MASS INCARCERATION, RECIDIVISM, AND PREVENTION

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The United States has …

5% WORLD'S POPULATION
25% WORLD'S PRISONERS

Source: “18 things you should know about mass incarceration”
Southern Poverty Law Center
To put that in perspective...

**INCARCERATION RATES**
COMPARING MASSACHUSETTS AND FOUNDING NATO COUNTRIES

- United States 698
- Massachusetts 324
- United Kingdom 137
- Portugal 122
- Luxembourg 115
- Canada 114
- France 102
- Italy 98
- Belgium 94
- Norway 74
- Netherlands 59
- Denmark 59
- Iceland 38

Incarceration rates per 100,000 population

2018 data on founding NATO countries

And lest we think it’s worse in other countries...

**Incarceration Rates per 100,000 people**

- United States 707
- Russian Federation 474
- Ukraine 286
- Poland 209
- Turkey 188
- Hungary 186
- Czech Republic 157
- United Kingdom 148
- Spain 145
- Portugal 137
- Australia 133
- Canada 118
- Greece 111
- Belgium 108
- Italy 105
- France 100
- Austria 98
- Netherlands 82
- Switzerland 82
- Germany 77
- Denmark 73
- Norway 72
- Sweden 67
- Finland 58

2014 data
https://plainfieldview.wordpress.com/2015/02/23/incarceration-by-the-numbers/
One burning question ...

How did we get here?
Incarcerated Americans 1920-2014

- 1981: Beginning of Reagan presidency
- 1984: Beginning of private prison industry

https://lloydlofthouse.org/2015/10/11/discovering-the-real-u-s-prison-pipeline/
**Figure 6. Lifetime likelihood of imprisonment for those born in 2001**

- **All Men**: 1 in 9
- **All Women**: 1 in 56
- **White Men**: 1 in 17
- **Black Men**: 1 in 3
- **Latino Men**: 1 in 6
- **White Women**: 1 in 111
- **Black Women**: 1 in 18
- **Latina Women**: 1 in 45


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**Men's risk of imprisonment by age 30-34**


- **All whites**: 1% in 1979, 3% in 2009
- **White high school dropouts**: 4% in 1979, 15% in 2009
- **All African-Americans**: 9% in 1979, 21% in 2009
- **African-American high school dropouts**: 15% in 1979, 69% in 2009
$31,300/inmate/year \times 2,300,000\text{ inmates} = \text{ $71,990,000,000$}

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https://www.sowhatelse.org/
Addressing Recidivism:
NH Correctional Industries
- Furniture Refinishing and Upholstery Services
- Woodworking Services
- Sign Making and Engraving Services
- Printing Services
- NH State License Plate Making

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The United States Department of Labor
Office of Apprenticeship
Certificate of Registration of Apprenticeship Program

New Hampshire Department of Corrections
Registered as part of the National Apprenticeship System in accordance with the basic standards of apprenticeship established by the Secretary of Labor
Addressing Prevention: UTEC

Advocating for Re-Entry and Expungement
In a handful of courthouses in the Merrimack Valley, an important experiment in criminal justice reform is underway.

Court officials are partnering with UTEC, a Lowell organization that works with some of the toughest young men in the region, to reimagine probation — that critical way station between freedom and imprisonment.

Some 56,000 people statewide are under probationary supervision — either in lieu of a prison sentence, or as they ease their way back into society after months or years behind bars. And the Merrimack Valley pilot program homes in on one crucial subset of that population: young adults, ages 18 to 24.
By Alana Melanson

LOWELL — UTEC members and staff went to Gillette Stadium Monday to give a presentation to the New England Patriots about their mission, and left as the first recipients of the new Patriots Social Justice Fund.

Players Devin McCourty and Matthew Slater surprised the organization with a $75,000 grant, the first award made from fund.

The Patriots shared a video marking the event on the organization’s official Twitter page late Wednesday afternoon.

“A group of us have already researched what you do, and you guys might not have known but as players we’ve set up our own player fund and we decided to select you guys as an organization that we want to donate to because we saw the work you do and how great it is, and it’s all the things that we believe in as a team,” McCourty said in the video footage.
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Recidivism — Employment — Education

UTEC OUTCOMES

90% of young adults served were not arrested during the year.
99% were not convicted.

MA and U.S. OUTCOMES

49% of 18-24 year-olds incarcerated to convey facilities in Massachusetts are not re-arraigned within 1 year.*

78% of young adults who left UTEC programming were employed two years later.

of young adults engaged in our MSET classes obtained a high school credential within the last year.

32% of incarcerated males ages 18-24 nationally have attained at least a high school diploma or GED.***

Learn more at www.utec-lowell.org


136 young adults ages 17-25 participated in our intensive programming in FY17.

HAD A CRIMINAL RECORD
93%

WERE GANG INVOLVED
72%

HAD NO HIGH SCHOOL CREDENTIAL
69%

WERE PREGNANT OR PARENTING
36%

96% not multiple risk criteria, including 11% who had all four.

750 additional young adults were served through online engagement, enrichment activities, and other events.

Thank you

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