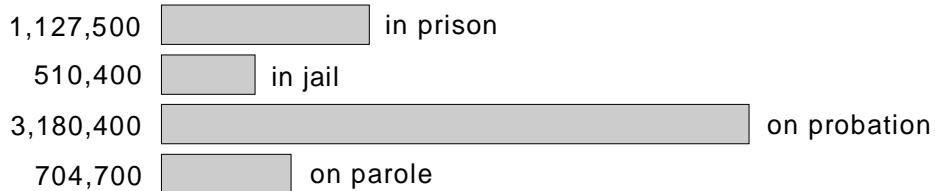




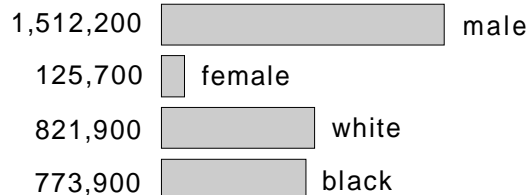
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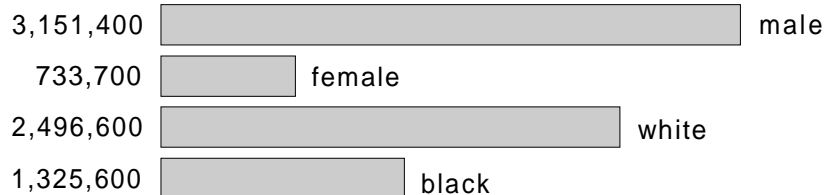
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Table 1.1. Number of adults on probation, in jail or prison, or on parole, 1990-96

Year	Total estimated correctional population ^a	Probation	Jail ^b	Prison	Parole
1990	4,348,000	2,670,234	403,019	743,382	531,407
1991	4,535,600	2,728,472	424,129	792,535	590,442
1992	4,762,600	2,811,611	441,781	850,566	658,601
1993	4,944,000	2,903,061	455,500	909,381	676,100
1994	5,141,300	2,981,022	479,800	990,147	690,371
1995	5,335,100	3,077,861	499,300	1,078,542	679,421
1996	5,523,000	3,180,363	510,400	1,127,528	704,709
Percent change 1995-96	3.5%	3.3%	2.2%	4.5%	3.7%
Average annual percent change 1990-96	4.1%	3.0%	4.0%	7.2%	4.8%

Note: Counts for probation, prison, and parole populations are for December 31 of each year and have been revised based on the most recently reported counts. Jail population counts are for June 30 of each year. Prisoner counts are for inmates in custody only. See *Technical note*.

^aA small number of individuals may have multiple correctional statuses; consequently, the total number of persons under correctional supervision is an overestimate.

^bThe adult jail population counts are estimated for 1993-96. The jail population counts for 1994-96 exclude persons supervised outside jail facilities.

Table 1.2. Estimated number of adults on probation, in jail, in prison, or on parole and their percent of the adult population, by sex and race, 1996

	Total ^a	Sex		Race		
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other
Total	5,523,000	4,663,600	859,400	3,318,500	2,099,500	105,000
Probation	3,180,400	2,527,100	653,300	2,114,400	1,015,100	50,900
Jail	510,400	454,700	55,700	280,900	217,200	12,300
Prison	1,127,500	1,057,500	70,000	541,000	556,700	29,800
Parole	704,700	624,300	80,400	382,200	310,500	12,000
U.S. adult resident population ^b	197,713,000	95,306,000	102,407,000	165,879,000	23,434,000	8,400,000
Percent under correctional supervision	2.8%	4.9%	0.8%	2.0%	9.0%	1.3%

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding. The numbers for sex and race were rounded to the nearest 100. In cases where sex or race was unknown or not reported, counts were estimated first on the self-reported racial identification of Hispanics in BJS surveys and then the residual was allocated based on the known cases. Estimates will differ from counts reported in chapters 2, 3, 5, and 6. See *Explanatory notes*.

^aA small number of individuals have multiple correctional statuses; consequently, the total number of persons under correctional supervision may be an overestimate. See *Explanatory notes*.

^bBased on the resident population 18 years or older on July 1, 1996, and adjusted for the undercount in the 1990 census.

Table 1.3. Estimated number of adults under correctional supervision, by sex and race, 1990-96

Year	Total	Sex		Race		
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other
1990	4,348,000	3,746,300	601,700	2,665,500	1,632,700	49,800
1991	4,535,600	3,913,000	622,600	2,742,400	1,743,300	49,900
1992	4,762,600	4,050,300	712,300	2,835,900	1,873,200	53,500
1993	4,944,000	4,215,800	728,200	2,872,200	2,011,600	60,200
1994	5,141,300	4,377,400	763,900	3,058,000	2,018,000	65,300
1995	5,335,100	4,513,000	822,100	3,220,900	2,024,000	90,200
1996	5,523,000	4,663,600	859,400	3,318,500	2,099,500	105,000

Note: Populations are estimated and rounded to the nearest 100. Previously published estimates for 1995 by sex and race have been revised, based on the most recently reported population totals and revised procedures for estimating missing data. See *Explanatory notes*.

Table 1.4. Percent of adults under correctional supervision, by sex and race, 1990-96

Year	Total	Sex		Race		
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other
1990	2.3%	4.2%	0.6%	1.7%	7.6%	0.7%
1991	2.4	4.3	0.6	1.7	8.0	0.7
1992	2.5	4.4	0.7	1.8	8.5	0.7
1993	2.6	4.5	0.7	1.8	9.0	0.8
1994	2.6	4.7	0.8	1.9	8.9	0.8
1995	2.7	4.8	0.8	2.0	8.8	1.1
1996	2.8	4.9	0.8	2.0	9.0	1.3

Note: Percentages are based on the resident population age 18 or older on July 1 of each reference year and have been corrected for the undercount in the 1990 Census.

Table 1.5. Number of adults in custody of State or Federal prisons or local jails, 1990-96

Year	Total inmates in custody ^a	Prisoners in custody ^a		Inmates held in local jails ^b	Incarceration rate ^c
		Federal	State		
1990	1,146,401	58,838	684,544	403,019	460
1991	1,216,664	63,930	728,605	424,129	482
1992	1,292,347	72,071	778,495	441,781	507
1993	1,364,900	80,815	828,566	455,500	526
1994	1,469,900	85,500	904,647	479,800	562
1995	1,577,800	89,538	989,004	499,300	598
1996	1,637,900	95,088	1,032,440	510,400	615
Percent change, 1995-96		3.7%	5.8%	4.2%	2.2%
Average annual percent change, 1990-96		6.1%	8.3%	7.1%	4.0%

^aState and Federal inmate counts exclude those under State of Federal jurisdiction who were housed elsewhere, as in county or local jails.

^bJail population counts are estimated.

^cTotal number of adults held in the custody of State, Federal, or local jurisdictions per 100,000 U. S. residents on December 31 of each reference year.

