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BJS RELEASES REPORTS ON MORTALITY IN PRISONS AND JAILS

WASHINGTON — The Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics today released *Mortality in State and Federal Prisons, 2001-2018 – Statistical Tables* and *Mortality in Local Jails, 2000-2018 – Statistical Tables*. These two reports present detailed statistical tables on mortality in state and federal prisons and in local jails. They provide information on cause of death; decedent characteristics, such as age, gender, and race or ethnicity; and mortality rates of inmate populations, compared to the general U.S. adult population. The reports are based on BJS’s annual Mortality in Correctional Institutions data collection, which obtains information on persons who died while in the physical custody of local jails or state departments of corrections.

TITLES: *Mortality in State and Federal Prisons, 2001-2018 – Statistical Tables* (NCJ 255970)
by BJS Statistician E. Ann Carson, Ph.D.

Mortality in Local Jails, 2000-2018 – Statistical Tables (NCJ 256002)
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