

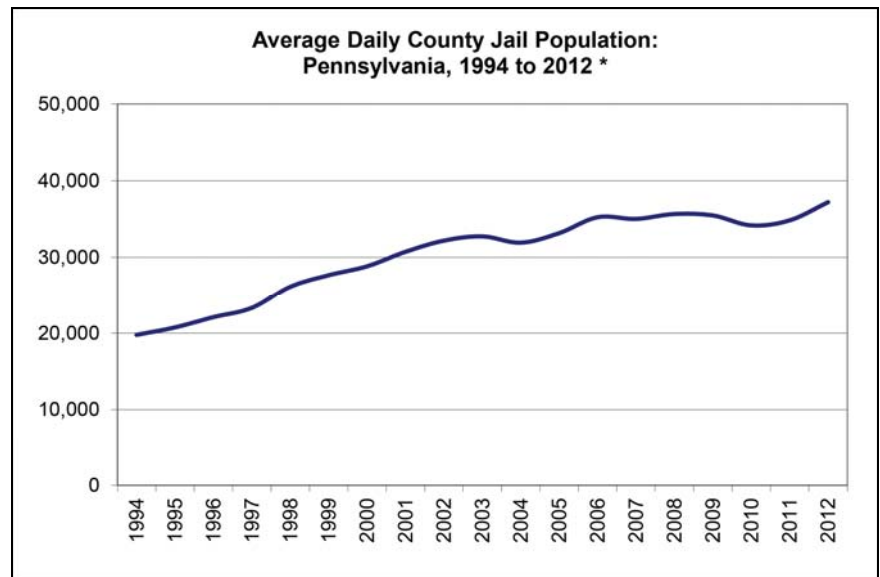
## County Jail Population

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 37,185 or 291.3 offenders per 100,000 population. Since 1994 the population has increased 88.2 percent.



**Total Average Daily Jail Population and Rate per 100,000: Pennsylvania, 1994 to 2012 \***

Measure	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
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
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

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

## County Jail Population

In Pennsylvania during 2012, the average daily county jail population totals for counties with jails ranged from 32 offenders in Montour County to 9,883 offenders in Philadelphia County.

Average Daily County Jail Population: Pennsylvania, 2012 *							
Adams	265	Clinton	286	Lackawanna	955	Pike	321
Allegheny	2,542	Columbia	198	Lancaster	1,024	Potter	48
Armstrong	141	Crawford	216	Lawrence	256	Schuylkill	291
Beaver	332	Cumberland	371	Lebanon	477	Snyder	105
Bedford	130	Dauphin	999	Lehigh	1,320	Somerset	97
Berks	1,115	Delaware	1,659	Luzerne	634	Sullivan	0
Blair	300	Elk	57	Lycoming	359	Susquehanna	74
Bradford	189	Erie	660	McKean	81	Tioga	100
Bucks	767	Fayette	252	Mercer	264	Union	35
Butler	345	Forest	0	Mifflin	105	Venango	144
Cambria	458	Franklin	344	Monroe	403	Warren	131
Cameron	0	Fulton	0	Montgomery	1,838	Washington	348
Carbon	175	Greene	96	Montour	32	Wayne	142
Centre	250	Huntingdon	46	Northampton	719	Westmoreland	545
Chester	969	Indiana	195	Northumberland	242	Wyoming	62
Clarion	78	Jefferson	123	Perry	112	York	2,343
Clearfield	137	Juniata	0	Philadelphia	9,883		

