

HUDSON LINK

CHANGING LIVES

ONE DEGREE AT A TIME

While it costs NYS **\$60,000** per year to incarcerate one person, It costs Hudson Link **\$5,000*** per year to educate one. *average cost in NYS

WHAT WE DO

Formed in 1998, Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison provides college education, life skills and re-entry support to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated men and women to help them make a positive impact on their own lives, their families and communities, resulting in lower rates of recidivism, incarceration and poverty.



HISTORY

Prior to 1994, there were more than 350 college programs inside U.S. prisons. In 1994, Congress abolished Pell Grant eligibility for incarcerated persons, which provided nearly all funding for these programs. As a result, all but 8 college programs nationwide shut their doors. Based on powerful evidence that education transforms lives, reduces recidivism and creates a positive ripple effect in communities, Hudson Link is the only 501(c)3 non-profit in the US run by formerly incarcerated individuals to provide college degree-track programs in prison.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sean Pica, Executive Director of Hudson Link for the past 8 years, is a nationally recognized expert on prison education. Under his leadership, Hudson Link has grown from a 65 student college program operating inside one prison to approximately 350 students enrolled in both college preparatory and college programs at five New York State correctional facilities.



450+ 
STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED

Over **583** 
ALUMNI RETURNED TO THEIR FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

478 
COLLEGE DEGREES AWARDED

PROGRAMS

College Preparatory

Hudson Link's college preparatory program is designed to meet students at their current academic levels and prepare them for the challenges and rigors of college level study. This is accomplished by offering preparatory classes in core disciplines of English, Math, Sociology and History.

College

In collaboration with accredited institutions of higher learning, Hudson Link's college program is the core of our endeavors. Partnering with Columbia, Mercy, Nyack, Siena, SUNY Sullivan, SUNY Ulster & Vassar Colleges. Hudson Link sponsors Associate and Bachelor's degrees in Behavioral Science, Liberal Arts and Organizational Management.

College Completion

Hudson Link, in partnership with Nyack College, established The College Completion Program to provide released Hudson Link students who were unable to fulfill their degree requirements while incarcerated, the opportunity to complete degrees that they began at various on-campus locations.

Alumni Services

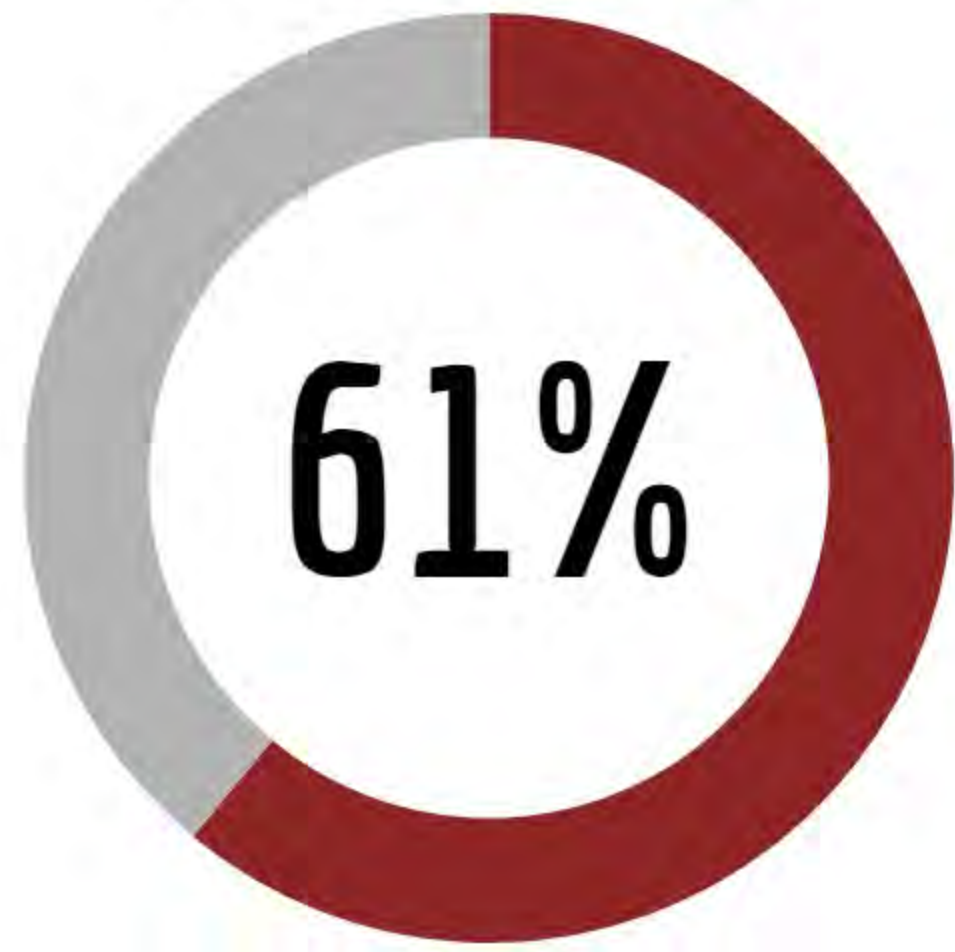
To ensure a successful transition to life after prison, Hudson Link partners with re-entry organizations to provide supportive services for our alumni. The Alumni Office also provides job readiness skills including resume writing, job search assistance, interview attire, laptops, professional mentoring and internship opportunities.

