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Probation and Parole in the United States, 2006

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The number of adult men and women in the United States who were being supervised on probation or parole at the end of 2006 reached 5,035,225, up from 3,757,282 on December 31, 1995. These data were collected in the Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) 2006 Annual Probation Survey and 2006 Annual Parole Survey.

Probationers are criminal offenders who have been sentenced to a period of correctional supervision in the community in lieu of incarceration. Parole is a period of conditional supervised release following a prison term.

In 2006 the combined probation and parole populations grew by 1.8% or 87,852 persons. The growth in 2006 was slower than the average annual increase of 2.2% since 1995. Over the past 11 years, the total population under community supervision increased by over 1 million offenders, based on comparable reporting agencies. It excludes 236,014 probationers under the supervision of agencies added since 1995. (See *Methodology*.)

More than 8 in 10 offenders under community supervision were on probation at yearend 2006

About 84% of the community supervision population was on probation at yearend 2006. Since 1995 (82%) the proportion of offenders on probation increased as a percentage of the total community supervision population.

During 2006 the probation population grew by 1.7% which represented an increase of 70,266 probationers. This was the largest growth since 2002 when the population increased 2.3% or 92,336 probationers.

Annual probation population and entries to probation, 1995-2006

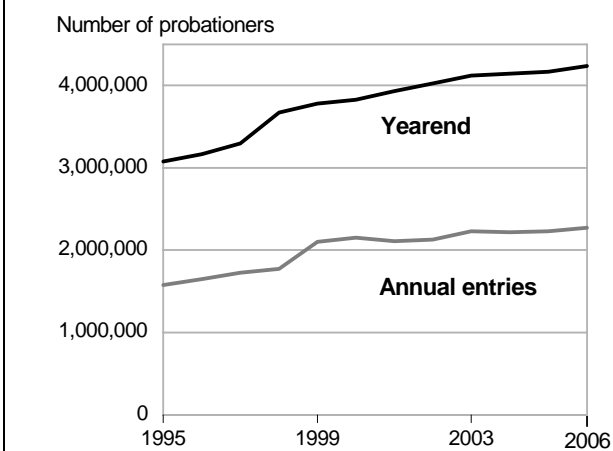


Figure 1

Probation population grew by 923,100 persons since 1995

The probation population increased from 3,077,861 in 1995 to 4,237,023 in 2006 (figure 1). Based on comparable reporting agencies from 1995 to 2006, the probation population grew by 923,100 persons or 30%.

Between 1995 and 2006 the number entering probation supervision exceeded the number exiting and the probation population continued to grow. Entries increased from 1.6 million in 1995 to 2.3 million in 2006. Exits rose from 1.5 million to 2.2 million during this same 11-year period. Both entries and exits increased an average of 3.4% annually between 1995 and 2006.

Nearly a quarter of probationers who entered supervision during 2006 received a probation sentence combined with incarceration

Seventy percent of the estimated 2.3 million probationers who entered supervision during 2006 were sentenced to probation without a term of incarceration. Nearly a quarter of probationers received a combined probation and incarceration sentence.

Indiana reported detailed data for type of entry in 2006, but not in 2000. Based on comparable reporting methods in 2000 and 2006, almost 8 in 10 probationers entered supervision without incarceration while 1 in 6 received a sentence to probation combined with incarceration in both years.

Type of entry	Percent of adults entering probation		
	2000	2006	
		Reported	Comparable
Without incarceration	79%	70%	78%
With incarceration	16	24	16
Other types	5	6	6
Total estimated entries	2,153,300	2,272,300	2,272,300

Nearly 1 in 5 probationers who exited from supervision in 2006 were incarcerated

Since 2000 the total estimated number of probationers exiting supervision annually increased from 2,095,200 to 2,201,800 in 2006 (table 1). During this same time, the percentage of probationers who completed their full-term sentence or were discharged early declined, from 60% in 2000 to 57% in 2006.

Eighteen percent of probationers who exited supervision during 2006 were incarcerated. Nine percent were incarcerated due to a rule violation and 4% were incarcerated because of new offense.

Type of exit	Percent of adults exiting probation	
	2000	2006
Completions	60%	57%
Incarceration	15	18
With new sentence	3	4
With the same sentence	8	9
Other/Unknown	4	5
Absconder	3	4
Discharge to custody, detainer, or warrant	1	1
Other unsatisfactory	11	12
Death	1	1
Other	9	6
Total estimated exits	2,095,200	2,201,800

Over 7.2 million persons on probation or parole or incarcerated in jail or prison at yearend 2006

During 2006 the total Federal, State, and local adult correctional population — incarcerated or in the community — grew by 159,500 persons to over 7.2 million. The growth of 2.3% during the year was about the same as the average annual increase in the correctional population since 1995 (2.5%). About 3.2% of the U.S. adult population, or 1 in every 31 adults, were incarcerated or on probation or parole at yearend 2006.

Since 1995 the jail population was the fastest growing correctional population, with an average annual increase of 3.8%, followed by prison (3.0%), probation (2.4%), and parole (1.5%). Based on data from comparable reporting agencies, between 1995 and 2006 the correctional population increased by over 1.6 million offenders or 31%. Probationers accounted for more than half (57% or 923,100 offenders) of the growth. As a percentage of the correctional population, offenders under community supervision accounted for 69% of the total in 2006, while those incarcerated accounted for 31%. These percentages were almost unchanged from 1995 (70% and 30%, respectively).

Number of persons under correctional supervision, 1995, 2000-06

Year	Total estimated correctional population ^a	Community supervision		Incarceration	
		Probation	Parole	Jail	Prison
1995	5,342,900	3,077,861	679,421	507,044	1,078,542
2000	6,445,100	3,826,209	723,898	621,149	1,316,333
2001	6,581,700	3,931,731	732,333	631,240	1,330,007
2002	6,758,800	4,024,067	750,934	665,475	1,367,547
2003	6,883,200	4,073,987	774,588	691,301	1,390,279
2003 (revised) ^b	6,924,500	4,120,012	769,925	691,301	1,390,279
2004	6,995,100	4,143,792	771,852	713,990	1,421,345
2005	7,051,900	4,166,757	780,616	747,529	1,448,344
2006	7,211,400	4,237,023	798,202 ^c	766,010	1,492,973
Percent change, 2005-2006	2.3%	1.7%	2.3%	2.5%	3.1%
Average annual percent change, 1995-2006 ^d	2.5%	2.4%	1.5%	3.8%	3.0%

Note: Counts of probationers, parolees, and prisoners are for December 31. All jail counts are for June 30. Jail and prison counts include inmates held in private facilities. Totals in 2005 and 2006 exclude probationers and parolees held in jail or prison. Totals in 2000 through 2004 only exclude probationers held in jail or prison.

