

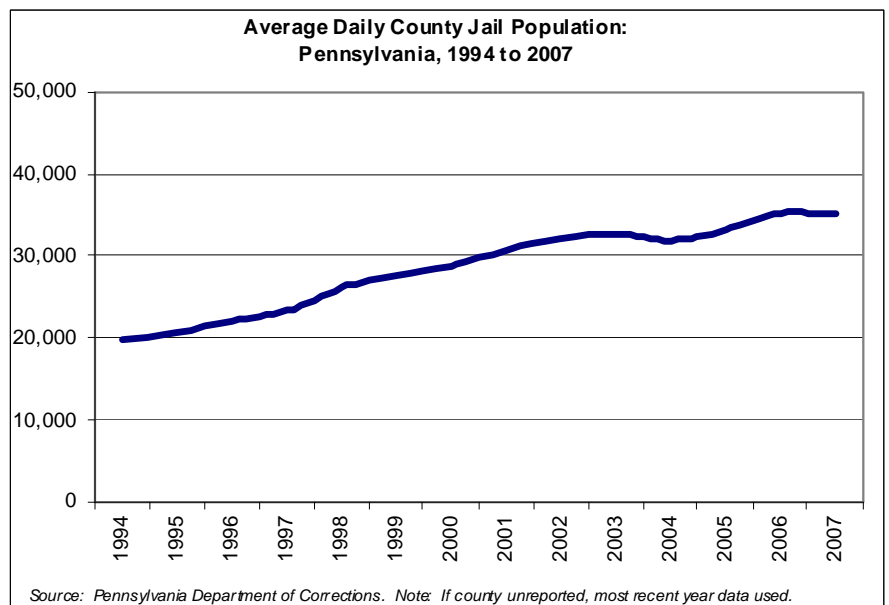
## County Jail Population

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, 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 2007 in Pennsylvania, average daily county jail population totals ranged from 10 offenders in Potter County to 8,378 offenders in Philadelphia. Four counties did not report data for 2007: Beaver, Delaware, Franklin, and Venango counties. Without those counties, the average daily population totaled 32,224. Using the most recent year of data for those counties, Pennsylvania's total average daily county jail population equaled 35,010.



Total Average Daily Jail Population and Rate Per 100,000: Pennsylvania, 1994 to 2007														
Measure	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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	35,010
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	281.6

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

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Average Daily County Jail Population: Pennsylvania, 2007					
Adams	312	Clinton	321	Lackawanna	886
Allegheny	2,560	Columbia	126	Lancaster	1,170
Armstrong	140	Crawford	223	Lawrence	23
Beaver*	375	Cumberland	340	Lebanon	538
Bedford	134	Dauphin	979	Lehigh	1,411
Berks	1,198	Delaware*	1,919	Luzerne	717
Blair	286	Elk	62	Lycoming	336
Bradford	130	Erie	657	McKean	95
Bucks	727	Fayette	242	Mercer	258
Butler	181	Forest	NA	Mifflin	121
Cambria	439	Franklin*	324	Monroe	337
Cameron	NA	Fulton	NA	Montgomery	1,576
Carbon	148	Greene	105	Montour	29
Centre	210	Huntingdon	47	Northampton	836
Chester	941	Indiana	74	Northumberland	185
Clarion	86	Jefferson	114	Perry	119
Clearfield	138	Juniata	34	Philadelphia	8,378
				Pike	257
				Potter	10
				Schuylkill	296
				Snyder	119
				Somerset	70
				Sullivan	NA
				Susquehanna	80
				Tioga	79
				Union	34
				Venango*	168
				Warren	123
				Washington	361
				Wayne	77
				Westmoreland	543
				Wyoming	57
				York	2,148

