

Racial and Community Impact Statements

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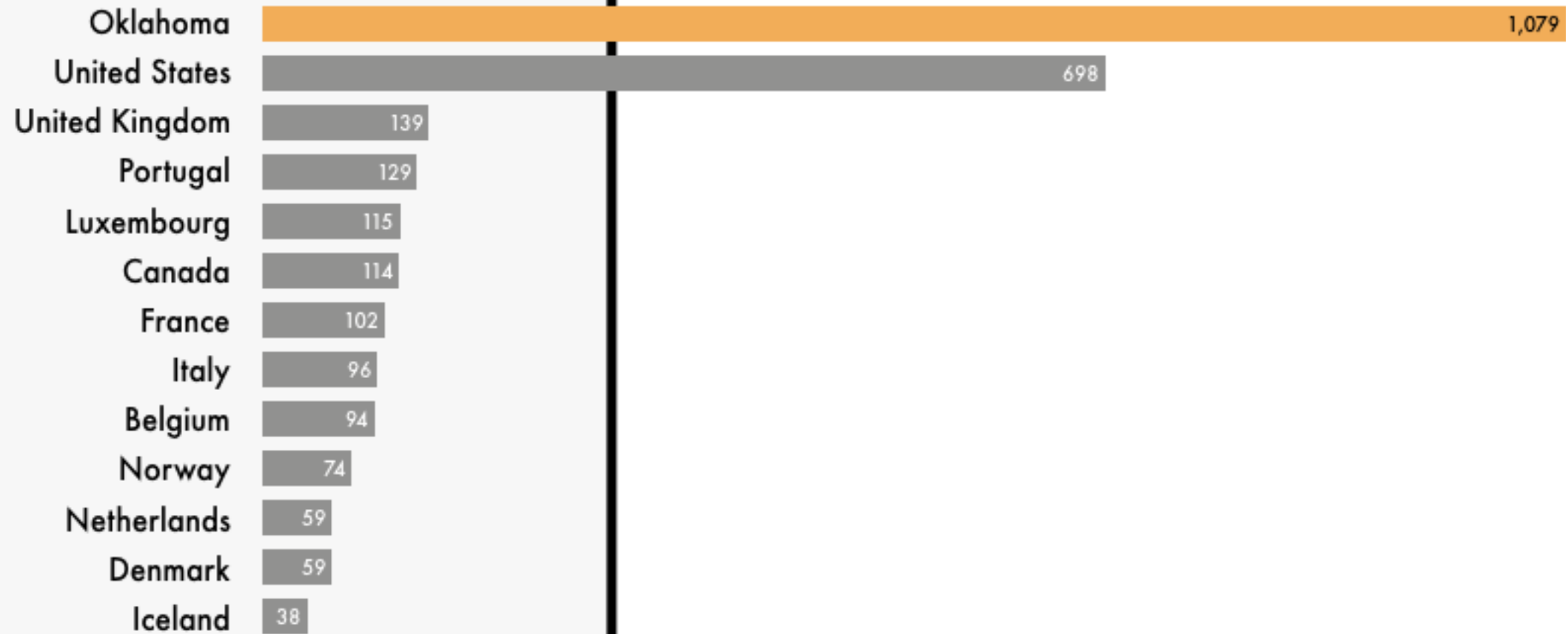
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INCARCERATION RATES

