



Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole User's Guide

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1. About the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) for parole data

This dynamic analysis tool gives Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) web users access to data on parolees from the Annual Parole Survey. Users can quickly generate tables of counts of persons on parole supervision at yearend, supervision rates, and the number of persons entering and exiting parole supervision. The web tool includes national, federal, and state-level data. The custom tables allow users to obtain counts of the yearend parole population by sex, race or Hispanic origin, maximum sentence length, most serious offense, status of supervision, type of release from prison, and type of entry to and exit from parole.

2. How to access CSAT for parole data

You can access this analysis tool from the BJS home page at <http://www.bjs.gov/>.

- Select Data Analysis Tools on the top navigation bar, or select the parole tool from the drop-down menu (**figure 1**).

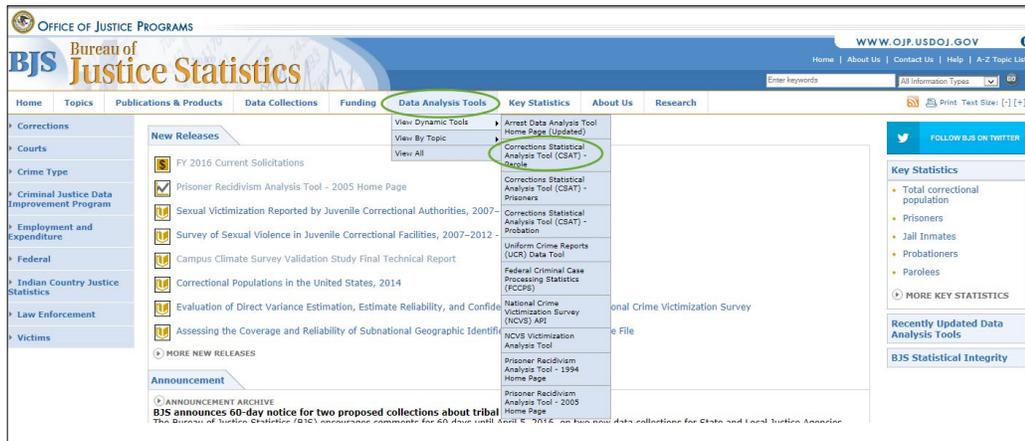


Figure 1: BJS home page

- The All Data Analysis Tools page lists all BJS and partner data analysis tools. Scroll down the items to locate Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole.

- Select the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole home page (Resource Link) found after the short description under Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole (figure 2).

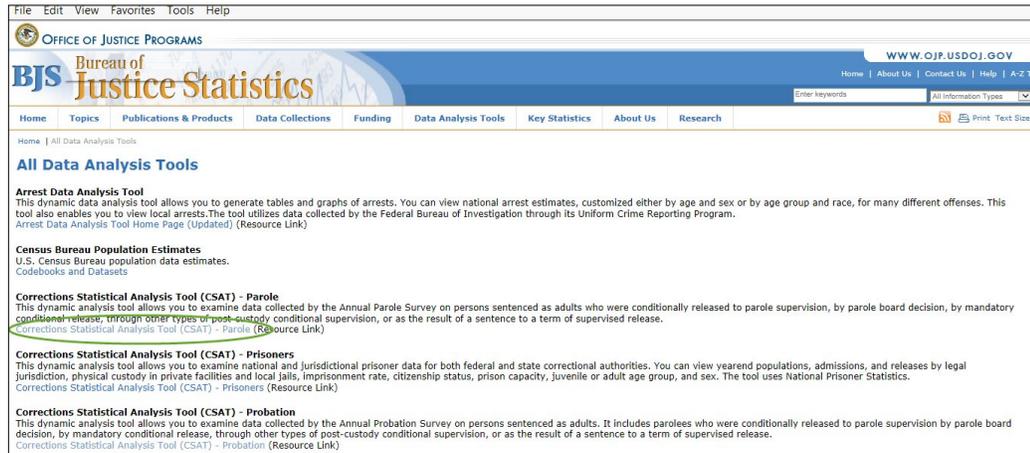


Figure 2: Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole home page (Resource Link) on the All Data Analysis Tools page

3. Quick tables

- Select Quick Tables from the CSAT parole data tool home page (figure 3). The quick tables answer frequently asked questions from our data users.



Figure 3: Quick Tables link on the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) for parole data

- To download a quick table, select the hyperlink for the table that you would like to download. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear. BJS may continue to add quick tables based on user needs.
- For further analysis of parole data, select Custom Tables.

