# **Incarceration Trends Dataset**

County- and jurisdiction-level jail data (1970-2018) and county-level prison data (1983-2016)

# Codebook

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# **Project History**

In December 2015, Vera released the Incarceration Trends data tool (trends.vera.org) and the companion publication *In Our Own Backyard: Confronting Growth and Disparities in American Jails*. This work employed two Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) data collections: the Census of Jails (COJ), which covers all jails and is conducted every five to eight years since 1970, and the Annual Survey of Jails (ASJ), which covers about one-third of jails—and includes nearly all of the largest jails—that has been conducted in non-census years since 1982. This project was funded by the Robert W. Wilson Charitable Trust.

In 2016-2018, through a grant from the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge, Vera updated the data tool to include newly released data from the 2013 COJ and 2015 ASJ and developed four publications:

- Overlooked: Women and Jails in an Era of Reform;
- Out of Sight: The Growth of Jails in Rural America;
- Divided Justice: Trends in Black and White Incarceration 1990-2013; and
- The New Dynamics of Mass Incarceration.

In 2018, through the *In Our Backyards* grant from Google.org, Vera completed work on a companion county-level prison dataset, examined in *The New Dynamics of Mass Incarceration*, that drew on the BJS National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP) data collection. Vera then merged this data with the original jails dataset to produce a first-in-kind national dataset that can examine both jail and prison incarceration at the county level.

In January 2020, with additional support from Arnold Ventures, Vera produced an updated dataset (version 2.1) which included a cleaner version of the same data released in 2018 and incorporated 2016 ASJ and 2017 ASJ data which was released in the last 2 years.

In September 2020, Vera produced an updated dataset (version 2.2) with 2018 ASJ data that was released in 2020. This version included improved estimates for some earlier data as well.

Research on incarceration has traditionally centered on state-level data: specifically state prison populations or the statewide combined prison and jail population. Using the state as the unit of analysis is sufficient for understanding the broad contours of incarceration in the United States, but it does not provide the level of detail necessary to unpack its causes and consequences. This is because it is largely county officials—judges, prosecutors, people who manage jails—that decide how communities use incarceration (i.e., who is sent to jail and prison, and for how long). Therefore, county-level variability makes for more robust, theoretically-grounded studies of the high rates of incarceration seen across the United States.

For more information on *In Our Backyards*, see <u>vera.org/backyards</u>.

# Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide detail on the sources and variables in the Incarceration Trends dataset, much of which can be visualized using the Incarceration Trends data tool (<u>trends.vera.org</u>). This dataset provides county-level data on prison and jail incarceration and related measures over time for the entire United States.

This dataset was assembled using information collected by the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), supplemented with data from state departments of correction when federal data is not available. The BJS datasets are:

- the **National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP)**, which has collected individual-level data on admissions and releases since 1983;
- the **Deaths in Custody Reporting Program: Jail Populations (DCRP)**, for facility-level jail population and admissions data collected between 2000 and 2013;
- the **Annual Survey of Jails (ASJ)**, which has collected data for a sample of counties since 1982;
- the **Census of Jails (COJ)**, which provides data on all counties since its first collection in 1970; and

In addition to incarceration data, the dataset also includes:

- population estimates collected by the U.S. Census Bureau and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and
- geographic information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Census Bureau.

Complete information about these sources are available at the ICPSR data archive (<a href="https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/">https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/</a>). Further information on the protocols used to create the jail variables using the ASJ and COJ is available in Kang-Brown, Hinds, Schattner-Elmaleh, and Wallace-Lee, *Incarceration Trends: Data and Methods for Historical Jail Populations in U.S. Counties*, 1970-2018. Further information on the protocols used to create the prison variables using the NCRP is available in Hinds, Lu, Wallace-Lee, and Kang-Brown, *Workingpaper: Reconstructing How Counties Contribute to State Prisons*.

Please see page 60 for the terms of use of the Incarceration Trends dataset. If you have questions or comments about the dataset, or this documentation, please write to <a href="mailto:trends@vera.org">trends@vera.org</a>.

# **Data Sources**

This dataset combines sources that are described in detail below. The prison variables draw on the National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP) and data collected directly from state departments of correction, when NCRP data is not available or is unreliable. These two sources are combined when creating the prison variables. The jails data draws on the Annual Survey of Jails (ASJ), Census of Jails (COJ), and population and admissions variables from Death in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP). The ASJ and COJ data are combined when creating the jail variables. Separate variables are created using the DCRP data.

### **National Corrections Reporting Program**

The National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP) provides detailed individual-level data on admissions and releases from state prison authorities, including county of commitment. We use the NCRP data to compute total prison population count and total prison admission count per year aggregated at the county level, as well as population and admissions estimates by race and gender.

To protect data privacy and prevent individual identification, we used a threshold of 3, and discarded anything equal to or less than the threshold, but greater than o. Specific details are available in the working paper, <u>Reconstructing How Counties Contribute to State Prisons</u>. For those that need to work with detailed data resolution, please contact us directly.

To address gaps in the NCRP data, we used data that is publicly available from state corrections departments in the following nine states: Florida, Kansas, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Washington, and Wisconsin.

### **Deaths in Custody Reporting Program**

The Death in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP) contains facility-level data on jail average daily populations, admissions, and single day population counts for the years 2000 to 2013. We use data from the jail portion of the DCRP to compute total jail admission count, total jail population count, admissions and population estimates by race and gender, as well as total pretrial population count and pretrial population by gender for each county.

