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PRISONER PROFILE

State Prisons:

There are about **63,000** people in New York State Prisons, up from **12,500** in 1973 and **28,500** in 1983, but down from nearly **71,500** in 1999.

African Americans make up **50.4%** of the prison population. They represent **15.9%** of the State's population.

Latinos make up **28.4%** of the State's inmate population and **15.1%** of the overall population.

There are over **2,800** women in State prison. They make up about **4.5%** of the total inmate population.

Between **60 and 70%** of inmates – **39,000 to 45,500** -- have a history of drug abuse.

50.4% of prisoners have no high school diploma.

Over **51%** of the inmates are serving time for first felony convictions.

56.8% of the offenders sent to State prison in 2005 were convicted of non-violent crimes.

City Jails:

There are about **14,000** people in New York City Jails, up from **7,000** in 1980, but down from **22,600** in 1991.

African Americans and Latinos make up about **91%** of the City Jail population.

91.5% are male, **8.5%** are female.

About **72%** of the City's inmates are pre-trial detainees who have been charged but not convicted.

About **56%** of the detainees with a bail sent to jail at arraignment have bails of **\$2,000 or less**. About **25%** have bails of **\$500 or less**.

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