



UMSL COVID-19 Research Conversations

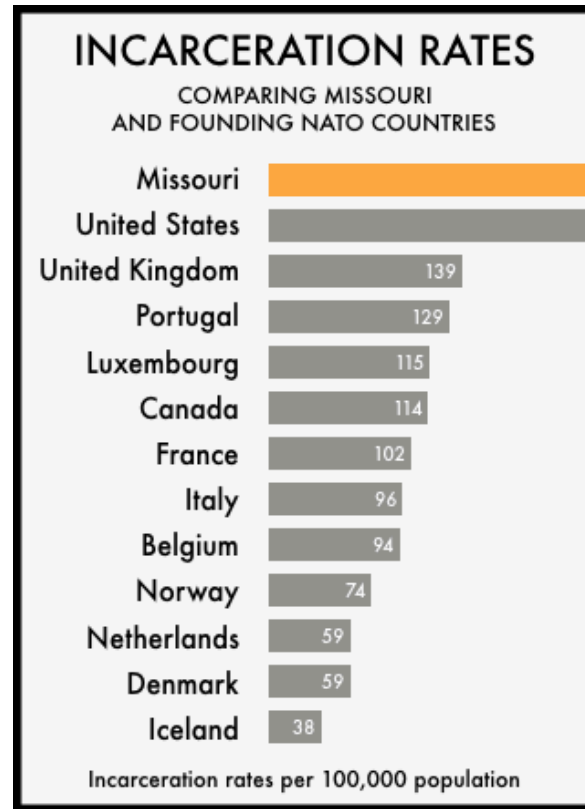
What do we know and what can we do about it?

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INCARCERATED POPULATIONS
AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN ST. LOUIS AND BEYOND

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Source: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/global/2018.html>

