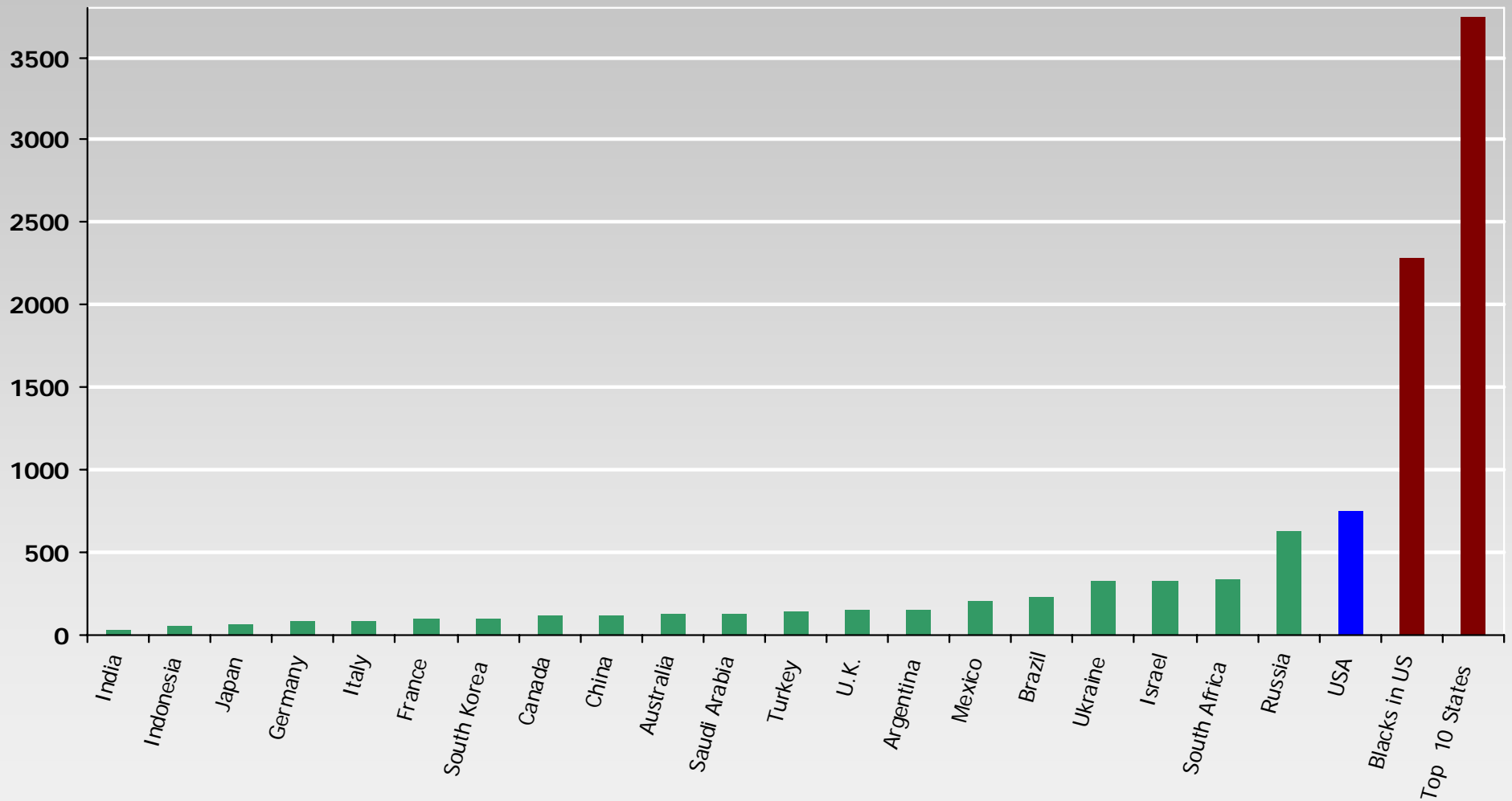




**Representative Robert C. “Bobby” Scott
Charts on the Youth PROMISE Act**

