

Top States in the Nation in Arson Convictions and Fires Deemed Arson

1. Inmates Serving Time in Prison for Arson

(Data Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Corrections Reporting Program)

Nationwide, 5,405 people were in prison for arson in the latest year for which statistics are available (2002). Top 10 States as of 2002:

| <u>State</u> | <u>Number of People in Prison for Arson</u> | <u>Percentage of Nation's Total Arson Prisoners</u> |
|--------------|---|---|
| 1. TX | 666 | 12.3 |
| 2. OH | 457 | 8.5 |
| 3. CA | 409 | 7.6 |
| 4. MI | 400 | 7.4 |
| 5. FL | 398 | 7.4 |
| 6. NY | 394 | 7.3 |
| 7. GA | 333 | 6.2 |
| 8. PA | 291 | 5.4 |
| 9. IL | 242 | 4.5 |
| 10. NC | 206 | 3.8 |

2. Number of Arson Offenses Known to Law Enforcement in 2004

(Reported by cities with population over 10,000. Data Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Uniform Crime Report: Crime in the United States 2004*)

| <u>State</u> | <u>Number of Arson Offenses</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. CA | 9003 |
| 2. TX | 4156 |
| 3. OH | 2887 |
| 4. MI | 2854 |
| 5. FL | 1666 |
| 6. MO | 1415 |
| 7. NJ | 1313 |
| 8. WA | 1276 |
| 9. IN | 1185 |
| 10. KS | 1183 |
| VA | 1090 |
| IL | 1086 |
| NC | 956 |
| AR | 924 |

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| OR | 859 |
| MN | 856 |
| PA | 811 |
| CO | 772 |
| OK | 759 |
| WI | 738 |
| LA | 669 |
| MD | 591 |
| NV | 554 |
| MA | 550 |
| GA | 525 |
| HI | 427 |
| CT | 401 |
| IA | 375 |
| AL | 357 |
| AR | 331 |
| RI | 289 |
| MS | 268 |
| NE | 244 |
| SC | 238 |
| ID | 218 |
| UT | 182 |
| NH | 180 |
| NM | 164 |
| AK | 105 |
| DC | 81 |
| ME | 77 |
| KY | 76 |
| MT | 75 |
| WV | 74 |
| WY | 59 |
| ND | 35 |
| VT | 25 |
| DE | 22 |
| NY | |

*Few Cities Reporting