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Number of jails, rated capacity, percent of capacity occupied, and number of inmates per employee

By region and jurisdiction, June 30, 1999

Region and jurisdiction	Number of jails	Rated capacity ^a	Percent of rated capacity occupied ^b	Number of inmates per employee ^c	
				Total staff	Correctional officers
United States, total	3,376	660,361	93%	2.9	4.4
Federal	11	8,040	139	3.6	6.7
State	3,365	652,321	93	2.9	4.3
Northeast	227	97,794	93	2.2	2.9
Maine	15	1,220	91	1.4	1.8
Massachusetts	21	9,978	108	2.3	3.6
New Hampshire	10	1,812	88	2.9	3.8
New Jersey	24	15,349	110	3.0	3.7
New York	81	39,904	84	1.5	2.0
Pennsylvania	76	29,531	91	3.2	4.5
Midwest	977	108,261	90	2.5	4.2
Illinois	93	19,069	89	2.7	8.1
Indiana	93	12,553	102	2.7	5.9
Iowa	94	3,125	96	1.8	2.5
Kansas	97	5,565	79	2.1	3.1
Michigan	93	16,661	94	3.2	4.9
Minnesota	78	5,970	84	1.8	2.8
Missouri	129	8,924	78	2.1	3.2
Nebraska	65	2,728	80	1.8	2.6
North Dakota	23	918	64	1.7	2.2
Ohio	108	17,219	97	2.3	3.3
South Dakota	31	1,623	66	2.2	3.1
Wisconsin	73	13,906	90	3.5	4.8
South	1,623	308,234	92	3.3	4.6
Alabama	155	11,600	98	3.7	5.6
Arkansas	87	6,122	79	2.6	3.5
District of Columbia	1	1,378	120	2.4	2.8
Florida	108	55,493	92	3.3	4.6
Georgia	204	36,213	91	3.9	5.3
Kentucky	82	9,915	105	3.7	4.9
Louisiana	107	27,544	93	3.8	6.0
Maryland	29	11,821	93	2.6	3.6
Mississippi	102	9,778	91	3.8	5.9
North Carolina	104	15,456	86	2.9	4.3
Oklahoma	102	7,663	88	3.3	4.6
South Carolina	52	9,115	96	3.4	4.4
Tennessee	108	21,572	91	3.1	4.4
Texas	271	66,521	87	3.5	4.5
Virginia	82	15,514	118	2.4	3.3
West Virginia	29	2,529	99	3.1	4.3
West	538	138,032	96	3.3	5.7
Alaska	15	160	43	0.6	1.8
Arizona	28	12,629	82	3.3	4.7
California	145	75,088	103	3.8	7.2
Colorado	61	9,151	98	2.4	3.2
Idaho	41	3,203	88	3.3	5.7
Montana	42	1,791	85	2.0	3.2
Nevada	21	5,436	90	2.5	4.2
New Mexico	34	6,258	83	2.9	5.9
Oregon	41	7,210	87	2.6	3.8
Utah	26	5,904	68	3.1	7.3
Washington	62	10,004	105	3.6	5.1
Wyoming	22	1,198	84	2.4	3.4

Note: These data are from the 1999 Census of Jails conducted for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics by the U.S. Census Bureau. The 1999 census included all locally administered jails that held inmates beyond arraignment (usually more than 72 hours) and were staffed by municipal or county employees. Excluded from the census were physically separate temporary holding facilities, such as drunk tanks and police lockups, that do not hold persons after they are formally charged in court. Also excluded were Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Rhode Island, and Vermont because these jurisdictions have State-operated integrated jail/prison systems. Alaska also was excluded for this reason, however, 15 independently operated jails in Alaska were included. For additional information on the Census of Jails, see [Appendix 4](#).

^aRated capacity is the number of beds or inmates assigned by a rating official to facilities within each jurisdiction.

^bThe number of inmates divided by rated capacity times 100.

^cInmate-to-staff ratios were calculated by dividing the number of confined inmates by the number of employees on June 30, 1999.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Census of Jails, 1999*, NCJ 186633 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, 2001), pp. 14, 28. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.