

## Introduction

This sixth 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 December 2024. 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 fourteenth edition of which was published in May 2024) complement the information held in the World Prison Brief online database at [www.prisonstudies.org](http://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 733,000 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.
- ▶ **The United States of America is the country with the highest number of female prisoners** (about 174,607). 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 (50,441), Russia (39,153), Thailand (33,057), India (23,772), Philippines (17,121), Turkey (16,581) Vietnam (15,152), Mexico (13,841), and Indonesia (13,044).
- ▶ 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 (52), Thailand (47), El Salvador (42), Rwanda (41) Turkmenistan (38), Brunei Darussalam (36), Bahamas (35), Uruguay (35) Macau-China (35), Belarus (30), 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 (8 excluding China and India); in Europe, 11 (8 excluding Russia); in Oceania 10; and in the Americas, 27 (15 excluding the USA). (See Table 6.)
- ▶ **The number of women and girls in prison worldwide has increased by 57% 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 32%.
- ▶ **In Asia, the total number of female prisoners has more than doubled since 2000**, while the general population increased by 28%. In Oceania and the Americas also, the increase in female prisoner numbers has outstripped general population growth. In Africa, female prisoner numbers have risen at around the same rate as the general population. Europe has seen a fall (of 5%) in the female prison population, alongside a slight increase in the general population. (Excluding Russian numbers, Europe’s female prison population has risen by nearly 25%, 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 almost sixfold); South America (a fivefold increase in Brazil); and south-eastern Asia (a ninefold increase in Cambodia and a sevenfold increase in Indonesia).
- ▶ **Women and girls make up 6.8% of the global prison population.** In African countries, the proportion of female prisoners is 3.5%, compared to 6.1% in Europe, 7.0% in Oceania, 7.3% in Asia, and 7.7% in the Americas. (The figure for the Americas is skewed by the large female prison population in the USA; excluding the USA, 5.8% of prisoners in the Americas are women and girls.)
- ▶ **In 15 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 (21.0%), Macau-China (17.8%), Laos (13.7%), Myanmar (12.3%), Thailand (12.1%), Vietnam (12.1%), Guatemala (12.1%), Brunei Darussalam (11.9%) and United Arab Emirates (11.7%).\*

\*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
<b>Northern Africa</b>									
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	216*	5.5.23	1.1%	7.11m	3.0	2004 2007 2010 2013	387 347 345 103	3.3% 2.7% 2.6% 1.9%	7.0 6.0 5.7 1.7
Morocco	2,534	31.12.23	2.5%	38.40m	6.6	2002 2010 2015 2020	1,776 1,721 1,715 2,110	3.3% 2.7% 2.3% 2.5%	6.0 5.4 5.0 5.8
Sudan	c. 200	3.03	c. 1.7%	29.74m	c. 0.7	2002	624	4.9%	2.1
Tunisia	778	23.9.21	3.3%	11.96m	6.5	2011 2015	400 615	1.9% 2.7%	3.7 5.5
<b>Western Africa</b>									
Benin	607	9.9.24	3.1%	13.54m	4.5	2000 2010 2015 2019	c. 140 311 295 318	c. 3.6% 4.8% 4.4% 3.2%	2.1 3.3 2.7 2.6
Burkina Faso	160	31.12.22	1.8%	22.41m	0.7	2001 2010 2015 2020	25 100 113 114	1.0% 2.0% 1.5% 1.5%	0.2 0.6 0.6 0.5
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	638	25.5.22	2.5%	27.43m	2.3	2002 2012 2016 2019	236 177 237 522	2.3% 2.5% 2.1% 2.5%	1.4 0.9 1.1 2.0
Gambia	18	8.19	2.6%	2.36m	0.8	1999 2014	6 28	1.2% 2.5%	0.5 1.5
Ghana	208	2.12.24	1.5%	34.02m	0.6	2000 2010 2015 2019	143 187 199 188	1.5% 1.4% 1.4% 1.2%	0.7 0.8 0.7 0.6
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	251	31.12.21	3.0%	21.17m	1.2	2002 2013 2020	80 148 177	2.0% 3.0% 2.4%	0.7 1.0 0.9
Mauritania	57	16.8.22	2.0%	4.92m	1.2	2010 2015	62 35	3.6% 1.9%	1.7 0.9
Niger	406	31.5.23	3.1%	27.96m	1.5	2006 2010 2015 2020	183 155 419 302	3.2% 2.9% 4.0% 3.4%	1.3 1.0 2.1 1.2
Nigeria	1,812	25.11.24	2.2%	230.06m	0.8	2000 2010 2016 2020	709 897 1,043 1,250	1.9% 1.9% 1.7% 1.9%	0.6 0.6 0.6 0.6
Senegal	320	1.8.22	2.6%	18.53m	1.7	2000 2005 2012 2019	183 234 284 317	3.7% 3.6% 3.4% 2.7%	1.9 2.2 2.0 1.9
Sierra Leone	156	13.2.24	3.5%	8.58m	1.8	2007 2012 2017 2022	66 86 134 217	3.3% 3.1% 3.1% 4.5%	1.2 1.4 1.8 2.6
Togo	132	30.8.21	2.6%	8.51m	1.6	1998 2011 2016	46 92 131	2.3% 2.1% 2.9%	1.0 1.4 1.8
<b>Central Africa</b>									
Angola	590	7.24	2.5%	37.30m	1.6	1999 2003 2011 2019	c. 97 196 522 c. 689	c. 2% 3.3% 2.7% 2.7%	c. 0.7 1.2 2.3 c. 2.4

