

Errata: Mortality in Local Jails, 2000-2007

Mortality in Local Jails, 2000-07 (NCJ 222988), originally published on July 7, 2010, has been revised to exclude duplicate death records identified in the data and to include updates reported to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) after release. Thirteen death records were determined to be duplicates, reducing the total number of deaths in local jails during 2000 through 2007 to 8,097 from 8,110. In addition, 2 jails updated cause of death information on 12 deaths.

Of the 13 duplicate records, 11 were reported by 2 jail jurisdictions. The duplicates were not detected during the quality control process due to slight differences in the inmates' name, date of death or date of admission. Also, during data processing 2 death records for 2 separate jail facilities were incorrectly duplicated for 2 additional jail facilities.

BJS accepts updates to information on cases submitted to its Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP) if the jurisdiction has obtained additional or new information about the death after the initial reporting. Two jail jurisdictions updated information on cause of death or manner of death. One illness death was ruled to be AIDS-related, and for 2 previously unresolved cases, 1 death was ruled as death due to liver disease and 1 as a homicide.

The duplicate counts and updated records mainly affected the number and percentages of deaths in local jails, while the mortality rates had relative few changes. The revised numbers may result in counts that differ from those previously published. See the *Methodology* of this report for a full accounting of how updates are handled.