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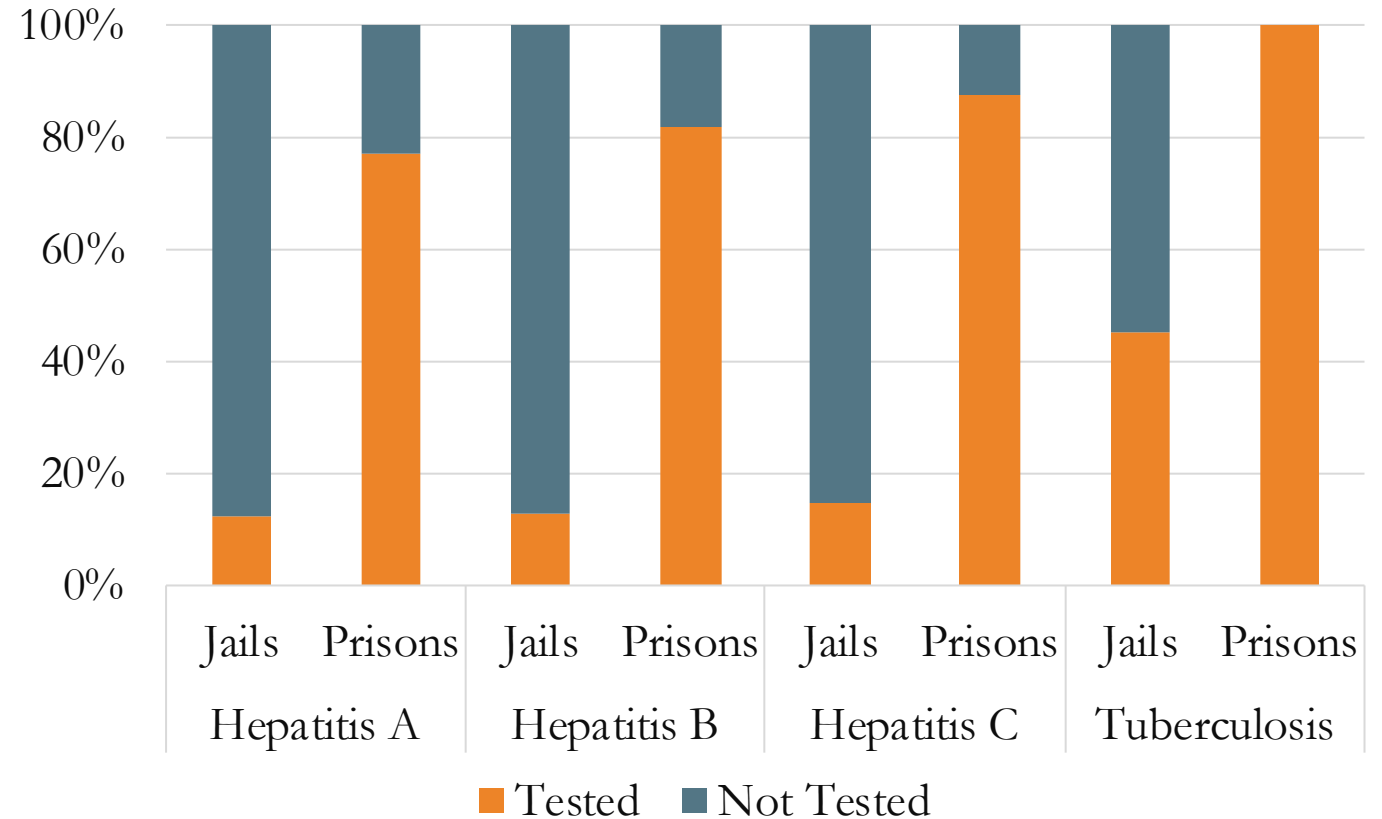
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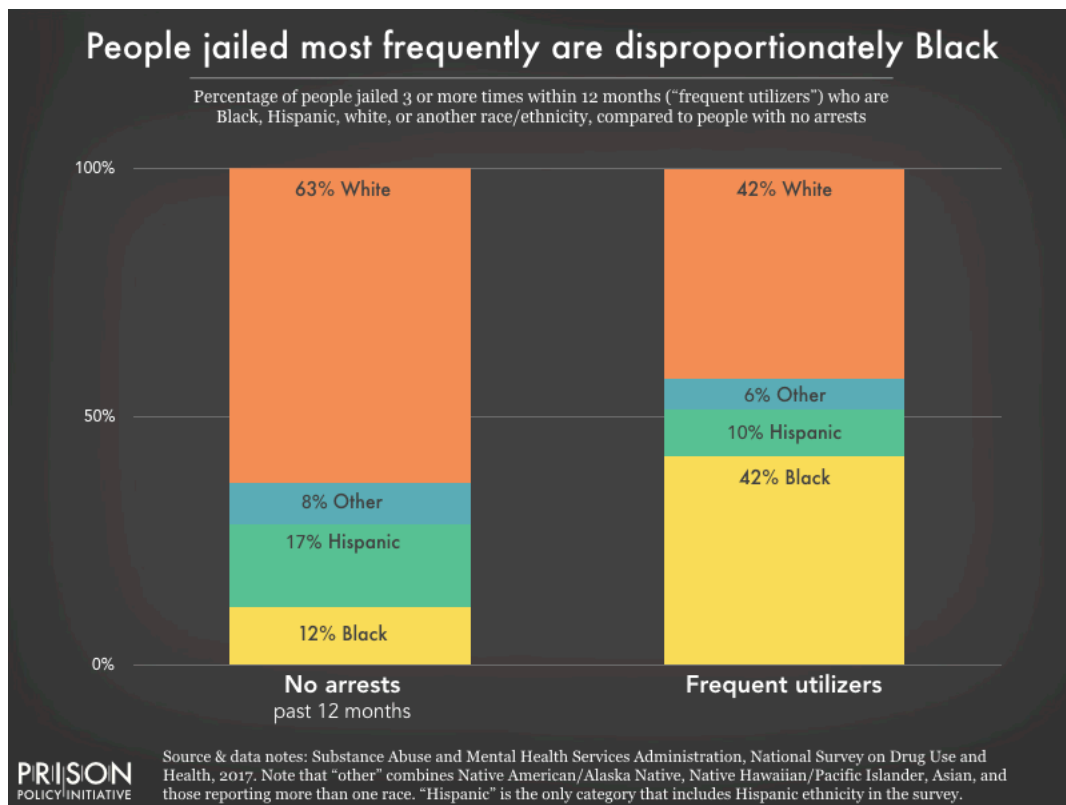
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National Survey of Health Care in U.S. Jails, n=331
National Survey of Prison Health Care, n=45

