



**Presentation to
The Joint Subcommittee to Study the
Commonwealth's Program
for Prisoner Reentry to Society**

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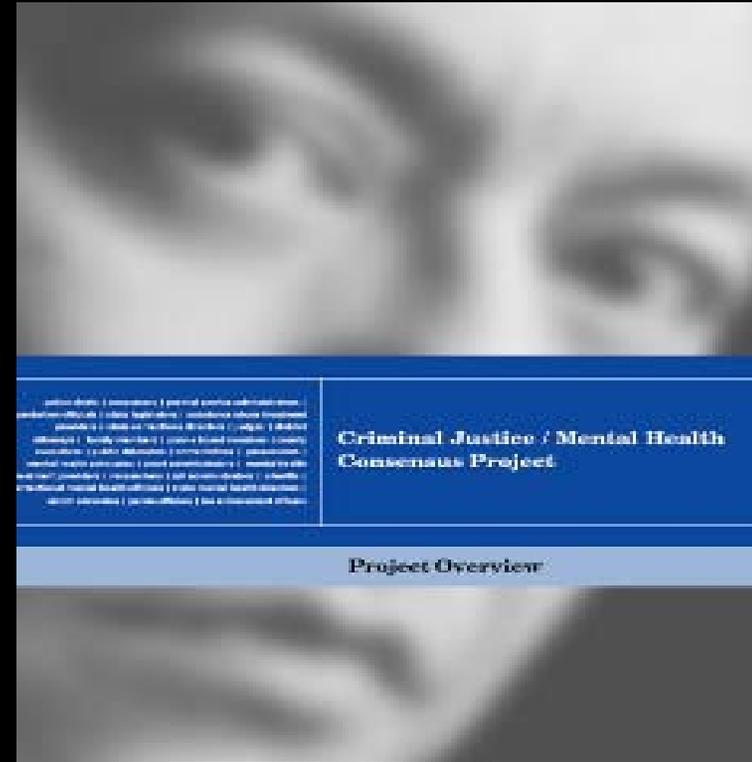
Richmond, Virginia



- **Non-profit, non-partisan membership association of state government officials**
- **Represents all three branches of state government**
- **Provides practical, nonpartisan advice informed by the best available evidence**
- **Support from the U.S. Department of Justice and private grantmakers such as The Pew Charitable Trusts**

- **Building blocks of a statewide reentry plan**
- **Justice Reinvestment: a strategy to increase public safety and save money**
- **Getting Started**

National Projects



What Does the RPC Report Recommend?

Develop Policies and Programs:

- Make smart release and community supervision decisions
- Ensure support for victims
- Offer safe places to live
- Break the bonds of addiction
- Treat physical and mental illness
- Foster meaningful relationships
- Provide training, education, and jobs

What Does the RPC Report Recommend?

Address Core Challenges:

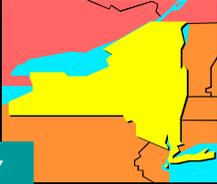
- Redefine missions
- Maximize the value of existing funding
- Integrate systems
- Measure performance
- Inform and reassure the public

What Does the RPC Report Recommend?

Immediate dilemmas:

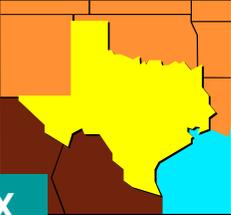
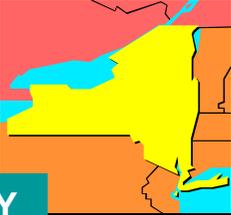
- What subset of people released from prison will we focus on?
- What package of supervision, supports, and services will we provide?
- How will we manage and oversee the initiative?
- How will we track performance and measure accountability?
- How will we pay for it?

Incarceration Rates in 4 Large States

| State | Population | Probation, Jail, Prison and Parole Population |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
|  TX | 22.8 million 16.4 adults | 767,765 4.6% of adults |
|  CA | 36.1 million 26.4 adults | 752,817 2.8% of adults |
|  FL | 17.1 million 13.6 adults | 436,006 3.2% of adults |
|  NY | 19.2 million 14.6 adults | 264,836 1.8% of adults |

Sources: US Census 2005; BJS "Probation and Parole in US, 2005"; jail figures from BJS "Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2005"; prison figures from BJS, Prisoners in 2005, November 06 report

Changes in Crime Rates

| | Population | Incarceration Rate* | Crime Rate* |
|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
|  TX | 1980: 14,229,191 2005: 22,859,968 +61% | 1980: 226 2005: 691 +206% | 1980: 6,030 2005: 4,862 -19% |
|  CA | 1980: 24,037,626 2005: 36,132,147 +50% | 1980: 162 2005: 466 +188% | 1980: 6,468 2005: 3,849 -40%  |
|  FL | 1980: 9,746,324 2005: 17,789,864 +82% | 1980: 242 2005: 499 +106% | 1980: 6,821 2005: 4,716 -31%  |
|  NY | 1980: 17,558,072 2005: 19,254,630 +10% | 1980: 187 2005: 326 +74% | 1980: 5,577 2005: 2,554 -54%  |

Incarceration and Reported Index Crime Rate by FBI per 100,000 population

Source: Population US Census Historical Report; Crime, FBI Crime in US; Incarceration, BJS, Prisoners in US

Justice Reinvestment Strategy

Step 1: Analyze the prison population and spending in the communities to which people in prison often return

Step 2: Provide policymakers with options to generate savings and increase public safety

