



PROBATION AND PAROLE IN THE UNITED STATES - 2006

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In December 2007, the Bureau of Justice Statistics released the bulletin *Probation and Parole in the United States, 2006*. Data come from the 2006 Annual Probation Survey and the 2006 Annual Parole Survey, as well as from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

Probationers are defined here as criminal offenders who have been sentenced to a period of correctional supervision in the community in lieu of incarceration. Parole is defined as a period of conditional supervised release (determined by a parole board or by mandatory conditional release) following a prison term.

The following are highlights taken from this report.

- In 2006, the total federal, state, and local adult correctional population (incarcerated or in the community) grew 2.3 percent to more than 7.2 million. Offenders under community supervision accounted for over 2/3 of the correctional population.
 - Jail population increased 2.5 percent to 766,010.
 - Prison population increased 3.1 percent to 1,492,973.
 - Probation population increased 1.7 percent to 4,237,023.
 - Parole population increased 2.3 percent to 798,202.
- About one in every 31 adults were incarcerated or on probation or parole at year-end 2006.

Probation Statistics

- At year-end 2006, the probation supervision rate was 1,868 probationers per 100,000 adult U.S. residents.
- The probation population increased 1.7 percent in 2006. This was the largest growth since 2002.
- Ohio ranked fifth in the total number on probation, with 243,956. This represents an increase of 1.4 percent from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.
 - Ohio ranked sixth in the rate of persons on probation. At the end of 2006, 2,799 residents per 100,000 population were under correctional supervision.
- Characteristics of probationers in 2006:
 - 24 percent were female, 76 percent male.
 - 55 percent were White, 29 percent Black, and 13 percent Hispanic.
 - 49 percent were convicted of felony offenses, 49 percent misdemeanor offenses, and 2 percent other infractions.

- 73 percent of probationers under supervision in 2006 were supervised for a non-violent offense.
- 27 percent of probationers had a drug law violation as their most serious offense, followed by driving while intoxicated (16 percent), larceny/theft (13 percent), and other assault (9 percent).
- 57 percent successfully completed probation, 18 percent were incarcerated, 4 percent absconded, and 20 percent did not complete probation for other reasons.

Parole Statistics

- In 2006, 352 persons per 100,000 adult residents were under parole supervision, or approximately 1 out of every 284 adults in the U.S.
- The parole population increased 2.3 percent in 2006.
- Ohio ranked 11th in the total number on parole, with 17,603. This represents a decrease of 9.8 percent from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.
- Ohio's parole rate of 202 per 100,000 adult residents was less than the national average of 352 per 100,000 adult residents.
- Characteristics of parolees in 2006:
 - 12 percent were female, 88 percent male.
 - 41 percent were White, 39 percent Black, and 18 percent Hispanic.
 - 94 percent had a sentence length of one year or more.
 - 37 percent had been convicted of a drug offense, 24 percent for a property offense, and 26 percent for a violent offense.
 - 44 percent successfully completed parole, 39 percent returned to incarceration, 11 percent absconded, and 7 percent did not complete for other reasons.

To view the complete report, go to the Bureau of Justice Statistics' web site:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ppus06.pdf>