^aBecause some offenders may have multiple statuses, totals were rounded to the nearest 100.

^bDue to changes in reporting, total probation and parole counts include estimated counts for Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Washington based on reporting methods comparable to 2004.

^cIllinois did not provide data for 2006; therefore, all data for Illinois were estimated. See *Methodology*.

^dPercent change is based on comparable reporting agencies, excluding 236,014 probationers from agencies added since 1995. See *Methodology*.

Table 1. Adults on probation, 2006

Region and jurisdiction	Probation population, 1/1/2006	2006				Probation population 12/31/2006	Percent change, 2006	Number on probation per 100,000 adult residents, 12/31/06
		Entries		Exits				
		Reported	Imputed ^a	Reported	Imputed ^a			
U.S. total	4,166,757	1,846,224	2,272,300	1,780,590	2,201,800	4,237,023	1.7%	1,868
Federal	25,473	12,462	12,462	13,415	13,415	24,491	-3.9%	11
State	4,141,284	1,833,762	2,259,800	1,767,175	2,188,400	4,212,532	1.7	1,857
Northeast	699,933	195,542	260,500	201,456	262,000	698,428	-0.2%	1,657
Connecticut ^b	52,835	29,959	29,959	28,283	28,283	54,511	3.2	2,027
Maine	8,052	3,457	3,457	3,590	3,590	7,919	-1.7	760
Massachusetts	167,960	86,944	86,944	85,382	85,382	169,522	0.9	3,396
New Hampshire	4,615	3,845	3,845	3,870	3,870	4,590	-0.5	450
New Jersey	139,091	24,896	24,896	31,351	31,351	132,636	-4.6	1,995
New York	125,314	33,767	33,767	35,663	35,663	123,418	-1.5	834
Pennsylvania ^c	167,520	2,391	67,400	2,136	62,700	172,184	2.8	1,784
Rhode Island ^b	25,613	5,794	5,794	5,390	5,390	26,017	1.6	3,142
Vermont ^b	8,933	4,489	4,489	5,791	5,791	7,631	-14.6	1,554
Midwest	975,228	483,825	636,600	463,939	619,700	992,920	1.8%	1,981
Illinois ^{b,c}	143,136	**	60,600	**	62,800	141,000	-1.5	1,461
Indiana ^b	117,960	96,356	96,356	93,895	93,895	120,421	2.1	2,533
Iowa	23,404	14,716	14,716	15,498	15,498	22,622	-3.3	993
Kansas	15,010	19,835	19,835	19,327	19,327	15,518	3.4	748
Michigan ^c	180,290	78,534	137,300	78,521	135,000	182,650	1.3	2,398
Minnesota	118,878	88,735	88,735	80,324	80,324	127,289	7.1	3,243
Missouri ^b	53,614	24,116	24,116	22,767	22,767	54,963	2.5	1,237
Nebraska	18,468	15,338	15,338	15,075	15,075	18,731	1.4	1,410
North Dakota	4,085	2,947	2,947	2,729	2,729	4,303	5.3	875
Ohio ^{b,c}	240,706	113,645	147,000	107,990	144,600	243,956	1.4	2,799
South Dakota	5,308	3,440	3,440	3,087	3,087	5,661	6.7	959
Wisconsin	54,369	26,163	26,163	24,726	24,726	55,806	2.6	1,311
South	1,685,782	745,553	928,900	728,171	911,200	1,702,430	1.0%	2,060
Alabama ^{b,d}	48,607	23,658	23,658	16,499	16,499	55,766	14.7	1,592
Arkansas	30,735	10,349	10,349	9,576	9,576	31,508	2.5	1,478
Delaware	18,462	14,951	14,951	16,455	16,455	16,958	-8.1	2,592
District of Columbia	7,006	5,031	5,031	5,154	5,154	6,883	-1.8	1,480
Florida ^{b,c}	279,613	233,833	251,300	240,502	257,900	272,977	-2.4	1,925
Georgia ^{b,c,e}	414,409	54,793	213,600	44,681	205,200	422,790	2.0	6,059
Kentucky ^{b,c}	37,030	16,170	23,200	14,038	19,100	41,162	11.2	1,279
Louisiana	38,366	13,687	13,687	13,996	13,996	38,057	-0.8	1,186
Maryland	75,593	38,583	38,583	38,478	38,478	75,698	0.1	1,773
Mississippi	23,864	8,690	8,690	8,447	8,447	24,107	1.0	1,116
North Carolina ^b	111,626	62,752	62,752	63,959	63,959	110,419	-1.1	1,632
Oklahoma ^b	28,996	13,582	13,582	15,163	15,163	27,415	-5.5	1,016
South Carolina	39,308	14,401	14,401	15,356	15,356	38,353	-2.4	1,160
Tennessee ^b	48,631	26,761	26,761	21,811	21,811	52,558	8.1	1,136
Texas	430,301	179,448	179,448	177,782	177,782	431,967	0.4	2,515
Virginia ^b	45,589	27,951	27,951	25,396	25,396	48,144	5.6	820
West Virginia ^{b,c}	7,646	913	1,000	878	1,000	7,668	0.3	536
West	780,341	408,842	433,800	373,609	395,400	818,754	4.9%	1,579
Alaska	5,680	1,350	1,350	935	935	6,095	7.3	1,239
Arizona ^{b,c}	71,115	38,580	39,200	36,580	37,100	73,265	3.0	1,591
California ^b	388,260	203,747	203,747	190,300	190,300	401,707	3.5	1,486
Colorado ^{b,c}	56,438	30,328	33,700	24,071	27,100	63,032	11.7	1,743
Hawaii	16,825	6,453	6,453	4,680	4,680	18,598	10.5	1,870
Idaho ^{b,f}	43,712	39,836	39,836	34,939	34,939	48,609	11.2	4,482
Montana ^{b,c,d}	8,316	3,985	4,100	3,501	3,700	8,770	5.5	1,201
Nevada	12,616	6,683	6,683	6,091	6,091	13,208	4.7	699
New Mexico ^{b,c,d}	14,982	5,422	7,100	4,989	5,600	16,493	10.1	1,131
Oregon	43,606	18,185	18,185	16,541	16,541	45,250	3.8	1,580
Utah	10,083	5,403	5,403	5,060	5,060	10,426	3.4	586
Washington ^{b,c}	103,882	45,990	65,100	43,441	60,900	108,076	4.0	2,202
Wyoming	4,826	2,880	2,880	2,481	2,481	5,225	8.3	1,319