COMPARING OKLAHOMA
AND FOUNDING NATO COUNTRIES



Incarceration rates per 100,000 population

Source: <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/global/2018.html>



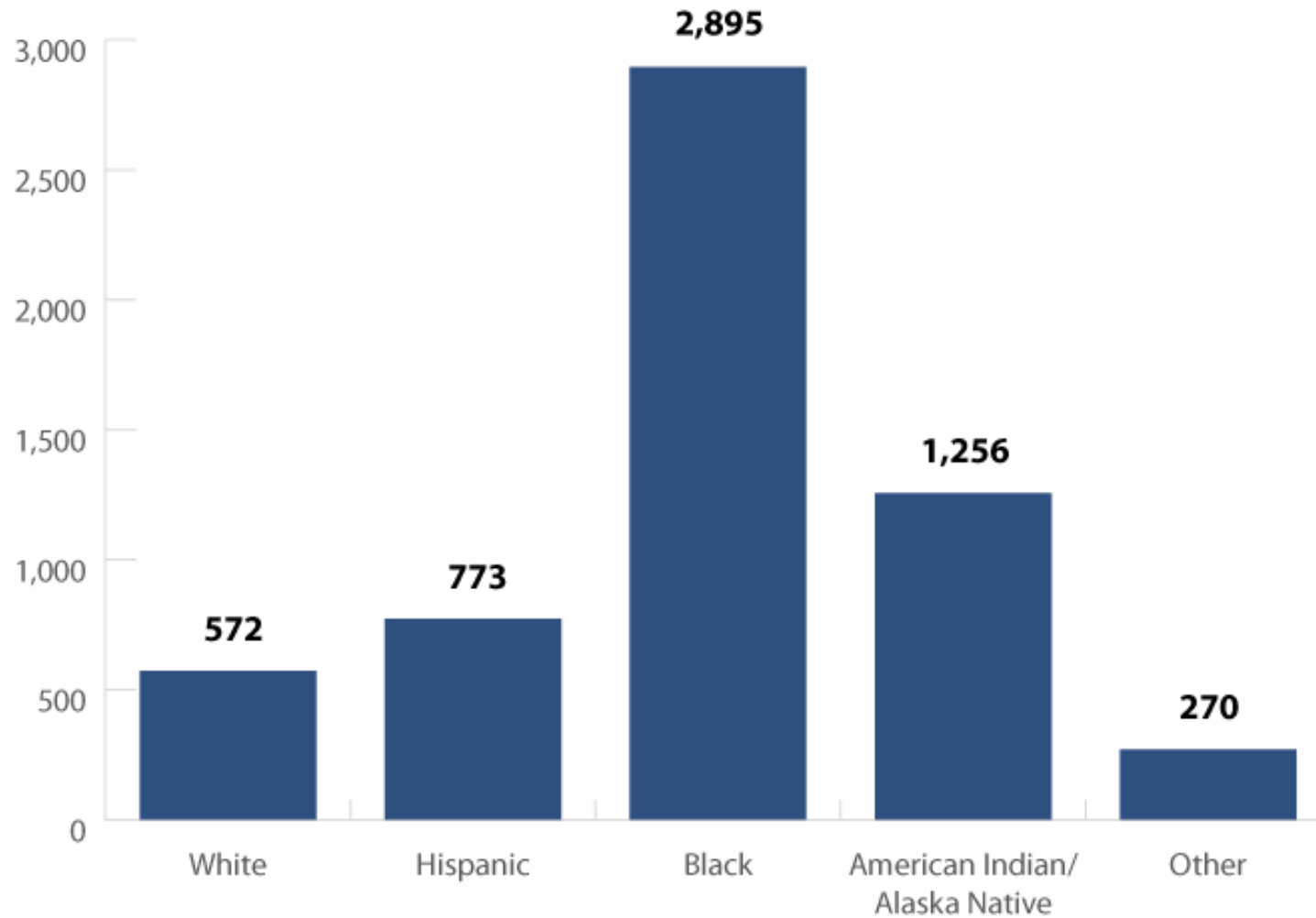
Criminal Justice Reform depends on data

- ☐ Economic
- ☐ Social
- ☐ Demographic



Oklahoma imprisonment rates by race/ethnicity,

Number of people incarcerated per 100,000 people in that racial/ethnic group as of June 30, 2020



Source: Open Justice Oklahoma analysis from Oklahoma Department of Corrections data

