

250,000,000

200,000,000

150,000,000

100,000,000

50,000,000

0

America's Racial Demographic

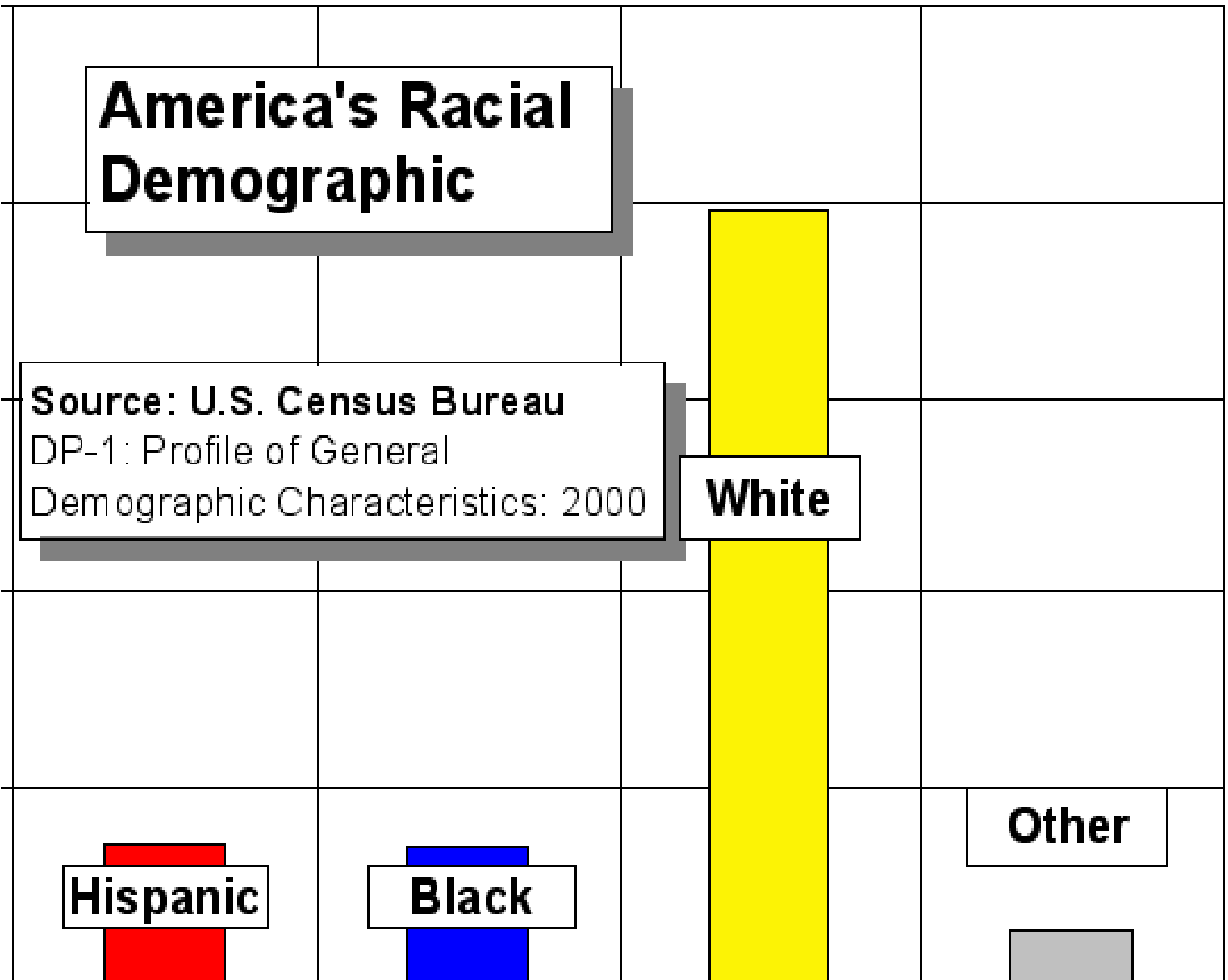
Source: U.S. Census Bureau
DP-1: Profile of General
Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Hispanic

Black

White

Other



1,000,000

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Racial Demographic: America's Prison Population 2008

