Correctional Populations in the United States, 1997

5.7 million adults in the United States were under correctional supervision in 1997

- 1,176,900 in prison
- 558,000 in jail
- 3,266,800 on probation
- 690,800 on parole

1.7 million in local jail or prison

- 1,602,000 male
- 132,900 female
- 871,500 white
- 816,600 black

3.9 million on probation or parole

- 3,195,300 male
- 762,300 female
- 2,557,500 white
- 1,333,300 black
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<th>Number of persons under jail supervision</th>
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### Table 2.2. One-day count and average daily population of jail inmates, midyear 1990-97

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<td><strong>Adults</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Female</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Juveniles</strong></td>
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Note: Data are for June 30 in 1992-95 and 1997; for June 29, 1990; and for June 28, 1991 and 1996. Detailed data for 1993-96 were estimated and rounded to the nearest 100. Previously published numbers for 1994-95 have been revised to include only inmates physically held in jail facilities. --Not available. *The average daily population is the sum of the number of inmates in a jail each day for a year, divided by 365. **Juveniles are persons defined by State statute as being under a certain age, usually 18, and subject initially to juvenile court authority even if tried as adults in criminal court. In 1994 the definition was changed to include all persons under age 18. ***Includes juveniles who were tried or awaiting trial as adults. |

### Table 2.3. Gender, race, and Hispanic origin of jail inmates, midyear 1990-97

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Note: Data on race and Hispanic origin were reported for 89.7% of inmates in 1990, 91.1% in 1991, 97.5% in 1992, 85.1% in 1993, 95.8% in 1994, 97.1% in 1995, 98.9% in 1996, 99.3% in 1997. Data for 1990-93 may include persons supervised outside of jail facilities. Data for 1994-95 were estimated for only those persons held in custody. *Detailed data for race were rounded to the nearest 100. **Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.
Table 2.4. Number of jail inmates and rates per 100,000 U.S. residents, midyear 1985-97

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>All jail inmates</th>
<th>Inmates per 100,000 residents</th>
<th>Adult jail inmates</th>
<th>Adult inmates per 100,000 adult</th>
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<td>518,492</td>
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<td>1995</td>
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<td>1991</td>
<td>426,479</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>405,320</td>
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<td>403,019</td>
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<td>1989</td>
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Note: Inmate counts for 1985-87 and 1994-97 are survey estimates subject to sampling error. For estimates of the sampling error for each year, see table 2.10.

*Inmate counts for 1985-93 may include an unknown number of persons who were under jail supervision but not confined.

*The number of adult inmates was estimated and rounded to the nearest 100. See Methodology.

Table 2.5. Number of jail inmates and rates per 100,000 U.S. residents, by race, midyear 1985-97

<table>
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<th>Year</th>
<th>White Per 100,000 white U.S. residents</th>
<th>Black Per 100,000 black U.S. residents</th>
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<td>306,500</td>
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Note: Categories for black and white inmates include Hispanics. Inmate counts for 1985-87, 1989-92, and 1994-97 are survey estimates subject to sampling error. Data are estimated and rounded to the nearest 100.

Figure 6. Number of jail inmates per 100,000 U.S. residents, by race, 1985-97

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

- **Blacks**
- **Whites**

- **Figures for 1985-93 may include an unknown number of persons who were under jail supervision but not confined.**

- **The number of adult inmates was estimated and rounded to the nearest 100.**

- **See Methodology.**
Table 2.6. Conviction status of adult jail inmates, by gender, midyear 1990-93 and 1995-97

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

*Data on conviction status by gender were reported for 88.9% of all adult inmates in 1993, 96.3% in 1995, 98.5% in 1996, and 99.6% in 1997. Totals were estimated using known data and rounded to the nearest 100. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

Table 2.7. Jail capacity and occupancy, midyear 1990-97

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<td>Rated capacity of jails</td>
<td>Number of inmates held</td>
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*Population counts for 1990-93 could include persons supervised outside of jail facilities. Population counts for 1994 through 1996 are for custody only.

*Rated capacity is the number of beds or inmates assigned to facilities within each jurisdiction.

*Percent of rated capacity occupied is based on the 1-day count of inmates. This count for 1990-93 may include some inmates not in physical custody but under the jurisdiction of a local jail, such as inmates on electronic monitoring, under house arrest, or in day reporting or other community service supervision programs.

*The amount of bedspace added during the 12 months before the survey or census in each year.
Table 2.8. The 25 largest local jail jurisdictions: Number of inmates held, average daily population, and rated capacity, midyear 1995-97

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<th>Jurisdiction</th>
<th>Number of inmates held</th>
<th>Average daily population</th>
<th>Rated capacity</th>
<th>Percent of capacity occupied at midyear</th>
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<td>3,405</td>
<td>3,120</td>
<td>3,411</td>
<td>3,441</td>
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<td>Tarrant County, TX</td>
<td>3,865</td>
<td>3,281</td>
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<td>Hillsborough County, FL</td>
<td>2,536</td>
<td>2,661</td>
<td>2,155</td>
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<td>Milwaukee County, WI</td>
<td>2,491</td>
<td>2,653</td>
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<td>Wayne County, MI</td>
<td>2,598</td>
<td>2,711</td>
<td>2,708</td>
<td>2,600</td>
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Note: Jurisdictions are ordered by their average daily population in 1997.
*Number of inmates held in jail facilities.
Based on the average daily population for the year ending June 30. The average daily population is the sum of the number of inmates in jail each day for a year, divided by the number of days in the year.
Rated capacity is the number of beds or inmates assigned by a rating official to facilities within each jurisdiction.
The number of inmates divided by the rated capacity multiplied by 100.

