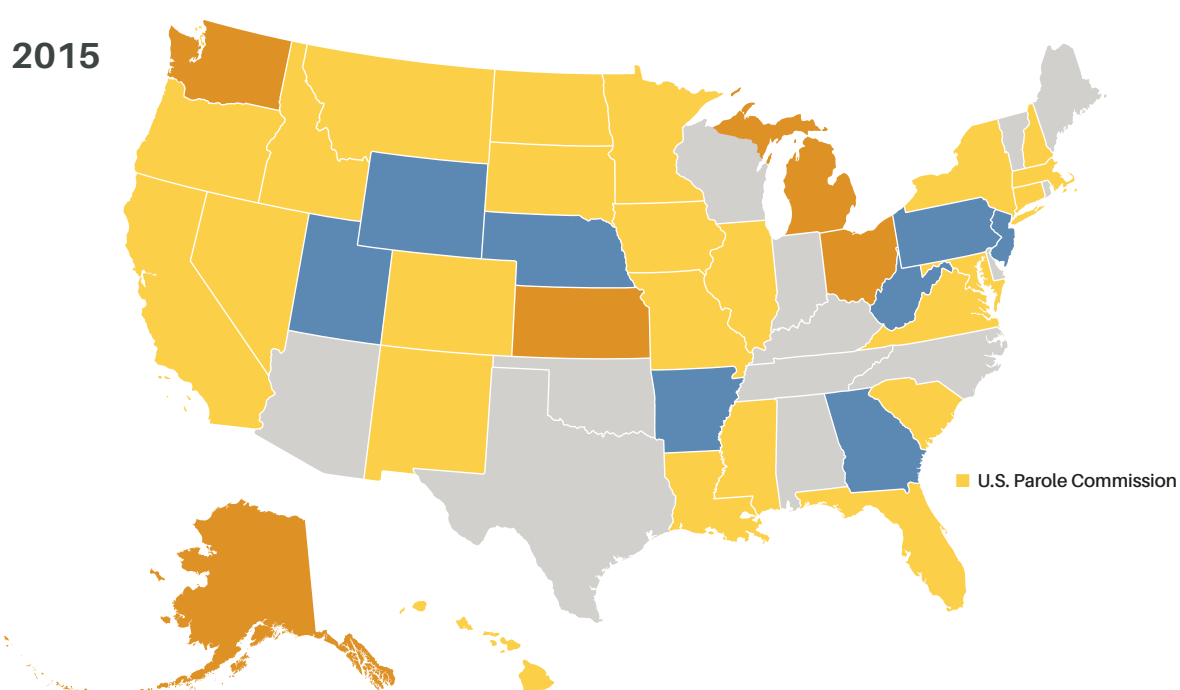
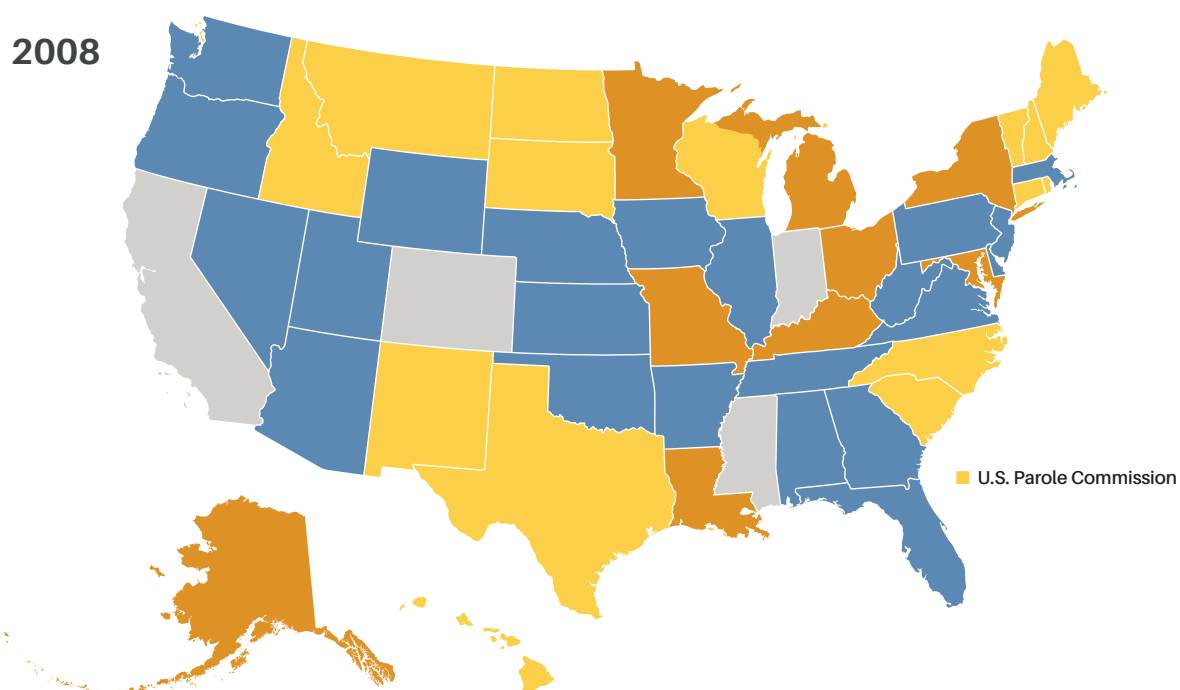
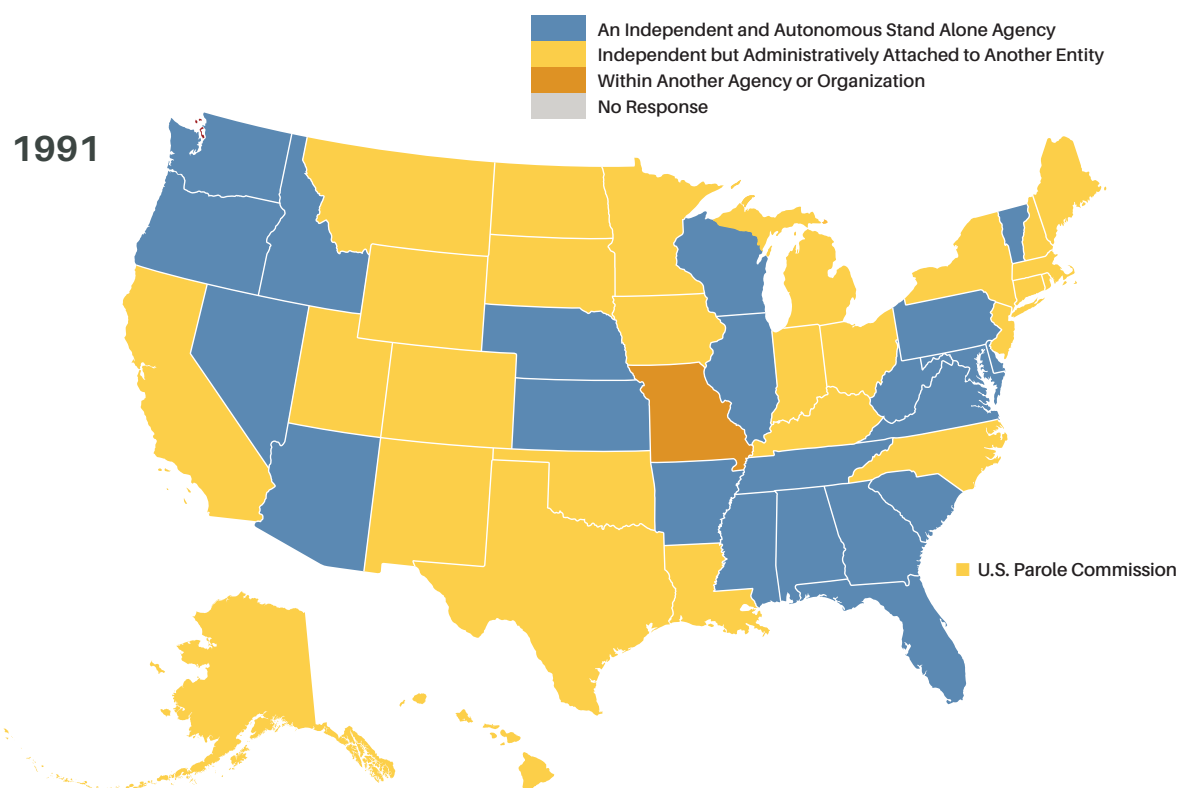


