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NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL POPULATION REACHES NEW HIGH

GROWS BY 126,400 DURING 2000 TO TOTAL 6.5 MILLION ADULTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The nation's combined federal, state and local adult correctional population reached a new high of almost 6.5 million men and women in 2000, having grown by 126,400 men and women during the year, the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics announced today. The total represented 3.1 percent of the country's total adult population, or 1 in every 32 adults.

The total adult correctional population includes incarcerated inmates as well as probationers and parolees living in the community. On December 31, 2000, there were 3,839,532 men and women on probation, 725,527 on parole, 1,312,354 in prison and 621,149 in local jails. The 2 percent increase last year was half the average annual increase of 4 percent since 1990.

During the past decade the total correctional population increased 49 percent. There were 2.1 million more men and women under correctional supervision in 2000 than in 1990.

The states with the largest percentages of their adult populations under correctional supervision were Georgia (6.8 percent), Texas (5.0 percent) and Idaho (4.9 percent). The states with the smallest percentages of their populations under supervision were West Virginia, New Hampshire and North Dakota (0.9 percent).

Almost a third of all people under correctional supervision were in a prison or a jail. More than half of the correctional populations in Mississippi (58 percent), Virginia (56 percent) and the federal system (56 percent) were incarcerated. Minnesota (9 percent) and Vermont (11 percent) had the lowest percentage incarcerated.

At the end of last year the number of adults under community supervision as probationers or parolees reached almost 4.6 million, up from 3.2 million on December 31, 1990. Among probationers -- criminal offenders sentenced to a period of correctional supervision in the community -- 52 percent had been convicted of a felony, 46 percent a misdemeanor and 2 percent other infractions. Twenty-four percent were on probation for a drug law violation and 18 percent for driving while intoxicated.

Sixteen states reported fewer than 1 percent of their adult populations on probation. Three states had increases of at least 10 percent in their probation populations during 2000 -- Mississippi (up 13 percent), South Dakota (up 11 percent) and Oklahoma (up 10 percent). Nine states and the District of

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Columbia reported a decline in their probation populations, led by South Carolina (down 12 percent), Missouri (down 5 percent) and Kansas (down 5 percent).

Almost all adults on parole, a period of conditional supervision following a prison term, had been convicted of a felony (97 percent). More than half of people entering parole during 2000 had received a mandatory release from prison because of a sentencing statute or good-time provisions; 37 percent entered parole because of a parole board decision, down from 59 percent in 1990.

Parole population gains of 10 percent or more were reported in 14 states and the District of Columbia. Connecticut and Arkansas led with a 22 percent increase in their parole populations in 2000, followed by Vermont and Oklahoma (both up 20 percent). Nineteen states reported a decline in their parole population during 2000, led by Kansas (down 35 percent) and North Dakota and North Carolina (both down 24 percent).

Nationwide, women comprised 22 percent of adult probationers in 2000, up from 18 percent in 1990, and 12 percent of all parolees, up from 8 percent in 1990.

At the end of 2000, more than a third of probationers and more than 2 out of 5 adults on parole were black, while nearly two-thirds of probationers and more than half of parolees were white. Persons of other races accounted for about 2 percent of probationers and 1 percent of parolees.

Persons of Hispanic origin, who are of any race, comprised 16 percent of the probation population and 21 percent of the parole population.

Nearly 2 million probationers and 459,000 parolees were discharged from community supervision in 2000. Three out of five of those exiting probation and over two out of five of those exiting parole had successfully met the conditions of their supervision. During the same year, 15 percent of probationers and 42 percent of parolees who were discharged from supervision were reincarcerated because of a rule violation or new offense.

The data for the state, federal and local incarceration rates was analyzed by BJS statistician Lauren E. Glaze.

