

Crime and Punishment in Oklahoma

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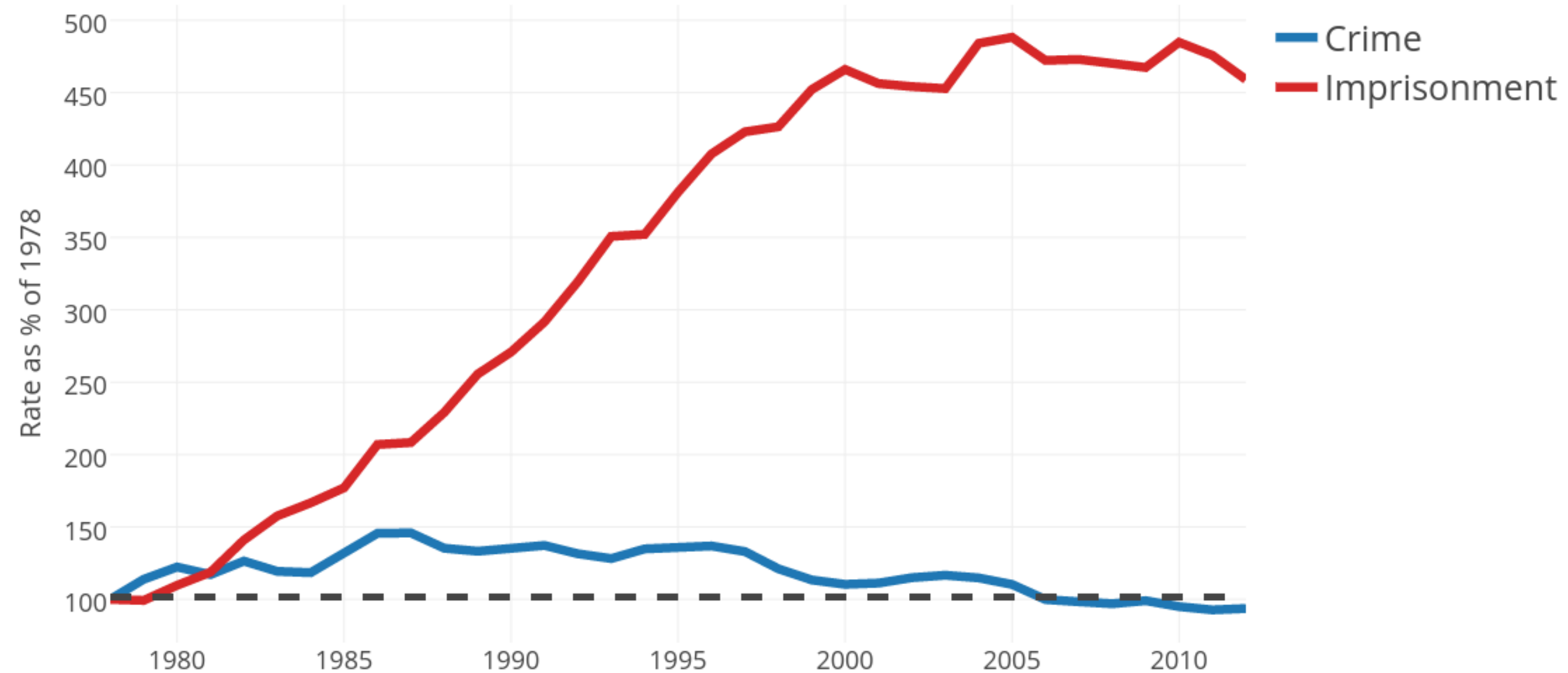
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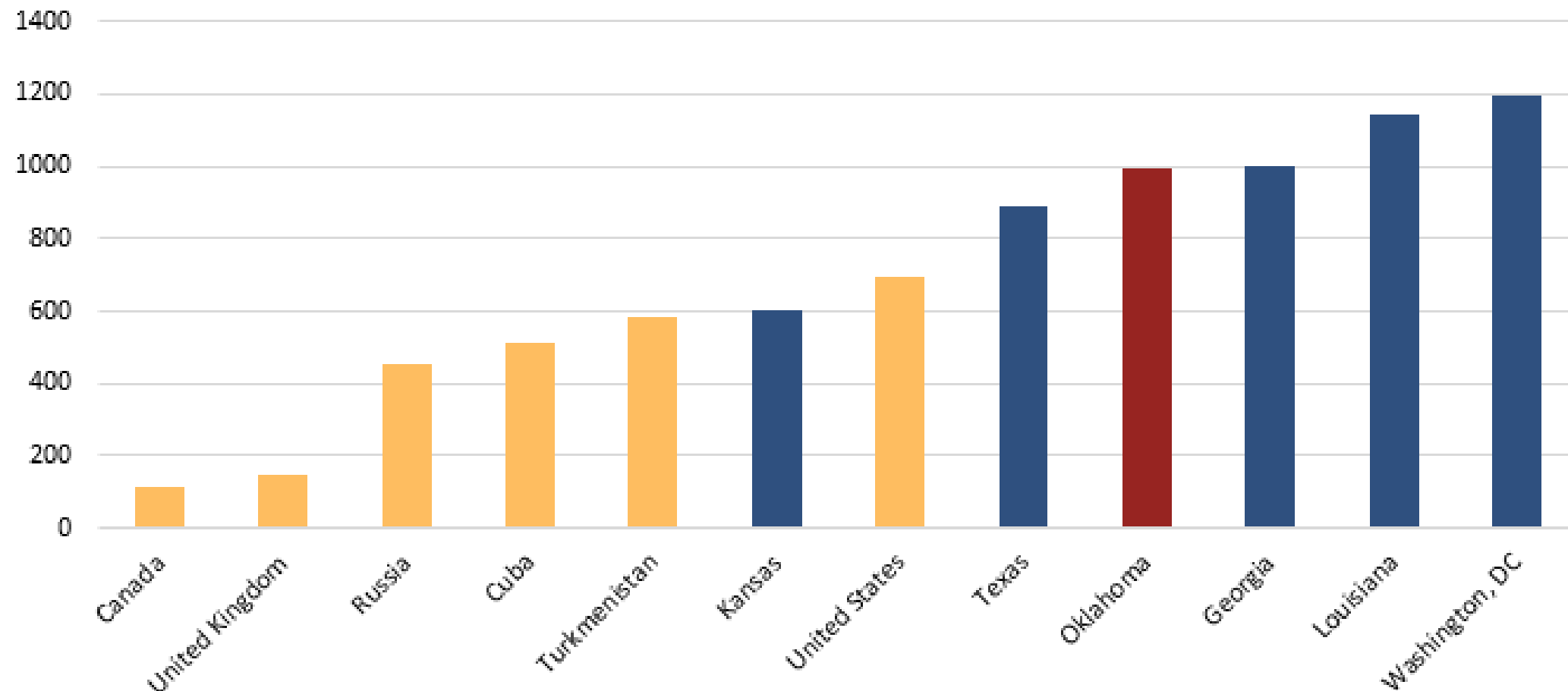
How do we pay for it?

