

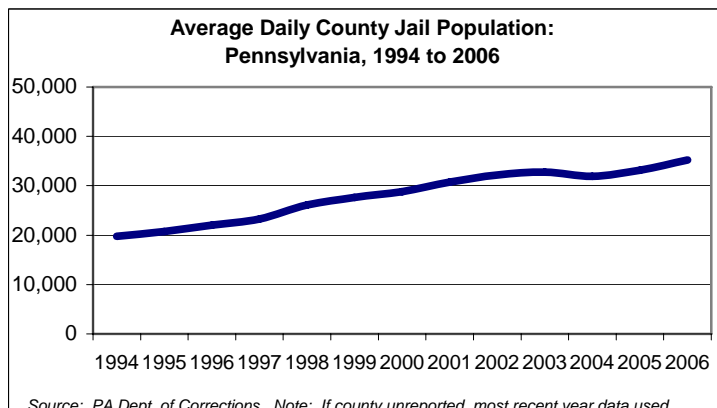
County Jail Population

Offenders sentenced to a maximum sentence of less than two years confinement serve their time in county jails while those with five years or more are sentenced to state prison. Judges have discretion as to where to sentence offenders with a maximum confinement sentence between two and five years.

Several factors should be considered in analyzing county jail population. First, county jail population data are limited to average daily population. Given the shorter sentences and faster turnaround of offenders, this is a more relevant measure. Second, the population data reflect the counties where offenders are housed and not necessarily the home counties of offenders or the sentencing counties. Some counties house offenders for other counties (such as Bedford, Clinton, Elk, Franklin, Warren, and Wyoming). This may reflect in seemingly higher incarceration rates for those counties. Third, four counties do not have county jails: Cameron, Forest, Fulton, and Sullivan. Last, it is important to note that data are not available annually for a few counties. In this instance, the most recent data are used.

Number

During 2006 in Pennsylvania, average daily county jail population totals ranged from 31 offenders in Juniata County to 8,226 offenders in Philadelphia. Four counties did not report data for 2006: Cambria, Delaware, Lawrence, and Potter counties. Without those counties, the average daily population totaled 32,619. Using the most recent year of data for those counties, Pennsylvania's total average daily county jail population equaled 35,228.



Total Average Daily Jail Population and Rate per 100,000: Pennsylvania, 1994 to 2006													
Measure	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Number	19,756	20,735	22,079	23,297	26,125	27,650	28,820	30,713	32,171	32,728	31,911	33,153	35,228
Rate	164.1	172.1	183.4	193.9	217.7	230.5	234.7	250.0	260.8	264.7	257.2	266.7	283.2

Source: PA Department of Corrections
Note: If data unavailable for counties, the most recent previous year's data were used.
Rates based on U.S. Census Bureau state population.

