

Beyond the Headlines: Bringing Together Data and People to Improve Public Safety Outcomes

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Solutions for complex justice challenges

We help leaders in every state make communities safer and healthier.

- Trusted Data
- Practical Solutions
- Cross-systems collaboration



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We partner with states to:

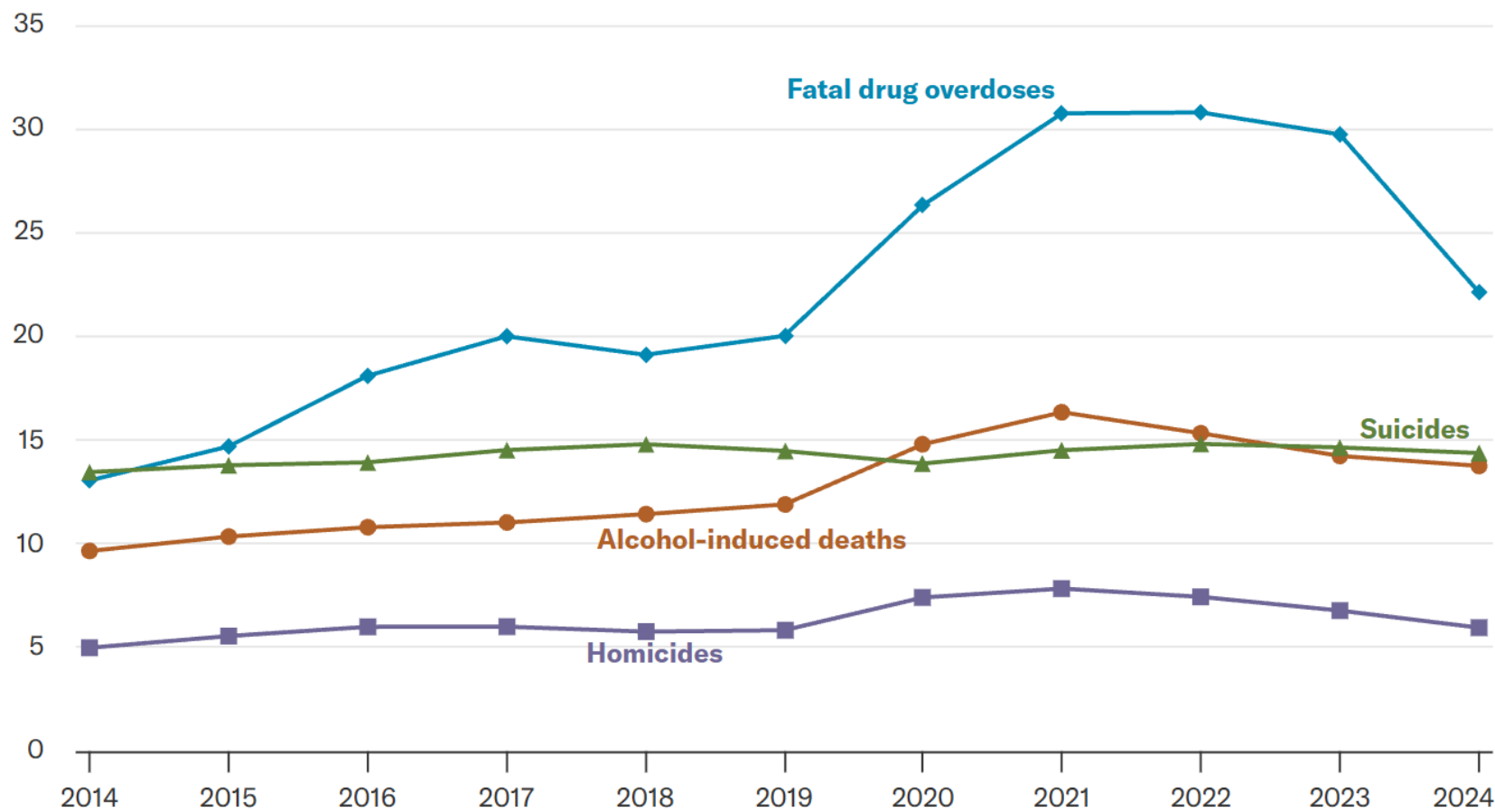
- Drive evidence-based policymaking with 50-state justice data.
- Reduce crime and strengthen crisis response.
- Redefine reentry and remove post-incarceration barriers to success.
- Strengthen cross-system behavioral health responses.

