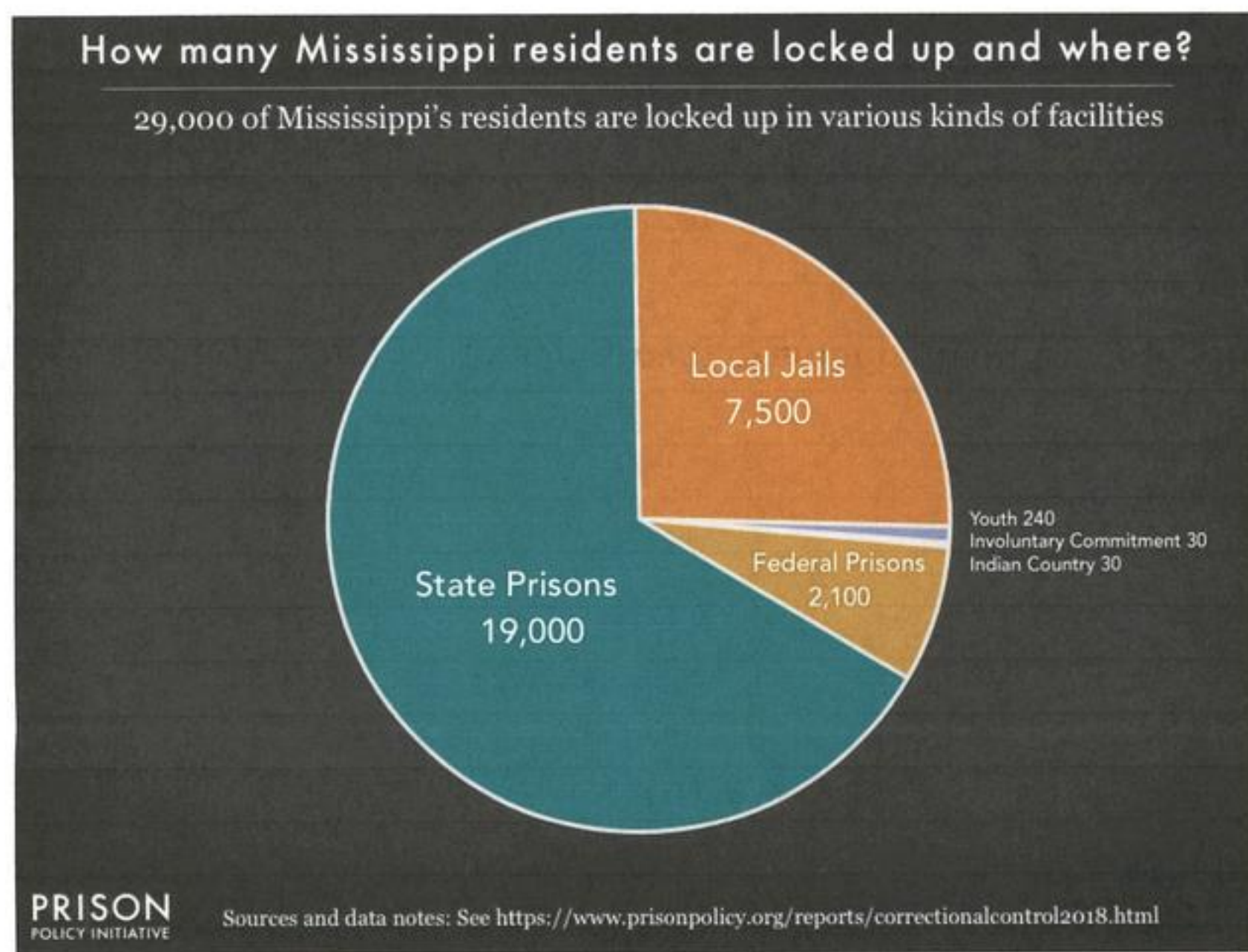


Mississippi profile

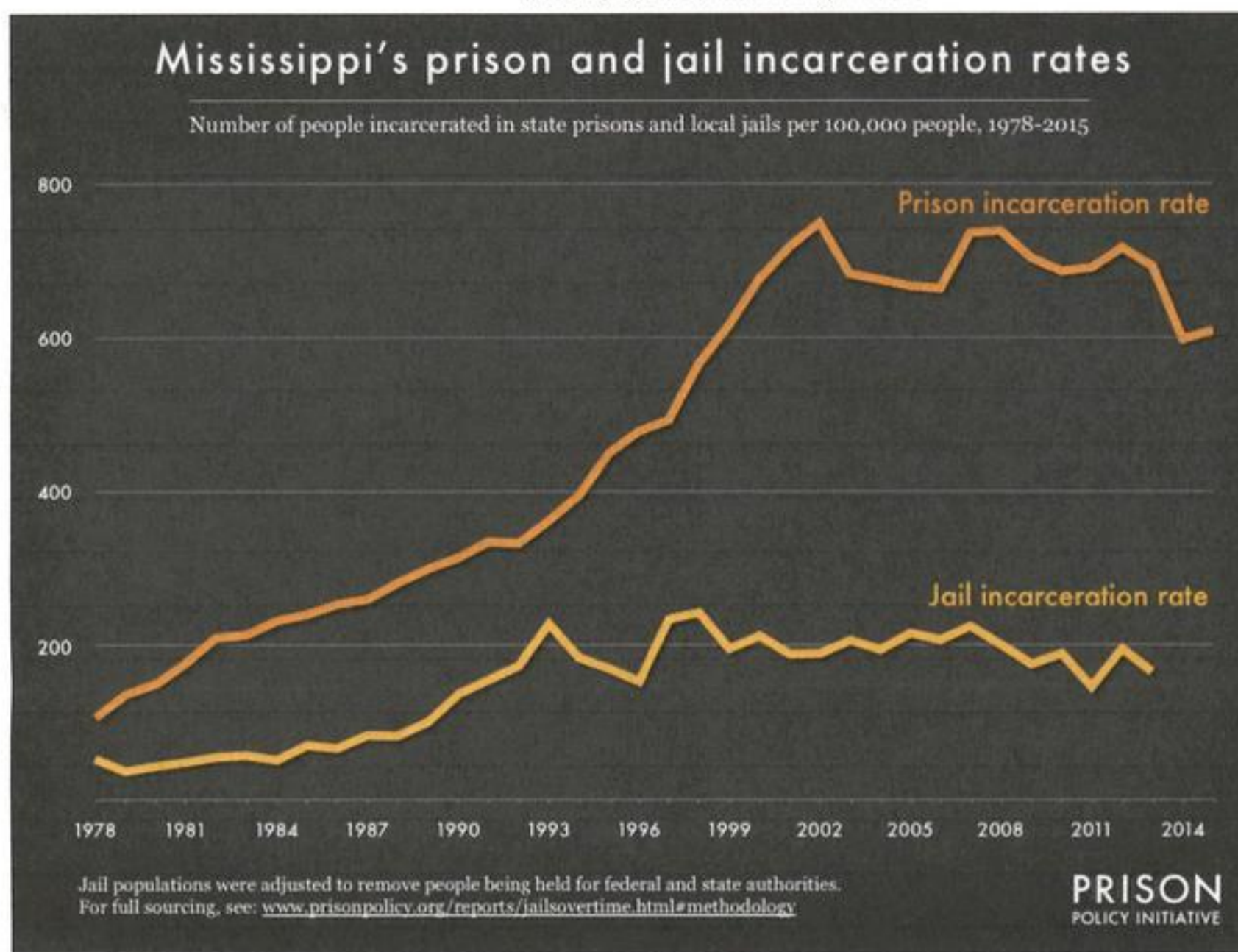
Mississippi has an incarceration rate of 1,039 per 100,000 people (including prisons, jails, immigration detention, and juvenile justice facilities), meaning that it locks up a higher percentage of its people than many wealthy democracies do. Read on to learn more about who is incarcerated in Mississippi and why.

Are you looking for information on what jails and prisons in Mississippi are doing to **stop COVID-19**? See our regularly-updated [coronavirus response page](#).