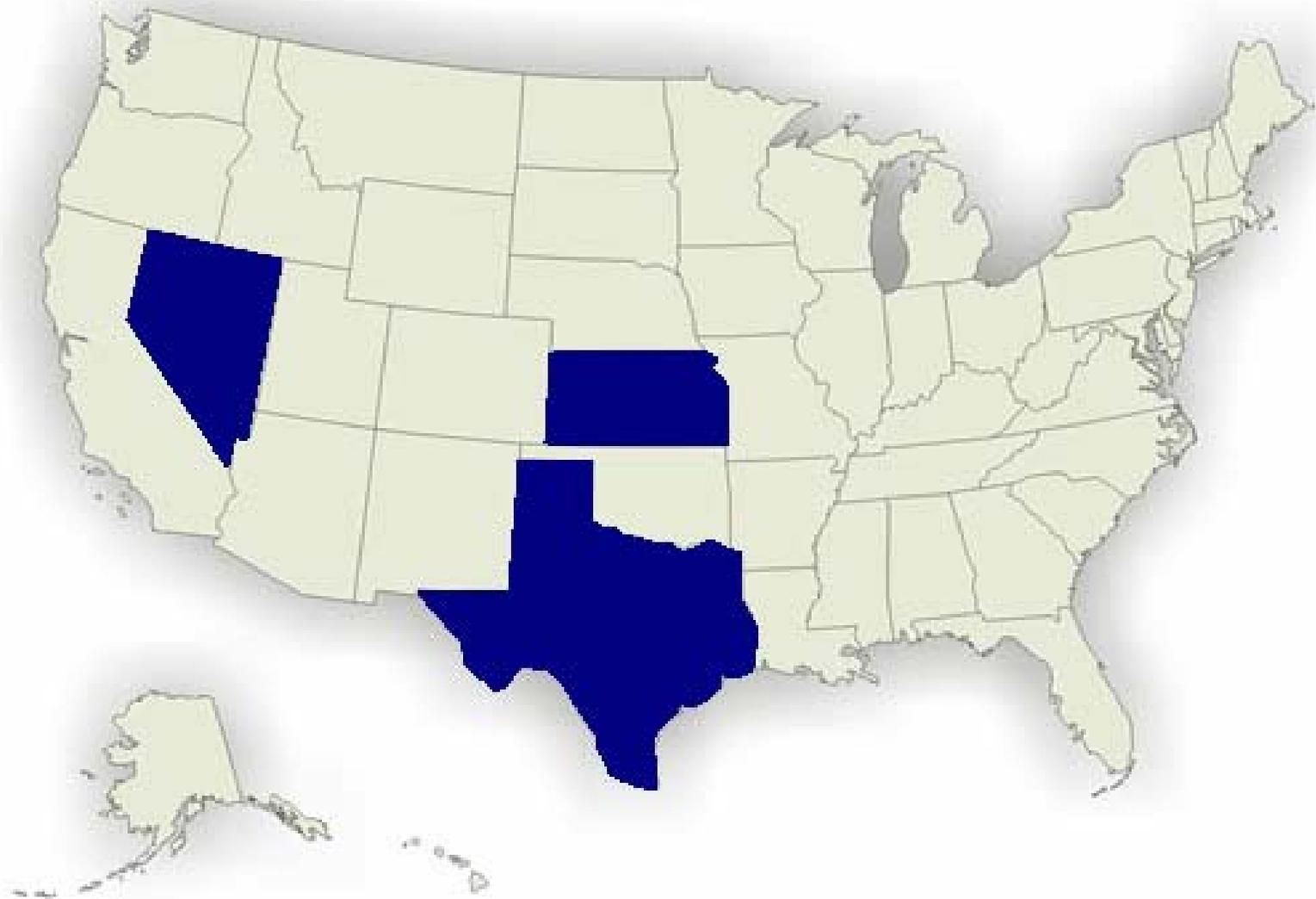
Step 3: Quantify savings and reinvest in select communities