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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
Cameroon	580	31.10.20	2.6%	26.54m	2.2	2003 2009 2015 2020	503 545 697 717	2.5% 2.4% 2.7% 2.7%	3.0 2.7 2.9 2.7
Central African Republic	104	12.23	3.9%	5.17m	2.0	2011 2021	69 65	8.2% 5.0%	1.5 1.3
Chad	147	2.22	1.5%	17.23m	0.9	2002 2011 2017	21* 35* 49*	2.5%* 2.8%* 2.4%*	- - -
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	198	31.1.23	3.5%	2.36m	8.4	2015 2018	119 97	3.5% 2.2%	6.7 5.2
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
<b>Eastern Africa</b>									
Burundi	1,032	31.7.24	7.5%	13.41m	7.7	2002 2010 2016 2020	216 371 457 743	2.5% 3.8% 4.5% 5.8%	3.2 4.4 3.9 5.6
Comoros	6	9.21	1.6%	892,000	0.7	2010 2015 2019	2 6 5	1.5% 4.1% 2.2%	0.3 0.8 0.6
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	2,915	avrge 23	4.7%	57.55m	5.1	2001 2011 2015 2019	1,486 2,672 3,982 3,577	4.2% 5.3% 7.3% 6.7%	4.6 6.3 8.6 7.0
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	166	19.11.24	6.3%	1.28m	13.0	2000 2010 2015 2020	78 153 116 176	4.7% 6.2% 5.6% 6.3%	6.5 11.8 9.1 13.6
Mozambique	683	7.23	3.0%	34.62m	2.0	1999 2009 2015	551 358 426	6.3% 2.2% 2.9%	3.1 1.6 1.5
Rwanda	5,675	14.3.23	6.6%	13.83m	41.0	2002 2009 2015 2020	2,925 c. 4,200 3,616 5,098	2.6% c. 6.6% 6.7% 6.7%	33.6 c. 40.3 29.2 38.9
Seychelles	29	30.6.24	6.1%	120,700	24.0	2002 2010 2016 2020	4 28 33 20	2.7% 6.5% 4.7% 5.9%	4.8 31.5 34.8 20.3
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	3,764	8.24	4.8%	51.14m	7.4	2005 2010 2015 2020	901 1,296 2,033 2,388	3.4% 4.3% 4.5% 4.1%	3.2 3.9 5.1 5.1
Zambia	876	5.23	3.3%	19.94m	4.4	2005 2014 2020	237 c. 515 560	1.7% c. 3.0% 2.7%	2.1 c. 3.5 2.9
Zimbabwe	650	28.6.24	3.1%	15.84m	4.1	2001 2010 2015 2019	671 c. 450 391 458	3.5% 3.0% 2.1% 2.4%	5.3 3.2 2.5 2.7

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Mayotte (France)	6	1.7.22	1.3%	287,000	2.1	2003 2009 2015 2020	2 8 0 2	1.2% 3.7% 0% 0.6%	1.2 4.1 0 0.7
Reunion (France)	50	1.10.24	3.3%	922,500	5.4	2003 2007 2015 2020	29 34 29 33	2.7% 2.6% 2.8% 3.3%	3.8 4.2 3.2 3.7
<b>Southern Africa</b>									
Botswana	197	15.12.22	5.0%	2.46m	8.0	2001 2007 2012 2017	289 180 141 204	4.6% 3.0% 3.3% 4.7%	16.1 9.4 7.0 9.8
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
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 2012 2016	104 110 117 108	2.1% 2.7% 2.7% 2.9%	5.4 5.0 5.1 4.3
South Africa	4,641	31.3.24	3.0%	62.81m	7.4	2000 2010 2015 2020	3,966 3,694 4,118 3,982	2.5% 2.2% 2.6% 2.6%	9.2 7.3 7.5 6.7

