

Connecticut Department of Public Health

HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program



QuickStats

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HIV in Prisons, 2007-08

- In December 2009, the Bureau of Justice Statistics issued a Bulletin containing national and state data for state and federal prisoners infected with HIV at the end of 2007 and 2008. The full issue can be found at: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/hivp08.pdf
- In the US, at the end of 2008, a reported 21,987 inmates held in state or federal prisons were HIV positive, accounting for 1.5% of the total custody population. Of these, 20,075 (91%) were male and 1,912 (9%) were female. An estimated 5,733 (26% of HIV positive) state and federal prisoners had AIDS.
- In Connecticut the number of inmates with HIV infection was reported to be 423 in 2006, 415 in 2007, and 380 in 2008. These numbers were 2.2%, 2.1%, and 2.0% of the custody population, respectively. In the Northeast states these percentages range from 5.8-6.3% in New York (the highest in the country) to 0.4-0.6% in Maine. Connecticut percentages were comparable to Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland, Louisiana, South Carolina, and Texas.
- Of the 380 HIV-positive inmates in Connecticut in 2008, 328 (86%) were male and 52 (14%) were female.
- Of the 380 HIV-positive inmates in Connecticut in 2008, 156 (41%) were confirmed to have AIDS. In 2007 there were 27 AIDS-related deaths in inmates from Connecticut *state* prisons.
- In Connecticut the following were reported as circumstances under which inmates were tested for HIV in 2008: high-risk, inmate request, court order, clinical indication, involvement in incident.

Source:

Maruchak, L. HIV in Prisons, 2007-08. Bureau of Justice Statistics, December 2009, NCJ 228307.

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<http://www.ct.gov/dph/HIVsurveillance>