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## STATE AND FEDERAL PRISONS REPORT RECORD GROWTH DURING LAST 12 MONTHS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The number of state and federal prison inmates grew by 89,404 during the 12 months ending June 30, 1995, the Department of Justice announced today. It was the largest one-year population increase the Department has recorded. At the end of June, there were 1,104,074 men and women incarcerated in the nation's prisons.

During the past 12 months the state prison population grew by 9.1 percent and the federal prison population by 6.1 percent, which is the equivalent of 1,719 new prison beds every week. On June 30, 1995, state prisons held 1,004,608 inmates and federal prisons held 99,466.

State and federal prisons, which primarily house convicted felons serving sentences of a year or more, hold about two-thirds

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of the more than 1.5 million adults incarcerated in the United States. The other third are held in locally operated jails, which primarily house people awaiting trial or serving sentences of a year or less. On June 30, 1994, the most recent date for which jail data are available, 483,717 adults were in local jails.

The combined state and federal prison population increase of 8.8 percent during the past 12 months was slightly higher than the average annual growth (7.9 percent) recorded since 1990.

During the year preceding June 30, 1995, prison populations increased by at least 10 percent in 23 states. Texas reported the largest growth (nearly 27 percent), followed by North Carolina (18 percent). Prison populations declined in the District of Columbia (down 5.0 percent), Alaska (3.1 percent), Arkansas (1.0 percent) and South Carolina (0.8 percent).

Between 1980 and 1994 the total number of people held in federal and state prisons and local jails almost tripled --increasing from 501,886 to 1,483,410. As of December 31, 1994,

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the total incarceration rate reached 565 inmates per 100,000 U.S. residents.

The incarceration rate of state and federal prisoners sentenced to more than a year reached 403 per 100,000 U.S. residents on June 30, 1995.

Texas led the nation with 659 sentenced prisoners per 100,000 state residents, followed by Louisiana (573 per 100,000), Oklahoma (536) and South Carolina (510). The states with lowest rates were North Dakota (90 sentenced prisoners per 100,000 state residents), Minnesota (103) and Maine (112).

The rate for inmates serving a sentence of more than a year was 776 males per 100,000 U.S. male residents, compared to 47 females per 100,000 female residents. Since June 30, 1994, the number of female inmates has grown by 11.4 percent, compared to an 8.7 percent increase among male inmates. As of mid-year 1995, there were 69,028 women in state and federal prisons--6.3 percent of all prisoners.

During the last decade the number of black inmates in state, federal and local jails and prisons has grown at a faster pace

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than the number of white inmates. Although the number of black and white inmates was almost equal in 1994, the incarceration rate for blacks was much higher.

According to data collected annually from state, federal and local officials, the proportion of black females in the U.S. who are incarcerated was seven times higher than for white females in 1994. Similarly, the proportion of black male adults incarcerated was almost eight times higher than for white male adults. An estimated 6.8 percent of all black male adults were in jail or prison compared to less than 1 percent of white male adults.

These data were analyzed by BJS statisticians Darrell K. Gilliard and Allen J. Beck. Additional information may be obtained from the BJS Clearinghouse, Box 179, Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701-0179. The telephone number is 1- 800-732-3277. Fax orders to 410-792-4358 (the order number for this release is NCJ 158021).

Data from tables and graphs used in many BJS reports can be obtained in spreadsheet files on 5¼ and 3½ inch diskettes by calling 202-616-3283.

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**Prisoners under the jurisdiction of State or Federal correctional authorities,  
June 30, 1995, December 31, 1994, and June 30, 1994, by region and State**