Oklahoma's imprisonment rate is nearly 5 times higher than 1978, while the crime rate is lower



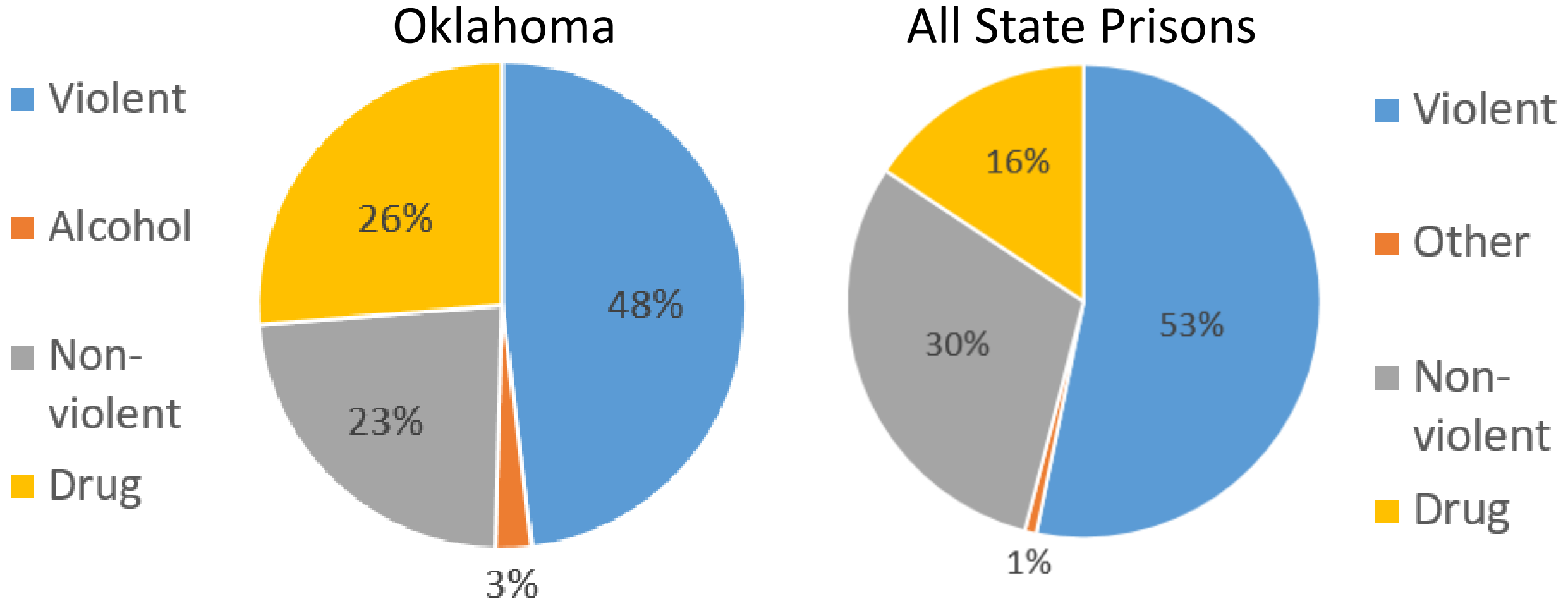
Source: Uniform Crime Report, Bureau of Justice Statistics

Oklahoma's incarceration rate is 40% higher than the country's average. If the states were countries, Oklahoma would have the 4th highest rate in the world.



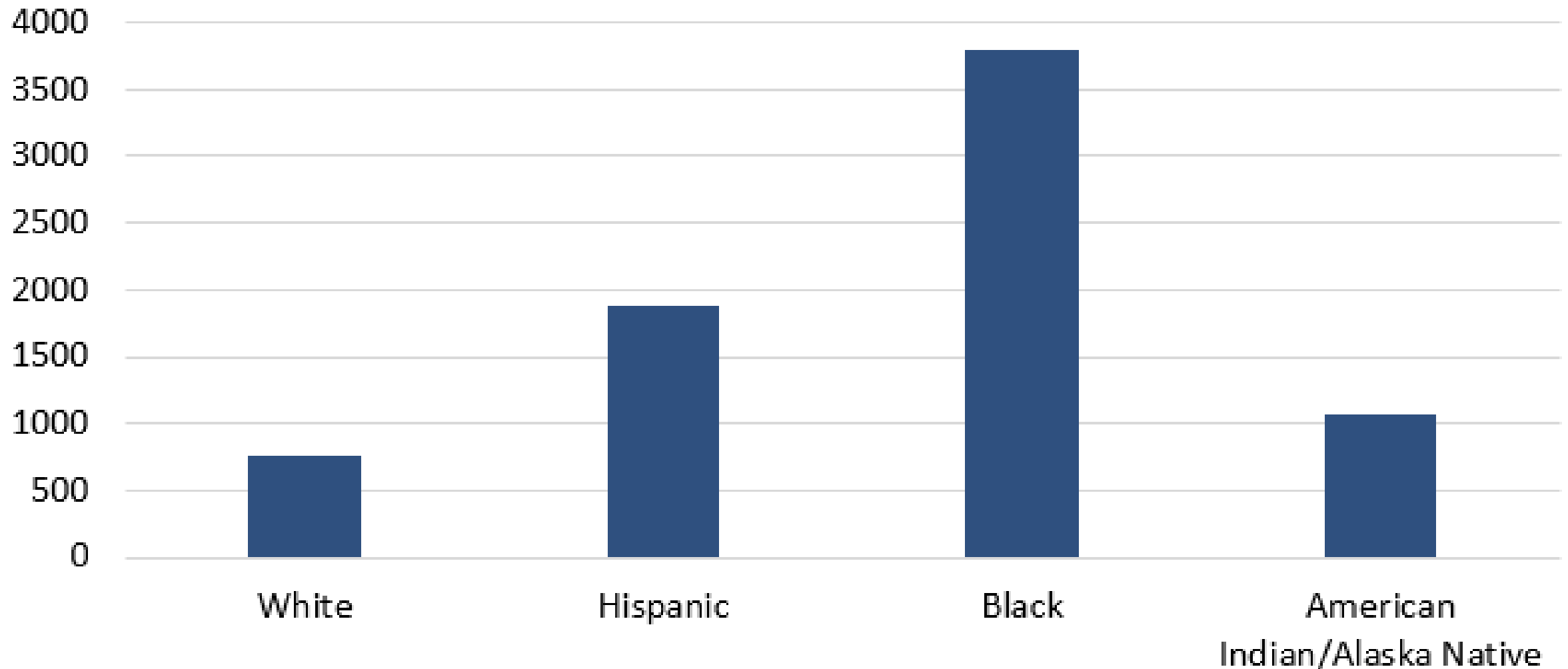
Source: Prison Policy Initiative analysis of Bureau of Justice Statistics and Institute for Criminal Policy Research data

