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Table 8.1. Number of military correctional facilities, capacity, and number of prisoners, branch by of service holding prisoners, type of facility, and location, December 31, 1998

Branch of service holding prisoners, type of facility, and location	Number of facilities	Design capacity/a	Operational capacity	Number of prisoners		
				Total	Pretrial	Post-trial
All branches						
Total/b	69	4,870	4,588	2,426	396	2,030
Inside continental US						
Local facilities	45	700	694	252	88	164
Regional facilities	10	1,773	1,741	1,287	256	1,031
Long term facilities	1	1,700	1,500	712	0	712
Outside continental US	13	697	653	175	52	123
Air Force						
Total	45	410	403	128	26	102
Inside continental US						
Local facilities	37	316	310	87	18	69
Regional facilities	2	52	51	20	4	16
Outside continental US	6	42	42	21	4	17
Army						
Total	6	2,628	2,353	1,155	26	1,129
Inside continental US						
Local facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Regional facilities	3	583	552	392	17	375
Long term facilities	1	1,700	1,500	712	0	712
Outside continental US	2	345	301	51	9	42
Marine Corps						
Total	7	964	964	617	243	374
Inside continental US						
Local facilities	2	48	48	19	5	14
Regional facilities	3	718	718	543	214	329
Outside continental US	2	198	198	55	24	31
Navy						
Total	11	868	868	526	101	425
Inside continental US						
Local facilities	6	336	336	146	65	81
Regional facilities	2	420	420	332	21	311
Outside continental US	3	112	112	48	15	33

Note: Local facilities hold unsentenced persons and prisoners with sentences of less than 90 days. Regional facilities hold prisoners with sentences of less than 5 years. The U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the only long-term military confinement facility, holds prisoners with sentences of more than 5 years. This report excludes persons who receive nonjudicial punishment for less serious infractions, based on the Uniform Code of Military Justice; nonjudicial punishment may include reduction in grade, forfeiture of pay, restriction to quarters, extra duty, cancellation of leave, or other penalties.

a/The Navy and Marine Corps report the same figures for both design and operational capacity.

b/The Coast Guard does not operate confinement facilities.

Table 8.2. Number of prisoners under military jurisdiction, by branch of service, December 31, 1997, and 1998

	Prisoners under military jurisdiction			
	Number		Percent change, 1997-98	Percent of prisoners, 1998
	1998	1997		
Branch of service to which prisoners belonged				
Total	2,426	2,772	-12.5 %	100.0 %
Air Force	484	575	-15.8	20.0
Army	862	1,063	-18.9	35.5
Marine Corps	682	628	8.6	28.1
Navy	389	490	-20.6	16.0
Coast Guard	9	16	-43.8	0.4
Branch of service holding prisoners				
Total	2,426	2,772	-12.5 %	100.0 %
Air Force	128	103	24.3	5.3
Army	1,155	1,494	-22.7	47.6
Marine Corps	617	571	8.1	25.4
Navy	526	604	-12.9	21.7

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.
 The Coast Guard does not operate confinement facilities.

Table 8.3. Number of prisoners under military jurisdiction, by branch of service to which prisoners belonged and branch of service holding them, December 31, 1998

Branch of service to which prisoners belonged	Total	Branch of service holding prisoners			
		Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy
Total	2,426	128	1,155	617	526
Air Force	484	126	217	31	110
Army	862	0	759	35	68
Marine Corps	682	1	102	533	46
Navy	389	1	74	18	296
Coast Guard	9	0	3	0	6

Note: The Coast Guard does not operate confinement facilities.

Table 8.4. Percent of prisoners under military jurisdiction, by branch of service to which prisoners belonged and branch of service holding them, December 31, 1998

Branch of service to which prisoners belonged	Branch of service holding prisoners				
	Total	Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy
Total	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Air Force	20.0	98.4	18.8	5.0	20.9
Army	35.5	0.0	65.7	5.7	12.9
Marine Corps	28.1	0.8	8.8	86.4	8.7
Navy	16.0	0.8	6.4	2.9	56.3
Coast Guard	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.1
Number of prisoners	2,426	128	1,155	617	526

Note: The Coast Guard does not operate confinement facilities.

