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THE MEETING
MOMENTARILY.**

PUBLIC PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Goal 4 – Healthy and Safe Communities

Topic: Reentry of Formerly Incarcerated Individuals

April 24th, 2024



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PRESENTED BY:

- MANDEEP KAUNDAL, DIRECTOR, RESULTS WASHINGTON

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Topic Selection

- Reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals is tied to the Governor's goal 4: **Healthy and Safe Communities**
- Recommended by leaders across the state to review **needs and ongoing challenges faced by justice involved individuals reentering communities**
- Progress and initiatives presented by:
 - Department of Corrections
 - Washington Statewide Reentry Council
 - Health Care Authority
 - Department of Commerce
 - Employment Security Department's WorkSource Program



Governor's Opening Remarks

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REENTRY OVERVIEW

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- DANIELLE ARMBRUSTER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, REENTRY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



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Reentry

Cheryl Strange, Secretary

Danielle Armbruster, Assistant Secretary, Reentry Division



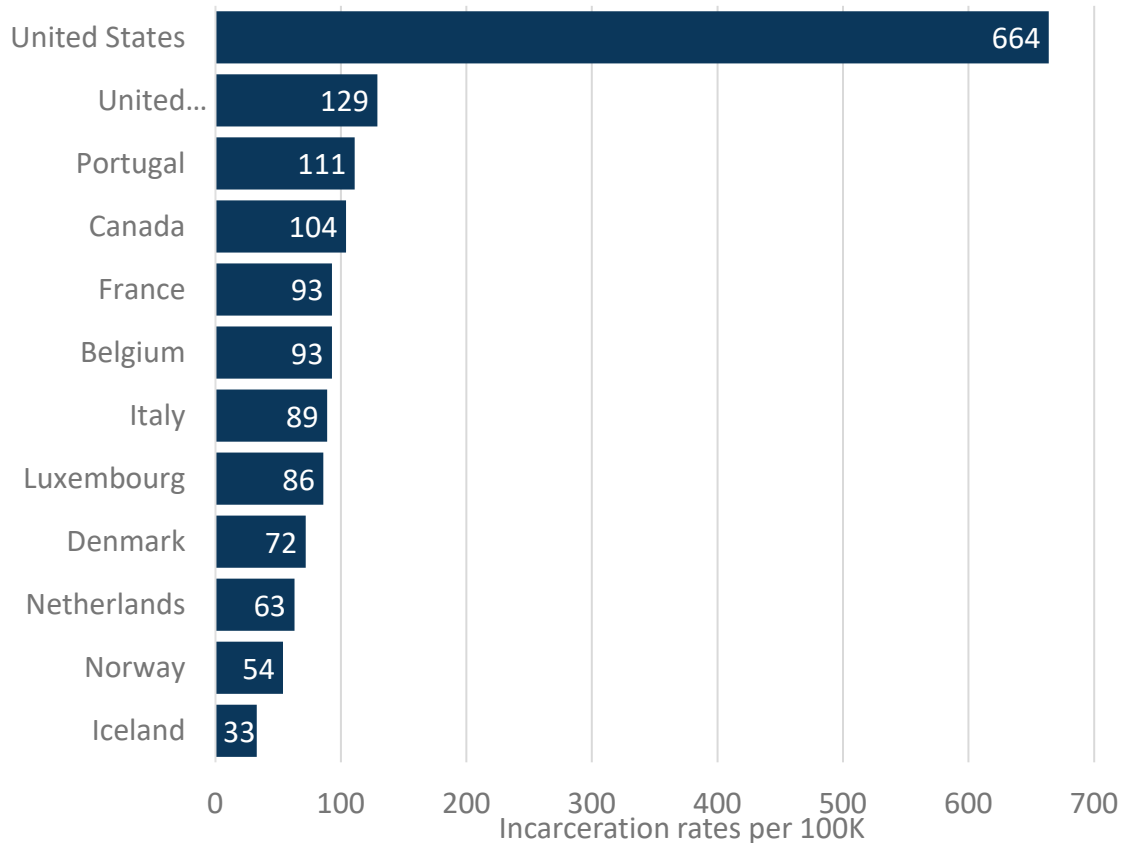


Why Reentry Matters

2019 Global and US Incarceration Rates

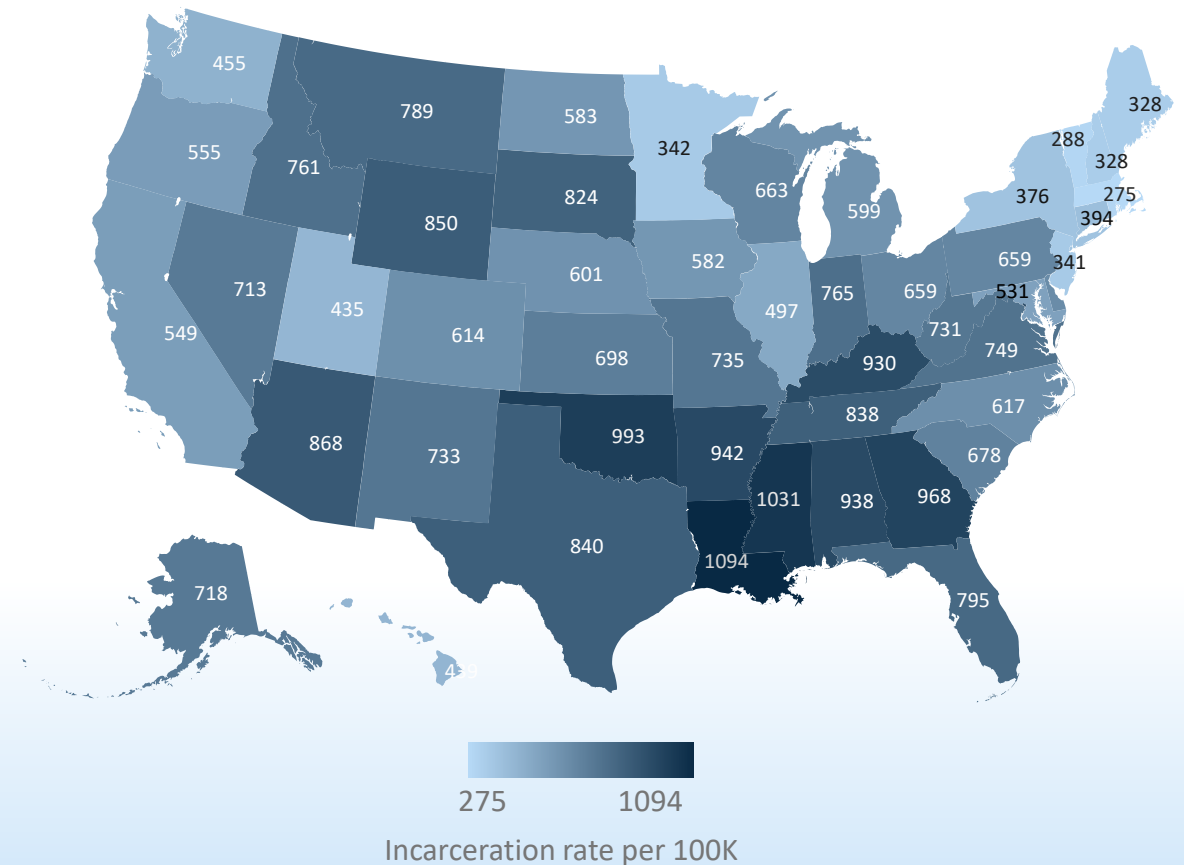


Global Standing



Source: Institute for Crime & Justice Policy Research (ICPR), Birkbeck University of London.