4. Custom tables

Select Custom Tables from the data tool home page (**figure 4**). This feature allows you to customize tables of parole data for specific jurisdictions and years. You may analyze yearend populations, entries, or exits.

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Jurisdiction: All, National Statistics (U.S. Total), Federal, State (Total), Alabama

Years: All, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Population*: Select one measure

Variable*: Select a population to display its variables

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See FAQs.

Type of supervision rate: Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.
* = Required

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Figure 4: Custom Tables menu page

4.1. Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction menu allows you to select the total U.S. parole population, the federal parole population, the total parole population in states, or the parole population for a specific state. To view the entire list of available jurisdictions, use the grey scroll bar. Hold down the control key to select more than one option (**figure 5**). If you make no selection, this menu will default to include all jurisdictions.

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Years: All, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Population*: Select one measure

Variable*: Select a population to display its variables

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Type of supervision rate: Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.
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Figure 5: Menu of federal and state jurisdictions

4.2. Years

Select the years that you would like to include in your analysis. Hold down the control key to select more than one option. If you make no selection, this menu will default to include all years.

4.3. Population

You may analyze parole data by yearend population, entries, or exits. From the drop-down menu, select one of these three options (**figure 6**).

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National Statistics (U.S. Total)
Federal
State (Total)
Alabama

Years
All
2006
2008
2007
2008

Population*
Select one measure

Variable*
Select a population to display its variables

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See [FAQs](#).

Type of supervision rate
Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.
* = Required

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Figure 6: Drop-down menu to select yearend populations, entries, or exits

4.4. Variable

- If you select Yearend population from the Population menu, the Variable drop-down allows you to view tables of counts of the total parole population, the parolees' maximum sentence, sex, race or Hispanic origin, most serious offense, status of supervision, or type of release from prison. Select one of the listed options from the drop-down menu.
- If you select Entries from the Population menu, the Variable drop-down allows you to view total entries or entries by type of release from prison. Select one of the listed options from the drop-down menu.
- If you select Exits from the Population menu, the Variable drop-down allows you to view total exits or exits by type of release from parole. Select one of the listed options from the drop-down menu.

4.5. Type of supervision rate

If you select Yearend population from the Population menu and Total population from the variable menu, the Type of supervision drop-down allows you to view the adult supervision rate and supervision rate.

4.6. Generate imputed and adjusted national statistics of total parole entries

- Select National Statistics (U.S. Total) from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Entries from the Population menu.
- From the Variable menu, select Total entries, imputed and adjusted.
- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen (figure 7).

The screenshot shows the 'Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) - Parole' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Quick Tables, Custom Tables, Methodology, Definitions, Supporting Documents, and FAQs. Below these are four dropdown menus: Jurisdiction (set to National Statistics (U.S. Total)), Years (set to 2014), Population* (set to Entries), and Variable* (set to Total entries, imputed and adjusted). A yellow box contains the text: 'Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See FAQs.' Below this is a 'Type of supervision rate' dropdown menu set to 'Select rate'. A red note says: 'Hold down the control key to select more than one option. * = Required'. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Generate Counts Table', 'Generate Rates Table', and 'Reset Form'. Below the buttons is a table titled 'Count of total parole entries, imputed and adjusted' with columns for Jurisdiction and 2014. The table shows 'National Statistics (U.S. Total)' with a value of 460,200. Below the table are 'Footnotes' including the report generation date (March 1, 2016 11:12 AM), a recommended citation, and a disclaimer about data updates and imputation.

Jurisdiction	2014
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	460,200

Figure 7: Selection criteria and counts table of national statistics of total parole entries, imputed and adjusted

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. National statistics of total parole entries may include imputed data for one or more jurisdictions that were unable to provide information and may also include adjustments to compensate for changes in reporting methods from one year to the next. As a result, the total number of entries shown here may vary from those appearing elsewhere in this web tool.

- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon () located next to the table title. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
- To export the data into a program other than Excel, select the .CSV () icon. Choose Save instead of Open. Save the file on your computer. The file is in comma delimited text format and can be opened using any text-reading program.

4.7. Generate imputed state statistics of total parole entries

- Select the states from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Entries from the Population menu.
- From the variable menu, select Total entries, imputed for non-response.

- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen (figure 8).

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Jurisdiction: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut
 Years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
 Population*: Entries
 Variable*: Total entries, imputed for non-response

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See FAQs.

Type of supervision rate: Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.
 * = Required

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Count of total parole entries, imputed for non-response  

Jurisdiction	2012	2013	2014
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	500,709	466,800 *	460,200 *
California	95,992	61,400 *	49,800 *
Wisconsin	6,570	6,592	6,500 *

Includes imputed data. See FAQ for more information.

