

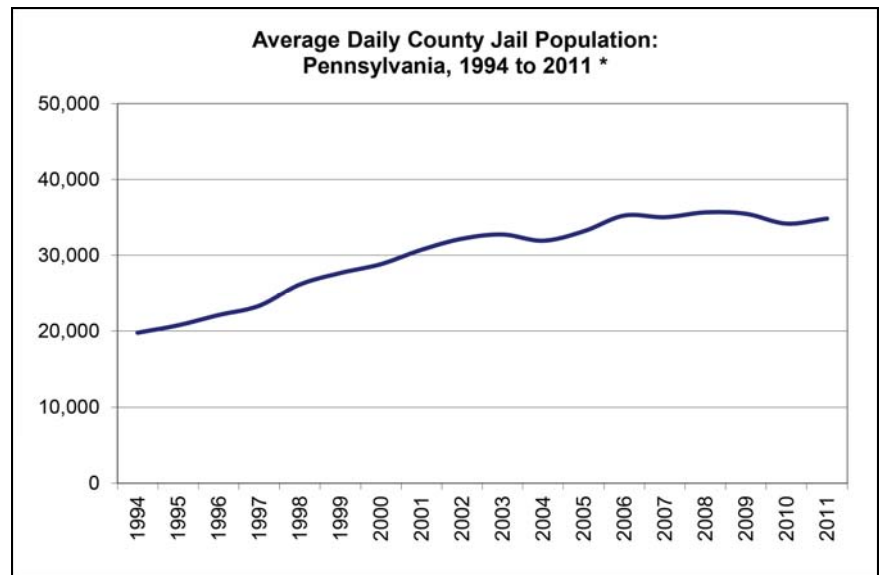
## County Jail Population

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 2011, the average daily county jail population totals ranged from 25 offenders in Montour County to 7,819 offenders in Philadelphia County. Using the most recent year of data for all counties, Pennsylvania's total average daily county jail population equaled 34,823 or 273.3 offenders per 100,000 population.



**Total Average Daily Jail Population and Rate per 100,000: Pennsylvania, 1994 to 2011 \***

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

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

\* Source: Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.  
Rates computed using U.S. Census Bureau population estimates 2011.

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Average Daily County Jail Population: Pennsylvania, 2011 *					
Adams	276	Clinton	317	Lackawanna	742
Allegheny	2,588	Columbia	171	Lancaster	1,098
Armstrong	150	Crawford	246	Lawrence	247
Beaver	289	Cumberland	389	Lebanon	480
Bedford	137	Dauphin	943	Lehigh	1,268
Berks	1,046	Delaware	1,866	Luzerne	600
Blair	306	Elk	51	Lycoming	337
Bradford	159	Erie	628	McKean	92
Bucks	783	Fayette <sup>+</sup>	278	Mercer	259
Butler	358	Forest	0	Mifflin	82
Cambria	459	Franklin	319	Monroe	399
Cameron	0	Fulton	0	Montgomery	1,808
Carbon	157	Greene	90	Montour	25
Centre	252	Huntingdon	45	Northampton	792
Chester	898	Indiana	195	Northumberland	238
Clarion	74	Jefferson	125	Perry	105
Clearfield	137	Juniata	28	Philadelphia	7,819
				Pike	313
				Potter	43
				Schuylkill	253
				Snyder	87
				Somerset	83
				Sullivan	0
				Susquehanna	68
				Tioga	85
				Union	35
				Venango	132
				Warren	123
				Washington	392
				Wayne	100
				Westmoreland	524
				Wyoming	57
				York	2,378