### **Annual Survey of Jails**

The Annual Survey of Jails (ASJ) series provides annual, county-level data on jail admissions, releases, and population estimates for a sample of jurisdictions identified from the Census of Jails. ASJ data is used to estimate jail admission counts, jail population counts, population by race and gender, and pretrial population counts at the county level in years during which DCRP data is unavailable. ASJ data is also used to compare facility-level estimates from the DCRP to county-level trends to check for data errors and account for discrepancies in reporting or data

collection. ASJ data has been collected since 1982, however the earliest years have not been made available in a public archive. We use the publicly available data from 1985-2017.

### **Census of Jails**

The Census of Jails (COJ) series began in 1970, and is conducted every five to eight years. It collects data from all U.S. counties. In the latest iteration of the census in 2013, 2,872 local jail jurisdictions were included. Facility-level data includes confined and non-confined population counts, confined populations by gender and race, the average daily population, and number of admissions and releases. The COJ data is aggregated at the jurisdiction and county level and is used in combination with DCRP and ASJ to compute total jail population count, total jail admission count, as well as population and admission estimates by race and gender. The census provides the sampling frame for the ASJ.

# **Census of State and Federal Adult Correctional Facilities**

The Census of State and Federal Adult Correctional Facilities (CAF) series collects data on federal, state, local, and private correctional facilities identified by BJS. The CAF dataset provides detailed information on facility operations and functions, capacity, population counts, as well as characteristics of the incarcerated population. We use the CAF dataset to compute the number of facilities, the number of prison employees, the confined prison population, and the prison capacity for each county, based on the most recent data set from 2005.

### **FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program**

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program compiles data on crimes reported to participating law enforcement agencies. Data is reported annually and is available at the agency and county level for Part I crimes (typically more serious offenses, which are more likely to be reported to the police). County-level reported crime counts from the UCR are used to supplement prison and jail data to provide a more comprehensive picture of incarceration.

### **Centers on Disease Control**

#### **National Vital Statistics System Data**

The National Vital Statistics System dataset is collected by the National Center for Health Statistics at the CDC. The series provides detailed population estimates at the county level for each year from 1970 to 2017. These data are broken down by age, gender, and race. Race categories also include a Hispanic/Latino ethnicity variable. We used this data to compute the county population of people between the ages of 15 and 64 by race and gender.

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service first developed Commuting Zones (CZs) and Labor Market Areas (LMAs) in the 1980s to more accurately delineate the geographic boundaries of local economies. We use the 2000 version of the CZs to provide a metric for examining geographic variation in prison and jail incarceration.

### U.S. Census Bureau

The U.S. Census Bureau collects data using a variety of geographic delineations. Geographic entities, or statistical areas, range from regions to census blocks. We use the Census Bureau definitions of region, urban versus rural, divisions, and metropolitan areas to provide additional metrics to examine geographic variation in prison and jail incarceration. In addition, land area in square miles is included to allow the examination of population density.

# **Variable Descriptions**

### Jail

#### Jail Admissions / Discharges

Total jail admissions is an estimate of the number of admissions in each jurisdiction or county in a given year. There is a similar variable for total jail discharges Most frequently, jail admissions or discharges are measured over the last week in June that is multiplied to get an annual count, but this has changed over time. More recently the question has shifted to a direct annual count, and the DCRP uses an annual count broken down by gender. More information is available at Kang-Brown, Hinds, Schattner-Elmaleh, and Wallace-Lee, *Incarceration Trends: Data and Methods for Historical Jail Populations in U.S. Counties*, 1970-2018.

#### Jail Population

Jail population data is computed using the ASJ and COJ (jail variables with no suffix) and the DCRP (jail variables with the suffix "DCRP"). The ASJ/COJ data is available for the period 1970-2018; DCRP data is only available for the period 2000-2013. Note that during the period 2000-2013 data is sometimes missing in the DCRP variables but available in the ASJ/COJ variables.

Total jail population is defined as the <u>average daily</u> number of people held in jail through December 31 of a given year. Jail population estimates are disaggregated by race and gender, as well as by jurisdiction. These disaggregated estimates are reported as a single day count at the end of June (except for 2015 and 2016 where the reference date was end of December), rather than an annual average, and thus do not necessarily sum to the total average daily population. We include five race categories: Asian American / Pacific Islander, Black, Latinx, Native American, and White. The total jail population, as well as race and gender estimates, include individuals held under federal and other authorities. We provide the jail population count for non-local correctional authorities: state prisons, other local jails, federal authorities, and various federal agencies Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Marshals Service, Bureau of Prisons, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which are also single day counts.

#### **Pretrial Population**

Pretrial jail population estimates are computed in the same way as the total jail population estimates, but only count unsentenced people who are held in jail at the end of June (except for 2015 and 2016 where the reference date was end of December).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note that this varies from the presentation of the "total" jail population visualized on trends.vera.org, which excludes people held for federal agencies.

#### Jurisdiction Identifier

A unique identifier was assigned to each jail jurisdiction. The identifier is eight digits, the first five of which are the FIPS code of the county the jurisdiction is in. The last three digits represent a counter starting from 1, assigned in the order that the jurisdiction appears in the ASJ or COJ data files.

#### Private Jail Jurisdiction Flag

To track whether privately-operated jails are included in jail data counts, a private jail jurisdiction flag is provided for each row in the dataset. The flag is 1 when private jails are included in counts, and 0 otherwise.

#### Multi-jurisdiction Jail Flag

To track whether multi-jurisdictional (regional jail) corrections have been applied to jail counts, a multi-jurisdiction jail flag is provided for each row in the dataset. The flag is 1 when corrections have been applied, and 0 otherwise.

