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A WAKE UP**

ENDING THE  
MASS INCARCERATION  
CRISIS IN AMERICA

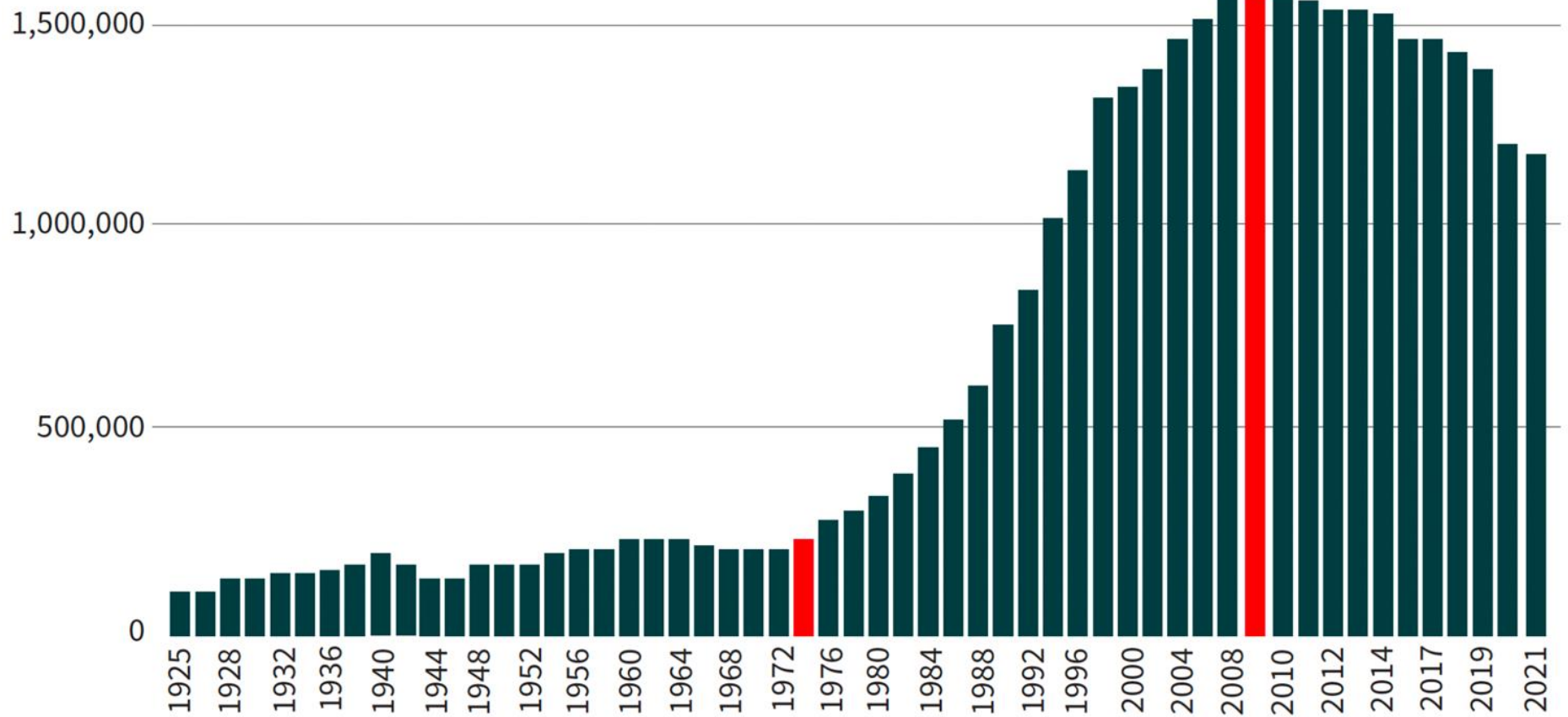