Criminal justice policymaking does not happen in isolation.

State leaders must navigate a fragmented, but deeply interconnected landscape.

Cause of Death

Rate per 100k Residents

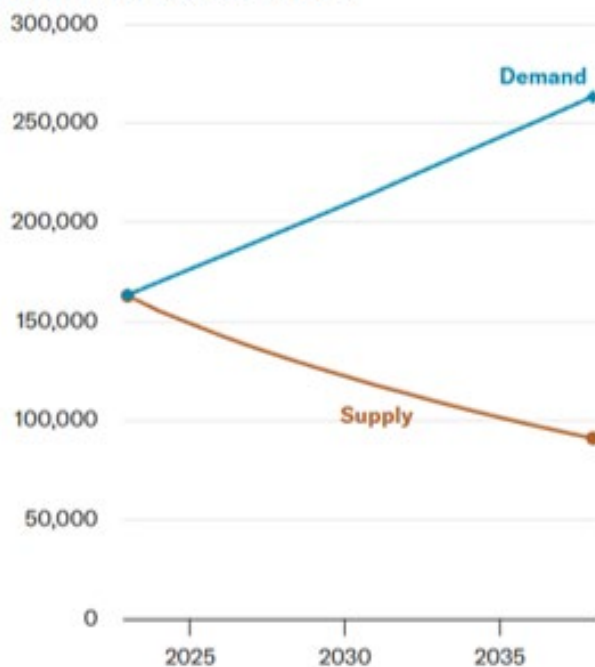


CDC National Center for Health Statistics

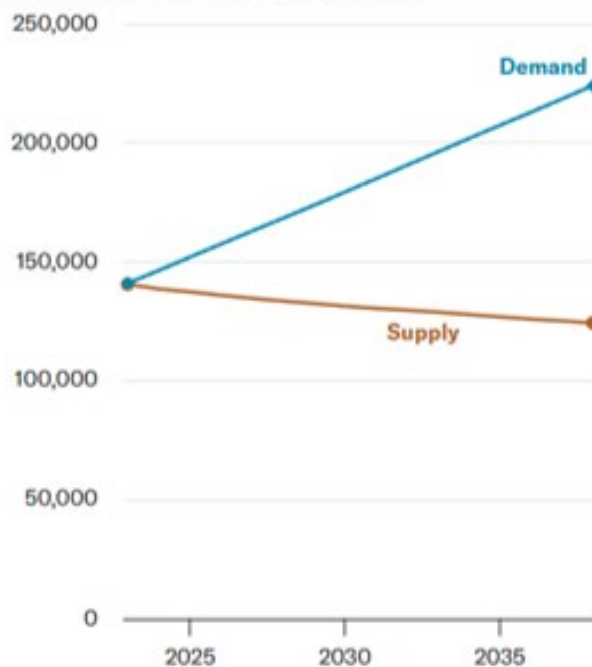
Projected Supply and Demand of Behavioral Health Providers

