THE RIGHT INVESTMENT? CORRECTIONS SPENDING IN BALTIMORE CITY





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This report and the attendant maps and graphics are the result of collaboration between two organizations that have a long track record in Maryland criminal justice research and policy work.

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organization dedicated to ending society's reliance on incarceration has generated over two dozen reports and documents on Maryland's correctional challenges.

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INTRODUCTION: MAPPING BALTIMORE'S CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY CHALLENGES

With more than 20,000 people in prison¹ and at a cost of almost *one billion dollars* a year, Maryland's corrections system consumes significant public resources. Knowing more about the impact incarceration has on communities would help state policymakers and residents make more informed choices on better ways to invest taxpayer resources in more effective public safety strategies and opportunities to help people succeed.

As a result of Maryland's historic "No Representation Without Population Act," which ended the practice of "prison gerrymandering" and required incarcerated people to be counted at home for redistricting purposes, it is finally possible to know where the people in Maryland's prisons are from.

Focus on Baltimore City

Baltimore City and, specifically, certain communities within Baltimore, are ground zero for Maryland's incarceration challenge: While one out of 10 Maryland residents is from Baltimore, *one out of three* Maryland residents in

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state prison is from the city. With an incarceration rate three times that of the State of Maryland and the national average, Baltimore is Maryland's epicenter for the use of incarceration. Rates of incarceration are highly concentrated in certain communities, with a handful of communities experiencing even higher concentrations. For example, at the high end there are 458 people in prison from the Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park community,² located in West Baltimore. At the low end, there were only three people in prison from the Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill community in North Baltimore. Maryland taxpayers spend nearly \$300 million³ each year to incarcerate people from Baltimore City. This includes as much as \$17 million to incarcerate people from a single community, Sandtown-Winchester/Poplar Hill.

Spending hundreds of millions of dollars to lock up Baltimore residents, rather than investing in their long-term well-being is reflected in an array of challenge

Jurisdiction	Number of people in prison (2010)	Census population (2010)	Incarceration Rate
Baltimore City	7,795	620,961	1,255
Maryland	22,087	5,773,552	383
United States	1,404,032	308,745,538	455

Sources: Baltimore City: Maryland Department of Planning and Redistricting, Congressional and Legislative Districts, Data for Download," July 2014. http://planning.maryland.gov/redistricting/2010/dataDownload.shtml Maryland people in prison: Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, *Secretary's End of Year Report FY2010* (Towson, MD: Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, 2010). www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/publications/pdfs/2010_DPSCS_End_of_Year_ Report.pdf; U.S: E. Ann Carson, *Prisoners in 2013* (Washington, DC: Bureau of Justice Statistics, September 2014). www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/p13.pdf

reflected in an array of challenges facing Baltimore communities.

Drawing upon rich data sets about Baltimore City communities, this report illustrates how the communities most impacted by incarceration fare on several indicators of community wellbeing: employment, educational attainment, addiction, physical health, housing and public safety.

Combining indicators of community well-being, data showing where people in Maryland's prisons are from and the cost of incarcerating these people shows that the communities in which taxpayers spend the most on incarceration are in need of different resources and represent the greatest opportunity for more effective investments that will more likely promote community well-being and result in safer communities.

This report is organized into three frames for understanding the concentration of incarceration and, perhaps most importantly, the opportunity for different community investments: Baltimore's 25 "high" incarceration communities: About half the 55 communities that comprise Baltimore City experience a concentrated impact of incarceration. At least \$5 million is being spent by taxpayers to incarcerate people from each of these communities. Other indicators of community well-being show that, overall, the 25 high incarceration communities experience higher unemployment, greater reliance on public assistance, higher rates of school absence, higher rates of vacant and abandoned housing, and more addiction challenges than the city as a whole. These 25 high incarceration communities also experience lower life expectancy, lower rates of educational attainment, and lower incomes than other parts of Baltimore. More residents of these communities spend more time commuting than other city residents, a clear sign that people in high incarceration communities are distanced from opportunity.

Beyond Baltimore City: Incarceration rates in select cities and towns in Maryland

Eight cities and towns in Maryland have incarceration rates higher than that of the state. Of those, half have incarceration rates that are at least double that of the state. Baltimore City has the highest rate of incarceration, followed closely by Hagerstown. As in Baltimore City, high incarceration rates in these cities and towns could be related to a number of factors, including challenges related to community well-being. A current public health crisis related to heroin use and the availability of treatment lead the list of challenges likely contributing to higher incarceration rates in cities and towns across the state of Maryland.

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Hagerstown	39,662	410	1,034				
Cambridge	12,326	114	925				
Salisbury	30,343	264	870				
Aberdeen	14,959	105	702				
Easton	15,945	71	445				
Havre de Grace	12,952	53	409				
Annapolis	38,394	152	394				

For the number and rate of people incarcerated in all cities, towns, and counties, see Appendix B or online at www.prisonpolicy.org/origin/ or www.justicepolicy.org/TheRightInvestment.

- Baltimore's 5 "higher" incarceration communities: Among the 25 high incarceration communities, there are five places—the *higher* incarceration communities-where taxpayers spend \$10 million or more imprisoning people from these communities. These five "higher" incarcerated communities experience even more unemployment, high school absence, more emergency narcotics calls to 911 and higher rates of vacant or abandoned housing. These five higher incarceration communities have a life expectancy that is 13 years shorter than the five communities with the fewest number of people in prison.
- Baltimore's "highest" incarceration community: One community stands out as being the "highest" incarceration

community: Maryland taxpayers spend \$17 million each year to incarcerate residents of Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park. This community faces extraordinary challenges around educational attainment, housing, and addiction. Seven percent of the children in this community have elevated bloodlead levels—a critical indicator of substandard housing and a cause of negative outcomes for young people. By contrast, 47 of Baltimore's 55 communities report *not a single child* having elevated blood-lead levels.

MARYLAND TAXPAYER SPENDING ON CORRECTIONS IN BALTIMORE

Annual state spending on corrections in each Community Statistical Area

Less than \$2 million \$2 million – \$5 million \$5 million – \$10 million \$10 million – \$15 million More than \$15 million

Public Safety: Making the right investment

For 30 years, policymakers in Maryland and across the country acted on the premise that building more prisons and making prison sentences longer would make communities safer. In the last 10 years, crime rates have fallen to 1960s-levels. While cities and states across the country, including Baltimore and Maryland, have experienced significant crime reduction, there has not been a similar drop in incarceration.⁴ In fact, the same communities where taxpayers spend the most on incarceration also have higher rates of violent crime than other parts of the city. Simply locking more people up and spending more money on incarceration does not necessarily mean a safer community.

With no guarantee that increased incarceration leads to long-term community safety, but *every* indication that incarceration disrupts lives, families, and communities, continued investment in prisons is questionable. This report is intended to explore what it means to have safe and healthy communities and discuss the role of taxpayer investments in public services as a way to build purchase basic services, have high levels of educational success, live long and healthy lives, and spend less time commuting. Baltimore City and the State of Maryland should refocus resources and attention on those communities with the highest levels of correctional involvement to ensure that the people that live there can realize these basic goals.

Key recommendations include:

1) Make investments in opportunity: Create a portfolio with better long-term returns on investment. Baltimore City already has a number of resources available to help people get self-sustaining jobs, obtain an education, get stable housing, and access treatment. For the cost of sending one person to prison for a year, Baltimore City could pay for half of a high school teacher's annual salary, employment training for seven people, two-bedroom apartments for 30 families for one month, or a GED course for 37 people.

safer, stronger communities in the longterm.

For a person or community to thrive, avoiding justice system involvement or becoming a victim of crime is the absolute minimum requirement. A healthy and safe community is one where residents are employed, earn a high enough income to

What could Baltimore City communities buy instead of incarceration?							
Cost per person Number that could b served for \$37,000							
Drug Treatment for Adults	\$4,494	8 people					
Employment Training	\$5,000	7 people					
Housing (per month)	\$1,252	30 families					
GED Course	\$1,000	37 people					

Notes: **Drug Treatment for Adults** - Outpatient, per episode cost for one adult, Baltimore Behavioral Health System, FY13, **Employment Training** - Average Cost Of 100, Baltimore-Based Maryland Workforce Exchange Job Education Programs oriented toward earning a certificate, **Housing** – Rent for one month. Assumes two people living in a two bedroom apartment in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. Althea Arnold and Sheila Crowley, Out Of Reach (Washington, DC: National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2014). http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/oor/2014OOR.pdf, pg. 100.**GED Course:** South Baltimore Learns GED - Personal correspondence with South Baltimore Learns, 8/6/2014.

- 2) Reduce spending on prisons: Free up public resources for long-term solutions to address public safety. Maryland should follow the lead of other states that have enacted wholesale sentencing reform, systemic reforms to reduce imprisonment, and redirection of funds to treatment. A portion of the hundreds of millions of dollars spent on incarceration in Baltimore should be redirected—and additional funds could be invested - to support locally-driven services, supports and opportunities that meet the unique needs of the communities they serve, especially related to work, education, health, and housing.
- 3) Do not spend more money on incarceration: Find alternatives to jail expansion. Any prison or jail expansion plan⁵ should be carefully scrutinized. Rather than exacerbating the ongoing challenges in Baltimore's communities, policymakers should examine ways to direct resources to more effectively address community challenges to reduce the number of people incarcerated in the long-term. A number of pretrial reforms that can help keep jail populations low have already been proposed to state policymakers.
- 4) Develop research capacity to analyze the costs and benefits of policy choices: Opportunities for data and analysis. In other states, like the state of Washington, legislators and the executive have the capacity to develop cost-benefit analyses of any criminal justice initiative to test whether prison sentences are getting the public the bang for the buck they expect. Maryland should make modest

investments in the state's ability to collect and analyze data, and conduct costbenefit analyses on criminal justice and social policy. With these kinds of tools, policymakers and the public could weigh the costs and benefits of current and future criminal justice policies.

