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# Facts & Figures



### TRENDS IN STATE PRISON POPULATIONS

#### **National Analysis**

- ▶ State prison populations experienced a slight 0.2 percent decline between 2008 and 2009, while the federal population increased 3.4 percent. That increase drove the country's combined state-federal prison population up 0.2 percent in 2009 from its 2008 level.
- ▶ State prisoners per 100,000 residents held fairly steady given the small absolute decline in state prison populations year-over-year. Prisoners per 100,000 residents fell from about 464 in 2008 to about 459 in 2009.
- Nationally, 2009 state prison populations are up about 13 percent from 2000. Before falling in 2009, state prison counts grew an average of 1.5 percent annually between 2000 and 2008.

#### **Regional Analysis**

- CSG's Midwestern region tied the East for the largest regional percentage drop in state prison population between 2008 and 2009—a 1.3 percent decline.
- Michigan experienced the second largest year-over-year percentage drop in state prison population nationwide—
  6.7 percent. Illinois, Nebraska and Wisconsin also experienced declines.
- ▶ Minnesota housed the second smallest number of prisoners per 100,000 residents in the nation in 2009.

<b>Trends in State</b>	Prison	Populations	2008 - 2009
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State or other jurisdiction	Population as of December 31, 2009	Per 100,000 2009	Average annual change (%) 2000-2008	Percent change (%) 2008-2009
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United States	1,613,740	526.7	1.8	0.2
Federal	208,118	67.9	4.1	3.4
State	1,405,622	458.7	1.5	-0.2
Midwestern Region				
Illinois	45,161	349.8	0.1	-0.7
Indiana	28,808	448.5	4.4	1.7
Iowa	8,813	293.0	1.2	0.5
Kansas	8,641	306.6	0.3	1.2
Michigan	45,478	456.2	0.3	-6.7
Minnesota	9,986	189.6	6.0	0.8
Nebraska	4,474	249.0	1.9	-1.0
North Dakota	1,486	229.7	3.8	2.3
Ohio	51,606	447.1	1.5	-0.2
South Dakota	3,434	422.7	3.1	2.8
Wisconsin	23,153	409.4	1.5	-1
Regional total	231,040	379.7	1.3	-1.3

Sources: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prisoners in 2009–NCJ 231675 (December 21, 2010). Accessed from http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=2232.

U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Population Estimates 2009 (population counts for per capita figures).

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Note: Sentenced prisoner is defined as a prisoner sentenced to more than one year.



## **Trends in State Prison Populations, 2008 - 2009**

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	Population as of	Per	Average annual	Percent	
State or other	December 31,	100,000	change (%)	change (%)	
jurisdiction	2009	2009	2000-2008	2008-2009	
United States	1,613,740	526.7	1.8	0.2	
Federal	208,118	67.9	4.1	3.4	
State	1,405,622	458.7	1.5	-0.2	
Alabama	31,874	676.9	1.9	4.5	
Alaska	5,285	756.7	2.3	5.4	
Arizona	40,627	616.0	5.1	2.6	
Arkansas	15,208	526.3	2.7	3.3	
California	171,275	463.4	0.8	-1.4	
Colorado	22,795	453.7	4.1	-2.1	
Connecticut	19,716	560.4	1.5	-4.6	
Delaware	6,794	767.6	0.3	-4.0	
Florida	103,915	560.6	4.6	1.5	
Georgia	53,371	543.0	2.2	1.2	
Hawaii	5,891	454.8	2.1	-1.1	
Idaho	7,400	478.7	3.5	1.5	
Illinois	45,161	349.8	0.1	-0.7	
Indiana	28,808	448.5	4.4	1.7	
lowa	8,813	293.0	1.2	0.5	
Kansas	8,641	306.6	0.3	1.2	
Kentucky	21,638	501.6	4.8	-0.3	
Louisiana	39,780	885.6	1.1	3.6	
Maine	2,206	167.3	3.4	0.5	
Maryland	22,255	390.5	-0.1	-4.6	
Massachusetts	11,316	171.6	0.8	-0.8	
Michigan	45,478	456.2	0.3	-6.7	
Minnesota	9,986	189.6	6.0	0.8	
Mississippi	21,482	727.7	1.5	-5.6	
Missouri	30,563	510.4	1.2	1.2	
Montana	3,605	369.7	1.7	1.7	
Nebraska	4,474	249.0	1.9	-1.0	
Nevada	12,482	472.3	3.0	-2.0	
New Hampshire	2,731	206.2	2.3	1.1	
New Jersey	25,382	291.5	-1.7	-2.2	
New Mexico	6,519	324.4	2.3	1.8	
New York	58,687	300.3	-1.9	-2.8	
North Carolina	39,860	424.9	3.0	1.0	
North Dakota	1,486	229.7	3.8	2.3	
Ohio	51,606	447.1	1.5	-0.2	
Oklahoma	26,397	715.9	1.4	2.1	
Oregon	14,403	376.5	3.7	1.7	
Pennsylvania	51,429	408.0	3.7	4.5	
Rhode Island	3,674	348.8	2.6	-9.2	
South Carolina	24,288	532.5	1.4	-0.2	
South Dakota	3,434	422.7	3.1	2.8	
Tennessee	26,965	428.3	2.6	-1.0	
Texas	171,249	691.0	0.4	-0.7	
Utah	6,533	234.6	1.9	-0.3	
Vermont	2,220	357.1	2.8	4.9	
Virginia	38,092	483.2	3.0	-0.5	
Washington	18,233	273.6	2.3	1.7	
West Virginia	6,367	349.9	5.8	5.1	
Wisconsin	23,153	409.4	1.5	-1	
Wyoming	2,075	381.2	2.7	-0.4	

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