Workforce Projections, 2025–2037

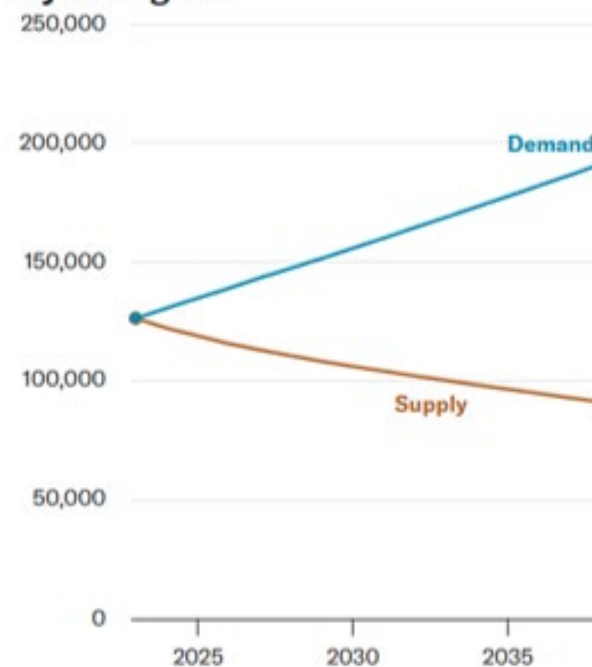
Addiction Counselors



Mental Health Counselors



Psychologists

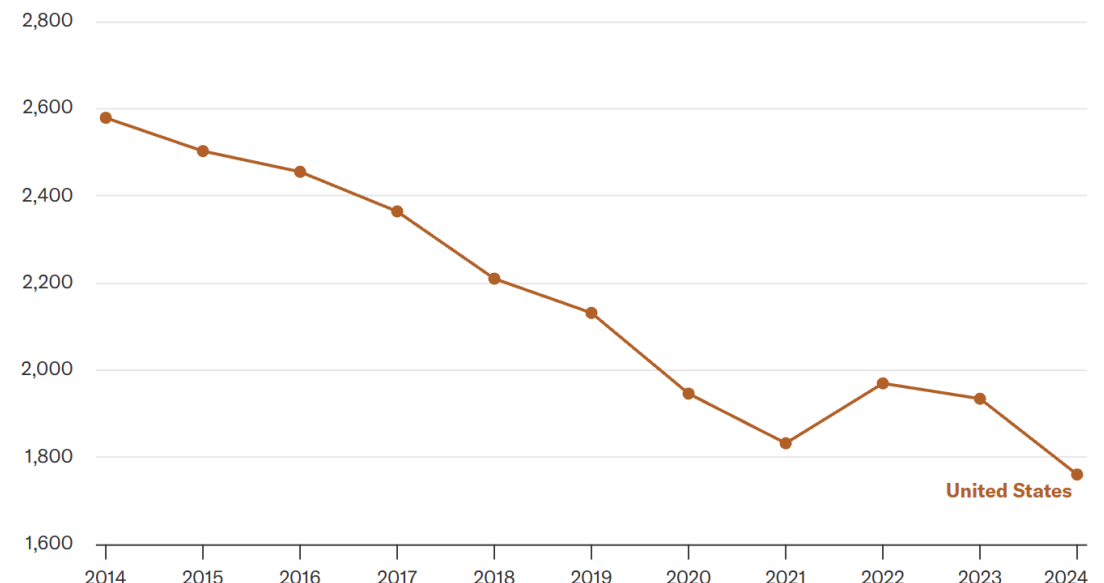
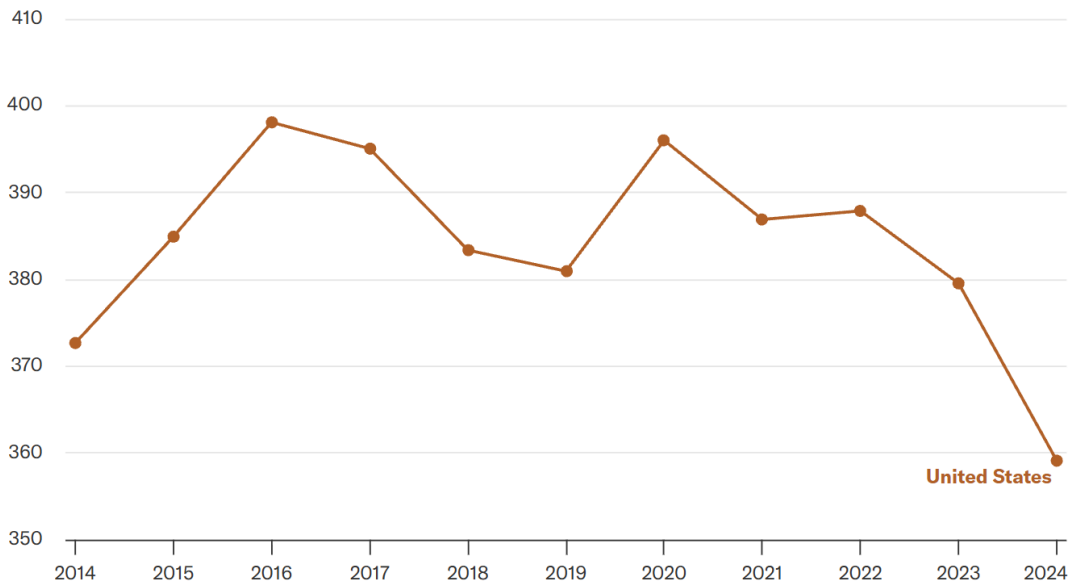