Table 8.5. Number of prisoners under military jurisdiction, by officer/enlisted status, gender, race, and Hispanic origin, December 31, 1998

Branch of service	All inmates			Gender		Race/Hispanic origin			
	Total	Officers	Enlisted	Male	Female	White/a	Black/a	Hispanic	Other/b
Branch of service to which prisoners belonged									
Total	2,426	44	2,382	2,370	56	1,275	827	224	100
Air Force	484	14	470	460	24	311	120	31	22
Army	862	16	846	841	21	377	387	66	32
Marine Corps	682	4	678	679	3	368	198	91	25
Navy	389	10	379	381	8	215	121	34	19
Coast Guard	9	0	9	9	0	4	1	2	2
Branch of service holding prisoners									
Total	2,426	44	2,382	2,370	56	1,275	827	224	100
Air Force	128	0	128	117	11	88	32	4	4
Army	1,155	37	1,118	1,131	24	544	463	98	50
Marine Corps	617	5	612	610	7	344	172	79	22
Navy	526	2	524	512	14	299	160	43	24

a/Non-Hispanic inmates only.

b/Includes Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and Alaska Natives.

Table 8.6. Number of prisoners under military jurisdiction, by most serious offense, officer/enlisted status, and branch of service, December 31, 1998

	All inmates			Branch of service to which prisoners belonged					Branch of service holding prisoners			
	Total	Officers	Enlisted	Air	Army	Marine	Navy	Coast	Air	Army	Marine	Navy
				Force		Corps		Guard	Force		Corps	
All offenses	2,048	39	2,009	478	823	436	303	8	128	1,129	366	425
Violent offenses	1,019	23	996	241	458	167	148	5	23	740	95	161
Murder/a	159	1	158	20	90	38	11	0	0	157	2	0
Negligent manslaughter	25	0	25	6	11	4	4	0	0	22	2	1
Rape	335	7	328	71	164	43	54	3	2	264	26	43
Other sexual assault	275	11	264	107	81	28	57	2	14	156	17	88
Robbery	40	0	40	1	25	14	0	0	0	28	10	2
Assault	166	4	162	34	73	38	21	0	7	95	38	26
Other violent/b	19	0	19	2	14	2	1	0	0	18	0	1
Property offenses	371	9	362	80	153	87	51	0	27	170	86	88
Burglary	48	1	47	5	11	21	11	0	1	9	21	17
Larceny/theft	223	6	217	51	113	33	26	0	18	132	31	42
Motor vehicle theft	3	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	2
Arson	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Fraud	53	2	51	19	12	16	6	0	5	22	14	12
Stolen property	36	0	36	5	12	16	3	0	3	2	19	12
Other property	6	0	6	0	3	1	2	0	0	3	1	2
Drug offenses	417	6	411	104	158	108	45	2	46	165	109	97
Possession	243	1	242	79	94	50	20	0	41	103	57	42
Trafficking	164	4	160	21	61	55	25	2	2	58	51	53
Other/unspecified	10	1	9	4	3	3	0	0	3	4	1	2
Public-order offenses	26	0	26	4	16	3	3	0	1	20	3	2
Weapons	6	0	6	1	1	2	2	0	1	3	2	0
Driving while intoxicated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other public-order	20	0	20	3	15	1	1	0	0	17	1	2
Military offenses/c	192	1	191	37	33	70	51	1	20	27	73	72
Other offenses	23	0	23	12	5	1	5	0	11	7	0	5

Note: Counts include both pre- and post-trial prisoners held by the Air Force, but only post-trial prisoners held by the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. Excludes 8 post-trial inmates of unknown service branch held by the Marines for whom offense data was not reported.

a/Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

b/Includes kidnaping.

c/Includes desertion, AWOL, disrespect, insubordination, failure to obey, false offense statement, conduct unbecoming an officer, and other infractions.