Footnotes
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Recommended citation:
 Bonczar, Thomas P., Bureau of Justice Statistics.
 (Count of total parole entries, imputed for non-response).
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- The data shown here may include updates that were made after the publication of individual reports in the series *Probation and Parole in the United States*.
- The national totals shown here may include imputed data for jurisdictions which were unable to report the total number of entries for a particular year. They do not include adjustments for any year-to-year discrepancies in reporting which may have occurred. To view national trends in the total numbers of entries, please select "Total entries" from this webtool's dropdown menu.

* Includes imputed data. See FAQ for more information.

Figure 8: Selection criteria and counts table of parole entries in California and Wisconsin in 2012, 2013, and 2014

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. These national totals include imputed data for jurisdictions that were unable to report the total number of entries for a particular year. They do not include adjustments for any year-to-year changes in reporting that may have occurred.

- An asterisk is located after some counts, alerting you that the counts include imputed data. Hover your mouse over the asterisk to view the note.
- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon () located next to the table title. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
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4.8. Generate reported counts of parole entries by state and by type of entry

- Select the jurisdictions from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Entries from the Population menu.
- Select Type of release from prison from the Variable menu.
- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen to view the data (figure 9).

Count of parole entries by type of release from prison			
Jurisdiction	2012	2013	2014
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	500,709	431,421 *	425,134 *
Discretionary release	187,003	183,899	193,556
Mandatory release	128,098	109,768	108,898
Reinstatement of parole	57,916	13,060	12,811
Term of supervised release from prison	82,823	85,972	80,195
Other	5,734	4,782	4,828
Unknown or not reported	39,135	33,940	24,846
Wisconsin	6,570	6,592	** *
Discretionary release	112	119	0
Mandatory release	837	762	0
Reinstatement of parole	0	0	0
Term of supervised release from prison	5,512	5,608	0
Other ¹	109	103	0
Unknown or not reported	0	0	0

Wisconsin, 2014: Excludes one or more jurisdictions that were unable to report. Total, including BJS imputations for jurisdictions which were unable to provide data is = 6,500

Figure 9: Counts table of parole entries by type in Wisconsin in 2012, 2013, and 2014

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. These national totals do not include imputed data for jurisdictions that were unable to report and do not include adjustments for year-to-year changes in reporting. The totals may differ from counts that appear elsewhere in the tool.

- An asterisk is located after some counts, alerting you that imputed counts may differ from reported counts. Hover your mouse over the asterisk to view the note. If you hover your mouse over the counts for Wisconsin in 2014, you will see an imputed amount rather than the unknown number of reported exits that year. You may note that the imputed amount of 6,500 also appears in figure 8.

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- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon () located next to the table title. You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
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4.9. Generate counts of parole exits

This data tool functions similarly for parole entries and exits. Please see Sections 4.5, 4.6, and 4.7 for specific instructions.

4.10. Generate counts of yearend parole populations by most serious offense

- Select the jurisdictions from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Yearend population from the Population menu.
- The Variable menu allows you to select total parole population, the parolees' maximum sentence, sex, race or Hispanic origin, most serious offence, status of supervision, or type of release.

- Select the Generate Counts Table button at the bottom of the screen (figure 10).

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Jurisdiction
 All
 National Statistics (U.S. Total)
 Federal
 State (Total)
 Alabama

Years
 2010
 2011
 2012
 2013
 2014

Population*
 Yearend population

Variable*
 Most serious offense

Numbers are as reported unless otherwise noted. See FAQs.

Type of supervision rate
 Select rate

Hold down the control key to select more than one option.
 * = Required

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Count of yearend parole population by most serious offense

Jurisdiction	2012	2013	2014
National Statistics (U.S. Total)	857,796	855,232	856,872
Violent	##	##	##
Sex	66,457	71,334	55,274
Other violent	154,353	145,264	179,083
Property	168,908	161,317	165,780
Drug	249,673	239,382	237,462
Public-order	##	##	##
Weapon	26,888	27,828	29,333
Other	97,683	94,075	93,122
Unknown	93,834	116,032	96,818

Figure 10: Counts table of yearend parole populations in 2012, 2013, and 2014 by most serious offense

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table.

- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon (). You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
- To export the data into a program other than Excel, select the .CSV () icon. Choose Save instead of Open. Save the file on your computer. The file is in comma delimited text format and can be opened using any text-reading program.

