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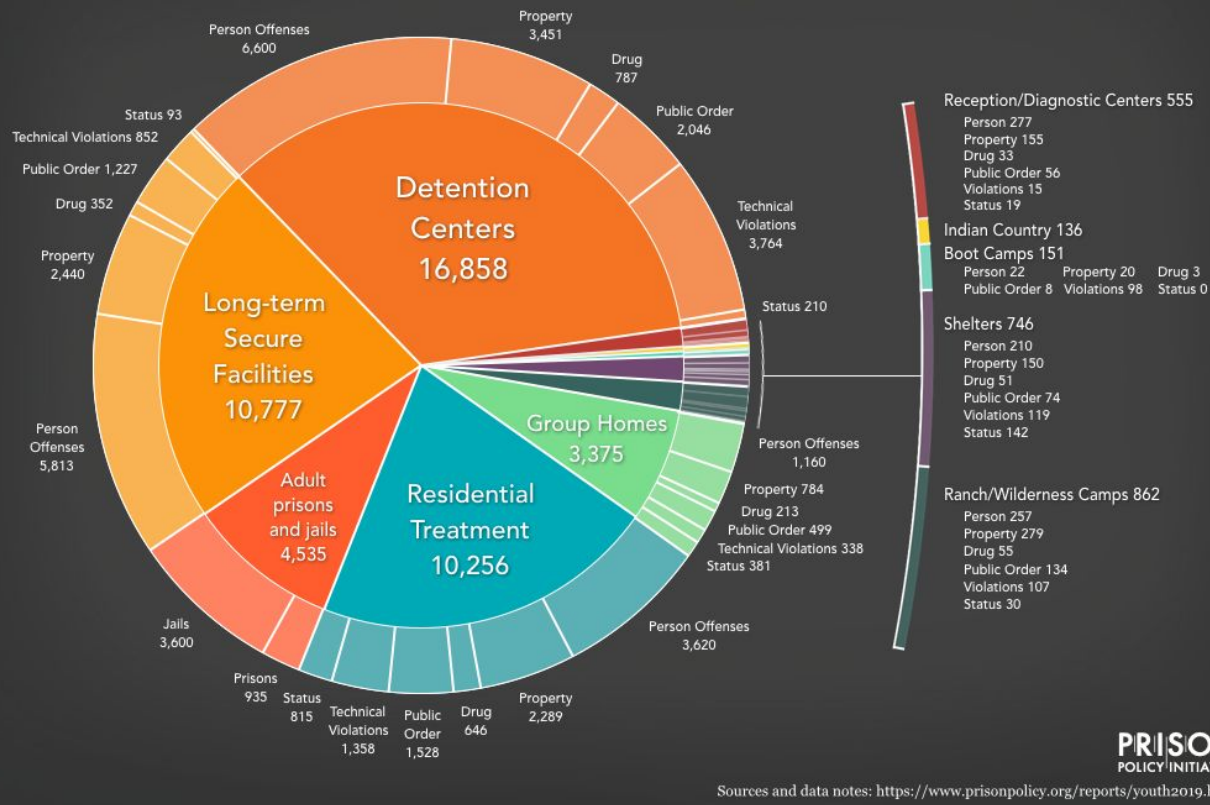
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Why It's Challenging, and Why It's Important

# The state of youth incarceration today (2019)

## How many youth are locked up in the United States?

Every day, over 48,000 youth are held in facilities away from home as a result of juvenile or criminal justice involvement.