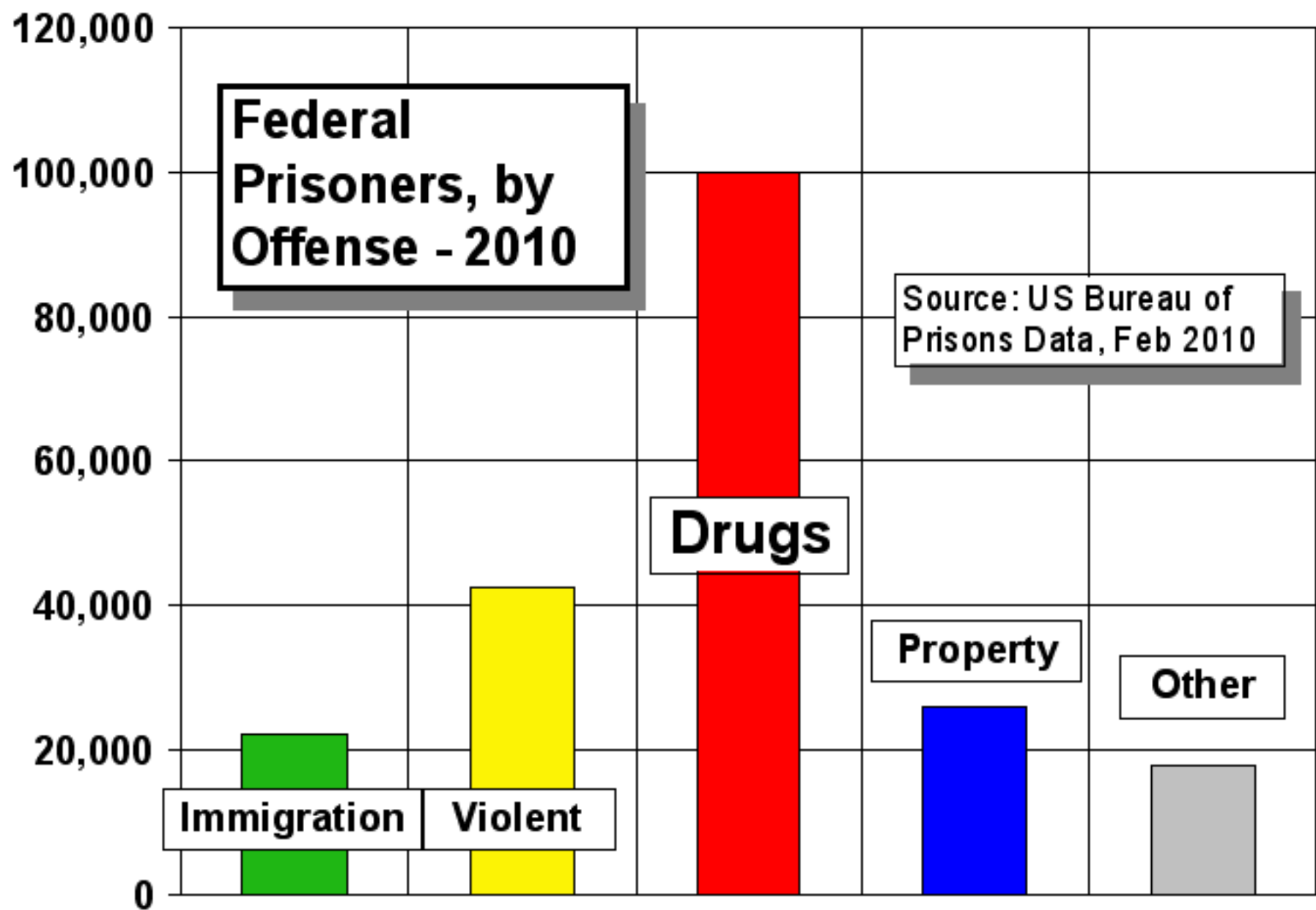
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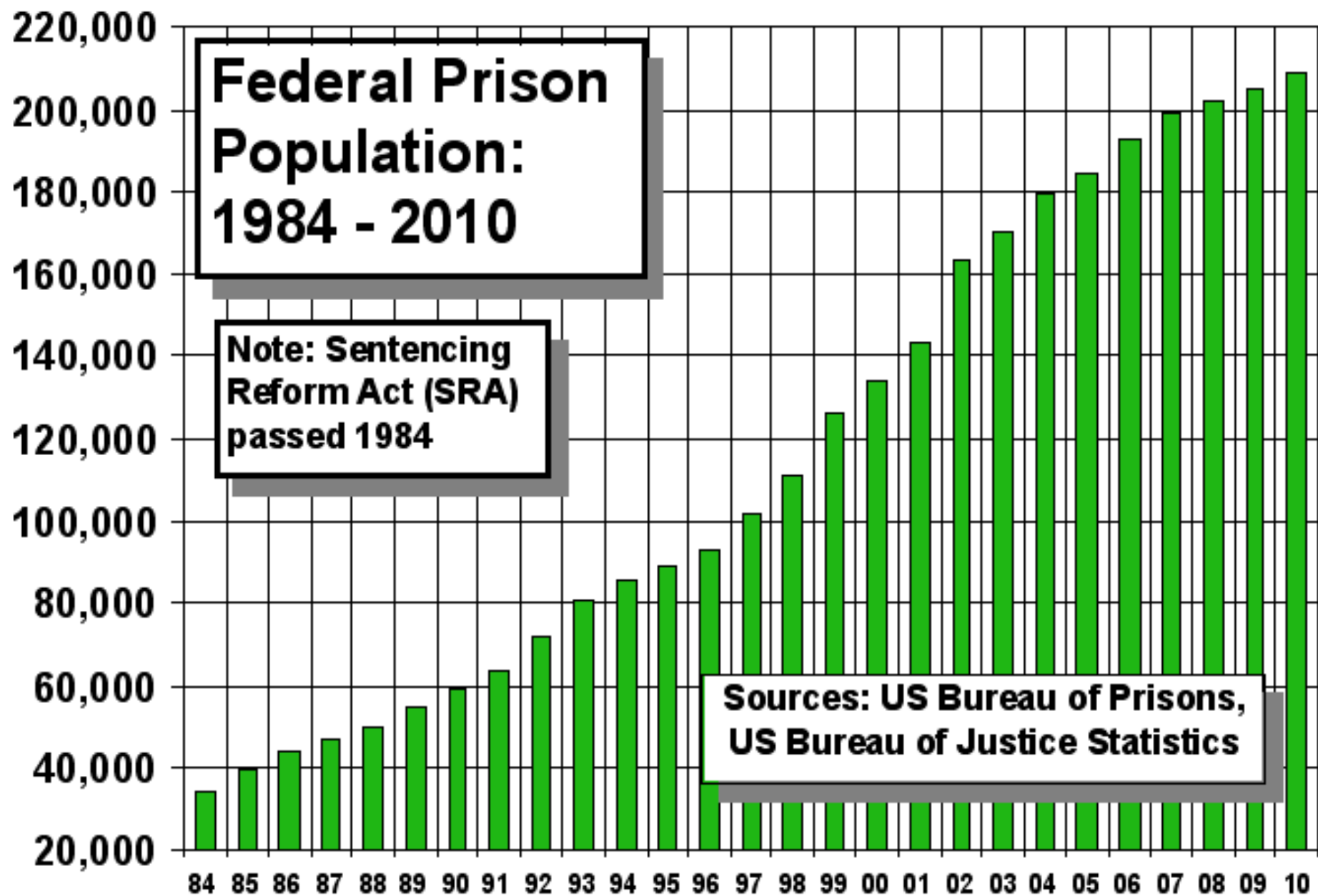
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Hispanic
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Other
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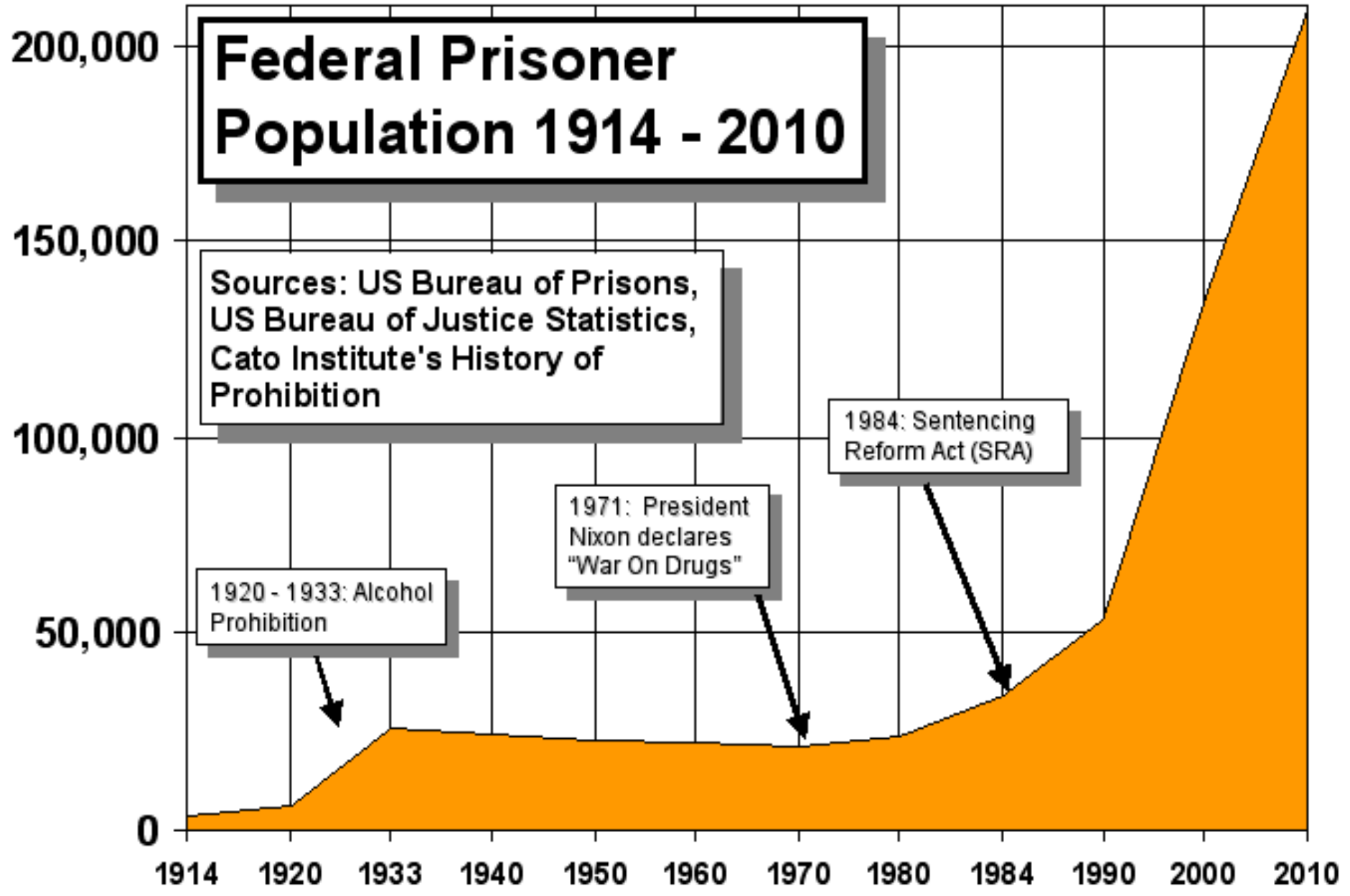
Source: U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics
Bulletin NCJ 228417 - Prisoners in 2008





