

# Early Childhood Development Data Points

# Reading Scores and Teen Pregnancy, Criminal Behavior

**Children with lower reading scores in the early years are 40% more likely to be a teen parent and 70% more likely to be arrested for a violent crime.**

# Reading Proficiency and Dropouts

Children with lower reading proficiency  
in third grade are

**8**

times more likely to drop out of high  
school.

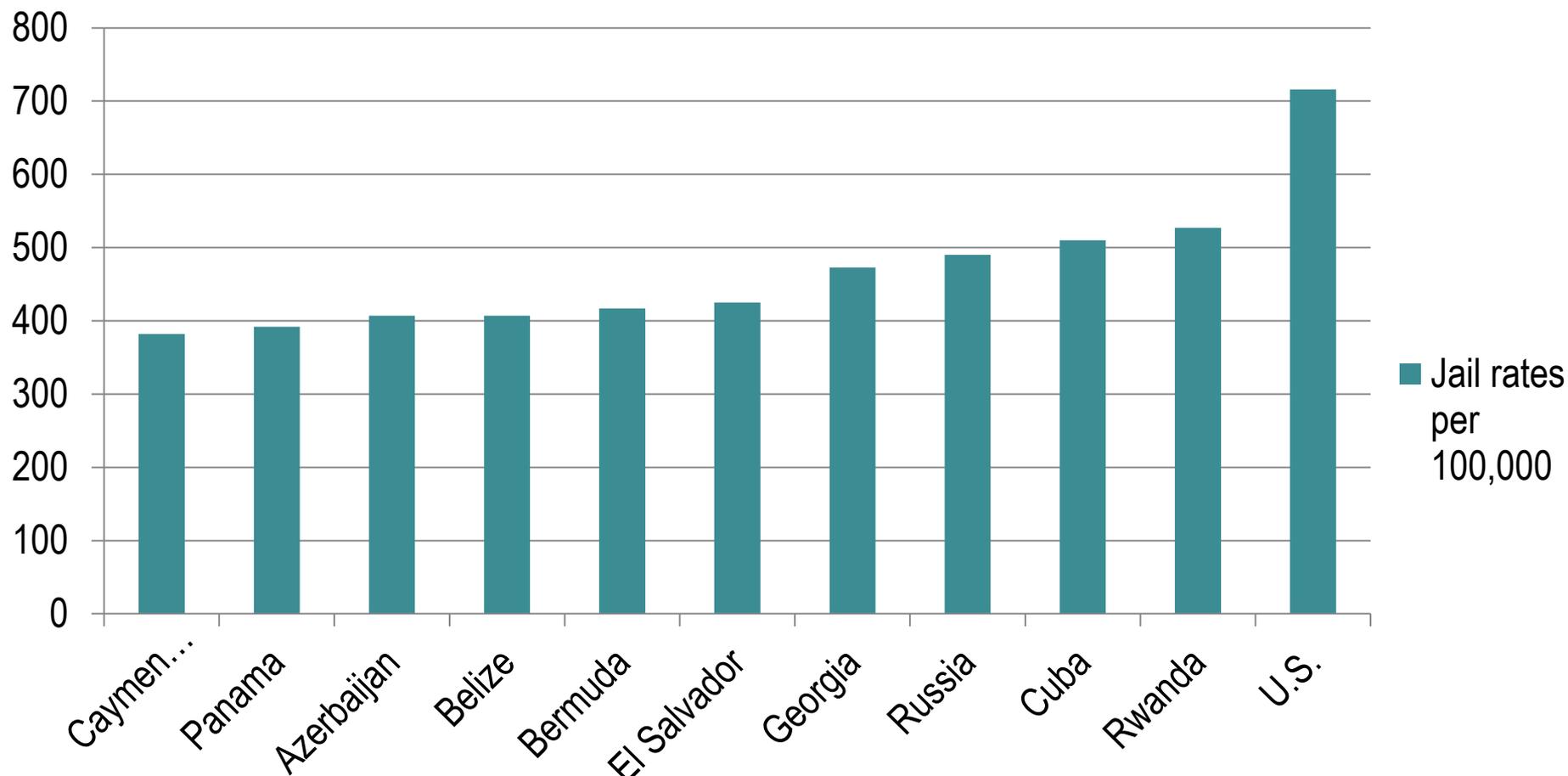
# **U.S. Prison Rates Highest**

**We have more people in jail, per capita, than any industrialized country, and our school dropout rates are now among the worst in the world.**