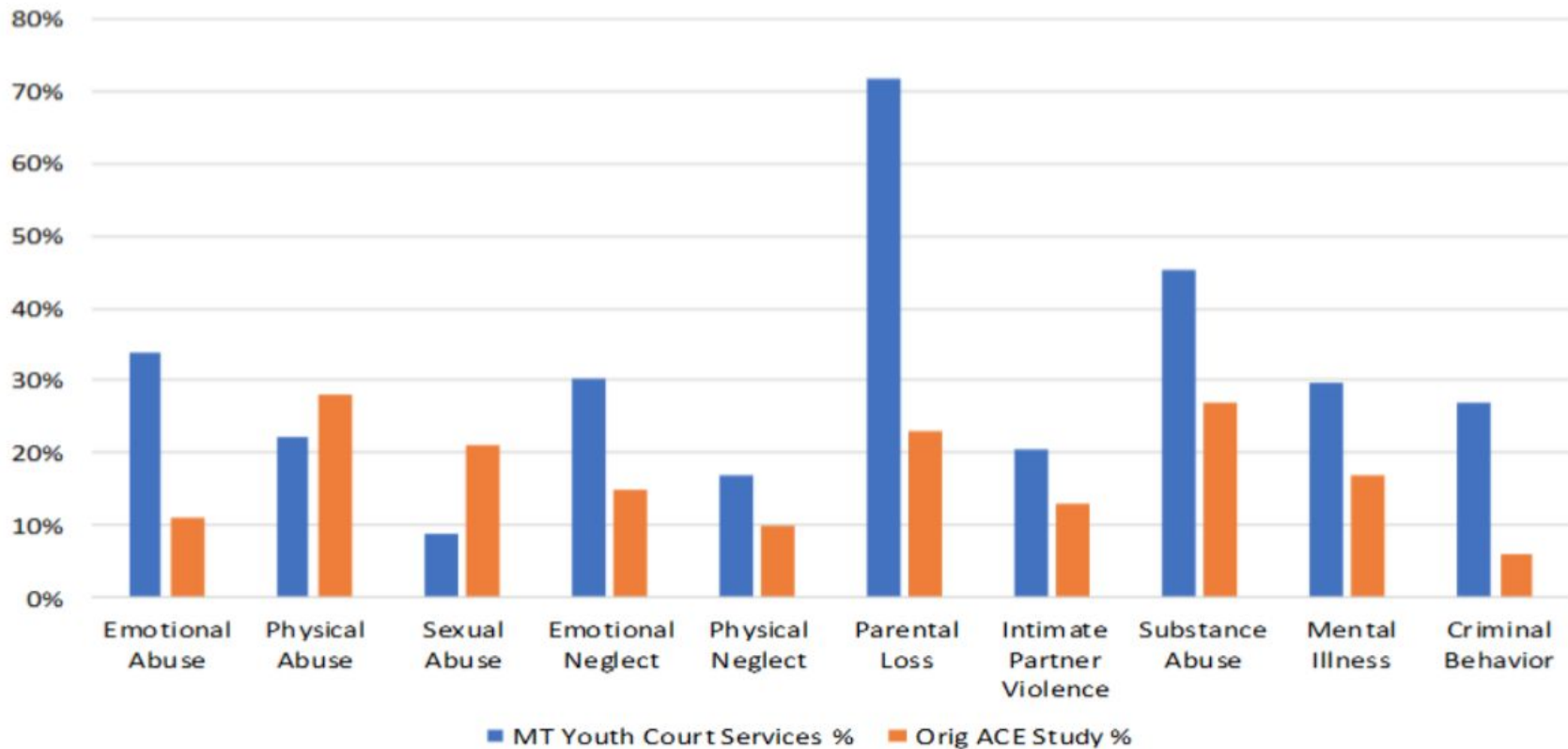


Source: Prison Policy Initiative, "Youth Confinement: The Whole Pie 2019"

A group of approximately 15-20 youth are standing in a line, facing away from the camera, in what appears to be a juvenile detention facility. They are wearing red jumpsuits, with the word "JUVENILE" printed on the back of many. One individual in the center is wearing an orange jumpsuit with "V.P.P. VIMATE" on the back. The background shows a hallway with multiple doors and a brick wall above the door frames.

# Over 90%

Of justice-involved youth have had at least one traumatic experience.