Step 4: Measure the impact and enhance accountability

Key Funding Sources

Bureau of Justice Assistance, US Department of Justice

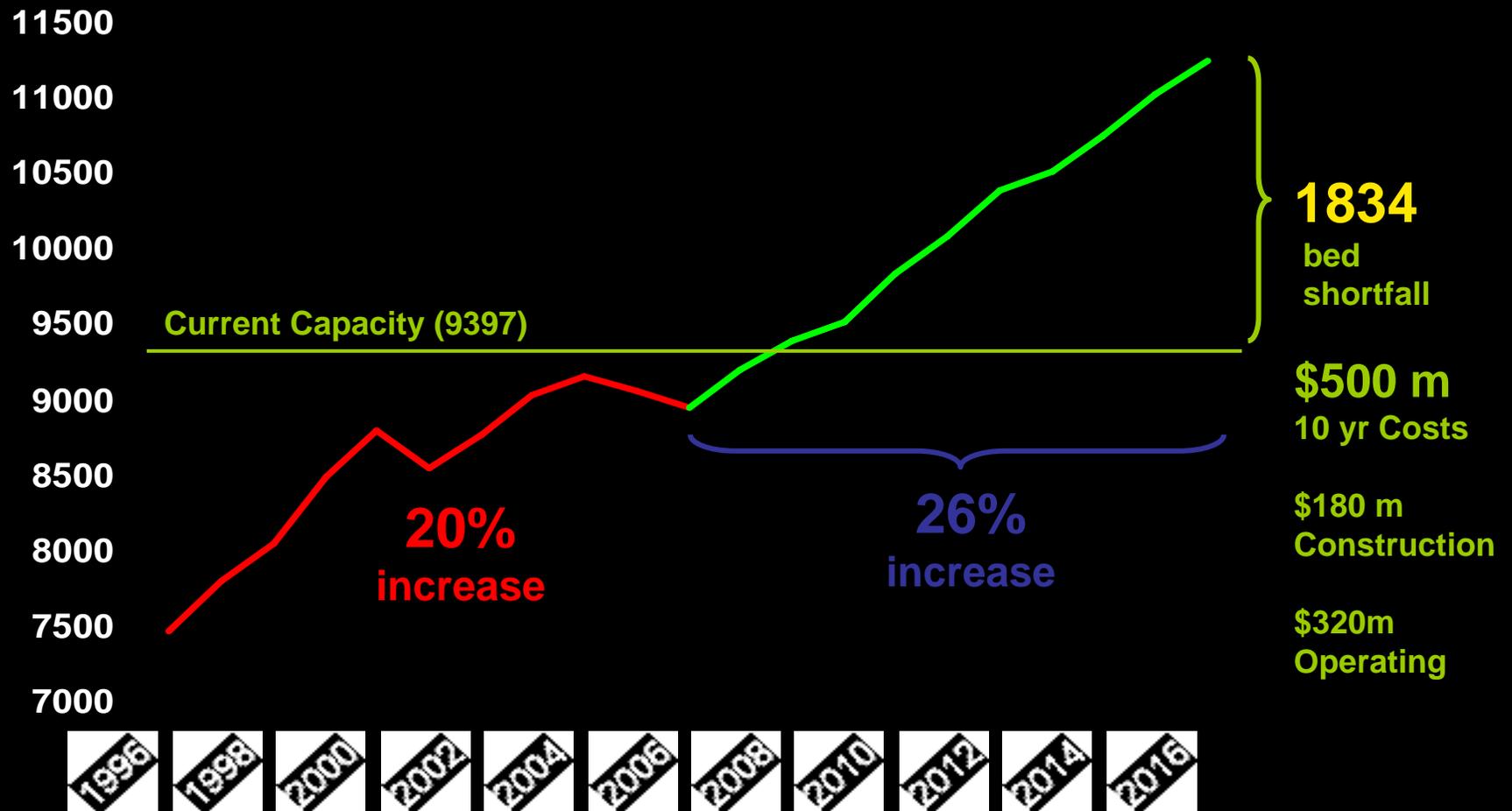
Pew Charitable Trusts





Kansas

Prison Population Projection





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Recidivism a Key Driver

Prison Admissions FY2006



– 65 % of admissions

– 27 % of prison population

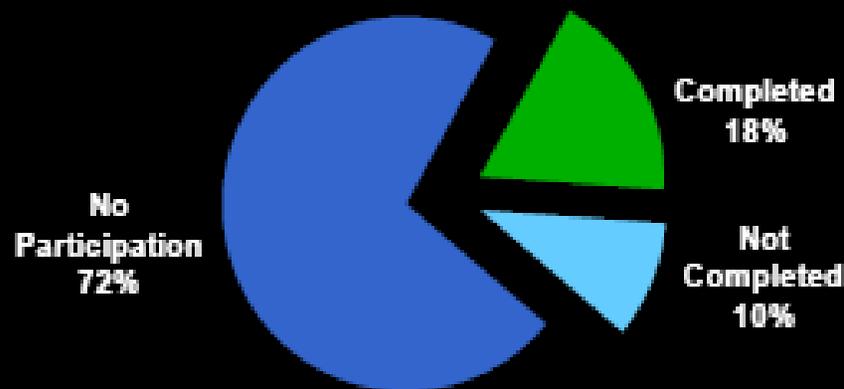
– Annual cost of \$53 million



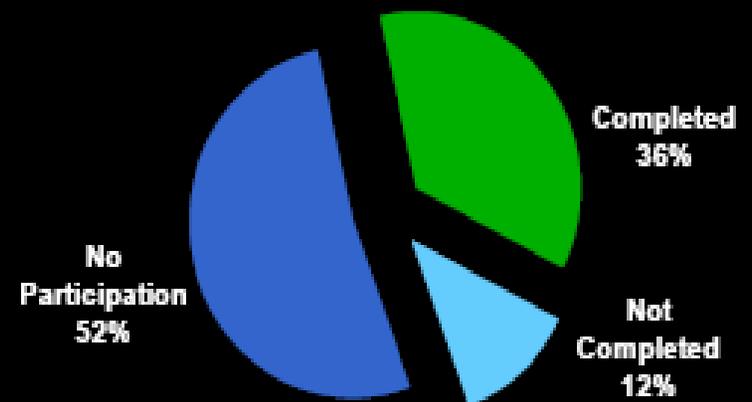
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Focus on Reducing Recidivism Before & After Release

Offenders in Need of Vocational Education: Program Participation & Completion Prior to Release

