

# Criminal Justice Overview

**Understanding Oklahoma's incarceration crisis**  
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## Overview

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- III. What is criminal justice reform?
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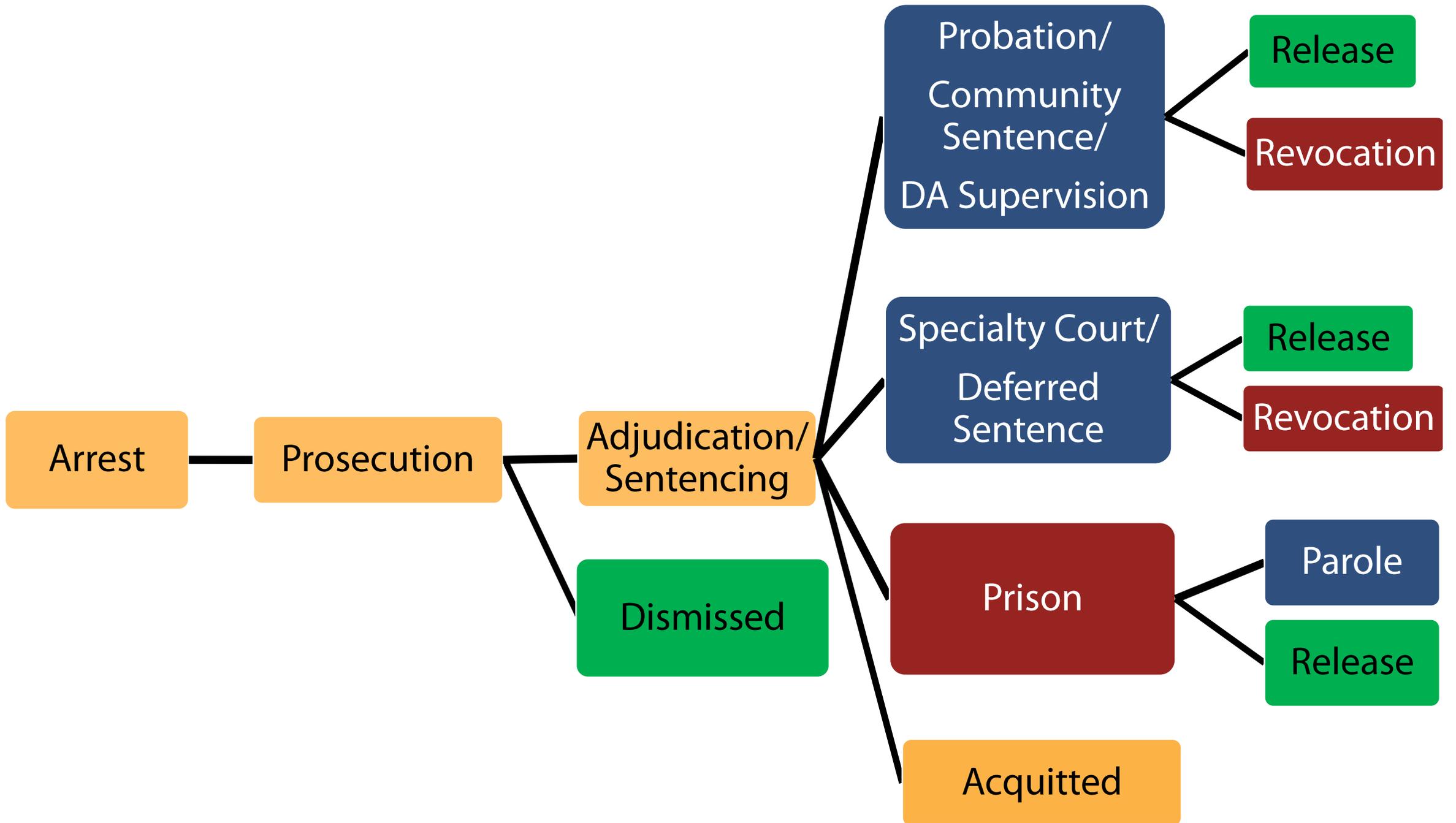


