



2026 CENSUS OF JAILS

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Point of Contact at Agency:

Title First Name Last Name

Official Address:

Street or P.O. Box City State Zip

Phone:

Email:

Area Code Number Extension

General Information

- ✓ **IMPORTANT:** Please use this form as a reference and submit your data at <https://jailcensus.rti.org>.
- ✓ If you are unable to submit data online, please return your completed form to us by email (jailcensus@rti.org), fax (1-919-541-8970), or mail:
US Postal Service: RTI International / ATTN: Data Capture / PO BOX 12194 / RTP, NC 27709-12194
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- ✓ For assistance, please contact RTI International at 1-866-354-4992 or jailcensus@rti.org.

Facilities to include in this collection

Please include all confinement facilities administered by a local or regional law enforcement agency. The facilities are intended for adults but sometimes hold juveniles.

INCLUDE—

- ✓ Jails and city/county or regional correctional centers.
- ✓ Special jail facilities operated under the authority of local or regional correctional authorities, including medical, treatment, or release centers; halfway houses; work farms; and private facilities operated under contract to local, regional, or federal correctional authorities.
- ✓ Temporary holding or lockup facilities if they are a part of your combined jail function.

EXCLUDE—

- × Juvenile detention centers/facilities/homes, and other institutional juvenile facilities under the juvenile justice system.

If your only function is to hold inmates temporarily or if you hold juveniles exclusively, please contact us.

Reporting instructions

Most jails operate a single facility, but some jails operate multiple facilities. Please complete this CJ-3 form on information pertaining to *all* facilities under your jail jurisdiction.

- ✓ If the answer to a question is “not available” or “unknown,” write “DK” in the space provided.
- ✓ If the answer to a question is “not applicable,” write “NA” in the space provided.
- ✓ If the answer to a question is “none” or “zero,” write “0” in the space provided.
- ✓ When exact numeric answers are not available, provide estimates, and mark X in the box beside each number that is estimated, e.g., 1,234 ☒.

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SECTION I. POPULATION SUPERVISED ON DECEMBER 28, 2026

1. On December 28, 2026, how many persons under the supervision of your jail jurisdiction were—

a. Confined^① in jail facilities?

b. Under jail supervision, but NOT CONFINED?^①

c. TOTAL (Sum of items 1a and 1b)

① CONFINED

INCLUDE—

- ✓ Persons held for other jurisdictions.
- ✓ Persons in community-based programs^① who RETURN to your jail facilities at night.
 - ① Community-based programs include electronic monitoring, home detention, community service, day reporting, other pre-trial supervision, other alternative work programs, alcohol/drug treatment programs, and other programs where offenders are supervised outside of jail.
- ✓ Persons on transfer to treatment facilities but who remain under the jurisdiction of your jail facilities.
- ✓ Persons out to court while under the jurisdiction of your jail facilities.

EXCLUDE—

- × Persons under the jurisdiction of your jail facilities who are boarded elsewhere.
- × Persons who are AWOL, have escaped, or are on long-term transfer to other jurisdictions.
- × Persons in community-based programs run by your jail who do NOT return to your jail facilities at night.

① NOT CONFINED

INCLUDE—

- ✓ Persons in community-based programs run by your jail who do NOT return to your jail facilities at night.

EXCLUDE—

- × Persons on pre-trial release who are not in a community-based program run by your jail facilities.
- × Persons under the supervision of probation, parole, or other agencies.
- × Persons who serve their sentences of confinement only on weekends (e.g., Friday–Sunday) through weekend programs.
- × Persons participating in community-based programs who RETURN to your jail facilities at night.

2. Of all the persons confined in your jail facilities on December 28, 2026, how many were—

a. 17 or under

b. 18-24

c. 25-34

d. 35-44

e. 45-54

f. 55-64

g. 65 or older

h. TOTAL (Sum of items 2a to 2g)

3. On December 28, 2026, how many persons confined in your jail facilities were—

- | | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Adult male (age 18 or older) | <input type="text"/> | ☐ |
| b. Adult female (age 18 or older) | <input type="text"/> | ☐ |
| c. Male age 17 or younger | <input type="text"/> | ☐ |
| d. Female age 17 or younger | <input type="text"/> | ☐ |
| e. Total (Sum of items 3a to 3d should equal item 1a) | <input type="text"/> | ☐ |

If your agency operates two or more facilities, go on to item 4. Otherwise, skip to item 5.