U.S. Incarceration Rate Highest in the World

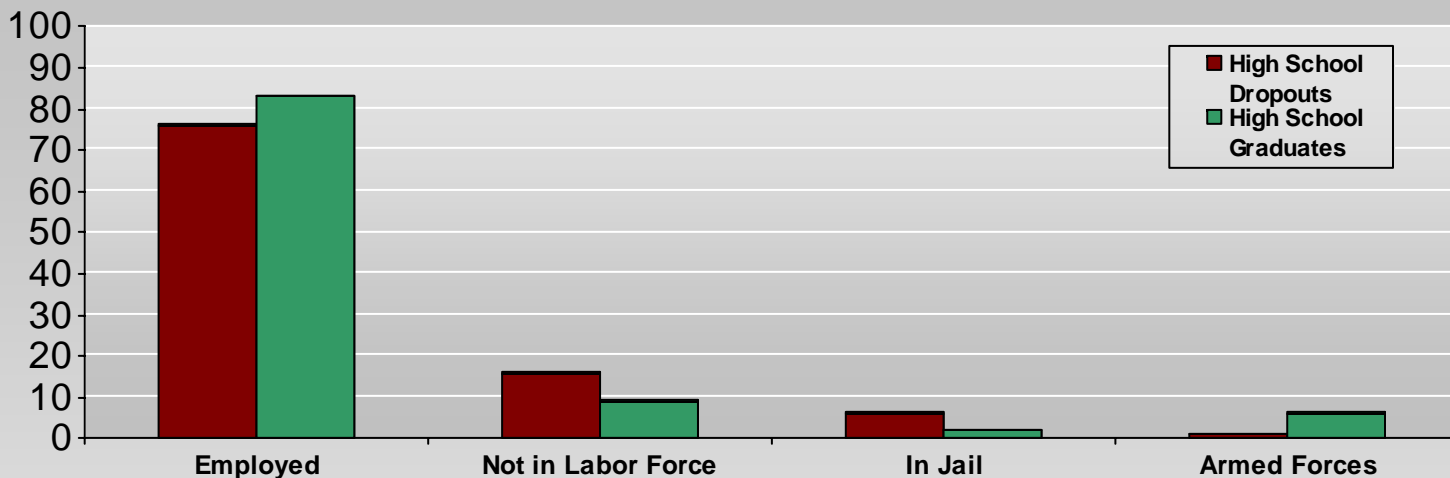
Rates Per 100,000 of National Population



