



# Nearly Two Decades of Experience with Electronic Monitoring in Sweden

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# The Prison and Probation Service in Sweden is part of the legal system

The Probation Service is responsible for:

- implementing sentences of probation,
- supervising conditionally released persons,
- implementing instructions for community service,
- carrying out pre-trial investigations for the courts.
- the electronic monitoring program.





# Electronic monitoring

**The main purposes behind electronic monitoring when it was introduced in 1994 was:**

- To find a trustworthy alternative to imprisonment**
- Cut the cost for implementing prison sentences**
- To prevent institutional damage to the target group**





## History:

- 1994: Only certain parts of Sweden, prison sentences of up to 2 months
- 1997: The whole of Sweden, prison sentences of up to 3 months
- 2001: Back door scheme introduced
- 2005: Prison sentences of up to 6 months

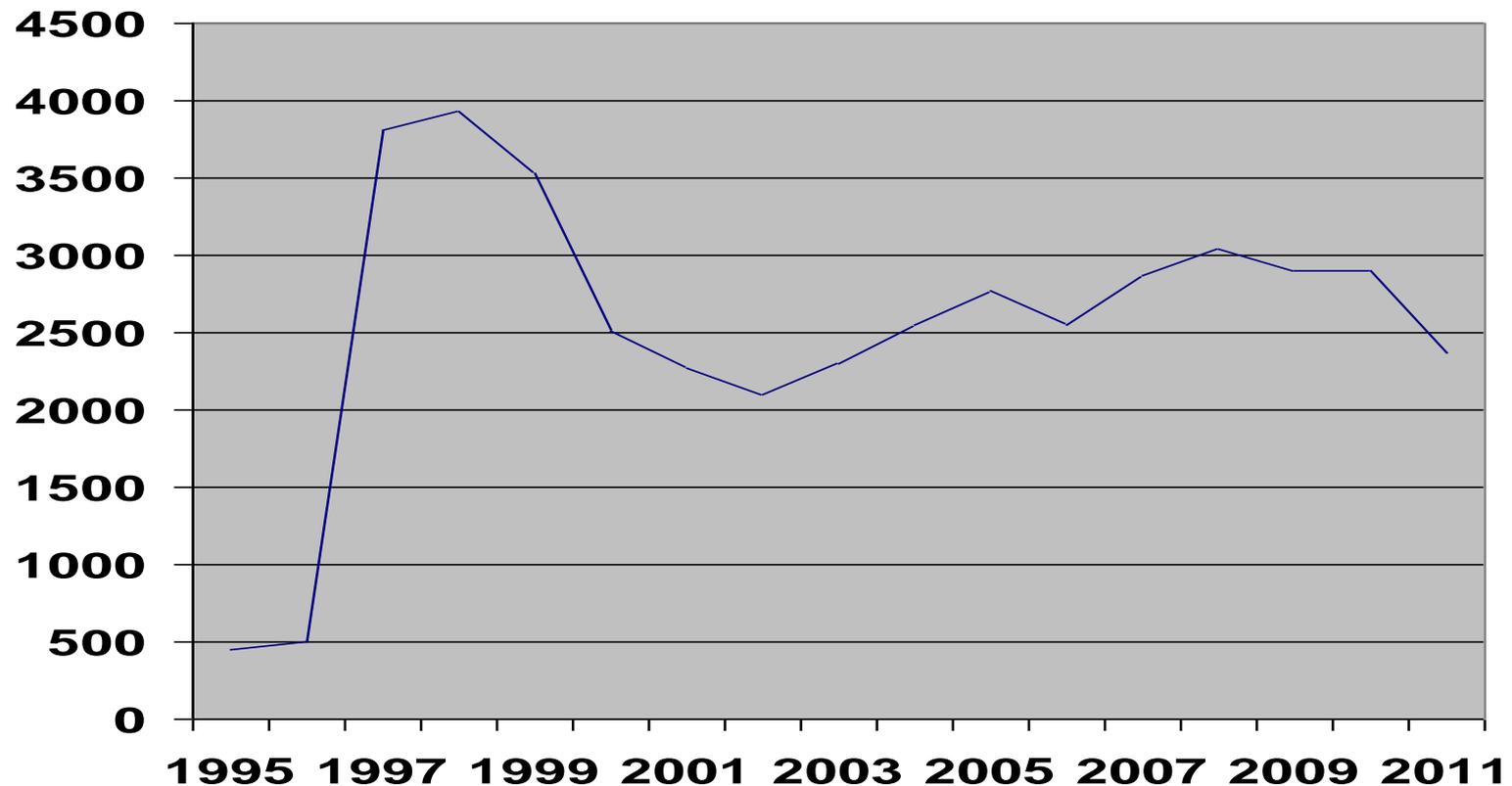
# A large country and difficult to monitor!

