

State Reports
Connecticut

IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE

Imprisonment Rate 1977: 53 (46th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 4 (41st)
Imprisonment Rate 2004: 377 (29th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 44 (33rd)
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977:	71
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004:	788
Percent Increase 1977-2004:	1,010%
Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004:	11%
Percent Decrease 1999-2004:	3%

IMPRISONMENT IN CONNECTICUT

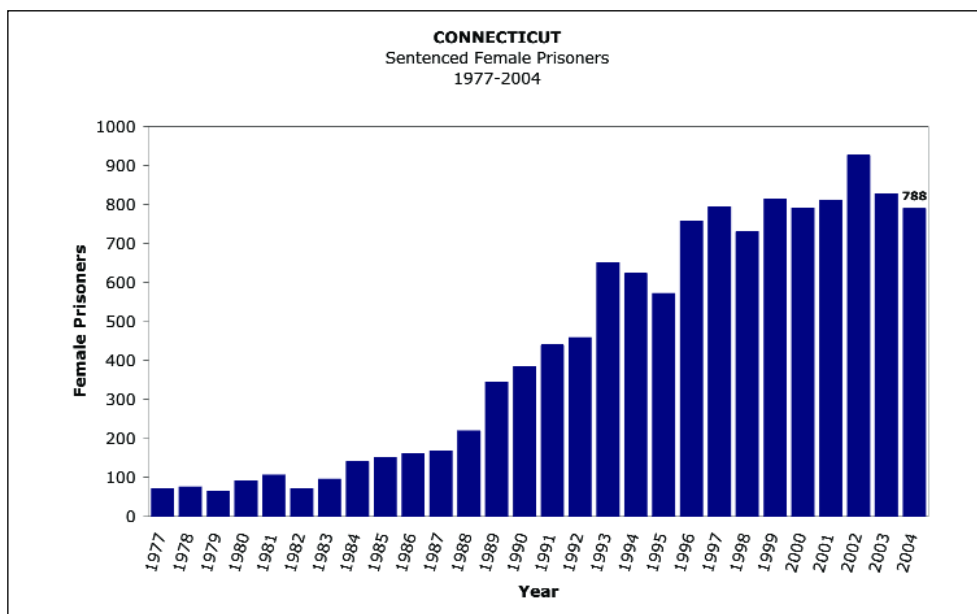
At year-end 2004, Connecticut prisons housed 13,240 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 12,452 were male and 788 were female. Connecticut's 2004 female imprisonment rate of 44 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents is the 33rd highest in the country. Connecticut's 2004 overall imprisonment rate of 377 prisoners per 100,000 residents is the 29th highest overall imprisonment rate in the country.

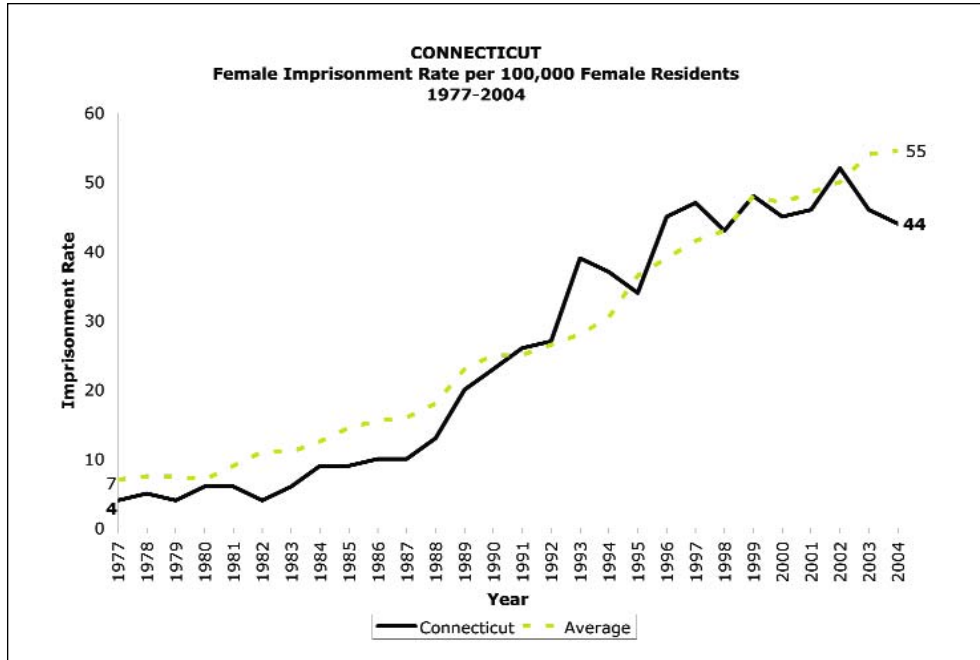
In 1977, Connecticut prisons housed 71 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 788. Connecticut's female prison population was at its lowest with 64 female prisoners in 1979 and peaked at 925 female inmates in 2002.

GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE

Between 1977 and 2004, Connecticut's female prison population grew by 1,010% with an average annual percent change of 11.2% per year.

Although Connecticut's female imprisonment rate has typically fallen below the average across states, it rose slightly above the average in the early 1990s and again in the late 1990s. Connecticut's imprisonment rate growth has been fairly erratic, particularly through the 1990s. By 2004, Connecticut's female imprisonment rate was substantially below average (as it had been through the 1970s and 1980s).





MALE TO FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATIO

The male to female imprisonment ratio indicates the number of male inmates for every female inmate. Although both female and male imprisonment rates have increased over the period of study, a shrinking ratio suggests that the number of female prisoners has increased at a faster pace. In 1977, across the states, there were an average of 26 male prisoners for every female prisoner; by 2004, this ratio had fallen to 13 male prisoners for every female prisoner. Connecticut’s 1977 ratio was slightly lower than average with 24 male prisoners for every female prisoner. By 2004, Connecticut’s male to female imprisonment ratio (16:1) was slightly higher than the average across states.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

According to the 2000 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, Connecticut has 20 correctional facilities. Of Connecticut’s 20 correctional facilities, 19 house male prisoners only, one houses female prisoners only, and none house both male and female prisoners.