INCARCERATION AND COVID-19 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES

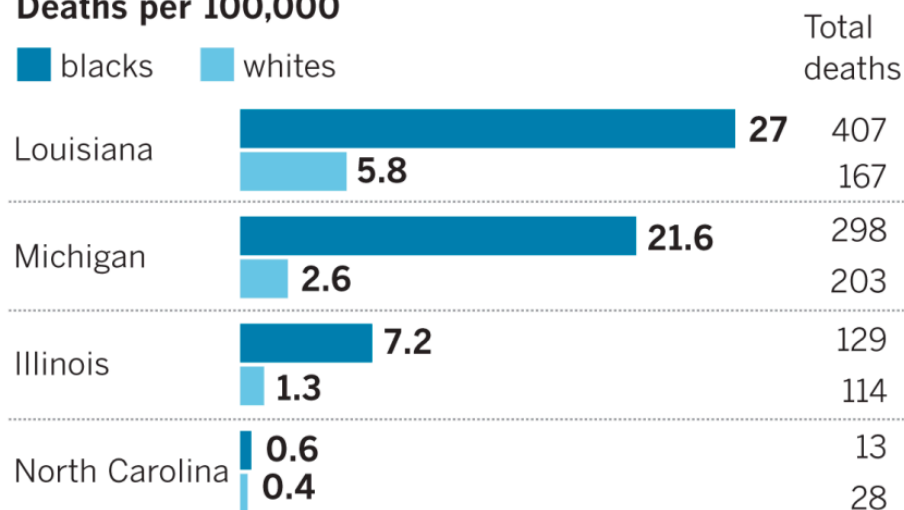


https://www.prisonpolicy.org/graphs/frequent_utilizers_race.html

Coronavirus deaths and race

COVID-19 is disproportionately killing black Americans, according to data released by several states.

Deaths per 100,000



Death totals as of Tuesday afternoon.