- More than 2000 km from north to south
- About 9 million inhabitants
- 34 Probation agencies

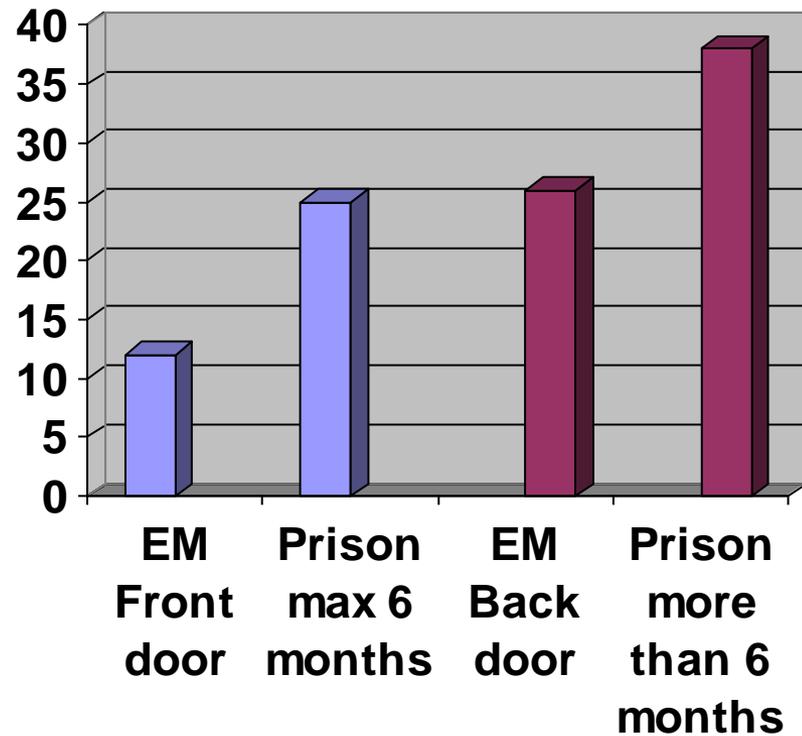




# People who started having electronic monitoring 1995-2011



# Recidivism rate after 3 years

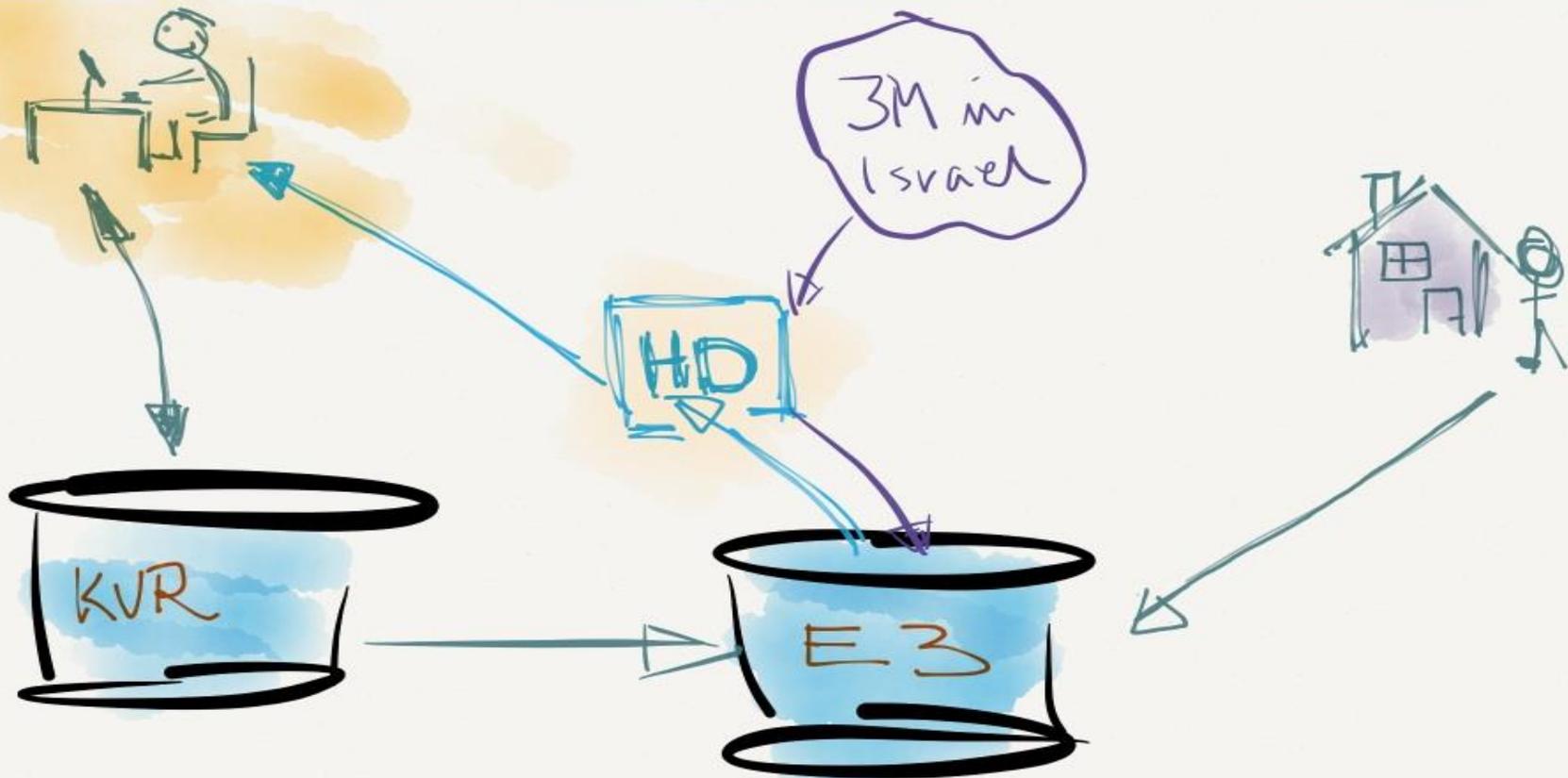




# EM saves money!

- Daily cost for 1 prisoner in a low security prison is 180€
- Daily cost for 1 client participating in the EM-program is 50€





# Future?

- GPS
- Remote alcohol monitoring system
- Increased use of EM in Sweden





The end!  
Thank you for your attention!

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