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Table 6.1.2004

Adults on probation, in jail or prison, and on parole

United States, 1980-2004

	Total estimated correctional population ^a	Probation	Jail	Prison	Parole
1980	1,840,400	1,118,097	182,288 ^b	319,598	220,438
1981	2,006,600	1,225,934	195,085 ^b	360,029	225,539
1982	2,192,600	1,357,264	207,853	402,914	224,604
1983	2,475,100	1,582,947	221,815	423,898	246,440
1984	2,689,200	1,740,948	233,018	448,264	266,992
1985	3,011,500	1,968,712	254,986	487,593	300,203
1986	3,239,400	2,114,621	272,735	526,436	325,638
1987	3,459,600	2,247,158	294,092	562,814	355,505
1988	3,714,100	2,356,483	341,893	607,766	407,977
1989	4,055,600	2,522,125	393,303	683,367	456,803
1990	4,350,300	2,670,234	405,320	743,382	531,407
1991	4,535,600	2,728,472	424,129 ^c	792,535	590,442
1992	4,762,600	2,811,611	441,781 ^c	850,566	658,601
1993	4,944,000	2,903,061	455,500 ^c	909,381	676,100
1994	5,141,300	2,981,022	479,800	990,147	690,371
1995	5,342,900	3,077,861	507,044	1,078,542	679,421
1996	5,490,700	3,164,996	518,492	1,127,528	679,733
1997	5,734,900	3,296,513 ^d	567,079	1,176,564	694,787
1998	6,134,200	3,670,441 ^d	592,462	1,224,469	696,385
1999	6,340,800	3,779,922 ^d	605,943	1,287,172	714,457
2000	6,445,100	3,826,209	621,149	1,316,333	723,898
2001	6,581,700	3,931,731	631,240	1,330,007	732,333
2002	6,758,800	4,024,067	665,475	1,367,547	750,934
2003	6,895,300	4,073,987	691,301	1,392,796	774,588
2003 (revised) ^e	6,936,600	4,144,782	691,301	1,392,796	745,125
2004	6,996,500	4,151,125	713,990	1,421,911	765,355
Percent change					
2003 to 2004	0.9%	0.2%	3.3%	2.1%	2.7%

Note: Counts for probation, prison, and parole populations are for December 31 of each year; jail population counts are for June 30 of each year. Counts of adults held in jail facilities for 1993 and 1994 were estimated and rounded to the nearest 100. Data for jail and prison are for inmates under custody and include those held in private facilities. Totals for 1998-2004 exclude probationers held in jail or prison. These data have been revised by the Source based on the most recently reported counts and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For information on methodology and explanatory notes, see [Appendix 15](#).

^aBecause a small number of individuals may have multiple correctional statuses, the totals are rounded to the nearest 100.

^bEstimated.

^cIncludes an unknown number of persons supervised outside jail facilities.

^dCoverage of probation agencies was expanded. For counts based on the same reporting agencies, use 3,266,837 in 1997 (to compare with 1996); 3,417,613 in 1998 (to compare with 1997); and 3,772,773 in 1999 (to compare with 1998).

^eTotal probation and parole counts include estimates for Massachusetts and Pennsylvania due to changes in reporting; estimates were based on reporting methods comparable to 2004.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1994*, NCJ-160091, Table 1.1; *1995*, NCJ-163916, Table 1.1 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Probation and Parole in 1999*, Press Release NCJ 183508 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, July 2000), p. 3, Table 1; U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Probation and Parole in the United States, 2002*, Bulletin NCJ 201135, p. 1; *2004*, Bulletin NCJ 210676, p. 1 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); and data provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.