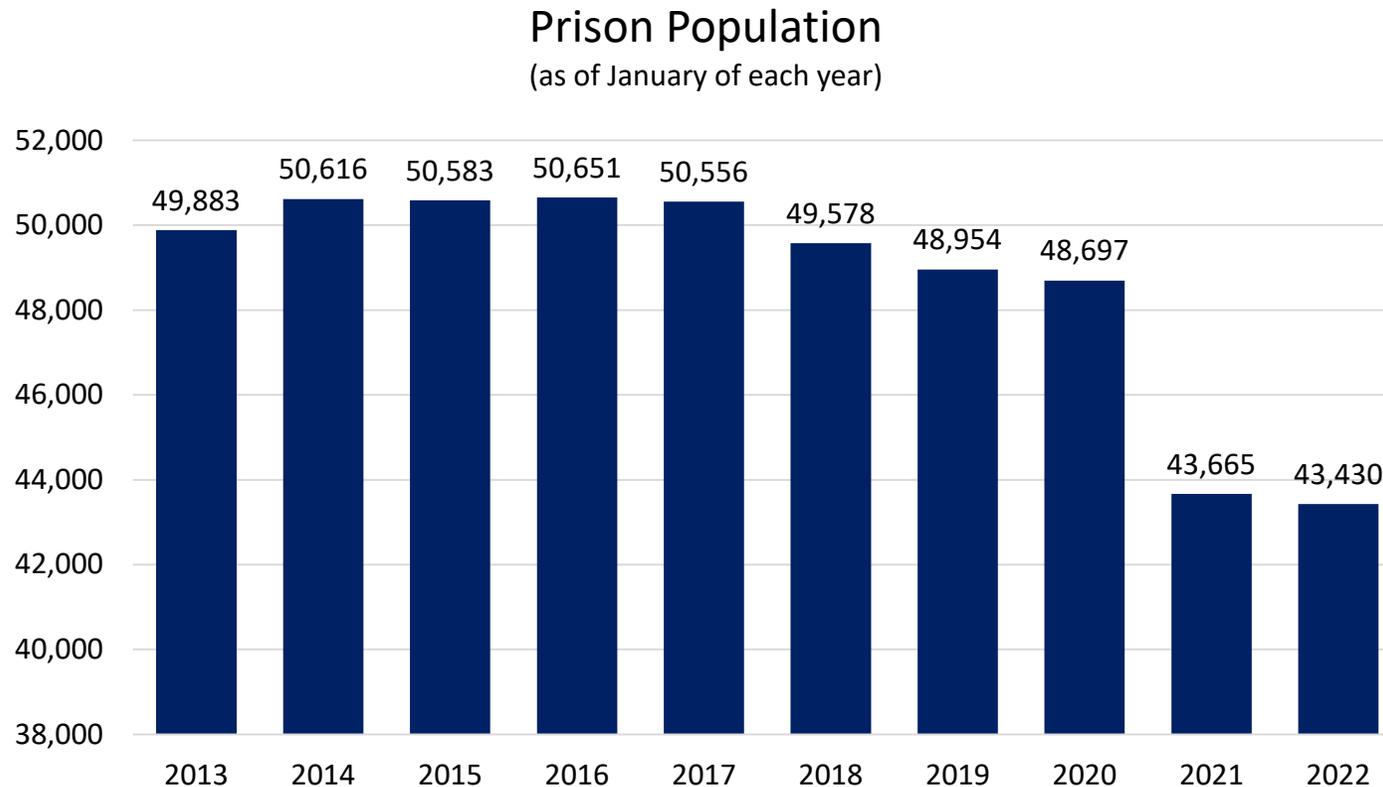


Ohio's prison population decreased over the pandemic



Source: Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

- In January 2022:
 - Ohio's prison population totaled 43,430, holding more or less flat when compared to January 2021.
 - The prison system consisted of 28 correctional institutions (three privately operated) and 11,246 institutional staff (not including private prisons), of whom 5,931, or 52.7%, were correction officers.
 - The average cost per inmate equaled \$97 per day.
- From January 2020 to January 2021, the prison population decreased 10.3%, or 5,032 inmates. This decrease was largely due to the COVID-19 pandemic beginning March 2020.
 - The pandemic (1) dramatically altered police, jail, and court operations, (2) required changes to prison intake, (3) led to a review of the existing population for targeted early release, and (4) refocused attention toward programs with earned credit awarded toward sentence reduction.