

The Scope and Impact of Parental Incarceration on Children and Families

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Mass incarceration directly impacts millions of people *But just how many, and in what ways?*



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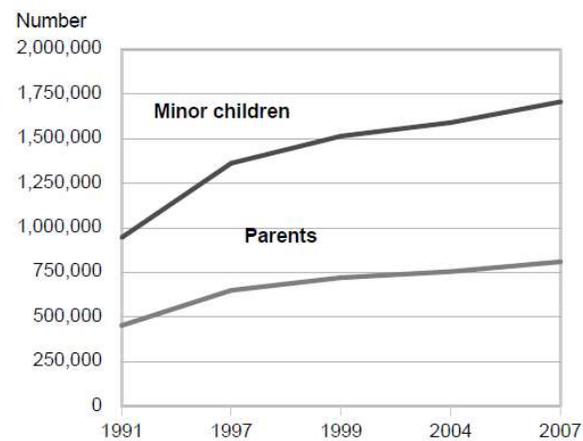
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What Happens when the People in Prisons are Parents?



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Parents in State and Federal Prison and their Minor Children

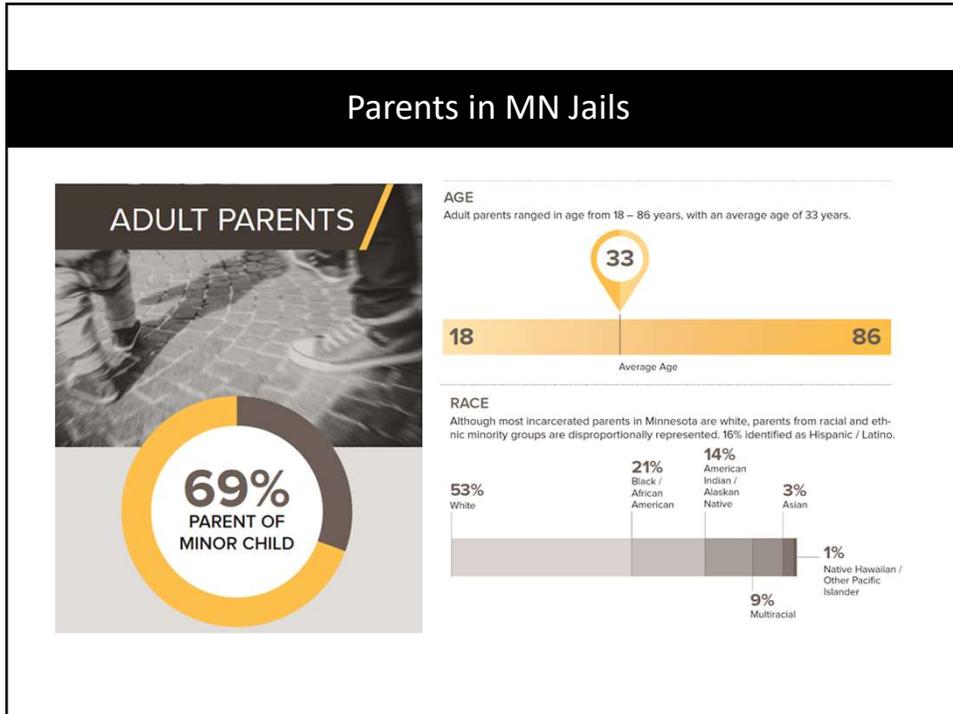


Source: Glaze & Maruschak, 2008

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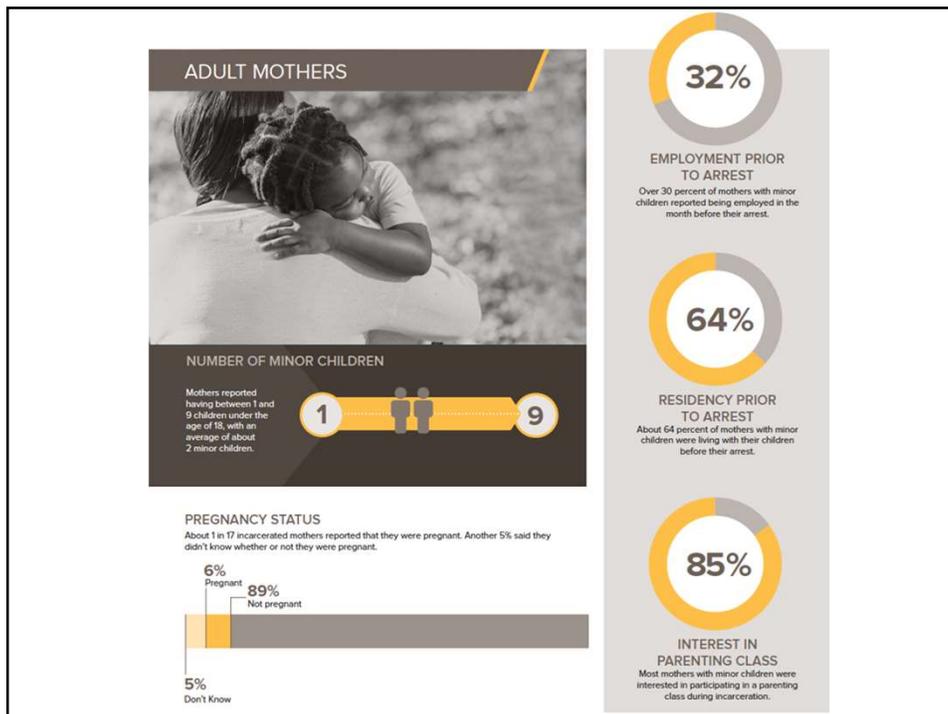
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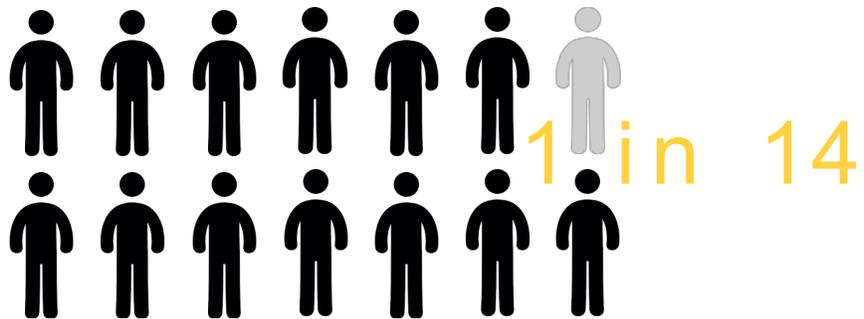


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Estimated Number of Children Impacted by Parental Incarceration

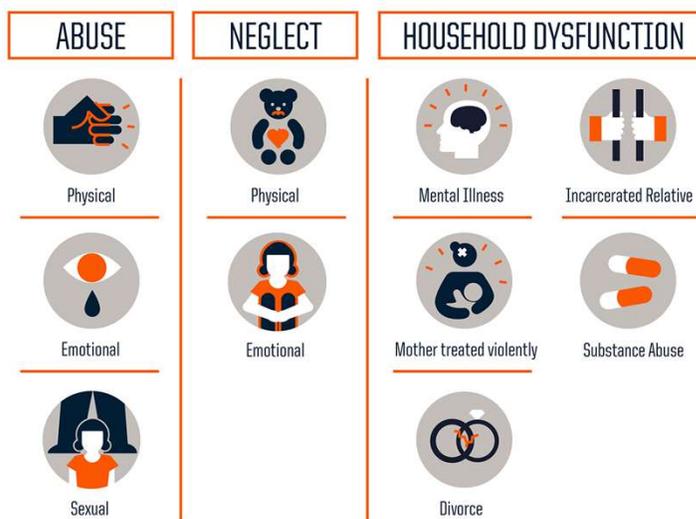


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Adverse Childhood Experiences: A framework for understanding incarceration's impact on children