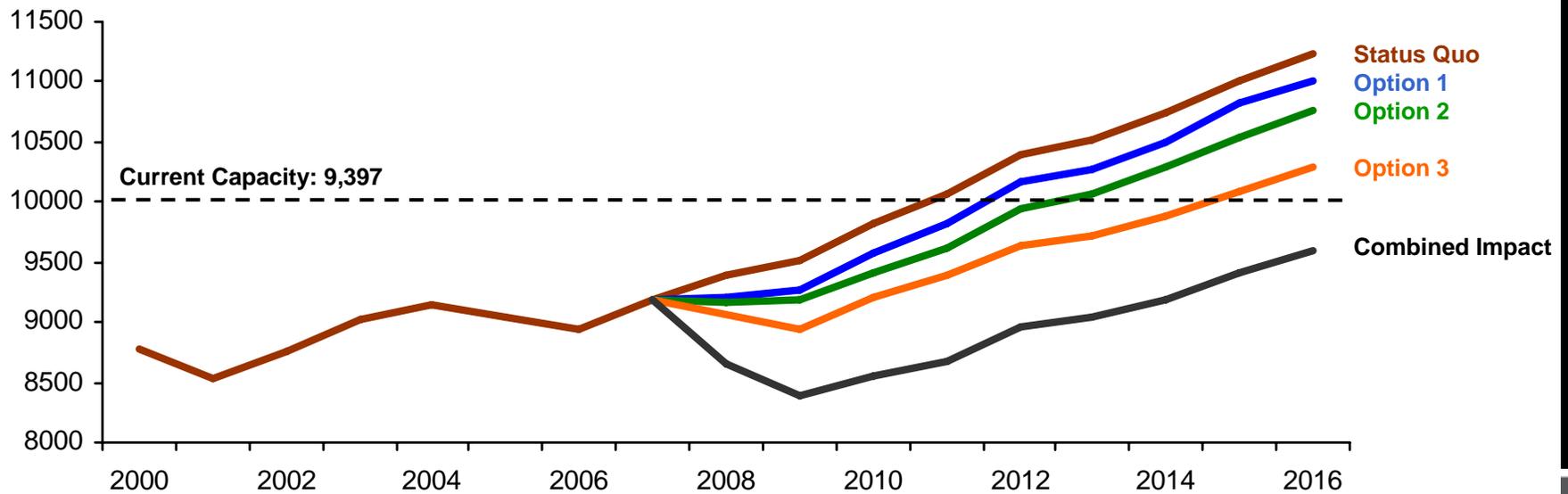


Offenders in Need of Substance Abuse Treatment: Program Participation & Completion Prior to Release



Kansas: Options for Policymakers

FY2008-2016 (9 years) Projected Prison Population



| POLICY OPTION | SAVINGS | OPERATING COSTS |
|---|--------------|---|
| 1. Maintain recent reductions in the number of parole revocations at 90 per month | 223 | \$52 million |
| 2. Reduce the number of probation/community corrections violators by 20 percent | 465 | \$97 million |
| 3. Create a 10 percent "Risk Reduction Program Credit" for guideline offenders who successfully complete treatment, educational, and vocational programs before release | 943 | \$171 million |
| Combined Impact | 1,631 | \$320 million + \$177 million [AVERTED CONSTRUCTION COSTS] \$497 million |



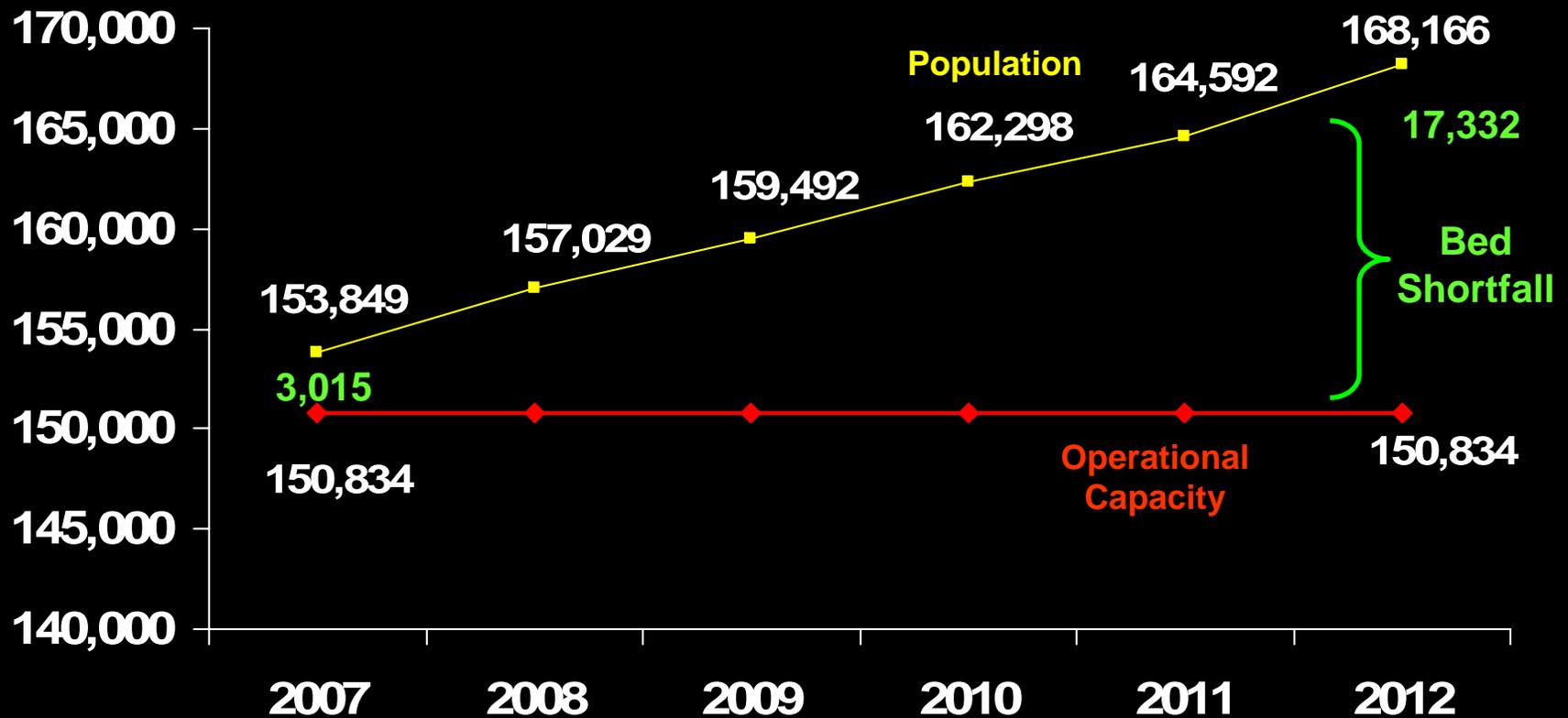
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Estimated Savings & Reinvestment

- **\$80 million in projected savings over the next 5 years**
- **\$4.5 million reinvested in community corrections grant program**
- **\$2.4 million reinvested in expanding in-prison and community-based program capacity**