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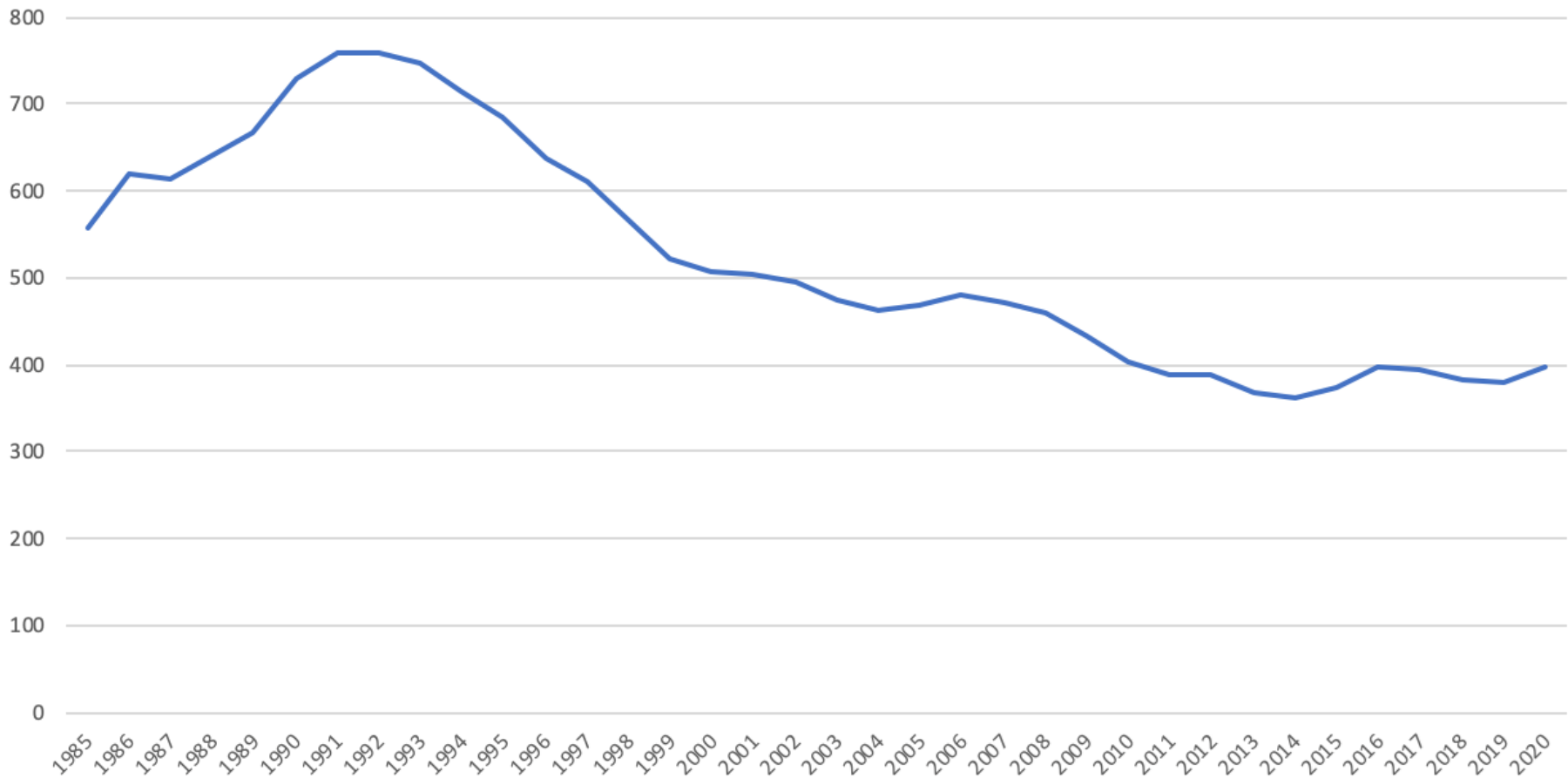
# 50 Years of Mass Incarceration

