



Deaths in Local Jails, 2000-2006

Recent findings from the Deaths in Custody Reporting Program

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Overview

- I. Deaths in Custody Reporting Act of 2000.
 - I. Records come directly from the jails.
 - II. Record based on official medical reports.

- II. Re-authorization pending
 - I. The Deaths in Custody Reporting Act of 2008 is working it's way through the Senate.

Deaths in Custody Reporting Program (DCRP) Releases

- Suicide and Homicide in State Prisons and Local Jails (2005, NCJ 21340)
- Medical Causes of Death in State Prisons, 2001-2004 (NCJ 216340)
- Arrest-Related Deaths in the United States, 2003-2005 (NCJ 219534)
- Deaths in Custody Statistical Tables (annual)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/dcrp/dictabs.htm>

Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Overview

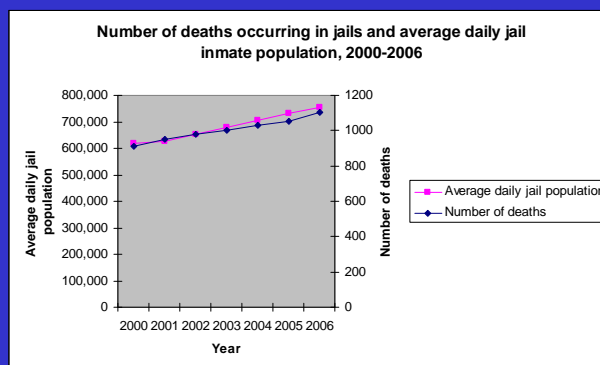
Jail Table 1. Number of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death, 2000-2006

Cause of death	Number of local jail inmate deaths							
	2000-2006	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
All causes	7,008	905	947	974	1,003	1,030	1,052	1,097
Illness	3,311	459	428	459	458	485	465	557
AIDS	368	58	59	50	54	52	40	55
Suicide	2,076	289	314	314	296	300	286	277
Drug/alcohol intoxication	489	37	58	55	90	77	85	87
Accident	210	25	35	35	27	32	25	31
Homicide	147	17	21	17	14	23	21	34
Other/unknown	407	20	32	44	64	61	130	56

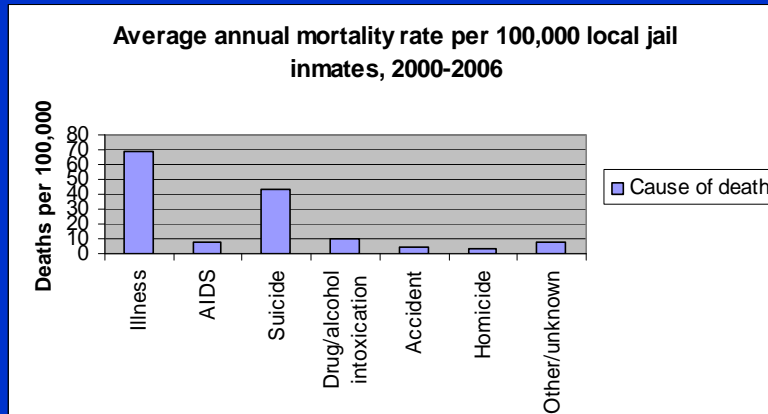
Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Overview

- Between 2000 and 2006, 7,008 inmates died in local jails.
- Illness and suicide deaths were the leading causes of death in local jails
 - 52% illness (AIDS included)
 - 30% suicide
- Intoxication deaths was the third leading cause: < 1 in 10

Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Overview



Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Findings



Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Who died?

Jail table 4. Number of local jail inmate deaths, by selected characteristics, 2000-2006

Characteristic	Number of local jail inmate deaths							
	2000-2006	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total	7,008	905	947	974	1,003	1,030	1,052	1,097
Gender								
Male	6,201	814	852	867	868	899	933	968
Female	801	91	91	107	133	131	119	129
Race/Hispanic origin								
White, non-Hispanic	3,641	453	518	537	538	504	561	530
Black, non-Hispanic	2,327	306	283	305	324	363	336	410
Hispanic	847	118	116	114	120	135	118	126
Other*	153	17	24	18	16	25	23	30
Age								
Under 18	43	8	8	7	4	7	5	4
18-24	717	89	107	101	104	105	108	103
25-34	1,377	184	193	186	213	212	193	196
35-44	2,070	266	283	338	283	300	287	313
45-54	1,835	239	242	238	266	267	277	306
55 or older	930	115	111	102	127	136	171	168

Note: Detail may not sum to total due to missing data.
*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Who died?

