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On December 21, 2018, former President Donald Trump signed the First Step Act. The law has two overarching goals: corrections reforms aim to expand recidivism reduction programming to hasten peoples transfer from prison to community corrections; and sentencing reforms reduce extreme sentences for certain federal offenses. In the first two and a half years since the First Step Acts passage, implementation has been problematic, and efforts to thoroughly evaluate progress are hindered by a lack of transparency by the Department of Justice.

Increase in U.S. jail & prison population in the last 40 years

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