



# Who is in the Spokane County Jail - 2011

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About half of the inmates in the Spokane County Jail are in jail for non-violent offenses. Although most inmates are white males, African American males are disproportionately represented in the inmate population. Bookings of Native Americans (where the individual was in jail more than 24 hours) also were 5.9% of the total, although Native Americans represent only 1.5% of the population; bookings of Hispanics were 3.6% of the total. It is estimated that 60-65% of the inmates have substance abuse and/or mental health issues. In a study of 100 inmates, 56% were chemically dependent and 66% wanted alcohol and drug treatment. Thirty-six percent have received mental treatment and 38% wanted mental health counseling.

## Demographics of Jail Population

|           |                      |   |
|-----------|----------------------|---|
| Age       | Ave. 34 yrs          | (35% are 25-34 yrs, 24% are 35-44 yrs)                          |
| Gender    | Male 88%             | (Spokane County: 49.4% male)                                    |
| Race      | 81% Caucasian        | (Spokane County: 86.7% white, not Hispanic)                     |
|           | 12% African American | (Spokane County: 1.7% African American)                         |
|           | 7% other             | (Spokane County: 4.5% Hispanic or Latino; 1.5% Native American) |
| Education | 68% HS/GED           | (Spokane County: 92% HS graduates)                              |
|           | 26% no HS            |   |
| Employed? | 76% no               |   |
|           | 24% yes              |   |

**Average Daily Jail Population:** 763 (down from 1126 in 2008)

## Individuals arrested by:

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Spokane Police | 47% |
| Other*         | 38% |
| Sheriff        | 12% |
| WSP            | 3%  |

\* police of 3 universities and six surrounding small cities, Fairchild Air Force Base, U.S. Marshal's Service, or other federal agencies

## Status

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Pre-trial 46%  | (21% misdemeanor, 79% felony)  |
| Hold 41%       | (37% DOC, 31% federal, 19% bench warrant, 6% other jurisdiction, 6% LFO)   |
|                | (Bench Warrants - 48% municipal, 42% district, 10% superior)               |
| Post Trial 13% | (53% for misdemeanor, 47% felony) (down from 28% in 2007 - Bennett Report) |

## Pre-Trial

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Felonies     | 53% person (22% DV), 31% property, 10% narcotics, 6% public order                      |
| Misdemeanors | 49% person (86% DV), 18% property, 15% public order, 11% DUI, 7% traffic, 1% narcotics |

## Post Trial

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Felonies     | 45% person (29% DV), 21% property, 17% narcotics, 15% public order, 2% traffic         |
| Misdemeanors | 35% person (84% DV), 33% DUI, 13% traffic, 11% property, 7% public order, 2% narcotics |

## Length of Average Jail Sentence (if convicted)

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Felony      | 94 days |
| Misdemeanor | 46 days |

## Sources:

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