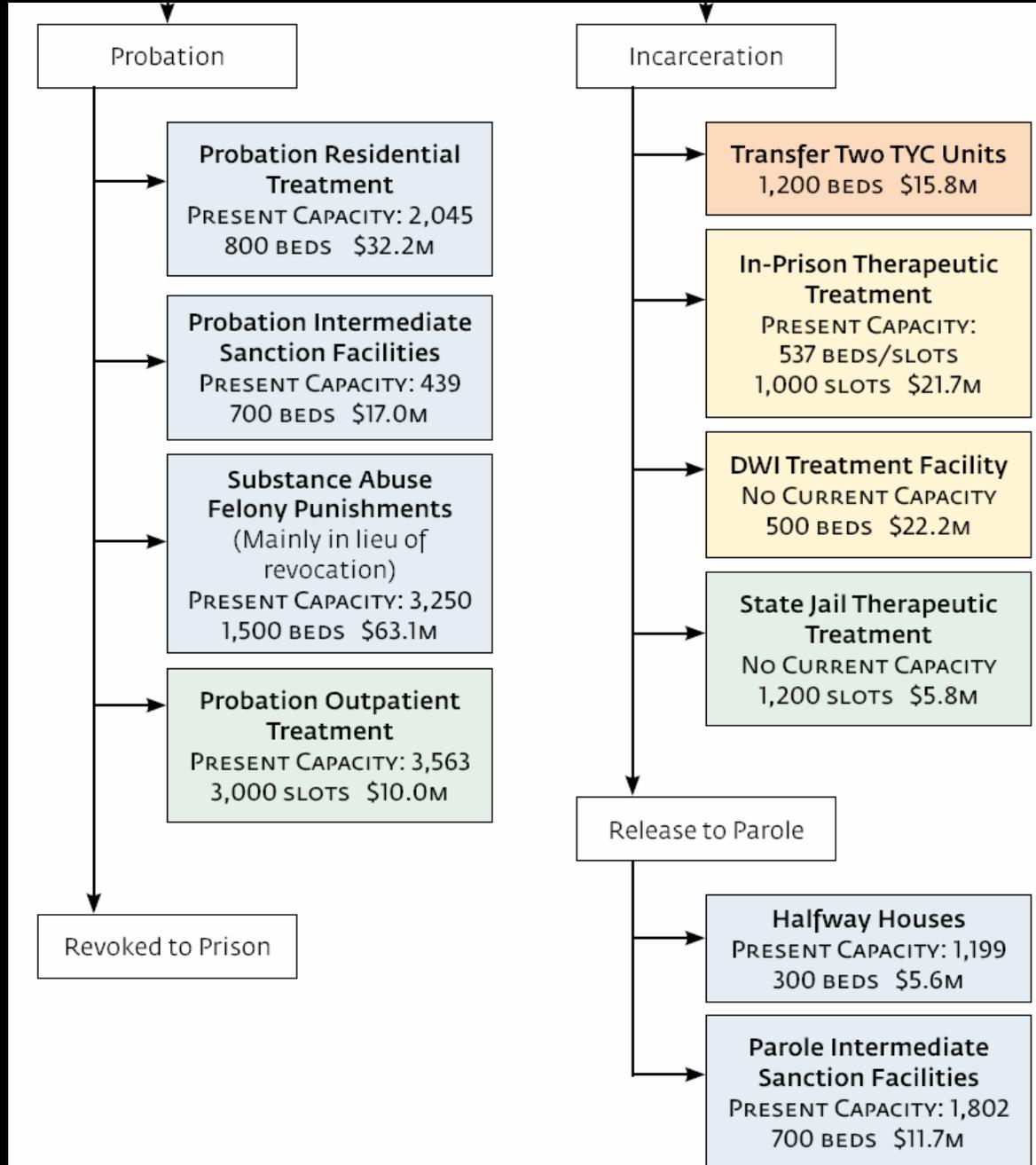
Texas Prison Population Projection



Source: Legislative Budget Board, June 06 and January 07, Adult and Juvenile Correctional Population Projections