Table 1.6. Number of adults held in State or Federal prisons or in local jails, by sex and race, 1990-96

Year	White		Black	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
1990	545,900	39,300	508,800	38,000
1991	566,800	42,200	551,000	40,600
1992	598,000	44,100	590,300	42,400
1993	627,100	46,500	624,100	47,500
1994	667,400	51,300	676,000	52,300
1995	723,800	55,100	704,900	56,800
1996	759,900	62,000	714,100	59,800

Note: Populations are estimated and rounded to the nearest 100. Previously published estimates for 1995 by sex and race have been revised, based on the most recently reported population totals and new procedures using recently conducted inmate surveys. See *Explanatory notes*.

Table 1.7. Number of adults held in State or Federal prisons or local jails per 100,000 U.S. adult residents in each group, 1990-96

Year	White		Black	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
1990	711	48	5,161	329
1991	732	51	5,503	346
1992	766	53	5,793	356
1993	797	55	6,032	393
1994	842	61	6,443	426
1995	907	65	6,618	456
1996	944	73	6,607	474

Note: Data are based on resident population for each group on July 1 of each year and have been adjusted for the census undercount.

Figure 1. Percent of U.S. adult population in State or Federal prisons or in local jails, by race and sex, 1984-96

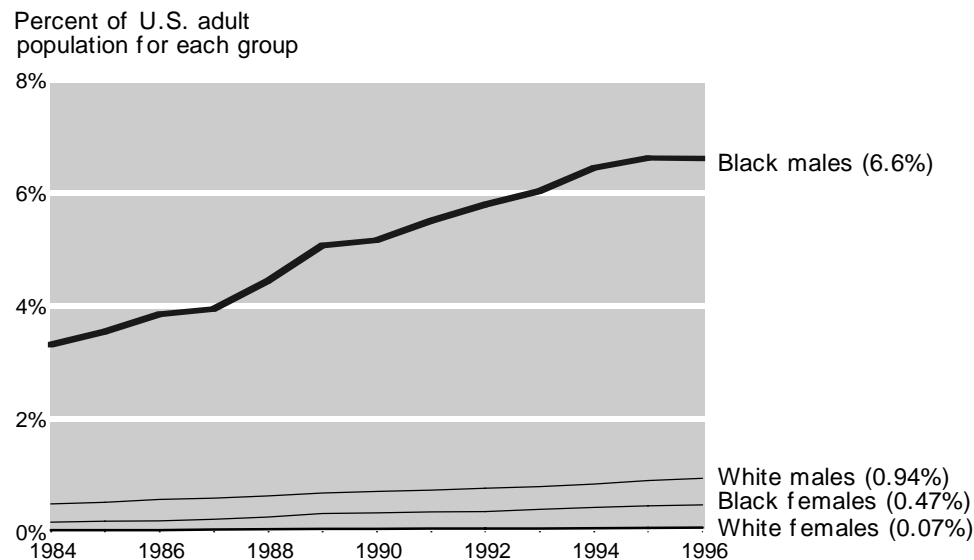


Table 1.8. Number of sentenced prisoners under State or Federal jurisdiction, by sex and race, 1990-96

Year	Number of sentenced prisoners						
	Total	Male			Female		
		All*	White	Black	All*	White	Black
1990	739,980	699,416	350,700	340,300	40,564	20,200	19,700
1991	789,610	745,808	369,200	366,500	43,802	21,100	22,000
1992	846,277	799,776	394,500	393,700	46,501	22,200	23,600
1993	932,074	878,037	428,700	434,900	54,037	25,800	27,300
1994	1,016,691	956,566	465,300	474,800	60,125	28,800	30,200
1995	1,085,022	1,021,059	487,400	509,800	63,963	30,500	31,900
1996	1,136,819	1,067,355	510,900	528,200	69,464	33,800	33,900

Note: Previously published estimates by sex and race have been revised. Sentenced prisoners are those with a sentence of more than 1 year. The numbers for sex and race were rounded to the nearest 100. In each year Hispanics were identified among inmates of unknown racial origin. The race of these inmates was then estimated using self-reported identification from the 1991 and 1997 surveys of State inmates. For non-Hispanic inmates of unknown racial origin, race was estimated using the racial distribution in NPS. For men and women the total number of sentenced prisoners was then multiplied by the proportion black or white in each group.

See Explanatory note.

*Includes Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and other racial groups.

Table 1.9. Estimated number of sentenced prisoners under State or Federal jurisdiction per 100,000 U.S. residents in each group, by sex and race, 1990-96

Year	Number of sentenced prisoners per 100,000 residents						
	Total ^a	Male			Female		
		All ^{b,c}	White	Black	All ^{b,c}	White	Black
1990	297	564	338	2,234	31	19	117
1991	313	595	352	2,368	33	19	129
1992	332	631	373	2,499	35	20	136
1993	359	685	402	2,718	40	23	155
1994	389	739	432	2,923	45	26	169
1995	411	781	449	3,095	47	27	176
1996	427	809	468	3,162	51	30	183

Note: Sentenced prisoners are those with a sentence of more than 1 year.

Rates may differ from those previously published because the numbers of prisoners under jurisdiction have been revised and the resident population by sex and race have been adjusted for the Census undercount.

^aRates are based on the U.S. resident population on December 31 of each year.

^bRates are based on the U.S. resident population on July 1 of each year, and have been adjusted for the Census undercount.

^cIncludes Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and other racial groups.

Table 1.10. Number of Hispanic prisoners under State or Federal jurisdiction, 1990-96

Year	State or Federal Hispanic prisoners		Sentenced Hispanic prisoners ^a	
	Number	Percent of all prisoners	Number ^b	Per 100,000 resident population ^c
1990	103,100	13.3%	98,500	437
1991	112,500	13.7	107,800	461
1992	125,000	14.1	119,700	493
1993	138,700	14.6	133,300	529
1994	156,908	14.9	151,300	580
1995	174,292	15.5	168,000	622
1996	186,761	15.8	179,800	644

Note: Data are based on incomplete counts. Each year, some States were unable to report data on Hispanic origin, others reported estimates only, and others reported incomplete counts. To determine the extent of underreporting in 1996, see table 5.9 and *Explanatory notes*.

^aSentenced prisoners are those with a sentence of more than 1 year.

^bNumbers of Hispanics with a sentence of more than a year were estimated by multiplying the total number of sentenced prisoners by the proportion Hispanic of all prisoners under State and Federal jurisdiction. Estimates were rounded to the nearest 100.

^cRates are based on estimates of the U.S. resident Hispanic population on July 1 of each year.

Table 1.11. Number of sentenced prisoners under State or Federal jurisdiction per 100,000 U.S. residents in each group, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age, 1990 and 1996

Age	Number of sentenced prisoners per 100,000 U.S. residents in each population group ^a											
	Total		Male		Female		White ^b		Black ^b		Hispanic	
	1990	1996	1990	1996	1990	1996	1990	1996	1990	1996	1990	1996
Total	292	422	564	809	31	51	139	193	1,067	1,571	548	688
18-19	271	407	518	771	13	27	90	143	1084	1337	360	688
20-24	652	995	1,220	1,886	61	71	295	406	2,296	3,385	972	1,514
25-29	799	1,078	1,493	2,024	95	123	354	442	2,949	4,131	1,341	1,488
30-34	708	1,006	1,327	1,845	87	160	336	469	2,640	3,671	1,185	1,446
35-39	526	875	989	1,615	67	134	245	412	1,973	3,398	1,069	1,279
40-44	375	658	715	1,244	41	82	196	322	1,433	2,431	779	1,233
45-54	211	360	410	692	21	42	137	198	590	1,347	535	690
55 or older	49	69	109	151	3	5	32	44	168	218	142	188

^aBased on estimates of the U.S. resident population on July 1 of each year and adjusted for the 1990 census undercount.

