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THE NATION'S CORRECTIONAL POPULATION TOPS 5 MILLION

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- More than 5.1 million Americans--or almost 2.7 percent of the adult population--were under some form of correctional supervision last year, the Department of Justice reported today. Almost three-quarters of these men and women were being supervised in the community on probation or parole. The others were confined in jail or prison.

The number of adults incarcerated or under supervision in the community increased 3.9 percent during 1994. Since 1980 the number has almost tripled, growing at an average annual rate of 7.6 percent.

At the end of last year, 2,962,000 adults were on probation under community supervision rather than incarceration. An additional 690,000 adults were on parole--conditional supervised release after serving a prison term but subject to being returned

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to incarceration for rule violations or other offenses. Three-quarters of probationers and parolees were required to maintain regular contact with a supervising agency. The other offenders were not required to have regular contact (9 percent) or had failed to report and could not be located (9 percent).

Texas had the largest number of adults on probation and parole with more than 503,000 under such supervision, followed by California with 370,000. At the end of 1994, more than 3.8 percent of all adults in Texas were on probation or parole.

Thirteen states reported that fewer than 1 percent of their adult populations were on probation or parole. North Dakota had the lowest probation and parole supervision rate (450 offenders per 100,000 adults), followed by West Virginia (517), Mississippi (552) and Kentucky (553).

Overall, the state and federal probation and parole populations rose by 2.0 percent during 1994. Six states reported increases of at least 10 percent in their probation populations, and 11 reported similar increases in their parole populations. Alabama, with a 14.5 percent rise in their probation population,

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and Iowa, with a 27.1 percent rise in the parole population, led the nation.

Twelve states and the Federal probation system reported a decrease in the number of adults on probation, led by South Dakota (down 6.2 percent), California (down 5.8 percent) and the Federal system (down 6.8 percent).

Half of all offenders on probation in 1994 were on probation for a felony. A quarter were on probation for a misdemeanor. One of every seven probationers had been convicted of driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol. Almost all of the offenders on parole (95 percent) had served a felony sentence in jail or prison.

Approximately 21 percent of the nation's probationers were women, as were 10 percent of the parolees.

About 64 percent of the adults on probation were white, and 35 percent were black. Ninety percent of adults on parole were men. Fifty-two percent of adults on parole were white, 46 percent were black.

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Adults on probation, 1994

Region and jurisdiction	Probation population, 1/1/94	1994		Probation population, 12/31/94	Percent change in probation population during 1994	Number on probation on 12/31/94 per 100,000 adult residents
		Entries	Exits			
U.S. total	2,903,160	1,362,768	1,302,188	2,962,166	2.0%	1,540
Federal*	48,358	20,692	24,003	45,047	-6.8%	23
State	2,854,802	1,342,076	1,278,185	2,917,119	2.2	1,517
Northeast	486,827	215,016	192,814	508,986	4.6%	1,310
Connecticut	50,904	35,983	33,434	53,453	5.0	2,149
Maine	8,712	:	:	8,669	-.5	928
Massachusetts	47,154	36,036	36,518	46,672	-1.0	1,011
New Hampshire	4,125	2,646	2,448	4,323	4.8	512
New Jersey	109,576	42,915	45,570	106,921	-2.4	1,790
New York	155,932	48,054	39,417	164,569	5.5	1,205
Pennsylvania	88,180	37,749	26,405	99,524	12.9	1,087
Rhode Island	16,186	8,968	6,975	18,179	12.3	2,401
Vermont	6,058	2,665	2,047	6,676	10.2	1,538
Midwest	620,224	320,833	301,788	638,143	2.9%	1,410
Illinois	78,464	60,911	59,909	79,466	1.3	917
Indiana ^b	82,804	:	:	82,804	-	1,935
Iowa	15,376	11,287	11,161	15,502	.8	738
Kansas ^c	24,255	11,427	11,564	24,102	-.6	1,293
Michigan ^a	139,753	57,673	53,061	143,178	2.5	2,054
Minnesota	75,961	58,839	52,828	81,972	7.9	2,465
Missouri ^a	36,000	18,867	17,982	36,295	.8	931
Nebraska	15,483	15,303	13,232	17,554	13.4	1,486
North Dakota	1,989	1,229	1,212	2,006	.9	430
Ohio ^c	103,377	61,408	59,054	105,953	2.5	1,285
South Dakota ^a	3,637	4,137	4,364	3,410	-6.2	665
Wisconsin ^c	43,125	19,752	17,421	45,901	6.4	1,229
South	1,180,579	559,549	536,659	1,206,421	2.2%	1,798
Alabama ^a	31,460	:	:	36,024	14.5	1,148
Arkansas	16,928	6,378	4,708	18,598	9.9	1,026
Delaware	15,571	7,473	7,537	15,507	-.4	2,920
District of Columbia	8,264	6,677	6,616	8,325	.7	1,846
Florida ^a	235,805	130,112	125,247	239,108	1.4	2,237
Georgia ^a	145,230	66,300	70,663	140,684	-3.1	2,725
Kentucky	11,689	5,380	5,652	11,417	-2.3	400
Louisiana	32,434	11,649	10,479	33,604	3.6	1,091
Maryland	80,208	35,434	38,702	76,940	-4.1	2,056
Mississippi	9,219	3,684	3,862	9,041	-1.9	473
North Carolina	86,212	43,826	40,149	89,889	4.3	1,692
Oklahoma ^a	25,738	13,263	12,650	26,484	2.9	1,114
South Carolina	38,658	15,656	13,858	40,456	4.7	1,492
Tennessee	35,293	19,541	19,107	35,727	1.2	921
Texas	378,531	173,284	157,237	394,578	4.2	3,017
Virginia	23,619	18,981	18,511	24,089	2.0	487
West Virginia	5,720	1,911	1,681	5,950	4.0	427
West	567,172	246,678	246,924	563,569	-.6%	1,370
Alaska	3,214	603	644	3,173	-1.3	766
Arizona	35,534	12,529	11,147	36,916	3.9	1,257
California	302,645	120,055	137,595	285,105	-5.8	1,253
Colorado ^{c,d}	35,111	24,655	23,830	36,430	3.8	1,356
Hawaii	11,053	6,745	5,283	12,515	13.2	1,430
Idaho ^c	4,749	2,783	1,315	5,153	8.5	649
Montana	5,572	1,727	1,658	5,641	1.2	913
Nevada	8,826	5,246	4,662	9,410	6.6	870
New Mexico	8,367	6,233	5,930	8,670	3.6	750
Oregon	37,902	12,415	12,231	38,086	.5	1,654
Utah	7,348	3,675	3,385	7,638	3.9	618
Washington ^c	103,615	47,947	37,325	111,450	7.6	2,832
Wyoming	3,236	2,065	1,919	3,382	4.5	998

