

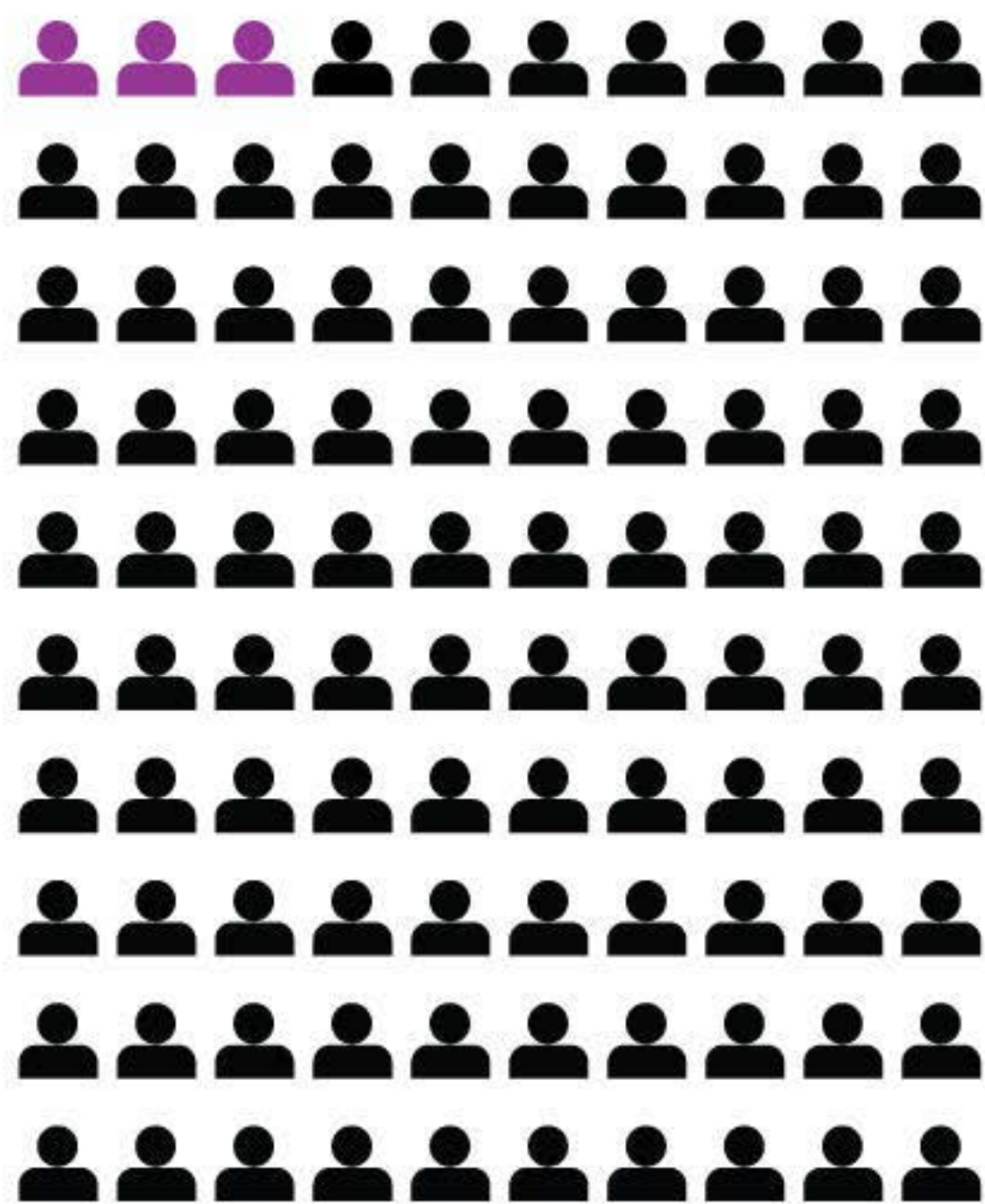
# Recidivism rate comparison between Ungers and general prison population

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In an effort to remedy the flawed instructions given to Maryland juries before 1981, the state’s highest court ruled in 2012 that those who had been convicted under these instructions should be given new trials. As of March 2020, 199 people who had been serving life sentences for violent crimes have been released under “Unger v. Maryland.” Since 2012, less than 3% of this population — which ranged from 51 to 85 years of age — have returned to prison after being convicted of a new crime or probation violation. Some point to this low recidivism rate as evidence that people “age out” of engaging in criminal behavior as they grow older.