Opportunities and limitations

While this report adds important and new findings to an array of policy analysis, advocacy, and knowledge about Baltimore City, it is not without its challenges. The data included in the report also present new opportunities for further analysis of incarceration trends in Baltimore City and the State of Maryland.

This report does not closely examine racial and ethnic disparities in Baltimore, but the intensity of the impact of incarceration is felt more in communities of color. While Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park has the most people in prison, it is also 96.6 percent Black/African American. The community with the fewest people in prison, Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill, is 77.5 percent White, 9.8 percent Asian, and 7.9 percent Black/African American. Communities of color most acutely experience the consequences of taxpayer dollars spent on incarceration.

This report encourages Maryland taxpayers to question whether continued spending on incarceration is wise, when other investments could be made to better benefit the state and the City of Baltimore. This report is an important first step – a detailed geographic analysis of incarceration in Maryland communities. There is far more work that can and should be done with this data to shed light on incarceration's impact on communities. Data available in the Appendix of this report and online encourage additional analysis.

More Online and in the Appendix

While this report is a detailed geographic analysis of incarceration in Maryland communities, there is far more work that can and should be done with this data to shed light on incarceration's impact on communities. Because this detailed origin data can answer other questions that the research and advocacy community will want to address in the future, this report includes in the appendix and online an estimate of the distribution of people incarcerated in the Baltimore City Detention Center by Community Statistical Area, and the raw data in two Baltimore-level geographies and in five statelevel geographies for ready use by other researchers. All additional data can be found online at www.prisonpolicy.org/origin/ or justicepolicy.org/TheRightInvestment. The data includes:

For Baltimore:

- Baltimore City Council Districts (2011)
- Baltimore City Jail Estimates (2010)
- Baltimore Neighborhood Indicator Alliance Select Data

For Maryland

- State House of Delegates Districts (2012)
- State Senate Districts (2012)
- Zip code Tabulation Areas
- Precincts
- Cities and Towns
- Counties

Zip code tabulation areas: Future users of this appendix table may wish to review the Census Bureau's documentation on Zip code Tabulation Areas at

www.census.gov/geo/reference/zctas.html

Precincts: The Census Bureau's documentation for this geography, called voting districts (VTDs), is available at: https://www.census.gov/geo/reference/gtc/gtc_vtd.html Cities and Towns: For this appendix, we used the Census Bureau's concept of "places" documented at www.census.gov/geo/reference/gtc/gtc_place.html, but to reduce future user confusion we excluded "Census Designated Places" to show only cities and towns.

PART 2 INDICATORS OF LOST OPPORTUNITY

Like other cities, the movement of residents to the suburbs has been reversed by an influx of new opportunities in Baltimore City, including new kinds of jobs (such as the expansion in financial services), new housing (such as condominiums in the city core and waterfront), and improvements in urban transportation along commercial lines (such as the Charm City Circulator). Some residents of Baltimore City are now able to take advantage of a walkable city that is increasingly healthy and safe.

But like a lot of cities, growth has been uneven, and opportunity has not been available for everyone. And like a lot of cities, the disparity in access to opportunity runs across racial and ethnic lines. A recent Brookings Institute report indicates that concentrated poverty is difficult to reverse across generations,⁶ and contributes to a variety of poor life outcomes, including incarceration. More than 40 percent of the Baltimore Metro area population resides in an area where 20 percent or more of residents live in poverty and, of those, more than 10 percent resides in an area where 40 percent or more residents live in poverty.⁷

This report links the data on the concentration of incarceration with key indicators of community well-being published by the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance (BNIA), and finds that leading indicators of community distress coincide with the concentration of incarceration. BNIA collects over 150 social indicators about each community in Baltimore, publishes this information online, and works with community organizations and government to use this information to improve policy in Baltimore. This report uses 12 of the 150 available indicators, including:

Unemployment and Commute Time: 1) Employment is critical to helping people succeed and build strong, safe communities.8 Overall, employment in Baltimore City continues to lag behind the rest of the state of Maryland. While the state had an average unemployment rate of 5.9 percent in 2014,9 Baltimore City's unemployment rate for that same year was 8.7 percent.10 Though this is a decrease from a recent average high of 11.8 percent in 2010, it is still higher than the state average. In addition, long commute times represent a lack of opportunity and the challenges a person might have accessing work in a particular community. The percent of the population aged 16-64 not employed¹¹ and the percent of the employed population with travel time to work of 45 minutes or more are both important indicators used to explore the dimensions of employment challenges.

- 2) Income and Public Assistance: Simply having a job is not enough; a person must be able to earn enough money to support a family. This is a particular challenge in cities where any economic growth coincides with an increase in the cost of basic expenses like housing, transportation, and other living expenses. While public support in the form of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) can provide income assistance where the economy fails to produce enough good jobs, ideally, families will have access to employment with adequate wages. Median household income and the percent of families receiving TANF are two indicators used to show the challenges that these same high incarceration communities face in generating and sustaining the income levels needed to support a strong, healthy community.
- 3) Educational Attainment: Education has a variety of benefits related to health, civic engagement, and social engagement,¹² but perhaps most importantly, educational attainment is the foundation for access to well-paying employment. For people returning to the community from prison, education and job training is particularly important. Nationally, about two-thirds of people in prison do not have a high school diploma.¹³ The percent of the population 25 years and over with less than a high school diploma or GED and percent of 9th and 12th grade students that are chronically absent are the indicators indicative of community challenges related to educational attainment.

- 4) Addiction: Research shows that addiction can interfere with a person's ability to get and keep a job, maintain housing, get an education, and stay out of prison.¹⁴ Access to treatment in the community is an important component of community health. In the absence of data about the number of people in need of treatment, this report uses the number of narcotics calls as a proxy indicator for drug treatment challenges.
- 5) Physical Health: Good physical health is critical to holding a job or attending school regularly.¹⁵ The Urban Institute reports work-limiting physical and behavioral health as the second most cited barrier to work after lack of education.¹⁶ Because people with shorter lifespans are less likely to be in good health, this report uses mortality for young people ages 15-24 and average life expectancy as indicators of good health.
- 6) Housing: Stable, quality housing is the foundation for a variety of other activities, such as working, going to school, and maintaining good health. In addition, the presence of empty and abandoned houses has been found to be correlated with community disassociation, which also correlates with higher levels of incarceration and lower levels of employment and education.17 Quality housing is just as important as availability of housing. Lead is often found in lowerquality, deteriorating housing¹⁸ and has been found to affect a child's brain development, negatively impacting the ability to learn and interact with others.19 Percentage of residential properties that are vacant and abandoned and percent of children age 0-6 with elevated blood-lead levels are indicators of unavailable or poor-quality housing.

7) Public safety: Research has shown that communities from which many people move or are removed—when sent to prison, for example—struggle to form a sense of unity and cohesion, which can contribute to higher crime rates. Specifically, communities with the highest levels of justice involvement also tend to see higher rates of violent crime.²⁰ To provide additional context related to the safety and well-being of high incarceration communities, the report includes violent crime rates per 1,000 residents as an indicator.

The indicators included here suggest that the same communities that have the most people in prison also struggle with employment, education, addiction, housing, health, and public safety. Overall, these associations appear to grow stronger as the number of people in prison from that community increases. Ten out of 12 indicators in this analysis worsened as the number of people in prison increased from the 25 "high" incarceration communities to the 5 "higher", and 1 "highest" incarceration communities.²¹

As the number of people in prison increases, on average, indicators of community well-being worsen.

	55 Communities in Baltimore City	25 High Incarceration Communities	5 Higher Incarceration Communities	1 Highest Incarceration Community
Number of People in Prison	7,795	5,941	1,874	458
Total Estimated Cost of Incarceration	\$288,304,000	\$219,817,000	\$69,338,000	\$16,946,000
Percent 16-64 Not Employed *	39	47	52	52
Percent of Employed Population with Travel Time to Work of 45 Minutes or More	20	25	30	32
Median Household Income	40,803	32,050	26,164	24,006
Percent of Families Receiving TANF	11	17	22	25
Percent Population (25 years and over) With Less Than a High School Diploma or GED	20	26	30	34
Percent of 9th-12th Grade Students that are Chronically Absent	40	44	49	49
Life Expectancy	74	71	68	69
Mortality by Age (15-24 years old)	12	17	21	19
Percentage of Residential Properties that are Vacant and Abandoned	8	14	23	33
Percent of Children (aged 0-6) with Elevated Blood-Lead Levels	1	1	3	7
Number of Narcotics Calls for Service per 1,000 Residents	90	143	238	465
Violent Crime Rate per 1,000 Residents	15	19	21	23

Note: The numbers above are an average of the data for each group of communities.

*Percent of people 16-64 not employed is the inverse of BNIA's indicator, "percent of people 16-64 employed." We calculated this statistic in this way in an effort to include all people who are not working (not just those who are looking for work, but also those who are not working by choice or circumstance).

PART 3 THE "HIGH" INCARCERATION COMMUNITIES

What do we know about the 25 communities where Maryland taxpayers spend a total of \$220 million – or about \$5 million or more per community – to incarcerate people?

High incarceration communities are those places Maryland taxpayers spend about \$5 million²² or more to incarcerate people from each of 25 Baltimore communities. These 25 communities include about half of the 55 communities in Baltimore City.

Together, these 25 communities account for 76 percent of the money spent on incarcerating people from Baltimore for a total of \$220 million. Seven out of 10 Baltimore residents in a state prison in 2010 are from one of these 25 communities.

These communities have some of the highest incarceration rates in the city at 1,860 per 100,000, five times that of the state (383 per 100,000). These 25 communities are also places where residents face greater challenges compared to the entirety of the city.

