



Mortality in Local Jails and State Prisons 2000-2011

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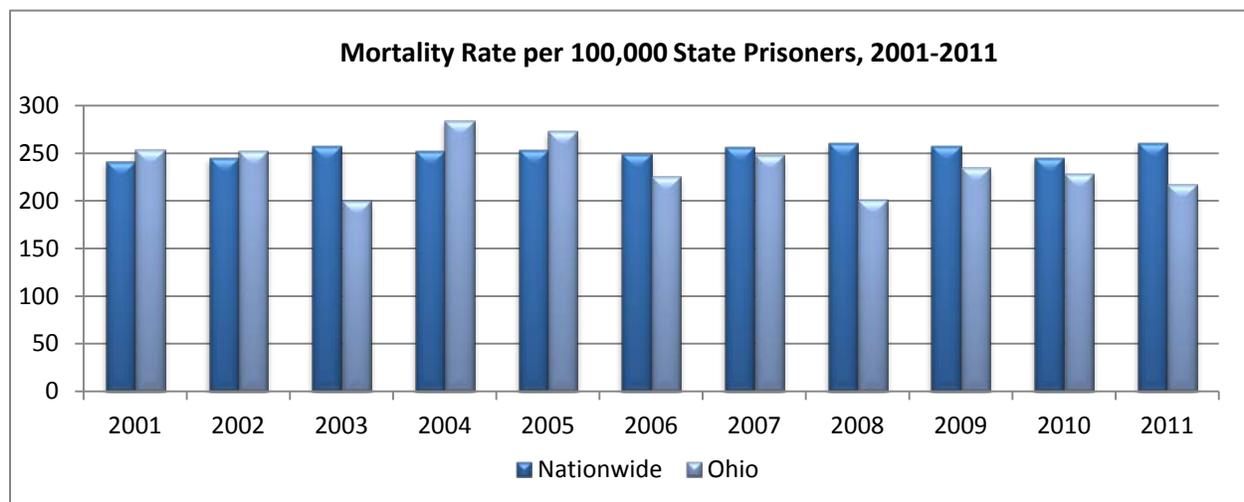


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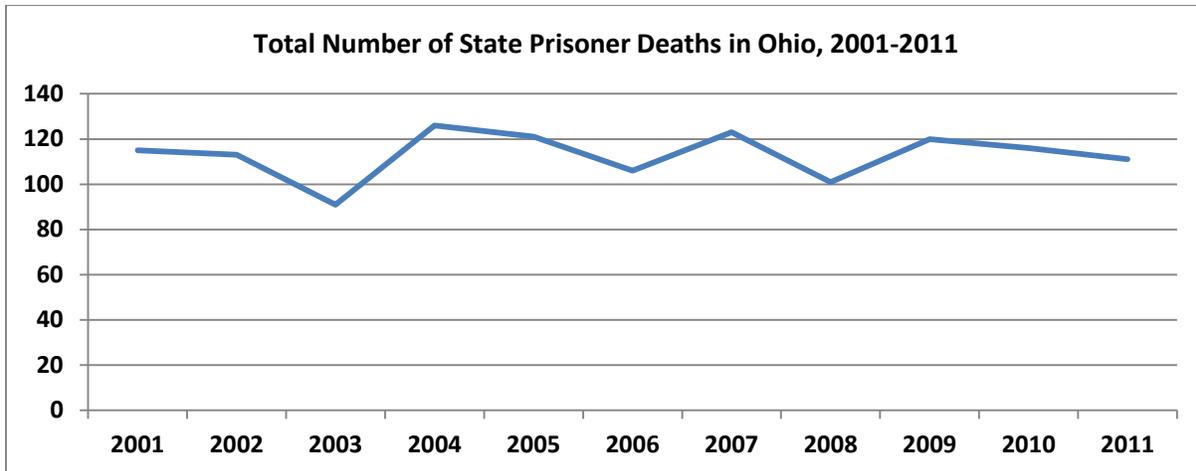
In August of 2013, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) released the data brief, *Mortality in Local Jails and State Prisons, 2000-2011: Statistical Tables*. Data within the report were developed from the BJS Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP) and collected from participating local jails and state prisons. This program began collecting data from jails in 2000 and from prisons in 2001. The following summarizes some key findings of the report, with emphasis on Ohio data wherever possible.

State Prisons

- In 2011, 4,238 inmates died while in the custody of local jails or state prisons, which is an increase of 2% or 88 deaths from 2010.
- Nationwide, from 2001-2011, there was a total of 35,317 inmate deaths in state prisons. In 2011, the rate of state prisoner mortality was 260 per 100,000 state prisoners.
 - In Ohio, from 2001-2011, there was a total of 1,243 inmate deaths while in the custody of the state. In 2011, the rate of state prisoner mortality was 218 per 100,000 state prisoners. The Ohio average annual rate of 237 inmate deaths per 100,000 state prisoners is lower than the national average annual of 252 inmate deaths per 100,000 state prisoners.



