

Introduction

This fifth edition of ICPR's World Female Imprisonment List shows the number of women and girls held in penal institutions in 221 prison systems in independent countries and dependent territories. The figures include both pre-trial detainees/remand prisoners and those who have been convicted and sentenced. The List also shows the percentage of women and girls within each national prison population and the number of imprisoned women and girls per 100,000 of the national population (the female prison population rate). The information is the latest available at the beginning of August 2022. In addition, this edition includes information about trends in female prison population levels since about 2000.

Both the World Female Imprisonment List and the World Prison Population List (the thirteenth edition of which was published in 2021) complement the information held in the World Prison Brief online database at www.prisonstudies.org. The World Prison Brief is updated monthly.

The World Female Imprisonment List is compiled, like the World Prison Population List, from a variety of sources. In almost all cases the original source is the national prison administration of the country concerned or the Ministry responsible for the prison administration. Most of the figures are recent and efforts are continually made to update them and to obtain information on the number of female prisoners in the few countries on which figures are not currently available (Cuba, Eritrea, North Korea, Somalia and Uzbekistan). We welcome the assistance of readers in notifying us of the latest figures. Care has been taken to ensure that the List is as accurate as possible but we cannot guarantee the reliability of every figure and readers are also invited to draw attention to any errors they notice and, if possible, to supply corrections.

It is hoped that this edition of the World Female Imprisonment List will be useful for policy makers, prison administrators, academics, non-governmental organisations, other criminal justice experts and everyone who is interested in the extent and implications of female imprisonment.

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Key points

- ▶ This report shows that **more than 740,000 women and girls are held in penal institutions throughout the world**, either as pre-trial detainees/remand prisoners or having been convicted and sentenced. Figures for five countries are not available and those for China are incomplete. The actual total is therefore higher still.
- ▶ **More than 200,000 female prisoners are in the United States of America** (about 211,375). The countries with the next highest totals are China (145,000 plus an unknown number of women and girls in pre-trial detention and ‘administrative detention’), Brazil (42,694), Russia (39,120), Thailand (32,952), India (22,918), Philippines (16,439), Vietnam (15,152), Indonesia (13,709), Mexico (12,782), Turkey (12,242) and Myanmar (9,807).
- ▶ The countries with the **highest female prison population rate** – that is, the number of female prisoners per 100,000 of the national population – are the USA (64), Thailand (47), El Salvador (42), Turkmenistan (38), Brunei Darussalam (36), Macau-China (32), Belarus (30), Uruguay (29), Rwanda (28) and Russia (27).*
- ▶ **There are also considerable variations between continents** in the female prison population rate. Africa has the lowest rate, at 3 per 100,000 of the national population. In Asia, the rate is 7 (9 excluding China and India); in Europe, 10 (7 excluding Russia); in Oceania 10; and in the Americas, 30 (14 excluding the USA.). (See Table 6.)
- ▶ **The number of women and girls in prison worldwide has increased by nearly 60% since 2000**, when the total was estimated as approximately 466,000. Over the same period, male prisoner numbers have increased by around 22%, and general population growth (according to United Nations figures) has been around 30%.
- ▶ **In Asia, the total number of female prisoners has more than doubled since 2000**, while the general population increased by 26%. In Oceania and the Americas also, the increase in female prisoner numbers has outstripped general population growth. In Africa, female prisoner numbers have risen more slowly than the general population. Europe has seen a fall (of 13%) in the female prison population, alongside a slight increase in the general population. (Excluding Russian numbers, Europe’s female prison population has risen by about 8%, compared to general population growth of under 6%.) (See Table 7.)
- ▶ **Some countries have seen particularly sharp rises since 2000** in their numbers of women and girls in prison. This is most notable in central America (El Salvador’s female prison population has increased more than sevenfold, and Guatemala’s sixfold); South America (a fourfold increase in Brazil); and south-eastern Asia (a ninefold increase in Cambodia and an almost eightfold increase in Indonesia).
- ▶ **Women and girls make up 6.9% of the global prison population.** In African countries, the proportion of female prisoners is 3.3%, compared to 5.9% in Europe, 6.7% in Oceania, 7.2% in Asia, and 8.0% in the Americas. (The figure for the Americas is skewed by the large female prison population in the USA; excluding the USA, 5.5% of prisoners in the Americas are women and girls.)
- ▶ **In 17 jurisdictions around the world, women and girls make up more than 10% of the prison population.** Those with the highest proportions of female prisoners are Hong Kong-China (19.7%), Qatar (14.7%), Macau-China (14.1%), Laos (13.7%), Myanmar (12.3%), Vietnam (12.1%), Brunei Darussalam (11.9%), United Arab Emirates (11.7%), Thailand (11.5%) and Guatemala (11.3%).*

*Excluding some very small jurisdictions.

Tables 1-5 below set out the female prison population total, percentage, rate and trend for each jurisdiction, by continent. The summary figures for each continent are shown in Table 6; and changes for each continent since 2000 are presented in Table 7.

