



# Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole User's Guide

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# 1. About the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) for parole data

This dynamic analysis tool gives Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) web users access to data on parolees from the Annual Parole Survey. Users can quickly generate tables of counts of persons on parole supervision at yearend, supervision rates, and the number of persons entering and exiting parole supervision. The web tool includes national, federal, and state-level data. The custom tables allow users to obtain counts of the yearend parole population by sex, race or Hispanic origin, maximum sentence length, most serious offense, status of supervision, type of release from prison, and type of entry to and exit from parole.

# 2. How to access CSAT for parole data

You can access this analysis tool from the BJS home page at <http://www.bjs.gov/>.

- Select Data Analysis Tools on the top navigation bar, or select the parole tool from the drop-down menu (**figure 1**).

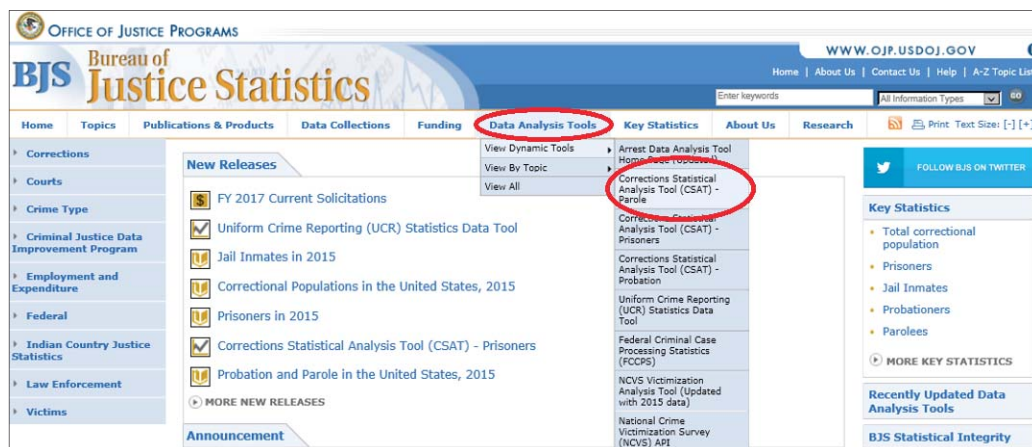


Figure 1: BJS home page

- The All Data Analysis Tools page lists all BJS and partner data analysis tools. Scroll down the items to locate Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole.

- Select the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole home page (Resource Link) found after the short description under Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole (figure 2).

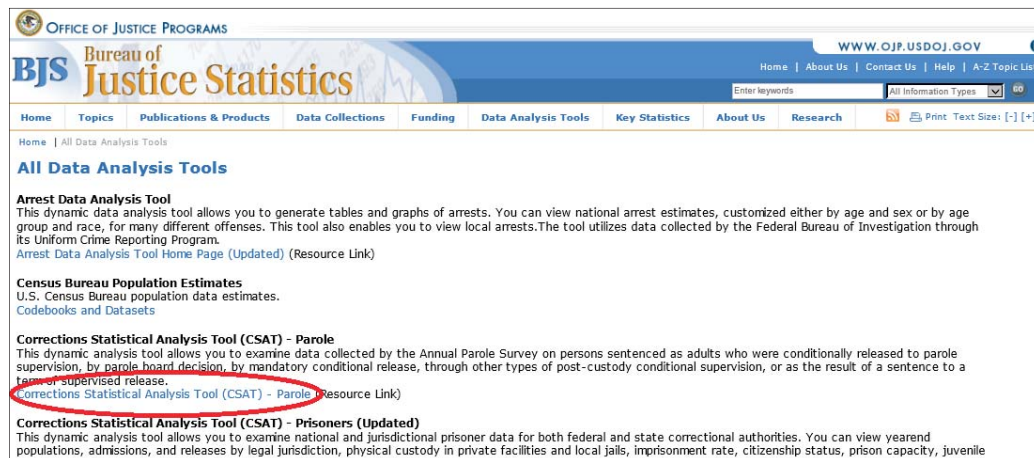


Figure 2: Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole home page (Resource Link) on the All Data Analysis Tools page

### 3. Quick tables

- Select Quick Tables from the CSAT parole data tool home page (figure 3). The quick tables answer frequently asked questions from our data users.

