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Recent National and State Trends in Recidivism

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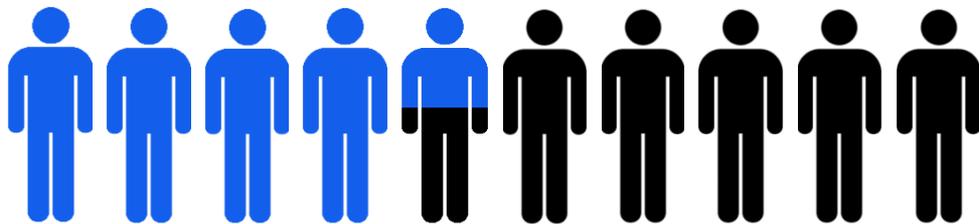
The State of Recidivism

1. First-of-its-kind 50-state survey of recidivism (return to prison) rates
2. Data for offenders released in 1999, 2004 and followed for three years
3. States reported recidivism for new crime and technical violation of supervision
4. Differences in definitions, data collection procedures warrant caution about making interstate comparisons.

America's National Recidivism Rate Remains Stubbornly High

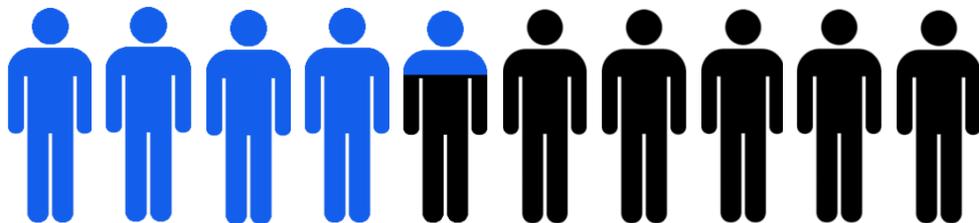
More than 4 out of 10 adult American offenders return to prison within three years of their release.

