

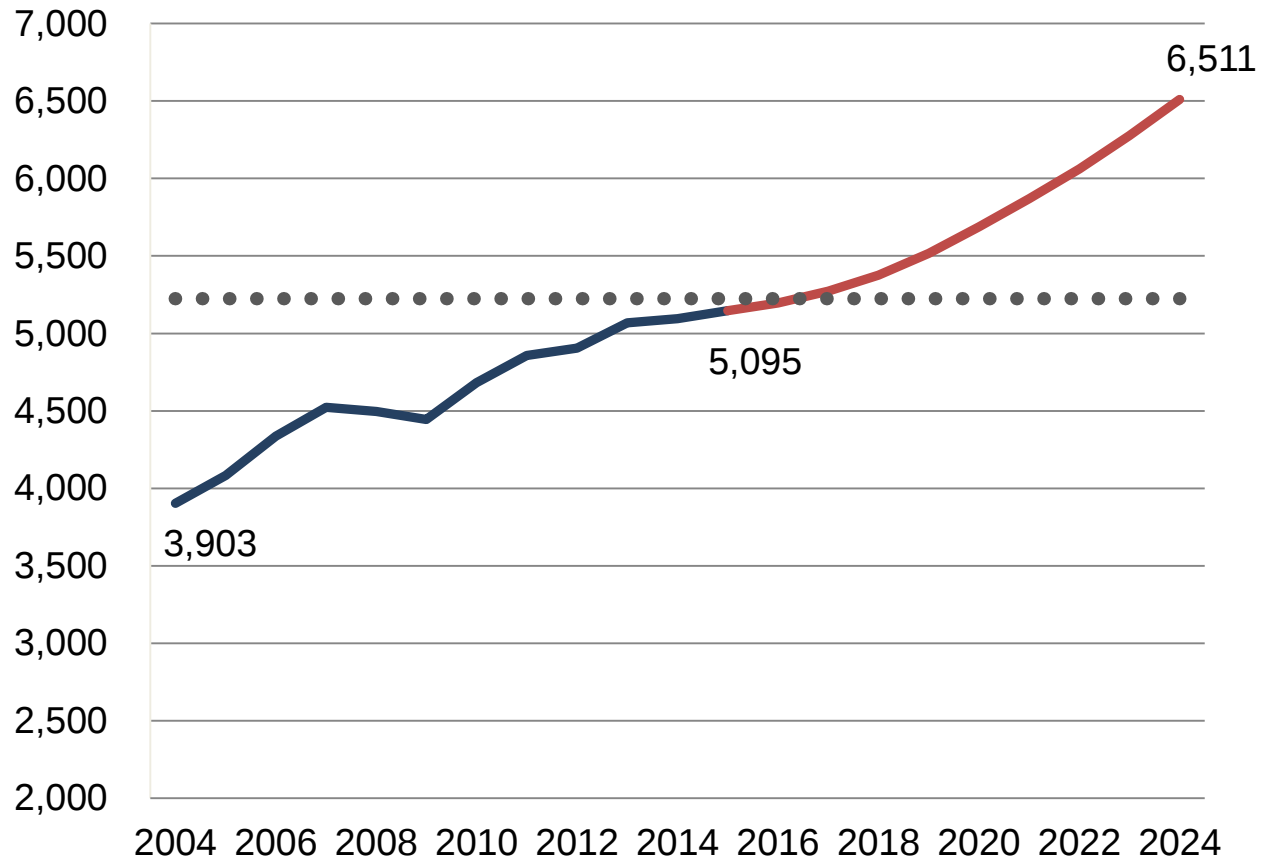
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Final Recommendations of the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission

The Problem Facing Alaska

- The Cost of Doing Nothing
 - Trends in Alaska's Prison Population
 - Recommendations for Alaska's Lawmakers
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Historical and Projected Prison Growth, 2004-2024