Decreasing Organizational Autonomy of Paroling Authorities

In recent years, there has been a significant decrease in the number of states that have fully independent and autonomous releasing authorities.



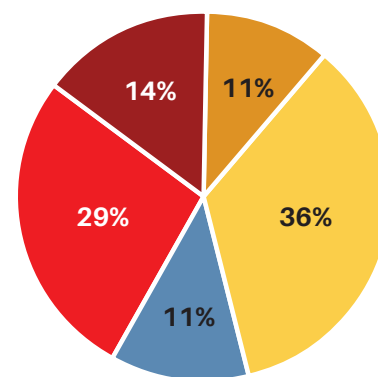
	1991	2008	2015
Number of States Responding	51	47	38
An Independent and Autonomous Stand-Alone Agency	41%	47%	21%
Independent but Administratively Attached to Another Entity	57%	34%	66%
Within Another Agency or Organization	2%	19%	13%



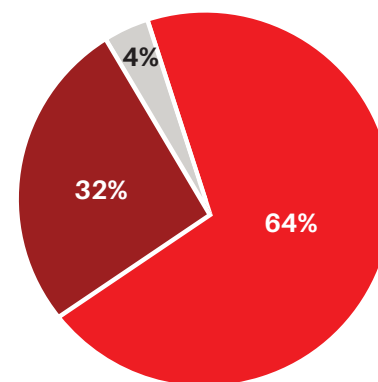
Parole Board Chairs' Views (2015)

Responses from 28 Chairs

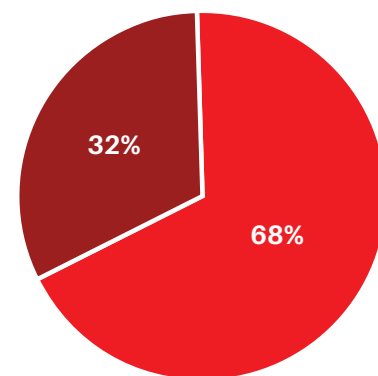
Releasing authorities should always act independently of the Department of Corrections when establishing their release policies and practices.



Releasing authorities and Departments of Corrections must coordinate their policies and actions to facilitate effective reentry planning for offenders granted release.



Releasing authorities must work closely with Parole Field Services to facilitate a smooth reentry transition for offenders granted release.



- Strongly Disagree
- Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Response

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