



**PROBATION AND PAROLE  
IN THE UNITED STATES  
2007**

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In December 2008 the Bureau of Justice Statistics released *Probation and Parole in the United States, 2007 Statistical Tables*. Data come from the 2007 Annual Probation Survey and the 2007 Annual Parole Survey, as well as from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. The surveys cover the federal system, all 50 states, and the District of Columbia.

Probationers are defined here as criminal offenders who have been sentenced to a period of correctional supervision in the community in lieu of incarceration. Parole is defined as a period of conditional supervised release (determined by a parole board or by mandatory conditional release) following a prison term.

The following are highlights taken from this report.

- In 2007, the total Federal, State, and local adult correctional population (incarcerated or in the community) grew 2.0% to over 7.3 million. Offenders under community supervision accounted for nearly 70% of the correctional population.
- About 3.2% of the U.S. adult resident population was under correctional supervision at yearend 2007, and 2.2% of the U.S. adult resident population was under community supervision.

### Probation statistics

- The U.S. probation population increased 1.8% in 2007 to 4,293,163 adults on probation.
- At yearend 2007, the probation supervision rate was 1,873 probationers per 100,000 adult U.S. residents.
- Ohio ranked fifth in the total number on probation, with an estimated 254,898. This represents an increase of 4.2% from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.
- Ohio's probation rate of 2,917 per 100,000 adult residents was greater than the national rate of 1,873 per 100,000 adult residents.
- Characteristics of probationers in 2007:
  - 23% female, 77% male
  - 55% White, 29% Black, 13% Hispanic or Latino
  - 47% felony offense, 51% misdemeanor offense, 3% other infraction.
  - 17% of probationers under supervision in 2007 had a violent offense as their most serious offense.
  - 27% of probationers had a drug law violation as their most serious offense, followed by property offense (24%), public-order offense (18%), which includes driving while intoxicated and other traffic offenses only, and other offenses (13%).
  - 70% were under active supervision, and 9% were absconders.

## Parole statistics

- The parole population in the U.S. increased 3.2% in 2007, to 824,365 adults on parole.
- In 2007, 360 persons per 100,000 adult U.S. residents were under parole supervision.
- Ohio ranked twelfth in the total number on parole, with 17,575. This represents a decrease of 0.2% from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.
- Ohio's parole rate of 201 per 100,000 adult residents was less than the national average of 360 per 100,000 adult residents.
- Characteristics of parolees in 2007:
  - 12% female, 88% male.
  - 42% White, 37% Black, 19% Hispanic or Latino.
  - 96% had a sentence length of one year or more.
  - 37% had been convicted of a drug offense, 26% for a violent offense, and 24% for a property offense.
  - 84% were under active supervision, and 7% had absconded.
- Of the total number of adults leaving parole in 2007, 44.5% successfully completed their time, and 38.0% returned to jail or prison. Of those who returned to jail or prison, over 70% returned with revocation.
  - In Ohio, there were 10,035 adults exiting parole in 2007. Of these, 74.0% successfully completed their term, and 18.7% returned to jail or prison.

To view the statistical tables, go to the Bureau of Justice Statistics' website:  
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ppus07st.pdf>.