

State Reports

South Dakota

IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE

Imprisonment Rate 1977: 76 (35th) Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 5 (34th)  
 Imprisonment Rate 2004: 399 (23rd) Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 75 (13th)

Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977:	18
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004:	290
Percent Increase 1977-2004:	1,511%
Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004:	13%
Percent Increase 1999-2004:	53%

IMPRISONMENT IN SOUTH DAKOTA

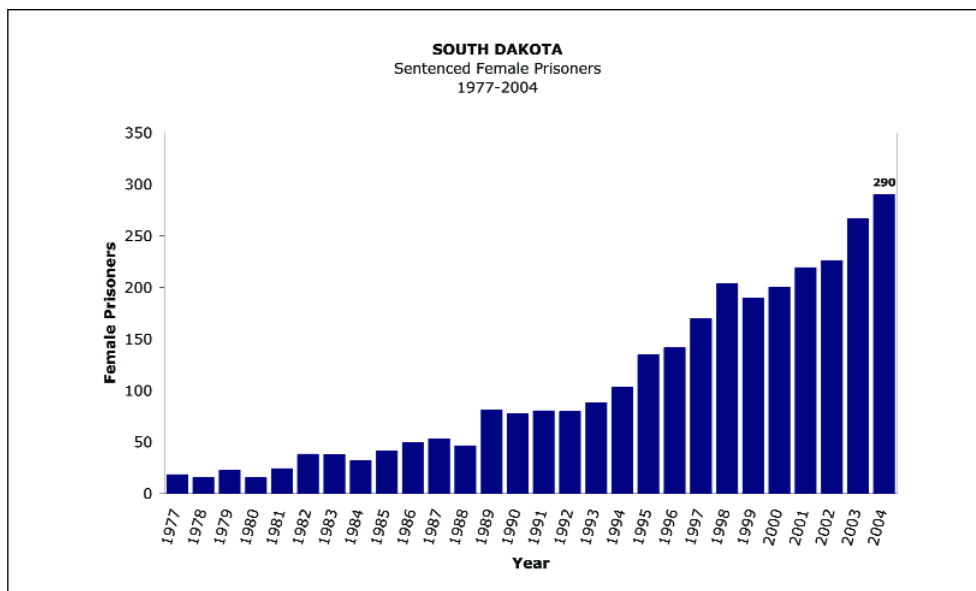
At year-end 2004, South Dakota prisons housed 3,088 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 2,798 were male and 290 were female. South Dakota ranked 13th in its 2004 female imprisonment rate with 75 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, and 23rd in its 2004 overall imprisonment rate with 399 prisoners per 100,000 residents.

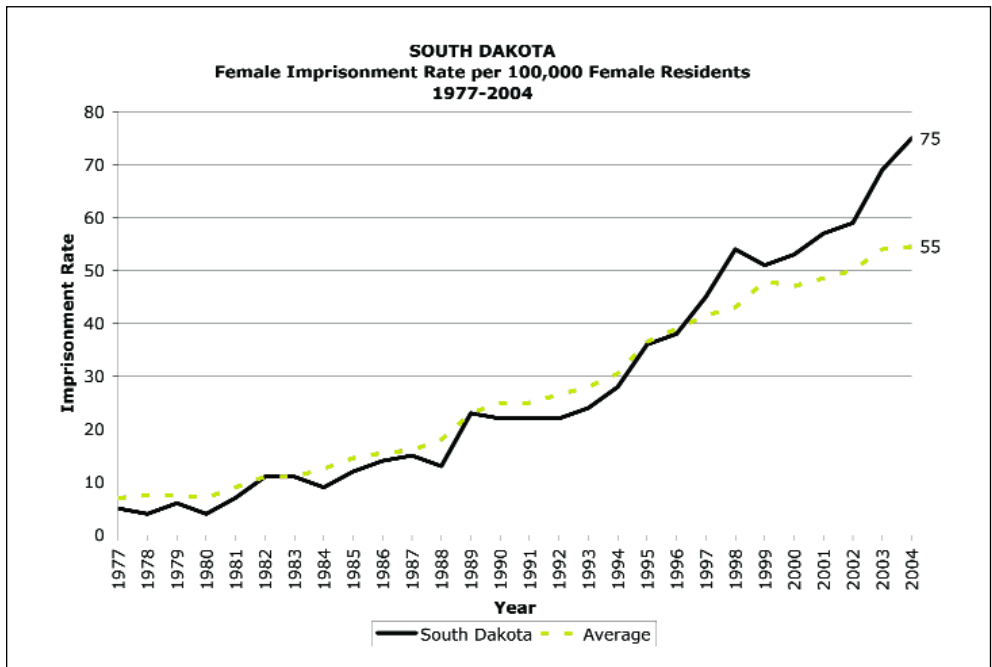
In 1977, South Dakota prisons housed 18 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 290. South Dakota female prison population was at its lowest with 15 female prisoners in 1978 and 1980 and peaked at 290 female inmates in 2004.

GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE

Between 1977 and 2004, South Dakota’s female prison population grew by 1,511% with an average annual percent change of 13.3% per year.

Throughout the period from 1977 to 2004, South Dakota’s female imprisonment rate tracked the average female imprisonment rate across the states fairly closely. From 1977 through 1997, South Dakota’s female imprisonment rate was slightly below average. After 1997, its rate climbed above the average. With a female imprisonment rate of 75 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, South Dakota ranked among the 13 most punitive states in 2004.





**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. South Dakota’s 1977 ratio was slightly higher than average with 27 male prisoners for every female prisoner. In 2004, South Dakota’s male to female imprisonment ratio (10:1) was lower than the average across states.

**CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

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