Note: Because of nonresponse or incomplete data, the probation population for some jurisdictions on December 31, 2006, does not equal the population on January 1, plus entries, minus exits. Rates were computed using the estimated adult resident population in each state on January 1, 2007. See *Methodology*.

**Not known.

^aDetails may not sum to totals because of rounding.

^bSome or all detailed data were estimated.

^cData for entries and exits were estimated for non-reporting agencies. See *Methodology*.

^dDue to a change in reporting, data are not comparable to previous years.

^eCounts include private agency cases and may overstate the number of persons under supervision.

^fCounts include estimates for misdemeanors based on admissions.

5 States accounted for over half of the growth in the probation population during 2006

Five States had an absolute increase of 4,500 or more in their probation population during 2006. California experienced the largest increase (13,400), followed by Minnesota (8,400), Alabama (7,200), Colorado (6,600), and Pennsylvania (4,700). These same 5 States accounted for 57% of the growth in the population during the year.

State	Absolute increase of 4,500 or more*	Percent of absolute increase, 2006
U.S. total	70,266	100%
Total	40,275	57
California	13,447	19
Minnesota	8,411	12
Alabama	7,159	10
Colorado	6,594	9
Pennsylvania	4,664	7

*Excludes Georgia which included probation case-based counts for private agencies, and Idaho which estimated misdemeanors based on admissions.

Majority of probationers were male and white

At yearend 2006, 76% of probationers were male, down from 79% in 1995 (table 2). Since 1995 women have accounted for a larger percentage of the probation population (21% in 1995 compared to 24% in 2006).

The racial composition of the probation population has remained nearly stable since 1995. In both 1995 (53%) and 2006 (55%) the majority of probationers were white. Twenty-nine percent were black in 2006, nearly unchanged from 31% in 1995. Hispanic probationers comprised 13% of the population in 2006; 14% in 1995.

More than 7 in 10 probationers were non-violent offenders

Nearly three-quarters (73%) of probationers under supervision on December 31, 2006 were supervised for a non-violent offense, including more than a quarter for a drug law violation and a sixth for driving while intoxicated. Sixteen percent of probationers were convicted of a violent offense, including 3% for sexual assault, 4% for domestic violence, and 9% for assault other than domestic violence and sexual assault. Eleven percent of probationers were supervised for other unspecified offenses.

Parole population grew by 17,586 during 2006

At yearend 2006 a total of 798,202 adult men and women were on parole or mandatory conditional release following a prison term (table 3). The population grew by 17,586 parolees during the year or 2.3%. This was greater than the average annual increase of 1.5% since 1995.

Table 2. Characteristics of adults on probation, 1995, 2000, and 2006

Characteristic	1995	2000	2006
Total	100%	100%	100%
Gender			
Male	79%	78%	76%
Female	21	22	24
Race/Hispanic origin			
White*	53%	54%	55%
Black*	31	31	29
Hispanic or Latino	14	13	13
American Indian/Alaska Native*	1	1	1
Asian/Native Hawaiian/other			
Pacific Islander*	--	1	1
Two or more races*	...	...	--
Status of probation			
Direct imposition	48%	56%	58%
Split sentence	15	11	10
Sentence suspended	26	25	23
Imposition suspended	6	7	9
Other	4	1	1
Status of supervision			
Active	79%	76%	71%
Residential/other treatment program	...	...	1
Financial conditions remaining	...	...	2
Inactive	8	9	7
Absconder	9	9	9
Supervised out of State	2	3	3
Warrant status	...	...	6
Other	2	3	2
Type of offense			
Felony	54%	52%	49%
Misdemeanor	44	46	49
Other infractions	2	2	2
Most serious offense			
Sexual assault	...	...	3%
Domestic violence	...	...	4
Other assault	...	...	9
Burglary	...	...	5
Larceny/theft	...	...	13
Motor vehicle theft	...	...	1
Fraud	...	...	5
Drug law violations	...	24	27
Driving while intoxicated	16	18	16
Minor traffic offenses	...	6	6
Other	84	52	11

Note: Each characteristic includes persons of unknown type. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

--Less than 0.5%.

...Not available.

*Excludes persons of Hispanic origin.

