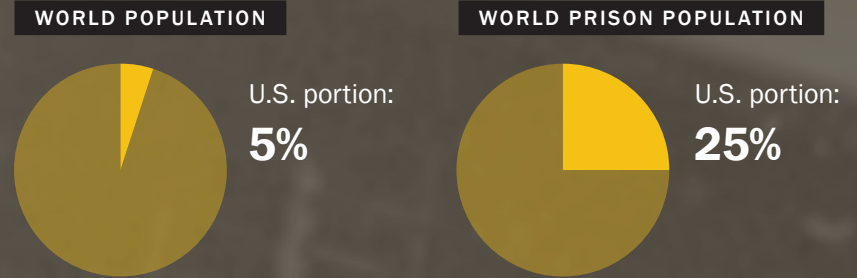


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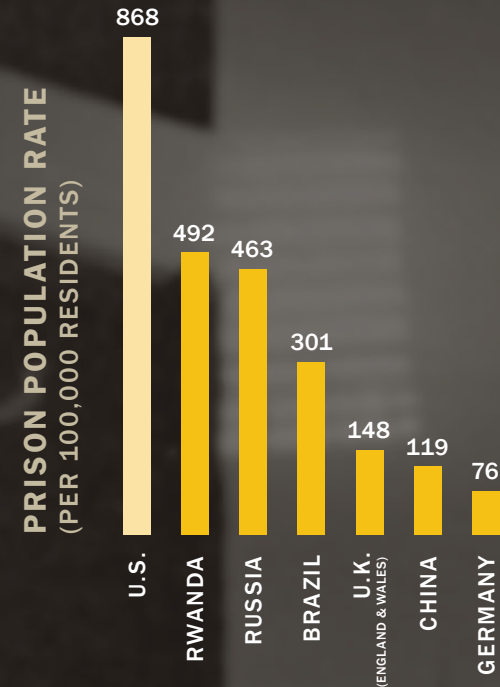
NO OTHER COUNTRY imprisons more people than the United States. Mass incarceration exacts tremendous costs on our society, with destructive effects on individuals, families, and communities.

## U.S.: The world's largest jailer



**2.4 million**  
People incarcerated in the United States (larger than the population of New Mexico)

**4.8 million**  
People on probation or parole



## The lasting legacy of "tough on crime" laws

Prison populations surged in the 1970s and '80s with the "war on drugs" and "tough on crime" measures.

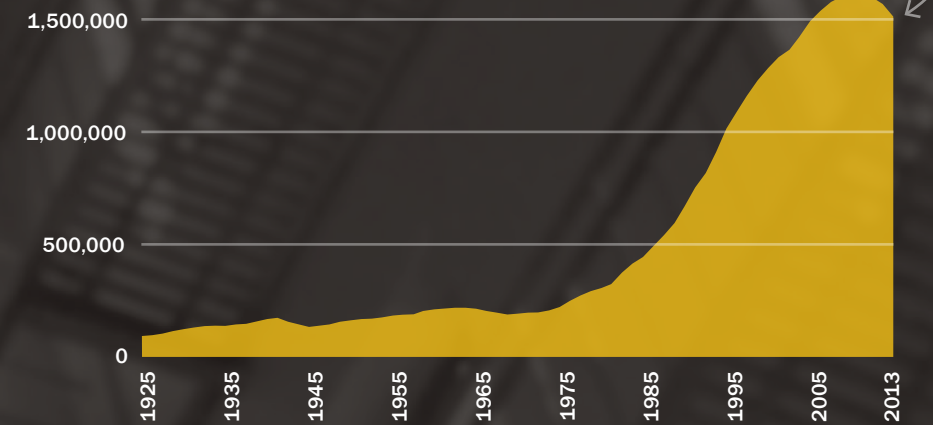
### PUNISHMENT IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM:

