

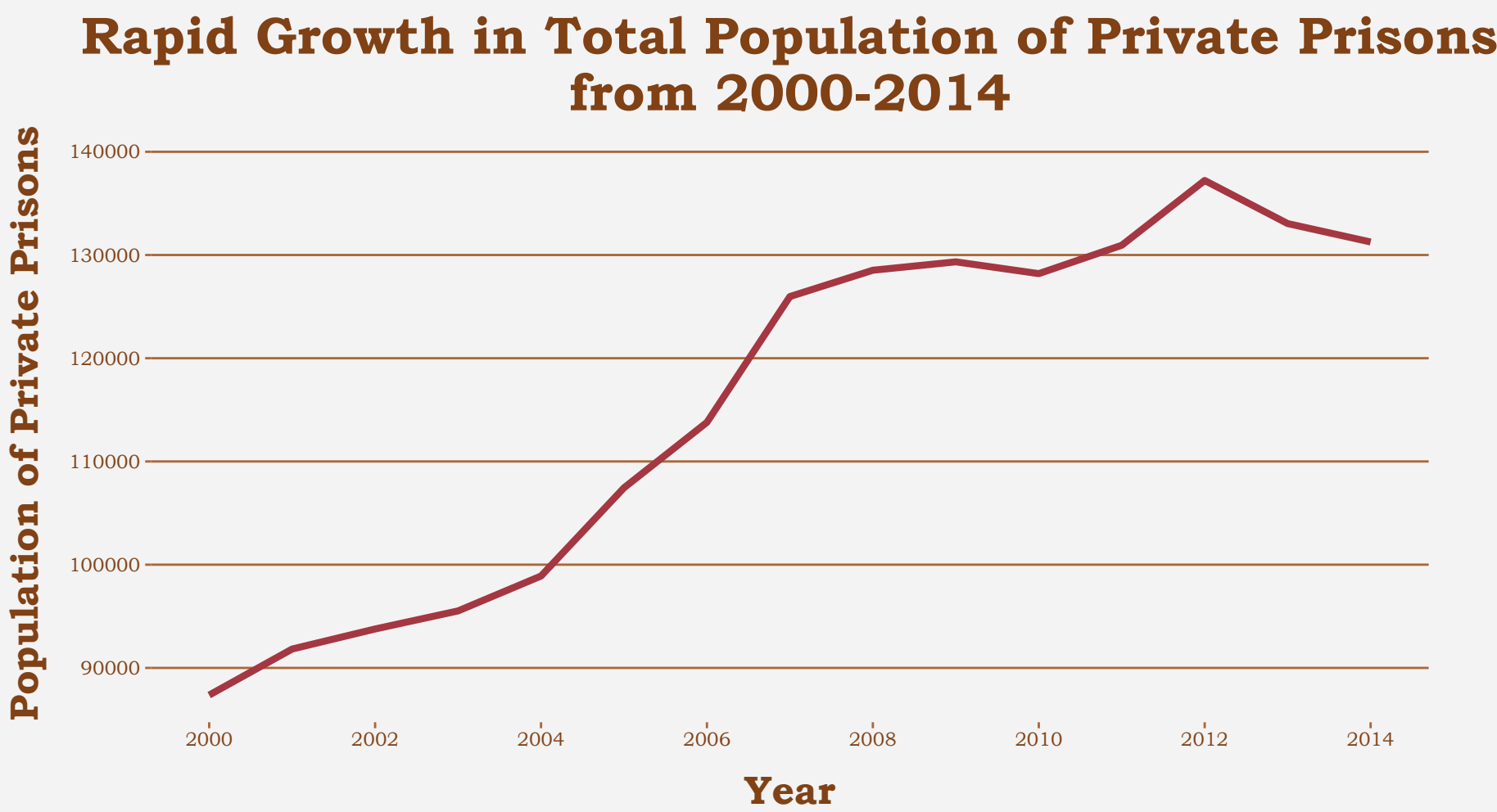
Monetizing Prisons

HOW MONETIZING THE U.S. PRISON SYSTEM HAS AFFECTED SOCIETY

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Prisons for Profit

- There are 2.2 Million people in prisons in the US.
- We have the most in the world, 600K more than China a country that has 1 billion more citizens than the US.
- Why do we have so many? We don't take care of our prisoners, 77% recidivism in State prisons, 44% in federal. Norway has 20% recidivism.
- We punish rather than rehabilitate.
- Private Prisons bring out the worst in prisons by having no motivations to help prisoners and rather and can make money by not rewarding good behavior and having high recidivism.