Table 3. Adults on parole, 2006

Region and jurisdiction	Parole population, 1/1/06	2006				Parole population, 12/31/06	Percent change, 2006	Number on parole per 100,000 adult residents, 12/31/06
		Entries		Exits				
		Reported	Imputed ^a	Reported	Imputed ^a			
U.S. total^b	780,616	485,882	536,200	469,768	519,200	798,202	2.3%	352
Federal	86,852	41,922	41,922	39,230	39,230	89,438	3.0%	39
State ^b	693,764	443,960	494,300	430,538	480,000	708,764	2.2	313
Northeast	152,033	53,581	68,000	53,793	67,600	152,563	0.3%	362
Connecticut	2,571	2,845	2,845	2,849	2,849	2,567	-0.2	95
Maine	34	1	1	4	4	31	-8.8	3
Massachusetts ^c	3,579	4,619	4,619	5,120	5,120	3,223	-9.9	65
New Hampshire	1,402	628	628	409	409	1,621	15.6	159
New Jersey	13,874	10,373	10,373	9,842	9,842	14,405	3.8	217
New York	53,533	23,422	23,422	23,954	23,954	53,001	-1.0	358
Pennsylvania ^d	75,678	10,853	25,300	10,742	24,600	76,386	0.9	791
Rhode Island	302	379	379	317	317	364	20.5	44
Vermont ^{c,e}	1,060	461	461	556	556	965	-9.0	197
Midwest^b	131,283	66,166	102,100	66,736	102,300	131,037	-0.2%	261
Illinois ^{c,f}	34,576	**	35,900	**	35,600	**	:	:
Indiana	7,295	7,555	7,555	6,900	6,900	7,950	9.0	167
Iowa	3,560	2,381	2,381	2,363	2,363	3,578	0.5	157
Kansas ^e	4,666	5,785	5,785	5,565	5,565	4,886	4.7	235
Michigan	19,978	10,713	10,713	12,205	12,205	18,486	-7.5	243
Minnesota	4,007	5,427	5,427	5,003	5,003	4,431	10.6	113
Missouri ^c	18,374	13,214	13,214	12,525	12,525	19,063	3.7	429
Nebraska	662	1,037	1,037	902	902	797	20.4	60
North Dakota	302	859	859	791	791	370	22.5	75
Ohio	19,512	9,712	9,712	11,621	11,621	17,603	-9.8	202
South Dakota	2,444	2,054	2,054	1,731	1,731	2,767	13.2	469
Wisconsin	15,907	7,429	7,429	7,130	7,130	16,206	1.9	381
South	235,061	108,255	108,255	105,356	105,356	237,821	1.2%	288
Alabama ^c	7,795	3,599	3,599	2,736	2,736	8,658	11.1	247
Arkansas ^c	16,666	8,731	8,731	6,992	6,992	18,405	10.4	863
Delaware	600	367	367	423	423	544	-9.3	83
District of Columbia	4,926	2,256	2,256	1,795	1,795	5,387	9.4	1,158
Florida ^c	4,785	6,474	6,474	6,469	6,469	4,790	0.1	34
Georgia	22,851	11,580	11,580	11,473	11,473	22,958	0.5	329
Kentucky ^c	10,162	7,034	7,034	5,329	5,329	11,867	16.8	369
Louisiana	24,072	13,689	13,689	13,098	13,098	24,663	2.5	769
Maryland	14,271	7,491	7,491	7,411	7,411	14,351	0.6	336
Mississippi	1,970	953	953	1,024	1,024	1,899	-3.6	88
North Carolina ^c	3,101	3,608	3,608	3,473	3,473	3,236	4.4	48
Oklahoma ^c	4,329	843	843	2,100	2,100	3,072	-29.0	114
South Carolina	3,072	773	773	1,110	1,110	2,735	-11.0	83
Tennessee ^e	8,630	4,443	4,443	3,232	3,232	9,702	12.4	210
Texas	101,916	33,308	33,308	35,171	35,171	100,053	-1.8	583
Virginia	4,499	1,979	1,979	2,500	2,500	3,978	-11.6	68
West Virginia	1,416	1,127	1,127	1,020	1,020	1,523	7.6	107
West	175,387	215,958	215,958	204,653	204,653	187,343	6.8%	361
Alaska	973	705	705	634	634	1,044	7.3	212
Arizona ^c	6,213	12,256	12,256	12,006	12,006	6,463	4.0	140
California ^e	111,744	169,625	169,625	163,428	163,428	118,592	6.1	439
Colorado	8,196	7,927	7,927	6,572	6,572	9,551	16.5	264
Hawaii	2,119	798	798	601	601	2,316	9.3	233
Idaho	2,482	1,527	1,527	1,277	1,277	2,732	10.1	252
Montana	703	680	680	539	539	844	20.1	116
Nevada	3,518	2,638	2,638	2,332	2,332	3,824	8.7	202
New Mexico ^{c,e,g}	2,831	1,650	1,650	1,559	1,559	2,922	3.2	200
Oregon	21,189	9,231	9,231	8,024	8,024	22,396	5.7	782
Utah	3,242	2,617	2,617	2,485	2,485	3,374	4.1	190
Washington	11,568	5,923	5,923	4,880	4,880	12,611	9.0	257
Wyoming	609	381	381	316	316	674	10.7	170

Note: Because of nonresponse or incomplete data, the parole population for some jurisdictions on December 31, 2006, does not equal the population on January 1, plus entries, minus exits. Rates were computed using the estimated adult resident population in each State on January 1, 2007. See *Methodology*.

**Not known.

:Not calculated.

^aDetails may not sum to totals because of rounding.

^bIncludes an estimated 34,900 parolees under supervision in Illinois on December 31, 2006.

^cSome or all data were estimated.

^dData for entries and exits were estimated for nonreporting county agencies. See *Methodology*.

^eExcludes parolees in one of the following categories: absconder, out of State, inactive, or only have financial conditions remaining.

^fParole population on January 1, 2006, was estimated from the number reported for December 31, 2005. See *Methodology*.

^gDue to a change in recordkeeping procedures, data were not comparable to previous reports.

At yearend 2006, 352 persons per 100,000 adult residents were under parole supervision. This represented 1 in every 284 adults in the United States. Arkansas had the highest rate of parole supervision at yearend 2006 (863 per 100,000), surpassing Pennsylvania (791 per 100,000) which had the highest rate of parole supervision since 1997. Maine had the lowest rate of parole supervision in 2006 (3 per 100,000).

Parole population increased in 36 States

The Federal System, 36 States, and the District of Columbia had more adults on parole at the end of 2006 than at the beginning of the year. Double-digit increases were reported in 14 States, led by North Dakota (up 23%) and Rhode Island (up 21%).

A total of 13 States had a decrease in their parole population during 2006. Double-digit decreases were found in Oklahoma (down 29%), Virginia (down 12%), and South Carolina (down 11%).

Parole entries outpaced exits during 2006

The State parole population reached 708,764 at yearend 2006, an increase of 15,000 parolees (or 2.2%). This was greater than the 10,200 average annual increase (1.5%) that occurred between 2000 and 2006.

During 2006 entries to State parole supervision (3.0%) outpaced exits (2.4%). However, between 2000 and 2006 entries (1.9%) and exits from State parole (1.8%) grew at about the same pace each year on average.

