These notes are provided to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) by state departments of corrections (DOCs) and the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) as part of the National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) data collection. The notes are presented mostly verbatim and were generally edited only for misspellings and to order the respondents’ comments according to the questions they answer. Not all jurisdictions comment on every question. BJS encouraged respondents to describe other types of admissions and releases specific to their system, which are summarized in these jurisdiction notes and included in the totals in tables 8 and 9 in the report Prisoners in 2021 – Statistical Tables (NCJ 305125, BJS, December 2022).

**Alabama**—Admission and release totals may include persons with sentences of less than 1 year. Prisons were not recently rated for official capacity. The majority of Alabama prisons were overcrowded. As of 2021, a total of 22,052 beds were in operation, which represented the physical capacity for prisoners but was not based on staffing, programs, and services. The operating capacity differed from BJS’s definition.

**Alaska**—Prisons and jails formed one integrated system. The Alaska DOC did not have data on capacity levels by gender. The design capacity was 4,815. The rated capacity was 4,898. The rated population capacity did not include nontraditional confinement, such as halfway houses or electronic monitoring. The state of Alaska could not report citizenship data.

**Arizona**—Jurisdiction counts were based on custody data and prisoners in contracted beds. These counts excluded prisoners held in other jurisdictions because Arizona receives an equal number of prisoners to house from other jurisdictions. Arizona abolished parole in 1994, so only prisoners released prior to 1994 were on parole. Because community supervision prisoners were supervised as parolees, both parolees and community supervision violators were included in admission counts as parole violators. Admissions by transfers ended in June 2020, and releases by transfer ended in May 2020. Other admissions included persons returned from deportation and persons released in error. Other unconditional releases included prisoners released by the court. Other conditional releases included those released to other community supervision programs. Prison capacities included the capacity of private prisons in Arizona.

**Arkansas**—No notes.

**California**—California updated its 2020 jurisdiction counts on the 2021 NPS-1B form. Changes in the reported design capacity of California prisons were based on information from an annual report by Facility Planning, Construction and Management, a division of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). As in previous years, CDCR did not report counts of non-U.S. citizens on the 2021 NPS-1B form because of differences in collection methodologies between CDCR and BJS. For the 2021 estimate of citizenship, BJS used the number of persons in custody on December 31, 2021 who were born outside the United States from the CDCR webtool (https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/cdcr.or/viz/OffenderDataPoints/SummaryInCustodyandParole) to represent non-U.S. citizens in California prisons.

**Colorado**—Jurisdiction and custody counts included a small, undetermined number of prisoners with a maximum sentence of 1 year or less and 218 males and 12 females who were part of the Youthful Offender System, a program established primarily for violent juvenile offenders. Federal Transfer and Interstate Compact offenders were not reported in the Colorado DOC’s custody counts. Jurisdiction population counts included a small number of prisoners from other states admitted under the interstate compact agreement. Due to a change in the computer system used to capture race and Hispanic origin, the category of “other race” was assigned more often than in previous years. Admission and release counts excluded prisoners who were absent without leave (AWOL) or had escaped. Other releases included discharges from the Youthful Offender System. Prison design capacity was based on data from the Colorado DOC’s annual statistical report and did not include privately run facilities. Skyline Correctional Center closed in early 2021. Citizenship counts were for the total jurisdiction population, but because the DOC did not have policies that called for housing non-U.S. citizens in local facilities, out-of-state facilities, or federal facilities, the statistics reported were essentially equivalent to the population in custody of state-operated and privately operated prisons.

**Connecticut**—Prisons and jails formed one integrated system. All NPS data included jail and prison populations. New court commitment admissions included prisoners who were admitted on accused status but received a sentence later in the year. Counts of other types of admissions and releases included persons with legitimate types of prison entries and
under the jurisdiction of the federal prison system, the BOP reported prison releases as unconditional, even though prisoners may serve post-custody community supervision. Parole violation counts included prisoners with and without a new sentence. Parole violation admissions included returns to prison of persons who violated probation or parole for either federal or District of Columbia sentences. Expirations of sentence included good conduct releases that usually had a separate and distinct term of supervision and releases from the residential drug-abuse treatment program. Other releases included clemency, compassionate releases, pardons, First Step Act releases, executions, hospitalizations and treatments completed, and releases based on the amount of time served. On December 31, 2021, the BOP custody population was 135,234 prisoners (excluding those in contracted and private facilities) and the rated capacity was 135,161. Citizenship data were provided as recorded in the BOP data system and are subject to verification by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Citizenship counts represented jurisdiction totals.