#### **Prison**

#### **Prison Population**

Prison population is defined as those individuals sentenced to the state prison authority, aggregated by the county of commitment. Total prison population count is based on the number of people held in prison on December 31 of a given year. We disaggregate prison population count by race and gender. We include six race categories: Asian or Pacific Islander (including Native Hawaiian) (AAPI), Black, Latinx, Native American, White, and Other or unknown racial categories.

#### 1983-1999

Only data on admissions and releases are available for the years 1983 to 1999, therefore population counts for these years are estimates. For each release in a given year from 1983 to 1999, population estimates are accumulated incrementally by adding one to the population count for all years between the admission year and release year of an individual release record. Release data from 2000 to 2016 is used to find those admitted before 2000.

#### Special Cases

For some states, the 2000 to 2015 dataset contained records of prisoners released prior to 2000. For these states, pre-2000 estimation is limited to the years prior to the data included in the later dataset.

The NCRP data includes sentences of less than one year for some states for certain years. Records with admission and release dates that are less than one year apart are excluded for Arizona, 2000-2016; Iowa, 1983-1999; Maryland, 1989-2016; New York, 1983-1991; North Carolina, 1987-2016; Pennsylvania, 1989-1999; and South Carolina, 2000-2016.

#### 2000-2016

Prison population estimates for 2000 to 2016 data are accumulated incrementally between the admission year and release year for each individual record in the NCRP dataset. For all states, the main term data file can be used without considering the extra data file.

#### State Sources

For some states, we identified county-level aggregate prison population counts that were available directly from state government data sources. When NCRP-based population counts were unavailable or unreliable, we chose to use state sources instead. This was the case for Ohio, 2001, 2003-2008; Pennsylvania, 1998-2001, 2015; and South Carolina, 2015.

#### **Prison Admissions**

Total prison admissions count the number of times people are sent to prison from each county. For all counties, prison admissions exclude returns from court and transfers from other jurisdictions. Admissions with a sentence of less than 12 months are excluded from the figures for Arizona, Maryland, North Carolina, and South Carolina. We disaggregate prison admissions by race and gender, and include six race categories: AAPI, Black, Latinx, Native American, White, and Other or unknown racial categories.

NCRP data is compared to state-level National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) data to identify and account for data errors and missing values. The combined total admissions per year for all counties within each state is compared to state-level admission totals in the NPS data to identify states that failed to report admissions figures for certain years. The missing data is interpolated at the county level within individual variables.

#### State Sources

When NCRP-based county-level aggregate prison admissions counts were unavailable or unreliable, we chose to use state sources when possible. This was the case for Florida, 2015; Kansas, 2011-2015; MI, 2014, 2015; MS, 2011; Ohio, 2002-2006, 2015; Pennsylvania 1983, 2015; South Carolina, 2015, WA, 2015, and WI 2015.

### **County Population**

The dataset includes data for total county population, the total county population aged 15 to 64, the total county population aged 15-64 for two gender categories (male and female) and for five race categories (Asian American / Pacific Islander, Black, Latinx, Native American, and White).

Vera calculates incarceration rates using the resident population aged 15-64 provide a more accurate picture of prevalence because youth under age 15 and adults over 64 are age groups at very low risk of jail incarceration and because the proportion of these groups varies greatly by county.

# Geography

Vera's measure of urbanicity collapses the six categories defined by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Urban-Rural Classification Scheme for Counties to four, by combining medium with small metropolitan areas, and micropolitan (an urban area with a population of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000) with non-core areas (all other areas not considered metropolitan or micropolitan). Vera counts the former as "Small and Mid Metros" and the latter as "Rural." A county is labeled "Large Metro, Urban" if it is one of the core counties of a metropolitan area with a million or more people, and a county is labeled "Large Metro, Suburban" if it is within that surrounding metropolitan area. Rural areas are the most numerous category, with more than 1,900 counties.

# **Variables - County File**

yfips			Unique ID: Year and FIPS code
	range: unique values:	[197001001, 201856045] 153811	units: 1 missing .: 0/153811
year			Year
	unique values:	[1970,2018] 49	units: 1 missing .: 0/153811
	mean: std. dev:	1994 14.1422	
fips	-		County Identification Code
	range: unique values:	[1001,56045] 3139	units: 1 missing .: 0/153811
	mean: std. dev:	30367.5 15174.3	
state			State Name

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> D.D. Ingram and S.J. Franco, 2013 NCHS Urban-Rural Classification Scheme for Counties (Hyattsville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2014), 2-5, <a href="https://perma.cc/J434-9NJ4">https://perma.cc/J434-9NJ4</a>.

unique values: 51 missing "": 0/153811

examples: "IA"

"MI" "NE" "TN"

county name

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missing "": 0/153811 unique values:

examples: "Cook County"

"Hernando County" "Meigs County" "Sanborn County"

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Population Count, All Ages total pop

range: [0,10120540] units: 1

missing .: 0/153811 unique values: 78751

mean: 84300.5 std. dev: 303312

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Population Count, Ages 15 to 64 total pop 15to64 \_\_\_\_\_\_

range: [0,6958134] units: 1

unique values: 65529 missing .: 0/153811

mean: 55563.2 std. dev: 204009

Female Population Count, Ages 15 to 64 female pop 15to64

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range: [0,3484553] units: 1

unique values: 48097 missing .: 0/153811

mean: 28017.5 std. dev: 103683

male pop 15to64 Male Population Count, Ages 15 to 64 \_\_\_\_\_

range: [0,3473893] units: 1

unique values: 48073 missing .: 0/153811

mean: 27545.7 std. dev: 100392

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aapi\_pop\_15to64 Asian American / Pacific Islander
Population Count, Ages 15 to 64

