

DEMOGRAPHIC & LEGAL OVERVIEW OF
 PRISONERS, PAROLEES, PROBATIONERS & VOTING RIGHTS
 IN STATES ADJACENT TO NEW JERSEY
 OR IN THE NORTHEASTERN USA
 (Listed in descending order by total number of state population)¹

STATE	2018 POPULATION ²	# OF ADULT PRISONERS IN STATE CORRECTIONS FACILITIES ³ (Date Reported)	COMMUNITY SUPERVISION		POPULATIONS PROHIBITED FROM VOTING	# OF DISENFRAN- CHISED OFFENDERS
			# OF PAROLEES (Date Reported)	# OF ADULT PROBATIONERS (Date Reported)		
New York	19,862,512	52,245 (3/30/2016)	45,655 (12/31/2016) ⁴	53,446 (12/31/2013) ⁵	“No person who has been convicted of a felony pursuant to the laws of this state, shall have the right to register for or vote at any election unless he shall have pardoned or restored to the rights of citizenship by the governor, or his maximum sentence of imprisonment has expired, or he has been discharged from parole.” ⁶	97,900 Note: Starting in 2018 some parolees are being enfranchised ⁷
Pennsylvania	12,823,989	48,048 (12/31/2017) ⁸	41,916 (2016) ⁹	74,017 (2014) ¹⁰	<p>“[Y]ou can register and vote if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are a pretrial detainee confined in a penal institution awaiting trial on charges of a felony or a misdemeanor; • Are convicted of a misdemeanor and are confined in a penal institution; • Were released (or will be released by the date of the next election) from a correctional facility or community confinement facility upon completion of your term of incarceration for conviction of a misdemeanor or a felony; • Are on probation or released on parole; • Are a parolee living in a community confinement center (except for state intermediate punishment (SIP) inmates); • Are under house arrest (home confinement) regardless of conviction status or the status of the conditions of the confinement.”¹¹ 	48,048

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New Jersey	9,032,872	19,453 (1/2/2018) ¹²	15,602 (June 2017) ¹³	56,425 (June 2018) ¹⁴	Anyone who is serving a sentence or is on parole or probation as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense ¹⁵	91,480
Massachusetts	6,895,917	8,960 (7/1/2016) ¹⁶	1,380 (12/31/2014) ¹⁷	74,934 (6/30/2015) ¹⁸	Any person “incarcerated in a correctional facility due to a felony conviction” ¹⁹	8,960
Maryland	6,079,602	21,149 (4/1/2014) ²⁰	9,743 (6/30/2013) ²¹	40,001 (6/30/2013) ²²	Anyone who “has been convicted of a felony and is currently serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment” ²³	21,149
Connecticut	3,588,683	10,186 (11/2017) ²⁴	4,003 (12/31/2017) ²⁵	37,644 (1/1/2018) ²⁶	Anyone who has “been convicted in the Superior Court of a felony and committed to the custody of the Commission of Correction for confinement in a correctional institution or facility or a community residence” until being discharged from parole ²⁷	14,189
New Hampshire	1,350,575	2,738 (6/30/2016) ²⁸	2,400 (n.d.) ²⁹	3,900 (n.d.) ³⁰	Any “person sentenced for a felony, from the time of his or her sentence until his or her final discharge” from incarceration ³¹	2,738
Maine	1,341,582	2,371 (December 2017) ³²	It appears that parole is either little used or abolished. ³³	7,300 (n.d.) ³⁴	“A person incarcerated in a correctional facility may apply to register to vote in any municipality where that person has previously established a fixed and principal home to which the person intends to return.” ³⁵	0
Rhode Island	1,061,712	2,958 (2017) ³⁶	534 (2017) ³⁷	22,367 (2017) ³⁸	“No person who is incarcerated in a correctional facility upon a felony conviction shall be permitted to vote until such person is discharged from the facility. Upon discharge, such person’s right to vote shall be restored.” ³⁹	2,958