These 25 communities tend to have:

High unemployment: Nearly half of people aged 16-64 are not

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(47 percent), compared to the city average of 39 percent. (Includes not just those who are looking for work, but also those who are not working by choice or circumstance).

Long commutes: Twenty-five percent of the people in these communities have an average travel time to work of 45 minutes or more, compared to 20 percent of all city residents.

Low incomes: The average median income of these 25 high incarceration communities is \$32,050. Comparatively, Baltimore City residents have an average median wage of \$40,803.

High rates of public assistance: On average, one in six (17 percent) of residents in these 25 communities receive TANF benefits, compared to one in nine (11 percent) of all the residents in Baltimore City.

Low educational attainment: Of the people living in these 25 communities, 26 percent have less than a high school diploma or GED, while 20 percent of Baltimore City residents have less than a high school diploma or GED.

High rates of school absence: In these 25 communities, 44 percent of high school students, on average, are chronically absent

from school, compared to 40 percent of the city's high school students.

High rates of emergency narcotics calls: In these 25 communities, there were 14 emergency calls related to narcotics for every 100 people, compared to nine for every 100 people in the whole city.

Low life expectancy: The average life expectancy in these 25 communities is 71, while the average life expectancy for all residents of the city is 74.

High rates of vacant and abandoned houses: On average, one in seven (14 percent) of the houses in these 25 communities are vacant or abandoned, compared to one in 12 (8 percent) of the houses in the whole city.

Higher rates of violent crime: If incarceration were an effective solution to crime, the high incarceration communities would be among the safest places in the city. Instead, the 25 high incarceration

neighborhoods report 19 incidents per 1,000 while Baltimore City's overall rate is 15 per 1,000 people.

PART 4 THE "HIGHER" INCARCERATION COMMUNITIES

What do we know about the five communities where Maryland taxpayers spend \$10 million dollars or more on incarceration?

Five communities are home to one in four Baltimore residents in prison.

A disproportionate share (32 percent) of the people in the 25 communities mentioned previously come from just five "higher incarceration" communities. The five higher incarceration communities with a combined total of 1,874 people in prison are Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park, Southwest Baltimore, Greater Rosemont, Clifton-Berea, and Southern Park Heights. These five communities account for one in four people who are in prison from Baltimore City.

The **five higher incarceration communities** tend to have an even greater concentration of challenges than the 25 high incarceration communities in the previous section. The challenges of these higher incarceration communities include:

HIGHER INCARCERATION COMMUNITIES IN BALTIMORE



Higher unemployment:²³ Fifty-two percent of people between the ages of 16 and 64 in these five communities are not employed, compared to 39 percent of the whole city and 47 percent of the high incarceration communities. (Includes not just those who are looking for work, but also those who are not working by choice or circumstance).

Lower incomes:²⁴ The five higher incarceration communities have an average median income of \$26,164, compared to an average median income of \$32,050 in the 25 high incarceration communities, and a city average of \$40,803. At the other end of the spectrum, the five communities with the fewest people in prison have an average median income of \$82,601, three times that of the five higher incarceration communities.

Higher rates of people on public assistance:

About one in five families (22 percent) in the higher incarceration communities receive TANF, compared to one in six (17 percent) in the 25 high incarceration communities, and one in nine (11 percent) in the whole city. In the communities with the fewest people in prison, 8 in 1,000 (.8 percent) people in the community receive TANF.

Lower educational attainment: Just less than a third (30 percent) of the people in the five communities with the most people in prison do not have a high school diploma or GED, compared to 26 percent of the people in the 25 high incarceration communities, and 20 percent of the people in the city. By contrast, about 6 percent of residents in the five communities that send the fewest people to prison have less than a high school diploma or GED.

Higher rates of school absence: In the five communities that have the most people in prison, about half (49 percent) of highschoolers are chronically absent from school, compared to 44 percent in the 25 high incarceration communities, and 40 percent in the whole city. In the communities with the fewest people in prison, 20 percent of high school students are chronically absent.

Higher rates of emergency narcotic calls to 911: In 2012, there was one call made to 911 related to narcotics for every four residents (238 per 1,000) in the five higher incarceration communities. Comparatively, there were about 14 calls per 100 people (143 per 1,000) in the 25 high incarceration communities, and 9 calls per 100 people (90 per 1,000), on average, in the whole city. By sharp contrast, there is an average of 7 calls per 1,000 residents in the five communities with the fewest people in prison.

Higher mortality rates of young people: The mortality rate among young people (15-24 year olds) in the five communities with the most people in prison was 21 per 1,000 young residents. In the 25 high incarceration communities, it is 17 per 1,000 and the whole city's mortality rate is 12 per 1,000. Comparatively, the mortality rate of young people in the five communities with the fewest people in prison was three per 1,000 young residents.

Lower life expectancy: The five communities with the most people in prison can expect to live two years less than people in the 25 high incarceration communities, five years less than the city average, and around 13 years less than the five communities with the fewest number of people in prison. Specifically, in Clifton/Berea, the community with the lowest life expectancy of the five higher incarceration communities, residents have a life expectancy of 66. In Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill—which is among the lowest incarceration communities in Baltimore—residents live to be about 84.

Higher rates of abandoned or vacant housing: In the five communities with the most people in prison, approximately one in four houses (23 percent) are vacant or abandoned, while one in 7 (14 percent) and one in 12 (8 percent) are vacant or abandoned. In contrast, one out of 1,000 (0.5 percent) houses in the communities with the fewest people in prison is vacant or abandoned.

Higher rates of violent crime: The five neighborhoods with the most people in

prison also report 21 incidents of violent crime per 1,000 people. Comparatively, the 25 high incarceration neighborhoods report 19 incidents per 1,000, and the whole city's rate is 15 per 1,000 people. The five neighborhoods with the fewest people in prison report approximately two incidents of violent crime per 1,000.

PART 5 THE "HIGHEST" INCARCERATION COMMUNITY

What do we know about Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park, where Maryland taxpayers spend \$17 million dollars on incarceration in a year?

In the "highest" incarceration community, Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park, 3 percent of the total population is in prison. It has the third highest incarceration rate in Baltimore at 3,075 per 100,000; just behind Madison/East End, and Greenmount East. These 458 people account for \$17 million in prison spending in Maryland.

Not only does Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park experience incarceration more intensely than other neighborhoods, it also faces the most concentrated challenges related to work, education, health, and housing:

Higher unemployment: In the highest incarceration community, 52 percent of people aged 16-64 are not employed, consistent with the unemployment levels of the five higher incarceration communities, which is also 52 percent. By comparison, in the 25 high incarceration communities 47 percent of people aged 16-64

HIGHEST INCARCERATION COMMUNITY IN BALTIMORE

 Image: Community and spending on corrections.

are not employed and the city's average is 39 percent. (Includes not just those who are looking for work, but also those who are not working by choice or circumstance).

Lower incomes: Sandtown-

Winchester/Harlem Park had some of the lowest median household incomes in the city, at \$24,006. Comparatively, average median household incomes for the five higher incarceration communities is \$26,164, while the 25 high incarceration neighborhoods is \$32,050, and the whole city is \$40,803.

Higher rates of people on public assistance:

One out of four people in Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park (25 percent) receives TANF benefits. Comparatively, about one in five families (22 percent) in the five higher incarceration communities receive TANF benefits, one in six (17 percent) receive TANF benefits in the 25 high incarceration communities, and one in nine (11 percent) receive TANF benefits in the whole city.

Lower educational attainment: Thirty-four percent of Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park residents do not have a high school diploma or GED, compared to 30 percent in the five higher incarceration communities, 26 percent in the high incarceration communities, and 20 percent in the whole city.

Highest rate of emergency narcotic calls to 911: In Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park, there was nearly one narcotics call made for every two people (465 per 1,000 residents). In the five higher incarceration communities, there was one call made to 911 related to narcotics for every five residents (238 per 1,000 residents), 14 calls per 100 people in the 25 high incarceration communities, and less than 9 calls per 100 people, on average, in the entire city.

Higher rates of abandoned or vacant

housing: One out of every three (33 percent) houses in Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park is vacant or abandoned in 2012, compared with one in four (23 percent) in the five higher incarceration communities, one in seven (14 percent) in the 25 highest incarceration communities, and one in 12 (8 percent) in the whole city.

Highest rate of elevated blood-lead levels: Seven percent of the children in Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park have elevated blood-lead levels. Comparatively, 85 percent of the communities—47 of the 55 community service areas in the city—report that *no child* living in the community has lead in their system

Higher rates of violent crime: Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park reports 23 incidents of violent crime per 1,000 people. The five neighborhoods with the most people in prison also report 21 incidents of violent crime per 1,000 people, the 25 high incarceration neighborhoods report 19 incidents per 1,000, and the whole city's rate is 15 per 1,000 people.

PART 6 MAKING INVESTMENTS IN OPPORTUNITY

How could taxpayer resources be invested more wisely in Baltimore communities?

At an estimated cost of approximately \$37,200 per person per year, Maryland taxpayers spend \$288 million annually to incarcerate people from Baltimore City. These 7,800 people incarcerated by the state were from 55 communities across the city, but are primarily concentrated in 25 of those communities. Maryland taxpayers spent about \$5 million or more to incarcerate people from each of those communities. While Maryland taxpayers continue to pay for prison costs, residents in these communities face substantial challenges, especially related to employment, income, housing and educational year, Baltimore City could pay for half of a high school teacher's salary, employment training for seven people, two-bedroom apartments for 30 families for one month, or a GED course for 37 people.

Keeping people and dollars in Baltimore City will build safer, stronger communities and fewer people will come into contact with the justice system in the long-term, thereby saving taxpayers millions of dollars each year. Supports and services should be available to all people in Baltimore City, but they should be particularly accessible to people who are returning to their

attainment, that if addressed, would improve public safety, enhance community well-being, and reduce costs for all Maryland taxpayers.

