



Jail inmates in 1995

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Table 2.1. Persons under jail supervision, by confinement status and type of program, midyear 1995

	Number of persons under jail supervision
Total	541,913
Held in jail	507,044
Supervised outside of a jail facility ^a	34,869
Electronic monitoring	6,788
Home detention ^b	1,376
Day reporting	1,283
Community service	10,253
Weekender program	1,909
Other alternative work programs ^c	9,144
Other pretrial supervision	3,229
Other	887

^aExcludes persons supervised by a probation or a parole agency.

^bIncludes only those without electronic monitoring.

^cIncludes persons in work release programs, work gangs/crews, and other alternative work programs administered by the jail jurisdiction.

Table 2.2. One-day count and average daily population of jail inmates, midyear 1990-95

	Number of jail inmates					
	Annual Survey of Jails			Census of Jails, 1993	Annual Survey of Jails	
	1990	1991	1992		1994	1995
One-day count						
All inmates	405,320	426,479	444,584	459,804	486,500	507,044
Adults	403,019	424,129	441,780	455,500	479,800	499,300
Male	365,821	384,628	401,106	411,500	431,300	448,000
Female	37,198	39,501	40,674	44,100	48,500	51,300
Juveniles ^a	2,301	2,350	2,804	4,300	6,700	7,800
Average daily population^b						
All inmates	408,075	422,609	441,889	466,155	479,757	509,828
Adults	405,935	420,276	439,362	462,800	--	--
Male	368,091	381,458	399,528	418,200	--	--
Female	37,844	38,818	39,834	44,600	--	--
Juveniles ^a	2,140	2,333	2,804	3,400	--	--

Note: Data for 1-day counts are for June 30, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995; June 29, 1990; and June 28, 1991. Data for detail for 1993 were estimated and rounded to the nearest 100. Data for 1990-93 may include persons supervised outside jail facilities. Data for 1994-95 were estimated for only those persons held in custody. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

--Not available.

^aJuveniles are persons defined by State statute as being under a certain age, usually 18, and subject initially to juvenile court authority even if tried as adults in criminal court. In 1994 the survey's definition was changed to include all persons under age 18. Because of the definitional change, caution must be used in interpreting any changes over time.

^bThe average daily population is the sum of the number of inmates in a jail each day for a year, divided by 365.

Table 2.3. Demographic characteristics of jail inmates, midyear 1990-95

Characteristic	Number of jail inmates						Percent of jail inmates					
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Total	405,320	426,479	444,584	459,804	486,474	507,044	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sex												
Male	368,002	386,865	403,768	415,600	437,600	455,400	90.8%	90.7%	90.8%	90.4%	90.0%	89.8%
Female	37,318	39,614	40,816	44,200	48,800	51,600	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.6	10.0	10.2
Race/Hispanic origin												
White non-Hispanic	167,831	173,512	173,973	180,900	190,100	203,300	41.8%	41.1%	40.1%	39.3%	39.1%	40.1%
Black non-Hispanic	170,505	183,639	191,188	203,500	213,400	220,600	42.5	43.4	44.1	44.2	43.9	43.5
Hispanic	57,449	60,129	62,961	69,200	74,900	74,400	14.3	14.2	14.5	15.1	15.4	14.7
Other*	5,321	5,391	5,831	6,200	8,100	8,800	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.7

Note: Data on race/Hispanic origin were reported for 89.7% of inmates in 1990, 91.1% in 1991, 97.6% in 1992, 85.1% in 1993, 95.8% in 1994, and 97.1% in 1995. Data for 1990-93 may include persons supervised outside of jail facilities. Data for 1994-95 were estimated for only those persons held in custody.

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.
*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

Table 2.4. Number of jail inmates and rates per 100,000 U.S. residents, midyear 1985-95

Year	All jail inmates ^a	Inmates per 100,000 residents	Adult jail inmates ^b	Adult inmates per 100,000 adult residents
1995	507,044	193	499,300	257
1994	486,474	187	479,800	249
1993	459,804	178	455,500	239
1992	444,584	174	441,781	234
1991	426,479	169	424,129	277
1990	405,320	163	403,019	218
1989	395,553	160	393,303	214
1988	343,569	141	341,893	189
1987	295,873	122	294,092	164
1986	274,444	114	272,736	154
1985	256,615	108	254,986	145

Note: Inmate counts for 1985-87 and 1994-95, are survey estimates subject to sampling error. For estimates of the sampling error for each year, see table 2.10.
^aInmate counts for 1985-93 may include an unknown number of persons who were under jail supervision but not confined.
^bThe number of adult inmates was estimated and rounded to the nearest 100. See *Methodology*.

