

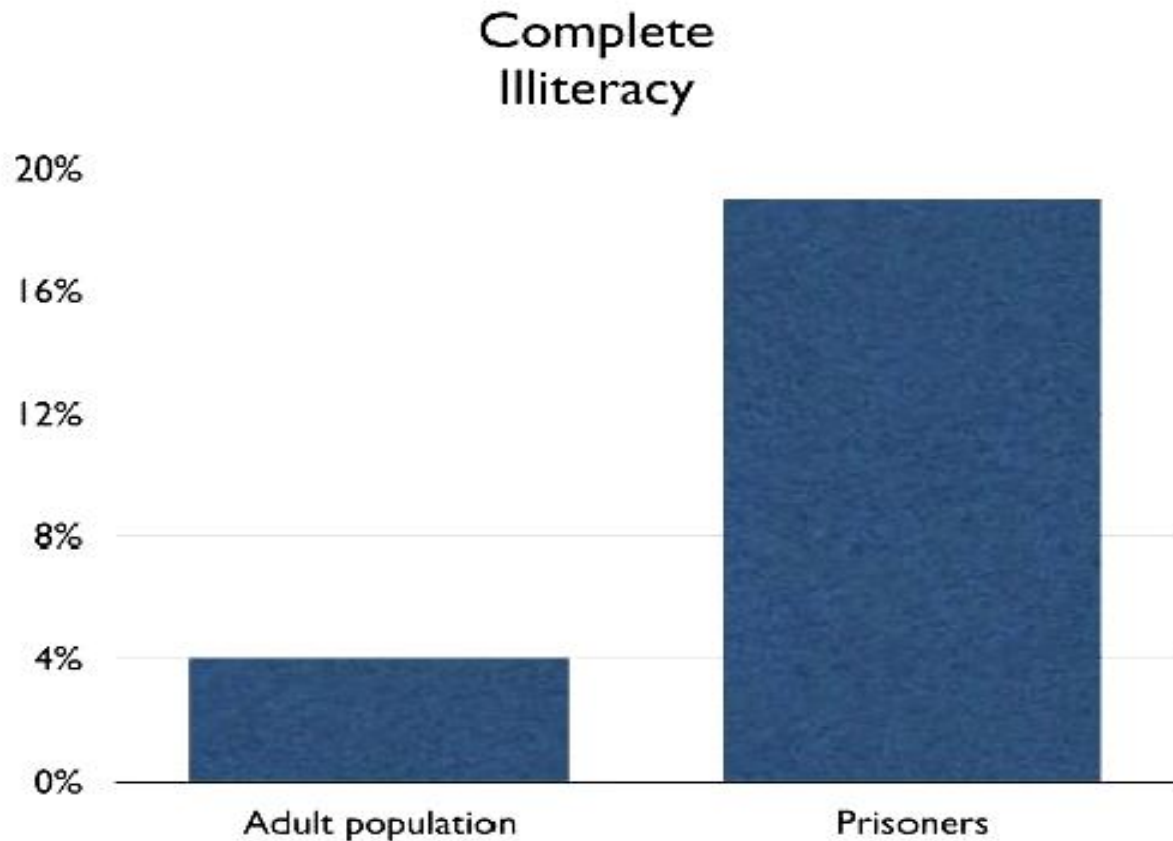
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## Education

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- Percent of U.S. adult population that is completely illiterate: **4%**
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- Percent of U.S. adult population that is functionally illiterate: **21%**
- Percent of released New York prisoners under 21 who do not possess a GED that were returned to prison within 3 years: **54%**
- Percent of released New York prisoners under 21 who earned a GED while incarcerated that were returned to prison within 3 years: **40%**

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Data from *Education as Crime Prevention*, OSI Criminal Justice Initiative, September 1997

*The Prison Index*

Source: *The Prison Index: Taking the Pulse of the Crime Control Industry* (2003) by Peter Wagner

# Crises in the Criminal Justice System

## Jail Populations by age and Gender, 1990-2004

Year	Adult Males	Adult Females	Juveniles	Total
1990	365,821	37,198	2,301	407,310
1991	384,628	39,501	2,350	426,479
1992	401,106	40,674	2,804	444,584
1993	411,500	44,100	4,300	459,900
1994	431,300	48,500	6,700	486,500
1995	448,000	51,300	7,800	507,100
1996	454,700	55,700	8,100	518,500
1997	498,678	59,296	9,105	567,079
1998	520,581	63,791	8,090	592,462
1999	528,998	67,487	9,458	605,943
2000	543,120	70,414	7,615	621,149
2001	551,007	72,621	7,613	631,241
2002	581,411	76,817	7,248	665,476
2003	602,781	81,650	6,869	691,300
2004	619,908	86,999	7,083	713,990

