

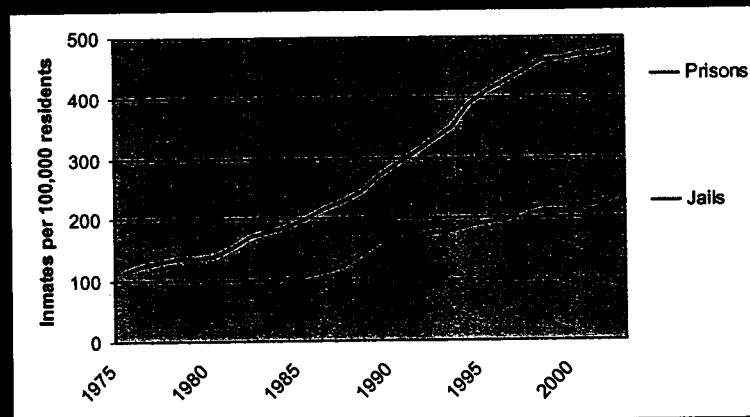


## The Impact of Drug Crimes on State Population Growth

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Incarceration rates soared over the last 25  
years, but rising more slowly in recent years



Prison and jail populations have increased  
by nearly 450,000 since 1995

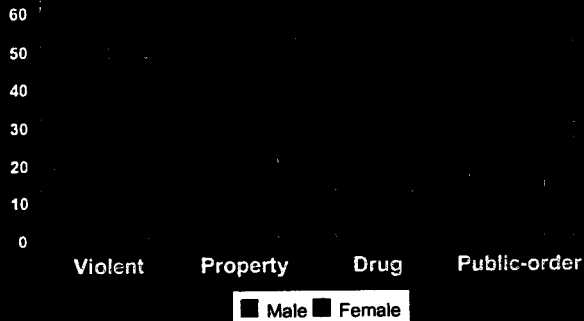
	Federal prisons	State prisons	Local jails
1995	89,538	989,004	507,044
2000	125,682	1,176,269	621,149
2002	151,618	1,209,640	665,475
Average annual percent change			
1995-2002	7.8	2.9	4.0
2001-2002	5.8	2.5	5.4

500,000 drug offenders in prison and jail  
in 2002, up from 380,000 in 1995

	Percent of inmates, 2002		
	Federal prison	State prison	Local jail
Violent	11.3 %	48.8 %	25.4 %
Property	7.5	19.8	24.4
Drug	55.0	20.8	24.7
Possession	0.5	5.6	10.7
Trafficking	54.5	14.6	12.2
Public order	25.5	10.3	24.9
Other	0.7	0.3	0.5

## State prison growth the result of increasing number of inmates held for violent offenses

Percent of total growth in State inmates, 1995-2001

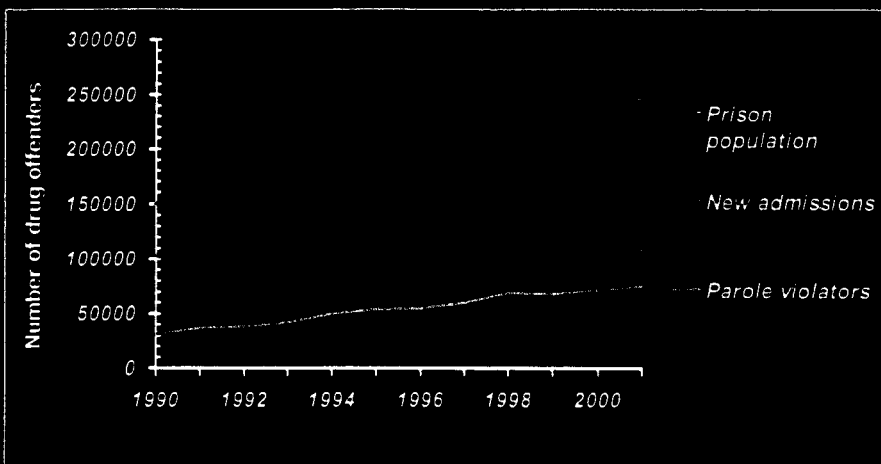


- Overall, the 130,800 additional violent offenders accounted for the largest share of State prisoner growth (63%).
- Drug offenders grew by 30,600 inmates, accounting for 15% of the total growth in State prisoners.

