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Prisoners under age 18 in State prisons

By sex, United States, midyear 1990, 1995, and 1999-2008

	Prisoners under age 18		
	Total	Male	Female
1990	3,600	NA	NA
1995	5,309	NA	NA
1999	4,194	4,027	167
2000	3,896	3,721	175
2001	3,147	3,010	137
2002	3,038	2,927	111
2003	2,741	2,627	114
2004	2,485	2,375	110
2005	2,208	2,118	90
2006 ^a	2,364	2,260	104
2006 ^b	2,390	2,286	104
2007 ^a	2,283	2,192	91
2007 ^c	2,639	2,523	116
2008	3,650	3,531	119

Note: These data are from the National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. The NPS program obtains midyear and yearend counts of prisoners from the departments of correction in the 50 States and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Federal prisons held 39 prisoners under age 18 in 1990, but none in 1995 and 1999 to 2007. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For information on methodology and definitions of terms, see [Appendix 15](#).

^aTotals based on States that reported data on juveniles.

^bIncludes estimates for Nevada, which did not report data on juveniles.

^cIncludes estimates for Florida, Illinois, and Oregon, which did not report data on juveniles.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2003*, Bulletin NCJ 203947, p. 5, Table 5; *Prison Inmates at Midyear 2007*, Bulletin NCJ 221944, p. 9; *Prison Inmates at Midyear 2008-Statistical Tables*, NCJ 225619, p. 20 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.