

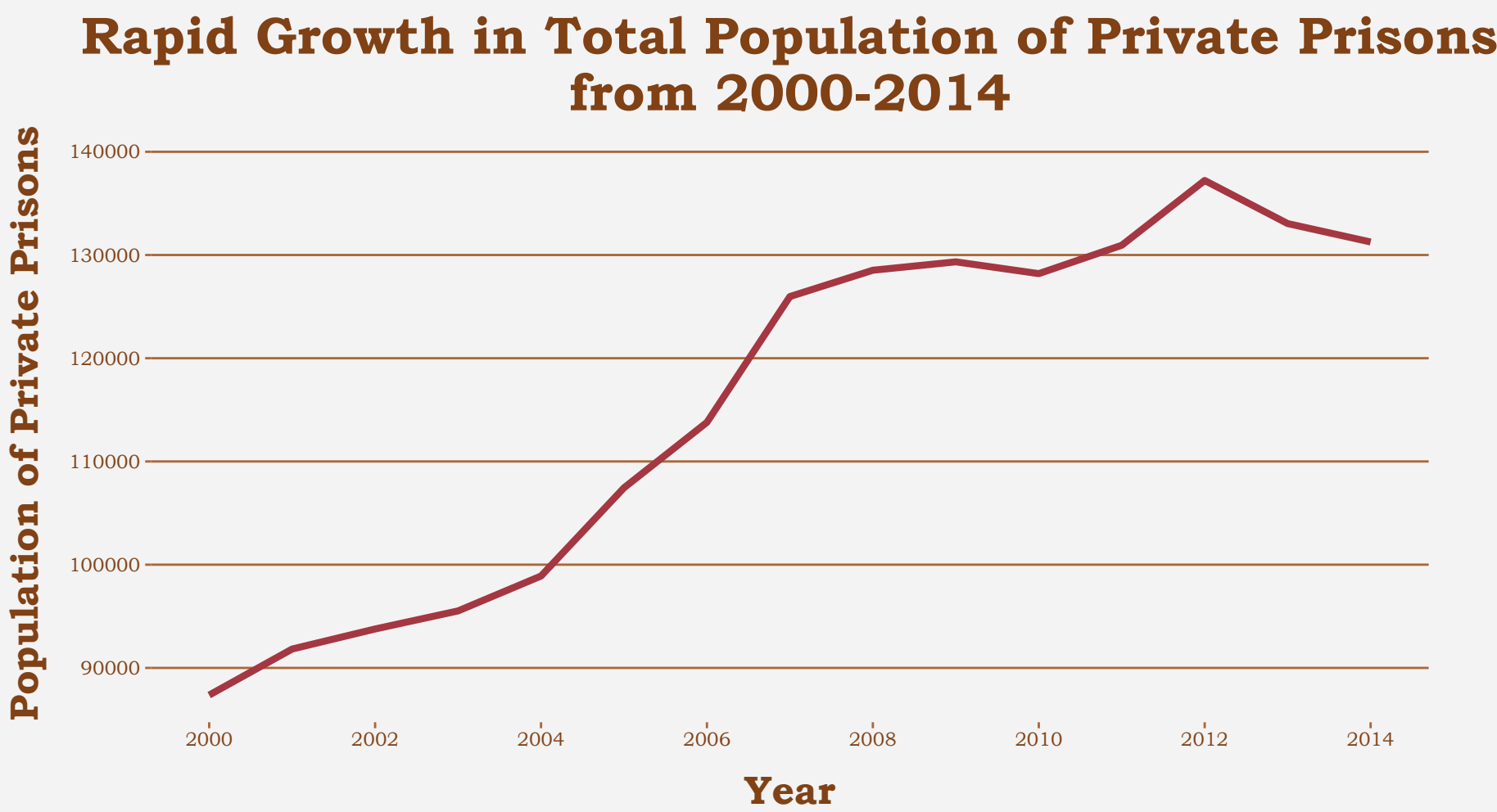
# Monetizing Prisons

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

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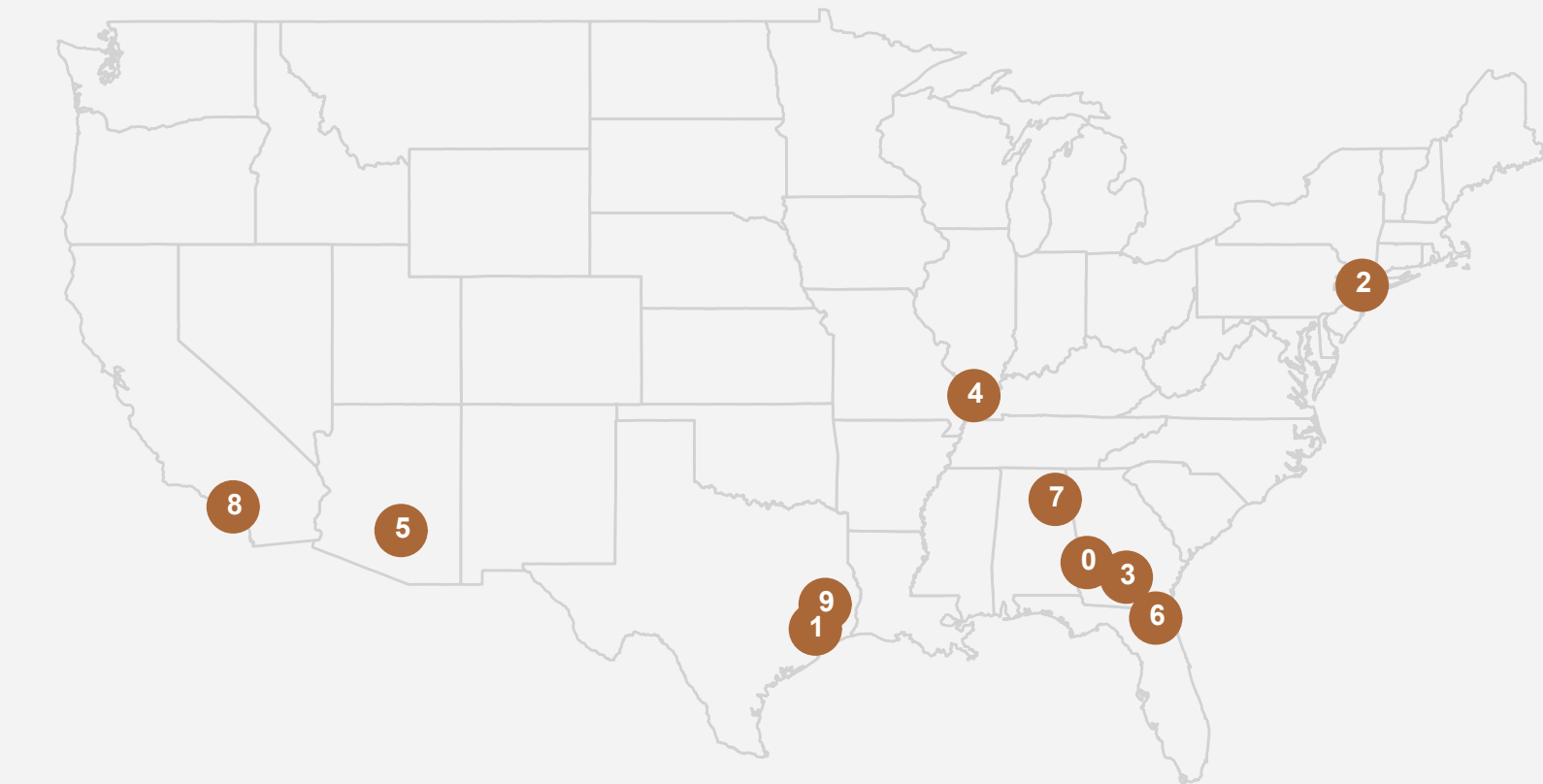
### Prisons for Profit

- 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

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- A man was placed in solitary confinement for "misbehaving" after guards forced him to agree to the treatment by signing paperwork he could not understand
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- A man with serious mental health problems was put in solitary confinement for months at a time.
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- An HIV positive woman was not receiving her proper medication until a local NGO got involved.
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- Inmates must pay \$2 a minute to speak with families and lawyers.
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- Inmates were repeatedly insulted, mocked, and had their possessions thrown onto the floor by gaurds.
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- Roberto Medina-Martinez, a 39-year-old immigrant, died from a treatable heart infection after negligence from the nurses and facility physician.
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- Sanitation problems at the facility include food trays not being cleaned, worms in food, being given dirty laundry, bugs in water faucets, and cell overcrowding.
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- The detention center is over three hours from Atlanta, which makes family and legal visits nearly prohibitive.
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- Visitors can only see their loved ones through video screens instead of face to face.



