

State Reports

Utah

IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE

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| Imprisonment Rate 1977: 64 (41st) | Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 5 (38th) |
| Imprisonment Rate 2004: 246 (42nd) | Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 42 (35th) |
| Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977: | 30 |
| Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004: | 502 |
| Percent Increase 1977-2004: | 1,573% |
| Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004: | 12% |
| Percent Increase 1999-2004: | 54% |

IMPRISONMENT IN UTAH

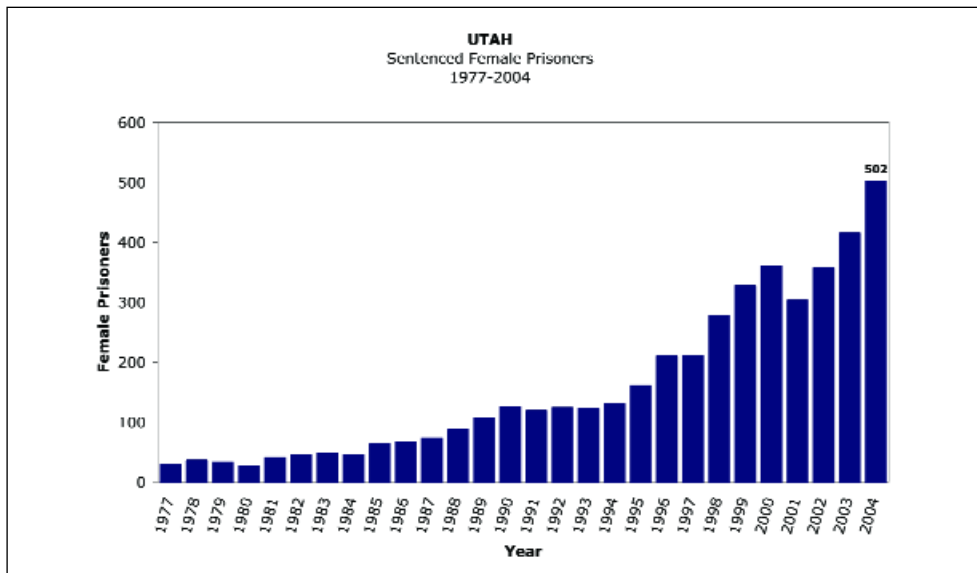
At year-end 2004, Utah prisons housed 5,916 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 5,414 were male and 502 were female. Utah ranked 35th in its 2004 female imprisonment rate with 42 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, and 42nd in its 2004 overall imprisonment rate with 246 prisoners per 100,000 residents.

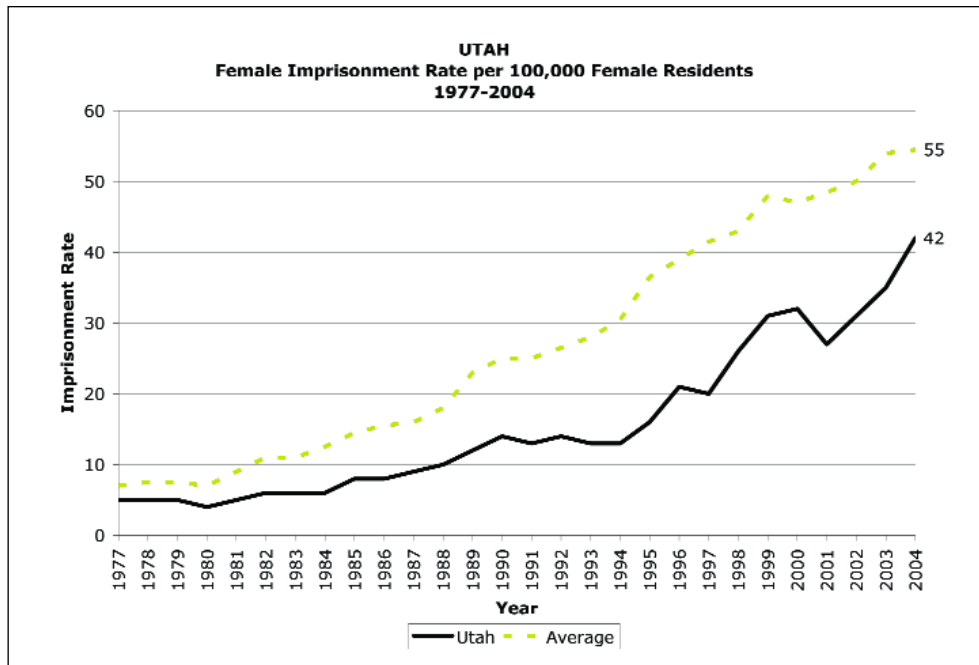
In 1977, Utah prisons housed 30 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 502. Utah's female prison population was at its lowest with 27 female prisoners in 1980 and peaked at 502 female inmates in 2004.

GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE

Between 1977 and 2004, Utah's female prison population grew by 1,573% with an average annual percent change of 12.2% per year.

Throughout the period from 1977 to 2004, Utah's female imprisonment rate was consistently and substantially lower than the average female imprisonment rate across the states. With a female imprisonment rate of 42 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, Utah was among the 15 least punitive states in its imprisonment of female offenders in 2004 (ranked 45th).





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. Utah’s 1977 ratio was equivalent to average across states with 26 male prisoners for every female prisoner. In 2004, Utah’s male to female imprisonment ratio (11:1) was lower than the average across states.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

According to the 2000 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, Utah has nine correctional facilities. Of Utah’s nine correctional facilities, five house male prisoners only and four house both male and female prisoners. No facility houses only female prisoners.