Table 2.9. Standard error estimates for the Annual Survey of Jails, 1997

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<th>Characteristic</th>
<th>Estimate</th>
<th>Standard error</th>
<th>Relative standard error</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total number</td>
<td></td>
<td>5,508</td>
<td>0.86 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Held in jail</td>
<td>567,079</td>
<td>3,649</td>
<td>0.64</td>
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<td>Supervised outside a jail facility</td>
<td>70,239</td>
<td>3,637</td>
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<tr>
<td>Average daily population</td>
<td>556,586</td>
<td>5,353</td>
<td>0.64 %</td>
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<td>Rated capacity</td>
<td>581,733</td>
<td>4,428</td>
<td>0.76 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gender</td>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>507,195</td>
<td>3,324</td>
<td>0.66 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>59,884</td>
<td>506</td>
<td>0.85</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adults</td>
<td>557,974</td>
<td>5,626</td>
<td>0.65 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Juveniles</td>
<td>9,105</td>
<td>245</td>
<td>2.69 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Held as adults</td>
<td>7,007</td>
<td>193</td>
<td>2.75</td>
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<tr>
<td>Held as juveniles</td>
<td>2,098</td>
<td>133</td>
<td>6.34</td>
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<td>Race/Hispanic origin</td>
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<tr>
<td>White non-Hispanic</td>
<td>228,143</td>
<td>2,573</td>
<td>1.13 %</td>
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<td>Black non-Hispanic</td>
<td>235,741</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<tr>
<td>Awaiting trial or in other unconvicted category</td>
<td>321,484</td>
<td>2,784</td>
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<tr>
<td>Convicted</td>
<td>234,316</td>
<td>2,392</td>
<td>1.02</td>
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*Data for 1985-93 may include persons held outside of jail facilities.
*Data for 1994-97 are for custody only.
*Relative standard error is the estimated standard error divided by the estimated number of inmates or rated capacity.

Table 2.10. Standard error estimates for the number of inmates and rated capacity for the Annual Survey of Jails, midyear 1990-97

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Estimated standard error</th>
<th>Relative standard error (percent)</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Estimated standard error</th>
<th>Relative standard error (percent)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1990</td>
<td>405,320</td>
<td>1,778</td>
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<td>389,171</td>
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<td>1991</td>
<td>426,479</td>
<td>2,151</td>
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<td>1992</td>
<td>444,584</td>
<td>2,076</td>
<td>0.47</td>
<td>421,237</td>
<td>2,522</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>518,492</td>
<td>3,065</td>
<td>0.59</td>
<td>504,026</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>507,044</td>
<td>2,931</td>
<td>0.58</td>
<td>545,763</td>
<td>3,788</td>
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<tr>
<td>1995</td>
<td>486,474</td>
<td>2,485</td>
<td>0.51</td>
<td>504,324</td>
<td>3,221</td>
<td>0.64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1996</td>
<td>518,492</td>
<td>3,065</td>
<td>0.59</td>
<td>562,020</td>
<td>3,932</td>
<td>0.70</td>
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*Data for 1994-97 are for custody only.
*Relative standard error is the estimated standard error divided by the estimated number of inmates or rated capacity.

Excludes persons of unknown race and Hispanic origin.
Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.
The Survey of Jails (CJ-5) questionnaire for Jail inmates in 1997 is not available electronically.
Methodology

Annual Survey of Jails

In each year between the full censuses, a survey of jails is conducted to estimate baseline characteristics of the Nation's jails and the inmates housed in these jails. The 1996 Annual Survey of Jails is the 13th such survey in a series begun in 1982. The reference date for the 1997 survey was June 30, 1997.

Using information from the 1993 Census of Jails, a new sample of jail jurisdictions was selected in 1994. A jurisdiction is an administrative unit, such as a county (parish in Louisiana) or municipal government that administers one or more local jails. The sample included all jails in 795 selected jail jurisdictions and 25 multijurisdiction jails. A multijurisdiction jail is one in which two or more jurisdictions have a formal agreement to operate the facility.

In the drawing of the sample in 1994, jail jurisdictions were first stratified into two groups: single-jurisdiction jails and multijurisdiction jails. All of the multijurisdiction jails were included in the survey. The remaining jurisdictions were then further stratified into two groups: jurisdictions with jails authorized to hold juveniles and jurisdictions with jails holding adults only. Jurisdictions were then selected based on the average daily population in the 1993 census. All jails in 204 jurisdictions were automatically included if the jurisdiction held juveniles and had an average daily population of 250 or more inmates in 1993 or if it held only adults and had an average population of 500 or more. The other jurisdictions (591) were then selected based on stratified probability sampling. Data were obtained by mailed questionnaires. After follow-up phone calls to nonrespondents, the response rate for the survey was 100%.

National estimates for the inmate population on June 30, 1997, were produced by gender, race/Hispanic origin, and age group and for the average daily population during the year ending June 30, 1997. National estimates were also produced for rated capacity.

Sampling error

Survey estimates have an associated sampling error because jurisdictions with smaller average daily populations were sampled for the survey. Estimates based on the sample survey may differ somewhat from the results of conducting a complete census. Different samples could yield somewhat different results. Standard error is a measure of the variation among the estimates from all possible samples, stating the precision with which an estimate from a particular sample approximates the average of all possible samples. The estimated relative sampling error for the total inmate population of 567,079 on June 30, 1997, was 0.64%. (See tables 2.9 and 2.10.)

Measures of population

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

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

Juveniles

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