:Not available.

*Defined as persons received for probation directly from court.

^bData are for 12/31/93. See explanatory notes.

^cBecause of nonresponse, or lack of data, the population on 1/1/94 plus entries, minus exits, does not equal the population on 12/31/94.

^dState data are for fiscal year 7/1/93 to 6/30/94.

*Data are for fiscal year 7/1/93 to 6/30/94.

Adults on parole, 1994

Region and jurisdiction	Parole population, 1/1/94	1994		Parole population, 12/31/94	Percent change in parole population during 1994	Number on parole on 12/31/94 per 100,000 adult residents
		Entries	Exits			
U.S. total	676,100	411,504	396,971	690,159	2.1%	359
Federal*	55,710	28,505	22,788	61,430	10.3%	32
State	620,390	382,999	374,183	628,729	1.3	327
Northeast	167,337	75,585	68,187	173,735	3.8%	447
Connecticut ^b	1,000	1,470	270	1,200	20.0	48
Maine	38	3	1	40	5.3	4
Massachusetts	4,370	3,872	3,709	4,533	3.7	98
New Hampshire	777	529	471	835	7.5	99
New Jersey	35,775	15,365	9,320	41,820	16.9	700
New York	52,186	25,493	23,847	53,832	3.2	394
Pennsylvania	72,100	28,052	29,797	70,355	-2.4	769
Rhode Island	536	482	490	528	-1.5	70
Vermont	555	319	282	592	6.7	136
Midwest	79,852	58,903	56,124	82,442	3.2%	182
Illinois	24,177	21,113	18,595	26,695	10.4	308
Indiana	2,891	3,005	2,609	3,296	14.0	77
Iowa	2,339	2,265	1,632	2,972	27.1	142
Kansas	7,141	4,161	5,011	6,291	-11.9	338
Michigan	14,015	9,009	10,102	12,922	-7.8	185
Minnesota	1,834	2,090	2,020	1,904	3.8	57
Missouri	12,264	5,692	5,364	12,592	2.7	323
Nebraska	815	865	909	771	-5.4	65
North Dakota	90	179	176	93	3.3	20
Ohio	6,997	6,012	5,829	7,180	2.6	87
South Dakota	674	568	581	661	-1.9	129
Wisconsin ^b	6,615	3,944	3,296	7,065	6.8	189
South	257,202	118,655	123,425	253,067	-1.6%	377
Alabama ^b	6,729	7,292	7,283	6,760	.5	215
Arkansas	4,036	4,470	3,591	4,915	21.8	271
Delaware	914	409	294	1,029	12.6	194
District of Columbia	6,591	3,336	3,353	6,574	- .3	1,458
Florida ^b	17,567	14,202	11,452	19,089	8.7	179
Georgia ^b	20,790	8,025	13,315	17,505	-15.8	339
Kentucky ^b	4,148	4,185	3,980	4,380	5.6	153
Louisiana ^b	14,463	9,805	7,153	17,112	18.3	556
Maryland	13,858	10,429	9,492	14,795	6.8	395
Mississippi ^b	1,730	911	1,208	1,517	-12.3	79
North Carolina	17,284	16,269	12,526	21,027	21.7	396
Oklahoma	2,503	939	838	2,604	4.0	110
South Carolina	5,790	1,891	1,652	6,029	4.1	222
Tennessee ^b	11,279	2,726	3,473	10,260	-9.0	265
Texas	116,637	24,088	32,162	108,563	-6.9	830
Virginia	11,504	9,021	10,876	9,649	-16.1	195
West Virginia	1,379	657	777	1,259	-8.7	90
West	115,999	129,856	126,447	119,485	3.0%	291
Alaska	685	638	645	678	-1.0	164
Arizona	4,017	5,817	5,483	4,351	8.3	148
California	80,845	110,307	106,068	85,084	5.2	374
Colorado	2,731	2,057	2,325	2,463	-9.8	92
Hawaii ^c	1,541	718	596	1,663	7.9	190
Idaho ^b	837	:	:	862	3.0	109
Montana	704	390	458	636	-9.7	103
Nevada ^b	3,398	1,823	1,510	3,529	3.9	326
New Mexico ^b	1,281	871	878	1,505	17.5	130
Oregon	13,687	5,175	4,598	14,264	4.2	619
Utah ^b	2,185	1,651	1,401	2,438	11.6	197
Washington	3,720	193	2,263	1,650	-55.6	42
Wyoming	368	216	222	362	-1.6	107