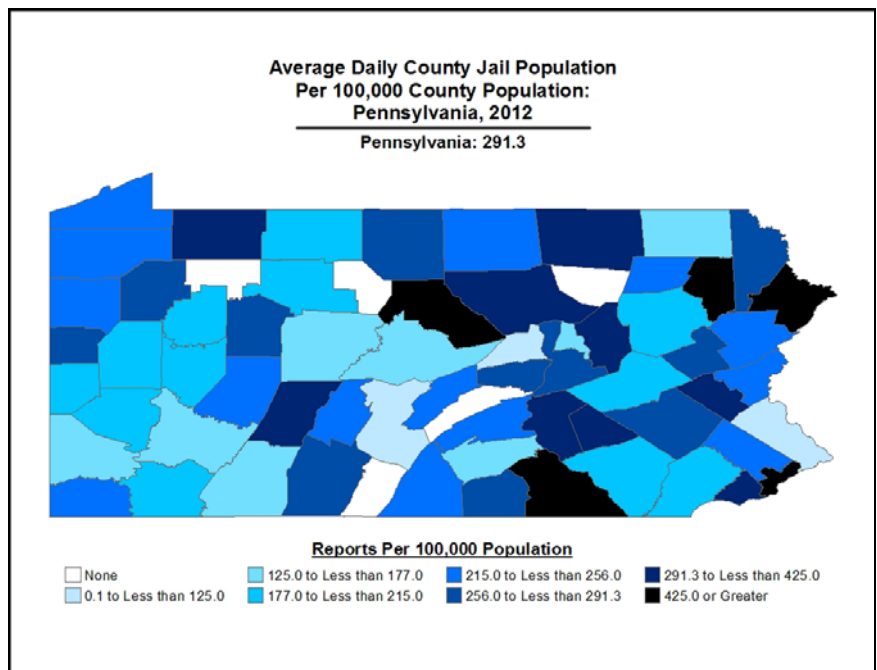
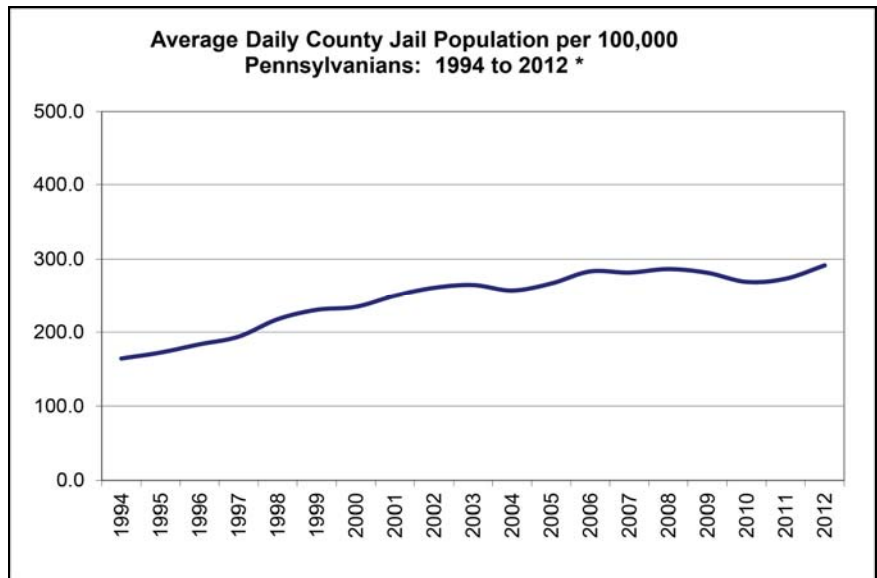
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### Rate

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 291.3 offenders for every 100,000 Pennsylvanians during 2012.



\* Source: Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.  
Rates computed using U.S. Census Bureau population estimates 2012.

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Individually, rates for counties with jails ranged from an average daily population of 77.9 offenders per 100,000 persons in Union County to a rate of 723.7 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, 2012 *							
Adams	261.1	Clinton	723.7	Lackawanna	445.3	Pike	564.2
Allegheny	206.8	Columbia	296.0	Lancaster	194.4	Potter	273.1
Armstrong	206.1	Crawford	246.6	Lawrence	284.9	Schuylkill	197.9
Beaver	195.0	Cumberland	155.5	Lebanon	352.7	Snyder	264.7
Bedford	263.6	Dauphin	370.5	Lehigh	371.6	Somerset	126.0
Berks	269.7	Delaware	295.7	Luzerne	197.5	Sullivan	0.0
Blair	236.0	Elk	180.7	Lycoming	306.4	Susquehanna	173.3
Bradford	301.0	Erie	235.2	McKean	187.8	Tioga	234.9
Bucks	122.3	Fayette	185.8	Mercer	228.3	Union	77.9
Butler	186.5	Forest	0.0	Mifflin	224.5	Venango	265.3
Cambria	323.5	Franklin	227.4	Monroe	238.7	Warren	318.4
Cameron	0.0	Fulton	0.0	Montgomery	227.3	Washington	166.7
Carbon	269.2	Greene	252.1	Montour	174.3	Wayne	273.3
Centre	161.1	Huntingdon	100.1	Northampton	240.3	Westmoreland	150.0
Chester	191.3	Indiana	221.0	Northumberland	256.3	Wyoming	220.4
Clarion	196.7	Jefferson	274.8	Perry	245.1	York	535.1
Clearfield	168.8	Juniata	0.0	Philadelphia	638.6		

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