Oklahoma incarcerates more drug offenders than average, but they make up only a quarter of the population.



Source: DOC Annual Report 2015, Bureau of Justice Statistics 2014

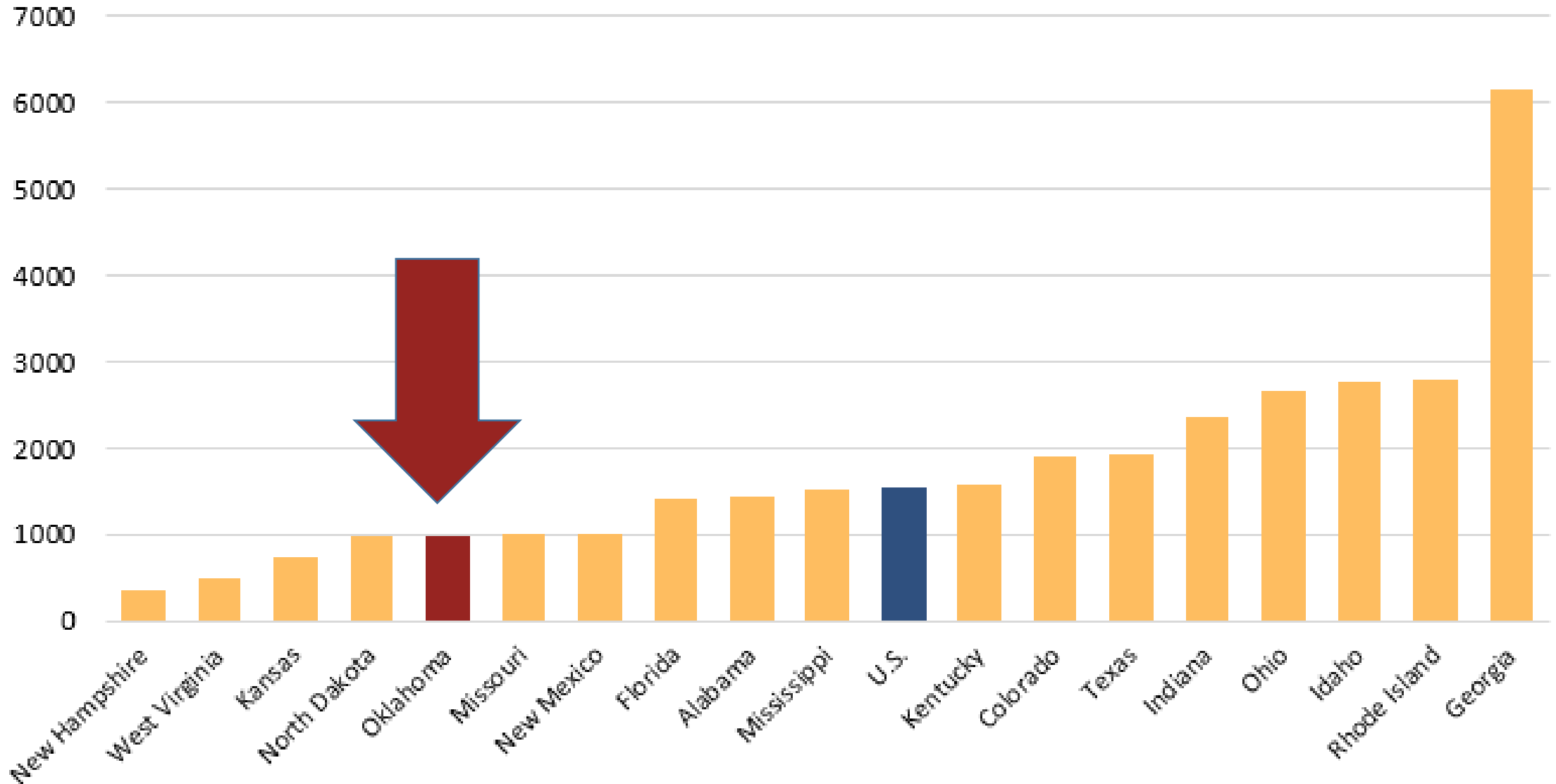
Black Oklahomans are five times more likely to be incarcerated than white Oklahomans.



Source: Calculated by Prison Policy Initiative



Oklahoma ranks 41st in the rate of adults on probation.