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Delaware	971,180	5,567 (6/30/2016) ⁴⁰	15,041 (6/30/2016) ⁴¹		“No person ... convicted of a crime deemed by law felony...shall enjoy the right of an elector.... Any person who is disqualified as a voter because of a conviction of a crime deemed by law a felony shall have such disqualification removed upon being pardoned, or after the expiration of the sentence, whichever may first occur. The term ‘sentence’ as used in this Section shall include all periods of modification of a sentence, such as, but not limited to, probation, parole and suspension. The provision of this paragraph shall not apply to (1) those persons who were convicted of any felony of murder or manslaughter, (except vehicular homicide); or (2) those persons who were convicted of any felony constituting an offense against public administration involving bribery or improper influence or abuse of office...; or (3) those persons who were convicted of any felony constituting a sexual offense...” ⁴²	20,608
Vermont	623,960	2,026 (avg. daily pop. FY 2015) ⁴³	1,072 (avg. daily pop. FY 2015)	4.869 (avg. daily pop. FY 2015)	“Any person may register to vote in the town of his or her residence in any election held in any subdivision of this state in which he or she resides who, on election day: (1) is a citizen of the United States; (2) is a resident of the state of Vermont; (3) has taken the voter’s oath; and (4) is 18 years of age or more.” ⁴⁴ NOTE: You can register to vote if you are an incarcerated felon . Register with the town or city in which you lived before you became incarcerated.” ⁴⁵	0

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¹ The data reported are from the most recent sources available on the internet, except where otherwise noted. Where sources distinguished minors from adults or persons whose offenses were less than felonies or crimes (e.g., persons placed on probation out of New Jersey’s municipal courts for disorderly persons or petty disorderly offenses), they were subtracted from the available figures. However, in some cases it was not possible to separate out such subgroups and the figures would accordingly be not completely relevant. In addition, data were not collected for persons under the jurisdiction of United States courts (i.e., Federal correctional institutions, parole or probation).

² <http://worldpopulationreview.com/states/>

³ This column does not include individuals who are in county correctional facilities.