Year	State entries	State exits
2000	441,600	432,200
2001	445,600	439,100
2002	436,300	420,000
2003	459,100	440,500
2004	469,500	467,100
2005	479,800	468,900
2006	494,300	480,000
Percent change, 2006	3.0%	2.4%
Average annual percent change, 2000-06	1.9%	1.8%

Mandatory releases from prison made up half of all entries to parole supervision during 2006

Of the 536,200 parolees who entered parole supervision during 2006, more than half entered through a mandatory release from prison. Since 2000 (54%) mandatory releases to parole have decreased slightly.

Thirty-five percent of parolees who entered supervision in 2006 received a discretionary release from prison by a parole board decision. Discretionary releases to parole have decreased since 2000 (37%).

Between 2000 and 2006 reinstatements to parole increased as a percentage of all entries (6% and 9%, respectively).

Type of entry	Percent of adults entering parole	
	2000	2006
Discretionary parole	37%	35%
Mandatory parole	54	52
Reinstatement	6	9
Other	2	3
Total estimated entries*	470,400	536,200

*Includes offenders on State parole and Federal post-custody release.

Table 4. Characteristics of adults on parole, 1995, 2000, and 2006

Characteristic	1995	2000	2006
Total	100%	100%	100%
Gender			
Male	90%	88%	88%
Female	10	12	12
Race			
White*	34%	38%	41%
Black*	45	40	39
Hispanic or Latino	21	21	18
American Indian/Alaska Native*	1	1	1
Asian/Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander	--	--	1
Two or more races*	...	...	--
Status of supervision			
Active	78%	83%	84%
Inactive	11	4	4
Absconder	6	7	7
Supervised out of State	4	5	4
Financial conditions remaining	...	...	--
Other	--	1	2
Sentence length			
Less than 1 year	6%	3%	6%
1 year or more	94	97	94
Type of offense			
Violent	...	...	26%
Property	...	...	24
Drug	...	...	37
Public order	...	...	6
Other	...	...	6

Note: Each characteristic included persons of unknown type. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

--Less than 0.5%.

...Not available.

*Excludes persons of Hispanic origin.

Percentage of parolees who completed their full-term sentence or exited parole early has remained stable since 2000

Forty-four percent of the estimated 519,200 parolees who exited supervision during 2006 completed their full-term parole sentence or were released from supervision early. Since 2000 this proportion has remained stable (43% in 2000).

In both 2000 and 2006, about 4 in 10 parolees exited supervision because they were returned to incarceration for a new offense or a technical violation. In the same two years, about 1 in 10 parolees exited supervision because they had absconded. Another 2% who exited in 2000 and 2006 had their parole sentence terminated unsatisfactorily.

Type of exit	Percent of adults exiting parole	
	2000	2006
Completions	43%	44%
Returned to incarceration	42	39
With new sentence	11	11
With revocation	30	26
Other/Unknown	1	2
Absconder	9	11
Other unsatisfactory	2	2
Transferred	1	1
Death	1	1
Other	2	3
Total estimated exits	459,400	519,200

Since 1995 the percentage of female and white parolees has increased

At yearend 2006 about 1 out of every 8 adults on parole was a woman (96,200) (table 4). Women represented a greater percentage of the parole population in 2006 (12%), compared to 1995 (10%).

The percentage of parolees who were black dropped to 39% in 2006, continuing a decline from 45% in 1995. Whites constituted 41% of the parole population in 2006, up from 34% in 1995. Almost 1 in 5 parolees were Hispanic (146,200). About 2% of parolees were of other races (12,500).

Nearly 4 in 10 parolees served a sentence for a drug offense

About 94% of all parolees at yearend 2006 had been sentenced to 1 year or more in Federal or State prison. The largest percentage of parolees had been convicted of a drug offense (37%, down from 40% in 2002). Data on type of offense were first collected in 2002.

At yearend 2006 about one in four parolees had been convicted of a violent offense or a property offense. In 2006, 6% of parolees had been convicted of a public order offense and 6% of another type of offense which was not classified.

Type of offense	Percent of parolees	
	2002	2006
Violent	24%	26%
Property	26	24
Drug	40	37
Public order	...	6
Other*	10	6

Note: 2002 was the first year data for type of offense were collected. Detail may not sum to total because of rounding.

...Not available.

*In 2002 public order offenses were reported among other offenses.

1 in 6 persons under parole supervision during 2006 were returned to incarceration

Of the 1,151,203 adult parolees at-risk of re-incarceration during 2006 in the 46 jurisdictions that provided information, 16% (179,259) were re-incarcerated (table 5). Offenders at risk of re-incarceration were defined as adults on parole on January 1, 2006, and those released to parole supervision during the year. In the 46 jurisdictions that provided information, a total of 665,321 parolees were under supervision on January 1, 2006, and 485,882 were released to parole supervision during the year. An unknown number of the 165,642 parolees at-risk in 7 other jurisdictions during 2006 were re-incarcerated.

More than 2 in 5 parolees known to have been returned to incarceration during 2006 were in California (78,721). New York (11,548) and Texas (10,661) each returned more than 10,000 parolees to incarceration. California, New York, and Texas together accounted for more than half of all adult parolees re-incarcerated during 2006 (56%).

6 States returned 20% or more of their at-risk population to incarceration

Utah and California each returned to prison or jail more than a quarter (28%) of their offenders who were under parole supervision at some time during 2006. The offenders were returned either as a result of a technical violation of their conditions of supervision or as a result of a new offense. Colorado and Missouri each returned 24% of their at-risk population during 2006; Kentucky and Minnesota each returned 21%. Of the States that provided information, four reported having returned less than 5% of their at-risk population to incarceration during 2006, including North Carolina and Maine (each 3%), Idaho (less than 0.5%), and Virginia (0%).

Rates of return to incarceration have remained stable since 1998

From 1998 to 2006, the percentage of offenders under parole supervision who were known to have been returned to incarceration remained relatively stable (figure 2). Data on type of exit from parole collected prior to 1998 are not consistent with 2006.

The percentage of the at-risk population returned to incarceration as the result of a revocation also remained stable (11% in each year). In 2006 approximately 5% of the at-risk population had been returned to incarceration for a new offense, unchanged from 1998.