Florida—Data on race or Hispanic origin from 2021 are not comparable to data reported prior to 2016 due to a change in reporting methods. Florida reported only admissions for prisoners with new sentences and did not report prisoners admitted on technical violations. Other admissions included program supervision violations. Other unconditional releases included those to provisional release supervision, conditional medical releases, releases to program supervision, mandatory conditional releases, and parole reinstatements. Other releases included full pardons. Reported operational capacity included the capacity of contracted institutions (8,696 males and 1,250 females) and contracted work release facilities (1,862 males and 354 females), although BJS removed these facilities from the calculations of percentage capacity in table 21. Contracted capacities are current as of December 31, 2021. Florida’s DOC revised the variables used to determine the citizenship of prisoners in 2015. Therefore, estimates of non-U.S. citizens after 2014 are not comparable to previous years.

Georgia—Data reflected the prison population during the last week of December 2021. Custody populations included both state prisons and county correctional institutions. Subtotals of gender, race, and sentence length, as well as custody counts, were adjusted using interpolation to match the overall totals. Counts of admissions and releases were adjusted using
interpolation to balance the jurisdictional populations on January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. Capacity figures included state prisons, county prisons, and private prisons.

**Hawaii**—Prisons and jails formed one integrated system. All NPS data included jail and prison populations. As in 2020, the 2021 Hawaii state prison population, admissions, and releases were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic through court-ordered releases and diversion policies for persons awaiting trial or sentenced for felonies or misdemeanors. Other conditional releases included supervised releases. The decrease in the design capacity reflected a slowdown in the number of cases cleared at the judiciary because of COVID-19. They had more pending cases at the end of fiscal year (FY) 2021 than the end of FY 2020. Additionally, there were fewer probation revocations in 2021 than in 2020.

**Idaho**—Data for 2021 are not comparable to previous years due to changes in counting methodology. Prior to 2021, all prisoners in custody who did not have a full-term release date were classified as unsentenced, but this may have invertingly included prisoners with life sentences. Population and movement data were estimates based on live data with some change over time due to the movement and processing of prisoners. Prisoners in federal custody/out-of-state facilities were not included in the Idaho DOC’s normal daily count. Other conditional releases included those of prisoners on multiple statuses.

**Illinois**—Jurisdiction, custody population, and admission and release counts for prisoners with maximum sentences of more than 1 year included an undetermined number of prisoners with a 1-year sentence. All Illinois DOC prisoners had a minimum sentence of 1 year. However, some prisoners were in custody for less than 1 year due to pretrial time spent in the custody of local jails. The Illinois DOC contracted with an outside vendor for two adult transition facilities (i.e., work release). The department considered these offenders in its custody and included them in the daily population counts. Prisoners in other state or federal custody were tracked separately. All escapees counted were from adult transition centers, and all returning escapees had escaped from those centers. The Illinois DOC applied the term “AWOL returns” only to parolees who committed a subsequent technical violation or new offense while on parole. These returns were included in parole violation admissions. Other releases included court orders of reversal and remand. The Illinois DOC defined rated capacity as the total number of usable beds for the general population, with the total rated capacity excluding beds used for health care, crisis segregation, administrative detention, protective custody, isolation, or other specialty beds that could not be used by the general population. The Illinois DOC defined operational capacity as the maximum number of beds in a facility, to include all beds used for health care, crisis segregation, administrative detention, protective custody, isolation, reception, and classification, plus future beds that were down for repair. The count of non-U.S. citizen offenders represented persons who self-reported that they were not born in the United States. The Illinois DOC did not have information on offenders’ country of current citizenship.