**Source:** Bureau of Justice Statistics Correctional Surveys (The National Probation Data Survey, National Prisoner Statistics, Survey of Jails, and The National Parole Data Survey) as presented in *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1997, Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear and Census of Jails*

## Estimated number of males held in state of federal prisons or local jails, by gender, race, Hispanic origin, and age

<b>Age</b>	<b>Total*</b>	<b>White**</b>	<b>Black**</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>
Total	2,090,800	755,500	814,700	410,900
18-19	86,600	27,100	36,500	17,700
20-24	353,300	108,200	145,600	80,100
25-29	354,100	106,200	143,400	83,900
30-34	328,600	109,500	125,600	73,800
35-39	303,100	113,700	118,200	55,000
40-44	273,600	114,200	103,300	41,900
45-49	184,200	77,500	71,200	27,800
50-54	96,800	43,300	35,500	13,900
55-59	50,500	26,600	15,000	7,600
60-64	21,700	13,200	5,200	3,300
65 or older	17,700	10,900	4,500	2,100

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prison Inmates at Midyear 2007*, June 30, 2007.

## Estimated number of males held in state of federal prisons or local jails, by gender, race, Hispanic origin, and age per 100,000 residents

<b>Age</b>	<b>Total*</b>	<b>White**</b>	<b>Black**</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>
Total	1,406	773	4,618	1,747
18-19	1,995	1,016	5,710	2,383
20-24	3,256	1,631	9,692	4,043
25-29	3,286	1,686	10,384	3,607
30-34	3,317	1,904	10,688	3,388
35-39	2,844	1,704	9,577	2,824
40-44	2,496	1,566	8,148	2,489
45-49	1,630	968	5,665	2,025
50-54	940	569	3,300	1,342
55-59	571	394	1,751	995
60-64	313	242	890	628
65 or older	111	84	373	195

**Note:** Based on the U.S. resident population estimates for July 1, 2007, by gender race, Hispanic  
**Source:** Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prison Inmates at Midyear 2007*, June 30, 2007.