HRSANational Center for Health Workforce Analysis

10-Year Property and Violent Crime Trends

Rate per 100k Residents

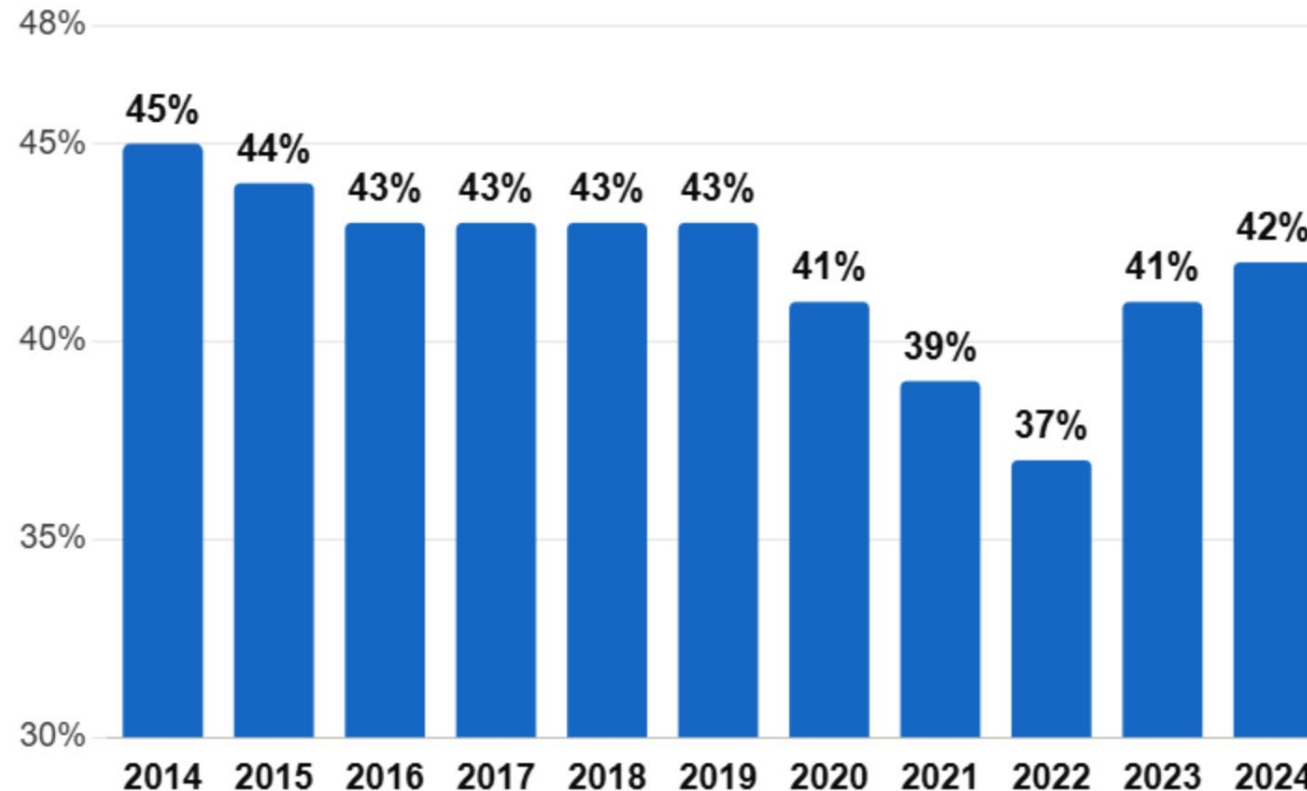
Violent Index Crimes Reported to Police



Agency-reported data compiled by the FBI: Uniform Crime Reporting Program SRS

Percent of Violent Crimes Cleared by Law Enforcement

A crime is considered cleared when a suspect is identified, arrested, and referred for prosecution.



FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program

Includes:

- Aggravated Assault
- Homicide
- Robbery
- Rape

State Prison Population

Rate per 100k Residents, United States

9 states

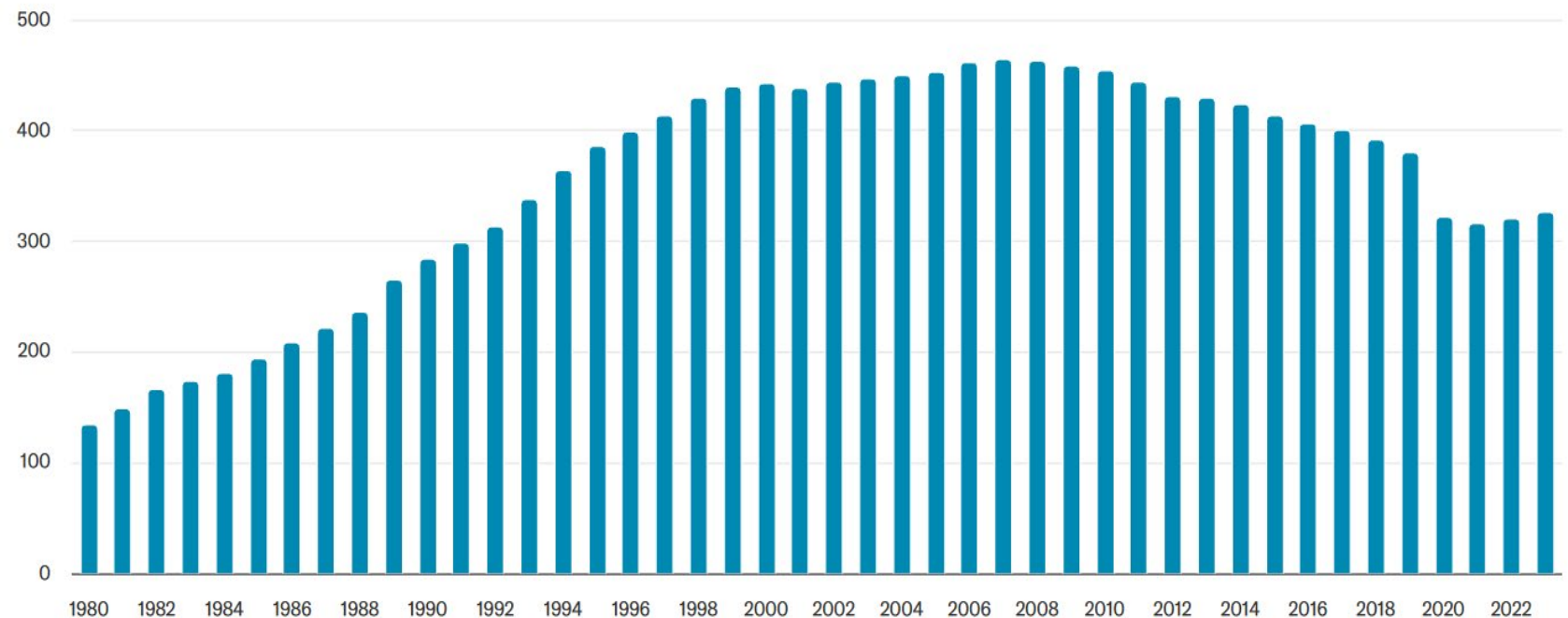
Admissions at or above
2018 levels

25 states

Admissions rising but
still below 2018 levels

14 states

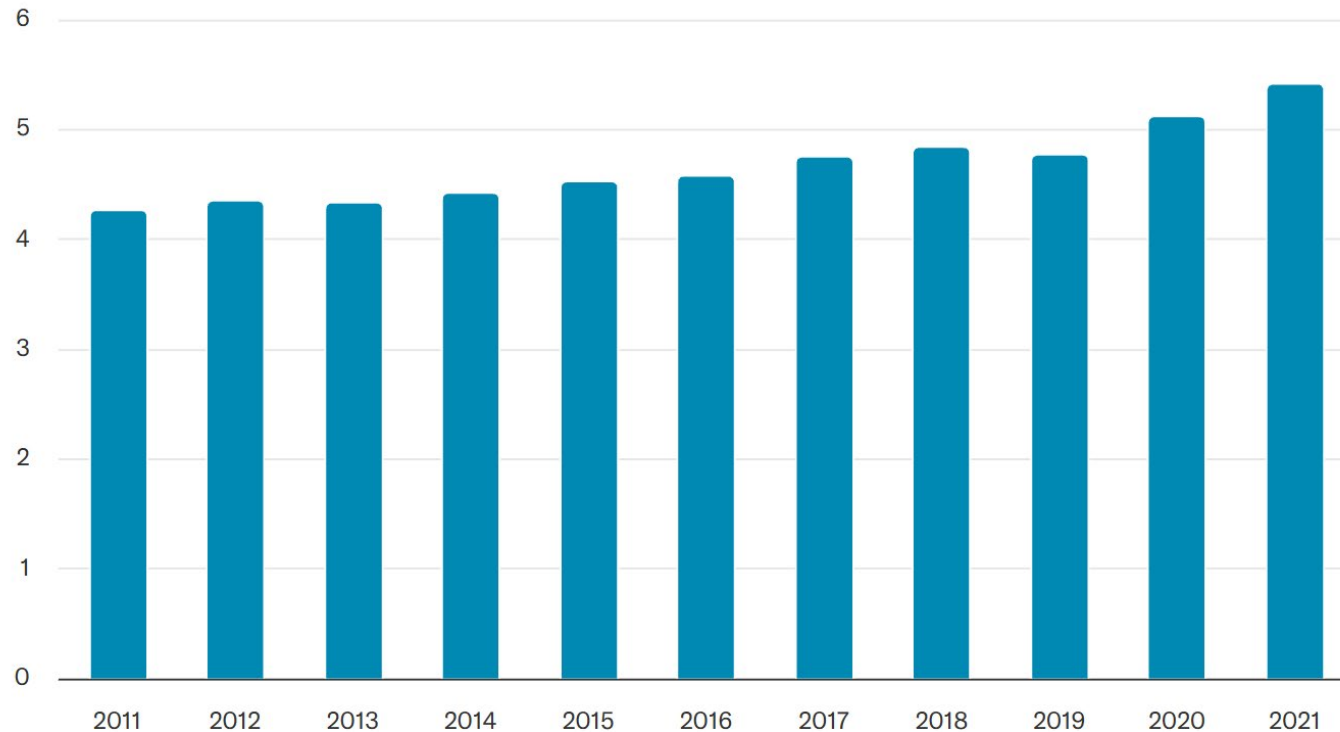
