

Table 9: COVID-19 prison population (PP) trends of 20 countries in top 50 largest prison systems with pre-pandemic and mid-pandemic data

Ranking	Country	Region	Pre-COVID PP	Extraction Date	During-COVID PP	Extraction Date	% Change
1	USA	North America	*1,336,431	Mar. 2020	*1,179,211	Aug. 2020	-11.8
4	Russian Federation	Europe/Asia	582,889	Sept. 1, 2018	496,791	Aug. 1, 2020	-14.8
6	<u>Thailand</u>	Asia	364,288	Sept. 1, 2018	379,274	Aug. 1, 2020	+4.1
7	<u>Turkey</u>	Europe/Asia	291,959	Jan.1, 2020	281,094	Jul. 2020	-3.7
9	<u>Indonesia</u>	Asia	248,765	Aug. 24, 2018	232,736	Aug. 31, 2020	-6.4
12	<u>South Africa</u>	Africa	158,111	Jul. 4, 2017	154,437	Apr. 1, 2020	-2.3
17	<u>Colombia</u>	South America	118,708	Jul. 31, 2018	102,637	Aug. 31, 2020	-13.5
18	<u>Peru</u>	South America	87,995	Jun. 30, 2018	96,440	Apr. 30, 2020	+9.6
22	<u>UK: England & Wales</u>	Europe	83,014	Sept. 28, 2018	79,433	Aug. 28, 2020	-4.3
24	<u>Poland</u>	Europe	73,524	Aug. 31, 2018	69,375	Jul. 31, 2020	-5.6
25	<u>Malaysia</u>	Asia	55,413	Sept.2017	68,603	Aug. 2020	+23.8
28	<u>Nigeria</u>	Africa	73,631	July.16, 2018	62,258	Aug. 24, 2020	-15.4
31	<u>France</u>	Europe	65,084	Sept. 1, 2018	58,695	Jul. 1, 2020	-9.8
33	<u>Germany</u>	Europe	62,194	Mar. 31, 2018	57,600	Jun. 30, 2020	-7.4
37	<u>South Korea</u>	Asia	55,198	Dec. 31, 2017	53,920	Jun. 30, 2020	-2.3
38	<u>Italy</u>	Europe	59,135	Aug. 31, 2018	53,619	Jul. 31, 2020	-9.3
40	<u>Ukraine</u>	Europe	56,246	Sept. 1, 2018	52,609	Apr. 1, 2020	-6.5
43	<u>Australia</u>	Oceania	44,358	Mar. 2020	**41,784	Jun. 2020	-5.8
45	<u>Chile</u>	South America	42,683	Aug. 31, 2018	39,284	Jul. 31, 2020	-8.0
47	<u>El Salvador</u>	Central America	38,714	Aug. 13, 2018	36,693	Aug. 17, 2020	-5.2

NOTE: Pre-pandemic baseline numbers were extracted from the [World Prison Brief Population List 12- Edition](#) (spanning between the dates of July 2017 and January 2020), if not otherwise specified. Mid-pandemic data were extracted from the [World Prison Brief database](#) (2020), if not otherwise specified.

*Data from the [Marshall Project](#). **Data from the [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#).