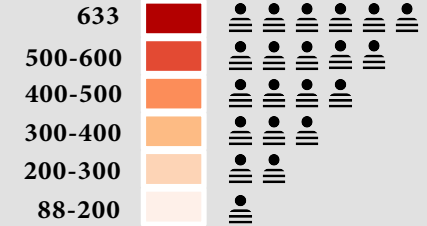


Behind Bars

Number of Inmates Per 100,000 Population



Fun Fact!

The **Midwest and Great Plains'** "frontier mentality" and agricultural roots have historically fostered a preference for community-based justice over incarceration, which contribute to their lower incarceration rates.



Massachusetts has the lowest incarceration rate, with only 88 inmates per 10k population.



Alaska has **633** inmates per 10k population, **ranking the highest** incarceration rate in the U.S..



The **Deep South** states are known for their high incarceration rates. They share common traits, including a history of stringent criminal justice policies, a higher prevalence of poverty, and a greater focus on penal labor.

It is largely due to its high rates of violent crime, including sexual assaults and issues like alcoholism and marginalization within Native Alaskan communities.

Despite the United States having the highest incarceration rate in the world, about 25% of the world's total prison population, the national incarceration rate as of 2023 was at its lowest in 20 years.

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Standard Parallels: 29.5°N, 45.5°N

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*Alaska and Hawaii insets not to scale