### High Recidivism

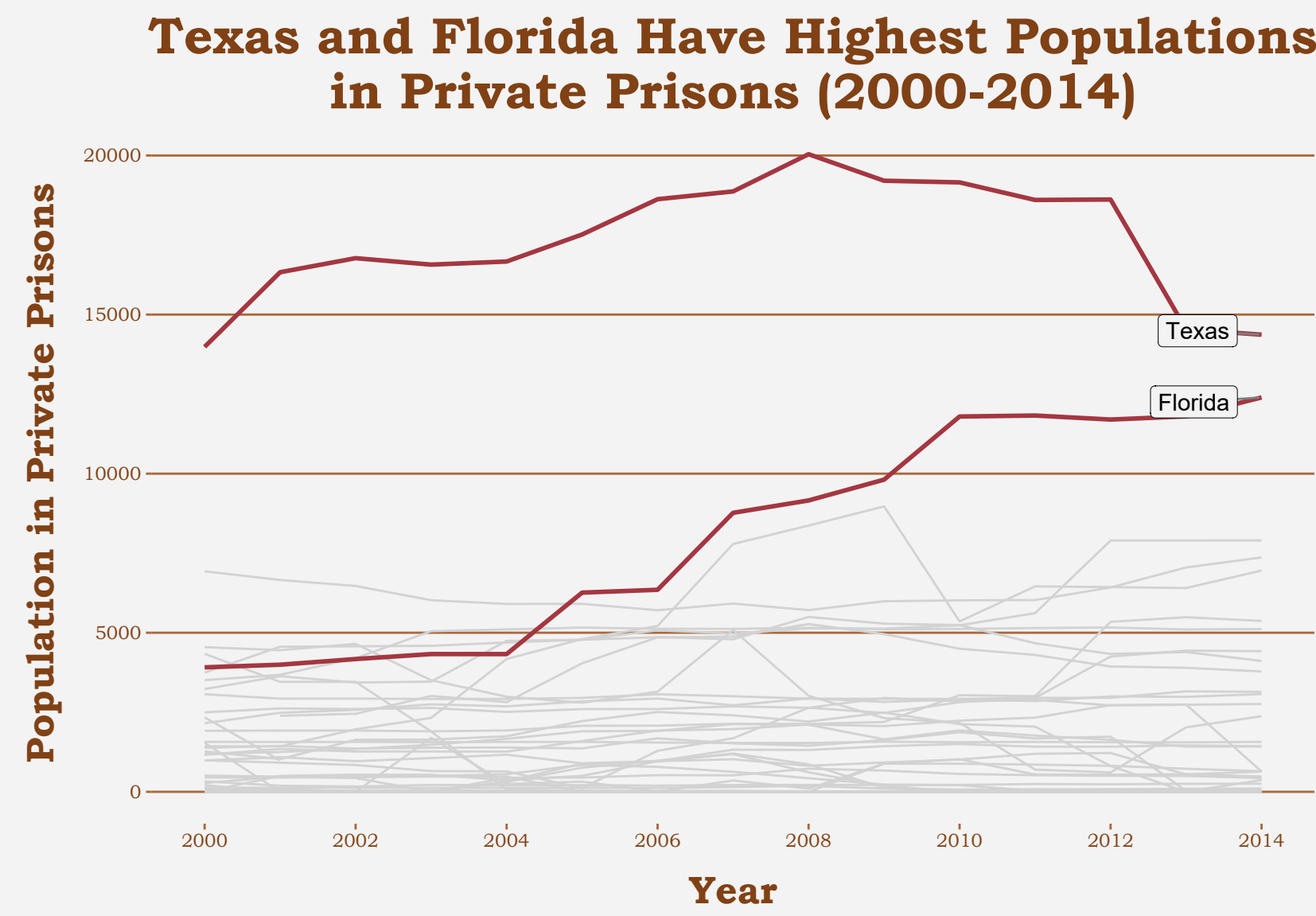
- There is a lack of reason to rehabilitate prisoners, because companies can make profits instead
- Labor includes making Licence plates to office furniture to staffing call centers, run by UNICOR, a government run corporation
- Inmates get paid in a range from \$0.23 to \$1.15 an hour working in prisons. 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