

State Reports

Ohio

IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE

Imprisonment Rate 1977: 120 (18th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 10 (17th)
Imprisonment Rate 2004: 391 (25th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 54 (27th)
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977:	577
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004:	3,185
Percent Increase 1977-2004:	452%
Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004:	7%
Percent Increase 1999-2004:	12%

IMPRISONMENT IN OHIO

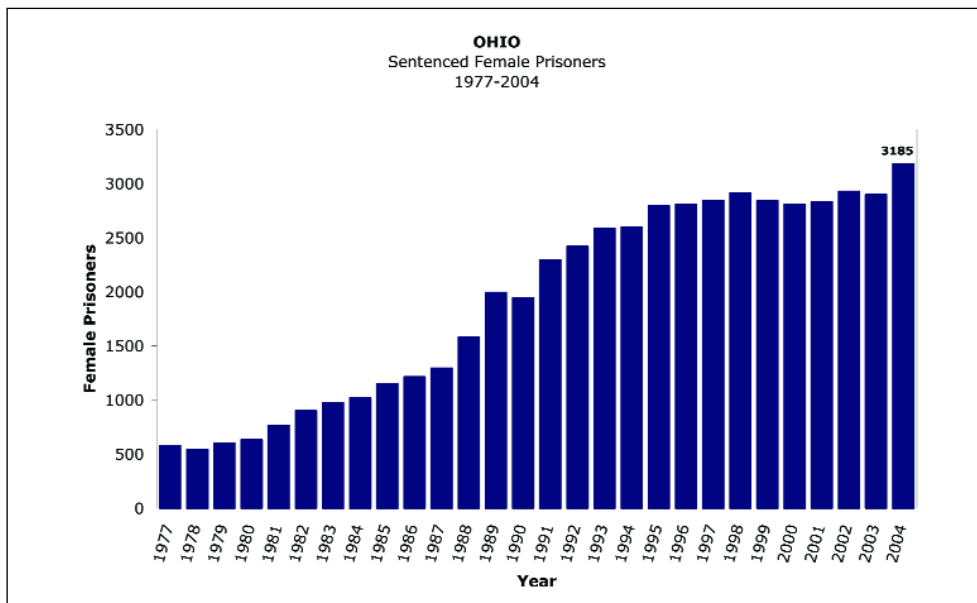
At year-end 2004, Ohio prisons housed 44,806 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 41,621 were male and 3,185 were female. Ohio ranked 27th in its 2004 female imprisonment rate with 54 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, and 25th in its 2004 overall imprisonment rate with 391 prisoners per 100,000 residents.

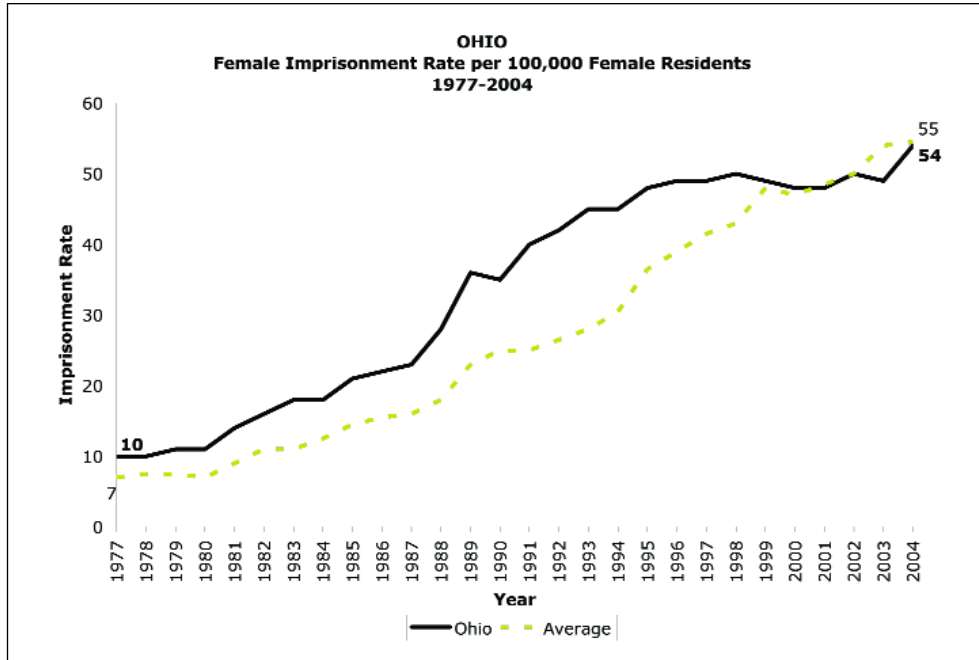
In 1977, Ohio prisons housed 577 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 3,185. Ohio's female prison population was at its lowest with 538 female prisoners in 1978 and peaked at 3,185 female inmates in 2004.

GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE

Between 1977 and 2004, Ohio's female prison population grew by 452% with an average annual percent change of 6.8% per year.

From 1977 until the late 1990s, Ohio's female imprisonment rate was typically quite a bit higher than the average female imprisonment rate across the states. In the late 1990s, as the average across states continued to grow, Ohio's female imprisonment rate stabilized. With a 2004 female imprisonment rate of 54 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, Ohio was ranked 27th.





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. Ohio’s 1977 ratio was lower than average with 21 male prisoners for every female prisoner. By 2004, Ohio’s male to female imprisonment ratio (13:1) was equal to the average across states.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

According to the 2000 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, Ohio has 34 correctional facilities. Of Ohio’s 34 correctional facilities, 29 house male prisoners only, three house female prisoners only, and two house both male and female prisoners.