

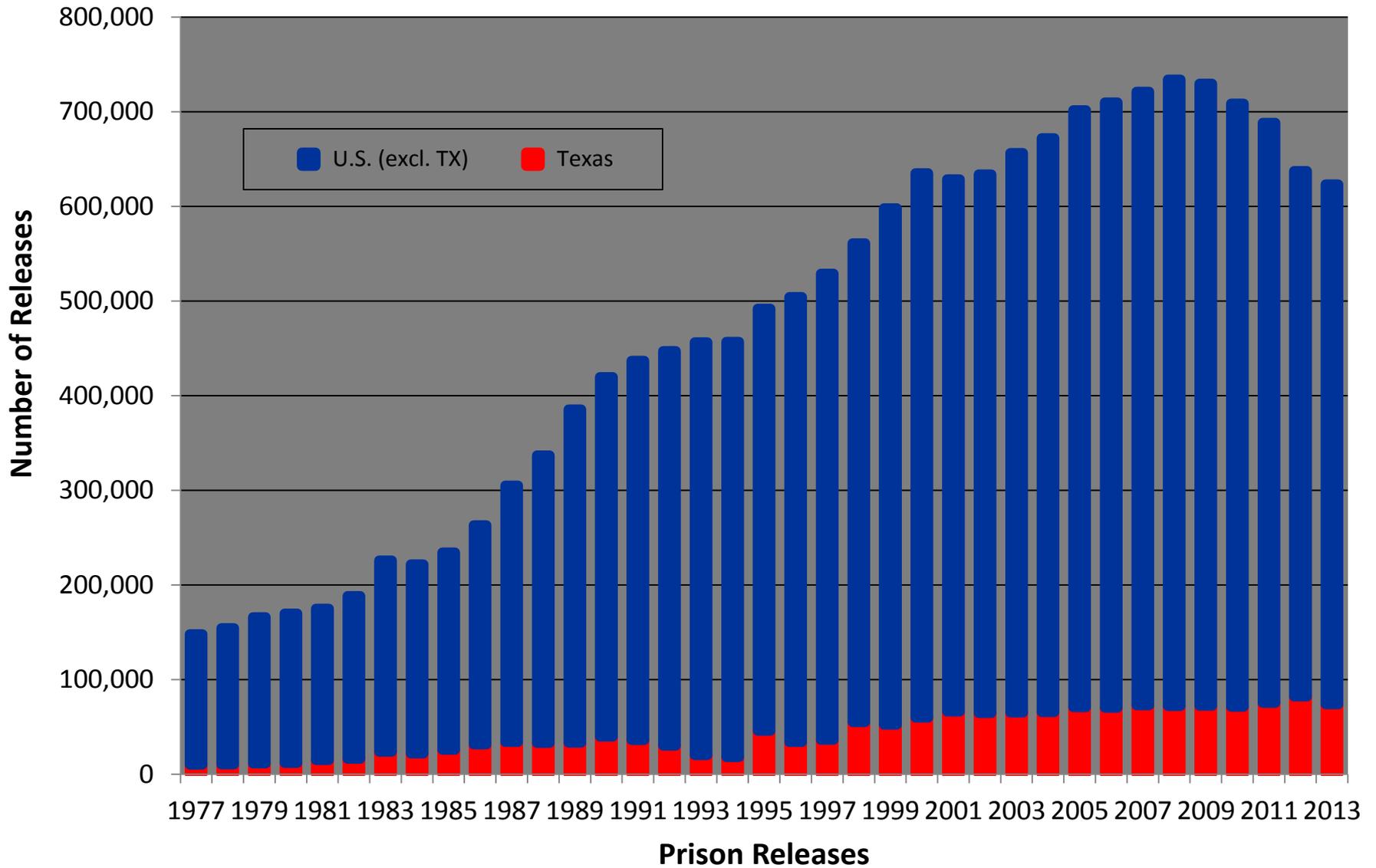


A/TC Reentry Roundtable Update

Making Steady Progress

Austin City Council Presentation
October 16, 2014

U.S. Prison Releases, 1977 - 2013



The data reveals...

