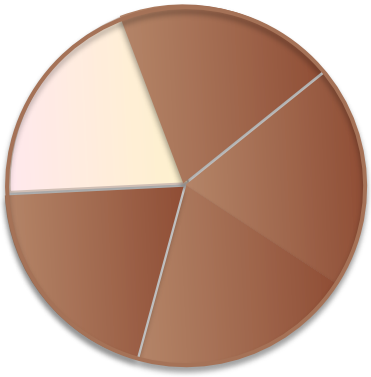
Mass Incarceration: In 2013 in the US, 7 million adults and 2 million juveniles were either detained in correctional facilities or under correctional supervision.

That is more than all the people in the five boroughs of New York City.

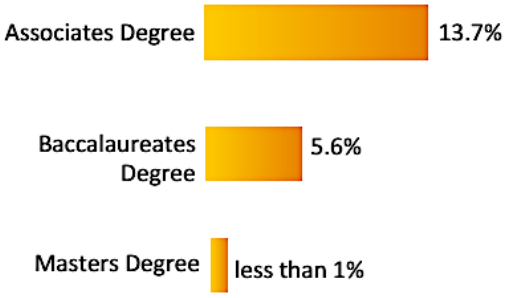


80% black and latino

Overrepresentation:
In NY State, over 80% of people in jail and prison are black and latino, despite only 40% of NY's total population being so.

Community: Rikers Island jail in NYC receives over 1,500 visitors each day. In 2013, over 100,000 people returned home to the five boroughs from jail or prison.

National recidivism rates with access to higher education



Education:
Less than 3% of people in prison have access to higher education. The recidivism rate is near to 50% at five years after release. Educational access dramatically reduces one's chance of returning to prison.

Tuition, room and board at Harvard is $60,000 per year.
A year-long stay at Rikers Island? Over $95,000.