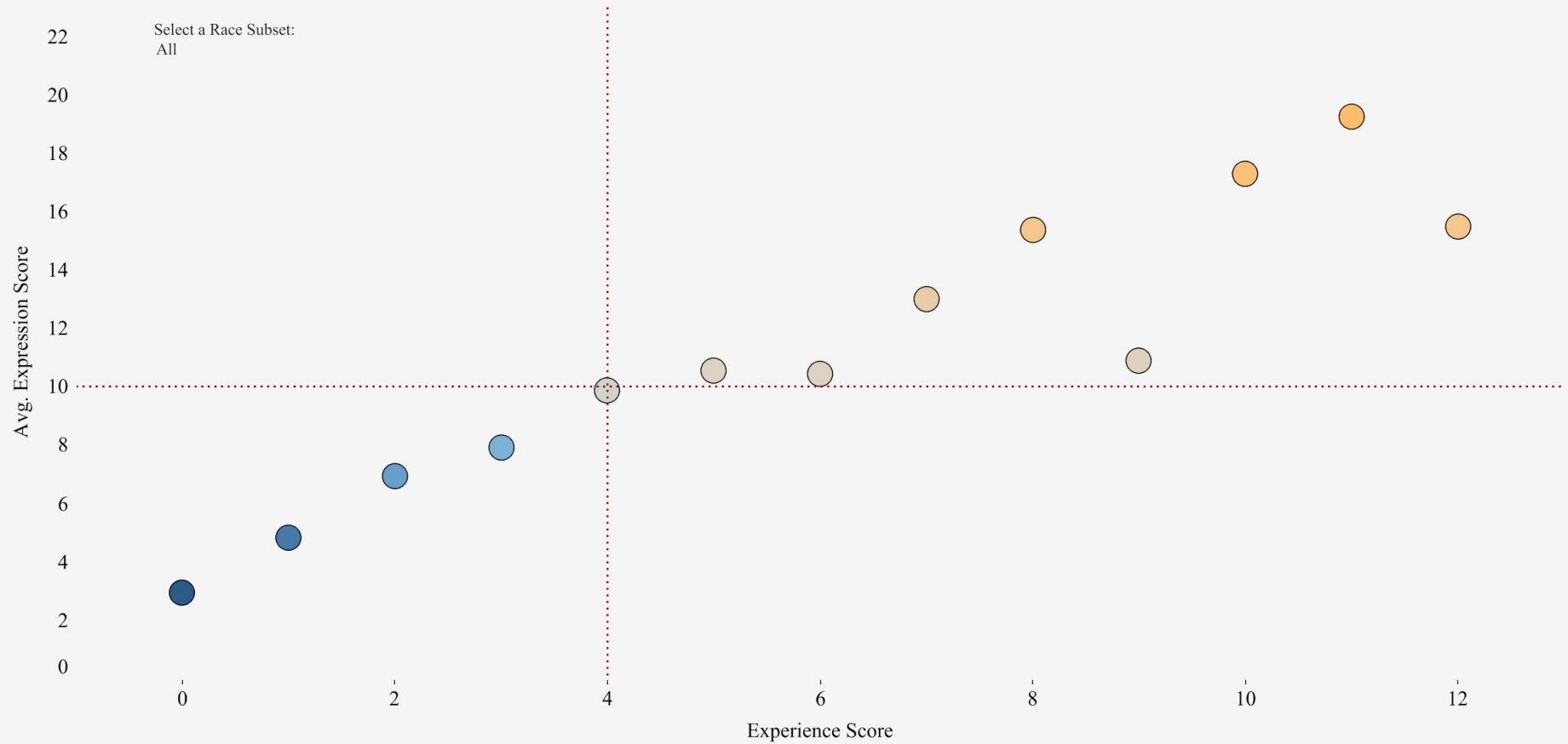
*The above information is from 3,501 complete assessments collected from 6/29/16 - 2/16/18.*

Source: Office of Court Administration Youth Court Services Division. Taken from the Youth Court At-A-Glance Report, 2018.

