

**State Reports**  
  
**Pennsylvania**

**IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE**

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| Imprisonment Rate 1977: 56 (45th)          | Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 3 (44th)  |
| Imprisonment Rate 2004: 329 (35th)         | Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 28 (43rd) |
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| Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977:     | 211                                      |
| Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004:     | 1,820                                    |
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| Percent Increase 1977-2004:                | 763%                                     |
| Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004: | 9%                                       |
| Percent Increase 1999-2004:                | 12%                                      |

**IMPRISONMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA**

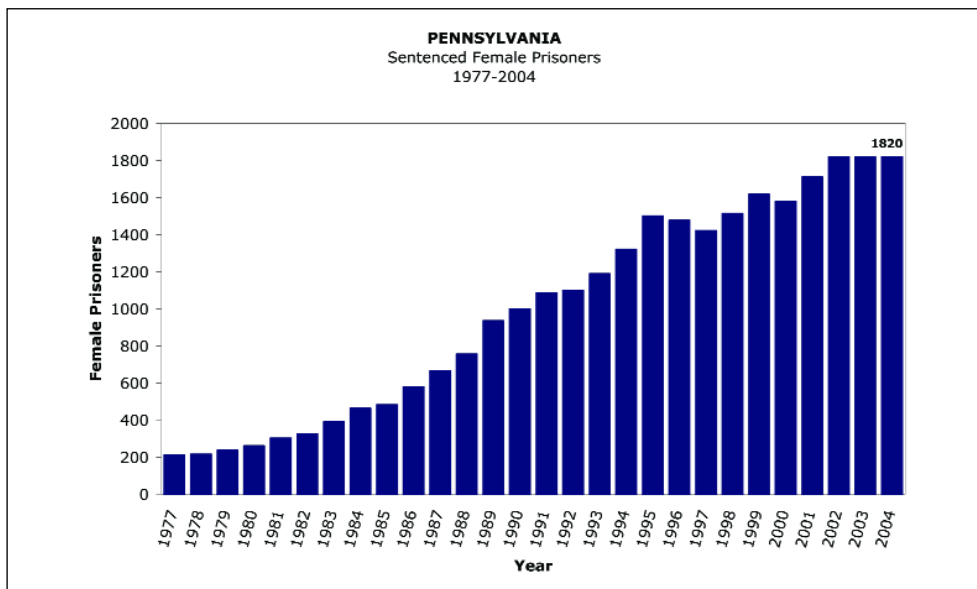
At year-end 2004, Pennsylvania prisons housed 40,931 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 39,111 were male and 1,820 were female. Pennsylvania ranked 43rd in its 2004 female imprisonment rate with 28 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, and 35th in its 2004 overall imprisonment rate with 329 prisoners per 100,000 residents,

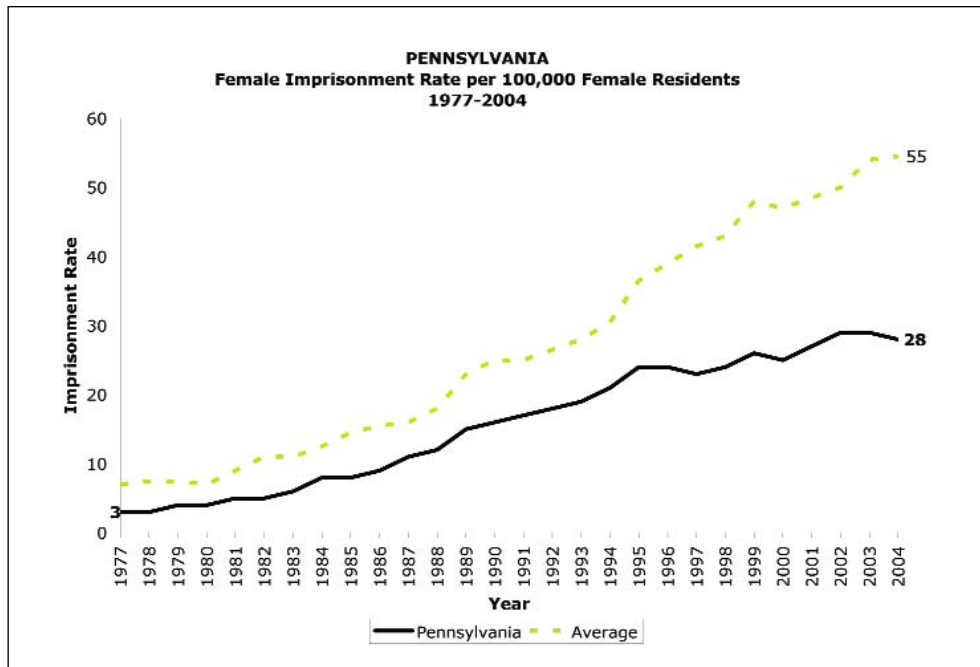
In 1977, Pennsylvania prisons housed 211 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 1,820. Pennsylvania's female prison population was at its lowest with 211 female prisoners in 1977 and peaked at 1821 female inmates in 2003.

**GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE**

Between 1977 and 2004, Pennsylvania's female prison population grew by 763% with an average annual percent change of 8.6% per year.

Throughout the period from 1977 to 2004, Pennsylvania's female imprisonment rate was substantially lower than the average female imprisonment rate across the states. With a female imprisonment rate of 28 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, Pennsylvania is among the 10 least punitive states in its imprisonment of female offenders (ranked 43rd).





**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. Pennsylvania’s 1977 ratio was notably higher than the average, with 34 male prisoners for every female prisoner. In 2004, Pennsylvania’s male to female imprisonment ratio (21:1) remained considerably higher than the average across states.

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

According to the 2000 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, Pennsylvania has 44 correctional facilities. Of Pennsylvania’s 44 correctional facilities, 37 house male prisoners only, 4 house female prisoners only, and 3 house both male and female prisoners.