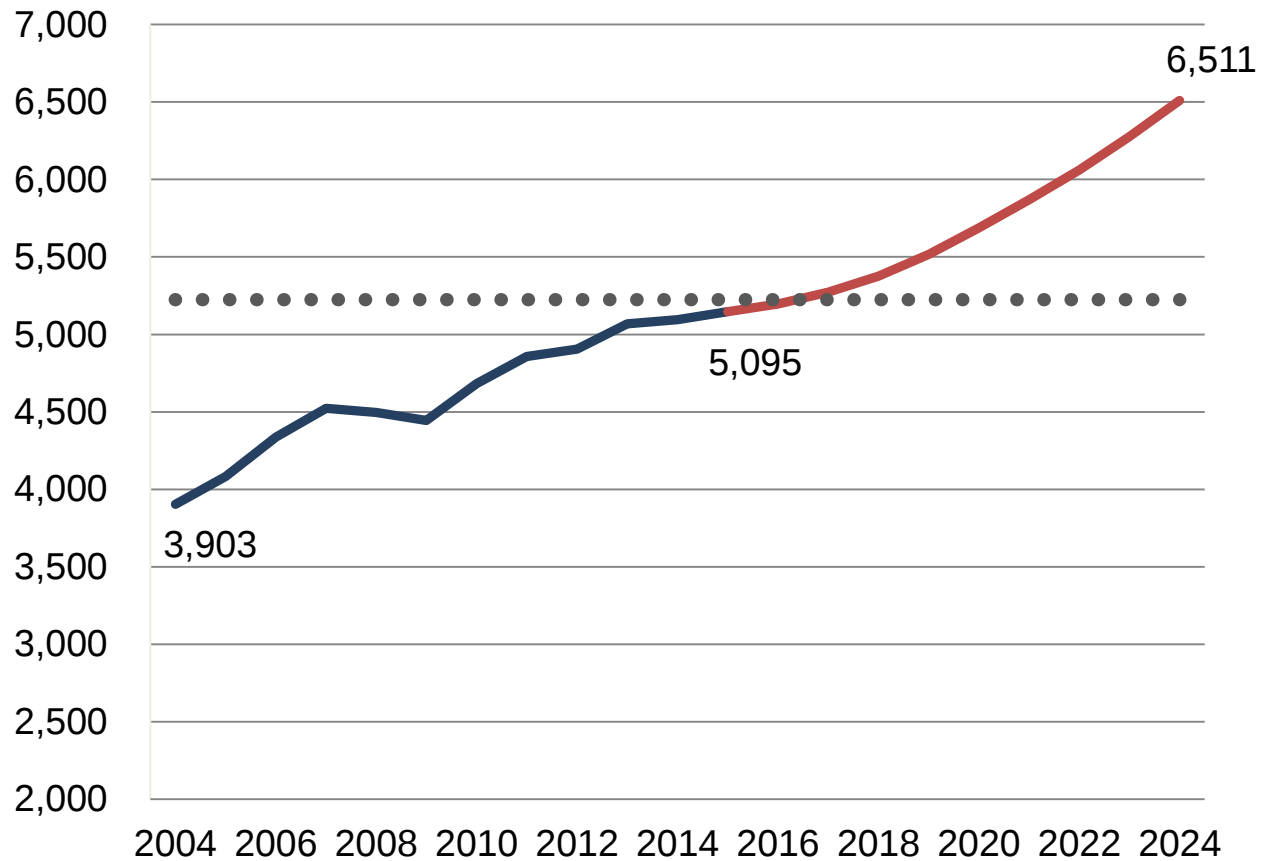
- Historical Average Daily Population
- Projected Average Daily Population
- • • Current Hard Bed Capacity

