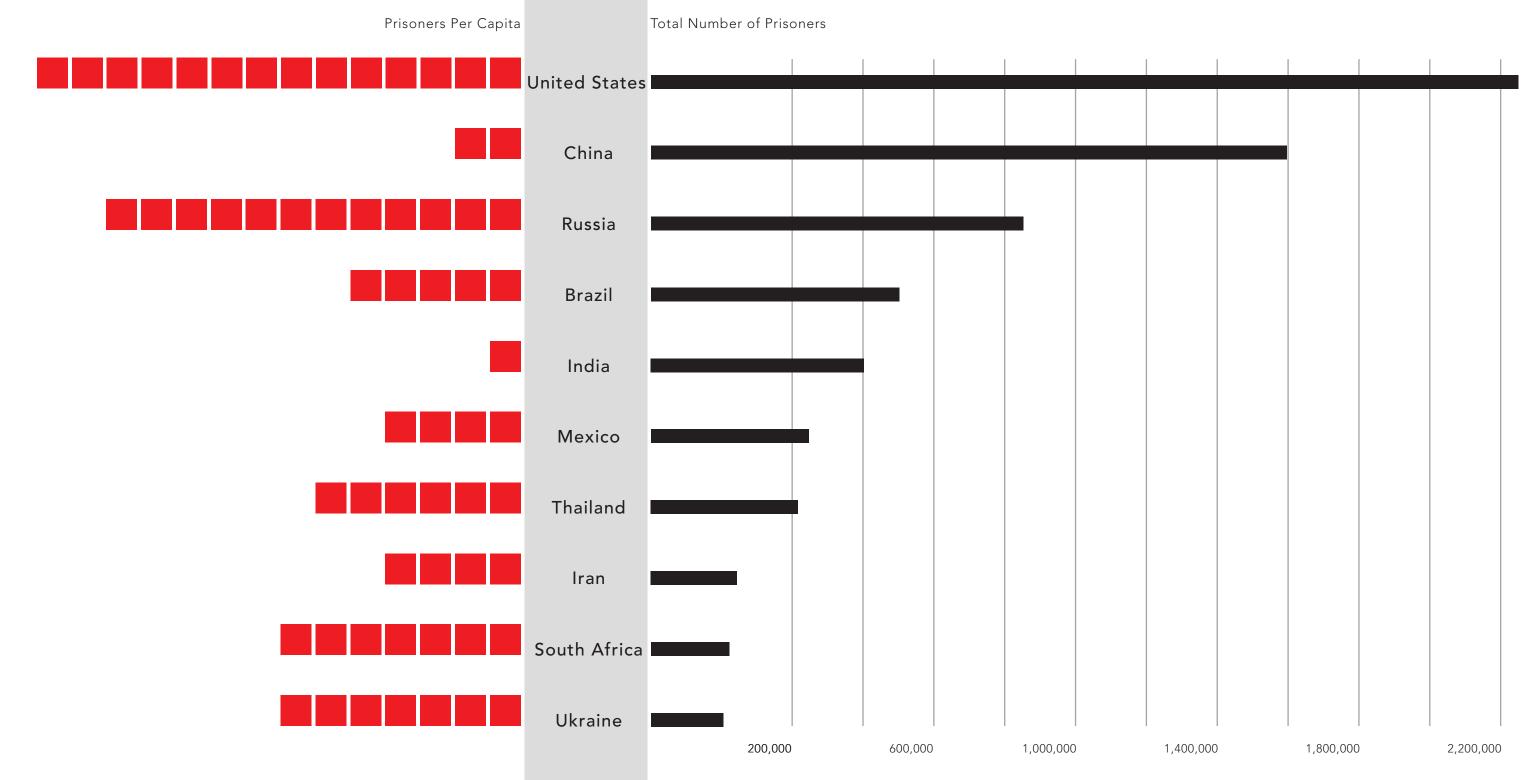


U.S. Prison Population

Highest in the World

The U.S. corrections system has gone through an unprecedented expansion during the last few decades, with a more than 400% jump in the prison population and a corresponding boom in prison construction. At the end of 2008, 2.3 million adults were in state, local, or federal custody, with another 5.1 million on probation or parole. Of that total, 9% were in federal custody. Globally, the United States has 5% of the world's population but 25% of its prisoners. Prison growth has been fueled by tough drug enforcement, stringent sentencing laws, and high rates of recidivism (the re-arrest, re-conviction, or re-incarceration of an ex-offender). 1



