

# A Growing Need for Prison Cells

The population in state and federal prisons has grown dramatically in the years since the Attica riot at a New York state prison in 1971.

1.5 MILLION

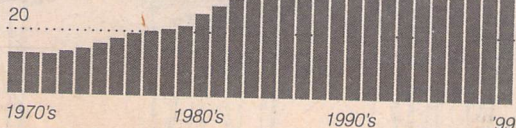
**Total population in state and federal prisons**



80 THOUSAND

**Total population in New York State prisons**

*Does not include federal prisons*



## State prisons with the highest ...

### Inmate population

1998

California	161,904
Texas	144,510
New York	72,638
Florida	67,224
Ohio	48,450

### Incarceration rates

*Per 100,000 state residents, 1998*

Louisiana	736
Texas	724
Oklahoma	622
Mississippi	574
South Carolina	550

### Growth in one year

*Percentage change, 1997-98*

Mississippi	16.7
North Dakota	14.8
Wisconsin	13.4
Vermont	12.3
Oregon	11.6

Sources: Bureau of Justice Statistics; New York State Dept. of Correctional Services

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