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Jail inmates

By sex, race, Hispanic origin, and conviction status, United States, 1990-2010<sup>a</sup>

	Sex		Race, Hispanic origin					Conviction status <sup>b</sup>						
	Male	Female	White, non-Hispanic		Black, non-Hispanic		Hispanic	Other <sup>c</sup>	Convicted			Unconvicted		
									Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1990	90.8%	9.2%	41.8%	42.5%	14.3%	1.3%	48.5%	44.1%	4.5%	51.5%	46.7%	4.8%		
1991	90.7	9.3	41.1	43.4	14.2	1.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
1992	90.8	9.2	40.1	44.1	14.5	1.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
1993	90.4	9.6	39.3	44.2	15.1	1.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
1994	90.0	10.0	39.1	43.9	15.4	1.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
1995	89.8	10.2	40.1	43.5	14.7	1.7	44.0	39.7	4.3	56.0	50.0	6.0		
1996 <sup>d</sup>	89.2	10.8	41.6	41.1	15.6	1.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
1997	89.4	10.6	40.6	42.0	15.7	1.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
1998	89.2	10.8	41.3	41.2	15.5	2.0	43.2	38.4	4.8	56.8	50.6	6.1		
1999	88.8	11.2	41.3	41.5	15.5	1.7	45.9	40.8	5.1	54.1	48.0	6.1		
2000	88.6	11.4	41.9	41.3	15.2	1.6	44.0	39.0	5.0	56.0	50.0	6.0		
2001	88.4	11.6	43.0	40.6	14.7	1.6	41.5	36.6	4.9	58.5	51.9	6.6		
2002	88.4	11.6	43.8	39.8	14.7	1.6	40.0	35.4	4.6	59.9	53.0	6.9		
2003	88.1	11.9	43.6	39.2	15.4	1.8	39.4	34.7	4.7	60.6	53.5	7.1		
2004	87.7	12.3	44.4	38.6	15.2	1.8	39.7	34.8	4.9	60.3	53.0	7.3		
2005	87.3	12.7	44.3	38.9	15.0	1.8	38.0	33.2	4.9	62.0	54.2	7.7		
2006	87.1	12.9	43.9	38.6	15.6	1.9	37.9	32.8	5.0	62.1	54.3	7.8		
2007	87.1	12.9	43.3	38.7	16.1	1.9	38.0	32.9	5.2	62.0	54.3	7.7		
2008	87.3	12.7	42.5	39.2	16.4	2.0	37.1	32.3	4.8	62.9	55.2	7.8		
2009	87.8	12.2	42.5	39.2	16.2	2.1	37.8	33.0	4.8	62.2	54.8	7.4		
2010	87.7	12.3	43.3	37.8	15.8	1.9	38.9	NA	NA	61.1	NA	NA		

Note: Data for 1999 and 2005 are from the National Jail Census. Data for 1990-92, 1994-98, 2000-2004, and 2006-2010 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.

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Data for conviction status include adults only with the exception of 1999, which includes adults and juveniles.

<sup>c</sup>Includes Asians, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders. Beginning in 2005, category also includes persons reporting two or more races.

<sup>d</sup>Based on all persons under jail supervision; not limited to inmates confined in jail facilities.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prison and Jail Inmates at Mid-year 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 2010-Statistical Tables*, NCJ 233431, p. 8 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.