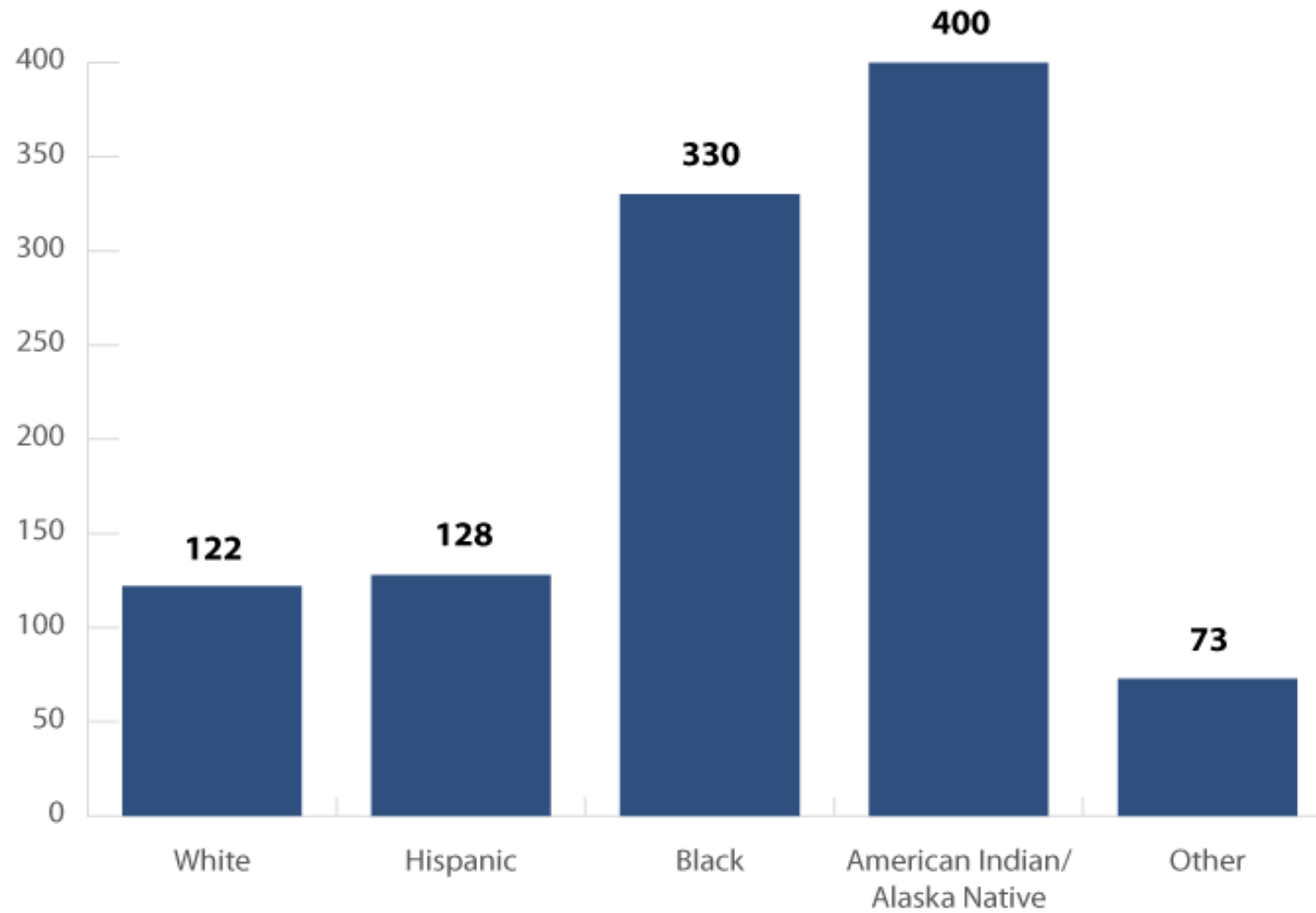
5x

Black Oklahomans incarceration rate is
5x higher than white Oklahomans.



Oklahoma imprisonment rates by race/ethnicity, females only

Number of people incarcerated per 100,000 people in that racial/ethnic group as of June 30, 2020



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Mapping Court Debt in T... ▼