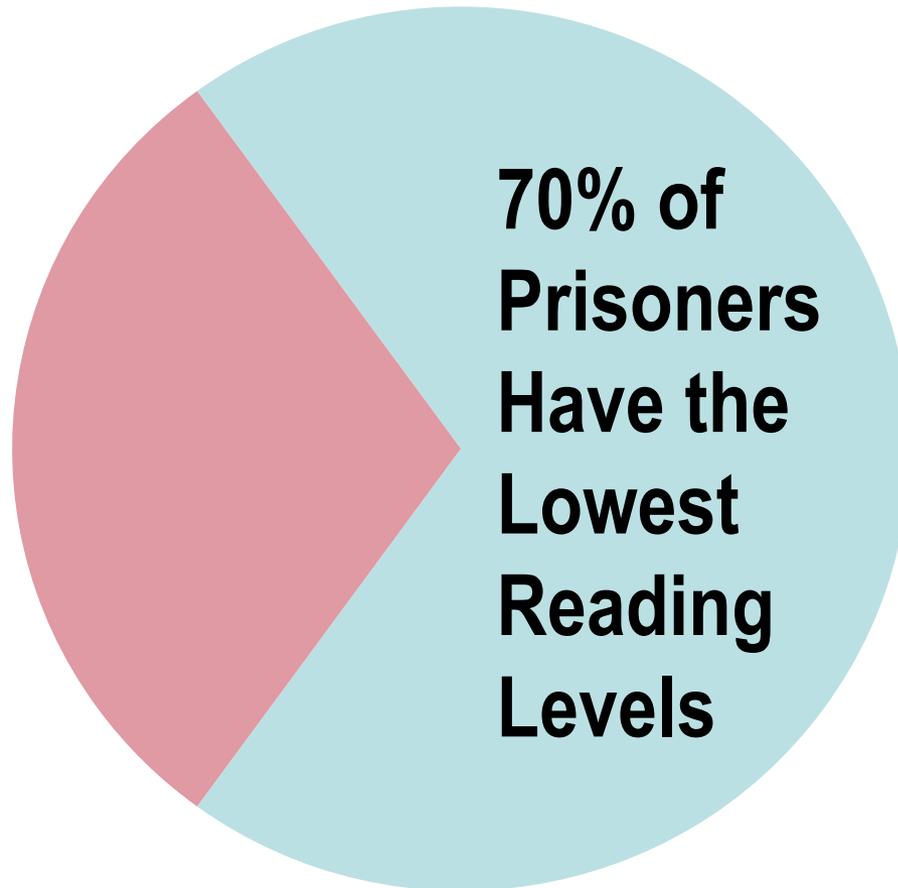
# The Wrong Path

**We are on a path to have both of those adverse outcomes grow significantly in this country.**

# Incarceration Rates by Country



# Percent of Prisoners Who Score at the Lowest Reading