Table 4-2. Jail Inmates by State per 100,000 Population: 1880-1983

| | 1880 (Census) | 1890 (Census) | 1940 (Census) | 1950 (Census) | 1960 (Census) | 1970 (LEAA) | 1970 (Census) | 1978 (BJS) | 1980 (Census) | 1983 (BJS) |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| United States | 37 | 52 | 75 | 57 | 67 | 79 | 64 | 76 | 72 | 98 |
| Northeast | 57 | 76 | 69 | 50 | 59 | 64 | 45 | 54 | 56 | 82 |
| Maine | 28 | 48 | 69 | 43 | 37 | 24 | 22 | 30 | 40 | 49 |
| New Hampshire | 29 | 51 | 70 | 56 | 37 | 45 | 29 | 43 | 23 | 50 |
| Vermont | 24 | 27 | 40 | 35 | 36 | 5 | 23 | а | 4 | а |
| Massachusetts | 124 | 161 | 47 | 45 | 44 | 37 | 37 | 40 | 48 | 57 |
| Rhode Island | 74 | 127 | 28 | 21 | 8 | а | 4 | а | a | a |
| Connecticut | 68 | 92 | 72 | 49 | 60 | а | 3 | а | 8 | а |
| New York | 38 | 50 | 70 | 54 | 69 | 95 | 55 | 61 | 73 | 91 |
| New Jersey | 28 | 57 | 63 | 39 | 54 | 62 | 46 | 53 | 54 | 80 |
| Pennsylvania | 65 | 77 | 84 | 56 | 60 | 58 | 49 | 54 | 59 | 85 |
| North Central | 27 | 36 | 43 | 36 | 41 | 52 | 40 | 49 | 51 | 67 |
| Ohio | 35 | 34 | 54 | 53 | 60 | 56 | 44 | 51 | 56 | 66 |
| Indiana | 12 | 26 | 39 | 25 | 24 | 52 | 37 | 46 | 45 | 66 |
| Illinois | 44 | 47 | 42 | 43 | 35 | 48 | 39 | 52 | 61 | 77 |
| Michigan | 38 | 44 | 45 | 24 | 51 | 65 | 52 | 63 | 63 | 84 |
| Wisconsin | 16 | 34 | 33 | 19 | 37 | 45 | 30 | 41 | 45 | 64 |
| Minnesota | 12 | 45 | 32 | 32 | 39 | 39 | 28 | 38 | 36 | 47 |
| Iowa | 11 | 19 | 44 | 19 | 20 | 24 | 22 | 23 | 27 | 29 |
| Missouri | 29 | 42 | 56 | 54 | 44 | 63 | 59 | 60 | 52 | 76 |
| North Dakota | 25 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 20 | 26 | 10 | 18 | 26 | 36 |
| South Dakota | 25 | 21 | 21 | 19 | 48 | 46 | 13 | 40 | 34 | 45 |
| Nebraska | 16 | 24 | 41 | 21 | 35 | 55 | 45 | 44 | 45 | 53 |
| Kansas | 20 | 33 | 37 | 31 | 33 | 49 | 36 | 43 | 34 | 55 |
| South | 27 | 47 | 100 | 67 | 78 | 98 | 80 | 98 | 91 | 113 |
| Delaware | 54 | 83 | 59 | 158 | 134 | а | 73 | а | Ь | а |
| Maryland | 56 | 78 | 91 | 58 | 63 | 70 | 66 | 86 | 81 | 107 |
| District of Columbia | 214 | 214 | 72 | 135 | 161 | 426 | 151 | 208 | b | 456 |
| Virginia | 32 | 50 | 127 | 90 | 91 | 73 | 103 | 84 | 113 | 103 |
| West Virginia | 13 | 22 | 102 | 74 | 63 | 63 | 40 | 57 | 37 | 52 |
| North Carolina | 20 | 34 | 105 | 38 | 39 | 51 | 67 | 51 | 67 | 57 |
| South Carolina | 19 | 33 | 120 | 85 | 59 | 127 | 93 | 84 | 61 | 82 |
| Georgia | 17 | 40 | 194 | 129 | 122 | 147 | 117 | 165 | 143 | 178 |
| Florida | 22 | 74 | 172 | 106 | 131 | 139 | 111 | 122 | 127 | 137 |
| Kentucky | 23 | 38 | 84 | 56 | 71 | 84 | 58 | 62 | 64 | 100 |
| Tennessee | 31 | 54 | 137 | 50 | 73 | 92 | 86 | 106 | 91 | 128 |
| Alabama | 15 | 47 | 93 | 44 | 91 | 88 | 62 | 137 | 112 | 113 |
| Mississippi | 14 | 23 | 70 | 41 | 61 | 74 | 43 | 102 | 87 | 97 |
| Arkansas | 15 | 37 | 44 | 35 | 62 | 64 | 39 | 62 | 34 | 69 |
| Louisiana | 35 | 67 | 61 | 58 | 83 | 111 | 69 | 134 | 154 | 192 |
| Oklahoma | _ | - | 59 | 21 | 48 | 87 | 72 | 61 | 51 | 67 |
| Texas | 35 | 53 | 67 | 67 | 62 | 96 | 76 | 86 | 76 | 97 |
| West | 77 | 79 | 108 | 95 | 103 | 111 | 98 | 100 | 87 | 129 |
| Montana | 10 | 143 | 43 | 63 | 52 | 53 | 41 | 43 | 32 | 50 |
| Idaho | 30 | 51 | 46 | 32 | 43 | 61 | 35 | 62 | 58 | 61 |
| Wyoming | 205 | 98 | 45 | 35 | 53 | 52 | 34 | 66 | 37 | 66 |
| Colorado | 49 | 89 | 75 | 39 | 64 | 67 | 47 | 65 | 64 | 88 |
| New Mexico | 24 | 58 | 46 | 56 | 89 | 94 | 59 | 67 | 12 | 96 |
| Arizona | 40 | 113 | 127 | 104 | 109 | 121 | 64 | 108 | 87 | 99 |
| Utah | 2 | 41 | 40 | 38 | 43 | 49 | 31 | 53 | 47 | 56 |
| Nevada | 5 | 115 | 85 | 95 | 153 | 154 | 111 | 144 | 39 | 105 |
| Washington | 24 | 55 | 60 | 75 | 75 | 67 | 52 | 68 | 73 | 84 |
| Oregon | 13 | 23 | 51 | 59 | 70 | 71 | 54 | 78 | 77 | 87 |
| California | 111 | 97 | 163 | 130 | 129 | 139 | 133 | 120 | 109 | 166 |
| Alaska | - | - | - | - | 44 | 56 | 26 | 11 | 10 | 8 |
| Hawaii | - | - | - | - | 33 | 13 | 14 | а | 11 | a |

Notes:

- a. Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Rhode Island, and Vermont had integrated jail-prison systems and, therefore, were excluded from
- the report. Alaska had five locally operated jails in addition to an integrated jail-prison system and was therefore included. Delaware and the District of Columbia had estimates of 22 and 25 persons present in jails respectively by Census Bureau in 1980. Delaware is usually excluded from jail surveys because of integrated systems. It is not known why D.C. had such a low estimate.

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