# What has happened to the number of sentenced inmates in federal custody (federal prisoners) over the past 30 years?

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1. **How accurate was your prediction?**
2. **What is the big trend over the past 30 years?**
3. **Why do you think that is?**
4. **What is one consequence of this trend?**
5. **Who pays for this all?**
6. **Is this good news?**
7. **What is one thing a president could do about this?**
8. **What is one thing a citizen could do about this?**
9. **Based on the data from the chart, which president would you hold most responsible for increasing the number of federal prisoners?**
10. **Describe the trend in the number of federal inmates during President Obama's time in office?**
11. **Why do you think that is?**
12. **What do you imagine the trend will be like under Donald Trump?**
13. **If you were president explain whether you would try to increase or decrease the federal prison population.**

**Learning Extension**

**Read the Pew Research Center's [report on incarceration](http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/01/05/federal-prison-population-fell-during-obamas-term-reversing-recent-trend/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).**

**Action Extension**

**[Contact Donald Trump](https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) and express your opinion about whether or not he should follow President Obama's direction of reducing the federal prison population.**

**Visual Extension**



