

Percentage and total number of foreign national prisoners worldwide

Source: World Prison Brief (International Centre for Prison Studies www.prisonstudies.org)¹

Country	%	Total 2003	FNP 2003	%	Total 2005	FNP 2005	%	Total 2010	FNP 2010	%	Total 2013	FNP 2013
Afghanistan							0.9	12,500	113	0.9	24,613	222
Albania	0.4	3,053	12	0.4	3,778	15	0.6	5,041	30	1	4,779	57
Algeria	1.3	34,243	445	1.3	38,868	505	1	54,000	540	1.7	56,000	952
American Samoa (USA)							66	132	87	66	167	110
Andorra	83.6	48	40	83.6	61	51	82	60	49	69	42	29
Angola											19,898	0
Anguilla (UK)							7.3	55	4	25	76	19
Antigua and Barbuda			0	11.4	184	21	31	229	70	31	361	110
Argentina			0	4.9	56,313	2759	7.5	52,457	3,934	6	59,227	3,257
Armenia	0.1	7,428	7	0.1	2,866	3	1.8	4,850	87	3.5	4,812	159
Aruba (Netherlands)			0	48.1	231	111	48	277	133	48	246	118
Australia			0	16.7	24,171	4037	19	29,317	5,658	20	29,383	5,788
Austria	33	6,915	2,282	33	8,700	2871	46	8,671	3,971	46	8,694	4,034
Azerbaijan	1.4	23,504	329	1.8	16,345	294	3.4	20,986	714	2.5	36,891	922
Bahamas											1,300	0
Bahrain										30	1,100	332
Bangladesh							1.1	77,000	847	1.1	64,255	707
Barbados	14.3	850	122	14.3	997	143	17	899	155	17	1,032	178

¹ For a number of reasons it is important to exercise caution when accepting the validity of statistics about FNPs. The first reason concerns the definition. It is unlikely that all countries in the world use a similar definition for foreign national prisoners (FNPs). It is therefore inevitable that prison authorities do not always count exactly the same type of foreigners. It is possible for example that there are prison authorities that are responsible for the care of irregular migrants in detention centres and therefore add this number to the total size of FNPs. Or that prisoners are registered as 'foreigner' despite the fact that they were born and raised in the country of detention but that they were not able to acquire citizenship of that country. Another reason is that the organisations which provide figures regarding FNPs might use different recording methods. Sometimes figures for the total prison population and those representing the percentage of FNPs are not obtained on the same date. The third reason to be careful is that information derives from different official sources. Despite the fact that these official sources could be regarded as reputable there is no 100% guarantee that this is indeed the case and that they provide the accurate figure. The total number FNPs is based on the calculation of the percentage FNP on the total prison population per country.

Country	%	Total 2003	FNP 2003	%	Total 2005	FNP 2005	%	Total 2010	FNP 2010	%	Total 2013	FNP 2013
Belarus	2.6	56,000	1,456	3.4	52,500	1785	2.9	36,533	1,059	3.1	41,525	1,287
Belgium	40.9	8,764	3,584	40.9	9,245	3781	41	10,501	4,316	44	10,974	4,851
Belize							9.8	1,400	137	8.8	1,324	117
Benin											6,908	0
Bermuda (UK)							12	261	30	12	271	31
Bolivia							6.8	7,782	529	6.8	11,516	783
Bosnia (Fed)			0	4.9	1,509	74	2.2	1,750	39	2.6	1,819	47
Bosnia (Srpska)			0	5.6	1,052	59	3.2	924	30	2.9	1,054	31
Botswana	47	6,102	2,868	13.4	6,105	818	23	5,216	1,179	23	5,063	1,144
Brazil	0.4	233,859	935	0.4	330,000	1320	0.7	494,237	3,460	0.7	549,577	3,847
Brunei			0	35.8	463	166	30	423	125	32	427	138
Bulgaria	2	9,283	186	2	11,060	221	1.9	9,071	172	1.8	10,961	197
Burkina Faso											4,837	0
Burundi							0.3	10,858	33	0.3	10,389	31
Buthan											1,001	0
Cambodia			0	2.1	6,778	142	4.2	13,957	586	3.9	15,065	588
Cameroon										2.4	23,368	561
Canada											38,691	0
Cape Verde			0	4.5	755	34	4.5	755	34	4.5	1,226	55
Cayman Islands (UK)			0	24.1	187	45	16	194	31	16	212	34
Central African Republic											845	0
Chad	1	3,883	39	1.3	3,883	50	1.3	3,416	44	1.3	4,831	63
Chile	3	31,600	948	2.9	38,135	1106	3.7	53,973	1,997	3.4	48,702	1,656
China	0	1,428,126	0	0.2	1,548,498	3097	0.2	1,620,000	3,240	0.3	1,640,000	4,920
Colombia	1	57,068	571	0.6	68,545	411	0.7	81,486	570	0.8	114,697	918
Comores											130	0
Congo											1,400	0
Cook Islands (New Zealand)										0	25	0