29,000 people from Mississippi are behind bars



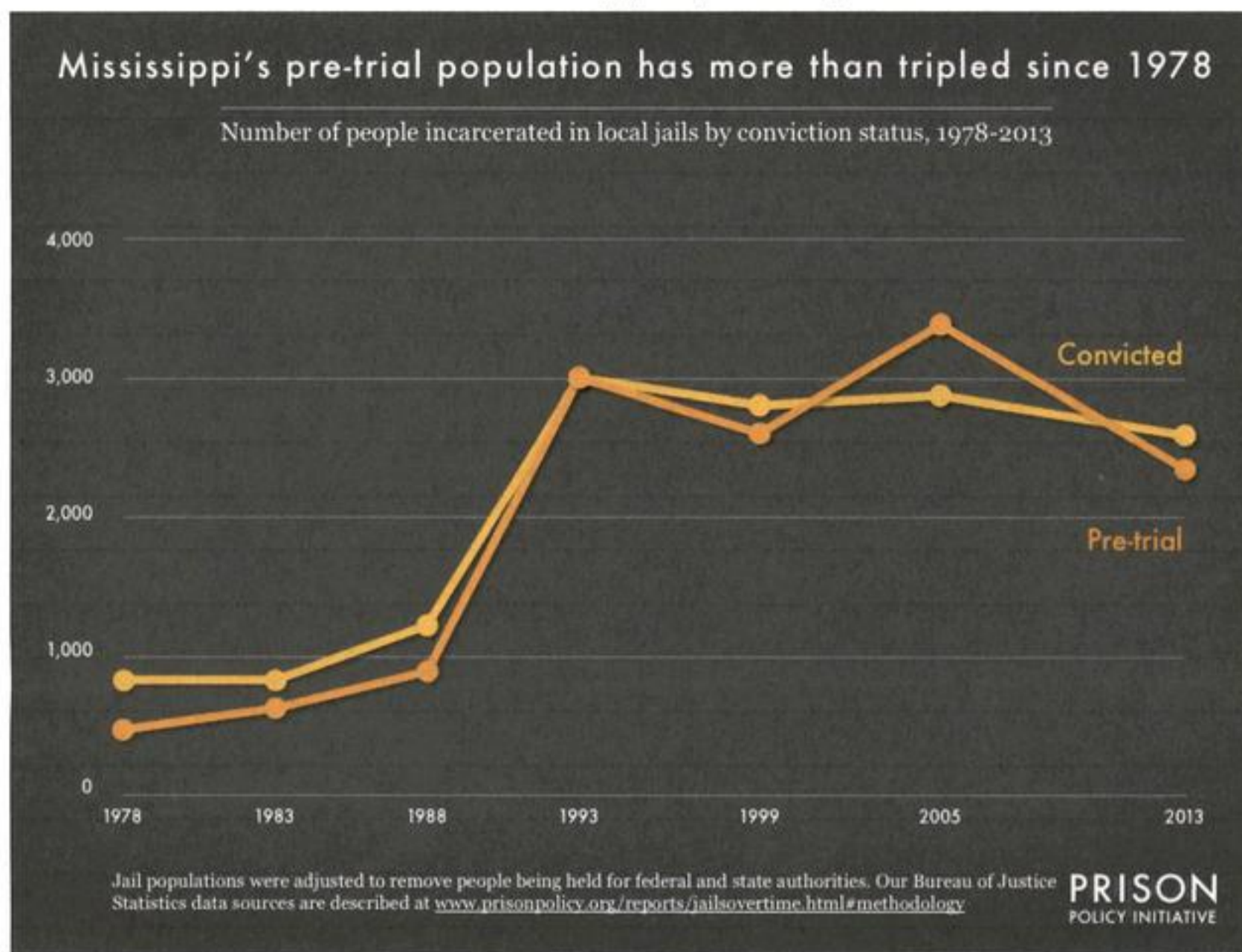
Rates of imprisonment have grown dramatically in the last 40 years



More than half of the people held in jails in Mississippi are held for federal or state agencies, primarily the state prison system. To avoid counting them twice, this population is not included in the yellow jails line. For annual counts of people in jails held for federal or state authorizes in Mississippi, see our table "[Jail and prison incarcerated populations by state over time.](#)"

