



Correctional Populations in the United States, 2022 – Statistical Tables

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At yearend 2022, an estimated 5,407,300 persons were under the supervision of adult correctional systems in the United States, a decline of less than 1% (down 38,400 persons) from yearend 2021. More than two-thirds of persons under correctional supervision were supervised in the community on probation or parole (3,668,800), while almost one-third (1,827,600) were incarcerated in state or federal prisons or local jails.

Correctional population trends

About 1 in 48 adult U.S. residents was under some form of correctional supervision at the end of 2022, down from 1 in 35 in 2012. The rate of persons under the supervision of adult correctional systems was 2,060 per 100,000 adult U.S. residents at yearend 2022, the fifteenth year of decline since the high of 3,210 per 100,000 in 2007.

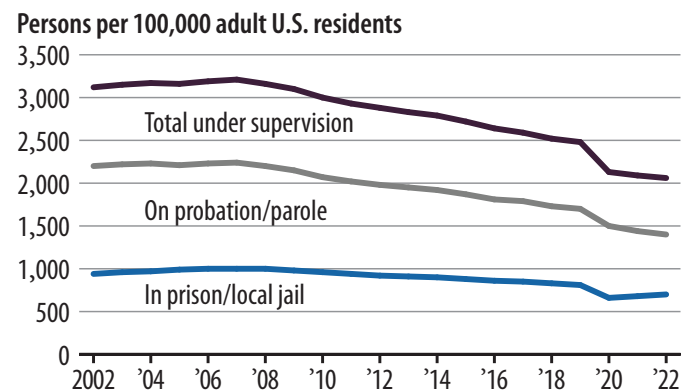
While the total community supervision population decreased 2% from yearend 2021 to yearend 2022, the incarcerated population increased 3%. The rate of persons under community supervision in 2022 (1,400 per 100,000 adult U.S. residents) continued a decline from its peak in 2007 (2,240 per 100,000). The incarceration rate (700 per 100,000 adult U.S. residents in 2022, up from 680 per 100,000 in 2021) increased for the second consecutive year, but it remained below the prepandemic rate (810 per 100,000 in 2019).

Demographic characteristics of the correctional population

About 1 in 29 male and 1 in 141 female adult U.S. residents were under correctional supervision at yearend 2022. The number of females incarcerated in local jails increased by 9% in 2022, while the number of males increased by 3%. The number of females on parole decreased about 17% from 2021 to 2022, and the number of males on parole decreased 12%.

In 2022, there were 2,507,000 white persons, 1,723,000 black persons, 892,000 Hispanic persons, and 283,000

Persons under the supervision of adult correctional systems per 100,000 adult U.S. residents, 2002–2022



Note: All probation, parole, and prison rates are based on December 31 population counts, while jail rates use counts for the last weekday in June. Rates may differ from previously published statistics due to updated reporting. Rates include a small number of persons age 17 or younger who were under adult correctional supervision and exclude persons with dual correctional statuses. Rates were calculated using U.S. Census Bureau estimates of the U.S. resident population of persons age 18 or older for January 1 of the following year.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Annual Probation Survey, Annual Parole Survey, and National Prisoner Statistics program, 2002–2022, Annual Survey of Jails, 2002–2004, 2006–2018, and 2020–2022, and Census of Jails, 2005 and 2019; and U.S. Census Bureau, postcensal estimated resident populations for January 1 of each year, 2003–2023.

persons of all other racial groups under correctional supervision in the United States. At yearend 2022, 1 in 51 Hispanic adult U.S. residents was under correctional supervision, compared to 1 in 33 at yearend 2012. About 1 in 19 (5,360 per 100,000) black adult U.S. residents was under correctional supervision, down from 1 in 12 (8,060 per 100,000) at yearend 2012.

The full report (*Correctional Populations in the United States, 2022 – Statistical Tables*, NCJ 308699, BJS, May 2024), related documents, and additional information about the Bureau of Justice Statistics are available on the BJS website at bjs.ojp.gov.