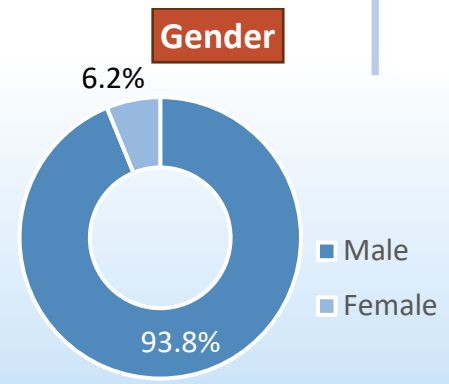
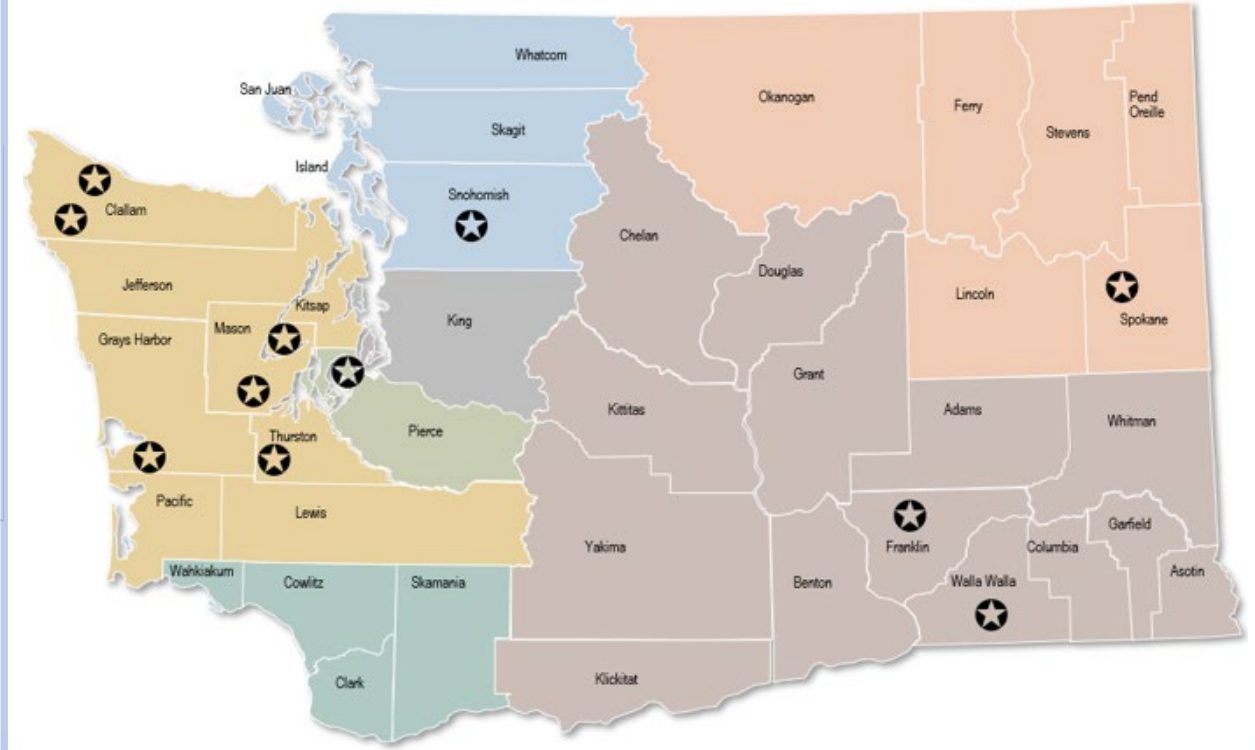
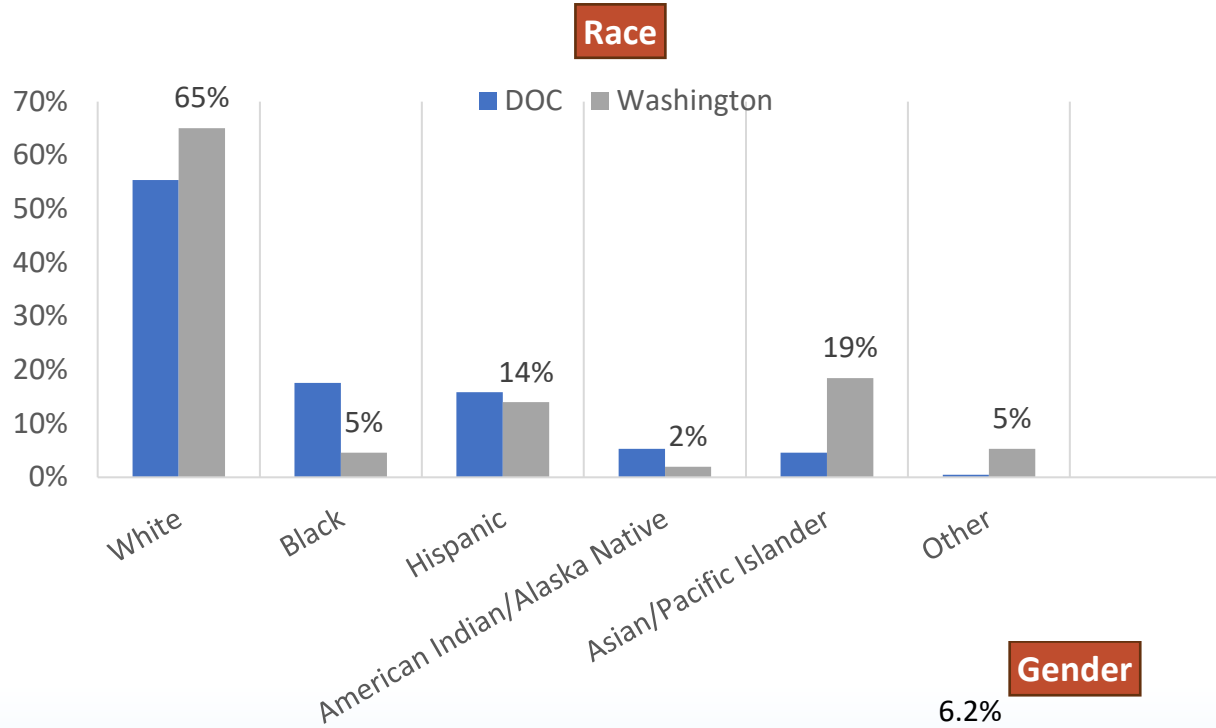
National Standing



Incarceration rate per 100K

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Correctional Populations in the United States

