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**Highlight**

- We advocate a framework to analyze the multidimensional prison production process
- The framework allows to estimate output-specific returns to scale
- We study economies of scale in prisons in England and Wales over the period 2009-2012
- Our focus is on costs-per-place, quality of life in prison and successful reintegration
- We control for prison(er) and regional characteristics in the analysis

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