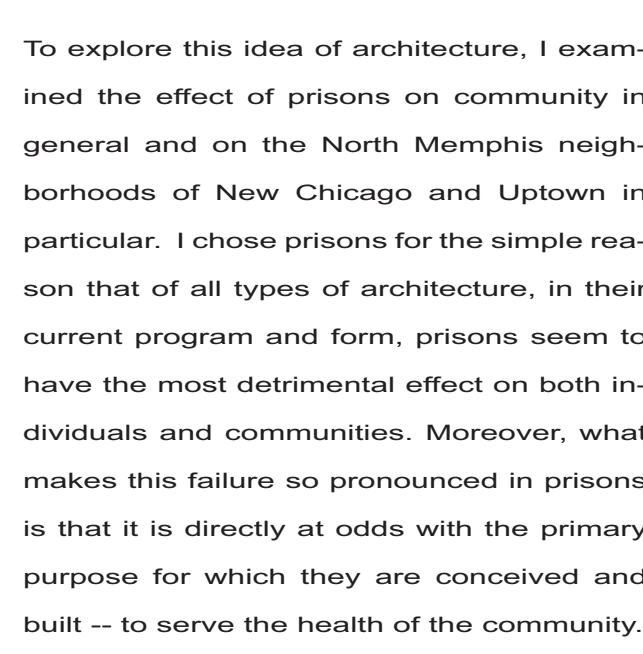


THE ARCHITECTURE OF IMPRISONMENT AND COMMUNITY



In response, I have designed a prison for a single community in North Memphis whose primary goal is to help offenders reconcile themselves with the community they have harmed. Since reconciliation of this sort demands both a change in individuals and their relation to the community, I have divided the prison into two primary components. The first is focused on a progression of changes within the individual and is therefore located

amid the relative detachment and wilderness of the Loosahatchie bar, an island of eroded sediment and wetland trees in the middle of the Mississippi River. The second is focused on changing the relationship of criminals to their communities and is therefore located within the community itself on the former site of the firestone tire plant, once the single most important employer in the area.

Though distinct, the two components are interrelated pieces of a common progression that employs the separation inherent in incarceration as an opportunity to address the causes of crime both within individual criminals and the community itself. Unlike more traditional prisons that simply isolate prisoners based on security status, the levels of security in this facility are instrumentalized and made part of a progression to reflect and encourage a prisoner's preparedness to be part of the community once again. For prisoners, the progression relies on their power of choice to create positive change in their

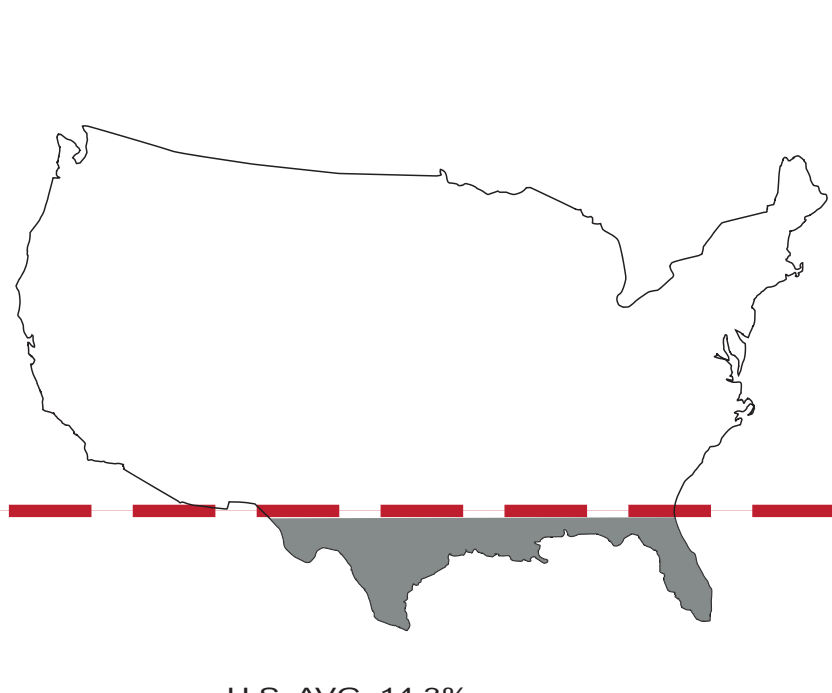
lives through a combination of isolation, education, and work in the trades. For the community, the program seeks to ameliorate the environmental components that foster crime by employing parolees to repair or remove derelict buildings, plant trees and greenery, and to construct new buildings and homes. The intended result of this process is to use prison to create positive feedback loops that help rather than harm criminals and communities, thus making crime far less likely to occur and communities healthier over all.



