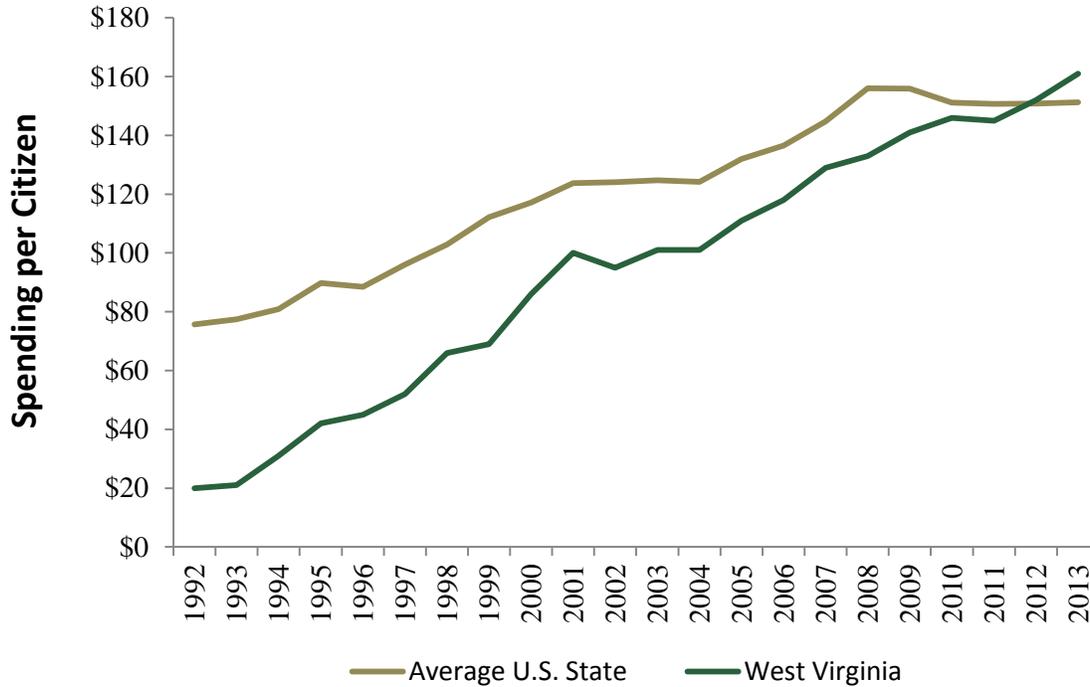


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Figure 6: Correctional Spending per Citizen in West Virginia and the Average U.S. State, 1992-2013



Note: Figure 6 presents the annual spending on corrections per citizen in West Virginia and in the average U.S. state. Spending per citizen is calculated by dividing total corrections spending by the size of the state’s population.

Sources: Annual U.S. Census Survey of State Government Finances and U.S. Census Population Estimates

Findings: In 1992, West Virginia’s correctional cost per citizen was about one-fourth that of the average U.S. state. Between 1992 and 2013, however, correctional costs per citizen in West Virginia increased by roughly 800%. This resulted in an annual rate of growth nearly four times greater than the average U.S. state. On average, correctional costs in West Virginia have increased by \$6.85 per citizen per year since 1992, compared to the average U.S. state at \$4.09 per citizen. As a result, West Virginian citizens pay more for correctional supervision than the residents of the average U.S. state.