\* Figures are for the number held in prisons under the Ministry of Justice

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
<b>Northern America</b>									
Canada	2,296	12.21	7.0%	38.01m	6.0	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. 174,607	.22	c.9.7%	332.7m	c. 52.3	2000 2010 2015 2019	158,629 197,100 c. 211,870 c. 211,375	8.2% 8.7% c. 9.8% c. 10.3%	55.9 63.5 c. 65.7 c. 64.2
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
<b>Central America</b>									
Belize	48	31.10.24	3.6%	429,300	11.2	2000 2010 2015 2020	20 24 39 34	2.6% 1.7% 2.7% 2.8%	8.4 7.7 11.1 8.5
Costa Rica	801	31.12.23	4.4%	5.24m	15.3	2003 2009 2014 2020	454 673 1,009 885	6.8% 6.4% 5.8% 4.7%	10.8 14.5 20.4 17.3
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	2,826	27.11.23	12.1%	19.04m	14.8	2001 2010 2015 2020	433 743 1,822 2,856	5.9% 6.7% 9.1% 11.2%	3.8 5.2 11.1 15.8
Honduras	1,185	31.5.23	6.1%	10.37m	11.4	2002 2010 2014 2020	614 411 627 1,193	5.2% 3.5% 4.3% 5.5%	9.4 5.3 7.6 12.0

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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
Mexico	13,841	31.10.24	5.9%	134.48m	10.3	2000 2010 2015 2020	c. 6,813 9,839 13,047 11,839	4.4% 4.5% 5.3% 5.5%	c. 6.5 8.7 10.8 9.1
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	1,175	31.3.24	4.9%	4.56m	25.8	2000 2010 2015 2020	654 865 1,070 934	7.6% 7.1% 6.4% 5.2%	21.2 23.3 26.6 21.6
<b>Caribbean</b>									
Antigua & Barbuda	13	7.22	5.5%	98,000	13.3	2003 2007 2012 2017	7 4 17 17	4.3% 2.0% 4.7% 4.8%	8.5 4.6 18.6 18.1
Bahamas	141	.21	7.4%	397,000	35.5	2002 2011 2014 2017	23 35 44 54	1.8% 2.7% 3.2% 3.1%	7.4 9.5 11.4 13.5
Barbados	21	11.23	3.0%	288,370	7.3	2001 2007 2013 2018	39 49 29 23	4.7% 4.7% 3.2% 2.6%	14.5 17.8 10.2 8.0
Dominica	3	13.3.24	1.2%	73,000	4.1	2005 2010 2015 2020	1 6 3 2	0.3% 2.1% 1.4% 0.9%	1.4 8.8 4.1 2.7
Dominican Republic	676	31.7.24	2.6%	11.26m	6.0	2000 2010 2015 2020	654 563 635 741	4.3% 2.7% 2.6% 2.7%	7.6 5.6 5.9 6.6
Grenada	6	8.23	1.6%	114,000	5.3	2002 2010 2015 2020	9 12 8 3	3.0% 2.7% 1.6% 0.8%	8.8 11.4 7.3 2.7
Haiti	413	4.1.24	3.5%	11.89m	3.5	2003 2010 2015 2020	116 440 456 341	3.3% 8.6% 4.1% 3.2%	1.3 4.4 4.2 3.0
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	14	8.22	2.7%	185,000	7.6	2001 2010 2014 2020	11 9 14 16	2.4% 1.6% 2.2% 3.1%	6.9 5.1 7.6 8.3
St Vincent & the Grenadines	8	31.7.24	2.0%	112,000	7.1	2001 2010 2016 2020	8 9 8 14	2.6% 2.2% 1.7% 3.4%	7.4 8.3 7.3 12.6
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)	26	.22	8.4%	108,000	24.1	2005 2011 2014 2020	23 c.15 6 20	10.0% c. 6.0% 3.5% 7.9%	23.1 c. 14.7 5.8 18.8
Cayman Is. (UK)	23	31.12.23	9.4%	84,740	27.7	2000 2010 2015 2020	24 11 10 13	10.6% 5.2% 5.3% 6.4%	59.7 19.8 16.9 19.2
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)	18	1.10.24	1.9%	399,000	4.5	2003 2007 2015 2020	9 20 18 32	1.3% 2.6% 2.0% 3.4%	2.1 4.4 3.9 7.1