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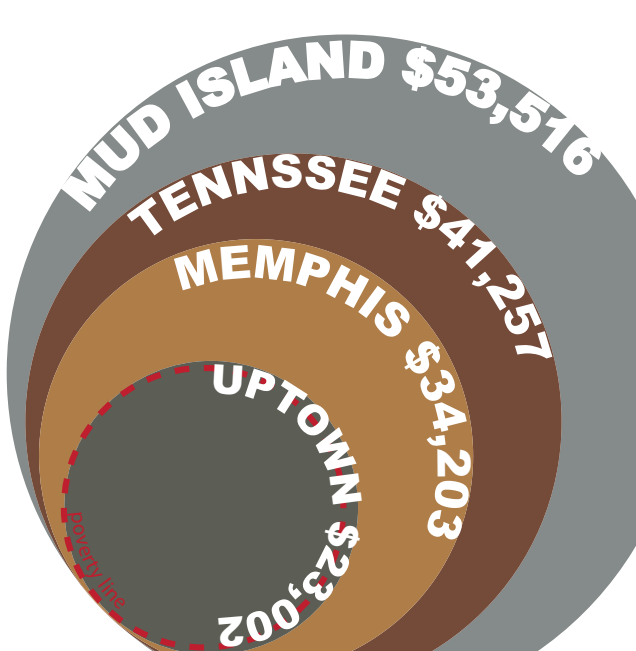


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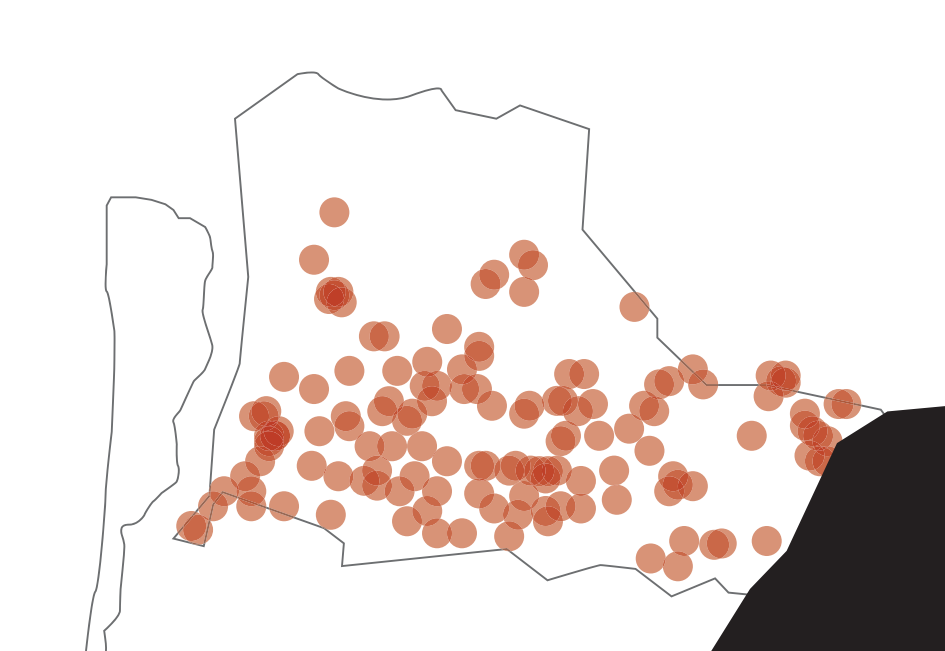


