

State Reports

Nebraska

IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE

Imprisonment Rate 1977: 83 (30th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 9 (20th)
Imprisonment Rate 2004: 230 (45th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 39 (40th)
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977:	73
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004:	348
Percent Increase 1977-2004:	377%
Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004:	7%
Percent Increase 1999-2004:	44%

IMPRISONMENT IN NEBRASKA

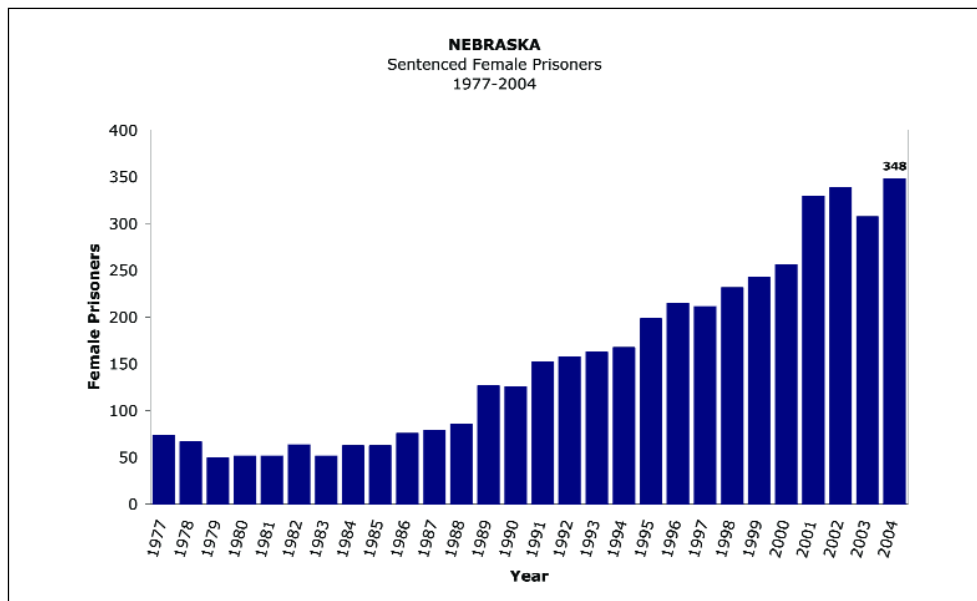
At year-end 2004, Nebraska prisons housed 4,038 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 3,690 were male and 348 were female. With 39 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, Nebraska ranked 40th in its 2004 female imprisonment rate. With 230 prisoners per 100,000 residents, Nebraska ranked 45th in its 2004 overall imprisonment rate.

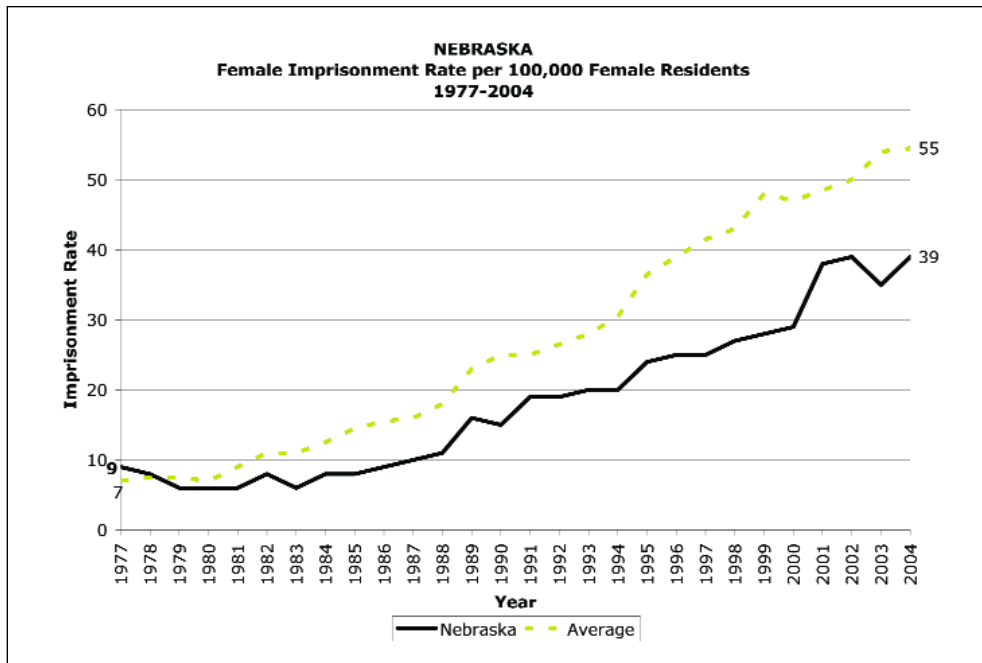
In 1977, Nebraska prisons housed 73 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 348. Nebraska's female prison population was at its lowest with 49 female prisoners in 1979 and peaked at 348 female inmates in 2004.

GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE

Between 1977 and 2004, Nebraska's female prison population grew by 377% with an average annual percent change of 7.0% per year.

With the exception of 1977, when Nebraska's female imprisonment rate was slightly higher than average, its imprisonment rate was below average throughout the entire period from 1978 to 2004. Nebraska's female imprisonment rate of 39 female prisoners per 100,000 females in 2004 was substantially lower than the average female imprisonment rate across the states.





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. Nebraska’s 1977 ratio was substantially lower than average with 17 male prisoners for every female prisoner. In 2004, Nebraska’s male to female imprisonment ratio (11:1) remained lower than the average across states.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

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