

General exonerations in the US increasing, DNA-based exonerations dropping

Eighty-seven — It seems like such a small number compared to the more than two million adults currently incarcerated in the United States. Eighty-seven is the number of people exonerated and freed from prison in 2013, and that tiny number is a record high.

The National Registry of Exonerations put out its report (pdf) for 2013 today with these new figures.

The number of people being freed from prison due to DNA evidence is dropping. Only 18 were freed in 2013 due to innocence determined by DNA evidence.

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