After the release date the data will be available at:

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Table 1. Persons under adult correctional supervision, 1990-2000

Year	Total estimated correctional population ^a	Probation	Parole	Jail	Prison
1990	4,350,300	2,670,234	531,407	405,320	743,382
1995	5,342,900	3,077,861	679,421	507,044	1,078,542
1996	5,490,700	3,164,996	679,733	518,492	1,127,528
1997	5,734,900	3,296,513	694,787	567,079	1,176,564
1998	6,134,200	3,670,441	696,385	592,462	1,224,469
1999	6,340,800	3,779,922	714,457	605,943	1,287,172
2000 ^b	6,467,200	3,839,532	725,527	621,149	1,312,354
Percent change					
1999-2000	2.0%	1.6%	1.5%	2.5%	2.0%
1990-2000	48.7	43.8	36.5	53.2	76.5
Average annual percent change					
1990-2000	4.0%	3.7%	3.2%	4.4%	5.8%

Note: The probation and parole counts are based on the most recently reported numbers and may vary from previously published numbers. Counts are for December 31, except for jail counts, which are for June 30. All jail and prison counts are for inmates held in public and private adult correctional facilities. Totals in 1998 through 2000 exclude probationers reported to also have been in jail or prison.

^aA small number of individuals have multiple correctional statuses; consequently, the total of persons under correctional supervision is an overestimate, rounded to the nearest 100.

^bTotals exclude 20,400 probationers in jail and 10,985 probationers in prison.

Table 2. Total under adult correctional supervision and number supervised per 100,000 adult residents, by jurisdiction, yearend 2000

Jurisdiction	Number under correctional supervision, 12/31/00	Super- vision rate per 100,000 adults*	Percent of correctional population incarcerated
U.S. total	6,467,200	3,092	29.9%
Federal	238,800	114	56.1%
State	6,228,400	2,978	28.9
Northeast			
Connecticut	73,600	2,871	22.6%
Maine	10,600	1,086	26.1
Massachusetts	70,000	1,445	30.1
New Hampshire	8,400	911	45.8
New Jersey	188,900	2,986	23.0
New York	353,700	2,476	29.4
Pennsylvania	266,800	2,851	23.9
Rhode Island	26,700	3,341	12.8
Vermont	11,500	2,496	11.4
Midwest			
Illinois	231,400	2,522	26.9%
Indiana	144,300	3,203	22.0
Iowa	34,900	1,590	31.4
Kansas	32,600	1,648	39.1
Michigan	251,900	3,431	25.1
Minnesota	128,600	3,540	8.6
Missouri	96,600	2,318	35.5
Nebraska	27,800	2,201	21.6
North Dakota	4,500	938	35.7
Ohio	272,500	3,219	22.8
South Dakota	9,400	1,693	39.1
Wisconsin	96,000	2,403	33.6
South			
Alabama	79,500	2,391	43.4%
Arkansas	55,300	2,773	28.9
Delaware	27,200	4,618	24.2
Dist. of Columbia	25,500	5,585	30.5
Florida	422,600	3,426	29.0
Georgia	406,800	6,760	18.9
Kentucky	46,900	1,539	45.6
Louisiana	103,800	3,194	43.4
Maryland	132,500	3,363	26.1
Mississippi	39,900	1,929	58.1
North Carolina	151,200	2,485	29.6
Oklahoma	61,400	2,399	46.7
South Carolina	76,800	2,557	38.6
Tennessee	84,600	1,972	43.3
Texas	755,700	5,049	28.2
Virginia	88,100	1,649	55.6
West Virginia	12,700	905	43.6
West			
Alaska	9,500	2,172	44.4%
Arizona	101,100	2,685	36.4
California	698,600	2,837	34.0
Colorado	70,600	2,205	30.6
Hawaii	22,800	2,492	21.0
Idaho	45,500	4,917	19.7
Montana	10,700	1,597	38.0
Nevada	30,700	2,062	47.6
New Mexico	22,700	1,735	46.4
Oregon	79,800	3,098	20.6
Utah	20,000	1,318	42.3
Washington	183,100	4,180	13.9
Wyoming	7,200	1,967	35.5

Note: Counts are for December 31, 2000, except for jail counts by State, which are for June 30, 1999. All jail and prison counts are for inmates held in public and private adult correctional facilities.

*The rate is computed using the adult resident population in each State on April 1, 2000.