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Total Population Behind Bars = 2,297,400

Prison Populations by State



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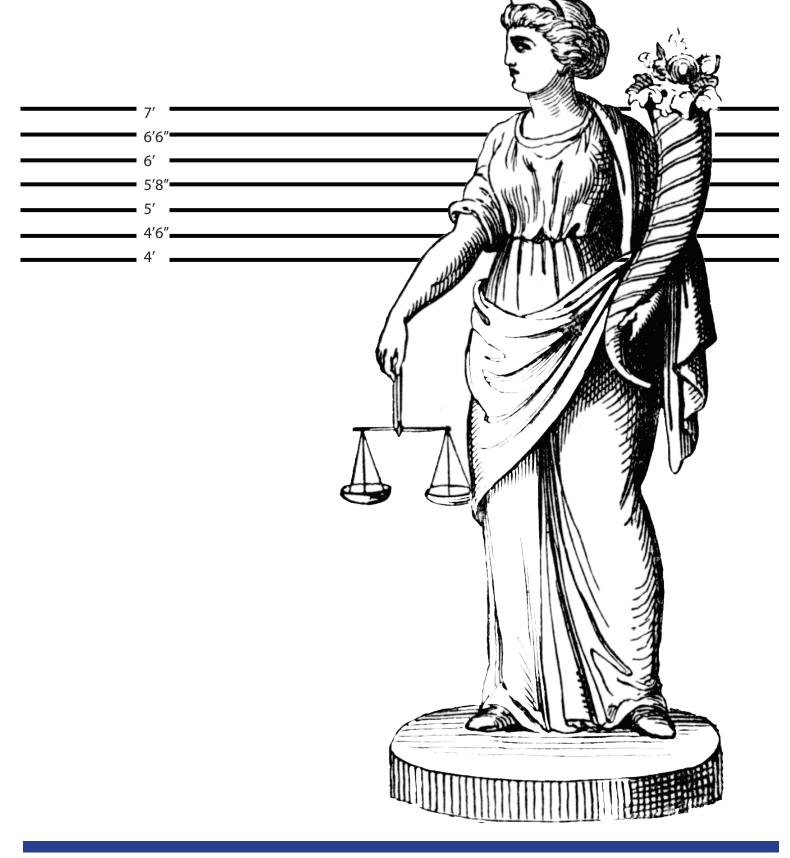
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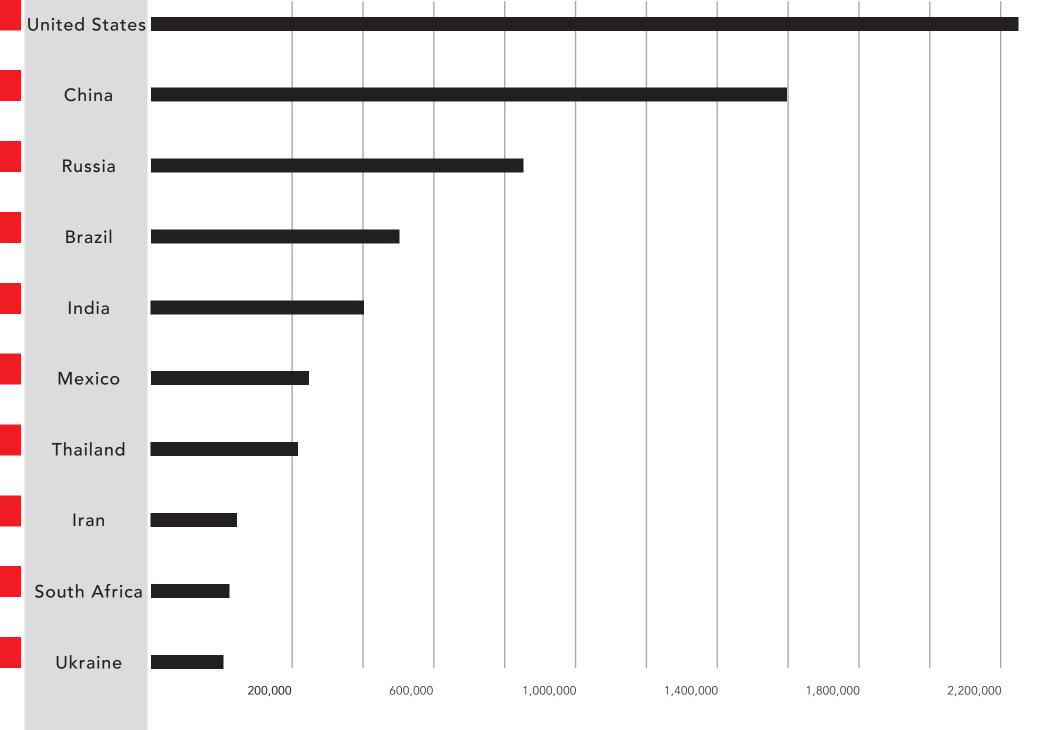


