

Milwaukee County Community Justice Council

Community Engagement Sessions

Prepared by the Public Outreach & Education Committee

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Visit the CJC website: <http://milwaukee.gov/cjc>

Mission

The mission of the Milwaukee County Community Justice Council (CJC) is to work collaboratively to ensure a fair, efficient, and effective justice system that enhances public safety and quality of life in our community.

History of Milwaukee CJC

- CJC envisioned as a mechanism to enhance coordination among the many different criminal justice system agencies and professionals.
- Initially gave input on management on the jail population and other corrections resources.
- Established by resolution of the County Board of Supervisors on May 17, 2007.
- 30 of Wisconsin's 72 counties have criminal justice collaborating councils.
- Milwaukee's council specifically named "Community" Justice Council to emphasize importance of citizen input and cooperation.

Goals of CJC

- Enhance public safety
- Foster collaboration among agencies
- Create efficiencies in the use of limited resources
- Implement sustainable evidence-based practices
- Educate the community about justice-related issues
- Engage neighborhoods in productive responses to crime & social disorder

CJC Organizational Structure



Council Members

- Council comprised of 27 members including key leaders in criminal justice, local & state government, and local service providers
 - Examples of agencies represented:
 - District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Courts, Wisconsin Community Services, Benedict Center, Department of Health & Human Services
- Council meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every other month
 - 9:30-11:00am at the Clinton Rose Senior Center (3045 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Drive)
 - Remaining 2011 Schedule: September 28th and November 23rd
 - Open to the public
 - Check CJC website for meeting agenda and details
<http://milwaukee.gov/cjc>

Past Council Meeting Topics

- WDOJ/OJA: Racial Disparities in Sentencing Task Force Follow-up
- Milwaukee Police Department: Evidence-based practices in policing
- Public Policy Forum: Milwaukee County's 2011 Budget and Implications for the Criminal Justice System
- Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department: Discipline, Order, Training, Structure (D.O.T.S) Initiative
- Chief Judge: Judicial Bail conference and Criminal Justice System Wire Mapping
- Public Outreach Committee: Involving the Community in the Community Justice Council
- Milwaukee County Drug Treatment Court Graduation Ceremony

Executive Committee

- Milwaukee County Circuit Court Chief Judge - *Jeffrey Kremers (Chair)*
- Milwaukee County Sheriff - *David Clarke, Jr.*
- County Executive - *Chris Abele*
- Milwaukee County District Attorney - *John Chisholm*
- Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office - *Richard Schmidt, Inspector*
- County Supervisor - *Willie Johnson, Jr.*
- City of Milwaukee Mayor - *Tom Barrett*
- City of Milwaukee Chief of Police - *Edward Flynn*
- First Assistant Public Defender - *Tom Reed*
- Department of Corrections - *Roberta Gaither, Regional Chief*
- Community Member - *Kit Murphy McNally*
- Office of Justice Assistance - *Niki Leicht, Criminal Justice Policy Analyst*
- Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission – *Mallory O'Brien, Director*
- US Marshall, Eastern District of WI - *Kevin Carr (ex officio)*

Standing Committees (and Co-Chairs)

- **Data Analysis & Information**

- *Vacant*

- **Juvenile Justice**

- *Judge Marshall Murray*
- *Eric Meaux*

- **Jail & Huber Utilization**

- *Richard Schmidt*
- *Holly Patzer*

- **Programs & Interventions**

- *Holly Szablewski*
- *Kit Murphy McNally*

A description of each committee and a schedule of monthly meetings can be found on the CJC's website:

<http://milwaukee.gov/cjc/CJCStandingCommittees.htm>

- **Public Outreach & Education**

- *Beth Bishop Perrigo*
- *Dan Idzikowski*

- **Public Health**

- *Tom Reed*
- *Terry Perry*

- **Reentry**

- *Mallory O'Brien*
- *Roberta Gaither*

Members of the public are welcome to join any of the CJC standing committees!
Contact James Hiller 414-276-8240