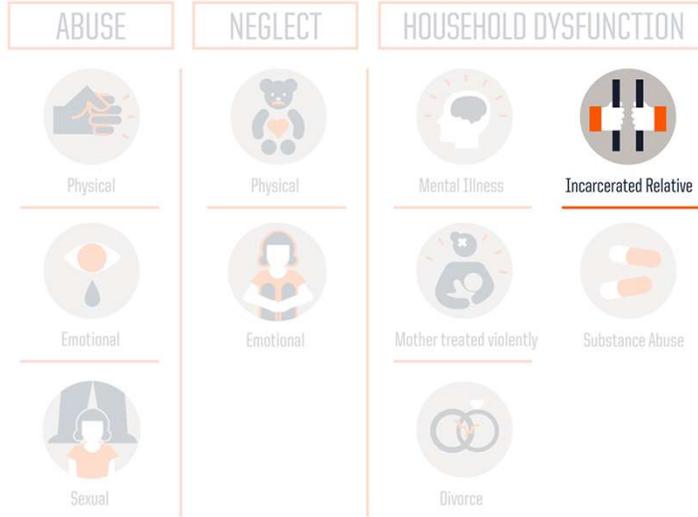
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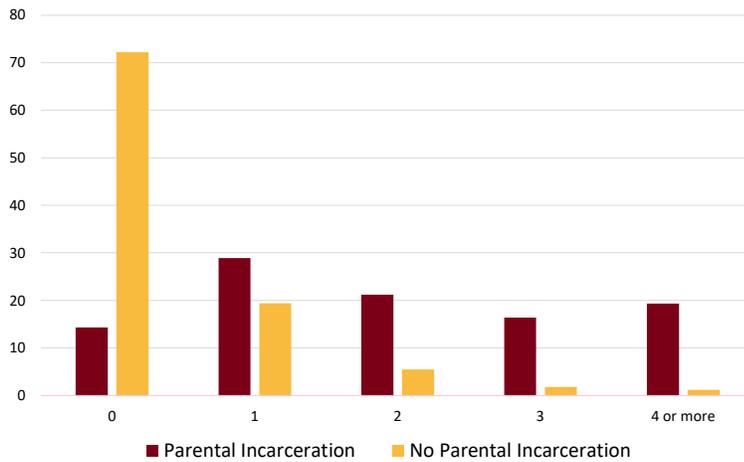
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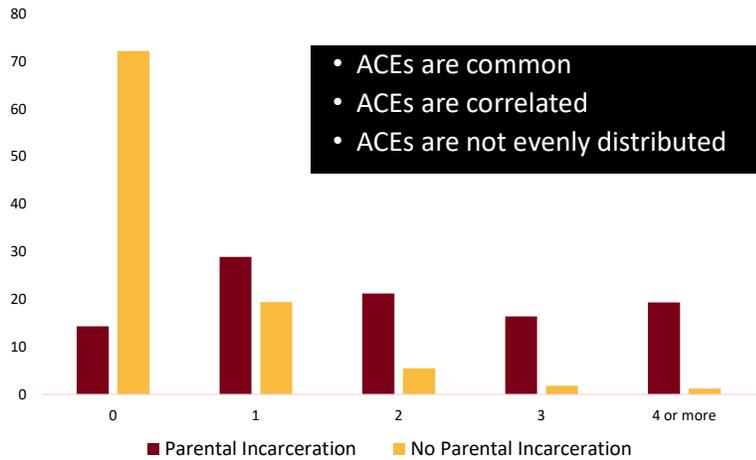
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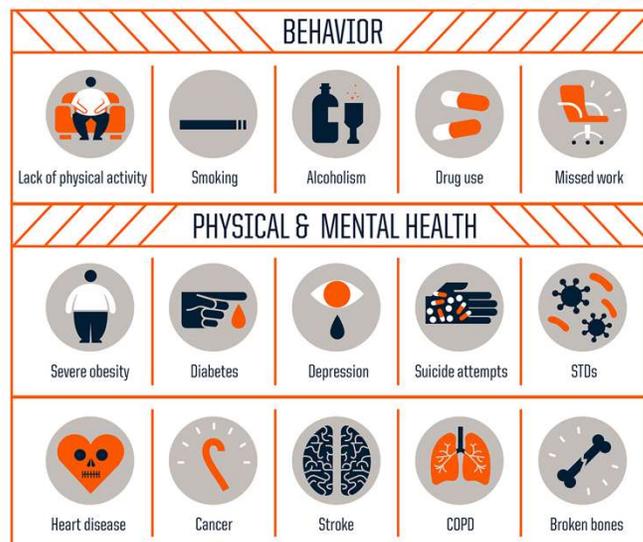


- ACEs are common
- ACEs are correlated
- ACEs are not evenly distributed

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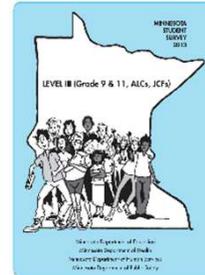
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Parental Incarceration and Youths' Outcomes



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Minnesota Student Survey (MSS)