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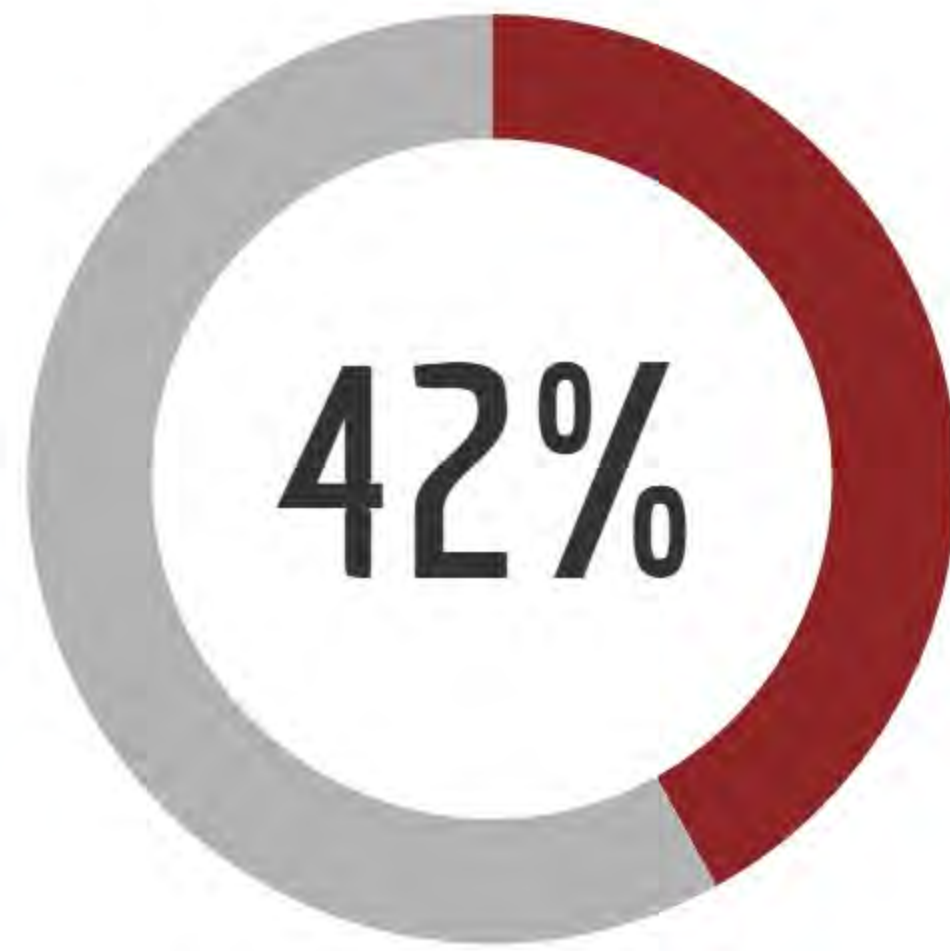


