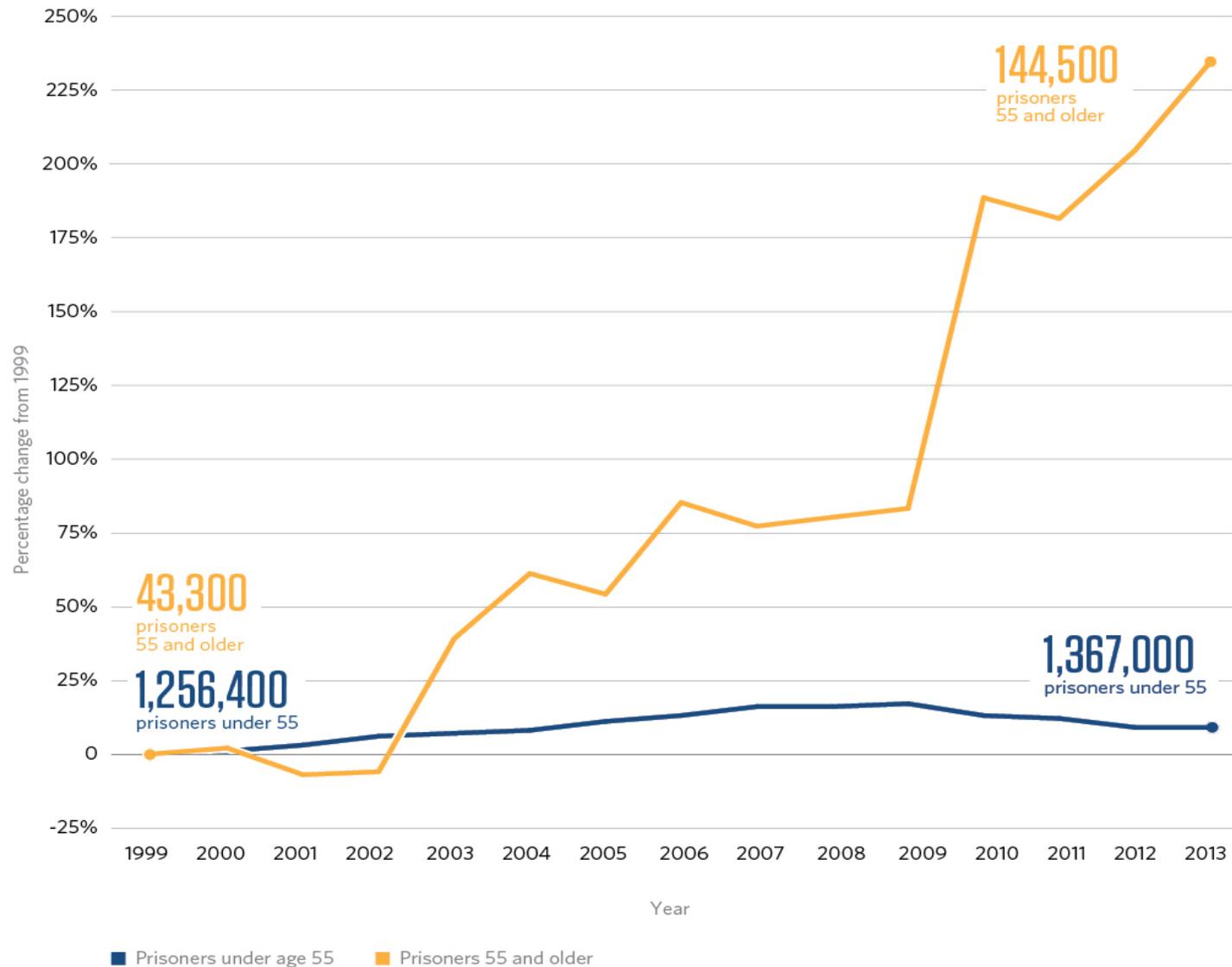


Reentry Aging and End of Life Offenders

The Number of State and Federal Prisoners Age 55 and Older Increased by 234%, 1999–2013

Percentage change in sentenced prison populations by age group



Note: The Bureau of Justice Statistics estimates the age distribution of prisoners using data from the Federal Justice Statistics Program and statistics that states voluntarily submit to the National Corrections Reporting Program. State participation in this program has varied, which

Accelerated Aging in Prison

- Develop chronic illness 10-15 years earlier than the rest of the population
- Considered elderly by the age of 50 in corrections
- Experience the effects of age sooner due to substance use, inadequate preventive and primary care prior to incarceration and stress of being incarcerated

Chronic Illness in Aging

- Prevalence of multiple chronic medical conditions in prisoners increase with age.
- One study found that 85% of prisoners aged 50 years or older in the Texas prison system have one or more chronic conditions and 61% have two or more chronic medical conditions