# What is the Justice System?









# INCARCERATION RATES

COMPARING OKLAHOMA  
AND FOUNDING NATO COUNTRIES



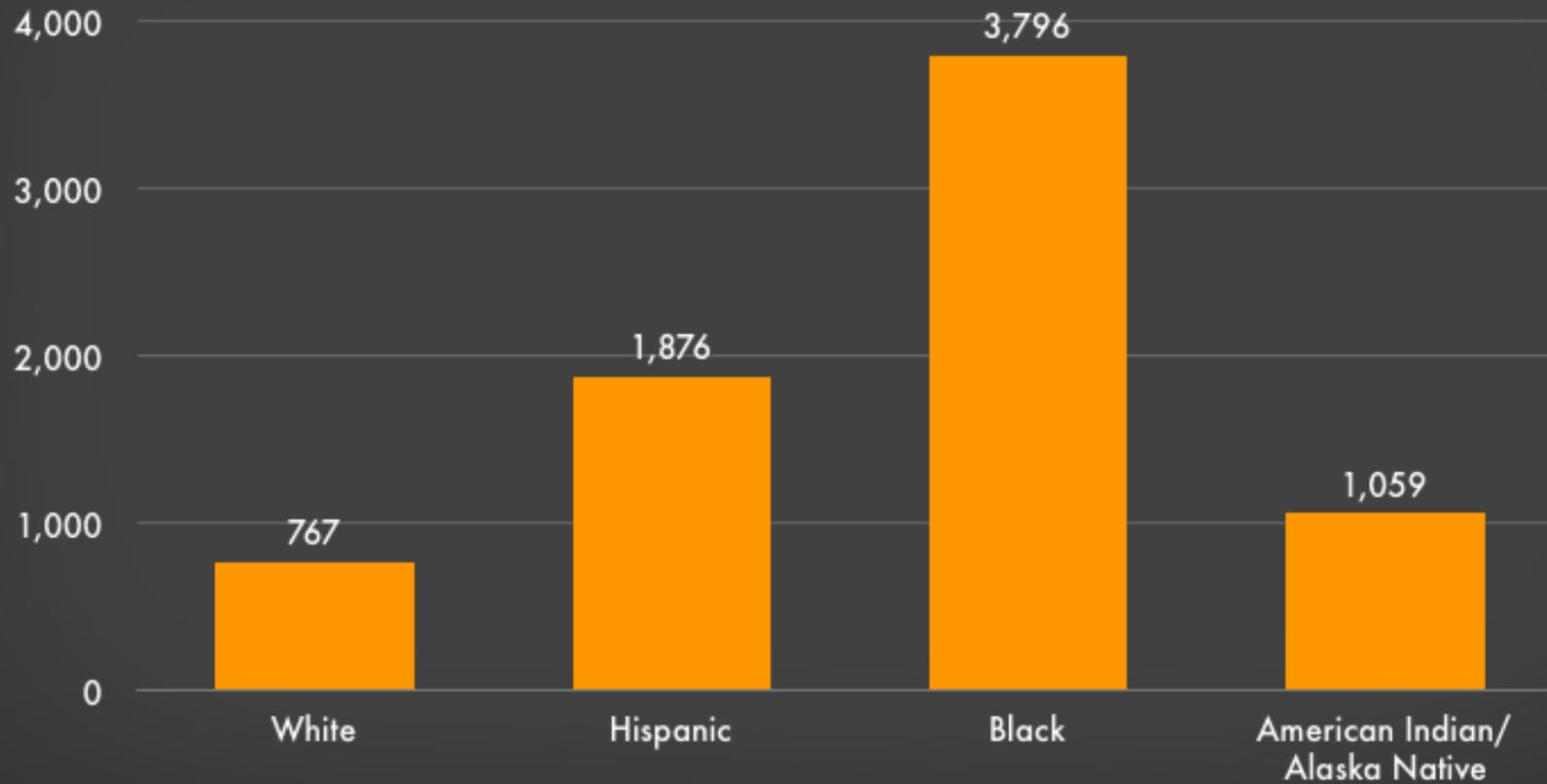
Incarceration rates per 100,000 population