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Costa Rica	8.7	5,826	507		8.7	7,619	663		14	10,471	1,487		14	14,963	2,125
Croatia	11.8	2,584	305		5.7	3,010	172		3.2	4,734	151		4.7	5,064	289
Cuba														57,337	0
Curaçao (The Netherlands)														502	0
Cyprus	42.9	369	158		42.9	355	152		60	831	495		59	900	530
Czech Republic	9.4	19,320	1,816		8.6	19,133	1645		7.3	22,001	1,606		7.5	22,992	1,724
Dem. Rep. Congo														22,000	0
Denmark	16.3	3,150	513		15.5	3,774	585		22	3,967	869		28	3,829	1,080
Djibouti														750	0
Dominica									0.8	235	2		0.4	242	1
Dominican Republic	5.2	15,340	798		5.2	13,836	719		6.9	21,050	1,452		7.4	20,969	1,552
Ecuador									7.2	10,808	778		7.2	11,800	850
Egypt			0		1	61,845	618		1	64,378	644		1	66,000	660
El Salvador			0		0.2	12,117	24		1.2	22,969	276		1.6	26,639	426
Estonia	35.8	4,723	1,691		35.8	4,571	1636		39	3,436	1,354		40	3,288	1,325
Ethiopia														112,361	0
Faeroe Islands (Denmark)														8	0
Fiji			0		1.2	1,186	14		0.4	1,150	5		0.5	1,537	8
Finland	7.9	3,040	240		7.8	3,446	269		10	3,231	333		15	3,214	466
France	21.4	50,714	10,853		21.4	55,028	11776		19	59,655	11,454		18	67,225	11,966
French Guyana													63	654	412
French Polynesia (France)														426	0
Gabon														2,750	0
Gambia	66.7	450	300		66.7	450	300		67	450	300		67	1,000	667
Georgia	1.4	7,688	108		1.6	8,644	138		1.6	23,219	372		1.3	21,425	279
Germany	29.9	78,707	23,533		27.7	79,329	21974		26	72,052	18,950		27	65,722	17,548
Ghana									4.5	13,573	611		4.5	13,436	605
Gibraltar (UK)			0		68.4	19	13		29	51	15		29	70	21

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Greece	42.4	8,343	3,537		41.7	8,760	3653		44	11,547	5,069		57	12,586	7,187
Greenland (Denmark)														194	0
Grenada			0		2.1	237	5		3.8	372	14		2.6	419	11
Guadeloupe (France)														768	0
Guam (USA)									1.8	513	9		1.8	585	11
Guatemala									3.5	9,993	350		3.5	12,835	449
Guernsey (UK)			0		3.6	107	4		12	77	9		13	114	15
Guinea			0		5.5	3,070	169		5.5	3,070	169		3.5	4,000	140
Guinea Bissau														64	0
Guyana	0.6	1,507	9		1.9	1,295	25		1.8	1,989	36		1.8	1,962	35
Haiti														7,009	0
Hong Kong (China)			0		39.2	12,266	4808		30	10,137	3,011		27	9,232	2,493
Honduras									1.2	11,348	136		1.2	12,336	148
Hungary	4.4	17,890	787		4.2	16,543	695		3.8	15,373	584		3.4	17,210	585
Iceland	9.3	110	10		6.1	115	7		18	175	31		24	152	37
India			0		7.5	322,357	24177		1.3	376,396	4,893		1.5	372,296	5,584
Indonesia	0.5	62,886	314		0.5	84,357	422		0.5	140,740	704		0.4	141,981	568
Iran														250,000	0
Ireland			0		9.1	3,417	311		11	4,409	476		14	4,275	581
Iraq														37,920	0
Isle of Man (UK)			0		0	62	0		1	97	1		0	105	0
Israel	24.9	9,421	2,346		5.7	13,603	775		6.6	22,725	1,500		52	17,700	9,204
Italy	30.1	55,136	16,596		31.8	56,530	17977		36	68,121	24,660		36	66,529	23,817
Ivory Coast			0		30	10,355	3107		30	11,143	3,343		30	11,143	3,343
Jamaica	4	4,288	172		4	4,744	190		2.8	4,709	132		2.8	4,500	126
Japan	6.5	61,242	3,981		7.9	76,413	6037		7	78,952	5,527		6.5	69,876	4,542
Jersey (UK)			0		17.3	183	32		30	176	53		29	165	47
Jordan	22.1	5,448	1,204		9.1	5,589	509		9.6	7,242	695		14	6,066	849