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Martinique (France)	27	1.10.24	2.6%	372,750	7.2	2003 2007 2015 2020	12 16 22 26	1.9% 2.2% 2.5% 3.1%	3.1 4.0 5.6 6.8
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)	7	1.23	8.0%	44,500	15.7	2002 2007 2011 2014	7 7 4 11	5.4% 7.4% 2.9% 6.5%	21.5 17.5 9.3 24.0
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
<b>South America</b>									
Argentina	4,642	31.12.23	4.1%	46.61m	10.0	2002 2010 2015 2020	2,402 2,719 2,963 3,568	5.3% 4.6% 4.1% 3.8%	6.4 6.7 6.8 7.9
Bolivia	1,917	31.12.23	6.6%	12.22m	15.7	2000 2010 2015 2019	1,393 1,069 1,112 1,275	17.1% 11.4% 8.1% 7.0%	16.2 10.4 10.0 11.0
Brazil	50,441	30.6.24	5.7%	217.86m	23.2	2000 2010 2014 2020	10,112 34,807 36,495 41,580	4.3% 7.0% 5.9% 5.1%	5.8 17.7 18.0 19.5
Chile	4,888	31.10.24	8.3%	19.05m	25.7	1999 2010 2015 2020	1,907 4,586 3,212 2,986	7.0% 8.6% 7.5% 7.5%	12.6 26.8 18.0 16.1
Colombia	6,370	30.11.24	6.1%	51.90m	12.3	2000 2010 2015 2020	3,141 5,684 8,256 6,958	6.1% 6.7% 6.9% 7.1%	7.8 12.2 16.6 13.8
Ecuador	2,077	27.9.24	6.2%	18.58m	11.2	2002 2009 2015 2020	682 1,230 1,759 2,530	8.8% 8.0% 6.2% 6.5%	5.1 8.3 10.8 14.2
Guyana	60	1.24	2.6%	799,600	7.5	2001 2010 2015 2020	47 98 67 53	3.1% 4.5% 3.4% 2.8%	6.4 13.0 8.8 6.7
Paraguay	878	31.5.23	5.2%	7.31m	12.0	1999 2010 2015 2020	207 328 826 742	5.1% 5.3% 6.4% 5.4%	4.0 5.0 12.4 10.4
Peru	5,132	31.8.24	5.2%	34.28m	15.0	2001 2010 2015 2020	2,054 2,780 4,545 4,328	7.6% 6.0% 5.9% 5.0%	7.8 9.4 14.5 12.9
Suriname	25	11.23	3.1%	603,900	4.1	2000 2005 2009 2012	42 39 30 28	5.9% 4.8% 4.9% 2.8%	9.0 7.8 5.8 5.3
Uruguay	1,244	30.4.24	7.9%	3.51m	35.4	1999 2010 2015 2020	c. 240 688 581 635	6.0% 7.9% 5.8% 5.4%	c. 7.3 20.4 16.9 18.2
Venezuela	2,500	3.22	7.8%	33.84m	7.4	2001 2010 2015 2020	936 2,399 2,761 2,183	5.5% 6.4% 5.6% 5.8%	3.7 8.3 8.8 6.6
French Guiana/ Guyane (France)	64	1.10.24	6.3%	331,750	19.3	2003 2008 2015 2020	34 56 61 39	5.8% 8.5% 8.4% 7.1%	18.4 25.2 23.3 12.8

Figures are not available for the following country:

Caribbean: Cuba.



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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
<b>Western Asia</b>									
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	277	6.10.22	2.9%	6.66m	4.2	2002 2010 2015 2020	358 201 272 224	4.3% 4.0% 4.3% 3.4%	10.4 4.6 5.4 3.3
Oman	55	.02	4.5%	2.31m	2.4	2000	101	5.0%	4.6
Qatar	59	.22	2.9%	2.98m	2.0	2000 2005 2008 2018	67 103 81 75	11.8% 19.7% 14.7% 4.4%	11.3 11.5 5.5 2.7
Saudi Arabia	1,269	.17	1.9%	32.94m	3.9	2000 2013	1,570 c. 3,050	6.6% c. 6.5%	7.7 c. 10.5
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
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
<b>Central Asia</b>									
Kazakhstan	2,457	1.7.22	7.0%	19.21m	12.8	2005 2010 2015 2020	2,899 4,246 3,486 1,674	5.5% 6.7% 7.3% 7.1%	19.3 26.8 19.9 9.0
Kyrgyzstan	224	1.7.22	2.9%	6.54m	3.4	2000 2010 2015 2019	705 283 387 431	5.1% 2.9% 4.0% 4.2%	14.3 5.2 6.6 6.8
Tajikistan	362	.23	2.9%	10.16m	3.6	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
<b>Southern Asia</b>									
Afghanistan	c. 800	1.24	c. 4.2%	42.14m	c. 1.9	2004 2010 2014 2018	103 566 718 814	2.0% 3.1% 2.7% 2.6%	0.4 1.8 2.3 2.3
Bangladesh	2,981	9.23	3.9%	176.04m	1.7	2003 2010 2014 2019	1,910 2,324 2,211 3,572	2.8% 3.4% 3.4% 4.0%	1.4 1.5 1.4 2.1
Bhutan	47	31.12.13	4.3%	760,000	6.2	2011	38	3.8%	5.2
India	23,772	31.12.22	4.1%	1,413,144m	1.7	2000 2010 2015 2020	9,089 15,037 17,834 20,046	3.3% 4.1% 4.3% 4.1%	0.9 1.2 1.4 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	1,485	end-22	5.4%	30.50m	4.9	2006 2010 2014 2018	360 737 1,222 1,346	6.5% 6.9% 7.3% 6.3%	1.4 2.7 4.3 4.5
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



