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ADULT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IN CANADA, 1999-00

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HIGHLIGHTS

- On any given day in 1999/00, an average of 152,800 adults was under the supervision of correctional agencies in Canada, a 1% increase from the previous year.
- 31,600 individuals, or approximately one in five adult offenders under supervision in the correctional system, were in custody, a 2% decline from 1998/99. Almost 6 in 10 of these were provincial/territorial inmates.
- There were a further 121,100 individuals under some form of supervision in the community: 102,100 on probation; 9,000 serving conditional sentences; 8,100 supervised by Correctional Service of Canada and 1,900 on provincial parole.
- The adult incarceration rate in Canada in 1999/00 was 135 inmates (in remand, sentenced custody and temporary detention) per 100,000 adult population, a decrease of 3.6% from 1998/99.
- The number of adult admissions to custody in Canada decreased for the seventh year in a row. In 1999/00, there were 220,600 adults admitted to provincial/territorial and federal custody, a decrease of 2% over 1998/99. Approximately half were admitted to remand, 38% to provincial/territorial sentenced custody and 2% to federal sentenced custody. The remainder were admitted to "other/temporary detention" in provincial/territorial facilities (9%) or other federal custody (1%).
- Almost three-quarters of all admissions to provincial/territorial sentenced custody in 1999/00 were for three months or less; almost two-thirds of all admissions to federal sentenced custody were for less than four years.
- In 1999/00, there were 110,000 adults remanded to custody, a 4% increase compared to 1998/99. On any given day, there was an average of 6,700 individuals in remand, up 27% from 1995/96.
- There were 99,326 commencements of community supervision, a decrease of 5% from 1998/99. The majority of these were probation (73%), with the remainder consisting of conditional sentences (16%), federal and provincial parole (6%) and statutory releases (4%).
- Conditional sentence commencements increased 11% over the past year to 15,800. On any given day in 1999/00 there were 9,000 individuals on conditional sentence.
- In 1999/00, 3,800 adult federal offenders completed day parole, 1,700 completed full parole and 4,800 completed statutory release, for which success rates (i.e. the rate of completion without revocation for breach of condition or commission of an offence) were 83%, 73% and 58% respectively. Approximately 2% of conditional releases were revoked due to the commission of a violent offence.
- Spending on correctional services in Canada totalled \$2.4 billion in 1999/00. This represents an increase of 5% over 1998/99 after adjusting for inflation. Almost three-quarters was spent on custodial services, with the remainder spent on community supervision programs, headquarters and parole boards.



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