Admissions below 2018
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“Supervision Violations and Their Impact on Incarceration,” The Council of State Governments Justice Center, July 2025; Figure was recreated from the Council on Criminal Justice

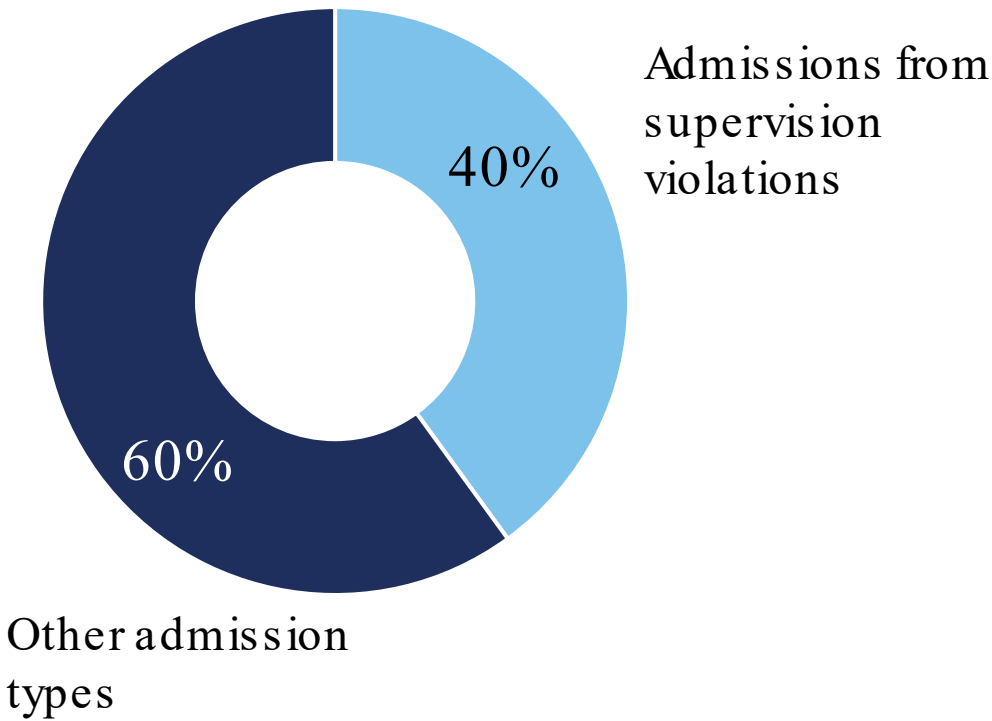
Average Length of Stay (Years) of People Exiting Prison

