

THE SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Safety and Justice Challenge

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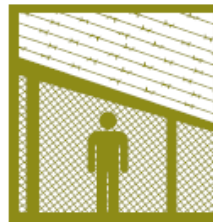
Designing programs; Performing research; Helping reformers.

To help create a more
effective and humane justice system

Why?



Local jails
11,700,000

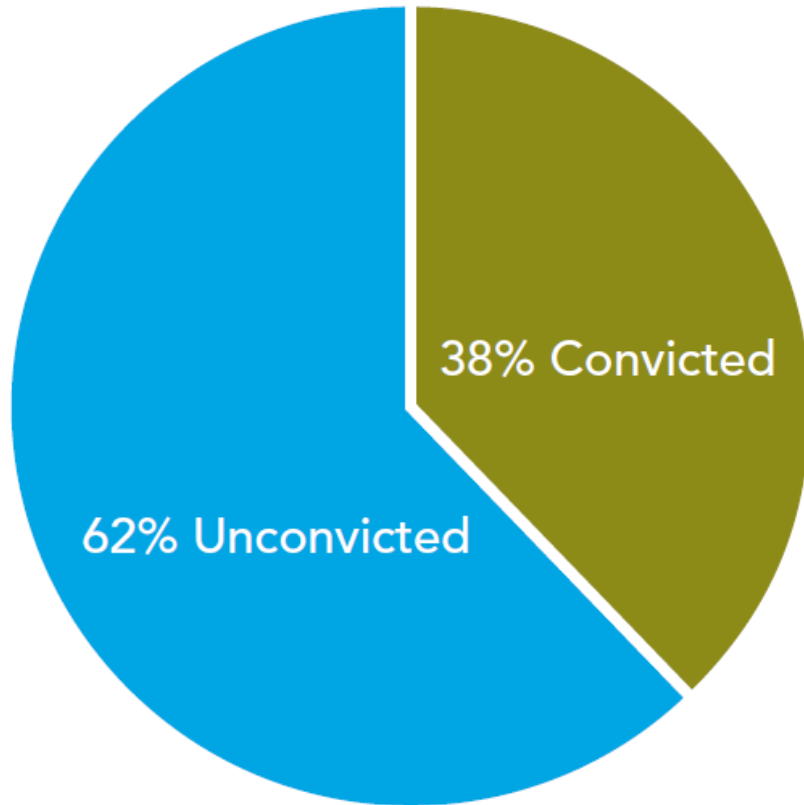


State & federal prisons
631,000

ADMISSIONS

There are **nearly 12 million** jail admissions annually—equivalent to the populations of New York City and Los Angeles combined, and almost 19 times the annual admissions to state and federal prisons.

Why?



CONVICTIONS

Three out of five people in jail are **legally presumed innocent**, awaiting trial or resolution through plea negotiations.

Why?



Kalief Browder, 1993-2015

RACIAL DISPARITIES

Nationally, African Americans are jailed at almost **4x the rate** of white Americans.

Spotlight: pretrial detention

...doing the math

- Across the United States, 47% of felony defendants with financial bonds can't pay and stay in jail until their case is heard (which can take years).
- Jail averages \$74 per day

→ *Community supervision costs \$7 per day.*

Spotlight: pretrial detention

...counterproductive

- Even short stints in jail can lead to:
 - Missing school
 - Getting fired from your job
 - Losing your housing
 - Hurting families