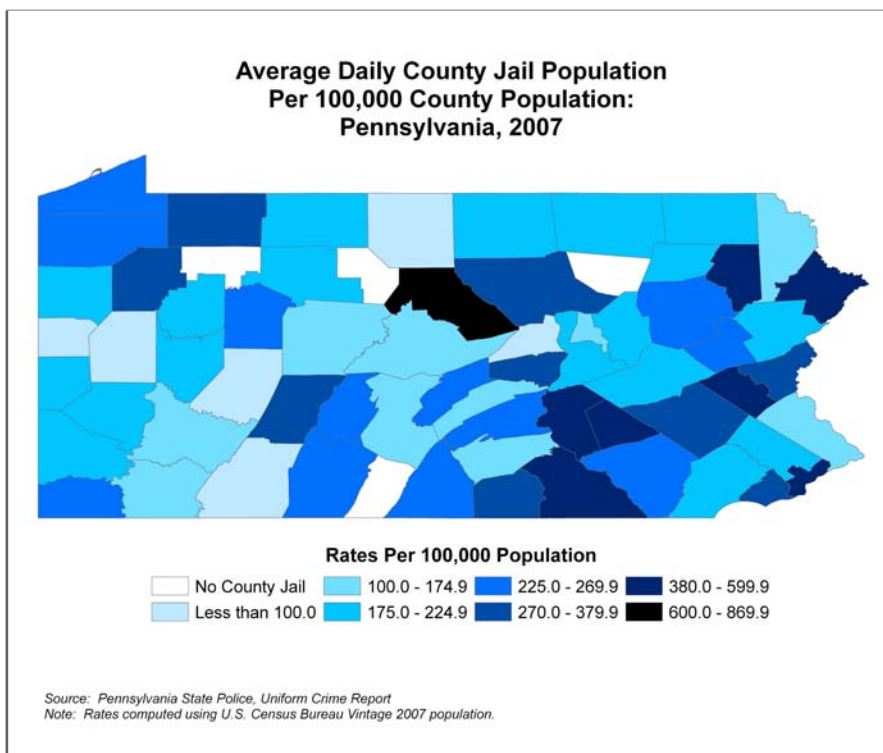
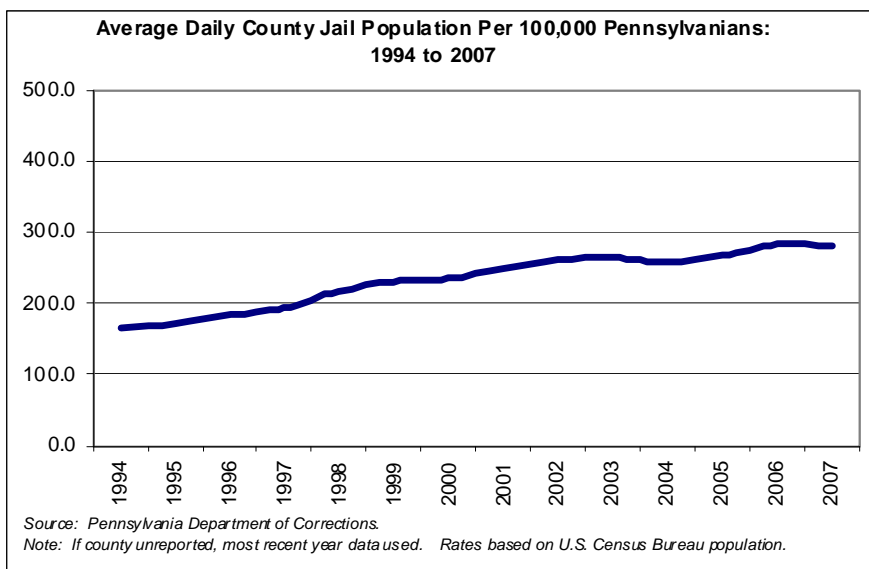
Source: *Pennsylvania Department of Corrections*  
 Note: *\*No data available for Beaver, Delaware, Franklin and Venango counties. Most recent year data available utilized.  
 NA=Cameron, Forest, Fulton, and Sullivan do not have county jails.  
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### 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 average daily county jail population was 281.6 offenders for every 100,000 Pennsylvanians during 2007. Individually, rates ranged from an average daily population of 25.3 offenders per 100,000 persons in Lawrence County to a rate of 862.6 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, 2007							
Adams	309.6	Clinton	862.6	Lackawanna	423.3	Pike	438.7
Allegheny	210.0	Columbia	194.4	Lancaster	234.7	Potter	58.9
Armstrong	203.0	Crawford	251.5	Lawrence	25.3	Schuylkill	200.8
Beaver*	216.7	Cumberland	149.1	Lebanon	420.7	Snyder	312.2
Bedford	269.9	Dauphin	382.9	Lehigh	418.4	Somerset	89.9
Berks	298.0	Delaware*	346.1	Luzerne	229.5	Sullivan	NA
Blair	227.8	Elk	190.1	Lycoming	287.7	Susquehanna	194.5
Bradford	211.0	Erie	235.4	McKean	218.4	Tioga	194.2
Bucks	117.0	Fayette	167.4	Mercer	220.9	Union	78.0
Butler	99.5	Forest	NA	Mifflin	257.0	Venango*	306.8
Cambria	302.8	Franklin*	228.7	Monroe	204.8	Warren	300.1
Cameron	NA	Fulton	NA	Montgomery	203.1	Washington	175.6
Carbon	234.0	Greene	265.8	Montour	162.8	Wayne	148.9
Centre	145.4	Huntingdon	103.8	Northampton	284.8	Westmoreland	149.9
Chester	193.5	Indiana	84.4	Northumberland	203.8	Wyoming	204.8
Clarion	214.3	Jefferson	252.3	Perry	263.5	York	510.2
Clearfield	169.4	Juniata	146.8	Philadelphia	577.9		

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 Rates calculated based on U.S. Census Bureau Vintage 2007 county population.