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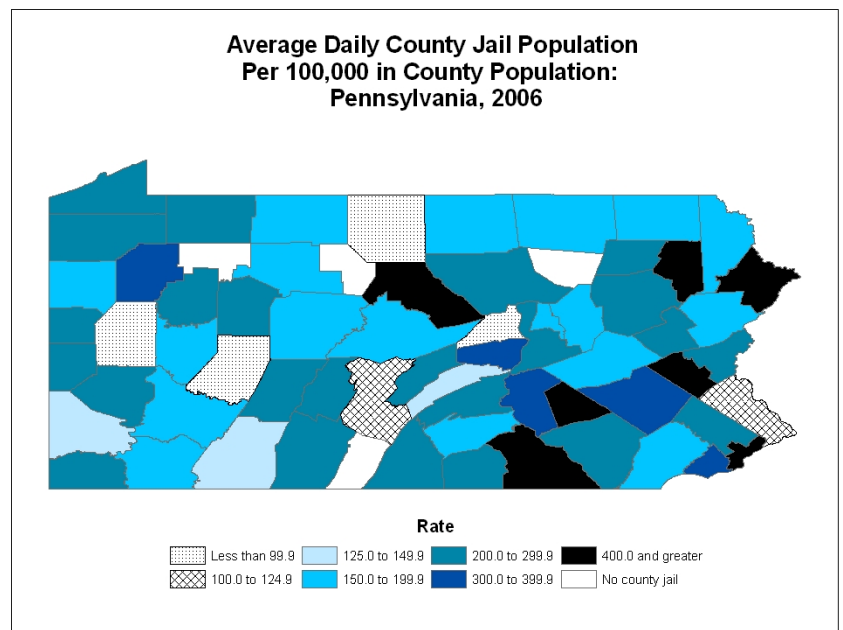
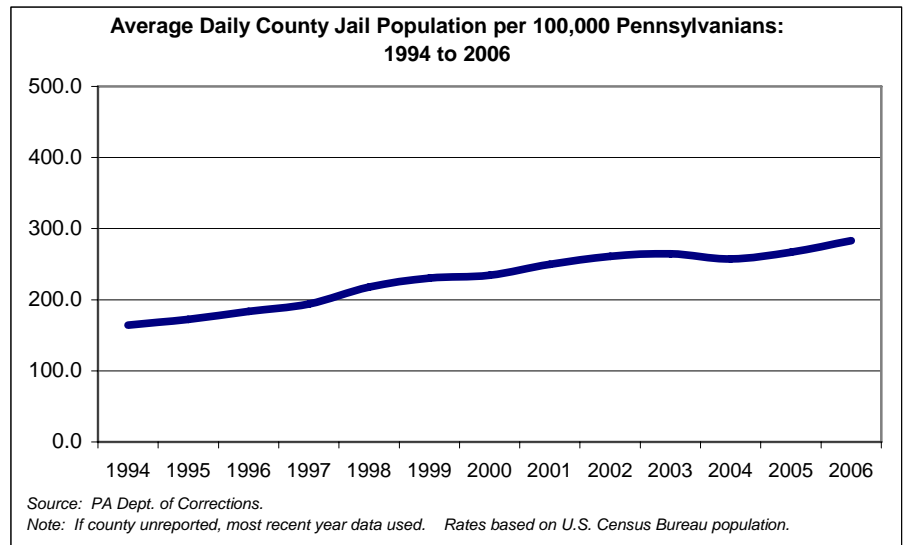
Average Daily County Jail Population: Pennsylvania, 2006					
Adams	293	Clinton	332	Lackawanna	1,003
Allegheny	2,584	Columbia	119	Lancaster	1,179
Armstrong	140	Crawford	235	Lawrence*	252
Beaver	375	Cumberland	350	Lebanon	532
Bedford	148	Dauphin	986	Lehigh	1,367
Berks	1,324	Delaware*	1,919	Luzerne	684
Blair	322	Elk	55	Lycoming	327
Bradford	109	Erie	741	McKean	79
Bucks	681	Fayette	236	Mercer	230
Butler	164	Forest	NA	Mifflin	128
Cambria*	425	Franklin	324	Monroe	331
Cameron	NA	Fulton	NA	Montgomery	1,572
Carbon	141	Greene	108	Montour	33
Centre	216	Huntingdon	47	Northampton	789
Chester	924	Indiana	87	Northumberland	207
Clarion	88	Jefferson	96	Perry	116
Clearfield	148	Juniata	31	Philadelphia	8,226
Pike	262	Potter*	13	Schuylkill	271
		Snyder	121	Somerset	110
		Sullivan	NA	Susquehanna	68
		Tioga	66	Union	34
		Venango	168	Warren	120
		Washington	308	Wayne	78
		Westmoreland	598	Wyoming	60
		York	2,148		
<p>Source: Pennsylvania Department of Corrections</p> <p>Note: *No data available for Cambria, Delaware, Lawrence, and Potter counties. Most recent year available utilized.</p> <p>NA=Cameron, Forest, Fulton, and Sullivan do not have county jails.</p> <p>Population represents where offenders are housed, not necessarily their home or sentencing counties.</p>					

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Rate

Pennsylvania has much variability in its county population, from very rural to very urban. Therefore, the rate, average daily population per 100,000 in county population, should be used for county comparisons.

In total and using most recent data available, the total county jail average daily population was 283 offenders for every 100,000 Pennsylvanians during 2006. Individually, rates ranged from an average daily population of 72 offenders per 100,000 persons in Potter County to a rate of 892 in Clinton County. The higher rate in Clinton County is a reflection of low county population and higher average daily jail population due to housing offenders from other counties.



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Average Daily County Jail Population Per 100,000 County Population: Pennsylvania, 2006					
Adams	289.8	Clinton	891.7	Lackawanna	478.2
Allegheny	211.2	Columbia	183.0	Lancaster	238.4
Armstrong	199.7	Crawford	262.9	Lawrence	274.5
Beaver	213.4	Cumberland	154.8	Lebanon	419.3
Bedford	296.4	Dauphin	387.9	Lehigh	407.4
Berks	330.1	Delaware	345.1	Luzerne	218.5
Blair	254.6	Elk	165.8	Lycoming	277.9
Bradford	174.5	Erie	264.8	McKean	179.3
Bucks	109.3	Fayette	161.9	Mercer	194.0
Butler	89.7	Forest	*	Mifflin	277.9
Cambria	289.2	Franklin	231.4	Monroe	199.8
Cameron	*	Fulton	*	Montgomery	202.7
Carbon	225.4	Greene	267.1	Montour	184.0
Centre	153.2	Huntingdon	102.7	Northampton	270.8
Chester	191.7	Indiana	98.6	Northumberland	225.8
Clarion	217.9	Jefferson	210.0	Perry	257.3
Clearfield	179.5	Juniata	131.8	Philadelphia	567.9
Pike	450.2	Potter	74.0	Schuylkill	183.8
Snyder	316.5	Somerset	140.1	Sullivan	*
Susquehanna	162.3	Tioga	160.4	Union	78.4
Venango	302.8	Warren	287.5	Washington	149.2
Wayne	153.2	Westmoreland	163.2	Wyoming	213.6
York	515.9				

Source: *Pennsylvania Department of Corrections*
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