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Recent National and State Trends in Recidivism

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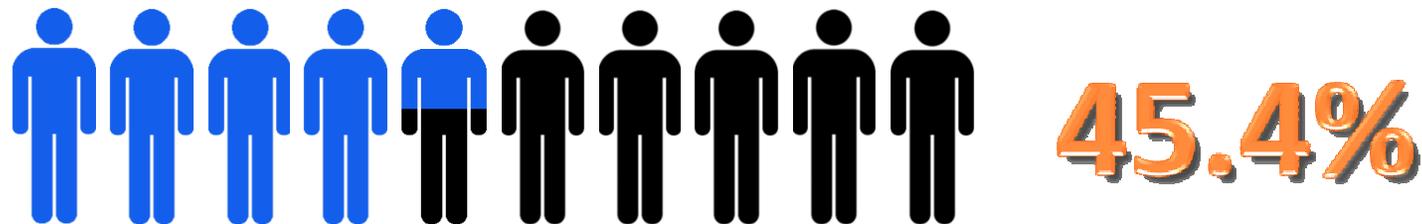
The State of Recidivism

1. First-of-its-kind 50-state survey of recidivism (return to prison) rates
2. Data for offenders released in 1999, 2004 and followed for three years
3. States reported recidivism for new crime and technical violation of supervision
4. Differences in definitions, data collection procedures warrant caution about making interstate comparisons.

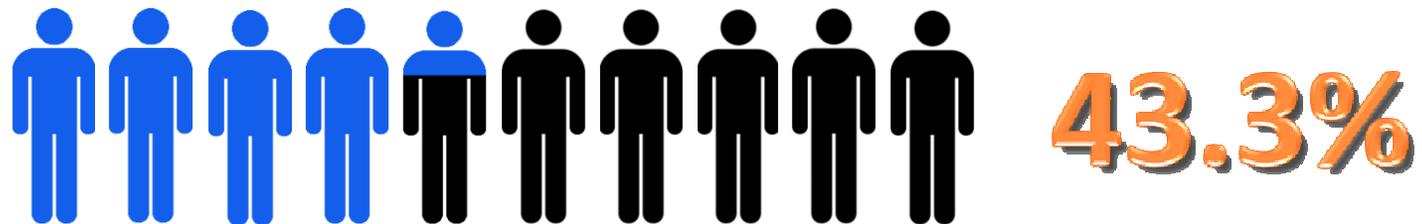
America's National Recidivism Rate Remains Stubbornly High

More than 4 out of 10 adult American offenders return to prison within three years of their release.

