

Guantánamo by the Numbers

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The Detainees

- ✓ **Detainees currently held at Guantánamo:** 79.¹
- ✓ **Total number of detainees ever incarcerated at Guantánamo:** 780.²
- ✓ **Detainees released under President Bush:** Over 500.³
- ✓ **Detainees at start of Obama Presidency:** 242.⁴
- ✓ **Detainees transferred, repatriated or resettled under Obama:** 159.⁵
- ✓ **Detainees transferred to U.S. for prosecution:** 1.⁶
- ✓ **Detainees who died in custody since January 2009:** 4.⁷
- ✓ **Number of current detainees imprisoned for more than 10 years:** 63 (80 percent of total population).⁸
- ✓ **Remaining detainees approved for release:** 29.⁹
- ✓ **Yemenis approved for transfer:** 22.¹⁰
- ✓ **Detainees convicted by military commission and still held at Guantánamo:** 3¹¹
- ✓ **Detainees Obama Administration is currently trying in military commissions:** 7.¹² The Pentagon may only plan to prosecute 14 detainees in total, including those currently in pre-trial hearings.¹³
- ✓ **Detainees Obama Administration is holding for indefinite detention without charge or trial:** 40.¹⁴
- ✓ **Number of countries that have accepted Guantánamo detainees:** 58.¹⁵

Financial Costs

- ✓ **Yearly cost to U.S. taxpayers of a prisoner in a maximum security federal prison:** Approximately \$78,000.¹⁶
- ✓ **Yearly cost to hold each detainee at Guantánamo:** More than \$5.5 million.¹⁷
- ✓ **Annual cost to operate Guantánamo:** Approximately \$445 million.¹⁸

¹ <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article4032520.html>

² <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo/detainees>

³ http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us_and_americas/article5425956.ece

⁴ <http://www.justice.gov/ag/guantanamo-review-final-report.pdf>

⁵ <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo/timeline>

⁶ <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo/detainees/10012-ahmed-khalfan-ghailani>

⁷ <http://www.miamiherald.com/2007/11/27/322461/by-the-numbers.html>

⁸ <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo/detainees>

⁹ <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article11141825.html>, <http://www.prs.mil/ReviewInformation/FullReviewpage.aspx>

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article2163210.html>

¹² Ibid.

¹³ <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article16415225.html>

¹⁴ <http://www.justice.gov/ag/guantanamo-review-final-report.pdf>; <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo/timeline>, <http://www.prs.mil/ReviewInformation/FullReviewpage.aspx>

¹⁵ <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo/transfer-countries>

¹⁶ <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/article1953705.html>

¹⁷ http://www.defense.gov/Portals/1/Documents/pubs/GTMO_Closure_Plan_0216.pdf

Federal Courts & Challenges to Military Commissions

- ✓ **Federal court convictions since 9/11 on terrorism-related charges:** More than 500.¹⁹
- ✓ **Detainees convicted by GTMO military commission:** 8.²⁰
- ✓ **GTMO military commissions convictions overturned:** 4.²¹
- ✓ **Detainees prosecuted in U.S. federal courts:** 1 – Ahmed Ghailani.²²
- ✓ **Detainees federal courts have determined were being held unlawfully:** 38.²³
- ✓ **Detainees who have lost their habeas corpus petitions challenging their detention:** 21.²⁴
- ✓ **Times military commissions have been re-vamped:** 2. The current third iteration has not been reviewed by the Supreme Court.²⁵
- ✓ **Cases involving detainee rights that have gone before the U.S. Supreme Court:** 4.²⁶
- ✓ **Times Supreme Court Justices have sided with the detainees:** 4.²⁷

Federal Prisons Holding Terrorists

- ✓ **Those convicted of terrorism-related charges being held in U.S. prisons:** 443.²⁸
- ✓ **Those convicted of terrorism-related charges who have escaped from any part of the federal prison system:** 0.²⁹

Deaths in Custody

- ✓ **Detainees who have died at Guantánamo:** 9.³⁰

Additional History

- ✓ **First detainees brought to Guantánamo:** January 11, 2002.³¹
- ✓ **Last known arrival:** March 14, 2008.³²
- ✓ **Last known departure:** June 22, 2016.³³
- ✓ **Date military commissions first established, by military order:** November 13, 2001.³⁴
- ✓ **Bounties paid by Bush Administration to anyone who would hand over a possible terror suspect:** \$3,000 to \$25,000.³⁵

¹⁸ Ibid.

¹⁹ <http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sites/default/files/NSD-Terrorism-Related-Convictions.pdf>

²⁰ <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article2163210.html>

²¹ Ibid., <http://justsecurity.org/23788/al-bahlul-says-means/>

²² <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo/detainees/10012-ahmed-khalfan-ghailani>

²³ <http://www.miamiherald.com/2009/09/03/v-fullstory/1216218/guantanamo-timeline-captives-sue.html>

²⁴ Ibid.

²⁵ <http://law.unh.edu/assets/images/uploads/publications/unh-law-review-vol-09-no2-chaffee.pdf>

²⁶ <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article2163210.html>

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/04/07/us/terrorists-in-us-prisons.html>

²⁹ http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/17/us/17victorville.html?_r=3

³⁰ <http://www.miamiherald.com/2007/11/27/322461/by-the-numbers.html>, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/may/19/guantanamo-prisoner-dies-apparent-suicide>

³¹ <http://projects.washingtonpost.com/guantanamo/timeline/>

³² <http://www.miamiherald.com/1339/story/322461.html>

³³ <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article85431082.html>

³⁴ <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article69820657.html>

³⁵ http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/8049868/ns/world_news/