

## Prisons Fail Addicts and Society

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According to Valdin Kadric from Kean University

*"The American prison population has reached 2.3 million offenders and, for the first time, one in every one hundred American adults is in prison or jail. Of the inmate population 65 percent meet the medical criteria for alcohol and/or drug abuse and addiction. An additional twenty percent of the prison population, despite failing to meet the established medical criteria for addiction, were substance involved and under the influence at the time of their offence.*

*According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, approximately eleven percent of inmates with substance disorders received any type of treatment during incarceration. Nonetheless, NIDA and NIH have demonstrated that treatment substantially reduces the recidivism of chronically addicted offenders."*

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