

THE CONSEQUENCES OF EXCESSIVE REVOCATIONS IN WISCONSIN



IN 2015

2,954 PEOPLE

IN WISCONSIN WERE PUT IN PRISON FOR A REVOCATION WITHOUT A NEW CONVICTION. IMPRISONED FOR AN AVERAGE OF

1.5 YEARS
COSTING THE STATE
\$147M

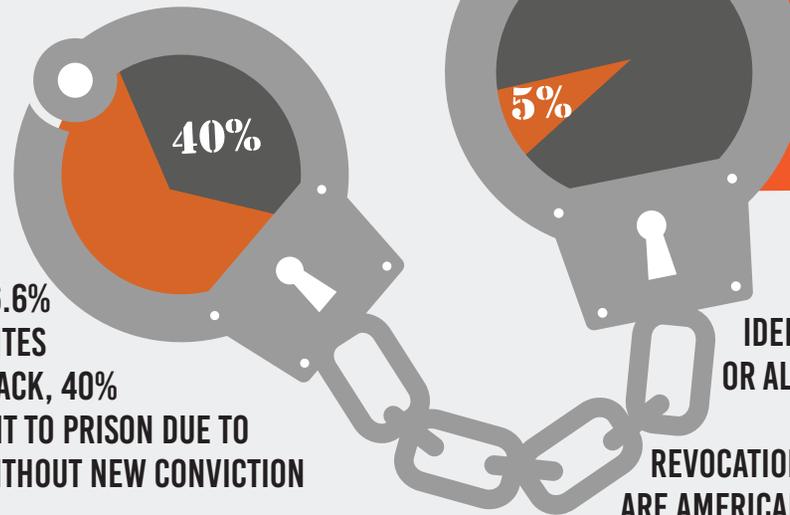
REVOCATION

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Incarcerating a person for violation(s) of their supervision arrangement (meaning parole, probation, or extended supervision.)

PEOPLE CAN BE REVOKED—IMPRISONED—FOR BREAKING RULES OF THEIR SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENT THAT DOESN'T BREAK THE LAW IN WISCONSIN, THIS IS REFERRED TO AS A REVOCATION WITHOUT A NEW CONVICTION.

EVEN FOR MISSING MEETINGS



THOUGH ONLY 6.6% OF WISCONSINITES IDENTIFY AS BLACK, 40% OF PEOPLE SENT TO PRISON DUE TO REVOCATION WITHOUT NEW CONVICTION ARE BLACK.

THOUGH ONLY 1% OF THE WISCONSIN POPULATION IDENTIFIES AS AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE, 5% OF PEOPLE SENT TO PRISON DUE TO REVOCATION WITHOUT NEW CONVICTION ARE AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE.

PEOPLE ON SUPERVISION ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF HOUSING INSTABILITY.

A recent study showed that people on parole experience on average

2.6

MOVES PER YEAR

that would mean moving about every 4 months.

PEOPLE ON SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE CHRONIC STRESS, WHICH CAN LEAD TO WORSE HEALTH OUTCOMES.

In focus groups across Wisconsin, people consistently described deep stress to themselves and their families and experiences of “living in fear at all times” that revocation could happen at any time.

“IT’S FRUSTRATING WHEN YOU’RE OUT HERE WORKING A JOB, GOING TO COLLEGE, AND HELPING YOUR FAMILY OUT AND THEN THEY PLACE YOU IN PRISON EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE NOT COMMITTED ANY CRIME.”

- Milwaukee EXPO Leader

It is estimated that
3,000 CHILDREN

under age 18 in Wisconsin had a parent sent to prison for a revocation without being convicted of a new crime in 2015.

48% OF THE PEOPLE INCARCERATED WITHOUT A NEW CONVICTION ARE PARENTS.



THOUGH ONLY **18%** OF WISCONSINITES SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, **44%** OF PEOPLE REVOKED WITHOUT A NEW CONVICTION ARE LIVING WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS.



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