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range: [0,1079927] units: 1

unique values: 9788 missing .: 62780/153811

mean: 3059.99 std. dev: 26849.6

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black\_pop\_15to64 Black Population Count, Ages 15 to 64

range: [0,1367586] units: 1

unique values: 18098 missing .: 62780/153811

mean: 7752.66 std. dev: 40718.4

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latinx pop 15to64 Latinx Population Count, Ages 15 to 64

range: [0,3382603] units: 1

unique values: 15271 missing .: 62780/153811

mean: 8659.19 std. dev: 73261.8

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native\_pop\_15to64 Native American Population Count, Ages 15 to 64

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range: [0,55180] units: 1

unique values: 5174 missing .: 62780/153811

mean: 502.344 std. dev: 1958.02

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white\_pop\_15to64 White Population Count, Ages 15 to 64

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range: [0,2480639] units: 1

unique values: 46257 missing .: 62780/153811

mean: 41600.5 std. dev: 104664

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urbanicity \_\_\_\_\_\_

missing "": 49/153811 unique values: 4

tabulation: Freq. Value 49 ""

96824 "rural" 35770 "small/mid" 18032 "suburban" 3136 "urban"

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region Census Region \_\_\_\_\_\_

unique values: 4 missing "": 0/153811

tabulation: Freq. Value

51695 "Midwest" 10437 "Northeast" 69678 "South" 22001 "West"

division Census Division

unique values: 9 missing "": 0/153811

tabulation: Freq. Value

17885 "East North Central" 17836 "East South Central" 8575 "Middle Atlantic"

12348 "Mountain" 3283 "New England" 8232 "Pacific"

28812 "South Atlantic" 33810 "West North Central" 23030 "West South Central"

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Commuting Zone commuting zone

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range: [1,903] units: 1

unique values: 708 missing .: 343/153811

mean: 277.496 std. dev: 189.83

Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) metro area

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range: [10100,49820] units: 10

unique values: 917 missing .: 65464/153811

mean: 29630.2 std. dev: 11487.9

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land area Land Area in Square Miles

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range: [2.05,145572.45] units: .01 missing :: 49/153811 unique values: 3089

mean: 1125.57 std. dev: 3615.68

total\_jail\_pop Total Jail Population Count, ASJ/COJ Data Total Jail Population Count, ASJ/COJ Data total jail pop

range: [0,23467.19] units: .01

unique values: 16986 missing .: 9771/153811

mean: 161.121 std. dev: 615.541

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Female Jail Population Count, ASJ/COJ Data female jail pop

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units: .01 range: [0,2897.41]

missing .: 10954/153811 unique values: 5737

mean: 18.2104 std. dev: 73.3234

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Male Jail Population Count, ASJ/COJ Data male jail pop

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range: [0,20288.14] units: .01

unique values: 16109 missing .: 10551/153811

mean: 143.605

std. dev: 546.691

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female adult jail pop Female Adult Jail Population Count, ASJ/COJ Data

range: [0,2896.21] units: .01

unique values: 5657 missing .: 10974/153811

mean: 18.1033 std. dev: 73.0401

female\_juvenile\_jail\_pop Juvenile Female Jail Population Count, ASJ/COJ Data

range: [0,78] units: .01

unique values: 326 missing .: 33526/153811

mean: .130282 std. dev: 1.01779

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male adult jail pop Male Adult Jail Population Count, ASJ/COJ Data

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units: .01 range: [0,20234.14]

missing .: 10551/153811 unique values: 15307

mean: 141.966 std. dev: 539.843

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range: [0,1532] units: .01

unique values: 1167 missing .: 33313/153811

mean: 1.94917 std. dev: 15.4309

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aapi\_jail\_pop Jail Population Count, Asian American / Pacific Islander aapi jail pop

units: .01 range: [0,893]

unique values: 2465 missing .: 56609/153811

mean: 1.9814 std. dev: 14.4412

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black jail pop

Jail Population Count, Black

units: .01 range: [0,13143.92]

missing .: 56599/153811 unique values: 10434

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mean: 81.1756 std. dev: 356.155

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90% 0 .9 5.8 39 154.33

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latinx jail pop Jail Population Count, Latinx \_-^ \_-^ .

type: numeric (float)

range: [0,16594.81] units: .01

missing .: 56609/153811 unique values: 6659

mean: 33.127 std. dev: 242.473

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native\_jail pop Jail Population Count, Native American 

range: [0,425] units: .01

missing .: 56609/153811 unique values: 2645

mean: 2.47771 std. dev: 12.9513

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Jail Population Count, White white jail pop

range: [0,7036.59] units: .01

unique values: 13221 missing .: 56589/153811

mean: 90.6666 std. dev: 213.121

other race jail pop Jail Population Count, Unknown or Other Racial Category \_\_\_\_\_

range: [0,1642] units: .01

> unique values: 1830 missing .: 87691/153811

mean: 2.69308 std. dev: 31.8458

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total jail pretrial

Pretrial Jail Population Count

range: [0,14580] units: .01

unique values: 13255 missing .: 10316/153811

mean: 92.7934 std. dev: 387.922

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range: [0,7018.35] units: .01

unique values: 8194 missing .: 41471/153811

mean: 24.2201 std. dev: 129.308

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total\_jail\_from\_other\_jail Jail Population Count, Held for Other Local Jails

range: [0,2409.5] units: .01

unique values: 4116 missing .: 41516/153811

mean: 6.8646 std. dev: 42.817

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total jail from fed Jail Population Count, Held for all

federal agencies (BIA, BOP, ICE, USMS,

etc)

