



Race of Prisoners Admitted to State and Federal Institutions, 1926-86

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Foreword

This report carefully documents the racial composition of U.S. prisoners across 60 years. It is the first single-volume publication of year-by-year and State-by-State statistics on the race of persons admitted to State and Federal prisons in the United States. The compilation covers the period from the year when the Federal Government began keeping detailed annual records on prison admissions, 1926, to the latest year of available data, 1986.

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Introduction

The Federal Government's first census of prisoners was in 1850. Thereafter, until 1926, the Federal Government collected prisoner statistics about every 10 years, usually as a part of the decennial census. In 1926 the gathering and reporting of national prisoner statistics became an annual series. Later named National Prisoner Statistics (NPS), the series has been in continuous operation for over 60 years.

NPS is the Nation's principal source of historical statistical information on U.S. prison populations. Decennial census statistics on prisoners furnish comparable information, but only at 10-year intervals. In addition, definitions and data collection procedures changed markedly from the earliest decennial censuses to later ones. NPS definitions and data collection procedures have remained comparatively unchanged.

This compilation of NPS counts from 1926 to 1986 represents the first single volume giving historically complete details on the racial breakdown of the prison population. It is based on published and unpublished data.

National Prisoner Statistics

A voluntary reporting program, NPS gathers data by asking State and Federal prison officials to complete collection forms. NPS has consisted of four core data collections or "series":¹

- **Movement series.** This series uses a form that asks prison officials to summarize in the aggregate the movements of the entire prison population: a count of all inmates in prison on December 31 of the year; counts of categories of persons admitted throughout the year (such as number admitted from court and number of escapees returned to prison); and counts of categories of prisoners released throughout the year (such as number released on parole and number transferred

¹In the past, NPS included two other series, but the two were not primarily concerned with counting prisoners. One compiled statistics on prison personnel; the other, on prison finances.

to another prison). Statistics from the series now exist for every year from 1926 to the present. Before 1978 the series collected no information on race, but in 1978 the series began compiling a yearend count of prisoners of each race.

- **Admission series.** The data collection form for this series, which started in 1926, obtains information on each individual admitted to prison during the year (see selected facsimile forms in *Appendix A*). Gaps exist in the statistics because the Federal Government did not collect individual admission records in some years. Records include such information as the prisoner's age, race, sex, conviction offense, and sentence length.

- **Release series.** The data collection form for this series, begun in 1926, obtains information on each person released from prison during the year. Among other things the records contain data on the prisoner's race, sex, conviction offense, and how much time was served before release. As with the admission series, gaps exist because the Federal Government did not collect individual release records in some years.

- **Capital punishment series.** This series uses several forms to compile information on each person admitted to prison under sentence of death during the year, each person under sentence of death at yearend, and each person executed or otherwise relieved of the death penalty. Statistics on the number executed extend to 1930. Statistics on the number present began in 1953. In 1960 the series began counts of persons admitted under a sentence of death and of persons whose death sentence was removed. The prisoners who died awaiting execution were also included in these counts. The series provides such information as the prisoner's race, sex, conviction offense, date of sentence, and date of removal or execution.

Today NPS includes additional collection activities, but in the past it was largely limited to the four series.

Statistics on race from the admission series

The historical statistics compiled here are entirely from the admission series. They are taken directly from published and unpublished reports, tabulations, and, for certain years when NPS had no Federal prison data, published reports of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

The following rules guided selection of which particular statistics from the admission series to include in the compilation:

- Where more than one published report contains figures on race for the same year, the latest report is taken as the source. Initial reports sometimes had errors that were corrected in later reports.

- Where the only existing data are unpublished, the unpublished report is used. The only data from 1974 through 1980 are contained in unpublished reports from the files of the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). BJS now administers the NPS, retaining the Bureau of the Census to collect and process the data. For 1982 an unpublished compilation from BJS files is used because, unlike the published report, the unpublished numbers include State-by-State counts.

- Where records from the admission series are available on magnetic tape, the tape is the source of data on race. The tapes from 1983 to 1986, unlike the published material from those years, permit presentation of categories precisely comparable to earlier reports.

- Where admission data are available on "sentenced felons admitted to prison as new court commitments," these data are used. Where there are no data on new court commitments, data on a more broadly defined category of admitted prisoners are the source of the numbers for race.

Years having only the more broadly defined category of prisoners are 1926 to 1936 and 1980 to 1982. For 1926 to 1936 the only available data are for new court commitments that include both sentenced felons and a small number of sentenced misdemeanants. For 1980 the data cover all types of sentenced felons admitted to prison, not just new court commitments. For 1981 and 1982 the figures for race cover sentenced felons who were new court commitments or returned conditional release violators.

Definitions used in the admission series

From 1926 to 1970 the admission series collected individual records on one type of admitted prisoner: the "new court commitment." The series did not operate from 1971 to 1973. From 1974 through 1982 records were for all types of sentenced felons: the new court commitment, the parole violator returned to prison, the escapee returned to prison, the prison transfer, and any other sentenced felon admitted to prison. Continuing in 1983 under the new name of National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP), the series collects records on all admitted prisoners, including misdemeanants and unsentenced prisoners.

Other definitions underlying the admission series follow:

- The two basic types of U.S. penal institutions are prisons (also called reformatories, penitentiaries, and correctional facilities) and jails. Each State and the Federal Government operate prisons for persons with sentences generally over a year; jails are, with few exceptions, county- and city-operated short-term facilities for persons with sentences less than a year. The admission series only collects records on persons admitted to State prisons and Federal prisons. Because the series omitted Federal facilities from 1960 through 1985, Federal admission figures for those years are from annual published reports of the Bureau of Prisons.
- From 1937 to 1960 felons were defined as prisoners with maximum sentences of 6 months or longer. Misdemeanant sentences were defined as prisoners with sentences shorter than 6 months or prisoners convicted of certain offenses that were typically considered as misdemeanors (such as simple assault and disorderly conduct). From 1964 to 1970 felons were defined as prisoners with maximum sentences of 1 year or longer. After 1970 felons were defined as prisoners with maximum sentences longer than 1 year.
- New court commitments differ from other types of admissions because, as the name indicates, they come directly from being sentenced although they may have served a part of their sentence under supervision in the community (probation or a previously suspended sentence being imposed). Many new court commitments, however, have served time in local jails while awaiting trial or transfer to prison. The most common examples of admissions that are not new court commitments are parolees who are returned to prison to complete their sentence, captured prison escapees, and prisoners transferred from other facilities.

Gaps in the admission series

The Bureau of the Census was responsible for NPS from 1926 to 1949; the Federal Bureau of Prisons, from 1950 to 1970; and BJS and its predecessor, the National Criminal Justice Information and Statistics Service in the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, from 1971 to the present. Based on the reports of these agencies, the following summarizes the Federal Government's efforts to collect, report, and preserve annual statistical data on the race of persons admitted to prison:

- The Federal Government annually compiled statistics on prisoners' race from individual prisoner records voluntarily submitted by State and Federal officials. Except for submissions since 1981, these records were routinely destroyed after each report was written. The Bureau of the Census stores State prison admission

records for 1981 and 1982, and the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data at the University of Michigan has the State prison admission records for 1983 to 1986 and Federal prison admission records for 1986.

- The following years since 1926 have no admission statistics, published or unpublished: 1951 through 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965 through 1969, and 1971 through 1973. There are published statistics for 1962, but they do not give any information on race. The Federal Government apparently did not operate the series in the missing years.

- From 1937 to 1941 the combined State and Federal prison admission statistics on prisoner race include both men and women, but the only existing State-by-State data on the race of admitted prisoners are the published statistics on males. From 1947 to 1949 available racial statistics are for males only.

- For 1928, 1937 through 1941, 1947 through 1949, and 1981, no State-by-State admission statistics on prisoner race exist.

- Racial statistics on admissions to Federal prisons, 1960 to 1985, are for the fiscal year rather than the calendar year. Also, the Federal figures for this period are incomplete (see *Appendix B*).

- Some admission records submitted to the Federal Government deviated from collection rules, according to the explanatory notes accompanying the reports. Consequently, State-to-State and year-to-year comparisons of admission data that fail to take into account such rule violations may lead to erroneous conclusions.

- The Federal Government operated the admission series for 42 of the 61 years from 1926 to 1986 and tabulated information on race for 41 of the years. Data on race for the 41 years are incomplete to the extent that for any of the years some States —

a) submitted no records (called "missing States"),
b) submitted records that did not include all those admitted as new court commitments during the year (referred to as "missing records"),² or

c) submitted records that failed to identify the race of the person admitted (referred to as "incomplete records").

Submitted records rarely lacked the prisoner's race. Most incomplete information on race resulted from missing States and missing records. (See *Appendix B* for more detail.)

Number of States submitting admission records. Over the series' 41 years of operation, the Federal Government gained fullest cooperation in obtaining individual records of prison admissions in 1960 and 1964, when 48 States and the District of Columbia participated. The least success occurred in 1975, when 17 States submitted records (table 1).

²An example of missing records is the 1926 admission data for Tennessee, that reported race on 253 of the 811 new court commitments.

Relative number of admission records submitted. The completeness of the admission series was measured by comparing its total number to the total from the movement series. Both series report statistics on new court commitments: the movement series compiling aggregate counts and the admission series compiling individual records. In the past, more States participated in the movement series than in the admission series. Any difference between admission series counts and movement series counts of new court commitments can be attributed to the admission series missing States or records.

From 1929 to 1936 no differences appeared between the numbers of new court commitments reported by the two series. During that period, the Federal Government gathered all individual records of new court commitments in the submitting States. However, the 100% agreement does not take into account the movement series statistics being incom-

plete for these years. For example, the 1931 movement series count of 71,520 new court commitments did not include Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi. If account were taken of such missing data, the success at counting all individual records in 1931 would be less than 100%. There has never been a year in which the Federal Government fully succeeded in collecting information on the race of every person admitted to prison from court.

Reporting completeness has fluctuated widely over the years. However, since 1983 the trend has been toward fuller reporting. In 1983, 29 States submitted admission records covering 65% of new court commitments nationwide. In 1984, 32 States reported 76% of the Nation's admissions; in 1985, 36 States reported 84%; and in 1986, 37 States, 84%. The 1986 participation marks the largest number of States and the most extensive coverage since the record set in 1964.

Introduction

Table 1. Persons admitted to State and Federal prisons in the United States and number of reporting States for movement and admission statistical series, 1926-86

(a) Year	(b) Based on movement series: Total admissions from court to State and Federal prisons	(c) Number of States included in admissions total shown in column b	(d) Number of States not included in admissions total shown in column b	(e) State and Federal prison admission records compiled in the admission series	(f) Number of States included in admissions total shown in column e	(g) Number of States not included in admissions total shown in column e	(h) Admission series total as a percentage of movement series total (column e / column b)
1926	48,108	46	3	43,328	41	8	90%
1927	51,936	46	3	44,062	39	10	85
1928	55,746	45	4	48,212	39	10	86
1929	58,906	44	5	58,906	44	5	100
1930	66,013	44	5	66,013	44	5	100
1931	71,520	46	3	71,520	46	3	100
1932	67,477	45	4	67,477	45	4	100
1933	62,801	45	4	62,801	45	4	100
1934	62,251	46	3	62,251	46	3	100
1935	65,723	46	3	65,723	46	3	100
1936	60,925	46	3	60,925	46	3	100
1937	63,552	46	3	59,073	46	3	93
1938	68,326	47	2	64,265	47	2	94
1939	66,024	47	2	62,000	47	2	94
1940	73,104	47	2	62,692	47	2	86
1941	68,700	47	2	56,023	46	3	82
1942	58,858	47	2	47,761	46	3	81
1943	50,082	47	2	40,273	46	3	80
1944	50,162	47	2	41,058	46	3	82
1945	53,212	49	0	43,281	46	3	81
1946	61,338	49	0	56,432	48	1	92
1947	64,804	49	0	51,016	46	3	79
1948	63,777	49	0	49,834	46	3	78
1949	68,925	49	0	54,370	46	3	79
1950	69,473	49	0	57,988	47	2	83
1960	88,575	50	1	84,068	49	2	95
1964	87,578	50	1	81,099	49	2	93
1970	79,351	48	5	48,497	34	17	61
1974	103,754	51	0	52,245	23	28	50
1975	129,573	51	0	42,351	17	34	33
1976	129,482	51	0	69,746	26	25	54
1977	128,050	51	0	72,183	24	27	56
1978	126,121	51	0	95,502	30	21	76
1979	131,047	51	0	94,828	31	20	72
1980 ^a	182,617	51	0	134,634	32	19	74
1981 ^b	195,946	51	0	135,611	30	21	69
1982 ^b	216,112	51	0	131,617	29	22	61
1983	187,408	51	0	122,575	29	22	65
1984	180,418	51	0	137,583	32	19	76
1985	198,499	51	0	166,743	36	15	84
1986	219,382	51	0	183,769	37	14	84

Note: For this table's purposes the District of Columbia is defined as a State.

