

## Justice System Fact Sheet

Directions: Use the links below to find facts about the criminal justice system. Answer the questions in complete sentences (use part of the question to begin your answer).

### [Trends in US Corrections](#)

1. What has been the trend of women going to prison from 1980 to 2019?
2. What percent of people in jail are people of color?
3. What is the difference between men and women when it comes to lifetime imprisonment?
4. Compare the lifetime imprisonment between white men, black men, and Latino men.
5. Compare the lifetime imprisonment between white women, black women, and Latina women.

### [The Color of Justice: Racial and Ethnic Disparity in State Prisons](#)

6. At what rate are African Americans incarcerated in state prisons?
7. What state has the highest overall black incarceration rate?
8. At what rate are Latinos imprisoned compared to whites?
9. After viewing the table of incarceration rates by race and by state, what trends do you see?
10. What state has the biggest disparity between whites and blacks going to jail?

11. Make a list of factors that might contribute to this disparity.

[US Prison Population By Race - WorldAtlas](#)

12. How does the incarceration rate affect American society?

13. What are some actions being taken to change the trends in incarceration rates?

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2017/12/15/a-mass-incarceration-mystery/?noredirect=on>

14. Analyze the two charts, what trends do you see?

15. Four reasons are given for the trend. Explain each.

[Analysis | California abolished money bail. Here's why bail opponents aren't happy.](#)

16. Explain the new policy on bail.

17. Why start this new policy?

18. What do some who are against it feel?

19. What do some who are for it feel?

20. Do you think it will accomplish what it wants to accomplish? Why or why not? Use specific information from the article to prove your point.