Limitations

This study has potential limitations in regard to the time constraints of data collection, sample bias, limited access to data, and lack of prior research on incarcerated women. This project was done within the limited timeframe of my participation in Columbia's Summer Public Health Scholars Program. Furthermore, this research was only conducted on the eastern coast of the United States due to the limit in time. The study would show more extensive results if conducted on all of the female incarceration facilities in the U.S. The data that was used in this research was affected by the limited access to data and the lack of data in general. Many of the incarceration facilities had limited access to their health care policies if there was any available information at all. This contributed to the numerous facilities that were excluded from the search.

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