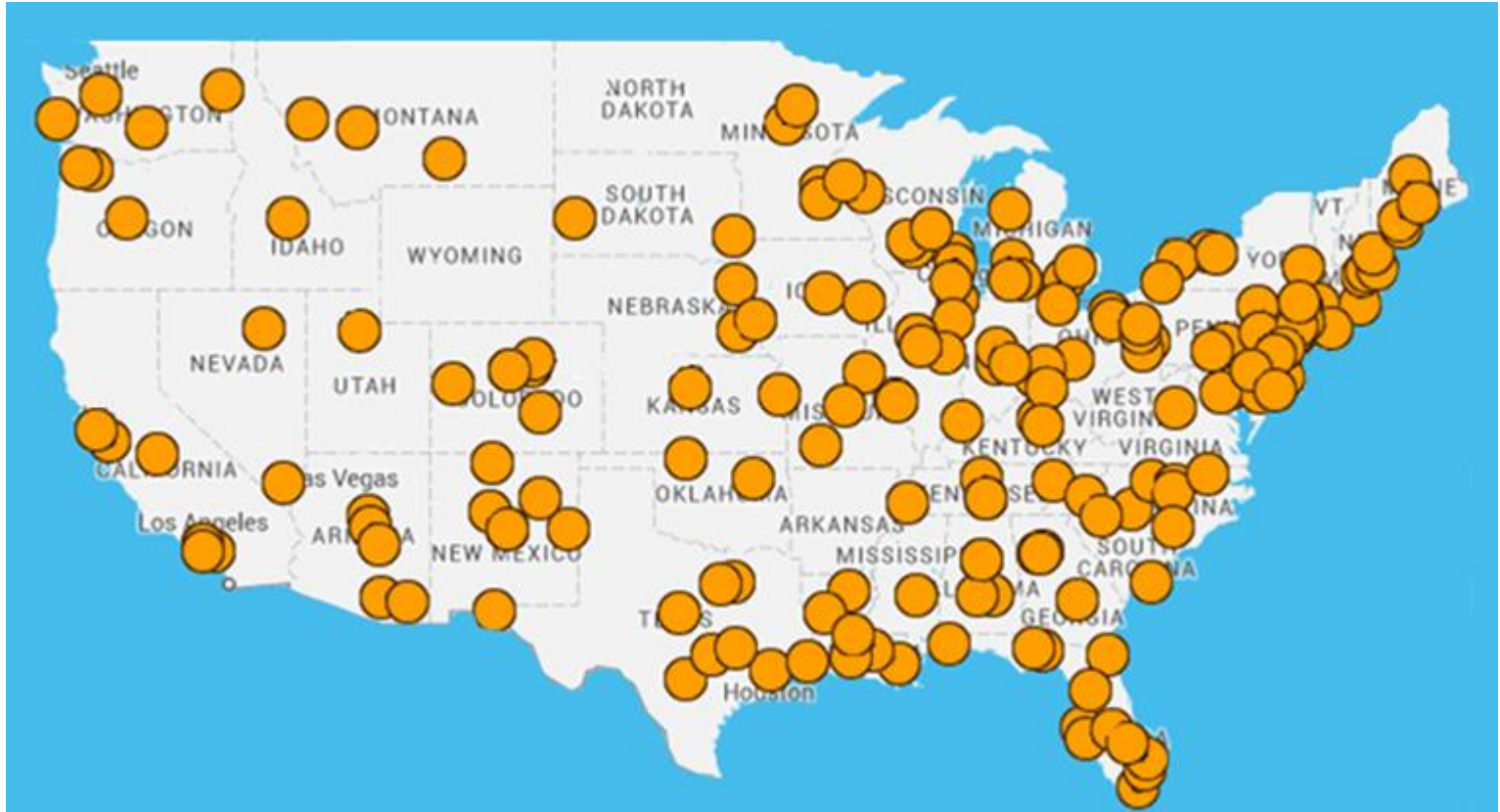
→ *Higher risk of re-arrest*



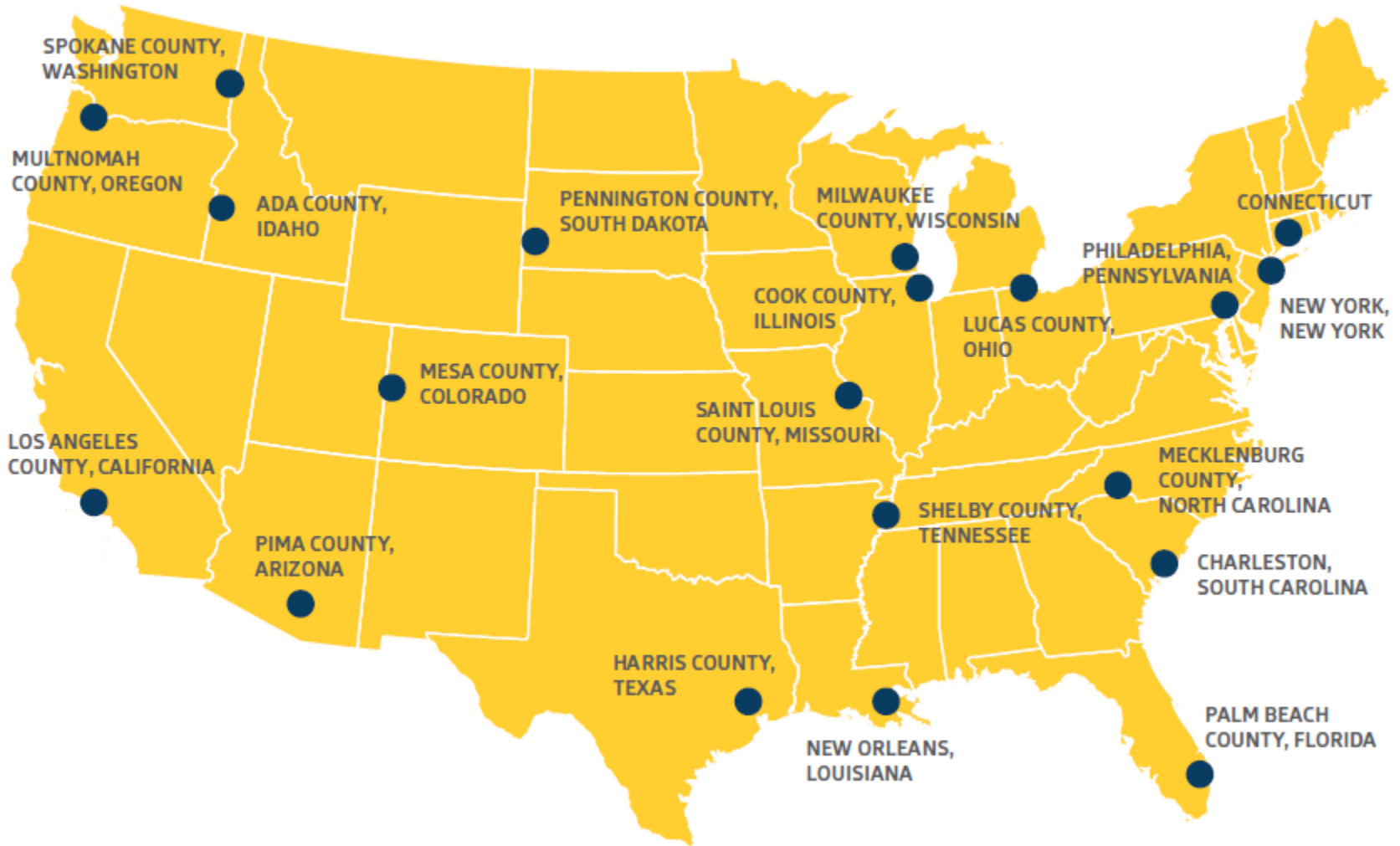
SAFETY + JUSTICE CHALLENGE

An initiative to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails

Safety and Justice Challenge Applicants: 191 Jurisdictions

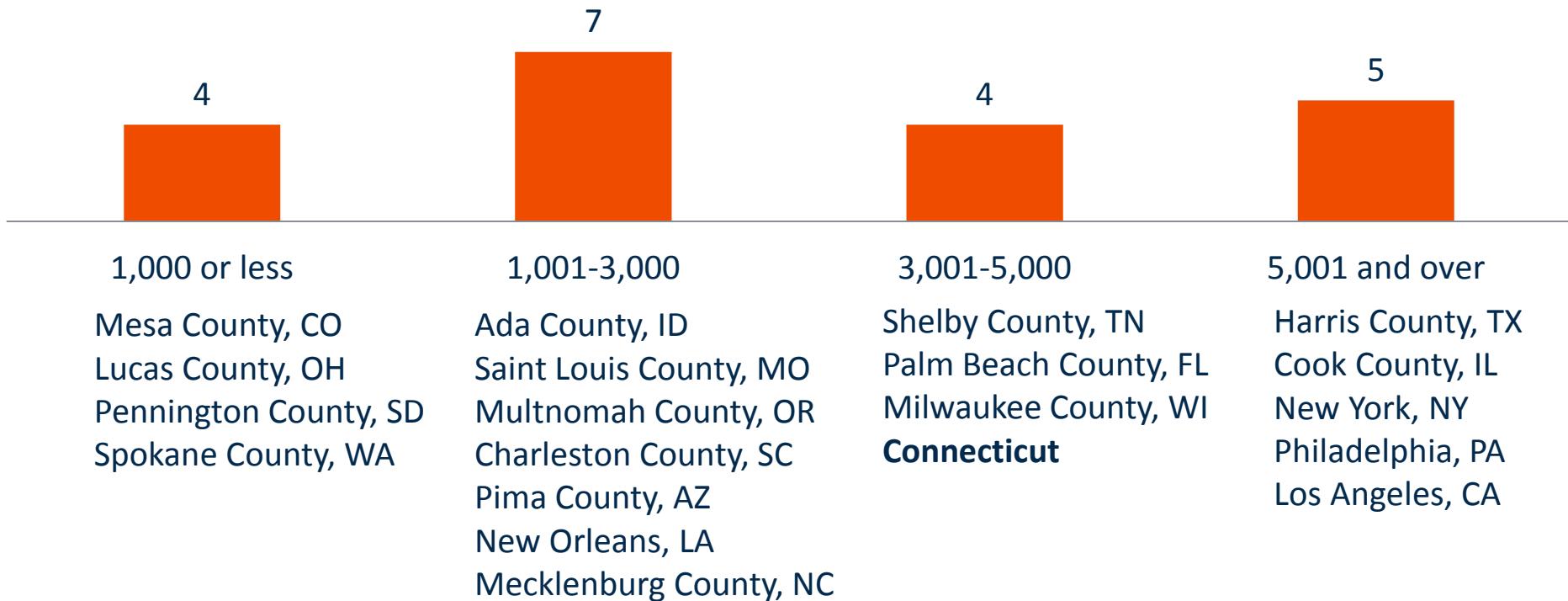


The 20 Network Sites



Network Sites: Jail Capacity

The 20 network sites represent a confined population of 81,207, or about **11%** of the total population confined in U.S. jails.



Why Connecticut?

Your jurisdiction was chosen from 191 applications, submitted from 45 states.

Leadership

Capacity

Commitment
to Change

The Safety and Justice Challenge Network

What Will We Accomplish Together?

- Develop and model safe, effective ways to keep people out of jail who don't belong there;
- Demonstrate alternatives to incarceration as usual;
- Create models for reducing unnecessary jail use to make communities healthier, fairer, and safer; and
- Make change a national imperative.

Two Stages of the Competition

Stage 1

June—December 2015

- 20 sites
- 6 months
- \$150,000 grant per site
- Develop a system reform plan and set concrete, measureable outcomes

Stage 2

2016—2017

- Up to 10 sites
- **At least 2 years**
- **Up to \$2 million/year**
- Implement system reform plan, achieve concrete, sustainable impact

Implementation Funding

10 sites

As many as 10 network sites will receive grants to support implementation of their jail reduction plans.

**Up to \$2 million
per year**

Implementation grants will be up to \$2 million per site, per year.

2-3 years

The Foundation will initially fund grants for 2 years, with an option to extend.

**Let's get to work.
Any questions?**

