

Imprisonment Rates Have Declined Across Racial and Ethnic Groups - Especially among Black Men

Image Description

Three lines on a line chart represent Black, Hispanic, or White prisoners per 100,000 adults, ages 18 and older in each group from 2006 to 2018.

- Black people are imprisoned at the highest rates, starting at 2,261 in 2006 and dropping steadily to 1,501 in 2018.
- Hispanic people have the next highest rate of imprisonment, starting at 1,073 in 2006 and dropping to 797 in 2018.
- White people have the lowest rate of imprisonment, beginning at 324 in 2006 and dropping slightly to 268 in 2018.

Note: Blacks and whites include those who report being only one race and are non-Hispanic. Hispanics are of any race. Prisoners are those sentenced to more than a year in state or federal prison.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics/Pew Research Center.