Federal Prisoner Population 1914 - 2010

Sources: US Bureau of Prisons,
US Bureau of Justice Statistics,
Cato Institute's History of
Prohibition



1920 - 1933: Alcohol Prohibition

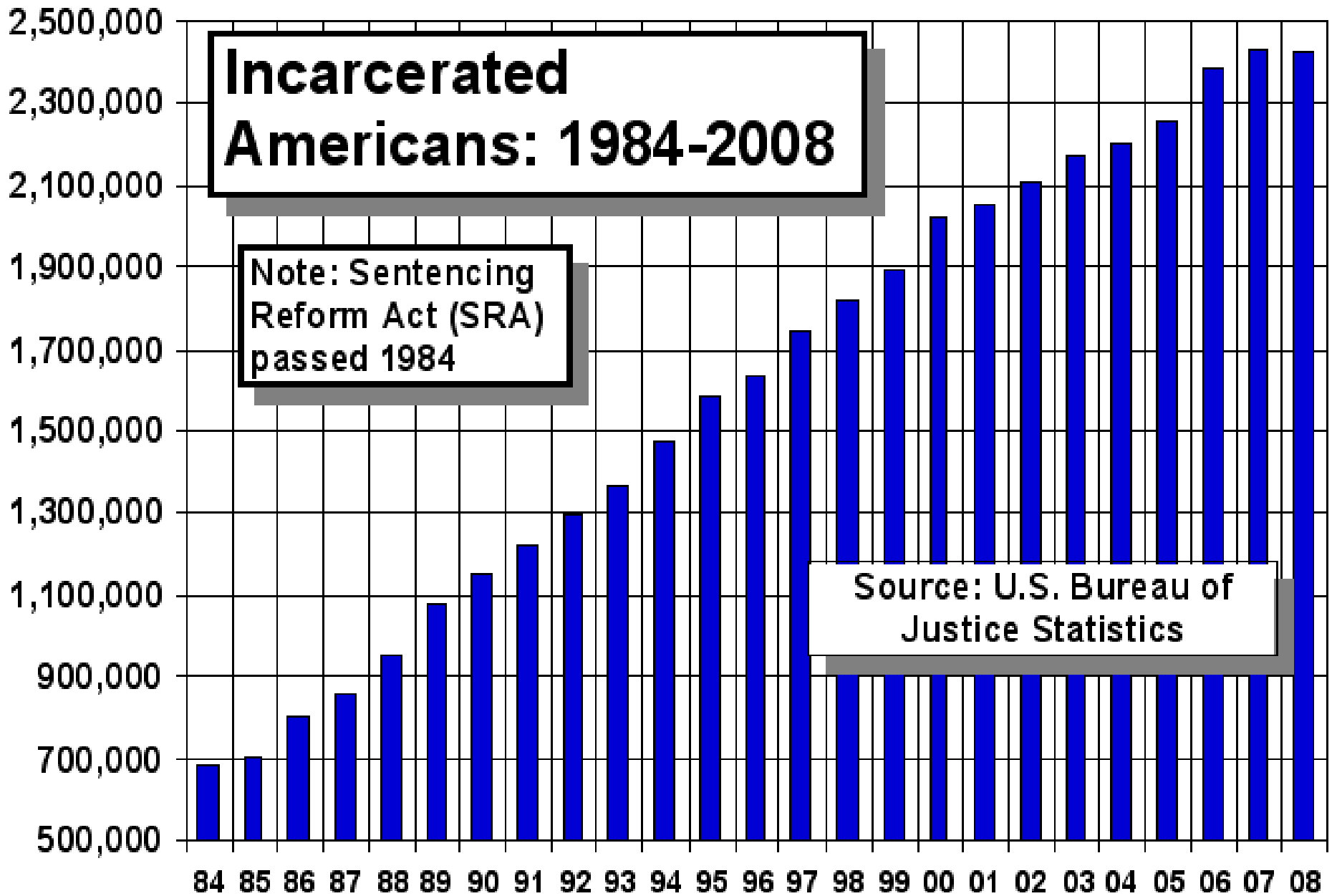
1971: President Nixon declares "War On Drugs"

1984: Sentencing Reform Act (SRA)