^bExcludes Hispanics.

Table 1.12. Number of sentenced prisoners under State or Federal Jurisdiction per 100,000 residents, by sex, race, Hispanic origin, and age, 1996

Age	Number of sentenced prisoners per 100,000 residents of each age group ^a							
	Male				Female			
	Total	White ^b	Black ^b	Hispanic	Total	White ^b	Black ^b	Hispanic
Total	809	370	3,098	1,278	51	23	188	78
18-19	771	263	2,615	1,303	27	17	74	32
20-24	1,886	762	6,740	2,774	71	35	203	115
25-29	2,024	829	8,319	2,609	123	54	415	186
30-34	1,845	862	7,052	2,547	160	73	597	200
35-39	1,615	759	6,601	2,278	134	61	518	193
40-44	1,244	606	4,824	2,308	82	38	326	126
45-54	692	380	2,768	1,313	42	20	161	93
55 or older	151	96	505	413	5	3	18	9

^aBased on estimates of the U.S. resident population on July 1 of each year and adjusted for the 1990 census undercount.

^bExcludes Hispanics.

Figure 2. Number of prisoners in custody of State correctional authorities, by offense type, 1980-96

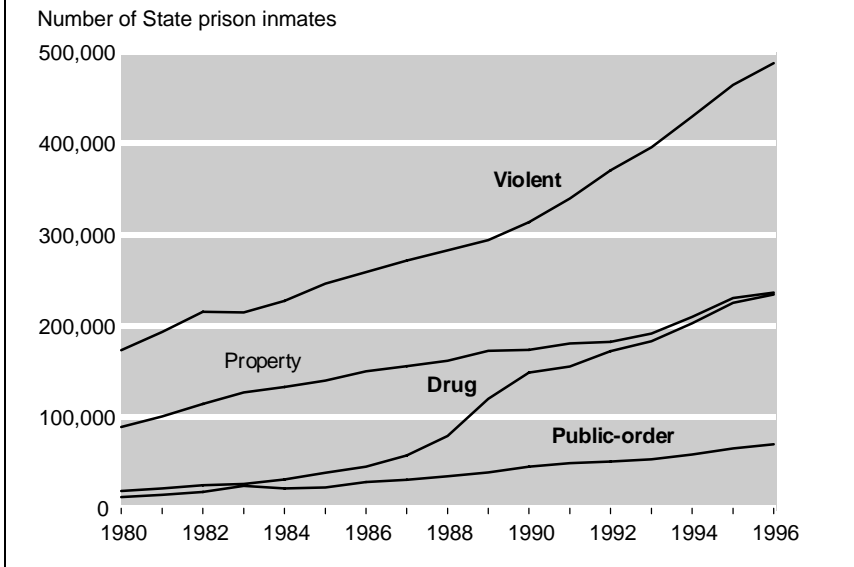


Table 1.13. Estimated number of prisoners in custody of State correctional authorities, by the most serious offense, 1990-96

Most serious offense	Number of inmates in State prison						
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total	684,544	728,605	778,495	828,566	904,647	989,004	1,032,440
Violent offenses	313,600	339,500	370,300	395,700	429,100	464,200	487,900
Murder ^a	72,000	77,200	85,000	90,300	97,100	105,800	111,000
Manslaughter	13,200	13,100	14,100	14,800	15,400	16,500	16,700
Rape	24,500	25,500	29,500	31,300	34,000	37,100	38,600
Other sexual assault	39,100	43,000	46,400	49,800	54,400	58,500	62,300
Robbery	99,200	107,800	113,400	119,800	128,200	134,800	139,800
Assault	53,300	59,000	67,900	73,000	81,200	90,500	97,100
Other violent ^b	12,400	13,100	15,200	16,600	18,700	21,000	22,400
Property offenses	173,700	180,700	182,400	191,600	209,800	230,300	236,500
Burglary	87,200	90,300	90,400	93,600	100,700	107,500	109,500
Larceny	34,800	35,700	33,900	36,900	42,000	47,600	49,100
Motor vehicle theft	14,400	16,000	18,100	19,100	20,100	21,800	21,300
Fraud	20,200	20,400	20,100	21,300	23,600	26,200	27,400
Other property ^c	17,100	18,200	19,900	20,700	23,500	27,300	29,200
Drug offenses	148,600	155,200	172,300	183,200	202,600	225,200	234,100
Public-order offenses^d	45,500	49,500	51,100	53,800	59,000	65,600	70,300
Other/unspecified^e	3,100	2,900	3,100	4,400	4,100	3,700	3,600

Note: The offense distribution for yearend 1991 is based on data from the Survey of Inmates of State Correctional Facilities, conducted in August 1991. The offense distributions for other years are estimated using forward and backward stock-flow methods. See *Explanatory notes* for further details on the estimations. All estimates are based on the total number of prisoners in physical custody, including those with sentences of 1 year or less and those who were unsentenced. See definitions for the distinction between custody and jurisdiction counts. Due to rounding, detail may not sum to total.

^aIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

^bIncludes extortion, intimidation, criminal endangerment, and other violent offenses.

^cIncludes possession and selling of stolen property, destruction of property, trespassing, vandalism, criminal tampering, and other property offenses.

^dIncludes weapons, drunk driving, escape, court offenses, obstruction, commercialized vice, morals and decency charges, liquor law violations, and other public-order offenses.

^eIncludes juvenile offenses and unspecified felonies.

Table 1.14. Percent of prisoners in custody of State correctional authorities, by the most serious offense, 1990-96

Most serious offense	Percent of inmates in State prison						
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	45.8%	46.6%	47.6%	47.8%	47.4%	46.9%	47.3%
Murder ^a	10.5	10.6	10.9	10.9	10.7	10.7	10.8
Manslaughter	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6
Rape	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7
Other sexual assault	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0
Robbery	14.5	14.8	14.6	14.5	14.2	13.6	13.5
Assault	7.8	8.1	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.4
Other violent ^b	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2
Property offenses	25.4%	24.8%	23.4%	23.1%	23.2%	23.3%	22.9%
Burglary	12.7	12.4	11.6	11.3	11.1	10.9	10.6
Larceny	5.1	4.9	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.8
Motor vehicle theft	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1
Fraud	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7
Other property ^c	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.8
Drug offenses	21.7%	21.3%	22.1%	22.1%	22.4%	22.8%	22.7%
Public-order offenses^d	6.6%	6.8%	6.6%	6.5%	6.5%	6.6%	6.8%
Other/unspecified^e	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%

Note: Offense distributions for yearend 1991 are based on data from the Survey of Inmates of State Correctional Facilities, conducted in August 1991. The offense distributions for other years are estimated using forward and backward stock-flow methods. See *Explanatory notes* for further details on the estimations. All estimates are based on the total number of prisoners in physical custody, including those with sentences of 1 year or less and those who were unsentenced. See definitions between custody and jurisdiction counts. Due to rounding, detail may not sum to total.

