

2013 Basic facts about Michigan's prison system

Comparative population growth:

	Prisoner Population	State Population	Incarceration Rate
1980	15,148	9,262,078	164
1990	34,209	9,295,297	368
2000	47,718	9,938,444	480
2010	44,113	9,883,640	446
30-year change	+191%	+6.7%	+172%

In 30 years, Michigan's prison population grew at 29 times the rate of its total population.

Prisoner count on Feb. 1, 2013:

Prisoners:	43,451	Prisons:	32
Probationers:	48,924	Camps:	0
Parolees:	16,320	"Virtual prisons" (county jails used to house state prisoners):	10 (313 beds)
Residential reentry:	977		

2011 Great Lakes incarceration rates per 100,000 people:

	Violent crime rate	Incarceration Rate
Michigan	445	434
Illinois	429	376
New York	398	283
Pennsylvania	355	402
Indiana	332	442
Ohio	307	441
Wisconsin	237	359
Minnesota	221	183

Michigan has the region's highest violent crime rate and third highest incarceration rate.

However, the differences among states overall show there is little correlation between violent crime and incarceration rates.

Michigan prisoner profile:

Male	95.4%	Serving first prison term	> 60%
Female	4.6%	Assaultive	70.2%
Non-white	56.1%	Non-assaultive	21.9%
White	43.9%	Drug offenders	7.9%
Av. Age (1989)	31.4	Sex offenders	18.8%
Av. Age (2011)	38.0	Minimum sentence 2 years or less	23.2%
Age 50+	18.2%	Av. minimum years (non-life)	8.9
Receiving mental health services	20.0%	Lifers	11.8%
Substance abuse history	66.0%		

2013 Michigan corrections spending:

**Cost per day of operating Michigan prisons:
\$4.2 million**

FY 2013 Appropriation:

Gross \$2,018,515,900
General Fund \$1,941,485,600

Percent of General Fund Spending

1983 5.0%
2013 21.6%

MDOC employee costs

Average cost per prisoner per year \$34,917
Number of employees 13,517
Proportion of classified state employees 27.5%
Average cost per MDOC employee: \$106,510

2012 MDOC intake

New court commitments 4,845 — 45.8%
Probation violators 2,632 — 24.9%
Parolees—new sentence 1,406 — 13.3%
Parolees—technical violators 1,694 — 16.0%
Escape-new sentence 1 — 0.0%
Total intake: 10,578

More than twenty percent of all Michigan prisoners are currently eligible for release:

2012 releases

2012 parole grant rate: 65.1%
Discharged on the maximum: 961

Number past earliest release date: 8,312

Lifers currently eligible for parole: 850 (Approximate)

Michigan prisoners are overwhelmingly male, disproportionately non-white and much older than they were 20 years ago.

- Nearly two-thirds have a history of substance abuse
- One-fifth have been diagnosed with mental illness.
- Michigan prisoners released in 2009 had served an average of 4.3 years, compared to a national average of 2.9 years.
- More than 5,000 people are serving life terms.

The size of a prisoner population is determined by how many people come in and how long they stay.

Michigan's 2009 average prison length of stay was the longest of all 35 states examined by the Pew Center on the States.