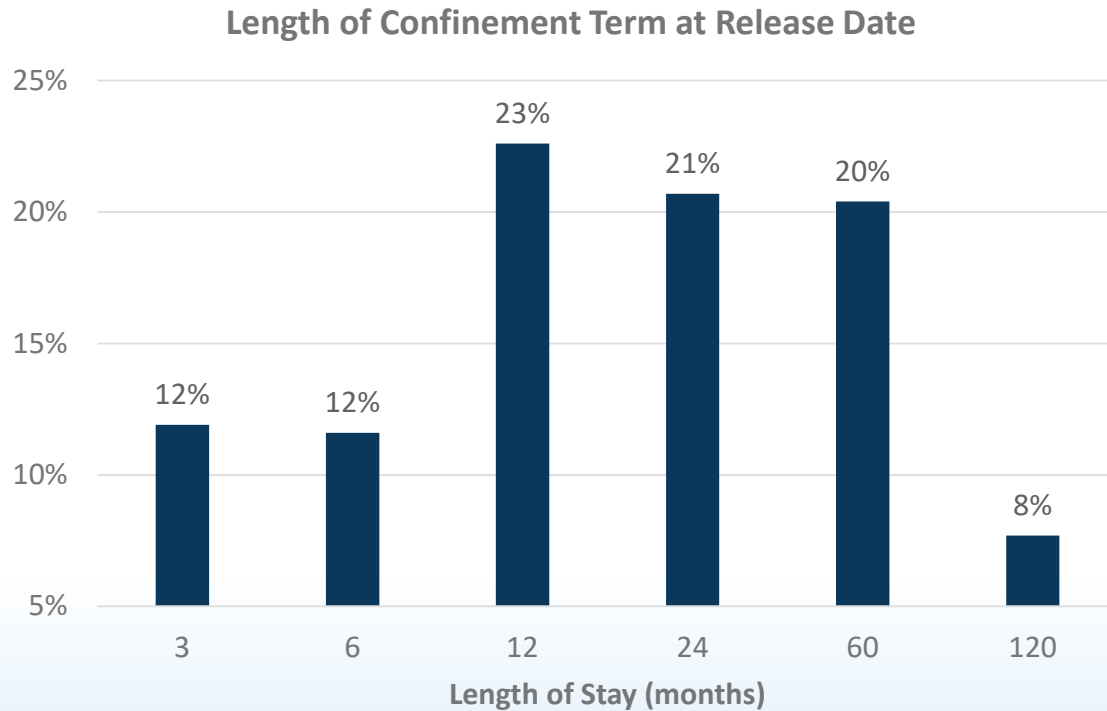
Washington Prisons



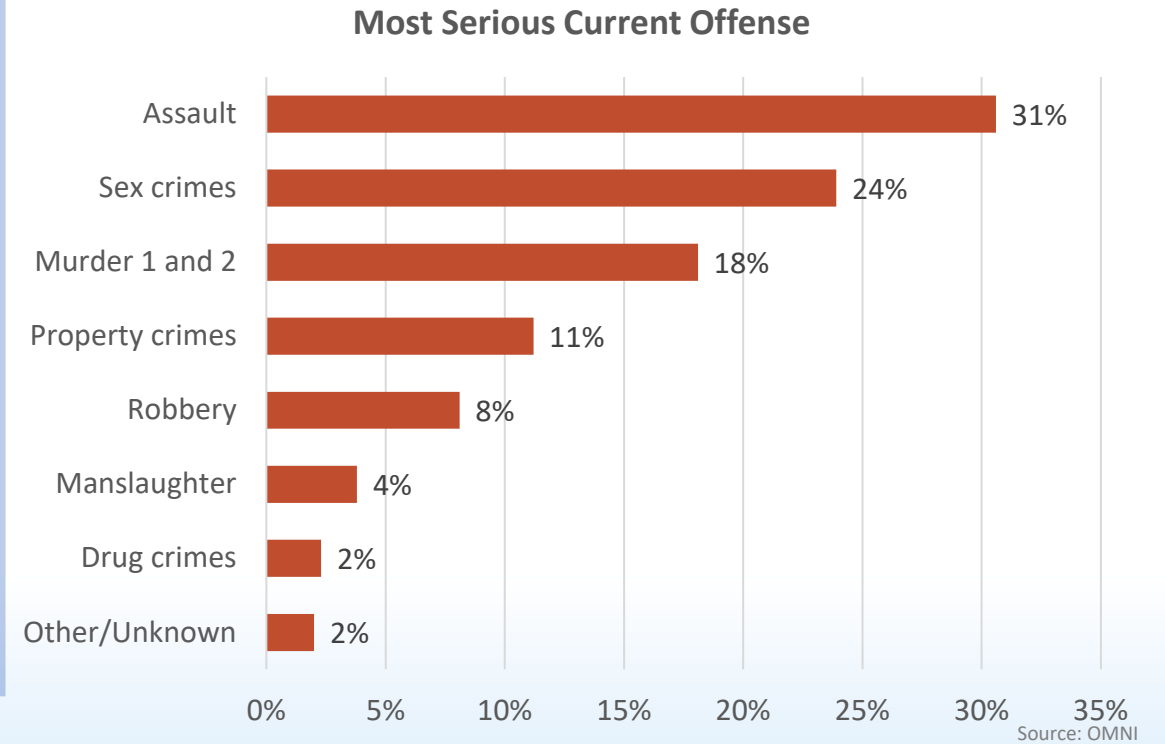
- ✓ 11 prisons in WA
- ✓ Total Population is 13,972
- ✓ Down from over 18,000 in 2019



Types of Crimes and Length of Stay



Source: [WA DOC Agency Fact Card 100-RE005](#)

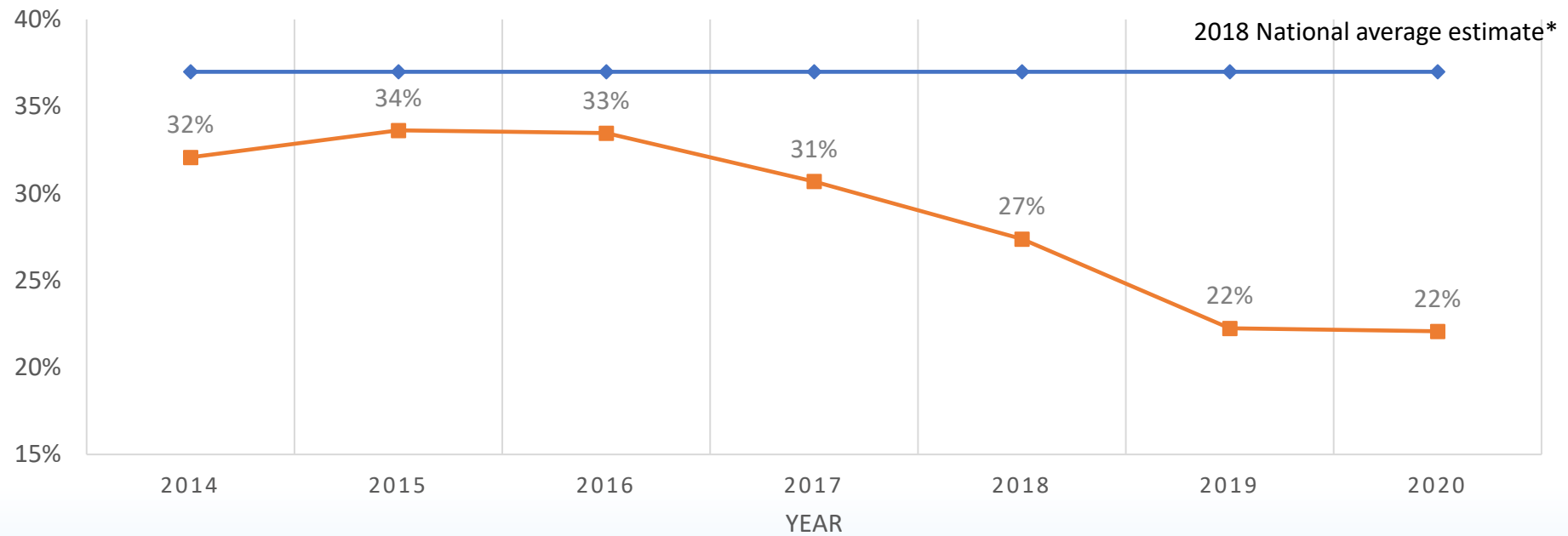


Source: OMNI

Average Length of Stay = 30.6 months

Recidivism

DOC OVERALL RECIDIVISM



Reentry Begins at Reception

- Every incarcerated individual receives an *Individual Reentry Plan* on admission, for use throughout their stay.
- On admission we assess:
 - Medical and mental health needs
 - Education needs
 - Risk level and classification
 - Substance use history
 - Treatment and program needs



Reentry Planning



 **FACILITY PHASE**  **TRANSITION PHASE**  **COMMUNITY PHASE** 

We Have Colleges in all 11 Prisons



For every dollar invested in corrections education, **up to \$19.80** is saved from reduced recidivism in WA State (WSIPP, 2018).