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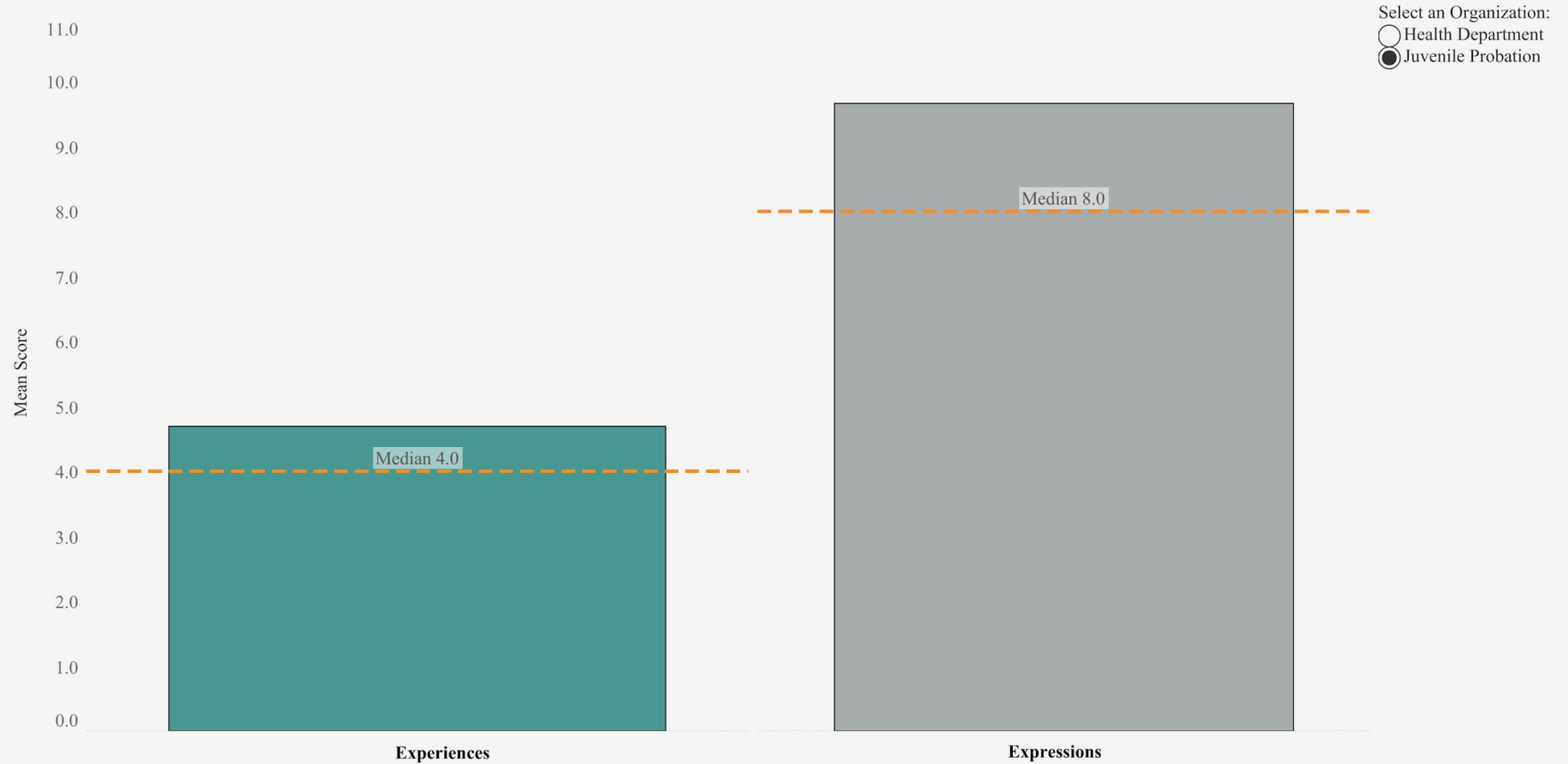


## The Relationship between Trauma/Victimization and Symptoms of PTSD/Depression



Source: [Linking Systems of Care Project](#), University of Montana Criminology Research Group, Department of Sociology