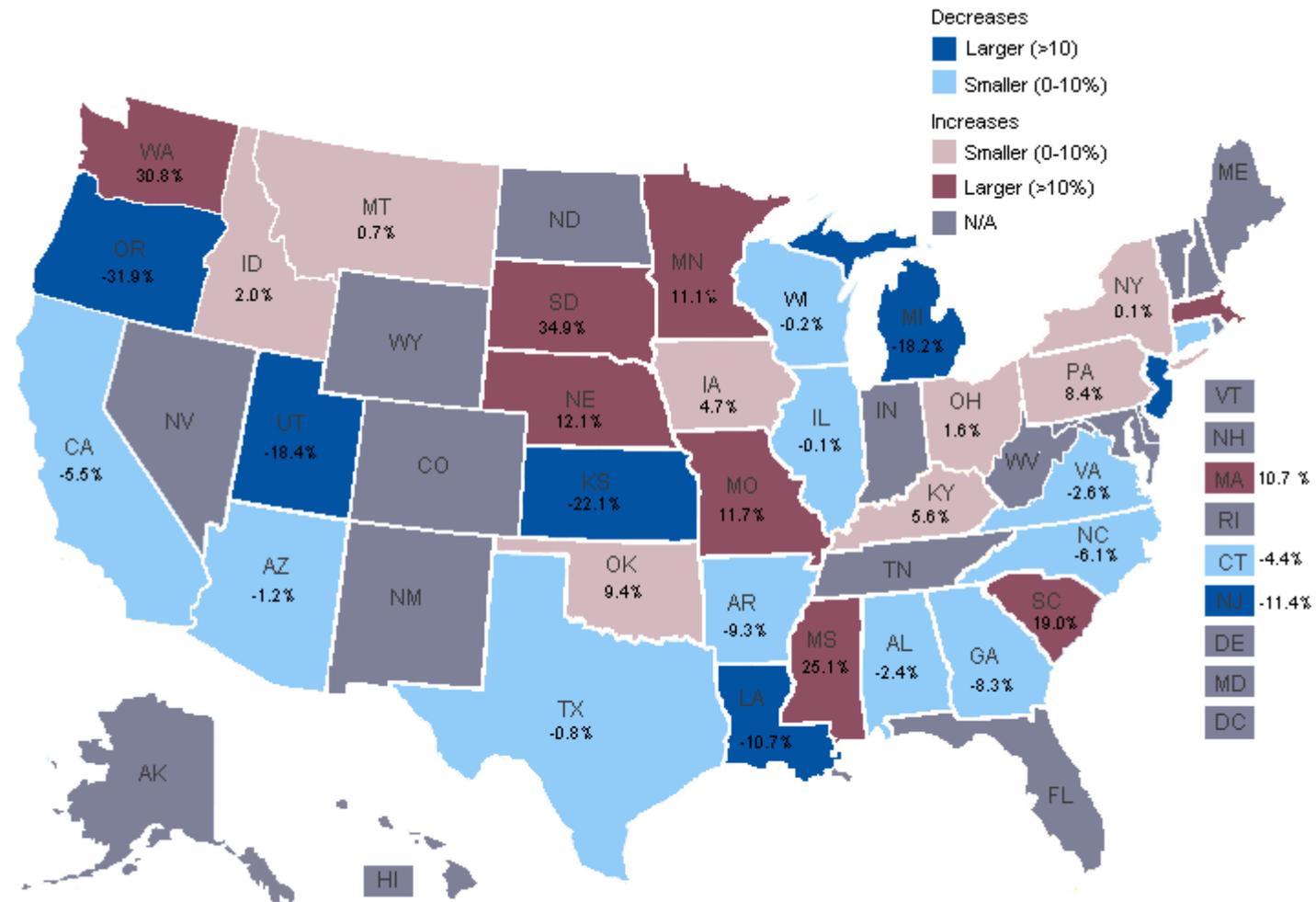
1999 - 2002



2004 - 2007

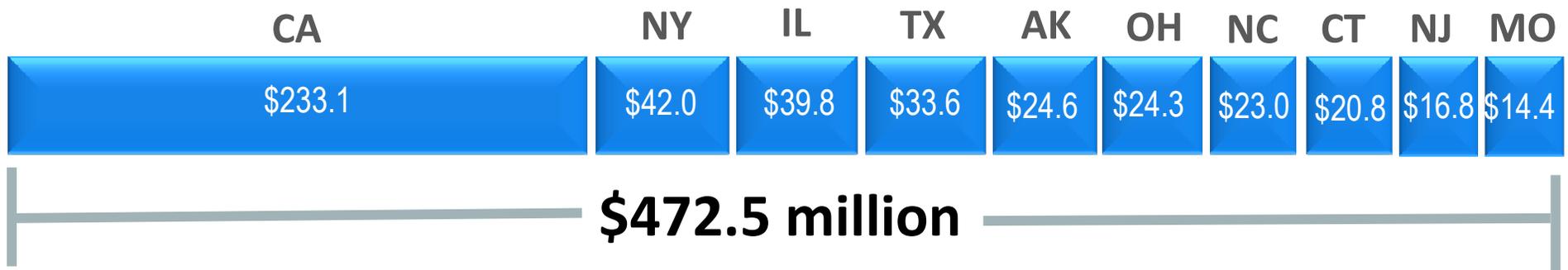


Changes in Recidivism: 1999 and 2004



Protecting Public Safety and Cutting Costs

If 10 states reduced recidivism by 10 percent:



Potential Cost Savings

Policies and Practices that Impact Recidivism

Pre-Entry

- Assessment
- Offender Risk Profile
- State Sentencing Laws



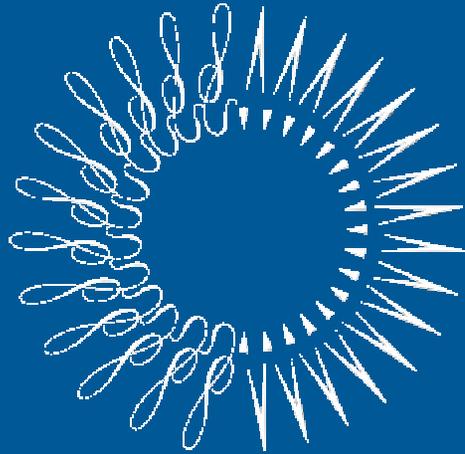
Behind the Walls

- Assessment
- Classification
- Transition Planning
- Programming
- Release Criteria



Reentry

- Assessment
- Classification
- Reentry Handoff
- Supervision Length
- Violations Policy
- Incentives



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