

Incarcerated Mothers & Their Children



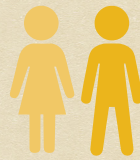
Mothers of minor children

148,800

IN U.S. PRISONS AND JAILS¹

654,400

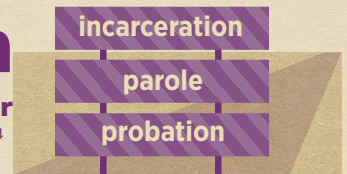
ON PROBATION OR PAROLE²



322,600 children
have a mother in prison or jail³

1.7 million

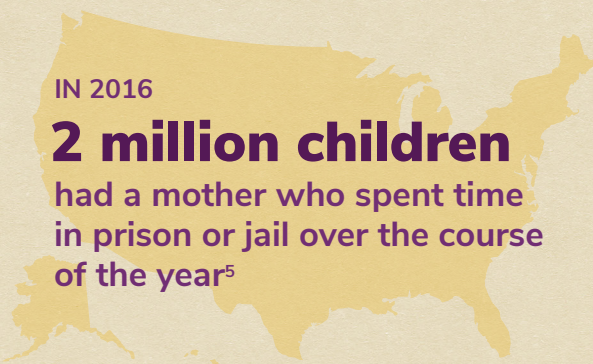
children have a mother under criminal justice supervision⁴



IN 2016

2 million children

had a mother who spent time in prison or jail over the course of the year⁵



Black children are 7.5 times more likely to have a parent in prison than white children, and Latinx children are 2.5 times more likely to have a parent in prison than white children⁶



1 IN 10 CHILDREN

have a parent under some form of criminal justice supervision



1 IN 15 CHILDREN

have a parent on probation or parole



1 IN 31 CHILDREN

have a parent in prison or jail⁷



Parents incarcerated

100+ miles

from their home⁸

STATE PRISON

FEDERAL PRISON

62%

84%

58% of mothers in state prison and 45% of mothers in federal prison have never had a visit from their children⁹



% of incarcerated women who are mothers of minor children

LOCAL JAIL¹⁰

79%

STATE PRISON¹¹

62%

FEDERAL PRISON¹²

56%



64% of mothers in state prison lived with their children prior to their incarceration¹³

Placement into foster care



MOTHERS

FATHERS

Mothers in state prison are 5 times more likely to have children in foster care than fathers in state prison¹⁴

Placement in foster care means that a parent is at risk of permanently losing parental rights

Mothers in prison with minor children

47%

have one or more children under the age of 10



53%

have one or more children between the ages of 10 and 17¹⁵

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