Proficiency Levels

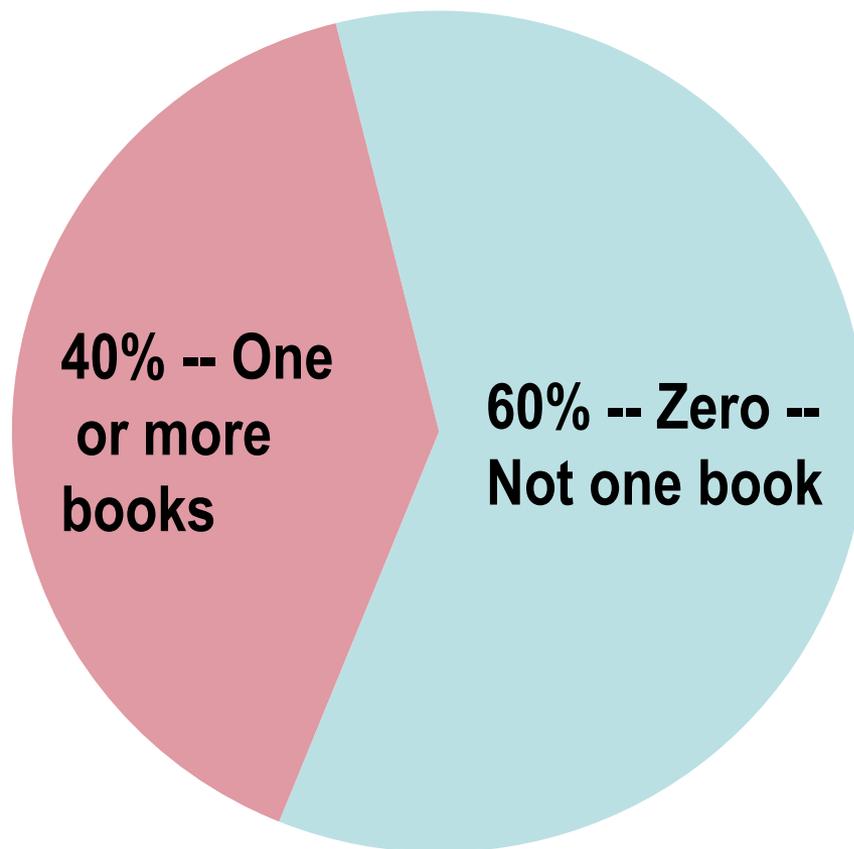


# Total Picture Book Reading Time per Child by First Grade

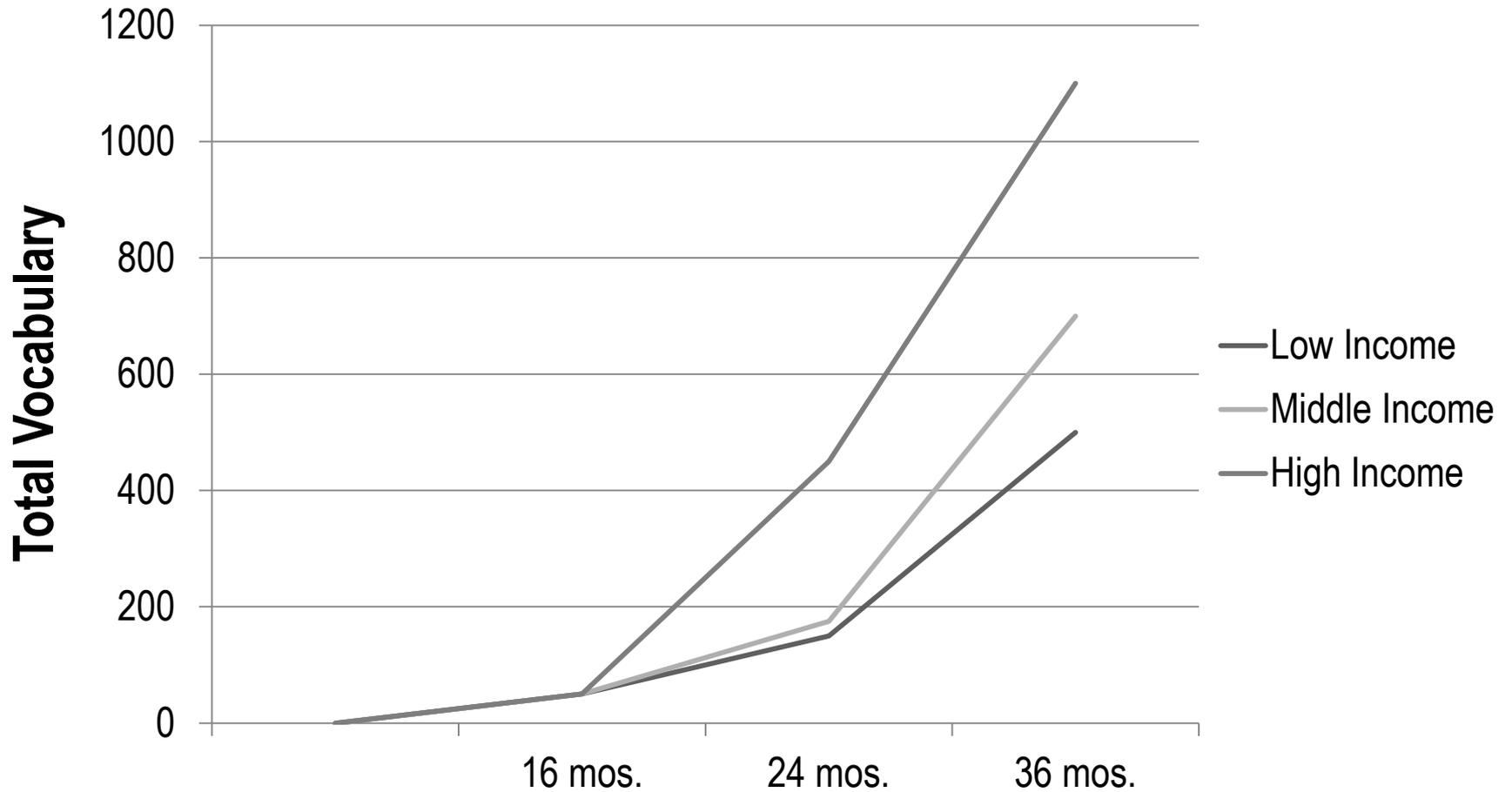
<b>Middle Income Child</b>	<b>1,700 hours</b>
<b>Low Income Child</b>	<b>25 hours</b>