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range: [0,3891] units: .01

unique values: 4003 missing .: 32762/153811

mean: 9.21379 std. dev: 49.7198

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total\_jail\_from\_bia Jail Population Count, Held for Bureau of Indian Affairs

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range: [0,376] units: .01

unique values: 451 missing .: 59088/153811

mean: .117822 std. dev: 2.60361 \_\_\_\_\_\_

total jail from bop

Jail Population Count, Held for Federal

Bureau of Prisons

units: .01 range: [0,2141]

unique values: 809 missing .: 73549/153811

mean: .712454 std. dev: 16.5461

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range: [0,3885] units: .01

unique values: 1720 missing .: 56320/153811

mean: 3.75227 std. dev: 34.7219

range: [0,1717] units: .01

> unique values: 3040 missing .: 59088/153811

mean: 6.3638 std. dev: 34.0076

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range: [0,998] units: .01

unique values: 658 missing .: 55811/153811

mean: .938632 std. dev: 15.8036

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jail rated capacity Rated Capacity of Jail

range: [0,24961.26] units: .01

unique values: 16184 missing .: 9760/153811

mean: 184.283 std. dev: 665.363

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private jail flag

County had a private jail jurisdiction

operating in this year

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type: numeric (byte)

range: [0,1] units: 1

unique values: 2 missing .: 3687/153811

tabulation: Freq. Value

1.5e+05 0 702 1 3687 .

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multi-jurisdictional jail in this year

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range: [0,1] units: 1

unique values: 2 missing .: 0/153811

tabulation: Freq. Value

1.4e+05 0 16500 1

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total\_jail\_adm Total Jail Admissions Count, ASJ/COJ Data

range: [0,405727] units: .01 unique values: 47215 missing .: 35975/153811

mean: 3541.02 std. dev: 10318.6

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range: [0,407773] units: .01

unique values: 47955 missing .: 37234/153811

mean: 3495.48 std. dev: 10396.7

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range: [0,14265] units: .01

unique values: 6444 missing .: 113680/153811

mean: 223.802 std. dev: 577.712

range: [0,1566] units: .01

unique values: 2660 missing .: 114286/153811

mean: 28.1759 std. dev: 68.7745

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range: [0,13926] units: .01

unique values: 6130 missing .: 113680/153811

mean: 197.706 std. dev: 519.223

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total\_jail\_adm\_dcrp Total Jail Admissions Count, DCRP Data

range: [0,150270] units: .01

unique values: 15192 missing .: 113749/153811

mean: 3737.77 std. dev: 8097.14

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female\_jail\_adm\_dcrp Total Jail Admissions Count, Female

range: [0,34860] units: .01

unique values: 9038 missing .: 114014/153811

mean: 699.566 std. dev: 1536.7

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male jail adm dcrp Total Jail Admissions Count, Male

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range: [0,123634] units: .01

unique values: 14156 missing .: 113766/153811

mean: 3037.93 std. dev: 6621.52 -----

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total prison pop

Total Prison Population Count

range: [0,58068] units: .01

unique values: 8775 missing .: 67425/153811

mean: 361.361 std. dev: 1639.68

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female\_prison\_pop Prison Population Count, Female

range: [0,3929] units: 1

unique values: 748 missing .: 99001/153811

mean: 31.9253 std. dev: 115.018

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male\_prison\_pop Prison Population Count, Male

range: [0,54365] units: 1

unique values: 3681 missing .: 99001/153811

mean: 459.57 std. dev: 1834.11

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aapi prison pop Prison Population Count, Asian American / Pacific Islander

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range: [0,2031] units: 1

unique values: 250 missing .: 138831/153811

mean: 7.34553 std. dev: 52.934

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black\_prison\_pop Prison Population Count, Black

range: [0,24818] units: 1

unique values: 2593 missing .: 104802/153811

mean: 247.166 std. dev: 1079.24 \_\_\_\_\_\_

latinx prison pop Prison Population Count, Latinx

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range: [0,25074] units: 1

missing .: 114342/153811 unique values: 1415

101.43 mean: std. dev: 767.556

native prison\_pop Prison Population Count, Native American

range: [0,1148] units: 1

unique values: 275 missing .: 122825/153811

mean: 7.29707 std. dev: 32.0042

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other race prison pop Prison Population, Unknown or Other Racial Category \_\_\_\_\_\_

range: [0,4285] units: 1

> unique values: 405 missing .: 123712/153811

mean: 9.88521 std. dev: 90.46

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white prison pop Prison Population Count, White

range: [0,9945] units: 1

unique values: 1947 missing .: 92953/153811

mean: 162.729 std. dev: 385.067

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Prison Population Count, Asian American aapi female prison pop

/ Pacific Islander Female

range: [0,56] units: 1

unique values: 41 missing .: 141448/153811

mean: .399822 std. dev: 2.19589

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aapi male prison pop Prison Population Count, Asian American