Region and jurisdiction	Total <sup>a</sup>			Percent change from		Incarceration rate on 6/30/95 <sup>b</sup>
	6/30/95	12/31/94	6/30/94	6/30/94 to 6/30/95	12/31/94 to 6/30/95	
<b>U.S. total</b>	1,104,074	1,055,073*	1,014,670*	8.8%	4.6%*	403
Federal	99,466	95,034	93,708	6.1%	4.7%	31
State	1,004,608	960,039*	920,962*	9.1	4.6*	372
<b>Northeast</b>	158,184	153,072	150,702	5.0%	3.3%	295
Connecticut <sup>c</sup>	15,005	14,380	14,427	4.0	4.3	325
Maine	1,459	1,474	1,468	(-.6)	(-1.0)	112
Massachusetts	11,469	11,293	11,166	2.7	1.6	180
New Hampshire	2,065	2,021	1,895	9.0	2.2	180
New Jersey	25,626	24,632	24,471	4.7	4.0	323
New York	68,526	66,750	65,962	3.9	2.7	377
Pennsylvania	29,844	28,302	27,082	10.2	5.4	247
Rhode Island <sup>c</sup>	3,132	2,919	3,049	2.7	7.3	190
Vermont <sup>c,d</sup>	1,058	1,301	1,182	--	--	135
<b>Midwest</b>	190,170	184,508	178,339	6.6%	3.1%	307
Illinois	37,790	36,531	35,614	6.1	3.4	320
Indiana	15,699	15,014	14,826	5.9	4.6	270
Iowa	5,692	5,437	5,090	11.8	4.7	201
Kansas	6,927	6,371	6,090	13.7	8.7	269
Michigan	41,377	40,631	40,220	2.9	1.8	434
Minnesota	4,764	4,575	4,573	4.2	4.1	103
Missouri	18,940	17,898	16,957	11.7	5.8	356
Nebraska	2,801	2,711	2,449	14.4	3.3	168
North Dakota	610	536	522	16.9	13.8	90
Ohio	43,158	43,074	41,156	4.9	.2	387
South Dakota	1,780	1,708	1,636	8.8	4.2	245
Wisconsin	10,632	10,022	9,206	15.5	6.1	196
<b>South</b>	446,498	422,455*	395,491*	12.9%*	5.7%*	474
Alabama	20,082	19,573	19,098	5.2	2.6	459
Arkansas	8,825	8,643	8,916	(-1.0)	2.1	349
Delaware <sup>c</sup>	4,651	4,466	4,324	7.6	4.1	406
District of Col. <sup>c</sup>	10,484	10,949	11,033	(-5.0)	(-4.2)	1,722
Florida	61,992	57,168	56,052	10.6	8.4	437
Georgia	34,111	33,425	30,292	12.6	2.1	468
Kentucky	11,949	11,066	10,724	11.4	8.0	310
Louisiana	24,840	24,063	23,333	6.5	3.2	573
Maryland	21,441	20,998	20,887	2.7	2.1	398
Mississippi	12,446	10,930	10,631	17.1	13.9	447
North Carolina	26,818	23,648	22,650	18.4	13.4	357
Oklahoma	17,605	16,631	16,306	8.0	5.9	536
South Carolina	19,481	18,999	19,646	(-.8)	2.5	510
Tennessee	14,933	14,401	14,397	3.7	3.7	284
Texas	127,092	118,195	100,136	26.9	7.5	659
Virginia	27,310	26,968	24,822	10.0	1.3	412
West Virginia	2,438	2,332*	2,244*	8.6*	4.5*	134
<b>West</b>	209,756	200,004	196,430	6.8%	4.9%	348
Alaska <sup>c</sup>	3,031	3,292	3,128	(-3.1)	(-7.9)	293
Arizona	20,907	19,746	18,830	11.0	5.9	473
California	131,342	125,605	124,813	5.2	4.6	402
Colorado	10,757	10,717	9,954	8.1	.4	287
Hawaii <sup>c</sup>	3,583	3,333	3,246	10.4	7.5	218
Idaho	3,240	2,811	2,861	13.2	15.3	278
Montana	1,801	1,764	1,654	8.9	2.1	207
Nevada	7,487	6,993	6,745	11.0	7.1	468
New Mexico	4,121	3,712	3,704	11.3	11.0	234
Oregon	7,505	6,936	6,723	11.6	8.2	199
Utah	3,272	3,045	2,948	11.0	7.5	166
Washington	11,402	10,833	10,650	7.1	5.3	210
Wyoming	1,308	1,217	1,174	11.4	7.5	271

(-) Indicates a negative percent change.

--Not calculated.

<sup>a</sup>Includes inmates sentenced to more than 1 year ("sentenced prisoners") and those sentenced to a year or less or with no sentence. Prisoner counts may differ from previously published figures and may also be revised.

<sup>b</sup>The number of prisoners with a sentence of more than 1 year per 100,000 in the resident population.

<sup>c</sup>Prison and jails form one integrated system. Data include total jail and prison population.

<sup>d</sup>Data for 6/30/95 are custody counts only and are not comparable to previous counts.

