

Race and Incarceration in the United States
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Table 7. Incarceration Rates for Youth Under Age 18*

	White	Black	Latino	Ratio Black/White	Ratio Hispanic/White
Alabama	10	44	28	4.7	2.9
Alaska	14	14	10	1.0	0.7
Arizona	50	192	81	3.9	1.6
Arkansas	33	129	31	4.0	1.0
California	15	37	18	2.6	1.3
Colorado	10	58	20	5.9	2.1
Connecticut	11	254	125	22.2	10.9
Delaware	2	23	7	14.6	4.6
District of Columbia	0	44	9	n/a	n/a
Florida	18	119	23	6.8	1.3
Georgia	15	92	20	6.1	1.3
Hawaii	2	0	17	n/a	7.6
Idaho	18	53	33	2.9	1.8
Illinois	13	87	17	6.7	1.3
Indiana	22	150	26	6.8	1.2
Iowa	5	127	28	25.1	5.4
Kansas	10	67	19	7.0	2.0
Kentucky	15	52	32	3.4	2.1
Louisiana	26	91	16	3.5	0.6
Maine	1	0	0	0.0	0.0
Maryland	6	56	3	8.8	0.4
Massachusetts	5	59	43	12.0	8.8
Michigan	22	65	35	2.9	1.6
Minnesota	7	19	9	2.9	1.4
Mississippi	13	88	50	6.6	3.8
Missouri	17	74	26	4.2	1.5
Montana	19	434	82	22.6	4.3
Nebraska	9	45	11	5.2	1.2
Nevada	22	120	62	5.4	2.8
New Hampshire	6	37	103	6.2	17.5
New Jersey	1	20	7	15.4	5.7
New Mexico	42	206	73	4.9	1.8
New York	14	119	34	8.3	2.4
North Carolina	19	90	17	4.7	0.9
North Dakota	1	0	0	0.0	0.0
Ohio	14	60	27	4.3	2.0
Oklahoma	7	43	10	6.5	1.5
Oregon	19	184	28	9.8	1.5
Pennsylvania	7	54	43	7.4	5.9
Rhode Island	0	19	6	n/a	n/a
South Carolina	29	94	7	3.3	0.2
South Dakota	48	248	177	5.2	3.7
Tennessee	6	26	15	4.5	2.7
Texas	41	159	49	3.9	1.2
Utah	21	48	29	2.3	1.4
Vermont	12	0	54	0.0	4.5
Virginia	14	59	9	4.3	0.6
Washington	9	75	19	7.9	2.0
West Virginia	6	7	0	1.1	0.0
Wisconsin	29	182	41	6.3	1.4
Wyoming	43	91	26	2.1	0.6
National	16	86	32	5.3	2.0

* Figures calculated on basis of U.S. Census Bureau data from Census 2000 on state residents and incarcerated population. Confinement facilities include prisons, federal detention centers, military disciplinary barracks and jails, police lockups, half-way houses used for correctional purposes, local jails, work farms and others.