**Indiana**—Custody, jurisdiction, admission, release, and capacity counts included prisoners in two facilities owned by the state but staffed by employees of a private correctional company. The Indiana DOC could not determine the sentence length of prisoners who were under Indiana jurisdiction but housed in local jails. In 2021, the Indiana DOC updated its 2020 jurisdiction counts.

**Iowa**—In 2009, the Iowa DOC began including offenders on work release in the operating-while-intoxicated population. Iowa prisoners housed in out-of-state prisons were also included in the department’s jurisdiction counts. Iowa data included in BJS reports prior to 2009 were custody counts only. Asians, Native Hawaiians, and Other Pacific Islanders were combined into one racial category. The count of transfer admissions included offenders transferring from other jurisdictions with an Iowa sentence. Counts of AWOL admissions and releases were of the work-release and operating-while-intoxicated populations. Counts of escapes were for releases from and readmissions to prisons only. Other conditional releases included those who were serving special sentences. Other releases included sentences terminated by court or overturned convictions. On December 31, 2021, the Iowa DOC had 738 offenders in its Work Release Program and 117 offenders in its Operating While Intoxicated Continuum Program. The count of U.S. citizens included persons on parole and in halfway houses.

**Kansas**—Other admissions included sanctions from probation and administrative holds of parolees for possible violations. Other unconditional releases included presentencing returns to court and other final releases ordered by the court. The Kansas DOC updated its rated and design capacity figures for 2021.
Kentucky—Prisoners housed in other states’ facilities were not included in the jurisdiction population because the Kentucky DOC did not have custody over these offenders and did not pay other states to house them. Asians, Native Hawaiians, and Other Pacific Islanders were combined into one racial category. Other types of admissions included special admissions, returns from active release, returns from women’s medical release, parole board sanction admissions, returns of youthful offenders due to parole violations, and shock probationary returns. Other unconditional releases included pardons. Other types of conditional prison releases included exits to home incarceration. Other releases included releases from jail, active releases, completion of parole board sanction, and women’s medical releases.

Louisiana—Jurisdiction, custody, and capacity counts were correct as of December 29, 2021. Other types of unconditional releases included court orders. Other types of conditional release included reinstatements to probation.

Maine—Probation release violators may be counted as a new court commitment admission if they received a new sentence. In 2021, the Maine DOC was able to disaggregate admissions of conditional release violators with and without new sentences, which had not been possible in 2020. Releases of all sentence lengths were included in the counts of released prisoners. Other conditional releases included exits from a supervised community confinement program.

Maryland—For the jurisdiction and custody measures, the number of prisoners with a maximum sentence of more than 1 year was estimated by taking the percentage of prisoners with a maximum sentence of more than 1 year from the automated data and applying the percentage to the manual headcounts for the measure of interest (December 31 jurisdiction population or December 31 custody population). Any sentenced prisoners housed at the Baltimore City Detention Center or the Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center were included in the jurisdiction and custody counts. Pretrial prisoners at these facilities were excluded. The unsentenced prisoners in Maryland’s custody on December 31, 2021 were all federal prisoners housed contractually at the Chesapeake Detention Facility. The reported prisoners under Maryland’s jurisdiction who were housed in facilities operated by a county or local authority were sentenced to state prison by local jurisdictions and waiting to be transferred to Maryland DOC custody.

Massachusetts—By law, offenders in Massachusetts may be sentenced to terms of up to 2.5 years in locally operated jails and correctional institutions. This population was excluded from the state count but was included in published population counts and rates for local jails and correctional institutions. Jurisdiction counts excluded approximately 1,133 prisoners (1,065 males and 68 females) in the county system (local jails and houses of correction) who were serving a sentence of more than 1 year, but these prisoners were included in imprisonment rate calculations at the request of the Massachusetts DOC. Jurisdiction and custody counts may have included a small, undetermined number of prisoners who were remanded to court or transferred to the custody of another state, federal, or locally operated system and subsequently released. Jurisdiction and custody counts for females declined in 2021 due to many females being held in county facilities and COVID-19-related releases. Jurisdiction counts exclude eight males on the Massachusetts DOC Electronic Monitoring Program. Prisoners who previously were classified as “other race” are now classified as “unknown race.” Other admissions included returns from court-ordered release, and other unconditional releases included those ordered by courts.

