

Prison Reformers Want Fewer Inmates in Wisconsin

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Wisconsin doesn't have the highest per capita prison population in the nation. Far from it. At 366 per hundred thousand people--just under 23 thousand prisoners overall--Wisconsin is in the bottom half of all states for incarceration rates. But a campaign kicking off today would drop that rate even lower.



A coalition of religious groups under the umbrella group WISDOM are today announcing their efforts to cut the state's prison population in half in a few short years. The group appears to have no clear plan for achieving the goal of reaching 11 thousand prisoners. But, if it does so, it would still give the state a higher per capita prisoner population than Minnesota.