

1 In Every 143 Person in The United States is Incarcerated

The Bureau of Justice Statistics recently published their information on jail and prison population. They have stated that for the first time in 2002 incarcerated individuals within the United States has surpassed two (2) million, adding an additional 33,000 into the system by the end of that same year; consequently, 1 in every 143 persons in the United States is incarcerated. The average daily cost per inmate in state or county facilities, according to the Corrections Yearbook, is \$57.92. Overcrowding in the penal system has resulted in having to build additional facilities with an average cost of \$65,000 per cell. As anyone can rationally see, the cost of incarcerating repeat offenders, in the opinion of Golden Spike Treatment Ranch, Inc., is staggering and unnecessary.

Statistics indicate that more than half of all incarcerated individuals have not committed violent crimes; most being detained for minor drug and/or property violations. After careful and prolonged research in conjunction with practical application in community treatment centers, Directors and staff of these treatment care centers are convinced that instead of spending taxpayer dollars on incarcerating without “hope”, these monies would be well invested into equipping these individuals with the necessary tools to become promising and productive citizens. In so doing, we have the opportunity to change the face of society forever.