

Public Safety Realignment: The Architecture of Change



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Why Realignment?

- **Three-Judge Panel Overcrowding Order**
- **Cost Savings**
- **Better Offender Outcomes**

Criminal Justice Realignment

- **Low-Level Offenders**
- **Parolees**
- **Parole Violators**

Low-Level Offender Realignment

- **Makes Low-Level Offenders Ineligible for Prison**
 - No current or prior serious, violent, or sex offense.
 - Other exceptions.
- **Changes Sentencing Options**
 - Split sentences.

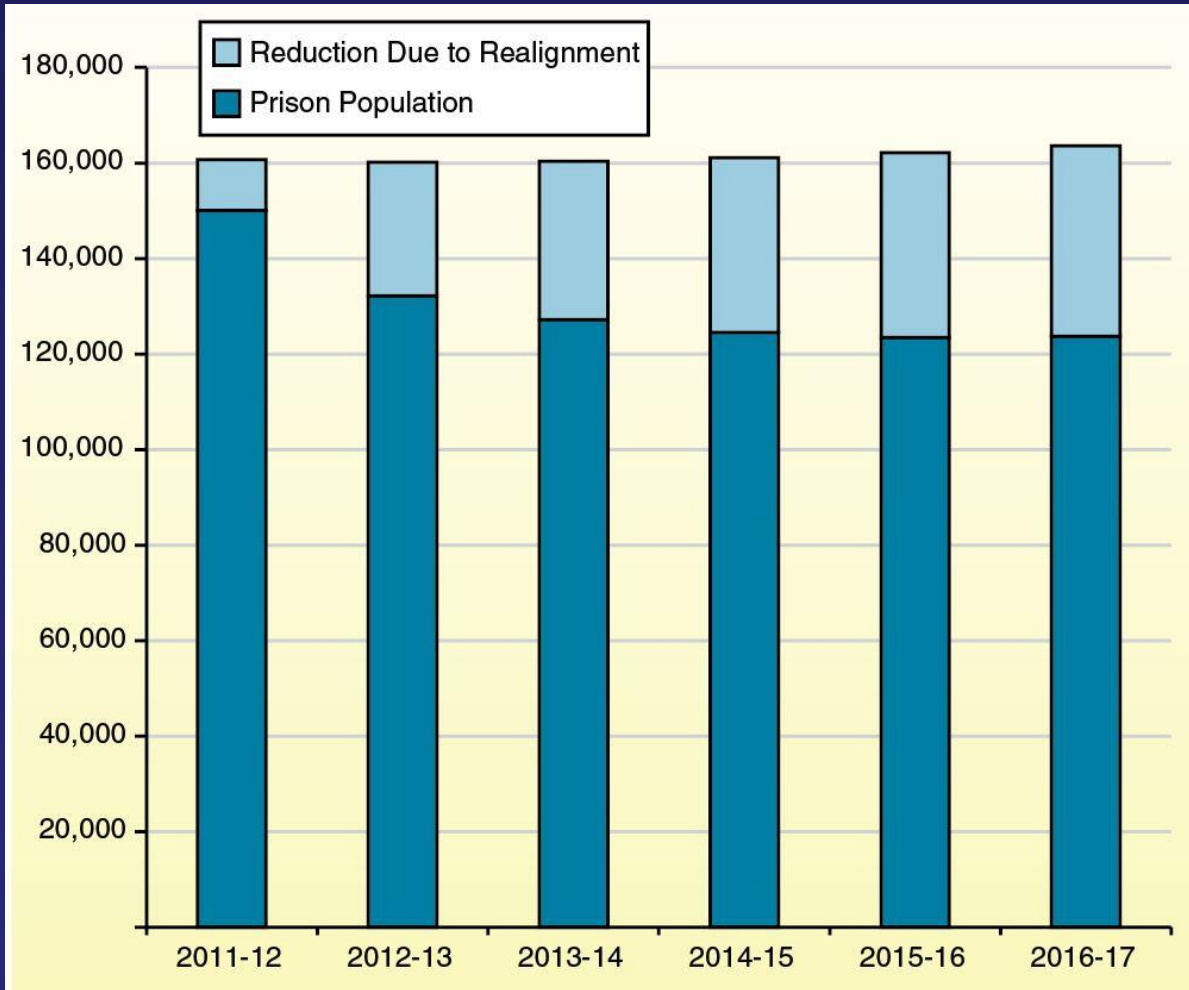
Parole Realignment

- **Makes Counties Responsible for Post Prison Supervision for Certain Offenders**
 - Current nonserious, non-violent convictions.
 - Some exceptions.
- **Requires Courts to Handle Revocation Hearings**