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Table 1

AFRICA

	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
						year	total	%age	rate
Northern Africa									
Algeria	918	31.12.15	1.5%	40.02m	2.3	2000 2006 2010	626 607 1,034	1.8% 1.1% 2.1%	2.0 1.8 2.9
Egypt	2,386	31.12.06	3.7%	73.61m	3.2	2001 2005	2,054 2,453	4.5% 3.6%	3.0 3.4
Libya	c. 400	8.21	c. 3.3%	6.97m	c. 5.7	2004 2007 2010	387 347 345	3.3% 2.7% 2.6%	7.0 6.0 5.7
Morocco	2,085	31.12.21	2.3%	37.01m	5.6	2002 2005 2010 2015	1,776 1,227 1,721 1,715	3.3% 2.4% 2.7% 2.3%	6.0 4.0 5.4 5.0
Sudan	c. 200	3.03	c. 1.7%	29.74m	c. 0.7	2002	624	4.9%	2.1
Tunisia	778	.21	3.3%	11.94m	6.5	2011 2015	400 615	1.9% 2.7%	3.7 5.5
Western Africa									
Benin	459	12.7.21	3.5%	12.68m	3.6	2000 2006 2012 2017	c. 140 220 360 255	c. 3.6% 3.8% 5.0% 3.3%	2.1 2.8 3.6 2.2
Burkina Faso	114	31.12.20	1.5%	21.15m	0.5	2001 2007 2010 2015	25 74 100 113	1.0% 1.8% 2.0% 1.5%	0.2 0.5 0.6 0.6
Cape Verde	46	3.18	2.9%	520,000	8.8	1999 2010 2013	38 73 57	5.0% 6.0% 4.0%	8.7 14.9 11.4
Cote d'Ivoire	522	31.12.19	2.5%	25.85m	2.0	2002 2012 2017	236 177 386	2.3% 2.5% 2.4%	1.4 0.9 1.6
Gambia	28	11.14	2.5%	1.93m	1.5	1999	6	1.2%	0.5
Ghana	161	6.6.22	1.1%	31.79m	0.5	2000 2005 2010 2015	143 257 187 199	1.5% 2.1% 1.4% 1.4%	0.7 1.2 0.8 0.7
Guinea (Republic of)	c. 96	2.17	c. 3.0%	12.85m	0.7	2002 2008 2014	61 133 116	2.0% 4.8% 3.7%	0.7 1.3 1.0
Guinea Bissau	5	18.2.17	2.6%	1.92m	0.3	2011	4	6.3%	0.2
Liberia	75	12.19	2.8%	5.02m	1.5	2007 2011 2015	50 52 49	4.9% 3.2% 2.3%	1.4 1.3 1.1
Mali	145	.14	2.8%	15.77m	0.9	2002	80	2.0%	0.7
Mauritania	21	2.21	1.0%	4.73m	0.4	2010 2015	62 35	3.6% 1.9%	1.7 0.9
Niger	337	31.12.19	3.7%	22.97m	1.5	2006 2010 2015	183 155 419	3.2% 2.9% 4.0%	1.3 1.0 2.1
Nigeria	1,296	24.1.22	1.8%	214.41m	0.6	2000 2005 2010 2016	709 722 897 1,043	1.9% 1.9% 1.9% 1.7%	0.6 0.5 0.6 0.6
Senegal	320	1.8.22	2.6%	18.53m	1.7	2000 2005 2012 2016	183 234 284 275	3.7% 3.6% 3.4% 2.9%	1.9 2.2 2.0 1.7
Sierra Leone	73	2.12.19	1.5%	7.95m	0.9	2007 2010 2015	66 79 116	3.3% 3.5% 3.3%	1.2 1.4 1.8
Togo	132	30.8.21	2.6%	8.51m	1.6	1998 2011 2015	46 92 118	2.3% 2.1% 2.7%	1.0 1.4 1.6
Central Africa									
Angola	c. 700	9.13	c. 3.6%	23.64m	3.0	1999 2003 2011	c. 97 196 522	c. 2% 3.3% 2.7%	c. 0.7 1.2 2.3
Cameroon	580	31.10.20	2.6%	26.54m	2.2	2003 2009 2015	503 545 697	2.5 % 2.4% 2.7%	3.0 2.7 2.9
Central African Republic	65	1.21	5.0%	4.88m	1.3	2011	69	8.2%	1.5
Chad	49*	.17	2.4%*	12.42m	-	2002 2011	21* 35*	2.5%* 2.8%*	-

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	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
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Congo (Republic of)	99	.09	4.1%	4.00m	2.5	2005	82	5.3%	2.3
Dem. Republic of Congo	528	26.10.21	2.3%	93.33m	0.6	2004 2008 2010	83* 130* c. 600	3.2%* 3.0%* c. 2.7%	- - c. 1.0
Equatorial Guinea	c. 25	.15	5.0%	799,000	c. 3.1	not available			
Gabon	97	4.18	2.2%	1.86m	5.2	2015	119	3.5%	6.7
Sao Tome e Principe	10	5.10.18	4.0%	218,000	4.6	2002 2009 2015	3 7 6	2.3% 2.9% 3.4%	2.1 4.0 2.9
South Sudan	710	28.9.15	10.9%	12.45m	5.7	2011	c. 405	7.0%	3.8
Eastern Africa									
Burundi	842	21.6.22	6.8%	13.93m	6.0	2002 2006 2010 2016	216 228 371 457	2.5% 2.8% 3.8% 4.5%	3.2 3.0 4.4 3.9
Comoros	6	9.21	1.6%	892,000	0.7	2010 2015	2 6	1.5% 4.1%	0.3 0.8
Djibouti	c. 30	.16	c. 5.0%	913,000	c. 3.3	2009 2013	c. 24 c. 30	c. 4.8% c. 5.5%	c. 2.9 c. 3.4
Ethiopia	4,756	2013/14	4.2%	89.56m	5.3	2001/02 2005/06 2009/10	2,034 1,994 3,895	3.3% 2.8% 3.5%	3.0 2.6 4.7
Kenya	2,683	21.3.22	5.1%	54.37m	4.9	2001 2006 2011 2015	1,486 2,000 2,672 3,982	4.2% 4.2% 5.3% 7.3%	4.6 5.5 6.3 8.6
Madagascar	1,523	6.20	5.5%	27.80m	5.5	1999 2006 2010 2015	626 573 736 866	3.1% 3.3% 3.9% 4.2%	4.2 3.1 3.6 3.6
Malawi	129	25.7.14	1.1%	16.73m	0.8	2001 2005 2010	91 117 156	1.3% 1.2% 1.3%	0.8 0.9 1.0
Mauritius	153	20.6.22	6.3%	1.30m	11.8	2000 2005 2010 2015	78 137 153 116	4.7% 5.6% 6.2% 5.6%	6.5 10.9 11.8 9.1
Mozambique	426	1.15	2.9%	27.63m	1.5	1999 2009	551 358	6.3% 2.2%	3.1 1.6
Rwanda	3,537	3.20	5.4%	12.84m	27.5	2002 2009 2015	2,925 c. 4,200 3,616	2.6% c. 6.6% 6.7%	33.6 c. 40.3 29.2
Seychelles	20	31.3.22	6.5%	99,760	20.0	2002 2006 2010 2016	4 10 28 33	2.7% 5.7% 6.5% 4.7%	4.8 11.8 31.5 34.8
Tanzania	1,285	1.11.11	3.4%	46.60m	2.8	1999 2005 2008	1,293 1,515 1,361	3.1% 3.3% 3.3%	3.9 3.9 3.2
Uganda	3,473	5.22	5.0%	48.63m	7.1	2005 2010 2015	901 1,296 2,033	3.4% 4.3% 4.5%	3.2 3.9 5.1
Zambia	560	10.20	2.7%	19.05m	2.9	2005 2014	237 c. 515	1.7% c. 3.0%	2.1 c. 3.5
Zimbabwe	447	3.22	2.1%	18.12m	2.5	2001 2005 2010 2015	671 602 c. 450 391	3.5% 3.3% 3.0% 2.1%	5.3 4.8 3.2 2.5
Mayotte (France)	6	1.7.22	1.3%	287,000	2.1	2003 2009 2015	2 8 0	1.2% 3.7% 0%	1.2 4.1 0
Reunion (France)	33	1.1.22	2.8%	906,500	3.6	2003 2007 2015	29 34 29	2.7% 2.6% 2.8%	3.8 4.2 3.2
Southern Africa									
Botswana	204	2.17	4.7%	2.09m	9.8	2001 2004 2009 2014	289 306 215 75	4.6% 5.0% 4.1% 1.8%	16.1 16.5 11.0 3.7
eSwatini/Swaziland	c. 105	21.3.14	2.9%	1.25m	c. 8.4	2002 2005 2009	133 104 68	3.9% 3.9% 2.6%	12.3 9.4 5.8