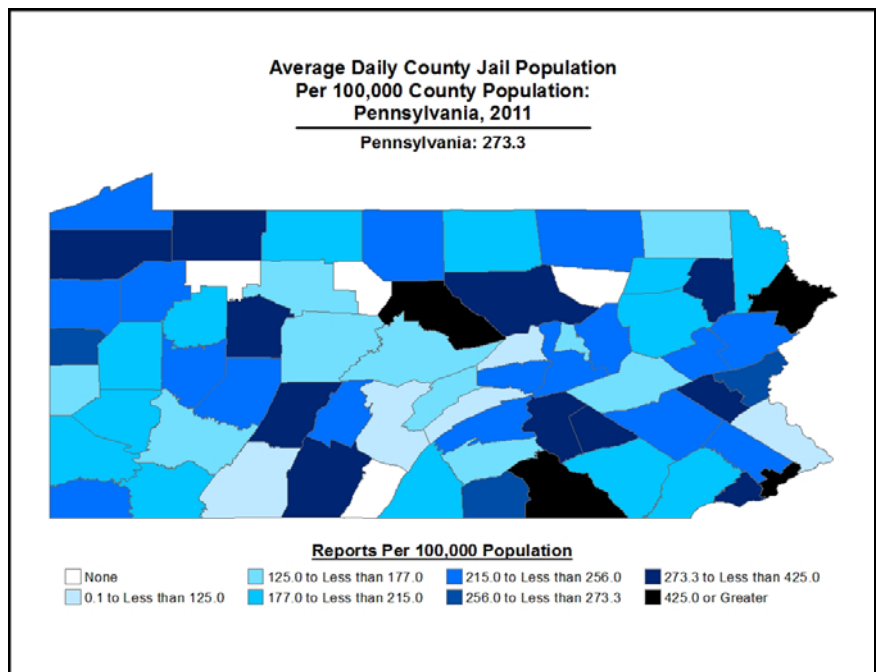
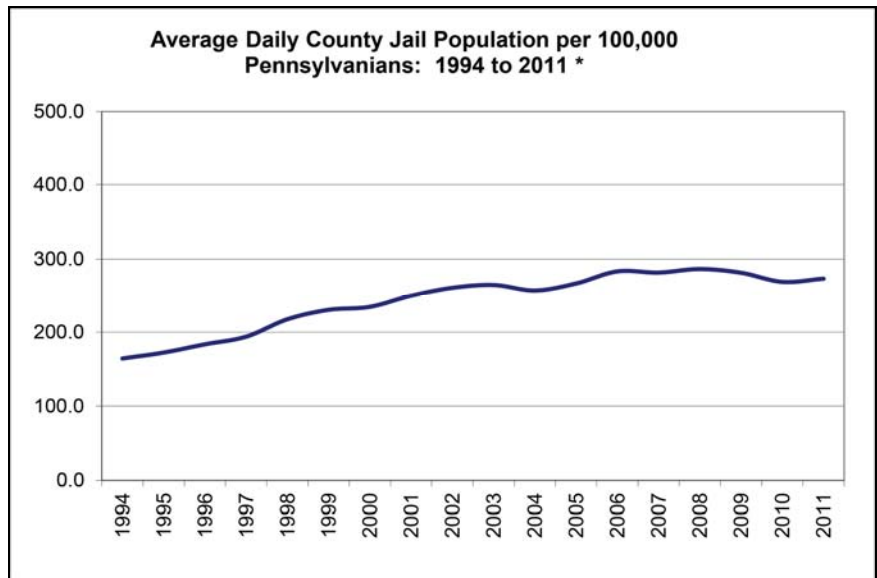
*Note: + No data available for Fayette County. Most recent year available utilized. Cameron, Forest, Fulton, and Sullivan do not have county jails. Population represents where offenders are housed, not their home or sentencing counties.*

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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 273.3 offenders for every 100,000 Pennsylvanians during 2011. Individually, rates ranged from an average daily population of 78.0 offenders per 100,000 persons in Union County to a rate of 808.5 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, 2011 *							
Adams	272.1	Clinton	808.5	Lackawanna	346.5	Pike	550.6
Allegheny	210.9	Columbia	253.0	Lancaster	209.7	Potter	246.4
Armstrong	219.0	Crawford	276.7	Lawrence	272.8	Schuylkill	171.5
Beaver	169.6	Cumberland	163.5	Lebanon	357.4	Snyder	218.5
Bedford	274.4	Dauphin	350.6	Lehigh	359.3	Somerset	107.2
Berks	253.5	Delaware	333.5	Luzerne	187.2	Sullivan	0.0
Blair	240.8	Elk	160.6	Lycoming	288.5	Susquehanna	157.4
Bradford	252.0	Erie	223.5	McKean	212.9	Tioga	200.4
Bucks	124.9	Fayette*	204.3	Mercer	222.9	Union	78.0
Butler	193.7	Forest	0.0	Mifflin	174.5	Venango	241.4
Cambria	319.4	Franklin	211.4	Monroe	234.9	Warren	296.8
Cameron	0.0	Fulton	0.0	Montgomery	224.8	Washington	188.2
Carbon	241.0	Greene	233.0	Montour	136.6	Wayne	187.8
Centre	162.9	Huntingdon	98.1	Northampton	265.3	Westmoreland	143.7
Chester	178.2	Indiana	218.4	Northumberland	251.8	Wyoming	200.7
Clarion	183.8	Jefferson	278.6	Perry	228.1	York	544.5
Clearfield	168.2	Juniata	114.8	Philadelphia	508.9		

*Note: + No data available for Beaver and Cambria counties. Most recent year available utilized. Cameron, Forest, Fulton, and Sullivan do not have county jails. Population represents where offenders are housed, not their home or sentencing counties.*