Incarcerated Americans: 1984-2008

Note: Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) passed 1984

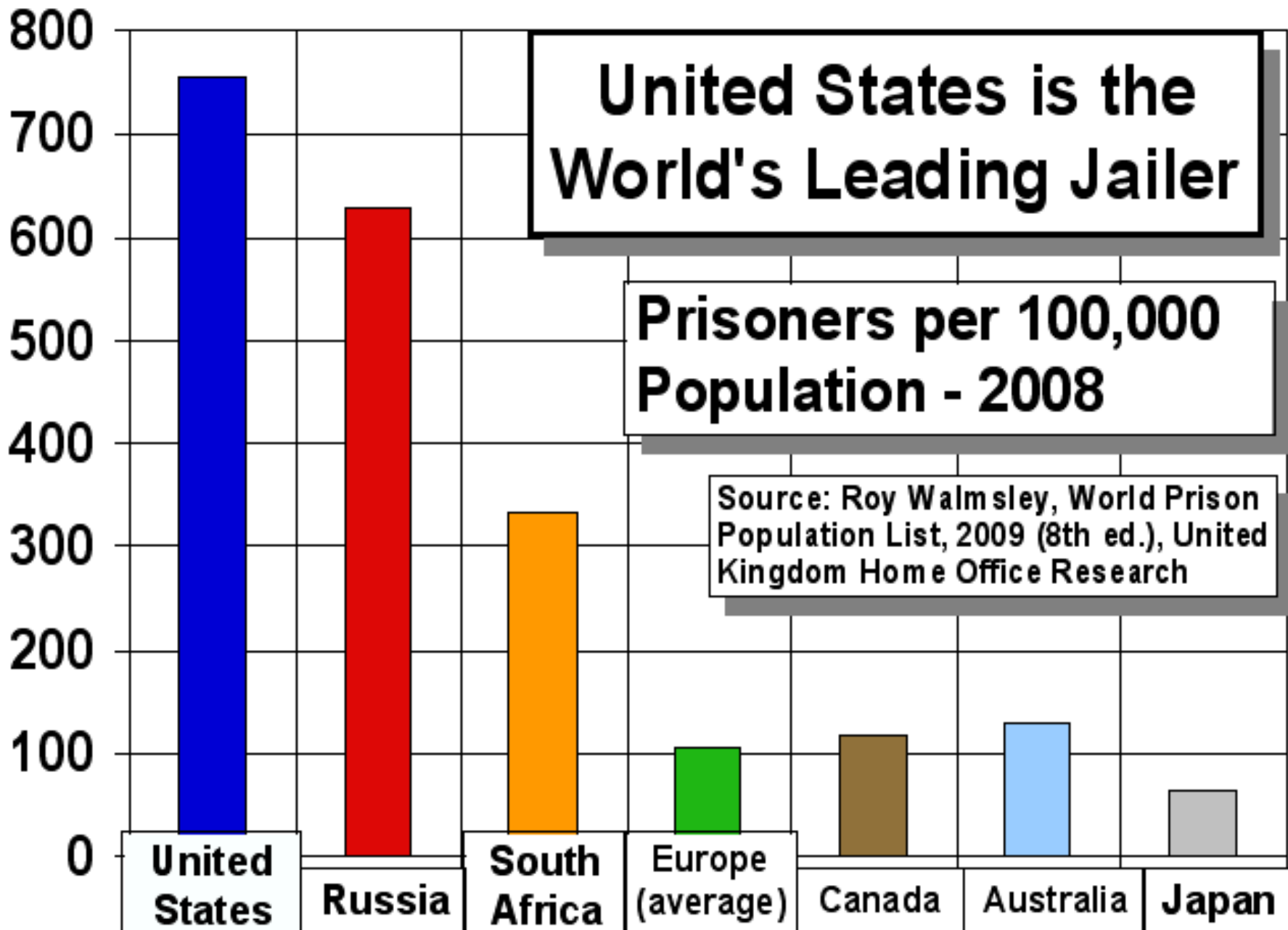
Source: U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics



United States is the World's Leading Jailer

Prisoners per 100,000 Population - 2008

Source: Roy Walmesley, World Prison Population List, 2009 (8th ed.), United Kingdom Home Office Research



The World's Leading Jailers

Prisoners of the World - 2008

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\$20

Federal Drug Control Budget (in billions)

Source: U.S. Bureau of Justice
Statistics: ONDCP, FY 2003 National
Drug Control Budget, February 2002

\$18

\$16

\$14

\$12

\$10

\$8

\$6

1991

1993

1995

1997

1999

2001

2003

Note: As of 2004, ONDCP has changed its budgetary reporting practices, and no longer includes costs of enforcement and incarceration as part of its 'Federal Drug Control Budget'.

1,000,000

Racial Demographic: America's Prison Population 2008

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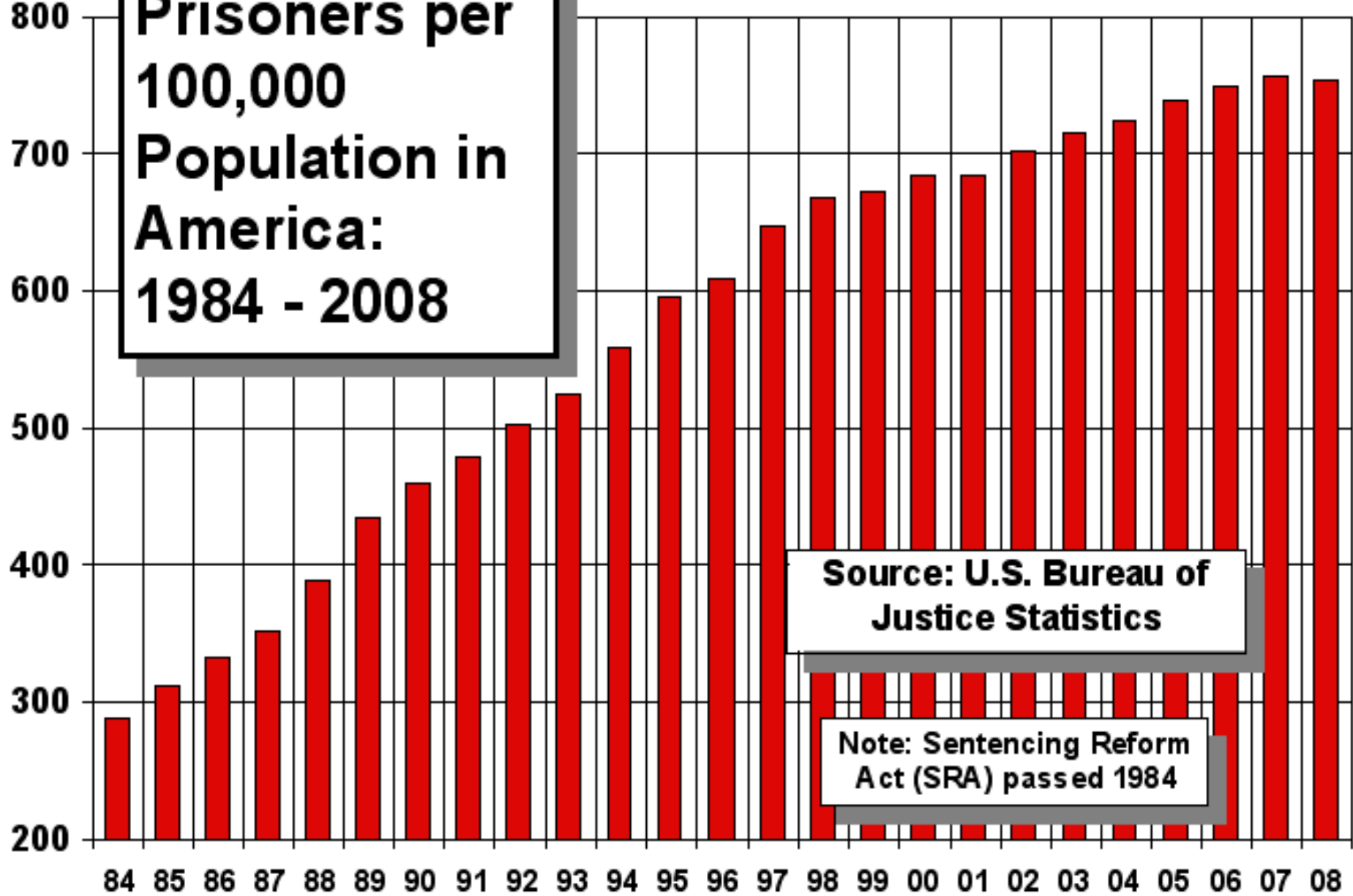
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Bulletin NCJ 228417 - Prisoners in 2008