Baltimore City already has a limited number of resources available to help people get jobs, earn an education, get stable housing, and access treatment. For the cost of sending a single person to prison for a

What could Baltimore City communities buy instead of incarceration?

	Cost per person	Number that could be served for \$37,000
Drug Treatment for Adults	\$4,494	8 people
Employment Training	\$5,000	7 people
Housing (per month)	\$1,252	30 families
GED Course	\$1,000	37 people

Notes: **Drug Treatment for Adults** - Outpatient, per episode cost for one adult, Baltimore Behavioral Health System, FY13, **Employment Training** - Average Cost Of 100, Baltimore-Based Maryland Workforce Exchange Job Education Programs oriented toward earning a certificate, **Housing** – Rent for one month. Assumes two people living in a two bedroom apartment in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. Althea Arnold and Sheila Crowley, Out Of Reach (Washington, DC: National Low Income Housing Coalition, 2014). http://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/oor/2014OOR.pdf, pg. 100.**GED Course:** South Baltimore Learns GED - Personal correspondence with South Baltimore Learns, 8/6/2014.

communities from prison, especially in the high incarceration communities. Summaries of an array of Baltimore-based organizations that provide supports and services to Baltimore residents are available online.

PART 7 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The right investments in Baltimore City

Maryland's corrections and public safety policy decisions have a concentrated impact on Baltimore City communities. Hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are spent incarcerating people from Baltimore City, especially those from a handful of less-resourced communities.

Disproportionate spending on incarceration further weakens and exacerbates challenges in the Baltimore communities that face the most barriers to health and economic stability: Taxpayers spend \$10 million or more to incarcerate people from each of five communities -including the highest incarceration community where \$17 million is spent on incarceration. Diverting resources to other public investments could alleviate acute challenges and distress and provide a better long-term return on investment for Maryland taxpayers. Residents in Baltimore City's high incarceration communities in general-and in some of these 25 communities, specificallyexperience some of the highest levels of:

- Unemployment;
- Reliance on public assistance;
- High school absence;
- Vacant and abandoned housing;
- Emergency calls for service related to narcotics;

- High school incompletion;
- Elevated blood-lead levels among children.

The residents in the high incarceration communities also experience longer commute times, lower average incomes, and lower life expectancy than residents elsewhere in the city.

Having access for the first time to detailed data on the specific home communities of people incarcerated in Maryland presents a unique opportunity to assess which investments will best serve the needs of Baltimore residents and Maryland taxpayers. Policymakers should consider:

Reducing spending on prisons: Freeing up public resources for more effective, longterm ways to address public safety.

The research documenting the negative impact incarceration has on people highlights how critical it is that public dollars are spent on the most effective ways to enhance public safety. Redirecting some of the hundreds of millions of dollars that are currently spent incarcerating people in Maryland toward policies and programs that strengthen communities would help people succeed and keep communities safer. Maryland state and local policymakers can evaluate practices, programs, and procedures that lead to justice system involvement, and enact policies to ensure that incarceration is a last, not first, response to behavior. Maryland could choose to follow the lead of other states:

- New York State Reducing sentencing length and investing more in treatment. New York's Rockefeller Drug Laws are a series of statutes that, at one time, allowed more than 20,000 people to be incarcerated under mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses. In 2009, New York's governor and legislature enacted a series of reforms which gave more discretion to judges to determine sentence length and directed more dollars towards drug treatment.²⁵
- Texas Reducing revocations to stave off prison construction. Texas faced the choice of spending \$2 billion on 17,000 prison beds or enacting policies that would reduce the projected prison population. Instead of investing in more prison beds, Texas probation departments received additional funds to implement evidence-based supervision practices and

treatment programs to reduce revocations. In 2009, the legislature continued funding this initiative and added new components such as 64 reentry coordinators with the goal of further reducing the number of people who return to prison.²⁶

 California – Voter enacted sentencing reforms that invest savings in education. In November 2014, Californians voted to convert some felony offenses to misdemeanor offenses. People convicted of these offenses in the future will be ineligible for state imprisonment. People currently in prison may petition for resentencing.²⁷ California's Legislative Analyst's Office projects that Proposition 47 could save taxpayers "in the high hundreds of millions of dollars annually." Proposition 47 redirects some of these savings to education.

These states took different paths: One enacted wholesale sentencing reform and invested some of the savings in education (California), one engaged in systemic reforms that reduced the number of people returned to prison due to probation violations (Texas), and another mixed approaches by reducing sentence lengths and ramping up treatment (New York).

These states show that it is possible to enact major policy reforms that free-up dollars and resources to address public safety and human need without relying on incarceration.

As new economic opportunities are realized in Baltimore, policymakers can reduce the negative outcomes seen in high incarceration communities by changing criminal justice policy and prioritizing spending that connects people to meaningful work opportunities, safe and affordable housing, educational opportunities, and treatment and health services.

To facilitate these investments in stronger communities, the online version of this report includes a compendium of Baltimore non-profit organizations and public/private financing innovations that offer local services, and also a listing of current policy initiatives before the Maryland legislature that would promote more sustainable solutions. The Maryland Opportunity Compact, for example, is a public/private financing innovation that redeploys public dollars away from high cost, ineffective services to alternatives that work (you can read more about The Maryland Opportunity Compact and the *Public Safety Compact* among the online resources).

Do not spend more money on incarceration: Find alternatives to jail expansion.

One way to rein in Maryland's spending on incarceration is to prevent correctional institution expansion. In December 2013, a legislative taskforce recommended that the state of Maryland spend \$533 million to replace the Baltimore City Detention Center with a new, larger jail. There is no question that conditions of confinement should be constitutionally sound and promote rehabilitation. However, there are alternative ways to ensure that public safety is protected and that people will return to appear in court that do not require a \$535 million expenditure. To reduce the number of people in jail pretrial, Maryland policymakers could implement recommendations from the Task Force to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to **Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants** by the Office of the Public Defender²⁸ concerning pretrial release. Key recommendations include:

- Implement a statewide pretrial system that utilizes a standard, validated pretrial risk screening tool at the "initial hearing" at which the pretrial detention/release decision is made;
- Implement a statewide pretrial system that utilizes risk-and-need-based

supervision, that referral, and treatment options in all Maryland counties;

• Implement a shared jail management database system to ensure consistency in data collection across the state.

These kinds of reforms aren't just good public safety and criminal justice policy overall, but will help alleviate population pressures in the pretrial system, and free-up dollars that could be invested in better long-term solutions in the community.

Develop research capacity to analyze the costs and benefits of policy choices: Opportunities for data and analysis.

This analysis of the cost of incarceration in Baltimore and the needs of the communities that are most impacted is only the first step to unraveling the challenging issues in the city and beyond. Resource redirection away from incarceration and toward community services must be carefully monitored and evaluated to be as effective as possible and ensure responsible use of taxpayer resources. Investment in evaluation research—a modest cost in comparison with the cost of incarceration would allow policymakers and residents to better understand the most efficient and effective way to meet communities' needs and improve public safety.

The work of the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance, cited heavily throughout this report, is invaluable to helping decision makers connect policy choices in different domains. With the right resources, this kind of data could be used alongside criminal justicerelated data to conduct cost-benefit analyses on criminal justice policy. The Washington State Institute for Public Policy, for example, provides legislators with an analysis of criminal and juvenile justice policy that accounts for long-term costs of policy choices compared to the potential investment of other investments in treatment, workforce development, and education.

To facilitate the knowledge-building process, significant data generated by the "No Representation Without Population of 2010 Act" is available online at www.prisonpolicy.org or www.justicepolicy.org. This resource includes data showing the home origins of incarcerated people in Maryland by legislative district and city, among other types of places. Other researchers can used this data to conduct further analysis on the needs and challenges that high incarceration communities face.

APPENDIX A: BACKGROUND, METHODOLOGY, AND INDICATORS OF LOST OPPORTUNITY

The story behind the access to the data in this report and the opportunity this new data represents for researchers looking to develop sounder public policies is important on its own.

Prison Gerrymandering in Maryland and its impact on democracy and disparities.

The U.S. Census Bureau counts incarcerated people as residents of the community where prisons are located, not of their home communities. When states use this data for legislative redistricting, it causes "prison gerrymandering," the practice by which the legislative districts that contain prisons have undue influence because those districts have fewer actual constituents than are counted in the Census. "Prison gerrymandering" impacts the fair representation of community needs and their democratic franchise.

Prior to 2010, Maryland was no different from most other states when it came to "prison gerrymandering." An analysis the Prison Policy Initiative completed of Maryland's 2001 districts found, for example, that 18 percent of House of Delegates District 2B (near Hagerstown, where several large prisons are located) was made up of incarcerated people. This meant every four residents of District 2B had almost as much influence as five residents of any other district in the state. In this way, before the law change, legislative districts with prisons had a disproportionate impact in state politics.²⁹

The way the Census counts people in prison has a racially and ethnically disparate impact. In Maryland, a majority of the state's prison population is African-American, and they are generally incarcerated in predominantly white legislative districts. In 2001 a Prison Policy Initiative analysis of Maryland's 2001 data found that 90 percent of the 5,628 African-Americans credited to District 2B were actually incarcerated people who lived in other parts of the state.

The "No Representation Without Population Act of 2010"

For more than a decade, a constituency has been building to press the Census Bureau to update its methodology to count imprisoned people in their home community. After the federal government rejected requests to change this policy for the 2010 Census, Maryland was the first of several states to develop and enact creative state-level legislative solutions to correct what they perceived as a flaw in the Census Bureau's data.

