

# World Prison Population Rates per 100,000 of the national population

This map shows world prison population rates per 100,000 of the national population.

Current world prison population rate: **168 per 100,000 people**

Current world prison population total: **9,949,696**

## How the World Prison Population Data is Compiled?

The World Prison Population List is compiled from a variety of sources. In almost all cases the original source is the national prison administration of the country concerned, or else the Ministry responsible for the prison administration. Most figures relate to dates between the beginning of 2006 and the end of 2009. Since prison population rates (per 100,000 of the national population) are based on estimates of the national population they should not be regarded as precise. In order to compare prison population rates in different regions of the world, and to estimate the number of persons held in prison in the countries for which information is not available, median rates have been used because they minimise the effect of countries with rates that are untypically high or low.

Country name	Prison population	Rates per 100,000 of the national population		Note
United States		2,297,400	748	
Russia		847,300	598	
Rwanda		59,311	593	
Virgin Islands		612	561	
Saint Kitts and Nevis		275	551	
Cuba		60,000	531	estimate
Georgia		22,238	505	
Palau		97	478	
British Virgin Islands		117	468	
Belize		1,400	449	
Anguilla		55	401	
Bermuda		261	394	
Belarus		36,533	385	
Kazakhstan		59,141	382	
Bahamas, The		1,301	376	
Seychelles		305	371	
El Salvador		22,969	370	
French Guiana		746	365	

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Grenada		372	358	
Suriname		1,600	356	estimate
Cayman Islands		194	346	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		410	346	
Maldives		1,125	343	
Saint Lucia		581	332	
Ukraine		150,724	330	
Antigua and Barbuda		229	329	
Barbados		899	326	
Israel		22,725	325	
Dominica		235	324	
Panama		11,661	324	
South Africa		161,496	324	
Latvia		7,200	319	
Netherlands Antilles		713	319	
Thailand		212,058	313	
Chile		53,410	311	
Puerto Rico		12,130	303	
Guam		513	287	
Taiwan		64,282	279	
Trinidad and Tobago		3,591	276	
Singapore		12,944	273	
Aruba		277	269	
Botswana		5,216	267	
Estonia		3,555	265	
Tunisia		26,000	263	estimate
Guyana		1,989	261	
Uruguay		8,749	261	
Brazil		473,626	243	
Azerbaijan		20,986	240	
Lithuania		8,000	239	
United Arab Emirates		11,193	238	
Greenland		132	234	
Costa Rica		10,318	224	
Turkmenistan		10,953	224	
Iran		166,979	223	
Swaziland		2,628	219	
Poland		82,697	217	
Nauru		30	211	

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Czech Republic		21,881	208	
Mexico		224,749	204	
Libya		12,905	200	
New Zealand		8,706	199	
American Samoa		132	198	
Gabon		2,750	196	estimate
Namibia		4,064	194	
Martinique		763	191	
Jersey		176	190	
Dominican Republic		19,100	189	
Mongolia		5,079	188	
Moldova		6,535	184	
Cape Verde		755	178	
Saudi Arabia		44,600	178	
Colombia		80,490	176	
Gibraltar		51	174	
Guadeloupe		790	174	
Jamaica		4,709	174	
Macau		930	173	
Slovakia		9,316	172	
Morocco		53,580	167	
Mauritius		2,163	166	
Spain		76,259	165	
Turkey		119,542	164	
Réunion		1,307	161	
Albania		5,041	159	
Lebanon		5,870	159	
Algeria		54,000	158	
Montenegro		986	157	
England		85,009	154	
French Polynesia		404	153	
Hungary		15,373	153	
Sri Lanka		30,933	153	
Peru		44,882	152	
Scotland		7,953	152	
Honduras		11,348	151	
Armenia		4,850	149	
Bahrain		1	149	
Lesotho		2,701	144	