# Book Ownership Levels

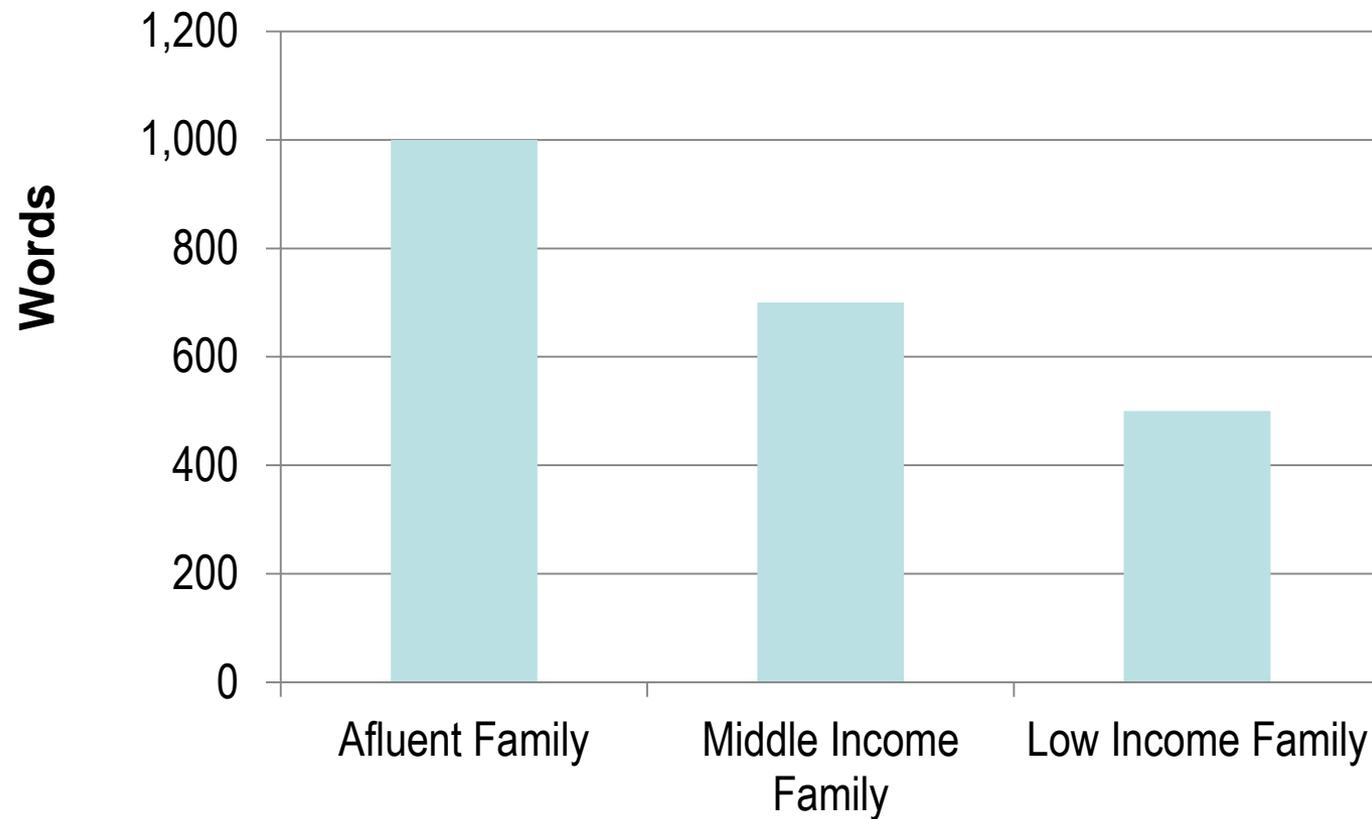
Percentage of Homes in Low Income Neighborhood Where the Children With Low Vocabulary Levels Do Not Own a Single Book



