

## Vermont

The project selected Vermont to receive intensive, nonpartisan research, analysis, and expertise. Among other factors, its leaders have demonstrated both a bipartisan commitment to explore meaningful policy change and a dedication to collecting and using criminal justice data as a basis for sound reforms.

### Progress Update »

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Vermont's prison population was projected to grow 23 percent over the next decade, faster than five other states in the Northeast. The state is facing a cost of between \$82 million and \$206 million to expand prison capacity. Analyses of the state corrections system revealed that high rates of failure among people released from prison was a significant contributing factor to the growth in the prison population.

In response, Vermont policymakers formed a bipartisan working group with representatives from all three branches of state government to identify strategies to avert growth in the prison population and reduce spending on corrections, while increasing public safety. Members of the working group requested data analyses and policy options from the Council of State Governments Justice Center, a Public Safety Performance Project partner.

### State Profile »

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A profile of Vermont that provides statistical and analytical data about its sentencing and corrections systems, describes factors shaping those systems, and highlights opportunities for reform.

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### State Research & Analysis »

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#### **Recent and Projected Growth of the Vermont Prison Population**

An analysis of recent and projected growth in Vermont's prison population and spending, prepared by the Council of State Governments Justice Center, a Public Safety Performance Project partner.

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#### **Increasing Public Safety and Generating Savings: Options for Vermont Policymakers**

The Council of State Governments Justice Center, a Public Safety Performance Project partner, prepared this analysis of Vermont's prison population, its drivers and costs, and the projected prison bed and spending impacts of several policy reform packages.

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