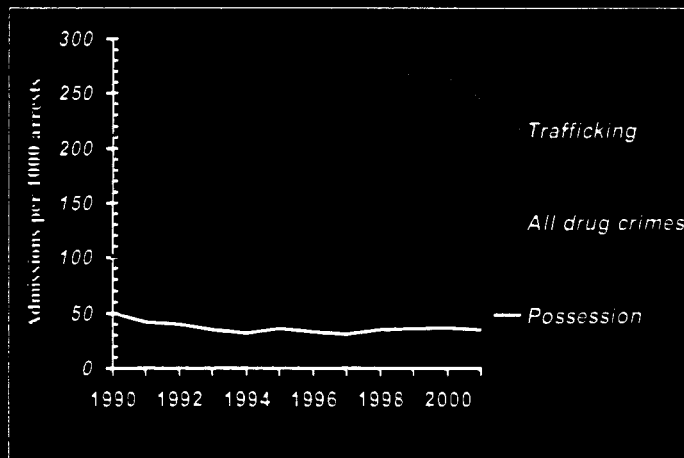
## Blumstein and Beck link growth to sanctioning phase of criminal justice system

	All offenses	Excluding drugs
<b>State growth, 1980-96</b>		
Offense rate	12 %	%
Arrests per offense	0	1
Commitments per arrest	51	41
Time served	37	58
<b>Federal growth, 1980-96</b>		
Arrest rate	38 %	31 %
Prosecutions per arrest	0	0
Convictions per prosecution	6	11
Commitments per conviction	12	23
Time served	44	35

New admissions to State prison for drug offenses stabilize; while returns for parole violations increase



Prison admissions per 1,000 arrests for drug possession dropped; while admissions per 1,000 arrests for trafficking rose



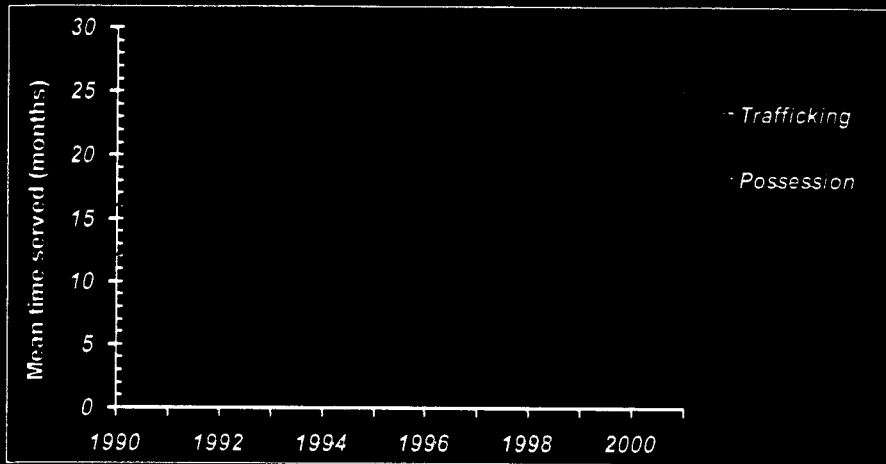
## Except for drug offending, likelihood of incarceration in State prison has risen

	New court commitments per 1,000 arrests	
	1990	2000
Part I, Violent offenses		
Murder	460	700
Forcible rape	229	266
Robbery	233	365
Aggravated assault	56	78
Part I, Property offenses		
Burglary	160	193
Larceny/theft	24	28
Motor vehicle theft	72	71
Drug abuse violations	103	79
Weapons	34	77

## State courts less likely to impose prison sentences on convicted drug felons

	Possession		Trafficking	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Number of felony convictions	106,100	116,300	168,400	203,400
Prison sentence	35 %	33 %	49 %	41 %
Mean sentence of admissions	48 mos	44 mos	67 mos	60 mos

Average time served by State drug prisoners rose by 6 months during the 1990's



Mandatory minimum sentences have decreased percent of drug offenders serving 6 months or less

	Possession		Trafficking	
	6 months or less	10 years or more	6 months or less	10 years or more
1990	44.7 %	0.2 %	20.0 %	0.2 %
1995	33.6	0.2	18.2	0.2
1998	25.9	0.4	15.0	0.4
2000	26.8	0.5	13.2	1.0

## State prison growth linked to increasing number of parole violators

Year	All admissions	New court commitments	Parole violators
1990	460,739	323,069	133,870
1995	521,291	337,492	175,726
2000	582,232	350,431	203,569
2001	594,429	365,714	215,450
Percent change 1990-2001	29 %	13 %	61 %

## 74,000 drug offenders returned to State prison in 2001 for parole violations

Reason for revocation*	Possession	Trafficking
Arrest/conviction for new offense	84 %	81 %
Technical violations		
Drug-related	34	34
Absconding	16	21
Other	12	15

\*Based on 1996-97 admissions whose parole had been revoked.