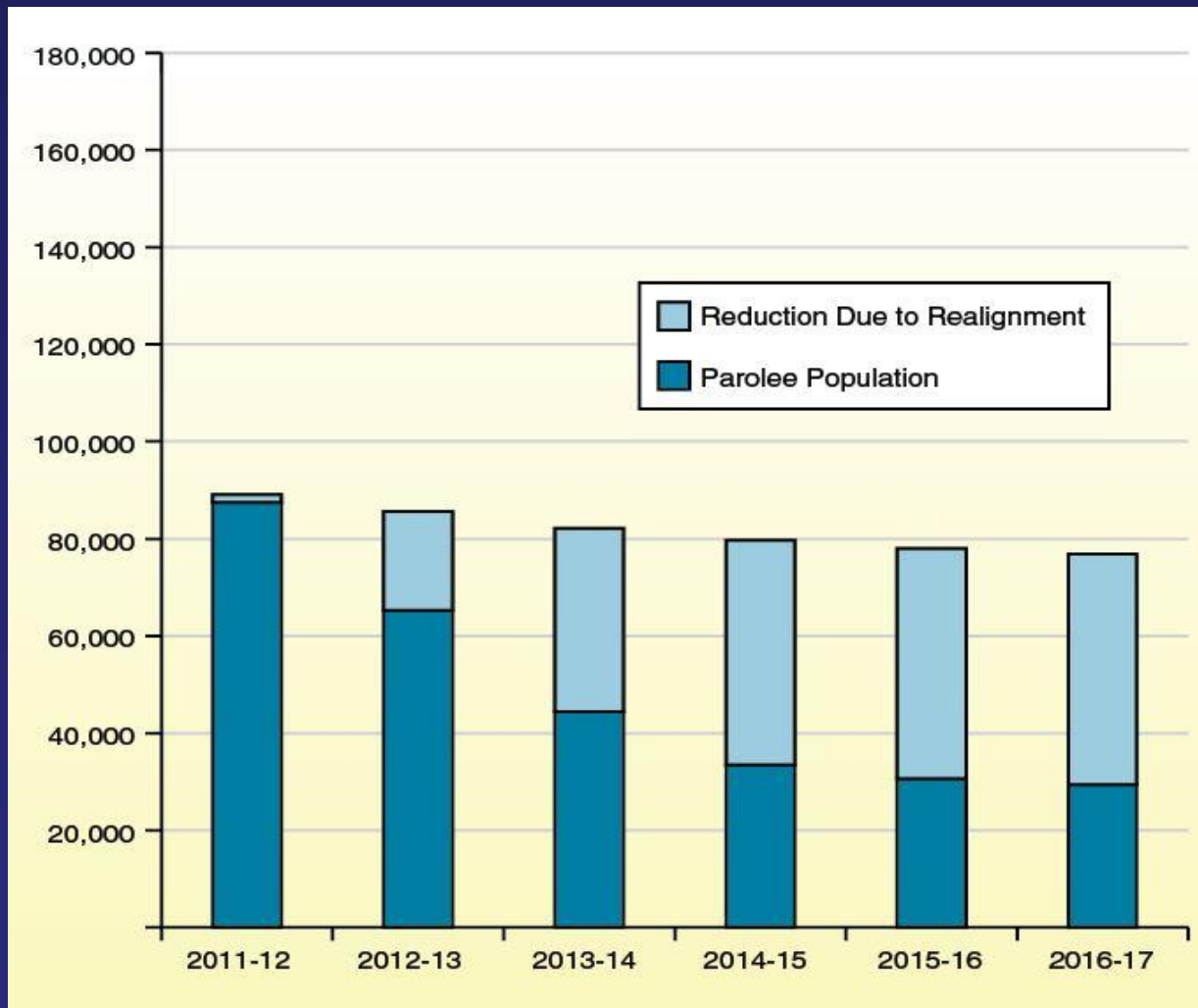
Parole Revocation Realignment

- **Makes Counties Responsible for Housing State Parole Violators**
 - Some exceptions.
- **Beginning in 2013-14, Requires Courts to Hear State Parolee Revocation Hearings**

Prison Population Expected to Decrease Significantly



Parolee Population Expected to Decrease Significantly



State Savings From Realignment

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
State correctional savings	\$1,099,263,000	\$1,456,993,000	\$1,611,398,000
Less funding provided to counties	(919,579,000)	(1,101,182,000)	(1,145,997,000)
Net State Correctional Savings	\$179,684,000	\$355,811,000	\$465,401,000
Position reduction	5,549	6,032	6,431

Per Capita Costs

- **Current Average Per Capita Cost**
 - About \$50,000.
- **Future Per Capita Cost Likely to Increase**
 - Loss of economies of scale.
 - Serious offenders a larger share of the population.
 - Planned increases in rehabilitation spending.

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