Table 3. Adults on probation, 2000

Region and jurisdiction	Probation population				Percent change during 2000	Number on probation on 12/31/00 per 100,000 adult residents
	1/1/00	2000		12/31/00		
		Entries	Exits			
U.S. total	3,779,922	2,032,089	1,974,081	3,839,532	1.6%	1,836
Federal	32,843	14,476	15,497	31,539	-4.0%	15
State	3,747,079	2,017,613	1,958,584	3,807,993	1.6	1,821
Northeast	574,264	246,205	232,863	587,601	2.3%	1,449
Connecticut ^a	55,070	30,000	30,000	55,070	--	2,148
Maine	7,524	6,339	6,075	7,788	3.5	800
Massachusetts	46,267	39,484	40,513	45,233	-2.2	933
New Hampshire ^{a,b}	3,629	2,798	2,798	3,629	--	392
New Jersey	128,984	62,406	60,780	130,610	1.3	2,064
New York	183,068	44,298	35,396	191,970	4.9	1,344
Pennsylvania ^b	118,770	47,287	45,023	121,034	1.9	1,293
Rhode Island	21,753	7,759	6,548	22,964	5.6	2,869
Vermont	9,199	5,833	5,729	9,303	1.1	2,017
Midwest	876,139	594,554	572,332	899,597	2.7%	1,884
Illinois	134,270	63,103	58,344	139,029	3.5	1,515
Indiana	105,071	89,431	86,829	107,673	2.5	2,390
Iowa	19,675	18,870	17,398	21,147	7.5	964
Kansas	16,785	21,071	21,860	15,996	-4.7	810
Michigan ^b	170,041	123,593	120,056	173,676	2.1	2,365
Minnesota	113,265	81,300	80,097	114,468	1.1	3,151
Missouri	52,493	21,929	24,437	49,975	-4.8	1,199
Nebraska	20,462	13,192	12,171	21,483	5.0	1,704
North Dakota	2,783	1,677	1,671	2,789	0.2	579
Ohio ^b	184,246	131,868	122,387	194,875	5.8	2,302
South Dakota	3,790	3,229	2,805	4,214	11.2	763
Wisconsin	53,258	25,291	24,277	54,272	1.9	1,359
South	1,556,545	811,391	802,190	1,564,576	0.5%	2,095
Alabama ^b	40,595	17,570	17,538	40,627	0.1	1,222
Arkansas	28,505	14,174	12,326	30,353	6.5	1,523
Delaware	20,976	10,976	11,900	20,052	-4.4	3,404
District of Columbia	12,129	9,067	7,534	12,061	-0.6	2,639
Florida ^b	291,631	242,758	237,966	294,786	1.1	2,390
Georgia ^b	307,686	94,636	93,978	308,344	0.2	5,124
Kentucky	18,988	16,003	14,381	20,610	8.5	676
Louisiana	35,118	13,831	13,095	35,854	2.1	1,103
Maryland	81,286	43,623	41,057	83,852	3.2	2,128
Mississippi	13,427	8,231	5,561	15,118	12.6	731
North Carolina	105,095	58,930	58,076	105,949	0.8	1,741
Oklahoma ^b	28,075	14,548	11,551	30,994	10.4	1,212
South Carolina	48,585	11,449	17,151	42,883	-11.7	1,428
Tennessee	39,596	25,226	27,118	40,829	3.1	952
Texas	446,685	200,076	204,510	442,251	-1.0	2,955
Virginia	32,098	27,275	25,418	33,955	5.8	636
West Virginia ^b	6,070	3,019	3,031	6,058	-0.2	431
West	740,131	365,463	351,199	756,219	2.2%	1,638
Alaska	4,547	1,806	1,593	4,760	4.7	1,091
Arizona ^b	56,960	36,793	33,002	60,751	6.7	1,614
California	332,414	161,471	150,740	343,145	3.2	1,394
Colorado ^b	48,733	22,006	23,655	47,084	-3.4	1,471
Hawaii	15,707	5,920	6,102	15,525	-1.2	1,695
Idaho ^c	36,436	30,093	31,437	35,091	--	3,794
Montana ^b	5,906	3,127	2,990	6,043	2.3	899
Nevada	11,787	4,770	4,368	12,189	3.4	820
New Mexico	9,878	7,451	6,817	10,512	6.4	802
Oregon	44,777	17,810	16,388	46,199	3.2	1,794
Utah	9,397	4,885	4,454	9,828	4.6	649
Washington ^b	159,748	66,852	67,428	160,977	0.8	3,675
Wyoming	3,841	2,480	2,226	4,115	7.1	1,128

Note: Because of nonresponse or incomplete data, the probation population for some jurisdictions on December 31, 2000, does not equal the population on January 1, 2000, plus entries, minus exits.

