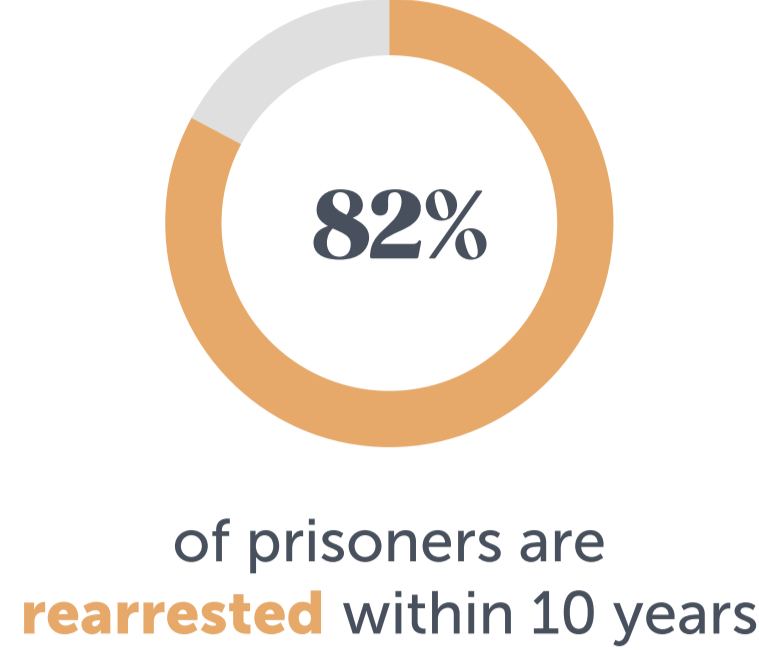
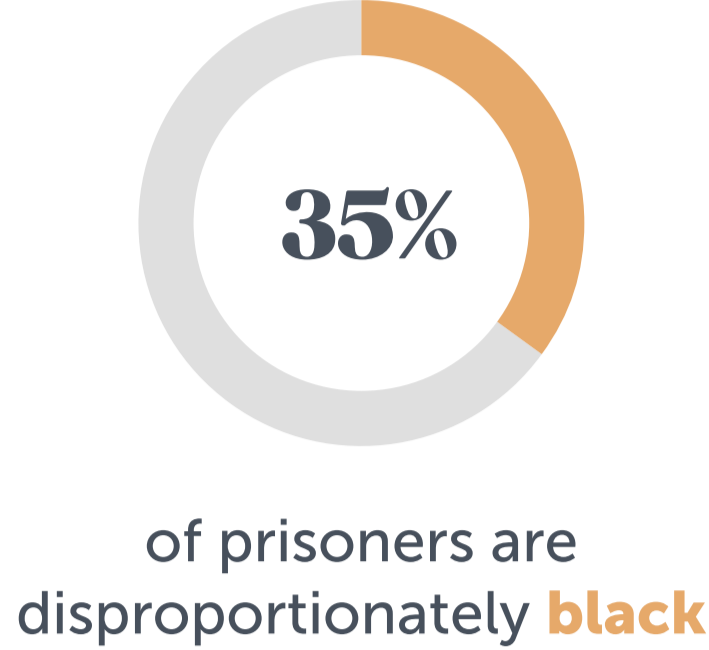


The Big Picture

Almost 7 million Americans are part of the criminal justice system.



A breakdown



Nearly 2,000 federal and state prisons, **over 1,700** juvenile detention centers and another 3,100 local and county jails.

Faith organizations:



Help Prisoners

There are **12,000 congregations** in the U.S. who have prisoner outreach groups



Help Re-Entry

Faith-based programs **offer activities** such as skills training and building supportive relationships



Help Families

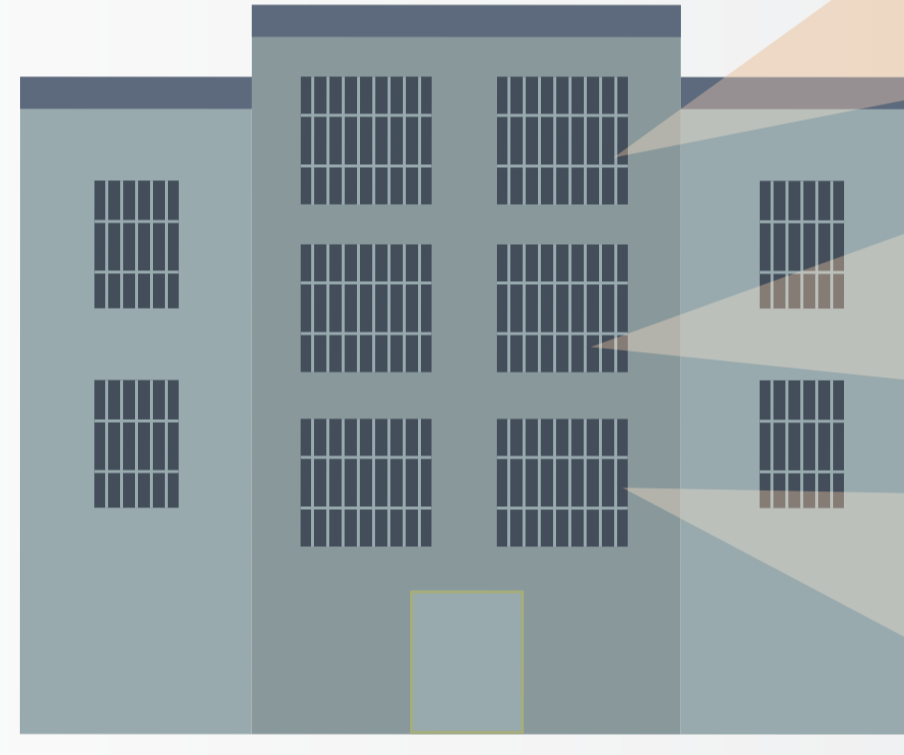
Another **7,000 congregations** have programs to support people in trouble with the law, and their families