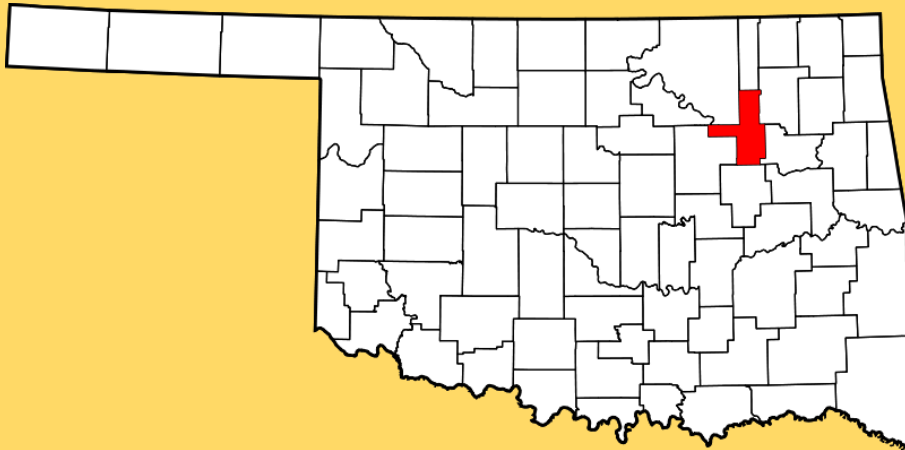
Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics



Per 10,000 residents in 2014:

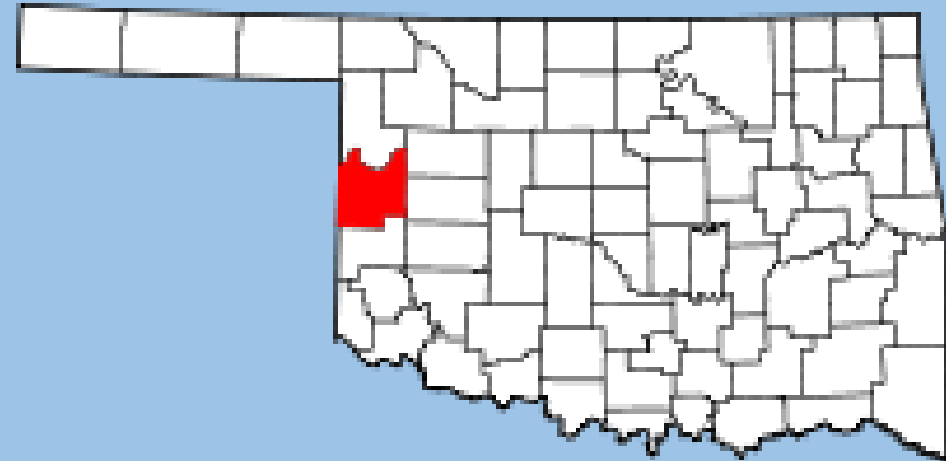
Oklahoma County

- **29.2** prison admissions (down 9% since 2006)
- **43.2** jail inmates



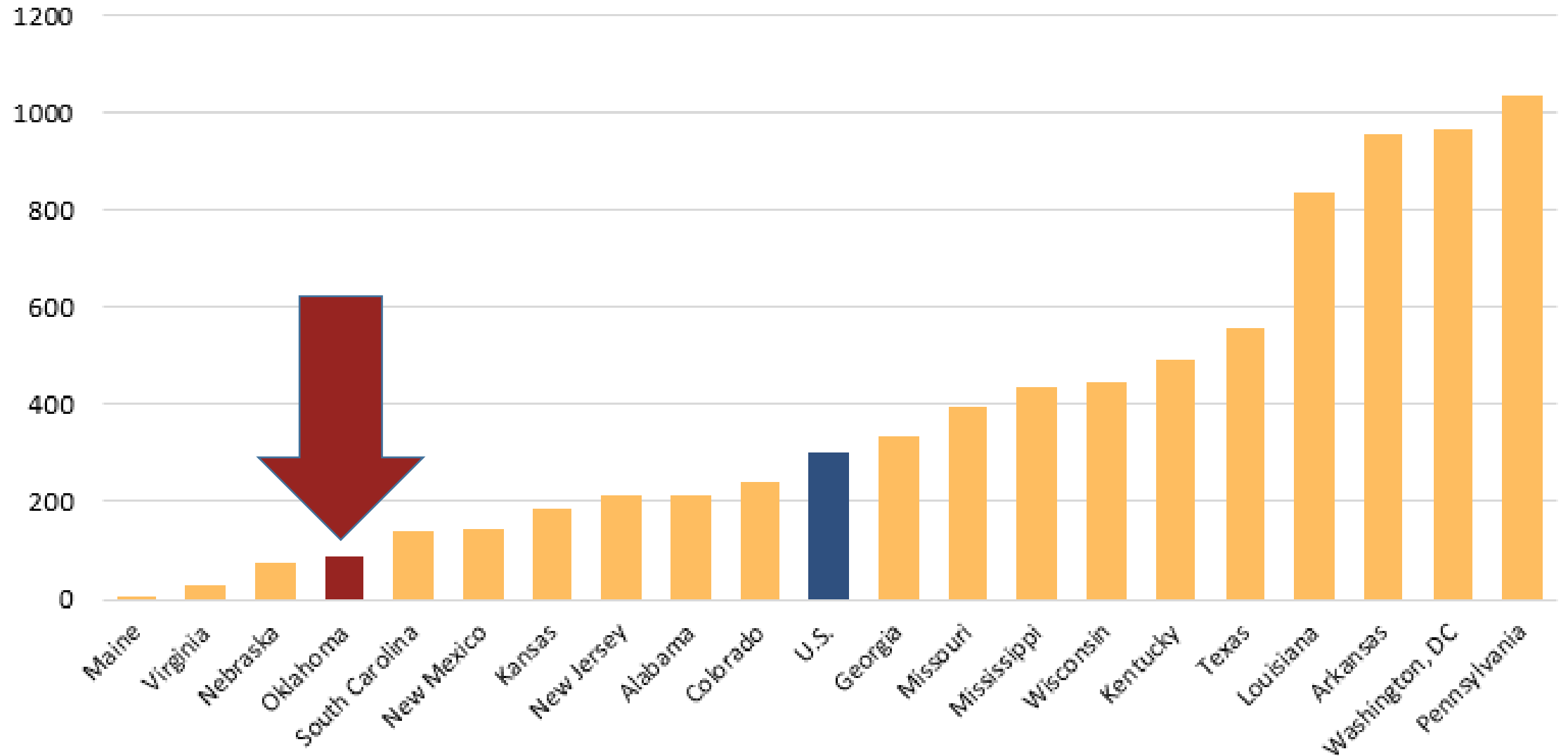
Roger Mills County

- **53.2** prison admissions (up 182% since 2006)
- **112.6** jail inmates



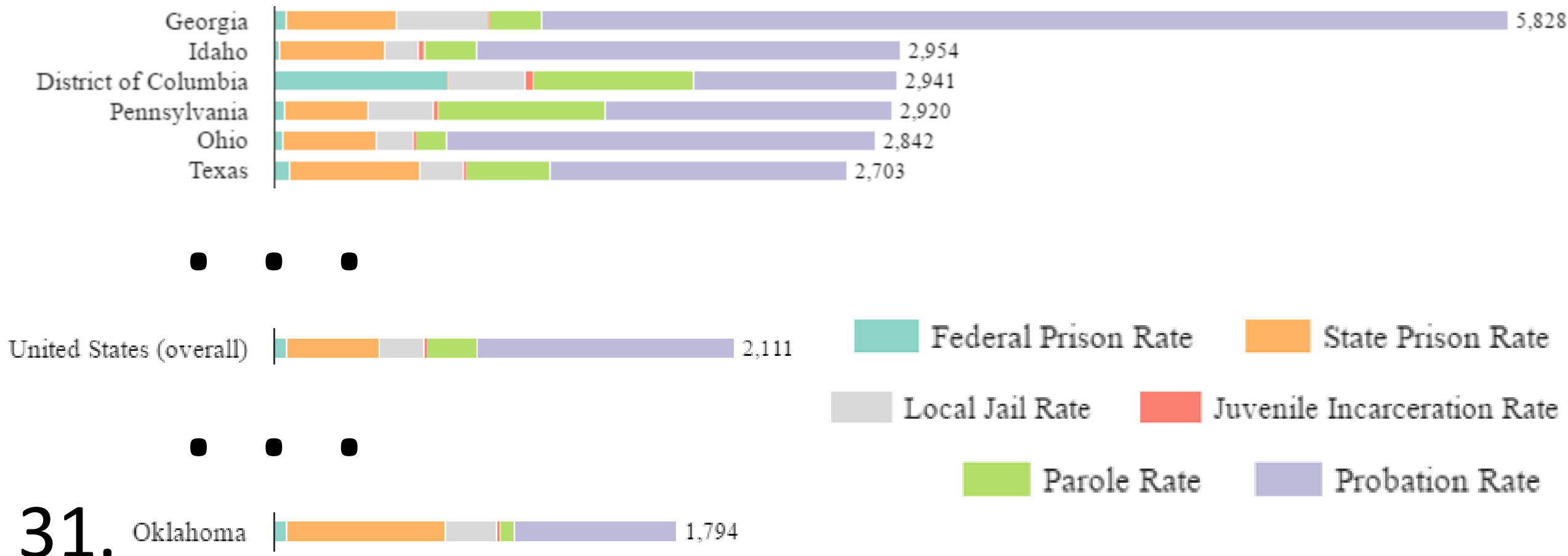


Oklahoma ranks 45th in the rate of adults on parole.



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Oklahoma punishes fewer offenders than average



Source: Prison Policy Initiative analysis

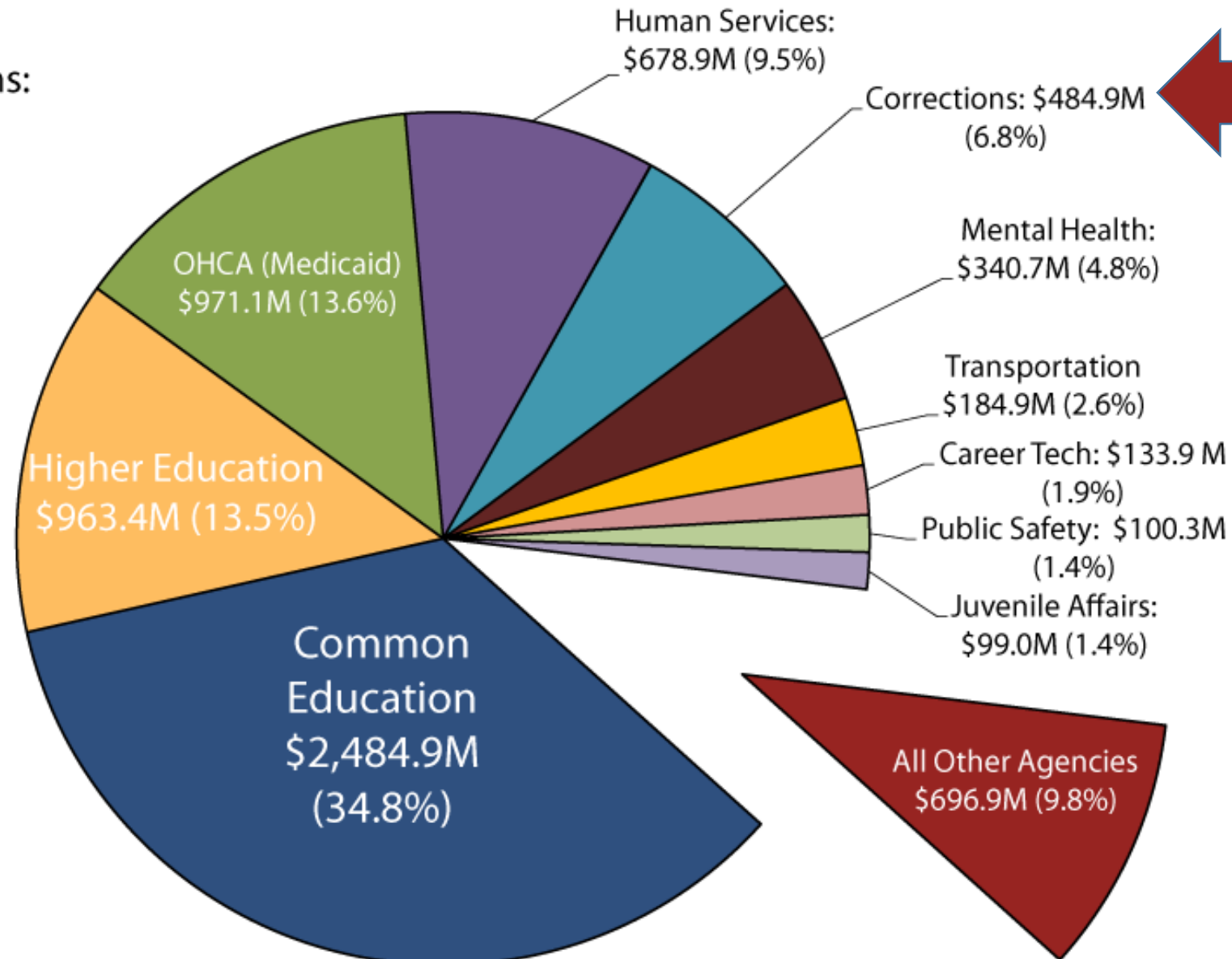
How do we deal with offenders?

