

State Reports

Maryland

IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE

Imprisonment Rate 1977: 198 (6th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 11 (11th)
Imprisonment Rate 2004: 406 (22nd)	Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 39 (41st)
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977:	248
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004:	1,124
Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004:	353%
Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004:	6%
Percent Increase 1999-2004:	13%

IMPRISONMENT IN MARYLAND

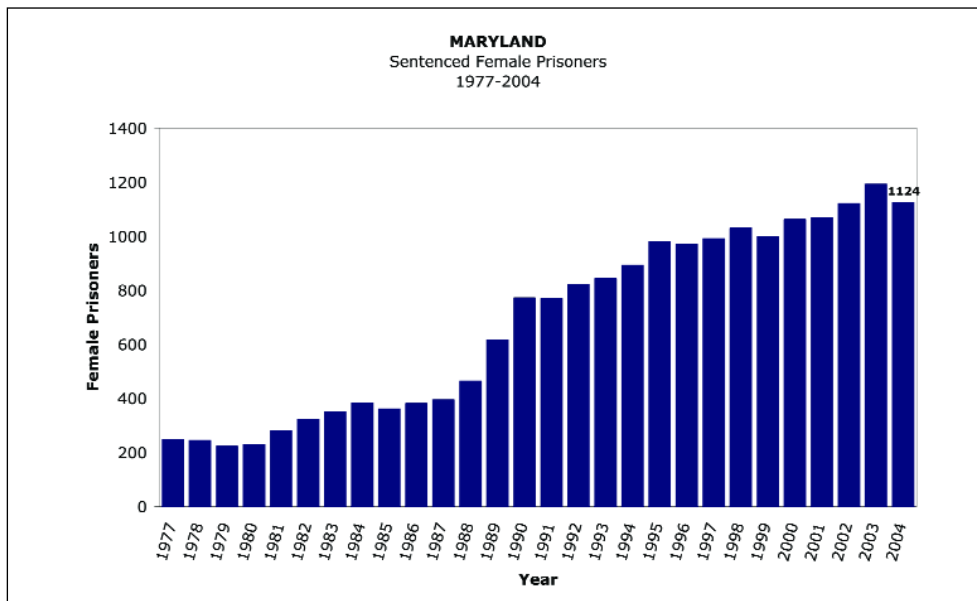
At year-end 2004, Maryland prisons housed 22,696 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 21,572 were male and 1,124 were female. In 2004, Maryland ranked 41st in female imprisonment rate with 39 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents and ranked 22nd in overall imprisonment with 406 prisoners per 100,000 residents.

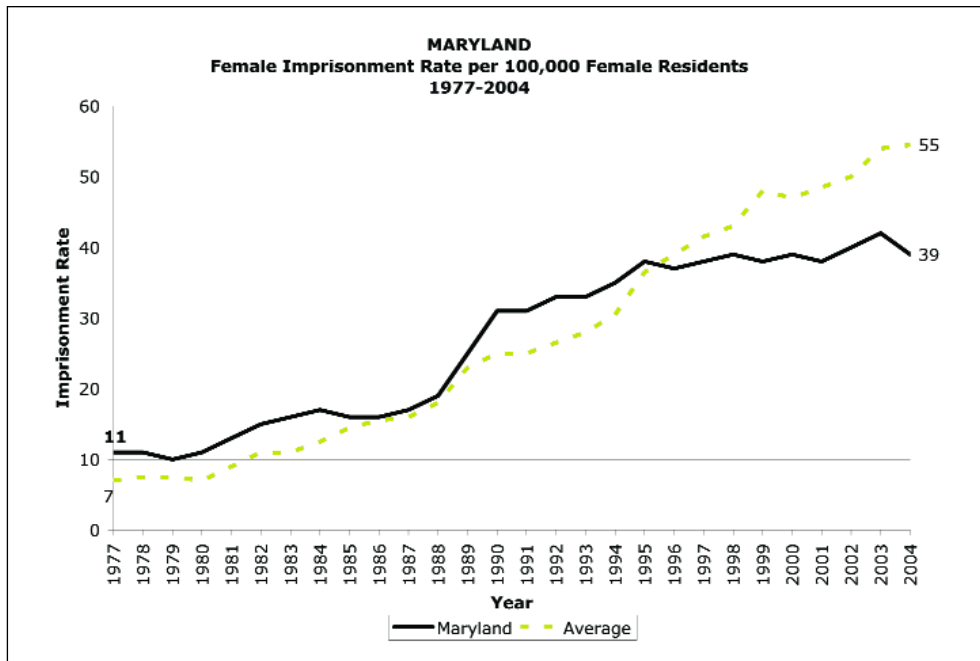
In 1977, Maryland prisons housed 248 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 1,124. Maryland's female prison population was at its lowest with 222 female prisoners in 1979 and peaked at 1,191 female inmates in 2003.

GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE

Between 1977 and 2004, Maryland's female prison population grew by 353% with an average annual percent change of 6.1% per year.

As depicted in the Figure, Maryland's female imprisonment rate growth tracked average growth across states fairly closely until the early to mid-1990s. At that point, most states' female imprisonment rates continued to grow, but Maryland's stabilized. As a result, Maryland's female imprisonment rate in 2004 was substantially lower than the average across states.





MALE TO FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATIO

The male to female imprisonment ratio indicates the number of male inmates for every female inmate. Although both female and male imprisonment rates have increased over the period of study, a shrinking ratio suggests that the number of female prisoners has increased at a faster pace. In 1977, across the states, there were an average of 26 male prisoners for every female prisoner; by 2004, this ratio had fallen to 13 male prisoners for every female prisoner. Maryland’s 1977 ratio was higher than average with 32 male prisoners for every female prisoner. In 2004, Maryland’s male to female imprisonment ratio (19:1) remained higher than the average across states.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

According to the 2000 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, Maryland has 26 correctional facilities. Of Maryland’s 26 correctional facilities, 22 house male prisoners only, two house female prisoners only, and two house both male and female prisoners.