## U.S. State and Federal Prison Population



# Historic Crime Drop

## Reported Violent Crime Rate, Per 100,000 Residents



# Decarceration of Youth



The number of youth held in juvenile justice facilities fell from a peak of 109,000 in 2000 to 25,000 in 2020— a 77% decline.

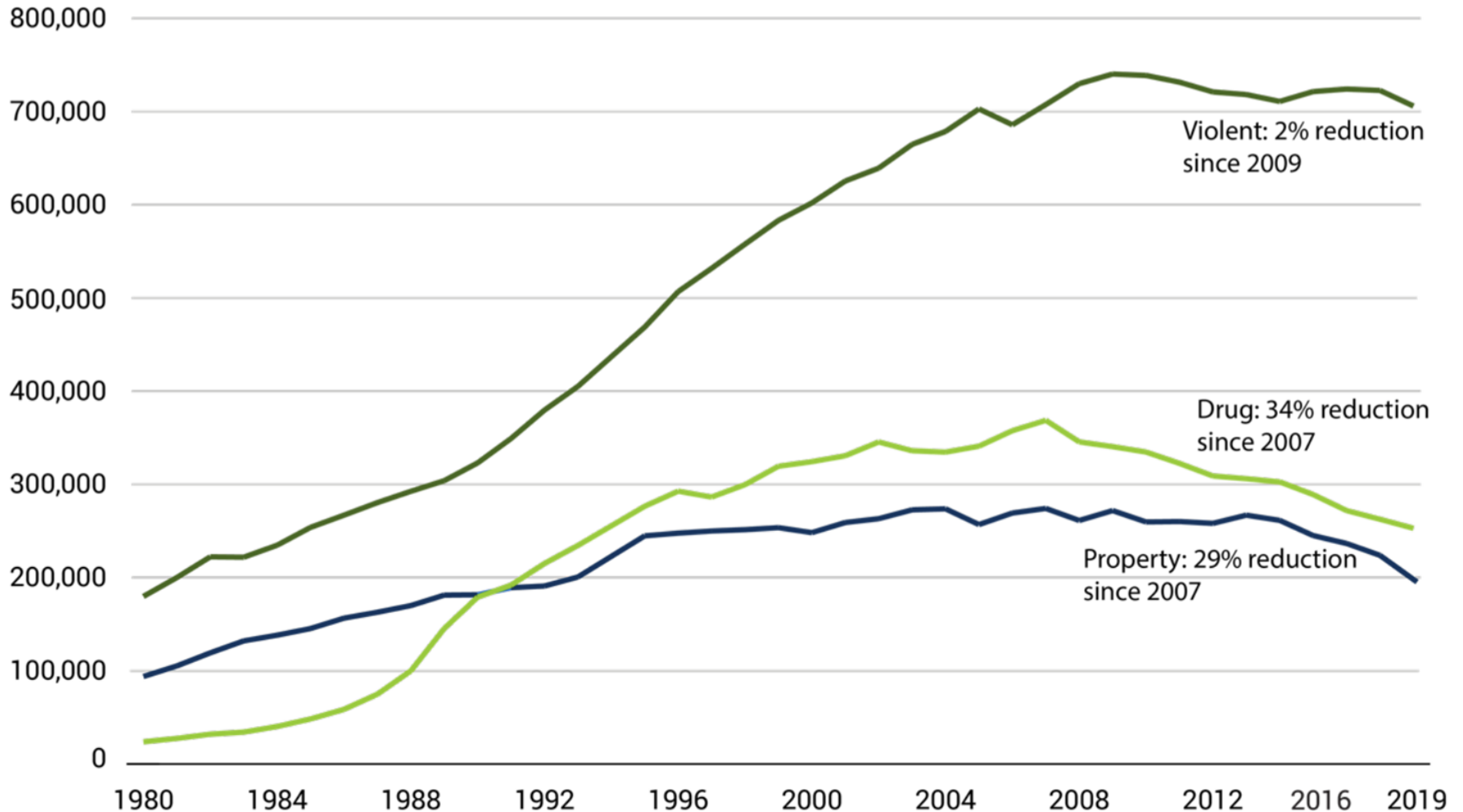
# Disparities: Progress and Persistence

Imprisonment Rates per 100,000 Residents: 2000 vs. 2020

		2000	2020	% Change
White	Women	34	38	<b>12% increase</b>
	Men	449	332	26% decrease
Black	Women	205	65	68% decrease
	Men	3,457	1,890	45% decrease
Latinx	Women	60	48	20% decrease
	Men	1,220	837	31% decrease

