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In June 2007, the Bureau of Justice Statistics released the report *Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2006*. The following data and chart summarize the findings contained in this report. A copy of the full report can be found at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/pjim06.pdf>.

At midyear 2006, 2,245,189 persons were incarcerated in the nation's prisons and jails, an increase of 2.8 percent since midyear 2005. Two-thirds of this population was incarcerated in the state or federal prison system. The rate of incarceration in prison and jail was 750 inmates per 100,000 U.S. residents. One in every 133 U.S. residents was in prison or jail.

### **Prison population in Ohio and the U.S.**

The prison population increased 2.8 percent from midyear 2005 to midyear 2006. This represents an incarceration rate of 497 per 100,000 U.S. residents. Ohio's prison population increased 5.6 percent to 47,494 from midyear 2005 to midyear 2006. This corresponds to an incarceration rate of 414 per 100,000 U.S. residents. More than 4 percent of Ohio's prisoners were held in private facilities.

Prison admissions continue to outpace releases. From 2000-2005, the number of state or federal admissions increased 17.2 percent, while the number of releases rose 15.5 percent. In Ohio during the same time period, admissions increased 22.5 percent and releases increased 12.7 percent. In 2005, new court commitments made up nearly two-thirds of all state prison admissions.

The number of females under the jurisdiction of state and federal prison authorities grew 4.6 percent from midyear 2005 to 2006, while the number of male prisoners increased 2.7 percent during the same time period. Females accounted for 7.2 percent of all inmates at midyear 2006. The rate of imprisonment was 67 female inmates per 100,000 female U.S. residents, while the rate for males was 14 times higher, at 940 male inmates per 100,000 male U.S. residents.

The number of juveniles under age 18 in state prisons increased 7.1 percent to 2,364, the first increase of its kind since 1995. Noncitizens accounted for roughly 6 percent of state and federal inmates at midyear 2006. Ohio had 603 noncitizens in state prison. The federal system, California, and Texas housed more than two-thirds of all noncitizens.

### **Jail population in Ohio and the U.S.**

The nation's local jails held or supervised 826,232 offenders as of midyear 2006. Nearly 93 percent of these offenders were housed in local jails. The number of persons held in jail facilities increased 2.5 percent from midyear 2005. As of midyear 2006, local jails operated at an average of 94 percent of rated capacity. Generally, smaller jail jurisdictions had a lower percent of capacity occupied than did larger jail jurisdictions. Franklin County, Ohio, and Hamilton County, Ohio, two of the 50 largest local jail jurisdictions in the U.S., reported operating at a capacity of 101 percent and 97 percent, respectively, during midyear 2006.

The jail incarceration rate for males (457 per 100,000 males) was seven times less than that for females (66 per 100,000 females). About one in every 123 blacks were incarcerated in jail on June 30, 2006, compared to one in every 353 Hispanics and one in every 588 whites.

Approximately 7 percent of offenders were supervised in alternative programs outside the jail facilities. The most common types of community supervision included community service (24 percent), weekender programs (19 percent), and electronic monitoring (18 percent).