⁴ http://www.doccs.ny.gov/Research/Reports/2017/Legislative_Report.pdf, p. 5

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- ⁵ <http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/opca/pdfs/NYS-Persons-Supervised-2013.pdf>, p. 2
- ⁶ ELN §5-106.2, <http://codes.findlaw.com/ny/election-law/elc-sect-5-106.html>
- ⁷ Gov. Cuomo issued Order No. 181, “Restoring the Right to Vote for New Yorkers on Parole,” on April 18, 2018. The order establishes a path by which the voting rights of some parolees will be restored. Over time the number of parolees who cannot vote will certainly diminish, although it is not yet clear how many parolees will ultimately be enfranchised or at what pace. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no181-restoring-right-vote-new-yorkers-parole>
- ⁸ <http://www.cor.pa.gov/About%20Us/Statistics/Documents/current%20monthly%20population.pdf>
- ⁹ <http://www.pbpp.pa.gov/Information/Documents/Annual%20Reports/PBPP%2016%20AR%20FINAL.pdf>, p. 11
- ¹⁰ <http://www.pbpp.pa.gov/Information/Documents/CAPP%20Reports/2014%20CAPP%20Statistical%20ReportV2.pdf>, p. 5
- ¹¹ “Voting Rights of Convicted Felons, Convicted Misdemeanants and Pretrial Detainees,” Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of State, n.d.; http://www.votespa.com/en-us/Documents/Convicted_felon_brochure.pdf
- ¹² https://www.state.nj.us/corrections/pdf/offender_statistics/2018/By%20Age%202018.pdf
- ¹³ <https://www.nj.gov/parole/docs/reports/AnnualReport2017.pdf>, p. 5
- ¹⁴ https://www.njcourts.gov/public/assets/annualreports/AnnualReportCY18_web.pdf, p. 33
- ¹⁵ N.J.S.A. 19:4-1(8)
- ¹⁶ <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/docs/doc/research-reports/briefs-stats-bulletins/faq-jul1-2016.pdf>
- ¹⁷ <http://www.mass.gov/eopss/docs/pb/2014annualstatisticalreport.pdf>, p. 26
- ¹⁸ <http://www.mass.gov/courts/docs/fy15-annual-report.pdf>, p. A-8
- ¹⁹ <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVIII/Chapter51/Section1>
- ²⁰ http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/pdfs/stats/data-reports/I_and_I-Statistics/Inmate_Characteristics/Quarterly_Inmate_Characteristics/FY2014/2014-April_Inmate_Char.pdf
- ²¹ <http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/pdfs/stats/data-reports/CS-Statistics/DPP-Community-Supervision-Stats/FY13/EndofFY13Population.jpg>
- ²² Ibid.
- ²³ http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2016RS/Chapters_noln/Ch_6_hb0980t.pdf
- ²⁴ <http://www.ct.gov/doc/lib/doc/PDF/MonthlyStat/Stat201712.pdf>
- ²⁵ <https://data.ct.gov/Public-Safety/Correctional-Community-Program-Daily-Population-Co/5d7h-at3x/data>
- ²⁶ https://www.jud.ct.gov/statistics/probation/AdultProbation_01012018.pdf
- ²⁷ Conn. Gen. Stats. 9-45, 9-46, and 9-46a, <http://www.ct.gov/doc/lib/doc/PDF/VotingRightsEnglish.pdf>
- ²⁸ https://www.nh.gov/nhd/doc/divisions/publicinformation/documents/annual_report_2016.pdf, p. 20
- ²⁹ <https://www.nh.gov/nhd/doc/divisions/fieldservices/index.html>
- ³⁰ Ibid.
- ³¹ RSA 607-2A:2; <http://sos.nh.gov/Felons.aspx>
- ³² <http://www.maine.gov/corrections/quality-assurance/December%202017%20Monthly%20Adult%20Data%20Report.pdf>, p. 3
- ³³ <http://bangordailynews.com/2014/06/07/news/state/number-of-maine-prisoners-under-parole-authority-down-to-4/>; https://www.pressherald.com/2011/06/02/maine-should-restore-parole-home-confinement-to-cut-crowding-recidivism_2011-06-02/
- ³⁴ <http://www.maine.gov/corrections/adult/index.htm>
- ³⁵ MRS Title 21-AS, §112 (14), <https://www.nh.gov/nhd/doc/divisions/fieldservices/index.html>
- ³⁶ <http://www.doc.ri.gov/administration/planning/docs/FY17%20Annual%20Population%20Report.pdf>, p. 9
- ³⁷ Ibid., p. 24
- ³⁸ Ibid.
- ³⁹ Rhode Island Constitution, Art. 2, §1; <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/riconstitution/Pages/Constfull.aspx>
- ⁴⁰ http://doc.delaware.gov/downloads/DOC_2016AnnualReport.pdf, p. 16

⁴¹ It appears that probation and parole are combined in Delaware in the Bureau of Community Corrections of the Department of Corrections (<http://doc.delaware.gov/BOCC/index.shtml>). The combined number of persons on probation and parole is reported here. http://doc.delaware.gov/downloads/DOC_2016AnnualReport.pdf, p. 30

⁴² Delaware Constitution, Art. 5, §2; http://delcode.delaware.gov/constitution/constitution-06.shtml#P673_105630. . Interpretive statement: “People with most felony convictions have their voting rights restored automatically after completion of sentence, including prison, parole, and probation. People who are convicted of certain disqualifying felonies - including murder, bribery, and sexual offenses - are permanently disenfranchised. People convicted of certain election offenses are disenfranchised for 10 years following their sentences.” <https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/voting-rights-restoration-efforts-delaware>

⁴³ Vermont Department of Corrections, Annual Report FY2015, <http://www.doc.state.vt.us/about/reports/fy15-doc-annual-report/view>, p. 10. This is also the source of the figures for parole and probation.

⁴⁴ Vermont Election Laws, Title 17, Chapter 43, §2121; <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/858314/title-17.pdf>.

⁴⁵ Vermont Voter Registration Eligibility, DMV, <https://www.dmv.org/vt-vermont/voter-registration.php>