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						year	total	%age	rate
Sri Lanka	1,219	2.12.24	4.2%	21.74m	5.6	2000 2010 2015 2020	662 1,254 879 1,105	3.9% 4.7% 4.6% 6.4%	3.5 6.0 4.1 5.2
<b>South-Eastern Asia</b>									
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	13,044	1.12.24	4.8%	285.58m	4.6	2000 2010 2015 2020	1,807 6,876 9,587 12,679	3.4% 5.8% 5.4% 5.1%	0.9 2.9 3.7 4.6
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	17,121	31.5.21	10.3%	109.86m	15.6	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	1,007	31.12.23	10.2%	6.01m	16.8	2000 2010 2015 2020	1,126 1,341 1,320 1,246	8.2% 9.8% 10.3% 11.1%	28.7 26.3 23.6 20.6
Thailand	33,057	12.23	12.1%	70.22m	47.1	2000 2010 2015 2020	35,803 29,175 44,152 47,869	17.4% 14.6% 14.4% 12.7%	57.4 43.9 65.5 69.0
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
<b>Eastern Asia</b>									
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	3,608	mid-23	8.8%	124.56m	2.9	2000 2010 2015 2020	3,302 5,343 4,875 4,017	5.4% 7.3% 8.3% 8.5%	2.6 4.2 3.8 3.2
Korea (Republic of)	4,946	31.12.23	8.4%	51.35m	9.6	2000 2010 2015 2020	2,951 2,375 3,308 3,972	4.8% 5.2% 6.1% 7.4%	6.4 4.9 6.6 7.7
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	5,662	31.10.24	9.6%	23.46m	24.1	2015 2020	5,399 5,214	8.6% 9.0%	23.0 22.1
Hong Kong (China)	1,752	mid-23	21.0%	7.54m	23.2	2000 2010 2015 2020	1,321 2,002 1,613 c. 1,311	11.8% 19.7% 19.5% 19.0%	19.8 28.5 22.1 17.5
Macau (China)	240	30.9.24	17.8%	686,600	35.0	2000 2010 2015 2020	64 136 218 192	7.3% 14.8% 17.4% 12.3%	14.9 25.3 33.9 28.0

\* 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

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## EUROPE

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						year	total	%age	rate
<b>Northern Europe</b>									
Denmark	218	avrgc 23	5.2%	5.96m	3.7	2000 2010 2015 2020	164 183 118 185	5.0% 4.6% 3.7% 4.5%	3.1 3.3 2.1 3.2
Estonia	76	18.10.24	4.5%	1.38m	5.5	2000 2010 2015 2020	285 195 152 99	6.0% 5.5% 5.2% 4.1%	20.8 14.6 11.6 7.4
Finland	224	31.1.23	7.7%	5.57m	4.0	2000 2010 2015 2020	142 258 228 233	5.3% 7.8% 7.6% 8.3%	2.7 4.8 4.2 4.2
Iceland	14	31.1.23	9.9%	388,700	3.6	2000 2010 2014 2020	3 8 3 12	3.7% 4.8% 1.9% 7.3%	1.1 2.5 0.9 3.3
Ireland	269	29.11.24	5.3%	5.44m	4.9	2000 2010 2015 2020	84 154 127 146	2.9% 3.5% 3.4% 4.0%	2.2 3.4 2.8 2.9
Latvia	248	31.12.22	7.7%	1.88m	13.2	2000 2010 2015 2020	405 402 343 294	4.6% 5.7% 7.2% 8.6%	17.0 19.0 17.3 15.4
Lithuania	206	1.1.24	4.5%	2.91m	7.1	2000 2010 2015 2020	263 408 380 288	3.0% 4.6% 4.4% 4.7%	7.5 13.2 13.0 10.4
Norway	140	4.9.24	4.6%	5.56m	2.5	2000 2010 2015 2020	147 224 186 203	5.6% 6.2% 5.1% 6.3%	3.3 4.6 3.6 3.8
Sweden	530	1.10.22	6.3%	10.50m	5.0	2000 2010 2015 2020	288 405 331 445	5.1% 5.7% 5.7% 5.8%	3.2 4.3 3.4 4.3
UK: England & Wales	3,528	25.11.24	4.1%	61.71m	5.7	2000 2010 2015 2020	3,350 4,236 3,885 3,255	5.2% 5.0% 4.5% 4.1%	6.4 7.7 6.7 5.5
UK: Northern Ireland	90	avrgc 23/24	4.8%	1.93m	4.7	2000 2010 2015 2019	23 43 56 69	2.2% 2.9% 3.4% 4.6%	1.4 2.4 3.0 3.7
UK: Scotland	338	29.11.24	4.1%	5.55m	6.1	2000 2010 2015 2020	203 443 408 304	3.3% 5.6% 5.3% 4.1%	4.0 8.5 7.6 5.5
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	29.11.24	3.2%	66,300	4.5	2001 2010 2015 2020	7 6 6 5	10.0% 8.7% 7.2% 5.4%	11.2 9.1 9.2 7.7
Isle of Man (UK)	10	30.4.24	7.6%	86,000	11.6	2000 2010 2014 2018	2 8 3 5	3.7% 8.2% 3.3% 4.7%	2.6 9.5 3.5 5.9
Jersey (UK)	7	avrgc 23	5.1%	103,500	6.8	2001 2010 2015 2020	14 20 11 10	10.4% 10.4% 6.9% 6.8%	15.8 20.6 10.7 9.2
<b>Southern Europe</b>									
Albania	65	31.1.23	1.3%	2.76m	2.4	2003 2010 2015 2020	80 93 121 91	3.1% 2.0% 2.0% 1.8%	2.6 2.9 4.2 3.2
Andorra	7	31.1.23	11.5%	82,200	8.5	2002 2010 2015 2020	4 6 11 6	7.3% 16.7% 21.2% 12.0%	6.0 7.7 14.2 7.7
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

