



Treatment that is required by the criminal justice system is just as effective as treatment entered voluntarily.¹

CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACTS AND FIGURES



Formerly incarcerated individuals are 40 times more likely to die of an opioid overdose within the first two weeks of release.²



Providing treatment saves between \$2-\$6 for every dollar spent, partially reflecting savings to the criminal justice system.³

■ Forced abstinence during incarceration is not treatment. Failure to receive needed treatment can lead to relapse and re-arrest, especially in the first months after a person is released from prison or jail.⁴

■ Justice-involved individuals have rates of substance use disorders that are nearly twelve times that of the general population.⁵

■ An estimated nine million people are released from jails every year.⁶

■ Medication-assisted treatment and counseling that starts in prison has been shown to have better results than counseling alone or starting medication after release.⁷

63% of people incarcerated in jail meet diagnostic criteria for a substance use disorder.⁸

20% of the people in state and federal prisons who meet criteria for a substance use disorder will receive substance use treatment.⁹

95% of all state prisoners will be released from prison at some point.¹⁰

58% of people in state prison meet diagnostic criteria for a substance use disorder.¹¹



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