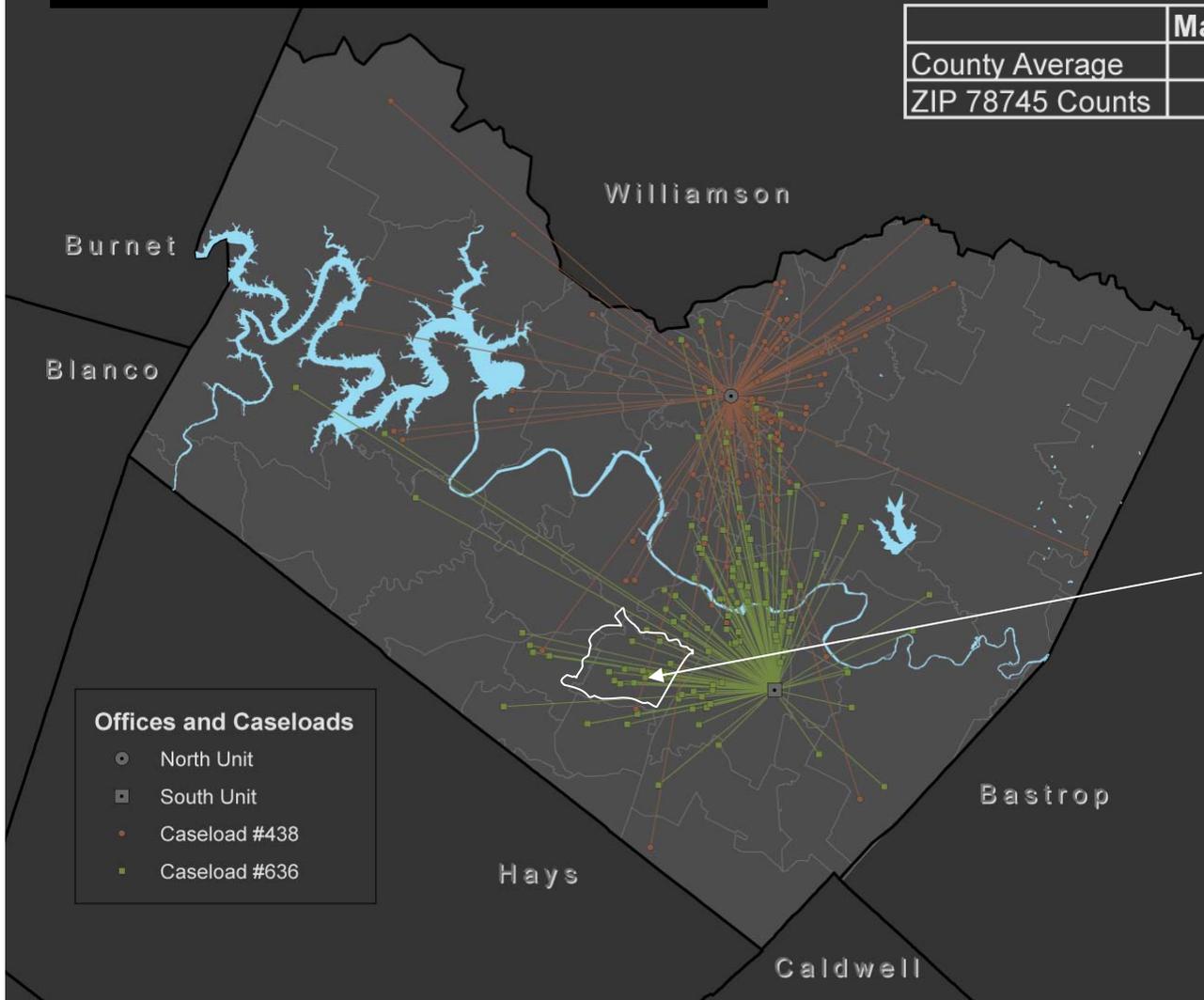
Expanding Capacity of Treatment & Diversion Programs



Thinking About High Stake Communities Can Even Encourage a Better Utilization of Present Resources Like Probation Supervision

Austin, Travis County

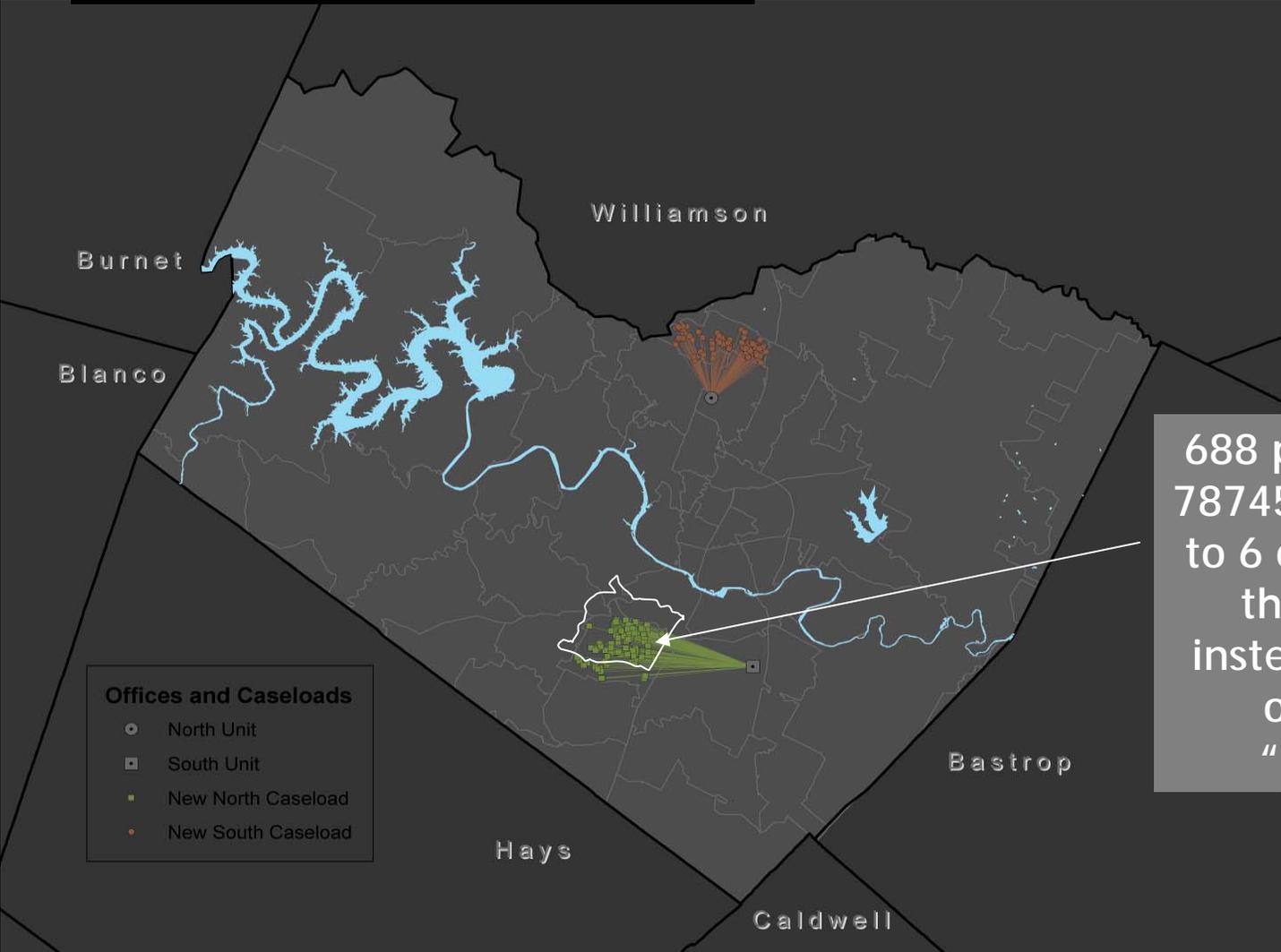
| | Maximum | Medium | Minimum | Total |
|------------------|---------|--------|---------|-------|
| County Average | 28 | 70 | 22 | 120 |
| ZIP 78745 Counts | 200 | 361 | 127 | 688 |