^aColumn b and column e figures for this year include all types of State prison admissions, not only new

court commitments.

^bColumn b and column e figures for this year include 2 types of State prison admissions: new court commitments and returned conditional

release violators.

Sources: See appendix pages 52-54 for column b and column e sources.

Table 2 that appears on this page has been replaced with the table on the next page.

Long-term growth of the black prison population in the United States

A major trend documented in the admission series is long-term growth in the size of the black prison population. From 1926

to 1986 the recorded black percentage among admissions to State and Federal prisons more than doubled from 21% in 1926 to 44% in 1986 (table 2). This growth is not explained by general population trends. The number of blacks rela-

tive to the general population was about the same in both years, 10% in 1926 and 12% in 1986.

Table 2. Race of admissions to State and Federal prisons, 1926-86

Year	Number of admissions to State and Federal prisons	Percent of State and Federal prison admissions				Number of admissions to State prisons	Percent of State prison admissions				Number of admissions to Federal prisons	Percent of Federal prison admissions			
		Total	White	Black	Other		Total	White	Black	Other		Total	White	Black	Other
1926	43,928	100%	78%	21%	1%	38,318	100%	75% ^a	23%	2% ^a	5,010	100%	81% ^a	13%	6% ^a
1927	44,062	100	78	21	1	39,041	100	77	22	1	5,021	100	84	14	2
1928	48,212	100	78	21	1	42,642	100	-	-	-	5,570	100	-	-	-
1929	58,906	100	78	21	1	49,172	100	76	23	1	9,734	100	86	12	2
1930	66,013	100	77	22	1	56,213	100	75	24	1	9,800	100	86	12	1
1931	71,520	100	77	22	1	60,905	100	76	23	1	10,615	100	87	11	2
1932	67,477	100	77	22	1	57,825	100	76	23	1	9,652	100	88	10	2
1933	62,801	100	76	23	1	54,468	100	74	25	1	8,333	100	88	10	2
1934	62,251	100	75	24	1	52,976	100	73	26	1	9,275	100	87	11	2
1935	65,723	100	74	25	1	53,886	100	72	27	1	11,837	100	84	14	2
1936	60,925	100	73	26	1	49,466	100	72	27	1	11,459	100	80	17	2
1937	59,073	100	73	26	1	46,412 ^b	100	72	27	1	10,342 ^b	100	80	18	2
1938	64,265	100	73	26	1	50,169 ^b	100	72	27	1	11,664 ^b	100	78	20	2
1939	62,000	100	73	26	1	48,324 ^b	100	72	27	1	11,108 ^b	100	76	21	3
1940	62,692	100	71	28	1	47,462 ^b	100	70	29	1	12,621 ^b	100	75	23	2
1941	56,023	100	70	29	1	41,202 ^b	100	69	30	1	12,586 ^b	100	74	24	2
1942	47,761	100	68	31	1	35,649	100	65	34	1	12,112	100	76	22	2
1943	40,273	100	69	30	1	29,537	100	65	34	1	10,736	100	78	20	2
1944	41,058	100	69	30	1	28,641	100	66	33	1	12,417	100	76	21	3
1945	43,281	100	68	31	1	31,450	100	66	33	1	11,831	100	74	24	2
1946	56,432	100	66	33	1	43,679	100	64	35	1	12,753	100	73	25	2
1947	51,016 ^b	100	69	30	1	40,601 ^b	100	68	31	1	10,415 ^b	100	75	23	2
1948	49,834 ^b	100	70	29	1	9,899 ^b	100	68	31	1	9,935 ^b	100	76	22	2
1949	54,370 ^b	100	70	29	1	43,941 ^b	100	69	30	1	10,429 ^b	100	74	24	2
1950	57,988	100	69	30	1	46,496	100	69	30	1	11,492	100	70	28	2
1960	84,068	100	66	32	2	69,235	100	65	34	1	14,833	100	71	25	4
1964	81,099	100	65	33	2	67,879	100	63	35	2	13,220	100	73	25	2
1970	48,497	100	61	39 ^c	-	37,437	100	57	43 ^c	-	11,060	100	73	27 ^c	-
1974	52,245	100	59	38	3	37,064	100	54	41	5	15,181	100	71	29 ^c	-
1975	42,351	100	64	35	1	25,796	100	60	38	2	16,555	100	70	30 ^c	-
1976	69,746	100	61	35	4	51,035	100	58	37	5	18,711	100	71	29 ^c	-
1977	72,183	100	61	38	1	54,023	100	59	40	1	18,160	100	70	30 ^c	-
1978	95,502	100	58	41	1	77,017	100	55	44	1	18,485	100	69	31 ^c	-
1979	94,828	100	60	39	1	79,535	100	58	41	1	15,293	100	73	27 ^c	-
1980	134,634	100	58	41	1	117,251	100	57	42	1	17,383	100	73	27 ^c	-
1981	135,611	100	57	42	1	121,211	100	55	44	1	14,400	100	74	26 ^c	-
1982	131,617	100	55	44	1	114,391	100	53	46	1	17,226	100	75	25 ^c	-
1983	122,575	100	58	41	1	103,588	100	55	44	1	18,987	100	76	24 ^c	-
1984	137,583	100	58	41	1	119,042	100	55	44	1	18,541	100	77	23 ^c	-
1985	166,743	100	56	43	1	146,862	100	54	45	1	19,881	100	76	24 ^c	-
1986	183,769	100	55	44	1	167,474	100	53	46	1	16,295	100	77	21	2

Note: Number of admissions to State and Federal prisons includes prisoners whose race was unknown. Percentages are based on figures that exclude cases where race was unknown. The "other races"

category consists of Asians, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Pacific Islanders.

^aDetail not available.
^bFor 1926 the "white" total shown excludes

Mexicans, and the "other races" total shown includes Mexicans.

^cMales only.

^dIncludes blacks plus "other" races.

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1974	52,245	100	59	38	3	37,064	100	54	41	5	15,181	100	71	29 ^c	-
1975	42,351	100	64	35	1	25,796	100	60	38	2	16,555	100	70	30 ^c	-
1976	69,746	100	61	35	4	51,035	100	58	37	5	18,711	100	71	29 ^c	-
1977	72,183	100	61	38	1	54,023	100	59	40	1	18,160	100	70	30 ^c	-
1978	95,502	100	58	41	1	77,017	100	55	44	1	18,485	100	69	31 ^c	-
1979	94,828	100	60	39	1	79,535	100	58	41	1	15,293	100	73	27 ^c	-
1980	134,634	100	58	41	1	117,251	100	57	42	1	17,383	100	73	27 ^c	-
1981	135,611	100	57	42	1	121,211	100	55	44	1	14,400	100	74	26 ^c	-
1982	131,617	100	55	44	1	114,391	100	53	46	1	17,226	100	75	25 ^c	-
1983	122,575	100	58	41	1	103,588	100	55	44	1	18,987	100	76	24 ^c	-
1984	137,583	100	58	41	1	119,042	100	55	44	1	18,541	100	77	23 ^c	-
1985	166,743	100	56	43	1	146,862	100	54	45	1	19,881	100	76	24 ^c	-
1986	183,769	100	55	44	1	167,474	100	53	46	1	16,295	100	77	21	2

Note: Number of admissions to State and Federal prisons includes prisoners whose race was unknown. Percentages are based on figures that exclude cases where race was unknown. The "other races"

category consists of Asians, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Pacific Islanders. -Detail not available. *For 1926 the "white" total shown excludes

Mexicans, and the "other races" total shown includes Mexicans. ^bMales only. ^cIncludes blacks plus "other" races.

The recorded number of black prisoners in 1986 was nearly 9 times larger than the number recorded in 1926 (80,814 in 1986 versus 9,292 in 1926) (table 3). The recorded number of white prisoners was 3 times larger (100,874 in 1986 versus 33,626 in 1926), and the number of other races was 5 times larger (2,081 versus 410).

Such comparisons, however, are limited by reporting and coverage differences in 1926 and 1986. For example, eight States failed to report prison admissions for 1926. Six of the eight were Southern States that had large black populations. This and other underreporting, however, had little effect on the estimate of the increase from 1926 to 1986 in the number of blacks admitted to prison. The conclusion is based on these facts:

- When estimates for missing States (8 in 1926; 14 in 1986), for missing records, and for incomplete records are added to recorded figures for 1926 and 1986, results still indicate an eightfold increase in the number of black prisoners, from 12,075 in 1926 to 98,519 in 1986, and an increase in the percentage of black admissions, from 24% in 1926 to 44% in 1986 (tables 3 and 4). (See the discussion of estimation procedures in *Methodology*.)

- Thirty-two States and the Bureau of Prisons submitted prison admission records in both 1926 and 1986. In the prisons covered by these data, admissions more than doubled from 21% black in 1926 to 44% in 1986.

The eightfold increase in the black prison population is not explained by the change in the size of the black population of the United States. Between 1926 and 1986 the black population grew 2.6 times larger, from about 11 million in 1926 to 29 million in 1986 (table 5). By comparison, the white population doubled in size (from about 100 million to about 200 million), and other races grew 21 times larger (from less than a million to about 17 million).

Table 3. Documented and estimated number of admissions to State and Federal prisons, by race: 1926 versus 1986

	Number of admissions to State and Federal prisons			
	Number documented in admission series ^a		Number estimated ^b	
	1926	1986	1926	1986
Total	43,328	183,769	50,312	223,883
White	33,626	100,874	37,734	122,483
Black	9,292	80,814	12,075	98,519
Other	410	2,081	503	2,881

^aFigures were corrected for incomplete records (State and Federal admission records that had no race designation were distributed across the races in the same proportions as cases with a race designation).
^bFigures were corrected for missing States (States not submitting any admission records), for missing records (States failing to submit records on all their admissions), and for incomplete records. The publication *Prisoners in State and Federal Prisons and Reformatories 1926* (Bureau of the Census, 1929)

estimated "approximately 49,000" new court commitments in 1926 (page 1). The total 50,312 estimated here is reasonably close to the 49,000 figure. The publication *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1986* (BJS, 1989) reported 219,382 new court commitments in 1986 (p. 53). The total 223,883 estimated here is larger than the 219,382 figure because for some States the number of admission records the State submitted exceeded the new court commitment total it reported in the movement series.

Table 4. Documented and estimated racial distribution of admissions to State and Federal prisons: 1926 versus 1986

	Percent of prison admissions			
	Documented in admission series		Estimated	
	1926	1986	1926	1986
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
White	78	55	75	55
Black	21	44	24	44
Other	1	1	1	1

Growth in per capita rates of black imprisonment

Based on prison admission records corrected for underreporting, the estimated black imprisonment rate (per 100,000 black population) was 3 times higher in 1986 than it was in 1926 (342 versus 106). The white imprisonment rate (per 100,000 whites) grew at a much slower pace, going from 36 in 1926 to 63 in 1986, or about 1.8 times higher.

Increase in the number of blacks in State versus Federal prisons

The black population accounted for 23% of recorded State prison admissions in 1926 and 46% in 1986 (table 2). Among Federal prison admissions the percentage of black prisoners increased from 13% of recorded admissions in 1926 to 21% in 1986. From 1978 to 1986 blacks comprised about 45% of each year's admissions to State prisons but represented a declining percentage of inmates entering Federal prison — from a high of 31% in 1978 to a low of 21% in 1986. The decline in the black percentage among Federal admissions is partly attributed to increased numbers of drug offenders being sent to Federal prisons. Federal drug offenders are predominantly white, and drug offenders comprised 27% of persons sentenced to Federal prison in 1980 and 43% in 1986.

Comparing the growth in the prison population of blacks and of Asians, Alaska Natives, American Indians, and Pacific Islanders

While the percentage of black admissions to State and Federal prisons about doubled between 1926 and 1986, the percentage of other races considered together — Asians, Alaska Natives, American Indians, and Pacific Islanders — remained fairly stable at 1% of admissions (tables 2 and 4).³

³From 1926 to 1934 NPS reports grouped Mexicans under the heading "other races," but after 1934 Mexicans were largely classified as white. For the sake of continuity, Mexicans classified as "other races" from 1926 to 1934 were reclassified here as white.