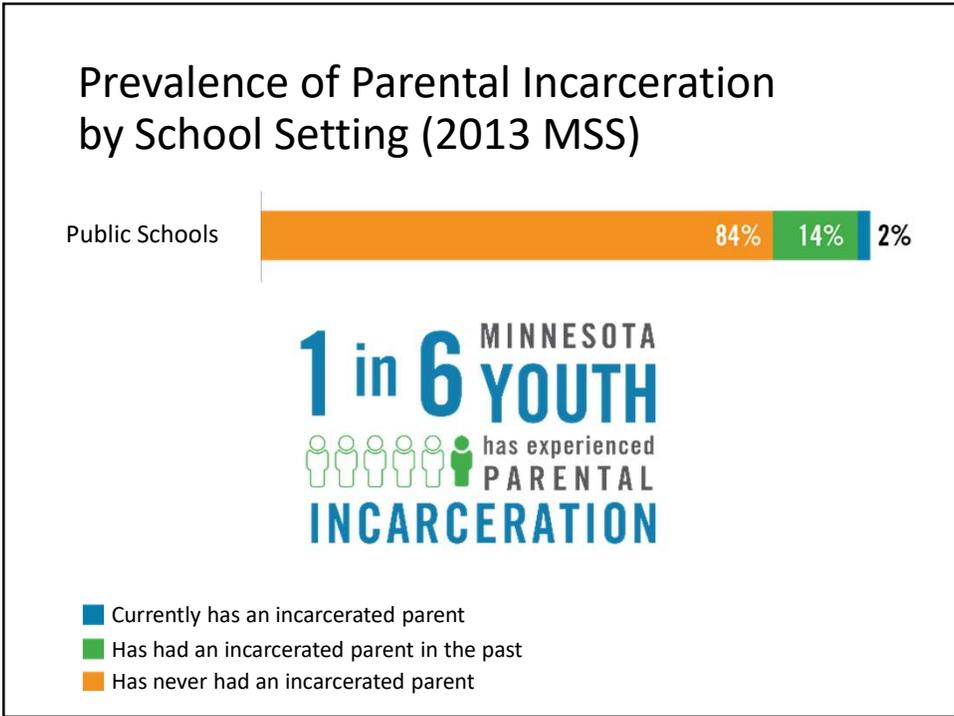


- Background, School, Health, Out of School Activities, Behaviors
- 164,310 total students surveyed
- Cross-sectional; administered every 3 years
- In 2013, new question added regarding parental incarceration:

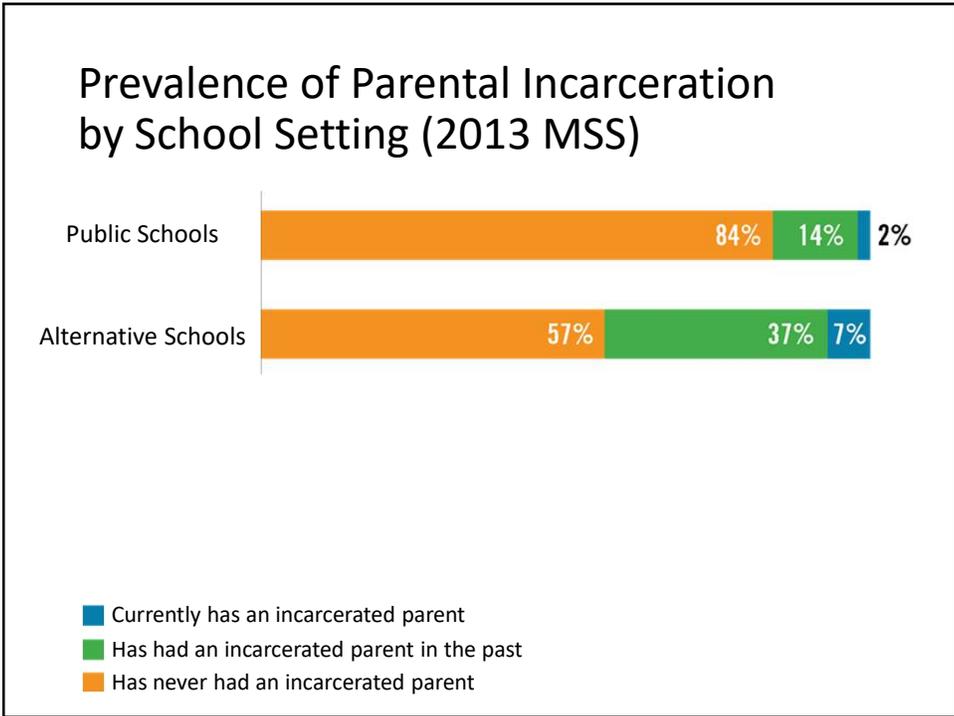
“Have any of your parents or guardians ever been in jail or prison?”
- In 2019, new question added regarding residential status

“Did you live with a parent or guardian at the time they went to jail or prison?”