Source: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/global/2018.html>



# OKLAHOMA INCARCERATION RATES BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2010

(Number of people incarcerated per 100,000 people in that racial/ethnic group)

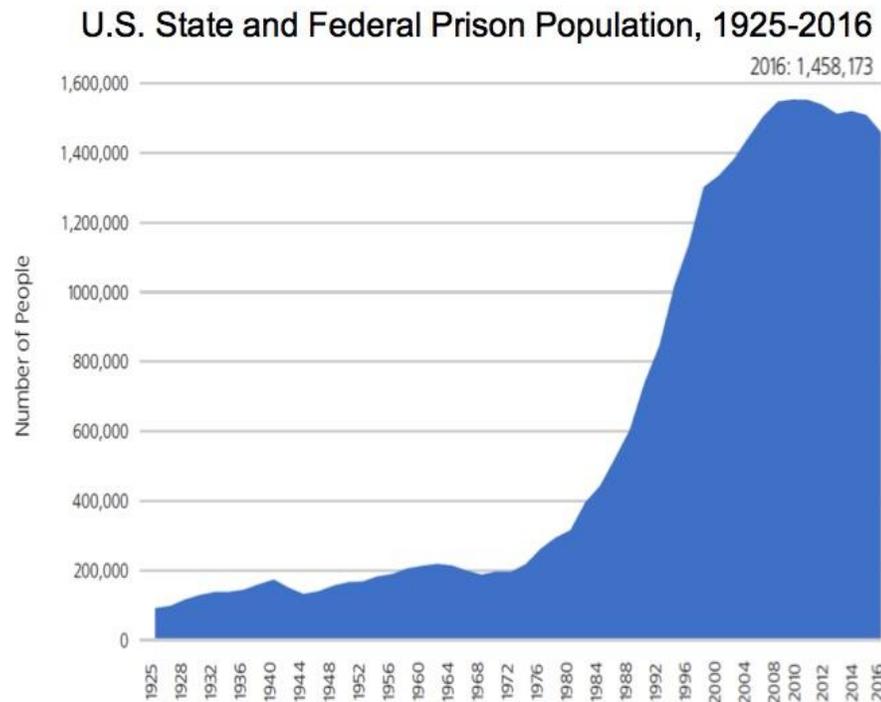


# How did Oklahoma's Justice System become a crisis?



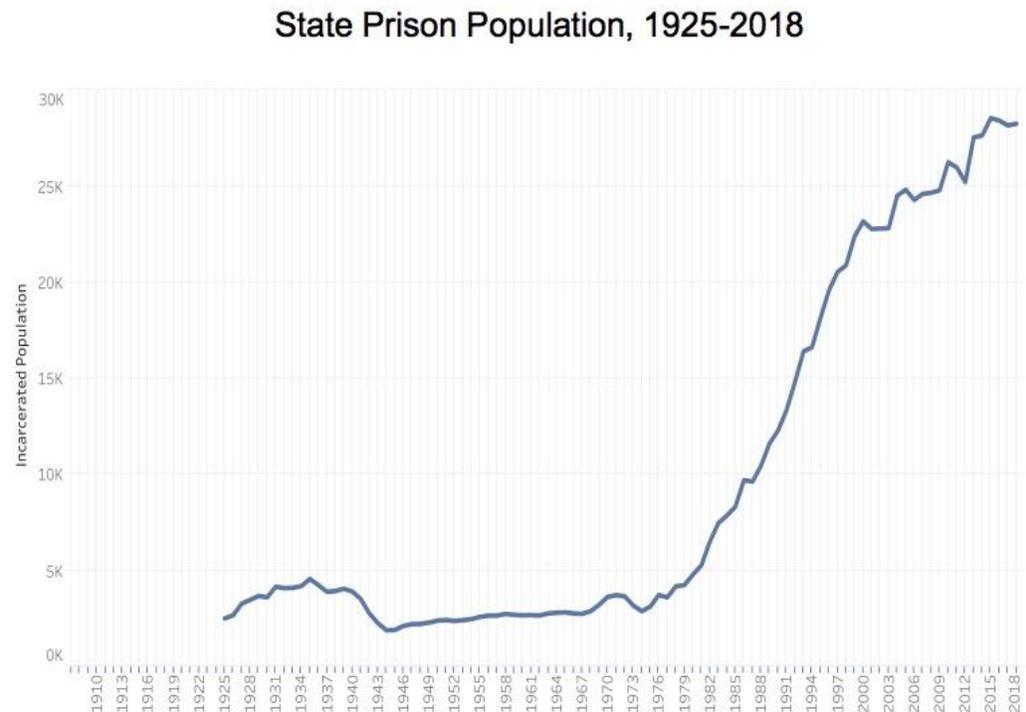
# National and State Trends

## National



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics Prisoners Series.