## Estimated number of females held in state of federal prisons or local jails, by race, Hispanic origin, and age

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Total	136	95	348	146
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20-24	304	226	612	357
25-29	311	233	697	310
30-34	369	288	893	313
35-39	371	278	957	309
40-44	297	205	808	256
45-49	157	103	449	167
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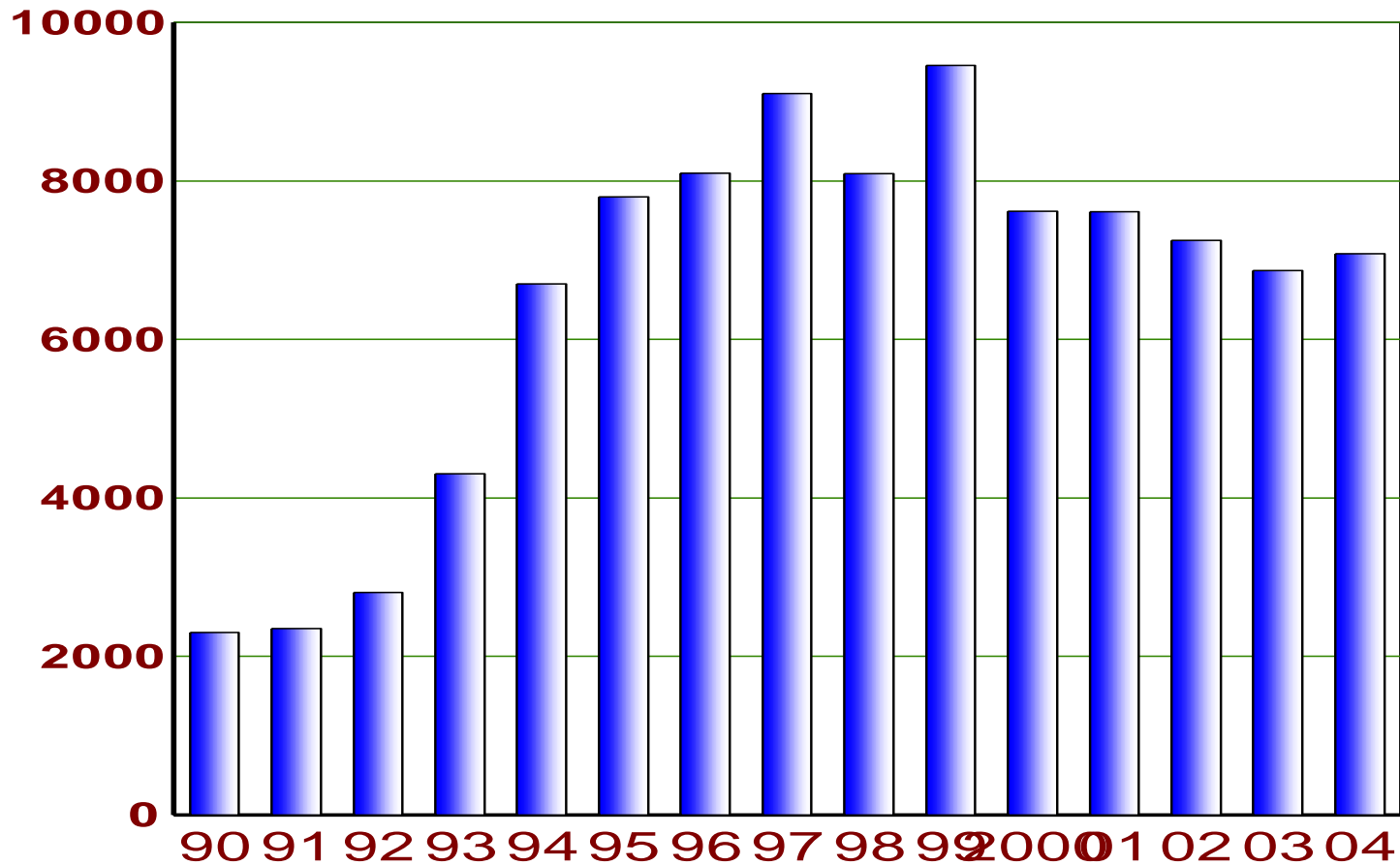
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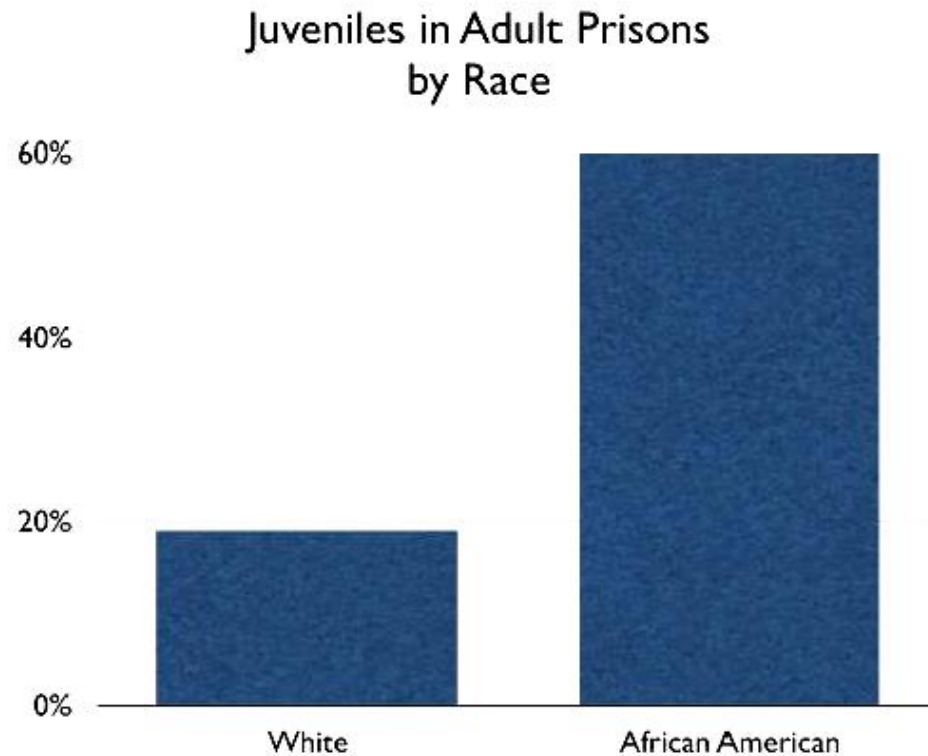
# The Shame of American Justice

## Increased Incarceration of Juveniles



# Crime and Punishment in the U.S. has a Disparate Impact by Race

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*Data from BJS, Profile of State Prisoners Under Age 18, 1985-1997*

*The Prison Index*