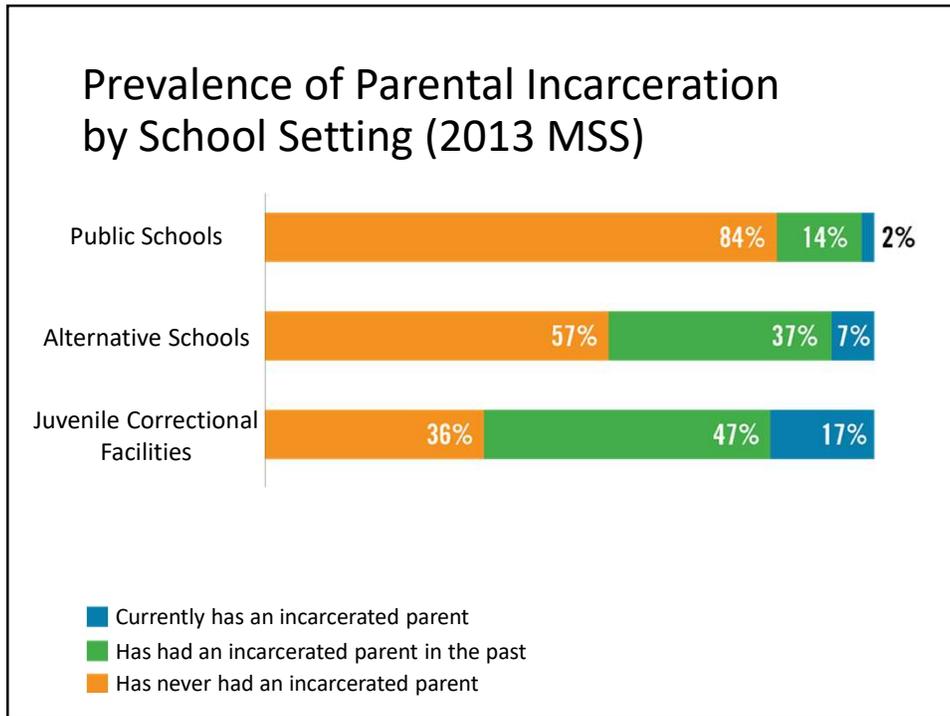
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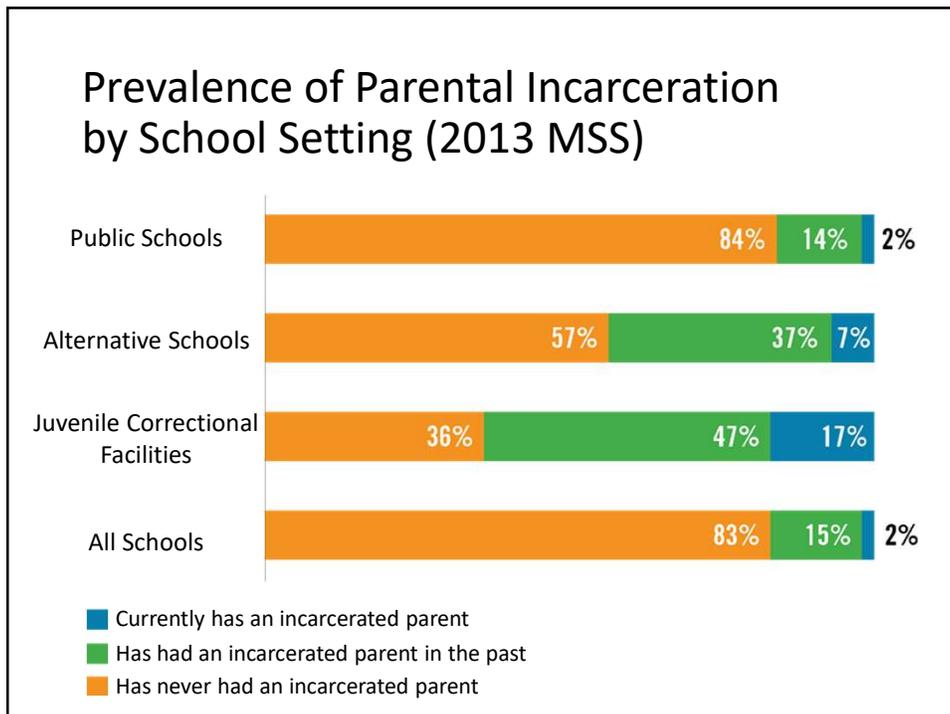
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 ↓ Physical activity
 ↓ Fruit/vegetable consumption
 ↑ Fast food consumption
 ↓ Sleep