America Behind Bars

A look at the facts

America Versus the World²

A look at America's prison population as compared to other countries. The Countries in this graphic are those with the top ten highest overall prison populations. On the left is the "per capita" prison population (how many prisoners per 100,000 members of the countries entire population), and gives us a clearer picture as to which countries jail larger percentages of their citizens. As you can see, the United States is top in both overall prison population and per capita prison populations.



Reasons for Incarceration

Economic Impacts of Prison Growth

3 U.S. Census Bureau

4 NationMaster.com

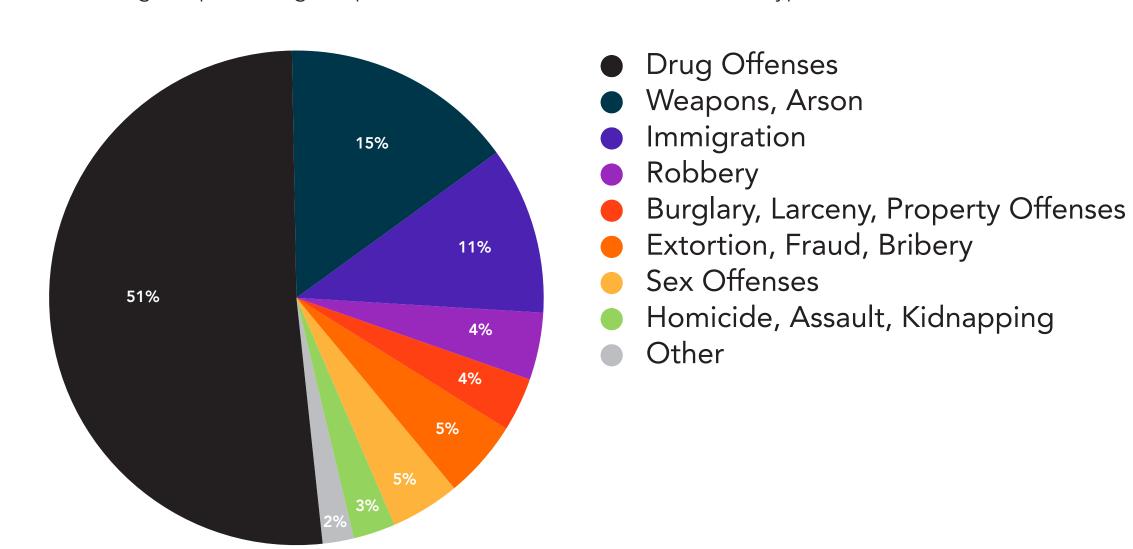
Additional Information: Federal Bureau of Prisons http://www.bop.gov

http://etc.usf.edu/clipart/

http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R41177.pdf

2 International Centre for Prison Studies: World Prison Brief http://www.kcl.ac.uk/depsta/law/research/icps/worldbrief/

A chart showing the percentage of prisoners in the United States for each type of offense.



Gender