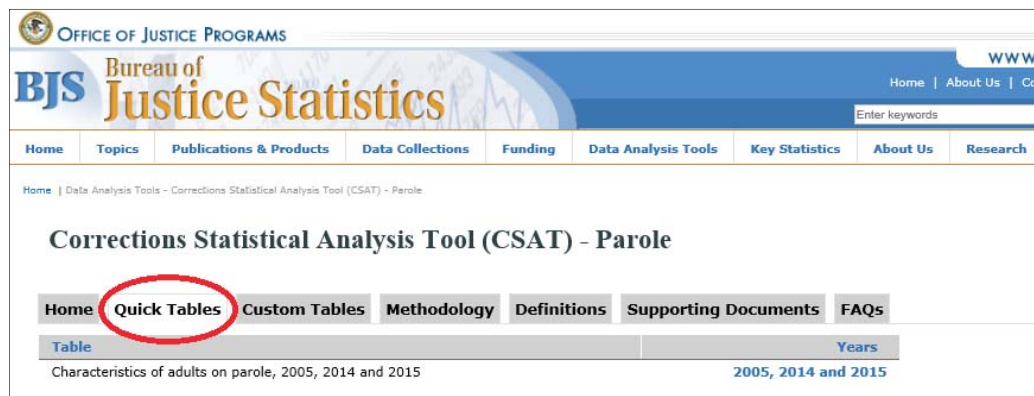


Figure 3: Quick Tables link on the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) for parole data

- To download a quick table, select the hyperlink for the table that you would like to download. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear. BJS may continue to add quick tables based on user needs.
- For further analysis of parole data, select Custom Tables.

## 4. Custom tables

Select Custom Tables from the data tool home page (figure 4). This feature allows you to customize tables of parole data for specific jurisdictions and years. You may analyze yearend populations, entries, or exits.

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Federal  
State (Total)  
Alabama

**Years**  
All  
2000  
2001  
2002  
2003

**Population\***  
Select one measure

**Variable\***  
Select a population to display its variables

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See [FAQs](#).

**Type of supervision rate**  
Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.  
\* = Required

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Figure 4: Custom Tables menu page

### 4.1. Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction menu allows you to select the total U.S. parole population, the federal parole population, the total parole population in states, or the parole population for a specific state. To view the entire list of available jurisdictions, use the grey scroll bar. Hold down the control key to select more than one option (figure 5). If you make no selection, this menu will default to include all jurisdictions.

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Alabama

**Years**  
All  
2000  
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2003

**Population\***  
Select one measure

**Variable\***  
Select a population to display its variables

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See [FAQs](#).

**Type of supervision rate**  
Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.  
\* = Required

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Figure 5: Menu of federal and state jurisdictions

## 4.2. Years

Select the years that you would like to include in your analysis. Hold down the control key to select more than one option. If you make no selection, this menu will default to include all years.

## 4.3. Population

You may analyze parole data by yearend population, entries, or exits. From the drop-down menu, select one of these three options (**figure 6**).

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Jurisdiction Years Population\* Variable\*

All National Statistics (U.S. Total) Federal State (Total) Alabama 2000 2001 2002 2003 Select one measure Select a population to display its variables

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See [FAQs](#).

Type of supervision rate  
Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.  
\* = Required

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Figure 6: Drop-down menu to select yearend populations, entries, or exits

## 4.4. Variable

- If you select Yearend population from the Population menu, the Variable drop-down allows you to view tables of counts of the total parole population, the parolees' maximum sentence, sex, race or Hispanic origin, most serious offense, status of supervision, or type of release from prison. Select one of the listed options from the drop-down menu.
- If you select Entries from the Population menu, the Variable drop-down allows you to view total entries or entries by type of release from prison. Select one of the listed options from the drop-down menu.
- If you select Exits from the Population menu, the Variable drop-down allows you to view total exits or exits by type of release from parole. Select one of the listed options from the drop-down menu.

## 4.5. Type of supervision rate

If you select Yearend population from the Population menu and Total population from the variable menu, the Type of supervision drop-down allows you to view the adult supervision rate and supervision rate.

## 4.6. Generate imputed and adjusted national statistics of total parole entries

- Select National Statistics (U.S. Total) from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Entries from the Population menu.
- From the Variable menu, select Total entries, imputed and adjusted.
- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen (figure 7).

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<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Population*</b>	<b>Variable*</b>
All National Statistics (U.S. Total) Federal State (Total) Alabama	2011 2012 2013 2014 2015	Entries	Total entries, imputed and adjusted

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See FAQs.