Michigan—Data recorded for Hispanics were treated as representing Hispanic origin rather than race, and reporting was optional. Therefore, the numbers for Hispanics were significantly underreported. Other admissions included persons entering the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act program (HYTA). Other releases included persons discharged from the HYTA program to probation or unconditionally.

Minnesota—Minnesota measured only operational capacity.
Mississippi—Jurisdiction counts of local facilities included both local county jails and county regional facilities. The Mississippi DOC offender management system did not identify persons held outside Mississippi in the custody of another state DOC or the BOP. Other types of admissions to and releases from state prisons included data corrections because of a lag in processing. Total operational capacity excluded county jails, county regional facilities, or private prisons. Citizenship counts reflected the custody population.

Missouri—Jurisdiction counts of persons under Missouri DOC legal authority who were held in other states or by the BOP did not match counts of persons held in Missouri because the data came from two database queries with different time snapshots. The Missouri DOC did not have design capacity data for its older prisons or updated design capacity for prison extensions or improvements. Missouri did not use a rated capacity. The state defined operational capacity as the number of beds available, including those temporarily offline. Non-U.S. citizen data represented the Missouri prisoner jurisdictional population.

Montana—After an initial conversion to a new data management system in 2018, the Montana DOC identified and cleaned all placement data issues during 2019 but was still seeing some variance between the 2019, 2020, and 2021 jurisdiction counts. Asians, Native Hawaiians, and Other Pacific Islanders were combined into one racial category.

Nevada—The 2021 custody and jurisdiction counts did not include 136 offenders in residential confinement (living in a private residence but under Nevada DOC jurisdiction), while the 2020 NPS included 173 prisoners on residential confinement. Escapees were not included in the Nevada DOC’s counts of custody or jurisdiction. The Nevada DOC did not supervise prisoners on probation or treat escapes from confinement as releases.

New Hampshire—Other types of admissions and releases included types that did not match BJS categories. The New Hampshire DOC did not submit 2020 NPS data. For details on the imputation of these data, see Methodology in the Prisoners in 2020 – Statistical Tables report (NCJ 302776, BJS, December 2021).

New Jersey—Population counts for prisoners with a maximum sentence of more than 1 year included prisoners with sentences of 1 year. The New Jersey DOC had no jurisdiction over prisoners with sentences of less than 1 year or unsentenced prisoners. New Jersey data for escapees did not differentiate between prisoners who disappeared from confined walls or disappeared while out of institutions. Other unconditional releases included releases by court order and vacation or amendment of sentences. Other conditional releases included those to the Intensive Supervision Program. Other releases included corrections of admission errors for people who were brought in from county jails too early.

New Mexico—Admission and release data included prisoners regardless of sentence length. Other types of admissions and releases included those for diagnostic purposes and corrections to rectify incorrect admissions. Other unconditional releases were of prisoners discharged or deported. Changes in 2021 prison capacity were the result of two private facilities becoming public.

New York—Other admissions included persons who returned to prison after they were erroneously discharged. Other releases included the discharge of prisoners who were erroneously admitted.

North Carolina—As of December 1, 2011, North Carolina prisons no longer housed misdemeanor offenders with sentences of less than 180 days. Captured escapees were not considered a prison admission type in North Carolina, and escape was not considered a type of prison release. Supervised mandatory releases were postrelease offenders.
Postrelease supervision was defined as a reintegration program for serious offenders who served extensive prison terms. This form of supervision was created by the state’s Structured Sentencing Act of 1993. Other conditional releases included discretionary parole. Rated capacity was the extended operational capacity of North Carolina prison facilities, and starting in 2021, design capacity mirrored rated capacity. Reported operational capacity may show variation from previous estimates based on facility closures or temporary suspensions. Citizenship counts were estimates because citizenship was reported by prisoners and counts were pulled from a static database, which may differ from the yearend prison counts, which were based on a live database.

