

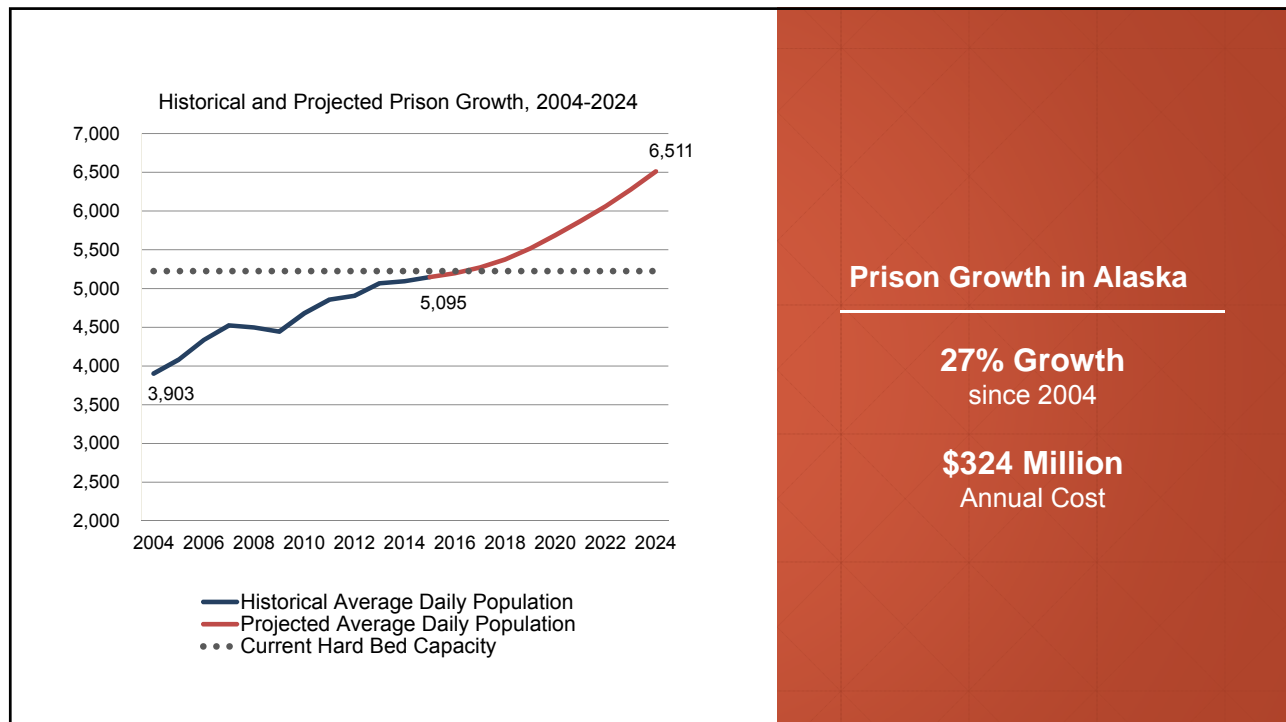
# Alaska's Justice Reinvestment Report

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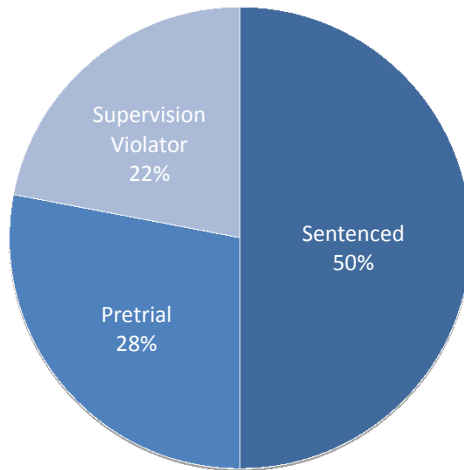
Final Recommendations of the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission

## The Problem Facing Alaska

- The Cost of Doing Nothing
  - Trends in Alaska's Prison Population
  - Recommendations for Alaska's Lawmakers
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Prison Population on July 1, 2014, by Status



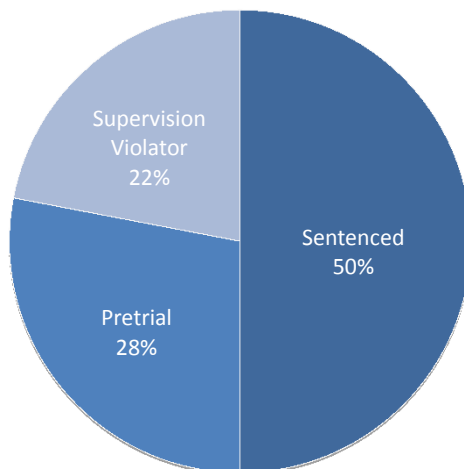
### Prison Growth in Alaska

What is driving this growth?

Defendants in prison **pretrial** are staying for longer periods of time

Three-quarters of the sentenced population is convicted of **non-violent offenses**

Prison Population on July 1, 2014, by Status



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Felony offenders are staying **31% longer** than in 2004

22% of prison inmates are there for **technical violations** of parole or probation

## Alaska Criminal Justice Commission

“The Commission shall evaluate and make recommendations to improve criminal laws and practices, keeping in mind the goals of enhancing public safety, offender rehabilitation, victim restitution and reducing costs.”

