

*Intended outcomes of justice system policies change over time. Utah's experience shows how sustained implementation, evolving system capacity, and policy choices shape whether early goals are met and gains are maintained.*

### Key Takeaways

- **Incarceration for drug possession declined dramatically.**  
Annual prison admissions for drug possession fell from **84 people in 2015 to 6 people in 2025**, reflecting a sustained shift away from incarceration following HB 348.
- **Revocations decreased after extended implementation support.**  
Probation and parole revocations declined **21% since 2023**, following years of supervision practice changes, technical assistance, and policy refinement.
- **Treatment capacity lagged behind policy goals.**  
Participation in treatment courts declined **40% since 2019**, limiting the reach of community-based alternatives despite improved completion rates among participants.
- **Time under correctional control increased in recent years.**  
Average time under the supervision of the Board of Pardons and Parole increased **19% between 2022 and 2025**, suggesting that later policy and practice decisions outweighed earlier sentencing changes.
- **Earned time credits were used less often over time.**  
Since 2016, **36% fewer people** earned sentence credits, and total days reduced declined **47%**, reducing their impact on length of stay.
- **Behavioral health access improved, but unmet needs remained high.**  
While access to treatment increased for justice-involved populations, nearly **half of adults with mental illness** and **71% of adults with substance use disorder statewide** did not receive treatment in 2023.

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