CJC Accomplishments & Activities

Collaborative Discussions and Decision Making

- Executive Committee meets monthly
- Full Council meets every other month
- Subcommittees meet monthly

Successful Grant Applications

- Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative (NIC)
- Justice Reinvestment Initiative (BJA)

Support for Local Initiatives

- Universal Screening
- Day Reporting Center

Community Engagement Sessions

- MPD District 7 – June 20th at 6:30pm
- MPD District 5 – July 7th at 5:30pm
- Goal: All MPD Districts and other municipalities in the County

2010-2012 CJC Initiatives

Evidence-Based Decision Making

- Using evidence to inform decisions throughout the criminal justice system: at the case level, agency level, and system level.
- Mapping current criminal justice system process in Milwaukee and identifying key decision points where evidence-based programs/policies could be introduced. For example:
 - **Universal Screening**
 - **Dosage Based Sentencing**
 - **Diversion & Deferred Prosecution Agreements (DPA)**
 - **Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)**
 - **Bail Determinations**

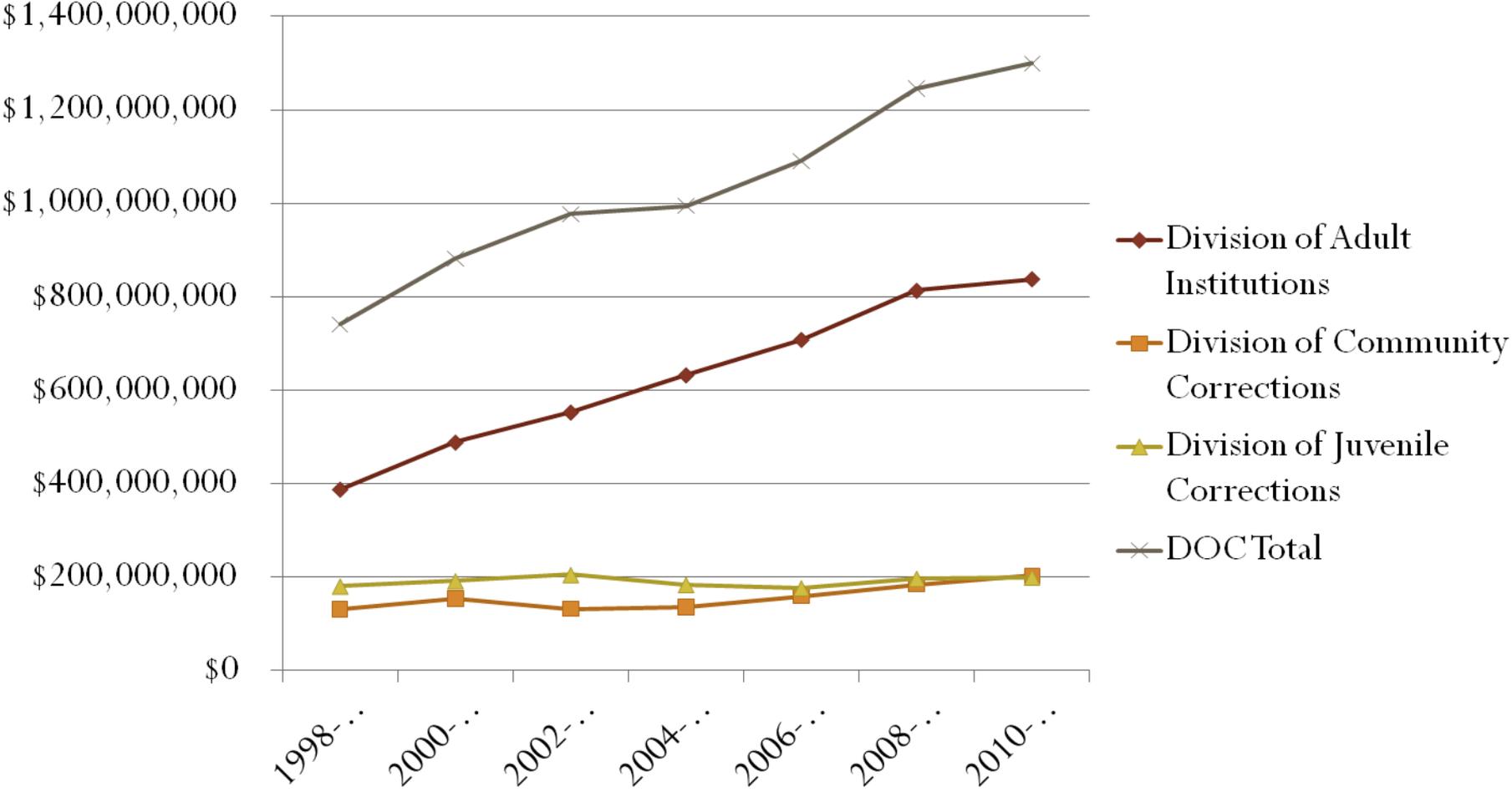
Our commitment to the discipline of EBDM will enable us to hold offenders accountable, reduce the overall crime rate and recidivism, and give taxpayers a better return on the dollars they invest in criminal justice.

