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The Prison Industrial Complex

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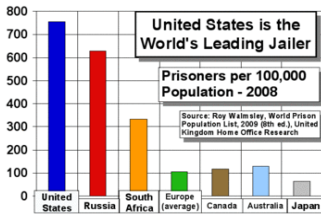
The Year of the Lord's Favor (NIV)

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

25% of The World's Inmates Are In the US

The incarceration rate in the United States (pop.313.9 mil) is the highest in the world today. As of 2009, the rate was 743 per 100,000 of [the] national population (0.743%). By comparison, Russia (pop.143.5 mil) had the second highest, at 577 per 100,000, Canada ranked 123rd in the world at 117 per 100,000, and China (pop.1.354 bil) had only 120 prisoners per 100,000 citizens.

Although Americans represent [only] about 5 percent of the world's population, nearly one-quarter [25%] of the entire world's inmates are incarcerated in the US. Imprisonment of America's 2.3 million prisoners, costing \$24,000 per inmate per year, and \$5.1 billion in new prison construction, consumes \$60.3 billion in budget [tax] expenditures.



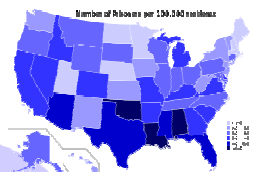
In December 2010, the International Centre for Prison Studies (ICPS) at King's College London estimated 2,266,832 prisoners from a total population of 310.64 million. This number comprised **local jails** with a nominal capacity of 866,782 inmates occupied at 86.4%, **state prisons** with a capacity of approximately 1,140,500 occupied at approximately 115%, and **federal prisons** with a capacity of 126,863 occupied at 136.0%. Of this number, 21.5% are pretrial detainees (can't make bail), 8.7% are female prisoners, 0.4% are juveniles, and 5.9% are foreign.

According to a US Department of Justice report published in 2006, over 7.2 million people were at that time either in prison, on probation, or on parole. Hence, roughly 1 in every 32 Americans are held by the justice system. And in the twenty-five years since the passage of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act, the US penal population rose from around 300,000 to more than two million. Moreover, from 1986 to 1991, African-American women's incarceration in state prisons for drug offenses increased by 828%.

US Leads in Number of Female Inmates

The five (5) states within the US with the highest incarceration rates per 100,000 people are: Louisiana (1,619), Alabama (735), Oklahoma (661), Texas (639), and Mississippi (634). The next twenty-one (21) states are not far behind.

In addition to overall incarceration rates, the US is also leading in rates of female incarceration, making up more than one tenth of the overall prison population. By comparison, in most countries, the proportion of female inmates to the larger population is closer to one in twenty.



Blacks Account for Almost Half of US Inmates

In addition, the United States has striking statistics when observing the racial dimension of mass incarceration. According to Michelle Alexander (*The New Jim Crow—Mass Incarceration In The Age of Color-Blindness*), the United States "imprisons a larger percentage of its black population than South Africa did at the height of apartheid."

And according to the US Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) blacks accounted for 39.4% of the total prison and jail population in 2009, while the 2010 census revealed that blacks, (including Hispanic blacks, comprised [only] 13.6% of the entire US population (Disparate Impact).

Moreover, in 2010 black males were incarcerated at the rate of 4,347 inmates per 100,000 black U.S. male residents. White males were incarcerated at the rate of 678 inmates per 100,000 white male residents. Hispanic males were incarcerated at the rate of 1,755 inmates per 100,000 hispanic male residents. Female incarceration rates are also climbing across the board.

In terms of gang activity, there were around 30,000 gangs and 800,000 gang members active across the US in 2007, up from 731,500 in 2002 and 750,000 in 2004. By 1999, Hispanics accounted for around 47% of all gang members, Blacks 34%, Whites 13%, and Asians about 6%.

* excerpts from www.wikipedia.com

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