Prison Growth in Alaska

27% Growth
since 2004

\$324 Million
Annual Cost

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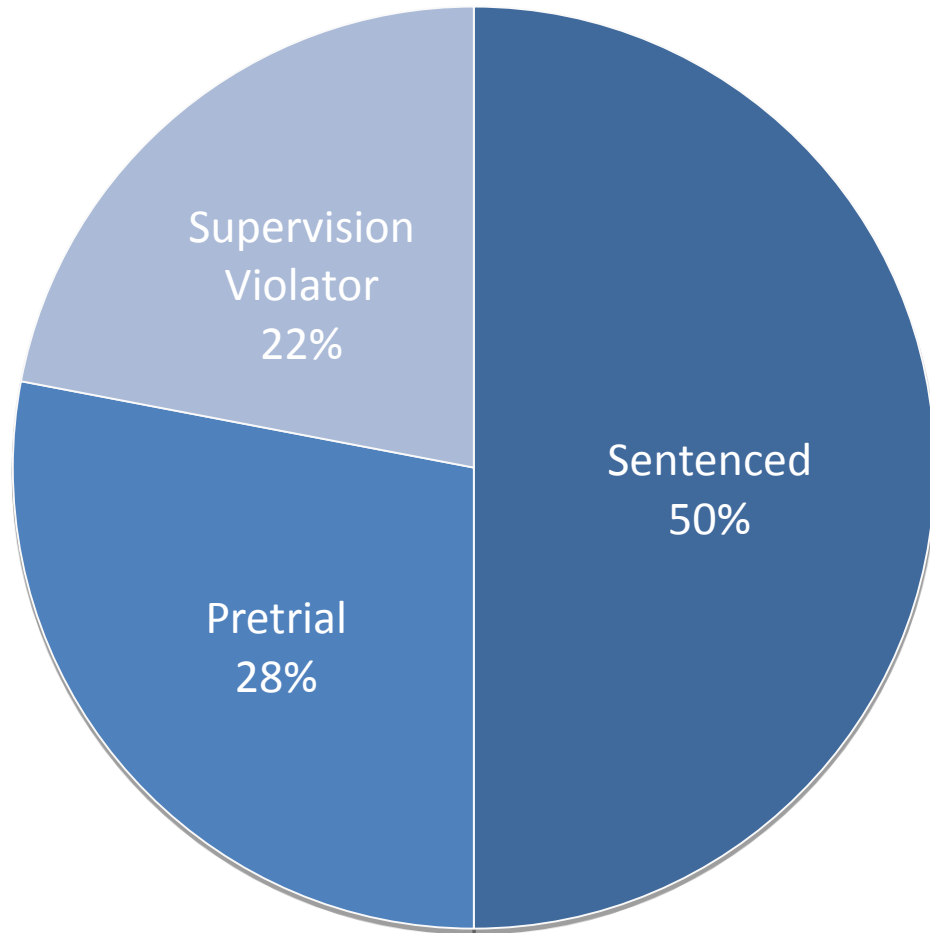
Prison Growth in Alaska