In April 2010, Maryland became the first state in the nation where the legislature enacted law to end the practice of "prison gerrymandering" when it passed HB496/SB400, the "No Representation Without Population Act," legislation sponsored by Delegate Joseline Peña-Melnyk and Senator Catherine Pugh. The passage of this bill followed an effort led by the Maryland American Civil Liberties Union to end the impact of "prison gerrymandering" in Maryland.

The "No Representation Without Population Act" required Maryland to collect the home addresses of people incarcerated in the state's correctional facilities, map those addresses, and adjust federal census data so that the state and its localities could use that data for redistricting, counting people incarcerated in state prisons at their home addresses.

The law was affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court, upholding a lower court's analysis that "the State's adjusted data will likewise be more accurate than the information contained in the initial census reports, which does not take prisoners' community ties into account at all."³⁰

Methodology

Data showing where the incarcerated people in Maryland are from

The "No Representation Without Population Act" solved the problem of prison gerrymandering in Maryland and had the side benefit of producing a dataset that could allow researchers to look, in detail, at where incarcerated people in Maryland are from.

Prior to this report, there has never been a discussion of the state-wide geographic distribution of the places people incarcerated in Maryland state prisons were from because the data did not exist in a public form until 2011.

The information in this report is based on the adjusted Maryland redistricting data, released by the Maryland Department of Planning³¹ that

contains the state's entire population with the people incarcerated in state prisons reallocated to their home addresses. The Prison Policy Initiative retained Demographer Bill Cooper to subtract this adjusted data from the original Census Bureau redistricting data (PL94-171) to produce a file that shows the home residences of incarcerated people at the block level, statewide.³² The Prison Policy Initiative then aggregated this data into each of the geography unit levels used in this report. See the side bar on page 8 for a full list.

The maps and tables in this report show the home addresses of people incarcerated in Maryland in 2010. While the maps in this report focus on Baltimore, the data that was analyzed represents a variety of geographic designations, including legislative districts, counties and cities, or communities within these cities.

What are Baltimore City's Community Statistical Areas?

For the purposes of this report, the 55 "Community Statistical Areas" (CSAs) that together cover Baltimore City were used as the geographical units to represent "communities." The researchers made this choice for reasons that relate to the ability to analyze the data and represent it in ways to explore the impact of incarceration and other policy choices in Maryland.

The 55 CSAs are a more meaningful representation of Baltimore's communities than other kinds of geographies (for example, residential neighborhood associations). The CSAs solve a difficult problem for people who study communities: neighborhoods are fluid, and statistical data is often collected in ways that are incompatible with shifting or ill-defined boundaries. For example, the City of Baltimore has over 270 neighborhoods, but the boundaries of those neighborhoods do not necessarily match the Census Bureau's community boundaries. To address this problem, the Baltimore Data Collaborative and the Baltimore City Department of Planning created the 55 CSAs. These 55 units combine Census Bureau data together in ways that better match Baltimore's understanding of community boundaries, and are used in social planning.

Measures of Community Well-Being: Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance

This report was primarily designed to show, for the first time, where incarcerated people in Maryland are from, and how much money taxpayers spend on their incarceration. However, using the 55 CSAs also provides the opportunity to combine incarceration data with other information to give more insight into the communities where most Baltimore residents are from.

The Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance-Jacob France Institute at the University of Baltimore (known as BNIA-JFI) collects over 150 social indicators about each Community Statistical Area, publishes this information online, and works with community organizations and government to use this information to improve policy in Baltimore. This report uses only 12 of the 150 available indicators.³³

By adding social indicators from BNIA this report shows that the communities that have many people in prison are facing other challenges. Knowing how communities fair on indicators of community well-being in the places where taxpayers spend the most money on incarceration can help policymakers make better choices.³⁴ This information can help focus policymakers on the kind of investments they can make to help improve public safety, and reduce the likelihood a person will become involved in the justice system.

The resulting analysis suggests that by continuing to send so many people from Baltimore to prison, Maryland is missing opportunities to direct public investments toward challenged communities that are falling behind other parts of Baltimore.

Estimates of the number of people in jail from Baltimore communities

This report does not include an in-depth discussion of people incarcerated in local jails or federal prisons, because that data was not available.³⁵ Because there is a current and pressing policy debate over how taxpayer dollars are used for pretrial jail detention in Baltimore, this report offers an estimate in Appendix B of how many people in Baltimore communities might be incarcerated in the Baltimore City Detention Center.

Estimates of the cost of incarceration in Maryland

Nationally, more than \$82 billion³⁶ is spent on corrections each year, and with policy debates focused on how public resources should be spent to develop the most effective public safety policies, how the cost of incarceration is projected is a critical and controversial issue.

The cost of incarcerating a single person from a community was estimated by multiplying a figure (\$37,200) provided by the Department of Legislative Services and used in the 2014 Maryland legislative session in their Fiscal and Policy notes on legislative initiatives that might affect corrections. The Department of Legislative Services notes, "persons serving a sentencing longer than 18 months are incarcerated in State correctional facilities. Currently, the average total cost per inmate, including overhead, is estimated to be \$3,100 a month." Each legislative session, the Department of Legislative Services receives these monthly costs directly from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Along with the total monthly expenditure that includes overhead, the Department of Legislative Services also includes separate estimates that exclude overhead (\$735 per month) and health care (\$185 per month).³⁷ These additional figures are provided to legislators based on the assumption that a change in policy that affects the incarceration of a few people—such as a change in sentencing that reduces incarceration in such a small way that a facility is not likely to close—would save less money than more significant, wholesale reform.

The annualized average cost per person including overhead and health care—rounded down to the nearest thousand— is used in this report because the findings speak to a need for wholesale sentencing and corrections reform. Such reform would lead to the closure of prisons and to the kind of cost savings that allow for a significant redirection of funds to address some of the most pressing challenges in Baltimore's high incarceration communities. Rather than be limited by marginal changes to the system, this report portrays the data in a way that wholesale reform should be considered.

In addition, the annual total cost of incarcerating a person in 2014 used in this report is within the range of recently published figures by the Vera Institute of Justice and the former Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.³⁸

Indicators of Lost Opportunity

Unemployment and Commute Time Employment is critical to helping people succeed and build strong, safe communities.³⁹ Overall, employment in Baltimore City continues to lag behind the rest of the state of Maryland (average 5.9 percent in 2014),⁴⁰ even though it has fallen from a recent average high of 11.8 percent in 2010 to 8.7 percent in 2014.⁴¹ African Americans and Latinos are more likely to be unemployed than whites. In 2012, the unemployment rate for whites in Maryland was 5.6 percent, while for African Americans it was almost twice as high at 10.2 percent.⁴²

A long commute time is a manifestation of the lack of opportunity in a particular community and the challenges that an individual may have accessing jobs. According to the Baltimore Regional Talent Development Pipeline Study, 85 percent of all new jobs that will be created between 2012 and 2020 will be outside of Baltimore City⁴³ in regions that are not easily accessible by public transportation. The failure to develop job opportunities in all of Baltimore's communities will result in an increase in travel times for more people and increase the barriers to getting and keeping employment while preserving a role in family and community life.

The percent of population aged 16-64 not employed⁴⁴ and percent of the employed population with travel time to work of 45 minutes or more are two indicators used to explore the dimensions of employment challenges among those places that taxpayers spend the most money to incarcerate people from a community.

Income and Public Assistance

Simply having a job is not enough; a person must be able to earn enough money to support a family. This is a particular challenge in cities where any economic growth coincides with an increase in the cost of basic expenses like housing, transportation, and other living expenses. In particular, new residents with higher incomes have moved in and changed the landscape of the Inner Harbor and Downtown, while communities only a short distance away continue to struggle with unemployment and low wages.

Public support can provide income where the economy fails to produce enough good jobs, but ideally families will have access to employment with adequate wages. Research has shown little evidence that people who receive TANF are encouraged to progress in their careers, often placed in jobs with few, if any opportunities, to also participate in job training or educational opportunities that would lead to promotion.⁴⁵

Median household income and the **percent of families receiving TANF** are two indicators used to show the challenges that high incarceration communities face in generating and sustaining the income levels needed to support a strong, healthy community.

Educational Attainment

Education has a variety of benefits related to health, civic engagement, and social engagement,⁴⁶ but perhaps most importantly, educational attainment is the foundation for access to well-paying employment. For people returning to the community from prison, education and job training is particularly important: nationally, about two-thirds of people in prison do not have a high school diploma.47 Education is increasingly important in the job market. In Baltimore City, over half of the new jobs that will be created between 2012 and 2020 will require more than a high school diploma.48 In addition, the jobs that don't require at least some college pay less than a living wage.49 Job training also seems out of reach to the one-third of Baltimore area job seekers who report that they are unable to afford even professional clothes or work boots.50

The indicators, percent of the population 25 years and over with less than a high school diploma or GED and percent of 9th to 12th grade students that are chronically absent, are the two indicators indicative of the high incarceration communities' challenges related to educational attainment.

Addiction

Challenges with drugs can impede a person's ability to succeed, as well as negatively impact a whole community. Research shows that substance abuse can interfere with a person's ability to get and keep a job, maintain housing, get an education, and stay out of prison.⁵¹ For people coming out of prison who are from Baltimore, these challenges are particularly salient: the justice system alone accounts for 30 percent of admissions to treatment.⁵² The availability of treatment outside of the criminal justice system is not only important for keeping people from becoming involved in the justice system from the outset, but also for ensuring

that people returning to the community from prison do not return to the system.⁵³ Addiction and access to treatment outside the justice system has played a role in Maryland's prison reform challenges.⁵⁴

The availability of help in drug-related emergencies is an important public health service in Baltimore City. If there is a drug problem in their community that warrants it, people should make an emergency call. In the absence of data about the number of people in need of treatment in Baltimore City across communities, this report uses **the number of narcotics calls for service per 1,000 residents** as a proxy indicator for the drug treatment challenge facing these Baltimore communities.