Figure 6. Number of jail inmates per 100,000 U.S. residents, by race, 1984-95

Number of inmates in local jails per 100,000 U.S. residents in each group

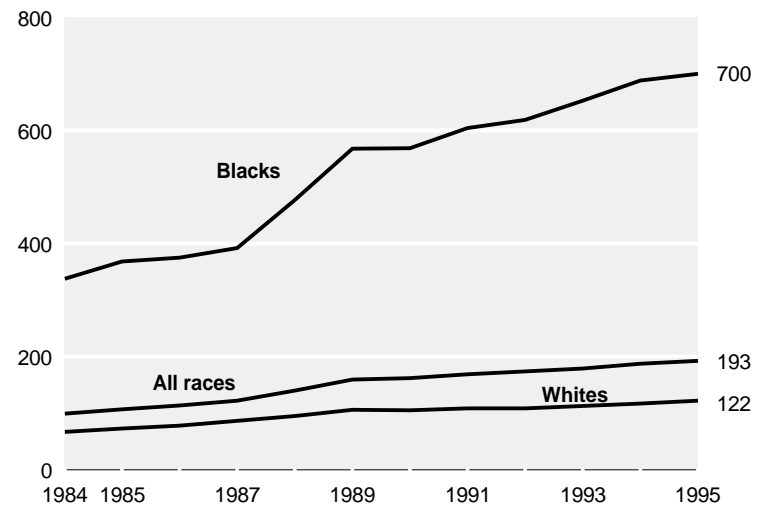


Table 2.5. Number of jail inmates and rates per 100,000 U.S. residents, by race, midyear 1985-95

Year	White	Number of local jail inmates		
		Per 100,000 white U.S. residents	Black	Per 100,000 black U.S. residents
1995	266,200	122	232,000	700
1994	253,500	117	224,900	688
1993	239,500	111	214,100	665
1992	233,000	109	195,200	619
1991	229,900	109	188,300	604
1990	221,400	106	174,300	569
1989	220,700	106	171,300	568
1988	197,700	96	142,000	478
1987	176,700	86	115,000	392
1986	160,000	79	108,600	375
1985	147,600	73	105,200	368

Note: Categories for black and white inmates include Hispanics. Inmate counts for 1985-87, 1989-92, and 1994-95 are survey estimates subject to sampling error. Data are estimated and rounded to the nearest 100.

Table 2.6. Conviction status of adult jail inmates, by sex, midyear 1985, 1990-95

	Percent of jail inmates					
	1985	1990	1991	1992	1993 ¹	1995 ¹
Total	250,468	403,019	424,129	441,780	455,500	499,300
Convicted	123,409	195,661	206,458	217,940	226,600	219,600
Male	114,131	177,619	185,947	196,656	203,900	198,400
Female	9,278	18,042	20,511	21,284	22,700	21,200
Unconvicted	127,059	207,358	217,671	223,840	228,900	279,600
Male	117,560	188,202	198,681	204,450	207,600	250,000
Female	9,499	19,156	18,990	19,390	21,300	29,600

Note: The number of convicted inmates may be undercounted because some jail records do not distinguish between inmates who are unconvicted and those who are convicted but waiting to be sentenced. Data for 1994 are not available.

¹Data on conviction status by sex were reported for 88.9% of all adult inmates in 1993 and 96.3% in 1995. Totals were estimated using known data and rounded to the nearest 100. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

Table 2.7. Jail capacity and occupancy, midyear 1990-95

	Annual Survey of Jails			Census of Jails 1993	Annual Survey of Jails	
	1990	1991	1992		1994	1995
Number of inmates held^a	405,320	426,479	444,584	459,804	486,474	507,044
Rated capacity of jails^b	389,171	421,237	449,197	475,224	504,324	545,763
Percent of rated capacity occupied ^c	104%	101%	99%	97%	96%	93%
Amount of capacity added ^d	21,402	32,066	27,960	26,027	29,100	41,439

Note: Data for 1-day counts are for June 30, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995; June 29, 1990; and June 28, 1991.

^aPopulation counts for 1990-93 could include persons supervised outside of jail facilities.

Population counts for 1994 and 1995 are for custody only.

^bRated capacity is the number of beds or inmates assigned to facilities within each jurisdiction.

^cPercent of rated capacity occupied is based on the 1-day count of inmates. This ratio may include some inmates not in physical custody but under the jurisdiction of a local jail, such as inmates on electronic monitoring, under house arrest, or in day reporting or other community service supervision programs.

^dThe amount of bedspace added during the 12 months before the survey or census in each year.