- Of the 7,008 deaths
 - 6,201 were Male (88-90%)
 - 3,641 were White (48-54%)
 - 2,327 were Black (30-37%)
 - Inmates 24 and younger: 10%
 - Inmates 45 and older: 40%

Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Who died (rates)?

Jail table 6. Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by selected characteristics, 2000-2006

Characteristic	Mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates								
	Average ar	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
Total	145	146	150	146	145	144	141	143	
Gender									
Male	146	148	153	147	142	144	143	145	
Female	137	126	124	139	162	150	126	130	
Race/Hispanic origin									
White, non-Hispanic	188	203	228	224	179	159	169	157	
Black, non-Hispanic	122	123	112	114	120	132	116	139	
Hispanic	106	103	99	93	113	125	105	106	
Age									
Under 18	50	72	70	58	32	54	37	29	
18-24	53	51	60	54	54	52	51	48	
25-34	87	93	96	88	97	93	81	65	
35-44	165	165	172	195	157	162	148	157	
45-54	379	385	383	358	385	374	371	399	
55 or older	868	842	799	697	835	866	1,040	997	

Note: Mortality rates are based on June 30th custody population. Inmate populations of various demographic groups are estimates based on the Annual Survey of Jails and the 2002 Survey of Inmates in Local Jails.

Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Who died (rates)?

- Death rates for men and women are nearly equal.
 - At most, men were 1.2 times more likely to die than women (2001)
 - Males: 146 per 100,000
 - Females: 137 per 100,000
 - Whites: 1.6 times more likely to die than Blacks, 2 as likely than Hispanics
 - 55 and older: 2.4 to 17 times more likely to die than other age groups.

Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Top 50

- The fifty largest jurisdictions as of June 30th, 2006.
 - 2,464 deaths or 35% of deaths
 - Average annual mortality rate: 146 per 100,000
 - Average annual mortality rate for the top 50:
 - » 167 per 100,000: about equal (1.1x)

Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Who died and of what?

Jail table 9. Number of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2000-2006

Characteristic	Number of local jail inmate deaths, by cause of death, 2000-2006							
	Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Homicide	Other/unknown	
Total	3,311	368	2,076	469	210	147	407	
Gender								
Male	2,895	328	1,912	386	188	144	348	
Female	416	40	163	103	22	3	54	
Race/Hispanic origin								
White, non-Hispanic	1,465	57	1,441	295	132	59	192	
Black, non-Hispanic	1,385	257	306	119	54	59	147	
Hispanic	386	50	254	64	18	27	48	
Other*	60	4	70	8	6	1	4	
Age								
Under 18	5	1	32	2	0	1	2	
18-24	114	9	424	66	31	33	40	
25-34	350	72	645	159	52	32	67	
35-44	916	160	626	145	65	40	118	
45-54	1,183	104	267	101	49	28	103	
55 or older	738	20	75	14	13	12	58	

Note: Detail may not add to total due to missing data.
 *Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and persons of two or more races.

Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Who died and of what?

- Men accounted for 92% of suicides and nearly 98% of homicides.
- Females accounted for 1 in 5 (21%) intoxication deaths.
- Whites accounted for 2 out of 3 (70%) suicides.

Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Who died and of what (rates)?

Jail table 11. Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by cause of death and selected characteristics, 2000-2006

		Average annual mortality rate per 100,000 local jail inmates, by cause of death, 2000-2006						
Characteristic		Illness	AIDS	Suicide	Drug/alcohol intoxication	Accident	Homicide	Other/unknown
	Total	69	8	43	10	4	3	8
Gender	Male	68	8	45	9	4	3	8
	Female	71	7	28	17	4	0	9
Race/Hispanic origin	White, non-Hispanic	76	3	76	15	7	3	9
	Black, non-Hispanic	73	14	16	6	3	3	8
	Hispanic	48	6	32	8	2	3	6
Age	Under 18	6	1	38	2	0	1	2
	18-24	8	1	32	5	2	2	3
	25-34	22	5	41	10	3	2	4
	35-44	73	13	50	11	5	3	9
	45-54	245	21	55	21	10	6	21
	55 or older	690	19	71	13	12	11	52

Note: Mortality rates are based on June 30th custody population. Inmate populations of various demographic groups are estimates based on the Annual Survey of Jails and the 2002 Survey of Inmates in Local Jails.

Findings from the DCRP Statistical Tables: Future research

- Mortality in Local Jails, 2000-2006
 - In depth look
 - Large jurisdictions v. small jurisdictions
 - ICD cause of death
 - The difference between jail and prison populations.

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