

# **Prisoner Reentry: Addressing the Challenges of Returning Home**

**Reentry: The National Picture**

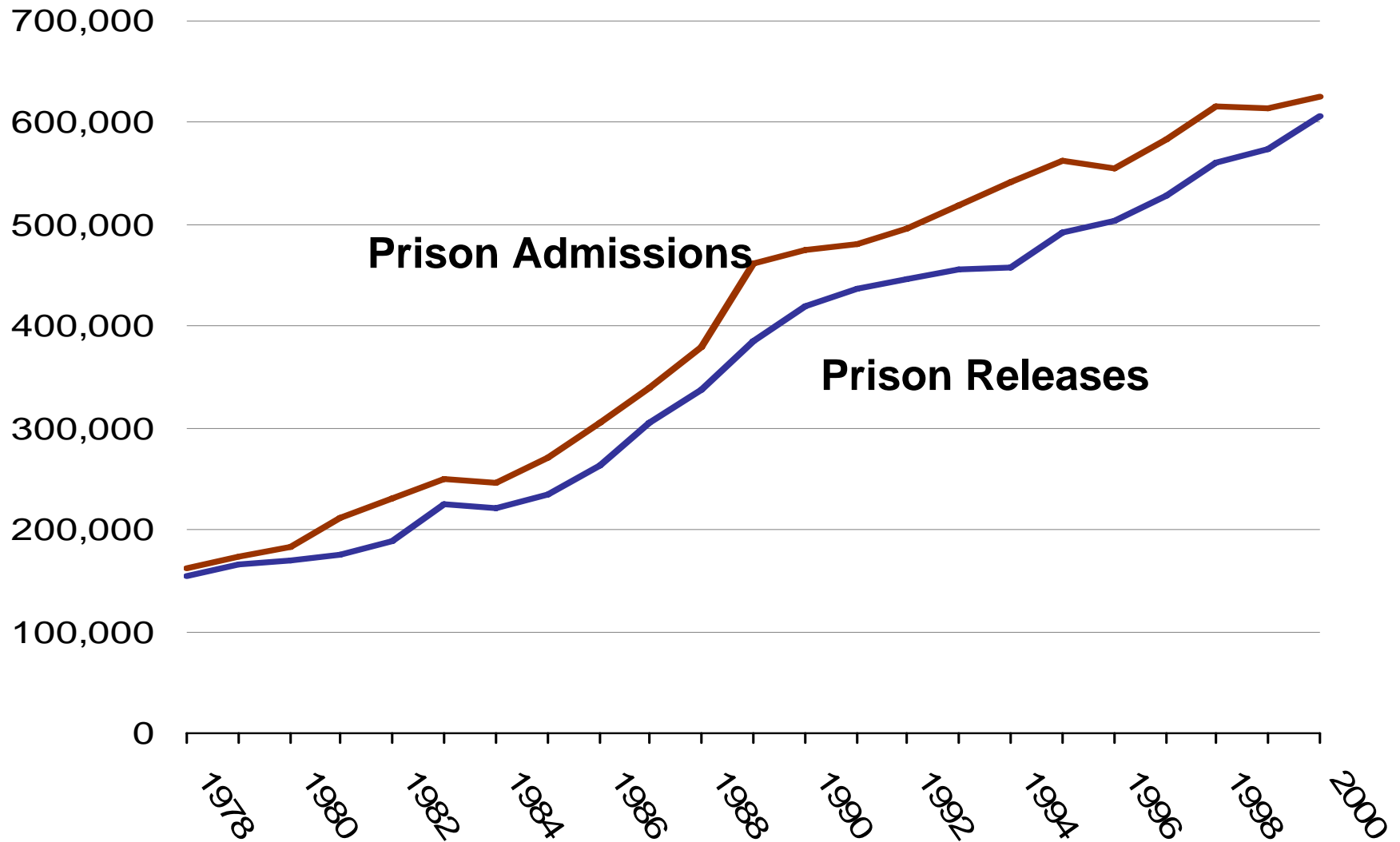
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# More People are Leaving Prison

## More than 600,000 Released in 2000

Sentenced Prisoners Admitted and Released from Federal and State Prison, 1977-2000



Source: The Urban Institute, 2001. Based on BJS National Prisoner Statistics.