Why is the Community Justice Council so Important?

- Current criminal justice system practices are *fiscally unsustainable*.
- Evidence-based practices produce *better outcomes* throughout the system, *increasing community safety*.
- Milwaukee has a *disproportionate number* of individuals involved with the criminal justice system, contributing to *racial disparity* . We need to develop/expand more effective and efficient responses.
- *Community engagement* and support is critically important to improving the justice system.

Department of Corrections Spending

Source: Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Information Papers on Adult Corrections



Corrections in Wisconsin

Source: Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Information Papers on Adult Corrections (unless noted)

- WI has 36 adult correctional facilities
- Total operating capacity: **17,590**
- Average daily inmate population: **23,015**
- Average cost per inmate: Daily - **\$88**; Annual - **\$32,100**
- Community Corrections: Probation **48,053**; Parole **19,860** (on 3/31/11)
Source: Wisconsin Department of Corrections http://www.wi-doc.com/index_community.htm
- 2010-11 Department of Corrections Budget: **\$1.3 billion**

Average daily incarceration cost for an inmate at the Milwaukee County Correctional Facilities (Central & South): **\$141**

Source: Public Policy Forum

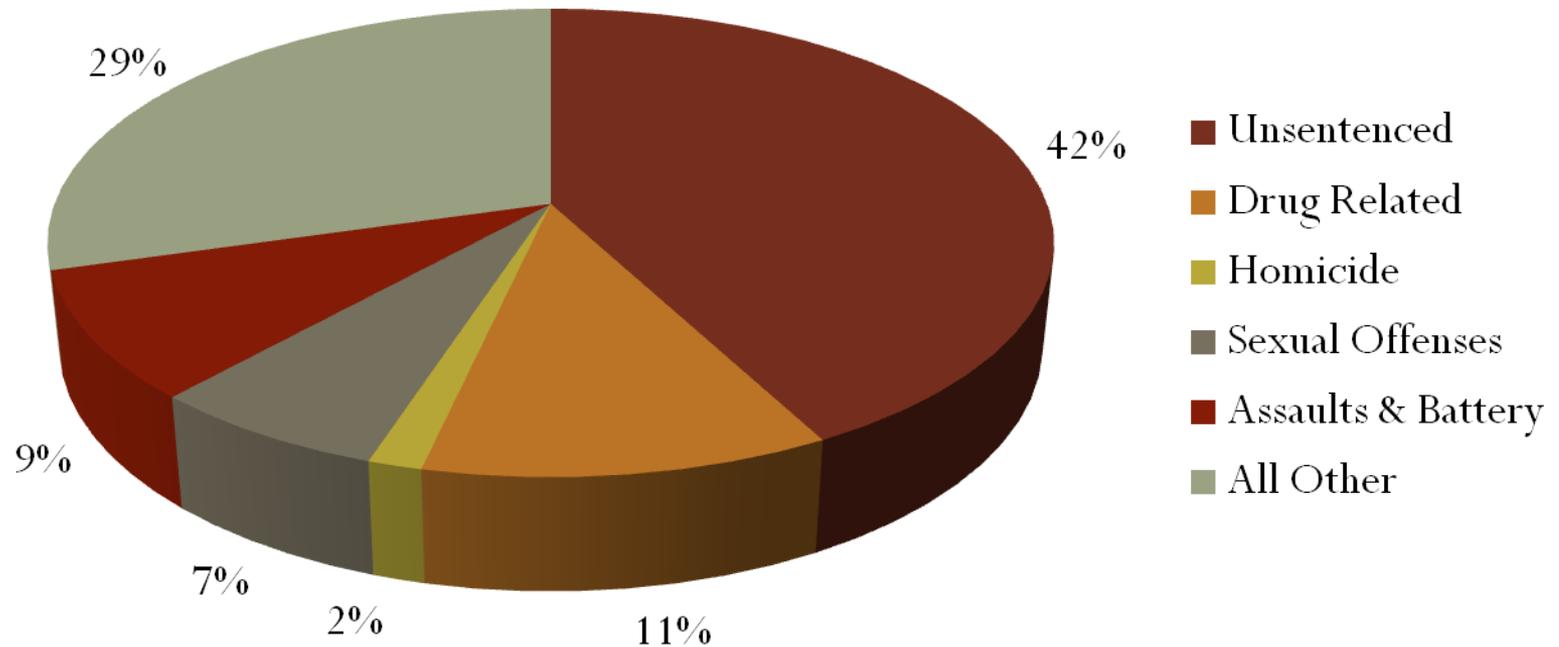
Minnesota's DOC budget for 2011: \$465 million for an inmate population of 9,650 & a community corrections population of over 138,000.

Source: MN DOC, Notable Statistics July 2010 <http://www.doc.state.mn.us/aboutdoc/stats/Default.htm>

Prison Admissions in 2009-2010

Source: Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Information Papers on Adult Corrections

15,221 Total Admissions



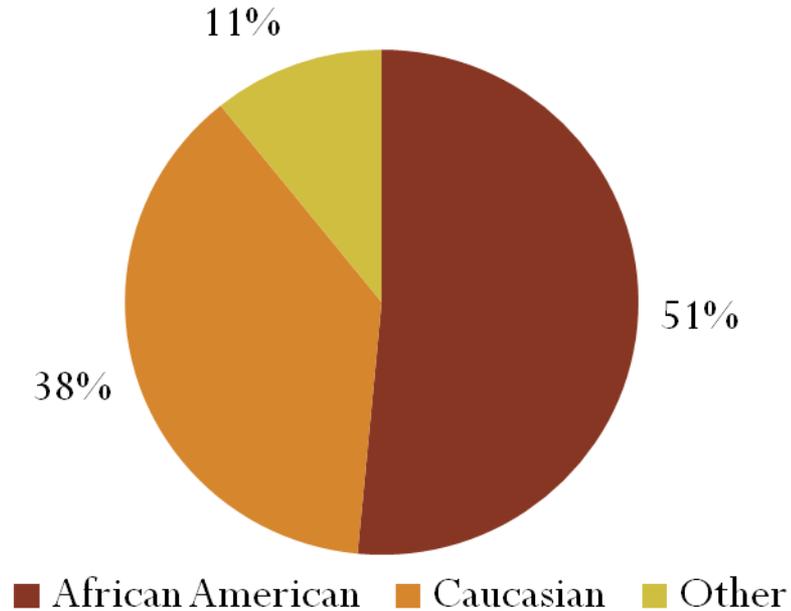
42% of inmates were admitted to prison for probation/parole violations – some of which were technical violations, not necessarily new criminal offenses.

