

# Idaho Department of Correction

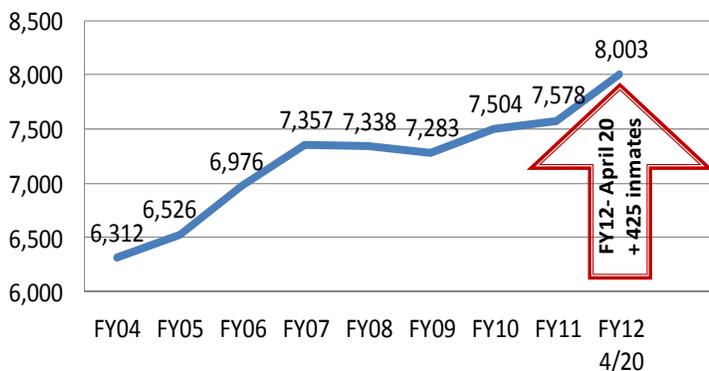
Brief Sheet — May 2012  
Population Update

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## Idaho Inmate Population Tops 8,000

### IDOC Incarcerated Offenders FY04-FY12 April 20th



Idaho's inmate population grew 425 inmates during the first ten months of FY12. During the previous four years, the population grew a total of 221 inmates. County jails are helping manage the increases.

### Inmate Numbers Increase

On April 20th, the state reached a milestone. Idaho's inmate population went over 8,000 for the first time.

After successfully controlling growth for four years, the prison population has increased more than 400 inmates this fiscal year.

### Bed Shortage

The 7% increase means the state adds about 12 inmates each week. It also means Idaho's system is running out of beds.

- State-operated beds are at 99% capacity.
- Jails house another 700 inmates.
- Contract beds are at 99% capacity.

The Department is using all resources to address the influx.

### Short-term options

IDOC will open an old housing unit at the maximum security prison and contract with Bonneville County's jail to fill an unused unit.

Even with those beds, Idaho expects to have inmates out of state by this fall. The agency has released a request for proposal for contract beds. The bids close on June 7th.

### Slowing Growth

Term, retained jurisdiction and violator populations are all increasing. The Department is developing additional controlled growth initiatives in an attempt to reduce current growth trends.

### Long-term options

The Department is updating Secure Mental Health Facility plans as the most efficient way to provide a long-term bed solution that also meets the needs of the growing mental health inmate population.