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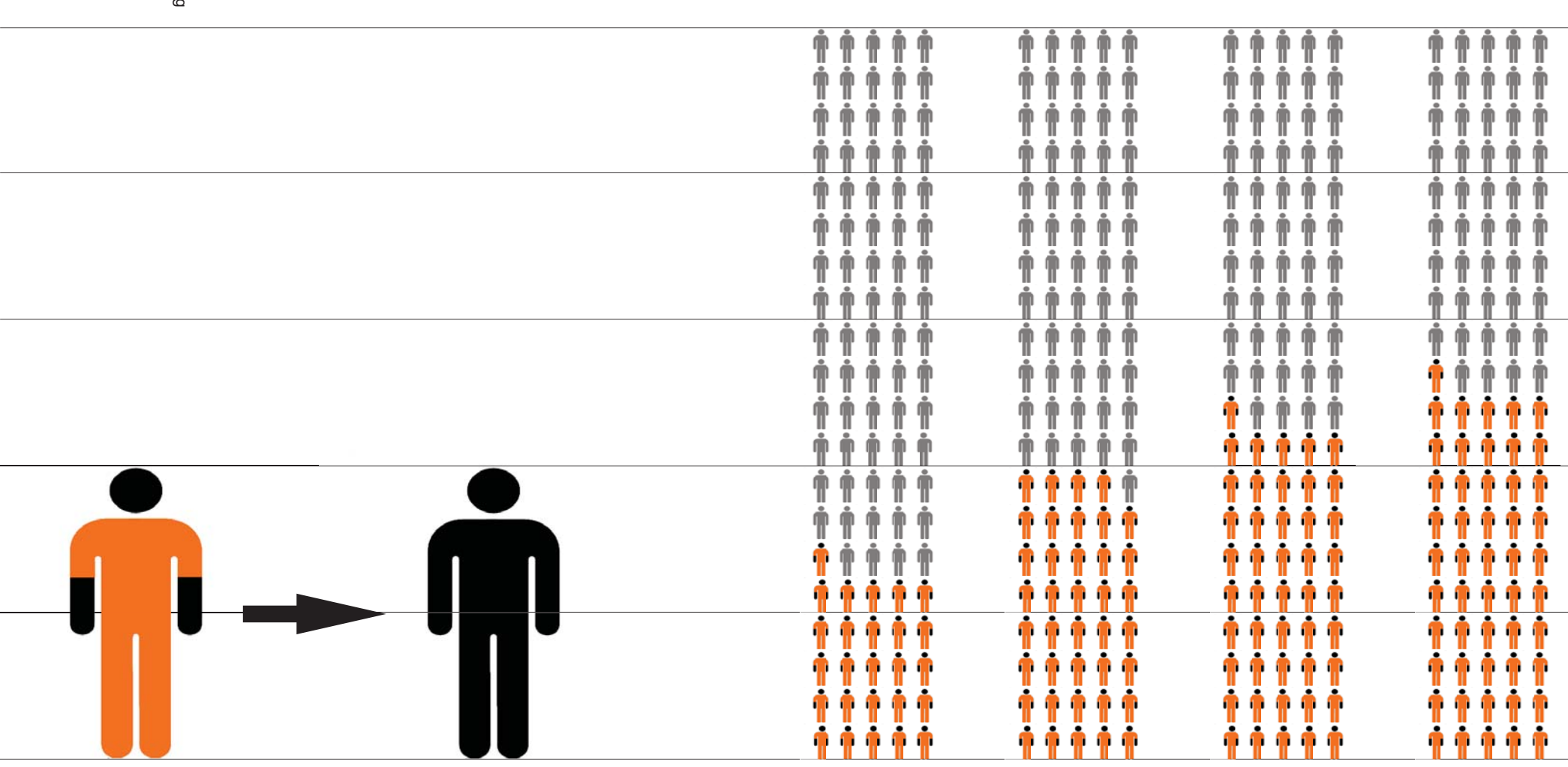
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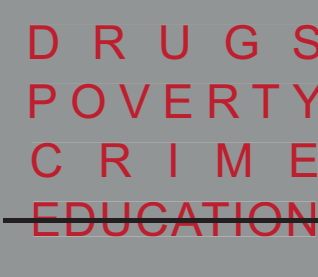
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