United States, Prison Terms for Violent Offenses, New Commitments Only



State-reported data compiled by BJS: National Corrections Reporting Program

Admissions to Prison for Supervision Violations

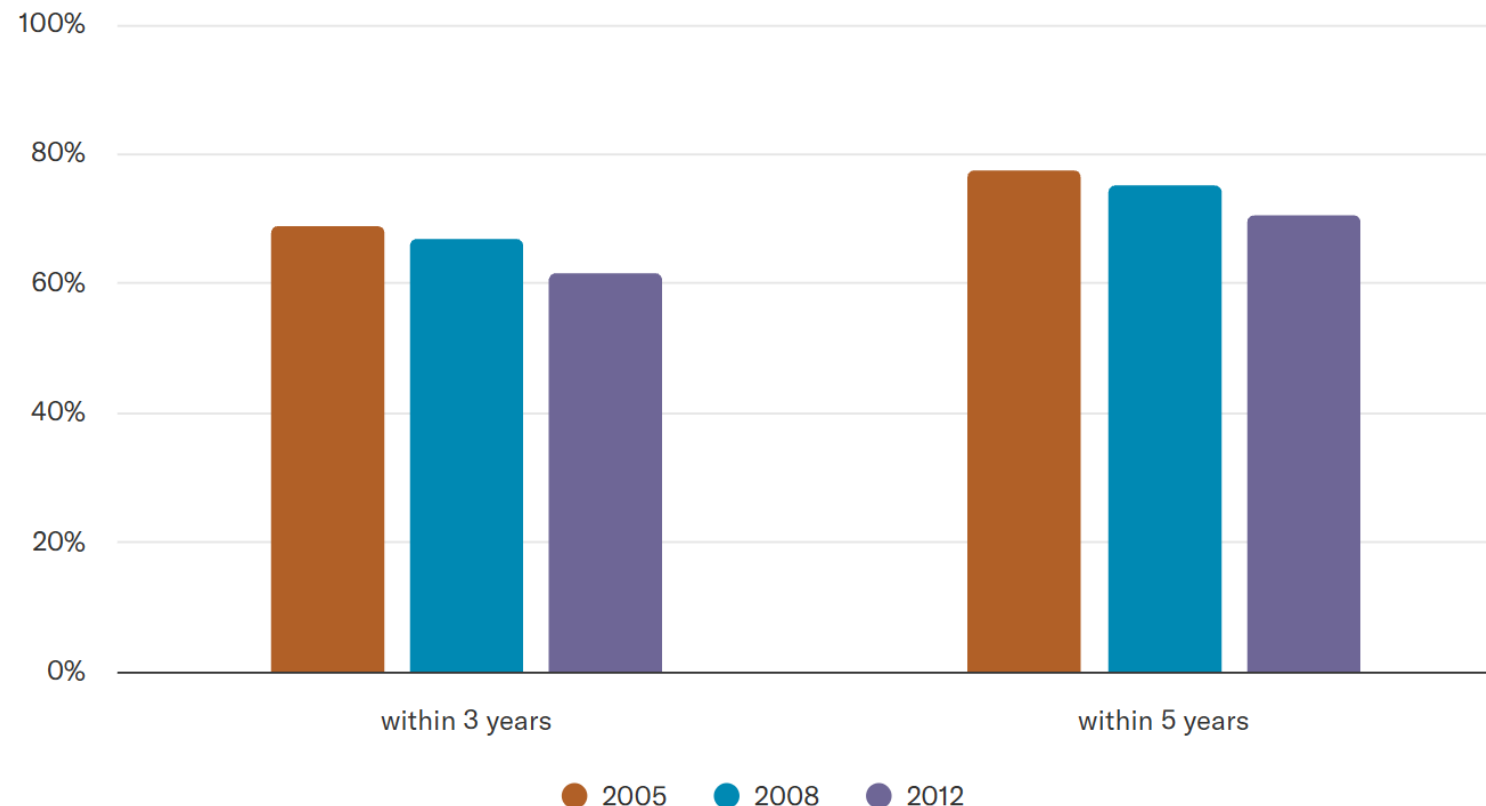


Highest cost to incarcerate people from parole and probation	
State	Cost
California	\$2.2 billion
Texas	\$760 million
Wisconsin	\$514 million
Virginia	\$469 million
Florida	\$400 million

