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# Correctional Populations in the United States, 2017-2018

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### Annotation

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### Abstract

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### Highlights

- The adult correctional-supervision rate (adults supervised per 100,000 adult U.S. residents) decreased 21% from 2008 to 2018, from 3,160 to 2,510 per 100,000 adult U.S. residents.
- The percentage of adult U.S. residents under correctional supervision was lower in 2018 than at any time since 1992.

- The adult incarceration rate (adults in prison or jail per 100,000 adult U.S. residents) has declined every year since 2008, and the rate in 2018 was the lowest since 1996.
- The portion of adult U.S. residents in prison or jails fell 17% from 2008 to 2018.
- The correctional population declined 2.1% from 2017 to 2018, due to decreases in both the community-supervision (down 2.4%) and incarcerated (down 1.4%) populations.

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