

MCI

Mortality in Correctional Institutions



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For more than a decade, BJS has collaborated with local jails and state departments of corrections to collect and disseminate statistics on mortality data. Data are collected under the Mortality in Correctional Institutions (MCI), formerly known as the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP).

Want to test your knowledge about the MCI? Take the following quiz!

(Answers are available further below.)

1. Which was the only state to report zero deaths in local jails in 2014?
a. Alaska b. Wyoming c. Hawaii
2. True or False. The female and male mortality rate of local jail inmates in 2014 was about the same.
3. What percentage of deaths in local jails in 2014 was from respiratory disease?
a. 37.0% b. 3.9% c. 12.1%
4. True or False. Heart-disease deaths declined from 27% of all deaths in 2013 to 23% in 2014.

Source: *Mortality in Local Jails, 2000-2014 – Statistical Tables*, NCJ 250169, BJS, December 2016, and *Mortality in State Prisons, 2001-2014 – Statistical Tables*, NCJ 250150, BJS, December 2016.

- (1) **Alaska**. New Hampshire and South Dakota each reported only one death in local jails in 2014.
- (2) **True**. The female rate was 143 per 100,000 local jail inmates, and the male rate was 140 per 100,000 local jail inmates.
- (3) **3.9%**. Illness-related deaths accounted for 87% of all deaths in state prisons in 2014. Respiratory deaths increased 32%, from 31 deaths in 2013 to 41 in 2014.
- (4) **True**. Heart disease was the second-leading cause of death in local jails, accounting for 23% of deaths between 2000 and 2014.

How are Mortality in Correctional Institutions (MCI) data used?

Over the years, BJS has published several reports on corrections-related mortality, providing the corrections community with important statistics that help policymakers and jail administrators address key public-health issues facing jails and prisons. Some examples include—

- a. HIV in Prisons, 2015 – Statistical Tables*, NCJ 250641, BJS, August 2017
- b. Mortality in Local Jails, 2000-2014 – Statistical Tables*, NCJ 250169, BJS, December 2016
- c. Mortality in State Prisons, 2001-2014 – Statistical Tables*, NCJ 250150, BJS, December 2016
- d. Assessing Inmate Cause of Death: Deaths in Custody Reporting Program and National Death Index*, NCJ 249568, BJS, April 2016.

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