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Characteristics of Federal prisoners

United States, 1991-96<sup>a</sup>

	1991		1992		1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	71,608	100.0%	79,859	100.0%	89,129	100.0%	94,558	100.0%	100,250	100.0%	105,544	100.0%
<b>Sex</b>												
Male	65,954	92.1	73,460	92.0	82,251	92.3	87,427	92.5	92,852	92.6	97,844	92.7
Female	5,654	7.9	6,399	8.0	6,878	7.7	7,131	7.5	7,398	7.4	7,700	7.3
<b>Race</b>												
White	46,868	65.5	51,932	65.0	56,536	63.4	58,403	61.8	60,261	60.1	61,885	58.6
Black	22,727	31.7	25,763	32.3	30,169	33.8	33,448	35.4	37,055	37.0	40,323	38.2
Other <sup>b</sup>	2,013	2.8	2,164	2.7	2,424	2.7	2,707	2.9	2,934	2.9	3,336	3.2
<b>Ethnicity</b>												
Hispanic	19,086	26.7	21,667	27.1	24,262	27.2	25,226	26.7	27,559	27.5	30,003	28.4
Non-Hispanic	52,522	73.3	58,192	72.9	64,867	72.8	69,332	73.3	72,691	72.5	75,541	71.6
<b>Age</b>												
Less than 18 years	53	0.1	50	0.1	39	0.1	49	0.1	79	0.1	637	0.6
18 to 25 years	9,322	13.0	10,645	13.3	12,398	13.9	12,819	13.6	13,655	13.6	21,340	20.2
26 to 30 years	12,653	17.7	14,160	17.7	15,673	17.6	16,649	17.6	18,156	18.1	19,890	18.8
31 to 35 years	14,254	19.9	15,547	19.5	17,117	19.2	18,150	19.2	18,907	18.9	19,258	18.2
36 to 40 years	12,736	17.8	13,958	17.5	15,258	17.1	16,037	17.0	16,767	16.7	16,039	15.2
41 to 45 years	9,715	13.6	10,747	13.5	11,719	13.1	12,226	12.9	12,844	12.8	11,842	11.2
46 to 50 years	5,869	8.2	6,830	8.6	7,751	8.7	8,566	9.1	9,129	9.1	7,838	7.4
51 to 55 years	3,405	4.8	3,864	4.8	4,573	5.1	5,053	5.3	5,410	5.4	4,562	4.3
56 to 60 years	1,960	2.7	2,237	2.8	2,526	2.8	2,733	2.9	2,879	2.9	2,317	2.2
61 to 65 years	1,028	1.4	1,155	1.4	1,299	1.5	1,388	1.5	1,441	1.4	1,173	1.1
66 years and older	605	0.8	639	0.8	771	0.9	881	0.9	981	1.0	646	0.6
<b>Region</b>												
Northeast	10,057	14.0	11,458	14.3	14,523	16.3	18,643	19.7	19,640	19.6	19,790	18.8
North Central	9,589	13.4	10,085	12.6	11,089	12.4	12,436	13.2	14,684	14.6	17,188	16.3
Mid-Atlantic	11,322	15.8	12,788	16.0	14,790	16.6	14,754	15.6	15,267	15.2	17,588	16.7
Southeast	11,338	15.8	11,601	14.5	13,778	15.5	16,346	17.3	17,076	17.0	16,391	15.5
South Central	16,181	22.6	19,524	24.4	20,122	22.6	17,868	18.9	18,967	18.9	19,676	18.6
West	13,121	18.3	14,403	18.0	14,827	16.6	14,511	15.3	14,616	14.6	14,251	13.5
Other <sup>c</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	660	0.6
<b>Security level</b>												
High	8,373	11.7	8,466	10.6	8,731	9.8	9,550	10.1	10,322	10.3	11,076	10.5
Medium	22,920	32.0	25,437	31.9	25,052	28.1	24,509	25.9	25,738	25.7	28,616	27.1
Low	9,103	12.7	10,923	13.7	16,609	18.6	20,509	21.7	21,710	21.7	25,236	23.9
Minimum	13,078	18.3	16,413	20.6	17,906	20.1	20,234	21.4	18,570	18.5	17,155	16.3
Administrative <sup>d</sup>	10,456	14.6	10,432	13.1	12,060	13.5	10,295	10.9	13,198	13.2	12,691	12.0
Contract <sup>e</sup>	7,678	10.7	8,188	10.3	8,771	9.8	9,461	10.0	10,712	10.7	10,456	9.9
<b>Citizenship</b>												
U.S. citizen	52,151	72.8	58,109	72.8	65,258	73.2	69,599	73.6	72,765	72.6	75,794	71.8
Non-U.S. citizen	17,695	24.7	19,899	24.9	22,305	25.0	23,349	24.7	25,444	25.4	27,601	26.2
Unavailable	1,762	2.5	1,851	2.3	1,566	1.8	1,610	1.7	2,041	2.0	2,149	2.0

Note: These data include all prisoners under Federal Bureau of Prisons jurisdiction. Data for age and security level were not available for a small number of prisoners; therefore these subcategories may not add to totals.

<sup>d</sup>Includes special populations such as individuals requiring medical treatment or those in pretrial status regardless of security level.

<sup>e</sup>Facilities operated by an entity other than the Federal Bureau of Prisons that house Bureau prisoners under contract, e.g., community corrections centers.

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not sum to total because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Includes Asians and Native Americans.

<sup>c</sup>Includes prisoners for whom a facility designation was not available.

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