# Who is Returning Home?

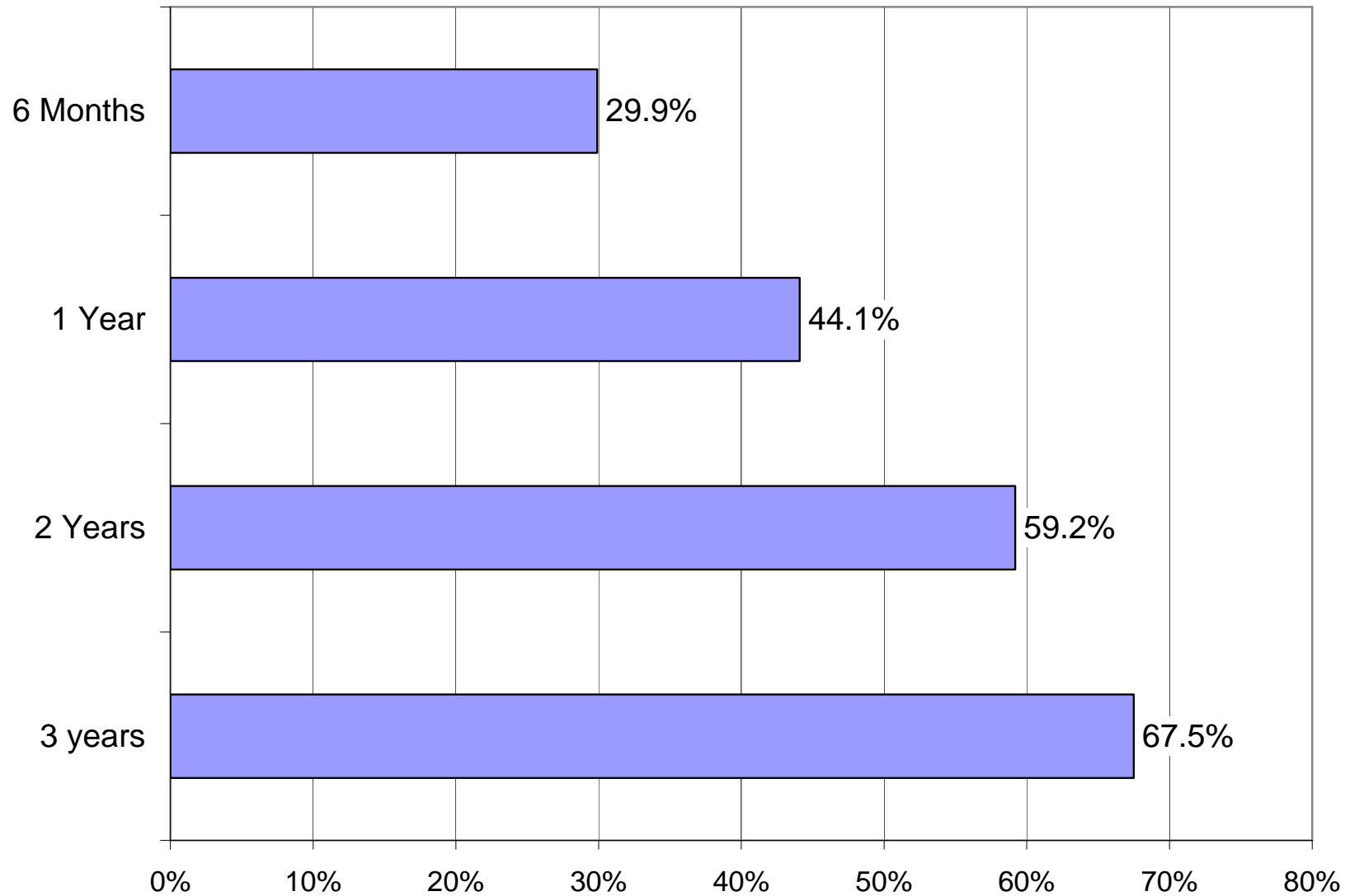
- 91% Men, but number of women growing
- 33% White, 47% African-American, 16% Hispanic
- Average age is 34 years
- 41% of state prisoners have no HS diploma or GED
- 55% of Men and 65% of Women have minor children
- About three-quarters report alcohol or drug abuse
- At least 16% have mental illness
- 3% carry HIV, 18% have Hepatitis C, 7% have TB

# Who Should Care About Reentry?

- **Public Safety**
- **Public Health**
  - **Physical and Mental**
  - **Substance Abuse**
- **Employment**
- **Housing**
- **Families and Communities**



# Rearrest Rates of Prisoners Released in 1994

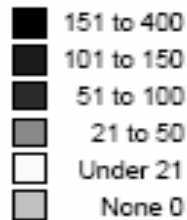


Source: Langan and Levin 2002; Note: Percentages are cumulative

# Prisoner Reentry is Not Evenly Distributed Across Communities

Brooklyn, NY  
2000

Jail & Prison Admissions (1 Yr)



Residents on Probation/Parole