High school equivalency

High school diplomas and GED[®] pathways at each facility.

Postsecondary workforce certificates

30 workforce certificates and **13** state-recognized pre-apprenticeship programs

Postsecondary associate degrees

20 associate degrees offered with **8** additional pathways anticipated in FY25

Bachelor's degrees

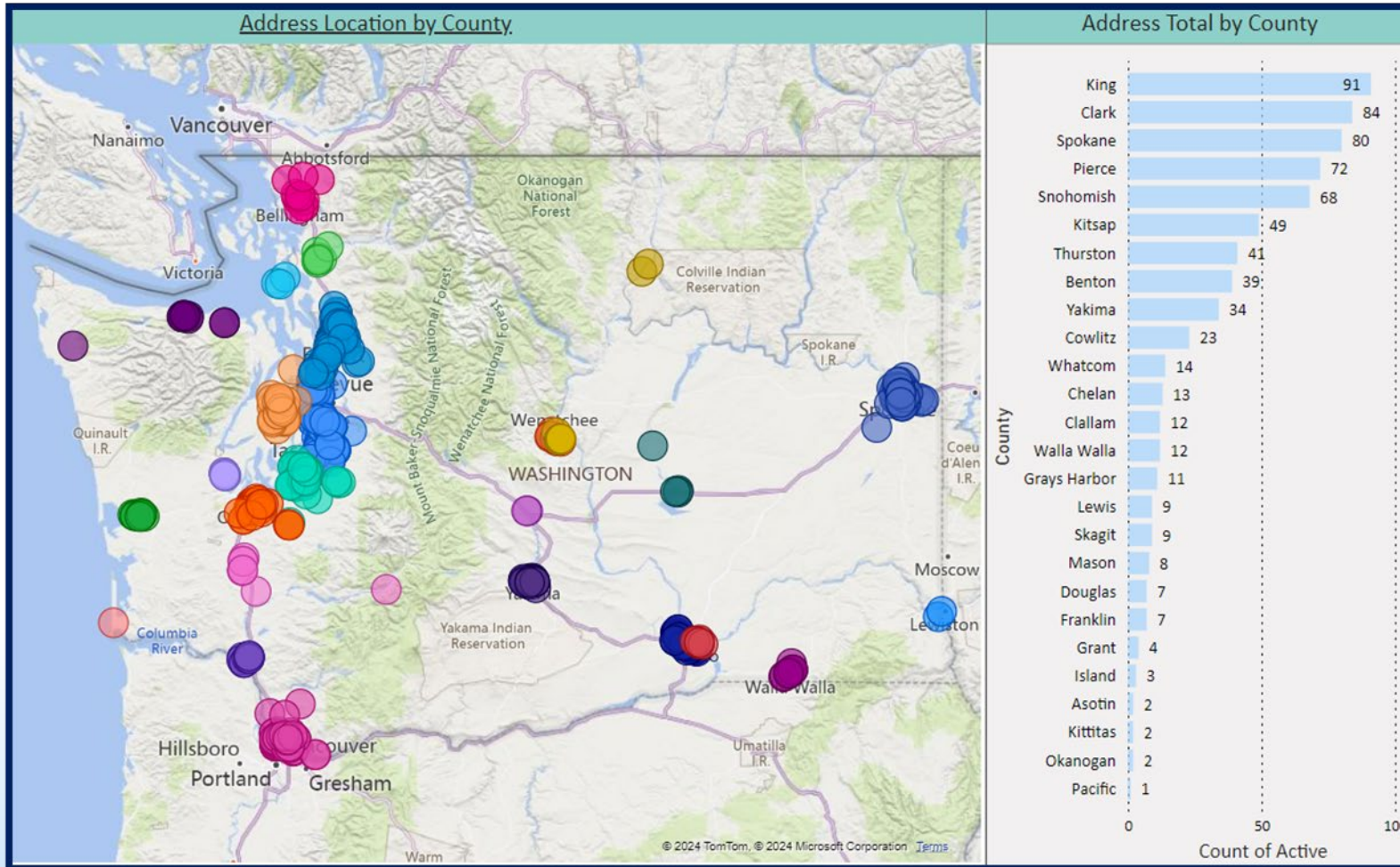
3 Bachelor pathways with **7** additional pathways anticipated in FY25

Programs and Work Readiness



- All core programs are evidence-based, research-based, or promising practice.
 - Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (CBI)
 - Strength in Families
 - Residential Parenting Program
 - Soft skills development
 - Reentry life skills
 - Financial literacy
- We have established community partnerships to enhance opportunities for living-wage and sustainable employment.
 - Aerospace Joint Apprenticeship Committee (AJAC)
 - Construction Trades Apprenticeship Preparation (CTAP)
 - Trades Related Apprenticeship Coaching (TRAC)

Reentry Housing Assistance Program



Looking Ahead

HEALTH CARE

ACCESS TO PRIMARY
HEALTH CARE, MENTAL
HEALTH TREATMENT,
AND MAT/MOUD
TREATMENT IN THE
COMMUNITY

EMPLOYMENT

A MEANINGFUL,
LIVING WAGE JOB

HOUSING

INCREASE IN SAFE
AND AFFORDABLE
HOUSING



Governor Q&A



WASHINGTON STATE REENTRY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

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- KAREN LEE, CO-CHAIR, STATEWIDE REENTRY COUNCIL

Statewide Reentry Council

Established by Governor Inslee in 2016 with the goal of improving public safety and outcomes for individuals reentering the community (43.380 RCW).



Our Mission

The Washington Statewide Reentry Council advocates for Washington laws, investments, and attitudes that improve reentry outcomes and increase public safety by supporting equitable reentry systems that are more humane and restorative.

Our Vision

We disrupt the cycle of mass incarceration by transforming systems so that each individual is treated equitably and with dignity.

Our Values

- Integrity
- Equity
- Justice
- Relationships
- Respect & Dignity
- Restoration
- Anti-Racism

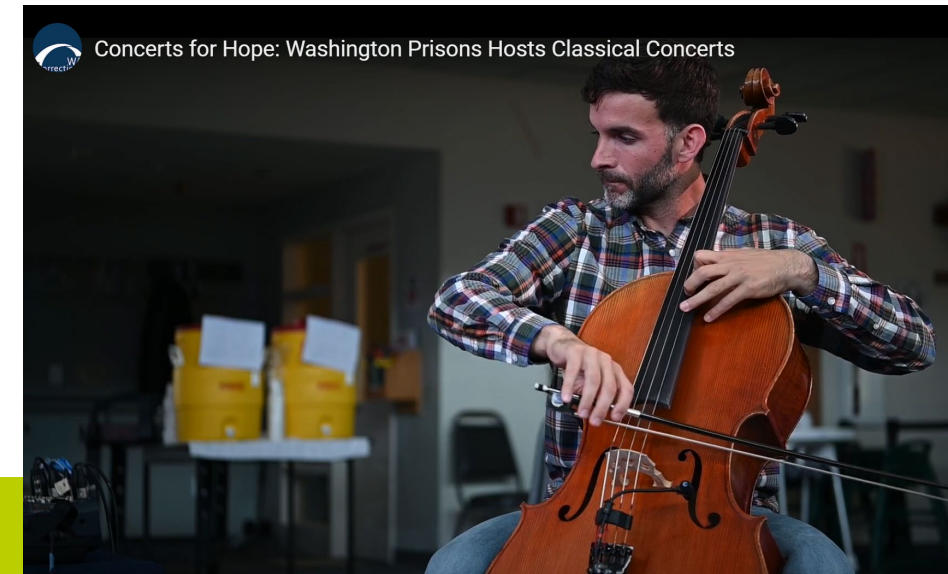


Strategic Plan Goals: 2023-2026

- Foster effective relationships with interested parties (Increase visits to jails, youth facilities, tribal jails, and prisons)
- Embark on becoming a Reentry 2030 State
- Raise awareness about current custody conditions (DOC giving voice to currently incarcerated by allowing them to speak at our Council meetings)
- Influence how resources are directed (Talk with our legislators about supporting innovative reentry programming and tribal programming)