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Mexico	0.9	154,765	1,393		1	201,931	2019		0.9	224,749	2,023		0.9	239,941	2,159
Micronesia														95	0
Moldova			0		1	10,729	107		1.2	6,334	76		1.6	6,521	104
Monaco									91	25	23		92	12	11
Mongolia			0		0.1	6,400	6		0.4	5,079	20		0.3	8,193	25
Montenegro			0		6.1	734	45		6.1	986	60		3.9	1,350	53
Morocco			0		1.2	54,200	650		2.2	53,580	1,179		1.9	65,279	1,240
Mozambique													0.9	16,881	152
Myanmar			0		0.5	60,000	300		0.8	60,053	480		0.8	60,053	480
Namibia	5.5	4,814	265		5.5	4,814	265		5.5	4,064	224		5.5	4,314	237
Nauru			0		0	3	0		6.7	30	2		7	20	1
Nepal			0		9.5	7,132	678		9.5	6,700	637		6	14,000	868
Netherlands	36.4	14,968	5,448		33.2	19,999	6640		28	15,604	4,322		25	13,749	3,382
New Caledonia (France)														423	0
New Zealand	5.2	5,980	311		0.3	6,802	20		20	8,892	1,778		20	8,623	1,707
Nicaragua			0		2.2	5,610	123		2.9	6,803	197		2.9	7,200	209
Niger														7,000	0
Nigeria														54,156	0
North Korea														0	0
North. Mariana Islands (USA)														162	0
Norway	15	2,666	400		19.2	2,975	571		33	3,446	1,123		32	3,575	1,158
Oman	20.3	2,020	410		20.3	2,020	410		30	1,403	425		30	1,403	425
Pakistan									1.2	95,016	1,140		1.2	77,800	934
Palau			0		6.5	97	6		6.5	97	6		6.5	73	5
Panama	9.1	8,290	754		9.1	10,630	967		8.6	11,661	1,003		9.6	14,238	1,367
Papua New Guinea	0	3,296	0		0.15	4,056	6		0.4	5,288	21		0.4	4,134	17
Paraguay									5.3	6,146	326		5.3	6,300	334
Peru			0		2.3	32,129	739		2.5	45,184	1,130		2.6	59,451	1,546

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Philippines	0.6	70,383	422		0.6	67,968	408		0.3	102,267	307		0.3	104,710	314
Poland	1.5	82,173	1,233		1	82,262	823		0.7	81,009	567		0.7	85,419	598
Portugal	12	13,384	1,606		12	13,147	1,578		21	11,651	2,388		19	13,655	2,608
Puerto Rico														11,452	0
Qatar	55.6	570	317		55.6	570	317		60	465	278		73	1,150	843
Reunion														1,127	0
Romania	0.7	51,528	361		0.8	38,416	307		0.7	28,081	197		0.7	31,816	223
Russia	1.7	919,330	15,629		1.7	803,000	13,651		2.8	833,600	23,341		4.2	706,200	29,660
Rwanda	0.3	112,000	336		0.3	87,000	261		0.3	55,000	165		0.3	58,461	175
Samoa									0.5	186	1		0.5	427	2
San Marino			0		0	0	0		0	2	0		0	0	0
Sao Tome and Principe	0.8	130	1		0.8	130	1		0.8	160	1		0.8	185	1
Saudi Arabia	50.9	23,720	12,073		46.9	28,612	13,419		72	44,600	32,112		72	49,000	35,280
Senegal	7.5	5,360	402		7.5	5,360	402		7.5	6,425	482		21	7,300	1,548
Serbia			0		1.7	7,724	131		1.8	10,526	189		2.3	11,094	255
Seychelles			0		4.7	149	7		4.1	305	13		20	593	117
Sierra Leone									1.7	2,328	40		1.7	2,537	43
Singapore	19.9	14,704	2,926		17.6	16,835	2,963		16	12,944	2,110		13	12,555	1,657
Sint Kitts & Nevis													4.1	344	14
Sint Lucia									4.8	581	28		3	554	17
Sint Maarten													20	138	28
Sint Vincent & Grenadines	1.3	302	4		7.3	397	29		7.4	410	30		7.4	424	31
Slovakia	2.3	7,509	173		2.3	8,891	204		1.8	10,044	181		2	11,092	222
Slovenia	15.3	1,120	171		11.7	1,129	132		11	1,385	150		11	1,412	155
Solomon Islands			0		0.7	295	2		0.4	234	1		0	262	1
Somalia														2,900	0
South Africa	2.1	176,893	3,715		2.4	186,739	4,482		5.3	161,204	8,544		5.3	156,659	8,303
South Korea			0		1.3	57,902	753		3.2	47,514	1,520		3	44,731	1,163