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Percentage of People Released from Prison Who Were Arrested Following Release

United States

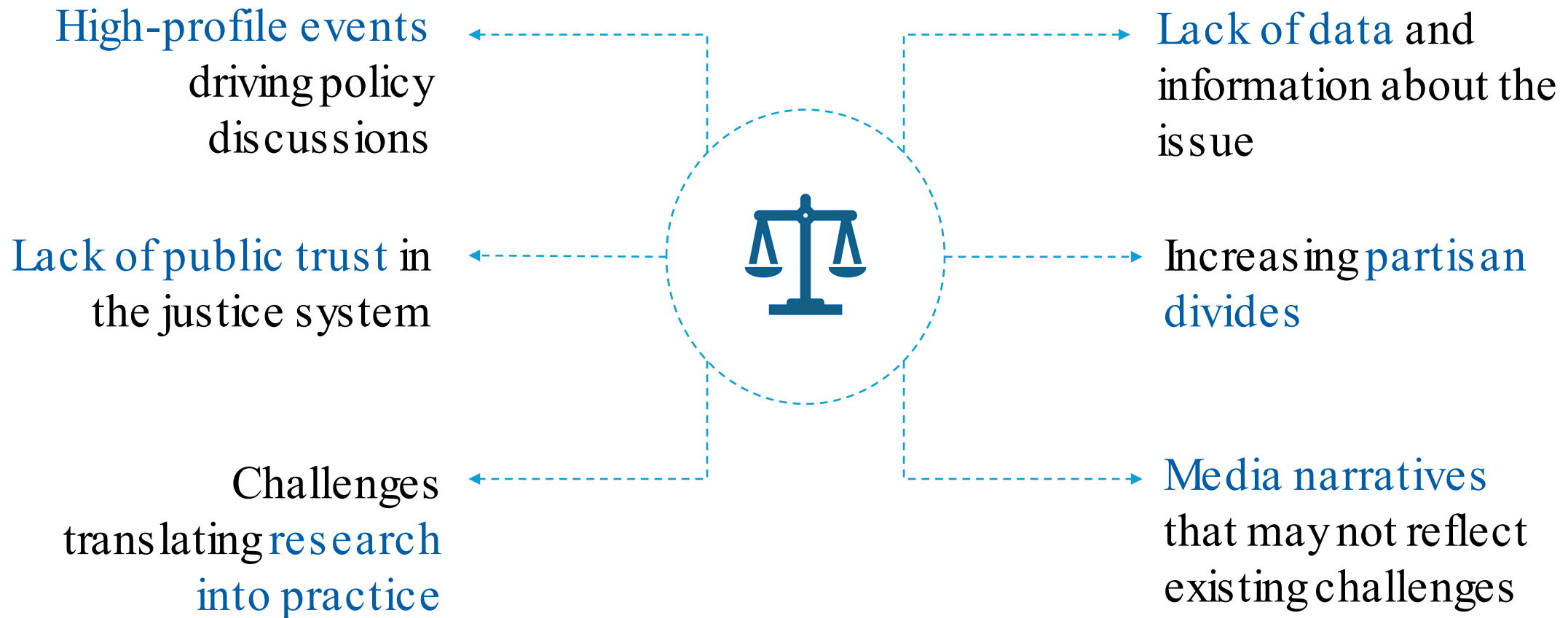


BJS Recidivism of Prisoners Released in 34 States in 2012

Questions

- Do these challenges resonate with what you see in your state? Why or why not?
- What else is your state grappling with?
- In your state, where are you seeing problems that cross multiple systems, and what impact is that having?

What factors complicate criminal justice policymaking?



Complex criminal justice challenges require a comprehensive, systemic approach.



Know when to
step back before
moving forward.



Define the issue
and desired
outcome.



Ground the
conversation in
your state's data
and context.



Plan for
sustainability from
the start.

Thank You!

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