

State Reports

Minnesota

IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE

Imprisonment Rate 1977: 151 (10th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 11 (12th)
Imprisonment Rate 2004: 483 (13th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 41 (37th)
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977:	538
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004:	2,113
Percent Increase 1977-2004:	293%
Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004:	5%
Percent Increase 1999-2004:	4%

IMPRISONMENT IN MINNESOTA

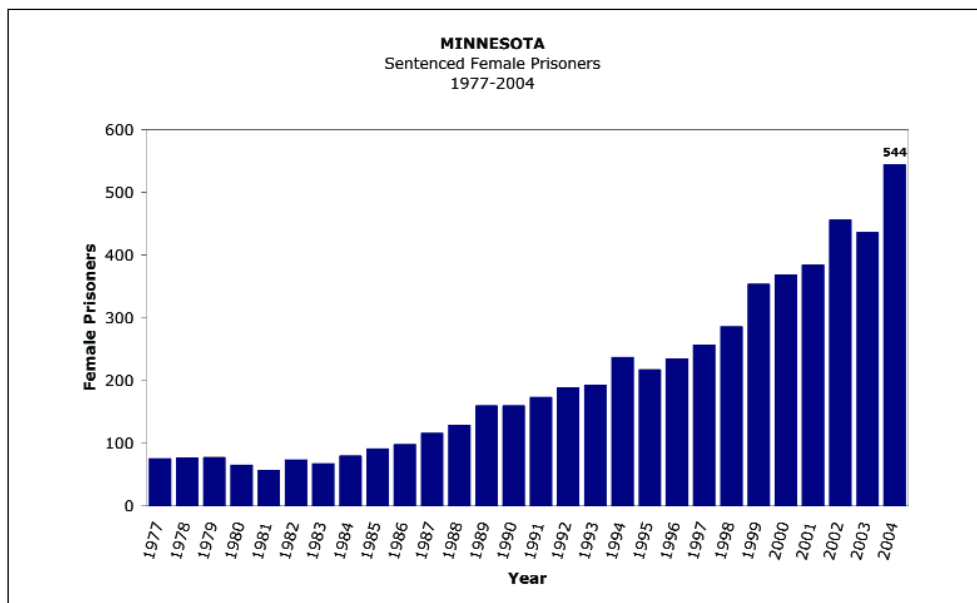
At year-end 2004, Minnesota prisons housed 8,758 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 8,214 were male and 544 were female. Minnesota ranked 46th in its 2004 female imprisonment rate with 21 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, and 49th in its 2004 overall imprisonment rate with 171 prisoners per 100,000 residents.

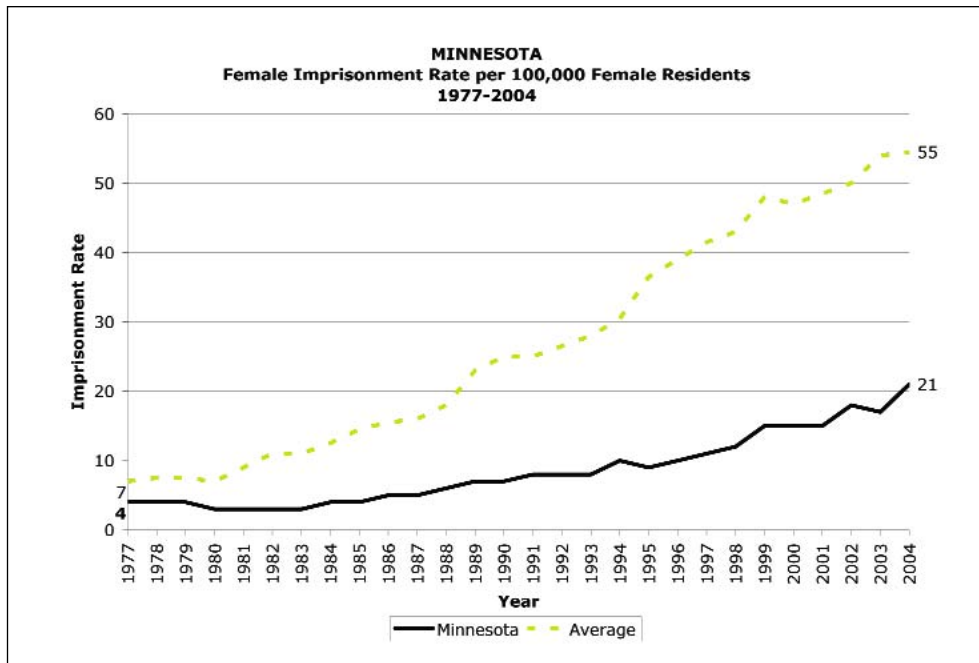
In 1977, Minnesota prisons housed 75 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 544. Minnesota's female prison population was at its lowest with 67 female prisoners in 1982 and peaked at 544 female inmates in 2004.

GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE

Between 1977 and 2004, Minnesota's female prison population grew by 625% with an average annual percent change of 8.3% per year.

Minnesota has always been among the least punitive states in terms of overall imprisonment (ranked 49th in both 1977 and 2004). Throughout the period from 1977 to 2004, Minnesota's female imprisonment rate was also substantially lower than the average female imprisonment rate across the states, and its rate of growth was much slower. With a female imprisonment rate of 21 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents in 2004, Minnesota is among the 10 least punitive states in its imprisonment of female offenders (ranked 46th).





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. Minnesota’s 1977 ratio was slightly lower than average with 24 male prisoners for every female prisoner. By 2004, Minnesota’s male to female imprisonment ratio (15:1) was slightly higher than the average across states.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

According to the 2000 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, Minnesota has 9 correctional facilities. Of Minnesota’s nine correctional facilities, seven house male prisoners only, one houses female prisoners only, and one houses both male and female prisoners.