



## Lesson Plan: Paying for Crime

### Excerpt # 2: Prison Population

“The Bureau of Justice Statistics recently reported that there are now two million people in the nation’s prisons and jails.”

*Source: Comparative International Rates of Incarceration: An Examination of Causes and Trends* <http://www.sentencingproject.org/pdfs/pub9036.pdf>

“According to the Department of Justice, the nation’s combined federal, state, and local adult correctional population stood at almost 6.5 million people at the end of 2000. This number includes incarcerated inmates, as well as probationers and parolees.”

Source: “In the System” [http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/law/july-dec01/prison\\_8-28.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/law/july-dec01/prison_8-28.html)