U.S.:

- **650,000** released from prison each year
- **850,000** on parole; **4M** on probation
- An estimated **65M** to **100M** persons have a criminal record in the US

Texas:

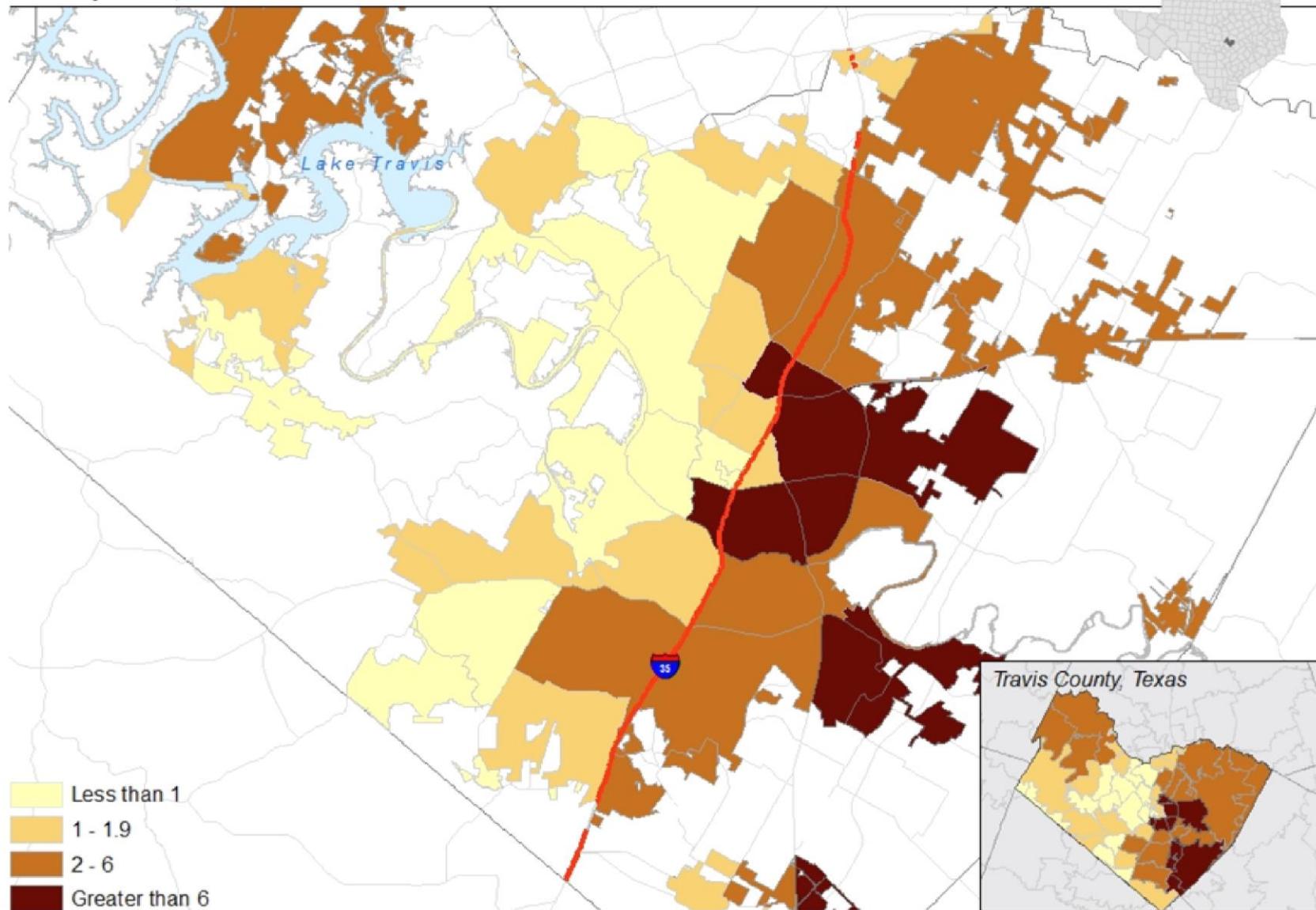
- **77,000** released from prison each year
- **85,000** on parole
- **162K** on felony probation, **96K** on misd. probation
- **12M** with a criminal record

Local:

