



Lesson Plan: Paying for Crime

Worksheet #2: Percent of Prison Population

Concept: The roughly 6.5 million total in correctional population minus the 2 million who are actually in prison, leaves around 4.5 million people in the correctional system, who are using services and programs alternate to prison.

Calculation: $6.5 \text{ million} - 2 \text{ million} = 4.5 \text{ million}$

Concept: What percent of people in the correctional system are in prison? And what percent are not in prison?

Calculation:

$2 \text{ million} / 6.5 \text{ million} = .307 = 31\%$ of correctional population is in prison

$4.5 \text{ million} / 6.5 \text{ million} = .692 = 69\%$ of correctional population is not in prison.