How do we pay for it?

FY 2016 Appropriations to Ten Largest Agencies

Total Appropriations:
\$7,138.9M

Total Ten Largest:
\$6,442.0M (90.2%)



Dozens of agencies rely on court fees to operate

District Courts collected \$152 million in fees in 2014

2014 Court Fee Totals	
District Courts	\$74 million
Administrative Office of the Courts	\$18 million
Public Defenders	\$8.9 million
Court Clerk	\$5 million
Department of Health	\$3.7 million
OSBI	\$2.7 million
Department of Mental Health	\$1.1 million
State Wildlife Department	\$118K

Costs for Speeding 20 mph Over		
	1992	2016
Fine	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00
Court Costs	\$ 49.00	\$ 88.00
CLEET Penalty Assessment	\$ 4.00	\$ 9.00
Law Library	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00
Automated Fingerprint Identification System	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00
Sheriff's Fees	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Clerk's Fees	\$ 13.00	--
Oklahoma Court Information System	--	\$ 25.00
DPS Patrol Vehicle Fund	--	\$ 20.00
DA Council Prosecution Assessment	--	\$ 20.00
Trauma Care Assistance Fund	--	\$ 10.00
Sheriff's Fee for Courthouse Security	--	\$ 10.00
Forensic Science Improvement Assessment	--	\$ 5.00
Court Clerk Administrative Fee on Collections	--	\$ 7.50
Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account	--	\$ 3.00
Attorney General Victims Services Unit	--	\$ 3.00
Total	\$ 107.00	\$ 251.50

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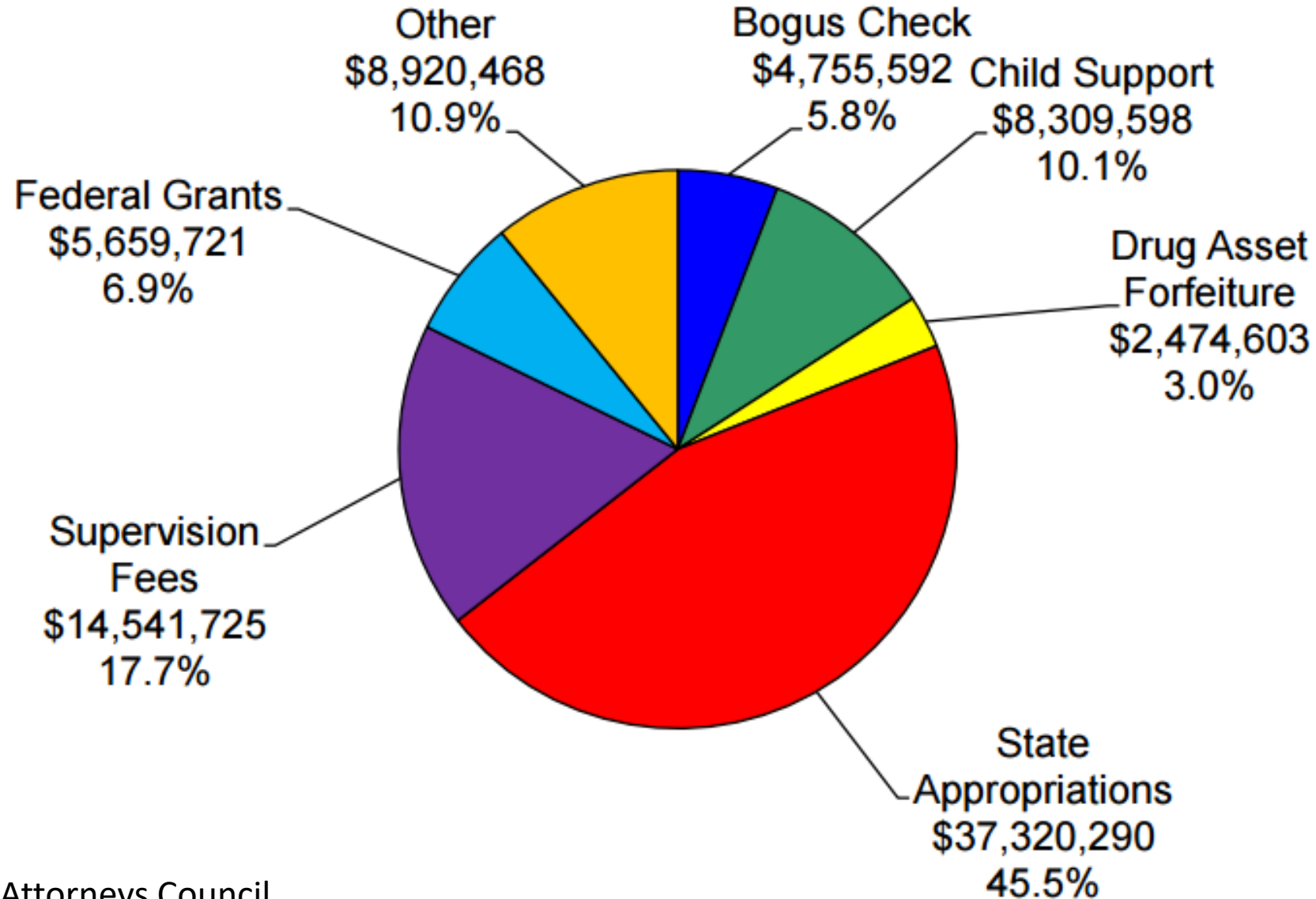
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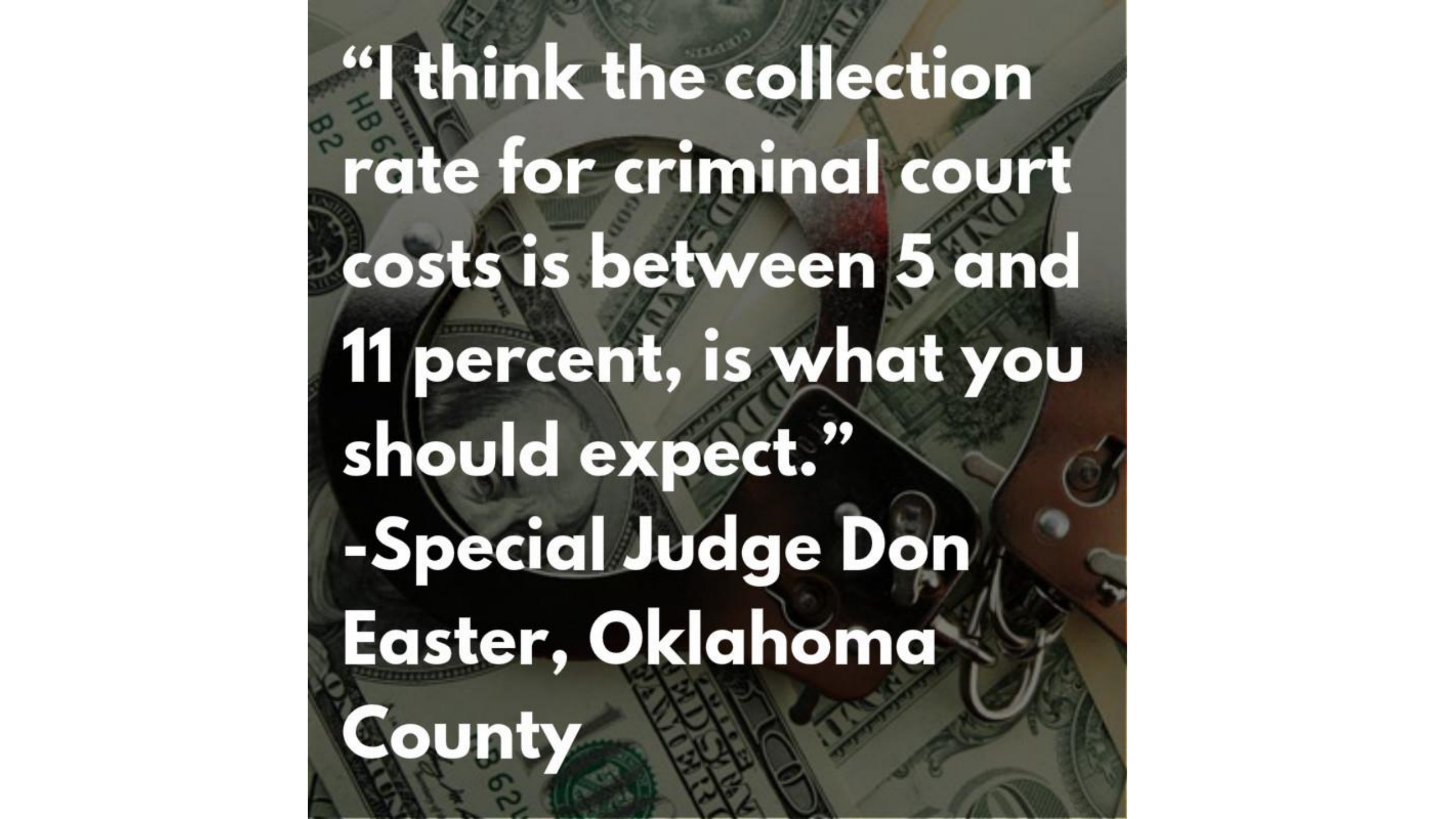
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SALLY HONE SMITH COURT CLERK
STATE OF IDAHO TULSA COUNTY