:Not available.

*Defined as persons received for probation supervision upon release from prison which includes supervised release, parole, military parole, special parole, and mandatory release.

^bBecause of nonresponse, the population on 1/1/94 plus entries, minus exits, does not equal the population on 12/31/94.

^cData are for fiscal year year 7/1/93 to 6/30/94.

Number of adults on probation, in jail or prison, or on parole, 1980-94

Year	Total estimated correctional population	Probation	Jail ^a	Prison	Parole
1980 ^b	1,840,400	1,118,097	182,288	319,598	220,438
1985	3,011,500	1,968,712	254,986	487,583	300,203
1990	4,348,000	2,670,234	403,019	743,382	531,407
1991	4,536,200	2,729,322	424,129	792,535	590,198
1992	4,763,200	2,811,611	441,781	851,205	658,601
1993	4,943,900	2,903,160	455,500	909,185	676,100
1994	5,135,900	2,962,166	483,717	999,808	690,159
Percent change, 1993-94	4%	2%	6%	10%	2%
1980-94	179%	165%	165%	213%	213%

Note: Every year some States update their counts. Counts for probation, prison, and parole population are for December 31 each year. Jail population counts are for June 30 each year. Prisoner counts are for those in custody only. Because some persons may have multiple statuses, the sum of the number of persons incarcerated or under community supervision overestimates the total correctional population.

^aIncludes convicted and unconvicted adult inmates.

^bJail count is estimated.

Community corrections among the States, yearend 1994

10 States with the largest 1994 community correction populations	Number supervised	10 States with the largest percent increase	Percent increase	10 States with the highest rates of supervision, 1994	Persons supervised per 100,000 adult U.S. residents*	10 States with the lowest rates of supervision, 1994	Persons supervised per 100,000 adult U.S. residents*
Probation:							
Texas	394,578	Alabama	14.5%	Texas	3,017	Kentucky	400
California	285,105	Nebraska	13.4	Delaware	2,920	West Virginia	414
Florida	239,108	Hawaii	13.2	Washington	2,832	North Dakota	430
New York	164,569	Pennsylvania	12.9	Georgia	2,725	Mississippi	473
Michigan	143,178	Rhode Island	12.3	Minnesota	2,465	Virginia	487
Georgia	140,684	Vermont	10.2	Rhode Island	2,401	New Hampshire	512
Washington	111,450	Arkansas	9.9	Florida	2,237	Utah	618
New Jersey	106,921	Idaho	8.5	Connecticut	2,149	Idaho	649
Ohio	105,953	Minnesota	7.9	Maryland	2,056	South Dakota	665
Pennsylvania	99,524	Washington	7.6	Michigan	2,054	Iowa	738
Parole:							
Texas	108,563	Iowa	27.1%	Texas	830	Maine	4
California	85,084	Arkansas	21.8	Pennsylvania	769	North Dakota	20
Pennsylvania	70,355	North Carolina	21.7	New Jersey	700	Washington	42
New York	53,832	Connecticut	20.0	Oregon	619	Connecticut	48
New Jersey	41,820	Louisiana	18.3	Louisiana	556	Minnesota	57
Illinois	26,695	New Mexico	17.5	North Carolina	396	Nebraska	65
North Carolina	21,027	New Jersey	16.9	Maryland	395	Rhode Island	70
Florida	19,089	Indiana	14.0	New York	394	Indiana	77
Georgia	17,505	Delaware	12.6	California	374	Mississippi	79
Louisiana	17,112	Utah	11.6	Georgia	339	Ohio	87

Note: The District of Columbia as a wholly urban jurisdiction is excluded.