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Figure 3. New court commitments of State prisoners, by race, 1980-96

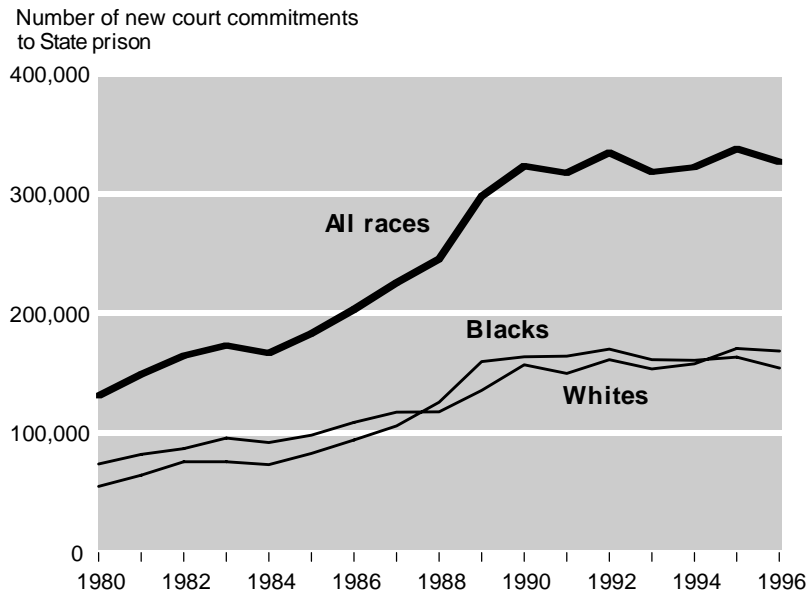


Table 1.15. Number of sentenced inmates in Federal prisons, by the most serious offense, 1990-96

Most serious offense	Number of inmates in Federal prison ^a						
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total	56,989	65,802	72,851	82,698	84,672	88,101	92,672
Violent offenses	9,557	9,852	9,506	11,058	10,855	11,321	11,523
Homicide ^b	1,233	1,166	917	867	889	966	1,084
Assault ^c	1,964	2,101	2,009	2,365	2,601	2,633	645
Robbery	5,158	5,410	5,409	6,561	6,174	6,341	8,334
Other violent ^d	1,202	1,175	1,171	1,265	1,191	1,381	1,460
Property offenses	7,935	8,518	8,617	8,718	7,445	7,524	7,781
Burglary	442	384	313	252	157	164	181
Fraud ^e	5,113	5,504	5,799	6,146	5,454	5,629	5,807
Larceny/theft/other property ^f	2,380	2,630	2,505	2,320	1,834	1,731	1,793
Drug offenses	30,470	36,782	42,879	48,997	49,507	51,737	55,194
Public-order offenses	8,585	10,011	11,253	13,276	13,536	15,762	17,227
Immigration	1,728	1,988	1,927	2,170	2,435	3,612	4,476
Weapons	3,073	3,826	4,996	6,515	6,735	7,519	7,480
Escape/court ^g	417	441	382	380	378	367	325
Other public-order ^h	3,367	3,756	3,948	4,202	3,988	4,264	4,946
Otherⁱ	442	639	596	658	473	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	2,856	1,757	947

Note: All data are from the BJS Federal justice database. Data for 1990-95 are for December 31. Data for 1996 are for September 30. Numbers may differ from the Federal Bureau of Prisons' count because the Federal Justice Statistics Program includes prisoners in transit.

^aIncludes prisoners of any sentence length.

^bIncludes murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, and negligent manslaughter.

^cIn 1996 assaults with intent to commit robbery were coded as robbery.

^dIncludes kidnaping, rape, other sexual assault, threats against the President, and other offenses.

^eIncludes embezzlement, counterfeiting, forgery, bankruptcy, and fraud (excluding tax fraud but including securities fraud).

^fIncludes motor vehicle theft, trespassing, destruction of property, and transport of stolen property.

^gIncludes flight to avoid prosecution, escape, parole and probation violation, and other court offenses.

^hIncludes liquor laws, national security laws, income tax, selective service acts, bribery, gambling, traffic offenses, and other public-order offenses.

ⁱIncludes offenses not classifiable or not a violation of the United States Code.

Figure 4. New court commitments of Federal prisoners, by race, 1980-96

Number of new court commitments to Federal prison

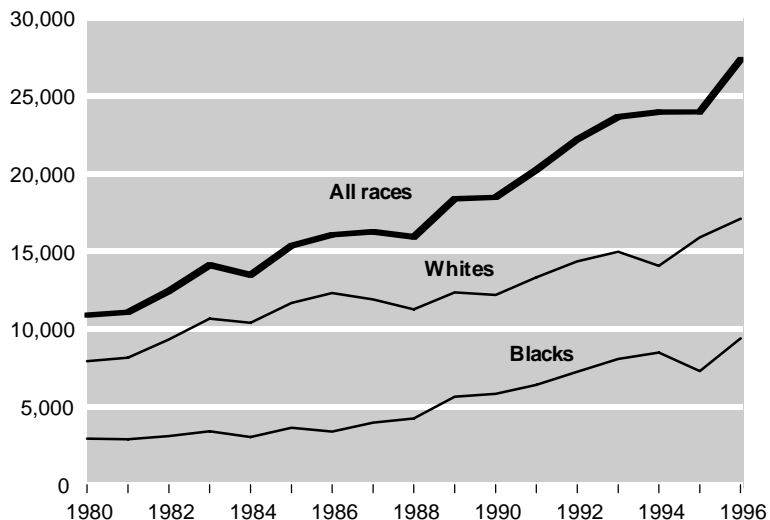


Table 1.16. Percent of sentenced inmates in Federal prisons, by the most serious offense, 1990-96

Most serious offense	Percent of inmates in Federal prison ^a						
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994 ^b	1995 ^b	1996 ^b
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	16.8%	15.0%	13.0%	13.4%	13.3%	13.1%	12.6%
Homicide ^c	2.2	1.8	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
Assault ^d	3.4	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.0	0.7
Robbery	9.1	8.2	7.4	7.9	7.5	7.3	9.1
Other violent ^e	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6
Property offenses	13.9%	12.9%	11.8%	10.5%	9.1%	8.7%	8.5%
Burglary	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Fraud ^f	9.0	8.4	8.0	7.4	6.7	6.5	6.3
larceny/theft/other property ^g	4.2	4.0	3.4	2.8	2.2	2.0	2.0
Drug offenses	53.5%	55.9%	58.9%	59.2%	60.5%	59.9%	60.2%
Public-order offenses	15.1%	15.2%	15.4%	16.1%	16.5%	18.3%	18.8%
Immigration	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.6	3.0	4.2	4.9
Weapons	5.4	5.8	6.9	7.9	8.2	8.7	8.2
Escape/court ^h	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
Other public-order ⁱ	5.9	5.7	5.4	5.1	4.9	4.9	5.4
Other^j	0.8%	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%

Note: All data are from the BJS Federal justice database. Data for 1990-95 are for December 31. Data for 1996 are for September 30.