Table 5. Estimated imprisonment rate, by race: 1926 versus 1986

	1926			1986		
	Estimated admissions to State and Federal prisons	Estimated resident population	Estimated admissions per 100,000 population	Estimated admissions to State and Federal prisons	Estimated resident population	Estimated admissions per 100,000 population
Total	50,312	116,330,000	43	223,883	240,551,200	93
White	37,734	104,201,000	36	122,483	194,748,200	63
Black	12,075	11,381,800	106	98,519	28,844,600	342
Other	503	810,400	62	2,881	16,958,400	17

Note: Resident population may not sum to total shown because of rounding. See notes at table 3.

The largest deviations from the 1% figure in the 1970's are attributed to inconsistencies in recordkeeping.

From 1926 to 1986 the imprisonment rate for blacks rose, while the imprisonment rate of "other races" dropped. The black imprisonment rate in 1986 was 3 times higher than it was in 1926 (342 admissions per 100,000 blacks in 1986 versus 106 per 100,000 in 1926) (table 5). The rate of imprisonment of Asians, Alaska Natives, American Indians, and Pacific Islanders, considered as a group, in 1986 was 27% of its 1926 level (17 admissions per 100,000 in 1986 versus 62 per 100,000 in 1926).

Regional variation in the growth of the black prison population

In 1926 an estimated 45% of all persons admitted to State prisons in the South were black, compared to 18% in the North Central, 14% in the Northeast, and 5% in the West (table 6). By 1986 the situation had changed:

- Blacks were an estimated 51% of all admissions to State prisons in the South.
- Blacks accounted for 56% of the admissions in the Northeast and 43% of the admissions in the North Central.

Table 6. Documented and estimated number of black inmates as a percentage of admissions to State prisons, by region: 1926 versus 1986

	Black inmates as a percentage of State prison admissions			
	Documented in admission series		Estimated	
	1926	1986	1926	1986
Total	23%	46%	26%	46%
Northeast	14	56	14	56
North Central	18	46	18	43
South	44	50	45	51
West	5	30	5	26

Recent trends in the racial composition of persons admitted to State prisons

During the 1970's racial distributions in prison admissions fluctuated widely (table 2), probably because State reporting was at its lowest levels during some of those years (table 1). For this reason admission statistics may not provide a stable basis for describing recent trends in racial composition. An alternative source of national trend data is a sample survey conducted periodically of the State prison population. These comparable NPS surveys were done in 1974, 1979, and 1986 and are based on face-to-face interviews with persons in prison on the day of the survey. Results of the surveys suggest that the number of blacks as a percentage of the 1-day State prison populations has changed little since 1974: 47% in 1974, 48% in 1979, and 47% in 1986.⁴

⁴The inmate surveys reveal racial distributions quite similar to those in the admission series. An advantage of the surveys over the admission series is that the surveys have greater success in gathering information on Hispanic origin. Survey results on race and Hispanic origin are summarized below:

	Percent of prison population		
	1974	1979	1986
White	51.2%	49.6%	49.7%
Hispanic	5.8	8.2	10.1
Non-Hispanic	45.4	41.4	39.6
Black	47.0	47.8	46.9
Hispanic	.4	1.0	1.5
Non-Hispanic	46.6	46.8	45.4
Other	1.8	2.6	3.4
Hispanic	.2	.2	.9
Non-Hispanic	1.6	2.4	2.5

State-by-State statistics and Federal statistics on prison admissions, by race, 1926-86

Statistics on race compiled in the admission series from 1926 to 1986 are summarized in table 7.

Methodology

Estimation procedures

The increase in black prisoners from 1926 to 1986 is a valid finding even when account is taken of missing States, missing records, and incomplete records. The following describes procedures used to estimate missing data:

Missing States, 1926. Of the eight States that failed to submit admission records in 1926, six were in the South (Alabama, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, and Texas), and two were in the West (Idaho and New Mexico). Although technically Delaware and the District of Columbia did not have any State prisons in 1926, they are treated here as nonparticipants in the admission series.

Admissions by race in 1926 for some of the missing States were estimated from later admission statistics. Idaho's figures are from 1927; estimates for Florida, Texas, and New Mexico are from 1929; and estimates for Delaware and the District of Columbia are from 1931.

Estimation from succeeding admission reports was not used for Alabama and Georgia because they did not participate in the annual admission series until long after 1926. Instead, estimates for the two States were derived from the closest source with a racial distribution: a 1923 census of prisoners (*Prisoners 1923*, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1926, page 247). An estimate of Georgia's racial distribution in admissions came from applying its movement series count of new court commitments reported in 1926 to its admissions distribution by race for 1923. The estimate for Alabama is based on Alabama's 1923 figures corrected for half-year coverage.

Missing States, 1986. To estimate the 1986 racial group composition of prison admissions, one procedure was adopted for the 14 missing States, and a different procedure was followed for the remaining 37 States (including the District of Columbia). For each of the 14 missing States in 1986, the yearend racial distribution in a State's movement data was applied to each new court commitment total, giving an estimated number of admissions for each race.

For each of the remaining 37 States, the new court commitment total was defined as either the total reported in the movement series or the total recorded in the admission series, whichever was larger. The racial distribution documented in the admission series was then applied to the larger total to obtain State-by-State estimates of the number of persons of each race entering prison.

Missing records, 1926 and 1986. The term "missing records" applies only to States that participated in the admission series. A State was considered to have missing records if the number of individual admission records it submitted to the admission series (regardless of whether the record had a race designation) was lower than the number of new court commitments it reported in the movement series. By this definition 1 State (Tennessee) had missing records in 1926 (69% of Tennessee's admissions were missing an admission record), and 24 States had missing records in 1986 (overall, 10% of admissions in these States were missing an admission record).

To correct for missing records the racial distribution computed from a State's admission records was applied to the new court commitment total that it reported in the movement series. This produced an estimate of the number of persons of each race that entered prison in the State.

Incomplete records, 1926 and 1986. The term "incomplete records" applies only to States that participated in the admission series. A State was said to have incomplete records if the designation of race was missing from any admission record received. Incomplete records were compensated for by computing the racial distribution from records that gave a racial designation and then applying the percentage distribution to the new court commitment total obtained from either the admission series or the movement series, whichever was larger.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1926

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	43,328	33,559	9,274	409	86
Federal States	5,010	4,042	641	323	4
	38,318	28,701	8,633	902	82
Northeast					
Connecticut	401	293	34	0	74
Maine	210	210	0	...	...
Massachusetts	826	791	30	5	...
New Hampshire	33	33	0	...	...
New Jersey	1,170	893	273	3	1
New York	3,290	2,838	433	17	2
Pennsylvania	1,531	1,219	308	4	...
Rhode Island	197	141	55	1	...
Vermont	285	281	4	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	1,728	1,371	352	5	...
Indiana	1,385	1,144	231	10	...
Iowa	665	627	38	...	...
Kansas	1,253	1,050	186	17	...
Michigan	3,040	2,355	620	61	4
Minnesota	822	799	14	9	...
Missouri	1,609	1,213	396	...	...
Nebraska	495	454	30	11	...
North Dakota	210	197	11	2	...
Ohio	3,180	2,302	871	7	...
South Dakota	297	262	1	34	...
Wisconsin	817	778	21	18	...
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	998	576	422	...	...
Delaware	...	...	...	...	...
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	1,365	908	457	...	...
Louisiana	765	291	471	3	...
Maryland	1,882	759	1,120	3	...
Mississippi	649	199	448	2	...
North Carolina	580	319	256	4	1
Oklahoma	1,680	1,206	390	84	...
South Carolina	302	161	140	1	...
Tennessee	253	185	67	1	...
Texas	...	...	...	...	...
Virginia	844	361	482	1	...
West Virginia	854	634	220	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	257	139	21	97	...
California	1,849	1,466	129	254	...
Colorado	806	637	41	128	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	...	...	...	...	...
Montana	277	233	16	28	...
Nevada	123	93	4	26	...
New Mexico	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon	332	314	1	17	...
Utah	155	133	3	19	...
Washington	827	775	34	18	...
Wyoming	76	61	3	12	...

Note: Federal and State totals in 1926 sum to U.S. totals for "white" and for "other races." The white U.S. total includes Mexicans, but the Federal and State totals for whites exclude Mexicans. The "other races"

U.S. total excludes Mexicans, but the Federal and State totals for "other races" include Mexicans.

...Data not available.

Sources: See Appendix pages 53-54.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1927

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	44,062	34,131	9,290	464	177
Federal	5,021	4,093	668	105	155
States	39,041	30,038	8,622	359	22
Northeast					
Connecticut	411	381	26	4	...
Maine	182	178	1	2	1
Massachusetts	752	697	51	4	...
New Hampshire	50	49	1	...	...
New Jersey	1,328	999	328	1	...
New York	2,917	2,432	479	6	...
Pennsylvania	1,747	1,375	370	2	...
Rhode Island	196	154	41	1	...
Vermont	245	240	5	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	1,821	1,441	376	4	...
Indiana	1,541	1,282	258	1	...
Iowa	760	728	32	...	...
Kansas	877	742	129	6	...
Michigan	3,510	2,924	570	14	2
Minnesota	826	782	29	14	1
Missouri	1,758	1,282	476	...	...
Nebraska	503	469	28	6	...
North Dakota	206	187	6	13	...
Ohio	3,640	2,628	1,010	2	...
South Dakota	236	223	...	13	...
Wisconsin	783	756	17	10	...
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	1,233	717	503	2	11
Delaware	...	...	...	...	...
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	1,290	794	495	1	...
Louisiana	755	292	461	2	...
Maryland	2,239	971	1,268	...	...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	4
North Carolina	777	740	297	6	4
Oklahoma	2,078	1,526	454	98	...
South Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Tennessee	360	233	127	...	...
Texas	...	...	...	...	...
Virginia	904	396	507	1	...
West Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	309	272	24	13	...
California	2,050	1,826	153	71	...
Colorado	804	770	29	2	3
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	149	147	1	1	...
Montana	273	242	11	20	...
Nevada	112	100	...	12	...
New Mexico	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon	368	352	9	7	...
Utah	145	131	8	6	...
Washington	789	741	36	12	...
Wyoming	117	109	6	2	...

...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1928

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	48,212	37,724	9,959	518	11
Federal	5,570	...	...	...	...
States	42,642	...	...	...	...

Note: Detail by State not available.
...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1929

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	58,906	45,979	12,362	555	10
Federal	9,734	8,364	1,206	164	...
States	49,172	37,615	11,156	391	10
Northeast					
Connecticut	543	492	51	...	...
Maine	235	233	1	1	...
Massachusetts	776	637	33	5	1
New Hampshire	62	61	1	...	...
New Jersey	1,500	1,064	433	3	...
New York	3,005	2,521	475	8	1
Pennsylvania	2,059	1,615	444	...	...
Rhode Island	165	148	16	1	...
Vermont	338	335	3	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	2,509	1,905	555	4	...
Indiana	1,606	1,371	234	1	...
Iowa	756	721	35	...	...
Kansas	1,378	1,184	194	...	...
Michigan	3,301	2,795	497	9	...
Minnesota	915	878	17	20	...
Missouri	1,710	1,277	427	6	...
Nebraska	557	524	24	8	1
North Dakota	225	217	5	3	...
Ohio	3,544	2,688	855	1	...
South Dakota	309	294	2	13	...
Wisconsin	1,047	992	28	27	...
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	980	568	411	1	...
Delaware	...	...	...	...	...
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	868	361	507	...	...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	1,870	1,236	633	0	1
Louisiana	895	366	528	0	1
Maryland	2,297	1,061	1,236	...	...
Mississippi	...	...	...	3	3
North Carolina	1,201	678	517	3	3
Oklahoma	2,047	1,505	462	80	...
South Carolina	510	313	197	...	...
Tennessee	1,206	726	480	...	...
Texas	2,520	1,710	807	3	...
Virginia	1,204	523	681	...	...
West Virginia	1,061	905	135	21	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	296	250	34	10	2
California	2,027	1,847	99	81	...
Colorado	803	773	29	1	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	129	122	4	3	...
Montana	443	397	12	34	...
Nevada	122	112	1	9	...
New Mexico	278	266	6	6	...
Oregon	443	423	6	14	...
Utah	201	195	6	...	...
Washington	1,055	1,015	26	14	...
Wyoming	176	166	9	1	...

