

# Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report

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## Prevalence of Imprisonment in the U.S. Population, 1974-2001

### Highlights

**At yearend 2001 over 5.6 million U.S. adults had ever served time in State or Federal prison**

U.S. residents ever incarcerated	Number		
	1974	1991	2001
<b>Total</b>	1,819,000	3,437,000	5,618,000
<b>Male</b>	1,677,000	3,142,000	5,037,000
White	837,000	1,395,000	1,978,000
Black	595,000	1,181,000	1,936,000
Hispanic	94,000	392,000	911,000
<b>Female</b>	142,000	295,000	581,000
White	86,000	139,000	225,000
Black	51,000	109,000	231,000
Hispanic	8,000	30,000	86,000