



Jails Report Series

2023 Preliminary Data Release

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The Bureau of Justice Statistics provides key jail statistics prior to release of the annual jails report. The statistics below include the number of persons held in local jails, by inmate demographics and conviction status; the number of admissions to jail; and jail incarceration rates, from 2013 to 2023.

Statistics from 2023, the latest data year, are preliminary and may be updated once BJS publishes the final data in *Jail Inmates in 2023 – Statistical Tables*, which is scheduled for release in late 2024.

Key findings [🔗](#)

- At midyear 2023, local jails held 664,200 persons in custody, similar to the year before (663,100).
- Jails reported 7.6 million admissions from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. While this represents a 4% increase over the 7.3 million admissions the year before, annual admissions were 35% lower than 10 years ago (11.7 million).
- Local jails held 95,100 females at midyear 2023, accounting for 14% of the confined population.
- At midyear 2023, 70% of the jail population (467,600) was unconvicted and awaiting court action on a current charge or being held in jail for other reasons. The remaining 30%

(196,600) was convicted and either serving a sentence or awaiting sentencing on a conviction.

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Jail population overview	Population by sex and race/ethnicity	Population by conviction status
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Table 1. Persons held in jail at midyear, average daily population, annual admissions, and incarceration rates, 2013–2023

	Confined population	Average daily population	Annual admissions	Jail population
2013	731,200	731,400	11,708,000	
2014	744,600	739,000	11,415,000	
2015	727,400	719,500	10,684,000	
2016	740,700	731,300	10,630,000	
2017	745,200	745,600	10,570,000	
2018	738,400	737,900	10,675,000	
2019	734,500	741,900	10,323,000	
2020	549,100	658,200	8,653,000	
2021	636,300	618,600	6,875,000	
2022	663,100	652,500	7,331,000	
2023	664,200	664,800	7,627,000	

Note: Estimates are rounded to the nearest 100 for confined population and average daily population (ADP) and to the nearest 1,000 for annual admissions. Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, [Annual Survey of Jails](#) and [Census of Jails](#); Census Bureau, Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity for the United States.

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