

# CARCERAL REDLINING

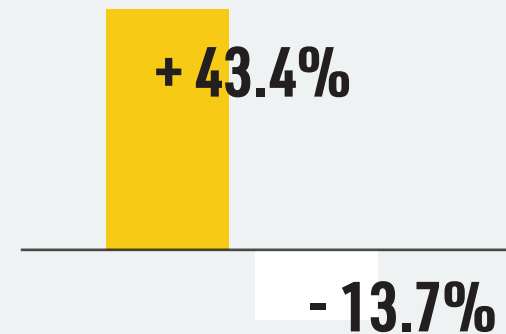
White Supremacy is a Weapon of  
Mass Incarceration for Indigenous  
and Black Peoples in Canada



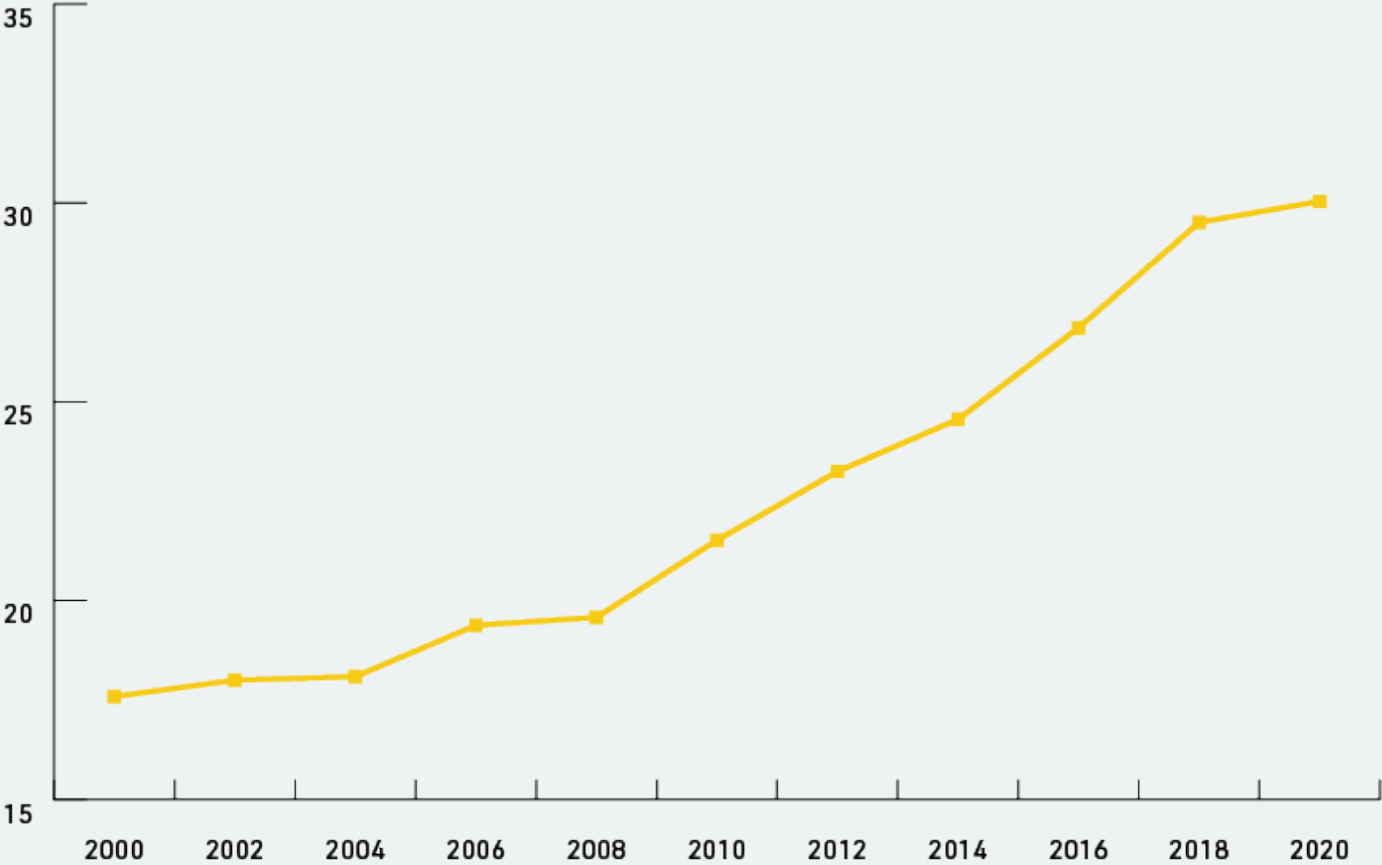
# Although Canada's crime rates have been declining for the past 20 years, rates of incarceration for **Indigenous** and **Black** people have increased disproportionately.