*Rates are computed using U.S. adult resident population on July 1, 1994.

Number of men and women under correctional supervision, 1994

	U.S. adult resident population*	Estimated number of adults		
		Under correctional supervision	Supervised in community	Incarcerated in prison or jail
Total	192,323,000	5,135,900	3,652,300	1,483,500
Male	92,231,000	4,341,700	2,964,700	1,377,000
Female	100,092,000	794,100	687,700	106,500

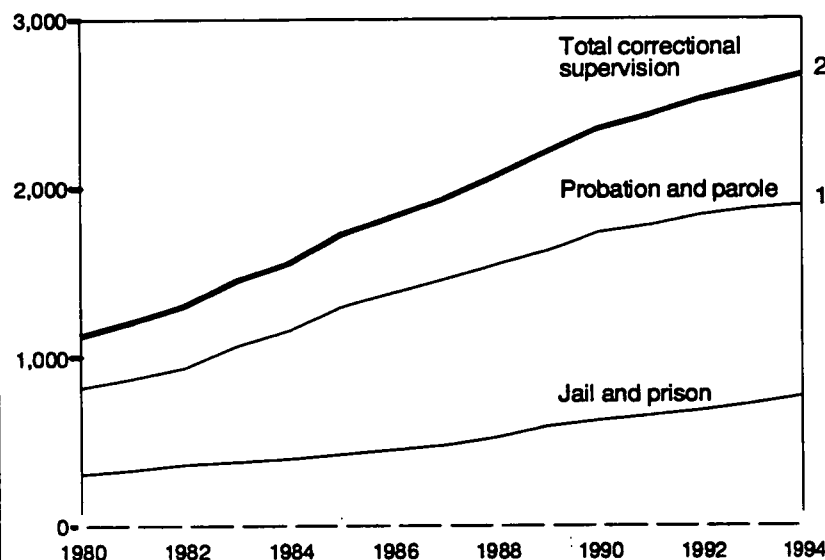
Note: Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.
*U.S. Bureau of the Census estimate for July 1, 1994.

Sex and race of persons supervised in the community, 1994

Number	Probation	Parole
	2,962,166	690,159
Sex		
Male	79%	90%
Female	21	10
Race		
White	64%	52%
Black	35	46
Other	1	2
Hispanic origin	18%	19%

Note: The percentage of probationers for whom data were reported on sex was 74%; on race, 75%; and on Hispanic origin, 46%. The percentage of parolees for whom data were reported on sex was 98%; on race, 95%; and on Hispanic origin, 81%.

Number of persons under supervision per 100,000 adult U.S. residents



2,670 On December 31, 1994, 2.7% of all adults in the United States were under some form of correctional supervision.

1,899 1.9% of all adults were supervised in the community on probation or parole.

771 Jails and prisons held 771 adults for every 100,000 U.S. adult residents.

Explanatory notes

The 1994 Probation and Parole Data Surveys provide a count of the total number of persons supervised in the community on January 1 and December 31, 1994, and a count of the number entering and leaving supervision during the year. These surveys cover all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Federal system.

Probation

The 1994 Probation Data Survey was sent to 273 separate respondents — 39 central State reporters and 234 separate State, county or court agencies. States with multiple reporters were Alabama (3), Arizona (2), Colorado (9), Florida (15), Georgia (2), Michigan (114), Missouri (2), New Mexico (2), Ohio (53), Oklahoma (3), Tennessee (3), Washington (24), and West Virginia (2).

The State of Indiana, 13 local agencies in Michigan, 3 in Ohio, and 1 each in Colorado and Florida did not provide data. For Indiana the population on 12/31/93 was used. For other agencies the 12/31/93 population count was used as the 1/1/94 count. An estimate for the 12/31/94 count was calculated by multiplying the 1/1/94 count by the rate of growth that the agency's respective State experienced in 1994.

Parole

The 1994 Parole Data Survey was sent to 54 separate respondents — 52 central reporters, the California Youth Authority, and 1 municipal agency. States with multiple reporters were Alabama (2) and California (2).