

PRISON GROWTH IN

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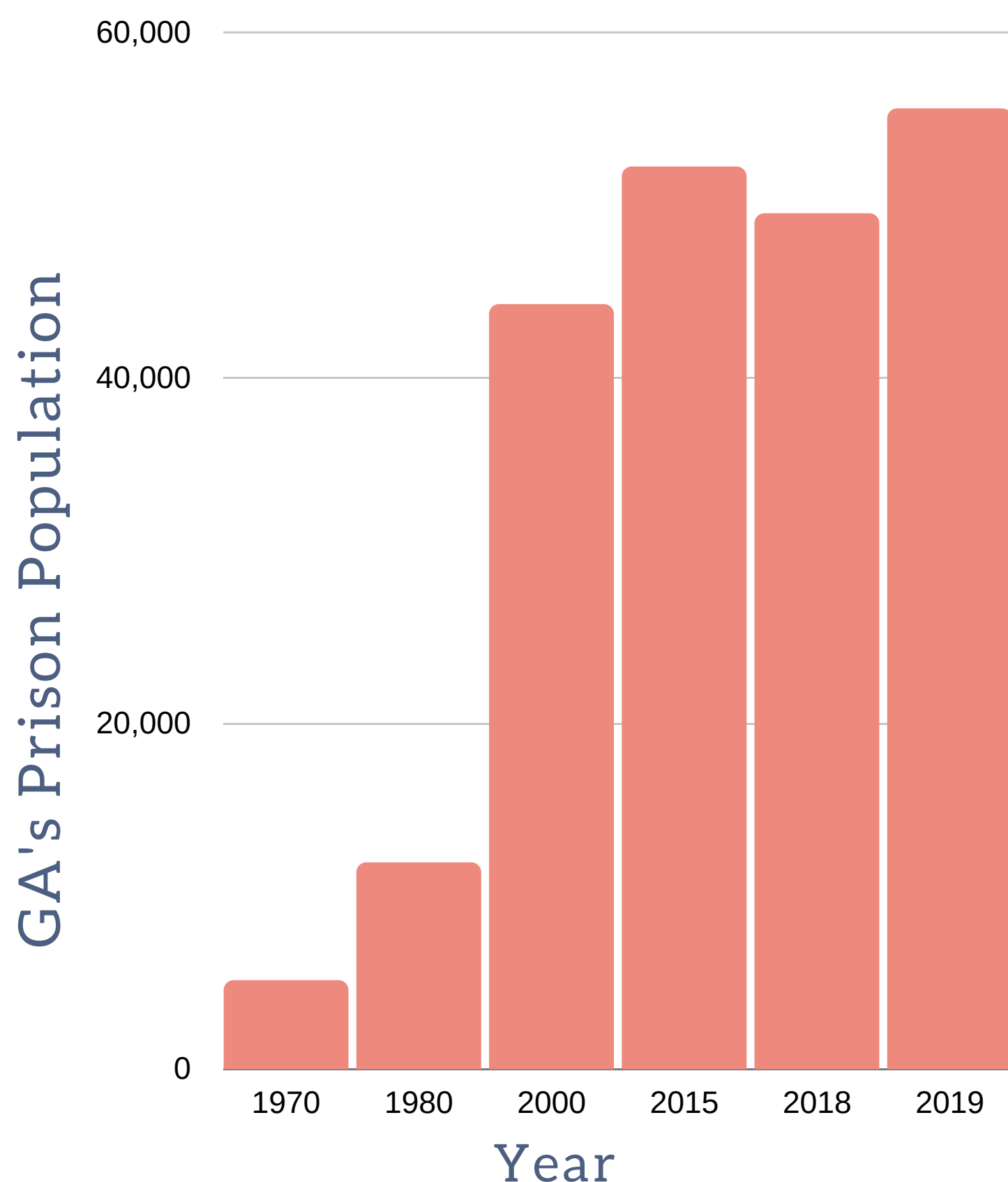
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INTRODUCTION

The prison population is one of the fast growing one in the United States. Ever since 1970s, there are more than 1,000,000 people in just the United States' prison alone.

THE STATISTICS

The graph below is a visual representation of Georgia's prison population growth from 1970 until recent 2019. All data came from U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics' annual report and Vera Institute of Justice's publication.



SOME FACTS

From 1983 to 2015, there is a 329% increase for people that are locked up in Georgia. (Vera Institute)

According to *'Era of Mass Expansion: Why State Officials Should Fight Jail Growth'* by Joshua Aiken, more than 50% of the inmates in jail are pretrial or unconvicted.

Georgia houses around 4% of total prisoners in the entire United States; more than 53,000 inmates. (Vera Institute)

Georgia is ranked 3rd in: Jail Admissions, Prison Population, Jail Sentenced Population, and Jail Pretrial Population. (Vera Institute)

Since 1980, there is a 600% increase of woman in prison. (Vera Institute)

Citations

Table: me!

Data: <https://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbty&iid=1> and <https://www.vera.org/publications/state-incarceration-trends/georgia>