**Reported COVID-19 Cases Linked to Provincial Jails and Prisons in Saskatchewan**

**Before and After 1 December 2020**

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Before 1 December 2020: 160 (122 prisoners | 38 staff) or 45.1% of the total reported cases

After 1 December 2020: 195 (157 prisoners | 38 staff) or 54.9% of the total reported cases

Total Cases: 355 (279 prisoners | 76 staff)

Average new cases per day (11 March to 30 November 2020 | 265 days): 0.6

Average new cases per day (1 December 2020 to 8 January 2021 | 39 days): 5.0 \*

\* 8.3x pre-Dec. 1 average

Other Preliminary Findings:

- Prisoners accounted for 76.3% of reported COVID-19 cases linked to Saskatchewan’s provincial jails and prisons prior to 1 December 2020

- Prisoners accounted for 80.5% of reported COVID-19 cases linked to Saskatchewan’s provincial jails and prisons since 1 December 2020

- Prisoners accounted for 78.6% of reported COVID-19 cases linked to Saskatchewan’s provincial jails and prisons during the pandemic

**Note on Method**

The preliminary findings above were compiled from government data sets (where available) and figures published in news media reporting. Due to the quality of the data available, it is possible that there are additional laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst prisoners and/or staff of Canadian carceral institutions that have not been publicly reported as many prison authorities in Canada do not report both types of cases online on a pro-active basis like the [Ministère de la Sécurité publique du Québec](https://www.quebec.ca/sante/problemes-de-sante/a-z/coronavirus-2019/situation-coronavirus-quebec/?fbclid=IwAR1oSe5JNIGq86f7S8yppOTcsz8g2PiZyiykRoFbPRVWsQIFYW1CTctBHo0#c57309) and  [Manitoba Corrections](https://geoportal.gov.mb.ca/datasets/manitoba-covid-19-outbreaks-table). [Correctional Service Canada](https://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/001/006/001006-1014-en.shtml) and the [Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General](https://data.ontario.ca/en/dataset/status-of-covid-19-cases-in-ontario-s-correctional-institutions/resource/1f95eda9-53b5-448e-abe0-afc0b71581ed) release prisoner COVID-19 case figures on a regular basis through tables accessible through a single web link, but not those of their institutional staff. All other Canadian human caging authorities do not make such data sets available online, including the [Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/corrections-policing-and-public-safety) and the [Alberta Correctional Services Division](https://www.alberta.ca/adult-correctional-remand-centres.aspx) that have had several large outbreaks linked to their provincial jails and prisons, as well as the [Nova Scotia Correctional Services Division](https://novascotia.ca/just/Corrections/) and [British Columbia Corrections](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/corrections) that have had smaller outbreaks linked to their provincial sites of confinement. Researchers, journalists, policymakers and practitioners using the preliminary findings presented above are invited to contact justin.piche@uottawa.ca should they find any errors.

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