## Oklahoma



# The Upside Down of public policy



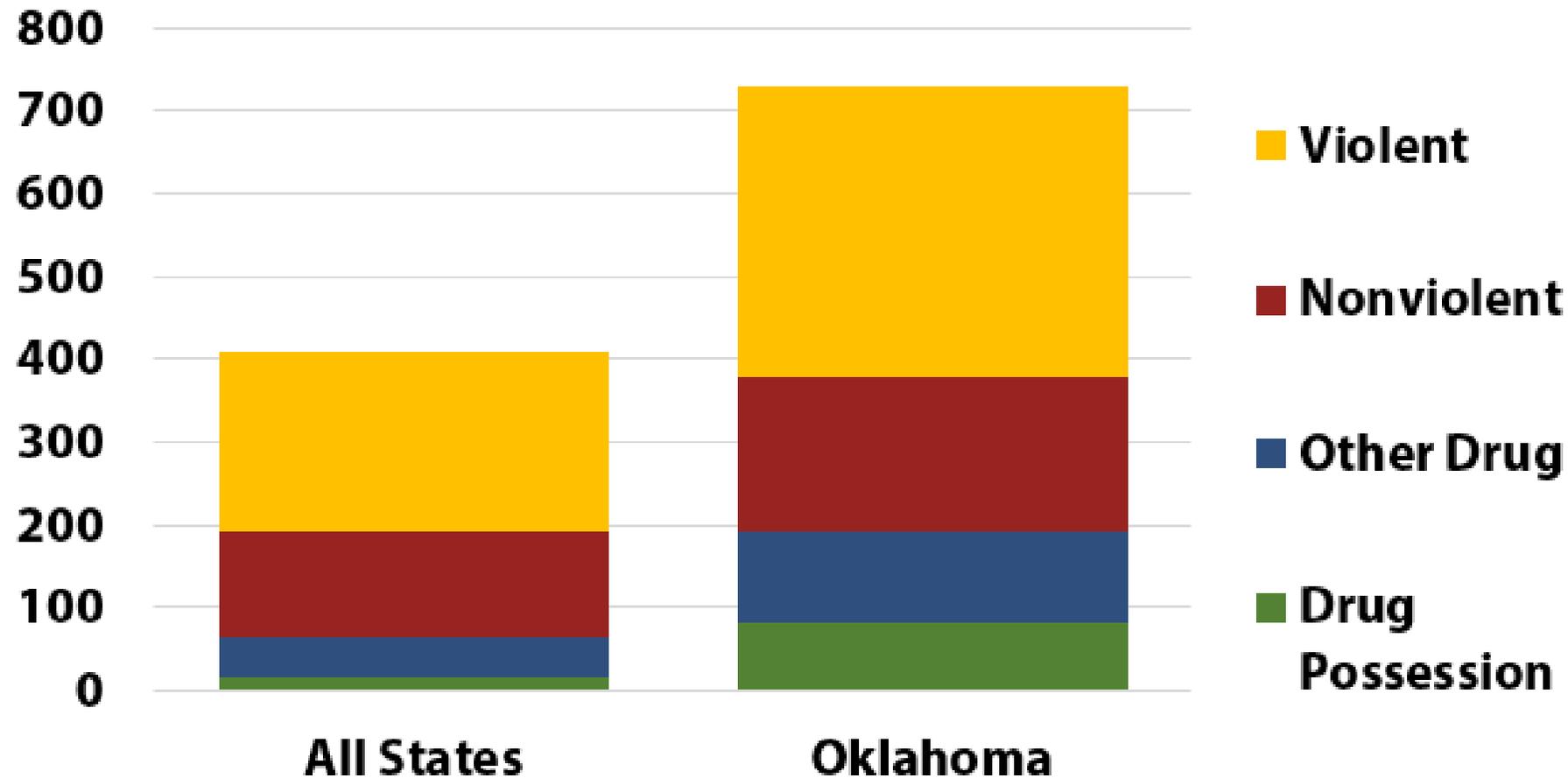


- **This inhumane system housed more than half a million Americans in 1950**
- **By 1980 there were fewer than 130,000 people housed in mental health hospitals**