Prisoners per 100,000 Population in America: 1984 - 2008



Source: U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics

Note: Sentencing Reform Act (SRA) passed 1984

3500

3000

2500

2000

1500

1000

500

0

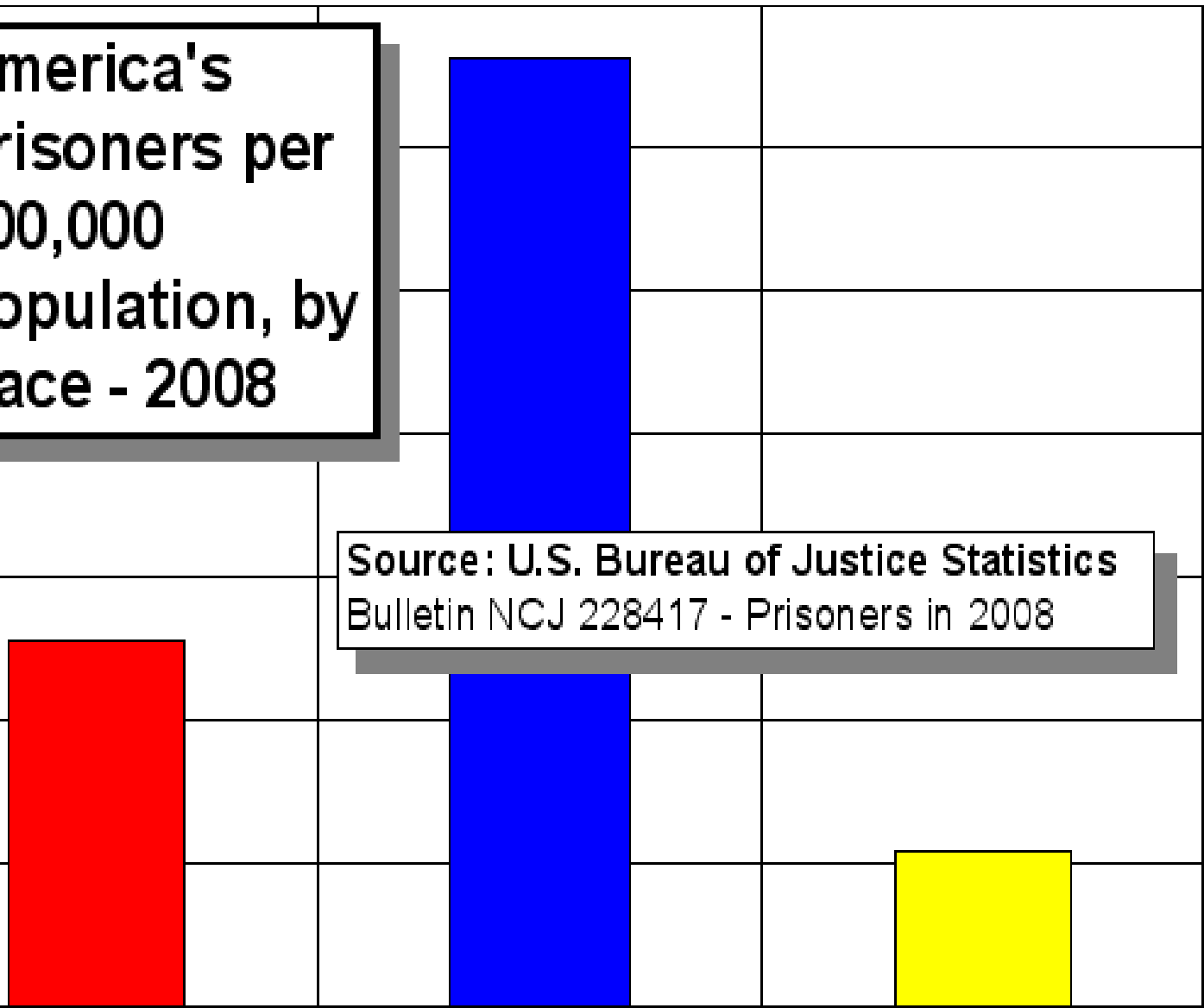
**America's
Prisoners per
100,000
Population, by
Race - 2008**