Reentry Council Successes 2023

- Completed [Strategic Plan](#) and Key Performance Indicators
- Completed [Logic Model](#) and Performance Evaluation
- Increased **community, stakeholder, and tribal engagement**
 - **Listening circles** with people who are incarcerated informed creation of the strategic plan
 - **Community survey** sent to 14,000 people who are incarcerated with a **Partnerships** with Securus Technologies, Department of Corrections, and The Athena Group
- Increased activity with **Juvenile Stakeholder Groups** through DCYF partnership
- Held First Washington Statewide Reentry Council meeting [hosted on Tribal land](#)
- Involved people who are currently incarcerated in **WSRC meetings**
- Collaborated with other **State Reentry Councils across the Nation**
- **Visited 14 facilities:**
 - 11 prisons
 - 2 jails
 - 1 tribal Jail
- Supported [Concert Series of Hope](#)

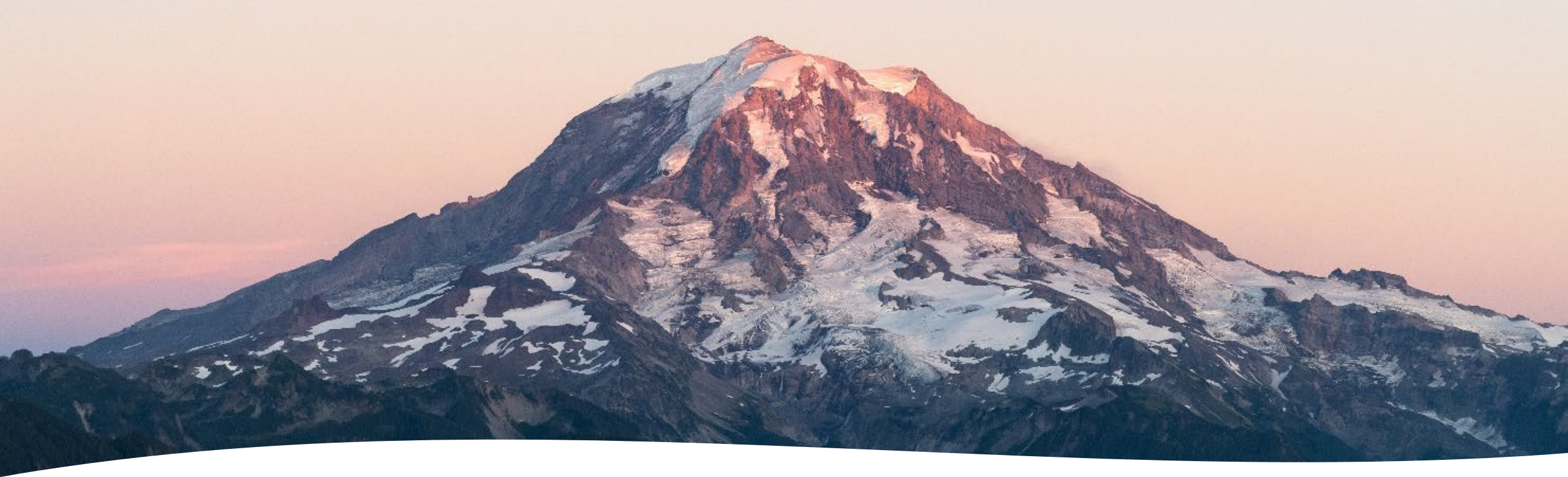


Concerts for Hope: Washington Prisons Hosts Classical Concerts

Early Successes for 2024

- Received **proviso for jail pilot project** to do work using a human dignity model for jails
- Received **funding to support implementation of the Reentry Strategic Plan**
- **Supported 4 bills that passed:**
 - HB 2084: Ombuds Oversight for Construction Apprenticeship
 - HB 2099: Releasing w/Official State ID Card
 - SB 5893: Gate Money
 - SB 5794: Removes Legal Financial Obligations (LFOs)





Challenges

- Peer access inconsistencies in prisons
- Additional funding and support needs
- Reentry support for tribes, jails and youth

The Future of Reentry

Reentry 2030 is a national initiative that aims to **dramatically improve reentry success** for people exiting prison and those under supervision.

Commitments:

- Human-centered
- Coordinated
- Transparent
- Equitable

More information: Reentry2030.org



Council Members

CO-CHAIRS

Durell Green, Choose 180 (representing experience reentering the community after incarceration)

Karen Lee, Plymouth Housing (representing community leaders)

Winona Stevens, member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and Native American Reentry Services Executive Director/Wellbriety Movement for Prisons Representatives Program (representing Tribal Affairs)

MEMBERS

Danielle Armbruster, Assistant Secretary of Reentry/Department of Corrections (representing Department of Corrections)

Jerry Goodstein, Professor Emeritus of Management with the Carson College of Business at Washington State University (representing business and employers)

Ayodele (Ayo) Idowu, Prison Fellowship volunteer (representing faith-based organizations or communities)

Larry Jefferson, Director of Public Defense for the State of Washington (representing public defenders)

Roger Kluck, Projects for a Civil Society (representing community leaders)

Ty Reed, MBA, PHR, CWDP, CPC, CFAA-HR, Career Coach, Professional Speaker, Recovery Career Services

Eric Richey, Whatcom County Prosecutor (representing prosecutors)

Penelope Sapp, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office Jail (representing law enforcement)

Felice Upton, Department of Children, Youth & Families (representing Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration)

Heather Wehr, Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (representing crime victims)

Hilary Young, Pioneer Human Services (representing housing providers)

Hanan Al-Zubaidy- Associate Director For Corrections Education at the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (representing a statewide organization)



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Thank you

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PROGRAMS, GRANTS, AND INITIATIVES

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Washington's Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver – Reentry Services

What's on the horizon

April 24, 2024
PPR Meeting

Goals of Reentry Services

- ▶ In June 2023, HCA received federal approval to implement this program.
- ▶ Reentry Services focuses on whole-person care, which includes physical and behavioral health and health related social needs (HRSN), which are services designed to help with social determinates of health.
- ▶ Reentry Services will deliver a targeted set of services to adults and youth in state prisons, jails, Tribal jails, or youth correctional facilities in the 90 days prior to their release. The program launches on July 1, 2025.
- ▶ HCA received authorization to distribute up to \$300 million in Capacity Building Program funding to our implementation partners to support planning and implementation of this program.

Eligible population & scope of services

- ▶ For all Medicaid-eligible individuals within 90 days of release from a state prison, jail, Tribal jail, youth rehabilitation center, or youth correctional facility (pretrial or post-conviction).
- ▶ Delivery of pre-release services in the 90-days prior to release, which includes care management, physical and behavioral health clinical consultations, pre-release medications (medications for substance use disorders, HIV, and Hepatitis C) lab and radiology services.
- ▶ Reentry support, which consists of a 30-day supply of medications, durable medical equipment and supplies, and a warm handoff to post-release care management at release.
- ▶ Post-release for HRSN include:
 - ▶ Housing transition navigation services
 - ▶ Rent/temporary housing for up to six months
 - ▶ Nutrition supports
 - ▶ Respite care

Thank you!