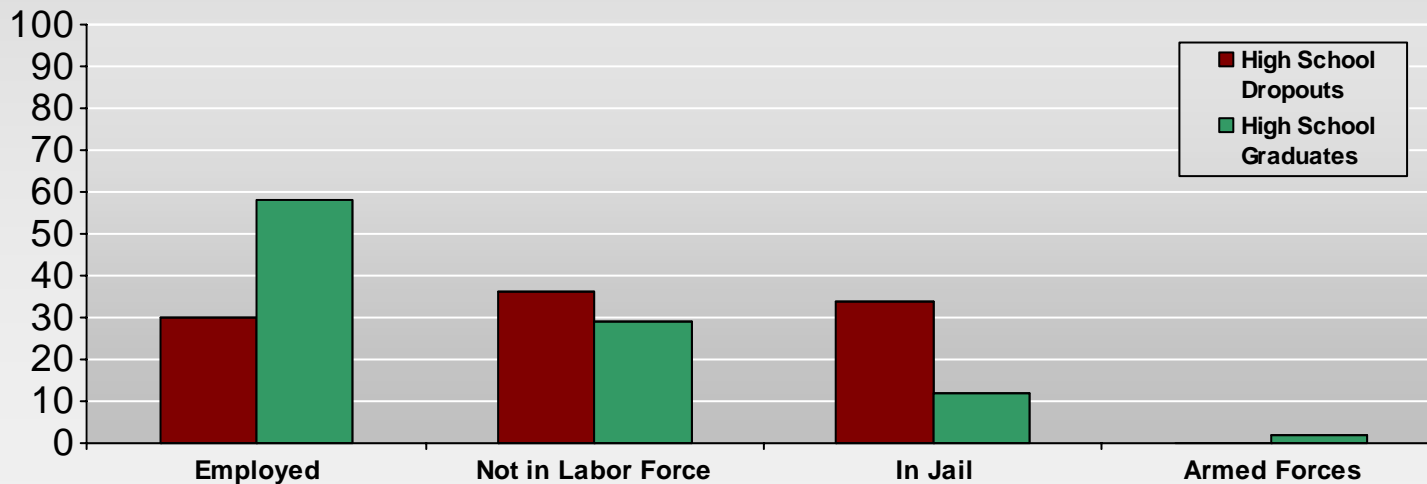
Black Males Age 26-30

Employed, Not in the Labor Force, Incarcerated or in the Armed Forces

1970



2000



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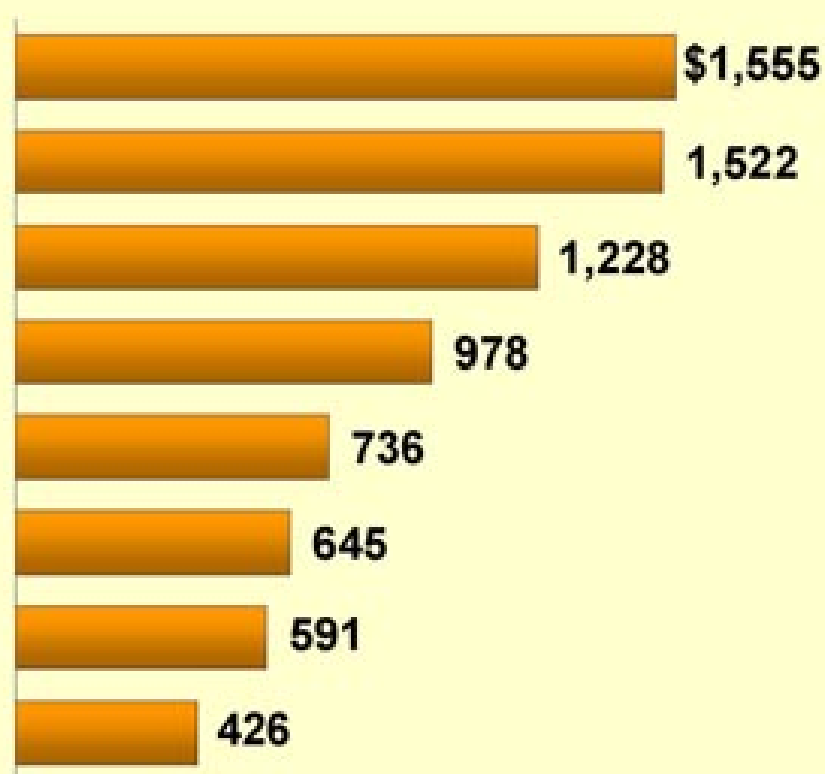
Source: Steven Raphael, "The Socioeconomic Status of Black Males: The Increasing Importance of Incarceration." Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California, Berkeley, March 2004

Education pays

Unemployment rate in 2008



Median weekly earnings in 2008



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Putting Money on the table

What if we reduced the African-American Incarceration rate to 500 per 100,000?*

- Reduction from 2,200 per 100,000 to 500 per 100,000
- 1,700 fewer incarcerated x \$29,000 year = \$49,300,000
- Kids per 100,000 = approx. 30,000
- \$49,300,000 / 30,000 kids = **\$1,643 per child, per year**
- \$49,300,000 targeted at 1/3 of our most vulnerable kids = **\$4,930 per child, per year**

* In the Pew Center on the States study "1 in 31", it was determined that incarceration rates over 500 per 100,000 were counterproductive to reducing crime.

Putting Money on the table

What if we reduced the African-American Incarceration rate in the worst ten states to 500 per 100,000?*

- Reduction from 4000 per 100,000 to 500 per 100,000
- 3500 fewer incarcerated x \$29,000 year = \$101,500,000
- Kids per 100,000 = approx. 30,000
- $\$101,500,000 / 30,000 \text{ kids} = \mathbf{\$3,383 \text{ per child, per year}}$
- $\$101,500,000 \text{ targeted at } 1/3 \text{ of our most vulnerable kids} = \mathbf{\$10,150 \text{ per child, per year}}$

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