--Not calculated.

^aAll data were estimated.

^bData for entries and exits were estimated for nonreporting agencies.

^cData include estimates for misdemeanors based on admissions.

Table 4. Adults on parole, 2000

Region and jurisdiction	Parole population				Percent change during 2000	Number on parole on 12/31/00 per 100,000 adult residents
	1/1/00	2000		12/31/00		
		Entries	Exits			
U.S. total	714,457	470,412	459,411	725,527	1.5%	347
Federal	71,005	28,807	27,228	73,328	3.3%	35
State	643,452	441,605	432,183	652,199	1.4	312
Northeast	164,539	76,467	77,661	162,557	-1.2%	401
Connecticut	1,526	1,780	1,438	1,868	22.4	73
Maine	28	3	3	28	0.0	3
Massachusetts	4,304	3,817	3,631	3,703	-14.0	76
New Hampshire ^{a,b}	944	492	492	944	--	102
New Jersey	12,968	15,666	13,735	14,899	14.9	235
New York	57,956	26,877	26,975	57,858	-0.2	405
Pennsylvania ^b	85,666	27,065	30,729	82,002	-4.3	876
Rhode Island	397	406	449	353	-11.1	44
Vermont	750	361	209	902	20.3	196
Midwest	101,697	82,439	82,248	102,638	0.9%	215
Illinois	31,833	27,404	29,038	30,199	-5.1	329
Indiana ^c	4,539	5,165	4,787	4,917	8.3	109
Iowa	2,514	2,747	2,498	2,763	9.9	126
Kansas ^c	5,909	5,656	7,736	3,829	-35.2	194
Michigan	15,541	10,163	9,951	15,753	1.4	215
Minnesota	3,151	3,453	3,532	3,072	-2.5	85
Missouri ^c	11,448	8,863	7,954	12,357	7.9	297
Nebraska	568	596	691	473	-16.7	38
North Dakota	152	227	263	116	-23.7	24
Ohio	15,776	11,267	9,545	18,248	15.7	216
South Dakota	1,322	980	821	1,481	12.0	268
Wisconsin	8,944	5,918	5,432	9,430	5.4	236
South	222,916	98,811	93,280	227,810	2.2%	305
Alabama ^b	4,875	2,185	1,566	5,494	12.7	165
Arkansas	7,752	5,960	4,259	9,453	21.9	474
Delaware	634	127	182	579	-8.7	98
District of Columbia	5,103	2,243	1,894	5,684	11.4	1,244
Florida	6,418	4,871	4,451	6,046	-5.8	49
Georgia	22,003	10,339	10,728	21,556	-2.0	358
Kentucky ^c	4,868	2,195	3,080	4,909	0.8	161
Louisiana	20,716	13,624	11,480	22,860	10.3	704
Maryland	15,007	8,052	8,916	14,143	-5.8	359
Mississippi ^c	1,356	772	532	1,596	17.7	77
North Carolina	4,389	4,305	5,342	3,352	-23.6	55
Oklahoma	1,527	861	563	1,825	19.5	71
South Carolina	4,612	886	1,258	4,240	-8.1	141
Tennessee	7,328	4,164	2,453	8,094	10.5	189
Texas	109,310	33,823	31,414	111,719	2.2	747
Virginia	5,860	3,754	4,466	5,148	-12.2	96
West Virginia	1,158	650	696	1,112	-4.0	79
West	154,300	183,888	178,994	159,194	3.2%	345
Alaska ^c	498	333	324	507	1.8	116
Arizona ^c	3,715	7,096	7,337	3,474	-6.5	92
California ^c	114,046	154,154	150,553	117,647	3.2	478
Colorado	5,263	4,323	4,086	5,500	4.5	172
Hawaii	2,252	1,020	768	2,504	11.2	273
Idaho	1,317	897	771	1,443	9.6	156
Montana ^c	549	617	545	621	13.1	92
Nevada	3,847	3,278	3,069	4,056	5.4	273
New Mexico ^c	1,630	1,676	1,636	1,670	2.5	127
Oregon	17,273	7,700	7,141	17,832	3.2	693
Utah	3,252	2,427	2,413	3,266	0.4	216
Washington	200	12	52	160	-20.0	4
Wyoming	458	355	299	514	12.2	141

