

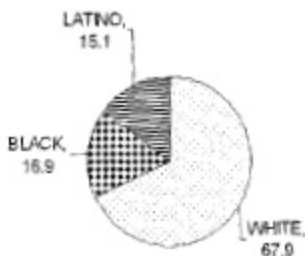
PRISON-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX



Community Forum

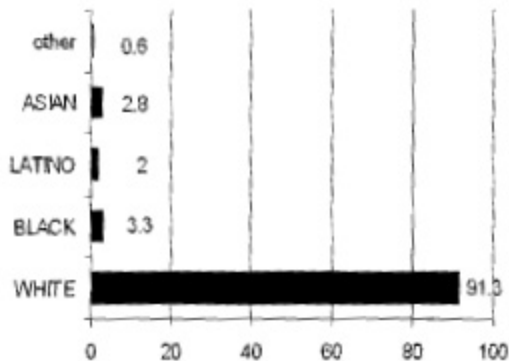
on Racism and
the Judicial System

NYS POPULATION BY RACE, 2000



1. The US Census for the year 2000 estimated the NYS population at 18,976,457 for ages 18 and over. Whites comprise 70% of the total population, Black 17%, Latino 15% and Asian 6.2%. From the rate of arrest data (1997-2001), Blacks comprise 45%, and Latinos 20% of the total arrests
2. Blacks are incarcerated three times more than Whites; Latinos two times more than whites.
3. In the last decade, NYS has spent \$275 million more on prisons than on higher education. For the year 1998, each inmate held under the Rockefeller drug laws costs the state \$30,000 a year—roughly the cost of tuition of 9 students at CUNY and SUNY.
4. In 2004, nearly 35% of the people sent to state prison were drug offenders, compared to only 11% in 1980.
5. For every five people arrested, 3.25 are incarcerated for drug felonies, and 3 are incarcerated for violent felonies.
6. Of all drug offenders sent to NYS prisons in 2000, nearly 80% were never convicted of a violent felony.
7. It costs the state over \$1.7 billion to construct new prisons to house drug offenders. The annual operating expense for confining drug offenders comes to about \$500 million per year
8. According to the Department of Correctional Services (1997-2001), more than half of the inmates under custody are Black (even though Whites make up 70% of the total population).

BROOME COUNTY POPULATION BY RACE, 2000



According to the 2000 Census Data for Broome County, out of the total population, Whites comprise 91.3%, Blacks 3.3%, Latino 2% and Asian 2.8%.

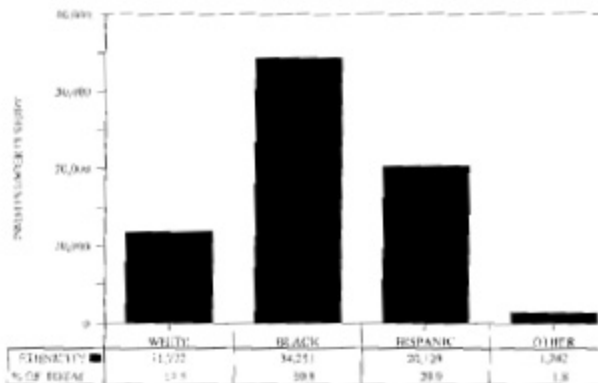
In Broome County, out of the total population of youth at risk (10-15), whites comprise 89%, Blacks 3.7%, Latinos 2.5% and Asians 2.1%.

Almost one out of four Black youth at risk are arrested. The rate of arrest for Black youth is 245 per 1,000.

Black youth are arrested 6.5 times more than White youth; Latino youth are arrested 1.5 times more than White youth.

Latino youth are incarcerated 5.4 times more than White youth.

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List of Resources:

Websites:

www.nodeathpenalty.org
www.criticalresistance.org
www.droptherock.org
www.thejerichomovement.com
www.prisonactivist.org
www.noprison.org
www.booksnotbars.org
www.uniondelbarrio.org
www.noincarprison.org
www.mugm.org (malcom x grassroots movement)
www.copwatch.org

Local:

www.justiceprojects.org
 SUNY Binghamton Prisoner Support Network; Adam Friedman at offeditor@hotmail.com
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