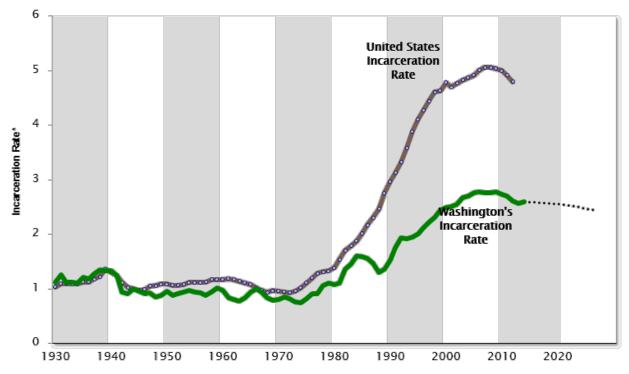


### Reducing the Use of Restrictive Housing Beds

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# National and Washington-Specific Incarceration Trends



\*The incarceration rate is defined as the number of inmates in State or Federal prisons per 1,000 resident population in Washington or the United States.

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### **Reducing the Risk of Re-Offense**







### "Prison within a Prison"







#### **Special Populations in Restrictive Housing**

People with mental health issues may struggle in general population Gang-affiliated inmates drive violence in general population







### **Over-Reliance on Restrictive Housing**

Costs

- Increased risk of re-offense for inmates releasing directly to the community
- More expensive than general population

Consequences

- In 2011: 600 inmates and only 490 beds
- Segregation beds were inefficiently used for restrictive housing placements



### **Congregate Programming**









### **Group Accountability**

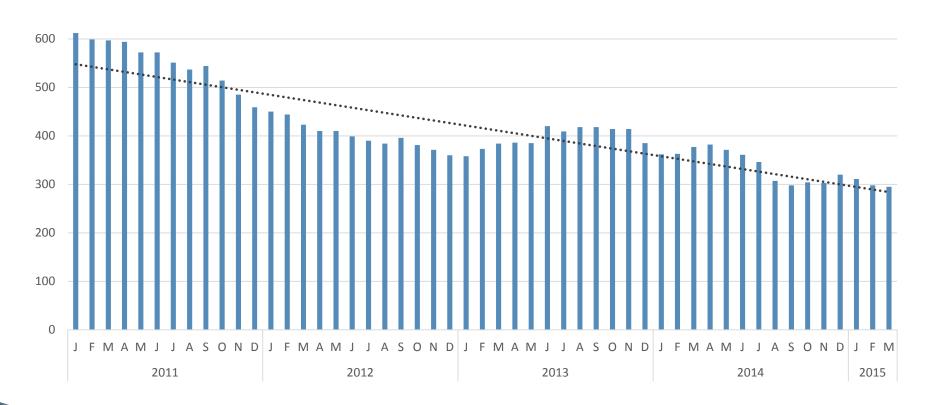




## **Results: Population Reduction**

Number of Inmates in Restrictive Housing (maximum custody)

700





## **Results: Violence Reduction**

Violent Infraction Rates - All Prisons