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	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
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Lesotho	65	.19	2.9%	2.13m	3.1	2000 2005 2010 2014	139 78 61 74	4.5% 2.7% 2.4% 3.6%	7.0 3.8 2.8 3.3
Namibia	118	2.22	2.9%	2.52m	4.2	2000 2007 2015	104 110 85	2.1% 2.7% 2.4%	5.4 5.0 3.4
South Africa	3,453	31.3.21	2.4%	60.01m	5.8	2000 2005 2010 2015	3,966 4,072 3,694 4,118	2.5% 2.2% 2.2% 2.6%	9.2 8.6 7.3 7.5

* These figures are for the main prisons only. Full figures are not available.

Figures are not available for the following countries:

Eastern Africa: Eritrea, Somalia.

Table 2

AMERICAS

	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
						year	total	%age	rate
Northern America									
Canada	2,727	.14	c. 5.6%	35.54m	7.7	2000/01 2005/06 2010/11	2,601 2,126 4,204	7.3% 6.0% 11.0%	8.5 6.6 12.3
U.S.A.	c. 211,375	.19	c. 10.2%	329.14m	c. 64.2	2000 2005 2010 2015	158,629 195,140 197,100 c. 211,870	8.2% 8.9% 8.7% c. 9.8%	55.9 66.0 63.5 c. 65.7
Bermuda (UK)	5	.18	2.9%	63,000	7.9	2000 2003 2007 2014	20 36 14 13	6.7% 10.5% 5.4% 5.7%	31.7 56.2 21.5 20.0
Greenland (Denmark)	16	21.7.15	13.8%	56,100	28.5	2013	16	9.0%	27.7
Central America									
Belize	34	31.5.22	3.1%	411,400	8.3	2000 2005 2010 2015	20 29 24 39	2.6% 2.3% 1.7% 2.7%	8.4 10.5 7.7 11.1
Costa Rica	562	31.10.21	3.6%	5.15m	10.9	2003 2006 2009 2014	454 615 673 1,009	6.8% 7.4% 6.4% 5.8%	10.8 13.9 14.5 20.4
El Salvador	2,710	22.3.21	7.4%	6.50m	41.7	2000 2005 2010 2015	371 585 2,445 3,176	4.8% 4.7% 9.9% 9.7%	6.2 9.6 39.2 49.2
Guatemala	2,805	2.8.22	11.3%	18.63m	15.1	2001 2005 2010 2015	433 381 743 1,822	5.9% 5.3% 6.7% 9.1%	3.8 3.0 5.2 11.1
Honduras	1,193	31.8.20	5.5%	9.93m	12.0	2002 2005 2010 2014	614 395 411 627	5.2% 3.4% 3.5% 4.3%	9.4 5.7 5.3 7.6
Mexico	12,782	30.6.22	5.6%	131.56m	9.7	2000 2005 2010 2015	c. 6,813 10,485 9,839 13,047	4.4% 5.0% 4.5% 5.3%	c. 6.5 9.4 8.7 10.8
Nicaragua	575	10.14	5.4%	6.19m	9.3	1999 2005 2008 2012	c. 238 365 515 450	4.5% 6.5% 7.6% 4.9%	c. 4.7 6.7 9.1 7.5
Panama	1,093	30.6.22	5.3%	4.41m	24.8	2000 2005 2010 2015	654 761 865 1,070	7.6% 6.6% 7.1% 6.4%	21.2 22.4 23.3 26.6
Caribbean									
Antigua & Barbuda	13	7.22	5.5%	98,000	13.3	2003 2007 2011 2015	7 4 13 14	4.3% 2.0% 4.3% 3.8%	8.5 4.6 14.4 15.2
Bahamas	54	12.17	3.1%	399,000	13.5	2002 2011 2014	23 35 44	1.8% 2.7% 3.2%	7.4 9.5 11.4