Who's involved in the Criminal Justice System?

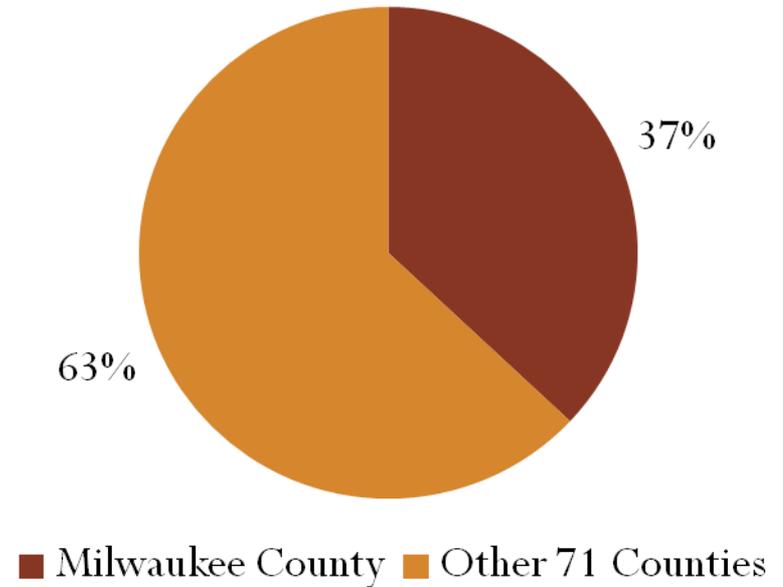
Source: Council of State Governments Justice Center, Justice Reinvestment in Wisconsin

- 10% of individuals admitted to prison in 2007 had a serious mental health disorder; another 21% had some mental health needs.
- 46% percent of people with serious mental illness who were released to the community in 2005 were re-incarcerated within two years.
- 77% of people whose community supervision was revoked reported some or frequent drug use
- 68% of those revoked were unemployed at the time

Prison Admissions by Race (2009-10)



Prison Admissions by County (2007)



While 6.2% of WI's population is African American, the same population represents 51% of prison admissions.

While Milwaukee County makes up 16% of the state's population, it is responsible for 37% of prison admissions.