## Average Experiences and Expressions' Scores

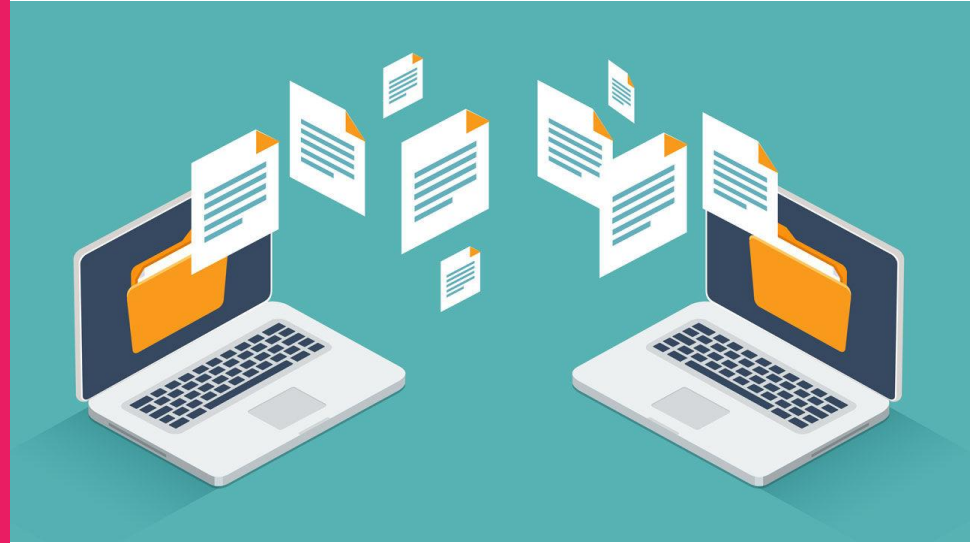


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# Ethical questions



# Issue: Data Sharing



# Issue: Funding

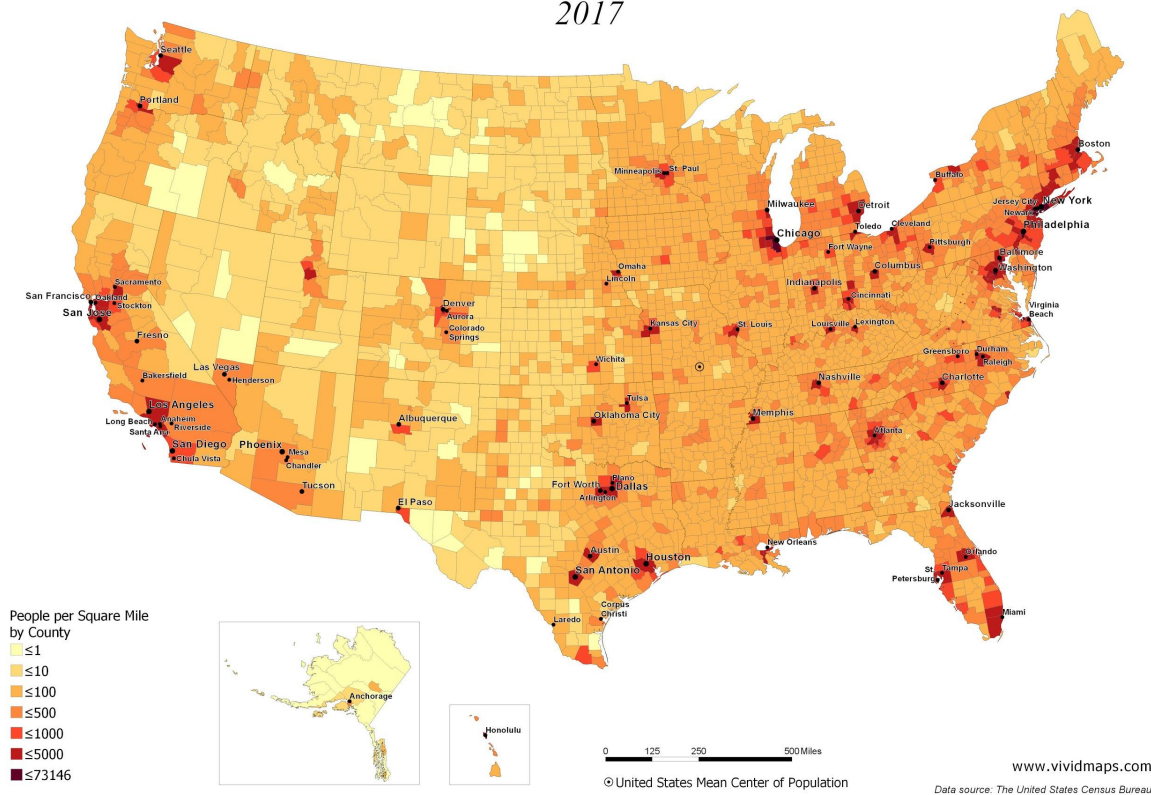


# Issue

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## Rurality of Montana

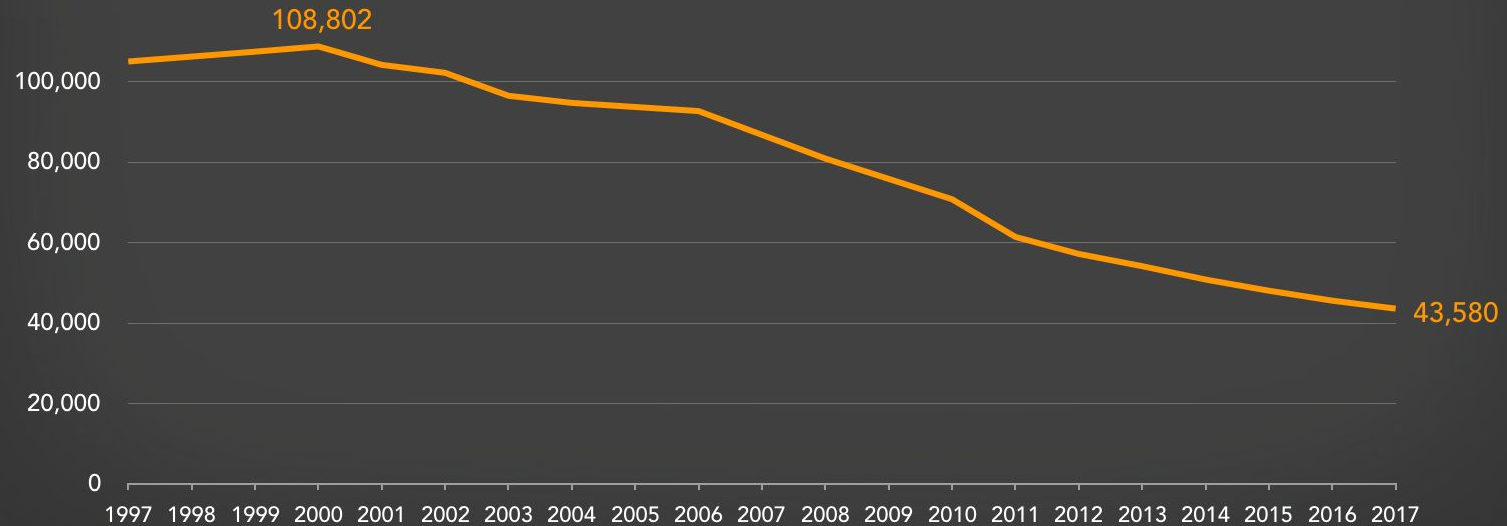
### U.S. Population Density by County 2017



The background of the slide is a solid orange color. Overlaid on this is a dark orange silhouette of a human head in profile, facing left. Inside the silhouette of the head, there is a detailed illustration of a lighthouse. The lighthouse has a multi-tiered structure with a lantern room at the top, surrounded by a gallery with railings. Several windows or openings are visible on the lighthouse's body.

# Issue: Reactive System

## The one-day count of youth in juvenile justice “residential placement” facilities has dropped by over 60 percent since 2000



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Sources: Compiled by the Prison Policy Initiative from the Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement and the Juvenile Residential Facility Census Databook. Estimates for 1998, 2005, and 2009 are imputed.

Source: [Prison Policy Initiative, “Youth Confinement: The Whole Pie 2019”](#)