

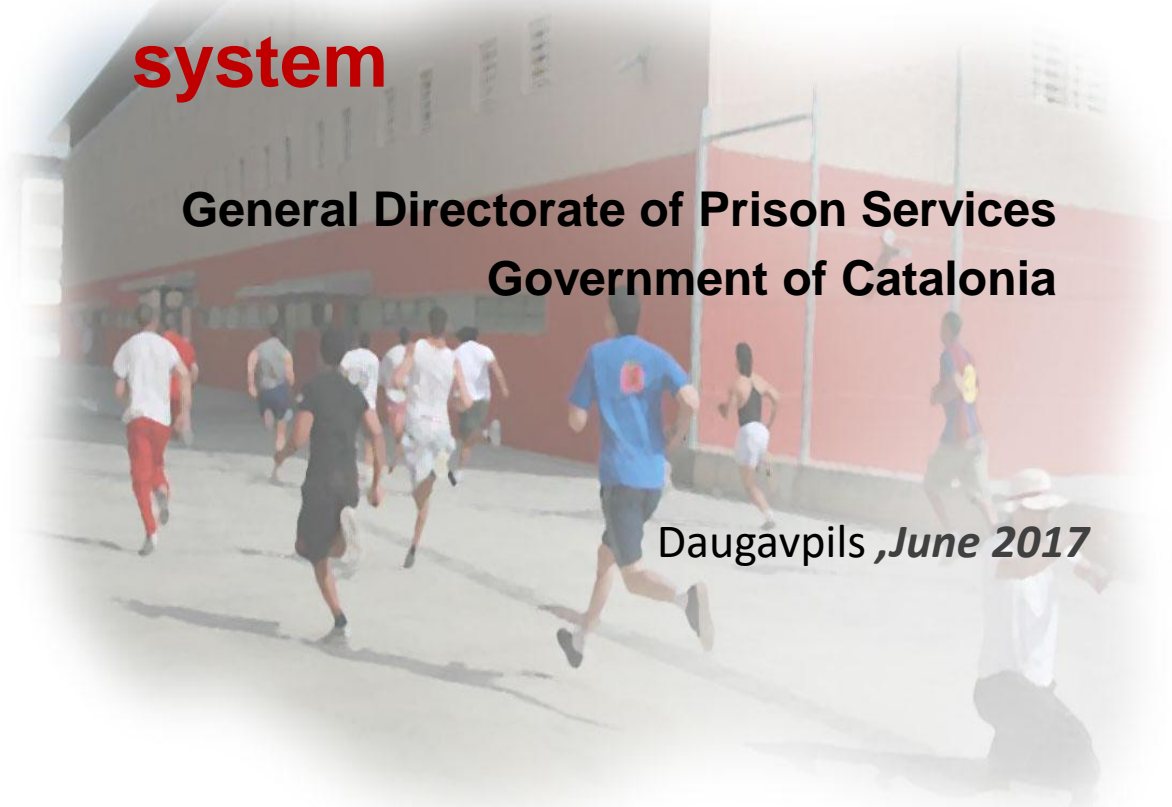


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Introduction to the Catalan correctional system

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The Catalonian prison system

Catalonia has autonomy to run its own prison system since 1984



Facilities

- 15 prisons: 10 ordinary + 5 open prisons
- 5 new prisons since 2007
- One psychiatric unit / One Hospital Pavilion

Population

- 8,700 inmates
- 7% of women
- 14% remand
- 1,000 on parole
- 1,500 in open regime
- 149 (1.7%) in high security units
- Prison population rate: 113 (Spain :131)

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Staff

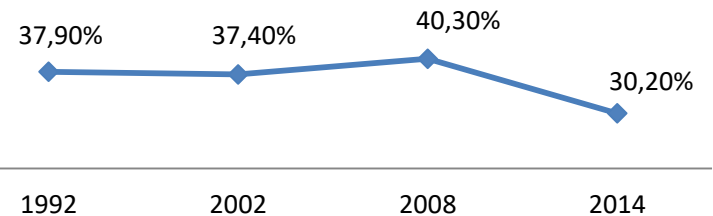
- Total staff: 4,644
- Custody staff: 3,300 (71%)
- Rehabilitation staff: 840 (18%)
- Education staff: 140 (*not employed by the Prison Administration*)