Cruel and Inhumane

High Recidivism

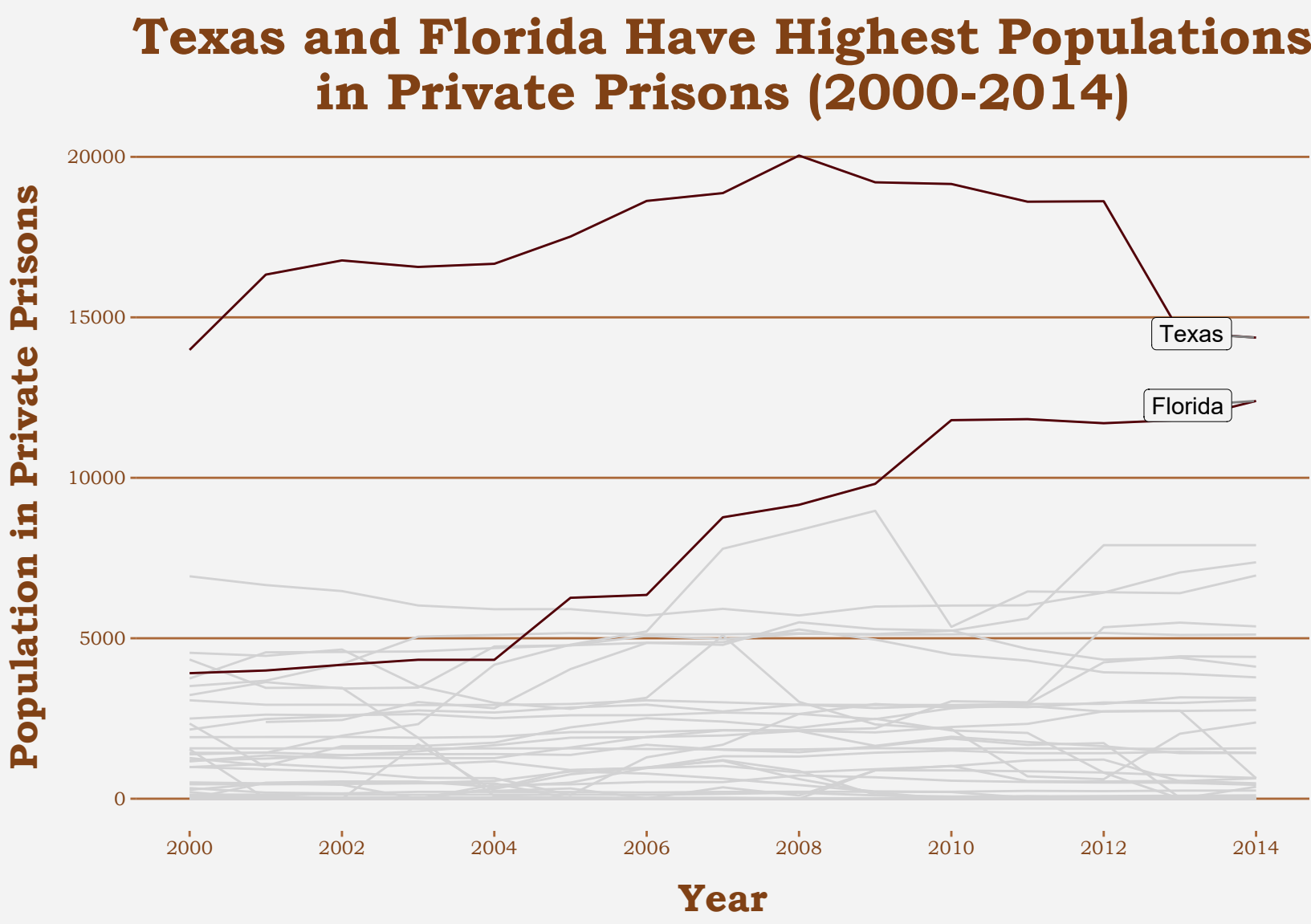
- There is a lack of reason to rehabilitate prisoners, because companies can make profits instead
- Labor includes making Licence plates to office furniture to staffing call centers, run by UNICOR, a government run corporation
- Inmates get paid in a range from \$0.23 to \$1.15 an hour working in prisons. Prisoners do not get health insurance or benefits.

