

# INCARCERATION, DISPARITIES, & HEALTHCARE IN AMERICA

At any given time, there are over **2 million people** incarcerated in the United States.

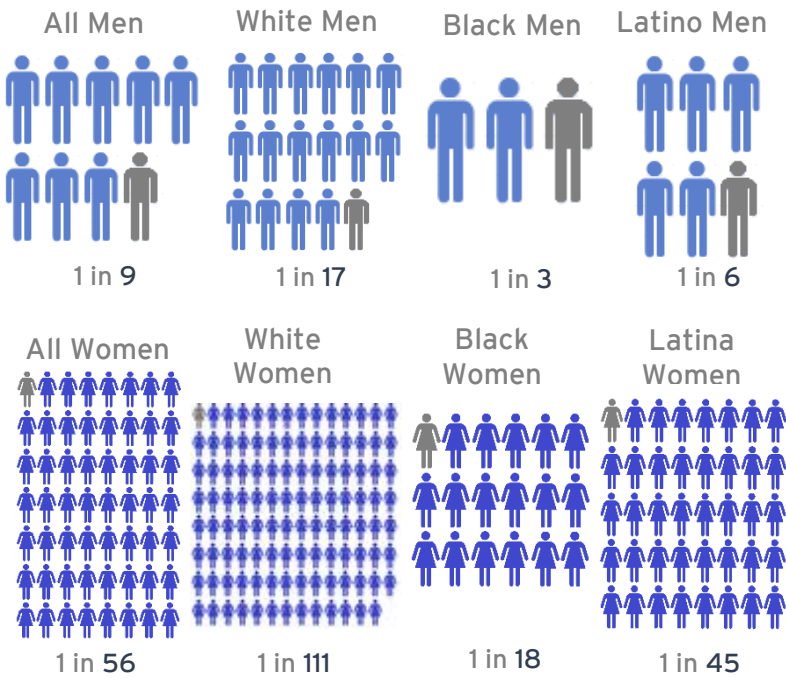
**6,937,600**

individuals under the supervision of adult correctional systems at 2012 year end.



The US easily leads the world in incarceration rate at over **750** incarcerations per 100,000 people.

## Lifetime Likelihood of Incarceration



## Health Profile of Prisoners

Prisoners report more disabling conditions, poorer perceptions of health status, & less frequent use of primary healthcare services than the general population.

**53%** women and **35%** men in jails that report having a current medical problem.

Inmates contract HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C at **5 & 9-10** times the rate of the general population.

**64%** **56%** **44%** of Local, State, Federal Prisoners have recent histories of mental health problems.

### Inmates' Dependence or Abuse

Prisons	Federal	State	Local
Alcohol	43.7	50.8	53.4
Drugs	53.2	61.9	63.3
Both	63.6	74.1	76.4

## The Affordable Care Act's Impact

Provides up to **13 million** adults with the opportunity to obtain health insurance through MEDICAID's expansion.

As many as **22%** of newly eligible adults will be justice-involved.

**90%** of prisoners lack HEALTH INSURANCE at the time of their release.

**33%** of physicians refused Medicaid patients due to low reimbursement rates in 2011-2.

In addition to disparate health challenges, the justice-involved population suffers from

- High rates of poverty & unemployment
- Unstable housing & homelessness
- Differing degrees of personal & family problems
- Limited financial resources & social support

A criminal record, particularly a drug felony conviction, can further bar former prisoners from public housing, receiving public benefits, employment opportunities, & more.