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Quick Facts About the Bureau of Prisons

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Inmate Population

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Total population: 218,119

Total sentenced population: 199,616

Inmates in BOP facilities: 177,283

Inmates in privately-managed secure facilities¹: 28,379

Inmates in other contract facilities²: 12,457

¹ Includes inmates housed in privately-managed secure facilities under contract with the BOP or with a state or local government that has an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the BOP.

² Includes inmates housed in community corrections centers, home confinement, jail/short-term detention, contract juveniles, and long-term boarders.

Inmate Breakdown

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Inmates By Security Level

Minimum: 17.2 %

Low: 38.9 %

Medium: 28.7 %

High: 11.0 %

Unclassified¹: 4.1 %

Inmates By Gender

Male: 203,893 (93.5 %)

Female: 14,226 (6.5 %)

Inmates By Race

White: 129,219 (59.2 %)

Black: 81,405 (37.3 %)

Native American: 4,004 (1.8 %)

Asian: 3,491 (1.6 %)

Ethnicity

Hispanic: 75,996 (34.8 %)

Inmate Age

Average Inmate Age: 39

Citizenship

United States: 160,117 (73.4 %)

Mexico: 40,058 (18.4 %)

Colombia: 2,360 (1.1 %)

Cuba: 1,607 (0.7 %)

Dominican Republic: 2,418 (1.1 %)

Other/Unknown: 11,559 (5.3 %)

¹These inmates have not yet been assigned a security level.

Sentence Imposed

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Less than 1 year: 3,978 (2.0 %)

More than 20 years: 19,856 (9.7 %)

Wood v. Beauclair, No. 10-35300 archived on September 12, 2012

1-3 years: 25,330 (12.4 %)	Life: 6,177 (3.0 %)
3-5 years: 29,667 (14.6 %)	Death: 58
5-10 years: 58,891 (28.9 %)	
10-15 years: 41,453 (20.3 %)	
15-20 years: 18,470 (9.1 %)	

* Data is only calculated for cases where sentencing information is available.

Types of Offenses

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Drug Offenses:	92,721 (47.9 %)
Weapons, Explosives, Arson:	30,865 (15.9 %)
Immigration:	23,295 (12.0 %)
Robbery:	8,154 (4.2 %)
Burglary, Larceny, Property Offenses:	7,504 (3.9 %)
Extortion, Fraud, Bribery:	10,872 (5.6 %)
Homicide, Aggravated Assault, and Kidnapping Offenses:	5,655 (2.9 %)
Miscellaneous:	1,653 (0.9 %)
Sex Offenses:	10,755 (5.6 %)
Banking and Insurance, Counterfeit, Embezzlement:	855 (0.4 %)
Courts or Corrections:	651 (0.3 %)
Continuing Criminal Enterprise:	502 (0.3 %)
National Security:	87 (0.0 %)

* Data calculated for those with offense-specific information available.

Staff Breakdown

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Staff By Race/Ethnicity

White (Non-Hispanic):	24,331 (63.8 %)
African American:	8,091 (21.2 %)
Hispanic:	4,351 (11.4 %)
Asian:	816 (2.1 %)
Native American:	526 (1.4 %)
Other:	11

Staff By Gender

Male:	27,717 (72.7 %)
Female:	10,414 (27.3 %)