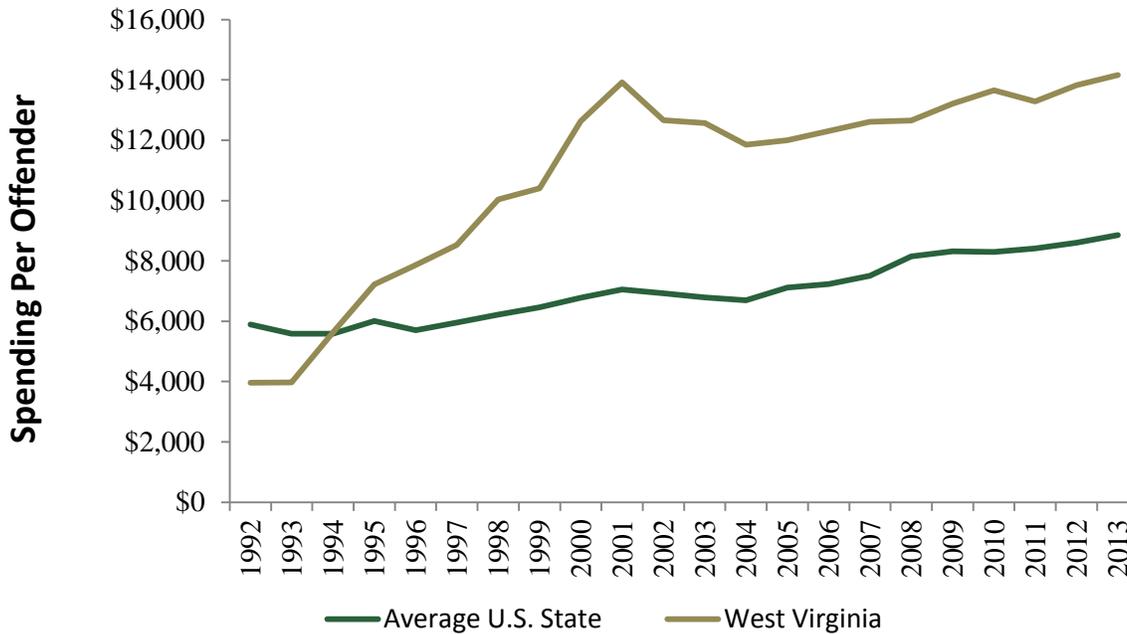


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Figure 5: Corrections Spending per Offender in West Virginia and the Average U.S. State, 1992-2013



Note: This figure presents the annual spending on corrections per offender in West Virginia and in the average U.S. state. Spending per offender is calculated by dividing total corrections spending by the number of offenders in each state.

Sources: Annual U.S. Census Survey of State Government Finances, Annual Probation Survey, Annual Parole Survey, Annual Survey of Jails, Bureau of Justice Statistics Prisoners Series, and the Correctional Populations in the United States Series.

Findings: West Virginia’s annual correction expenditures per offender is substantially higher than the average U.S. state. This was not always the case. In 1992, West Virginia’s annual correctional spending per offender was 33% lower than the average U.S. State. In the intervening period, West Virginia’s annual spending per offender grew at a rate of about \$435 per year, which is 177% higher than the growth rate of correctional spending for the average U.S. state. In 2013, West Virginia’s cost per offender was 60% higher than the average U.S. state.