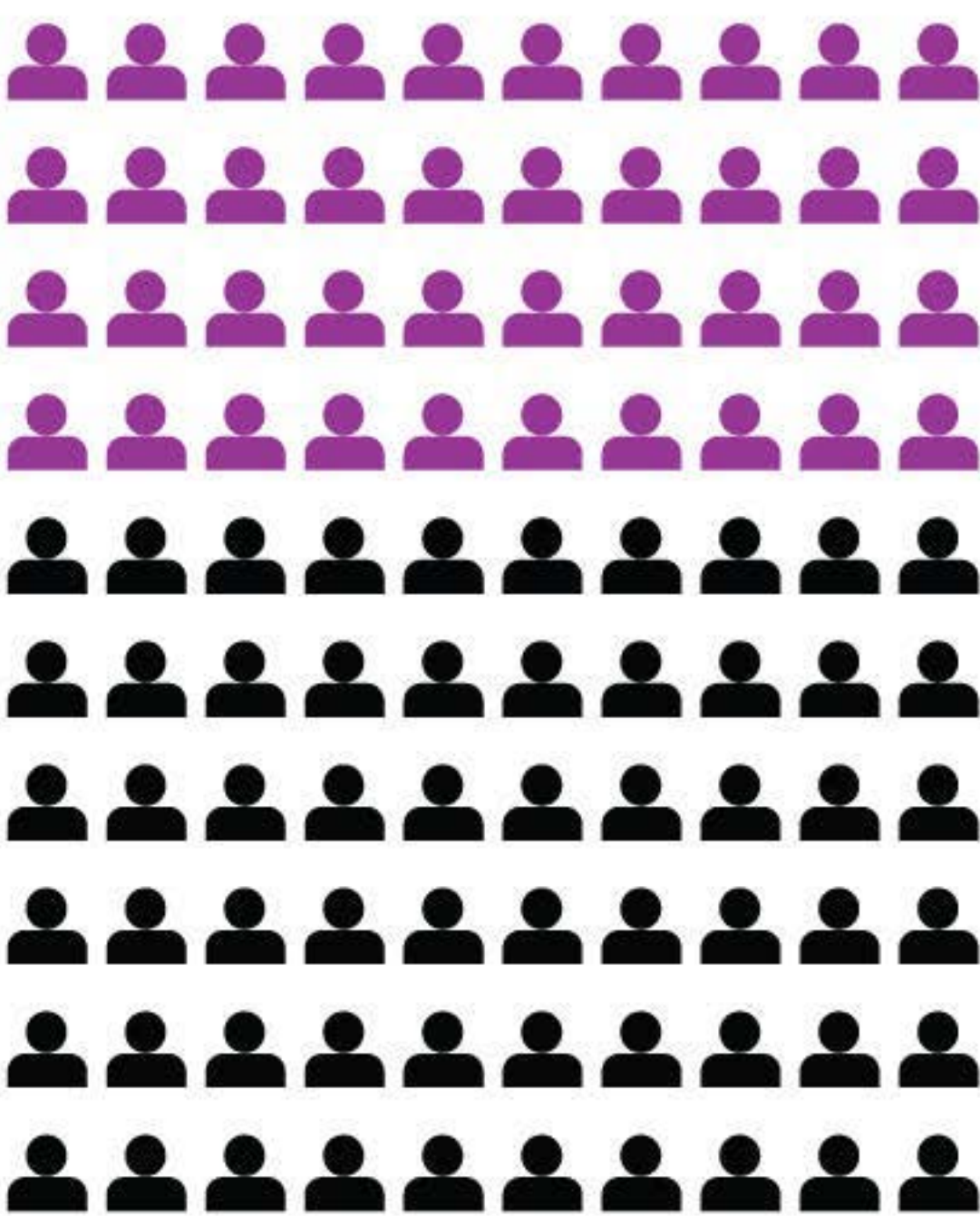
## Ungers


The Ungers received specialized services to ease their reintegration back into society. As of this year, less than 3% have recidivated.



## General population

Approximately 40% of Marylanders released from the general prison population recidivate within three years of release.



 Person who has returned to community supervision or prison