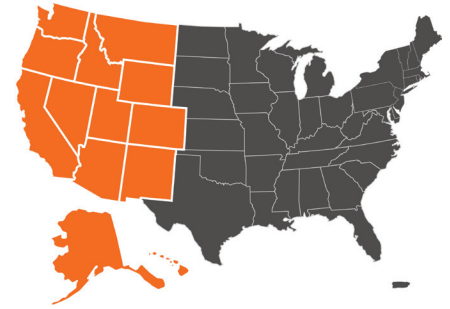


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TRENDS IN STATE PRISON POPULATIONS

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

- ▶ From 2008 to 2009, the Western region's state prison population fell 0.3 percent, driven by a 1.4 percent decline in California. Without California, the regional population increased almost 1 percent.
- ▶ State prison populations were up in six states. Alaska experienced the largest year-over-year percentage increase in the nation — 5.4 percent.
- ▶ Alaska housed more prisoners per 100,000 residents in 2009 than any state except Louisiana.

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
United States	1,613,740	1.8	0.2	526.7
Federal	208,118	4.1	3.4	67.9
State	1,405,622	1.5	-0.2	458.7
Western Region				
Alaska	5,285	2.3	5.4	756.7
Arizona	40,627	5.1	2.6	616.0
California	171,275	0.8	-1.4	463.4
Colorado	22,795	4.1	-2.1	453.7
Hawaii	5,891	2.1	-1.1	454.8
Idaho	7,400	3.5	1.5	478.7
Montana	3,605	1.7	1.7	369.7
Nevada	12,482	3.0	-2.0	472.3
New Mexico	6,519	2.3	1.8	324.4
Oregon	14,403	3.7	1.7	376.5
Utah	6,533	1.9	-0.3	234.6
Washington	18,233	2.3	1.7	273.6
Wyoming	2,075	2.7	-0.4	381.2
Regional total	317,123	1.9	-0.3	443.1
Regional total without California	145,848	3.6	0.9	421.4

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
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
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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