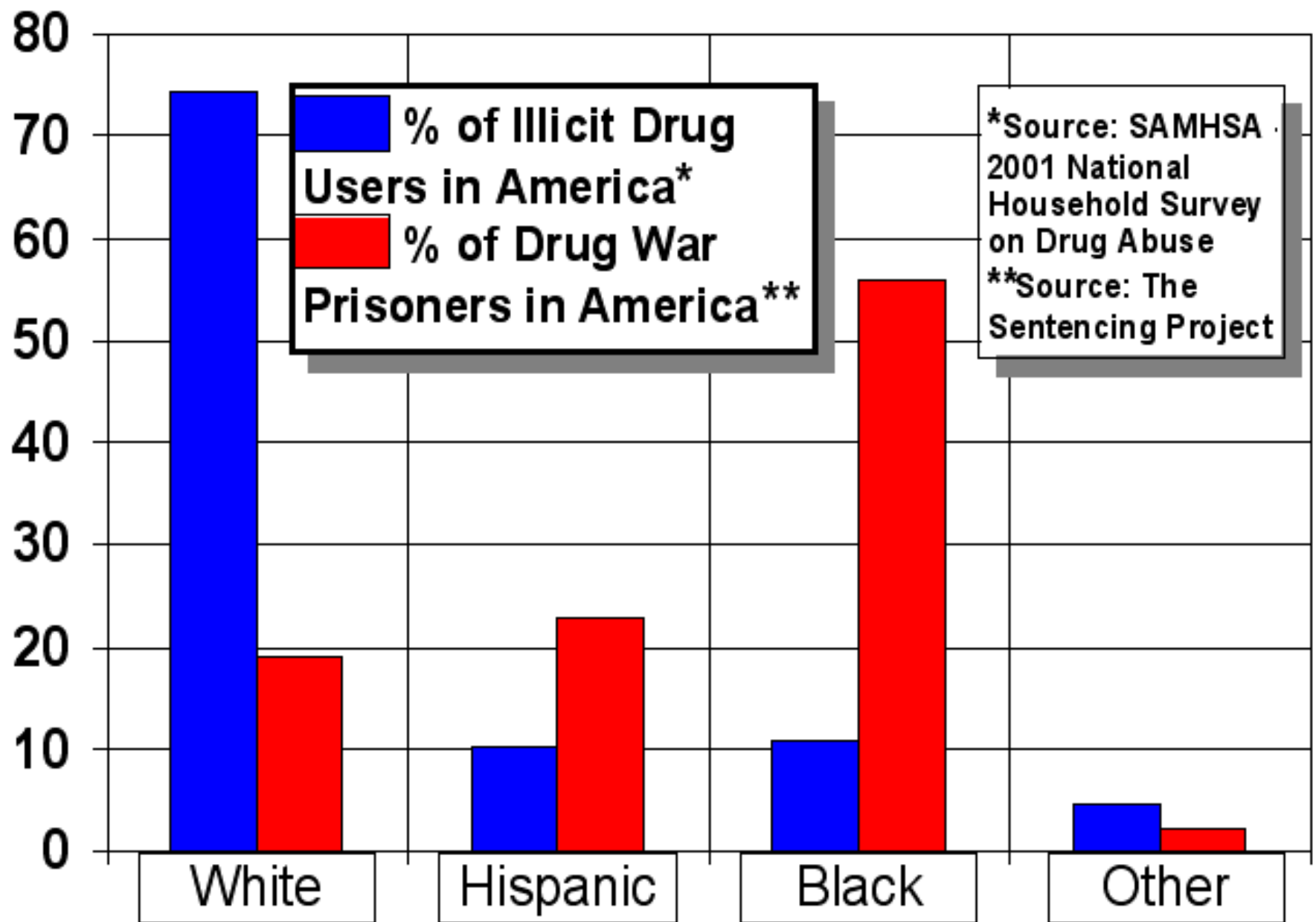
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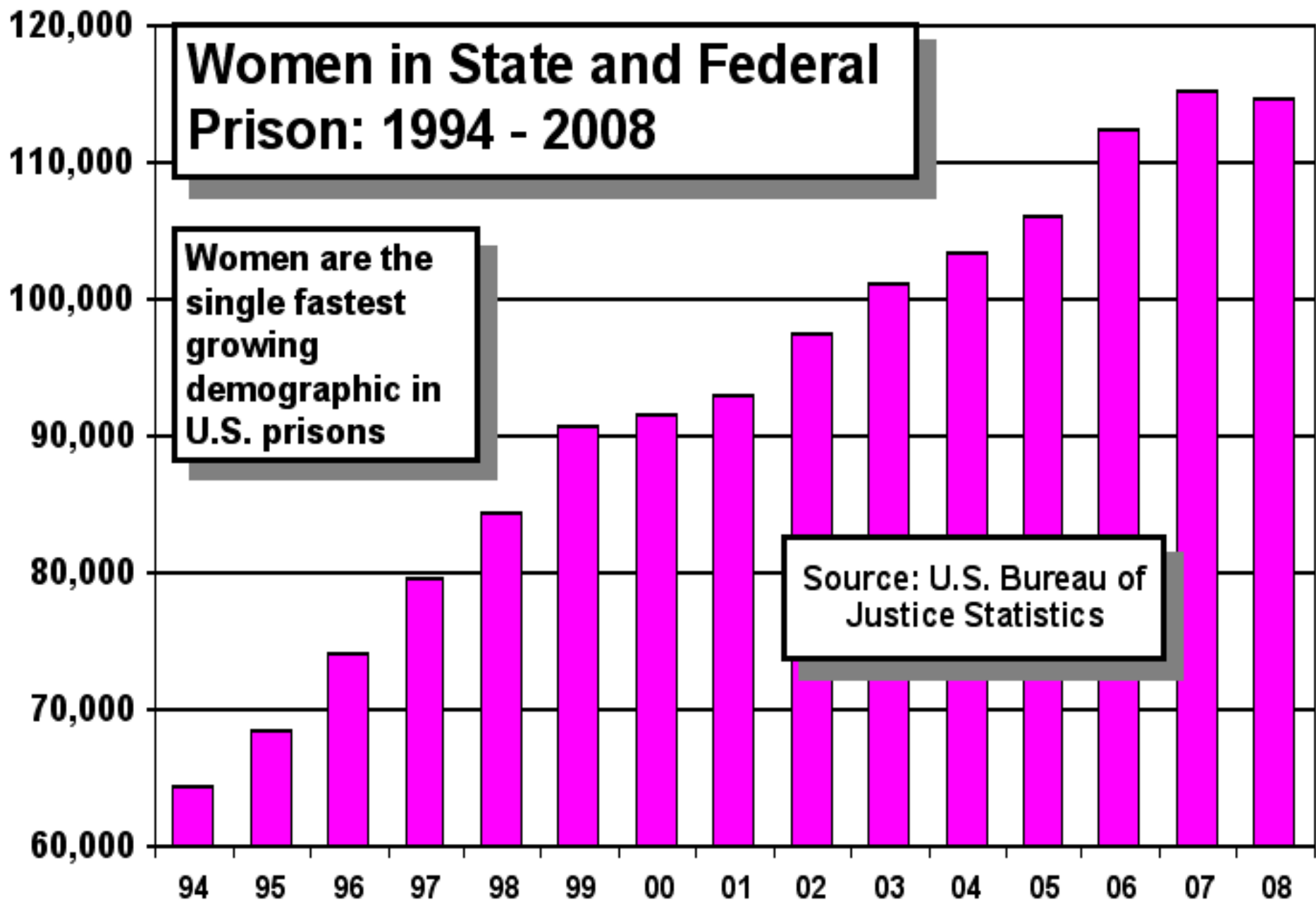
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70%

60%

50%

40%

30%

20%

10%

0%

Drug Sellers By Race

(Percent, based on
survey response)