IS TO BE PAID ON OR BEFORE

\$95.00 IS TO BE PAID ON OR BEFORE 08/05/16 AND A PAYMENT DUE ON THE 5TH DAY OF EACH MONTH CONTINUING UNTIL THE CASE(S) IS PAID IN FULL.

District Attorneys rely heavily on offender fees





“I think the collection rate for criminal court costs is between 5 and 11 percent, is what you should expect.”

-Special Judge Don Easter, Oklahoma County



- 29% of Tulsa County Jail bookings were for failure to pay in July 2013
- 23.4% of DOC receptions were probation revocations in FY 2015

How do we deal with offenders?

How do we pay for it?

- Reduce mandatory minimums for minor drug and property crimes
- Ease restrictions on drug court and community sentencing eligibility
- Allow most felonies to be charged as misdemeanors





- SQ 780: Reduce all drug possession crimes from felonies to misdemeanors
- SQ 781: Invest savings in crime prevention, substance abuse and mental health treatment

Going forward:

Focus on rehabilitation

Evidence-based reforms

Sensible budget and tax reform

Questions? Comments?

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Mysteries Solved! (Sort of)

**Why is the prison
population so high?**

**Why does justice cost
so much?**



What's the difference?

Misdemeanor

Maximum penalty of
up to one year in jail
(no prison)