**\*West Virginia changed its reported numbers after the release.  
Changes made in this table are reflected in other tables in the report.**

### The prison situation in the United States, June 30, 1995

Prison population	Number of inmates	Incarceration rates, 6/30/95	Sentenced prisoners per 100,000 State residents*	12-month growth, 6/30/94 to 6/30/95	Percent change	Female prison population	Number of female prisoners
<b>10 highest:</b>							
California	131,342	Texas	659	Texas	26.9%	Texas	9,599
Texas	127,092	Louisiana	573	North Carolina	18.4	California	8,828
Federal system	99,466	Oklahoma	536	Mississippi	17.1	Federal system	7,407
New York	68,526	South Carolina	510	North Dakota	16.9	New York	3,636
Florida	61,992	Arizona	473	Wisconsin	15.5	Florida	3,495
Ohio	43,158	Georgia	468	Nebraska	14.4	Ohio	2,662
Michigan	41,377	Nevada	468	Kansas	13.7	Georgia	2,138
Illinois	37,790	Alabama	459	Idaho	13.2	Michigan	2,073
Georgia	34,111	Mississippi	447	Georgia	12.6	Illinois	2,044
Pennsylvania	29,844	Florida	437	Iowa	11.8	Oklahoma	1,689
<b>10 lowest:</b>							
North Dakota	610	North Dakota	90	District of Col.	(-5.0)%	North Dakota	24
Vermont	1,058	Minnesota	103	Alaska	(-3.1)	Vermont	38
Wyoming	1,308	Maine	112	Arkansas	(-1.0)	Maine	53
Maine	1,459	West Virginia	134	South Carolina	(-.8)	Wyoming	79
South Dakota	1,780	Vermont	135	Maine	(-.6)	Montana	94
Montana	1,801	Utah	166	Maryland	2.7	New Hampshire	108
New Hampshire	2,065	Nebraska	168	Massachusetts	2.7	South Dakota	114
West Virginia	2,438	New Hampshire	180	Rhode Island	2.7	West Virginia	118
Nebraska	2,801	Massachusetts	180	Michigan	2.9	Utah	125
Alaska	3,031	Rhode Island	190	Tennessee	3.7	Nebraska	175

\*The number of prisoners with a sentence of more than 1 year per 100,000 residents. The Federal Bureau of Prisons and the District of Columbia are excluded.

### Growth in the number of prisoners, 1990-95

July 1 - June 30	Annual increase in number of prisoners		
	U.S. total	Federal	State
1994-95	89,404	5,758	83,646
1993-94	72,854	6,736	66,118
1992-93	71,041	9,583	61,458
1991-92	51,020	7,885	43,135
1990-91	49,446	5,602	43,844
Percent increase 1994-95	8.8%	6.1%	9.1%
Annual average growth, 1990-95	7.9%	9.3%	7.8%

### Number of prisoners under the jurisdiction of State or Federal correctional authorities, by sex of inmate, 6/30/94 and 6/30/95

	Men	Women
<b>Total</b>		
6/30/95	1,035,046	69,028
6/30/94	952,688	61,982
Percent change	8.6%	11.4%
<b>Sentenced to more than 1 year</b>		
6/30/95	996,138	63,662
6/30/94 <sup>a</sup>	916,430	57,578
Percent change	8.7%	10.6%
Incarceration rate, 6/30/95 <sup>b</sup>	776	47

<sup>a</sup>Excludes Massachusetts' inmates under jurisdiction but not in physical custody for whom sex was unknown.

<sup>b</sup>The number of prisoners with a sentence of more than 1 year per 100,000 residents on June 30, 1995.

**Number of adults in custody of State or Federal prisons or in local jails, 1980, 1985, 1990-94**

Year	Total custody <sup>a</sup>	Federal prisons	State prisons	Local jails <sup>b</sup>	Total rate <sup>c</sup>
1980	501,886	23,779	295,819	182,288	221
1985	742,579	35,781	451,812	254,986	312
1990	1,146,401	58,838	684,544	403,019	460
1991	1,216,664	63,930	728,605	424,129	482
1992	1,292,347	72,071	778,495	441,781	507
1993	1,364,881	80,815	828,566	455,500	529
1994	1,483,410	85,500	914,193	483,717	565
<b>Percent change</b>					
1980-94	195.6%	259.6%	209.0%	165.4%	
1993-94	8.7	5.8	10.3	6.2	

<sup>a</sup>State and Federal inmate counts exclude those under State or Federal jurisdiction who were housed elsewhere, as in county or local jails.

<sup>b</sup>Number of adults held in local jails.

<sup>c</sup>Total number of adults held in the custody of State, Federal, or local jurisdictions per 100,000 U.S. residents.