Note: Because of nonresponse or incomplete data, the parole population for some jurisdictions on December 31, 2000, does not equal the population on January 1, 2000, plus entries, minus exits.

--Not calculated.

^aAll data were estimated.

^bData for entries and exits were estimated for nonreporting agencies.

^cData do not include parolees in one or more of the following categories: absconder, out of State, or inactive.

Table 5. Characteristics of adults on probation, 1990 and 2000

	1990	2000
Total	100%	100%
Gender	100%	100%
Male	82	78
Female	18	22
Race	100%	100%
White	68	64
Black	31	34
Other	1	2
Hispanic origin	100%	100%
Hispanic	18	16
Non-Hispanic	82	84
Status of supervision	100%	100%
Active	83	76
Inactive	9	9
Absconded	6	9
Supervised out of State	2	3
Other	--	3
Adults entering probation	100%	100%
Without incarceration	87	78
With incarceration	8	16
Other	5	6
Adults leaving probation	100 %	100%
Successful completion	69	60
Returned to incarceration	14	15
With new sentence	3	3
With the same sentence	9	8
Type of return unknown	2	4
Absconder	7	3
Discharged to detainer/warrant	2	1
Other unsuccessful	--	11
Death	**	1
Other	7	9
Severity of offense		100%
Felony	--	52
Misdemeanor	--	46
Other infractions	--	2
Most serious offense		100%
Driving under the influence	--	18
Drug law violation	--	24
Other offenses	--	58
Status of probation	100 %	100%
Direct imposition	38	56
Split sentence	6	11
Sentence suspended	41	25
Imposition suspended	14	7
Other	1	1

Note: For every characteristic there were persons of unknown status or type. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. --Not available. **Less than 0.5%.

Table 6. Characteristics of adults on parole, 1990 and 2000

Characteristic	1990	2000
Total	100%	100%
Gender	100%	100%
Male	92	88
Female	8	12
Race	100%	100%
White	52	55
Black	47	44
Other	1	1
Hispanic origin	100%	100%
Hispanic	18	21
Non-Hispanic	82	79
Status of supervision	100%	100%
Active	82	83
Inactive	6	4
Absconded	6	7
Supervised out of State	6	5
Other	--	1
Adults entering parole	100%	100%
Discretionary parole	59	37
Mandatory parole	41	54
Reinstatement	--	6
Other	--	2
Adults leaving parole	100%	100%
Successful completion	50	43
Returned to incarceration	46	42
With new sentence	17	11
Other	29	31
Absconder	1	9
Other unsuccessful	1	2
Transferred	1	1
Death	1	1
Other	--	2
Length of sentence	100%	100%
Less than 1 year	5	3
One year or more	95	97

Note: For every characteristic there were persons of unknown status or type. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding. --Not available.

Explanatory notes

The Annual Probation and Parole Surveys provide a count of the total number of persons supervised in the community on January 1 and December 31, 2000, 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 Annual Probation Survey, 2000 was sent to 483 respondents — 36 central reporters and 447 separate State, county, or court agencies. States with multiple reporters were Alabama (3), Arizona (2),

Colorado (9), Florida (44), Georgia (6), Idaho (2), Kentucky (3), Michigan (132), Missouri (2), Montana (4), New Mexico (2), Ohio (191), Oklahoma (3), Tennessee (3), Washington (39), and West Virginia (2).

Parole

The Annual Parole Survey, 2000 was sent to 54 respondents — 52 central reporters, the California Youth Authority, and 1 municipal agency. States with multiple reporters were Alabama (2) and California (2).

Federal parole as defined here includes supervised release, parole, military parole, special parole, and mandatory release.

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