- Nationwide the number of inmate deaths in the custody of state prisons increased 4.0% from 3,232 deaths in 2010 to 3,353 deaths in 2011.
 - In Ohio, the number of inmate deaths in custody of the state decreased 4.3% from 116 deaths in 2010 to 111 deaths in 2011.



*interpret with caution; too few cases were missing cause-of-death information. These cases were classified as all other illnesses.

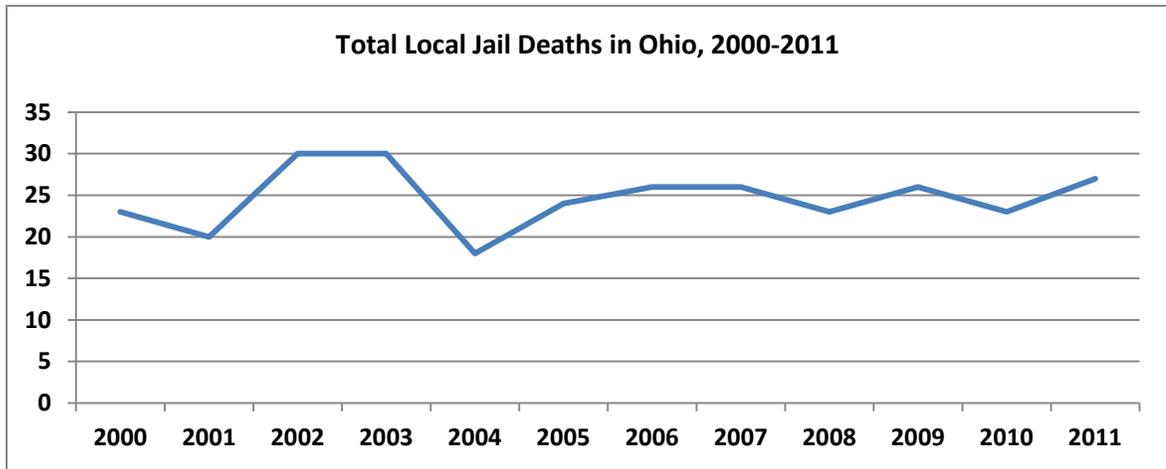
- In 2011, male prisoners accounted for 95.7% of state prisoner deaths nationally.
 - White prisoners accounted for 57.2% of state prisoner deaths.
 - Black/African American prisoners accounted for 31.1% of state prisoner deaths.
 - Hispanic/Latino prisoners accounted for 9.8% of state prisoner deaths.
 - Prisoners 55 years of age or older accounted for 52.8% of state prisoner deaths.

- Between 2001-2011 cancer and heart disease were the leading causes of death in state prisons nationwide (a total of 9,101 and 9,073 respectively).
 - In Ohio, from 2001-2011, cancer and heart disease were also the leading causes of death in state prisons (a total of 392 and 366 respectively).

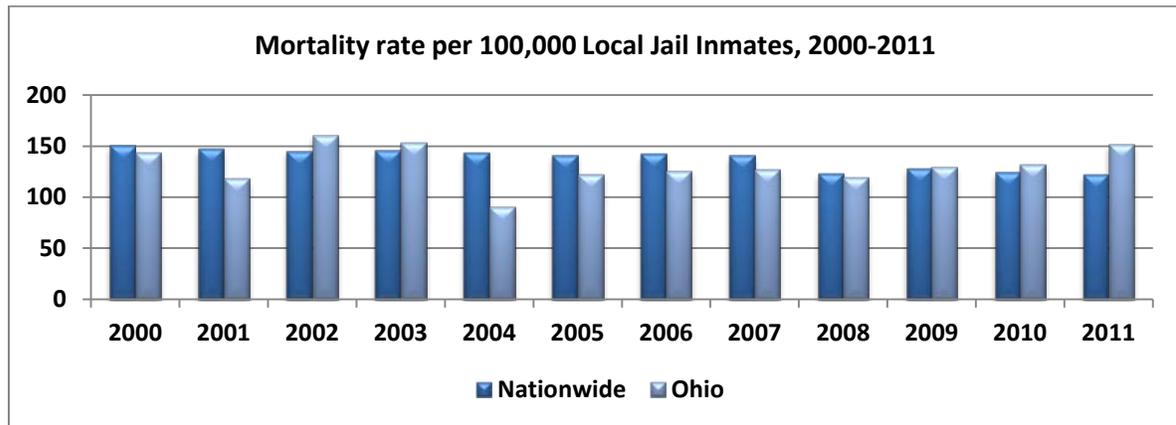
Mortality rate per 100,000 state prisoners, by Cause of Death in the U.S., 2001-2011											
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
All Causes	242	245	257	252	253	249	256	260	257	245	254
Illness	216	218	231	224	225	218	225	228	228	217	225
Cancer	58	57	66	59	64	62	58	66	73	70	78
Heart Disease	63	67	65	68	67	66	64	62	64	63	65
Liver Disease	26	25	25	23	25	23	24	24	25	22	26
Respiratory Disease	12	14	16	16	17	15	16	19	15	16	16
AIDS-related	23	20	17	12	12	10	9	7	7	6	4
All Other	34	36	41	47	39	42	55	50	43	41	37
Suicide	14	14	16	16	17	17	16	15	15	16	14
Drug/Alcohol Intoxication	3	3	2	2	3	4	3	4	4	3	4
Accident	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
Homicide	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	5
Other/Unknown	0	0	2	3	1	3	1	7	1	*1	1
Missing	3	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	*0	*1