Table 8.7. Percent of prisoners under military jurisdiction, by most serious offense, officer/enlisted status, and branch of service, December 31, 1998

	All inmates			Branch of service to which prisoners belonged/a				Branch of service holding prisoners			
	Total	Officers	Enlisted	Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy	Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy
All offenses	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Violent offenses	49.8 %	59.0 %	49.6 %	50.4 %	55.7 %	38.3 %	48.8 %	18.0 %	65.5 %	26.0 %	37.9 %
Murder/b	7.8	2.6	7.9	4.2	10.9	8.7	3.6	0.0	13.9	0.5	0.0
Negligent manslaughter	1.2	0.0	1.2	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.3	0.0	1.9	0.5	0.2
Rape	16.4	17.9	16.3	14.9	19.9	9.9	17.8	1.6	23.4	7.1	10.1
Other sexual assault	13.4	28.2	13.1	22.4	9.8	6.4	18.8	10.9	13.8	4.6	20.7
Robbery	2.0	0.0	2.0	0.2	3.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	2.5	2.7	0.5
Assault	8.1	10.3	8.1	7.1	8.9	8.7	6.9	5.5	8.4	10.4	6.1
Other violent/c	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.4	1.7	0.5	0.3	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.2
Property offenses	18.1 %	23.1 %	18.0 %	16.7 %	18.6 %	20.0 %	16.8 %	21.1 %	15.1 %	23.5 %	20.7 %
Burglary	2.3	2.6	2.3	1.0	1.3	4.8	3.6	0.8	0.8	5.7	4.0
Larceny/theft	10.9	15.4	10.8	10.7	13.7	7.6	8.6	14.1	11.7	8.5	9.9
Motor vehicle theft	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5
Arson	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2
Fraud	2.6	5.1	2.5	4.0	1.5	3.7	2.0	3.9	1.9	3.8	2.8
Stolen property	1.8	0.0	1.8	1.0	1.5	3.7	1.0	2.3	0.2	5.2	2.8
Other property	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.5
Drug offenses	20.4 %	15.4 %	20.5 %	21.8 %	19.2 %	24.8 %	14.9 %	35.9 %	14.6 %	29.8 %	22.8 %
Possession	11.9	2.6	12.0	16.5	11.4	11.5	6.6	32.0	9.1	15.6	9.9
Trafficking	8.0	10.3	8.0	4.4	7.4	12.6	8.3	1.6	5.1	13.9	12.5
Other/unspecified	0.5	2.6	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.0	2.3	0.4	0.3	0.5
Public-order offenses	1.3 %	0.0 %	1.3 %	0.8 %	1.9 %	0.7 %	1.0 %	0.8 %	1.8 %	0.8 %	0.5 %
Weapons	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.0
Driving while intoxicated	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other public-order	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.6	1.8	0.2	0.3	0.0	1.5	0.3	0.5
Military offenses/d	9.4 %	2.6 %	9.5 %	7.7 %	4.0 %	16.1 %	16.8 %	15.6 %	2.4 %	19.9 %	16.9 %
Other offenses	1.1 %	0.0 %	1.1 %	2.5 %	0.6 %	0.2 %	1.7 %	8.6 %	0.6 %	0.0 %	1.2 %
Number of prisoners	2,048	39	2,009	478	823	436	303	128	1,129	366	425

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Counts include both pre- and post-trial prisoners held by the Air Force, but only post-trial prisoners held by the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. Excludes 8 post-trial prisoners of unknown service branch held by the Marines for whom offense data were not reported.

a/Excludes 8 prisoners held for the Coast Guard.

b/Includes nonnegligent manslaughter.

c/Includes kidnaping.

d/Includes desertion, AWOL, disrespect, insubordination, failure to obey, false offense statement, conduct unbecoming an officer, and other infractions.