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	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
						year	total	%age	rate
Barbados	26	7.22	3.4%	288,000	9.0	2001 2007 2010 2015	39 49 45 33	4.7% 4.7% 4.9% 3.6%	14.5 17.8 16.0 11.5
Dominica	3	14.4.22	1.5%	75,000	4.0	2005 2010 2015	1 6 3	0.3% 2.1% 1.4%	1.4 8.8 4.1
Dominican Republic	699	8.8.22	2.6%	11.34m	6.2	2000 2006 2010 2015	654 470 563 635	4.3% 3.4% 2.7% 2.6%	7.6 4.9 5.6 5.9
Grenada	6	8.21	1.6%	113,000	5.3	2002 2005 2010 2015	9 2 12 8	3.0% 0.8% 2.7% 1.6%	8.8 1.9 11.4 7.3
Haiti	435	1.9.21	3.9%	11.53m	3.8	2003 2006 2010 2015	116 248 440 456	3.3% 6.6% 8.6% 4.1%	1.3 2.6 4.4 4.2
Jamaica	147	31.8.21	4.0%	2.85m	5.2	2003 2007 2011 2015	371 245 285 166	7.8% 5.2% 6.4% 4.3%	14.0 9.0 10.3 5.9
St Kitts & Nevis	8	6.17	3.6%	56,000	14.3	2005 2010 2014	5 7 10	2.4% 2.5% 3.0%	10.1 13.5 18.2
St Lucia	16	11.12.20	3.1%	184,000	8.7	2001 2003 2010 2014	11 8 9 14	2.4% 1.7% 1.6% 2.2%	6.9 4.9 5.1 7.6
St Vincent & the Grenadines	14	31.7.20	3.4%	111,000	12.6	2001 2006 2010 2014	8 10 9 6	2.6% 2.6% 2.2% 1.5%	7.4 9.2 8.3 5.5
Trinidad & Tobago	117	18.9.18	2.9%	1.37m	8.5	2004 2009 2014	120 148 90	3.1% 4.0% 2.6%	9.3 11.2 6.7
Anguilla (UK)	0	31.8.18	0%	15,000	0.0	2007 2011 2015	0 2 1	0% 2.8% 2.2%	0 14.3 6.7
Aruba (Netherlands)	6	23.10.14	3.5%	103,000	5.8	2005 2011	23 c. 15	10.0% c. 6.0%	23.1 c. 14.7
Cayman Is. (UK)	13	31.12.20	6.3%	65,790	19.8	2000 2005 2010 2015	24 16 11 10	10.6% 8.4% 5.2% 5.3%	59.7 33.1 19.8 16.9
Curacao (Netherlands)	11	2.22	2.6%	164,500	6.7	2002 2007 2011 2014	68 41 c. 25 11	12.4% 6.9% c. 5.0% 3.2%	53.3 28.7 c. 16.5 7.1
Guadeloupe (France)	16	1.7.22	2.0%	448,000	3.6	2003 2007 2015	9 20 18	1.3% 2.6% 2.0%	2.1 4.4 3.9
Martinique (France)	18	1.7.22	2.0%	385,000	4.7	2003 2007 2015	12 16 22	1.9% 2.2% 2.5%	3.1 4.0 5.6
Puerto Rico (USA)	335	.18	3.7%	3.19m	10.5	2004/05 2010 2015	513 328 420	3.4% 3.0% 3.5%	13.2 8.9 12.1
Sint Maarten (Netherlands)	8	23.10.14	5.0%	46,400	17.2	2002 2007 2011	7 7 4	5.4% 7.4% 2.9%	21.5 17.5 9.3
Virgin Islands (UK)	6	11.14	4.5%	28,500	21.1	2010	6	5.1%	22.2
Virgin Islands (USA)	16	1.1.11	2.7%	106,000	15.1	2007	21	3.8%	19.6
South America									
Argentina	3,568	31.12.20	3.8%	45.40m	7.9	2002 2005 2010 2015	2,402 2,172 2,719 2,963	5.3% 5.0% 4.6% 4.1%	6.4 5.6 6.7 6.8
Bolivia	1,269	3.22	6.1%	11.95m	10.6	2000 2005 2010 2015	1,393 913 1,069 1,112	17.1% 13.4% 11.4% 8.1%	16.2 9.7 10.4 10.0
Brazil	42,694	12.21	5.1%	214.67m	19.9	2000 2005 2010 2014	10,112 20,264 34,807 36,495	4.3% 5.6% 7.0% 5.9%	5.8 10.8 17.7 18.0

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Chile	3,219	30.6.22	7.6%	18.78m	17.1	1999 2005 2010 2015	1,907 2,328 4,586 3,212	7.0% 6.0% 8.6% 7.5%	12.6 14.3 26.8 18.0
Colombia	6,746	31.7.22	6.9%	50.95m	13.2	2000 2005 2010 2015	3,141 4,122 5,684 8,256	6.1% 6.2% 6.7% 6.9%	7.8 9.5 12.2 16.6
Ecuador	2,095	24.6.22	6.4%	18.11m	11.6	2002 2005 2009 2015	682 1,307 1,230 1,759	8.8% 10.7% 8.0% 6.2%	5.1 9.4 8.3 10.8
Guyana	59	31.12.18	2.8%	781,000	7.6	2001 2006 2010 2015	47 82 98 67	3.1% 4.4% 4.5% 3.4%	6.4 10.9 13.0 8.8
Paraguay	804	30.6.22	5.0%	7.23m	11.1	1999 2005 2010 2015	207 265 328 826	5.1% 4.2% 5.3% 6.4%	4.0 4.4 5.0 12.4
Peru	4,469	30.4.22	5.0%	33.99m	13.1	2001 2005 2010 2015	2,054 2,363 2,780 4,545	7.6% 7.0% 6.0% 5.9%	7.8 8.4 9.4 14.5
Suriname	28	.12	2.8%	535,000	5.3	2000 2005 2009	42 39 30	5.9% 4.8% 4.9%	9.0 7.8 5.8
Uruguay	1,023	30.4.22	7.1%	3.52m	29.1	1999 2005 2010 2015	c. 240 354 688 581	6.0% 4.9% 7.9% 5.8%	c. 7.3 10.6 20.4 16.9
Venezuela	2,500	3.22	7.8%	33.84m	7.4	2001 2006 2010 2015	936 1,255 2,399 2,761	5.5% 6.5% 6.4% 5.6%	3.7 4.6 8.3 8.8
French Guiana/ Guyane (France)	57	1.7.22	6.9%	318,000	17.9	2003 2008 2015	34 56 61	5.8% 8.5% 8.4%	18.4 25.2 23.3

Figures are not available for the following country:

Caribbean: Cuba.

Table 3

ASIA

	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
						year	total	%age	rate
Western Asia									
Bahrain	178	.15	c. 4.7%	1.35m	c. 13.2	2003 2009 2013	101 57 189	23.1% 11.4% 4.7%	12.7 4.8 14.1
Iraq	1,103	.14	2.6%	34.69m	3.2	2005 2010	215 757	2.5% 2.1%	0.8 2.4
Israel	215	31.12.14	1.0%	7.87m	2.7	1999 2005 2010	182 353 451	1.9% 2.2% 2.2%	3.1 5.3 6.0
Jordan	441	31.12.19	2.2%	10.14m	4.3	2005 2010 2015	185 127 c. 460	2.9% 1.5% c. 4.0%	3.5 2.0 c. 6.0
Kuwait	271	31.12.19	5.8%	3.97m	6.8	2003 2010 2013	c. 550 201 c. 400	c. 14.9% 4.8% c. 13.8%	c. 25.9 6.7 c. 11.9
Lebanon	207	10.9.21	2.8%	6.75m	3.1	2002 2005 2010 2015	358 225 201 272	4.3% 3.3% 4.0% 4.3%	10.4 5.6 4.6 5.4
Oman	55	.02	4.5%	2.31m	2.4	2000	101	5.0%	4.6
Qatar	81	31.12.08	14.7%	1.46m	5.5	2000 2005	67 103	11.8% 19.7%	11.3 11.5
Saudi Arabia	1,269	.17	1.9%	32.94m	3.9	2000	1,570	6.6%	7.7
Syria	507*	.04	7.4%*	17.68m	2.9*	2003	497*	6.7%*	2.9*
United Arab Emirates	1,148	.14	11.7%	9.45m	12.1	2003 2006 2012	486* 1,249 1,182	9.6%* 11.2% 11.9%	14.4* 25.6 12.6

