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Correctional Populations in the United States, 2016

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Highlights

- In 2016, the number of persons supervised by U.S. adult correctional systems dropped for the ninth consecutive year.
- From 2007 to 2016, the portion of the adult population under supervision of U.S. correctional systems decreased by 18%, from 3,210 to 2,640 per 100,000 adult residents.

- The percentage of adults supervised by the U.S. correctional system was lower in 2016 than at any time since 1993.
- The incarceration rate has declined since 2009 and is currently at its lowest rate since 1996.
- On December 31, 2016, an estimated 6,613,500 persons were supervised by U.S. adult correctional systems, about 62,700 fewer persons than on January 1, 2016.

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