*Alaska's Senate Bill 64 (2014)*

September 2014  
*First Meeting of ACJC*

July 2017  
*ACJC Sunsets*

Alaska Judicial Council  
*Staff*

## Alaska Criminal Justice Commission

- Legislative Branch
  - Sen. John Coghill (Non-Voting)
  - Rep. Wes Keller (Non-Voting)
- Judicial Branch
  - Alex Bryner  
*Chief Justice, Alaska Supreme Court (Retired)*
  - Stephanie Rhoades  
*District Court Judge*
  - Trevor Stephens  
*Superior Court Judge*
- Department of Corrections
  - Walt Monegan  
*Acting Commissioner*
- Law Enforcement
  - Craig Richards  
*Attorney General*
  - Gary Folger  
*Commissioner, Department of Public Safety*
  - Lt. Kris Sell  
*Juneau Police Department*
- Public Defender
  - Quinlan Steiner
- Alaska Natives
  - Gregory Razo (Chair)  
*Cook Inlet Region, Inc.*
- Crime Victims
  - Brenda Stanfill  
*Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living*
- Alaska Mental Health Trust
  - Jeff Jessee  
*CEO*

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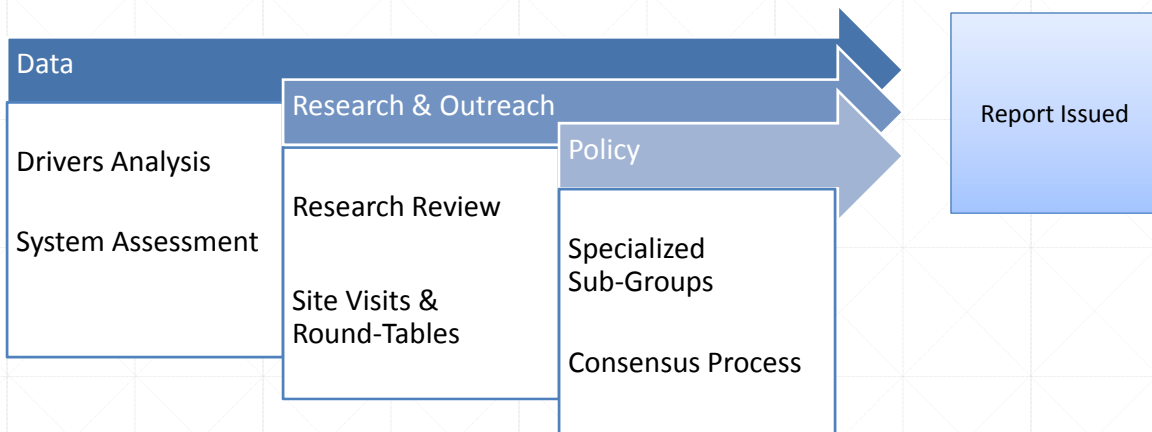
"We have asked for recommendations that enhance public safety, strengthen alternatives to prison, and determine which criminal defendants and offenders can be safely managed with those alternatives...."

[W]e call on the Commission to develop policy options for the Legislature to consider aimed at meeting the following goal posts: 1) averting all future prison growth; 2) averting all future prison growth and reducing the current prison population by 15 percent; and 3) averting all future prison growth and reducing the current prison population by 25 percent."

*Senate President Kevin Meyer  
Senate Finance Chair Anna MacKinnon*

*Speaker Mike Chenault  
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## **Alaska's Justice Reinvestment Report**