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ASIA

	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
						year	total	%age	rate
Yemen	125	.17	1.3%	28.12m	0.4	2003 2006 2010 2014	263 184 211 212	1.6% 1.9% 1.8% 2.4%	1.4 0.9 0.9 0.8
Central Asia									
Kazakhstan	2,457	1.7.22	7.0%	19.21m	12.8	2005 2010 2015	2,899 4,246 3,486	5.5% 6.7% 7.3%	19.3 26.8 19.9
Kyrgyzstan	431	1.7.19	4.2%	6.30m	6.8	2000 2005 2010 2015	705 821 283 387	5.1% 4.9% 2.9% 4.0%	14.3 16.1 5.2 6.6
Tajikistan	c. 270	9.20	c. 2.4%	9.59m	2.8	2006	511	4.7%	7.4
Turkmenistan	c. 2,000	.13	c. 6.5%	5.24m	c. 38.2	2003 2006	1,507 1,351	9.7% 12.3%	32.4 28.1
Southern Asia									
Afghanistan	840	31.1.21	3.0%	36.84m	2.3	2004 2007 2010 2015	103 304 566 782	2.0% 2.9% 3.1% 2.8%	0.4 1.0 1.8 2.4
Bangladesh	3,222	3.21	3.9%	171.72m	1.9	2003 2006 2010 2016	1,910 2,222 2,324 2,772	2.8% 3.4% 3.4% 3.8%	1.4 1.5 1.5 1.7
Bhutan	47	31.12.13	4.3%	760,000	6.2	2011	38	3.8%	5.2
India	22,918	31.12.21	4.1%	1,400.0m	1.6	2000 2005 2010 2015	9,089 13,986 15,037 17,834	3.3% 3.9% 4.1% 4.3%	0.9 1.2 1.2 1.4
Iran	c. 6,880	12.14	3.1%	78.59m	c. 8.8	2002 2006 2010	c. 5,790 c. 5,130 c. 5,850	3.5% 3.5% 3.5%	c. 8.6 c. 7.2 c. 7.9
Maldives	51	.14	4.3%	352,000	14.5	2010	40	4.8%	12.3
Nepal	1,361	7/8.21	5.4%	30.54m	4.5	2006 2010 2014	360 737 1,222	6.5% 6.9% 7.3%	1.4 2.7 4.3
Pakistan	1,399	.21	1.6%	225.20m	0.6	1999 2005 2010 2015	1,203 1,323 931 1,650	1.7% 1.5% 1.2% 2.1%	0.9 0.8 0.5 0.9
Sri Lanka	995	mid-18	4.9%	22.07m	4.5	2000 2005 2010 2015	662 906 1,254 879	3.9% 3.8% 4.7% 4.6%	3.5 4.5 6.0 4.1
South-Eastern Asia									
Brunei Darussalam	162	.19	11.9%	445,000	36.4	2000 2005 2010 2015	22 37 37 41	6.6% 7.5% 9.8% 7.3%	6.7 10.2 9.3 9.7
Cambodia	2,571	7.21	6.6%	17.05m	15.1	2000 2005 2010 2015	288 500 856 1,331	5.2% 6.1% 6.1% 8.1%	2.4 3.7 6.0 8.5
Indonesia	13,709	1.8.22	4.9%	277.33m	4.9	2000 2005 2010 2015	1,807 4,656 6,876 9,587	3.4% 4.7% 5.8% 5.4%	0.9 2.1 2.9 3.7
Laos	1,628	6.18	13.7%	7.15m	22.8	2004 2016	421 1,503	10.5% 18.3%	7.3 21.8
Malaysia	3,652	mid-21	5.9%	32.77m	11.1	2000 2005 2010 2015	1,246 2,322 2,544 3,354	4.8% 6.5% 6.6% 6.6%	5.3 8.9 9.0 11.1
Myanmar	9,807	early 17	12.3%	54.84m	17.9	2001 2007 2009 2013	6,034 9,754 6,443 10,000	19.1% 15.0% 10.7% 16.3%	12.3 19.2 12.5 18.8
Philippines	16,439	mid-21	9.8%	109.99m	14.9	2001 2005 2010 2015	3,324 7,076 7,726 9,188	5.3% 7.8% 8.1% 6.6%	4.2 8.3 8.3 9.1
Singapore	1,246	31.12.20	11.1%	6.04m	20.6	2000 2005 2010 2015	1,126 1,649 1,341 1,320	8.2% 10.9% 9.8% 10.3%	28.7 38.6 26.3 23.6

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ASIA

	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
						year	total	%age	rate
Thailand	32,952	1.11.21	11.5%	69.53m	47.4	2000 2005 2010 2015	35,803 28,452 29,175 44,152	17.4% 17.2% 14.6% 14.4%	57.4 43.4 43.9 65.5
Timor-Leste	27	4.17	4.1%	1.29m	2.1	2003 2009 2013	1 4 15	0.3% 1.8% 3.5%	0.1 0.4 1.3
Vietnam	15,152	mid-19	12.1%	96.46m	15.7	2005 2010 2015	10,990 12,591 16,547	12.4% 11.6% 12.1%	12.9 14.1 17.7
Eastern Asia									
China	145,000*	31.12.18	8.6%*	1.418bn	10.2*	2000 2005 2010 2015	47,100* 77,279* 84,600* 107,131*	3.3%* 4.9%* 5.1%* 6.5%*	3.7* 5.8* 6.2* 7.6*
Japan	3,951	31.5.21	8.6%	125.29m	3.2	2000 2005 2010 2015	3,302 4,839 5,343 4,875	5.4% 6.1% 7.3% 8.3%	2.6 3.8 4.2 3.8
Korea (Republic of)	3,943	30.6.20	7.3%	51.25m	7.7	2000 2005 2010 2015	2,951 2,589 2,375 3,308	4.8% 5.5% 5.2% 6.1%	6.4 5.5 4.9 6.6
Mongolia	260	mid-20	4.5%	3.18m	8.2	2001 2005 2010 2015	227 308 430 270	3.4% 4.4% 6.1% 4.9%	9.3 12.1 15.6 9.1
Taiwan	4,851	30.6.22	8.9%	23.53m	20.6	2015	5,399	8.6%	23.0
Hong Kong (China)	1,501	mid-21	19.7%	7.39m	20.3	2000 2005 2010 2015	1,321 2,476 2,002 1,613	11.8% 20.4% 19.7% 19.5%	19.8 36.4 28.5 22.1
Macau (China)	215	31.3.22	14.1%	681,700	31.5	2000 2005 2010 2015	64 82 136 218	7.3% 9.2% 14.8% 17.4%	14.9 17.3 25.3 33.9

* These figures relate only to convicted prisoners. Full figures are not available.