/ Pacific Islander Male

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range: [0,406] units: 1

unique values: 202 missing .: 141448/153811

mean: 5.81129 std. dev: 24.3635

black female prison pop Prison Population Count, Black Female

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units: 1 range: [0,1774]

unique values: 405 missing .: 126249/153811

mean: 16.0626 std. dev: 64.8391

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black male prison pop Prison Population Count, Black Male \_ \_ \_ \_

range: [0,23465] units: 1

unique values: 2212 missing .: 126249/153811

mean: 290.995 std. dev: 1140.98

latinx\_female\_prison pop Prison Population Count, Latinx Female

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range: [0,1203] units: 1

unique values: 289 missing .: 131891/153811

mean: 7.00219 std. dev: 43.5534

latinx male prison pop Prison Population Count, Latinx Male

units: 1 range: [0,23871]

unique values: 1250 missing .: 131891/153811

mean: 145.989 std. dev: 939.797

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range: [0,182] units: 1

unique values: 74 missing .: 138596/153811

mean: 1.48091 std. dev: 6.08296

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range: [0,970] units: 1

unique values: 235 missing .: 138596/153811

mean: 11.1656 std. dev: 37.529

other race female prison pop Prison Population Count, Unknown or

Other Racial Category Female

range: [0,544] units: 1

unique values: 89 missing .: 140473/153811

mean: 1.2001 std. dev: 10.8692

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other race male prison pop Prison Population Count, Unknown or

Other Racial Category Male

range: [0,3741] units: 1

unique values: 377 missing .: 140473/153811

mean: 17.1539 std. dev: 119.812

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white female prison pop Prison Population Count, White Female

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range: [0,1204] units: 1

missing .: 120349/153811 unique values: 394

mean: 20.7506 std. dev: 47.3245

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white male prison pop Prison Population Count, White Male

range: [0,9055] units: 1

unique values: 1744 missing .: 120349/153811

mean: 202.711

std. dev: 427.344

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range: [0,39715] units: .01

unique values: 7117 missing .: 64547/153811

mean: 184.568 std. dev: 897.143

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female\_prison\_adm Prison Admission Count, Female

range: [0,4241] units: 1

range: [0,4241] units: 1
unique values: 691 missing .: 99638/153811

mean: 27.143 std. dev: 107.811

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male\_prison\_adm Prison Admission Count, Male

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range: [0,35474] units: 1

unique values: 2401 missing .: 99638/153811

mean: 227.862 std. dev: 973.996

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aapi\_prison\_adm Prison Admission Count, Asian American / Pacific Islander

range: [0,1380] units: 1

unique values: 165 missing .: 136369/153811

mean: 3.0246 std. dev: 29.343

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black\_prison\_adm Prison Admission Count, Black

range: [0,17736] units: 1

unique values: 1734 missing .: 104678/153811

mean: 119.067 std. dev: 563.788 \_\_\_\_\_\_

latinx prison adm Prison Admission Count, Latinx

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range: [0,14869] units: 1

unique values: 1035 missing .: 114228/153811

mean: 53.2568 std. dev: 411.307

Prison Admission Count, Native American native prison adm

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range: [0,2558] units: 1

unique values: 275 missing .: 120427/153811

mean: 5.65834 std. dev: 46.195

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Prison Admissions, Unknown or Other Racial Category other race prison adm \_ <del>-</del> \_

range: [0,4190] units: 1

unique values: 320 missing .: 120682/153811

mean: 6.02418 std. dev: 65.8388

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white prison adm Prison Admission Count, White

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range: [0,8315] units: 1

unique values: 1313 missing .: 92745/153811

mean: 91.3615 std. dev: 241.662

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Prison Admissions Count, Asian American aapi female prison adm

/ Pacific Islander Female

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range: [0,52] units: 1

unique values: 38 missing .: 141181/153811

mean: .264529 std. dev: 1.83311

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aapi male prison adm Prison Admissions Count, Asian American

/ Pacific Islander Male

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units: 1 range: [0,222]

unique values: 108 missing .: 141181/153811

mean: 2.08583 std. dev: 9.93763

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black female prison adm Prison Admissions Count, Black Female \_\_\_\_\_\_

units: 1 range: [0,2004]

> unique values: 338 missing .: 128763/153811

mean: 12.5896 std. dev: 58.7194

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Prison Admissions Count, Black Male black male prison adm \_ \_ \_ \_

range: [0,14350] units: 1

unique values: 1407 missing .: 128763/153811

mean: 133.739 std. dev: 529.57

latinx female prison adm Prison Admissions Count, Latinx Female

range: [0,1182] units: 1

unique values: 281 missing .: 134088/153811

mean: 6.41819 std. dev: 39.4467

latinx male prison adm Prison Admissions Count, Latinx Male \_\_\_\_\_\_

units: 1 range: [0,13730]

unique values: 898 missing .: 134088/153811

mean: 80.663 std. dev: 502.371

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native\_female\_prison\_adm Prison Admissions Count, Native American Female

range: [0,118] units: 1

unique values: 61 missing .: 139229/153811

mean: 1.05061 std. dev: 4.31541

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range: [0,488] units: 1

unique values: 148 missing .: 139229/153811

mean: 5.42251 std. dev: 18.9275

other race female prison adm Prison Admissions Count, Unknown or

Other Racial Category Female

range: [0,610] units: 1

unique values: 87 missing .: 140235/153811

mean: 1.12471 std. dev: 12.091

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other race male prison adm Prison Admissions Count, Unknown or

Other Racial Category Male

range: [0,3580] units: 1

unique values: 288 missing .: 140235/153811

mean: 9.91242 std. dev: 85.1084

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white female prison adm Prison Admissions Count, White Female

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units: 1 range: [0,1123]

missing .: 122751/153811 unique values: 364

mean: 18.4413 std. dev: 45.1898

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white male prison adm Prison Admissions Count, White Male

range: [0,7240] units: 1

unique values: 1070 missing .: 122751/153811

mean: 107.454

std. dev: 258.36

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total jail pop rate Total Jail Population Rate, ASJ/COJ Data