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						year	total	%age	rate
Bosnia & Herzegovina - Republika Srpska	11	31.12.22	2.1%	1.20m	0.9	2001	23	2.7%	1.6
						2010	19	1.8%	1.4
						2015	14	1.6%	1.1
						2020	14	2.5%	1.2
Croatia	226	31.12.23	5.1%	3.86m	5.9	2000	74	3.7%	1.6
						2010	225	4.6%	5.2
						2015	190	5.0%	4.5
						2020	194	5.5%	4.8
Cyprus	94	31.1.23	9.2%	922,000	10.2	2000	14	4.5%	2.0
						2010	38	6.0%	4.7
						2015	40	6.7%	4.7
						2020	37	4.6%	4.2
Greece	527	31.1.23	5.0%	10.39m	5.1	2000	358	4.7%	3.3
						2010	554	4.9%	5.0
						2015	572	4.8%	5.3
						2020	490	4.5%	4.6
Italy	2,737	30.11.24	4.4%	58.98m	4.6	2000	2,235	4.2%	3.9
						2010	2,995	4.5%	4.9
						2015	2,131	4.1%	3.5
						2020	2,255	4.2%	3.8
Kosovo	43	31.12.18	2.7%	1.80m	2.4	2003	25	2.1%	1.2
						2007	34	2.7%	1.6
						2010	35	2.6%	1.7
						2015	42	2.8%	2.4
Malta	53	31.1.23	9.1%	543,800	9.7	2002	11	3.9%	2.8
						2010	34	5.7%	8.2
						2016	46	8.3%	10.5
						2020	56	6.5%	10.5
Montenegro	36	31.1.23	3.5%	616,600	5.8	2002	18	2.5%	3.0
						2010	60	4.1%	9.7
						2015	35	3.1%	5.6
						2020	30	2.7%	4.8
North Macedonia	97	31.1.23	3.7%	1.83m	5.3	2000	32	2.3%	1.6
						2010	59	2.3%	2.9
						2015	112	3.2%	5.4
						2020	70	3.3%	3.4
Portugal	885	1.11.24	7.2%	10.74m	8.2	2000	1,216	9.4%	11.9
						2010	627	5.4%	5.9
						2015	862	6.1%	8.4
						2020	774	6.9%	7.5
San Marino	1	31.1.23	7.1%	33,800	3.0	2002	0	0%	0
						2010	0	0%	0
						2015	0	0%	0
						2020	0	0%	0
Serbia	449	31.1.23	4.2%	6.65m	6.8	2000	116	1.9%	1.5
						2010	348	3.1%	4.8
						2015	366	3.6%	5.2
						2020	455	4.3%	6.6
Slovenia	79	31.1.23	5.5%	2.12m	3.7	2000	40	3.5%	2.0
						2010	53	3.9%	2.6
						2015	81	5.8%	3.9
						2020	60	5.1%	2.8
Spain	4,000	31.12.23	7.1%	48.61m	8.2	2000	3,668	8.1%	9.1
						2010	6,009	7.9%	13.0
						2015	4,926	7.7%	10.6
						2020	4,015	7.3%	8.5
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
<b>Western Europe</b>									
Austria	656	1.11.24	6.8%	9.20m	7.1	2000	406	5.9%	5.1
						2010	534	6.2%	6.4
						2015	535	5.9%	6.2
						2020	611	6.6%	6.9
Belgium	499	31.1.23	4.5%	11.75m	4.2	2000	358	4.1%	3.5
						2010	419	4.0%	3.9
						2015	483	4.4%	4.3
						2019	483	4.4%	4.2
France (metropolitan France)	2,569	1.11.24	3.5%	66.31m	3.9	2000	1,833	3.8%	3.1
						2010	2,200	3.4%	3.5
						2015	2,032	3.3%	3.2
						2020	2,328	3.5%	3.6
Germany	3,316	31.1.23	5.9%	84.38m	3.9	2000	3,515	4.4%	4.3
						2010	3,794	5.3%	4.6
						2015	3,753	5.9%	4.6
						2020	3,307	5.7%	4.0
Liechtenstein	0	31.1.23	0%	39,700	0	2002	0	0%	0
						2010	1	7.1%	2.8
						2015	1	12.5%	2.7
						2020	2	14.3%	5.2