...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1930

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	66,013	50,663	14,771	568	11
Federal	9,800	8,471	1,211	117	1
States	56,213	42,192	13,560	451	10
Northeast					
Connecticut	679	625	54	...	...
Maine	216	214	...	2	...
Massachusetts	972	911	60	1	...
New Hampshire	107	107	...	...	...
New Jersey	1,761	1,280	475	6	...
New York	3,349	2,800	528	15	6
Pennsylvania	2,397	1,877	520	...	...
Rhode Island	179	168	11	...	...
Vermont	389	385	2	2	...
North Central					
Illinois	2,658	2,040	615	3	...
Indiana	1,942	1,636	304	2	...
Iowa	976	926	47	3	...
Kansas	1,545	1,335	202	8	...
Michigan	3,949	3,349	590	10	...
Minnesota	864	832	20	12	...
Missouri	1,950	1,388	560	2	...
Nebraska	636	578	38	20	...
North Dakota	233	222	3	8	...
Ohio	3,712	2,829	882	1	...
South Dakota	308	279	3	26	...
Wisconsin	1,258	1,194	29	35	...
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	1,266	732	529	5	...
Delaware	...	...	...	...	...
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	1,042	487	555	...	...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	2,260	1,564	696	...	...
Louisiana	1,070	373	697	...	...
Maryland	2,899	1,309	1,588	1	1
Mississippi	991	286	703	...	...
North Carolina	1,362	804	555	3	...
Oklahoma	2,137	1,600	462	74	1
South Carolina	554	352	200	2	...
Tennessee	1,459	855	604	...	...
Texas	2,607	1,775	828	4	...
Virginia	1,336	581	755	...	...
West Virginia	1,171	1,003	168	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	369	321	34	14	...
California	2,023	1,809	124	90	...
Colorado	872	835	31	5	1
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	...	...	...	...	...
Montana	398	363	8	27	...
Nevada	125	111	4	10	...
New Mexico	280	253	15	12	...
Oregon	501	483	10	8	...
Utah	223	214	3	5	1
Washington	1,053	983	37	33	...
Wyoming	135	122	11	2	...

...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1931

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	71,520	55,434	15,441	645	...
Federal States	10,615	9,298	1,140	177	...
	60,905	46,136	14,301	462	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	604	561	43	...	...
Maine	316	311	4	1	...
Massachusetts	929	885	42	2	...
New Hampshire	77	77	...	...	...
New Jersey	1,977	1,501	474	2	...
New York	3,679	3,086	579	11	...
Pennsylvania	2,572	2,100	469	1	...
Rhode Island	216	201	15	...	...
Vermont	417	412	5	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	2,629	2,149	479	1	...
Indiana	2,062	1,758	302	2	...
Iowa	1,047	998	49	...	...
Kansas	1,246	1,049	195	2	...
Michigan	3,733	2,814	620	31	...
Minnesota	1,166	1,137	12	17	...
Missouri	2,249	1,704	540	5	...
Nebraska	723	688	33	2	...
North Dakota	268	250	5	13	...
Ohio	3,511	2,672	838	1	...
South Dakota	391	360	3	28	...
Wisconsin	1,285	1,230	28	27	...
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	1,430	795	633	2	...
Delaware	336	143	193	...	...
District of Columbia	475	179	296	...	...
Florida	1,315	638	677	...	...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	2,421	1,731	690	...	...
Louisiana	1,320	493	827	...	...
Maryland	2,831	1,240	1,587	3	...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	1,591	853	736	2	...
Oklahoma	2,853	2,126	646	81	...
South Carolina	664	347	317	...	...
Tennessee	1,652	1,019	633	...	...
Texas	3,196	2,183	1,012	1	...
Virginia	1,419	612	807	...	...
West Virginia	1,388	1,180	206	2	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	362	324	29	9	...
California	2,318	2,066	150	102	...
Colorado	1,067	1,019	40	8	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	222	213	2	7	...
Montana	328	283	13	36	...
Nevada	165	146	3	16	...
New Mexico	378	357	11	10	...
Oregon	482	469	7	6	...
Utah	217	211	6	...	...
Washington	1,227	1,150	43	34	...
Wyoming	151	148	2	1	...

...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1932

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	67,477	52,200	14,613	664	...
Federal States	9,652	8,469	997	186	...
	57,825	43,761	13,616	478	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	651	605	44	2	...
Maine	314	312	1	1	...
Massachusetts	1,133	1,168	54	3	...
New Hampshire	93	92	1	...	...
New Jersey	1,743	1,295	441	7	...
New York	3,629	2,957	644	28	...
Pennsylvania	2,248	1,797	450	1	...
Rhode Island	198	177	20	1	...
Vermont	358	355	3	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	2,582	2,091	487	4	...
Indiana	1,864	1,631	233	...	...
Iowa	930	866	62	2	...
Kansas	1,246	1,074	170	2	...
Michigan	3,258	2,707	528	23	...
Minnesota	1,129	1,078	27	24	...
Missouri	1,932	1,446	486	...	...
Nebraska	664	610	47	7	...
North Dakota	216	201	2	13	...
Ohio	3,235	2,493	740	2	...
South Dakota	380	345	1	34	...
Wisconsin	1,247	1,209	18	20	...
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	1,145	729	416	...	...
Delaware	403	204	199	...	...
District of Columbia	606	187	418	1	...
Florida	1,336	584	752	...	...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	2,671	1,927	743	1	...
Louisiana	1,316	532	784	...	...
Maryland	2,873	1,282	1,590	1	...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	1,211	665	543	3	...
Oklahoma	2,517	1,937	510	70	...
South Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Tennessee	1,422	901	521	...	...
Texas	3,300	2,219	1,081	...	...
Virginia	1,849	844	1,005	...	...
West Virginia	1,498	1,254	244	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	368	317	32	19	...
California	2,614	2,307	207	100	...
Colorado	911	859	43	9	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	172	172	...	...	...
Montana	315	267	11	37	...
Nevada	121	110	5	6	...
New Mexico	304	291	6	7	...
Oregon	493	472	8	13	...
Utah	192	187	3	2	...
Washington	1,031	964	33	34	...
Wyoming	107	103	3	1	...

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Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1933

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	62,801	47,717	14,368	716	...
Federal States	8,333	7,334	799	200	...
	54,468	40,323	13,569	516	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	597	554	43	...	...
Maine	318	316	2	...	...
Massachusetts	1,003	939	63	1	...
New Hampshire	79	77	2	...	...
New Jersey	1,774	1,303	406	5	...
New York	3,203	2,636	551	12	...
Pennsylvania	2,010	1,568	440	2	...
Rhode Island	220	202	18	...	...
Vermont	288	282	6	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	2,707	2,175	525	7	...
Indiana	1,620	1,346	273	1	...
Iowa	871	830	40	1	...
Kansas	1,251	1,090	156	5	...
Michigan	2,767	2,226	518	23	...
Minnesota	1,125	1,095	11	19	...
Missouri	1,862	1,396	466	...	...
Nebraska	765	682	71	12	...
North Dakota	284	264	3	17	...
Ohio	2,774	2,092	679	3	...
South Dakota	280	249	...	31	...
Wisconsin	1,016	971	24	21	...
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	1,220	712	508	...	...
Delaware	...	...	...	...	...
District of Columbia	663	213	450	...	...
Florida	1,134	486	648	...	...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	2,293	1,633	660	...	...
Louisiana	1,171	433	738	...	...
Maryland	2,961	1,387	1,574	1	...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	1,274	700	563	11	...
Oklahoma	2,405	1,830	491	84	...
South Carolina	641	308	332	1	...
Tennessee	1,614	954	660	...	...
Texas	3,118	2,033	1,083	2	...
Virginia	1,827	777	1,050	...	...
West Virginia	1,075	886	189	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	336	295	27	14	...
California	2,396	2,117	168	111	...
Colorado	873	825	43	5	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	159	152	3	4	...
Montana	318	271	9	38	...
Nevada	83	68	7	8	...
New Mexico	356	328	20	8	...
Oregon	420	396	3	21	...
Utah	198	193	5
Washington	986	911	35	40	...
Wyoming	130	122	6	2	...

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Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1934

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	62,251	46,744	14,853	654	...
Federal States	9,275	8,076	1,001	198	...
States	52,976	38,668	13,852	456	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	569	515	53	...	...
Maine	285	281	3	1	...
Massachusetts	1,008	939	65	4	...
New Hampshire	85	85	...	...	...
New Jersey	1,519	1,124	392	3	...
New York	3,046	2,433	605	8	...
Pennsylvania	1,939	1,456	481	2	...
Rhode Island	230	214	16	...	...
Vermont	312	306	6	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	3,612	2,889	723	...	...
Indiana	1,469	1,269	200	...	...
Iowa	826	788	38	...	...
Kansas	1,032	875	154	3	...
Michigan	2,723	2,203	489	31	...
Minnesota	1,011	953	38	20	...
Missouri	1,578	1,161	417	...	...
Nebraska	567	510	53	4	...
North Dakota	240	226	8	6	...
Ohio	2,455	1,821	633	1	...
South Dakota	282	249	7	26	...
Wisconsin	999	957	26	16	...
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	1,067	528	539	...	...
Delaware	392	207	185	...	...
District of Columbia	600	153	446	1	...
Florida	1,050	485	563	2	...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	2,535	1,833	701	1	...
Louisiana	1,075	415	658	2	...
Maryland	2,863	1,273	1,588	2	...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	1,163	584	575	4	...
Oklahoma	2,394	1,697	620	77	...
South Carolina	647	277	370	...	...
Tennessee	1,433	869	564	...	...
Texas	2,953	1,892	1,051	10	...
Virginia	1,714	739	975	...	...
West Virginia	1,198	955	243	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	310	259	44	7	...
California	2,324	1,991	185	148	...
Colorado	871	818	47	6	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	159	148	9	2	...
Montana	291	253	19	19	...
Nevada	78	71	2	5	...
New Mexico	348	331	9	8	...
Oregon	422	409	5	8	...
Utah	184	181	5
Washington	994	923	42	29	...
Wyoming	124	122	2

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Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1935

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	65,723	48,582	16,362	779	...
Federal States	11,837	9,867	1,693	277	...
	53,886	38,715	14,669	502	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	590	542	47	1	...
Maine	313	307	5	1	...
Massachusetts	991	935	53	3	...
New Hampshire	103	101	1	1	...
New Jersey	1,597	1,190	406	1	...
New York	2,979	2,354	608	17	...
Pennsylvania	1,919	1,463	455	1	...
Rhode Island	322	301	20	1	...
Vermont	280	279	1		...
North Central					
Illinois	2,855	2,408	446	1	...
Indiana	1,524	1,278	246		...
Iowa	951	893	58		...
Kansas	1,051	890	152	9	...
Michigan	2,590	2,089	477	24	...
Minnesota	937	878	35	24	...
Missouri	1,652	1,174	477	1	...
Nebraska	642	600	39	3	...
North Dakota	205	198	2	5	...
Ohio	2,608	1,939	666	3	...
South Dakota	320	278	9	33	...
Wisconsin	1,019	953	30	36	...
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	1,220	643	577		...
Delaware	278	131	147		...
District of Columbia	671	173	498		...
Florida	1,251	529	722		...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	2,256	1,595	661		...
Louisiana	1,118	377	740	1	...
Maryland	3,084	1,427	1,657		...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	1,436	679	748	9	...
Oklahoma	2,868	2,049	711	108	...
South Carolina	758	333	425		...
Tennessee	1,849	1,121	728		...
Texas	3,165	1,937	1,228		...
Virginia	1,804	717	1,087		...
West Virginia	1,057	870	187		...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	355	311	42	2	...
California	1,894	1,619	156	119	...
Colorado	816	776	37	3	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	187	178	1	8	...
Montana	312	285	7	20	...
Nevada	87	75	3	9	...
New Mexico	362	337	16	9	...
Oregon	445	413	13	19	...
Utah	166	153	8	5	...
Washington	865	809	33	23	...
Wyoming	134	128	4	2	...