4. On December 28, 2026, how many persons confined in each of your jail facilities were—

- Please list facility names in the first column and complete as many rows as needed.*

	Facility	Adult male	Adult female	Male age 17 or younger	Female age 17 or younger	Total
a.						
b.						
c.						
d.						
e.						
f.						
g.						
h.						
i.						
j.						

5. On December 28, 2026, how many persons confined in your jail facilities were—

	Male	Female	Total
a. White (not of Hispanic origin)			
b. Black or African American (not of Hispanic origin)			
c. Hispanic or Latino			
d. American Indian or Alaska Native (not of Hispanic origin)			
e. Asian (not of Hispanic origin)			
f. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (not of Hispanic origin)			
g. Two or more races (not of Hispanic origin)			
h. Additional categories in your jail information system specify			
i. Not known			
j. TOTAL (Sum of items 5a to 5i should equal item 1a)			

6. On December 28, 2026, how many persons confined in your jail facilities were—

a. U.S. citizens	
b. Not U.S. citizens	
c. Of unknown citizenship status	
d. TOTAL (Sum of items 6a to 6c should equal item 1a)	

7. On December 28, 2026, how many persons confined in your jail facilities—

- ✓ *INCLUDE persons held or awaiting trial for new offenses.*
- ✓ *INCLUDE persons adjudicated or awaiting revocation hearing.*

a. Violated their probation

☐

- ✓ *INCLUDE persons who were placed under probation supervision by court order prior to admission.*

b. Violated their parole

☐

- ✓ *INCLUDE persons who were sentenced and conditionally released to parole supervision prior to admission.*

c. Violated their pretrial release conditions

☐

- ✓ *INCLUDE persons released to the custody of a qualified organization or person, persons released on bail/bond, own recognizance, or electronic monitoring, and persons placed under house arrest while awaiting trial or adjudication.*

d. Violated other release conditions

☐

e. TOTAL (Sum of items 7a to 7d)

☐

Questions 8 and 9 ask about the offense seriousness and conviction status of persons held in your jail facilities. For persons with more than one charge/offense, report the most serious charge/offense and the associated conviction status. For persons held for the violation of probation, parole, and other conditional release conditions, report the most serious original or new charge/offense. The most serious charge/offense is the one crime for which the person could receive the longest jail/prison sentence. Alternatively, it can be determined by your jail system's offense severity code.

8. On December 28, 2026, how many persons confined in your jail facilities, regardless of conviction status, had a charge/offense type of—

a. Felony

☐

b. Misdemeanor

☐

c. Other charges/offenses specify ↴

☐

d. TOTAL (Sum of items 8a to 8c should equal item 1a)

☐

9. On December 28, 2026, how many persons confined in your jail facilities were—

a. Convicted

- ✓ *INCLUDE persons who were sentenced and or awaiting sentencing on a conviction.*
- ✓ *INCLUDE persons held for probation and parole violations with no new sentence.*

b. Unconvicted

- ✓ *INCLUDE persons awaiting trial/arraignment or unconvicted persons awaiting transfer/hold for other authorities.*

c. TOTAL (Sum of items 9a and 9b should equal item 1a)

10. On December 28, 2026, how many persons confined in your jail facilities were held for—

- ✓ *INCLUDE contractual, temporary, courtesy, or ad hoc holds for other agencies.*
- *For persons with multiple holds, count them only once with priority being federal, state, tribal governments, and other county or city jails.*

a. Federal authorities

(1) U.S. Marshals Service

(2) Federal Bureau of Prisons

(3) U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

(4) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

- × *EXCLUDE persons held for tribal governments in item 10c below.*

(5) Other Federal authorities specify ↴

b. State prison authorities

- ✓ *INCLUDE persons held for your state and other states.*

c. American Indian or Alaska Native tribal governments

- × *EXCLUDE persons held for the BIA in item 10a4.*

d. Other local jail jurisdictions

- × *EXCLUDE persons held for your own jail jurisdiction (i.e., your own county/city).*
- × *EXCLUDE persons held for tribal governments in item 10c.*
- ✓ *INCLUDE persons held for other local jail jurisdictions within your state and other states.*

e. TOTAL (Sum of items 10a to 10d)

SECTION II. POPULATION MOVEMENT IN 2026

11. How many persons were CONFINED in your jail facilities on the last Monday of each month during the past year—

January 26, 2026		☐
February 23, 2026		☐
March 30, 2026		☐
April 27, 2026		☐
May 25, 2026		☐
June 29, 2026		☐
July 27, 2026		☐
August 31, 2026		☐
September 28, 2026		☐
October 26, 2026		☐
November 30, 2026		☐

12. From January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, what was the average daily population^① of all jail confinement facilities operated by your jail jurisdiction?