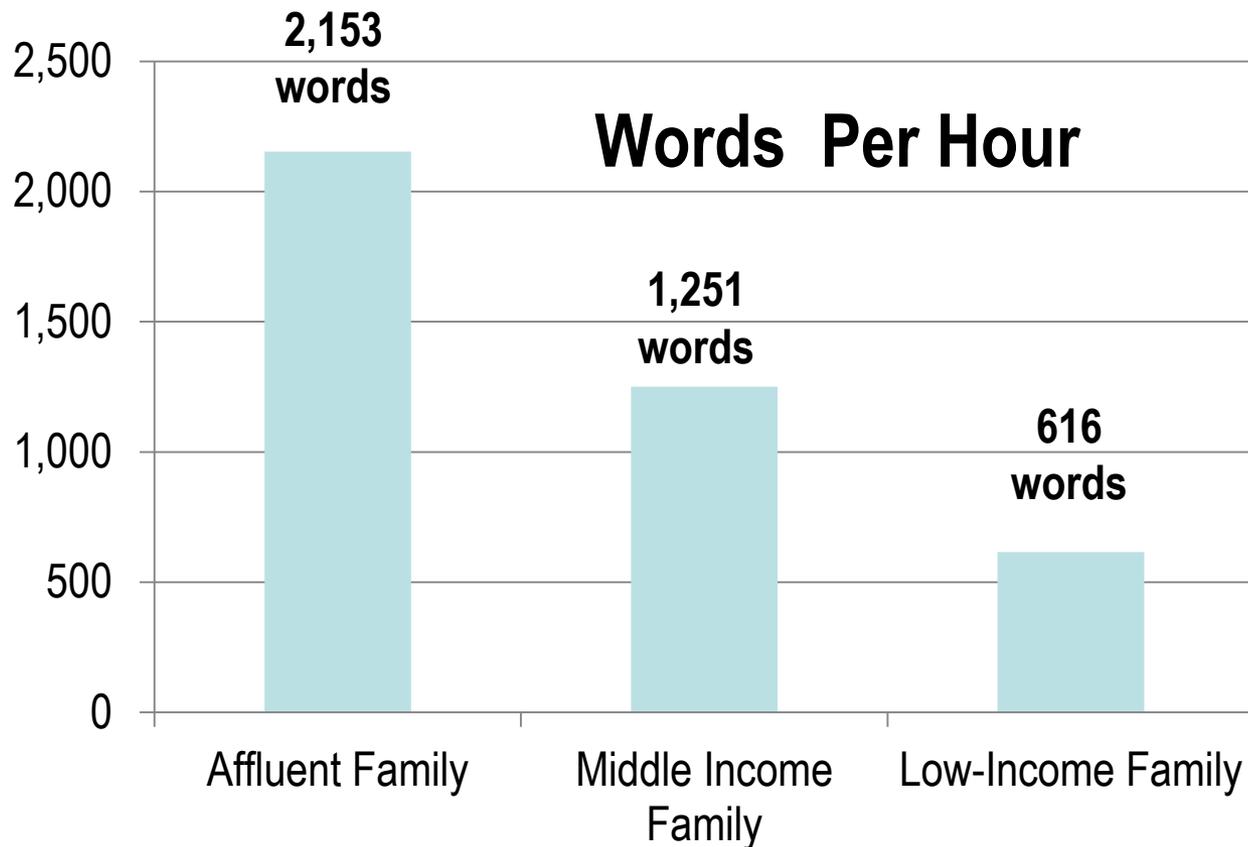
# Vocabulary -- Age 3



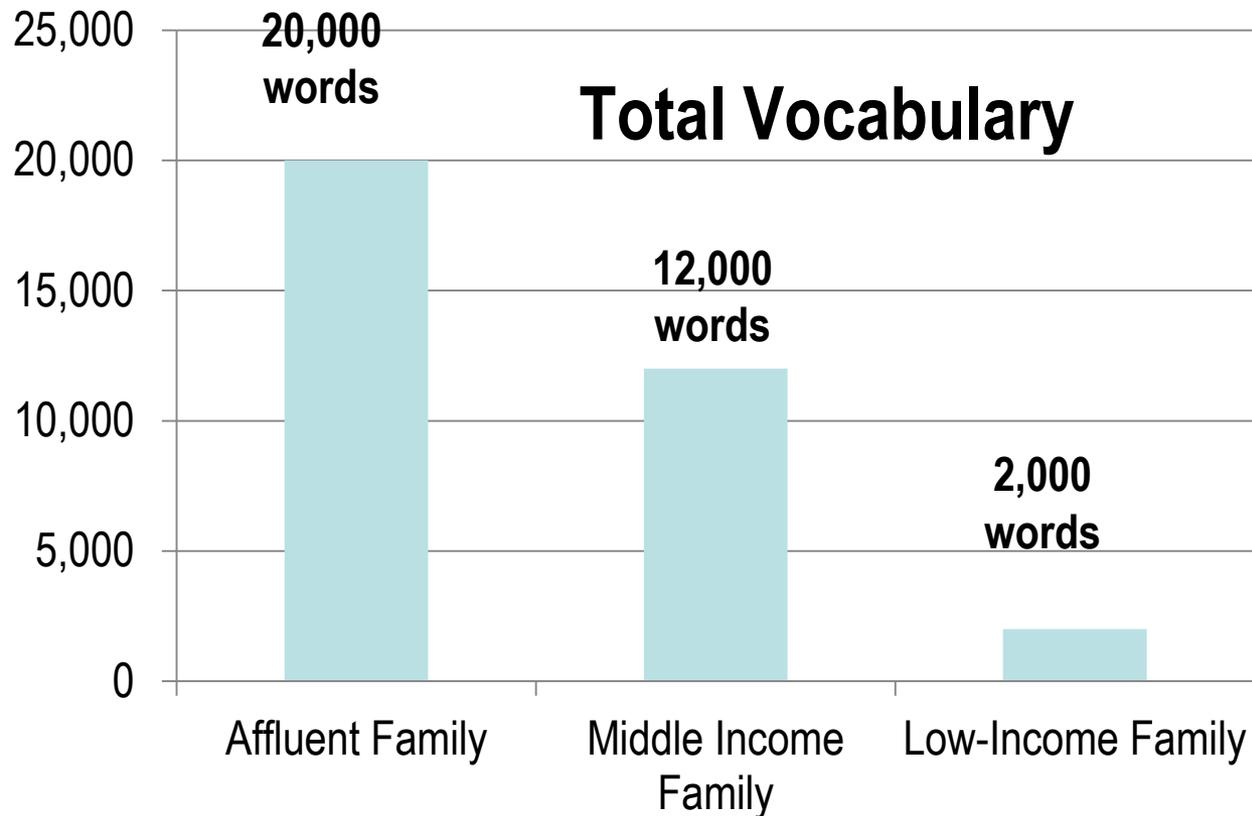
# Vocabulary -- Age Three



# Words Heard Per Hour



# Total Words in Vocabulary – Kindergarten Entry

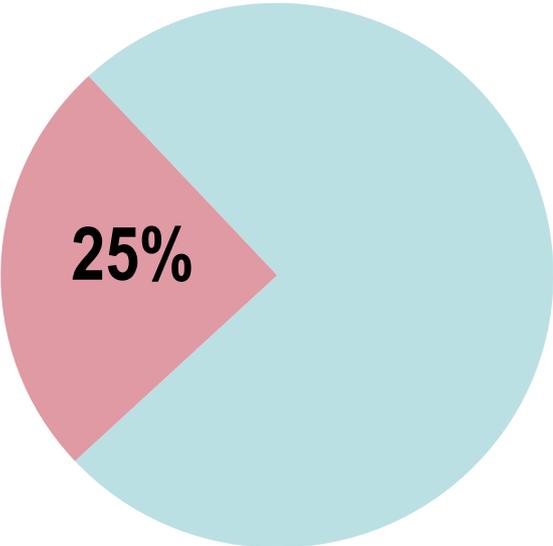