4.11. Generate rates of yearend parole populations

- Select the jurisdictions from the Jurisdiction menu.
- Select the years.
- Select Yearend population from the Population menu.

- Select Total population from the Variable menu.
- Once you select Total population, the Type of supervision rate drop-down will no longer be greyed out. Select the Type of supervision rate.
- Once you select Type of supervision rate, the Generate Rates Table button will no longer be greyed out. Select the Generate Rates Table button at the bottom of the screen (figure 11).

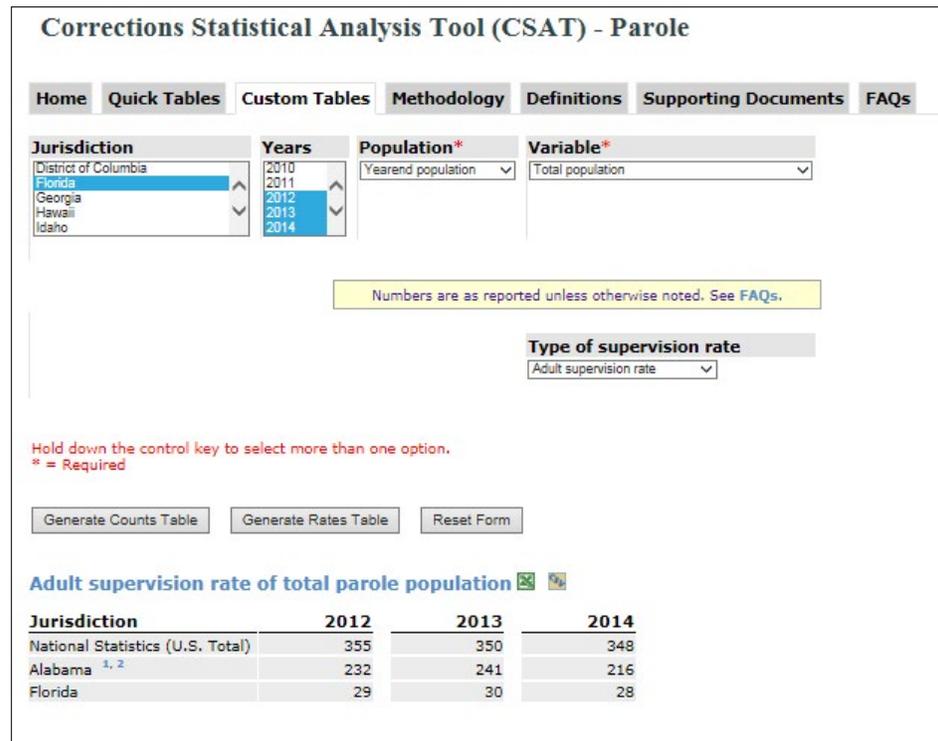


Figure 11: Rates table of federal and state parole adult supervision rates in 2012, 2013, and 2014

Please note that you may need to scroll down or across the results page to see the entire table. Footnotes are located beneath the table. The adult supervision rate is calculated by dividing the counts of parolees in a particular year by the U.S. adult resident population for that year, then multiplying by 100,000. This is the same adult supervision rate that BJS reports in its annual *Probation and Parole in the United States* series, although the tool may include data updates made after reports were published. The supervision rate is calculated by dividing the count of parolees in a particular year by the U.S. total resident population for that year, then multiplying by 100,000.

- To download the table as an Excel spreadsheet, select the Excel icon (). You may need to wait for a few seconds for the download dialog box to appear.
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5. Methodology

This section contains information about BJS's Annual Parole Survey. It also provides information about BJS's Annual Probation Survey—a related data collection.

6. Definitions

This section provides definitions of key terms used in the tool.

7. Supporting documents

Here you will find documents related to the Annual Parole Survey and Annual Probation Survey. The Supporting Documents tab provides links to an overview of community corrections, questionnaires, recent publications, definitions, frequently asked questions, and probation and parole datasets.

8. FAQs

FAQs provide answers to many questions frequently received by our subject-matter experts. You can find detailed explanations of reported, imputed, and imputed and adjusted counts. This information may help explain potential differences in parole counts encountered in the data tool. FAQs also describe the principle of best available data that BJS uses when imputing or adjusting values, and provide about how BJS calculated the adult supervision rate and the supervision rate.

9. For questions about the tool

Please direct any comments or questions about the Corrections Statistical Analysis Tool (CSAT) for parole data to—

askbjs@usdoj.gov
(202) 307-0765

Include “Parole” in the subject line of the email.

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10. How to cite data from this tool

When you publish tables of data from CSAT parole, the recommended citation is—

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