Percentage of at-risk State and Federal parole population returned to incarceration, 1998-2006

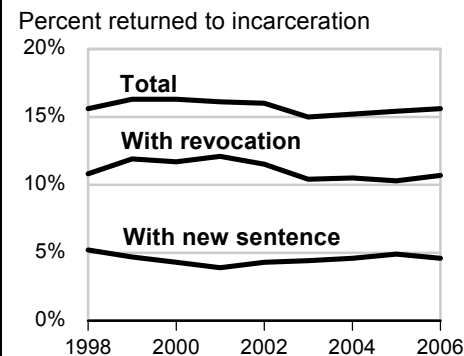


Figure 2

Table 5. Parolees returned to incarceration, 2006

Region and jurisdiction	Total population at-risk of re-incarceration ^{a,b}	Returned to incarceration ^c	
		Number	Percent
U.S. total	1,151,203	179,259	16%
Federal	128,774	8,521	7%
State	1,022,429	170,738	17
Northeast	149,512	21,737	15%
Maine	35	1	3
Massachusetts	8,198	873	11
New Hampshire	2,030	344	17
New Jersey	24,247	3,321	14
New York	76,955	11,548	15
Pennsylvania	35,845	5,381	15
Rhode Island	681	110	16
Vermont	1,521	159	10
Midwest	162,873	25,994	16%
Indiana	14,850	2,120	14
Iowa	5,941	727	12
Kansas	10,451	1,459	14
Michigan	30,691	5,188	17
Minnesota	9,434	1,952	21
Missouri	31,588	7,447	24
Nebraska	1,699	255	15
North Dakota	1,161	165	14
Ohio	29,224	2,185	7
South Dakota	4,498	793	18
Wisconsin	23,336	3,703	16
South	342,349	32,010	9%
Alabama	11,394	888	8
Arkansas	25,397	2,992	12
District of Columbia	7,182	873	12
Florida	11,259	1,740	15
Georgia	34,431	4,358	13
Kentucky	17,196	3,638	21
Louisiana	37,761	2,238	6
Maryland	21,762	1,566	7
Mississippi	2,923	174	6
North Carolina	6,709	210	3
Oklahoma	5,172	428	8
South Carolina	3,845	271	7
Tennessee	13,073	1,547	12
Texas	135,224	10,661	8
Virginia	6,478	0	0
West Virginia	2,543	426	17
West	367,695	90,997	25%
Arizona	18,469	2,804	15
California	281,369	78,721	28
Colorado	16,123	3,921	24
Hawaii	2,917	191	7
Idaho	4,009	6	--
Montana	1,383	207	15
Nevada	6,156	535	9
Oregon	30,420	2,871	9
Utah	5,859	1,649	28
Wyoming	990	92	9

--Less than 0.5%.

^aIncludes 665,321 adults on parole on January 1 and 485,882 who entered parole between January 1 and December 31, 2006; see table 3.

^bExcludes an estimated 165,642 at risk of re-incarceration for which the total returned during 2006 was not reported, including Connecticut (5,416), Pennsylvania counties (estimated at 65,133), Illinois (estimated at 70,476), Delaware (967), Alaska (1,678), New Mexico (4,481), and Washington (17,491). See *Methodology*.

^cExcludes persons who may have been returned to incarceration but were reported as unsatisfactory (8,400), absconder (51,500), other (71,796), or unknown (5,046); see appendix table 1. May also exclude some persons reported as having completed parole for whom outstanding warrants were executed immediately upon exit from parole.

Methodology

Beginning in 1980 the Annual Probation Survey and Annual Parole Survey collected data on the total number of persons supervised in the community on January 1 and December 31 of each year and on counts of the number persons entering and exiting supervision during the year. These surveys cover the Federal System, all 50 States, and the District of Columbia. BJS depends entirely upon the voluntary participation of the State central reporters and the separate State, county, and court agencies for the annual probation and parole data.

In 2006 the U.S. Census Bureau served as the Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) collection agent, except for the Federal system. Data for the Federal system were provided directly to BJS through the BJS Federal Justice Statistics Program which obtained data from the Office of Probation and Pretrial Services, Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

Because many States update their population counts, the January 1, 2006, numbers may differ from those previously published for December 31, 2005.

Probation

The 2006 Annual Probation Survey was sent to 463 respondents — the Federal System, 33 central State reporters, the District of Columbia, and 428 separate State, county, or court agencies. States with multiple reporters were Alabama (3), Arizona (2), Colorado (8), Florida (41), Georgia (5), Idaho (2), Kentucky (3), Michigan (128), Missouri (2), Montana (4), New Mexico (2), Ohio (185), Oklahoma (3), Pennsylvania (2), Tennessee (3), Washington (33), and West Virginia (2).

Since 1995 the survey coverage has been expanded to include 175 additional local agencies in Ohio (131), Florida (27), Washington (11), Montana (3), Kentucky (2), and Idaho (1). The majority of agencies (161) were added in 1999. At yearend 2006, 236,014 probationers were under the supervision of the 175 local agencies added since 1995.

Parole

The 2006 Annual Parole Survey was sent to 54 respondents, including 52 central reporters, the California Youth Authority, and 1 municipal agency. States with multiple reporters were Alabama (2) and California (2). One State, Illinois, did not provide data. See *Imputing entries and exits for non-reporting agencies* for more details.

Federal parole as defined here includes supervised release, parole, military parole, special parole, and mandatory release.

Imputing entries and exits for non-reporting agencies

Entries were imputed for non-reporting agencies using one of four methods, depending on data availability. The first method estimated entries to probation by applying the ratio of entries to the January 1 population in a recent year to the January 1, 2006, population for the same agency. Exits were estimated by adding the estimated entries to the January 1, 2006, population and subtracting the December 31, 2006, population. This method was used to estimate probation entries and exits for non-reporting agencies in Arizona, Colorado, Florida (four agencies), Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan (the State agency), Montana, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania counties. This method was also used to estimate parole entries and exits for Pennsylvania counties.

A second method was used for Illinois which did not report on its parole population for 2006. Both the ratio of entries to the January 1 population and the ratio of exits to the January 1 population were estimated for 2006 from parole data provided by Illinois for 2005. These ratios were applied to the number on parole in Illinois on January 1, 2006, (estimated from the count on December 31, 2005). The December 31, 2006, parole population was estimated by adding the estimated number of entries and subtracting the estimated number of exits from the January 1, 2006, parole population.