# Life Development Path Alternatives

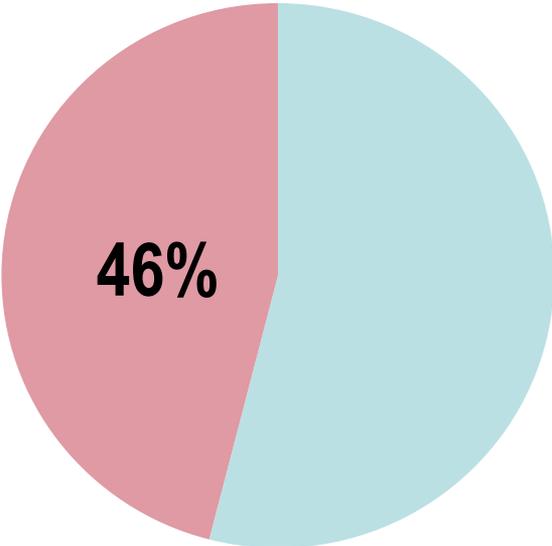
**Path A -- Taxpayers**

**Path B -- Incarcerated Non-  
Taxpayers**

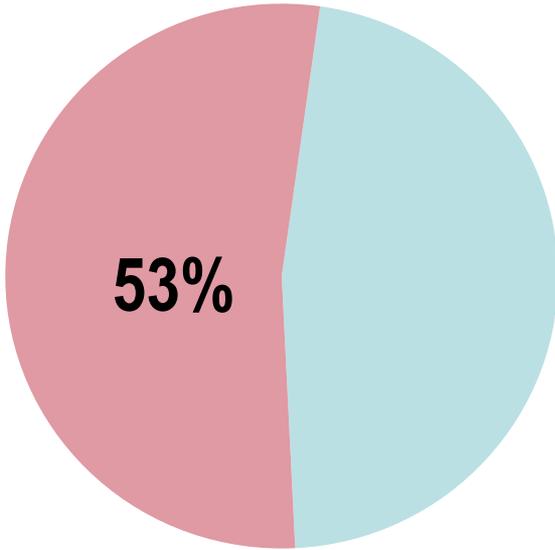
# Children Born to Medicaid Mothers



**2005**



**Last Year**



**Last Year - CA**

# Key Target Numbers To Think About

- **1,000 critical days**
- **1,000 words heard per hour**
- **1,000 book reading hours**
- **Cut the number of kids who go to jail by half**