State Prison Admission Trends 1925-1982

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In this era, disparity ratios exceeding 100 arise from very small Black populations for which the rates are highly unstable.
Arkansas prison admission rates and disparity

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Alabama prison admission rates and disparity

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California prison admission rates and disparity

Year

rate per 100,000
0 100 200 300

disparity
0 1000 2000 3000

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Colorado prison admission rates and disparity

Year

rate per 100,000
0 500 1000 1500 2000

disparity
0 5 10 15 20

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Delaware prison admission rates and disparity

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Florida prison admission rates and disparity

Georgia prison admission rates and disparity

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Idaho prison admission rates and disparity

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Maryland prison admission rates and disparity

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Massachusetts prison admission rates and disparity

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Minnesota prison admission rates and disparity

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Nebraska prison admission rates and disparity

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NewYork prison admission rates and disparity

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North Carolina prison admission rates and disparity

Ohio prison admission rates and disparity

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Pennsylvania prison admission rates and disparity

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Tennessee prison admission rates and disparity

Texas prison admission rates and disparity

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Utah prison admission rates and disparity

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Washington prison admission rates and disparity

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West Virginia prison admission rates and disparity

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Wisconsin prison admission rates and disparity

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Wyoming prison admission rates and disparity

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