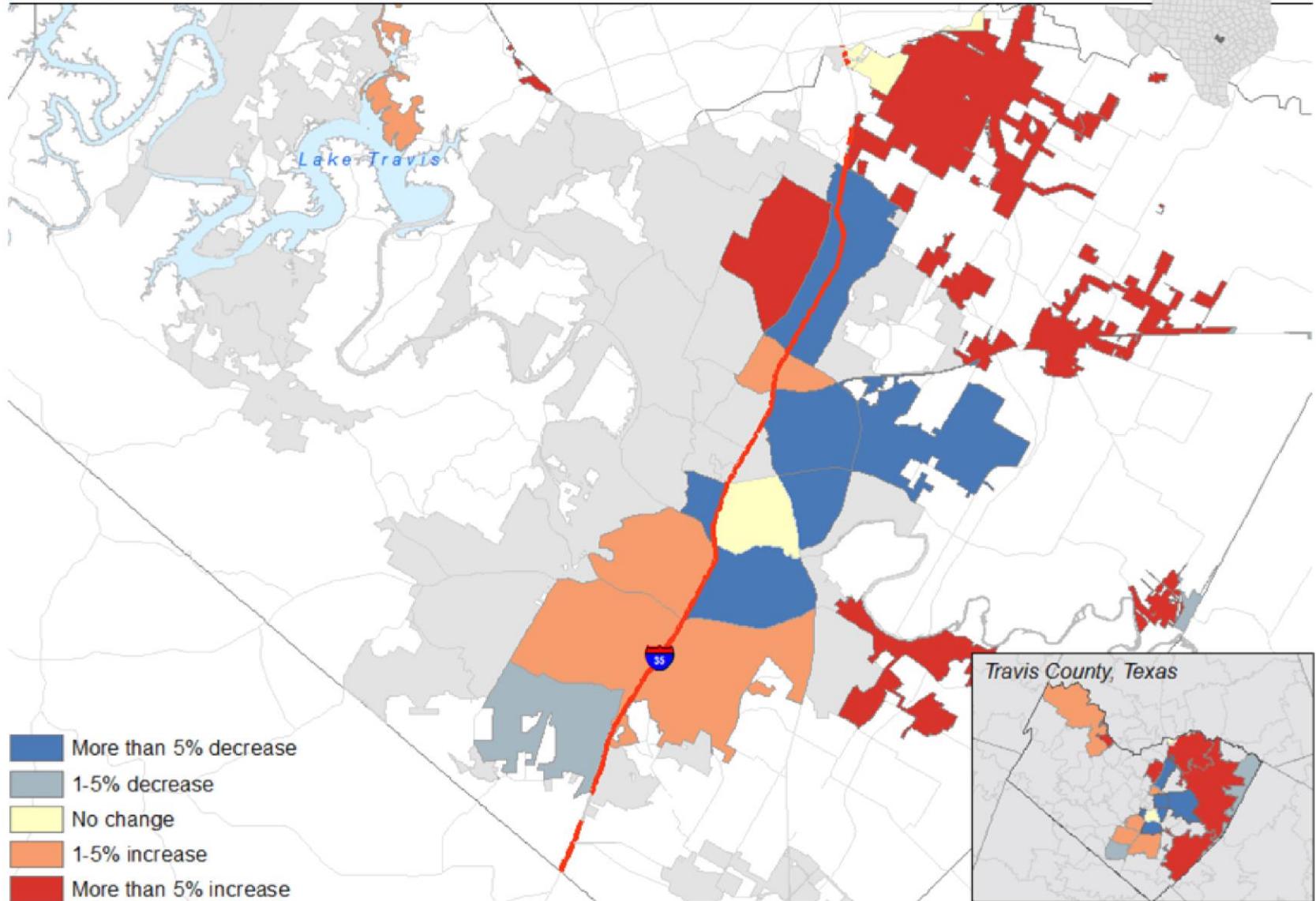
- **2,700** released from prison each year
- **2,800** on parole
- **16,000** on probation

2014 Parolee Residence Distribution: Austin, Texas

Rate per 1,000 Adults



2013-2014 Change in the Number of Parolees per Zipcode Among those Areas with 50 or More Parolees



Benefits-to-Cost of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programs

- For every dollar spent on community-based employment training and job assistance programs, there is a benefit of **\$44.66**.
- For every dollar spent on non-intensive drug treatment in prison, there is a benefit of **\$29.40**.
- For every dollar spent on cognitive behavioral therapy for high to moderate-risk offenders, there is a benefit of **\$26.47**.
- For every dollar spent on intensive drug treatment in prison, there is a benefit of **\$13.41**.
- For every dollar spent on outpatient drug treatment in the community, there is a benefit of **\$9.42**.
- For every dollar spent on policing, there is a benefit of **\$6.52**.