688 probationers in zip 78745 are presently assigned to 72 different officers

Probation Caseloads Could Be Organized More Effectively Around “High Stakes” Neighborhoods

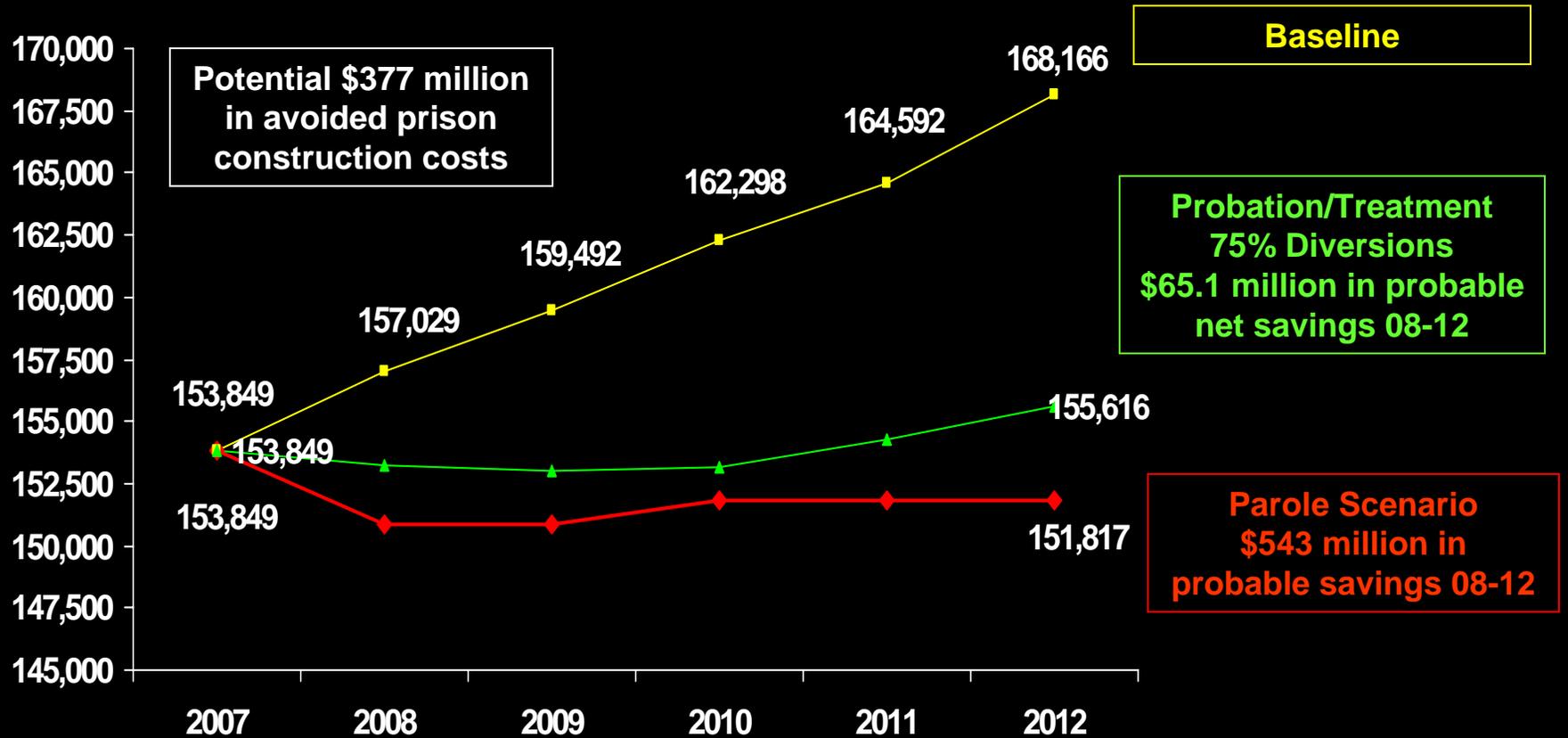
Austin, Travis County



688 probationers in zip 78745 could be assigned to 6 officers working in the neighborhood instead of 72 different officers from a "central" office