# Oklahoma incarcerates more people than average for every type of crime

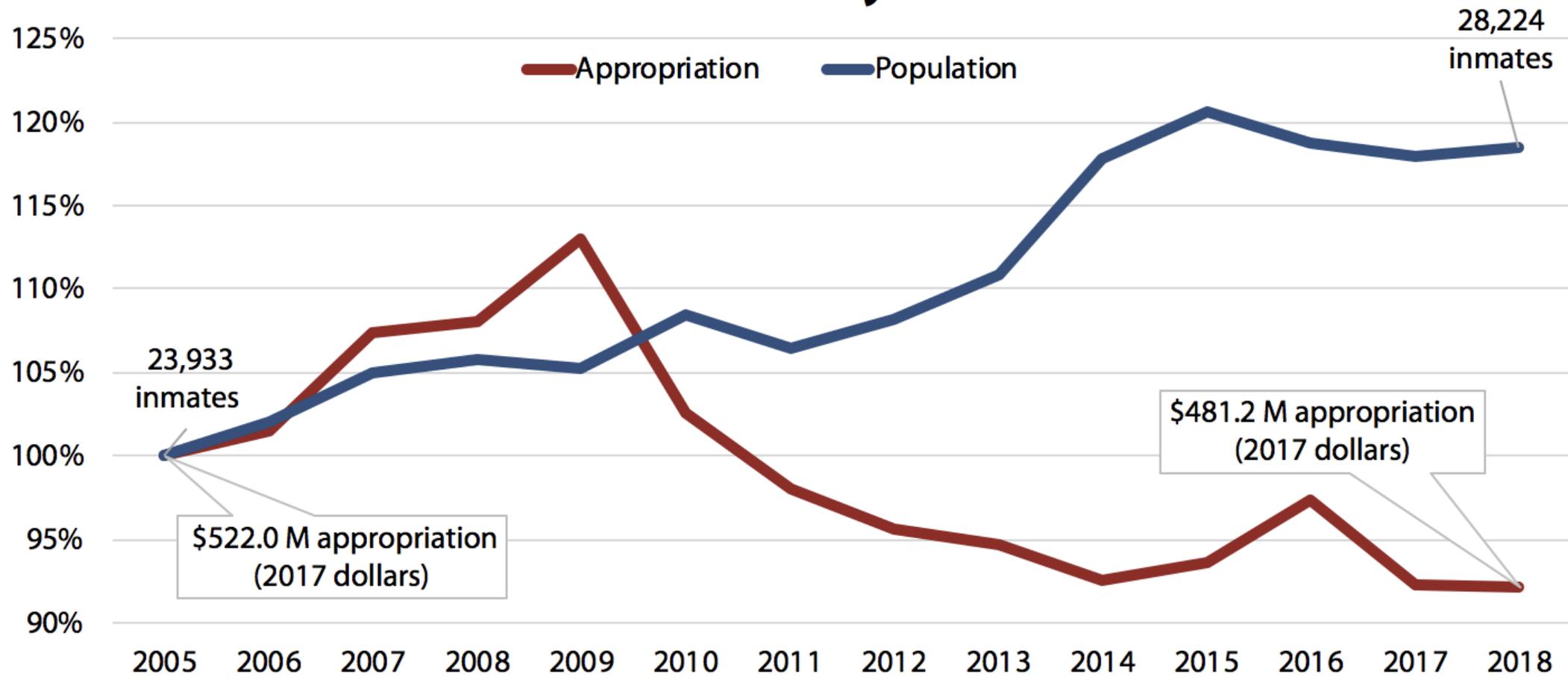


2016

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Oklahoma DOC Data



# DOC population is up over 20 percent, appropriations to DOC are down nearly 10% since 2005



Source: DOC Annual Reports and Weekly Counts



Table A: Costs for Speeding 20mph Over		
	1992	2016
Fine	\$30.00	\$35.00
Court Costs	\$49.00	\$88.00
CLEET Penalty Assessment	\$4.00	\$9.00
Law Library	\$3.00	\$6.00
Automated Fingerprint Identification System	\$3.00	\$5.00
Sheriff's Fees	\$5.00	\$5.00
Clerk's Fees	\$13.00	--
Oklahoma Court Information System	--	\$25.00
DPS Patrol Vehicle Fund	--	\$20.00
DA Council Prosecution Assessment	--	\$20.00
Trauma Care Assistance Fund	--	\$10.00
Sheriff's Fee for Courthouse Security	--	\$10.00
Forensic Science Improvement Assessment	--	\$5.00
Court Clerk Administrative Fee on Collections	--	\$8.50
Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account	--	\$3.00
Attorney General Victims Services Unit	--	\$3.00
District Court Administrative Fee	--	\$12.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$107.00</b>	<b>\$265.25</b>

+ \$39  
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# Mapping Court Debt in T... ▼

