

Race and Incarceration in the United States
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Table 1. Rates of Incarceration Per 100,000 State Residents by Race*

	White	Black	Hispanic	Ratio Black/White	Ratio Hispanic/White
Alabama	373	1,797	914	4.8	2.4
Alaska	306	1,606	549	5.2	1.8
Arizona	607	3,818	1,263	6.3	2.1
Arkansas	468	2,185	1,708	4.7	3.6
California	487	3,141	820	6.4	1.7
Colorado	429	4,023	1,131	9.4	2.6
Connecticut	199	2,991	1,669	15.0	8.4
Delaware	361	2,500	330	6.9	0.9
District of Columbia	46	768	260	16.5	5.6
Florida	502	2,877	684	5.7	1.4
Georgia	544	2,153	620	4.0	1.1
Hawaii	173	577	587	3.3	3.4
Idaho	502	2,236	1,103	4.5	2.2
Illinois	216	2,273	426	10.5	2.0
Indiana	373	2,575	602	6.9	1.6
Iowa	300	3,775	923	12.6	3.1
Kansas	397	3,686	753	9.3	1.9
Kentucky	466	3,375	2,059	7.2	4.4
Louisiana	421	2,475	1,736	5.9	4.1
Maine	207	1,731	759	8.4	3.7
Maryland	282	1,749	230	6.2	0.8
Massachusetts	204	1,807	1,435	8.9	7.0
Michigan	357	2,256	951	6.3	2.7
Minnesota	197	2,811	1,031	14.3	5.2
Mississippi	353	1,762	3,131	5.0	8.9
Missouri	402	2,306	730	5.7	1.8
Montana	358	3,120	1,178	8.7	3.3
Nebraska	226	2,251	824	9.9	3.6
Nevada	630	3,206	676	5.1	1.1
New Hampshire	242	2,501	1,425	10.3	5.9
New Jersey	175	2,509	843	14.3	4.8
New Mexico	311	3,151	818	10.1	2.6
New York	182	1,951	1,002	10.7	5.5
North Carolina	266	1,640	440	6.2	1.7
North Dakota	170	1,277	976	7.5	5.8
Ohio	333	2,651	865	8.0	2.6
Oklahoma	682	4,077	1,223	6.0	1.8
Oregon	488	3,895	777	8.0	1.6
Pennsylvania	281	3,108	2,242	11.1	8.0
Rhode Island	199	2,735	817	13.8	4.1
South Carolina	391	1,979	871	5.1	2.2
South Dakota	440	6,510	1,486	14.8	3.4
Tennessee	402	2,021	790	5.0	2.0
Texas	694	3,734	1,152	5.4	1.7
Utah	342	3,256	998	9.5	2.9
Vermont	183	2,024	799	11.1	4.4
Virginia	444	2,842	508	6.4	1.1
Washington	393	2,757	717	7.0	1.8
West Virginia	375	6,400	2,834	17.1	7.6
Wisconsin	341	3,953	863	11.6	2.5
Wyoming	740	6,529	1,320	8.8	1.8
National	378	2489	922	6.6	2.4

* Rates of incarceration in adult correctional and confinement facilities per 100,000 state residents. Figures calculated on basis of U.S. Census Bureau data from Census 2000 on state residents and incarcerated population.