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Jail inmates

By sex, race, Hispanic origin, and conviction status, United States, 1990-2008^a

	Percent of jail inmates																			
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 ^b	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Sex																				
Male	90.8	90.7	90.8	90.4	90.0	89.8	89.2	89.4	89.2	88.8	88.6	88.4	88.4	88.1	87.7	87.3	87.1	87.1	87.3	
Female	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.6	10.0	10.2	10.8	10.6	10.8	11.2	11.4	11.6	11.6	11.9	12.3	12.7	12.9	12.9	12.7	
Race, Hispanic origin																				
White, non-Hispanic	41.8	41.1	40.1	39.3	39.1	40.1	41.6	40.6	41.3	41.3	41.9	43.0	43.8	43.6	44.4	44.3	43.9	43.3	42.5	
Black, non-Hispanic	42.5	43.4	44.1	44.2	43.9	43.5	41.1	42.0	41.2	41.5	41.3	40.6	39.8	39.2	38.6	38.9	38.6	38.7	39.2	
Hispanic	14.3	14.2	14.5	15.1	15.4	14.7	15.6	15.7	15.5	15.5	15.2	14.7	14.7	15.4	15.2	15.0	15.6	16.1	16.4	
Other ^c	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	
Conviction status^d																				
Convicted	48.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	44.0	NA	NA	43.2	45.9	44.0	41.5	40.0	39.4	39.7	38.0	37.9	38.0	37.1	
Male	44.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	39.7	NA	NA	38.4	40.8	39.0	36.6	35.4	34.7	34.8	33.2	32.8	32.9	32.3	
Female	4.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.3	NA	NA	4.8	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.2	4.8	
Unconvicted	51.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	56.0	NA	NA	56.8	54.1	56.0	58.5	59.9	60.6	60.3	62.0	62.1	62.0	62.9	
Male	46.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	50.0	NA	NA	50.6	48.0	50.0	51.9	53.0	53.5	53.0	54.2	54.3	54.3	55.2	
Female	4.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	6.0	NA	NA	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.6	6.9	7.1	7.3	7.7	7.8	7.7	7.8	

Note: Data for 1999 and 2005 are from the National Jail Census. Data for 1990-92, 1994-98, 2000-2004, and 2006-2008 are from the Annual Survey of Jails taken during noncensus years. Both the censuses and the surveys are conducted for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. These data reflect inmates held in jail facilities on a single day at midyear, usually June 30 or the last business day in June. The data from the annual surveys are estimates and therefore are subject to sampling variation.

A jail is defined as a locally administered confinement facility that holds inmates beyond arraignment, usually for more than 48 hours, and is administered and staffed by municipal or county employees. Excluded from the censuses and surveys were temporary holding facilities, such as physically separate drunk tanks and police lockups, and other holding facilities that did not hold persons after they were formally charged in court. Also excluded for all years were Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Rhode Island, and Vermont because these States have integrated jail-prison systems. Alaska also was excluded as an integrated system; however, beginning in 1988, locally operated jails in Alaska are included.

Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For methodology and survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 4](#).

^aPercents may not add to total because of rounding.

^bBased on all persons under jail supervision; not limited to inmates confined in jail facilities.

^cIncludes Asians, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders. Beginning in 2005, category also includes persons reporting two or more races.

^dData for conviction status include adults only with the exception of 1999, which includes adults and juveniles.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 1998*, Bulletin NCJ 173414, p. 6, Table 7 and p. 7; *2000*, Bulletin NCJ 185989, p. 7, Table 9; *2002*, Bulletin NCJ 198877, p. 8, Table 10; *2003*, Bulletin NCJ 203947, p. 8, Table 10; *2005*, Bulletin NCJ 213133, p. 8, Table 10; *Jail Inmates at Midyear 2008-Statistical Tables*, NCJ 225709, p. 5, Table 7 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.