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Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1936

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	60,925	44,708	15,478	739	...
Federal States	11,459	9,217	1,986	256	...
	49,466	35,491	13,492	483	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	531	488	42	1	...
Maine	310	305	5		...
Massachusetts	952	888	60	4	...
New Hampshire	111	110	1		...
New Jersey	1,481	1,077	402	2	...
New York	3,179	2,429	729	21	...
Pennsylvania	1,846	1,370	476		...
Rhode Island	503	483	19	1	...
Vermont	287	285	2		...
North Central					
Illinois	1,592	1,309	282	1	...
Indiana	1,363	1,144	219		...
Iowa	794	756	38		...
Kansas	1,026	871	142	13	...
Michigan	2,385	1,879	471	35	...
Minnesota	882	828	30	24	...
Missouri	1,384	1,037	347		...
Nebraska	636	584	45	7	...
North Dakota	215	205	2	8	...
Ohio	2,249	1,698	550	1	...
South Dakota	290	265	1	24	...
Wisconsin	966	912	33	21	...
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	971	509	462		...
Delaware	279	129	150		...
District of Columbia	663	208	453	2	...
Florida	1,254	577	677		...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	2,181	1,561	620		...
Louisiana	1,004	337	667		...
Maryland	2,879	1,327	1,552		...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	1,445	685	755	5	...
Oklahoma	2,410	1,721	583	106	...
South Carolina	656	327	328	1	...
Tennessee	1,726	1,000	726		...
Texas	2,829	1,809	1,020		...
Virginia	1,861	813	1,048		...
West Virginia	1,070	817	253		...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	377	321	38	18	...
California	1,777	1,525	152	100	...
Colorado	716	685	25	6	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	197	190	5	2	...
Montana	277	241	9	27	...
Nevada	113	104	2	7	...
New Mexico	343	312	23	8	...
Oregon	463	449	7	7	...
Utah	109	104	4	1	...
Washington	768	710	30	28	...
Wyoming	116	107	7	2	...

...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1937

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	59,073	42,940	15,384	749	...
Federal	10,342	8,277	1,811	254	...
States	46,412	33,244	12,696	472	...

Note: Detail by State not available.
 ...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1938

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	64,265	46,655	16,875	735	...
Federal	11,664	9,081	2,306	277	...
States	50,169	36,059	13,671	439	...

Note: Detail by State not available.
 ...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1939

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	62,000	44,990	16,309	701	...
Federal	11,108	8,432	2,390	286	...
States	48,324	34,985	12,950	389	...

Note: Detail by State not available.
 ...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1940

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	62,692	44,258	17,677	757	...
Federal	12,621	9,440	2,878	303	...
States	47,462	33,212	13,828	422	...

Note: Detail by State not available.
 ...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1941

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	56,023	38,927	16,355	741	...
Federal	12,586	9,356	2,938	292	...
States	41,202	28,307	12,479	416	...

Note: Detail by State not available.
 ...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1942

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	47,761	32,482	14,660	619	...
Federal States	12,112	9,221	2,664	227	...
	35,649	23,261	11,996	392	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	401	327	73	2	...
Maine	197	196	0	1	...
Massachusetts	664	609	55		...
New Hampshire	84	82	2		...
New Jersey	1,324	840	483	1	...
New York	2,919	1,997	911	10	...
Pennsylvania	1,558	1,034	524		...
Rhode Island	136	128	8		...
Vermont	156	155	1		...
North Central					
Illinois	1,475	1,005	470		...
Indiana	989	814	175		...
Iowa	520	501	17	2	...
Kansas	538	426	105	7	...
Michigan	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	610	564	22	24	...
Missouri	1,117	835	282		...
Nebraska	397	343	38	16	...
North Dakota	149	136	2	11	...
Ohio	1,704	1,133	571		...
South Dakota	166	138	2	26	...
Wisconsin	1,008	920	71	17	...
South					
Alabama	1,372	444	928		...
Arkansas	646	300	346		...
Delaware	66	33	33		...
District of Columbia	688	183	506		...
Florida	963	424	539		...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	1,320	934	386		...
Louisiana	825	245	580		...
Maryland	2,013	728	1,282	1	...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	1,026	442	574	10	...
Oklahoma	1,030	603	302	125	...
South Carolina	411	254	156	1	...
Tennessee	841	450	391		...
Texas	1,975	1,282	693		...
Virginia	1,523	546	978		...
West Virginia	593	451	142		...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	298	243	47	8	...
California	1,366	1,336	178	52	...
Colorado	588	553	32	3	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	123	120	1	2	...
Montana	210	175	5	30	...
Nevada	112	101	7	4	...
New Mexico	235	197	29	9	...
Oregon	357	339	12	6	...
Utah	123	119	4		...
Washington	530	478	28	24	...
Wyoming	103	98	5		...

...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1943

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	40,273	27,616	12,131	526	...
Federal States	29,537	19,212	10,034	291	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	404	325	75	4	...
Maine	188	186	1	1	...
Massachusetts	643	577	65	1	...
New Hampshire	57	56	0	1	...
New Jersey	1,088	709	378	1	...
New York	2,333	1,556	758	19	...
Pennsylvania	1,428	901	527		...
Rhode Island	156	136	19	1	...
Vermont	119	119	0		...
North Central					
Illinois	1,057	731	326		...
Indiana	769	616	152	1	...
Iowa	435	418	17		...
Kansas	444	363	76	5	...
Michigan	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	488	446	13	29	...
Missouri	935	715	220		...
Nebraska	293	261	20	12	...
North Dakota	86	75	0	11	...
Ohio	1,689	1,124	565		...
South Dakota	80	62	0	18	...
Wisconsin	812	705	74	33	...
South					
Alabama	1,015	320	695		...
Arkansas	559	253	306		...
Delaware	52	15	36	1	...
District of Columbia	516	122	394		...
Florida	790	301	489		...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	878	601	277		...
Louisiana	698	220	478		...
Maryland	1,507	519	988		...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	840	374	463	3	...
Oklahoma	796	545	219	32	...
South Carolina	322	197	125		...
Tennessee	671	385	286		...
Texas	1,579	1,005	574		...
Virginia	1,329	448	881		...
West Virginia	392	294	98		...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	300	229	49	22	...
California	1,578	1,309	227	42	...
Colorado	541	497	36	8	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	73	71	1	1	...
Montana	160	143	3	14	...
Nevada	121	101	18	2	...
New Mexico	220	185	24	11	...
Oregon	316	303	10	3	...
Utah	130	117	11	2	...
Washington	548	488	47	13	...
Wyoming	102	89	13		...

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Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1944

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	41,058	28,280	12,165	613	...
Federal States	12,417	9,455	2,571	391	...
	28,641	18,825	9,594	222	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	353	298	55		...
Maine	230	218	10	2	...
Massachusetts	654	588	65	1	...
New Hampshire	60	58	2		...
New Jersey	1,174	738	434	2	...
New York	2,189	1,480	697	12	...
Pennsylvania	1,192	783	409		...
Rhode Island	143	127	16		...
Vermont	121	121	0		...
North Central					
Illinois	973	656	317		...
Indiana	885	737	148		...
Iowa	447	428	18	1	...
Kansas	358	278	77	3	...
Michigan	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	378	351	15	12	...
Missouri	828	636	191	1	...
Nebraska	277	250	22	5	...
North Dakota	85	74	1	10	...
Ohio	1,777	1,140	637		...
South Dakota	83	66	0	17	...
Wisconsin	717	633	57	27	...
South					
Alabama	997	342	654	1	...
Arkansas	382	157	225		...
Delaware	71	24	47		...
District of Columbia	44	112	329	1	...
Florida	749	317	432		...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	744	544	200		...
Louisiana	603	184	419		...
Maryland	1,786	700	1,086		...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	923	391	515	17	...
Oklahoma	691	494	169	28	...
South Carolina	275	165	110		...
Tennessee	554	282	272		...
Texas	1,611	1,017	594		...
Virginia	1,256	460	796		...
West Virginia	296	249	47		...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	282	234	36	12	...
California	1,813	1,455	334	24	...
Colorado	433	405	28		...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	107	99	7	1	...
Montana	150	136	0	14	...
Nevada	118	112	5	1	...
New Mexico	187	161	22	4	...
Oregon	352	330	15	7	...
Utah	103	97	4	2	...
Washington	686	603	68	15	...
Wyoming	106	95	9	2	...

...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1945

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	43,281	29,539	13,207	535	...
Federal States	11,831	8,699	2,877	255	...
	31,450	20,840	10,330	280	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	387	326	60	1	...
Maine	287	285	0	2	...
Massachusetts	704	645	59		...
New Hampshire	80	80	0		...
New Jersey	1,317	793	523	1	...
New York	2,137	1,311	813	13	...
Pennsylvania	1,131	719	412		...
Rhode Island	130	119	11		...
Vermont	148	147	1		...
North Central					
Illinois	1,453	966	486	1	...
Indiana	934	729	205		...
Iowa	479	451	27	1	...
Kansas	400	322	73	5	...
Michigan	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	429	384	26	19	...
Missouri	877	672	205		...
Nebraska	371	313	45	13	...
North Dakota	102	91	0	11	...
Ohio	2,035	1,374	660	1	...
South Dakota	98	83	1	14	...
Wisconsin	806	719	59	28	...
South					
Alabama	1,011	316	693	2	...
Arkansas	488	233	254	1	...
Delaware	80	25	55		...
District of Columbia	434	108	326		...
Florida	893	418	475		...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	798	580	218		...
Louisiana	777	285	492		...
Maryland	1,735	716	1,017	2	...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	925	439	475	11	...
Oklahoma	794	600	161	33	...
South Carolina	366	215	150	1	...
Tennessee	624	380	244		...
Texas	1,625	1,067	558		...
Virginia	1,262	504	758		...
West Virginia	329	277	52		...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	327	271	48	8	...
California	2,034	1,529	461	44	...
Colorado	539	504	34	1	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	107	101	5	1	...
Montana	161	142	3	16	...
Nevada	152	133	13	6	...
New Mexico	273	233	33	7	...
Oregon	441	421	16	4	...
Utah	162	154	7	1	...
Washington	672	539	102	29	...
Wyoming	138	121	14	3	...

...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1946

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	56,432	37,146	18,655	631	...
Federal States	12,753	9,279	3,237	237	...
	43,679	27,867	15,418	394	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	373	306	67		...
Maine	286	284	1	1	...
Massachusetts	678	590	87	1	...
New Hampshire	101	97	4		...
New Jersey	1,354	825	529		...
New York	2,652	1,623	1,012	17	...
Pennsylvania	1,222	776	444	2	...
Rhode Island	150	133	17		...
Vermont	183	182	1		...
North Central					
Illinois	1,713	1,072	641		...
Indiana	1,101	871	230		...
Iowa	473	447	25	1	...
Kansas	416	324	91	1	...
Michigan	2,670	1,837	811	22	...
Minnesota	503	469	18	16	...
Missouri	1,035	749	286		...
Nebraska	493	418	53	22	...
North Dakota	137	122	0	15	...
Ohio	2,315	1,492	822	1	...
South Dakota	193	154	3	36	...
Wisconsin	888	786	75	27	...
South					
Alabama	1,193	411	782		...
Arkansas	555	304	249	2	...
Delaware	115	45	70		...
District of Columbia	513	131	382		...
Florida	1,220	675	545		...
Georgia	3,019	1,129	1,890		...
Kentucky	1,075	793	282		...
Louisiana	900	379	521		...
Maryland	2,462	915	1,546	1	...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	1,140	508	608	24	...
Oklahoma	940	673	217	50	...
South Carolina	455	289	166		...
Tennessee	827	536	291		...
Texas	2,211	1,450	760	1	...
Virginia	1,525	539	986		...
West Virginia	547	444	103		...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	447	376	56	15	...
California	2,312	1,729	530	53	...
Colorado	715	673	39	3	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	180	169	6	5	...
Montana	211	188	4	19	...
Nevada	239	211	13	15	...
New Mexico	346	286	44	16	...
Oregon	486	467	14	5	...
Utah	167	151	14	2	...
Washington	767	684	67	16	...
Wyoming	176	155	16	5	...

...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1947

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	51,016	35,265	15,139	612	...
Federal	10,415	7,812	2,401	202	...
States	40,601	27,453	12,738	410	...

Note: Detail by State not available.
...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1948

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	49,834	34,658	14,549	627	...
Federal	9,935	7,553	2,184	198	...
States	39,899	27,105	12,365	429	...

Note: Detail by State not available.
...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1949

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	54,370	38,155	15,640	575	...
Federal	10,429	7,764	2,465	200	...
States	43,941	30,391	13,175	375	...

