



- Spending per prisoner has outpaced spending per K-12 student. Under Governor Brown’s proposed 2018-19 budget, spending per prisoner would exceed \$80,000 – up by 32% since 2007-08, after adjusting for inflation. Spending per K-12 student would be 14% above the 2007-08 level.

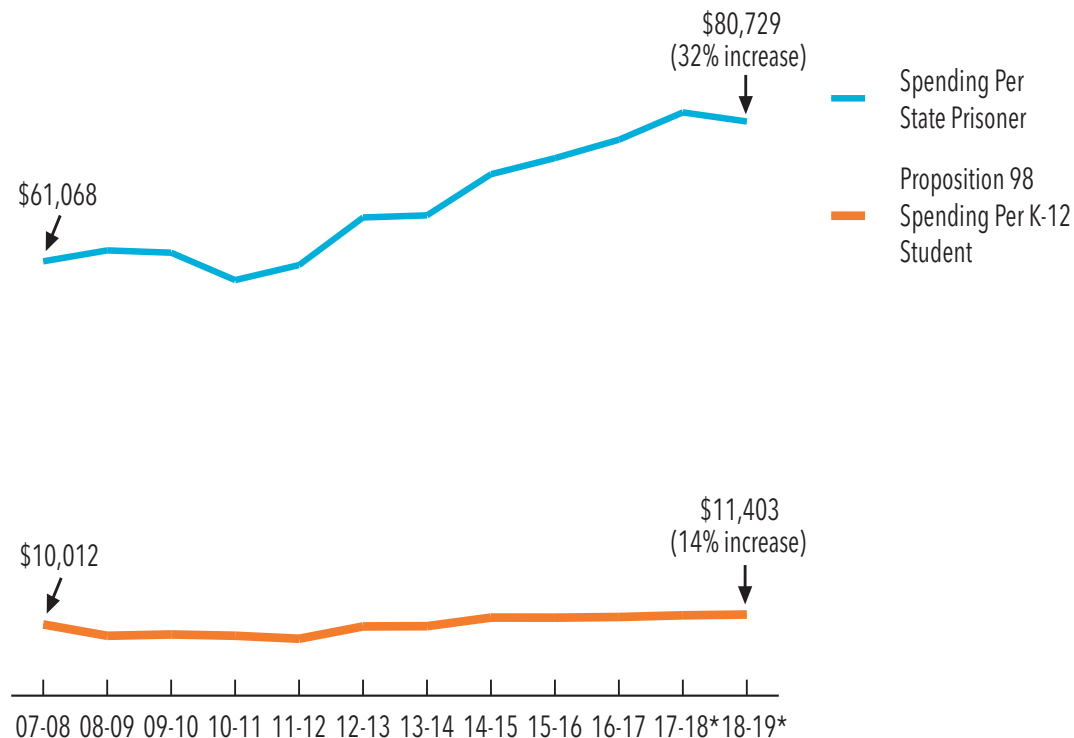
- Spending per prisoner is rising because California’s correctional infrastructure has not shrunk even as the prison population declines. Several reforms have reduced the number of people held in state prisons from 154,483 in 2007-08 to a projected 118,819 in 2018-19. Yet, due to ongoing overcrowding, California has not been able to close any prisons, and staffing levels remain high. As a result, the cost per prisoner has gone up.

- Downsizing the state prison system would require further criminal justice reforms. This would free up state funds that could be used to strengthen families, reduce poverty, and boost support for K-12 schools, rehabilitation, and other key services.

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Since 2007-08, Spending Per State Prisoner Has Increased More Than Twice as Fast as Spending Per K-12 Student

Inflation-Adjusted Per Capita Expenditures



* 2017-18 estimated and 2018-19 proposed.

Note: The “state prisoner” category includes a relatively small number of individuals housed in state fire camps.

Proposition 98 spending includes both state General Fund and local property tax dollars.

Source: Department of Finance and Legislative Analyst’s Office