Physical Health

Good physical health is critical to holding a job or attending school regularly.⁵⁵ Coupled with other logistical barriers to work, like a long commute time, for example, someone with a health condition is unlikely to be able to work. The Urban Institute reports work-limiting physical and behavioral health as the second most cited barrier to work after lack of education.⁵⁶

Because people who have a shorter lifespan are less likely to be in good health, this report uses **mortality for young people ages 15-24** and **average life expectancy** as indicators of good health. Combined with incarceration and cost data, it is possible to see how high incarceration communities fair in supporting the good health of their residents.

<u>Housing</u>

Stable, quality housing supports a variety of other activities, such as working, going to school, and maintaining good health. But housing is out of reach for many residents of Baltimore communities, which relates to the income level, job opportunities, and educational attainment of the residents. In Baltimore City in December 2014, average monthly rents for a one-bedroom apartment were \$1,024, amounting to a yearly total of \$12,288,⁵⁷ but the median income in some communities in Baltimore is as low as \$13,500.

Baltimore City anticipates continued economic development that will add housing stock to some parts of the City, while others will continue to struggle with vacant or abandoned houses and dilapidated housing. The presence of empty and abandoned houses has been found to be correlated with feelings of community disassociation. Communities that are the least cohesive tend to have higher levels of incarceration and lower levels of employment and education.⁵⁸

Quality housing is just as important as availability of housing. Lead is often found in lower-quality, deteriorating housing⁵⁹ and has been found to affect a child's brain development, negatively impacting the ability to learn and interact with others.⁶⁰ Elevated bloodlead levels have been found to be correlated with involvement in the justice system, and can have serious and long-term consequences for young people throughout their lifetime.⁶¹

Percentage of residential properties that are vacant and abandoned and **percent of children age 0-6 with elevated blood-lead levels** are indicators of unavailable or poor-quality housing used to show the challenge that high incarceration communities face housing their residents.

Public safety

Many factors influence crime rates. One factor is related to the sense that community members trust one another and have a sense of unity, both of which are formed over long periods of time. Neighborhoods in which many people move or are removed—sent to prison, for example struggle to form the bonds that have a way of insulating a community from crime.⁶² In addition, removing people from their communities and sending them to prison further erodes public safety by creating a population of "custodial citizens" who are not invested in their communities because they believe the government does not care about them.⁶³ Incarceration fuels a cycle of feelings of neglect, community disassociation, and crime. As Vesla Weaver, professor at Yale University observes in a recent opinion in the *Baltimore Sun*: "The expansion of criminal justice into the neighborhoods of our fellow citizens here in Baltimore and elsewhere is not just an expensive way to deal with crime. It destabilizes communities socially and economically." ⁶⁴

Research in Maryland and Baltimore City confirms these findings, showing that the communities that saw the highest rates of justice involvement continued to see high rates of violent crime⁶⁵—an indicator that simply locking more people up does not necessarily make a community safer.

To provide additional context related to the safety and well-being of high incarceration communities, the report includes the indicator, **violent crime rates per 1,000 residents**.

Limitations related to social indicators

The indicators included here suggest that the same communities that have the most people in prison also struggle with employment, education, addiction, housing, health, and public safety.

Overall, these associations appear to grow stronger as the number of people in prison in a community increases. Ten out of 12 indicators in this analysis worsened as the number of people in prison increased in the 25 high incarceration communities, the 5 "higher" incarceration communities, and the "highest" incarceration community.⁶⁶

The data presented in the following maps and tables represents a first step towards concretely understanding what is happening in high incarceration communities, and what may, or may not be the implications of correctional investment on social policy. However, this analysis included no tests of significance, therefore any associations between the indicators mentioned in this report cannot be considered statistically significant or any evidence of causation.

Nonetheless, the challenges that Baltimore City communities face increases in intensity the more people that are in prison. Even without sophisticated statistical analyses, it is apparent that incarceration is doing little to improve community well-being. Maryland taxpayers, policymakers, and stakeholders would do well to reassess spending priorities so that any community in Baltimore City, or otherwise, has the resources and opportunities it needs to help residents get and keep jobs, earn enough for a sustainable life, succeed in school, stay healthy, and stay safe.

APPENDIX B: Additional Data

Baltimore City Community Prison and Jail Population

Community Statistical Area (CSA)	Census population, 2010	Number of people in state prison, 2010	Incarceration rate per 100,000 (state prison only)	Estimated annual cost to incarcerate residents in state prison	Jail population (estimated), 2010	Combined prison and jail population (estimated), _2010	Incarceration rate per 100,000 (state prison and city jail)
Allendale/Irvington/S. Hilton	16,217	280	1,727	\$10,360,000	129	409	2,521
Beechfield/Ten Hills/West Hills	12,264	96	783	\$3,552,000	44	140	1,143
Belair-Edison	17,416	252	1,447	\$9,324,000	116	368	2,113
Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point	14,243	129	906	\$4,773,000	59	188	1,322
Canton	8,100	21	259	\$777,000	10	31	379
Cedonia/Frankford	23,557	219	930	\$8,103,000	101	320	1,357
Cherry Hill	8,202	154	1,878	\$5,698,000	71	225	2,741
Chinquapin Park/Belvedere	7,756	70	903	\$2,590,000	32	102	1,318
Claremont/Armistead	8,231	88	1,069	\$3,256,000	40	128	1,561
Clifton-Berea	9,874	298	3,018	\$11,026,000	137	435	4,406
Cross-Country/Cheswolde	13,034	14	107	\$518,000	6	20	157
Dickeyville/Franklintown	4,101	41	1,000	\$1,517,000	19	60	1,460
Dorchester/Ashburton	11,786	155	1,315	\$5,735,000	71	226	1,920
Downtown/Seton Hill	6,446	44	683	\$1,628,000	20	64	997
Edmondson Village	7,900	134	1,696	\$4,958,000	62	196	2,476
Fells Point	9,039	33	365	\$1,221,000	15	48	533
Forest Park/Walbrook	9,849	167	1,696	\$6,179,000	77	244	2,476
Glen-Fallstaff	14,914	88	590	\$3,256,000	40	128	861

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Greater Charles Village/Barclay	16,391	130	793	\$4,810,000	60	190	1,158
Greater Govans	10,681	150	1,404	\$5,550,000	69	219	2,050
Greater Mondawmin	9,322	172	1,845	\$6,364,000	79	251	2,694
Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill	7,377	3	41	\$111,000	1	4	59
Greater Rosemont	19,259	411	2,134	\$15,207,000	189	600	3,116
Greenmount East	8,184	258	3,152	\$9,546,000	119	377	4,603
Hamilton	13,002	66	508	\$2,442,000	30	96	741
Harbor East/Little Italy	5,407	52	962	\$1,924,000	24	76	1,404
Harford/Echodale	16,839	80	475	\$2,960,000	37	117	694
Highlandtown	7,250	49	676	\$1,813,000	23	72	987
Howard Park/West Arlington	10,873	125	1,150	\$4,625,000	58	183	1,678
Inner Harbor/Federal Hill	12,855	34	264	\$1,258,000	16	50	386
Lauraville	12,273	73	595	\$2,701,000	34	107	868
Loch Raven	15,311	94	614	\$3,478,000	43	137	896
Madison/East End	7,781	281	3,611	\$10,397,000	129	410	5,273
Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington	17,388	82	472	\$3,034,000	38	120	689
Midtown	15,020	65	433	\$2,405,000	30	95	632
Midway/Coldstream	9,624	290	3,013	\$10,730,000	133	423	4,399
Morrell Park/Violetville	8,964	52	580	\$1,924,000	24	76	847
Mount Washington/Coldspring	5,168	4	77	\$148,000	2	6	113
North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland	17,464	15	86	\$555,000	7	22	125
Northwood	16,643	145	871	\$5,365,000	67	212	1,272

Baltimore City Community Prison and Jail Population

Community Statistical Area (CSA)	Census population, 2010	Number of people in state prison, 2010	Incarceration rate per 100,000 (state prison only)	Estimated annual cost to incarcerate residents in state prison	Jail population (estimated), 2010	Combined prison and jail population (estimated), 2010	Incarceration rate per 100,000 (state prison and city jail)
Oldtown/Middle East	10,021	244	2,435	\$9,028,000	112	356	3,555
Orangeville/East Highlandtown	9,131	68	745	\$2,516,000	31	99	1,087
Patterson Park North & East	14,549	191	1,313	\$7,067,000	88	279	1,917
Penn North/Reservoir Hill	9,668	206	2,131	\$7,622,000	95	301	3,111
Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	11,816	241	2,040	\$8,917,000	111	352	2,978
Poppleton/The Terraces/Hollins Market	5,086	107	2,104	\$3,959,000	49	156	3,072
Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park	14,896	458	3,075	\$16,946,000	211	669	4,489
South Baltimore	6,406	18	281	\$666,000	8	26	410
Southeastern	6,260	73	1,166	\$2,701,000	34	107	1,703
Southern Park Heights	13,284	294	2,213	\$10,878,000	135	429	3,231
Southwest Baltimore	17,885	413	2,309	\$15,281,000	190	603	3,371
The Waverlies	7,753	109	1,406	\$4,033,000	50	159	2,053
Upton/Druid Heights	10,342	269	2,601	\$9,953,000	124	393	3,798
Washington Village/Pigtown	5,503	67	1,218	\$2,479,000	31	98	1,778
Westport/Mount Winans/Lakeland	7,119	120	1,686	\$4,440,000	55	175	2,461
Investments in Opportunity: Number of people that could be served with tax dollars spent on incarceration