27% Growth
Projected by 2024

\$169 Million
Additional Cost

2017
Prison Capacity Exceeded

Prison Population on July 1, 2014, by Status



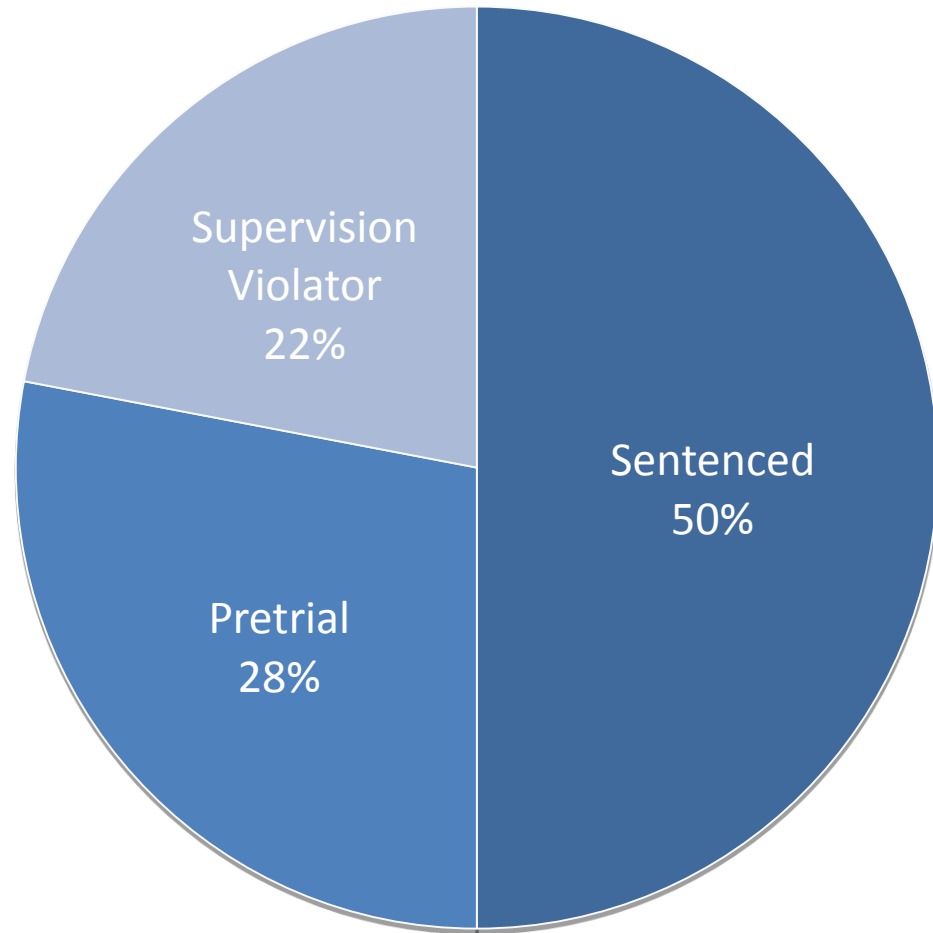
Prison Growth in Alaska

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



Prison Growth in Alaska

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

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

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“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

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 - Gregory Razo (Chair)
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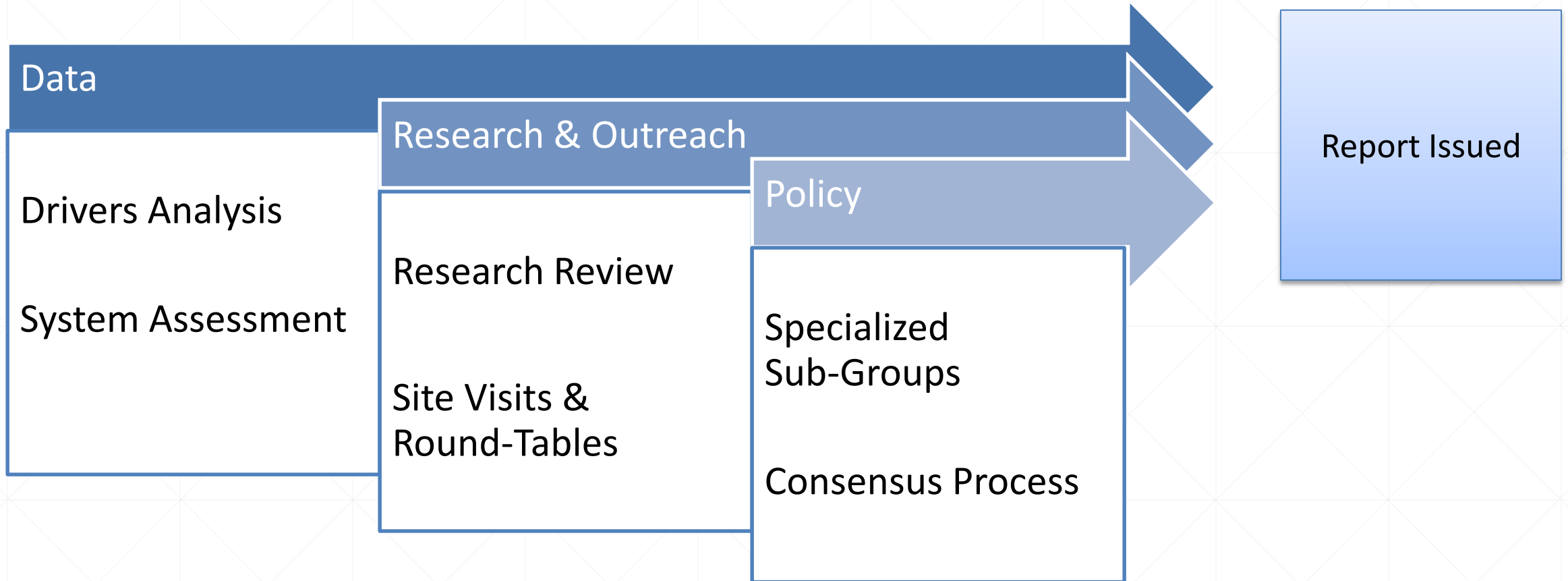
“We have asked for recommendations that enhance public safety, strengthen alternatives to prison, and determine which criminal defendants and offenders can be safely managed with those alternatives....

