

State Reports  
**Missouri**

**IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE**

Imprisonment Rate 1977: 111 (21st)	Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 6 (28th)
Imprisonment Rate 2004: 538 (8th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 85 (8th)
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977:	158
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004:	2,503
Percent Increase 1977-2004:	1,484%
Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004:	11%
Percent Increase 1999-2004:	33%

**IMPRISONMENT IN MISSOURI**

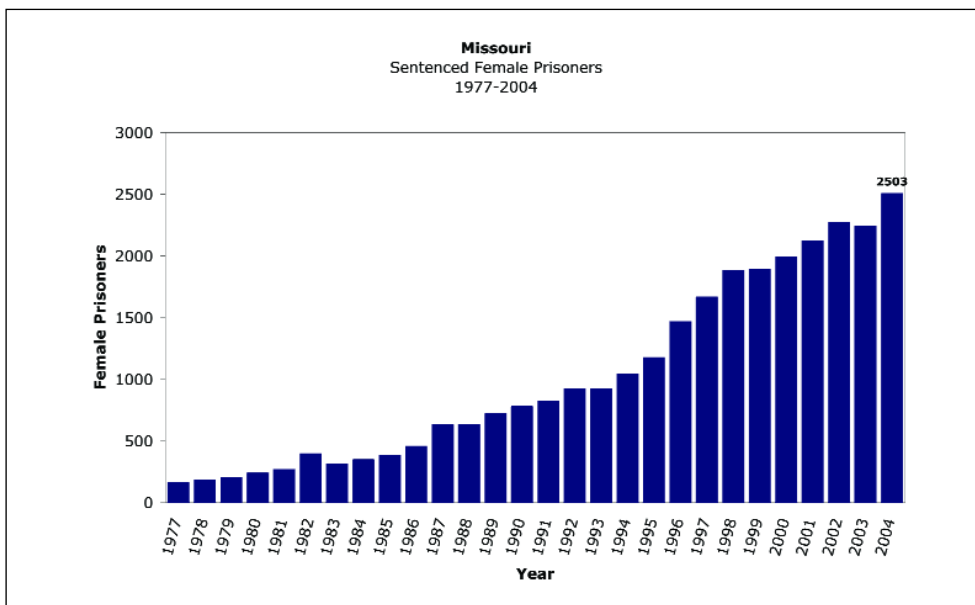
At year-end 2004, Missouri prisons housed 31,061 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 28,558 were male and 2,503 were female. Missouri ranked 8th highest in its 2004 female imprisonment rate with 85 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, and 8th highest in its 2004 overall imprisonment rate with 538 prisoners per 100,000 residents.

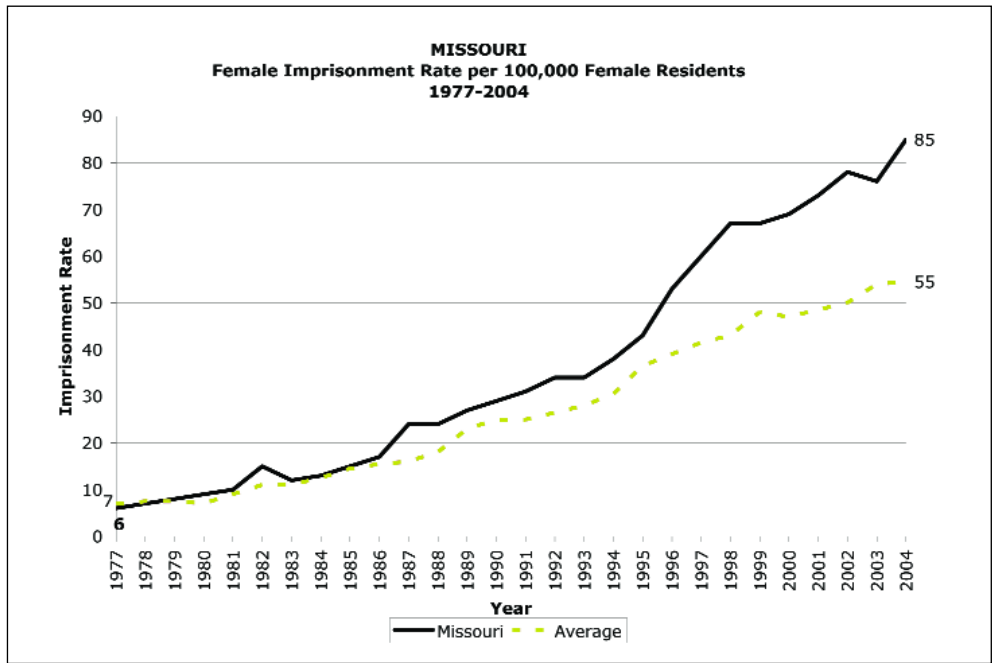
In 1977, Missouri prisons housed 158 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 2,503. Missouri's female prison population was at its lowest with 158 female prisoners in 1977 and peaked at 2,503 female inmates in 2004.

**GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE**

Between 1977 and 2004, Missouri's female prison population grew by 1,484% with an average annual percent change of 11.5% per year.

From 1977 through the mid-1990s, Missouri's female imprisonment rate growth tracked average growth across the states. In the mid-1990's growth in Missouri's female imprisonment rate accelerated quite rapidly, so that by 2004, Missouri's female imprisonment rate was substantially higher than average. With an imprisonment rate of 85 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, Missouri ranked 8th most punitive in 2004.





**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. Missouri’s 1977 ratio was quite a bit higher than average with 33 male prisoners for every female prisoner. By 2004, Missouri’s male to female imprisonment ratio (11:1) had declined to the point where it was lower than the average across states.

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

According to the 2000 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, Missouri has 28 correctional facilities. Of Missouri’s 28 correctional facilities, 23 house male prisoners only, three house female prisoners only, and two house both male and female prisoners.