- ✓ *INCLUDE persons who serve their sentences of confinement only on weekends (e.g., Friday–Sunday) in weekend programs.*

a. Males		☐
b. Females		☐
c. TOTAL (Sum of items 12a and 12b)		☐

^① Average daily population

- *To calculate the average daily population, add the number of persons for each day each day in 2026, and divide the result by 365.*
- *If daily counts are not available, estimate the average daily population by adding the number of persons held on the same day of each month and divide the result by 12.*
- *If the average daily population cannot be calculated as directed above, estimate the typical number of persons held in your jail facilities each day.*

13. From January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, how many persons were—

a. ADMITTED^① to your jail facilities?

(1) Male

(2) Female

(3) TOTAL (Sum of items 13a1 and 13a2)

b. DISCHARGED^① from your jail facilities?

(1) Male

(2) Female

(3) TOTAL (Sum of items 13b1 and 13b2)

① Admissions

INCLUDE—

- ✓ Persons officially booked into and housed in your jail facilities by a formal legal document and the authority of the courts or some other official agency.
- ✓ Repeat offenders booked on new charges.
- ✓ Persons serving a weekend sentence coming into jail for the *FIRST* time only. (Do not count subsequent admissions for the same weekend sentences.)

EXCLUDE—

- × Returns from escape, work release, medical appointments/treatment facilities, furloughs, bail/bond releases, and court appearances.

① Discharges

INCLUDE—

- ✓ Persons released after a period of confinement (e.g., sentence completion, bail/bond releases, other pre-trial releases, transfers to other jurisdictions, or deaths).
- ✓ Persons completing their weekend sentence who are leaving jail for the *LAST* time.

EXCLUDE—

- × Temporary discharges (e.g., work releases, medical appointments/treatment, out to courts, furloughs, day reporters, or transfers to other facilities within your jail jurisdiction).

14. Between January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, how many persons died while under the supervision of your jail facilities?

Enter 0 if there are NO deaths. **INCLUDE** deaths of all persons:

- ✓ Confined in your jail facilities
- ✓ Under the supervision of your jail facilities, but out to court or in special facilities (e.g., hospital, hospice, or nursing home; treatment facility; residential community center; residential work release or facility-based house arrest program; or release center)
- ✓ In transit to or from your jail facilities while under your supervision.
- × **EXCLUDE—**Persons who were NOT admitted into your jail facilities and died during the intake process.

a. Males

b. Females

c. TOTAL (Sum of items 14a and 14b)

SECTION III. CAPACITY, STAFFING, AND FACILITY FUNCTIONS

15. On December 28, 2026, what was the rated capacity^① of your jail facilities?

- ① *The rated capacity is the maximum number of beds or inmates assigned by a rating official to your jail facilities, excluding separate temporary holding areas.*

16. On December 28, 2026, how many staff employed in your jail facilities were—

- *Count each employee only once. Classify employees with multiple functions by the function performed most frequently.*
- ✓ *INCLUDE payroll staff, non-payroll staff on the payroll of other government agencies (e.g., health department, school district, or court), and unpaid interns.*
- × *EXCLUDE staff paid through contractual agreements and community volunteers.*

a. Correctional officers^①

b. Other staff^①

(1) Male

(1) Male

(2) Female

(2) Female

(3) TOTAL (Sum of items 16a1 and 16a2)

(3) TOTAL (Sum of items 16b1 and 16b2)

c. TOTAL ALL STAFF (Sum of items 16a3 and 16b3)

① Correctional officers

Deputies, monitors, and other custody staff who spend more than 50% of their time with the incarcerated population.

① Other staff

Administrators, clerical and maintenance staff, educational staff, professional and technical staff, and other staff who spend more than 50% of their time in your jail.

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