## Drug offenders in State prison have extensive criminal histories

- 54% on probation, parole, or escape at time of their arrest
- 83% had a prior sentence to incarceration or probation; 45% had 3 or more sentences
- 24% had a prior violent offense; 32% had only prior drug offenses
- 72% report drug involved was cocaine/crack; 13% heroin/other opiates; 13% marijuana

## 25% of drug law violators released from State prison in 1994 had 11 or more prior arrests

	Possession	Trafficking
Prior arrests		
None	6.7 %	5.3 %
1	8.6	7.8
2-3	17.4	15.8
4-6	23.4	23.8
7-10	17.8	21.8
11-15	13.4	12.4
16 or more	12.7	13.1
Mean charges	22	25

## 8,000 State inmates in 2002 were held for marijuana possession only

- 3.6% of State inmates first time drug offenders
- 1.6% held for marijuana only (possession or trafficking)
- 0.7% held for marijuana possession only
- 0.3% first time, marijuana possession only

## Racial composition of State prisons stable since 1990

	All inmates		Drug offenders	
	1990	2001	1990	2001
White	35.3 %	35.1 %	19.8 %	23.3
Black	45.6	45.5	53.3	56.8
Hispanic	16.7	17.0	25.9	18.1
Other	2.4	2.4	1.0	1.8

## Blacks 13 times more likely than whites to be in State prison for drug offenses

Number of sentenced prisoners per 100,000 residents

	1990	2001
All offenses		
White	128	217
Black	1024	1547
Hispanic	486	536
Drug offenses		
White	16	29
Black	260	394
Hispanic	163	123

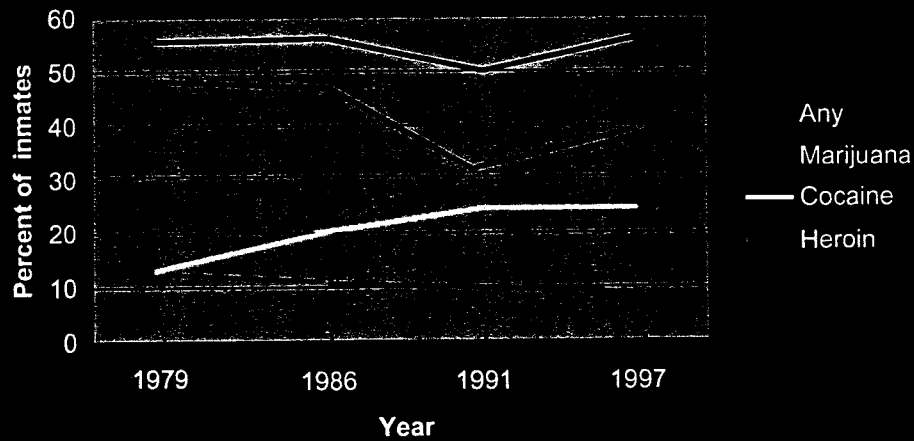
## Increase in drug offenders accounts for 23% of total growth among black inmates since 1995

	Percent of total growth 1995-2001		
	White	Black	Hispanic
Violent	59 %	57 %	81 %
Property	3	--	--
Drugs	18	23	--
Public-order	20	20	19

## Measures of prevalence document extent of racial disparities in incarceration

	In prison on 12/31/02	Ever in prison	Lifetime projection
Males			
White	0.5 %	2.6 %	5.9 %
Black	3.4	16.6	32.2
Hispanic	1.2	7.7	7.7

## Percent of State inmates reporting drug use in month before offense has remained steady despite shifts in drugs consumed



An estimated 150,000 State inmates released in 2000 needed drug treatment but did not receive it while in prison

Measure of need	Number who needed treatment	Number released without needed treatment:	
		Low estimate	High estimate
Restricted	201,000	114,000	154,000
Moderate	220,000	126,000	170,000
Broad	267,000	159,000	212,000