

State Reports

New Hampshire

IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE

Imprisonment Rate 1977: 26 (50th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 0 (50th)
Imprisonment Rate 2004: 187 (47th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 18 (47th)
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977:	2
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004:	119
Percent Increase 1977-2004:	5,850%
Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004:	21%
Percent Increase 1999-2004:	2%

IMPRISONMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

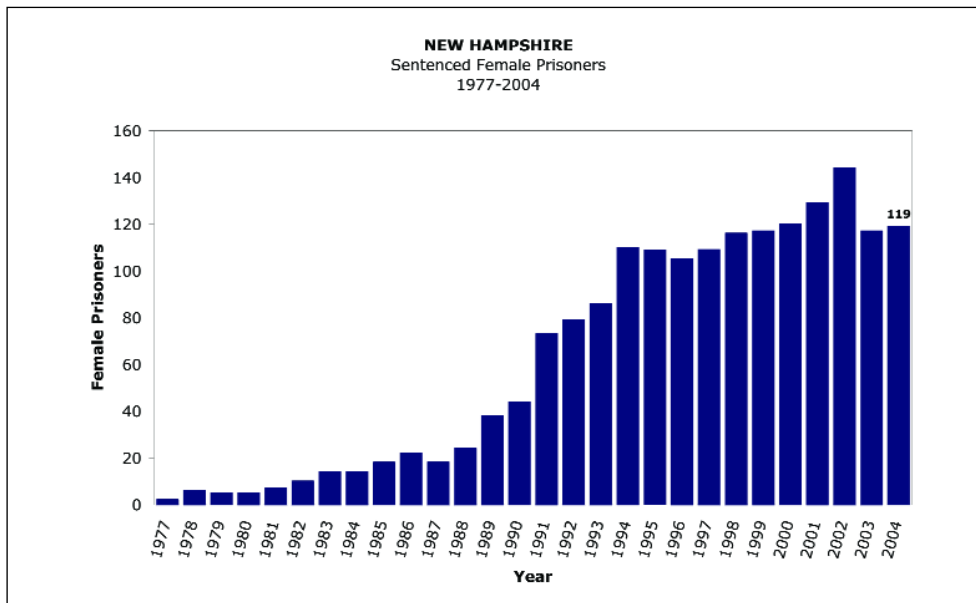
At year-end 2004, New Hampshire prisons housed 2,448 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 2,329 were male and 119 were female. New Hampshire ranked 47th in its 2004 female imprisonment rate with 18 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, and 47th in its 2004 overall imprisonment rate with 119 prisoners per 100,000 residents.

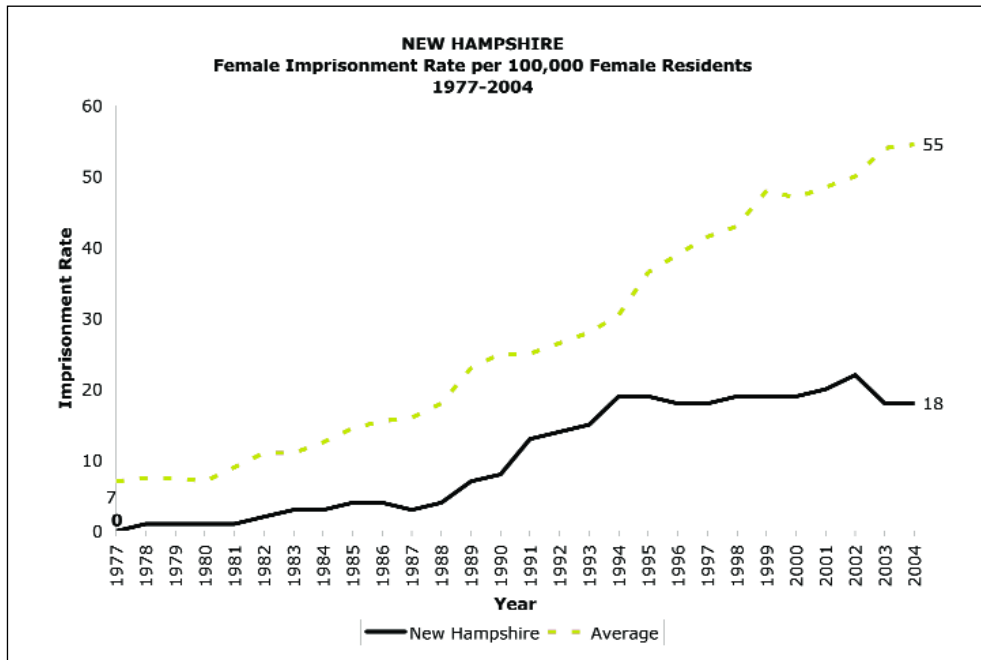
In 1977, New Hampshire prisons housed only 2 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 119. New Hampshire's female prison population was at its lowest with 2 female prisoners in 1977 and peaked at 144 female inmates in 2002.

GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE

Between 1977 and 2004, New Hampshire's female prison population grew by 5,850% with an average annual percent change of 21.1% per year.

Throughout the period from 1977 to 2004, New Hampshire's female imprisonment rate was substantially lower than the average female imprisonment rate across the states. With a female imprisonment rate of 18 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, New Hampshire is among the 10 least punitive states in its imprisonment of female offenders in 2004 (ranked 47th).





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. New Hampshire’s 1977 ratio was substantially higher than average with 46 male prisoners for every female prisoner. In 2004, New Hampshire’s male to female imprisonment ratio (20:1) remained higher than the average across states (though less dramatically so).

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

According to the 2000 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, New Hampshire has eight correctional facilities. Of New Hampshire’s eight correctional facilities, three house male prisoners only, one houses female prisoners only, and three house both male and female prisoners.