^aIncludes prisoners of any sentence length.

^bPercents are based on prisoners for whom most serious offense was known.

^cIncludes murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, and negligent manslaughter.

^dIn 1996 assaults with intent to commit robbery were coded as robbery.

^eIncludes kidnaping, rape, other sexual assault, threats against the President, and other offenses.

^fIncludes embezzlement, counterfeiting, forgery, bankruptcy, and fraud (excluding tax fraud but including securities fraud).

^gIncludes motor vehicle theft, trespassing, destruction of property, and transport of stolen property.

^hIncludes flight to avoid prosecution, escape, parole and probation violation, and other court offenses.

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^jIncludes offenses not classifiable or not a violation of the United States Code.

Table 1.17. Trends in State prison admissions and releases, 1990-96

Year	Admissions to State prison					Releases from State prison						
	Number	Percent of all admissions				Number	Release rate ^b	Percent of all releases				
		Admission rate ^a	Percent new court commitments	Conditional release violators	Other			Parole board	Mandatory release	Other conditional	Expiration of sentence	Other
1990	460,739	72.7%	70.1%	29.1%	0.8%	405,374	37.0%	39.4%	28.8%	15.5%	12.7%	3.6%
1991	466,285	67.6	68.0	30.5	1.5	421,687	36.5	39.7	29.9	14.2	10.8	5.3
1992	480,676	65.6	69.5	29.5	1.0	430,198	35.5	39.5	29.5	14.1	11.4	5.5
1993	475,100	60.9	66.9	30.8	2.3	417,838	33.3	38.8	31.6	13.4	11.9	4.4
1994 ^c	498,919	58.0	64.5	33.6	1.9	418,372	30.8	35.0	35.6	12.6	12.5	4.3
1995	521,970	55.7	64.7	33.7	1.6	455,140	31.2	32.3	39.0	10.1	14.5	4.0
1996	512,618	51.2	63.7	33.7	2.6	467,193	30.9	30.4	38.0	10.2	16.7	4.7

Note: Releases exclude escapees, AWOL's and transfers. All data are limited to prisoners with a sentence of more than 1 year.

^aThe number of admissions per 100 State prisoners at the beginning of each year.

^bThe number of releases per 100 State prisoners at the beginning of each year plus the number admitted during the year.

^cReleases in Alaska, by type, were estimated for 1994.

Table 1.18. New court commitments to State and Federal prison, by sex, 1990-96

Year	Number of State and Federal admissions			Number of State admissions			Number of Federal admissions		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males*	Females*
1990	341,545	311,600	30,000	323,069	294,877	28,192	18,476	16,700	1,800
1991	337,478	306,800	30,700	317,237	288,408	28,829	20,241	18,400	1,900
1992	356,498	324,900	31,600	334,301	304,772	29,529	22,197	20,100	2,100
1993	341,722	310,493	29,209	318,069	288,883	27,166	23,653	21,610	2,043
1994	346,097	314,788	29,290	322,141	292,972	27,150	23,956	21,816	2,140
1995	361,464	326,403	35,061	337,492	304,567	32,925	23,972	21,836	2,136
1996	353,893	317,989	35,904	326,547	293,151	33,396	27,346	24,838	2,508

*The total number of Federal admissions for 1990-92 is from the National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP). The breakdown by sex is calculated by taking the percentage reported for each year and applying that to the total number of admissions.

Table 1.19. New court commitments to State and Federal prison, by sex, 1990-96

Year	Total number of admissions	Percent of State and Federal admissions		Total number of State admissions	Percent of State admissions		Total number of Federal admission	Percent of Federal admissions	
		Males	Females		Males	Females		Males	Females
1990 ^a	341,545	91.2%	8.8%	323,069	91.3%	8.7%	18,476	90.4%	9.7%
1991 ^a	337,478	90.9	9.1	317,237	90.9	9.1	20,241	90.9	9.4
1992	356,498	91.1	8.9	334,301	91.2	8.8	22,197	90.6	9.5
1993	341,722	90.9	8.5	318,069	90.8	8.5	23,653	91.4	8.6
1994 ^b	346,097	91.0	8.5	322,141	90.9	8.4	23,956	91.1	8.9
1995	361,464	90.3	9.7	337,492	90.2	9.8	23,972	91.1	8.9
1996	353,893	89.9	10.1	326,547	89.8	10.2	27,346	90.8	9.2

^aTotal number of Federal admissions for 1990-92 is from NCRP.

^bThe number of State admissions for Alaska was estimated.

Table 1.20. New court commitments to State and Federal prison, by race, 1990-96

Year	Total number of admissions	Estimated number of State and Federal admissions			Total number of State admissions	Estimated number of State admissions			Total number of Federal admissions ^b	Estimated number of Federal admissions		
		White	Black	Other ^a		White	Black	Other ^a		White	Black	Other ^a
1990	341,545	169,300	169,500	2,800	323,069	157,100	163,600	2,400	18,476	12,200	5,900	400
1991	337,478	163,200	170,700	3,600	317,237	149,900	164,300	3,100	20,241	13,300	6,400	500
1992	356,498	175,700	177,400	3,500	334,301	161,300	170,100	2,900	22,197	14,400	7,300	600
1993	341,722	168,700	169,500	3,600	318,069	153,700	161,400	3,000	23,653	15,000	8,100	600
1994 ^c	346,097	172,800	169,200	4,100	322,141	158,000	160,700	3,400	23,956	14,800	8,500	700
1995	361,464	186,700	170,800	4,000	337,492	170,800	163,500	3,200	23,972	15,900	7,300	800
1996	353,893	185,700	163,900	4,300	326,547	168,600	154,500	3,400	27,346	17,100	9,400	900

Note: Previously published estimates have been revised. For Hispanic inmates of unknown racial origin, race was estimated using the racial distribution of Hispanics for whom race was known. Previous methods have overestimated the number of black inmates. All data are based on prisoners with sentences of 1 year or more. Numbers by race are estimated from the National Corrections Reporting Program (1990-96) and the Federal Justice Statistics Program (1993-96).

^aIncludes Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and Alaska Natives.

^bFederal admissions data for 1990-93 are from the National Corrections Reporting Program and for 1994-96 from the National Prisoners Statistics with detail by race from the Federal Justice Statistics Program.

^cThe number of State admissions for 1994 was estimated for Alaska.