The third method estimated entries to probation supervision for county and district agencies which did not report entries and exits but which provided an estimate of their December 31, 2006, probation population. The ratio of entries to the January 1, 2006, population among reporting agencies in the same State was used to estimate the number of entries for non-reporting agencies having similar numbers of probationers. Exits from probation supervision were estimated in the same manner as in the first method (above). This method was used to estimate probation entries and exits for non-reporting agencies in Florida (four agencies), Michigan (localities), Ohio, and Washington.

The fourth method was used to estimate entries for one State-level agency. The number of entries for a West Virginia agency was estimated using the ratio of entries to January 1, 2006, population among reporting agencies within the same region. Exits for the non-reporting agency in West Virginia were estimated in the same manner as in the first method (above).

Estimating the adult resident population

Estimates of the adult resident population in each State on January 1, 2007, were generated by applying the July 1, 2006, ratio of persons 18 years or older to the January 1, 2007, resident population estimates within each State. The January 1, 2007, total resident population estimates were provided to BJS by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Appendix table 1. Adults leaving parole, by type of exit, 2006

Region and jurisdiction	Number of adults leaving parole, 2006								
	Total reported exits	Completion	Returned to incarceration				Other unsatisfactory ^a	Other ^b	Unknown
			Total	With new sentence	With revocation	Other			
U.S. total	469,768	205,267	179,259	51,146	119,531	8,582	8,400	71,796	5,046
Federal	39,230	26,546	8,521	3,994	4,527	0	**	4,163	0
State	430,538	178,721	170,738	47,152	115,004	8,582	8,400	67,633	5,046
Northeast	53,793	27,850	21,737	4,842	15,989	906	0	1,357	2,849
Connecticut	2,849	**	**	**	**	**	**	0	2,849
Maine	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Massachusetts ^c	5,120	4,225	873	**	**	873	0	22	0
New Hampshire	409	57	344	344	0	0	0	8	0
New Jersey	9,842	6,374	3,321	486	2,835	~	~	147	0
New York	23,954	12,099	11,548	2,095	9,453	~	~	307	0
Pennsylvania	10,742	4,533	5,381	1,832	3,549	0	0	828	0
Rhode Island	317	206	110	27	83	0	0	1	0
Vermont ^c	556	354	159	58	68	33	~	43	0
Midwest	66,736	34,153	25,994	7,395	13,473	5,126	227	6,362	**
Illinois ^d	**	**	**	**	**	~	**	**	**
Indiana	6,900	3,820	2,120	**	**	2,120	30	930	0
Iowa	2,363	1,616	727	**	727	0	1	19	0
Kansas	5,565	2,155	1,459	181	1,273	5	133	1,818	0
Michigan	12,205	6,862	5,188	2,016	3,172	0	0	155	0
Minnesota	5,003	2,551	1,952	184	1,768	0	0	500	0
Missouri ^c	12,525	4,049	7,447	2,692	1,757	2,998	0	1,029	0
Nebraska	902	644	255	17	235	3	~	3	0
North Dakota	791	618	165	26	139	0	0	8	0
Ohio	11,621	7,783	2,185	1,624	561	0	0	1,653	0
South Dakota	1,731	751	793	118	675	0	30	157	0
Wisconsin	7,130	3,304	3,703	537	3,166	0	33	90	0
South	105,356	62,601	32,010	12,396	17,065	2,549	5,680	5,061	4
Alabama ^c	2,736	1,731	888	213	415	260	0	117	0
Arkansas	6,992	3,483	2,992	1,199	1,722	71	~	517	0
Delaware	423	194	**	**	**	**	130	99	0
District of Columbia	1,795	396	873	**	**	873	171	351	4
Florida ^c	6,469	4,181	1,740	388	1,352	0	472	76	0
Georgia	11,473	7,030	4,358	54	3,451	853	0	85	0
Kentucky ^c	5,329	1,573	3,638	446	2,988	204	0	118	0
Louisiana	13,098	7,115	2,238	1,029	1,095	114	3,475	270	0
Maryland	7,411	4,290	1,566	754	812	0	1,408	147	0
Mississippi	1,024	684	174	**	**	174	0	166	0
North Carolina	3,473	2,895	210	77	133	0	24	344	0
Oklahoma ^c	2,100	1,190	428	85	343	0	0	482	0
South Carolina	1,110	798	271	34	237	0	0	41	0
Tennessee	3,232	1,584	1,547	596	951	0	0	101	0
Texas	35,171	23,613	10,661	7,500	3161	0	0	897	0
Virginia	2,500	1,305	0	0	0	0	0	1,195	0
West Virginia	1,020	539	426	21	405	0	0	55	0
West	204,653	54,117	90,997	22,519	68,477	1	2,493	54,853	2,193
Alaska	634	**	**	**	**	**	**	0	634
Arizona ^c	12,006	9,192	2,804	166	2,638	0	0	10	0
California	163,428	34,828	78,721	19,663	59,058	0	0	49879	0
Colorado	6,572	2,477	3,921	1,012	2,909	0	0	174	0
Hawaii	601	198	191	10	181	0	0	212	0
Idaho	1,277	475	6	6	~	~	788	8	0
Montana	539	259	207	13	194	0	0	73	0
Nevada	2,332	1,604	535	353	182	0	0	193	0
New Mexico ^c	1,559	**	**	**	**	**	**	0	1,559
Oregon	8,024	4,189	2,871	865	2,005	1	677	287	0
Utah	2,485	591	1,649	420	1,229	0	127	118	0
Washington	4,880	140	**	**	**	0	901	3839	0
Wyoming	316	164	92	11	81	0	0	60	0

** Not known.

~ Not applicable.

^aIncludes parolees released from parole supervision who failed to meet all conditions of supervision, including some with only financial conditions remaining whose case may have been turned over to a business office, and other types of unsatisfactory exits; includes early terminations and expirations of sentence.

^bIncludes 51,500 parolees who had absconded (including 45,160 in California), 4,884 who had died, 2,766 who had transferred to another jurisdiction, and 12,646 others.

^cSome or all detailed data are estimated.

