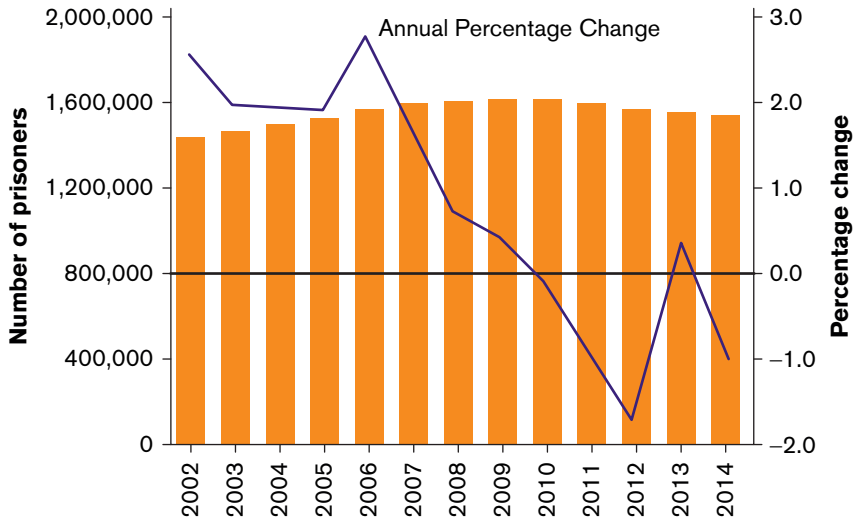


Figure 11.4 ■ Prisoners in State and Federal Prisons, 2002–2014



After increasing over time, in recent years the prisoner population has declined slightly. Do you believe this is good or bad news for offenders? For victims? And for society? Why or why not?

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