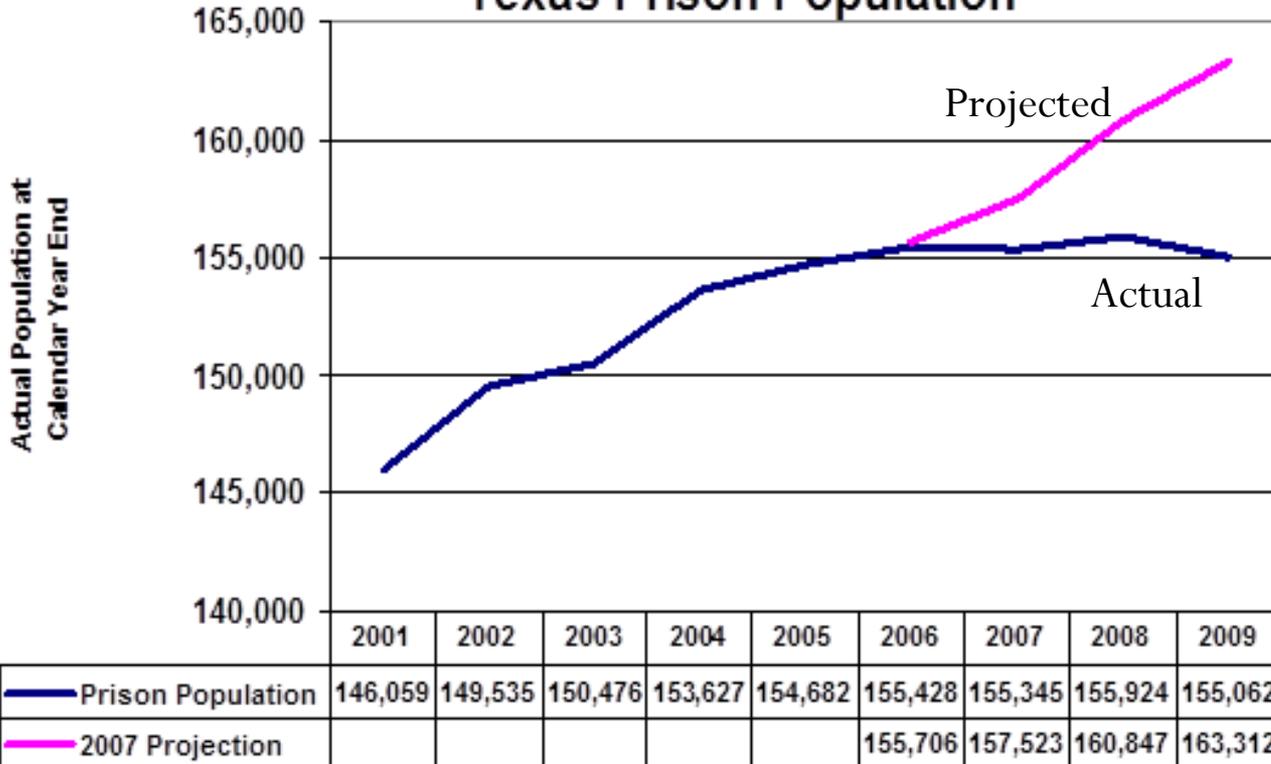
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Change is Possible: Look at Texas

Source: Council of State Governments Justice Center, Justice Reinvestment in Texas

Texas Prison Population



1985-2005: Texas' prison population increased 300% costing \$2.3 billion in prison construction