Figures are not available for the following countries:

Central Asia: Uzbekistan. Eastern Asia: Democratic People's Republic of (North) Korea

Table 4

EUROPE

	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
						year	total	%age	rate
Northern Europe									
Denmark	204	1.6.22	4.8%	5.89m	3.5	2000 2005 2010 2015	164 184 183 118	5.0% 4.5% 4.6% 3.7%	3.1 3.4 3.3 2.1
Estonia	99	1.8.22	4.7%	1.33m	7.4	2000 2005 2010 2015	285 174 195 152	6.0% 3.9% 5.5% 5.2%	20.8 12.9 14.6 11.6
Finland	202	30.4.22	7.1%	5.55m	3.6	2000 2005 2010 2015	142 238 258 228	5.3% 6.2% 7.8% 7.6%	2.7 4.5 4.8 4.2
Iceland	9	31.1.21	6.0%	369,180	2.4	2000 2005 2010 2014	3 7 8 3	3.7% 5.9% 4.8% 1.9%	1.1 2.4 2.5 0.9
Ireland	177	29.7.22	4.2%	5.07m	3.5	2000 2005 2010 2015	84 102 154 127	2.9% 3.4% 3.5% 3.4%	2.2 2.4 3.4 2.8
Latvia	226	20.9.21	7.2%	1.89m	12.0	2000 2005 2010 2015	405 416 402 343	4.6% 5.4% 5.7% 7.2%	17.0 18.5 19.0 17.3
Lithuania	215	25.5.22	4.2%	2.80m	7.7	2000 2005 2010 2015	263 263 408 380	3.0% 3.3% 4.6% 4.4%	7.5 7.9 13.2 13.0

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EUROPE

	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
						year	total	%age	rate
Norway	159	1.7.22	5.2%	5.43m	2.9	2000 2005 2010 2015	147 155 224 186	5.6% 5.0% 6.2% 5.1%	3.3 3.3 4.6 3.6
Sweden	445	1.10.20	5.8%	10.37m	4.3	2000 2005 2010 2015	288 368 405 331	5.1% 5.2% 5.7% 5.7%	3.2 4.1 4.3 3.4
UK: England & Wales	3,206	29.7.22	4.0%	60.30m	5.3	2000 2005 2010 2015	3,350 4,467 4,236 3,885	5.2% 5.9% 5.0% 4.5%	6.4 8.4 7.7 6.7
UK: Northern Ireland	82	29.7.22	4.9%	1.90m	4.3	2000 2005 2010 2015	23 32 43 56	2.2% 2.5% 2.9% 3.4%	1.4 1.9 2.4 3.0
UK: Scotland	300	29.7.22	4.0%	5.47m	5.5	2000 2005 2010 2015	203 332 443 408	3.3% 4.9% 5.6% 5.3%	4.0 6.5 8.5 7.6
Faeroes (Denmark)	0	1.9.17	0%	50,345	0	2005 2010 2015	0 0* 0	0% 2.0% 0%	0 0.4 0
Guernsey (UK)	3	22.7.22	3.7%	66,300	4.5	2001 2006 2010 2015	7 4 6 6	10.0% 3.5% 8.7% 7.2%	11.2 6.2 9.1 9.2
Isle of Man (UK)	7	30.11.21	6.4%	86,500	8.1	2000 2005 2010 2015	2 2 8 7	3.7% 3.3% 8.2% 9.0%	2.6 2.5 9.5 8.0
Jersey (UK)	10	avrge 20	6.8%	108,300	9.2	2001 2006 2010 2015	14 16 20 11	10.4% 9.1% 10.4% 6.9%	15.8 17.4 20.6 10.7
Southern Europe									
Albania	58	31.1.21	1.3%	2.81m	2.0	2003 2007 2010 2015	80 149 93 121	3.1% 3.3% 2.0% 2.0%	2.6 4.0 2.9 4.2
Andorra	8	31.1.21	13.1%	78,140	10.2	2002 2006 2010 2015	4 1 6 11	7.3% 3.3% 16.7% 21.2%	6.0 1.2 7.7 14.2
Bosnia & Herzegovina - Federation	58	31.12.19	3.2%	2.19m	2.6	2001 2005 2010 2012	33 40 46 49	2.4% 2.8% 2.6% 2.9%	1.4 1.7 2.0 2.1
Bosnia & Herzegovina - Republika Srpska	9	31.12.21	1.6%	1.20m	0.8	2001 2005 2010 2015	23 14 19 14	2.7% 1.5% 1.8% 1.6%	1.6 1.0 1.4 1.1
Croatia	234	8.7.22	5.9%	4.00m	5.9	2000 2005 2010 2015	74 140 225 190	3.7% 4.0% 4.6% 5.0%	1.6 3.2 5.2 4.5
Cyprus	37	31.1.20	4.6%	888,200	4.2	2000 2005 2010 2015	14 18 38 40	4.5% 3.4% 6.0% 6.7%	2.0 2.4 4.7 4.7
Greece	536	31.1.21	4.7%	10.68m	5.0	2000 2005 2010 2015	358 594 554 572	4.7% 6.8% 4.9% 4.8%	3.3 5.4 5.0 5.3
Italy	2,307	31.7.22	4.2%	58.65m	3.9	2000 2005 2010 2015	2,235 2,843 2,995 2,131	4.2% 4.8% 4.5% 4.1%	3.9 4.8 4.9 3.5
Kosovo	43	31.12.18	2.7%	1.80m	2.4	2003 2007 2010 2015	25 34 35 42	2.1% 2.7% 2.6% 2.8%	1.2 1.6 1.7 2.4
Malta	58	2.21	7.1%	516,300	11.2	2002 2006 2010 2016	11 14 34 46	3.9% 4.1% 5.7% 8.3%	2.8 3.5 8.2 10.5