\$2.4 Billion

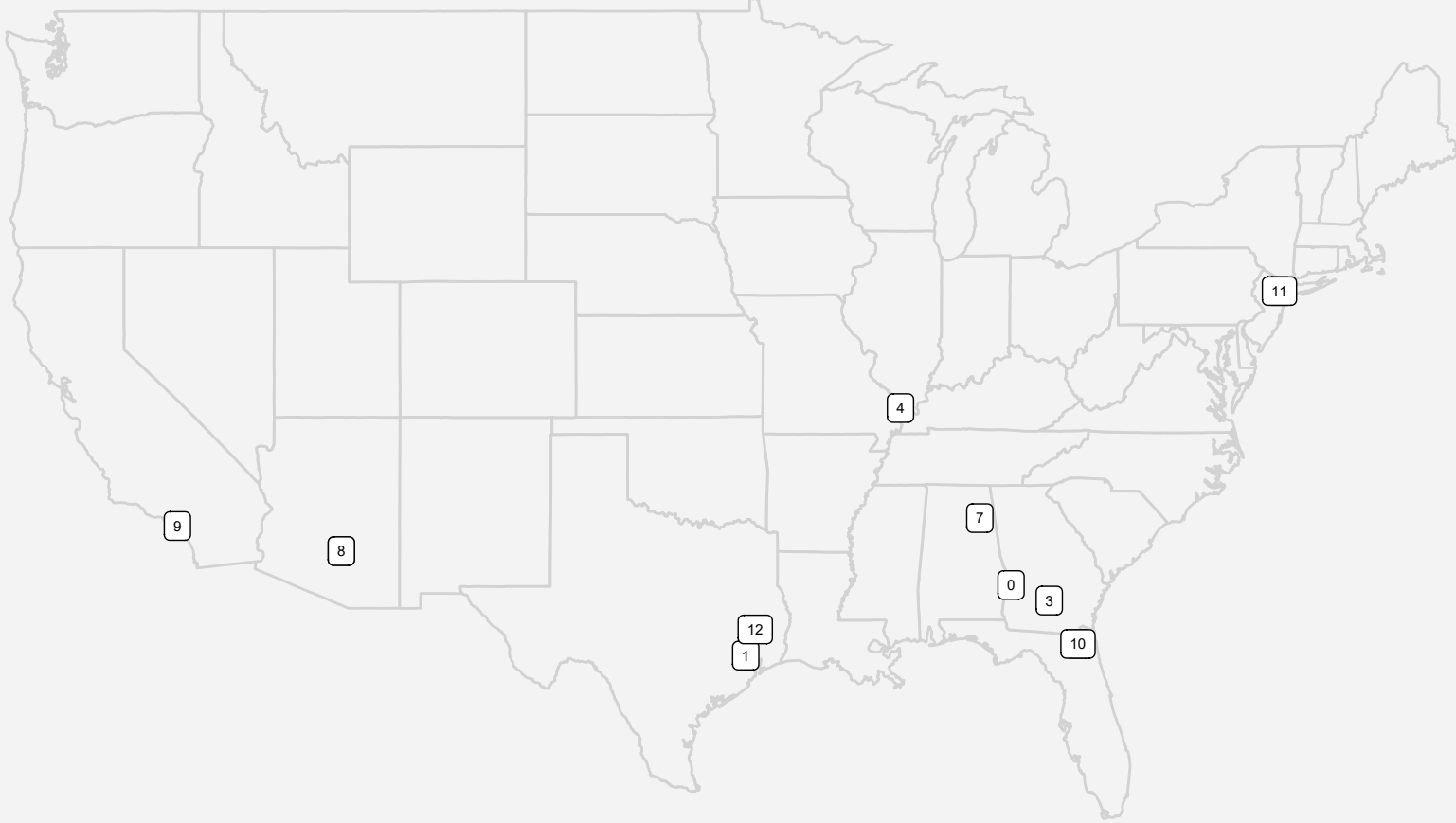
the amount of money prison labor generates each year

- Private prisons do not reward good behaviour often because it would lose inmates, which are the source of profits.
- Prisoners often lack resources found at state or Federal prisons
- To increase profits, private prisons cut back on spending related to improving prisoner conditions
- These prisons often employ less guards to save money, which leads to more violence

The Solutions



Prison is Punishment



🎵 "It's a fact that needs to be spoken: America's prisons are broken!" 🎵

- John Oliver