

MODERNIZING FELONY THEFT THRESHOLD

Kentucky's felony theft threshold is falling behind the times. This outdated measure is ballooning Kentucky's prison populations, forcing people to carry the burden of overly harsh convictions, and putting us behind other states.

THE PROBLEM:

WHAT IS A FELONY THEFT THRESHOLD?

The felony theft threshold is the value of a theft that deems it a felony offense. Within felony theft, different values can affect the level of felony offense.

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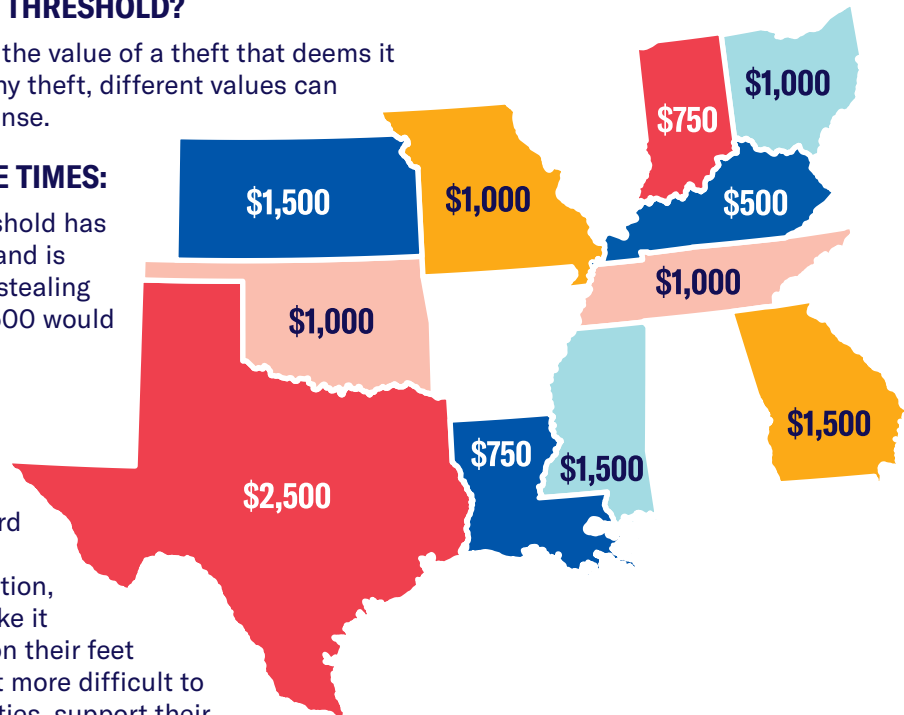
Kentucky's felony theft threshold has not kept pace with inflation and is currently \$500. That means stealing something with a value of \$500 would result in a felony conviction.

LIFETIME IMPACTS:

Felony convictions have a lifetime of consequences. Having a felony on your record can make it hard to secure housing, employment, education, and more. These hurdles make it hard for people to get back on their feet after incarceration, making it more difficult to fully invest in their communities, support their families, and contribute to our economy.

THE COST OF INCARCERATION:

Kentucky spends over \$600 million per year for the Department of Corrections. Modernizing the felony theft threshold would reduce incarceration rates and save tax dollars.



THE SOLUTION:

Increasing the amount considered a felony offense would still hold people accountable, but give them a fair chance to pay their debts and get back on their feet. **Modernizing Kentucky's felony theft threshold would reduce incarceration rates, save tax dollars, strengthen families, and grow Kentucky's economy.**