

State Reports

Wyoming

IMPRISONMENT GROWTH AT A GLANCE

Imprisonment Rate 1977: 98 (24th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 1977: 8 (24th)
Imprisonment Rate 2004: 389 (27th)	Female Imprisonment Rate 2004: 84 (9th)
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 1977:	16
Total Female Sentenced Prisoners 2004:	210
Percent Increase 1977-2004:	1,213%
Average Annual Percent Increase 1977-2004:	12%
Percent Increase 1999-2004:	51%

IMPRISONMENT IN WYOMING

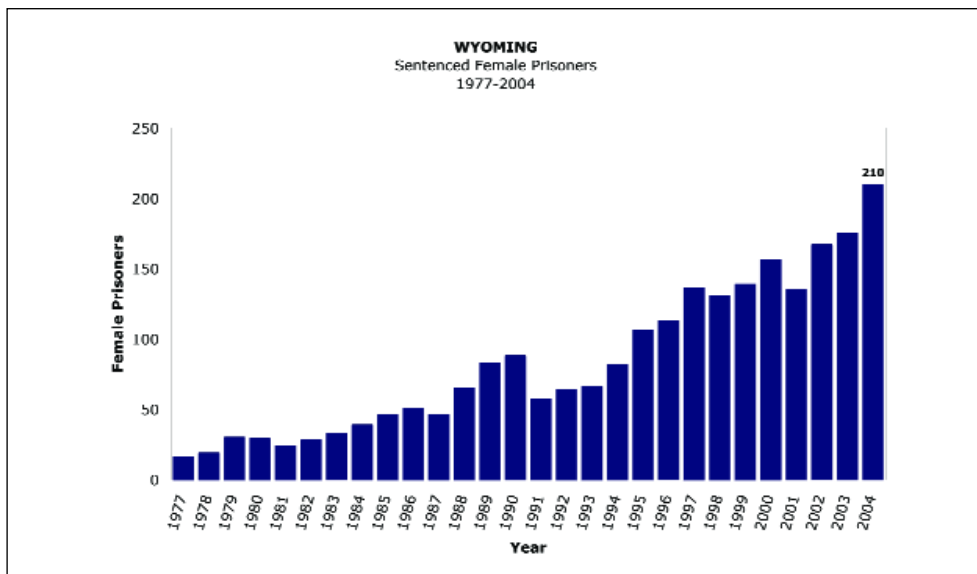
At year-end 2004, Wyoming prisons housed 1,980 inmates serving sentences of more than one year. Of these inmates, 1,770 were male and 210 were female. Wyoming ranked 9th in its 2004 female imprisonment rate with 84 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, and 27th in its 2004 overall imprisonment rate with 389 prisoners per 100,000 residents.

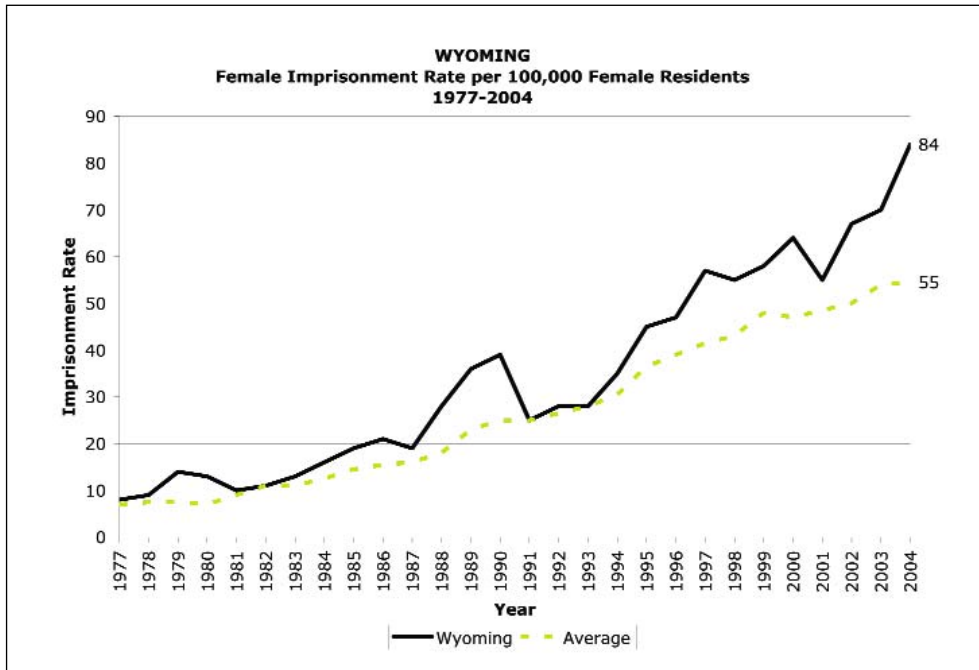
In 1977, Wyoming prisons housed 16 female inmates; by 2004, the female prison population had reached 210. Wyoming's female prison population was at its lowest with 16 female prisoners in 1977 and peaked at 210 female inmates in 2004.

GROWTH IN FEMALE IMPRISONMENT RATE

Between 1977 and 2004, Wyoming's female prison population grew by 1,213% with an average annual percent change of 11.6% per year.

Wyoming's female imprisonment rate grew more erratically than in other states through the period from 1977 to 2004. Its female imprisonment rate tended to rise and fall, sometimes quite substantially, from year to year. By the mid-1990s, Wyoming female imprisonment rate was above average. With a female imprisonment rate of 84 female prisoners per 100,000 female residents, Wyoming was among the 10 most punitive states in its imprisonment of female offenders in 2004 (ranked 9th).





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. Wyoming’s 1977 ratio was slightly lower than average with 24 male prisoners for every female prisoner. In 2004, Wyoming’s male to female imprisonment ratio (8:1) was substantially lower than the average across states.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

According to the 2000 Census of State and Federal Correctional Facilities, Wyoming has nine correctional facilities. Of Wyoming’s nine correctional facilities, four house male prisoners only, one houses female prisoners only, and four house both male and female prisoners.