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Number and rate (per 100,000 U.S. residents) of persons in State and Federal prisons and local jails

	Total in custody	Prisoners in custody		Inmates in local jails	Incarceration rate ^a
		Federal	State		
1985	744,208	35,781	451,812	256,615	313
1990	1,148,702	58,838	684,544	405,320	458
1991	1,219,014	63,930	728,605	426,479	481
1992	1,295,150	72,071	778,495	444,584	505
1993	1,369,185	80,815	828,566	459,804	528
1994	1,476,621	85,500	904,647	486,474	564
1995	1,585,586	89,538	989,004	507,044	601
1996	1,646,020	95,088	1,032,440	518,492	618
1997	1,743,643	101,755	1,074,809	567,079	648
1998	1,816,931	110,793	1,113,676	592,462	669
1999 ^b	1,893,115	125,682	1,161,490	605,943	691
2000	1,937,482 ^c	133,921	1,176,269	621,149	684
2001	1,961,247 ^c	143,337	1,180,155	631,240	685
2002	2,033,022 ^c	151,618	1,209,331	665,475	701
2003	2,081,580 ^c	161,673	1,222,135	691,301	712
2004	2,135,335 ^c	170,535	1,243,745	713,990	723
2005	2,195,873 ^c	179,220	1,261,980	747,529	737
2006	2,258,983 ^c	183,381	1,302,129	766,010	751
2007	2,298,041 ^c	189,154	1,320,582	780,174	756
2008	2,308,390 ^c	189,770	1,324,420	785,556	756
2009 ^d	2,297,400	194,435	1,326,547	767,620	748

Average annual
percent increase

2000 to 2008	2.2%	4.5	1.5	3.0	X
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Note: Jail counts are for the last week day of June for each year; beginning in 1994 counts exclude persons who were supervised outside of a jail facility. State and Federal prisoner counts are for December 31 except where indicated otherwise. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For information on methodology and explanatory notes, see [Appendix 4](#) and [Appendix 15](#).

^aNumber of prison and jail inmates in custody per 100,000 U.S. residents at yearend.

^bIn 1999, 15 States expanded their reporting criteria to include prisoners held in privately operated correctional facilities. For comparisons with previous years, the State count 1,137,544 and the total 1,869,169 should be used for 1999.

^cIncludes Federal prisoners in non-secure privately operated community facilities (6,143 in 2000, 6,515 in 2001, 6,598 in 2002, 6,471 in 2003, 7,065 in 2004, 7,144 in 2005, and 7,463 in 2006, 8,131 in 2007, 8,664 in 2008, and 8,798 in 2009).

^dData are as of June 30 and subject to revision.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 1998*, Bulletin NCJ 173414, p. 2, Table 1; *2005*, Bulletin NCJ 213133, p. 2, Table 1 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); and U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prisoners in 2002*, Bulletin NCJ 200248, p. 2; *2005*, Bulletin NCJ 215092, p. 2, Table 1; *2007*, Bulletin NCJ 224280, p. 6; *2008*, Bulletin NCJ 228417, p. 8; *Prison Inmates at Midyear 2009-Statistical Tables*, NCJ 230113, p. 18 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.