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Results Washington

Reentry Grant Program

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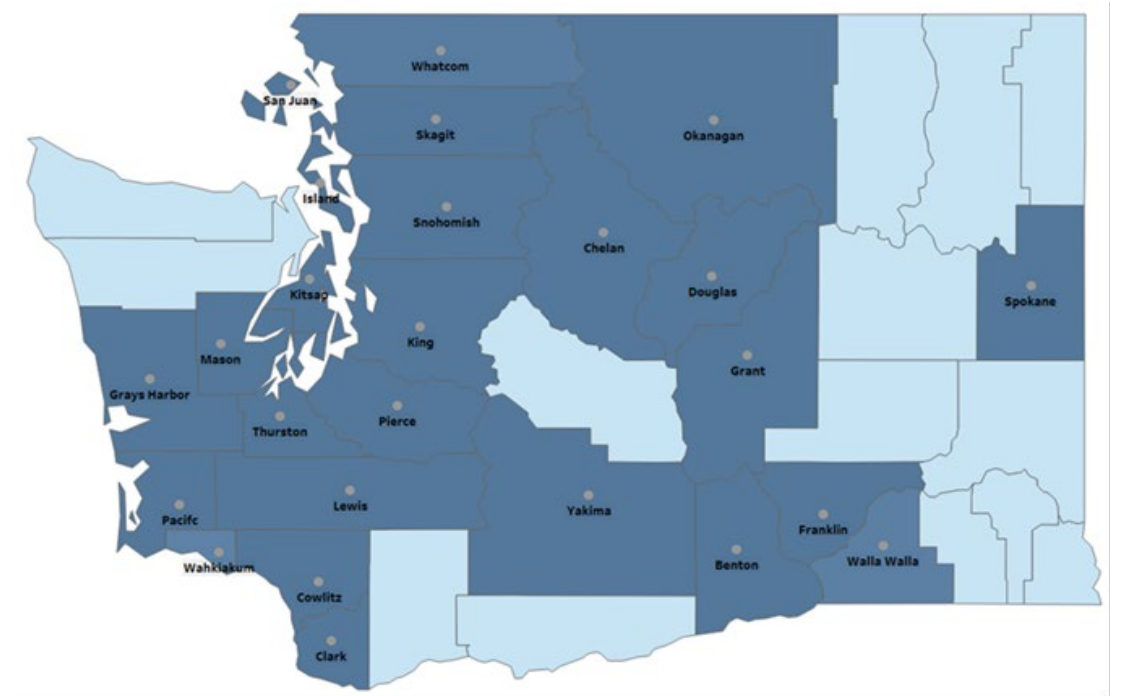
Reentry Grant Program

- In 2021, the Washington State Legislature created the **Reentry Grant Program**, appropriating **\$5 million to the Department of Commerce** “to administer a competitive grant program for grants to community-based programs to provide reentry services for formerly incarcerated persons and supports to facilitate successful transitions to the community.”
- It requires at least **30% of funding go to applicants in rural counties.**
- Commerce must work in collaboration with the **Washington Statewide Reentry Council** to administer the program.

Collective creation

- The Council's **collective knowledge** and expertise helped stand up the Reentry Grant Program
- Sought insight from ongoing grantees, applicants and other stakeholders from **impacted communities**
- **Best practices** research continues to inform program development

Reentry Program Service Areas

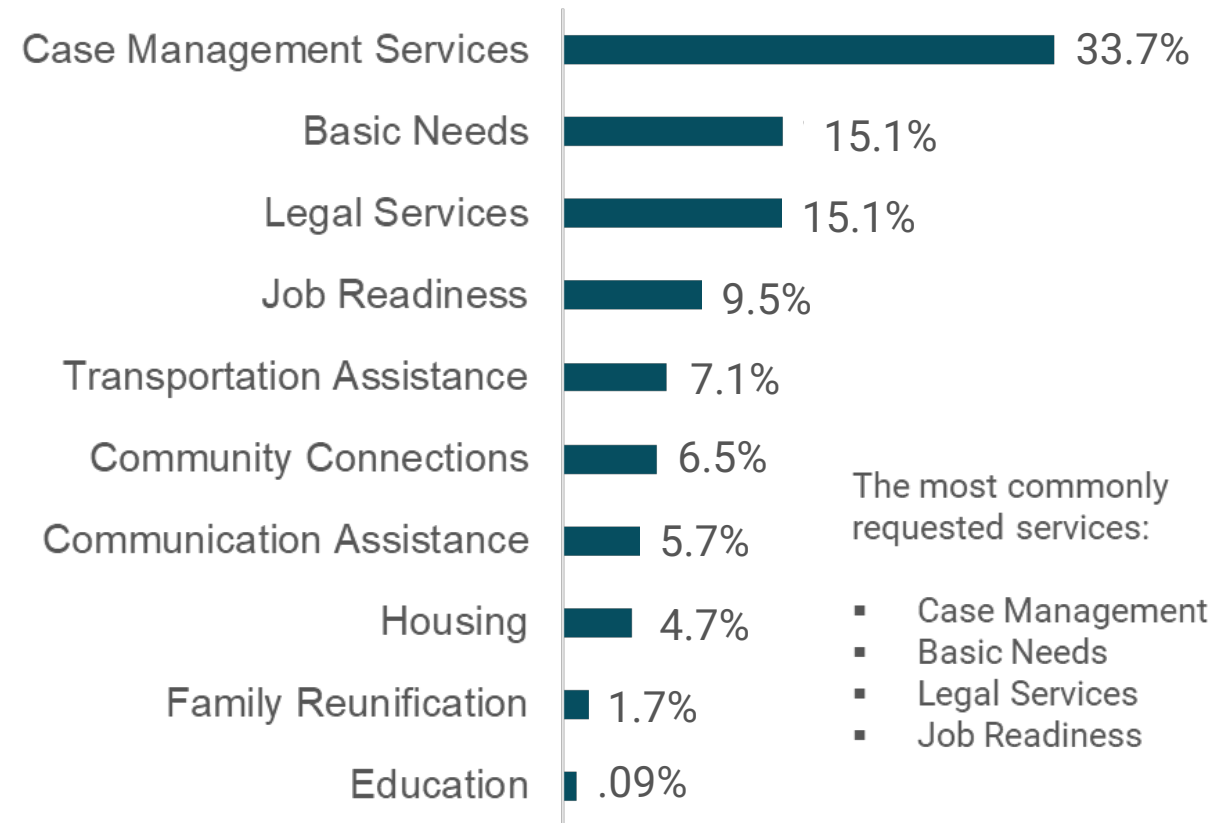


Since 2021 reentry service providers are located in 26 counties throughout WA state, serving over 7,000 individuals. Future reentry grants will focus on rural areas to expand services to remote areas of the state.

Approach

Invest in community-based organizations whose services address key barriers for people reentering our communities.