Table 1.21. New court commitments to State and Federal prison, by race, 1990-96

Year	Total number of admissions	Percent of State and Federal admissions				Total number of State admissions	Percent of State admissions				Total number of Federal admissions ^b	Percent of Federal admissions			
		Total	White	Black	Other ^a		Total	White	Black	Other ^a		Total	White	Black	Other ^a
1990	341,545	100%	48.0%	51.1%	0.9%	323,069	100%	48.6%	50.6%	0.8%	18,476	100%	66.0%	31.7%	2.3%
1991	337,478	100	46.3	52.7	1.1	317,237	100	47.2	51.8	1.0	20,241	100	65.9	31.7	2.4
1992	356,498	100	45.9	53.0	1.1	334,301	100	48.3	50.9	0.9	22,197	100	64.7	32.7	2.6
1993	341,722	100	46.4	52.5	1.1	318,069	100	48.3	50.7	0.9	23,653	100	63.3	34.2	2.5
1994 ^c	346,097	100	46.8	51.7	1.5	322,141	100	49.1	49.9	1.0	23,956	100	61.7	35.5	2.8
1995	361,464	100	51.7	47.3	1.1	337,492	100	50.6	48.4	1.0	23,972	100	66.5	30.4	3.1
1996	353,893	100	52.5	46.3	1.2	326,547	100	51.6	47.3	1.1	27,346	100	62.4	34.4	3.2

Note: Previously published estimates have been revised. For Hispanic inmates of unknown racial origin, race was estimated using the racial distribution of Hispanics for whom race was known. Previous methods have overestimated the number of black inmates. All data are based on prisoners with sentences of 1 year or more. Numbers by race are estimated from the National Corrections Reporting Program (1990-96) and the Federal Justice Statistics Program (1993-96).

^aIncludes Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and Alaska Natives.

^bFederal admissions data for 1990-93 are from the National Corrections Reporting Program and for 1994-96 from the National Prisoners Statistics with detail by race from the Federal Justice Statistics Program.

^cThe number of State admissions for 1994 was estimated for Alaska.

Table 1.22. Estimated number of sentenced prisoners admitted to State prisons, by the most serious offense, 1990-96

Most serious offense	Number of new court commitments to State prisons ^a						
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
All offenses	323,069	317,237	334,301	318,069	322,141	337,492	326,547
Violent offenses	86,600	91,700	95,600	93,000	94,400	97,200	96,300
Murder ^b	8,700	9,500	9,700	9,500	10,000	10,000	9,200
Negligent manslaughter	3,900	4,100	4,000	4,000	3,900	4,000	3,600
Sexual assault ^c	17,800	17,800	19,100	19,200	19,700	19,800	19,700
Robbery	29,700	32,000	33,100	31,300	30,600	30,400	29,700
Aggravated assault	22,600	24,100	25,100	24,500	25,800	27,600	28,400
Other violent	4,200	4,400	4,300	4,600	5,200	5,400	5,700
Property offenses	104,400	98,700	104,300	97,000	95,400	99,400	94,800
Burglary	46,800	42,800	44,500	41,000	39,900	40,000	39,000
Larceny/theft	26,200	25,400	27,100	25,400	24,800	26,200	24,400
Motor vehicle theft	8,400	7,600	8,400	7,500	7,700	8,000	6,800
Fraud	12,600	12,100	12,700	12,200	12,600	13,800	13,200
Other property	10,300	10,800	12,000	10,900	10,300	11,400	11,400
Drug offenses	102,400	95,200	101,600	95,100	97,300	104,100	98,700
Public-order offenses	26,000	28,200	29,400	29,500	32,200	34,500	34,600
Other	3,600	3,500	3,700	3,400	2,900	2,300	2,100

Note: All data were estimated. For each year, the proportion of new court commitments in each offense category was multiplied by the total number of new court commitments and rounded to the nearest hundred. (See table 1.23 for percentages.) Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

^aIncludes only those with sentences of more than 1 year.

^bIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

^cIncludes rape and other sexual assault.

Table 1.23. Percent of sentenced prisoners admitted to State prisons, by the most serious offense, 1990-96

Most serious offense	Percent of new court commitments to State prisons ^a						
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	26.8%	28.9%	28.6%	29.2%	29.3%	28.8%	29.5%
Murder ^b	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.8
Negligent manslaughter	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
Sexual assault ^c	5.5	5.6	5.7	6.0	6.1	5.9	6.0
Robbery	9.2	10.1	9.9	9.8	9.5	9.0	9.1
Aggravated assault	7.0	7.6	7.5	7.7	8.0	8.2	8.7
Other violent	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.8
Property offenses	32.3%	31.1%	31.2%	30.5%	29.6%	29.5%	29.0%
Burglary	14.5	13.5	13.3	12.9	12.4	11.9	12.0
Larceny/theft	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.0	7.7	7.8	7.5
Motor vehicle theft	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.1
Fraud	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.1
Other property	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.3
Drug offenses	31.7%	30.0%	30.4%	29.9%	30.2%	30.8%	30.2%
Public-order offenses	8.0%	8.9%	8.8%	9.3%	10.0%	10.2%	10.6%
Other	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	0.9%	0.7%	0.7%

Note: Data are from the National Corrections Reporting Program and are based on the most serious offense as reported by participating States. Data may not sum to total due to rounding.

^aIncludes only those with sentences of more than 1 year.

^bIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

^cIncludes rape and other sexual assault.

Table 1.24. Estimated number of sentenced prisoners returned to State prisons for a parole revocation, by the most serious offense, 1990-96

Most serious offense	Number of parole violators returned to State prisons ^a						
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
All offenses	133,870	142,100	141,961	146,366	168,504	175,726	172,633
Violent offenses	33,200	34,200	34,900	36,200	42,000	42,800	43,000
Murder ^b	2,300	2,600	2,300	2,200	2,600	2,700	2,400
Negligent manslaughter	700	700	700	700	900	900	700
Sexual assault ^c	4,000	5,300	4,800	4,600	6,000	6,400	7,200
Robbery	18,100	16,800	17,700	18,700	20,400	19,800	19,000
Aggravated assault	7,200	8,000	8,100	8,700	10,500	11,100	11,700
Other violent	900	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,700	2,000	1,900
Property offenses	61,700	61,700	58,600	57,800	64,100	65,100	60,600
Burglary	31,300	30,100	29,100	28,100	30,500	30,500	26,400
Larceny/theft	16,600	16,900	15,700	15,700	17,500	17,700	17,300
Motor vehicle theft	5,600	6,000	5,200	5,500	6,500	6,800	7,700
Fraud	5,500	6,000	5,200	4,900	5,300	5,500	4,700
Other property	2,700	2,700	3,300	3,400	4,300	4,600	4,500
Drug offenses	30,900	36,900	38,400	41,500	49,500	53,900	54,300
Public-order offenses	7,800	9,000	9,900	10,600	12,500	13,600	14,300
Other	300	300	300	300	300	400	300

Note: Data are from the National Corrections Reporting Program and are based on the most serious offense as reported by participating States. Data may not sum to total due to rounding.

^aIncludes only those with sentences of more than 1 year.

^bIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

^cIncludes rape and other sexual assault.