Jail

County facilities, less
serious crimes

VS

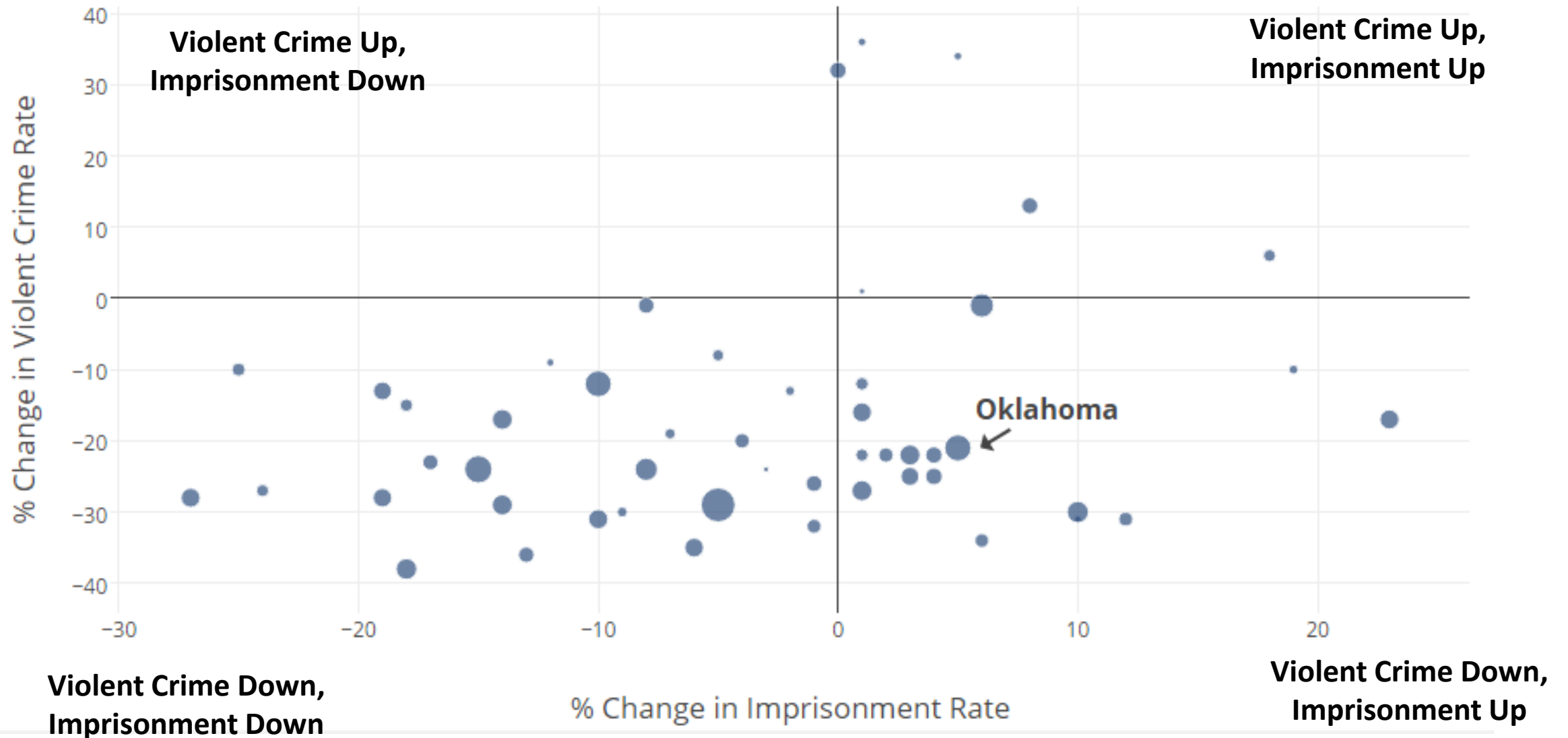
Felony

Punishable by
prison time

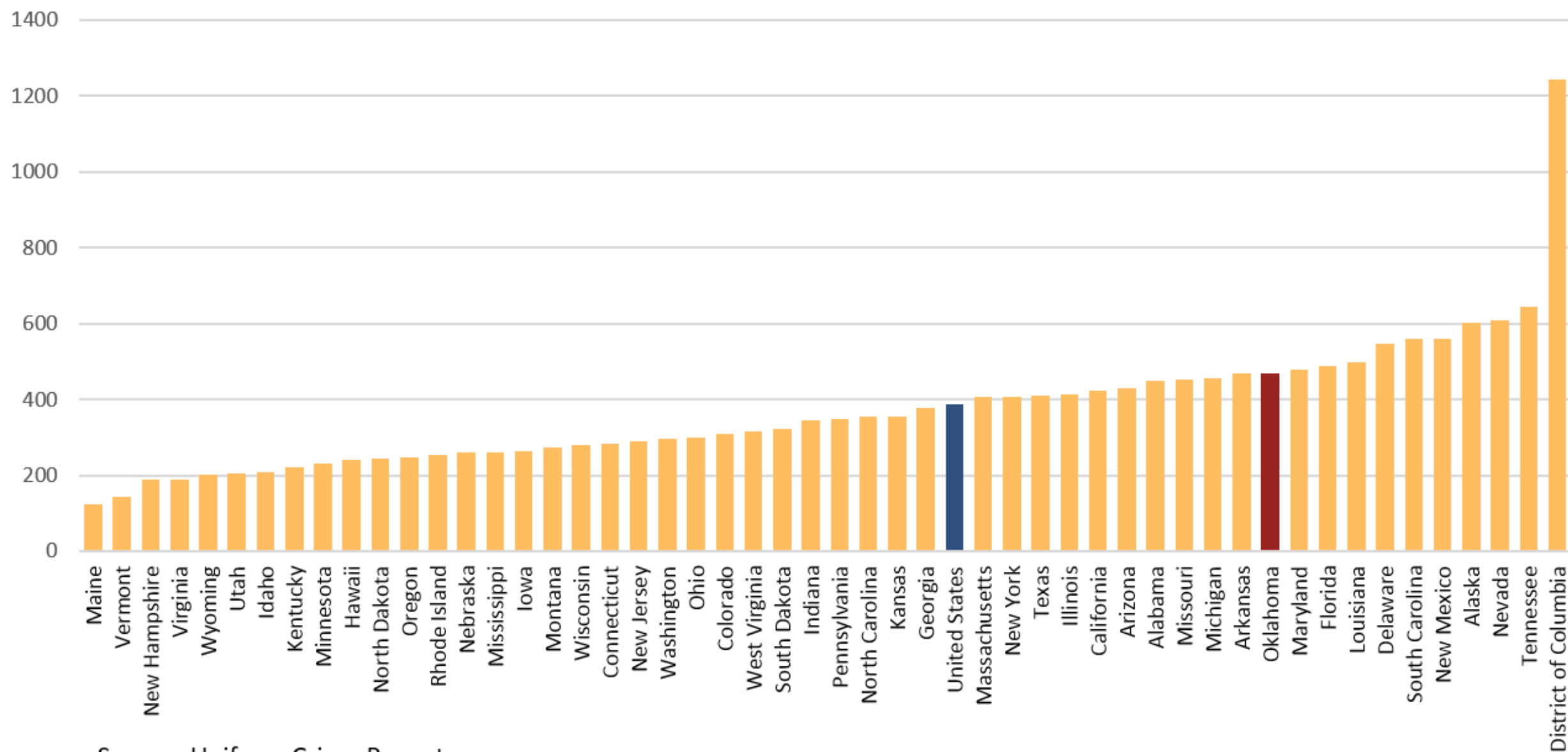
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State and federal
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Changes in Imprisonment Rate vs. Violent Crime Rate, 2006-2014



Violent Crimes per 100,000 Residents, 2012



Source: Uniform Crime Report