2010 Census Data Prisoner Adjustment

• On August 11, 2010, Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2010 was signed into law by Governor David Paterson. The law was enacted to change the way prisoners were to be counted during State legislative redistricting.

• Part XX of the law directed the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) to provide to the Task Force on Reapportionment demographic and resident information on incarcerated persons under its jurisdiction as of April 1, 2010, the date of the federal decennial census.

• As a result, Federal prisoners would be removed from the state’s total population and the state’s prison population would be re-allocated to their last known address of residence.

• Congressional redistricting was to remain unchanged.
Steps to Adjusting PL Data

Step 1: Subtract all federal and state prisoners from their geographic prison location.
Step 2: Add those state prisoners whose last known address was successfully geocoded to their “new geocoded” block along with their racial/ethnic information.


For example:

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<tr>
<td>PL Total</td>
<td>612</td>
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<tr>
<td>Federal Prisoners</td>
<td>- 8</td>
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<td>DOCCS Prisoners</td>
<td>- 16</td>
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<td>Geocoded Prisoners</td>
<td>+ 3</td>
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PL Total Adjusted = 591

Note: The other fields in the PL data will be adjusted the same way using the racial and ethnic data provided to us from DOCCS.
The Task Force uses these standard demographic categories in its work:

- Total
- NHWhite
- NHBlack
- NHAsian
- NHNativeAmerican
- NHMultiracial
- NHHawaiian
- NHOther
- Hispanic

*** (NH = Non-Hispanic)

DOCCS use these demographic categories to classify prisoners:

Race:
- White
- Black
- Asian
- NativeAmerican (= AmerIndian)
- Other
- NotAnswered

Ethnicity:
- NotHispanic
- Hispanic
- Unknown
- Blank
### RACE

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**Unknown includes 601 geocoded prisoners whose race='Not Answered.'**

### ETHNICITY

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**Unknown_Eth includes 270 geocoded prisoners whose ethnicity= ‘U’ or blank.**

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General Information:

- There are 2 federal prisons statewide, located on 3 census blocks
- There are 68 DOCCS facilities statewide, located on 73 census blocks
- There were 2,471 federal prisoners removed from the state population
- There were 58,237 state prisoners of which 46,003 were successfully geo-coded and reallocated to their last known address of record (78.99%)
- DOCCS allows for 6 potential prisoner addresses to be considered as a “last known address of record”, they included: Legal residence, Address at arrest, Father’s address, Mother’s address, Spouse’s address, Nearest relative’s address.
- Finally, before the prisoner adjustment the total state population was 19,378,102. After the prisoner adjustment the state total was 19,363,397. The total population decrease was 14,705 or 0.076% smaller.
Of the 58,237 prisoner addresses, 46,003 (78.99%) were successfully geocoded to 24,245 unique 2010 census blocks distributed among all counties statewide. This figure represents 6.9% of the 350,169 unique 2010 census blocks statewide.
Change in Total Population For New York State

Total population before adjustment 19,378,102
DOCCS - 58,237
Federal - 2,471
successfully geocoded + 46,003

Total population adjusted 19,363,397

Total – Total Adjusted = 14,705 The Total adjusted population is now 0.076% smaller

Please, get rid of some people! Is that all?
End Products

The adjusted PL 94-171 data, generated at the block level, have been aggregated to the following geographic summary levels:

- From Block, aggregated to...
- Voting Tabulation District (VTD)
- Minor Civil Division (MCD)
- County
- State

These summary levels can be obtained from the Task Force’s website.

http://www.latfor.state.ny.us/

The adjusted dataset is broken down by age, using both the standard Task Force and the federal Department of Justice (DOJ) racial and ethnic categories.