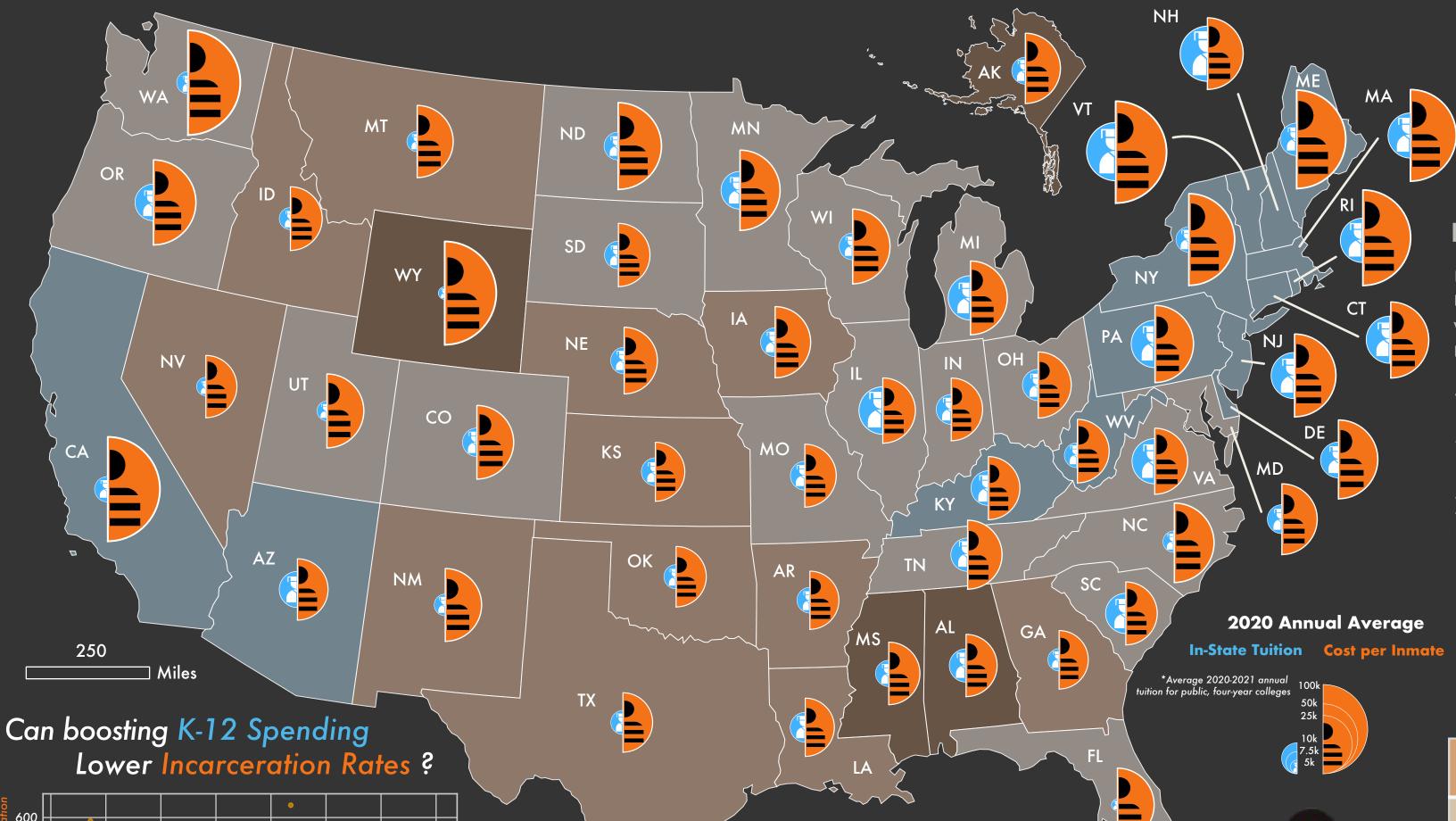
TO EDUCATE OR TO INCARCERATE?





INCARCERATION IN THE STATES

With over 2 million people behind bars, the U.S. accounts for about 20% of the world's prisoners, despite having less than 5% of the global population. The annual cost of maintaining this vast prison system is estimated to be over \$180 billion. This phenomenon not only reflects on the country's criminal justice policies but also significantly impacts public spending.

Likelihood of Imprisonment

Black men: 1 in 3 Latino men : 1 in 6 White men: 1 in 17 Black women: 1 in 18 Latino women: 1 in 45 White women: 1 in 111

Average daily wage of \$ 0.86 incarcerated workers:

Average earnings someone loses over their lifetime by being incarcerated: \$ 500,000 +

Mass Incarceration

1 in 5 prisoners in the world is incarcerated in US.

The number of federal prisoners rose by

568% between 1990 and 2020

The Federal Immigrant Detection has grown to \$ 2.2 Billion

Each detained person cost taxpayers about \$159 per day.

Lost Earnings

Cost to TaxPayers

FOLLOWING 置 MONEY OF MASS INCARCERATION



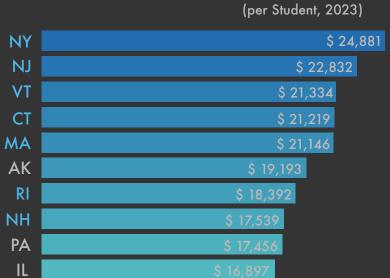
Colors represent different cost categories: Public Corrections, Judicial and Legal, Policing, and Direct/Indirect External Costs.

Annual Total \$ 182 billion

Top 10 in K12 Education Spending

More Colleges

*College: An institution authorized onfer baccalaureate degrees or higher



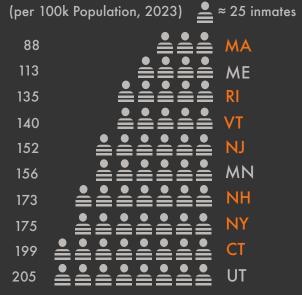
Lowest 10 in Incarceration Rate

More Prisons

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Prisons to Colleges Count Ratio

*Prison: Public prisons and jails are included.



Per Pupil Spending (in dollars) The regression analysis reveals a siginificant negative correlation between K-12 education spending and incarceration rates in the United States, with p-value = 0.00147.

10k 12.5k 15k 17.5k 20k 22.5k 25k

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As shown in the bar chart, seven states marked in blue and orange both rank among the top ten for educational spending and among the least ten for incarceration rates.

While this does not prove causation, it highlights the potential of education-focused policies in addressing criminal justice challenges.