Through the 2011 passage of North Carolina’s Justice Reinvestment Act, state leaders have managed to reduce recidivism, increase public safety and lower corrections costs through a data-driven approach designed to reinvest savings in strategies that make communities safer.

WHAT NORTH CAROLINA DID

Transforming Probation Supervision
Reinvesting How Treatment is Funded and Delivered
Reserving Prison Space for the Most Serious Offenders
Supervising People Released From Prison

NORTH CAROLINA BY THE NUMBERS

FEWER PEOPLE IN PRISON

RECIDIVISM REDUCTION

14% Drop in Returns to Prison (2011-2013)

PROBATION REVOCATIONS

50% Drop in Probation Revocations (2011-2013)

CRIME RATE

11% Drop in Crime Rate (2011-2013)

Since enacting justice reinvestment, North Carolina’s crime rate fell, as did the national rate.

BENEFITS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

An average of 15,000 people each year were returning to society from prison with no supervision before Justice Reinvestment. Today, people incarcerated on felony crimes are required to be supervised between 9 and 12 months after serving their time.

175+ Additional probation officers funded in 2013 through the savings
$560 Million saved in North Carolina
10 Correctional facilities closed
$8 Million+ Reprioritized to improve existing community-based treatment resources

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2005 36,659
2007 45,000
2009 30,000
2011 20,000
2013 20,000
2015 20,000
2017 20,000

Baseline Projection 43,220
JRA passed in June 2011
June 30, 2014 37,665
July 30, 2016 34,030
January 2018 30,000

North Carolina’s Justice Reinvestment Act

The Council of State Governments Justice Center is a nonprofit organization delivering nonpartisan advice and data-driven strategies for safer communities. The CSG Justice Center’s Justice Reinvestment Initiative aims to improve public safety while reducing corrections spending.

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