



# The Youth PROMISE Act

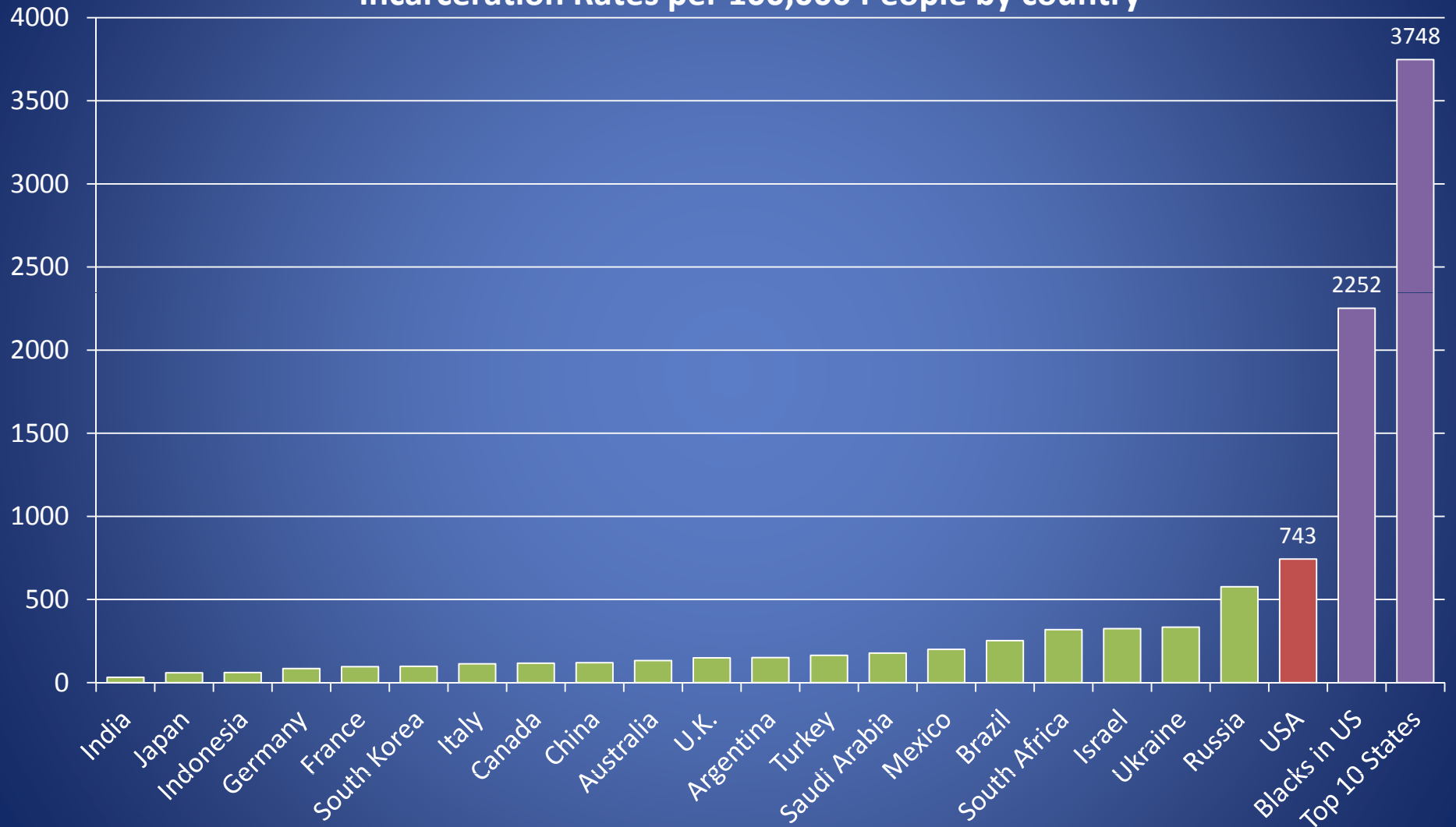
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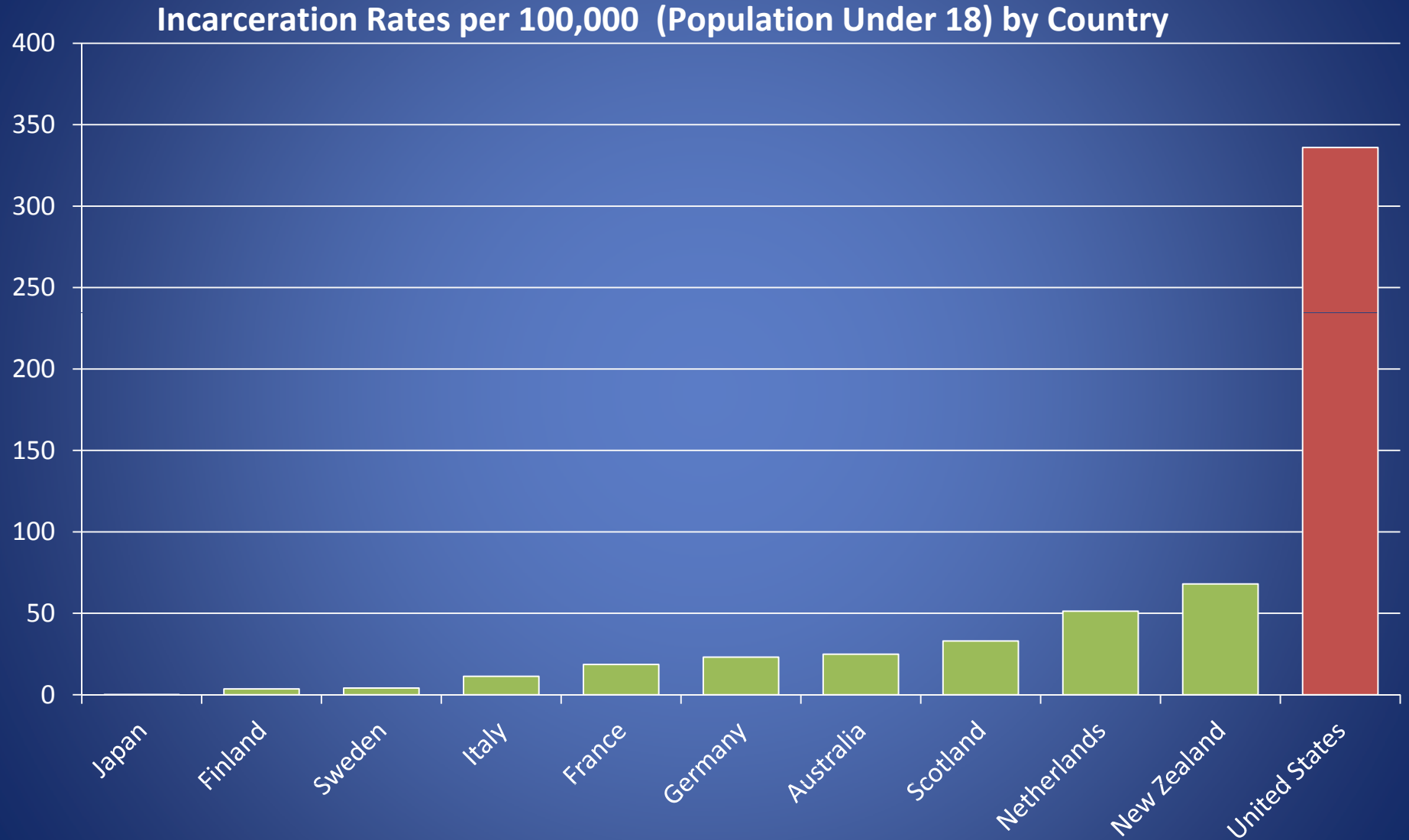
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Incarceration Rates per 100,000 People by country