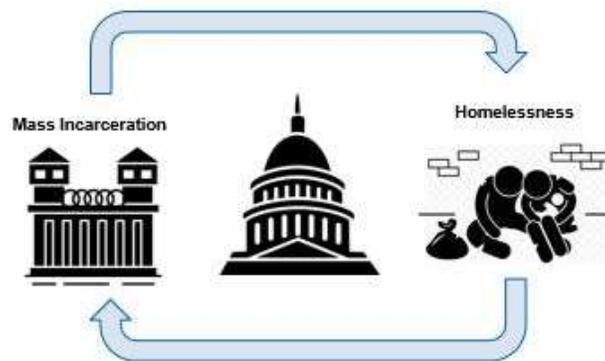
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Summary of Findings from MSS

- Across every indicator examined, youth with a history of parental incarceration fare worse than their peers
- Youth with a *currently* incarcerated parent, generally fare worse than their peers who experienced parental incarceration in the *past*
- These findings hold, even after controlling for important sociodemographic characteristics
- Evidence of early-onset risk behaviors that have consequences for future health and development

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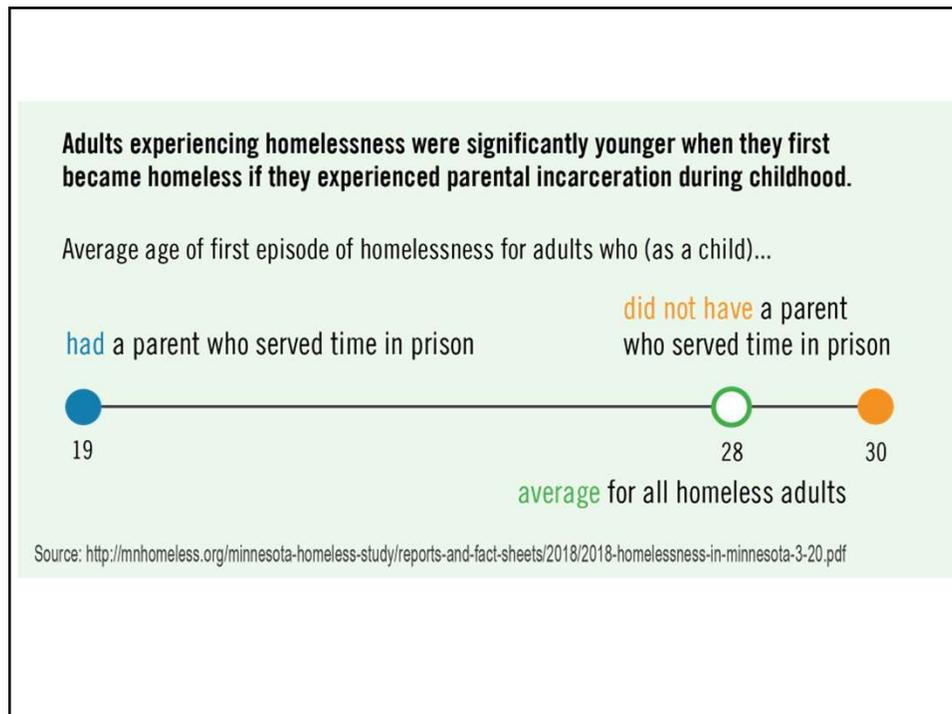
Homelessness & Incarceration



