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Number and rate (per 100,000 U.S. residents) of persons in custody of State and Federal prisons and local jails

	Total in custody	Prisoners in custody		Inmates in local jails	Incarceration rate ^a
		Federal	State		
United States, 1985, 1990-2011					
1985	744,208	35,781	451,812	256,615	313
1990	1,148,702	58,838	684,544	405,320	458
1991	1,219,014	63,930	728,605	426,479	481
1992	1,295,150	72,071	778,495	444,584	505
1993	1,369,185	80,815	828,566	459,804	528
1994	1,476,621	85,500	904,647	486,474	564
1995	1,585,586	89,538	989,004	507,044	601
1996	1,646,020	95,088	1,032,440	518,492	618
1997	1,743,643	101,755	1,074,809	567,079	648
1998	1,816,931	110,793	1,113,676	592,462	669
1999 ^b	1,893,115	125,682	1,161,490	605,943	691
2000	1,937,482 ^c	133,921 ^d	1,176,269	621,149	684
2001	1,961,247	143,337	1,180,155	631,240	685
2002	2,033,022	151,618	1,209,331	665,475	701
2003	2,081,580	161,673	1,222,135	691,301	712
2004	2,135,335	170,535	1,243,745	713,990	723
2005	2,195,873	179,220	1,261,980	747,529	737
2006	2,258,983	183,381	1,302,129	766,010	751
2007	2,298,041	189,154	1,320,582	780,174	756
2008	2,308,390	189,770	1,324,420	785,556	756
2009	2,291,912	196,318	1,319,391	767,434	743
2010	2,270,142	198,339	1,314,446	748,728	731
2011	2,239,751	206,004	1,289,376	735,601	716
Average annual percent increase					
2000 to 2010	1.6%	3.9	1.1	1.9	0.7

Note: Jail counts are for the last week day of June for each year; beginning in 1994 counts exclude persons who were supervised outside of a jail facility. State and Federal prisoner counts are for December 31 except where indicated otherwise. Beginning in 1990, counts include prisoners held in private adult correctional facilities. Some data have been revised by the Source and may differ from previous editions of SOURCEBOOK. For information on methodology and explanatory notes, see [Appendix 4](#) and [Appendix 15](#).

^aNumber of prison and jail inmates in custody per 100,000 U.S. residents at yearend.

^bIn 1999, 15 States expanded their reporting criteria to include prisoners held in privately operated correctional facilities. For comparisons with previous years, the State count 1,137,544 and the total 1,869,169 should be used for 1999.

^cBeginning in 2000, "Total in custody" includes Federal prisoners in non-secure privately operated community facilities.

^dBeginning in 2000, excludes Federal Prisoners in non-secure privately operated community facilities.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 1998*, Bulletin NCJ 173414, p. 2, Table 1; *2005*, Bulletin NCJ 213133, p. 2, Table 1 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice); and U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prisoners in 2002*, Bulletin NCJ 200248, p. 2; *2005*, Bulletin NCJ 215092, p. 2, Table 1; *2007*, Bulletin NCJ 224280, p. 6; *2008*, Bulletin NCJ 228417, p. 8; *Correctional Populations in the United States, 2010*, Bulletin NCJ 236319, p. 7; *2011*, Bulletin NCJ 239972, p. 8, Appendix table1 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.