

NATIONAL COMPARISONS OF CORRECTIONAL SYSTEMS

POPULATIONS

- There were 2,245,189 offenders incarcerated at mid-year 2006, an increase of 2.8% compared to June 2005. This growth is less than the average annual increase of 3.4% since 2000.
- The national prison incarceration rate is estimated to be 497 inmates per 100,000 residents, an increase of 1.8% compared to June 2005.
- States experiencing the most growth from June 2005 to June 2006 are: Alaska (9.4%), Vermont (8.3%), Georgia (8.1%), Nevada (7.8%), and Rhode Island (7.6%).
- Eight states experienced prison population decreases from June 2005 to June 2006, led by Missouri (-2.9%), Louisiana (-1.8%), and Maine (-1.8%).
- The federal system held 191,080 inmates at mid-year 2006, making it the largest penal system in the country.
- California (175,115 inmates), Texas (172,889 inmates), and the federal system (191,080 inmates) together held 34.6% of all prisoners in the country on June 30, 2006.
- Since 1995, the number of federal prisoners has increased 102.8%, while the number of inmates held for state convictions increased 30.5%.
- Iowa's prison population increased 52.1% between FY 1995 and FY 2006.
- At mid-year 2006, privately operated facilities held 111,975 inmates, an increase of 10.1% compared to June 30, 2005. Private facilities held 7.2% of all state and federal inmates.
- At mid-year 2006, approximately 1 of every 133 U.S. residents was in prison or jail.
- Incarceration rates are calculated by the number of inmates per 100,000 residents. Louisiana had the highest prison incarceration rate (834 inmates) followed by Texas (687 inmates), Mississippi (661 inmates), Oklahoma (658 inmates) and Alabama (587 inmates), as of June 30, 2006.
- Maine (141 inmates) had the lowest incarceration rate on June 30, 2006.
- Iowa ranks 40th in the nation in terms of the incarceration rate, with 290 inmates per 100,000 residents, on June 30, 2006.
- Iowa had 3,921 offenders on parole as of July 1, 2007, a decrease of 2.1% compared to one year ago. Iowa had 132 parolees per 100,000 residents.
- Iowa had 24,257 offenders on probation as of July 1, 2007, an increase of 0.8% compared to one year ago. Iowa had 818 probationers per 100,000 residents.

JAILS

- There were 766,010 inmates held in local jails on June 30, 2006, an increase of 18,481 (2.5%) compared to one year ago.
- The jail population increase of 2.5% from June 2005 to June 2006 is less than the average annual increase since 1995, which is 3.9%.
- The jail incarceration rate was 256 inmates per 100,000 residents at mid-year 2006, an increase of 1.5% compared to 2005.
- Local jurisdictions reported adding 21,862 jail beds during the last year, for a total rated capacity of 810,863 beds on June 30, 2006.

Sources: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics
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