

RACISM IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Prison Populations

12 states have prison populations where more than half of the prisoners are Black. In other words, none of these states have prison populations proportional to their populations in demographics, meaning less than 50% of the population in these states is Black. They include Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.



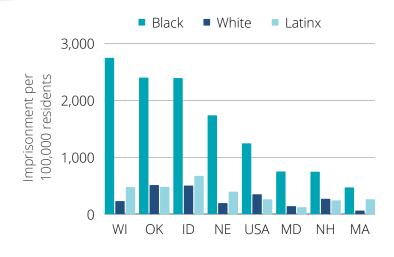


Searches and Arrests

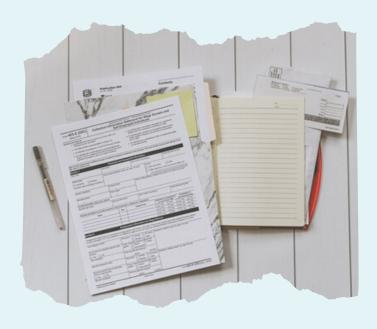
According to the Sentencing Project, Latinx Americans are more likely to be pulled over and searched than white Americans, even though white Americans are more likely to have contraband than Latinx Americans. As for arrests, police are more likely to arrest both Latinx Americans and Black Americans compared to their white counterparts. Note that this information is likely worse than statistics suggest, as many police agencies are not meticulous about their reports of race and ethnicity data.

Incarceration Rates

Black Americans are incarcerated at about 5 times the rate of white Americans, and Latinx Americans are incarcerated about 1.3 times the rate of white Americans. The highest state incarceration rates in the country are in Wisconsin, Oklahoma, and Idaho, and the lowest are in Maryland, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.



MALONE'S APPROACH



Project Uplift

Malone works with a group called Legal Aid Nebraska to help provide free, convenient legal counsel over a variety of topics to anyone who might need it. They include counsel for individuals facing eviction, utility shutoffs, and denial of unemployment benefits, Medicaid, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and other governmental aid programs.

Other Resources and Further Information

MALONE PROJECT UPLIFT (https://bit.ly/3vy8F2I)

Directly from Malone's website, this page briefly explains each of the programs at Malone and provides the person to contact for more information. Project Uplift is the third from the top.

LEGAL AID OF NEBRASKA (https://bit.ly/3F4KonU)

Legal Aid of Nebraska works to provide resource to any who need them, free of charge. Their website has further information on how to get help, and the sorts of resources they provide.

RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITY IN STATE PRISONS (https://bit.ly/3vy93OI)

This website is a source written by the Sentencing Project for the statistics on the page before this. The Sentencing Project is a non-profit organization that advocates for those affected by mass incarceration and works to make systematic change in the US justice system.

SENTENCING DISPARITIES AND POLICING FOR DRUGS (https://bit.ly/3kw6eaE)

This website was another source for the information above. For more information about the Sentencing Project (the organization that wrote this), go to https://www.sentencingproject.org/about-us/.