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Prisoners in 2005

More Black Men in Jail than College?

Federal and State Prisons:	547,200
Local Jails:	254,795
Total Incarceration:	801,995
Total in College:	864,000

Overall, the United States incarcerated 2,320,359 persons at yearend 2005.

This total represents persons held in —

- Federal and State prisons (1,446,269, which excludes State and Federal prisoners in local jails)
- territorial prisons (15,735)
- local jails (747,529)
- facilities operated by or exclusively for the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (10,104)
- military facilities (2,322)
- jails in Indian country (1,745 as of midyear 2004)
- juvenile facilities (96,655 as of 2003)

The sample populations do not correlate directly. The Majority of African American Men in College fall between the age range of 18-24 while Incarceration Age range from 15-55+. A more representative sampling of the 18-24 demographic should be considered for a more direct comparative analysis.

Table 10. Number of sentenced prisoners under State or Federal jurisdiction, by gender, race, Hispanic origin, and age, yearend 2005

Age	Number of sentenced prisoners							
	Males				Females			
	Total ^a	White ^b	Black ^b	Hispanic	Total ^a	White ^b	Black ^b	Hispanic
Total	1,362,500	459,700	547,200	279,000	98,600	45,800	29,900	15,900
18-19	26,300	7,200	11,800	5,600	1,200	500	400	200
20-24	218,700	62,700	94,200	50,400	11,900	5,300	3,600	2,300
25-29	244,800	67,000	106,600	59,600	15,300	6,700	4,700	2,900
30-34	224,200	69,800	92,000	51,100	17,400	8,100	5,100	2,900
35-39	207,200	72,300	81,600	41,600	19,400	9,000	6,000	3,000
40-44	185,200	70,900	71,000	31,600	16,500	7,800	5,100	2,400
45-54	189,800	76,300	71,100	29,500	13,800	6,500	4,300	1,800
55 or older	63,500	32,900	17,600	9,000	3,000	1,800	700	300

Note: Based on estimates by gender, race, Hispanic origin, and age from the 2004 Survey of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities and updated from jurisdiction counts by gender at yearend 2005. Estimates were rounded to the nearest 100. See *Methodology* for details.

^aIncludes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons identifying two or more races.

^bExcludes Hispanics and persons identifying two or more races.

(290,500 includes black women)

	Estimated count	Jail incarceration rate ^a
Total	747,529	252
Gender		
Male	652,958	447
Female	94,571	63
Race/Hispanic origin		
White ^b	331,000	166
Black ^b	290,500	800
Hispanic/Latino	111,900	268
Other ^c	13,000	88
Two or more	1,000	:

Note: Inmate counts by race/Hispanic origin were estimated and rounded to the nearest 100. Resident population figures were estimated for July 1, 2005, based on the 2000 *Census of Population and Housing*.

:Not calculated.

^aNumber of jail inmates per 100,000 residents in each group.

^bNon-Hispanic only.

^cIncludes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

Jail populations

As defined in this report, jails are locally operated correctional facilities that confine persons before or after adjudication. Inmates sentenced to jail usually have a sentence of 1 year or less. Jails also —

- receive individuals pending arraignment and hold them awaiting trial, conviction, or sentencing
- readmit probation, parole, and bail-bond violators and absconders
- temporarily detain juveniles pending transfer to juvenile authorities
- hold mentally ill persons pending their movement to appropriate mental health facilities
- hold individuals for the military, for protective custody, for contempt, and for the courts as witnesses
- release convicted inmates to the community upon completion of sentence
- transfer inmates to Federal, State, or other authorities
- house inmates for Federal, State, or other authorities because of crowding of their facilities
- sometimes operate community-based programs as alternatives to incarceration.