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South Sudan											8,000	0
Spain	25.4	50,656	12,867	25.4	61,246	15,556	36	75,484	26,948	34	68,685	23,009
Sri Lanka			0	0.9	20,975	189	0.3	30,933	93	0.5	21,216	106
Sudan	0	32,000	0	0.8	12,000	96	1	19,144	191	1	20,000	200
Suriname	19.3	1,933	373	19.3	1,933	373	19	1,600	309	19	1,010	195
Swaziland	1.4	3,400	48	1.4	3,245	45	6	2,628	158	6	3,764	226
Sweden	27.2	6,089	1,656	25	7,332	1,833	29	7,286	2,091	28	6,669	1,841
Switzerland	70.8	4,985	3,529	70.5	6,021	4,245	70	6,084	4,271	71	6,065	4,330
Syria							7.3	10,599	774	7.3	10,599	774
Taiwan											65,675	0
Tanzania	0.2	44,063	88	0.2	43,244	86	3.7	40,111	1,484	3.7	38,568	1,427
Tajikistan							4.9	7,350	360	4.9	9,317	456
Thailand	2.9	217,697	6,313	5.7	168,264	9,591	4.7	212,058	9,967	4	234,633	9,385
Timor Leste											260	0
Togo											3,844	0
Tonga	1.8	113	2	0.8	128	1	0	170	0	0	158	0
Trinidad & Tobago							2.8	3,591	101	7.5	3,500	263
Tunisia											21,000	0
Turkey	1.7	61,336	1,043	1.7	67,772	1,152	1.7	121,275	2,062	1.8	124,677	2,244
Turkmenistan							0.7	10,953	77	0.7	10,953	76
Tuvalu			0	0	7	0	0	3	0	0	12	0
Uganda	2.9	21,900	635	1	26,126	261	0.8	29,826	239	0.8	34,000	272
United Arab Emirates							92	11,193	10,320	92	11,193	10,320
UK (England & Wales)			0	17.3	77,025	13,325	13	85,159	11,156	13	83,909	10,336
UK (Northern Ireland)			0	1.5	1,300	20	8	1,532	123	6.7	1,683	137
UK (Scotland)			0	1.2	6,727	81	3.4	7,668	261	3.3	7,791	309
United States of America	0.5	1,962,220	9,811	6.5	2,131,180	138,527	5.9	2,297,400	135,547	5.9	2,239,751	132,145
Ukraine	1.6	198,885	3,182	1.6	198,386	3,174	1.6	152,169	2,435	1.7	148,971	2,533

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Uruguay									2.7	8,749	236		2.7	9,450	255
Uzbekistan														42,000	0
Vanuatu									0.5	187	1		0.4	191	1
Virgin Islands (UK)													85	138	117
Virgin Islands (USA)													16	587	92
Venezuela			0		7.7	21,342	1643		6	32,624	1,957		3.7	50,000	1,850
Vietnam									0.3	107,668	323		0.3	113,018	339
Yemen													3.5	11,313	396
Zambia									2.1	15,544	326		2.1	17,000	357
Zimbabwe	4.8	21,000	1.008		4.8	20,000	960		0.8	15,000	120		0.7	15,000	105