**Type of supervision rate**  
Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.  
\* = Required

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**Count of total parole entries, imputed and adjusted**

Jurisdiction	2015
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	475,200

**Footnotes**  
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- The data shown here include updates for some jurisdictions that were received after the publication of individual reports in the series *Probation and Parole in the United States*. Updated data are included here for the following states and years: California, 2011-2013; Illinois, 2006; Louisiana, 2003; Pennsylvania, 2005; South Carolina, 2009; and Washington, 2004, and 2008-2014.
- These data have been adjusted to compensate for changes in reporting methods from one year to the next and may also include imputed data for one or more jurisdictions that were unable to provide information. Consequently, the total number of entries shown here may vary from those appearing elsewhere in this webtool. To view the data as reported, select "Entries" and "Type of release from prison".

Figure 7: Selection criteria and counts table of national statistics of total parole entries, imputed and adjusted

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Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. National statistics of total parole entries may include imputed data for one or more jurisdictions that were unable to provide information and may also include adjustments to compensate for changes in reporting methods from one year to the next. As a result, the total number of entries shown here may vary from those appearing elsewhere in this web tool.

- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon () located next to the table title. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
- To export the data into a program other than Excel, select the .CSV () icon. Choose Save instead of Open. Save the file on your computer. The file is in comma delimited text format and can be opened using any text-reading program.

#### **4.7. Generate imputed state statistics of total parole entries**

- Select the states from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Entries from the Population menu.
- From the variable menu, select Total entries, imputed for non-response.

- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen (figure 8).

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Jurisdiction: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut  
 Years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015  
 Population\*: Entries  
 Variable\*: Total entries, imputed for non-response

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See FAQs.

Type of supervision rate: Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.  
 \* = Required

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**Count of total parole entries, imputed for non-response**  

Jurisdiction	2013	2014	2015
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	467,200 *	461,100 *	475,200 *
California <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	61,400 *	49,800 *	55,100 *
Wisconsin <sup>4, 5</sup>	6,592	6,500 *	6,500 *



Includes imputed data. See FAQ for more information.

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**Figure 8: Selection criteria and counts table of parole entries in California and Wisconsin in 2013, 2014, and 2015**

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. These national totals include imputed data for jurisdictions that were unable to report the total number of entries for a particular year. They do not include adjustments for any year-to-year changes in reporting that may have occurred.

- An asterisk is located after some counts, alerting you that the counts include imputed data. Hover your mouse over the asterisk to view the note.
- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon () located next to the table title. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
- To export the data into a program other than Excel, select the .CSV () icon. Choose Save instead of Open. Save the file on your computer. The file is in comma delimited text format and can be opened using any text-reading program.



## 4.8. Generate reported counts of parole entries by state and by type of entry



- Select the jurisdictions from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Entries from the Population menu.
- Select Type of release from prison from the Variable menu.
- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen to view the data (figure 9).

Jurisdiction	2013	2014	2015
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	431,793	426,024	431,695
Discretionary release	183,891	193,547	194,791
Mandatory release	109,587	109,274	97,589
Reinstatement of parole	13,621	13,334	12,876
Term of supervised release from prison	85,972	80,195	90,151
Other	4,782	4,828	4,104
Unknown or not reported	33,940	24,846	32,184
Wisconsin	6,592	**	**
Discretionary release	119	0	0
Mandatory release	762	0	0
Reinstatement of parole	0	0	0
Term of supervised release from prison	5,608	0	0
Other <sup>1</sup>	103	0	0
Unknown or not reported	0	0	0

Wisconsin, 2015: Excludes one or more jurisdictions that were unable to report. Total, including BJS imputations for jurisdictions which were unable to provide data is = 6,500

Figure 9: Counts table of parole entries by type in Wisconsin in 2013, 2014, and 2015

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. These national totals do not include imputed data for jurisdictions that were unable to report and do not include adjustments for year-to-year changes in reporting. The totals may differ from counts that appear elsewhere in the tool.

- An asterisk is located after some counts, alerting you that imputed counts may differ from reported counts. Hover your mouse over the asterisk to view the note. If you hover your mouse over the counts for Wisconsin in 2015, you will see an imputed amount rather than the unknown number of reported exits that year. You may note that the imputed amount of 6,500 also appears in figure 8.
- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon (  ) located next to the table. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
- To export the data into a program other than Excel, select the .CSV (  ) icon. Choose Save instead of Open. Save the file on your computer. The file is in comma delimited text format and can be opened using any text-reading program.