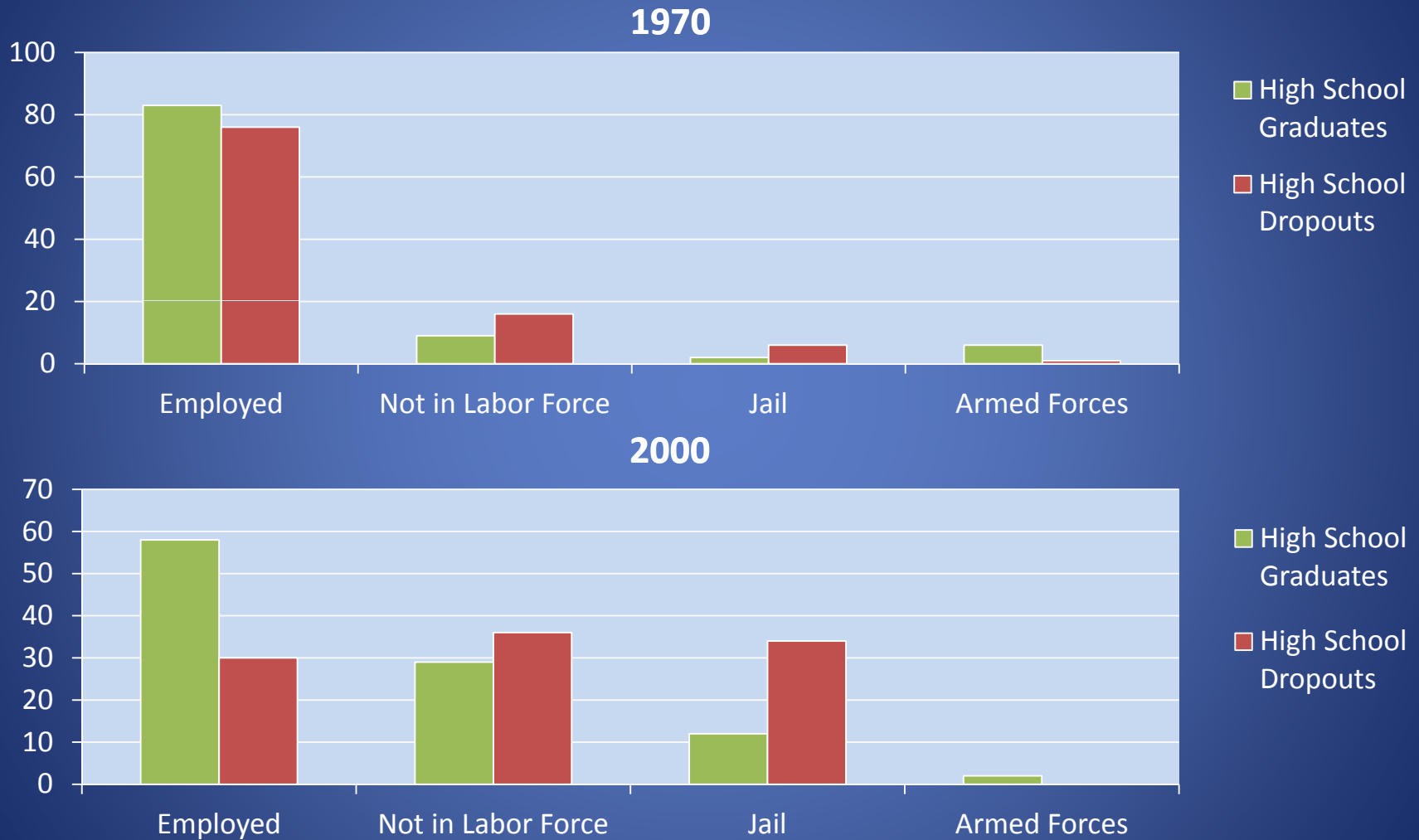
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Source: Figures for September 2002, taken from report entitled "Cross-national comparison of youth justice" (Youth Justice Board, 2008).