			Number that could be served with for \$37,000			r \$37,000
Community Statistical Area (CSA)	Number of people in state prison, 2010	Estimated annual cost to incarcerate residents in state prison	Drug treatment for adults (\$4,494) – Adults	Employment training (\$5,000) - People	Housing per month (\$1,252) - Families	GED course (\$1,000) - Students
Allendale/Irvington/S. Hilton	280	\$10,360,000	2,305	2,072	8,275	10,360
Beechfield/Ten Hills/West Hills	96	\$3,552,000	790	710	2,837	3,552
Belair-Edison	252	\$9,324,000	2,075	1,865	7,447	9,324
Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point	129	\$4,773,000	1,062	955	3,812	4,773
Canton	21	\$777,000	173	155	621	777
Cedonia/Frankford	219	\$8,103,000	1,803	1,621	6,472	8,103
Cherry Hill	154	\$5,698,000	1,268	1,140	4,551	5,698
Chinquapin Park/Belvedere	70	\$2,590,000	576	518	2,069	2,590
Claremont/Armistead	88	\$3,256,000	725	651	2,601	3,256
Clifton-Berea	298	\$11,026,000	2,453	2,205	8,807	11,026
Cross-Country/Cheswolde	14	\$518,000	115	104	414	518
Dickeyville/Franklintown	41	\$1,517,000	338	303	1,212	1,517
Dorchester/Ashburton	155	\$5,735,000	1,276	1,147	4,581	5,735
Downtown/Seton Hill	44	\$1,628,000	362	326	1,300	1,628
Edmondson Village	134	\$4,958,000	1,103	992	3,960	4,958
Fells Point	33	\$1,221,000	272	244	975	1,221
Forest Park/Walbrook	167	\$6,179,000	1,375	1,236	4,935	6,179
Glen-Fallstaff	88	\$3,256,000	725	651	2,601	3,256
Greater Charles Village/Barclay	130	\$4,810,000	1,070	962	3,842	4,810

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Greater Govans	150	\$5,550,000	1,235	1,110	4,433	5,550
Greater Mondawmin	172	\$6,364,000	1,416	1,273	5,083	6,364
Greater Roland Park/Poplar Hill	3	\$111,000	25	22	89	111
Greater Rosemont	411	\$15,207,000	3,384	3,041	12,146	15,207
Greenmount East	258	\$9,546,000	2,124	1,909	7,625	9,546
Hamilton	66	\$2,442,000	543	488	1,950	2,442
Harbor East/Little Italy	52	\$1,924,000	428	385	1,537	1,924
Harford/Echodale	80	\$2,960,000	659	592	2,364	2,960
Highlandtown	49	\$1,813,000	403	363	1,448	1,813
Howard Park/West Arlington	125	\$4,625,000	1,029	925	3,694	4,625
Inner Harbor/Federal Hill	34	\$1,258,000	280	252	1,005	1,258
Lauraville	73	\$2,701,000	601	540	2,157	2,701
Loch Raven	94	\$3,478,000	774	696	2,778	3,478
Madison/East End	281	\$10,397,000	2,314	2,079	8,304	10,397
Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry/Remington	82	\$3,034,000	675	607	2,423	3,034
Midtown	65	\$2,405,000	535	481	1,921	2,405
Midway/Coldstream	290	\$10,730,000	2,388	2,146	8,570	10,730
Morrell Park/Violetville	52	\$1,924,000	428	385	1,537	1,924
Mount Washington/Coldspring	4	\$148,000	33	30	118	148

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North Baltimore/Guilford/Homeland	15	\$555,000	123	111	443	555
Northwood	145	\$5,365,000	1,194	1,073	4,285	5,365
Oldtown/Middle East	244	\$9,028,000	2,009	1,806	7,211	9,028
Orangeville/East Highlandtown	68	\$2,516,000	560	503	2,010	2,516
Patterson Park North & East	191	\$7,067,000	1,573	1,413	5,645	7,067
Penn North/Reservoir Hill	206	\$7,622,000	1,696	1,524	6,088	7,622
Pimlico/Arlington/Hilltop	241	\$8,917,000	1,984	1,783	7,122	8,917
Poppleton/The Terraces/Hollins Market	107	\$3,959,000	881	792	3,162	3,959
Sandtown-Winchester/Harlem Park	458	\$16,946,000	3,771	3,389	13,535	16,946
South Baltimore	18	\$666,000	148	133	532	666
Southeastern	73	\$2,701,000	601	540	2,157	2,701
Southern Park Heights	294	\$10,878,000	2,421	2,176	8,688	10,878
Southwest Baltimore	413	\$15,281,000	3,400	3,056	12,205	15,281
The Waverlies	109	\$4,033,000	897	807	3,221	4,033
Upton/Druid Heights	269	\$9,953,000	2,215	1,991	7,950	9,953
Washington Village/Pigtown	67	\$2,479,000	552	496	1,980	2,479
Westport/Mount Winans/Lakeland	120	\$4,440,000	988	888	3,546	4,440

Select Cities and Towns	Census population, 2010	Number of people in state prison	Incarceration rate per 100,000	Select Cities and Towns	Census population, 2010	Number of people in state prison	Incarceration rate per 100,000
Aberdeen	14,959	105	702	Hyattsville	17,557	15	85
Accident	325	1	308	Indian Head	3,844	21	546
Annapolis	38,394	152	396	Keedysville	1,152	2	174
Baltimore	620,961	7,795	1,255	Kensington	2,213	1	45
Barclay	120	1	833	Kitzmiller	321	0	0
Barnesville	172	0	0	La Plata	8,753	23	263
Barton	457	0	0	Landover Hills	1,687	5	296
Bel Air	10,120	13	128	Laurel	25,115	26	104
Berlin	4,485	11	245	Laytonsville	353	0	0
Berwyn Heights	3,123	1	32	Leonardtown	2,930	9	307
Betterton	345	1	290	Loch Lynn Heights	552	0	0
Bladensburg	9,148	21	230	Lonaconing	1,214	5	412
Boonsboro	3,336	2	60	Luke	65	0	0
Bowie	54,727	36	66	Manchester	4,808	6	125
Brentwood	3,046	7	230	Mardela Springs	347	2	576
Brookeville	134	0	0	Martin's Additions	933	0	0
Brookview	60	0	0	Marydel	141	1	709
Brunswick	5,870	7	119	Middletown	4,136	0	0
Burkittsville	151	0	0	Midland	446	0	0
Cambridge	12,326	114	925	Millington	642	2	312
Capitol Heights	4,337	14	323	Morningside	2,015	2	99
Cecilton	663	1	151	Mount Airy	9,288	5	54
Centreville	4,285	7	163	Mount Rainier	8,080	21	260

Select Cities and Towns	Census population, 2010	Number of people in state prison	Incarceration rate per 100,000
Charlestown	1,183	0	0
Chesapeake Beach	5,753	11	191
Chesapeake City	673	2	297
Chestertown	5,252	29	552
Cheverly	6,173	10	162
Chevy Chase	2,824	0	0
Chevy Chase Section Five	658	0	0
Chevy Chase Section Three	760	0	0
Chevy Chase View	920	0	0
Chevy Chase Village	1,953	0	0
Church Creek	125	0	0
Church Hill	745	3	403
Clear Spring	358	0	0
College Park	30,413	14	46
Colmar Manor	1,404	3	214
Cottage City	1,305	3	230
Crisfield	2,726	20	734
Cumberland	20,859	70	336
Deer Park	399	0	0
Delmar	3,003	10	333
Denton	4,418	18	407
District Heights	5,837	25	428
Eagle Harbor	63	0	0

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Select Cities and Towns	Census population, 2010	Number of people in state prison	Incarceration rate per 100,000	Select Cities and Towns	Census population, 2010	Number of people in state prison	Incarceration rate per 100,000
East New Market	400	1	250	Rising Sun	2,781	8	288
Easton	15,945	71	445	Riverdale Park	6,956	6	86
Edmonston	1,445	2	138	Rock Hall	1,310	2	153
Eldorado	59	0	0	Rockville	61,209	32	52
Elkton	15,443	40	259	Rosemont	294	0	0
Emmitsburg	2,814	4	142	Salisbury	30,343	264	870
Fairmount Heights	1,494	9	602	Seat Pleasant	4,542	26	572
Federalsburg	2,739	17	621	Secretary	535	0	0
Forest Heights	2,447	16	654	Sharpsburg	705	0	0
Frederick	65,239	160	245	Sharptown	651	0	0
Friendsville	491	0	0	Smithsburg	2,975	2	67
Frostburg	9,002	4	44	Snow Hill	2,103	7	333
Fruitland	4,866	25	514	Somerset	1,216	0	0
Funkstown	904	2	221	St. Michaels	1,029	4	389
Gaithersburg	59,933	55	92	Sudlersville	497	1	201
Galena	612	1	163	Sykesville	4,436	1	23
Galestown	138	0	0	Takoma Park	16,715	14	84
Garrett Park	992	0	0	Taneytown	6,728	16	238
Glen Echo	255	1	392	Templeville	138	0	0
Glenarden	6,000	34	567	Thurmont	6,170	4	65
Goldsboro	246	0	0	Trappe	1,077	3	279
Grantsville	766	1	131	Union Bridge	975	1	103
Greenbelt	23,068	29	126	University Park	2,548	0	0

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Greensboro	1,931	7	363	Upper Marlboro	631	2	317
Hagerstown	39,662	410	1,034	Vienna	271	1	369
Hampstead	6,323	4	63	Walkersville	5,800	6	103
Hancock	1,545	5	324	Washington Grove	555	0	0
Havre de Grace	12,952	53	409	Westernport	1,888	0	0
Hebron	1,084	6	554	Westminster	18,590	53	285
Henderson	146	0	0	Willards	958	1	104
Highland Beach	96	0	0	Williamsport	2,137	4	187
Hillsboro	161	0	0	Woodsboro	1,141	1	88
Hurlock	2,092	11	526				

