

Table 6.31

New court commitments and first releases of violent offenders from State prison

By region and State, 1992, 1993, and 1994

Region and State	Violent new court commitments to State prison				Violent first releases from State prison			
	1992	1993	1994	Percent change 1992 to 1994 ^a	1992	1993	1994	Percent change 1992 to 1994 ^a
All participating States	84,598	84,559	81,535	-4.9%	60,753	61,347	61,282	-6.9%
Northeast	14,822	15,999	15,420	-6.5	11,281	11,843	11,583	-12.3
Connecticut	1,090	993	965	-11.5	707	376	434	-51.5
Maine	282	252	197	-30.1	251	241	188	-25.1
Massachusetts	NA	1,267	1,268	X	NA	1,617	1,684	X
New Hampshire	203	244	253	24.6	130	188	138	6.2
New Jersey	2,401	2,287	2,406	0.2	2,566	2,138	2,380	-7.2
New York	8,650	8,654	7,715	-10.8	6,174	5,833	5,533	-10.4
Pennsylvania	2,112	1,999	2,250	6.5	1,384	1,359	1,247	-9.9
Rhode Island	NA	232	300	X	NA	NA	NA	X
Vermont	84	71	66	-21.4	69	91	70	1.4
Midwest	17,916	18,986	19,087	-1.3	7,570	10,598	12,522	6.6
Illinois	5,494	5,429	5,581	1.6	4,224	4,448	4,674	10.7
Indiana	NA	974	1,008	X	NA	NA	NA	X
Iowa	495	495	532	7.5	512	522	558	9.0
Kansas ^b	NA	NA	395	X	NA	NA	38	X
Michigan	3,481	3,306	3,241	-6.9	NA	NA	1,828	X
Minnesota	355	358	356	0.3	181	186	177	-2.2
Missouri	1,964	2,047	2,116	7.7	1,136	1,269	1,167	2.7
Nebraska	370	309	377	1.9	335	375	337	0.6
North Dakota	61	81	112	83.6	64	65	66	3.1
Ohio	4,155	4,320	3,879	-6.6	NA	2,508	2,585	X
South Dakota	244	231	236	-3.3	174	180	160	-8.0
Wisconsin	1,297	1,436	1,254	-3.3	944	1,045	932	-1.3
South	34,739	31,747	30,036	-8.4	28,774	25,148	23,047	-15.5
Alabama ^c	2,340	2,329	2,058	-12.1	NA	NA	NA	X
Arkansas	1,014	873	1,031	1.7	765	817	978	27.8
Delaware	380	402	351	-7.6	430	378	388	-9.8
District of Columbia	540	427	354	-34.4	390	468	344	-11.8
Florida	8,781	7,701	6,931	-21.1	7,144	6,343	6,486	-9.2
Georgia	2,695	2,748	2,621	-2.7	2,397	2,248	1,420	-40.8
Kentucky	857	843	945	10.3	658	771	780	18.5
Louisiana	1,225	1,235	1,248	1.9	1,363	1,333	1,190	-12.7
Maryland	2,220	2,218	2,233	0.6	2,393	2,451	2,421	1.2
Mississippi	1,103	1,037	1,112	0.8	996	807	746	-25.1
North Carolina	2,455	2,568	2,521	2.7	2,366	2,871	1,882	-20.5
Oklahoma	1,577	1,610	1,634	3.6	727	830	867	19.3
South Carolina	1,407	1,418	1,450	3.1	1,239	1,217	1,205	-2.7
Tennessee	1,204	1,068	905	-24.8	1,421	1,267	992	-30.2
Texas	4,798	5,078	4,440	-7.5	4,851	3,204	3,201	-34.0
Virginia	1,956	NA	NA	X	1,495	NA	NA	X
West Virginia	187	192	202	8.0	139	143	147	5.8
West	17,121	17,827	16,992	-0.8	13,128	13,758	14,130	7.6
Alaska	456	417	464	1.8	222	229	228	2.7
Arizona	1,417	1,597	1,383	-2.4	926	1,012	917	-1.0
California	10,683	11,182	10,308	-3.5	8,958	9,238	9,939	11.0
Colorado	835	870	1,052	26.0	549	611	600	9.3
Hawaii	180	219	251	39.4	135	186	170	25.9
Idaho	189	174	115	-39.2	97	104	75	-22.7
Montana	239	250	256	7.1	192	188	189	-1.6
New Mexico	497	541	666	34.0	NA	NA	NA	X
Oregon	719	691	682	-5.1	644	708	608	-5.6
Utah	224	240	209	-6.7	171	180	172	0.6
Washington	1,555	1,562	1,507	-3.7	1,171	1,246	1,219	4.1
Wyoming	127	84	99	-22.0	63	56	13	-79.4

Note: These data are from the National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP), sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). In order to update the estimates of sentence length and time served for violent offenses, BJS contacted each State corrections agency. NCRP participants were asked to verify estimates made from 1992 data and provide similar estimates for 1993 and 1994. States not participating in the NCRP were asked to generate estimates for all 3 years. Nevada did not provide data. Unlike data in previous NCRP reports, these data are based on aggregated data from each State. As a result, calculations for percent of sentence served differ.

"New court commitments" are persons entering prison directly from court and not from an unsuccessful period of community supervision. "First releases" are persons released for the first time on the current sentence. Violent offenses include crimes involving personal injury and theft of property or attempted theft by force or threat of force. Murder, manslaughter, rape, other sexual assault,

robbery, assault, extortion, intimidation, criminal endangerment, child abuse, and other offenses involving confrontational force or threat of force are included. Some jurisdictions provided estimates and some jurisdiction's definitions of violent offenses varied from the above definition. Therefore, readers are encouraged to consult the original source for jurisdictional explanatory notes.

^aState and regional totals based on States reporting data in 1992 and 1994.

^bIncludes only admissions and releases governed solely by de-terminate sentences under the Sentencing Guidelines Act.

^cIncludes data on all admissions and releases.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Violent Offenders in State Prison: Sentences and Time Served*, Selected Findings NCJ-154632 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, July 1995), p. 3.