

# Guantánamo by the Numbers

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## The Detainees

- ✓ **Detainees currently held at Guantánamo:** 40.<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ **Total number of detainees ever incarcerated at Guantánamo:** 780.<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ **Detainees released under President Bush:** Over 500.<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ **Detainees at start of Obama Presidency:** 242.<sup>4</sup>
- ✓ **Detainees transferred, repatriated or resettled under Obama:** 197.<sup>5</sup>
- ✓ **Detainees at start of Trump Presidency:** 41.
- ✓ **Detainees transferred, repatriated or resettled under Trump:** 1.
- ✓ **Detainees transferred to U.S. for prosecution:** 1.<sup>6</sup>
- ✓ **Detainees who died in custody since January 2009:** 4.<sup>7</sup>
- ✓ **Number of current detainees imprisoned for more than 10 years:** 40 (100 percent of total population).<sup>8</sup>
- ✓ **Remaining detainees approved for release:** 5.<sup>9</sup>
- ✓ **Yemenis approved for transfer:** 1.<sup>10</sup>
- ✓ **Detainees convicted by military commission and still held at Guantánamo:** 2<sup>11</sup>
- ✓ **Detainees Trump Administration is currently trying in military commissions:** 7.<sup>12</sup> The Pentagon may only plan to prosecute 14 detainees in total, including those currently in pre-trial hearings.<sup>13</sup>
- ✓ **Detainees Trump Administration is holding for indefinite detention without charge or trial:** 26.<sup>14</sup>
- ✓ **Number of countries that have accepted Guantánamo detainees:** 59.<sup>15</sup>

## Financial Costs

- ✓ **Yearly cost to U.S. taxpayers of a prisoner in a maximum security federal prison:** Approximately \$78,000.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article208718319.html>

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

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us\\_and\\_americas/article5425956.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/us_and_americas/article5425956.ece)

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

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

<sup>12</sup> Ibid, <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article188944544.html>

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

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article2163210.html>, <http://www.prs.mil/ReviewInformation/FullReviewpage.aspx>

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

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

- ☑ **Yearly cost to hold each detainee at Guantánamo:** More than \$10 million.<sup>17</sup>
- ☑ **Annual cost to operate Guantánamo:** Approximately \$445 million.<sup>18</sup>

### Federal Courts & Challenges to Military Commissions

- ☑ **Federal court convictions since 9/11 on terrorism-related charges:** More than 660.<sup>19</sup>
- ☑ **Detainees convicted by GTMO military commission:** 8.<sup>20</sup>
- ☑ **GTMO military commissions convictions overturned:** 3 completely, 1 partially.<sup>21</sup>
- ☑ **Detainees prosecuted in U.S. federal courts:** 1 – Ahmed Ghailani.<sup>22</sup>
- ☑ **Detainees federal courts have determined were being held unlawfully:** 32.<sup>23</sup>
- ☑ **Detainees who have lost their habeas corpus petitions challenging their detention:** 21.<sup>24</sup>
- ☑ **Times military commissions have been re-vamped:** 2. The current third iteration has not been reviewed by the Supreme Court.<sup>25</sup>
- ☑ **Cases involving detainee rights that have gone before the U.S. Supreme Court:** 4.<sup>26</sup>
- ☑ **Times Supreme Court Justices have sided with the detainees:** 4.<sup>27</sup>

### Federal Prisons Holding Terrorists

- ☑ **Those convicted of terrorism-related charges being held in U.S. prisons:** 443.<sup>28</sup>
- ☑ **Those convicted of terrorism-related charges who have escaped from any part of the federal prison system:** 0.<sup>29</sup>

### Deaths in Custody

- ☑ **Detainees who have died at Guantánamo:** 9.<sup>30</sup>

### Additional History

- ☑ **First detainees brought to Guantánamo:** January 11, 2002.<sup>31</sup>
- ☑ **Last known arrival:** March 14, 2008.<sup>32</sup>
- ☑ **Last known departure:** May 1, 2018.<sup>33</sup>
- ☑ **Date military commissions first established, by military order:** November 13, 2001.<sup>34</sup>

<sup>17</sup> [http://www.defense.gov/Portals/1/Documents/pubs/GTMO\\_Closure\\_Plan\\_0216.pdf](http://www.defense.gov/Portals/1/Documents/pubs/GTMO_Closure_Plan_0216.pdf)

<sup>18</sup> Ibid.

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

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

<sup>21</sup> Ibid., <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article109396027.html>

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

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.andyworthington.co.uk/guantanamo-habeas-results-the-definitive-list/>

<sup>24</sup> Ibid.

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

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

<sup>27</sup> Ibid.

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

<sup>29</sup> [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/17/us/17victorville.html?\\_r=3](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/17/us/17victorville.html?_r=3)

<sup>30</sup> <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>

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

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

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/guantanamo/article208718319.html>

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

- ☑ **Bounties paid by Bush Administration to anyone who would hand over a possible terror suspect:**  
\$3,000 to \$25,000.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>35</sup> [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/8049868/ns/world\\_news/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/8049868/ns/world_news/)