

Incarceration and Children in the United States

- 2.8 million children have an incarcerated parent (Center for Children of Incarcerated Parents)
- 3.6 million parents are under some form of correctional supervision (Bureau of Justice)
- 93% of incarcerated parents are male and 7% are female (Bureau of Justice)
- 90% of children with an incarcerated father live with [and are cared for by] their mother (Bureau of Justice)
- Between 1995 and 2005, the number of incarcerated women in the U.S. increased by 57% compared to 34% for men (Harrison & Beck)

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- 75% of incarcerated women are mothers (Mumola, C. J.)
- Children with an incarcerated mother:
 - 28% live with their father
 - 58% live with their grandmother or other extended family member
 - 4% live in some form of foster care (Bureau of Justice)
- Most parents report some form of contact with their children during incarceration though few (less than 20%) receive visits (Bureau of Justice)