

HB10 could double the size of Louisiana's prison population. And the costs? They'll double, too.

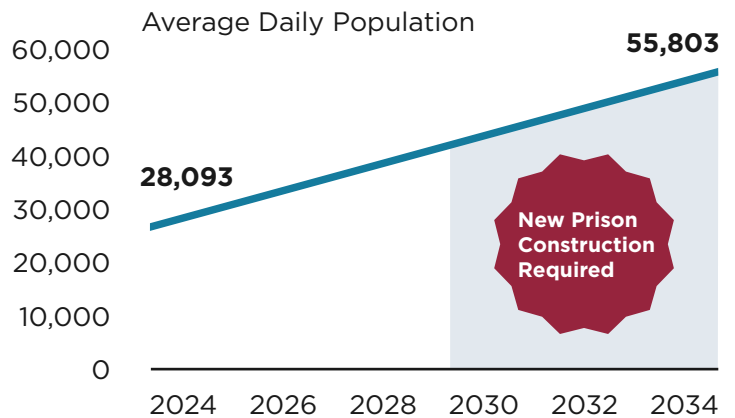


What is HB10?

Enacted during the 2024 special session, HB10 requires that all individuals sentenced to prison serve 85% of their sentence prior to being eligible for release.

Previously, Louisiana's sentencing guidelines permitted certain individuals, particularly those convicted of nonviolent offenses, to be eligible for release after serving 25% of their sentence, making HB10 not only a radical departure from Louisiana's existing laws, but indeed an outlier across the country.

Projected Prison Population Growth Under HB10



By mandating 85% time served, individuals will spend substantially more time incarcerated, which could come with costs north of \$600 million per year—a figure twice as high as the state's current corrections budget.

Increase in Annual Prison Operating Costs Assumes 50/50 Split for State and Local Jails

	Projected Population Growth	Cost Per Year	Total
State-State	13,855	\$39,274	\$544,148,535
State-Local	13,855	\$9,633	\$133,465,215
Total	27,710		\$677,613,750

Source: Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections; Projections by Jim Austin, JFA Institute

Quick Facts:

2x

The population of nonviolent offenders

3x

Longer spent in prison for the same offenses

\$2 Billion

Estimated for new prison to accommodate population