Note: Detail by State not available.
...Data not available.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1950

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black*	Other race*	Race not reported
U.S. total	57,988	40,057	17,211	720	...
Federal States	11,492	8,090	3,214	188	...
	46,496	31,967	13,997	532	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	381	287	94	7	...
Maine	441	427	7		...
Massachusetts	727	667	60		...
New Hampshire	72	72	0		...
New Jersey	1,367	888	478	1	...
New York	2,896	1,818	1,051	27	...
Pennsylvania	1,427	933	493	1	...
Rhode Island	128	111	17		...
Vermont	195	194	1		...
North Central					
Illinois	1,867	1,225	639	3	...
Indiana	1,134	944	189	1	...
Iowa	626	586	37	3	...
Kansas	810	671	137	2	...
Michigan	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	679	600	35	44	...
Missouri	1,546	1,133	413		...
Nebraska	611	553	36	22	...
North Dakota	124	114	2	8	...
Ohio	2,652	1,729	922	1	...
South Dakota	302	232	0	70	...
Wisconsin	995	799	139	57	...
South					
Alabama	1,509	719	790		...
Arkansas	688	403	282	3	...
Delaware	98	52	46		...
District of Columbia	580	136	444		...
Florida	1,515	895	620		...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	1,365	1,088	277		...
Louisiana	1,157	515	642		...
Maryland	2,477	993	1,484		...
Mississippi	753	222	530	1	...
North Carolina	1,259	631	622	6	...
Oklahoma	1,176	892	208	76	...
South Carolina	603	420	183		...
Tennessee	1,026	691	334	1	...
Texas	2,996	2,127	867	2	...
Virginia	1,743	800	942	1	...
West Virginia	702	609	93		...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	451	372	61	18	...
California	3,122	2,472	596	54	...
Colorado	923	866	53	4	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	290	271	10	9	...
Montana	409	357	6	46	...
Nevada	172	153	11	8	...
New Mexico	434	387	37	10	...
Oregon	684	682	1	1	...
Utah	239	224	13	2	...
Washington	933	811	83	39	...
Wyoming	212	196	12	4	...

...Data not available.

*Counts for "other races" were included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1960

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black*	Other races*	Race not reported
U.S. total	84,068	55,253	27,089	1,726	...
Federal States	14,833	10,487	3,692	654	...
	69,235	44,766	23,397	1,072	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	621	488	133	...	...
Maine	443	440	3	...	...
Massachusetts	746	611	135	...	...
New Hampshire	83	83	0	...	...
New Jersey	...	...	...	...	...
New York	4,203	2,297	1,906	...	...
Pennsylvania	1,513	863	650	...	...
Rhode Island	77	67	10	...	...
Vermont	216	212	4	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	2,826	1,488	1,338	...	...
Indiana	1,395	1,107	288	...	...
Iowa	834	758	76	...	...
Kansas	979	789	190	...	...
Michigan	3,681	2,143	1,538	...	...
Minnesota	633	535	98	...	...
Missouri	1,839	1,330	509	...	...
Nebraska	757	604	153	...	...
North Dakota	132	108	24	...	...
Ohio	3,584	2,337	1,247	...	...
South Dakota	363	246	117	...	...
Wisconsin	1,085	886	199	...	...
South					
Alabama	2,343	1,197	1,146	...	...
Arkansas	981	597	384	...	...
Delaware	186	95	91	...	...
District of Columbia	570	98	472	...	...
Florida	3,044	1,704	1,340	...	...
Georgia	2,518	1,235	1,283	...	...
Kentucky	1,789	1,452	337	...	...
Louisiana	1,649	666	983	...	...
Maryland	3,675	1,457	2,218	...	...
Mississippi	854	330	524	...	...
North Carolina	2,687	1,444	1,243	...	...
Oklahoma	1,504	1,131	373	...	...
South Carolina	893	640	253	...	...
Tennessee	1,291	875	416	...	...
Texas	5,032	3,573	1,459	...	...
Virginia	1,883	900	983	...	...
West Virginia	510	443	67	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	813	631	182	...	...
California	6,018	4,637	1,381	...	...
Colorado	1,104	972	132	...	...
Hawaii	134	28	106	...	...
Idaho	274	249	25	...	...
Montana	425	358	67	...	...
Nevada	221	181	40	...	...
New Mexico	493	439	54	...	...
Oregon	891	811	80	...	...
Utah	268	246	22	...	...
Washington	940	768	172	...	...
Wyoming	235	217	18	...	...

...Data not available.

*For individual States, counts for "other races" were included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1964

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black*	Other races*	Race not reported
U.S. total	81,099	52,458	27,191	1,450	...
Federal	13,220	9,680	3,281	259	...
States	67,879	42,778	23,910	1,191	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	836	583	253	...	...
Maine	429	423	6	...	...
Massachusetts	754	595	159	...	...
New Hampshire	90	89	1	...	...
New Jersey	...	...	...	...	...
New York	4,152	2,226	1,926	...	...
Pennsylvania	1,404	703	701	...	...
Rhode Island	128	105	23	...	...
Vermont	179	179	0	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	2,601	1,260	1,341	...	...
Indiana	1,213	936	277	...	...
Iowa	820	766	54	...	...
Kansas	1,070	863	207	...	...
Michigan	3,741	2,094	1,647	...	...
Minnesota	548	462	86	...	...
Missouri	1,653	1,135	518	...	...
Nebraska	746	596	150	...	...
North Dakota	137	102	35	...	...
Ohio	3,268	2,082	1,186	...	...
South Dakota	367	234	133	...	...
Wisconsin	1,269	968	301	...	...
South					
Alabama	1,996	1,062	934	...	...
Arkansas	994	663	331	...	...
Delaware	166	70	96	...	...
District of Columbia	562	63	499	...	...
Florida	3,069	1,793	1,276	...	...
Georgia	3,130	1,389	1,741	...	...
Kentucky	1,591	1,268	323	...	...
Louisiana	1,702	748	954	...	...
Maryland	3,472	1,209	2,263	...	...
Mississippi	793	317	476	...	...
North Carolina	2,344	1,163	1,181	...	...
Oklahoma	1,732	1,251	481	...	...
South Carolina	1,020	673	347	...	...
Tennessee	1,300	879	421	...	...
Texas	5,703	3,960	1,743	...	...
Virginia	1,603	815	788	...	...
West Virginia	368	317	51	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	740	592	148	...	...
California	5,296	3,998	1,298	...	...
Colorado	1,189	1,054	135	...	...
Hawaii	81	14	67	...	...
Idaho	238	212	26	...	...
Montana	372	300	72	...	...
Nevada	226	183	43	...	...
New Mexico	350	296	54	...	...
Oregon	875	794	81	...	...
Utah	247	232	15	...	...
Washington	1,102	862	240	...	...
Wyoming	213	200	13	...	...

...Data not available.

*For individual States, counts for "other races" were included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1970

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black*	Other races*	Race not reported
U.S. total	48,497	29,354	19,143	...	...
Federal States	11,060	8,078	2,982	...	...
	37,437	21,276	16,161	...	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	1,117	609	508	...	...
Maine	342	337	5	...	...
Massachusetts	804	551	253	...	...
New Hampshire	153	151	2	...	...
New Jersey	...	...	...	...	...
New York	3,440	879	2,561	...	...
Pennsylvania	...	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island	...	...	...	...	...
Vermont	91	90	1	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	2,408	1,124	1,284	...	...
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	837	614	223	...	...
Michigan	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	211	157	54	...	...
Missouri	1,745	1,020	725	...	...
Nebraska	...	...	...	...	...
North Dakota	97	76	21	...	...
Ohio	3,899	2,305	1,594	...	...
South Dakota	239	169	70	...	...
Wisconsin	...	...	...	...	...
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	95	66	29	...	...
Delaware	252	108	144	...	...
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	2,638	1,150	1,488	...	...
Kentucky	1,640	1,240	400	...	...
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	3,435	1,082	2,353	...	...
Mississippi	666	294	372	...	...
North Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Oklahoma	1,958	1,335	623	...	...
South Carolina	1,115	536	579	...	...
Tennessee	1,607	1,008	599	...	...
Texas	...	...	...	...	...
Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia	179	149	30	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	556	421	135	...	...
California	4,665	3,217	1,448	...	...
Colorado	840	676	164	...	...
Hawaii	72	8	64	...	...
Idaho	212	201	11	...	...
Montana	225	163	62	...	...
Nevada	264	202	62	...	...
New Mexico	320	265	55	...	...
Oregon	...	...	...	...	...
Utah	202	181	21	...	...
Washington	993	778	215	...	...
Wyoming	120	114	6	...	...

...Data not available.

*Counts for "other races" were included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1974

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	52,245	30,045	19,198	1,759	1,243
Federal States	15,181	9,874	4,064*	*	1,243
States	37,064	20,171	15,134	1,759	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	...	...	...	...	...
New Hampshire	157	148	4	5	...
New Jersey	...	...	...	...	...
New York	6,085	1,583	3,361	1,141	...
Pennsylvania	...	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island	150	115	34	1	...
Vermont	160	154	2	4	...
North Central					
Illinois	3,446	1,471	1,912	63	...
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	666	521	128	17	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	717	547	114	56	...
Missouri	1,948	1,061	886	1	...
Nebraska	...	...	...	...	...
North Dakota	103	77	1	25	...
Ohio	...	...	...	...	...
South Dakota	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin	1,194	781	347	66	...
South					
Alabama	1,895	911	984	...	...
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	...	...	...	...	...
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	5,002	2,392	2,604	6	...
Kentucky	1,796	1,367	428	1	...
Louisiana	1,998	673	1,323	2	...
Maryland	...	...	...	...	...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Oklahoma	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Tennessee	1,810	1,111	696	3	...
Texas	...	...	...	...	...
Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	1,014	812	169	33	...
California	5,359	3,581	1,666	112	...
Colorado	1,145	915	210	20	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	414	369	5	40	...
Montana	262	213	4	45	...
Nevada	...	...	...	...	...
New Mexico	475	415	46	14	...
Oregon	...	...	...	...	...
Utah	...	...	...	...	...
Washington	1,154	866	202	86	...
Wyoming	114	88	8	18	...

...Data not available.

*Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1975

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	42,351	26,375	14,380	413	1,183
Federal	16,555	10,753	4,619*	*	1,183
States	25,796	15,622	9,761	413	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	...	...	...	...	...
New Hampshire	193	188	2	3	...
New Jersey	...	...	...	...	...
New York	6,876	3,151	3,691	34	...
Pennsylvania	...	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island	223	171	47	5	...
Vermont	136	136	0	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	...	...	...	...	...
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	...	...	...	...	...
Nebraska	...	...	...	...	...
North Dakota	...	...	...	...	...
Ohio	...	...	...	...	...
South Dakota	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin	...	...	...	...	...
South					
Alabama	1,952	883	1,069	...	...
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	354	148	206	...	...
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	2,104	1,626	475	3	...
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	...	...	...	...	...
Mississippi	1,246	452	786	8	...
North Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Oklahoma	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Tennessee	2,438	1,357	1,081	...	...
Texas	...	...	...	...	...
Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	1,382	1,068	250	64	...
California	5,765	3,793	1,871	101	...
Colorado	...	...	...	...	...
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	477	404	13	60	...
Montana	...	...	...	...	...
Nevada	408	288	92	28	...
New Mexico	505	451	39	15	...
Oregon	1,336	1,178	103	55	...
Utah	228	192	24	12	...
Washington	...	...	...	...	...
Wyoming	173	136	12	25	...

...Data not available.

*Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1976

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	69,746	41,841	24,166	2,601	1,138
Federal	18,711	12,460	5,113*	1	1,138
States	51,035	29,381	19,053	2,601	...
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	...	...	...	...	...
New Hampshire	163	154	2	7	...
New Jersey	...	...	...	...	...
New York	7,428	2,054	3,876	1,498	...
Pennsylvania	3,025	1,558	1,464	3	...
Rhode Island	220	149	67	4	...
Vermont	...	...	...	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	...	...	...	...	...
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	4,958	2,606	2,198	154	...
Minnesota	742	588	98	56	...
Missouri	2,436	1,351	1,078	7	...
Nebraska	...	...	...	...	...
North Dakota	...	...	...	...	...
Ohio	...	...	...	...	...
South Dakota	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin	1,425	893	482	50	...
South					
Alabama	612	342	270	...	...
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	379	173	206	...	...
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	2,355	1,811	538	6	...
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	...	...	...	...	...
Mississippi	1,060	367	686	7	...
North Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Oklahoma	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Tennessee	2,658	1,480	1,177	1	...
Texas	9,659	5,765	3,863	31	...
Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia	486	422	62	2	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	1,400	1,044	216	140	...
California	6,910	4,591	2,183	136	...
Colorado	...	...	...	...	...
Hawaii	80	25	1	54	...
Idaho	487	426	6	55	...
Montana	313	230	1	82	...
Nevada	461	313	107	41	...
New Mexico	583	497	61	25	...
Oregon	1,412	1,176	144	92	...
Utah	234	201	21	12	...
Washington	1,384	1,028	239	117	...
Wyoming	165	137	7	21	...

...Data not available.

*Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1977

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	72,183	42,955	26,184	755	2,289
Federal States	18,160	11,081	4,855*	•	2,224
	54,023	31,874	21,329	755	65
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	...	...	...	...	...
New Hampshire	151	146	5	...	0
New Jersey	2,474	1,057	1,412	5	0
New York	7,649	3,754	3,854	23	18
Pennsylvania	...	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island	221	167	53	1	0
Vermont	...	...	...	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	4,565	2,021	2,544	...	0
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	887	688	125	73	1
Missouri	2,267	1,248	1,012	6	1
Nebraska	...	...	...	...	...
North Dakota	136	107	5	24	0
Ohio	...	...	...	...	...
South Dakota	332	244	4	83	1
Wisconsin	1,134	663	409	62	0
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	299	108	191	...	0
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	5,154	2,283	2,869	2	0
Kentucky	1,947	1,482	463	...	2
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	...	...	...	...	...
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Oklahoma	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Tennessee	2,574	1,509	1,065	...	0
Texas	10,546	6,474	4,056	...	16
Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	1,467	1,221	244	2	0
California	7,559	5,060	2,377	121	0
Colorado	...	...	...	...	...
Hawaii	110	32	2	67	9
Idaho	501	441	15	45	0
Montana	...	...	...	...	...
Nevada	499	302	165	29	3
New Mexico	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon	1,486	1,190	186	110	0
Utah	325	296	23	5	1
Washington	1,563	1,241	246	63	13
Wyoming	178	140	4	34	0

...Data not available.

*Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1978

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	95,502	52,548	37,698	786	4,470
Federal	18,485	10,430	4,610*	*	3,445
States	77,017	42,118	33,088	786	1,025
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	862	529	284	...	49
New Hampshire	189	179	6	1	3
New Jersey	2,434	1,154	1,243	...	37
New York	6,541	3,339	3,166	36	...
Pennsylvania	2,599	1,403	1,193	1	2
Rhode Island	193	156	37	...	...
Vermont	...	...	...	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	4,629	1,892	2,737	...	...
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	4,636	1,623	2,217	20	776
Minnesota	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	2,271	1,332	937	1	1
Nebraska	...	...	...	...	...
North Dakota	123	101	...	22	...
Ohio	5,648	3,354	2,293	...	1
South Dakota	278	207	2	69	...
Wisconsin	1,216	756	386	40	34
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	358	175	183	...	...
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	4,996	2,354	2,639	...	3
Kentucky	1,911	1,424	486	...	1
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	4,401	1,245	3,140	6	10
Mississippi	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina	5,985	2,884	2,927	154	20
Oklahoma	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina	2,974	1,438	1,491	2	43
Tennessee	...	...	...	...	...
Texas	10,865	6,734	4,131	...	...
Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia	297	264	32	1	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	1,671	1,354	257	43	17
California	9,325	6,126	3,020	175	4
Colorado	...	...	...	...	...
Hawaii	157	32	7	110	8
Idaho	485	438	10	16	1
Montana	327	272	4	47	4
Nevada	642	446	172	13	11
New Mexico	540	471	59	10	...
Oregon	...	...	...	...	...
Utah	282	252	22	8	...
Washington	...	...	...	...	...
Wyoming	202	184	7	11	...

...Data not available.

*Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1979

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	94,828	55,807	36,004	930	2,087
Federal States	15,293	10,136	3,727*	*	1,430
	79,535	45,671	32,277	930	657
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	913	603	255	...	55
New Hampshire	175	170	2	...	3
New Jersey	2,407	1,090	1,314	...	3
New York	6,978	3,626	3,320	32	...
Pennsylvania	2,616	1,521	1,093	1	1
Rhode Island	220	160	60	...	...
Vermont	...	...	...	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	4,421	1,878	2,543	...	...
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	3,970	1,662	1,879	22	407
Minnesota	906	679	153	51	23
Missouri	2,128	1,290	833	3	2
Nebraska	441	312	105	21	3
North Dakota	126	109	2	15	...
Ohio	6,679	3,884	2,769	2	24
South Dakota	283	211	5	64	3
Wisconsin	1,234	792	395	41	6
South					
Alabama	...	...	...	...	...
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	...	...	...	...	...
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	5,110	2,389	2,718	2	1
Kentucky	1,890	1,452	438	...	...
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	...	...	...	...	...
Mississippi	1,795	730	1,061	1	3
North Carolina	6,155	2,922	3,063	149	21
Oklahoma	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina	3,076	1,455	1,614	4	3
Tennessee	...	...	...	...	...
Texas	11,541	7,100	4,441	...	...
Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia	491	417	73	1	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	...	...	...	...	...
California	9,874	6,390	3,339	133	12
Colorado	...	...	...	...	...
Hawaii	156	43	8	101	4
Idaho	462	444	8	10	...
Montana	271	215	4	52	...
Nevada	691	519	158	14	...
New Mexico	561	492	57	12	...
Oregon	1,667	1,367	175	77	48
Utah	906	679	153	51	23
Washington	1,392	1,070	239	71	12
Wyoming	...	...	...	...	...

...Data not available.

*Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1980

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	134,634	76,382	53,063	1,402	3,787
Federal States	17,383	10,483	3,919*	*	2,981
	117,251	65,899	49,144	1,402	806
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	1,728	1,154	541	4	29
New Hampshire	144	141	1	2	0
New Jersey	3,939	1,750	2,170	0	19
New York	10,151	5,020	5,084	47	0
Pennsylvania	...	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island	325	251	73	1	0
Vermont	...	...	...	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	6,502	2,677	3,825	0	0
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	5,761	2,288	2,936	37	500
Minnesota	1,182	891	174	105	12
Missouri	2,906	1,792	1,106	5	3
Nebraska	...	...	...	...	...
North Dakota	159	128	2	29	0
Ohio	7,113	4,252	2,847	3	11
South Dakota	403	278	10	114	1
Wisconsin	1,907	1,212	634	61	0
South					
Alabama	3,595	1,563	2,030	0	2
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	301	129	172	0	0
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	6,893	3,256	3,630	2	5
Kentucky	2,996	2,326	669	1	0
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	4,620	2,483	2,134	3	0
Mississippi	2,609	944	1,656	5	4
North Carolina	7,881	3,820	3,813	219	29
Oklahoma	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina	4,100	2,024	2,068	4	4
Tennessee	3,590	2,265	1,306	0	19
Texas	15,289	9,339	5,950	0	0
Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia	613	558	54	1	0
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	2,145	1,591	357	74	123
California	14,487	9,349	4,868	249	21
Colorado	...	...	...	...	...
Hawaii	204	58	10	120	16
Idaho	588	560	10	18	0
Montana	392	300	7	82	3
Nevada	1,048	716	311	21	0
New Mexico	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon	...	...	...	...	...
Utah	555	491	50	13	1
Washington	2,453	1,877	449	125	2
Wyoming	...	...	...	...	...

...Data not available.
 *Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1981

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	135,611	75,836	56,025	1,830	1,920
Federal	14,400	9,182	3,298*	*	1,920
States	121,211	66,654	52,727	1,830	...

...Data not available.

*Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1982

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	131,617	70,638	56,169	991	3,819
Federal States	17,226	10,552	3,535*	*	3,139
	114,391	60,086	52,634	991	680
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts	2,549	1,776	748	6	19
New Hampshire	189	181	5	3	...
New Jersey	...	...	...	...	...
New York	12,363	5,868	6,434	61	...
Pennsylvania	5,981	2,973	3,003	4	1
Rhode Island	435	297	137	1	...
Vermont	...	...	...	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	7,247	2,844	3,903	...	500
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	1,499	1,284	195	20	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri	3,584	2,199	1,377	7	1
Nebraska	772	565	165	39	3
North Dakota	247	210	5	32	...
Ohio	10,465	4,565	5,843	...	57
South Dakota	497	387	10	100	...
Wisconsin	2,377	1,481	801	95	...
South					
Alabama	4,496	1,923	2,569	2	2
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	762	323	439	...	...
District of Columbia	1,651	65	1,582	...	4
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	9,768	4,617	5,151	...	...
Kentucky	2,964	2,210	754	...	...
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	...	...	...	...	...
Mississippi	3,146	1,072	2,066	3	5
North Carolina	9,488	4,500	4,702	261	25
Oklahoma	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina	4,107	1,903	2,192	6	6
Tennessee	4,267	2,489	1,739	...	39
Texas	21,077	12,879	8,198	...	...
Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia	802	693	109	...	...
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	...	...	...	...	...
California	...	...	...	...	...
Colorado	...	...	...	...	...
Hawaii	240	62	12	152	14
Idaho	...	...	...	...	...
Montana	514	407	7	96	4
Nevada	1,146	803	308	35	...
New Mexico	962	795	123	44	...
Oregon	...	...	...	...	...
Utah	796	715	57	24	...
Washington	...	...	...	...	...
Wyoming	...	...	...	...	...

...Data not available.

*Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1983

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	122,575	69,381	48,982	824	3,388
Federal	18,987	13,054	4,187*	*	1,746
States	103,588	56,327	44,795	824	1,642
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	70	70	0	0	0
Massachusetts	1,655	1,144	482	6	23
New Hampshire	73	73	0	...	0
New Jersey	...	...	...	...	...
New York	...	...	...	...	...
Pennsylvania	...	...	...	...	...
Rhode Island	385	278	106	1	0
Vermont	...	...	...	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	6,671	2,510	3,690	14	457
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	4,494	2,098	2,357	19	20
Minnesota	1,138	826	216	87	9
Missouri	1,422	868	553	...	1
Nebraska	574	393	156	21	4
North Dakota	290	241	9	39	1
Ohio	9,805	4,243	5,526	...	36
South Dakota	465	347	9	109	0
Wisconsin	1,902	1,198	645	58	1
South					
Alabama	3,102	1,305	1,794	...	3
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	522	209	312	1	0
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	10,375	4,609	5,766	...	0
Kentucky	1,163	866	296	...	1
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	4,020	1,194	2,779	...	47
Mississippi	1,339	469	865	1	4
North Carolina	8,854	4,063	4,531	224	36
Oklahoma	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina	...	...	...	...	...
Tennessee	2,998	1,629	1,360	...	9
Texas	17,673	11,336	6,337	...	0
Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia	465	410	54	1	0
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	...	...	...	...	...
California	18,187	11,323	6,128	45	691
Colorado	1,694	1,359	295	22	18
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	...	...	...	...	...
Montana	307	229	5	64	9
Nevada	...	...	...	...	...
New Mexico	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon	1,685	1,406	157	41	81
Utah	...	...	...	...	...
Washington	1,978	1,369	354	64	191
Wyoming	282	262	13	7	0

...Data not available.

*Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal institutions, by race, 1984

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	137,583	76,936	54,477	825	5,345
Federal	18,541	13,772	4,075*	*	694
States	119,042	63,164	50,402	825	4,651
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	634	619	7	7	1
Massachusetts	1,800	1,071	446	6	277
New Hampshire	185	176	6	1	2
New Jersey	4,445	2,184	2,221	4	36
New York	9,786	2,386	4,669	51	2,680
Pennsylvania	4,736	2,294	2,439	0	3
Rhode Island	313	235	77	0	1
Vermont	...	...	...	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	6,401	2,276	3,644	6	475
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	4,667	2,250	2,369	19	29
Minnesota	1,159	838	224	91	6
Missouri	3,168	2,017	1,145	4	2
Nebraska	575	388	146	36	5
North Dakota	223	185	4	34	0
Ohio	6,284	3,556	2,727	0	1
South Dakota	447	354	7	85	1
Wisconsin	1,992	1,272	584	60	6
South					
Alabama	2,876	1,269	1,602	2	3
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	466	214	250	2	0
District of Columbia	...	...	...	...	...
Florida	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	8,749	4,096	4,653	0	0
Kentucky	1,530	1,140	387	2	1
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	3,592	1,179	2,358	2	53
Mississippi	1,905	629	1,241	4	31
North Carolina	8,139	3,665	4,234	199	41
Oklahoma	...	...	...	...	...
South Carolina	4,747	2,078	2,659	3	7
Tennessee	2,113	1,198	907	0	8
Texas	16,534	11,002	5,532	0	0
Virginia	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia	726	651	75	0	0
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	...	...	...	...	...
California	17,402	11,096	5,418	79	809
Colorado	1,375	1,045	223	23	84
Hawaii	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho	...	...	...	...	...
Montana	280	224	3	46	7
Nevada	...	...	...	...	...
New Mexico	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon	1,561	1,296	136	47	82
Utah	...	...	...	...	...
Washington	...	...	...	...	...
Wyoming	302	281	9	12	0

...Data not available.

*Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1985

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	166,743	86,494	65,679	1,392	13,178
Federal States	19,881	14,029	4,394*	*	1,458
	146,862	72,465	61,285	1,392	11,720
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	201	190	4	6	1
Massachusetts	1,961	1,182	523	10	246
New Hampshire	242	228	6	2	6
New Jersey	4,144	1,741	2,083	3	317
New York	11,631	2,755	5,543	45	3,288
Pennsylvania	4,743	2,296	2,446	1	0
Rhode Island	383	282	101	...	0
Vermont	...	...	...	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	7,126	2,512	4,040	5	569
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	5,055	2,311	2,696	24	24
Minnesota	1,241	889	212	99	41
Missouri	3,032	1,873	1,141	6	12
Nebraska	...	...	...	...	...
North Dakota	227	189	1	37	0
Ohio	6,763	3,869	2,890	...	4
South Dakota	502	389	9	104	0
Wisconsin	1,942	1,195	688	59	0
South					
Alabama	3,102	1,439	1,657	1	5
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	672	319	353	...	0
District of Columbia	2,015	71	1,929	15	0
Florida	14,675	7,701	6,706	21	247
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	1,649	1,252	395	1	1
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	3,622	1,144	2,455	2	21
Mississippi	1,863	670	1,159	3	31
North Carolina	8,844	4,162	4,455	209	18
Oklahoma	3,872	2,547	991	245	89
South Carolina	4,061	1,734	2,316	5	6
Tennessee	1,849	1,072	679	...	98
Texas	19,395	8,324	6,229	30	4,752
Virginia	4,191	1,946	2,218	4	23
West Virginia	750	633	87	...	0
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	...	...	...	...	...
California	20,278	12,718	6,429	99	1,032
Colorado	1,828	1,019	326	30	453
Hawaii	346	98	15	167	66
Idaho	...	...	...	...	...
Montana	...	...	...	...	...
Nevada	...	...	...	...	...
New Mexico	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon	1,929	1,565	219	59	86
Utah	670	501	34	20	115
Washington	1,792	1,351	236	65	140
Wyoming	326	268	14	15	29

...Data not available.

*Count for "other races" was included in total reported for black prisoners.

Table 7. Sentenced prisoners admitted to State and Federal Institutions, by race, 1986

Jurisdiction	Total	White	Black	Other races	Race not reported
U.S. total	183,769	92,274	73,934	1,924	15,637
Federal States	16,295	12,500	3,466	329	...
	167,474	79,774	70,468	1,595	15,637
Northeast					
Connecticut	...	...	...	...	...
Maine	126	124	1	1	0
Massachusetts	2,067	1,236	559	11	261
New Hampshire	282	265	11	4	2
New Jersey	4,905	2,020	2,501	7	377
New York	13,159	2,812	6,246	59	4,042
Pennsylvania	4,615	2,326	2,283	2	4
Rhode Island	394	294	95	4	1
Vermont	...	...	...	...	...
North Central					
Illinois	7,385	2,680	4,096	5	604
Indiana	...	...	...	...	...
Iowa	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan	5,679	2,532	3,091	28	28
Minnesota	1,270	889	234	105	42
Missouri	3,132	1,969	1,159	2	2
Nebraska	...	...	...	...	...
North Dakota	241	206	3	32	0
Ohio	7,425	4,233	3,189		3
South Dakota	550	416	14	119	1
Wisconsin	2,082	1,255	773	53	1
South					
Alabama	2,947	1,295	1,647	1	4
Arkansas	...	...	...	...	...
Delaware	614	273	341		0
District of Columbia	1,811	52	1,747	7	5
Florida	18,941	8,497	9,421	20	1,003
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...
Kentucky	1,781	1,321	459		1
Louisiana	...	...	...	...	...
Maryland	4,009	1,239	2,745		25
Mississippi	1,931	710	1,170	2	49
North Carolina	9,723	4,469	4,970	231	53
Oklahoma	4,405	2,777	1,225	287	116
South Carolina	4,549	1,898	2,639	6	6
Tennessee	3,668	1,672	1,252		744
Texas	23,152	9,610	7,429	85	6,028
Virginia	4,274	2,001	2,240	6	27
West Virginia	514	446	66	0	2
West					
Alaska	...	...	...	...	...
Arizona	...	...	...	...	...
California	23,197	14,521	7,421	91	1,164
Colorado	2,038	1,133	400	21	484
Hawaii	442	138	25	228	51
Idaho	...	...	...	...	...
Montana	1,692	1,112	407	43	130
Nevada	...	...	...	...	...
New Mexico	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon	1,916	1,513	242	58	103
Utah	636	454	56	11	115
Washington	1,621	1,135	302	53	131
Wyoming	301	251	9	13	28

...Data not available.

Appendix A

National Prisoner Statistics data collection forms, 1926

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Schedule I.—ADMISSIONS: 1926
PRISONS AND REFORMATORIES

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Sheet No.

LINE NO.	NAME OR SERIAL NUMBER	DATE OF MISSION	DATE! OFFENSE WAS COM- MITTED	OFFENSE	SENTENCE		NUMBER OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS TO—		SEX	AGE AT LAST BIRTH-DAY	RACE (White, Negro, Indian, Mexi- can, Chinese, Japanese, etc.)	COUNTRY OF BIRTH		
					Indeterminate Minimum (years)	Maximum (years)	Persons on Reforma- tories	Other Inverti- tions						
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NAME OF INSTITUTION ADDRESS
Sentenced prisoners received during the year, exclusive of those received by return from parole or by transfer

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Schedule II.—DISCHARGES: 1926
PRISONS AND REFORMATORIES

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Sheet No.

NAME OF INSTITUTION ADDRESS

Sentenced prisoners leaving institutions during the year. (Includes departures by death, escape, or transfer)

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LINE NO.	NAME OR SERIAL NUMBER	DATE OF DIS. CHARGE	METHOD OF DISCHARGE	DATE OF ADMISSION	DATE SENTENCE COMMENCED		OFFENSE	SENTENCE			NUMBER OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS TO—		SEX	
					F	G		INDETERMINATE		Definite (years)	PRISONS OR REFORMATORIES	OTHER INSTITUTIONS		
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**Schedule III.—MOVEMENT OF PRISON POPULATION: 1926
PRISONS AND REFORMATORIES**

NAME OF INSTITUTION

ADDRESS

	Total	Male	Female
PRISONERS ON BOOKS JANUARY 1			
1. In institution			
2. In custody outside institution			
3. Total prisoners, January 1 (sum of Items 1 and 2)			
ADMISSIONS DURING YEAR			
4. From courts			
5. Transferred from other institutions			
6. Parole violators returned			
7. Escapes recaptured			
8. Other			
9. Total admissions (sum of Items 4 to 8, inclusive)			
10. Sum of Items 3 and 9			
DISCHARGES DURING YEAR			
11. Discharged on expiration of sentence			
12. Paroled			
13. Pardoned			
14. Commuted			
15. Escaped from institution			
16. Escaped while outside of institution			
17. Died			
18. Transferred to other institutions			
19. Other			
20. Total discharges (sum of Items 11 to 19, inclusive)			
PRISONERS ON BOOKS DECEMBER 31			
21. In institution			
22. In custody outside institution			
23. Total prisoners December 31 (sum of Items 21 and 22)			
24. Sum of Items 20 and 23; should equal Item 10			
25. Average daily resident prison population during year			
26. Normal capacity			
Report furnished by:			
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Schedule IV.—ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: 1926
PRISONS AND REFORMATORIES

NAME OF INSTITUTION.....
 ADDRESS.....

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES ACTUALLY IN SERVICE ON DECEMBER 31	Total	Male	Female
1. Superintendent or warden.....			
2. Assistant superintendents or wardens.....			
3. Stewards or business managers.....			
Physicians:			
4. Full time.....			
5. Part time.....			
Psychiatrists:			
6. Full time.....			
7. Part time.....			
Psychologists:			
8. Full time.....			
9. Part time.....			
Dentists:			
10. Full time.....			
11. Part time.....			
12. Graduate nurses.....			
Chaplains:			
13. Full time.....			
14. Part time.....			
Teachers:			
15. Full time.....			
16. Part time.....			
Parole officers:			
17. Full time.....			
18. Part time.....			
19. Keepers, guards, and other disciplinary officers.....			
20. Matrons.....			
21.			
22.			
23.			
24. All other officers and employees.....			
25. Total.....			

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Schedule V.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT: 1926
PRISONS AND REFORMATORIES

NAME OF INSTITUTION
ADDRESS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING, 192
(Give exact date)

RECEIPTS

- 1. Balance on hand from previous fiscal year \$
 Include balance for maintenance and all other purposes.
- 2. Received from appropriations
- 3. Received from all other sources
- 4. Total receipts (sum of Items 1, 2, and 3)

DISBURSEMENTS

Expenditures for maintenance:

Under this heading should be included all expenditures for maintenance of prisoners and of plant, including ordinary repairs. Expenditures for additions and permanent improvements should not be included.

- 5. Salaries and wages \$
- 6. Provisions (food)
- 7. Fuel, light, and water
- 8. All other expenditures for maintenance
- 9. Total expenditures for maintenance (sum of Items 5, 6, 7, and 8)
- 10. Expenditures for improvements, including new buildings, additions, permanent betterments, etc.
 Under this heading should be included all expenditures for items such as additional land, new buildings, new equipment, etc., which represent not restorations or replacements, but additions to plant.
- 11. Expenditures for other purposes, if any
- 12. Total expenditures (sum of Items 9, 10, and 11)
- 13. Amount returned to State treasurer or other officials
- 14. Balance on hand at close of year
 Includes balance for maintenance and for all other purposes.
- 15. Total (sum of Items 12, 13, and 14; also equal to Item 4)

Report furnished by:

Signature Title

Appendix B

The various sources of prisoner statistics that form the basis of the historical compilation contained in this report give no indication that many individual prisoner records collected in the admission series were missing a designation of race. The earliest publications of National Prisoner Statistics, covering the years 1926 to 1930, included statistical tables that specified the number of admitted prisoners whose race was not reported. In 1926, only 82 out of the total 38,818 State prisoner records received, and only 4 out of the total 5,010 Federal prisoner records received lacked a race designation (appendix table 1). In 1930 only 10 records were missing a designation of race, out of the total 56,213 State records, and only 1 out of 9,800 Federal records. Apparently because so few prisoner records lacked a designation of race, the practice of identifying the number of missing cases was dropped after the 1930 publication of National Prisoner Statistics. Subsequent publications typically combined missing cases with "other race" prisoners, the latter category primarily consisting of American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

In 1977 the Federal agency responsible for administering National Prisoner Statistics, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, reinstated the practice of tabulating separately the number of admitted State prisoners whose race was unknown. Of 54,023 State prisoner records compiled that year, 65 lacked a designation of race. The number of incomplete records has grown considerably since then, largely because the number of States participating in the admission series has grown. In 1986, 15,637 State records lacked a designation of race, the largest number ever recorded. Nevertheless, the 15,637 represent only 9% of the 167,474 State records received. More generally, in no year do cases lacking a designation of race represent more than about 10% of State records received (appendix table 2).

Regarding Federal prisoners, the conclusion is much the same. According to annual reports of the Bureau of Prisons, detailed information such as race is typically missing on no more than about 10% to 15% of admissions to Federal prisons.

Appendix table 1. Number of prison admission records missing a designation of race

Year	Admission records with no designation of race		
	Total	State	Federal
1926	86	82	4
1927	177	22	155
1928	11	-	-
1929	10	10	0
1930	11	10	1
1931-70	-	-	-
1974	-	-	1,243
1975	-	-	1,183
1976	-	-	1,138
1977	2,289	65	2,224
1978	4,470	1,025	3,445
1979	2,087	657	1,430
1980	3,787	806	2,981
1981	-	-	1,920
1982	3,819	680	3,139
1983	3,388	1,642	1,746
1984	5,345	4,651	694
1985	13,178	11,720	1,458
1986	15,637	15,637	0

-Not reported.

Appendix table 2. Number of prison admission records with a designation of race as a percentage of records received

Year	Total	Admission records with designation of race		Percent not missing
		Missing	Not missing	
1926	43,328	86	43,242	99%
1927	44,062	177	43,885	99
1928	48,212	11	48,201	99
1929	58,906	10	58,896	99
1930	66,013	11	66,002	99
1931-76	-	-	-	-
1977	72,183	2,289	69,894	96
1978	95,502	4,470	91,032	95
1979	94,828	2,087	92,741	97
1980	134,634	3,787	130,847	97
1981	-	-	-	-
1982	131,617	3,819	127,798	97
1983	122,575	3,388	119,187	97
1984	137,583	5,345	132,238	96
1985	166,743	13,178	153,565	92
1986	183,769	15,637	168,132	91

-Not reported.

Appendix C

Sources on table 1

Sources for total admissions from courts (column b)

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