SFY 22-23 Types of Services Provided



SFY 2021-2023

SFY 22: \$2.5 million

- **Competitive** grant program
- **28** application proposals
- Evaluated by **subject matter experts**
- **10** organizations **awarded \$250,000** each
- **24** of **39** Washington counties **served**

SFY 23: \$2.5 million

- **Two competitive categories:**
 - **Tier 1:** Small-to-medium organizations
 - Up to **\$120,000** each
 - **Tier 2:** Medium-to-large organizations
 - Up to **\$220,000** each
- **28** application proposals
- **14** organizations awarded **\$120,000-\$220,000**
- **18** of **39** Washington counties **served**

SFYs 2024-2025 Program enhancements

An additional **\$12 million** in **Community Reinvestment Plan** funds to support reentry

SFY 24: \$8.5 million

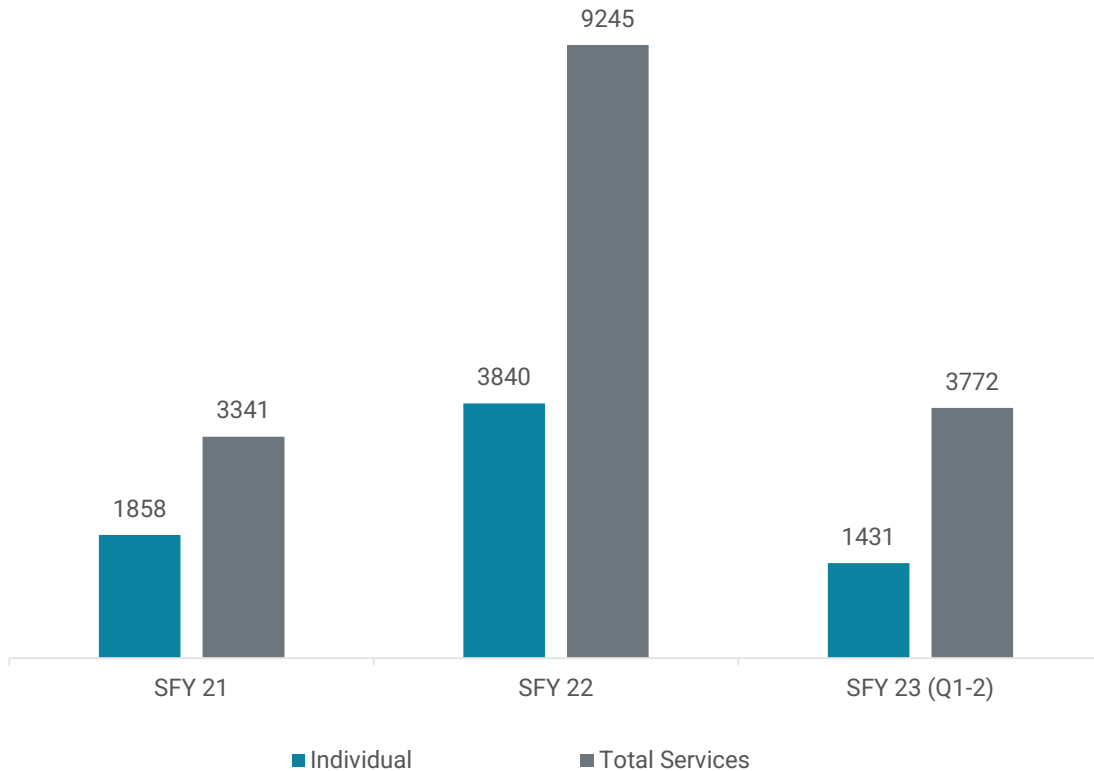
- \$2.5 million – Reentry Grant
- \$6 million – CRP
- **Three competitive categories**
 - **Tier 1:** Small to Medium Organizations
 - **Tier 2:** Medium Organizations
 - **Tier 3:** Large organizations
- **64** application proposals
- **23** organizations awarded (**\$300,000**, **\$500,000** and **\$1 million** over the biennium for each tier, respectively)

SFY 25: \$8.5 million

- \$2.5 million – Reentry Grant
- \$6 million – CRP
- **New competitive category**
 - Small “grassroots” organizations
- Award up to **\$150,000 each**
- 50% of funds to **rural communities**
- **Procurement in process**

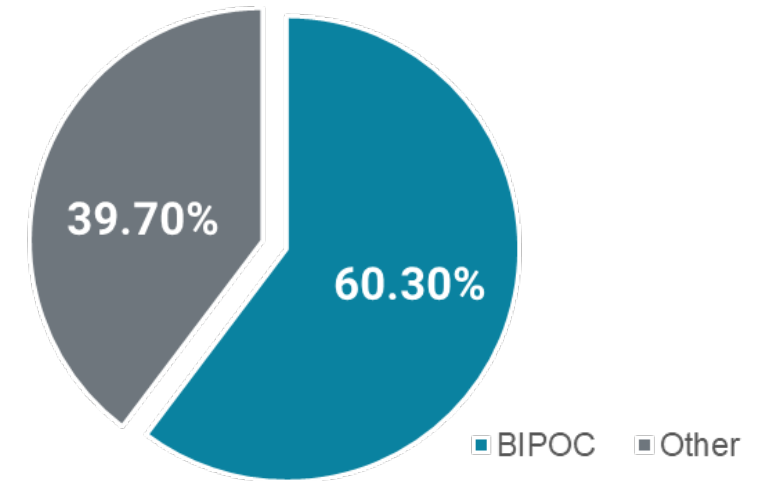
Individuals served

Individual and Total Services Provided



For a breakdown of types of service provided, see slide 4

Services to BIPOC individuals



- ✓ SFY 22-23, 3380 individuals received reentry services.
- ✓ Males received services 4 times more often than females.
- ✓ 60.30% of individuals identified as BIPOC.

Total number of individuals receiving services and gender was reported

Housing success at reentry

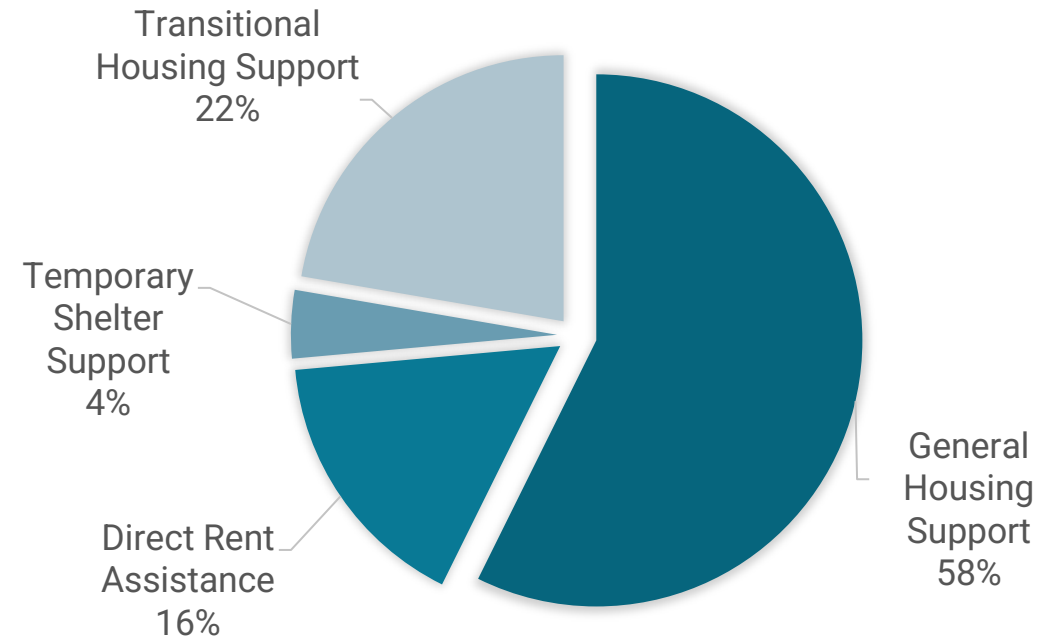
Reentry Grant Program:

- 86% of our reentry grantees provided some form of housing support in SFY22-23

Other Commerce Housing Initiatives:

- \$528 million to state Housing Trust Fund
- Apple Health and Homes – in cooperation with the Health Care Authority
- Changes to local land use

Types of Housing Support Funded by Reentry Grant Program in SFY22-23



Key changes and lessons learned

- Focus solicitations on **non-profits** and **tribal government** programs
- Implement a **tiered funding model**, making competition more equitable
- Establish collaboration between **state agencies**
- Streamline reporting and **data collection**
- Create opportunities for **collaboration** between funded programs
- Identify service deserts and target **rural counties**
- **Listen** to feedback from people and communities impacted by incarceration and **take action** in response



Thank you!