NYS INCARCERATED PERSONS WITH <8 YEARS OF EDUCATION



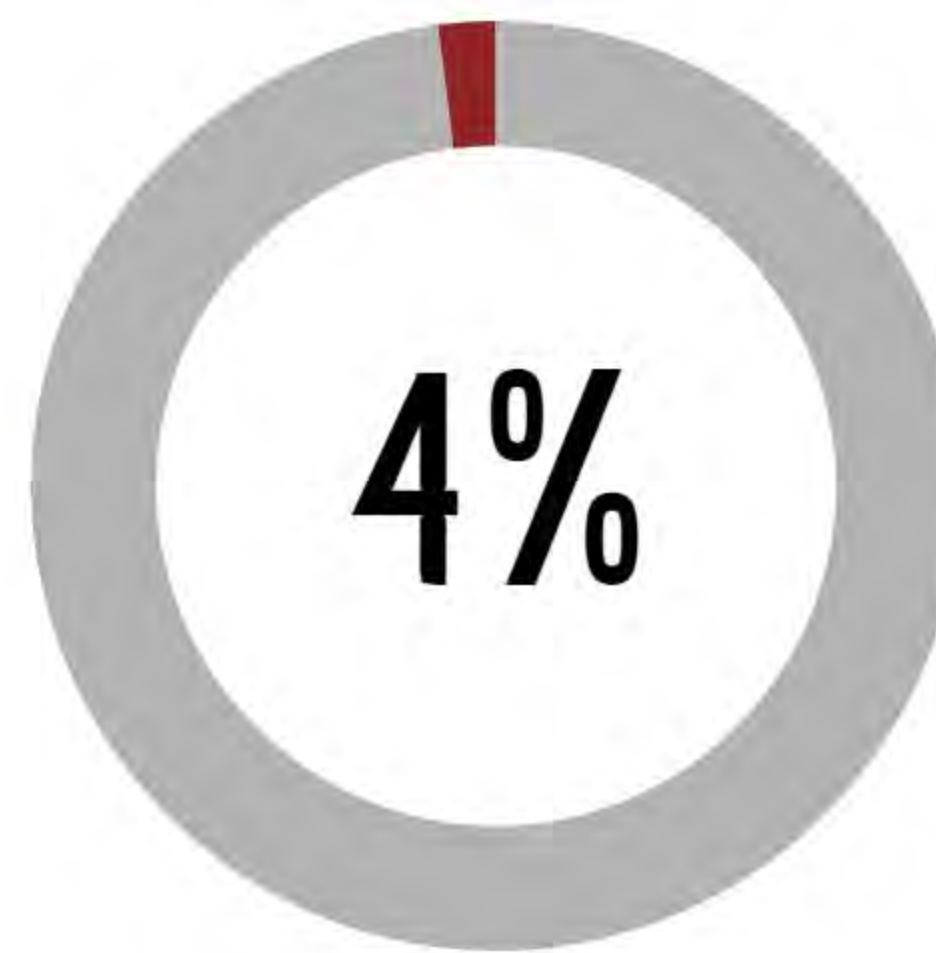
This number is dramatically influenced by the alarming fact that in excess of 20% of incarcerated men and women are entirely illiterate prior to entering prison.