Table 1.25. Percent of sentenced prisoners returned to State prisons for a parole violation, by the most serious offense, 1990-96

Most serious offense	Percent of parole violators returned to State prisons ^a						
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	24.8%	24.1%	24.0%	24.2%	24.5%	24.0%	24.6%
Murder ^b	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
Negligent manslaughter	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Sexual assault ^c	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
Robbery	13.5	11.8	12.2	12.5	11.9	11.1	10.9
Aggravated assault	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.8	6.1	6.2	6.7
Other violent	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1
Property offenses	46.1%	43.4%	40.3%	38.6%	37.4%	36.5%	34.7%
Burglary	23.4	21.2	20.0	18.8	17.8	17.1	15.1
Larceny/theft	12.4	11.9	10.8	10.5	10.2	9.9	9.9
Motor vehicle theft	4.2	4.2	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	4.4
Fraud	4.1	4.2	3.6	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.7
Other property	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.6
Drug offenses	23.1%	26.0%	26.4%	27.7%	28.9%	30.2%	31.1%
Public-order offenses	5.8%	6.3%	6.8%	7.1%	7.3%	7.6%	8.2%
Other	0.2%	0.2%	2.5%	2.4%	1.9%	1.7%	1.4%

Note: Data are from the National Corrections Reporting Program and are based on the most serious offense as reported by participating States. Data may not sum to total due to rounding.

^aIncludes only those with sentences of more than 1 year.

^bIncludes nonnegligent manslaughter.

^cIncludes rape and other sexual assault.

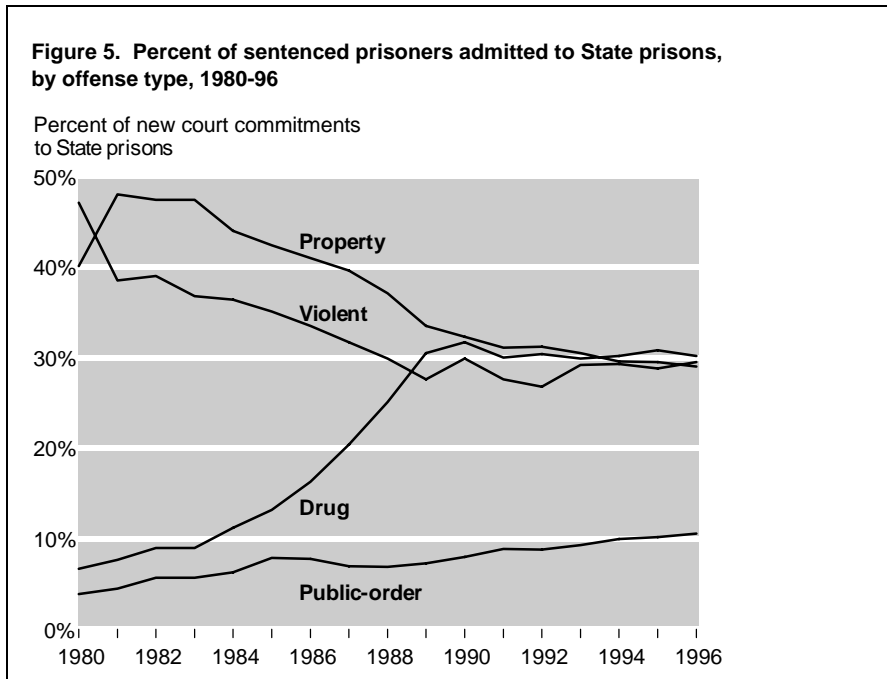


Table 1.26. Number of offenders sentenced to Federal prison in U.S. district court, by the most serious offense, 1990-96

Most serious offense	Number of offenders sentenced to Federal prison ^a						
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total^b	28,659	30,555	33,622	34,844	31,586	31,805	36,373
Violent offenses	2,032	2,260	2,618	2,679	2,443	2,209	2,419
Homicide ^c	144	140	135	148	222	307	233
Sexual assault ^d	226	254	271	227	215	242	326
Robbery	1,313	1,504	1,860	1,950	1,628	1,289	1,515
Assault	282	283	282	272	284	281	220
Other violent	67	79	70	82	94	90	125
Property offenses	5,885	6,033	6,557	6,980	6,466	6,709	7,161
Burglary	83	119	106	158	131	74	58
Larceny/theft	940	951	901	929	851	754	805
Motor vehicle theft	200	170	251	321	308	264	94
Fraud ^e	4,464	4,542	5,039	5,378	4,967	5,258	5,751
Other ^f	198	251	260	194	209	359	453
Drug offenses	14,092	15,012	16,401	17,343	14,835	14,067	16,492
Trafficking	13,640	14,558	15,987	16,667	14,272	13,133	15,248
Possession	452	454	414	676	563	934	1,244
Public-order offenses	6,650	7,250	8,045	7,833	7,838	8,813	10,293
Immigration	1,876	1,742	1,741	2,099	2,243	3,169	4,492
Weapons	1,894	2,632	3,426	2,910	2,812	2,803	2,773
Escape	545	470	475	438	448	485	435
Regulatory	799	884	856	912	876	572	540
Other ^g	1,536	1,522	1,547	1,474	1,459	1,784	2,053

Note: Data are from the BJS Federal Justice Statistics Program.

Data for 1990-94 are based on persons sentenced during each calendar year.

Data for 1995-96 are based on the fiscal year ending September 30.

^aIncludes all offenders sentenced to incarceration. Excludes offenders with suspended sentences to time already served, and those convicted of petty offenses.

^bTotal may include offenders for whom the offense category could not be determined.

^cIncludes murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, and negligent manslaughter.

^dIncludes rape and other sex offenses.

^eIncludes forgery, fraud, embezzlement, and counterfeiting.

^fIncludes arson, transportation of stolen property, and other property offenses.

^gIncludes bribery, perjury, national defense, tax law violations (excluding tax fraud), racketeering extortion, gambling, liquor offenses, mail or transport of obscene materials, and other public-order offenses.

Table 1.27. Percent of offenders sentenced to Federal prison in U.S. district court, by the most serious offenses, 1990-96

Most serious offense	Percent of offenders sentenced to Federal prison ^a						
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total^b	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Violent offenses	7.1%	7.4%	7.8%	7.7%	7.7%	6.9%	6.7%
Homicide ^c	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.6
Sexual assault ^d	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
Robbery	4.6	4.9	5.5	5.6	5.2	4.1	4.2
Assault	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.6
Other violent	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Property offenses	20.5%	19.7%	19.5%	20.0%	20.5%	21.1%	19.7%
Burglary	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2
Larceny/theft	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.2
Motor vehicle theft	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.3
Fraud ^e	15.6	14.9	15.0	15.4	15.7	16.5	15.8
Other ^f	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	1.1	1.2
Drug offenses	49.2%	49.1%	48.8%	49.8%	47.0%	44.2%	45.3%
Trafficking	47.6	47.6	47.5	47.8	45.2	41.3	41.9
Possession	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.9	1.8	2.9	3.4
Public-order offenses	23.2%	23.7%	23.9%	22.5%	24.8%	27.7%	28.3%
Immigration	6.5	5.7	5.2	6.0	7.1	10.0	12.3
Weapons	6.6	8.6	10.2	8.4	8.9	8.8	7.6
Escape	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.2
Regulatory	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.6	2.8	1.8	1.5
Other ^g	5.4	5.0	4.6	4.2	4.6	5.6	5.6

Note: Data are from the BJS Federal Justice Statistics Program.