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EUROPE

	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
						year	total	%age	rate
Montenegro	27	31.1.21	3.2%	620,640	4.4	2002	18	2.5%	3.0
						2006	17	2.0%	2.8
						2010	60	4.1%	9.7
						2015	35	3.1%	5.6
North Macedonia	59	31.1.21	2.7%	2.07m	2.9	2000	32	2.3%	1.6
						2005	66	3.1%	3.2
						2010	59	2.3%	2.9
						2015	112	3.2%	5.4
Portugal	845	1.8.22	7.1%	10.30m	8.2	2000	1,216	9.4%	11.9
						2005	875	6.8%	8.3
						2010	627	5.4%	5.9
						2015	862	6.1%	8.4
San Marino	1	31.1.21	11.1%	34,700	2.9	2002	0	0%	0
						2005	0	0%	0
						2010	0	0%	0
						2015	0	0%	0
Serbia	455	31.12.20	4.3%	6.87m	6.6	2000	116	1.9%	1.5
						2005	231	3.0%	3.1
						2010	348	3.1%	4.8
						2015	366	3.6%	5.2
Slovenia	56	31.1.21	4.9%	2.11m	2.7	2000	40	3.5%	2.0
						2005	48	4.2%	2.4
						2010	53	3.9%	2.6
						2015	81	5.8%	3.9
Spain	3,925	12.21	7.1%	47.46m	8.3	2000	3,668	8.1%	9.1
						2005	4,744	7.7%	10.9
						2010	6,009	7.9%	13.0
						2015	4,926	7.7%	10.6
Gibraltar (UK)	4	12.12.16	7.1%	33,950	11.8	2001	0	0%	0
						2005	0	0%	0
						2009	2	3.9%	6.8
						2014	3	5.8%	9.1
Western Europe									
Austria	558	1.7.22	6.4%	8.98m	6.2	2000	406	5.9%	5.1
						2005	442	5.0%	5.4
						2010	534	6.2%	6.4
						2015	535	5.9%	6.2
Belgium	507	31.1.21	4.9%	11.57m	4.4	2000	358	4.1%	3.5
						2005	391	4.2%	3.7
						2010	419	4.0%	3.9
						2015	483	4.4%	4.3
France (metropolitan France)	2,928	1.7.22	3.6%	65.34m	4.5	2000	1,833	3.8%	3.1
						2005	2,145	3.7%	3.5
						2010	2,200	3.4%	3.5
						2015	2,573	3.5%	4.0
Germany	3,141	31.12.21	5.6%	83.20m	3.8	2000	3,515	4.4%	4.3
						2005	4,037	5.0%	4.9
						2010	3,794	5.3%	4.6
						2015	3,753	5.9%	4.6
Liechtenstein	0	31.1.21	0%	39,080	0	2002	0	0%	0
						2005	0	0%	0
						2010	1	7.1%	2.8
						2015	1	12.5%	2.7
Luxembourg	37	15.5.22	5.4%	647,300	5.7	2000	20	5.1%	4.6
						2005	32	4.6%	6.9
						2010	25	3.6%	4.9
						2015	39	5.8%	6.8
Monaco	1	31.1.21	7.7%	38,370	2.6	2003	3	10.7%	8.5
						2006	11	29.7%	31.2
						2010	3	25.0%	8.5
						2016	6	18.8%	16.0
Netherlands	484	30.9.20	4.6%	17.50m	2.8	2001	1,232	8.2%	7.7
						2006	1,835	8.7%	11.2
						2010	1,161	7.4%	7.0
						2015	582	5.7%	3.4
Switzerland	380	31.1.22	6.0%	8.73m	4.4	2000	364	6.4%	5.1
						2005	332	5.4%	4.5
						2010	347	5.6%	4.4
						2015	375	5.4%	4.5
Central & Eastern Europe									
Belarus	2,834	31.12.18	10.8%	9.43m	30.1	2000	3,368	6.0%	33.7
						2005	3,098	7.5%	31.8
						2010	2,988	7.5%	31.5
						2015	2,611	10.2%	27.5
Bulgaria	218	31.1.21	3.1%	6.91m	3.2	2000	274	2.9%	3.4
						2005	373	3.0%	4.8
						2009	298	3.0%	3.9
						2014	292	3.2%	4.0

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EUROPE

	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
						year	total	%age	rate
Czech Republic	1,598	30.6.22	8.3%	10.71m	14.9	2000 2005 2010 2015	968 909 1,293 1,433	4.5% 4.8% 5.9% 6.9%	9.4 8.9 12.3 13.6
Hungary	1,419	25.5.22	7.5%	9.68m	14.7	2000 2005 2010 2015	976 1,027 1,033 1,250	6.3% 6.5% 6.3% 7.2%	9.6 10.2 10.3 12.7
Moldova	371	1.1.22	5.8%	3.53m	10.5	2000 2005 2010 2015	387 445 401 485	4.0% 4.9% 6.3% 6.2%	10.7 12.4 11.3 13.7
Poland	3,486	30.6.22	4.8%	37.66m	9.3	2000 2005 2010 2015	1,729 2,359 2,597 2,379	2.5% 2.8% 3.2% 3.4%	4.5 6.2 6.8 6.3
Romania	1,018	30.4.22	4.4%	19.03m	5.3	2000 2005 2010 2015	1,931 1,696 1,273 1,465	4.0% 4.6% 4.5% 5.2%	8.6 8.0 6.3 7.4
Slovakia	739	1.7.22	7.4%	5.46m	13.5	2000 2005 2010 2015	259 399 564 649	3.6% 4.3% 5.6% 6.4%	4.8 7.4 10.4 12.0
Ukraine	1,219*	1.2.22	3.9%*	c. 39.00m	3.1*	2002 2006 2010 2015	11,727 10,085 9,139 2,753*	5.9% 6.1% 6.0% 4.8%*	24.4 21.6 20.0 7.5*
Europe/Asia									
Armenia	46	1.1.21	2.3%	2.96m	1.6	2002 2005 2010 2015	123 78 190 171	2.2% 2.8% 3.9% 4.4%	4.0 2.6 6.4 5.7
Azerbaijan	589	31.1.21	2.7%	10.12m	5.8	2000 2005 2010 2015	272 266 367 694	1.3% 1.6% 1.7% 2.9%	3.4 3.2 4.0 7.2
Georgia	325	30.6.22	3.4%	3.67m	8.9	2000 2005 2010 2015	219 283 1,174 309	2.6% 2.9% 5.0% 3.2%	5.0 6.4 26.3 8.3
Russian Federation	39,120	1.5.22	8.4%	144.50m	27.1	2002 2006 2010 2015	53,683 58,400 67,900 52,495	5.8% 6.7% 8.1% 8.1%	37.0 41.0 47.6 36.4
Turkey	12,242	31.3.22	3.9%	84.19m	14.5	2000 2005 2010 2015	2,591 1,802 4,218 6,289	3.6% 3.3% 3.5% 3.6%	3.8 2.5 5.8 8.0

* Faeroes (Denmark). The asterisked figure is an average that has been rounded down: the actual figure in 2010 was 0.19.

