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Deaths of inmates in local jails

By cause of death and selected inmate characteristics, 2000-2006^a

	Jail inmate deaths							
	Total	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	7,008	905	947	974	1,003	1,030	1,052	1,097
Cause of death								
Illness	3,311	459	428	459	458	485	465	557
AIDS	368	58	59	50	54	52	40	55
Suicide	2,076	289	314	314	296	300	286	277
Drug/alcohol intoxication	489	37	58	55	90	77	85	87
Accident	210	25	35	35	27	32	25	31
Homicide	147	17	21	17	14	23	21	34
Other/unknown	407	20	32	44	64	61	130	56
Sex								
Male	6,201	814	852	867	868	899	933	968
Female	801	91	91	107	133	131	119	129
Race, Hispanic origin								
White, non-Hispanic	3,641	453	518	537	538	504	561	530
Black, non-Hispanic	2,327	306	283	305	324	363	336	410
Hispanic	847	118	116	114	120	135	118	126
Other/multiple races	153	17	24	18	16	25	23	30
Age								
Under 18 years	43	8	8	7	4	7	5	4
18 to 24 years	717	89	107	101	104	105	108	103
25 to 34 years	1,377	184	193	186	213	212	193	196
35 to 44 years	2,070	266	283	338	283	300	287	313
45 to 54 years	1,835	239	242	238	266	267	277	306
55 years and older	930	115	111	102	127	136	171	168

Note: These data are from the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program, which was launched by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) in 2000 to implement the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-297). The U.S. Census Bureau collects the jail deaths data for BJS. 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. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK.

^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, Local Jail Deaths, 2000-2006*, Table 1 and Table 4 [Online]. Available: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/dcrp/tables/jailstab1.htm> and <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/dcrp/tables/jailstab4.htm> [Oct. 21, 2008]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.