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Since 2010, incarceration of **Indigenous peoples** has increased by 43.4%, whereas the non-Indigenous incarcerated population has declined by 13.7% over the same period\*.



# Federally Incarcerated Indigenous Population since 2001



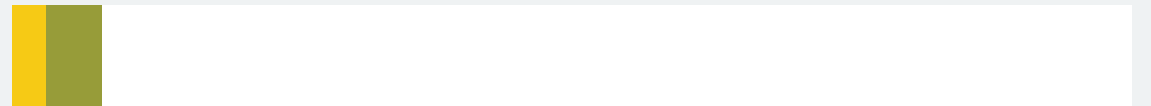
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# Indigenous and Black Population vs Federal Incarceration Stats

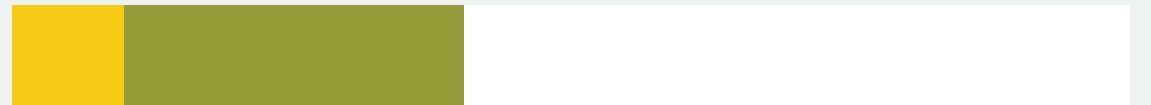


While making up 3% of the general Canadian population, **Black people** account for 10% of the federal prison population.\*

**Indigenous people** represent approximately 5% of the Canadian population but account for 30.4% of the federal prison population.\*\*



CANADIAN POPULATION



FEDERAL PRISON POPULATION

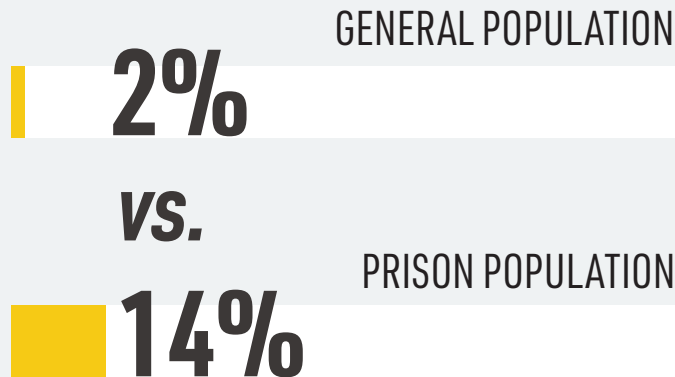
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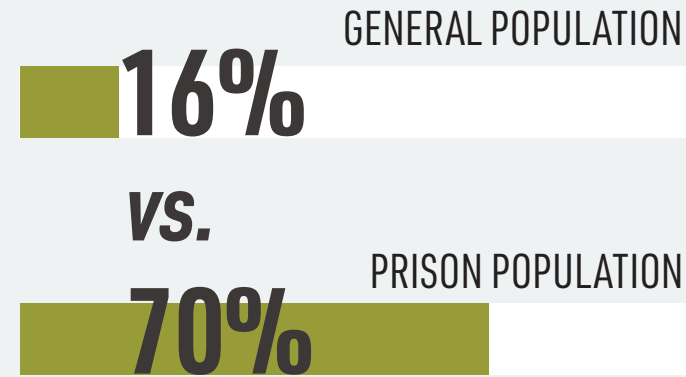
# Similar disparities are evident in provincial jails. For example:



In Nova Scotia, **Black people** represent 2% of the general population but account for 14% of the jail population.\*



In Manitoba, **Indigenous people** represent 16% of the general population, but account for 70% of the jail population.\*\*