Texas Impact of Policy Options



Source: Legislative Budget Board, January 07 Scenarios Impact Analysis

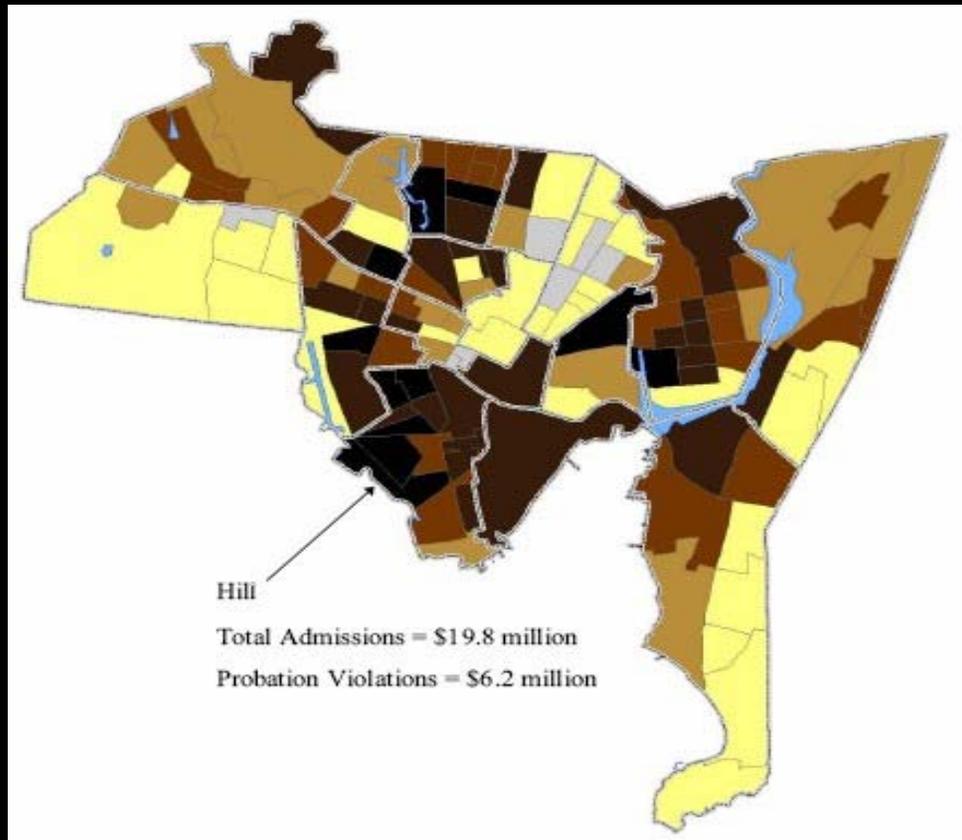


Texas

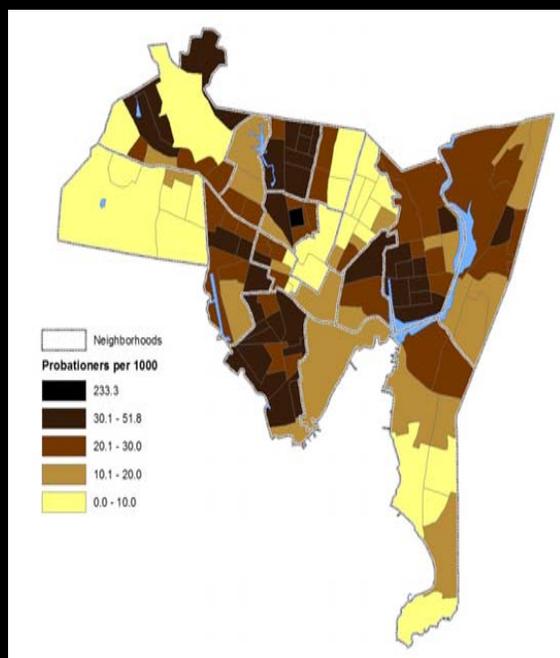
Estimated Savings & Reinvestment

- **\$451 million in projected savings over the next 2 years**
- **\$241 million to expand in-prison and community-based treatment and diversion programs**

Prison Expenditure: New Haven Neighborhoods

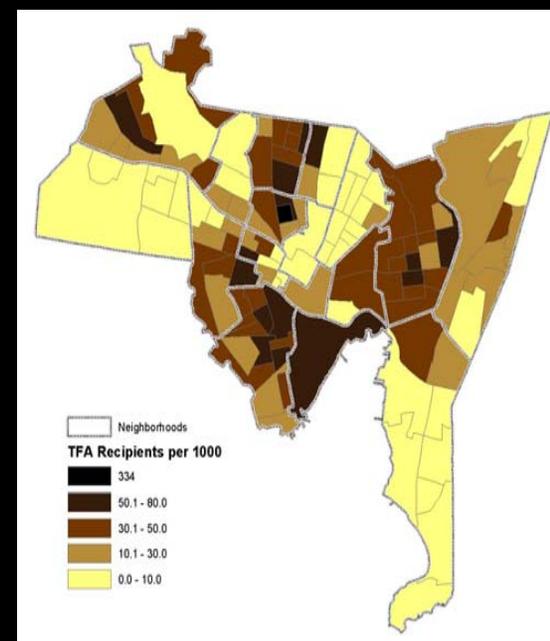
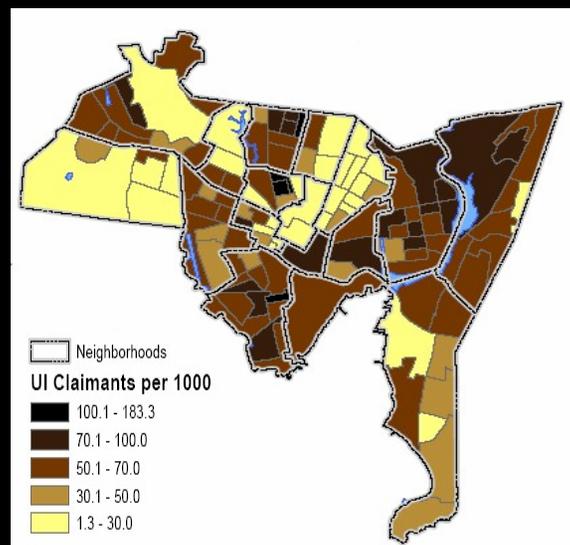


Probationers, Unemployment Insurance Claimants, TFA Recipients: New Haven Neighborhoods



Probationers

UI Claimants



TFA Recipients

NEXT STEPS

- **Commission a bipartisan analysis of why the prison population is growing**
- **Identify strategies to avert project growth and increase public safety and improve conditions in high-stakes communities**
- **Establish a bipartisan, interbranch structure to manage the implementation of these strategies**
- **Track performance**



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