Table 8.8. Number of prisoners under military jurisdiction, by sentence length, office/enlisted status, and branch of service, December 31, 1998

Branch of service	All Inmates			Branch of service holding prisoners			
	Total	Officers	Enlisted	Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy
All branches							
All inmates	2,426	44	2,382	128	1,155	617	526
Convicted	2,026	39	1,987	106	1,129	366	425
One year or more	1,454	31	1,423	24	985	206	239
Less than 1 year	572	8	564	82	144	160	186
Unconvicted	400	5	395	22	26	251	101
Air Force							
All inmates	484	14	470	126	217	31	110
Convicted	458	14	444	106	216	29	107
One year or more	306	10	296	24	184	13	85
Less than 1 year	152	4	148	82	32	16	22
Unconvicted	26	0	26	20	1	2	3
Army							
All inmates	862	16	846	0	759	35	68
Convicted	823	14	809	0	735	28	60
One year or more	652	12	640	0	624	6	22
Less than 1 year	171	2	169	0	111	22	38
Unconvicted	39	2	37	0	24	7	8
Marine Corps							
All inmates	682	4	678	1	102	533	46
Convicted	435	4	431	0	102	300	33
One year or more	292	3	289	0	102	182	8
Less than 1 year	143	1	142	0	0	118	25
Unconvicted	247	0	247	1	0	233	13
Navy							
All inmates	389	10	379	1	74	18	296
Convicted	302	7	295	0	73	9	220
One year or more	198	6	192	0	72	5	121
Less than 1 year	104	1	103	0	1	4	99
Unconvicted	87	3	84	1	1	9	76
Coast Guard							
All inmates	9	0	9	0	3	0	6
Convicted	8	0	8	0	3	0	5
One year or more	6	0	6	0	3	0	3
Less than 1 year	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Unconvicted	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

Note: The Coast Guard does not operate confinement facilities.

Table 8.9. Number of admissions to U.S. military confinement facilities, by type of admission, officer/enlisted status, and branch of service holding prisoners, 1998

Type of admission	Number of admissions						
	All inmates			Air		Marine	
	Total	Officers	Enlisted	Force	Army	Corps	Navy
Total	4,152	57	4,095	708	856	1,486	1,102
New court commitments	3,912	57	3,855	630	772	1,486	1,024
From summary court	1,250	0	1,250	122	67	751	310
From special court	1,225	0	1,225	217	145	528	335
From general court	1,437	57	1,380	291	560	207	379
Parole violators returned	40	0	40	0	40	0	0
Transfers from other military confinement	172	0	172	52	42	0	78
Escapees returned	28	0	28	26	2	0	0

Table 8.10. Percent of admissions to U.S. military confinement facilities, by type of admission, officer/enlisted status, and branch of service holding prisoners, 1998

Type of admission	Percent of admissions						
	Total	All inmates		Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy
		Officers	Enlisted				
Total	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
New court commitments	94.2	100.0	94.1	89.0	90.2	100.0	92.9
From summary court	30.1	0.0	30.5	17.2	7.8	50.5	28.1
From special court	29.5	0.0	29.9	30.6	16.9	35.5	30.4
From general court	34.6	100.0	33.7	41.1	65.4	13.9	34.4
Parole violators returned	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0
Transfers from other military confinement	4.1	0.0	4.2	7.3	4.9	0.0	7.1
Escapees returned	0.7	0.0	0.7	3.7	0.2	0.0	0.0
Number of admissions	4,152	57	4,095	708	856	1,486	1,102

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

Table 8.11. Admissions to U.S. military confinement facilities, by type of admission, and branch of service to which prisoners belonged, 1998