# Call for Universal Decarceration

## U.S. Prison Population by Conviction Offense



# Ending Life Imprisonment

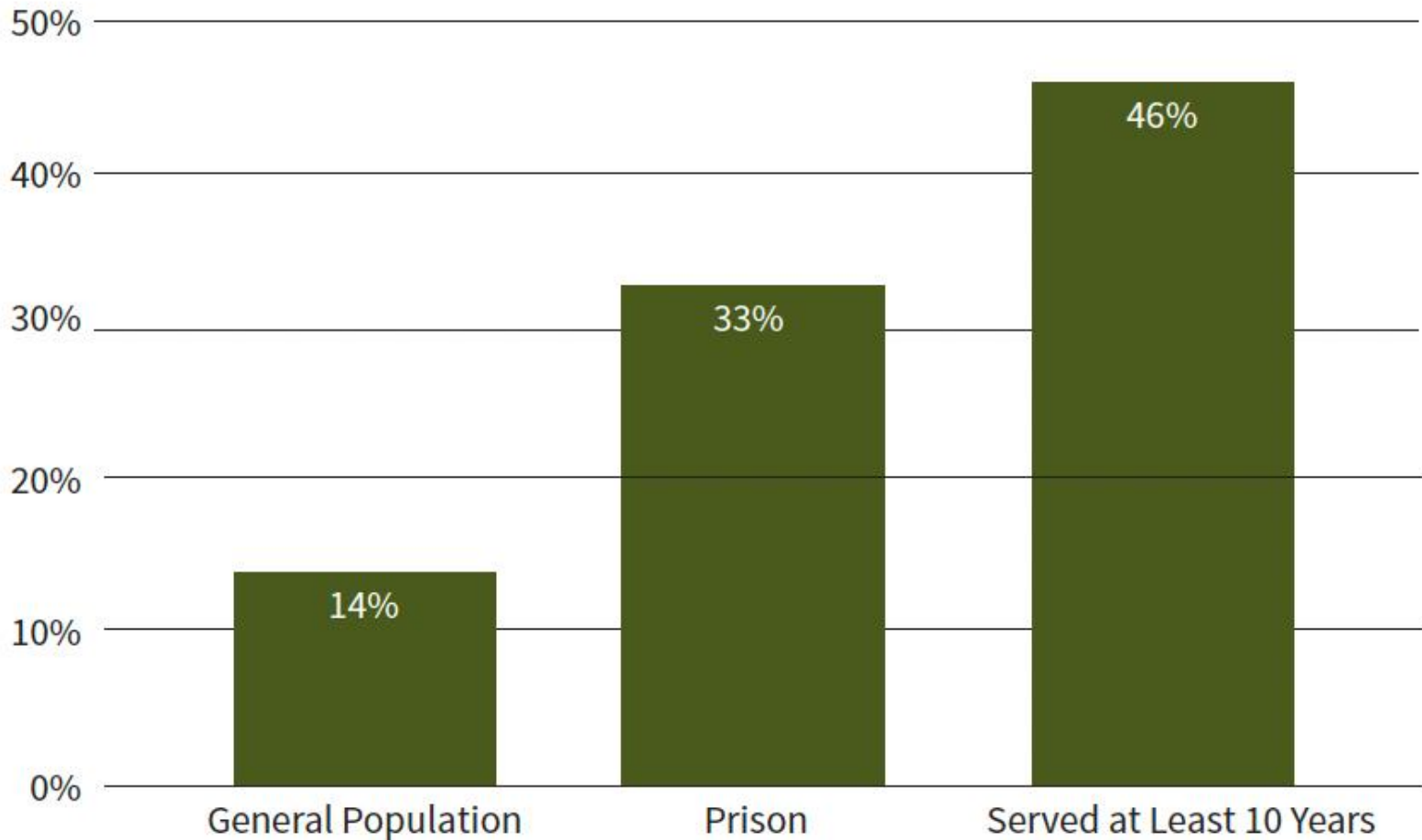
The prison population serving a life sentence today is larger than the total prison population in 1970.



“The Ungers”: nearly 200 Maryland lifers who gained their freedom through the courts.

# Racial Disparities Grow With Sentence Length

Black Americans in U.S. and Prison Populations, 2019





# Broad Impacts



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