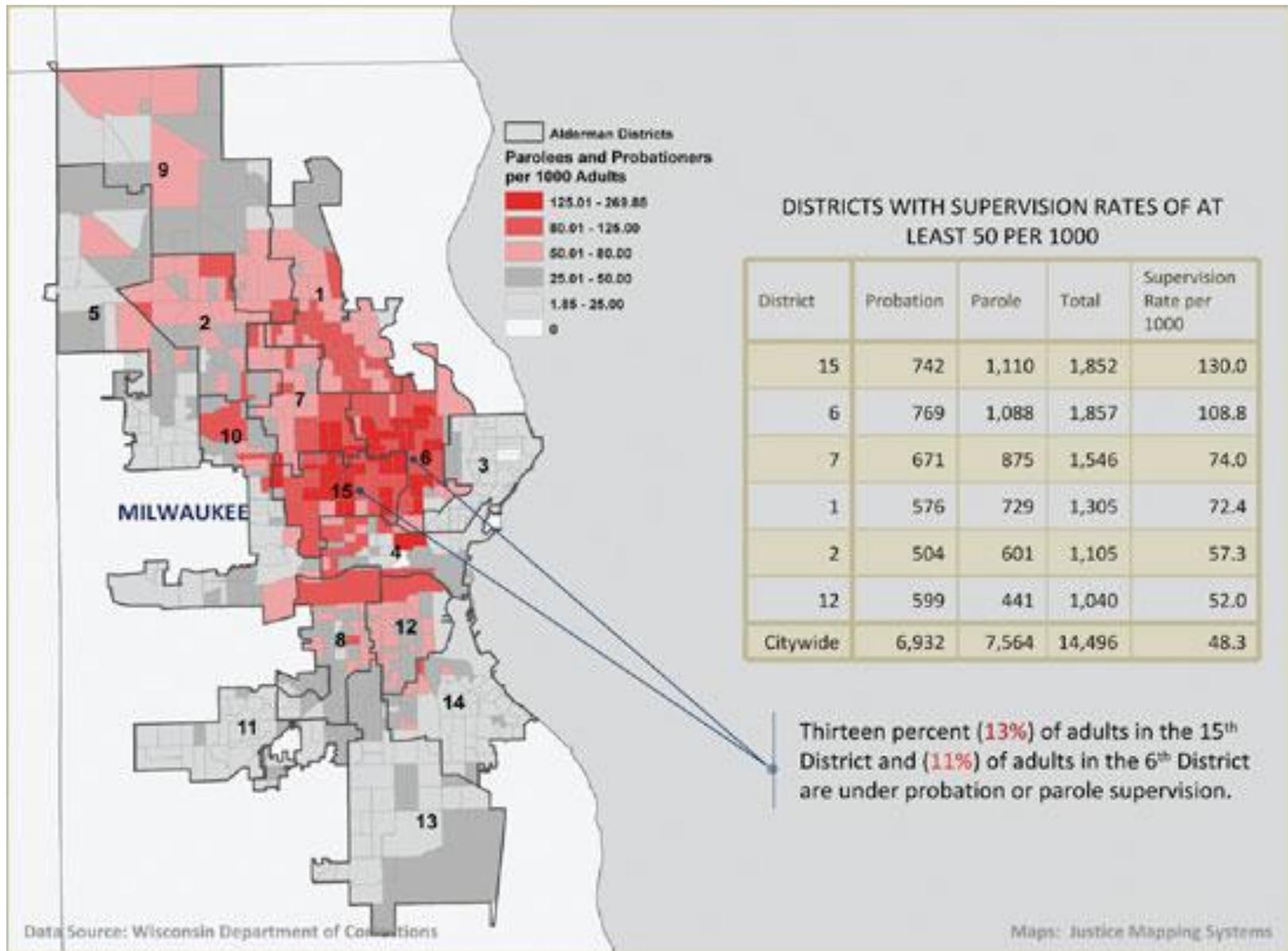
2005: Legislature enacted the Community Justice Assistance Division Act, providing \$55 million per biennium to reduce community supervision caseloads and add residential treatment beds

2007: Legislature appropriated \$241 million to expand local treatment and diversion programs instead of spending another \$532 million to accommodate the projected prison population increase of 17,000 people

Why Does the Community Need to be Engaged?

- Community members are more familiar with neighborhood problems than the criminal justice agencies are and may have more practical solutions.
- The effectiveness of the criminal justice system has a considerable impact on the quality of life in your neighborhood.
- Crime and incarceration are not evenly distributed. There are “hot spots” that experience a churning of the population as residents are sent to prison and then return, as less employable adults, to the same neighborhood.
- Costs for these neighborhoods make up a significant percentage of costs for criminal justice, child welfare, and other social services.

Adults Under Community Supervision



Role of Community Members

- Thank you for coming today!
- Continue to learn about our local criminal justice system.
- Work collaboratively to stabilize neighborhoods through sustainable approaches to community safety.
- Help build neighborhoods of opportunity that will deter recidivism and reduce racial disparity in jails and prisons.
- Learn about and advocate for Evidence-Based Practices that strengthen neighborhoods.
- Provide wisdom to inform and complement agency expertise.
- Attend and participate in CJC meetings.
- Engage leaders and hold CJC accountable to its mission.

How to Get Involved & Stay Informed

- Sign up for updates on E-Notify. Go to:
<http://county.milwaukee.gov/OPD/ENotify>
 - Create an account, select E-Notify on the left, check “Community Justice Council” under News Releases-Milwaukee County
- Attend CJCouncil meetings (held every other month).
- Participate in a standing committee. Contact CJC Coordinator Jim Hiller (276-8240) to get connected with the committee(s) you are interested in.
- Visit the courthouse and observe the process.
- Share your ideas, concerns, and questions with the CJC.

Contact Information

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