

Table 6.13

Number of jail inmates, average daily population, and rated capacity

By legal status and sex, United States, 1983-96

	1-day counts ^a					Average daily population ^b					Rated capacity of jails ^d	Percent of rated capacity occupied ^e
	All inmates	Adults			Juvenile ^c	All inmates	Adults			Juvenile ^c		
		Total	Male	Female			Total	Male	Female			
1983	223,551	221,815	206,163	15,652	1,736	227,541	225,781	210,451	15,330	1,760	261,556	85%
1984	234,500	233,018	216,275	16,743	1,482	230,641	228,944	212,749	16,195	1,697	261,432	90
1985	256,615	254,986	235,909	19,077	1,629	265,010	263,543	244,711	18,832	1,467	272,830	94
1986	274,444	272,736	251,235	21,501	1,708	265,517	264,113	243,143	20,970	1,404	285,726	96
1987	295,873	294,092	270,172	23,920	1,781	290,300	288,725	264,929	23,796	1,575	301,198	98
1988	343,569	341,893	311,594	30,299	1,676	336,017	334,566	306,379	28,187	1,451	339,633	101
1989	395,553	393,303	356,050	37,253	2,250	386,845	384,954	349,180	35,774	1,891	367,769	108
1990	405,320	403,019	365,821	37,198	2,301	408,075	405,935	368,091	37,844	2,140	389,171	104
1991	426,479	424,129	384,628	39,501	2,350	422,609	420,276	381,458	38,818	2,333	421,237	101
1992	444,584	441,780	401,106	40,674	2,804	441,889	439,362	399,528	39,834	2,527	449,197	99
1993 ^f	459,804	455,500	411,500	44,100	4,300	466,155	462,800	418,200	44,600	3,400 ^g	475,224	97
1994	486,474	479,800	431,300	48,500	6,700	479,757	NA	NA	NA	NA	504,324	96
1995	507,044	499,300	448,000	51,300	7,800	509,828	NA	NA	NA	NA	545,763	93
1996	518,492	510,400	454,700	55,700	8,100	515,432	NA	NA	NA	NA	562,020	92

Note: Data for 1983, 1988, and 1993 are from the National Jail Census. Data for 1984-87, 1989-92, 1994-96 are from the Annual Survey of Jails taken during noncensus years. Both the censuses and the surveys are conducted for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The data from the annual surveys are estimates and therefore are subject to sampling variation. A jail is defined as a locally administered confinement facility that holds inmates beyond arraignment, usually for more than 48 hours, and is administered and staffed by municipal or county employees. Excluded from the censuses and surveys were temporary holding facilities, such as physically separate drunk tanks and police lockups, and other holding facilities that did not hold persons after they were formally charged in court. Also excluded for all years were Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Rhode Island, and Vermont because these States have integrated jail-prison systems. Alaska also was excluded as an integrated system; however, beginning in 1988, five locally operated jails in Alaska were included. For methodology and survey sampling procedures, see Appendix 16.

^aData for years prior to 1994 include an unknown number of persons who were under jail supervision but not confined. Data for 1994-96 are based on the number of inmates held in jail facilities.

^bBased on the average daily population for the year ending on the reference date of each census or survey. The average daily population is the sum of the number of inmates in a jail each day for a year, divided by 365.

^cJuveniles are persons defined by State statute as being under a certain age, usually 18, and subject initially to juvenile court authority even if tried as adults in criminal court. In 1994, the definition was changed to include all persons under age 18.

^dRated capacity is the number of beds or inmates assigned by a rating official to facilities within each jurisdiction.

^eThe number of inmates divided by rated capacity times 100. Prior to 1994, this ratio may include some inmates not in physical custody, but under the jurisdiction of a local jail, such as inmates on electronic monitoring, under house arrest, or in day reporting or other community supervision programs. For 1994-96, the ratio includes only those held in jail.

^fBeginning in 1993, detailed data were estimated and rounded to the nearest 100.

^gCounts for 1993 differ from previous counts because juveniles tried or awaiting trial as adults were included.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Jail Inmates, 1985*, NCJ-105586 (Washington, DC: USGPO, 1987), p. 5, Table 1 and p. 7, Table 5; U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Jail Inmates 1987*, Bulletin NCJ-114319, p. 2, Table 1 and p. 3, Table 5; *1990*, Bulletin NCJ-129756, p. 1, Table 1 and p. 2, Table 5; *1991*, Bulletin NCJ-134726, p. 2, Table 1 and p. 3, Table 5; *1992*, Bulletin NCJ-143284, p. 2, Table 1 and p. 3, Table 6; *Jails and Jail Inmates 1993-94*, Bulletin NCJ-151651, p. 3 and p. 6, Table 7; and *Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 1996*, Bulletin NCJ-162843, p. 6, Table 6 and p. 7, Table 8. (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.