Issues of Aging Population

- Chronic Illness
 - In the free world 80% of older adults have one chronic condition
 - 50% have two or more.
- In 2009 a Harvard study showed –
 - 40% of the total prison population had a chronic medical condition
 - Compared to other Americans of the same age, prisoners were –
 - 31% more likely to have asthma
 - 55% more likely to have diabetes
 - 90% more likely to have a heart attack

Rising Health Care Cost

- From 2001 to 2008 health care cost per offender increased nationally by an avg. of 28% (Pew Charitable Trusts)
- In 2011, states spent \$7.7 billion (20% of total budget) to provide health care to U.S. prisoners (Bureau of Justice Statistics)
 1. Aging inmates
 2. Sicker inmates: Inmates are in poor health relative to the general population.
 3. Costlier care

Reentry for the Aging

- Face obstacles and heightened complexities
 - Increased rates of homelessness
 - Low employment
 - Increased anxiety
 - Community and family ties
 - Chronic medical conditions
 - Increased mortality rates

Access to Health Care

- Released inmates are typically low income and have high health care needs, but have been ineligible for Medicaid until the expansion under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- Medicaid
 - Expansion states
 - Non Expansion states

Health Care Reform

- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (public Law 111-148) created changes in the availability of health insurance by expanding coverage
- It includes lowering health care costs for some individuals and expanded the Medicaid program in the states.
- The expansion in Medicaid was intended to provide health coverage for adults without dependent children (single adults) who were below the federal poverty guideline of 133 percent.
- This group was targeted since many were uninsured or underinsured and it is a known fact that the underinsured or uninsured do not access health care routinely.

Affordable Care Act

- Changes the way justice involved populations' access health care in the community.
- Being able to access Medicaid allows more improved access to health care, including behavioral health
- Having access to health care system is more important for people involved with the criminal justice system as prevalence of chronic diseases including mental health disorders are much higher among them. This should be an integral part of reentry programs.
- There is evidence to show that having health insurance will augment the chance of successful reentry.

Louisiana Medicaid



Eligibility Determination

Age 65 or older

Blind

Pregnant

Disabled according to SSA disability criteria

What is covered for incarcerated offenders:

inpatient stay >23 hours

Medicaid is retro active for 90 days

Release Planning / Reentry

- DOC releases approximately 15,000 offenders per year.
- Multidisciplinary Approach
- Identify high level of care, high need 6 months prior to earliest release date
- 5 months & ongoing – meet with offender to determine needs and begin discharge planning
- Release of Information to Community Agency
- Probation & Parole Advisory Form – for high acuity, high need offenders

Reentry Efforts

- Multi Office Collaboration
 - Office of Public Health Linkage for HIV + offenders releasing
 - Veteran Affairs
 - SSA/Disability
 - Office of Behavioral Health - Pre-release conferencing for the most seriously mentally ill
 - Department of Health & Hospitals for Medicaid
- Common drug formulary for prisons, jails, mental health and Medicaid
- Formerly Incarcerated Transition Clinic (FIT) – anyone releasing, 50 and older with chronic illness on medication.
- Substance Use Treatment

340-B Pricing

- Cost savings for certain hospitals and drugs
- Started accessing rates for other high cost drugs
- Some Examples of savings

Drug	Cost	340-B Cost	Savings
Truvada	\$894	\$456	\$438 (51%)
Atripla	\$1456	\$736	\$720 (51%)
Stribild	\$3474	\$1741	\$1733 (50%)
Complera	\$1816	\$915	\$904 (50%)
		Total Savings for 4 prescriptions	\$3,795

Medical Releases

- Few states have released offenders
- Key barriers include
 - Shortage of nursing home spaces for such offenders
 - Many older and infirm prisoners were convicted of violent crimes or sentenced under habitual-offender laws
 - Opposition among policymakers and the public to the concept of medical or geriatric parole

Medical Release Legislation

- Clearly defines " permanent incapacitation" by providing objective definitions used commonly to measure disability.
- Defines " terminal illness" by stipulating a threshold for the life expectancy
- It provides for the language that the medical condition is only one of the factors before making a decision.
- Evidence based criminogenic risk assessment criterion
- Parole Committee perform a thorough risk assessment is done to determine the risk to public safety.
- Medical parole to low risk offenders efficiently
- Classification, security and then warden considers other significant non medical factors before making the recommendation.

Louisiana Medical Releases

Compassionate Release & Medical Parole

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Approved / Released	1	1	4	10	14	27	18	16	8	9	108
Rescinded	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		1

Questions / Comments