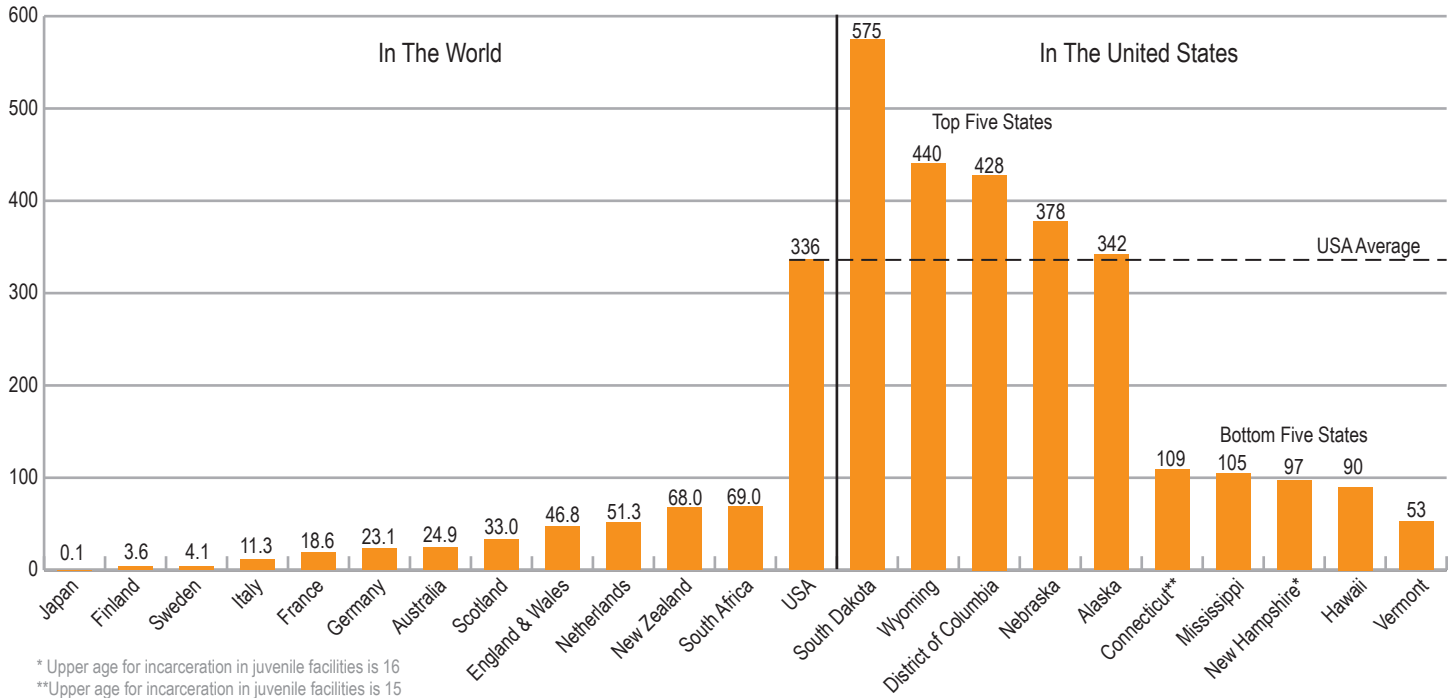


Juvenile Incarceration

is more prevalent in the United States than anywhere else in the world. In 2010, there were **70,792 minors** incarcerated in juvenile corrections institutions and an estimated **10,000 minors** incarcerated in adult prisons. Although research has shown these facilities to be dangerous, expensive and inappropriate locations for troubled youth, juvenile imprisonment remains the predominant strategy for the treatment and punishment of youth offenders in the United States.

Youth Incarceration Rates (In Juvenile Facilities) Per 100,000 of Population Under 18

America's heavy reliance on juvenile incarceration is unique among the world's developed nations. The juvenile incarceration rate in the United States (336 of every 100,000 youth) is nearly five times the rate of the next highest nation, South Africa (69 per 100,000 youth).



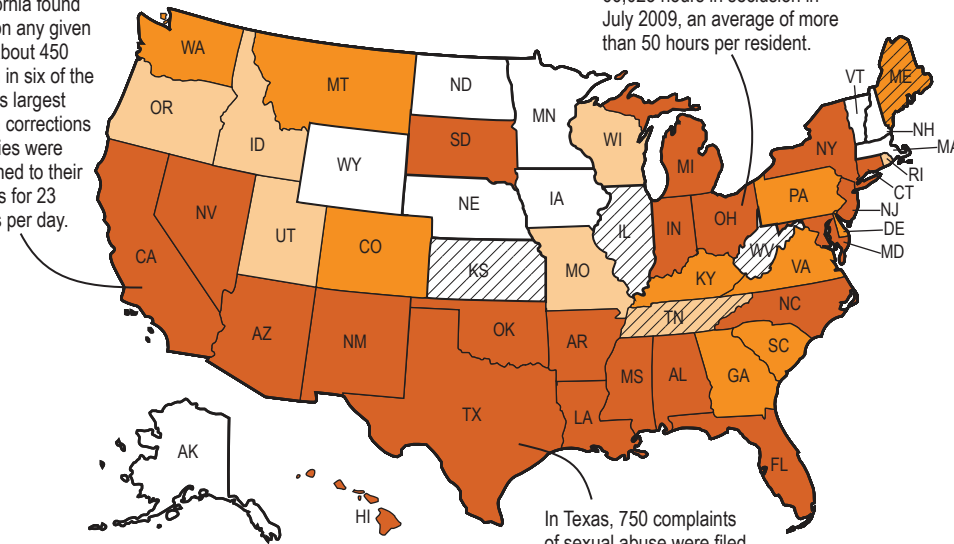
Maltreatment in Juvenile Corrections Facilities: 1970 to Present

Since 1970, systemic violence, sexual abuse, and/or excessive use of isolation or restraints has been documented in juvenile corrections facilities in 39 states.

A 2003 review in California found that on any given day about 450 youth in six of the state's largest youth corrections facilities were confined to their rooms for 23 hours per day.

In Ohio, youth confined in state correctional facilities spent 66,023 hours in seclusion in July 2009, an average of more than 50 hours per resident.

In Texas, 750 complaints of sexual abuse were filed by youth confined in the state correctional facilities from 2000 to 2007.



Violent/abusive conditions clearly documented:

- Since 2000
- From 1990 to 2000
- From 1970 to 1990
- Evidence but no proof of violent/abusive conditions since 2000
- No clear documentation of violent/abusive conditions

Sources: Annie E. Casey Foundation: "No Place for Kids" www.aecf.org/noplaceforkids
 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: "Juvenile Residential Facility Census, 2008: Selected Findings"
 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: "Juvenile Custody Rates By State: 2010"

For Every 10 Incarcerated Youth...

- ...**3** have attempted suicide.
- ...**7** have seen someone severely injured or killed.
- ...**3** have been sexually and/or physically abused.
- ...**6.5** suffer from one or more mental health conditions.
- ...**6** are African American or Hispanic.
- ...**7** are rearrested within three years of being released.

Cost of Incarceration Vs. Education

Most states devote the bulk of their juvenile justice budget to incarceration facilities, resulting in a major misallocation and waste of taxpayer dollars. In 2008, taxpayers spent about \$5 billion on youth imprisonment.