* Ukraine. The 2015 and 2022 figures are only the totals of convicted adult females in prison colonies and they do not include those in Crimea and Sebastopol and areas of Donetsk and Luhansk that are not under the control of the Ukrainian authorities.

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Table 5

OCEANIA

	Female prison population total	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population	Female prison population rate	Trend information			
						year	total	%age	rate
Oceania									
Australia	3,189	9.21	7.5%	25.70m	12.4	2000 2005 2010 2015	1,385 1,734 2,228 2,876	6.4% 6.8% 7.5% 8.0%	7.2 8.5 10.1 12.1
Fiji	46	7.16	2.5%	898,000	5.1	2000 2005 2010 2013	17 23 32 58	1.4% 2.1% 2.9% 3.7%	2.1 2.8 3.7 6.6
Kiribati	1	mid-16	0.8%	114,000	0.9	2000 2005 2010 2013	1 1 3 4	1.8% 1.4% 3.3% 3.1%	1.2 1.1 2.9 3.7
Marshall Islands	0	9.14	0%	53,000	0	2005 2010	2 0	4.7% 0%	3.8 0
Federated States of Micronesia	0	31.12.14	0%	104,000	0	2005 2011	0 3	0% 3.2%	0 2.9
Nauru	1	11.14	7.1%	10,000	10.0	2005 2010	0 1	0% 5.0%	0 10.0
New Zealand	426	31.3.22	5.6%	5.14m	8.3	2000 2005 2010 2015	266 435 562 567	4.7% 6.1% 6.4% 6.4%	6.9 10.5 12.9 12.4
Palau	3	9.21	3.9%	18,000	16.7	2003 2005 2010 2015	7 8 5 3	6.9% 8.6% 5.7% 4.2%	35.0 40.0 25.0 14.3
Papua New Guinea	248	7.1.19	4.9%	8.70m	3.0	2001 2005 2010 2014	101 201 230 228	3.1% 5.0% 5.4% 5.0%	1.8 3.3 3.3 3.0
Samoa	19	3.19	5.3%	200,400	9.5	2000 2005 2011 2015	14 11 28 33	8.1% 4.5% 6.6% 6.6%	8.0 6.1 14.9 17.0
Solomon Is.	8	mid-17	1.7%	611,000	1.3	1999 2005 2010 2015	1 2 0 4	0.7% 0.7% 0% 1.5%	0.2 0.4 0 0.7
Tonga	8	7.14	4.5%	106,000	7.5	2000 2005 2010	1 7 7	1.5% 5.5% 4.4%	1.0 6.9 6.7
Tuvalu	0	8.14	0%	10,000	0	2000 2005 2010	0 0 0	0% 0% 0%	0 0 0
Vanuatu	13	mid-21	6.7%	300,000	4.3	1999 2005 2010 2016	1 6 3 2	2.2% 4.3% 1.6% 1.0%	0.6 2.9 1.3 0.7
American Samoa (USA)	29	3.22	9.6%	56,000	51.8	2004 2007 2014 2017	15 17 15 8	8.6% 7.2% 7.2% 4.1%	25.4 29.6 27.3 14.3
Cook Islands (NZ)	4	6.16	8.3%	21,000	19.0	2000 2005 2011	1 1 0	4.3% 3.7% 0%	5.6 5.3 0
French Polynesia (France)	18	1.7.22	3.0%	284,000	6.3	2003 2007 2015	12 12 17	4.1% 3.0% 3.8%	4.8 4.6 6.0
Guam (USA)	48	15.11.17	7.2%	165,000	29.1	2005 2009 2015	31 21 42	6.2% 4.1% 5.6%	19.6 13.2 24.3
New Caledonia (France)	8	1.7.22	1.3%	291,000	2.7	2003 2007 2015	4 9 7	1.3% 2.8% 1.5%	1.8 3.8 2.7
Northern Mariana Islands (USA)	8	31.12.07	5.8%	63,500	12.6	not available			

Sources The figures in the above tables originate almost always from the national prison administrations. Some were obtained indirectly, via the Ministry responsible for prisons, via national statistical offices, via United Nations surveys, via surveys for the annual meetings of the Asian and Pacific Conference of Correctional Administrators, via the Council of Europe Annual Penal Statistics (SPACE) and via U.S. State Department human rights reports.

Table 6 Female prison population levels – summary by continent

	Female prison population total (latest available to 5.8.2022)	Women/girls as percentage of total prison population	Female prison population rate per 100,000 of general population
AFRICA	37,314	3.3%	3.0
AMERICAS without USA	306,375 95,000	8.0% 5.5%	30.0 13.7
ASIA without China & India	305,537 137,619	7.2% 6.9%	6.8 8.4
EUROPE without Russia	87,324 48,204	5.9% 4.7%	10.4 6.9
OCEANIA	4,077	6.7%	9.5
WORLD	740,627	6.9%	9.7

Table 7 Female prison population levels – change since about the year 2000

	Estimated female prison population total at about 2000	Latest available female prison population total (to 5.8.22)	Change in female prison population total since about 2000	Change in general population mid-2000 to mid-2022 (United Nations)
AFRICA	24,000	37,314	+ 55.5%	+ 76.5%
AMERICAS without USA	196,300 37,671	306,375 94,900	+ 56.1% +151.9%	+ 24.5%
ASIA without China & India	143,800 87,611	305,537 137,619	+ 112.5% +57.1%	+ 26.0%
EUROPE without Russia	99,900 44,450	87,324 48,204	- 12.6% +8.4%	+ 5.7%
OCEANIA	1,900	4,077	+ 114.6%	+ 39.2%
WORLD	465,900	740,627	+59.0%	+ 29.5%