

#### Percentage Jailed or Incarcerated by age 25<sup>1</sup>

Ever jailed/imprisoned	Add Health <sup>2</sup> (n=15,086)	NLSY97 <sup>2</sup> (n=8,984)	NSFG <sup>2</sup> (n=446)
Gender			
Men	19.99	11.26	25.16
Women	5.93	3.26	N.A.
Total	12.96	7.43	N.A.
White <sup>3</sup>			
Men	18.71	9.21	-
Women	5.43	5.68	N.A.
Total	12.05	6.25	-
Black			
Men	24.31	19.32	-
Women	7.66	6.11	N.A.
Total	15.79	11.73	-
Hispanic			
Men	27.11	12.85	-
Women	6.81	3.13	N.A.
Total	17.30	8.34	-

**Notes:**

- To best compare data sources analyses are limited to respondents who are at least age 25 to assess their incarceration experiences through age 25.
- The data sets and respective rounds presented in this table are:
  - The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health) Wave IV; 2008
  - The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97) Waves 1-12; 1997-2008
  - The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) 2006-2010
- NLSY's designation of "White" is non-Hispanic/non-Black.
- The analytic sample size for the NSFG is smaller than that of the Add Health and the NLSY97 due to differences in the administration of the survey questions and the age distributions of the surveys. Add Health and NLSY97 are longitudinal data sets, which begin to follow respondents in adolescence through early adulthood, whereas the NSFG is a cross sectional study of individuals aged 15-44.
- N.A. indicates data were not collected for this sub-population; a dash (-) indicates there was not enough data to produce reliable proportions.

#### Question Construction

##### The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health):

The variable "ever jailed" was constructed using the following retrospective question:

- *Have you ever spent time in a jail, prison, juvenile detention center, or other correctional facility?*

##### The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97):

The variable "ever jailed" was constructed using the following question from each year:

- *Asked of those who have been arrested and charged by the police since the date of last interview: Were you sentenced to spend time in a corrections institution, like a jail, prison or a youth institution like juvenile hall or reform school or training school or to perform community service?*

##### The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) 2006-2010:

The variable "ever jailed" was created from the following retrospective questions:

- *In the last 12 months, have you spent any time in a jail, prison, or a juvenile detention facility?*
- *Have you ever spent time in a jail, prison, or juvenile detention center?*

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