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Serbia		10,526	143	
Northern Mariana Islands		124	142	
Hong Kong		9,882	141	
Tonga		170	141	
Malta		583	140	
Luxembourg		706	139	
Australia		29,317	134	
Kyrgyzstan		7,199	133	
New Caledonia		326	133	
Argentina		52,457	132	
Romania		28,147	131	
Kuwait		3,500	130	estimate
Malaysia		36,040	130	
Isle of Man		97	127	
Burundi		10,858	126	
Cook Islands		27	126	
Uzbekistan		34,000	122	estimate
Vietnam		107,668	122	
Bulgaria		9,071	120	
China		1,620,000	120	
Fiji		1,016	120	
Burma		60,053	120	
Zambia		15,544	120	
Jordan		7,242	118	
Canada		39,132	117	
Guernsey		77	117	
Kenya		46,662	117	
Cameroon		22,181	114	
Venezuela		32,624	114	
Italy		67,444	111	
Philippines		102,267	111	
Macedonia [FYROM]		2,235	109	
Tajikistan		7,350	109	
Portugal		11,541	108	
Croatia		4,734	107	
Nicaragua		6,060	107	
Zimbabwe		13,361	107	
Brunei		423	106	
Iraq		32,734	106	

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Austria		8,671	103	
Greece		11,547	102	
Samoa		186	99	
Ethiopia		80,487	98	
Korea, South		47,514	98	
Paraguay		6,146	97	
France		59,655	96	
Belgium		10,159	94	
Cambodia		13,944	94	
Netherlands		15,604	94	
Ireland		4,214	93	
Tanzania		40,111	92	
Uganda		29,826	91	
Madagascar		17,703	90	
Egypt		64,378	89	
Micronesia, Federated States of		96	89	
Germany		70,817	87	
Mayotte		179	85	
Cyprus		671	83	
Sao Tome and Principe		160	83	
Yemen		14,000	83	
Bolivia		7,778	80	
Northern Ireland		1,446	80	
Ecuador		10,808	79	
Papua New Guinea		5,288	79	
Switzerland		6,084	79	
Malawi		11,996	78	
Marshall Islands		47	78	
Sweden		7,286	78	
Monaco		25	76	
Vanuatu		187	76	
Andorra		60	71	
Denmark		3,967	71	
Norway		3,446	71	
Guatemala		9,993	70	
Mozambique		15,998	70	
Laos		4,020	69	
Bosnia and Herzegovina: Federation		1,750	67	
Slovenia		1,385	67	

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Benin		6,083	66	
Bosnia and Herzegovina: Republika Srpska		924	66	
Togo		3,200	65	
Kiribati		72	64	
Japan		80,523	63	
Kosovo		1,300	62	estimate
Djibouti		525	61	
Indonesia		140,740	61	
Oman		1,403	61	
Finland		3,231	60	
Pakistan		95,016	58	
Syria		10,599	58	
Congo, Democratic Republic of the		30,000	57	estimate
Côte d'Ivoire		11,143	56	
Ghana		13,377	56	
Iceland		175	55	
Qatar		465	55	
Haiti		5,117	53	
Senegal		6,425	53	
Angola		8,300	52	estimate
Mali		6,700	52	
Bangladesh		83,000	51	
Central African Republic		2,145	49	
Niger		5,709	46	
Solomon Islands		234	45	
Sudan		19,144	45	
Afghanistan		12,500	44	
Sierra Leone		2,328	41	
Liberia		1,600	40	
Papua New Guinea		3,070	37	
Chad		3,416	35	
Burkina Faso		5,082	32	
Gambia, The		450	32	
India		376,396	32	
Congo, Republic of the		1,165	31	estimate
Comoros		200	30	estimate
Nigeria		46,000	29	
Liechtenstein		10	28	

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Mauritania		815	26	
Cook Islands		12	25	
Tuvalu		3	25	
Nepal		6,700	24	estimate
Timor-Leste		223	20	
San Marino		2	0	
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