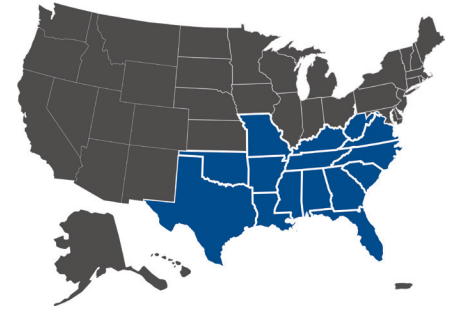


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## Facts & Figures



## 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

- ▶ The Southern regional prison population increased 1.9 percent between 2008 and 2009. Year-over-year, populations were up in nine states, while six states experienced declines.
- ▶ Mississippi experienced the third largest percentage drop in state prison population in the nation between 2008 and 2009—5.6 percent.
- ▶ CSG South housed more prisoners per 100,000 residents than any other region in 2009.

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

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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Federal	208,118	4.1	3.4	67.9
State	1,405,622	1.5	-0.2	458.7
<b>Southern Region</b>				
Alabama	31,874	1.9	4.5	676.9
Arkansas	15,208	2.7	3.3	526.3
Florida	103,915	4.6	1.5	560.6
Georgia	53,371	2.2	1.2	543.0
Kentucky	21,638	4.8	-0.3	501.6
Louisiana	39,780	1.1	3.6	885.6
Mississippi	21,482	1.5	-5.6	727.7
Missouri	30,563	1.2	1.2	510.4
North Carolina	39,860	3.0	1.0	424.9
Oklahoma	26,397	1.4	2.1	715.9
South Carolina	24,288	1.4	-0.2	532.5
Tennessee	26,965	2.6	-1.0	428.3
Texas	171,249	0.4	-0.7	691.0
Virginia	38,092	3.0	-0.5	483.2
West Virginia	6,367	5.8	5.1	349.9
Regional total	651,049	1.9	0.6	580.7

Sources: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prisoners in 2009- NCJ 231675 (December 21, 2010).

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Arizona	40,627	616.0	5.1	2.6
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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
Iowa	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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