

Slavery's Legacy: Mass incarceration

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Research Question: What communities are most impacted by female mass incarceration and to what extent does it stem from slavery?

Methods

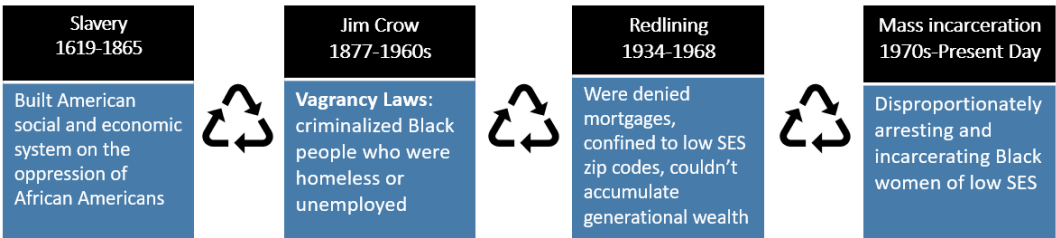
- Assembled the Incarceration trends datasets using information provided to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) by state and local corrections authorities
- All the data pertaining to violent crimes has been excluded from these trends to focus on the crisis of incarceration for misdemeanors.

Research Barriers

Problem	Solution
Lack of consistent data collection on incarcerated women perpetuates systematic neglect	Set statewide* standards and budget to improve consistency in jail data collection and reporting
Case study: New Zealand Data Collection Database <ul style="list-style-type: none">Nationwide database collects a range of specific incarceration data by providence and offence showing entry, release, health and education of incarcerated persons, recidivism, and rehabilitationImpact: Low rates of incarceration for nonserious offences, low recidivism rates, effective criminal justice policies	

*Why state standards not national? Because there are 3.5X as many admissions to local jails than prison, probation, and parole admissions combined each year

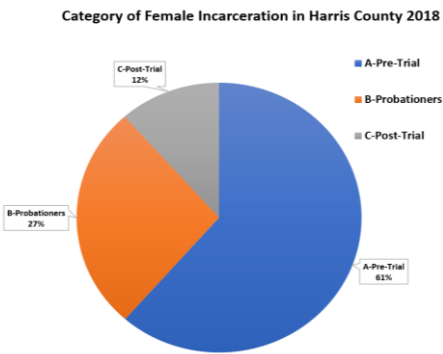
State Sanctioned Inequality Recycled



Conclusions

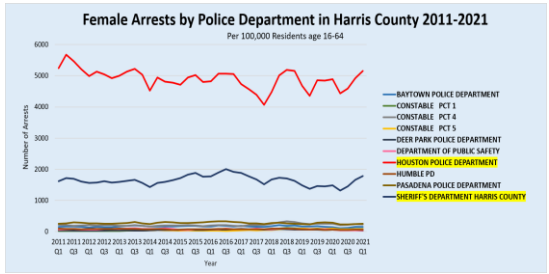
- The female population impacted by mass incarceration is **disproportionately Black, and of low SES.**
- We cannot alleviate negative generational trajectories in the black community without addressing mass incarceration's contribution to it

Results

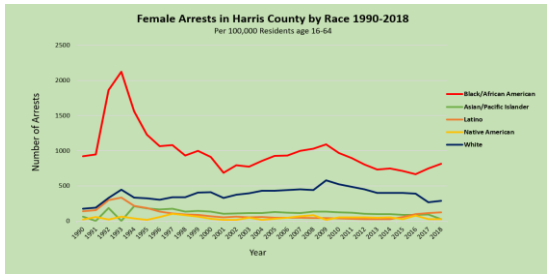


60% of women in Harris County are only in jail because they **cannot afford bail.**

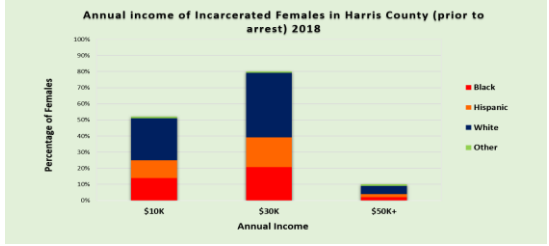
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Consistent **arresting inequalities** in the last decade with the same zip codes targeted.



Racial Disparities in policing: Black women only make up about 12% of the national women population yet are 2x as likely to get arrested than their white counterparts for the same behavior.



Criminalizing poverty: Over 80% of incarcerated women in Harris County jails make 30k or less per year.

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