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Deaths of inmates in local jails

By cause of death and selected inmate characteristics, 2000-2005^a

	Jail inmate deaths						
	Total	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total	5,935	912	953	978	1,003	1,033	1,056
Cause of death							
Illness	2,764	462	432	459	458	487	466
AIDS	315	60	59	50	54	52	40
Suicide	1,802	289	315	314	296	301	287
Homicide	118	17	22	20	14	23	22
Drug/alcohol intoxication	401	37	58	54	90	77	85
Accident	180	25	35	35	27	32	26
Other/unknown	355	22	32	46	64	61	130
Sex							
Male	5,252	821	857	871	867	900	936
Female	673	91	91	107	133	131	120
Race, Hispanic origin							
White, non-Hispanic	3,118	453	518	539	538	508	562
Black, non-Hispanic	1,932	313	289	306	324	363	337
Hispanic	723	118	116	115	120	135	119
Other/multiple races	123	17	24	18	16	24	24
Age							
Under 18 years	63	8	22	18	4	7	4
18 to 24 years	640	89	110	124	104	105	108
25 to 34 years	1,230	186	197	226	213	213	195
35 to 44 years	1,765	267	301	328	281	300	288
45 to 54 years	1,479	241	223	203	266	268	277
55 years and older	722	117	97	77	127	135	169

Note: See Note, table 6.0010.2005. The U.S. Census Bureau has collected jail data for BJS since 2000. Jails were instructed to report the death of any inmate in their custody, even if the inmate was held for other jurisdictions such as the State department of corrections, another State or county, or the Federal Government. Jails also were instructed to include the death of any inmate sent outside the jail facility for medical, mental health or substance abuse treatment services, or for work-release programs. Deaths that occurred while an inmate was in transit to or from the jail facility were included. Deaths of jail inmates who were released on temporary furloughs or who had escaped the jail facility were excluded.

^aDetail may not add to total because of missing data.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Deaths in Custody Statistical Tables*, Table 1 and Table 4 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/dcrp/jailsindex.htm> [Aug. 17, 2007]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.