Missouri takes steps to reduce prison population

For years, the incarcerated population has been on the rise, with the female population rising at a faster rate. In 2018, the trend reversed, with drops in both the male and female population.

![Graph showing change in prison population from 2010 to 2018.](source)

- From 2014 to 2015, the female prison population increased by 8.8%.
- From 2010 to 2011, the male prison population increased by 0.7%.

![Pie chart showing the proportion of female and male prisoners in 2018.](source)

- In 2018, only 10.39% of Missouri’s prison population was female.

Although the female population has changed more in the past nine years, only 10.39% of Missouri’s prison population was female in 2018:

- Female population: 3,293
- Male population: 28,404

Source: MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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