

VIRGINIA RIGHTS RESTORATION

Virginia is a mass incarceration state

1,200
Number of Crimes that are Considered Felonies

122,483
Total Corrections Population (includes prison, jail, probation, parole)

1,860
Total Juveniles in Custody

The number of female prisoners under state or federal correctional authority in Virginia has grown by over 9 times what it was in 1980.

303 ♀
1980

2,809 ♀
2011

PRISONERS
| = 10,000 PEOPLE



VIOLENT CRIMES
| = 100 INCIDENTS PER 100,000 PEOPLE



Violent crime has remained relatively the same for the last three decades despite the state locking more people up.

42 VIRGINIA CORRECTIONS INSTITUTIONS & UNITS

2 FEDERAL PRISONS

● State Prison
○ Federal Prison

\$25,129 VIRGINIA'S SPENDING PER INMATE EACH YEAR

BY CONTRAST, VIRGINIA SPENDS ONLY **\$10,364** PER STUDENT EACH YEAR.



Property Crime Rate Ranking

- 40. New Hampshire
- 41. Wyoming
- 42. Iowa
- 43. Pennsylvania
- 44. Virginia**
- 45. Massachusetts



Violent Crime Rate Ranking

- 43. Kentucky
- 44. Idaho
- 45. Utah
- 46. Wyoming
- 47. Virginia**
- 48. New Hampshire



Virginia has among the lowest rates for violent crime and property crime in the country.

But it ranks at the top among states for its rate of imprisonment for incarcerated people.



Imprisonment Rate Ranking

- 13. South Carolina
- 14. Virginia**
- 15. Delaware
- 16. Michigan
- 17. Indiana
- 18. Ohio

Prison Gerrymandering

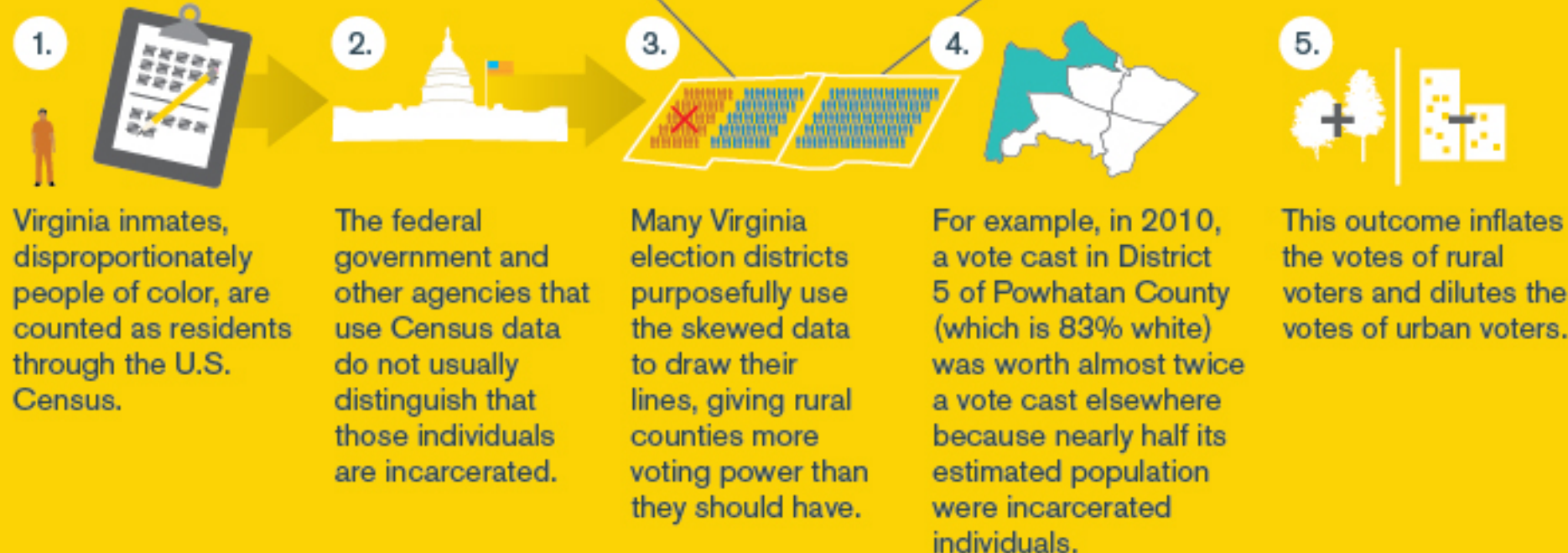
Voter Dilution from the Inside-Out

Prison gerrymandering is the practice of counting prisoners as local community members for elections even though they cannot vote or use local services outside prison. As Virginia has so many prisoners across the state due to mass incarceration, the racial implications are deep.

Most prisons are in the most rural, mostly white parts of the state.

Most prisoners are from dense urban areas, where many people of color live.

This is what happens:



Disenfranchisement of People with Felony Convictions

1851: Voting disenfranchisement is written into Virginia's constitution.

1950s-present: Other states begin to reform felony disenfranchisement laws to restore the vote.

2011: Virginia remains one of only 4 states to impose lifetime disenfranchisement on all people with felony convictions.



1902: Virginia adopts a constitutional amendment as part of an explicit "southern strategy" to prevent newly enfranchised black men from voting.

May 2013: In response to community pressure, Governor McDonnell announces automatic restoration of rights for people with "non-violent" felony convictions. Still, Virginia continues to have one of the most complicated rights restoration policies in the country.

450,000 people in Virginia have had their civil rights taken away

372,000 of these are people who have completed their prison time

Nearly **7%** of the voting age population of Virginia is disenfranchised.

Virginia has the **2ND** highest rate of disenfranchisement in the nation

1 in 5 or **20%** of the total African American population in Virginia is disenfranchised.

Latinos are **2X** more likely to be disenfranchised than White people in Virginia.



Learn how you can take action to help end lifetime disenfranchisement at www.takebackmyvote.org