

Pew Center on the States

*“Prison Count 2010: State Population Declines for the First Time in 38 Years”*

Revisions Resulting From Washington State Revised Population Count

Subsequent to the release of the report “Prison Count 2010: State Population Declines for the First Time in 38 Years,” the Washington State Department of Corrections submitted a revised population figure reflecting a change in their survey response. The updated population count for Washington State for January 1, 2010 is 18,233, an increase of 307 persons (1.7 percent) since December 31, 2008. This is a change from the number originally reported, 17,271, which had reflected a decrease of 655 persons, or 3.7 percent. In light of this change, the revised state prison population in the United States for January 1, 2010 was 1,404,053. This represented a 0.3 percent decrease from the preceding year, not the 0.4 percent originally reported. Other updates resulting from the revised Washington State figure are as follows:

- Population count: changes to numbers on pages 1, 5, 6 and 7.
- Percentage growth or decline: changes to numbers on pages 1, 2, 3 and 7.
- Number of states with an increasing or decreasing prison population: changes to numbers on pages 2 and 5.

Errata

*The following revisions should be noted in the “Prison Count 2010: State Population Declines for the First Time in 38 Years” report, effective April 1, 2010. Revised figures are in **bold**. Originally published numbers appear in brackets.*

Report

- p. 1: In the lead exhibit, *First State Decline in 38 Years*: “The number of state inmates grew by **708%** [705%] between 1972 and 2008...”
- p. 2: In the state map, percent change figures have been amended for LA – **3.6%** [3.7%], NM – **2.7%** [2.8%] and WI – **1.1%** [1.2%].
- p. 3: “A survey of state projections that year forecast a five-year increase of **162,725** [162,815] inmates and a jump of 104,515 by year-end 2009. However, the actual increase was **38,332** [40,414] fewer than projected.”