

¹ Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), "Race and Ethnicity of Violent Crime Offenders and Arrestees, 2018," January 2021, p. 1-2:

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/revcoa18.pdf>

² Ibid., p. 2, Table 3 (<https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/revcoa18.pdf>); and calculations by the American Main Street Initiative based on BJS, "Prisoners in 2019," October 2020, p. 6, Table 3: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/p19.pdf>

³ BJS, "Criminal Victimization, 2019," September 2020, p. 17-18, Table 13 and Table 15: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/cv19.pdf>

⁴ BJS, "Race and Ethnicity of Violent Crime Offenders and Arrestees, 2018," January 2021: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/revcoa18.pdf>

⁵ BJS, "Criminal Victimization, 2019," September 2020: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/cv19.pdf>

⁶ BJS, "Race and Ethnicity of Violent Crime Offenders and Arrestees, 2018," January 2021, p. 2, Table 2:

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/revcoa18.pdf>

⁷ Ibid., p. 1-2.

⁸ Ibid., p. 8-9; p. 10, Appendix Table 1.

⁹ BJS, "Criminal Victimization, 2018," September 2019, p. 4, Table 1; and box on p. 17: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/cv18.pdf>

¹⁰ BJS, "Race and Ethnicity of Violent Crime Offenders and Arrestees, 2018," January 2021, p. 2, Table 3.

¹¹ Ibid., p. 2, Table 3.

¹² Ibid., p. 2.

¹³ BJS, "Prisoners in 2019," October 2020, p. 20: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/p19.pdf>

¹⁴ Calculations by the American Main Street Initiative based on BJS's "Prisoners in 2021 - Statistical Tables," December 2022:

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh236/files/media/document/p21st.pdf>. At year-end 2021, there were 449 sentenced adult prisoners per 100,000 adult U.S. residents (p. 14, Table 6), or 0.449% of the U.S. adult population, which means that 99.551% of the U.S. adult population were *not* sentenced prisoners. (Sentenced prisoners are those sentenced to more than one year.) The total number of prisoners was 3.5% higher than the number of sentenced prisoners, as there were 1,204,322 total prisoners (p. 6, Table 1) and 1,163,665 sentenced prisoners (p. 10, Table 3) ($1,204,322 \div 1,163,665 = 1.035$). Thus, there were 465 total adult prisoners (sentenced or not) per 100,000 adult U.S. residents ($449 \times 1.035 = 465$), or 0.465%, which means that 99.535% of the U.S. adult population was *not* in prison. (The 292 juvenile prisoners (p. 30, Table 15), composing just 0.02% of the prison population, was too small to affect this result (at this degree of precision): Whether all, some, or no juvenile prisoners were sentenced prisoners (not clear from the report), the ratio of adult prisoners to adult sentenced prisoners (which could vary from 1,204,030-to-1,163,373 to 1,204,030-to-1,163,665) remains 1.035.) Calculating figures in the same manner, and assuming the same 1.035-to-1 ratio of total-to-sentenced prisoners, 98.8% of black U.S. adults are *not* in prison.)

¹⁵ BJS, "Prisoners in 2019," October 2020, p. 20: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/p19.pdf>

¹⁶ BJS, "Source and Use of Firearms Involved in Crimes: Survey of Prison Inmates, 2016," January 2019, p. 6:

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/suficspi16.pdf>

¹⁷ Calculations by the American Main Street Initiative based on BJS, "Prisoners in 2019," October 2020, p. 6, Table 3 (452,800 black and 422,800 white sentenced prisoners out of 1,380,427 total sentenced prisoners means that 33% were black and 31% white):

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/p19.pdf>

¹⁸ BJS, "Race and Ethnicity of Violent Crime Offenders and Arrestees, 2018," January 2021, p. 2, Table 3:

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/revcoa18.pdf>

¹⁹ BJS, "Criminal Victimization, 2018," September 2019, p. 14: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/cv18.pdf>

²⁰ BJS, "Criminal Victimization, 2019," September 2020, p. 17, Table 13: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/cv19.pdf>

²¹ Ibid., p. 18-19.

²² Calculations by the American Main Street Initiative based on BJS, "Criminal Victimization, 2019," September 2020, p. 18, Table 15:

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/cv19.pdf>

²³ Ibid.

²⁴ Abraham Lincoln's Chicago Speech, July 10, 1858: <http://www.mrlincolnanfreedom.org/pre-civil-war/house-divided-speech/speech-at-chicago-july-10-1858/>