[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
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Pre-Trial Detention

Sentencing

**Community
Supervision**

Reinvestment



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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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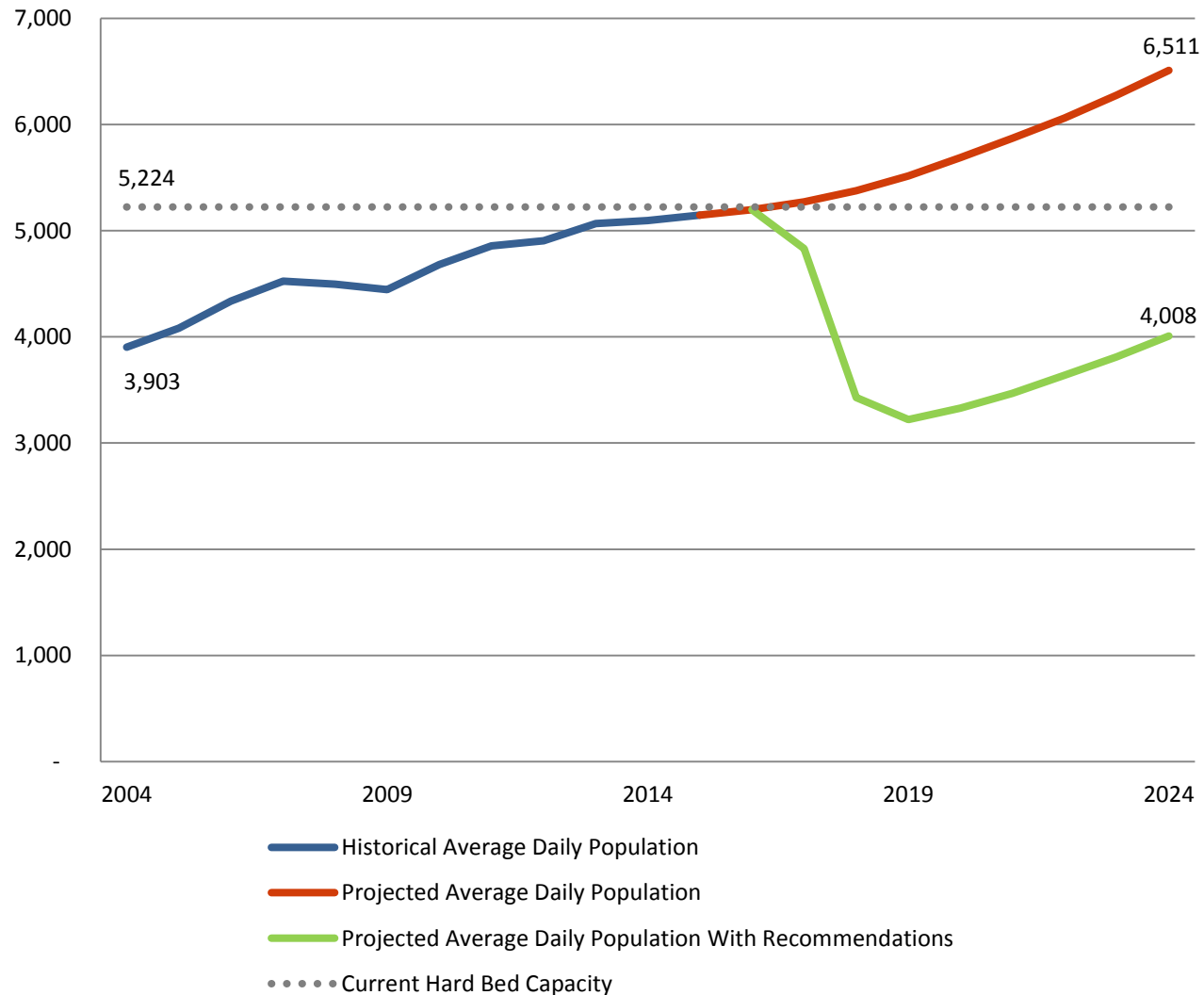
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Expand proven programs to
reduce recidivism and
substance abuse

