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Highlights

- The 21 States, accounting for 27% of the U.S. population, spent $662 million on indigent criminal defense services in 1999, more than double the total amount in 1982 in constant dollars.

- In 1999 State governments provided 90% or more of the funding for indigent criminal defense services in 21 States, an increase of 4 States since 1982.

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