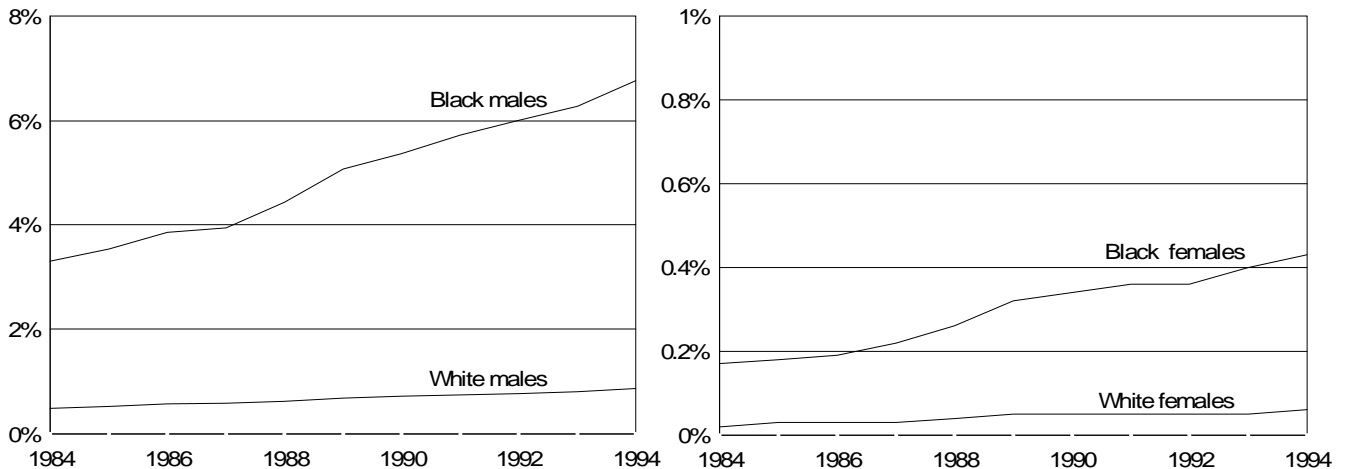
**Number of adults held in State or Federal prisons or in local jails, by sex and race, 1984-94**

Year	White		Black	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
1984	351,800	19,000	284,400	16,900
1985	382,800	21,500	309,800	19,000
1986	417,600	22,900	342,300	20,000
1987	439,100	27,700	356,300	23,200
1988	469,200	32,700	407,500	28,000
1989	516,100	38,500	472,900	35,500
1990	545,900	39,300	508,800	38,000
1991	566,800	42,200	551,000	40,600
1992	598,000	44,100	590,200	42,400
1993	627,100	46,500	624,100	47,500
1994	674,400	50,700	683,200	52,000

**Number of adults held in State or Federal prisons or in local jails per 100,000 adult residents in each group, 1984-94**

Year	White		Black	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
1984	490	24	3,309	166
1985	528	27	3,544	183
1986	570	29	3,850	189
1987	594	35	3,943	216
1988	629	41	4,441	257
1989	685	47	5,067	321
1990	718	48	5,365	338
1991	740	51	5,717	355
1992	774	53	6,014	365
1993	805	56	6,259	403
1994	860	60	6,753	435

**Percent of adults in each group incarcerated in State and Federal prisons and local jails**



**Estimated number of adults on probation, in jail, in prison, or on parole and their percent in the adult population, by sex and race, 1994**

	Sex			Race		
	Total <sup>a</sup>	Male	Female	White	Black	Other
<b>Total</b>	5,135,800	4,341,600	794,200	3,049,500	2,013,700	72,600
Probation	2,962,200	2,342,300	619,900	1,965,200	962,000	34,900
Jail	483,700	434,800	48,900	252,300	223,900	7,600
Prison	999,700	942,100	57,600	472,800	511,300	15,600
Parole	690,200	622,400	67,800	359,200	316,500	14,500
<b>U.S. adult resident population<sup>b</sup></b>	192,323,000	92,231,000	100,092,000	162,472,000	22,080,000	7,771,000
<b>Percent under correctional supervision</b>	2.7%	4.7%	.8%	1.9%	9.1%	0.9%

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding. In cases where sex or race was unknown or not reported, percentages were applied based on known cases.

<sup>a</sup>A small number of individuals may have multiple correctional statuses; consequently, the total number of persons under correctional supervision is an overestimate.

<sup>b</sup>Resident population 18 years or older on July 1, 1994.