Reinvest in services to prevent
violence and support victims

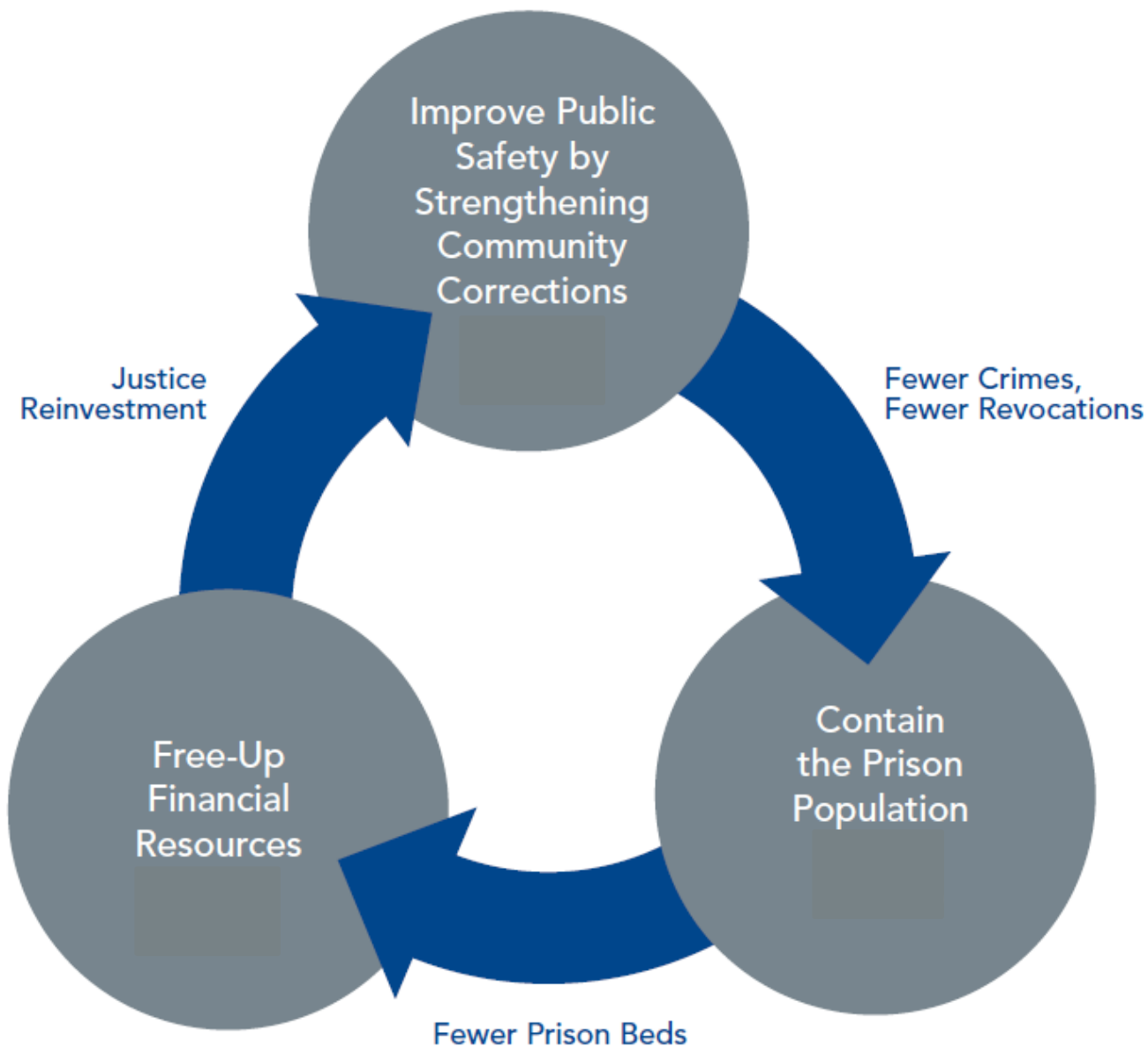
Historical and Projected Average Daily DOC Population
with Recommendations, 2004-2024



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21% Reduction
in Prison Population
Projected by 2024

\$424 Million
in Savings to State



Reinvestment Priorities

Pre-Trial Supervision

Victim Services

Violence Prevention

Treatment Services

Reentry & Support Services

Policy Recommendations

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

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Policy Recommendations

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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