

MYTH: COUNTLESS PEOPLE ARE IN PRISON FOR SMOKING POT

18%

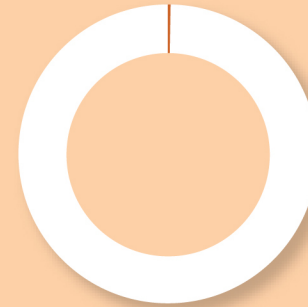
of sentenced prisoners are in prison for drug offenses

0.2%

of that group are in prison for possession of any drug

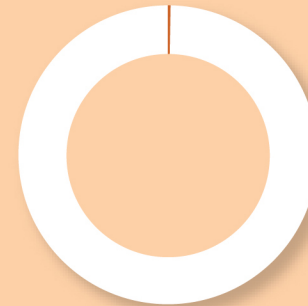
99.8%

of those 18% are in prison for drug trafficking



0.3%

of state prisoners are in prison only for marijuana possession



0.1%

of state prisoners with no prior offenses are in prison for marijuana possession only.

Of those sentenced to federal prison, **156,000** was the median number of joints they possessed. For every marijuana-related arrest made, **12,000** joints are smoked.