

DEATH BY INCARCERATION IN ILLINOIS

In **1974**...

a "life" sentence equalled **20** years in prison

everyone became eligible for parole at some point

no one was ordered to die in prison

and the Illinois Department of Corrections only confined **6,323** people in total

OVER SENTENCING + NO PAROLE - THE OTHER - DEATH PENALTY

By **2018**...

parole had long been abolished... sentencing laws had been increased time and time again under the false narrative that longer sentences deter crime...

and Illinois finds itself in its current predicament where **2** out of every **7** people



currently in prison will **DIE** there if nothing is done - that's more than **5,600** people - and hundreds of others receive sentences each year that require them to die in prison

The Illinois Department of Corrections now imprisons more than **40,000** people; and **6,500** have already served more than 10 years

\$41,052 PER YEAR TO IMPRISON - VS - \$2,000 PER YEAR TO PAROLE

STOP the Madness!

Bring a Sensible and

Humane Parole System to Illinois.

1,191⁶
of deaths in IDOC from 2001-2014

IDOC Budget \$1.5 billion



To learn more, or to get involved, go to: ParoleIllinois.org or facebook.com/ParoleIllinois/

NOTES:

1. IDOC, *Adult Inmate Population on June 30, 2018* (“Historical Population - End of FY” sidebar).

2. The United States Sentencing Commission defines the cut off for a *de facto* life sentence at 470 months, or just shy of 40 years. *Life Sentences in the Federal System*, The United States Sentencing Commission (Feb. 2015). As of September 2018, in the IDOC there were 1,594 people serving life-without-parole (LWOP) sentences, 152 people with sentences over 100 years, and 3,918 people serving sentences between 40-100 years. *Prison Population on 9-30-18 Data Set*, IDOC.

3. (40,872) IDOC, *Adult Inmate Population on June 30, 2018*

4. (6,506) Jorge Renaud, “Eight Keys To Mercy: “How To Shorten Excessive Prison Sentences” (Individual State Fact-Sheet Addendum for Illinois). Prison Policy Initiative (Nov. 2018).

5. The Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council (SPAC) is now (as of March 2016) using the total per capita cost of incarceration of \$41,052 in its fiscal impact methodology to more accurately calculate total taxpayer costs for prison operations.

6. Margaret E. Noonan, *Mortality in State Prisons, 2001-2014 Statistical Tables*, USDOJ, Bureau of Justice Statistics (Dec. 2016) (NCJ 250150) p.12, Table 13.