**159,520** people serving life sentences

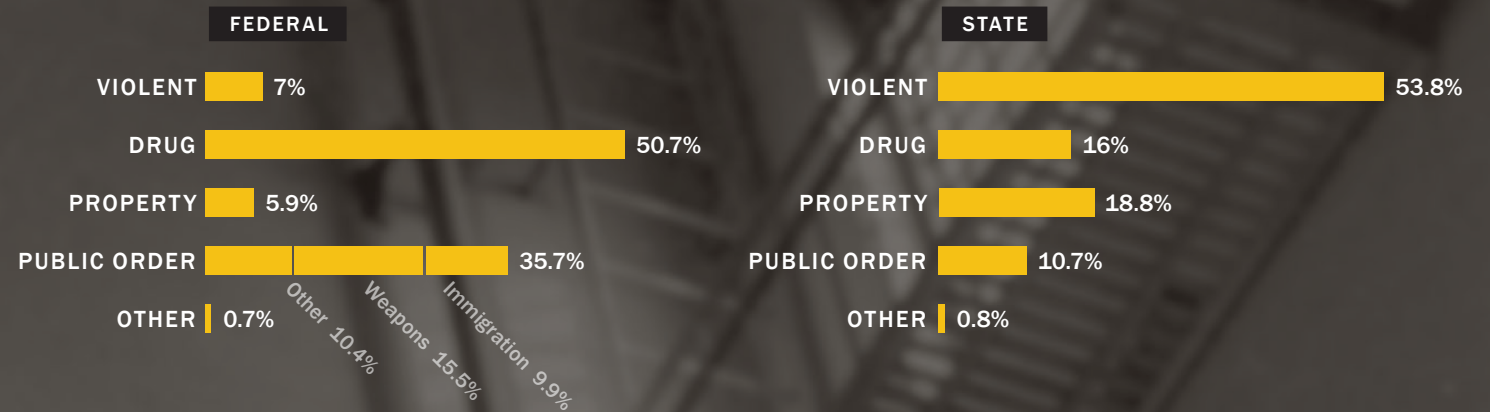
**81,622** people in solitary confinement

**3,095** people on death row

### U.S. PRISON POPULATION (1925-2013)



### PRISON POPULATION, BY CONVICTION



## The people behind the numbers

### IN 2013, THE U.S. PRISON POPULATION INCLUDED:

**3% of all Black men** in the U.S.  
**1% of all Latino men** in the U.S.  
**0.5% of all white men** in the U.S.

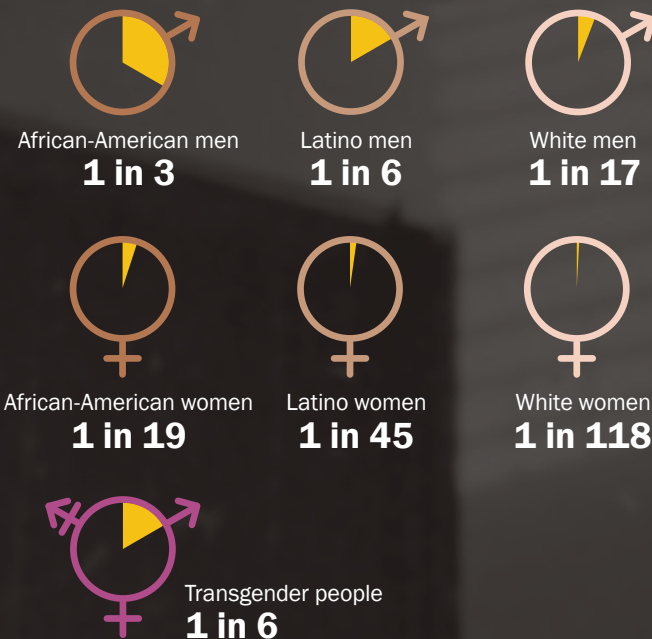
### THE FASTEST-GROWING SEGMENT OF THE PRISON POPULATION:

**213,700 women** in federal and state prisons and local jails in 2013, a 25 percent increase since 2000.

### YOUNG PEOPLE AND SENIORS:

**54,148 juveniles** in detention facilities  
**69,776 people age 60 and over** in state and federal prisons

### LIFETIME LIKELIHOOD OF IMPRISONMENT FOR:



## The social and economic costs

Every year, millions of families feel the impact of mass incarceration.

**1.7 million children** in the U.S. with a parent in prison (1 in 28 kids)  
**1 in 9** Black children with a father or mother in prison  
**54 percent** of prisoners are parents with children under 18

### COST OF INCARCERATION:

**\$39 billion**  
U.S. spending on incarceration every year

**\$31,286**  
Average cost per prisoner per year

SOURCES: AFSC.ORG/INCARCERATION-INFOGRAPHIC

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