Type of admission	All inmates			Number of admissions					Percent of admissions				
	Total	Officers	Enlisted	Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy	Coast Guard	Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy	Coast Guard
Total	4,152	57	4,095	1,038	969	1,394	735	16	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
New court commitments	3,912	57	3,855	944	910	1,387	655	16	90.9	93.9	99.5	89.1	100.0
From summary court	1,250	0	1,250	122	216	676	236	0	11.8	22.3	48.5	32.1	0.0
From special court	1,225	0	1,225	289	126	541	261	8	27.8	13.0	38.8	35.5	50.0
From general court	1,437	57	1,380	533	568	170	158	8	51.3	58.6	12.2	21.5	50.0
Parole violators returned	40	0	40	11	21	5	3	0	1.1	2.2	0.4	0.4	0.0
Transfers from other military confinement	172	0	172	56	38	2	76	0	5.4	3.9	0.1	10.3	0.0
Escapees returned	28	0	28	27	0	0	1	0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

Table 8.12. Number of pre-trial confinements in U.S. military confinement facilities, by officer/enlisted status and branch of service, 1997 and 1998

	Number of pre-trial confinements					
	1998			1997		
	Total	Officers	Enlisted	Total	Officers	Enlisted
Branch of service to which prisoners belonged						
Total	2,628	15	2,613	2,777	14	2,763
Air Force	180	3	177	151	6	145
Army	185	5	180	199	2	197
Marine Corps	1,579	2	1,577	1,608	2	1,606
Navy	678	5	673	817	4	813
Coast Guard	6	0	6	2	0	2
Branch of service holding prisoners						
Total	2,628	15	2,613	2,777	14	2,763
Air Force	198	3	195	160	4	156
Army	123	1	122	145	1	144
Marine Corps	1,546	7	1,539	1,607	6	1,601
Navy	761	4	757	865	3	862

Table 8.13. Number of releases from U.S. military confinement facilities, by method of release, officer/enlisted status, and branch of service, 1998

Method of release	All inmates			Branch of service holding prisoners				Branch of service to which prisoners belonged				
	Total	Officers	Enlisted	Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy	Air Force	Army	Marine Corps	Navy	Coast Guard
All methods	6,436	77	6,359	585	1,195	2,991	1,665	989	1,212	2,873	1,339	23
Unconditional	3,664	16	3,648	324	643	1,918	779	490	666	1,864	633	11
Expiration of sentence	3,519	12	3,507	303	606	1,834	776	471	621	1,785	631	11
Clemency	10	0	10	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	0
Other unconditional	135	4	131	16	37	79	3	14	45	74	2	0
Conditional releases	1,856	38	1,818	17	145	933	761	178	174	848	646	10
Parole	162	2	160	2	75	13	72	70	56	10	25	1
Restoration to duty	93	10	83	13	33	47	0	32	11	47	2	1
Other conditional	1,601	26	1,575	2	37	873	689	76	107	791	619	8
Transfers	913	23	890	243	405	140	125	318	372	161	60	2
To other military branch	569	23	546	216	111	139	103	230	183	138	16	2
To Federal civilian facility	344	0	344	27	294	1	22	88	189	23	44	0
Other*	3	0	3	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Escape from confinement	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unspecified	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

*No 1998 releases from military confinement facilities occurred as the result of death other than suicide.

Chapter 8: U.S. military corrections

Explanatory notes

In 1994 the U.S. Department of Defense Corrections Council established an annual military confinement report. The council, comprising representatives from each branch of military service, adopted a standardized questionnaire with a common set of definitions. With the Corrections Council, the Bureau of Justice Statistics produced a series of tables that provide a unified profile of persons in the custody of U.S. military authorities.

The annual confinement report provides yearend counts of persons in U.S. military confinement facilities inside and outside the continental United States, by branch of service, gender, race, and Hispanic origin, conviction status and sentence length, and offense. It also provides counts of the number of persons admitted to confinement and the number released during the calendar year, by branch of service, type of commitment, and type of release. The confinement report also includes the number of facilities and their design and rated capacities, by level.

Information on Air Force confinement facilities was reported for the first time in 1997. With the full participation of all military services, the annual confinement report now provides a complete enumeration of U.S. military confinement facilities, both inside and outside the continental United States.