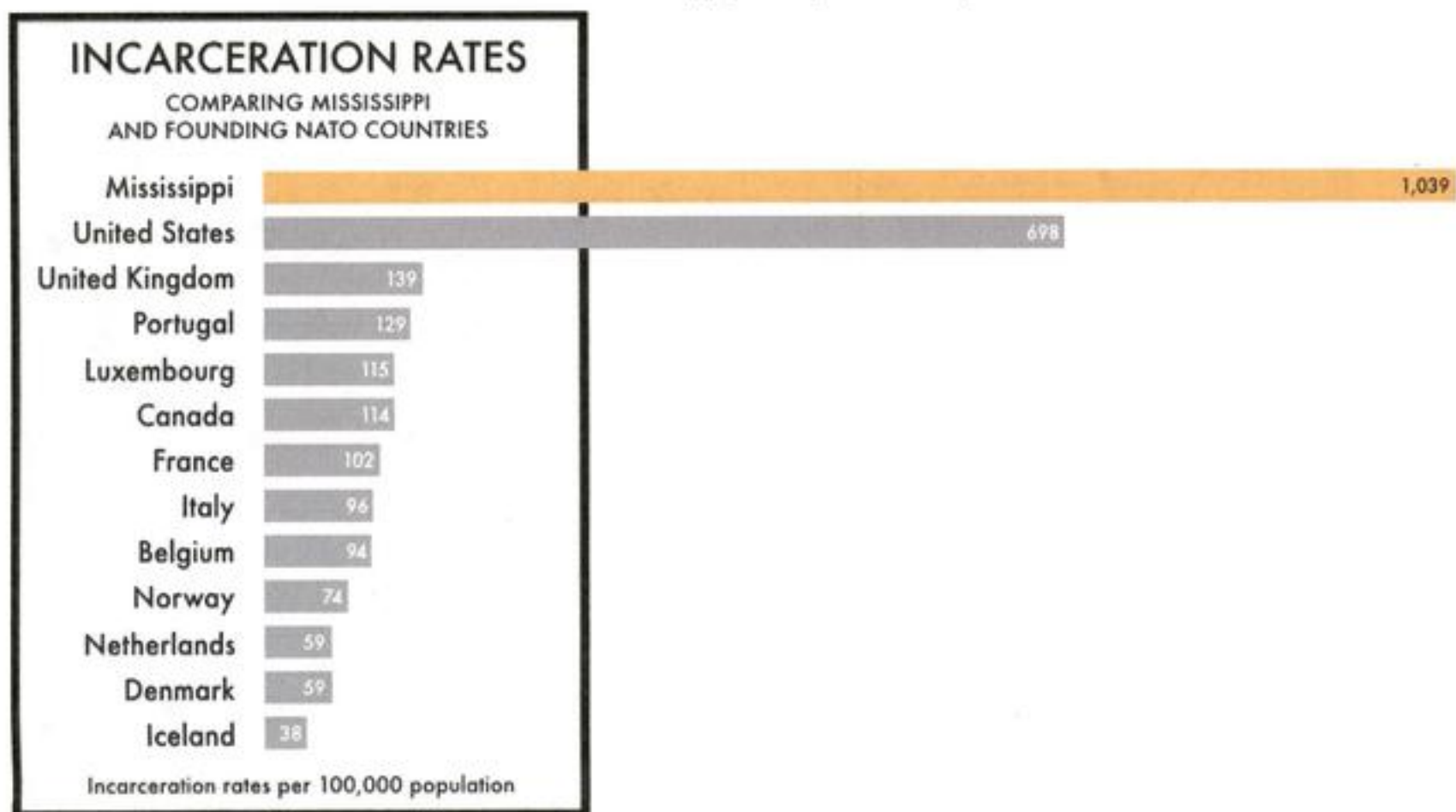
Also see these Mississippi graphs:

- [total numbers](#) rather than rates.
- Women's prisons: [Incarceration Rates](#) | [Total Population](#)
- Men's prisons: [Incarceration Rates](#) | [Total Population](#)



This graph excludes people held for state or federal authorities from the total count of people held in Mississippi jails. Because a tremendous proportion (48%) of the population in Mississippi's jails is held for the state prison system, this graph likely overstates the convicted population and understates the pre-trial population.

