

The stigma attached to ex-offenders has a dramatic effect on Pittsburgh's economy. By hiring people with records, the impact could be minimized by expanding good job opportunities.

Nationally, *70 million people* or approximately *1 in 3 adults* have prior arrests or convictions.¹



Allegheny County *spends 49% more* to incarcerate than to educate student (2012-2013).²



\$43,662
cost per inmate



\$21,754
cost per student

"I believe everybody makes mistakes... . Everybody has a gift, and everybody deserves a second chance,"

- Stephen Shelton, Executive Director of the Trade Institute of Pittsburgh

One job for a formerly incarcerated inmate generates...



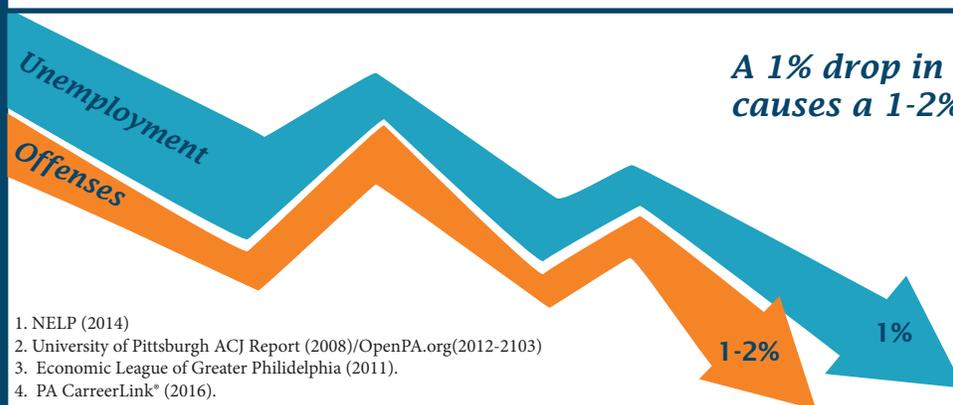
\$550,000 in lifetime earnings

\$19,000 in income taxes

\$7,700 in sales taxes³



Of those served by Pittsburgh Works, only *4% of ex-offenders earned more than \$17,265* annually despite 50% having an education beyond a high school degree or equivalency.⁴



A 1% drop in unemployment rate causes a 1-2% decline in offenses.⁵

For more information visit:
www.trwib.org/pittsburghworks/

1. NELP (2014)
2. University of Pittsburgh ACJ Report (2008)/OpenPA.org(2012-2103)
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