North Dakota—The North Dakota DOC reported all parole violators as admitted without a new sentence because sentencing information was not always available for these individuals.

Ohio—Population counts for prisoners with a maximum sentence of more than 1 year included an undetermined number of prisoners with a sentence of 1 year or less. Distribution of the Ohio prison population by race and Hispanic origin reflected the count of persons in Ohio DOC custody and housed in private prison facilities, not under Ohio DOC jurisdiction. Admissions and releases reported by the Ohio DOC included all offenders regardless of sentence length. Returns and conditional releases involving transitional control prisoners were reported after movement from confinement to a terminal release status. Admissions of parole violators without a new sentence included both formally revoked violators and violators held pending a hearing. Other admission types included judicial release technical returns, previously included as conditional release violators without a new sentence. The escape count included nonconfinement escapes. Other unconditional releases included prisoners with sentences reversed by an appellate court or discharged by court order. Other conditional releases were those of sexually violent predators. Other releases were for administrative purposes. Counts of non-U.S. citizens and prisoners age 17 or younger excluded prisoners housed in privately operated halfway houses.

Oklahoma—Most prisoners with sentences of 1 year or less were part of the Oklahoma Delayed Sentencing Program for Young Adults. On December 31, 2021, the number of prisoners under the Oklahoma DOC’s jurisdiction with a maximum sentence of more than 1 year included 1,010 males and 28 females who were waiting in county jails to be moved to state prisons. The Oklahoma DOC did not include these in its reported jurisdiction counts, but per NPS definitions, BJS added these individuals into the sentenced jurisdiction and total jurisdiction counts. Prisoners held by Oklahoma for other states were excluded from all jurisdiction counts. Jurisdiction counts included offenders in the Oklahoma DOC’s county jail program. The numbers reported in “escapes from confinement” represented escapes from state-run prisons and walkaways from halfway houses and community corrections or work centers. Only Oklahoma DOC facilities were included in the capacity counts. Counts of non-U.S. citizens in 2021 excluded offenders who were temporarily in court or in a county jail program.

Oregon—The Oregon DOC does not verify citizenship. The Oregon DOC did not submit 2020 NPS data. For details on the imputation of these data, see Methodology in the Prisoners in 2020 – Statistical Tables report (NCJ 302776, BJS, December 2021).

Pennsylvania—The Pennsylvania DOC collected self-reported race at reception, but Hispanic origin was not documented. Other admissions included miscellaneous arrivals. Other types of unconditional releases included vacated sentences and vacated convictions, as well as commutations granted to prisoners who were released as reprieves during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other releases included prisoners transferred to another state. Capacity counts changed due to the closure of some housing units in some facilities, as well as double cells being turned into single cells to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rhode Island—Prisons and jails formed one integrated system. All NPS data included jail and prison populations. The Rhode Island data system recorded Hispanic origin as a race rather than an ethnicity and did not capture Native Hawaiians, Other Pacific Islanders, or persons of two or more races. Prison admissions classified as escape returns included offenders serving time out of state. The Rhode Island DOC’s data system could not differentiate between parole violation admissions with or without new sentences, which were all counted as new sentences. Other admissions included returns from the Institute of Mental Health. Other types of unconditional releases consisted of discharges at court, court-ordered discharges, and those discharged out of state. Conditional releases included persons paroled to immigration authorities or U.S. marshals. Other types
South Dakota—Custody and jurisdiction counts of prisoners serving a maximum sentence of 1 year or less included those under a probation sentence who, as a condition of probation, had to serve up to 180 days in state prison. The reporting system for the South Dakota DOC did not have a category for prisoners of two or more races. These prisoners were labeled as “other race.” Admissions of escaped and AWOL prisoners were combined in a single category. Other admissions included parole or suspended sentence detainees. South Dakota did not separate discretionary and presumptive parole releases. Escaped and AWOL prisoners were combined in a single category. Detainees were included in counts of other release types. Other releases included the release of persons from the state's community transition program. South Dakota did not measure rated or design capacities. The operational capacity reported was planned capacity and included some offenders housed in contractual beds at halfway houses.

