

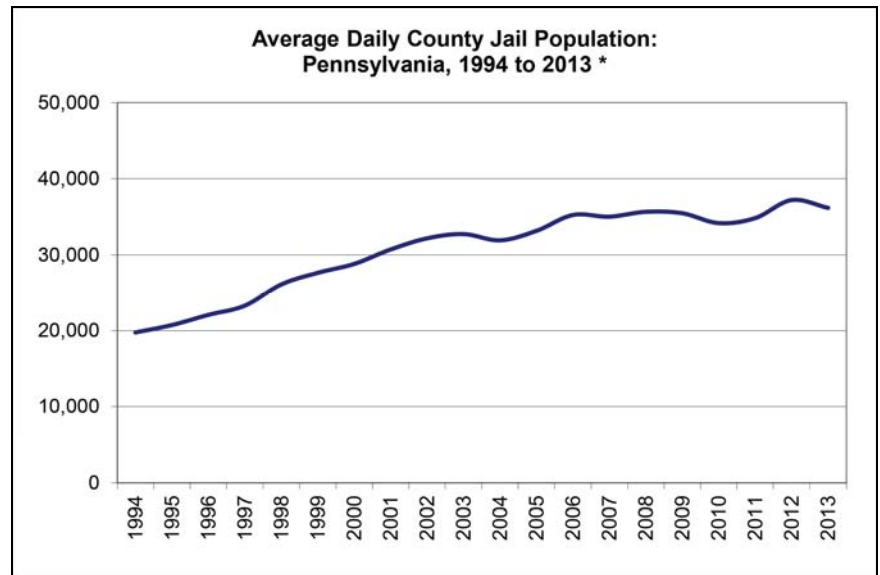
County Jail Population

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, five counties do not have county jails: Cameron, Forest, Fulton, Juniata, and Sullivan. Last, data are not available annually for a few counties. In this instance, the most recent data are used.

Number

Pennsylvania's total average daily county jail population equaled 36,161 or 283.1 offenders per 100,000 population. Since 1994 the population has increased 83.0 percent.



Total Average Daily Jail Population and Rate per 100,000: Pennsylvania, 1994 to 2013 *																		
Measure	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
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	34,823	37,185	36,161
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	273.3	291.3	283.1

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

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In Pennsylvania during 2013, the average daily county jail population totals for counties with jails ranged from 30 offenders in Montour County to 8,350 offenders in Philadelphia County.

Average Daily County Jail Population: Pennsylvania, 2013 *					
Adams	302	Clinton	242	Lackawanna	1,058
Allegheny	2,490	Columbia	226	Lancaster	1,023
Armstrong	127	Crawford	203	Lawrence	254
Beaver	332	Cumberland	380	Lebanon	475
Bedford	135	Dauphin	998	Lehigh	1,293
Berks	1,199	Delaware	1,674	Luzerne	659
Blair	286	Elk	53	Lycoming	370
Bradford	186	Erie	666	McKean	78
Bucks	751	Fayette	262	Mercer	263
Butler	368	Forest	0	Mifflin	98
Cambria	505	Franklin	422	Monroe	393
Cameron	0	Fulton	0	Montgomery	1,941
Carbon	190	Greene	93	Montour	30
Centre	262	Huntingdon	47	Northampton	739
Chester	951	Indiana	178	Northumberland	237
Clarion	90	Jefferson	143	Perry	112
Clearfield	149	Juniata	0	Philadelphia	8,350
Pike	311				
Potter	45				
Schuylkill	304				
Snyder	98				
Somerset	98				
Sullivan	0				
Susquehanna	61				
Tioga	109				
Union	34				
Venango	143				
Warren	126				
Washington	380				
Wayne	129				
Westmoreland	572				
Wyoming	81				
York	2,387				