## Court Debt in Tulsa County

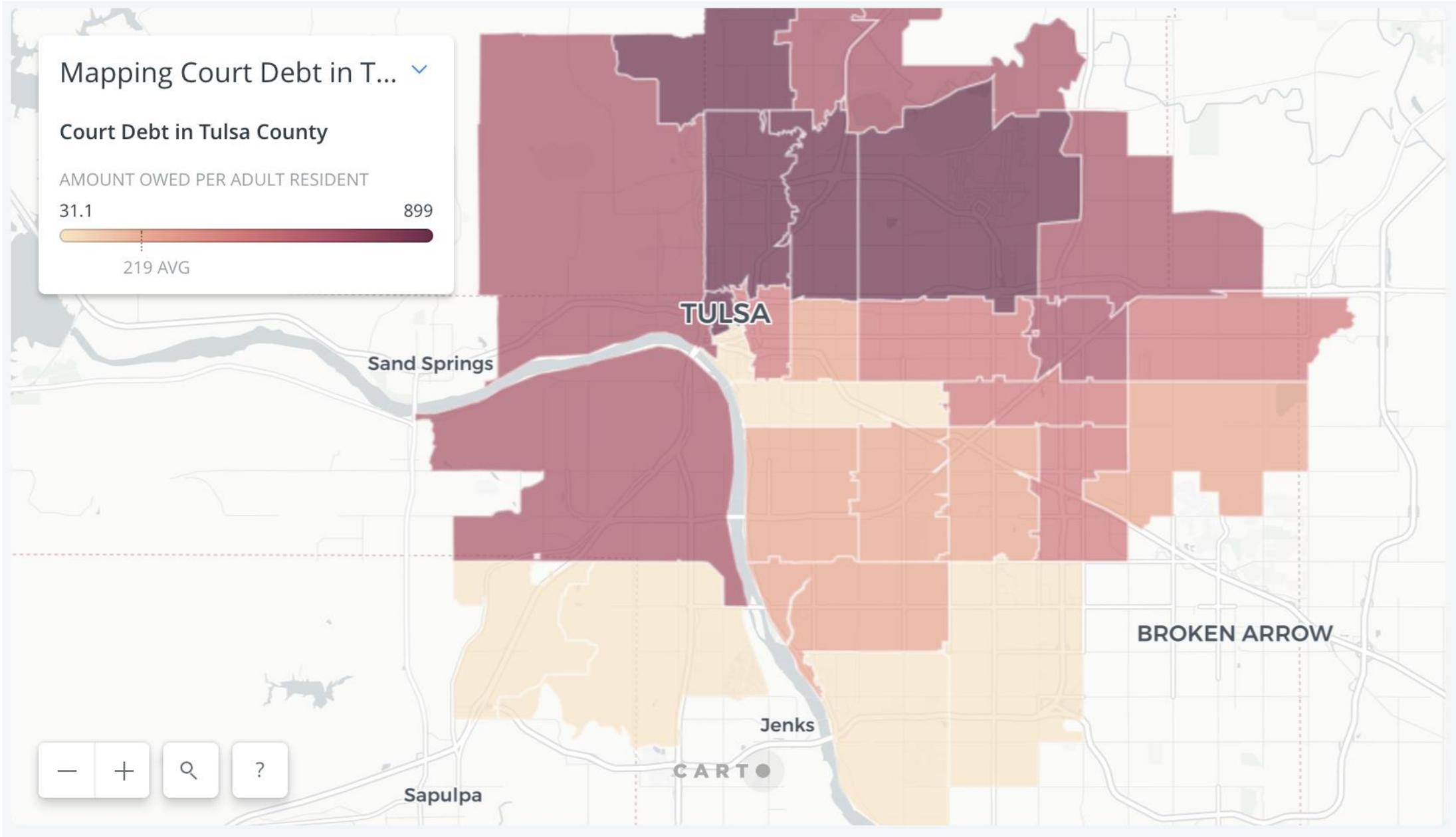
AMOUNT OWED PER ADULT RESIDENT

31.1

899



219 AVG



# What is Criminal Justice Reform?



# The Great Recession



- **Between 2011 and 2017 Texas lowered its incarceration by about 10,000 people**
- **During that same period the state closed 8 prisons.**
- **Saving the Texas taxpayers an estimated \$3 Billion.**





