

State Reports

Nevada

IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE

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| Imprisonment Rate 1977: 187 (7th) | Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 19 (1st) |
| Imprisonment Rate 2004: 474 (14th) | Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 77 (12th) |
| Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977: | 65 |
| Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004: | 878 |
| Percent Increase 1977-2004: | 1,251% |
| Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004: | 11% |
| Percent Increase 1999-2004: | 20% |

IMPRISONMENT IN NEVADA

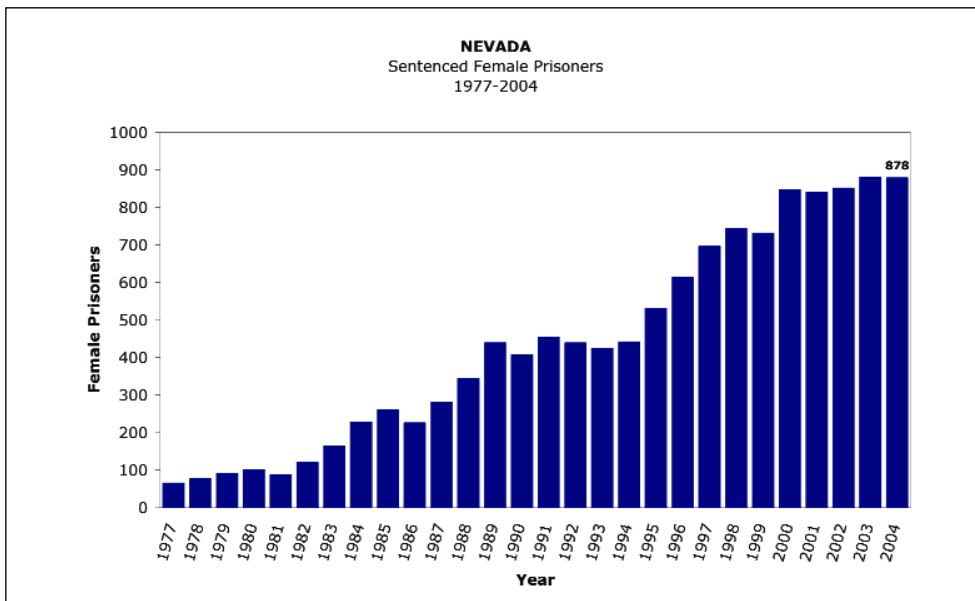
At year-end 2004, Nevada prisons housed 11,280 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 10,402 were male and 878 were female. Nevada ranked 12th in its 2004 female imprisonment rate with 77 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, and 14th in its 2004 overall imprisonment rate with 474 prisoners per 100,000 residents,

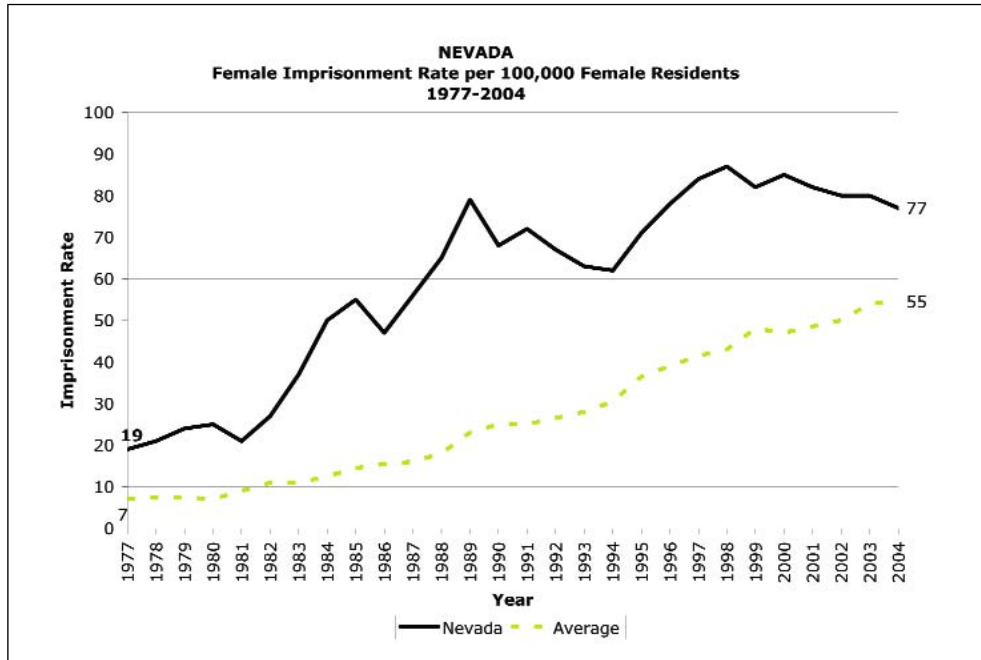
In 1977, Nevada prisons housed 65 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 878. Nevada’s female prison population was at its lowest with 65 female prisoners in 1977 and peaked at 880 female inmates in 2003.

GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE

Between 1977 and 2004, Nevada’s female prison population grew by 1,251% with an average annual percent change of 11.1% per year.

Throughout the period from 1977 to 2004, Nevada’s female imprisonment rate was substantially higher than the average female imprisonment rate across the states. With a female imprisonment rate of 77 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, Nevada ranks 12th most punitive in its imprisonment of female offenders. Nevada has consistently had one of the highest female imprisonment rates in the country – in 1977, it ranked as the most punitive state.





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. Nevada’s 1977 ratio was substantially lower than average with 17 male prisoners for every female prisoner. In 2004, Nevada’s male to female imprisonment ratio (12:1) remained slightly lower than the average across states.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

According to the 2000 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, Nevada has 20 correctional facilities. Of Nevada’s 20 correctional facilities, 16 house male prisoners only, two house female prisoners only, and two house both male and female prisoners.