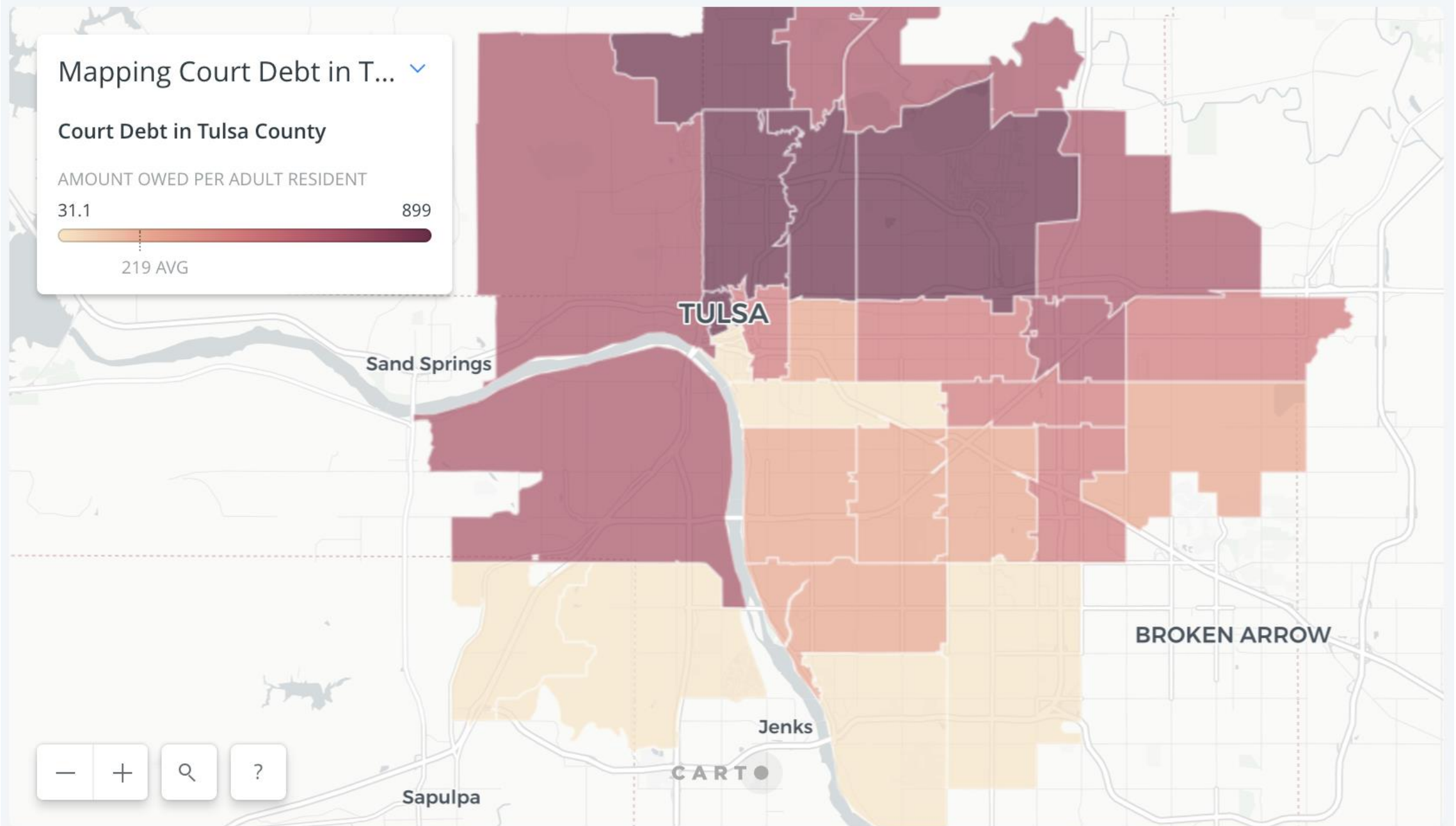
Court Debt in Tulsa County

AMOUNT OWED PER ADULT RESIDENT

31.1

899

219 AVG



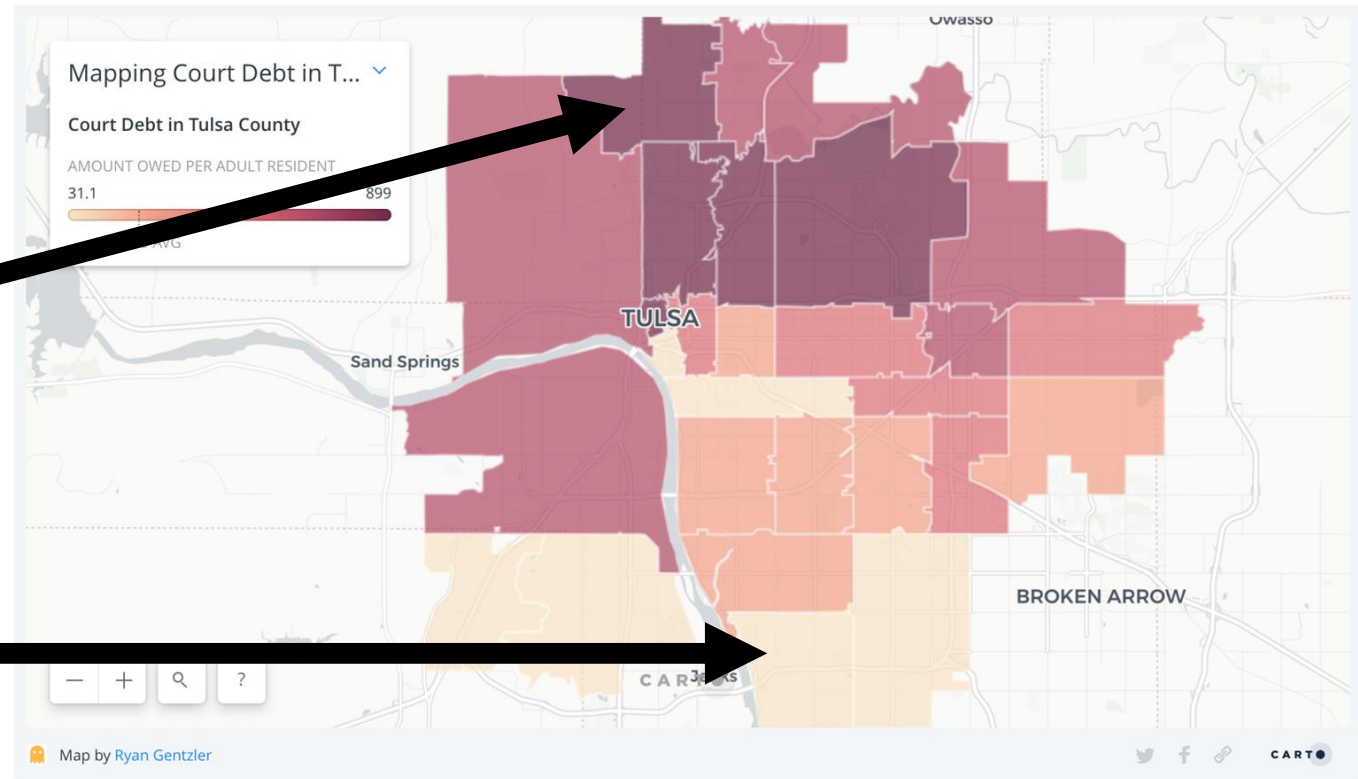
LOW-INCOME, MINORITY NEIGHBORHOODS SUFFER THE MOST

- **\$590**

owed per adult in 74126

- **\$31**

owed per adult in 74137



111%

The percentage increase in pre-trial jail population in 59 rural Oklahoma counties from 2000-2016





- **This inhumane system housed more than half a million Americans in 1950**
- **By 1980 there were fewer than 130,000 people housed in mental health hospitals**





Benefits for Rural

Oklahoma

- ❑ The 10 Oklahoma Counties with the **most fatal drug-overdose rates** are all rural.
- ❑ The ten counties with the **highest rate** of people reporting frequent mental distress are all rural
- ❑ Only **1 in ten** people in rural communities are receiving treatment
- ❑ Rural disparities are often **missed in legislation.** (Pittsburg County)
- ❑ Even larger counties like Rogers County are **often missed** (SB 252- Median jail stay nonviolent felons- 183 days)



- **What if** each year District Courts reported **how much Oklahomans in rural communities spent** paying court fines and fees? What counties pay the most, and theories why?
- **What if** we tracked zip codes with the **highest concentration of failure to pay warrants** to target a fee forgiveness for job training pilot program in those areas?
- **What if** the state tracked zip codes with **highest concentration of license suspension** for marijuana related court debt?



Resources:

<https://www.freetodrive.org/>

<https://openjustice.okpolicy.org/>



If they don't give
you a seat
at the table,
bring in a
folding chair.

Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm
First African American Woman
Elected to Congress

