Nearly 40% of people sent to prison in New York State come from three boroughs in New York City (Brooklyn, Bronx, and Manhattan). New Yorkers will spend nearly $740 million to incarcerate people who were sent to prison in 2008 from those three boroughs.

One zip code alone in Brooklyn—where 49% of households have incomes under $25,000 and where 17% of adults are unemployed—accounts for $24 million of the Borough's $297 million prison costs. Of the $24 million, about 17% ($4 million) are for people being revoked to prison from parole.
Similarly, 43% of people leaving prison in New York State return to the same three boroughs of New York City. With the second highest rate of people returning from prison (3 per 1000*) among the three, the Bronx has the highest percent of households earning under $25,000.

*Although Manhattan has the highest rate of returning prisoners, it is mainly due to the placement of many parolees in temporary, transitional housing in Lower Manhattan.

People living in the neighborhoods of one South Bronx zip code (10455), who account for fewer than 3% of the Borough’s adult population, grapple with the return of 9% of the Borough’s returning prisoners, where more than half of the households earn less than $25,000.

In those neighborhoods, where more than 40% of households are headed by single parents, nearly 2% of working-age men between 18 and 64 had returned from prison in 2008.