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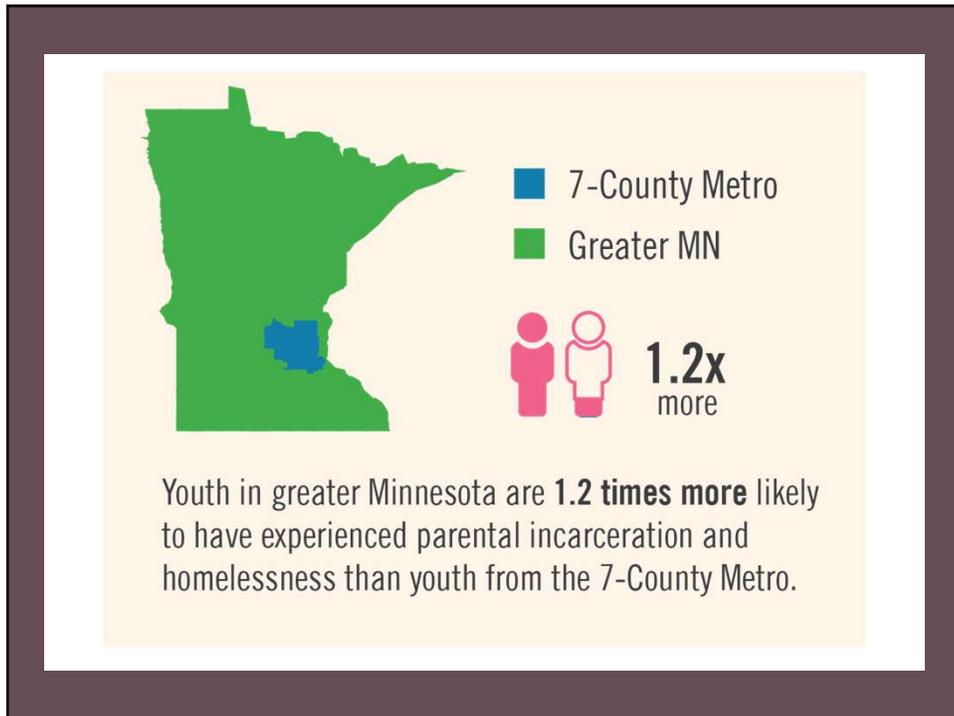
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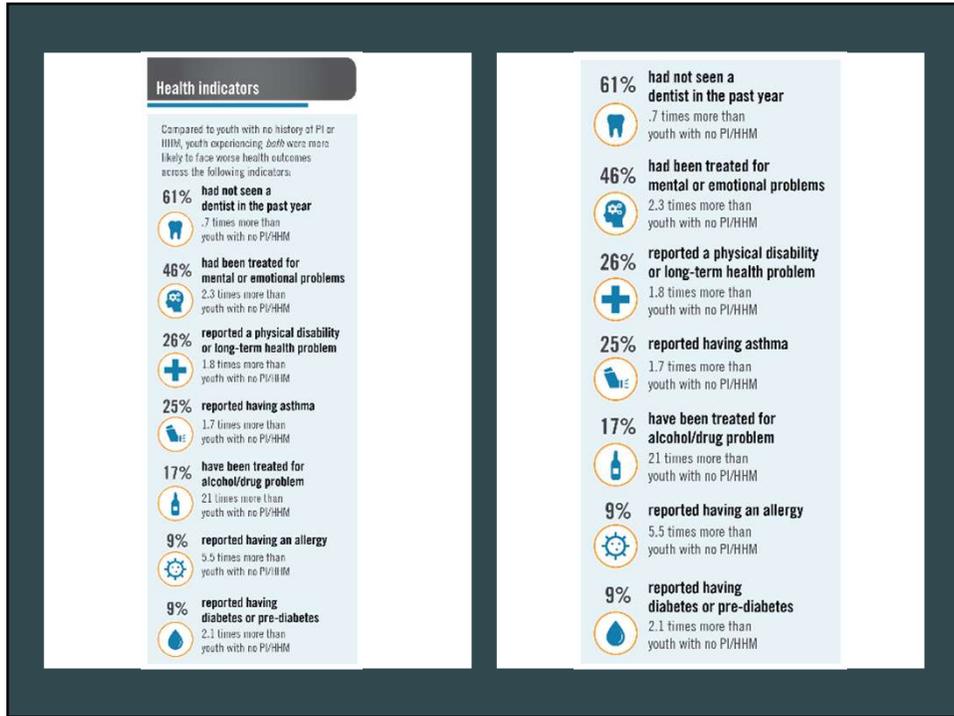
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Questions?

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