Help Victims

Over **7,000 congregation-based programs** support the victims of crime

The Role of Chaplains



Over **1,700** career chaplains serve state and federal prison populations

Chaplains:

- offer counseling
- lead worship services
- provide religious instruction
- foster healthy support peer groups

The Religion Factor

Before Incarceration



Lower rates of crime amongst religious individuals as well as lower levels of deviant behavior

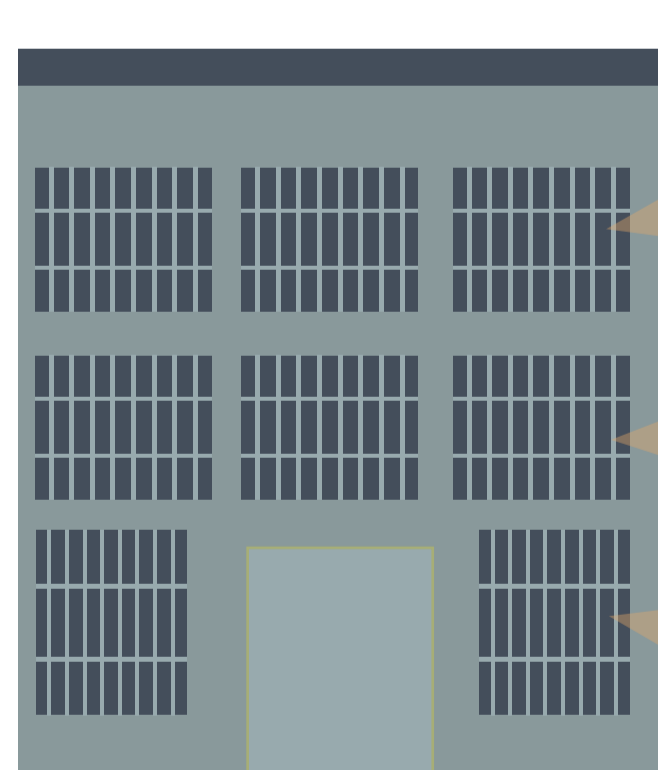


Youth who attend church frequently are **less likely to engage in harmful behaviors** including skipping school, drug use and violent and non-violent crime



Higher levels of prosocial behavior

During Incarceration



Reduces disciplinary problems and infractions

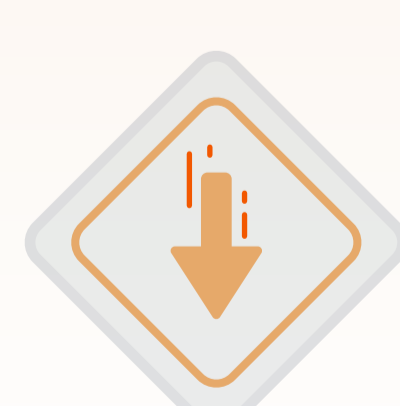


Higher rates of good behavior in prison, and fewer arguments and fighting amongst inmates

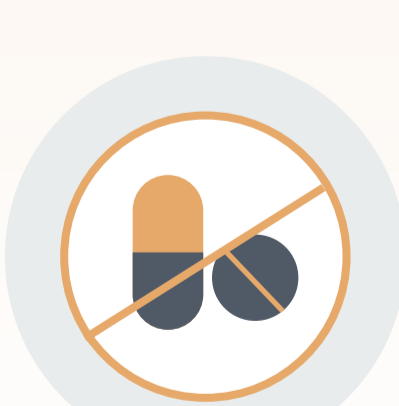


Higher levels of religiosity help inmate adjustment to prison

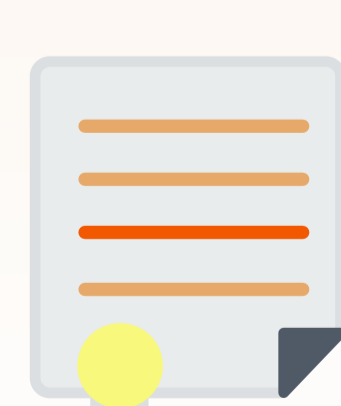
After Incarceration



May **lower rates** of recidivism for ex-prisoners



Former prisoners involved with religious group **less likely to abuse drugs**



Higher rates of completion for prisoner re-entry programs



Former prisoners involved with religious groups **less likely to be unemployed**



Higher chance to be more successful



Religious adolescents are **less likely to reoffend in drug crimes**