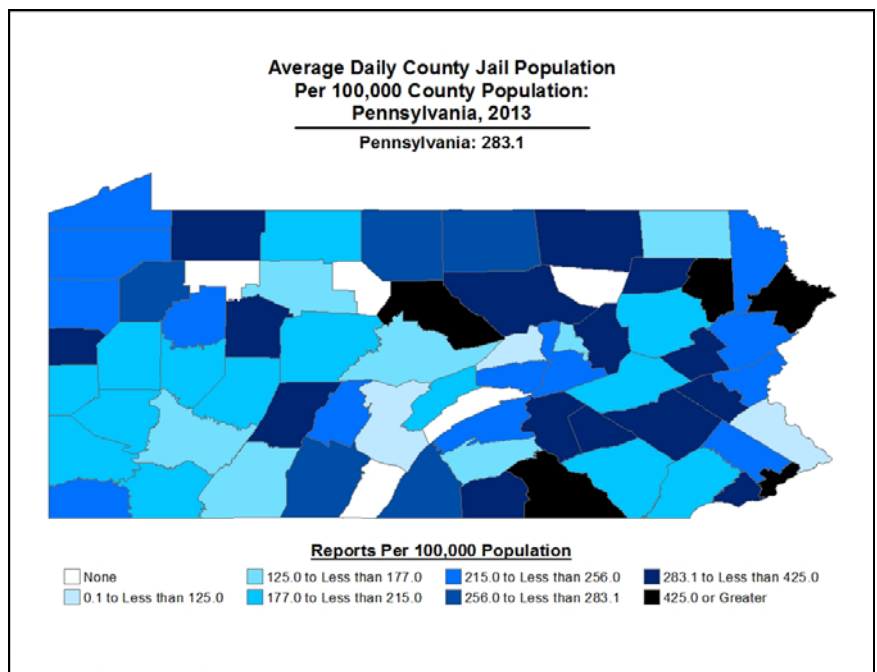
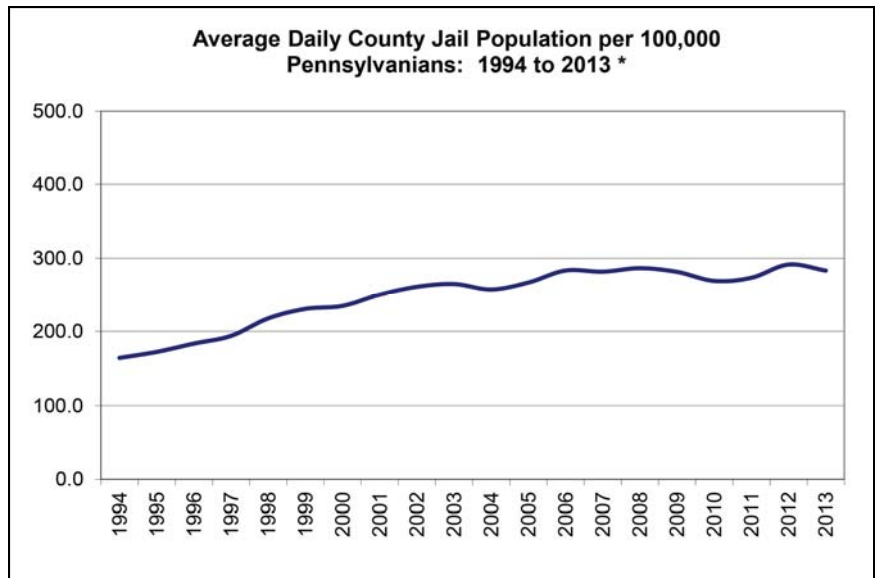
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Rate

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

In total, using most recent data available, the average daily county jail population was 283.1 offenders for every 100,000 Pennsylvanians during 2013.



* Source: Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.
Rates computed using U.S. Census Bureau population estimates 2013.

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Individually, rates for counties with jails ranged from an average daily population of 75.8 offenders per 100,000 persons in Union County to a rate of 605.7 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.

Average Daily County Jail Population Per 100,000 County Population: Pennsylvania, 2013 *							
Adams	297.4	Clinton	605.7	Lackawanna	494.6	Pike	549.6
Allegheny	202.2	Columbia	338.3	Lancaster	193.2	Potter	257.2
Armstrong	186.5	Crawford	232.3	Lawrence	284.3	Schuylkill	206.9
Beaver	195.2	Cumberland	157.5	Lebanon	350.6	Snyder	245.8
Bedford	275.2	Dauphin	368.4	Lehigh	364.1	Somerset	128.1
Berks	289.9	Delaware	297.9	Luzerne	205.9	Sullivan	0.0
Blair	226.4	Elk	168.4	Lycoming	316.9	Susquehanna	144.3
Bradford	298.5	Erie	237.6	McKean	181.5	Tioga	256.7
Bucks	119.8	Fayette	194.1	Mercer	228.3	Union	75.8
Butler	198.4	Forest	0.0	Mifflin	210.2	Venango	265.3
Cambria	359.4	Franklin	277.5	Monroe	235.1	Warren	308.2
Cameron	0.0	Fulton	0.0	Montgomery	238.9	Washington	182.5
Carbon	293.3	Greene	245.8	Montour	161.8	Wayne	250.3
Centre	168.6	Huntingdon	102.9	Northampton	246.5	Westmoreland	157.8
Chester	186.7	Indiana	202.9	Northumberland	251.9	Wyoming	289.3
Clarion	229.9	Jefferson	318.0	Perry	245.8	York	543.8
Clearfield	183.6	Juniata	0.0	Philadelphia	537.6		

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