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America’s Prison Population

1972: 300,000
2014: 2,300,000

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics
The number of people in state prisons for drug offenses has increased 550 percent in two decades.

Source: Justice Policy Institute
U.S. Share of World Population

- 5% U.S.
- Rest of World 95%

U.S. Share of World Prison Population

- 25% U.S.
- Rest of World 75%

Source: The Economist, Aug. 2013
U.S Federal Prison Population = 196,574

- Drug Offenses: 50%
- Property, Immigration and Other Offenses: 46%
- Violent Offenses: 5%

Source: U.S. Department of Justice