Reduction of prison population and reoffending



Rates

- Prison population:
 - 140 in 2009
 - 113 in 2017
- Recidivism:



Five lines of action



Environmental design: Unit management approach



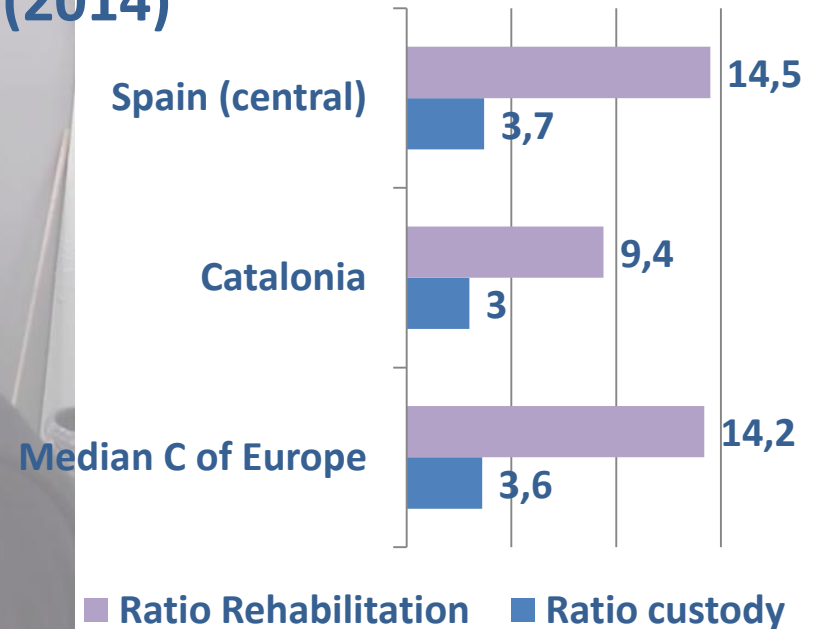
- **Small units: 100 inmates**
- **To improve social interaction, decisions and cooperation**
- **Organizing daily life**
- **Stable and multi-disciplinary teams**
- **Central facilities**
- **Specialized areas**



A broad offer of constructive activities



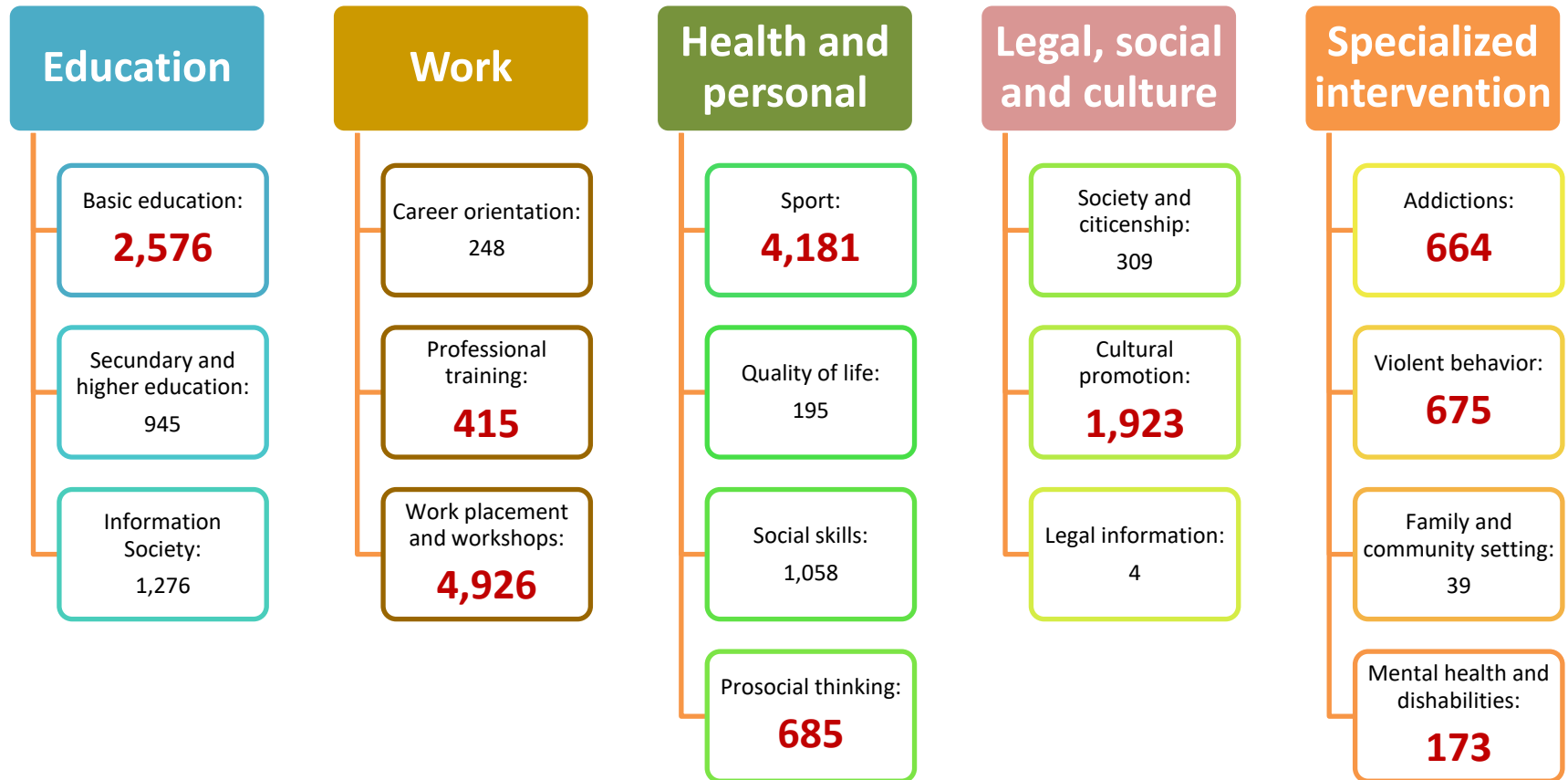
Ratio of inmates per categories of staff (2014)