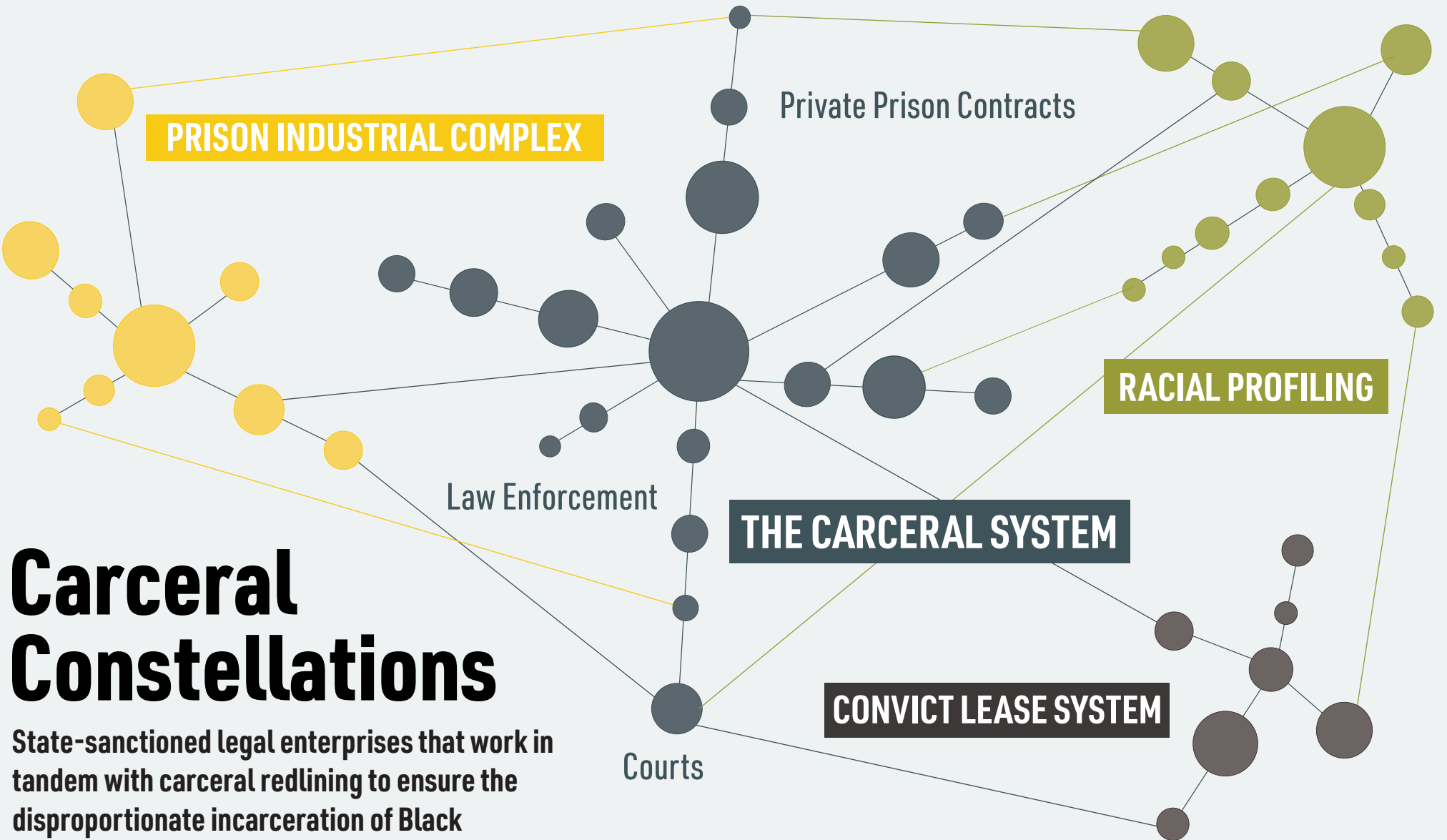


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# 'CARCERAL REDLINING':

The systemic ways in which incarceration practices are used as a tool for social control by the redlining of racialized communities. There are effectively red lines drawn around certain communities to be criminalized and targeted for incarceration.



# Carceral Constellations

State-sanctioned legal enterprises that work in tandem with carceral redlining to ensure the disproportionate incarceration of Black and Indigenous peoples

**THE ANSWER TO THESE CHALLENGES IS  
PRISON ABOLITION. Visioning a world where  
inequalities are resolved by investing in housing,  
healthcare, and education - all investments  
that are required for community safety.**

**It is not utopian, but simply fair and just.**



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