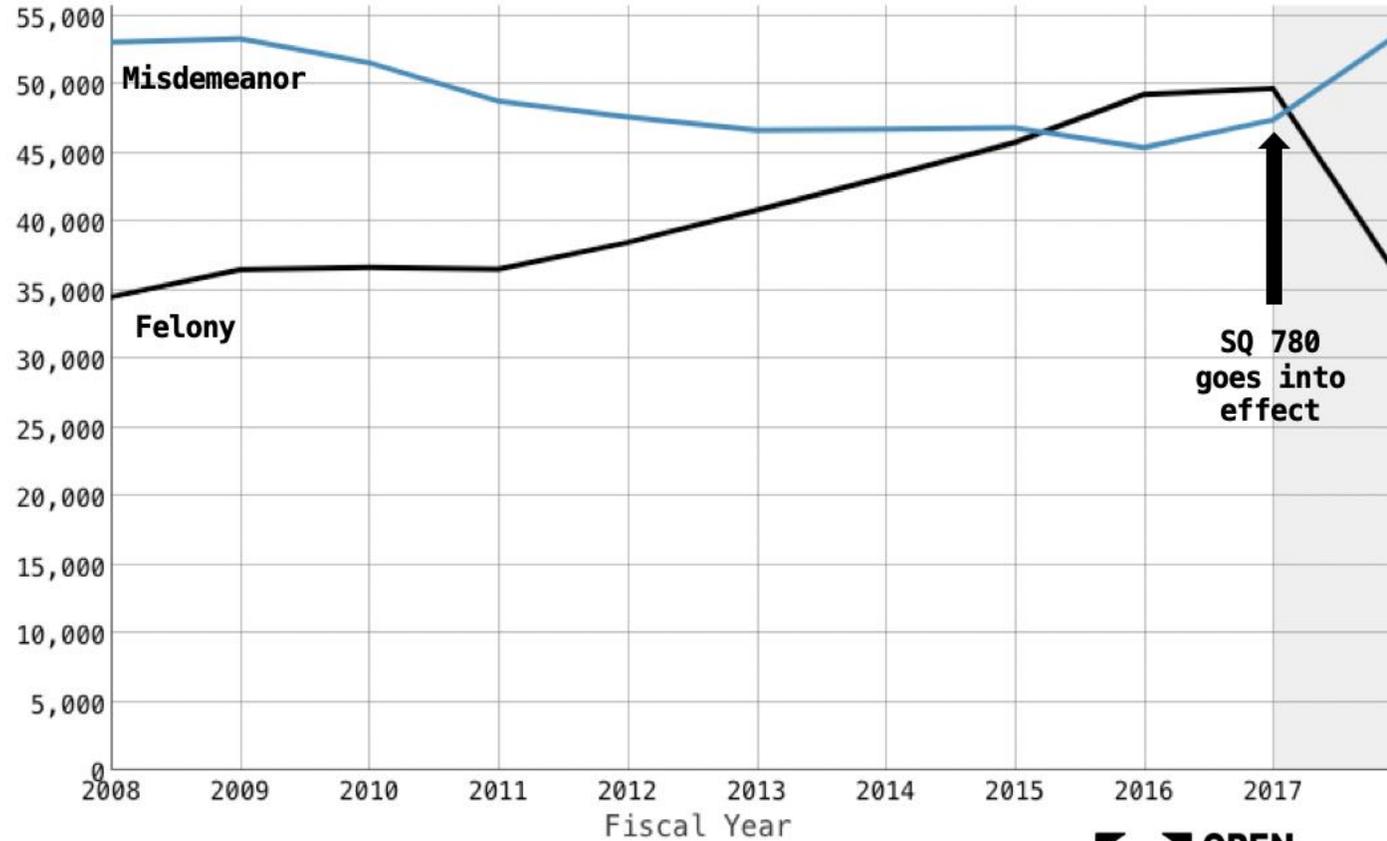
# Recent Reforms



- May 2016: Legislature passed four justice reform bills
- November 2016: Voters approved SQ 780 and SQ 781
- April 2018: Fmr. Gov. Fallin signed 7 Criminal Justice Reforms
  - Lowered the felony theft threshold
  - Administrative and aging parole reform
  - More risk assessment tools and sentencing reforms.



### DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS BY FISCAL YEAR



Source: Open Justice Oklahoma analysis of Oklahoma court records



**What works to prevent and control crime?**

**What does justice look like?**



# Where do we go from here

**Ending debtors prison and pre-trial incarceration for those who can't afford bail.**

**Improved access to mental health and substance abuse treatment. (Coverage expansion)**

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# Thank you.

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