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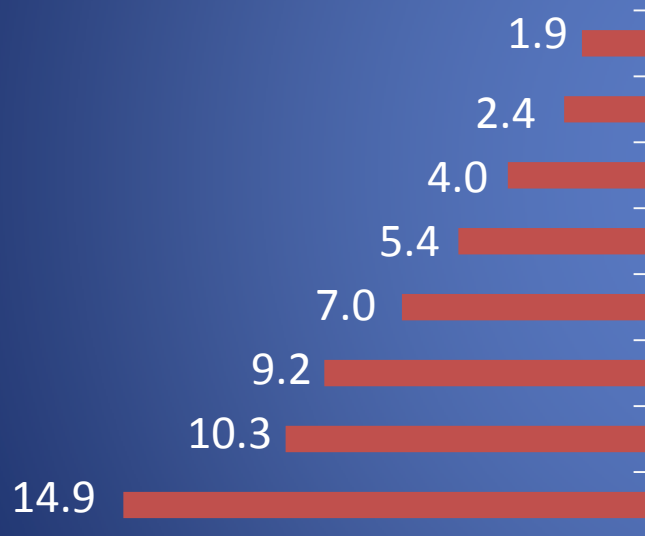
# Outcomes for Black Males Age 26-30 Decline Sharply Since 1970