Tennessee—Other conditional releases included offenders who were released to community corrections.

Texas—Offenders in custody were all those serving time in a facility owned and operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the time of data collection. Jurisdiction counts included offenders in custody and those held in privately operated prisons, intermediate sanction facilities, punishment facilities for substance abuse felonies, and halfway houses; temporarily released to a county for less than 30 days; and awaiting paperwork for transfer to state-funded custody. Other admission and other release types included transfers between divisions. Other conditional releases included discretionary mandatory releases.

Utah—Other types of unconditional release included court-ordered releases and discharges of cases or prisoner holds.

Vermont—Prisons and jails formed one integrated system. All NPS data included jail and prison populations. In 2020, Vermont reported the total number of DOC admissions and releases but could not report these by type. See Methodology in the Prisoners in 2021 – Statistical Tables report (NCJ 305125, BJS, December 2022).

Virginia—Jurisdiction counts were for December 31, 2021. As of September 1, 1998, the state was responsible for prisoners with a sentence of more than 1 year or a sentence of 12 months plus 1 day. Prior to September 1, 1998, the state was responsible for prisoners with a sentence of more than 1 year, while local authorities were responsible for those with a sentence of 12 months or less. Jurisdiction, custody, and race or Hispanic origin counts for 2021 were preliminary and will change. Because of continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Virginia DOC population figures for 2021 remained low, and it was unknown whether or when these figures would return to pre-pandemic levels. Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders were included in the Asian racial category. Admissions estimates were based on offenders entering the Virginia DOC with sentences
of 1 year or more. New court commitments were preliminary FY 2020 figures. Releases were based on offenders with sentences of 1 year or more who were released in calendar year 2021. Other releases included releases by court order. The Virginia DOC revised its method of reporting prison capacity in 2014 to match BJS definitions. As a result, comparisons should not be made to estimates for 2013 and earlier. The counts excluded beds assigned to institutional hospitals that may not have been designated as male- or female-only and beds assigned to detention and diversion centers. Prison capacity statistics included a private facility to hold males in 2021.

**Washington**—Admission and release counts included offenders who did not receive a sentence of more than 1 year. Admission and release counts of conditional release violators included offenders who received probation sentences and were sent to county jails for a term of less than 30 days for violating probation conditions, and prisoners released to community supervision who violated community supervision terms and were returned to county jails for a term of less than 30 days.

**West Virginia**—Other types of admissions and releases included those to and from the Anthony Center for Young Adults and Diagnostics. Other types of unconditional releases included court-ordered releases, and other types of conditional releases included nonviolent prisoners released on medical respite.

**Wisconsin**—Consistent with the method used to generate population estimates in 2017, the Wisconsin DOC used the time between a prisoner’s admission date and maximum discharge date to determine sentence length for yearend counts. If a maximum discharge date was not recorded, the mandatory release date was used. If the mandatory release date was not recorded, the prisoner’s release date was used. Therefore, the data may not accurately reflect whether the prisoner was initially sentenced to 1 year or less or to more than 1 year. Custody measures included prisoners without Wisconsin sentences who were physically housed in a Wisconsin prison. Jurisdiction measures included prisoners with Wisconsin sentences, regardless of where the prisoners were physically located. Unsentenced prisoners included those who had not yet had data entered reflecting their mandatory release date and maximum discharge date and some offenders temporarily held in the Milwaukee facility. An offender on a temporary hold who was on probation did not have a mandatory release date or maximum discharge date. The same time intervals used to determine sentence length for yearend counts were used to determine sentence length for admissions totals, while the time between a prisoner’s admission date and release date was used to determine sentence length for the releases total. Therefore, admission and release totals may not accurately reflect whether a prisoner was initially sentenced to 1 year or less or to more than 1 year. Other types of releases included those released after community corrections holds and those released because of erroneous admissions.

**Wyoming**—Other unconditional releases included court-ordered and court-mandated discharges.