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range: [0,51021.86] units: .01

unique values: 58472 missing .: 9802/153811

mean: 317.851 std. dev: 772.562

female\_jail\_pop\_rate Jail Population Rate, Female Jail Population Rate, Female

range: [0,17798.14] units: .01

missing .: 10980/153811 unique values: 25041

mean: 65.9008 std. dev: 209.971

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male jail pop rate Jail Population Rate, Male

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units: .01 range: [0,86561.22]

missing .: 10582/153811 unique values: 76766

mean: 557.384 std. dev: 1326.59

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missing .: 71096/153811 unique values: 17890

units: .01

mean: 749.576 std. dev: 13071.8

range: [0,1993333.4]

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Jail Population Rate, Black black jail pop rate

units: .01 range: [0,2145000]

unique values: 50291 missing .: 71561/153811

mean: 4393.67 std. dev: 22883.1

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Jail Population Rate, Latinx latinx jail pop rate

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range: [0,351162.78]

units: ... missing .: 68981/153811 unique values: 41639

mean: 1166.67 std. dev: 5183.82

native jail pop rate Jail Population Rate, Native American .\_\_\_\_\_

units: .01 range: [0,335500]

> unique values: 21389 missing .: 69890/153811

mean: 1195.05 std. dev: 7544.26

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white jail pop rate Jail Population Rate, White \_ \_ \_

range: [0,73887.49] units: .01

> unique values: 44006 missing .: 68667/153811

mean: 318.5 std. dev: 910.266

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total jail adm rate Total Jail Admissions Rate, ASJ/COJ Data

range: [0,434449.38] units: .01

missing .: 36004/153811 unique values: 107296

mean: 7503.14 std. dev: 9079.19

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total jail pretrial rate Pretrial Jail Population Rate \_\_\_\_\_\_

range: [0,27114.75] units: .01

missing .: 10347/153811 unique values: 41334

mean: 158.09 std. dev: 375.259

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Total Prison Population Rate total prison pop rate

range: [0,56451.61] units: .01

unique values: 57871 missing .: 67440/153811

mean: 528.689 std. dev: 649.996

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female prison pop rate Prison Population Rate, Female

range: [0,13013.7] units: .01

unique values: 20103 missing .: 99018/153811

mean: 89.7251 std. dev: 155.941

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Prison Population Rate, Male male prison pop rate

range: [0,95121.95] units: .01

missing .: 99016/153811 unique values: 45607

mean: 1059.73 std. dev: 1298.08

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aapi prison pop rate Prison Population Rate, Asian American

/ Pacific Islander

range: [0,5882.35] units: .01

missing .: 140615/153811 unique values: 2690

34.717 mean: std. dev: 151.659

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Prison Population Rate, Black black prison pop rate

range: [0,2107142.8] units: .01

missing .: 116031/153811 unique values: 26781

mean: 2785.15 std. dev: 14626.5

latinx prison pop rate Prison Population Rate, Latinx \_\_\_\_\_\_

range: [0,1200000] unique values: 15763 units: .01 missing .: 123059/153811

mean: 776.162 std. dev: 16197.3

native prison pop rate Prison Population Rate, Native American

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range: [0,600000] units: .01

missing .: 131337/153811 unique values: 6219

mean: 640.161 std. dev: 4287.86

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Prison Population Rate, White white prison pop rate

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range: [0,29870.13] units: .01

unique values: 35619 missing .: 105280/153811

mean: 437.477 std. dev: 507.231

Total Prison Admissions Rate total prison adm rate ·--<del>-</del>-----<del>-</del>-----

range: [0,28125] units: .01

unique values: 45396 missing .: 64569/153811

mean: 285.853 std. dev: 461.962

percentiles:

 10%
 25%
 50%
 75%
 90%

 62
 120.79
 218.4
 368.51
 551.57

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female prison adm rate Prison Admissions Rate, Female

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range: [0,10958.9] units: .01

unique values: 18539 missing .: 99661/153811

mean: 80.4827 std. dev: 193.146

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male prison adm rate Prison Admissions Rate, Male

units: .01 range: [0,53691.28]

unique values: 39409 missing .: 99659/153811

mean: 552.306 std. dev: 940.705

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aapi prison adm rate

Prison Admissions Rate, Asian American

/ Pacific Islander

range: [0,10869.57]

units: .01

unique values: 1620

missing .: 138102/153811

mean: 15.2324 std. dev: 141.307

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black\_prison\_adm rate Prison Admissions Rate, Black

range: [0,557741.94] units: .01

unique values: 25225 missing .: 115207/153811

mean: 1299.46 std. dev: 5506.85

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latinx prison adm rate Prison Admissions Rate, Latinx

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range: [0,866666.69] units: .01

units: .01 missing .: 122469/153811 unique values: 12473

mean: 326.096 std. dev: 8566.93

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native prison adm rate Prison Admissions Rate, Native American

range: [0,45000] units: .01

unique values: 4849 missing .: 128602/153811

mean: 339.887 std. dev: 1288.3

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white prison adm rate Prison Admissions Rate, White