Focus prison beds on the most serious offenders

Safely release and supervise defendants awaiting trial

Make communities safer by strengthening supervision



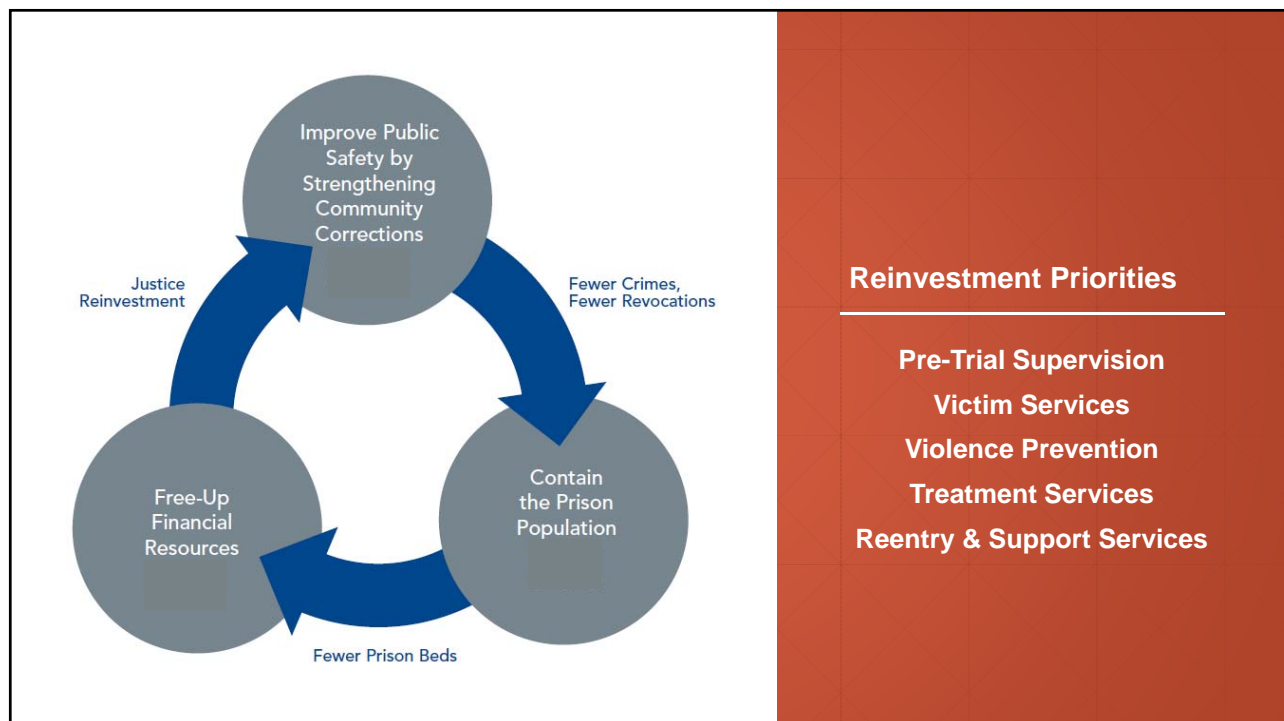
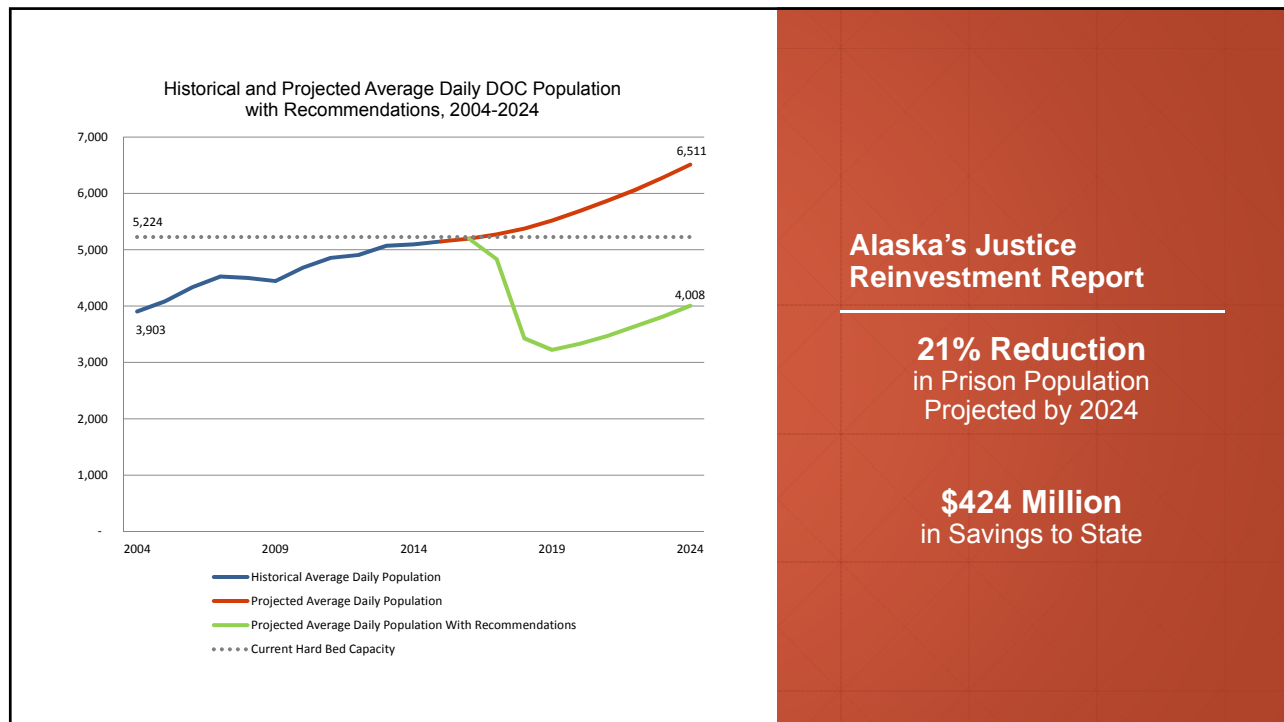
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## **Alaska's Justice Reinvestment Report**

Expand proven programs to reduce recidivism and substance abuse

Reinvest in services to prevent violence and support victims



## Policy Recommendations

Recommendation 5:  
Limit the use of prison for low-level misdemeanor offenders

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Recommendation 2:  
Utilize risk-based release decision-making for pre-trial defendants

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Recommendation 14:  
Establish a system of earned compliance credits for offenders on  
community supervision

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## Questions?

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