

State Reports



IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE

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| Imprisonment Rate 1977: 70 (38th) | Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 6 (31st) |
| Imprisonment Rate 2004: 288 (39th) | Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 50 (29th) |
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| Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977: | 84 |
| Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004: | 757 |
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| Percent Increase 1977-2004: | 801% |
| Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004: | 9% |
| Percent Increase 1999-2004: | 40% |

IMPRISONMENT IN IOWA

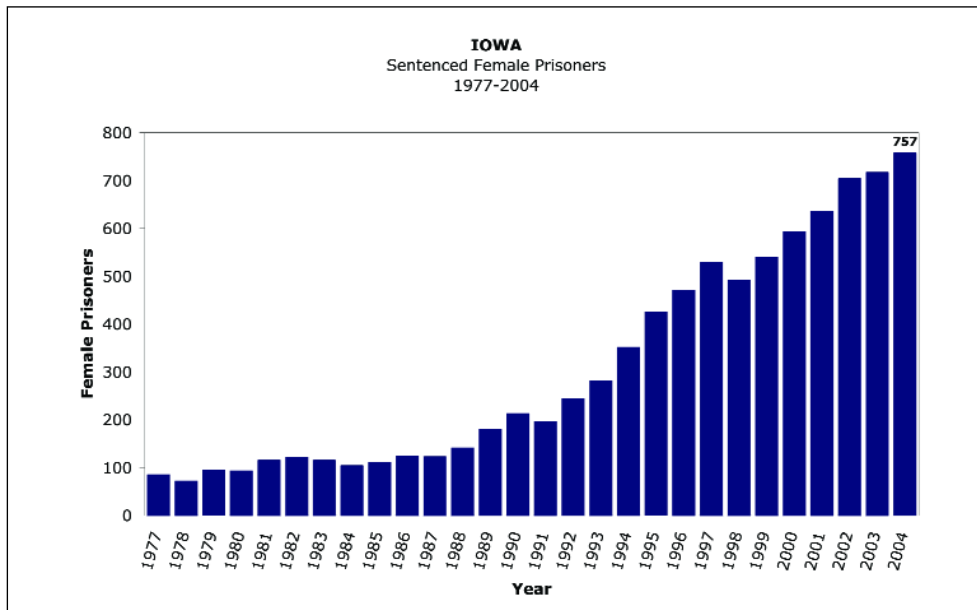
At year-end 2004, Iowa prisons housed 8,525 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 7,768 were male and 757 were female. With its 2004 female imprisonment rate of 50 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, Iowa ranks 29th. With an overall imprisonment rate of 288 prisoners per 100,000 residents, Iowa is 39th in the overall imprisonment rate rankings.

In 1977, Iowa prisons housed 84 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 757. Iowa's female prison population was at its lowest with 71 female prisoners in 1978 and peaked at 757 female inmates in 2004.

GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE

Between 1977 and 2004, Iowa's female prison population grew by 801% with an average annual percent change of 9.2% per year.

Iowa's female imprisonment rate has consistently fallen below the average across states. Although below average in its female imprisonment rate, Iowa is not among the least punitive states in this regard, and is ranked notably higher (29th) in its punitiveness toward female offenders than it is in its punitiveness overall (39th).





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. Iowa’s 1977 ratio was slightly lower than average with 24 male prisoners for every female prisoner. In 2004, Iowa’s male to female imprisonment ratio (10:1) remained lower than the average across states.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

According to the 2000 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, Iowa has 30 correctional facilities. Of Iowa’s 30 correctional facilities, 15 house male prisoners only, two house female prisoners only, and 13 house both male and female prisoners.