Today, Mississippi's incarceration rates stand out internationally



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

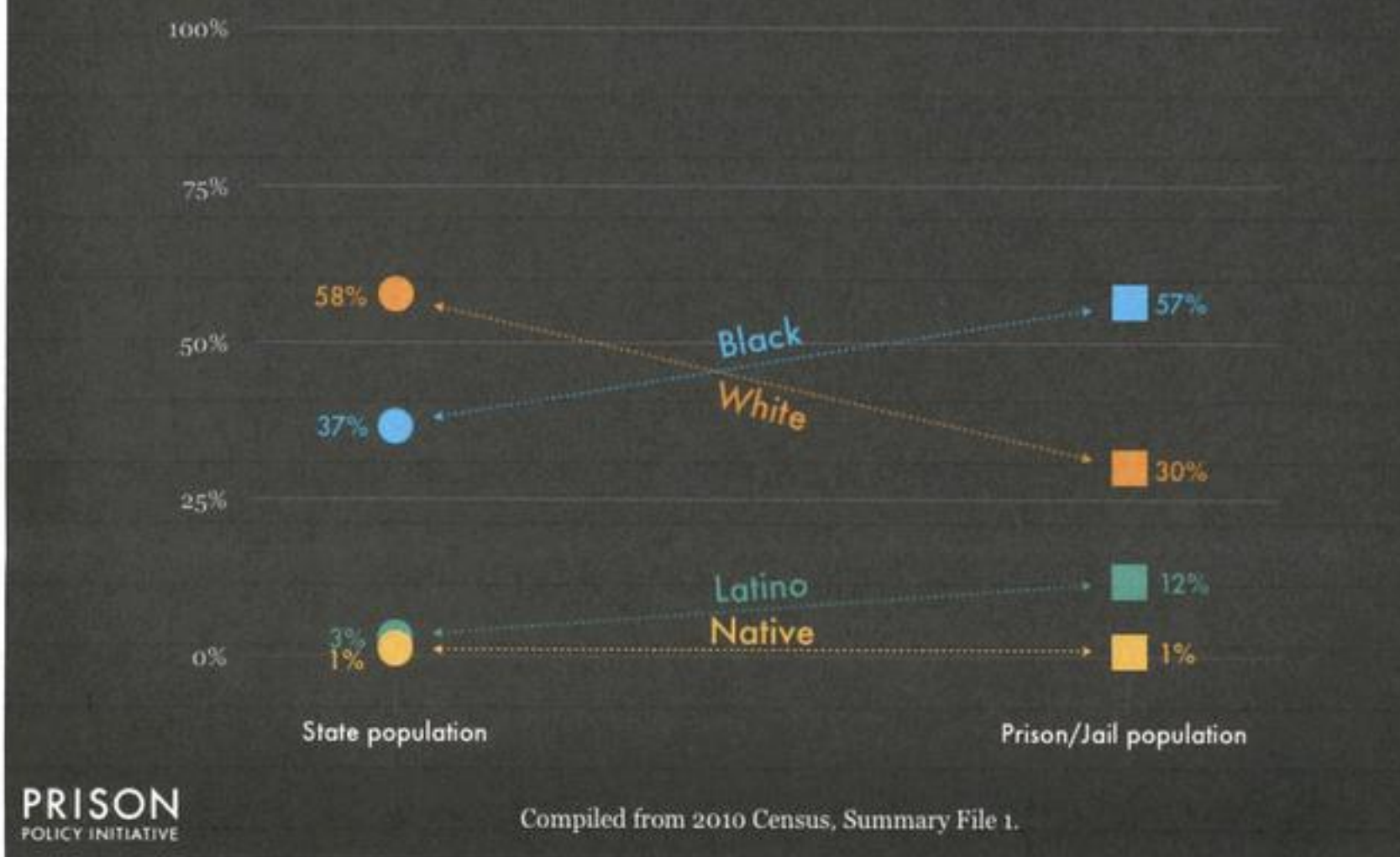
In the U.S., incarceration extends beyond prisons and local jails to include other systems of confinement. The U.S. and state incarceration rates in this graph include people held by these other parts of the justice system, so they may be slightly higher than the commonly reported incarceration rates that only include prisons and jails. Details on the data are available in [States of Incarceration: The Global Context](#). We also have a version of this graph focusing on the [incarceration of women](#).

People of color are overrepresented in prisons and jails



Racial and ethnic disparities in prisons and jails in Mississippi

Whites are underrepresented in the incarcerated population while Blacks and Latinos are overrepresented.



See also our detailed graphs about [Whites](#), [Hispanics](#), and [Blacks](#) in Mississippi prisons and jails.

The relatively high proportion of Hispanics incarcerated in Mississippi is due largely to the Adams County Correctional Center, a Corrections Corporation of American facility that contracts with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to hold immigration detainees.

Mississippi's criminal justice system is more than just its prisons and jails