Table 2.8. The 25 largest jail jurisdictions: Number of inmates, average daily population, and rated capacity, midyear 1993-95

Jurisdiction	Number of inmates			Average daily population*			Rated capacity			Percent of capacity occupied		
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995	1988	1993	1994
Los Angeles County, CA	20,065	20,113	18,236	23,232	19,725	19,896	14,372	13,340	20,049	140%	151%	91%
New York City, NY	17,307	18,171	18,143	17,488	18,091	18,200	20,556	18,696	19,033	84	97	95
Cook County, IL	9,054	9,092	10,398	8,851	8,950	10,837	7,831	8,032	9,317	116	113	112
Harris County, TX	9,472	10,716	8,825	11,637	10,282	8,962	9,800	8,698	8,698	97	123	101
Dallas County, TX	7,592	9,715	5,721	6,747	9,321	7,151	4,808	6,676	8,629	158	146	66
Dade County, FL	5,553	6,338	6,653	5,489	6,656	6,728	4,874	6,752	6,604	114%	94%	101%
San Diego County, CA	5,374	5,487	6,197	5,350	5,651	5,820	3,675	8,672	5,670	146	63	109
Orleans Parish, LA	--	5,351	5,558	--	5,231	5,549	--	7,174	7,174	--	75	77
Maricopa County, AZ	4,478	5,170	5,717	4,641	4,862	5,503	4,232	4,910	4,910	106	105	116
Shelby County, TN	6,451	5,124	5,247	6,426	4,891	5,091	6,411	6,344	5,512	101	81	95
Orange County, CA	4,659	4,987	5,157	4,672	4,836	5,074	3,954	3,821	3,821	118%	131%	135%
Philadelphia City, PA	4,836	4,696	5,076	4,912	4,799	4,968	3,750	5,349	3,750	129	88	135
Tarrant County, TX	4,408	5,317	3,865	4,508	5,167	4,468	3,952	4,996	4,369	112	106	88
Santa Clara County, CA	4,237	4,303	4,174	4,451	4,103	4,161	4,132	4,088	3,774	103	105	111
San Bernardino County, CA	2,999	3,136	4,025	3,146	3,188	4,100	2,709	3,744	4,930	111	84	82
Alameda County, CA	3,281	3,330	3,881	3,604	3,098	3,903	3,434	3,552	4,063	96%	94%	96%
Bexar County, TX	3,740	4,301	3,099	3,400	3,882	3,569	2,397	3,640	3,640	156	118	85
Broward County, FL	2,921	3,367	3,573	2,892	3,165	3,546	3,656	3,654	3,656	80	92	98
Orange County, FL	3,096	3,470	3,530	3,386	3,162	3,441	3,229	3,329	3,329	96	104	106
Baltimore City, MD	3,112	3,350	3,777	3,011	3,160	3,380	2,833	2,833	2,933	110	118	129
Sacramento County, CA	2,741	2,954	3,125	2,976	2,852	3,094	2,769	2,749	2,749	99%	107%	114%
Duval County, FL	2,423	2,775	2,628	2,366	2,383	2,688	3,300	3,300	3,300	73	84	80
Wayne County, MI	2,280	2,499	2,598	2,160	2,400	2,600	2,585	2,545	2,628	88	98	99
Milwaukee County, WI	2,292	2,247	2,491	1,977	2,165	2,501	1,904	1,854	2,274	120	121	110
Hillsborough County, FL	2,126	1,992	2,536	2,240	2,108	2,384	2,276	2,445	2,649	93	81	96

Note: The jurisdictions are ranked by their average daily population in 1995.

--Not available.

*Based on average daily population for the year ending June 30.

Table 2.9. Standard error estimates for the Annual Survey of Jails, 1995

Characteristic	Estimate	Standard error	Relative standard error (percent)
Total under supervision	541,913	3,299	0.61%
Number held in jail	507,044	2,931	0.60%
Number supervised outside a jail facility	34,869	1,269	3.64%
Electronic monitoring	6,788	748	11.02
Home detention	1,376	95	6.90
Day reporting	1,283	56	4.36
Community service	10,253	731	7.13
Weekender programs	1,909	198	10.37
Other pretrial supervision	3,229	412	12.76
Other work programs	9,144	336	3.67
Other	887	86	9.70
One-day count^a			
All persons supervised	515,122	2,985	0.58%
Adults	507,234	2,945	0.58
Male	455,098	2,657	0.58
Female	52,136	474	0.58
Juveniles	7,888	283	0.91
Held as adults	6,018	242	4.02
Held as juveniles	1,870	148	7.91
Average daily population	509,828	2,725	0.58%
Rated capacity	545,763	3,788	0.69%
Sex^a			
Male	462,670	2,694	0.58%
Female	52,452	480	0.92
Race/Hispanic origin^a			
White non-Hispanic	200,460	2,181	1.09%
Black non-Hispanic	217,573	2,148	0.99
Hispanic	73,372	969	1.32
Other ^b	8,657	416	4.81
Total conviction status^a			
Convicted	214,978	1,991	0.93%
Male	194,181	1,841	0.95
Female	20,797	302	1.45
Unconvicted	273,689	1,983	0.72
Male	244,683	1,812	0.74
Female	29,006	281	0.97

^aTotals and subtotals include some persons supervised outside jail facilities. For comparison with previous years, estimates in tables 2.2, 2.3, and 2.6 have been calculated based only on the number of inmates held in jail facilities.