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Reentry Initiatives

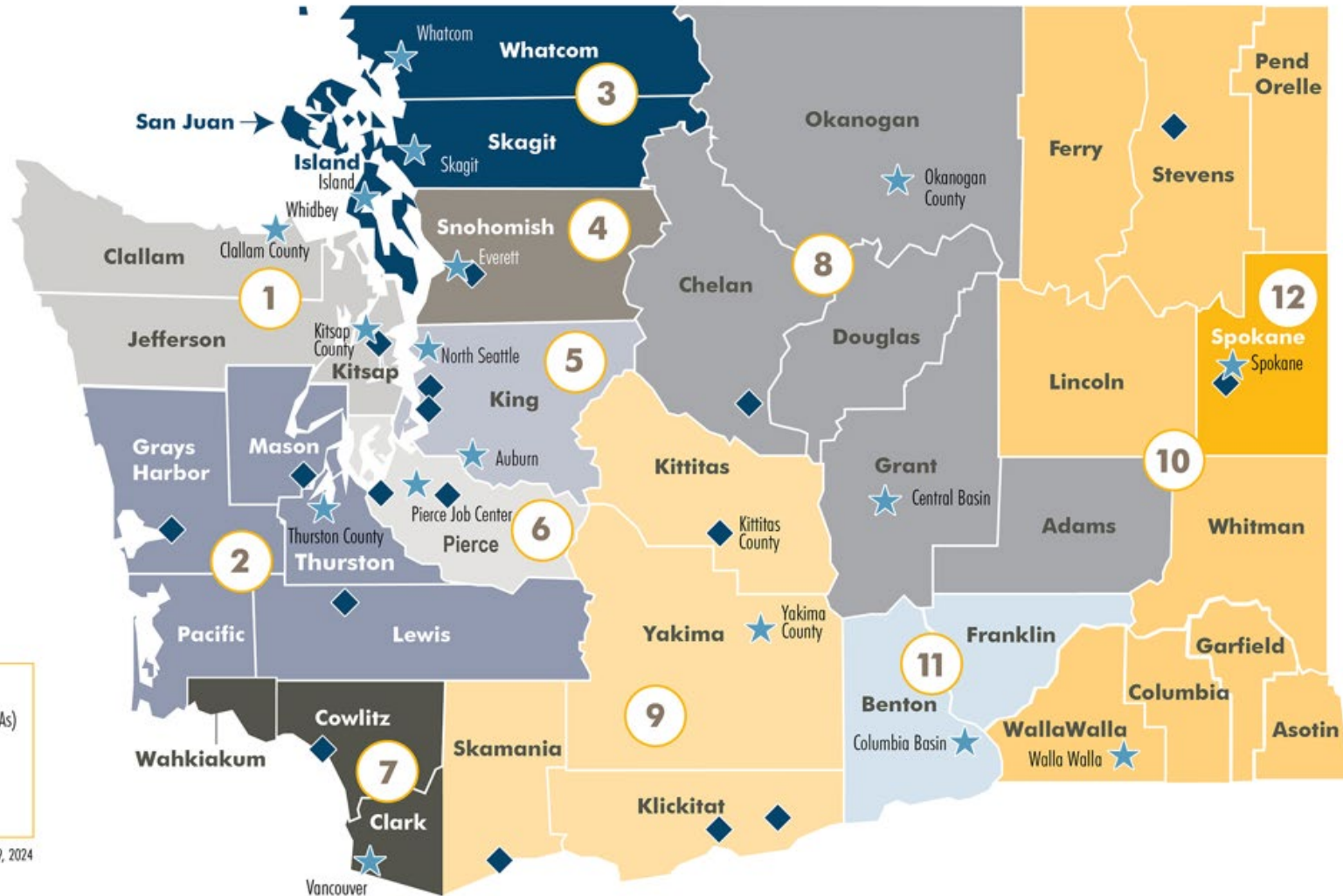
ESD's reentry activities are provided through the WorkSource system, Washington State's one-stop partnership funded by WA State and the US Department of Labor to provide workforce development services.



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Department**
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The Employment Security Department and WorkSource are equal opportunity employers/programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Language assistance services for limited English proficient individuals are available free of charge. Washington Relay Service 711.

Centers | Affiliates sites



1 Numbers represent Washington Workforce Development Areas (WDAs)

★ WorkSource center = 17

◆ WorkSource affiliate = 17

Publish date: April 9, 2024

Reentry Metrics

Performance	2019	2020	2022	2022	2023
Total reentry participants served	12,424	10,482	8152	7783	9166
Self-service reentry participants	5289	5946	3926	2395	3594
Staff assisted reentry participants	8275	5040	4541	5835	6392
Employment rate – 1 st quarter after exit	59.9%	50.9%	57.8%	59.5%	incomplete
Employment rate – 2 nd quarter after exit	56.2%	50.7%	57.7%	58.3%	incomplete
Median wage – 2 nd quarter after exit	\$5840	\$6825	\$7638	\$6390	\$8841

- Reentry is an optional field for customers to complete, resulting in a smaller cohort size
- Employment rate data is available up to three quarters following program exit

Service Delivery Improvements

PROWD

Federal Department of Justice and Department of Labor Partners for Reentry Opportunities in Workforce Development (PROWD) grant initiative to provide employment services to federally incarcerated individuals as they approach community release and beyond

Veterans Referral Initiative

DOC compiles rosters of incarcerated Veterans and shares them with ESD. This enables local Veterans outreach staff to virtually introduce themselves to the Veterans before their release and to seamlessly continue providing services once the Veterans arrive in the community. In the initial 4 months, a total of 238 referrals were made.

Expansion Initiative

In a manner similar to our Veterans initiative, ESD intends to extend facilitated warm handoffs to all reentry customers throughout the state.

Thank you!

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FUTURE COMMITMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

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CJHD Center for Justice and Human Dignity

- The Center's mission is safely expanding innovative and effective alternatives to incarceration while improving conditions for incarcerated people and correctional staff
- The Center also works to improve reentry policies, practices and outcomes
- The Center recently supported successful legislative increase gate money and provide necessary medication IDs to everyone exiting Washington's prisons



The Center recommends:

- Increasing access for community groups and peer-facilitated programs inside Washington's prisons
- Increasing access to laptops and providing technology training, including smartphones
- Changing the uniforms Community Corrections Officers utilize
- Providing opportunities for incarcerated people to earn outside for reentry and reduce the burden on families and taxpayers
- Continuing efforts to center human dignity and breaking down 'dynamics
- Joining the Department of Justice and Council of State Government's "2030" initiative

Washington prison visits



Brazil and Maine prison visits



“Successful reentry occurs when internal healing and growth is met with external opportunity.”

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Closing Remarks

Housing, healthcare and livable wage jobs are not about being soft on crime, **they are about following the science to create public safety for all Washingtonians.**

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Join us May 13th
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

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Climate Commitment Act

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Governor's Closing Remarks