

**Race and Incarceration in the United States**  
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**Table 4. Percentage of blacks among resident population and incarcerated population\***

	<b>Percentage of State Residents</b>	<b>Percentage of Incarcerated Population</b>	<b>Ratio</b>
Alabama	26%	61.9%	2.4
Alaska	3.5%	10.6%	3.0
Arizona	3.1%	13.3%	4.3
Arkansas	15.7%	44.4%	2.8
California	6.7%	28.7%	4.3
Colorado	3.8%	22.1%	5.7
Connecticut	9.1%	46.1%	5.1
Delaware	19.2%	63.1%	3.3
District of Columbia	60.0%	92.8%	1.5
Florida	14.6%	48.1%	3.3
Georgia	28.7%	61.7%	2.2
Hawaii	1.8%	3.9%	2.2
Idaho	0.4%	1.7%	3.9
Illinois	15.1%	62.9%	4.2
Indiana	8.4%	37.8%	4.5
Iowa	2.1%	19.7%	9.3
Kansas	5.7%	34.0%	5.9
Kentucky	7.3%	35.3%	2.2
Louisiana	32.5%	72.1%	2.2
Maine	0.5%	4.1%	7.7
Maryland	27.9%	72.3%	2.6
Massachusetts	5.4%	26.3%	4.9
Michigan	14.2%	48.9%	3.4
Minnesota	3.5%	28.5%	8.2
Mississippi	36.3%	70.5%	1.9
Missouri	11.2%	41.2%	3.7
Montana	0.3%	2.0%	6.6
Nebraska	4.0%	25.5%	6.4
Nevada	6.8%	27.3%	4.0
New Hampshire	0.7%	6.5%	8.9
New Jersey	13.6%	59.7%	4.4
New Mexico	1.9%	10.0%	5.3
New York	15.9%	54.3%	3.4
North Carolina	21.6%	61.1%	2.8
North Dakota	0.6%	3.3%	5.4
Ohio	11.5%	50.2%	4.4
Oklahoma	7.6%	31.3%	4.1
Oregon	1.6%	11.1%	6.8
Pennsylvania	10.0%	49.7%	5.0
Rhode Island	4.5%	35.9%	8.0
South Carolina	29.5%	67.2%	2.3
South Dakota	0.6%	6.9%	11.1
Tennessee	16.4%	49.0%	3.0
Texas	11.5%	36.8%	3.2
Utah	0.8%	5.9%	7.4
Vermont	0.5%	5.2%	10.3
Virginia	19.6%	61.7%	3.1
Washington	3.2%	18.1%	5.6
West Virginia	3.2%	34.9%	11.0
Wisconsin	5.7%	38.8%	6.8
Wyoming	0.8%	5.9%	7.8
<b>National</b>	<b>12.3%</b>	<b>43.7%</b>	<b>3.5</b>

\* Figures calculated on basis of U.S. Census Bureau data from Census 2000 on state residents and incarcerated population.