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units: .01 range: [0,16408.67]

unique values: 29808 missing .: 104234/153811

mean: 248.632 std. dev: 364.262

# **Variables - Jurisdiction File**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ yjid Unique ID: Year and jurisdiction code \_\_\_\_\_\_ range: [197001001001,201856045002] units: 1 unique values: 207074 missing .: 0/207074 Jurisdiction Identification Number range: [1001001,56045002] units: 1 unique values: 4226 missing .: 0/207074 ----fips County Identification Code \_\_\_\_\_\_ range: [1001,56045] units: 1 unique values: 2998 missing .: 0/207074 \_\_\_\_\_\_ total\_jail\_pop Total Jail Population Count, ASJ/COJ Data \_\_ \_ ----range: [0,23232] units: .01 missing .: 56908/207074 unique values: 11113 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Female Jail Population Count, ASJ/COJ Data female jail pop \_\_\_\_\_\_ range: [0,2880] units: .01 unique values: 3505 missing .: 59421/207074 male jail pop Male Jail Population Count, ASJ/COJ Data \_\_\_\_\_ range: [0,20113] units: .01 unique values: 10009 missing .: 58274/207074 mean: 136.68 std. dev: 521.076

female\_juvenile\_jail\_pop Juvenile Female Jail Population Count, ASJ/COJ Data

type: numeric (float)

range: [0,78] units: .01

unique values: 233 missing .: 87404/207074

mean: .130952 std. dev: 1.02066

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90% 0 0 0 0

type: numeric (float)

range: [0,1532] units: .01

unique values: 739 missing .: 86732/207074

mean: 1.9517 std. dev: 15.4011

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90% 0 0 .8 3.5

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aapi jail pop Jail Population Count, Asian American / Pacific Islander

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type: numeric (float)

range: [0,881] units: .01

unique values: 2329 missing .: 113548/207074

mean: 2.05929 std. dev: 14.4734

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90% 0 0 .75 2.97

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Jail Population Count, Black black jail pop

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type: numeric (float)

range: [0,13094.26]

units: .01 missing .: 113546/207074 unique values: 8322

mean: 84.373

std. dev: 357.093

 

 10%
 25%
 50%
 75%
 90%

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 7
 42.67
 169

 percentiles:

Jail Population Count, Latinx latinx jail pop 

type: numeric (float)

range: [0,16521.94] units: .01

missing .: 113566/207074 unique values: 5936

mean: 34.4357 std. dev: 245.378

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%

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\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jail Population Count, Native American native jail pop

type: numeric (float)

units: .01 range: [0,425]

missing .: 113555/207074 unique values: 2223

mean: 2.57529 std. dev: 13.1353

10% 25% 50% 75% 0 0 0 1.01 percentiles:

4.15

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Jail Population Count, White white jail pop 

type: numeric (float)

range: [0,6982.02]

units: .01 missing .: 113549/207074 unique values: 10151

mean: 94.2506 std. dev: 213.08

 
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 25%
 50%
 75%
 90%

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 227
 percentiles:

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type: numeric (float)

range: [0,1642] units: .01

unique values: 1768 missing .: 148948/207074

mean: 3.06346 std. dev: 33.9076

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90% 0 0 0 0

total jail pretrial Pretrial Jail Population Count

type: numeric (float)

range: [0,14580] units: .01

unique values: 9550 missing .: 57896/207074

mean: 89.2584 std. dev: 374.353

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90% 1 4 13.8 50.75 170

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type: numeric (float)

range: [0,7018.35] units: .01

unique values: 6520 missing .: 96253/207074

mean: 24.552 std. dev: 129.907

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%

0 0 .8 8.8 44

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type: numeric (float)

range: [0,2405.5] units: .01

unique values: 3100 missing .: 96298/207074

mean: 6.95873

std. dev: 43.3576

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90%

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 75%
 90%

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 percentiles: -----

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type: numeric (float)

units: .01 range: [0,3885]

unique values: 1088 missing .: 113260/207074

mean: 3.89933 std. dev: 35.2619

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90% 0 0 0 2

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type: numeric (float)

range: [0,1434] units: .01

missing .: 116320/207074 unique values: 1848

mean: 6.64211 std. dev: 33.8049

10% 25% 50% 75% 90% percentiles: 0 0 0 0 12

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type: numeric (float)

units: .01 range: [0,1460]

missing .: 112686/207074 unique values: 476

mean: .974552 std. dev: 16.5476

10% percentiles: 25% 50% 75% 0 0 0

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jail rated capacity Rated Capacity of Jail

type: numeric (float)

units: .01 range: [0,24440]

unique values: 9885 missing .: 56867/207074

mean: 176.73 std. dev: 635.234

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90% 11 20 45 122 352

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type: numeric (byte)

range: [0,1] units: 1

unique values: 2 missing .: 0/207074

tabulation: Freq. Value

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total jail adm Total Jail Admissions Count, ASJ/COJ Data \_\_\_\_\_\_

type: numeric (float)

range: [0,359424] units: .01

unique values: 36878 missing .: 90592/207074

mean: 3582.18 std. dev: 9460.21

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75%

468 1143.73 2933.73 7668.8 208

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total jail dis Total Jail Discharges Count, ASJ/COJ Data

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type: numeric (float)

units: .01 range: [0,361525]

missing .: 91984/207074 unique values: 37781

mean: 3540.64 std. dev: 9571.17

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90% 203 430.25 1090 2860 7587.32

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type: numeric (int)

range: [1970,2018]

units: 1 missing .: 0/207074 unique values: 49

mean: 1994 std. dev: 14.1422

percentiles: 10% 25% 50% 75% 90% 1974 1982 1994 2006 2014

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jurisdiction\_name Jurisdiction Name

unique values: 2616 missing "": 43855/207074

examples: ""

"CREOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT"
"KERN COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE"

"POWDER RIVER COUNTY JAIL"

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