Data for 1990-94 are based on persons sentenced during each calendar year.

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^bPercents exclude offenders for whom the offense category could not be determined.

^cIncludes murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, and negligent manslaughter.

^dIncludes rape and other sex offenses.

^eIncludes forgery, fraud, embezzlement, and counterfeiting.

^fIncludes arson, transportation of stolen property, and other property offenses.

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Table 1.28. Deaths among sentenced prisoners under State and Federal jurisdiction, 1990-96

Year	Number and rate of death among sentenced prisoners							
	All deaths ^a		Suicides ^b		Caused by another ^b		AIDS-related ^b	
	Number	Rate ^c	Number	Rate ^d	Number	Rate ^d	Number	Rate ^d
1990	1,736	235	98	16	49	8	--	--
1991	1,993	252	89	14	55	9	520	83
1992	2,240	265	103	15	67	10	648	95
1993	2,602	279	145	19	84	11	739	96
1994	3,011	296	155	18	68	8	923	105
1995	3,358	309	160	17	87	9	976	103
1996	3,321	292	154	15	65	6	904	88

--Not reported.

^aIncludes deaths from other causes. See table 5.17.

^bCause of death reported only for prisoners under State jurisdiction.

^cNumber of deaths per 100,000 sentenced prisoners under State and Federal jurisdiction at yearend of each reference year.

^dNumber of deaths per 100,000 sentenced prisoners under State jurisdiction at yearend of each reference year.

Table 1.29. Number sentenced to death, executed, or remaining under sentence to death in 1996, by year of sentence, 1973-96

Year of sentence	Number sentenced to death			Percent of those sentenced to death who had been executed
	Sentence imposed	Executed	Remained under sentence to death at yearend 1996	
1973	42	2	0	4.8%
1974	149	9	3	6.0
1975	298	6	3	2.0%
1976	234	11	6	4.7
1977	138	17	13	12.3
1978	186	31	28	16.7
1979	153	20	30	13.1
1980	175	29	50	16.6%
1981	229	40	61	17.5
1982	269	43	111	16.0
1983	253	37	122	14.6
1984	284	28	140	9.9
1985	270	15	143	5.6%
1986	304	15	174	4.9
1987	289	13	166	4.5
1988	294	13	191	4.4
1989	262	5	172	1.9
1990	252	5	184	2.0%
1991	270	2	214	0.7
1992	290	5	238	1.7
1993	294	6	258	2.0
1994	318	2	298	0.6
1995	325	3	316	0.9%
1996	299	1	298	0.3
Total	5,877	358	3,219	6.1%

Note: For those persons sentenced to death more than once, the numbers are based on the most recent death sentence received.

Explanatory notes

Offense distributions are estimated

The offense distributions of State prisoners at yearend were estimated for 1990-96 by combining data from the 1986 and 1991 State prison inmate surveys, counts by offense of annual admissions and releases in the National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP, 1986-96), and NPS data for 1990-96. The following procedures were used:

1. The total number of sentenced prisoners under State jurisdiction in 1990 by offense was estimated using the forward and backward stock-flow procedures, as outlined in *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1995* (NCJ 163916).
2. The offense distribution for 1991 was obtained from the 1991 State prison inmate survey and then multiplied by the total number of sentenced inmates under State jurisdiction (from NPS-1) to obtain estimates by offense at yearend.
3. The offense distributions for 1992-96 were derived from the NCRP using forward estimation procedures only. In each year estimates of the number of inmates by offense were calculated by adding all admissions and subtracting all releases from the base population of the previous year. The estimated end-of-year distribution was then used as the base for the next year. This procedure was repeated for each year through 1996.
4. Because the 1986 and 1991 survey estimates were based on custody counts, the final estimates (which were based on the sentenced jurisdictional counts) were then converted to custody counts. To estimate the number of inmates by offense, the total number of inmates in physical custody was multiplied by the proportion of inmates in each offense category.

Racial distributions of offenders are estimated

Previously published counts by race of offenders under correctional supervision have been revised. In previous publications the reported racial distributions were used to estimate the race of offenders with unknown race. In recent years, as the number of Hispanic offenders under correctional supervision with unknown race increased, this procedure has overestimated the number of blacks under supervision. The following procedures were used:

1. For the probation and parole populations in 1995-96, estimates were obtained by summing the number of Hispanic probationers and parolees in States that reported Hispanics as having an unknown race. The race of these Hispanic offenders was then calculated, using racial self-identifications reported in BJS surveys. For probationers, the racial identification of Hispanics in the 1995 Survey of Adults on Probation was used; for parolees, the race of Hispanic inmates in the 1997 State prison inmate survey. An estimate of the counts by race were then obtained by multiplying the total number of Hispanics with unknown race by the proportions from each survey. The racial distribution of the remaining probationers and parolees (with an unknown race) was then calculated using the combined distributions for whom data on race were reported.
2. The racial distributions of jail inmates in 1995-96 were estimated by combining estimates from the Annual Survey of Jails (ASJ) in each year and the 1996 Survey of Inmates in Local Jails (SILJ). Estimated proportions from SILJ by race and sex were multiplied by the national estimates by sex from the ASJ.
3. Estimates of State inmates at yearend for 1990-96 were obtained by first summing the numbers of Hispanic inmates among States that reported Hispanics as having an

unknown race. The racial distribution of these inmates was then calculated using the racial self-identification in the 1991 and 1997 prisoner surveys (and interpolated for other years). The race of the remaining inmates (with an unknown race) was then based on the combined distribution of inmates for whom race was known.

4. The racial distributions of new court commitments to State prison for 1990-96 were obtained from NCRP. For Hispanic inmates of unknown racial origin, race was estimated using the racial distribution of Hispanics for whom race was known. By combining these estimates with the known totals from NCRP, the distributions were recalculated and then multiplied by the total number of new court commitments with sentences of more than 1 year (from NPS-1) to obtain estimates by race.

Technical note

To estimate the total correctional populations in tables 1.1-1.4, the four correctional populations are assumed to contain individuals with only one status at a time. This assumption may not be valid. Multiple correctional statuses may occur because —

- probation and parole agencies are not always notified of new arrests, jail entries, or prison admissions;
- absconders on agency caseloads in one jurisdiction may actually be incarcerated in another jurisdiction;
- individuals may be admitted to jail or prison before formal revocation hearings by a probation or parole agency.

By adding the number of persons on probation, on parole, in jail, and in prison, we may count some persons more than once; consequently, the sum will be an overestimate of the total number of persons under correctional supervision at any one time. The magnitude of the overestimation is not known; however, past estimates have suggested the doublecounting may total about 4%. (See *Correctional Populations In the United States, 1995*.)