1999 - 2002



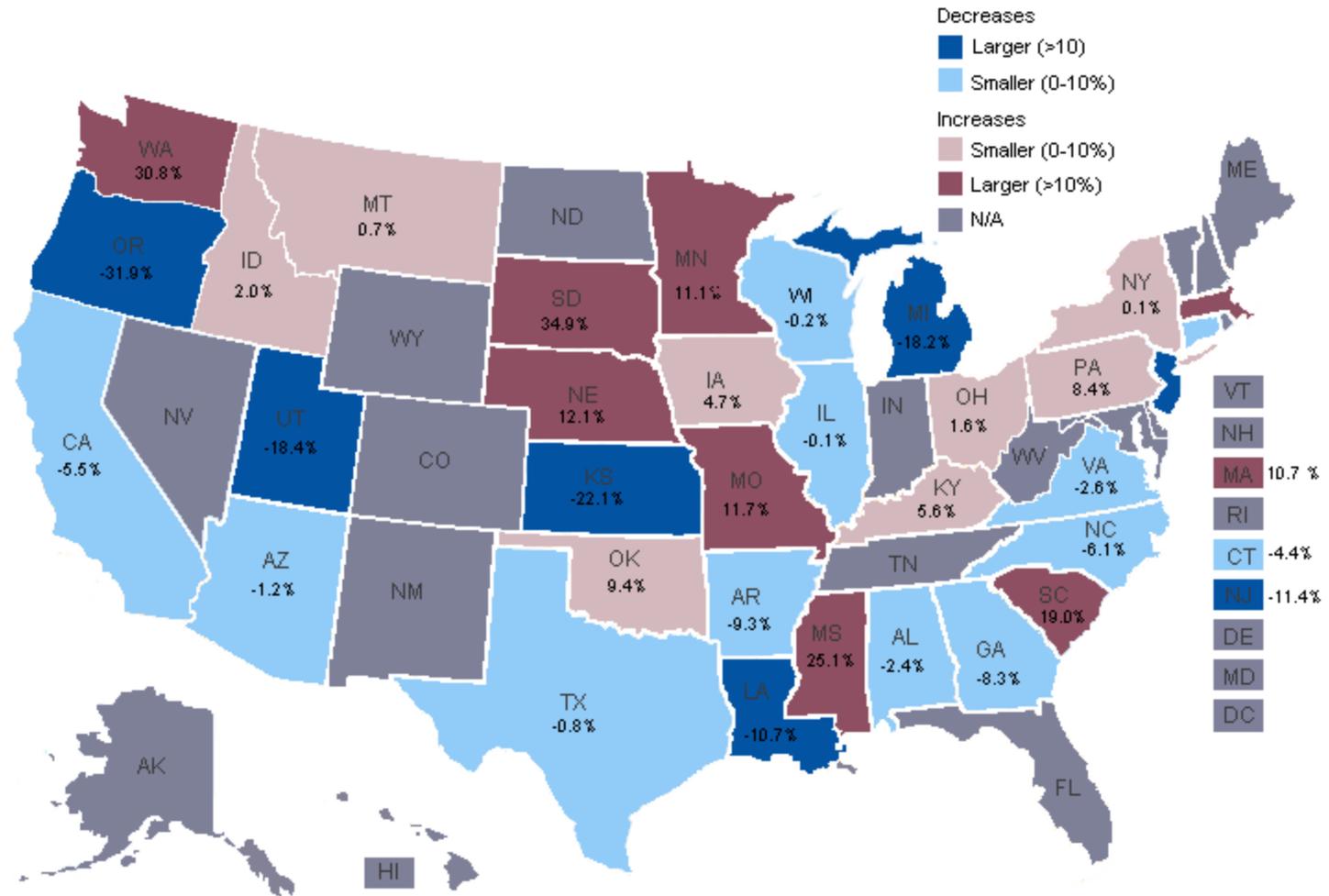
45.4%

2004 - 2007



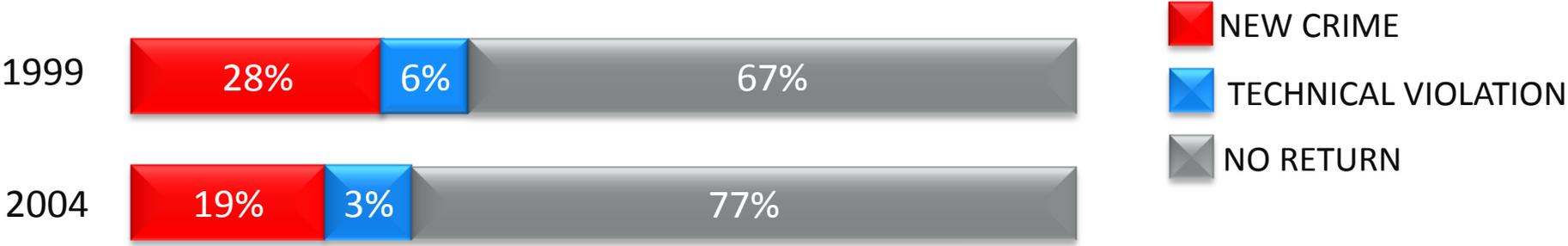
43.3%

Changes in Recidivism: 1999 and 2004

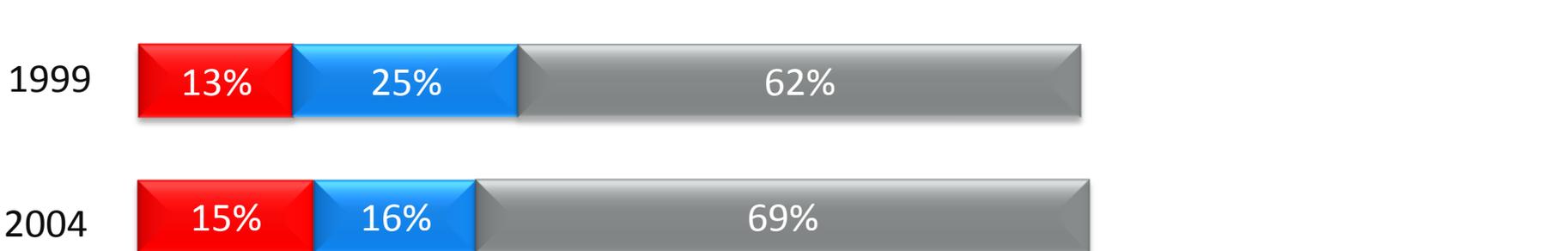


The Cycle of Prison Release

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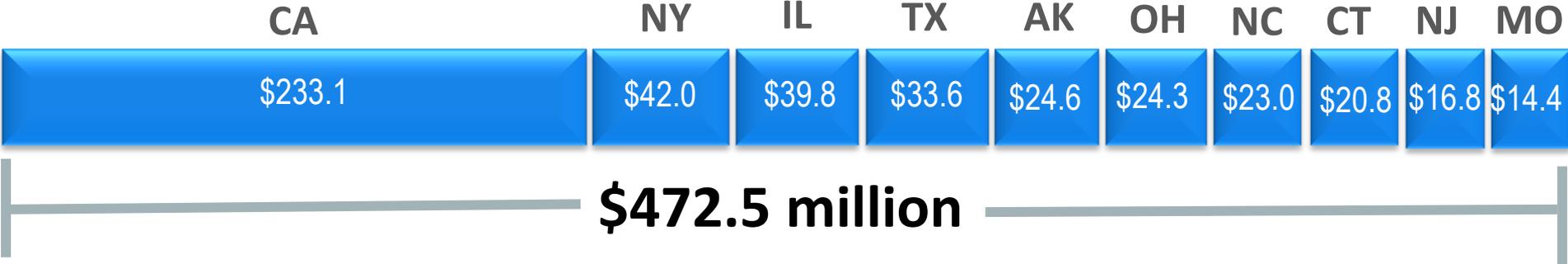


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Protecting Public Safety and Cutting Costs

If 10 states reduced recidivism by 10 percent:



Potential Cost Savings

Policies and Practices that Impact Recidivism

Pre-Entry

- Assessment
- Offender Risk Profile
- State Sentencing Laws



Behind the Walls

- Assessment
- Classification
- Transition Planning
- Programming
- Release Criteria

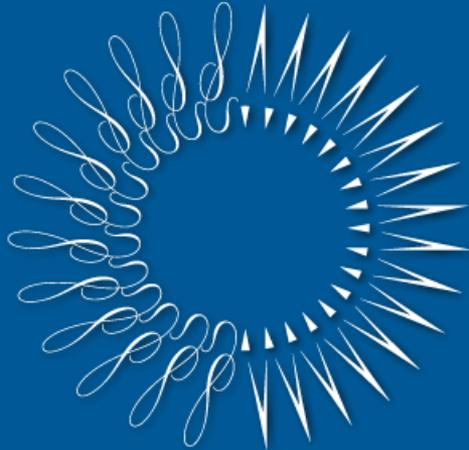


Reentry

- Assessment
- Classification
- Reentry Handoff
- Supervision Length
- Violations Policy
- Incentives

Improving Public Safety and Cutting Correctional Costs

1. Define Success as Recidivism Reduction
2. Begin Preparation for Release at Time of Prison Admission
3. Optimize Use of Supervision Resources
4. Impose Swift and Certain Sanctions
5. Create Incentives for Offenders to Succeed



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