Reference: Council of Europe, SPACE I (2014)

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Participation



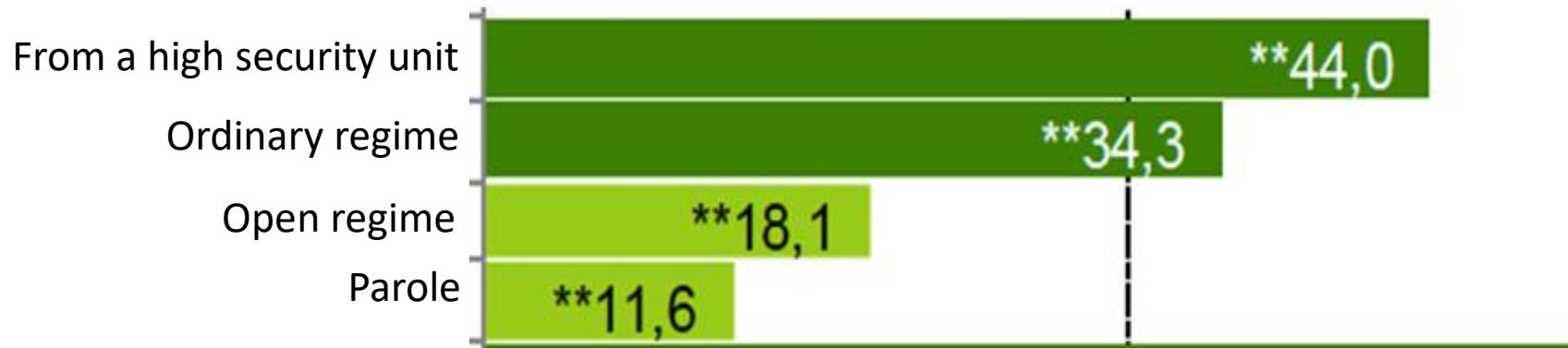
Maintaining and fostering social bonds



In 2015:

- 1,081 in scheduled outings
- 2,147 with temporary leaves
- 3,076 in open regime
- ***163 didn't return***

Way of release and rates of reoffending:



Conclusions: challenges



- How to keep staff committed with this model
- Development of Participation model
- To increase the amount of inmates in open regime and parole



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