

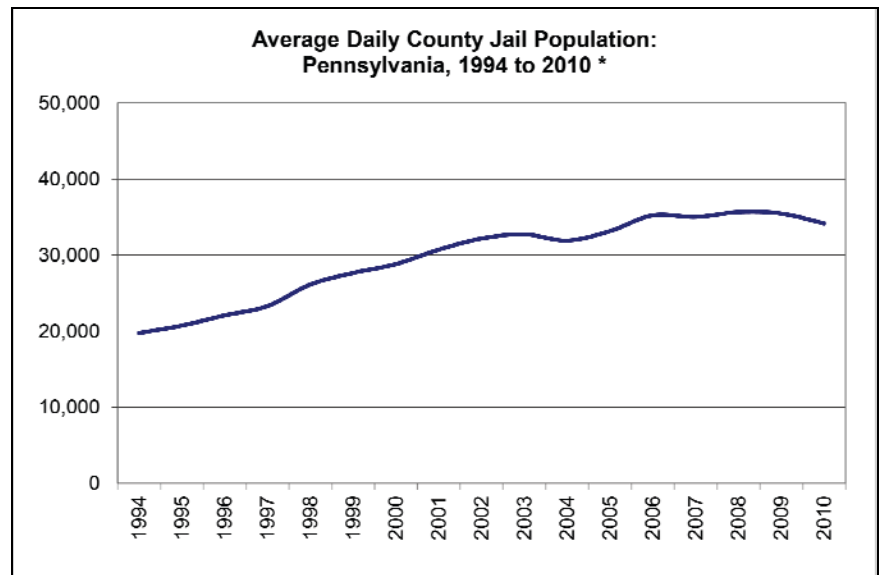
County Jail Population

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 of 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, data are not available annually for a few counties. In this instance, the most recent data are used.

Number

In Pennsylvania during 2010, the average daily county jail population totals ranged from 28 offenders in Montour County to 7,733 offenders in Philadelphia County. Using the most recent year of data for all counties, Pennsylvania's total average daily county jail population equaled 34,167 or 269.0 offenders per 100,000 population.



Total Average Daily Jail Population and Rate per 100,000: Pennsylvania, 1994 to 2010*

Measure	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number	19,756	20,735	22,079	23,297	26,125	27,650	28,820	30,713	32,171	33,153	35,228	35,010	35,645	35,459	34,167
Rate	164.1	172.1	183.4	193.9	217.7	230.5	234.7	250.0	260.8	266.7	283.2	281.6	286.3	281.3	269.0

Note: If data unavailable for counties, the most recent previous year's data were used.

* Source: Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.
Rates computed using population from U.S. Census Bureau: 2010 Census Summary File 1.

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Average Daily County Jail Population: Pennsylvania, 2010 *					
Adams	326	Clinton	309	Lackawanna	702
Allegheny	2,713	Columbia	185	Lancaster	1,129
Armstrong	151	Crawford	219	Lawrence	229
Beaver ⁺	338	Cumberland	385	Lebanon	453
Bedford	163	Dauphin	943	Lehigh	1,133
Berks	1,052	Delaware	1,699	Luzerne	661
Blair	281	Elk	51	Lycoming	322
Bradford	141	Erie	611	McKean	78
Bucks	762	Fayette	278	Mercer	257
Butler	317	Forest	NA	Mifflin	96
Cambria ⁺	457	Franklin	362	Monroe	357
Cameron	NA	Fulton	NA	Montgomery	1,754
Carbon	152	Greene	98	Montour	28
Centre	240	Huntingdon	48	Northampton	801
Chester	895	Indiana	185	Northumberland	0
Clarion	83	Jefferson	119	Perry	109
Clearfield	130	Juniata	30	Philadelphia	7,733
				Pike	339
				Potter	39
				Schuylkill	273
				Snyder	97
				Somerset	77
				Sullivan	NA
				Susquehanna	62
				Tioga	76
				Union	35
				Venango	132
				Warren	117
				Washington	392
				Wayne	111
				Westmoreland	497
				Wyoming	56
				York	2,299