NEW YORK STATE RECIDIVISM



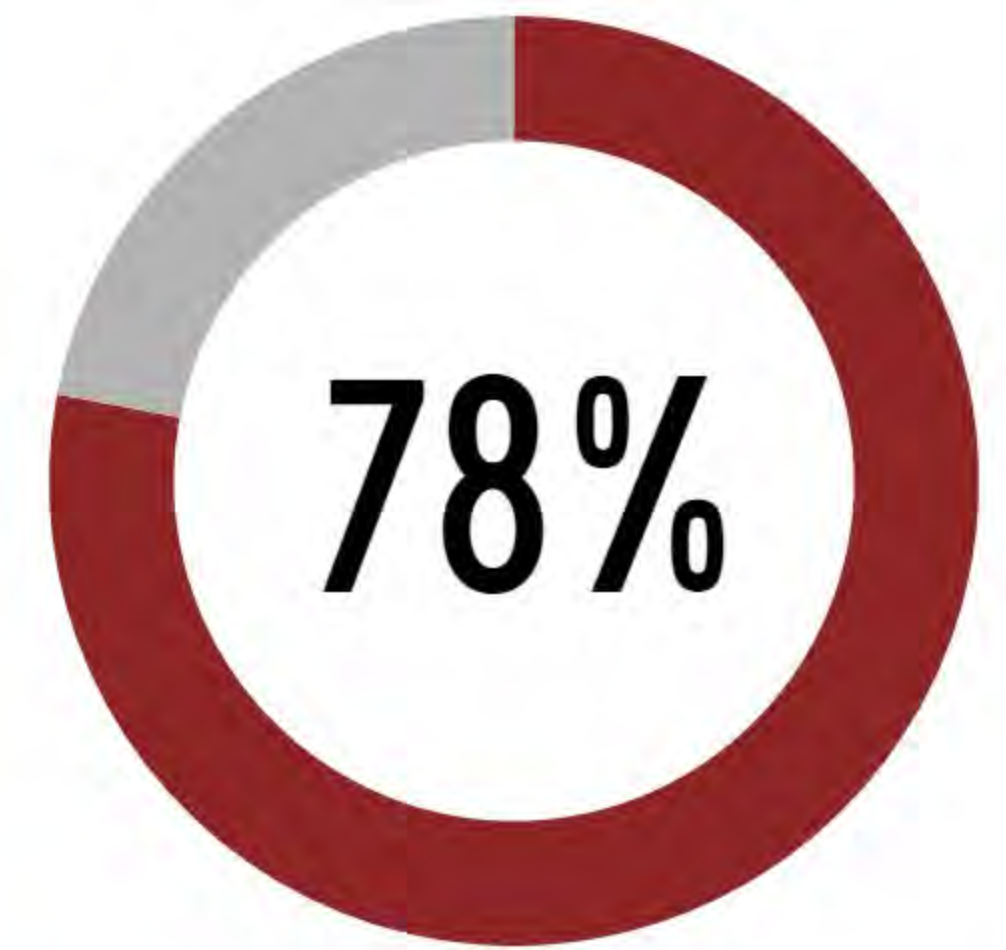
In New York State, 42% of men and women released from prison will return within 3 years.

HUDSON LINK RECIDIVISM



Hudson Link's rate of recidivism is a fraction of the NYS average, making the cost-savings of our program in the millions of dollars.

HUDSON LINK MINORITY POPULATION SERVED



This represents the fact that while African American & Hispanic men and women comprise less than 1/4 of the total U.S. population, they make up nearly 60% of the prison population.

PARTNERS & DEGREES OFFERED

Shawangunk Correctional Facility

Partner: SUNY Ulster
Programs: A.A. Liberal Arts

Greene Correctional Facility

Partner: Siena College
Programs: College Preparatory & A.A. Liberal Arts Degree Track

Sullivan Correctional Facility

Partner: SUNY Sullivan
Programs: College Preparatory & A.A. Liberal Arts

Fishkill Correctional Facility

Partner: Nyack College
Programs: B.S. Organizational Management & A.A. Liberal Arts

Taconic Correctional Facility

Partners: Columbia, Nyack and Vassar Colleges
Programs: College Preparatory & A.A. Liberal Arts

Sing Sing Correctional Facility

Partners: Columbia University and Mercy College
Programs: College Preparatory, A.A. & B.S. Behavioral Science

Hudson Link @ Nyack

College Completion Program for released students who have not yet completed their degrees

2016 BUDGET: \$4.6 MILLION