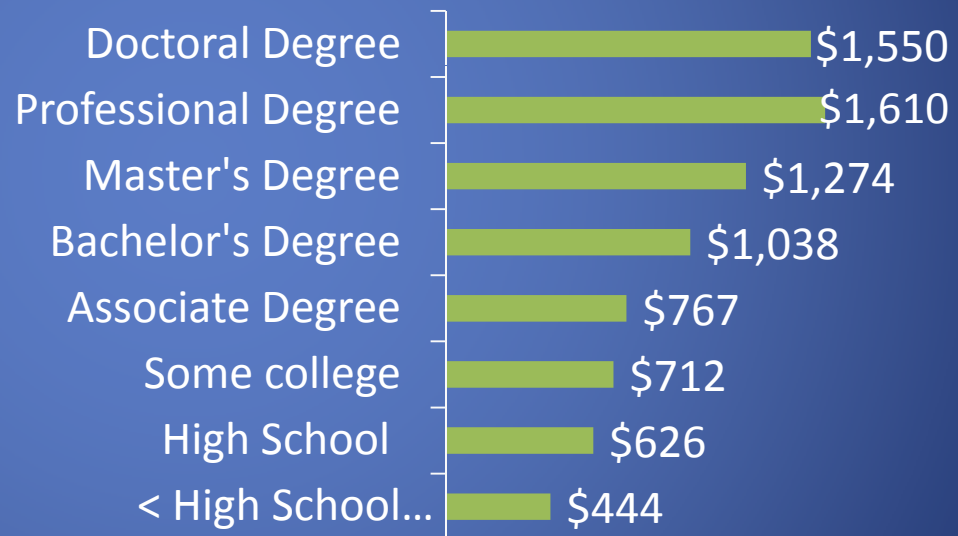
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# Education Pays

## Unemployment Rate in 2010



## Median Weekly Earnings in 2010



# Putting Money on the Table

What if we reduced the African-American incarceration rate to 500 per 100,000?\*

- Reduction from 2,252 per 100,000 to 500 per 100,000
- 1,752 fewer incarcerated x \$29,000 year = \$50,808,000
- Children per 100,000 = approx. 30,000
- \$50,808,000 / 30,000 children = **\$1,693 /child/ year**
- \$50,808,000 targeted at 1/3 of our most vulnerable children = **\$5,080 /child/ year**

\* In the Pew Center on the States study "1 in 31", it was determined that incarceration rates over 500 per 100,000 were counterproductive to reducing crime.



# Putting Money on the Table

What if we reduced the African-American incarceration rate in the worst ten states to 500 per 100,000?\* \*

- Reduction from 3,748 per 100,000 to 500 per 100,000
- 3,248 fewer incarcerated x \$29,000 year = \$94,192,000
- Children per 100,000 = approx. 30,000
- \$ 94,192,000 / 30,000 children = **\$3,140 /child /year**
- \$ 94,192,000 targeted at 1/3 of our most vulnerable children = **\$9,419 /child /year**

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