Source: Washington State Institute for Public Policy (<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/BenefitCost?topicId=2>)



The data reveals...

- We spend \$3.3 billion each year in Texas on prisons, which equates to **\$21,000** per prisoner per year.
 - By comparison, the federal poverty threshold for a single member household is \$11,670.
- State funding for probation: \$300 million.
- State funding for parole: \$165 million.
- Local funding for APD: \$369 million.

Austin/Travis County Reentry Roundtable

Vision: *A community that values and supports the successful reentry and integration of formerly incarcerated persons and individuals with criminal histories.*

Mission: *To be a robust collaborative to promote public safety through effective reentry and reintegration of formerly incarcerated persons and individuals with criminal histories.*



History of the A/TCRRT

- Launched in 2004.
- A/TCRRT membership is open to organizations and individuals who confirm their interest in supporting its mission and work. Members include governmental agencies, faith-based and community organizations, and other nongovernmental entities and individuals.

A/TCRRT Planning Council Members

Austin Community College

Austin Downtown Community Court

Austin Police Department

Austin Travis County Integral Care

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

Representatives of X-Offenders Council

Texas Criminal Justice Coalition

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Texas Department of Family and
Protective Services

Texas State University

Travis Co. Adult Probation

Travis Co. Criminal Justice Planning

Travis Co. Courts at Law

Travis Co. District Attorney's Office

Travis Co. District Courts

Travis Co. Health and Human Services

Travis Co. Sheriff's Office

University of Texas at Austin

U.S. Bureau of Prisons



Challenges to Effective Reentry and Reintegration



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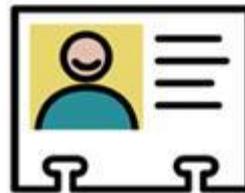
FAMILY
REUNIFICATION



PLACE TO LIVE



INDEBTEDNESS



IDENTIFICATION



MENTAL HEALTH
AND SUBSTANCE
ABUSE SERVICES

A/TCRRT Activities

FY14 Activities:

- **Strategic Planning:** developed three year strategic plan
- **Research:**
 - ✓ Reentry Report Card—to be disseminated Fall 2015
- **Community Awareness:**
 - ✓ Developed presentation to employers on “Benefits of Hiring Former Offenders”
 - ✓ Conducted presentations at Sheriff’s Office Vision Summit, Restorative Justice Conference, State Reentry Coalition, Social Services Case Management Network on “Re-Entry 101” and “Success Stories of Formerly Incarcerated”
 - ✓ Quarterly Newsletters sharing national and local re-entry trends, best practices, events



A/TCRRT Activities, *con't*

- **Housing advocacy:**
 - ✓ Update of *Transition Planning for Homeless Persons Leaving Local Jails* Initiative
 - ✓ Collaborating with ECHO on Coordinated Assessment system
 - ✓ Advocating for Housing First PSH and reduction in criminal history screening criteria for housing providers and mainstream landlords

- **Employment advocacy:**
 - ✓ Informing local partners on EEOC Enforcement Guidance on Using Arrest and Criminal Backgrounds in Hiring Practice
 - ✓ Editorial in local news paper

- **Women Reentry Services:**
 - ✓ Launched initiative

- **Community Service:**
 - ✓ Resource fair booths provided over 1,200 pieces of literature on community supports/services to over 500 individuals

A/TCRRT FY2015 Activities

- Target focus on:
 - Employment
 - Housing
 - Behavioral Health
- Key activities:
 - Co-hosting Statewide Re-Entry Conference
 - Collaborating with ECHO on Coordinated Assessment Implementation
 - Hosting Employment Forum in partnership with UT
 - Hiring staff support
 - Revising by-laws and organizational structure

For More Information

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