## 4.9. Generate counts of parole exits

This data tool functions similarly for parole entries and exits. Please see Sections 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7 for specific instructions.

## 4.10. Generate counts of yearend parole populations by most serious offense

- Select the jurisdictions from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Yearend population from the Population menu.
- The Variable menu allows you to select total parole population, the parolees' maximum sentence, sex, race or Hispanic origin, most serious offense, status of supervision, or type of release.
- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen (figure 10).

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- All
- National Statistics (U.S. Total)
- Federal
- State (Total)
- Alabama

**Years**

- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015

**Population\***

Yearend population

**Variable\***

Most serious offense (2002 to present)

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See [FAQs](#).

**Type of supervision rate**

Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.  
\* = Required



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#### Count of yearend parole population by most serious offense

Jurisdiction	2013	2014	2015
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	849,467	857,686	870,526 *
Violent offense	##	##	##
Sex offense	73,313	55,722	61,430
Other violent offense	147,079	179,170	192,032
Property offense	161,901	165,818	166,718
Drug offense	241,582	237,545	244,890
Public-order offense	##	##	##
Weapon offense	27,941	29,490	32,192
Other offense	93,951	93,122	102,760
Offense not known	103,700	96,819	70,504

Figure 10: Counts table of yearend parole populations in 2013, 2014, and 2015 by most serious offense

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table.

- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon (  ). You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
- To export the data into a program other than Excel, select the .CSV (  ) icon. Choose Save instead of Open. Save the file on your computer. The file is in comma delimited text format and can be opened using any text-reading program.

#### 4.11. Generate rates of yearend parole populations

- Select the jurisdictions from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Yearend population from the Population menu.
- Select Total population from the Variable menu.
- Once you select Total population, the Type of supervision rate drop-down will no longer be greyed out. Select the Type of supervision rate.
- Once you select Type of supervision rate, the Generate Rates Table button will no longer be greyed out. Select the Generate Rates Table button at the bottom of the screen ( **figure 11** ).

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**Jurisdiction**

- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho

**Years**

- 2011
- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015

**Population\***

Yearend population

**Variable\***

Total population



Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See [FAQs](#).

**Type of supervision rate**

Adult supervision rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.  
\* = Required

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**Adult supervision rate of total parole population**  

Jurisdiction	2013	2014	2015
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	348	348	350 *
Alabama <sup>1</sup>	241	216	216
Florida	30	28	28

Figure 11: Rates table of federal and state parole adult supervision rates in 2013, 2014, and 2015

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Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. The adult supervision rate is calculated by dividing the counts of parolees in a particular year by the U.S. adult resident population for that year, then multiplying by 100,000. This is the same adult supervision rate that BJS reports in its annual *Probation and Parole in the United States* series, although the tool may include data updates made after reports were published. The supervision rate is calculated by dividing the count of parolees in a particular year by the U.S. total resident population for that year, then multiplying by 100,000.

- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon (). You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
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## 5. Methodology

This section contains information about BJS's Annual Parole Survey. It also provides information about BJS's Annual Probation Survey—a related data collection.

## 6. Definitions

This section provides definitions of key terms used in the tool.

## 7. Supporting documents

This section provides documents related to the Annual Parole Survey and Annual Probation Survey, including links to an overview of community corrections, questionnaires, recent publications, definitions, frequently asked questions, and probation and parole datasets.

## 8. FAQs

This section provides answers to many questions frequently received by our subject-matter experts. You can find detailed explanations of reported, imputed, and imputed and adjusted counts. This information may help explain potential differences in parole counts encountered in the data tool. FAQs also describe the principle of best available data that BJS uses when imputing or adjusting values, and provide about how BJS calculated the adult supervision rate and the supervision rate. The BJS subject matter expert is Danielle Kaeble.

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## 9. For questions about the tool

Please direct any comments or questions about the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) for parole data to—

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(202) 307-0765

Include “Parole” in the subject line of the email.

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## 10. How to cite data from this tool

When you publish tables of data from CSAT parole, the recommended citation is—

Bonczcar, Thomas P. and Mulako-Wangota, Joseph. Bureau of Justice Statistics. (Insert table title). Generated using the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole at [www.bjs.gov](http://www.bjs.gov). (Insert date).