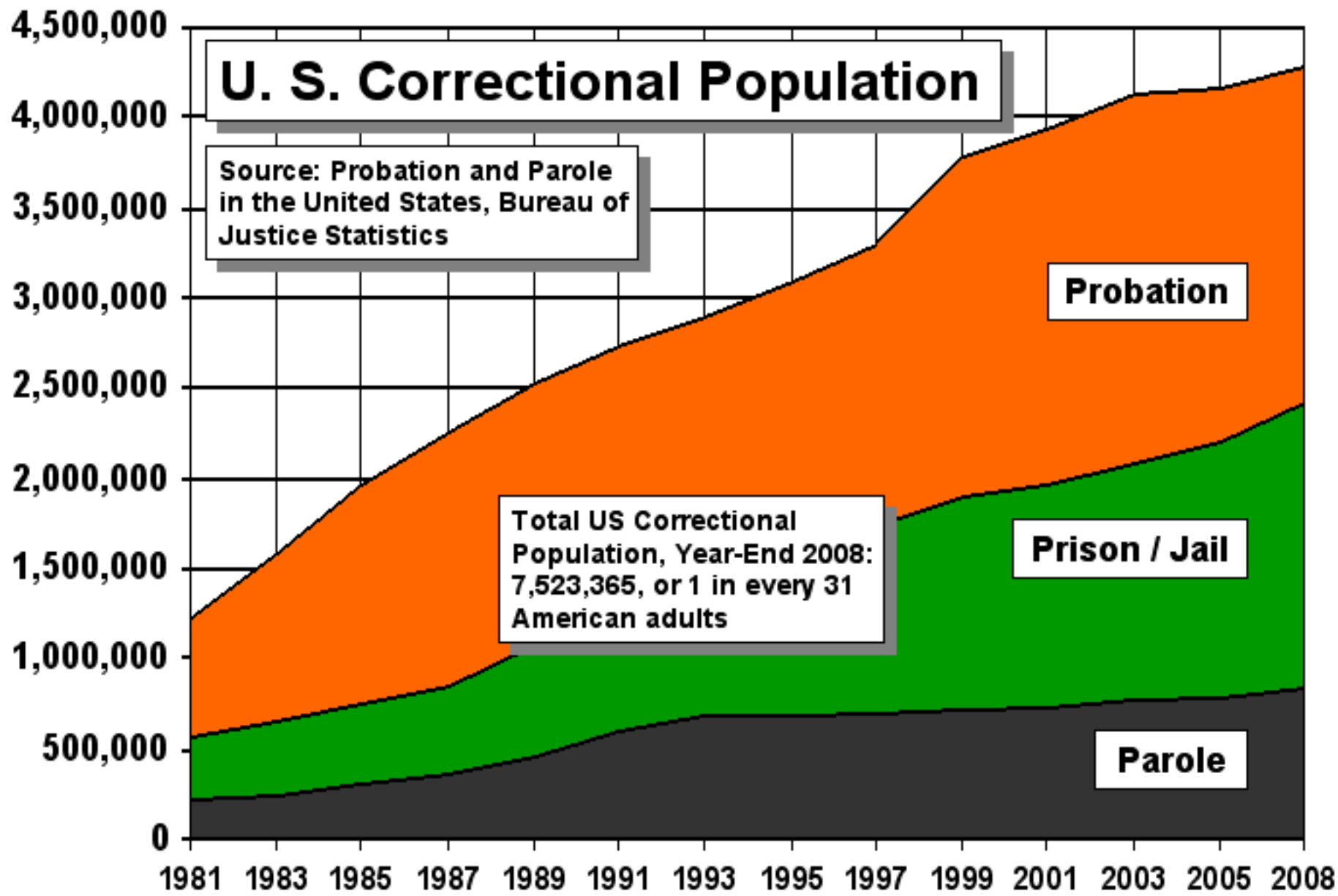
Source: 2004 National Survey on Drug Use & Health, U.S.
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

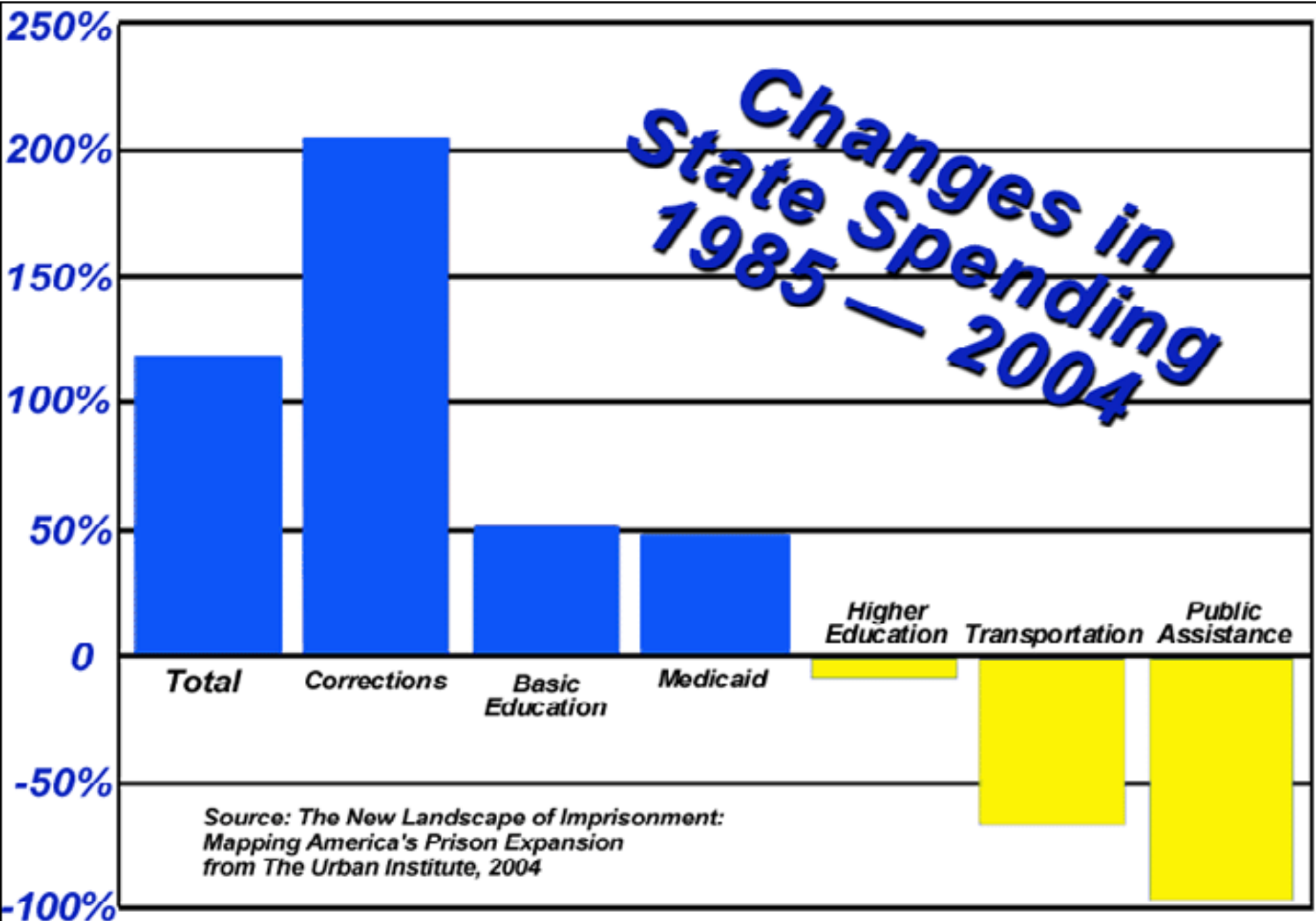
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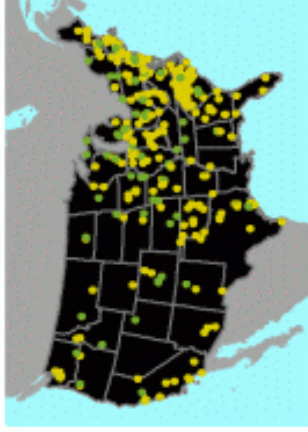
U.S. Prison Proliferation, 1900-2000

