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**Adults on probation, in jail or prison, and on parole**

United States, 1980-2010

	Total estimated correctional population <sup>a</sup>	Probation	Jail	Prison	Parole
1980	1,840,400	1,118,097	182,288 <sup>b</sup>	319,598	220,438
1981	2,006,600	1,225,934	195,085 <sup>b</sup>	360,029	225,539
1982	2,192,600	1,357,264	207,853	402,914	224,604
1983	2,475,100	1,582,947	221,815	423,898	246,440
1984	2,689,200	1,740,948	233,018	448,264	266,992
1985	3,011,500	1,968,712	254,986	487,593	300,203
1986	3,239,400	2,114,621	272,735	526,436	325,638
1987	3,459,600	2,247,158	294,092	562,814	355,505
1988	3,714,100	2,356,483	341,893	607,766	407,977
1989	4,055,600	2,522,125	393,303	683,367	456,803
1990	4,350,300	2,670,234	405,320	743,382	531,407
1991	4,535,600	2,728,472	424,129 <sup>c</sup>	792,535	590,442
1992	4,762,600	2,811,611	441,781 <sup>c</sup>	850,566	658,601
1993	4,944,000	2,903,061	455,500 <sup>c</sup>	909,381	676,100
1994	5,141,300	2,981,022	479,800	990,147	690,371
1995	5,342,900	3,077,861	507,044	1,078,542	679,421
1996	5,490,700	3,164,996	518,492	1,127,528	679,733
1997	5,734,900	3,296,513 <sup>d</sup>	567,079	1,176,564	694,787
1998	6,134,200	3,670,441 <sup>d</sup>	592,462	1,224,469	696,385
1999	6,340,800	3,779,922 <sup>d</sup>	605,943	1,287,172	714,457
2000	6,460,000	3,839,532	621,149	1,316,333	725,527
2001	6,581,700	3,931,731	631,240	1,330,007	732,333
2002	6,758,800	4,024,067	665,475	1,367,547	750,934
2003	6,924,500	4,120,012	691,301	1,390,279	769,925
2004	6,995,000	4,143,792	713,990	1,421,345	771,852
2005	7,051,300	4,162,495	747,529	1,448,344	784,354
2006	7,202,100	4,237,023	765,819	1,492,973	798,202
2007 <sup>e</sup>	7,337,900	4,293,163	780,174	1,517,867	826,097
2008 <sup>e,f</sup>	7,312,400	4,270,917	785,533	1,522,834	828,169
2009	7,232,800	4,203,967	767,434	1,524,478	819,308
2010	7,076,200	4,055,514	748,728	1,518,104	840,676

Average annual  
percent change

2000 to 2009	1.3%	1.0%	2.4%	1.6%	1.4%
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Note: Counts for probation, prison, and parole populations are for December 31 of each year; jail population counts are for June 30 of each year. Counts of adults held in jail facilities for 1993 and 1994 were estimated and rounded to the nearest 100. Data for jail and prison are for inmates under custody and include those held in private facilities and may include a small number of juveniles in the six States that have combined jail-prison systems. Totals for 1998-2004 exclude probationers held in jail or prison. Beginning in 2005, totals exclude probationers and parolees held in jail or prison. These data have been revised by the Source based on the most recently reported counts and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For information on methodology and explanatory notes, see [Appendix 15](#).

<sup>a</sup>Some offenders have multiple correctional statuses. Beginning in 2005, the data were adjusted to account for multiple statuses. For this reason and because the totals are rounded to the nearest 100, detail will not sum to total.

<sup>b</sup>Estimated.

<sup>c</sup>Includes an unknown number of persons supervised outside jail facilities.

<sup>d</sup>Coverage of probation agencies was expanded. For counts based on the same reporting agencies, use 3,266,837 in 1997 (to compare with 1996); 3,417,613 in 1998 (to compare with 1997); and 3,772,773 in 1999 (to compare with 1998).

<sup>e</sup>Includes population counts estimated by the Source because some States were unable to provide data.

<sup>f</sup>Two jurisdictions changed their method of reporting probation data in 2008. The apparent decreases in the probation counts and total correctional population counts between 2007 and 2008 were due to these changes in scope and do not reflect actual declines in the populations.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1994*, NCJ-160091, Table 1.1; *1995*, NCJ-163916, Table 1.1; *2009*, Bulletin NCJ 231681, Table 1; *2010*, Bulletin NCJ 236319, p. 3, Table 1 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Probation and Parole in 1999*, Press Release NCJ 183508 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, July 2000), p. 3, Table 1; U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Probation and Parole in the United States, 2002*, Bulletin NCJ 201135, p. 1; *2004*, Bulletin NCJ 210676, p. 1; *2008*, Bulletin NCJ 228230, p. 3 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); and data provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.