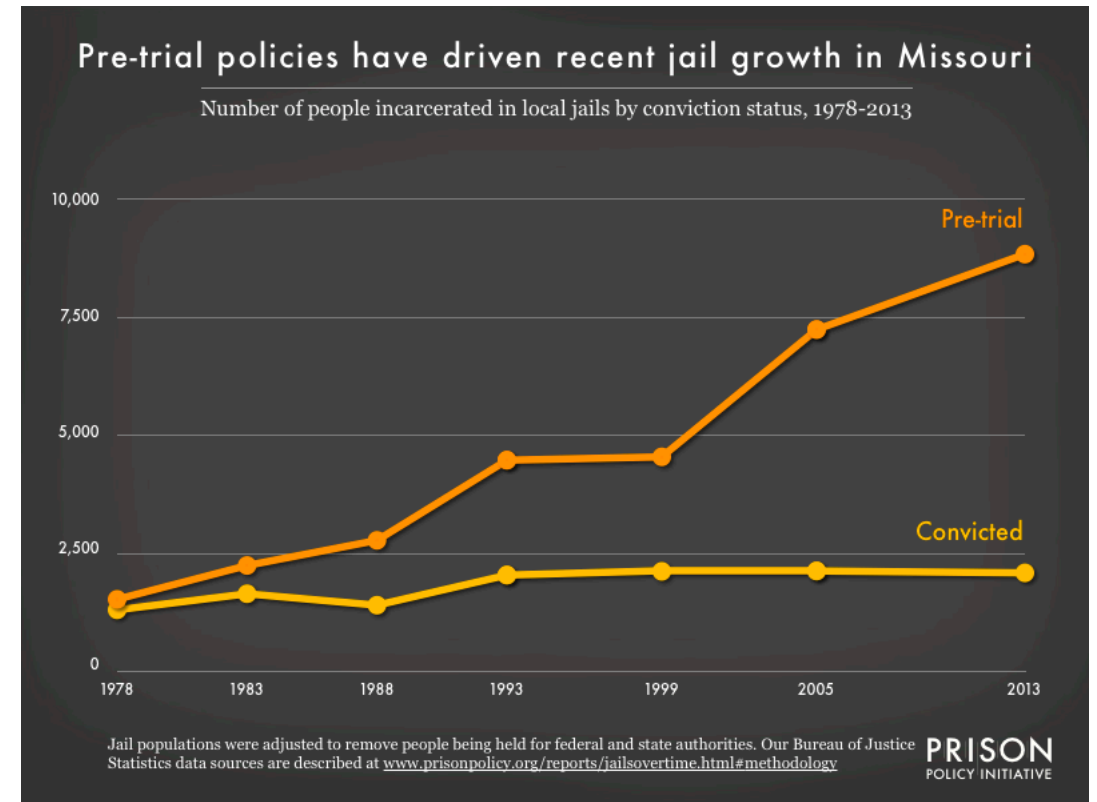
State governments, U.S. Census Bureau

Lorena Elebee / Los Angeles Times

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-04-07/a-crisis-within-a-crisis-black-americans-face-higher-rates-of-coronavirus-deaths>

DECARCERATION IN WAKE OF COVID-19

- Jails are at particular risk because of cycling in and out
 - estimated at 10.7 million people per year
 - 2/3 nationally are pretrial detainees
- Report estimates that there could be potential 100,000 more deaths if jail populations are not reduced



<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/profiles/MO.html>



POTENTIAL RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- How are jails' preparedness to detect and care for infectious diseases related to COVID outcomes (and racial inequality in these outcomes) in the county?
- How does the criminal justice system perpetuate racial inequalities in health in communities?
- What will justice systems and punishment look like in 6, 12, and 18 months from now?
 - What reforms can be put in place now to change 'justice' going forward?
 - What are the collateral consequences of court closures and stay at home orders on individuals convicted of a crime, victims, families, and communities?
- Given the potential economic effects of COVID, what will the effect be on local courts in Missouri, particularly in wake of the post-Ferguson reforms.
- Will stay at home orders influence crime in the short and long term?



JUSTICE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

- Justice Funding Opportunities



DEPT. OF JUSTICE COVID-19 OPPORTUNITIES

- <https://www.ojp.gov/funding>



CHARLES KOCH FOUNDATION: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- Rolling applications

<https://www.charleskochfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/requests-for-proposals/criminal-justice-policing-reform/>



THE TOW FOUNDATION: JUSTICE INITIATIVES

- <https://www.towfoundation.org/justice-initiatives/>



OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS: JUSTICE REFORM AND THE RULE OF LAW

- https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants?filter_region=1
- Inquiry and specific RfPs



FORD FOUNDATION: MASS INCARCERATION REFORM

- <https://www.fordfoundation.org/work/challenging-inequality/gender-racial-and-ethnic-justice/us-program/>
- <https://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/idea-submission/>



DAVID ROCKEFELLER FUND: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- Supporting bold new ideas and policy proposals and initiatives for transforming U.S. detention/incarceration policy
- Review LOIs on a rolling basis

<http://www.drfund.org/information-contact/faqs/>



ARNOLD VENTURES

- <https://www.arnoldventures.org/work/criminal-justice>



MACARTHUR FOUNDATION: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- No open RFP, will consider unsolicited proposals that fit guidelines

<https://www.macfound.org/info-grantseekers/grantmaking-guidelines/criminal-justice-grant-guide/>



CLARK FOX FAMILY FOUNDATION: MASS INCARCERATION

- <https://clarkfoxstl.com/initiatives/mass-incarceration/>



BOREALIS PHILANTHROPY:

Spark Justice Fund: Pretrial Justice, End Use of Bail Money:

- <https://borealisphilanthropy.org/grantmaking/spark-justice-fund/>



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