



Tale of Two Parents It's a Girl!

Jane is raised in a married, two-parent family. Compared to her peers* raised by single parents, Jane has better odds of succeeding in school, in the workplace, and in family life.

At age 30, Jane is:



Working an average of **179 more hours per year**



9 percentage points more likely to have a high school diploma or GED



12 percentage points more likely to be married



Earning an average of **\$4,735 more in annual income**

12 percentage points

less likely to have become an unmarried mother



*Controlling for age, race/ethnicity, mother's age at birth, mother's education, and scores on the Armed Forces Qualifying test (which measures intelligence and knowledge of a range of subjects). Based on data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997.

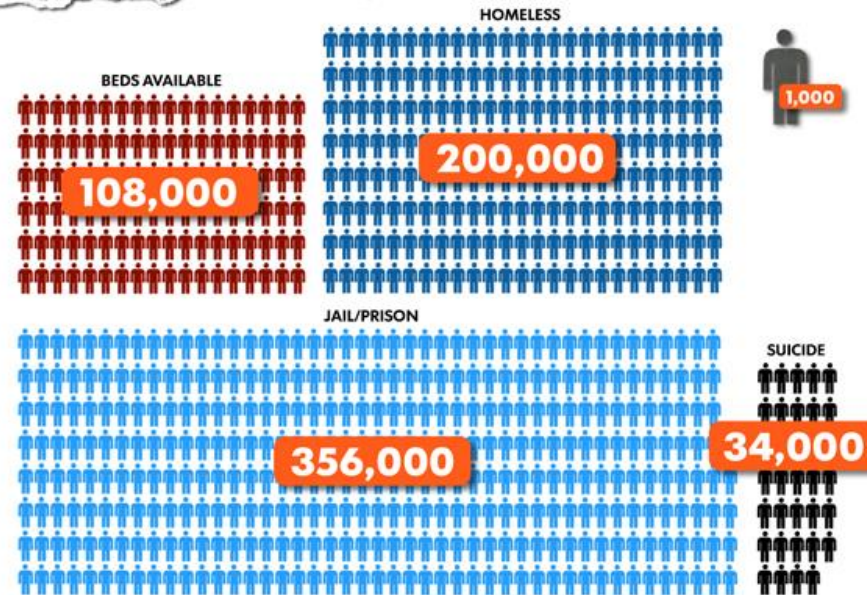


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THE DEFACTO SYSTEM

In the 1950s, about 500,000 people with serious mental illness were treated in publicly funded psychiatric hospitals. Today, with fewer hospital beds and inadequate community services, an estimated 590,000 mentally ill patients a year end up in the country's de facto mental health institutions: jails and prisons; city streets and homeless shelters; and the morgue, due to suicide.



TAXPAYER CONTRIBUTIONS (IN BILLIONS)



\$4.5B
Cost of Homelessness



\$4.1B
International Development



\$3B
Annual Debt Reduction