**Jurisdiction notes**

**Alaska** — Prisons and jails form one integrated system. All NPS data include jails and prisons.

**Arizona** — Population counts are based on custody data.

**Arkansas** — Inmates with a sentence of 1 year or less include 144 male inmates incarcerated in the county jail awaiting transfer to Department of Corrections for whom the Arkansas DOC does not know the sentence.

**California** — Population counts are based on custody data.

Population counts for "Unsentenced inmates" include civil narcotic addict commitments, county diagnostic cases, Federal and other States' inmates, and safekeepers.

**Colorado** — Population counts for "Inmates with over 1 year maximum sentence" include an undetermined number of "Inmates with a maximum sentence of 1 year or less."

**Connecticut** — Prisons and jails form one integrated system. All NPS data include jails and prisons.

**Delaware** — Populations of inmates given partially suspended sentences (part served in prison, part under probation) are included with the "Inmates with over 1 year maximum sentence" only if the prison portion of the sentence exceeds 1 year. As a result, the "Inmates with over 1 year maximum sentence" populations are understated and the "Inmates with a year or less maximum sentence" are overstated.

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**District of Columbia** — Populations of inmates given partially suspended sentences (part served in prison, part under probation) are included with the "Inmates with over 1 year maximum sentence" only if the prison portion of the sentence exceeds 1 year. As a result, the "Inmates with over 1 year maximum sentence" populations are understated and the "Inmates with a year or less maximum sentence" are overstated.

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**Florida** — Population counts are based on custody data.

These data reflect the total sentence length for inmates across multiple current commitments. Previous reports only include sentence length for a single current commitment.

**Georgia** — Population counts are based on custody data.

Population counts exclude an undetermined number of inmates housed in local jails, awaiting pick-up.

**Hawaii** — Prisons and jails form one integrated system. All NPS data include jails and prisons.

**Illinois** — Population counts are based on custody data.

Population counts for "Inmates with over 1 year maximum sentence" include an undetermined number of inmates with a sentence of 1 year.

**Iowa** — Population counts are based on custody data.

**Kansas** — Population figures include a small undetermined number of inmates with sentences of less than 1 year (this includes those sentenced under The Kansas Sentencing Guidelines Act of 1993).



**Maine** —Maine based their sentence length classifications on the controlling offense. Inmates with multiple sentences are included in the category in which their most serious offense belongs.

**Maryland** — While population totals are actual manual counts, the breakdowns for sentence length are estimates extracted from the actual sentence length breakdowns of the automated data system applied to the manual data.

**Massachusetts** — Population counts exclude inmates housed in the Bridgewater State Hospital and Massachusetts Treatment Center.

The number of sentenced prisoners was estimated.

**Michigan** — Population counts are based on custody data.

**New Jersey** — New Jersey Department of Corrections has no jurisdiction over inmates with sentences of less than 1 year. Counts reported for inmates with a sentence of 1 year or less are inmates with a sentence of exactly 1 year.

**North Carolina** — In North Carolina, populations of inmates given partially suspended sentences (part served in prison, part under probation) are included with the "Inmates with over 1 year maximum sentence" only if the prison portion of the sentence exceeds 1 year. As a result, the "Inmates with over 1 year maximum sentence" populations are understated and the "Inmates with a year or less maximum sentence" are overstated.

**Ohio** — Population counts for "Inmates with over 1 year maximum sentence" include an undetermined number of "Inmates with a sentence of 1 year or less."

**Oklahoma** — Population counts for "Inmates with over 1 year maximum sentence" include an undetermined number of inmates with a sentence of 1 year.

**Oregon** — Inmates with a sentence of 1 year or less include a few inmates whose complete sentence information has not been received from the courts.

**Rhode Island** — Inmates given partially suspended sentences (part served in prison, part under probation) are included with the "Inmates with over 1 year maximum sentence" only if the prison portion of the sentence exceeds 1 year. As a result, the

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Included in the counts for unsentenced inmates are 16 males and 1 female who have civil commitments for non-payment of child support.

**Tennessee** — Population counts exclude 3,339 felons sentenced to serve their time in local jails. (The State pays to house these 3,339 felons, but the local court maintains jurisdiction.)

**Vermont** — Population counts represent only offenders who are "incarcerated." Past data included furloughed offenders; therefore, data are not comparable.

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**Wisconsin** — The totals do not include 1,217 men and 222 women under the supervision of the Division of Intensive Sanctions in the community.