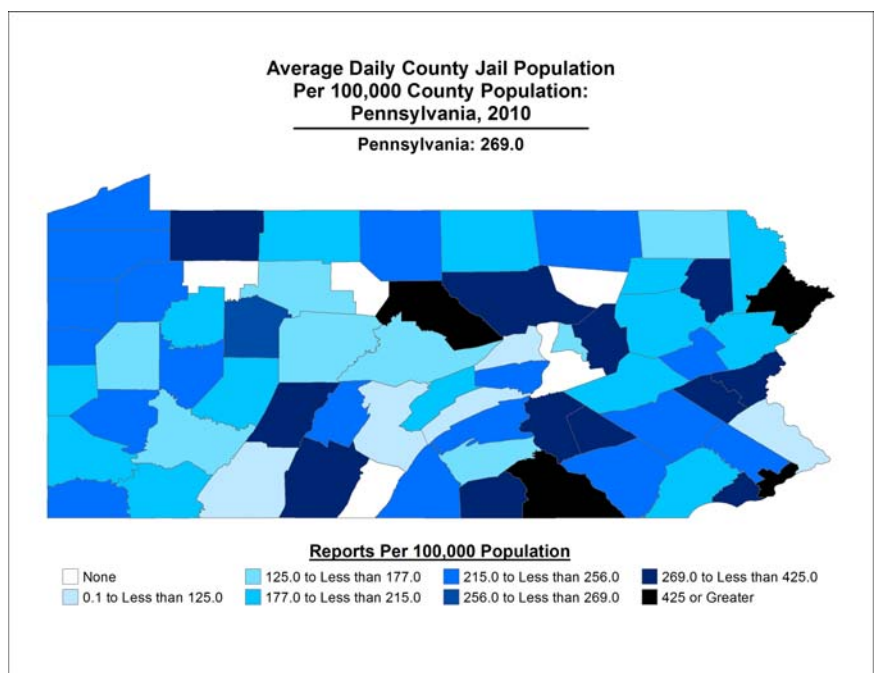
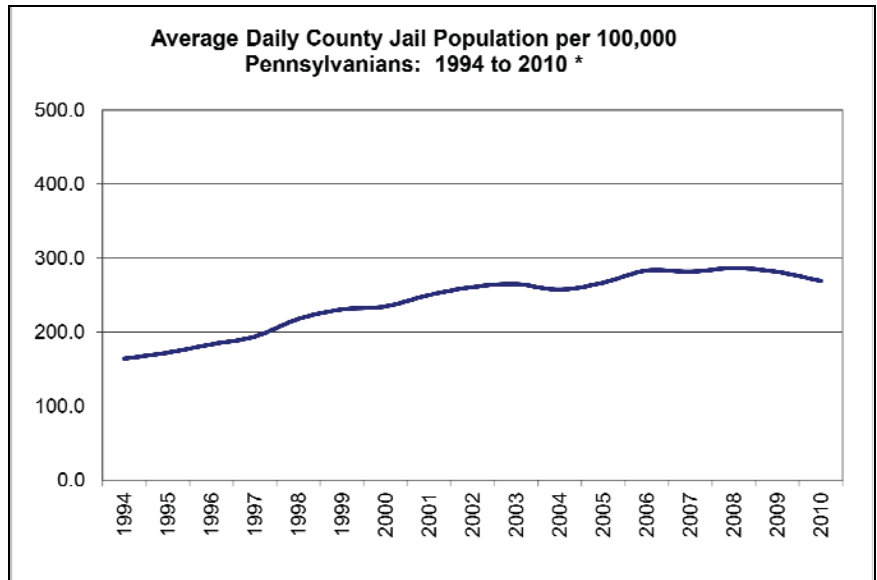
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Rate

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

In total, using most recent data available, the average daily county jail population was 269.0 offenders for every 100,000 Pennsylvanians during 2010. Individually, rates ranged from an average daily population of 77.9 offenders per 100,000 persons in Union County to a rate of 787.5 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, 2010 *							
Adams	321.5	Clinton	787.5	Lackawanna	327.4	Pike	590.9
Allegheny	221.8	Columbia	274.9	Lancaster	217.3	Potter	223.4
Armstrong	219.0	Crawford	246.7	Lawrence	251.4	Schuylkill	184.1
Beaver ⁺	198.2	Cumberland	163.5	Lebanon	339.2	Snyder	244.3
Bedford	327.6	Dauphin	351.7	Lehigh	324.2	Somerset	99.0
Berks	255.7	Delaware	303.9	Luzerne	206.0	Sullivan	0.0
Blair	221.1	Elk	159.6	Lycoming	277.3	Susquehanna	143.0
Bradford	225.2	Erie	217.8	McKean	179.5	Tioga	181.0
Bucks	121.9	Fayette	203.5	Mercer	220.3	Union	77.9
Butler	172.4	Forest	0.0	Mifflin	205.6	Venango	240.1
Cambria ⁺	318.1	Franklin	241.9	Monroe	210.2	Warren	279.8
Cameron	0.0	Fulton	0.0	Montgomery	219.3	Washington	188.6
Carbon	233.0	Greene	253.3	Montour	153.3	Wayne	210.1
Centre	155.9	Huntingdon	104.5	Northampton	269.0	Westmoreland	136.1
Chester	179.4	Indiana	208.1	Northumberland	0.0	Wyoming	198.0
Clarion	207.6	Jefferson	263.3	Perry	237.1	York	528.5
Clearfield	159.2	Juniata	121.8	Philadelphia	506.7		

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