

# **Gendered Pathways to Criminalization**

# Gendered Pathways Theory

“Women's pathways to incarceration are different than men's and are shaped by their social status and multiple forms of marginalization based on race, socioeconomic status, gender, and other factors.”

Aaron Gottlieb and Melissa Mahabir, “Women and Incarceration: Introducing a Gendered Lens into Smart Decarceration,” *Social Work* Volume 67, Issue 2, April 2022, pages 155–164, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swac012>.



# Women in prisons and jails are survivors

**86%**

are survivors of  
sexual violence

**77%**

are survivors of  
intimate partner  
violence

**60%**

are survivors of  
caregiver  
violence