

Number of Imprisoned Russians Hits Historic Low, Prison Officials Say

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The number of people incarcerated in Russia has reached a historic low, Russia's Federal Penitentiary Service (FSIN) has said.

Russia has the 4th largest prison population in the world and the 17th largest incarceration rate, [according to The World Prison Brief](#).

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There are currently an estimated 467,000 people locked up in Russian prisons, FSIN's press service was [cited](#) as saying by Interfax Friday.

In 2013, the number stood at 588,000.

“In the modern history of Russia, this is the smallest number of convicts serving their sentences in correctional facilities,” FSIN said in a press release cited by Interfax.

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