County	Census population, 2010	Number of people in state prison, 2010	Incarceration rate per 100,000
Allegany	75,087	103	137
Anne Arundel	537,656	777	145
Baltimore County	805,029	2022	251
Baltimore City	620,961	7795	1,255
Calvert	88,737	166	187
Caroline	33,066	111	336
Carroll	167,134	207	124
Cecil	101,108	179	177
Charles	146,551	383	261
Dorchester	32,618	166	509
Frederick	233,385	274	117
Garrett	30,097	27	90
Harford	244,826	568	232
Howard	287,085	172	60
Kent	20,197	69	342
Montgomery	971,777	572	59
Prince George's	863,420	1701	197
Queen Anne's	47,798	101	211
Somerset	26,470	102	385
St. Mary's	105,151	206	196
Talbot	37,782	108	286
Washington	147,430	535	363
Wicomico	98,733	540	547
Worcester	51,454	94	183

Baltimore City Council Districts Council members serving as of January 2015

City Council District	City Council Representative	Number of people in state prison, 2010
1	James B. Kraft	314
2	Brandon M. Scott	393
3	Robert Curran	273
4	Bill Henry	317
5	Rochelle Spector	300
6	Sharon Green Middleton	704
7	Nick Mosby	741
8	Helen Holton	554
9	William Welch	888
10	Edward Reisinger	497
11	Eric Costello	709
12	Carl Stokes	784
13	Warren Branch	904
14	Mary Pat Clark	417

Maryland Senate Districts Senators serving in the 2015 Maryland legislative session as of February 23, 2015

Senate District	Senator Name	Number of people in state prison, 2010	Senate District	Senator Name	Number of people in state prison, 2010
1	George C. Edwards	157	25	Ulysses Currie	297
2	Andrew Serafini	508	26	C. Anthony Muse	278
3	Ronald N. Young	195	27	Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.	234
4	Michael J. Hough	89	28	Thomas M. Middleton	336
5	Justin D. Ready	177	29	Stephen Waugh	253
6	Johnny Ray Salling	591	30	John C. Astle	225
7	J.B. Jennings	244	31	Bryan W. Simonaire	252
8	Katherine A. Klausmeier	242	32	James E. DeGrange, Sr.	181
9	Gail H. Bates	43	33	Edward R. Reilly	90
10	Delores G. Kelley	312	34	Bob Cassilly	390
11	Robert A. (Bobby) Zirkin	125	35	H. Wayne Norman, Jr.	227
12	Edward J. Kasemeyer	222	36	Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.	302
13	Guy Guzzone	97	37	Adelaide C. Eckardt	726
14	Karen S. Montgomery	74	38	James N. Mathias, Jr.	328
15	Brian J. Feldman	45	39	Nancy J. King	118
16	Susan C. Lee	4	40	Catherine E. Pugh	1,855
17	Cheryl Kagan	91	41	Lisa A. Gladden	1,185
18	Richard S. Madaleno, Jr.	74	42	James Brochin	93
19	Roger Manno	71	43	Joan Carter Conway	1,096
20	Jamin B. (Jamie) Raskin	95	44	Shirley Nathan-Pulliam	1,167
21	James C. Rosapepe	108	45	Nathaniel J. McFadden	1,779
22	Paul G. Pinsky	215	46	William C. Ferguson IV	1,031
23	Douglas J. J. Peters	122	47	Victor R. Ramirez	294
24	Joanne C. Benson	348			

Number of people in state prison, 2010

Maryland House of Delegates Districts

Delegates serving in the 2015 Maryland legislative session, as of February 23, 2015

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House District (2012)	Delegate Name	Number of people in state prison, 2010	House District (2012)	Delegate Name
1A	Wendell R. Beitzel	36	25	Angela Angel
1B	Jason C. Buckel	48	25	Dereck E. Davis
1C	Mike McKay	73	25	Darryl Barnes
2A	Vacant	98	26	Tony Knotts
2A	Neil Parrott	98	26	Kriselda Valderrama
2B	Brett Wilson	410	26	Jay Walker
3A	Carol L. Krimm	169	27A	James E. Proctor, Jr.
3A	Karen Lewis Young	169	27B	Michael A. Jackson
3B	William "Bill" Folden	26	27C	Mark N. Fisher
4	Kathryn L. Afzali	89	28	Sally Y. Jameson
4	Kelly M. Schulz	89	28	C.T. Wilson
4	David E. Vogt III	89	28	Edith J. Patterson
5	Vacant	177	29A	Matt Morgan
5	Susan W. Krebs	177	29B	Deb Rey
5	Haven Shoemaker	177	29C	Anthony J. (Tony) O'Donnell
6	Robin L. Grammer, Jr.	591	30A	Michael E. Busch
6	Bob Long	591	30A	Herb McMillan
6	Ric Metzgar	591	30B	Seth Howard
7	Richard K. Impallaria	244	31A	Edward (Ned) Carey
7	Patrick L. McDonough	244	31B	Nicholaus R. Kipke
7	Kathy Szeliga	244	31B	Meagan C. Simonaire
8	Christian Miele	242	32	Pamela Beidle
8	Eric M. Bromwell	242	32	Mark S. Chang
8	John W.E. Cluster, Jr.	242	32	Theodore Sophocleus

Maryland House of Delegates Districts Delegates serving in the 2015 Maryland legislative session

House District (2012)	Delegate Name	Number of people in state prison, 2010
9A	Trent Kittleman	33
9A	Warren E. Miller	33
9B	Robert "Bob" Flanagan	10
10	Benjamin Brooks	312
10	Adrienne A. Jones	312
10	Hasan "Jay" Jalisi	312
11	Shelly Hettleman	125
11	Dan K. Morhaim	125
11	Dana M. Stein	125
12	Eric Ebersole	222
12	Terri L. Hill	222
12	Clarence K. Lam	222
13	Vanessa Atterbeary	97
13	Shane E. Pendergrass	97
13	Frank S. Turner	97
14	Anne R. Kaiser	74
14	Eric G. Luedtke	74
14	Craig J. Zucker	74
15	Kathleen M. Dumais	45
15	David Fraser-Hidalgo	45
15	Aruna Miller	45
16	C. William Frick	4
16	Ariana B. Kelly	4
16	Marc Korman	4
17	Kumar P. Barve	91

House District (2012)	Delegate Name	Number of people in state prison, 2010
33	Tony McConkey	90
33	Sid Saab	90
33	Cathy Vitale	90
34A	Mary Ann Lisanti	351
34A	Glen Glass	351
34B	Susan K. McComas	39
35A	Kevin Bailey Hornberger	77
35B	Andrew Cassilly	150
35B	Teresa Reilly	150
36	Jeff Ghrist	302
36	Jay Jacobs	302
36	Steven J. (Steve) Arentz	302
37A	Sheree Sample-Hughes	519
37B	Christopher T. Adams	207
37B	Johnny Mautz	207
38A	Charles J. Otto	158
38B	Carl Anderton, Jr.	106
38C	Mary Beth Carozza	64
39	Charles Barkley	118
39	Kirill Reznik	118
39	Shane Robinson	118
40	Frank M. Conaway, Jr.	1855
40	Antonio Hayes	1855
40	Barbara Robinson	1855
41	Jill P. Carter	1185

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20 Sheila E. Hixson 95
20David Moon95
20Will Smith95
21Benjamin S. Barnes108
21Barbara A. Frush108
21Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk108
22Tawanna P. Gaines215
22Anne Healey215
22Alonzo T. Washington215
23A Geraldine Valentino-Smith 45
23BJoseph F. Vallario, Jr.77
23B Marvin E. Holmes, Jr. 77
24Carolyn J.B. Howard348
24Erek Barron348
24Michael L. Vaughn348

House District (2012)	Delegate Name	Number of people in state prison, 2010
41	Nathaniel T. Oaks	1185
41	Samuel I. Rosenberg	1185
42A	Stephen W. Lafferty	25
42B	Susan L.M. Aumann	68
42B	Chris West	68
43	Curtis Stovall Anderson	1096
43	Maggie McIntosh	1096
43	Mary L. Washington	1096
44A	Keith E. Haynes	849
44B	Charles E. Sydnor III	318
44B	Pat Young	318
45	Talmadge Branch	1779
45	Cheryl D. Glenn	1779
45	Cory V. McCray	1779
46	Luke Clippinger	1031
46	Peter A. Hammen	1031
46	Brooke Elizabeth Lierman	1031
47A	Diana Fennell	245
47A	Jimmy Tarlau	245
47B	Will Campos	49

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³ The estimated total cost of incarceration for 25 Community Statistical Areas in Baltimore City is \$288 million. Calculated using an estimate from the Maryland Department of Legislative Services indicating that it costs \$37,200 per year to incarcerate one person. An underestimate of \$37,000 is used for the purpose of this report. See Appendix B for a longer discussion of the estimated cost of incarceration in Maryland. Maryland Department of Legislative Services, Maryland General Assembly, 2014 Session, *HB* 104 Fiscal and Social Policy Note: Contraband-Places of Confinement-Penalty,

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- ²²Three of these communities, Edmondson Village (\$4,958,000), Greater Charles Village/Barclay, (\$4,810,000), and Brooklyn/Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point (\$4,773,000) each account for "about" \$5 million in corrections spending.
- ²³The five higher incarceration communities ranked 5th through 9th for highest unemployment in Baltimore City.

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Explaining the 2009 Reforms, December, 2009. www.drugpolicy.org/docUploads/ndny_rdlreforms.pdf

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²⁸ Department of Legislative Services, *Task Force to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender – Final Report* (Annapolis, MD: Maryland Office of Policy Analysis, December 13, 2013), pgs. 6-7. http://dls.state.md.us/data/polanasubare/polanasubare_coucrijusncivmat/Task-Force-To-Study-The-Laws-and-Policies-Relating-To-Representation-of-Indigent-Criminal-Defendants.pdf

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