^dNo data provided. An estimated 35,600 adults left parole supervision in Illinois during 2006. See *Methodology*.

Appendix table 2. Adults on probation and parole, 1995, 2000, 2005, and 2006

Region and jurisdiction	Adults on probation				Adults on parole			
	1995	2000	2005	2006	1995	2000	2005	2006
U.S. total	3,077,861	3,826,209	4,166,757	4,237,023	679,421	723,898	780,616	798,202
Federal	35,457	31,669	25,473	24,491	51,461	76,069	86,852	89,438
State	3,042,404	3,794,540	4,141,284	4,212,532	627,960	647,829	693,764	708,764
Northeast	538,941	573,280	699,933	698,428	175,207	159,653	152,033	152,563
Connecticut	54,507	47,636	52,835	54,511	1,233	1,868	2,571	2,567
Maine	8,641	7,788	8,052	7,919	55	28	34	31
Massachusetts ^a	43,680	45,233	167,960	169,522	5,256	3,703	3,579	3,223
New Hampshire	4,347	3,629	4,615	4,590	785	944	1,402	1,621
New Jersey	126,759	130,610	139,091	132,636	37,867	11,709	13,874	14,405
New York	168,012	186,955	125,314	123,418	55,568	57,858	53,533	53,001
Pennsylvania ^a	106,823	121,176	167,520	172,184	73,234	82,345	75,678	76,386
Rhode Island	18,850	20,922	25,613	26,017	591	331	302	364
Vermont	7,322	9,331	8,933	7,631	618	867	1,060	965
Midwest	675,380	896,061	975,228	992,920	86,598	103,331	131,283	131,037
Illinois	109,489	139,029	143,136	141,000	29,541	30,196	34,576	**
Indiana	95,267	109,251	117,960	120,421	3,200	4,917	7,295	7,950
Iowa	16,579	21,147	23,404	22,622	2,340	2,763	3,560	3,578
Kansas	16,547	15,992	15,010	15,518	6,094	3,829	4,666	4,886
Michigan	141,436	170,276	180,290	182,650	13,862	15,753	19,978	18,486
Minnesota	83,778	115,906	118,878	127,289	2,117	3,072	4,007	4,431
Missouri	41,728	53,299	53,614	54,963	13,001	12,563	18,374	19,063
Nebraska	13,895	21,483	18,468	18,731	661	476	662	797
North Dakota	2,320	2,847	4,085	4,303	114	110	302	370
Ohio ^b	103,327	189,375	240,706	243,956	7,432	18,248	19,512	17,603
South Dakota	3,745	4,214	5,308	5,661	688	1,481	2,444	2,767
Wisconsin	47,269	53,242	54,369	55,806	7,548	9,923	15,907	16,206
South	1,248,608	1,573,215	1,685,782	1,702,430	240,478	225,955	235,061	237,821
Alabama	33,410	40,178	48,607	55,766	7,793	5,484	7,795	8,658
Arkansas	22,397	28,409	30,735	31,508	4,685	8,659	16,666	18,405
Delaware	16,124	20,052	18,462	16,958	1,033	579	600	544
District of Columbia	10,414	10,664	7,006	6,883	6,340	5,332	4,926	5,387
Florida ^b	243,736	296,139	279,613	272,977	11,197	5,982	4,785	4,790
Georgia ^c	142,954	321,407	414,409	422,790	19,434	21,556	22,851	22,958
Kentucky ^b	11,499	19,620	37,030	41,162	4,257	4,614	10,162	11,867
Louisiana	33,753	35,854	38,366	38,057	19,028	22,860	24,072	24,663
Maryland	71,029	81,523	75,593	75,698	15,748	13,666	14,271	14,351
Mississippi	9,595	15,118	23,864	24,107	1,510	1,596	1,970	1,899
North Carolina	97,921	105,949	111,626	110,419	18,501	3,352	3,101	3,236
Oklahoma	27,866	30,969	28,996	27,415	2,356	1,825	4,329	3,072
South Carolina	39,821	44,632	39,308	38,353	5,545	4,378	3,072	2,735
Tennessee	36,485	40,682	48,631	52,558	8,851	8,093	8,630	9,702
Texas	421,213	441,848	430,301	431,967	103,089	111,719	101,916	100,053
Virginia	24,264	33,955	45,589	48,144	10,188	5,148	4,499	3,978
West Virginia	6,127	6,216	7,646	7,668	923	1,112	1,416	1,523
West	579,475	751,984	780,341	818,754	125,677	158,890	175,387	187,343
Alaska	3,481	4,779	5,680	6,095	459	525	973	1,044
Arizona	40,614	59,810	71,115	73,265	4,109	3,474	6,213	6,463
California	280,545	343,145	388,260	401,707	91,807	117,647	111,744	118,592
Colorado	42,687	50,460	56,438	63,032	3,024	5,500	8,196	9,551
Hawaii	12,957	15,525	16,825	18,598	1,689	2,504	2,119	2,316
Idaho ^{b,d}	5,308	35,103	43,712	48,609	619	1,409	2,482	2,732
Montana ^b	4,318	6,108	8,316	8,770	744	621	703	844
Nevada	8,634	12,189	12,616	13,208	2,863	4,056	3,518	3,824
New Mexico	8,524	10,461	14,982	16,493	1,366	1,670	2,831	2,922
Oregon	39,725	46,023	43,606	45,250	15,019	17,579	21,189	22,396
Utah	8,562	9,800	10,083	10,426	2,700	3,231	3,242	3,374
Washington ^{a,b}	120,466	154,466	103,882	108,076	875	160	11,568	12,611
Wyoming	3,654	4,115	4,826	5,225	403	514	609	674

Note: Counts for 1995, 2000, and 2005 are for January 1 and may have been updated from previously published yearend counts.

**Not known.

^aDue to a change in recordkeeping procedures, probation and parole counts for 2005 and 2006 are not comparable to previous years.

^bDue to expanded coverage, probation counts for 2000, 2005, and 2006 are not comparable to 1995.

^cProbation counts for 2000, 2005, and 2006 include private agency cases and may overstate the number under supervision.

^dProbation counts for 2000, 2005, and 2006 include estimates for misdemeanors based on admissions.



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