9 billion
- Total Costs- \$180 Billion (includes policing and court costs, and costs born by family members of incarcerated individuals).

Additional Data:

National Recidivism Data: Bureau of Justice Statistics: Recidivism of Prisoners Released in 34 States in 2012: A 5-Year Follow-Up Period

- About 6 in 10 (62%) prisoners released across 34 states in 2012 were arrested within 3 years, and 7 in 10 (71%) were arrested within 5 years.
- Nearly half (46%) of prisoners released in 2012 returned to prison within 5 years for a parole or probation violation or a new sentence.
- Eighty-one percent of prisoners age 24 or younger at release in 2012 were arrested within 5 years of release, compared to 74% of those ages 25 to 39 and 61% of those age 40 or older.

US Prison Population: State and federal prison and local jail incarcerations dropped by 14% from 2.1 million in 2019 to 1.8 million in mid-2020. While the United States represents about 4.2 percent of the world's population, it houses around 20 percent of the world's prisoners.

*Offenders who are sentenced to more than one year of incarceration who, after release from incarceration, return to prison within three years for a conviction for a new offense or a violation of supervision resulting, and the new incarceration sentence or time served on the violation is at least 90 days.