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						year	total	%age	rate
Luxembourg	39	31.1.23	5.5%	662,100	5.9	2000 2010 2015 2020	20 25 39 32	5.1% 3.6% 5.8% 5.4%	4.6 4.9 6.8 5.1
Monaco	0	31.1.23	0%	39,000	0	2003 2010 2016 2020	3 3 6 1	10.7% 25.0% 18.8% 7.7%	8.5 8.5 16.0 2.6
Netherlands	543	30.9.23	4.7%	17.91m	3.0	2001 2010 2015 2020	1,232 1,161 582 484	8.2% 7.4% 5.7% 4.6%	7.7 7.0 3.4 2.8
Switzerland	395	31.1.24	5.7%	8.90m	4.4	2000 2010 2015 2020	364 347 375 401	6.4% 5.6% 5.4% 5.8%	5.1 4.4 4.5 4.7
<b>Central &amp; Eastern Europe</b>									
Belarus	2,834	31.12.18	10.8%	9.43m	30.1	2000 2005 2010 2015	3,368 3,098 2,988 2,611	6.0% 7.5% 7.5% 10.2%	33.7 31.8 31.5 27.5
Bulgaria	233	31.1.23	3.6%	6.44m	3.6	2000 2009 2014 2020	274 298 292 237	2.9% 3.0% 3.2% 3.2%	3.4 3.9 4.0 3.4
Czech Republic	1,703	31.10.24	8.7%	11.00m	15.5	2000 2010 2015 2020	968 1,293 1,433 1,574	4.5% 5.9% 6.9% 8.2%	9.4 12.3 13.6 14.7
Hungary	1,526	31.12.23	8.4%	9.51m	16.0	2000 2010 2015 2020	976 1,033 1,250 1,290	6.3% 6.3% 7.2% 7.7%	9.6 10.3 12.7 13.2
Moldova	301	1.1.24	5.3%	2.42m	12.4	2000 2010 2015 2020	387 401 485 408	4.0% 6.3% 6.2% 6.1%	10.7 11.3 13.7 11.5
Poland	3,745	31.10.24	5.3%	36.51m	10.3	2000 2010 2015 2020	1,729 2,597 2,379 3,056	2.5% 3.2% 3.4% 4.5%	4.5 6.8 6.3 8.1
Romania	1,063	31.10.23	4.5%	19.06m	5.6	2000 2010 2015 2020	1,931 1,273 1,465 1,016	4.0% 4.5% 5.2% 4.7%	8.6 6.3 7.4 5.3
Slovakia	610	1.11.24	7.3%	5.42m	11.3	2000 2010 2015 2020	259 564 649 791	3.6% 5.6% 6.4% 7.5%	4.8 10.4 12.0 14.5
Ukraine	2,266*	1.1.23	5.3%*	36.76m	6.2*	2002 2010 2015 2020	11,727 9,139 2,753* 1,327*	5.9% 6.0% 4.8%* 3.9%*	24.4 20.0 7.5* 3.7*
<b>Europe/Asia</b>									
Armenia	61	1.1.23	2.6%	2.98m	2.0	2002 2010 2015 2020	123 190 171 69	2.2% 3.9% 4.4% 3.1%	4.0 6.4 5.7 2.3
Azerbaijan	716	1.1.23	2.9%	10.13m	7.1	2000 2010 2015 2020	272 367 694 570	1.3% 1.7% 2.9% 2.7%	3.4 4.0 7.2 5.7
Georgia	390	31.10.24	4.1%	3.82m	10.2	2000 2010 2015 2020	219 1,174 309 333	2.6% 5.0% 3.2% 3.6%	5.0 26.3 8.3 9.0
Russian Federation	39,153	1.11.22	8.9%	144.50m	27.1	2002 2010 2015 2020	53,683 67,900 52,495 40,026	5.8% 8.1% 8.1% 8.1%	37.0 47.6 36.4 27.7
Turkey	16,581	2.12.24	4.4%	85.46m	19.4	2000 2010 2015 2020	2,591 4,218 6,289 11,586	3.6% 3.5% 3.6% 3.9%	3.8 5.8 8.0 13.9