Local Jails

- In 2011, 885 (21%) of the 4,238 inmates who died while in the custody of local jails or state prisons, were in the custody of local jails.
- Nationwide, 19.0% of local jail jurisdictions reported one or more deaths to the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program in 2011.
 - In Ohio, 18.3% of local jail jurisdictions reported one or more deaths to the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program in 2011.
- Nationwide the number of inmate deaths in the custody of local jails decreased 3.6% from 918 deaths in 2010 to 885 deaths in 2011.
 - In Ohio, the number of inmate deaths in custody of the state increased 17.4% from 23 deaths in 2010 to 27 deaths in 2011.



- Nationwide, from 2000-2011, there was a total of 11,808 inmate deaths in local jails. In 2011, the rate of local jail inmate mortalities was 122 per 100,000 local jail inmates. From 2000-2011, the national average annual rate of local jail inmate deaths occurred at 137 per 100,000 local jail inmate.
 - In Ohio, from 2000-2011, there was a total of 296 inmate deaths in local jails. In 2011, the rate of local jail inmate mortalities was 152 per 100,000 local jail inmates.



- In 2011, male inmates accounted for 87.5% of local jail deaths nationally.
 - White prisoners accounted for 59.3% of local jail deaths.
 - Black/African American prisoners accounted for 26.5% of local jail deaths.
 - Hispanic/Latino prisoners accounted for 12.0% of local jail deaths.
 - Prisoners 45-54 years of age accounted for 25.5% of local jail deaths.
- Between 2000-2011 suicide and heart disease were the leading causes of death in local jails nationwide (a total of 3,506 and 2,634 respectively).

Mortality rate per 100,000 Local Jails Inmates, by Cause of Death in the U.S., 2001-2011												
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
All Causes	151	147	145	146	143	141	142	141	123	128	125	122
Illness	86	76	76	74	74	67	78	78	57	65	65	58
Cancer	33	34	33	35	32	27	32	30	24	27	33	32
Heart Disease	10	9	8	8	7	5	7	5	4	4	4	2
Liver Disease	5	4	6	5	4	5	5	5	3	6	5	4
Respiratory Disease	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	4	4	2
AIDS-related	5	3	3	3	5	3	3	6	4	4	2	3
All Other	29	22	22	19	22	23	28	26	17	21	18	16
Suicide	48	49	47	43	42	39	36	36	29	41	42	43
Drug/Alcohol Intoxication	6	9	8	13	11	11	11	10	6	9	7	10
Accident	4	6	5	4	5	3	4	2	2	3	3	4
Homicide	3	3	3	2	3	3	5	3	2	3	3	3
Other/Unknown	3	4	5	8	7	15	7	9	*1	3	2	3
Missing	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	3	*1	3	26	4	4	1

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- The suicide rate in local jails declined over time, from 49 suicide deaths per 100,000 inmates in 2001 to 36 suicide deaths per 100,000 inmates in 2007. Excluding 2008 data, the rate increased 18% from 2007 to reach 43 suicide deaths per 100,000 inmates in 2011.

Suicide Mortality rate per 100,000 Local Jail Inmates, by selected decedent characteristics, 2000-2011										
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total	48	46	44	41	39	37	34	35	37	42
Sex										
Male	50	48	45	43	41	39	36	37	38	43
Female	32	34	33	28	22	21	19	24	28	32
Race/Hispanic Origin										
White	97	94	86	78	71	71	66	71	76	86
Black/African American	16	14	15	16	17	16	15	14	13	14
Hispanic/Latino	30	28	30	30	28	23	20	18	19	22
Other	*23	*23	*23	*22	*20	*18	*18	20	20	*19
Age										
17 or younger	*86	*74	*64	*56	*51	*43	*38	*29	*24	*20
18-24	36	35	33	30	27	25	23	24	23	25
25-34	45	44	42	41	37	34	29	30	35	41
35-44	57	54	54	47	48	47	44	46	46	51
45-54	58	55	51	45	43	45	44	47	50	57
55 or older	*74	*66	*52	*61	*56	55	53	54	58	58
Legal Status										
**Convicted	22	21	18	17	15	15	14	16	18	20
***Unconvicted	66	63	60	56	53	50	45	47	49	55

Note: Detail may not sum to total due to missing data. Estimates are produced using 3-year moving averages centered on the middle year. For example, data for 2010 includes 2009, 2010 and 2011.

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**Includes inmates who returned on a probation or parole violation. Starting in 2009, forms were modified to identify inmates who were convicted or returned on a probation or parole violation. As with previous years, these cases are counted as convicted.

***Includes inmates whose status was marked as other or was unspecified.

For the full report, please visit the BJS's website at <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/mljisp0011.pdf>