1900



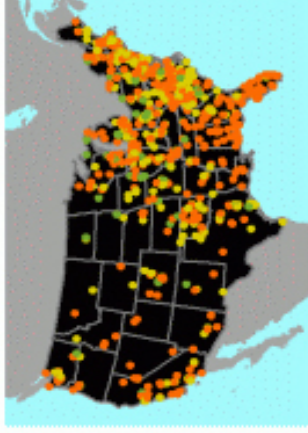
People in state and federal prisons: 57,070
Rate per 100,000 U.S. residents: 69¹

1940



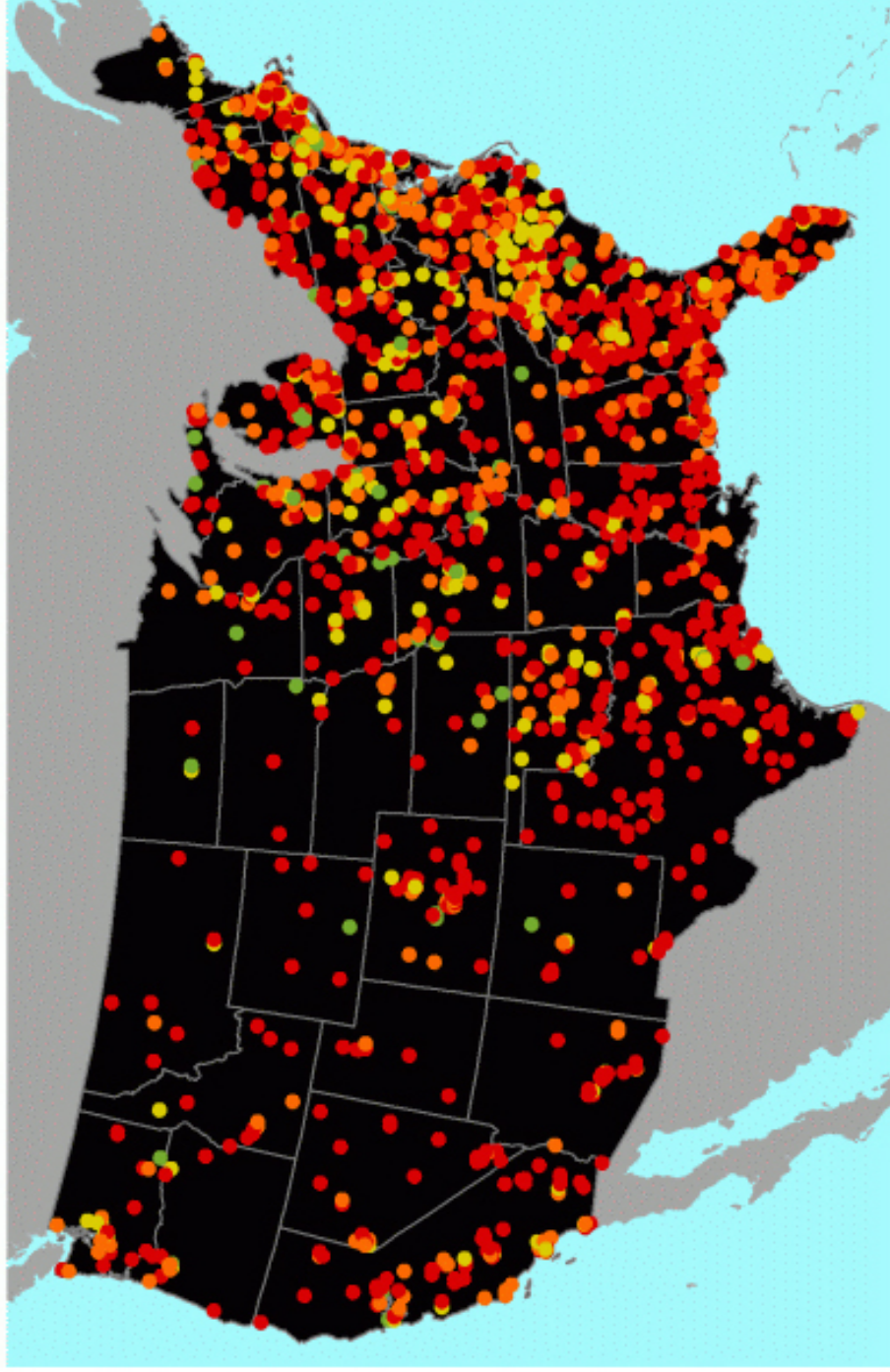
People in state and federal prisons: 165,586
Rate per 100,000 U.S. residents: 125¹

1980



People in state and federal prisons: 329,821
Rate per 100,000 U.S. residents: 145¹

2000



People in state and federal prisons: 1,312,354. Rate per 100,000 U.S. residents: 478

¹In addition to the prisons represented here, the United States has more than 3,000 jails holding people awaiting trial or serving short sentences. Overall, the United States incarcerated over 2 million people (one in every 143 U.S. residents) in prisons and jails at yearend 2000.²

Year Prison Opened: ● 1778 - 1900 ● 1901 - 1940 ● 1941 - 1980 ● 1981 - 2000

Designed by Rose Heyer for PrisonersoftheCensus.org

Created March 28, 2005. Data Source: U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. *Census Of State And Federal Adult Correctional Facilities, 2000.* Conducted by U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. [CPSR ed. Ann Arbor, MI, 2004. Cartography Source: Environmental Systems Research Inst. ¹U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. *Historical Corrections Statistics in the United States, 1850 - 1984*, Dec. 1986. ²U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. *Prisoners in 2000*, Aug. 2001.