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

Table 2.10. Standard error estimates for the number of inmates and rated capacity for the Annual Survey of Jails, midyear 1985-95

Year	Number of inmates			Rated capacity		
	Number ^a	Estimated standard error	Relative standard error (percent) ^b	Number ^a	Estimated standard error	Relative standard error (percent) ^b
1995	507,044	2,931	0.58	545,763	3,788	0.69%
1994	486,474	2,485	0.51	504,324	3,221	0.64
1992	444,584	2,076	0.47	449,197	2,693	0.60%
1991	426,479	2,151	0.50	421,237	2,522	0.60
1990	405,320	1,778	0.44	389,171	2,249	0.58
1989	395,553	1,583	0.40	367,769	2,042	0.56
1987	295,873	1,687	0.57	301,198	2,192	0.73%
1986	274,444	1,465	0.53	285,726	2,093	0.73
1985	256,615	1,459	0.57	272,830	2,062	0.76

^aData for 1985-93 may include persons held outside of jail facilities. Data for 1994-95 are for custody only.

^bRelative standard error is the estimated standard error divided by the estimated number of inmates or rated capacity.

Methodology

Annual Survey of Jails

In each of the 4 years between the full censuses, a survey of jails is conducted to estimate baseline characteristics of the Nation's jails and the inmates housed in these jails. The 1995 Annual Survey of Jails is the 11th such survey in a series begun in 1982. The reference date for the 1994 survey was June 30, 1995.

Using information from the 1993 Census of Jails, a new sample of jail jurisdictions was selected for the 1994 survey. A *jurisdiction* is a county (parish in Louisiana) or municipal government that administers one or more local jails. The sample included all jails in 796 selected jail jurisdictions and 23 multijurisdiction jails. A *multijurisdiction jail* is one in which two or more jurisdictions have a formal agreement to operate the facility.

In the drawing of the sample for 1994 and 1995, jail jurisdictions were first stratified into two groups: single-jurisdiction jails and multijurisdiction jails. All of the multijurisdiction jails were included in the survey. The remaining jurisdictions were then further stratified into two groups: jurisdictions with jails authorized to hold juveniles and jurisdictions with jails holding adults only. Jurisdictions were then selected based on the average daily population in the 1993 census. All jails in 203 jurisdictions were automatically included if the jurisdiction held juveniles and had an average daily population of 250 or more inmates in 1993 or if it held only adults and had an average population of 500 or more. The other jurisdictions (593) were then selected based on stratified probability sampling. Data were obtained by mailed questionnaires. After followup phone calls to non-respondents, the response rate for the survey was 100%.

National estimates for the inmate population on June 30, 1995, were produced by sex, race/Hispanic origin, and age group and for the average daily population during the year ending June 30, 1995. National estimates were also produced for rated capacity.

Sampling error

Survey estimates have an associated sampling error because jurisdictions with smaller average daily populations were sampled for the survey. Estimates based on the sample survey may differ somewhat from the results of conducting a complete census. Different samples could yield somewhat different results. *Standard error* is a measure of the variation among the estimates from all possible samples, stating the precision with which an estimate from a particular sample approximates the average of all possible samples. The estimated relative sampling error for the total inmate population of 507,044 on June 30, 1994, was 0.58%. (See tables 2.9 and 2.10.)

Measures of population

Two measures of inmate population are used: the average daily population for the year ending June 30 and the inmate count on June 30 of each year. The average daily population balances out any extraordinary events that may render atypical the inmate count on June 30. The June 30 count provides data on characteristics of inmates, such as race, Hispanic origin, and age, that may not be available on an annual basis.

For the first time in 1995 the Annual Survey of Jails obtained separate counts of the total number of offenders under jail jurisdiction, those held in jail facilities, and those supervised outside of jail facilities. Previous surveys and censuses included a small but unknown number of offenders under community supervision.

To estimate the percent change from 1994 to 1995 in the jail population, the 1995 survey included a count of inmates held at midyear 1994. Based on the 1995 survey results, the 1994 survey total (490,442) included an estimated 3,968 persons under community supervision.

Juveniles

State statutes and judicial practices allow juveniles to be incarcerated in adult jails under a variety of circumstances. Because of the differing statutes and practices, however, accurate and comparable data on juveniles are difficult to collect. Beginning in 1994 the Annual Jail Survey provided estimates of the total number of jail inmates under age 18, the number held as adults, and the number held as juveniles. New sampling procedures were also introduced in 1994 to minimize the standard errors of these estimates. By stratifying jurisdictions based on the authority to house juveniles, the precision of the juvenile counts was improved.