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

Ukraine. The 2015, 2020 and 2023 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
<b>Oceania</b>									
Australia	<b>3,473</b>	30.6.24	<b>7.9%</b>	27.23m	<b>12.8</b>	2000 2010 2015 2020	1,385 2,228 2,876 3,144	6.4% 7.5% 8.0% 7.7%	7.2 10.1 12.1 12.2
Fiji	<b>72</b>	.23	<b>3.1%</b>	916,000	<b>7.9</b>	2000 2010 2015 2020	17 32 83 96	1.4% 2.9% 5.2% 4.0%	2.1 3.7 9.3 10.7
Kiribati	<b>1</b>	mid-16	<b>0.8%</b>	114,000	<b>0.9</b>	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	<b>0</b>	9.14	<b>0%</b>	53,000	<b>0</b>	2005 2010	2 0	4.7% 0%	3.8 0
Federated States of Micronesia	<b>0</b>	31.12.14	<b>0%</b>	104,000	<b>0</b>	2005 2011	0 3	0% 3.2%	0 2.9
Nauru	<b>2</b>	mid-23	<b>5.3%</b>	11,000	<b>18.2</b>	2005 2010 2014	0 1 1	0% 5.0% 7.1%	0 10.0 10.0
New Zealand	<b>674</b>	30.9.24	<b>6.8%</b>	5.36m	<b>12.6</b>	2000 2010 2015 2020	266 562 567 629	4.7% 6.4% 6.4% 6.6%	6.9 12.9 12.4 12.5
Palau	<b>3</b>	31.12.23	<b>4.5%</b>	18,000	<b>16.7</b>	2003 2010 2015 2020	7 5 3 4	6.9% 5.7% 4.2% 4.7%	35.0 25.0 14.3 22.2
Papua New Guinea	<b>238</b>	mid-23	<b>4.4%</b>	9.47m	<b>2.5</b>	2001 2010 2014 2018	101 230 228 245	3.1% 5.4% 5.0% 4.7%	1.8 3.3 3.0 3.0
Samoa	<b>19</b>	3.19	<b>5.3%</b>	200,400	<b>9.5</b>	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.	<b>8</b>	mid-17	<b>1.7%</b>	611,000	<b>1.3</b>	1999 2005 2010 2015	1 2 0 4	0.7% 0.7% 0% 1.5%	0.2 0.4 0 0.7
Tonga	<b>21</b>	mid-22	<b>3.8%</b>	108,000	<b>19.4</b>	2000 2010 2014 2018	1 7 1 5	1.5% 4.4% 0.7% 2.5%	1.0 6.7 0.4 1.8
Tuvalu	<b>0</b>	8.14	<b>0%</b>	10,000	<b>0</b>	2000 2005 2010	0 0 0	0% 0% 0%	0 0 0
Vanuatu	<b>13</b>	mid-21	<b>6.7%</b>	300,000	<b>4.3</b>	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)	<b>29</b>	3.22	<b>9.6%</b>	56,000	<b>51.8</b>	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)	<b>4</b>	6.16	<b>8.3%</b>	21,000	<b>19.0</b>	2000 2005 2011	1 1 0	4.3% 3.7% 0%	5.6 5.3 0
French Polynesia (France)	<b>21</b>	1.7.24	<b>3.7%</b>	287,000	<b>7.3</b>	2003 2007 2015 2020	12 12 17 26	4.1% 3.0% 3.8% 4.2%	4.8 4.6 6.0 9.3
Guam (USA)	<b>27</b>	14.11.22	<b>3.9%</b>	171,750	<b>15.7</b>	2005 2009 2013 2017	31 21 35 48	6.2% 4.1% 5.0% 7.2%	19.6 13.2 21.1 29.1
New Caledonia (France)	<b>9</b>	1.1.24	<b>1.5%</b>	295,000	<b>3.1</b>	2003 2007 2015 2020	4 9 7 5	1.3% 2.8% 1.5% 0.9%	1.8 3.8 2.7 1.8
Northern Mariana Islands (USA)	<b>8</b>	31.12.07	<b>5.8%</b>	63,500	<b>12.6</b>	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**

	<b>Female prison population total</b> (latest available to 4.12.2024)	<b>Women/girls as percentage of total prison population</b>	<b>Female prison population rate</b> per 100,000 of general population
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>43,711</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>AMERICAS</b> without USA	<b>282,359</b> 107,752	<b>7.7%</b> 5.8%	<b>27.2</b> 15.3
<b>ASIA</b> without China & India	<b>308,021</b> 139,249	<b>7.3%</b> 7.0%	<b>6.8</b> 8.4
<b>EUROPE</b> without Russia	<b>94,472</b> 55,319	<b>6.1%</b> 5.0%	<b>11.2</b> 7.9
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>4,622</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>733,185</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>9.5</b>

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

	<b>Estimated female prison population total at about 2000</b>	<b>Latest available female prison population total</b> (to 4.12.24)	<b>Change in female prison population total since about 2000</b>	<b>Change in general population mid-2000 to mid-2024</b> (United Nations)
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>43,711</b>	<b>+ 82.1%</b>	<b>+ 81.8%</b>
<b>AMERICAS</b> without USA	<b>196,300</b> 37,671	<b>282,359</b> 107,752	<b>+43.8%</b> <b>+186.0%</b>	<b>+ 26.4%</b>
<b>ASIA</b> without China & India	<b>143,800</b> 87,611	<b>308,021</b> 139,249	<b>+ 114.2%</b> <b>+58.9%</b>	<b>+ 27.9%</b>
<b>EUROPE</b> without Russia	<b>99,900</b> 44,450	<b>94,472</b> 55,319	<b>- 5.4%</b> <b>+24.5%</b>	<b>+ 5.7%</b>
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>4,622</b>	<b>+ 143.3%</b>	<b>+ 42.6%</b>
<b>WORLD</b>	<b>465,900</b>	<b>733,185</b>	<b>+57.4%</b>	<b>+ 32.0%</b>