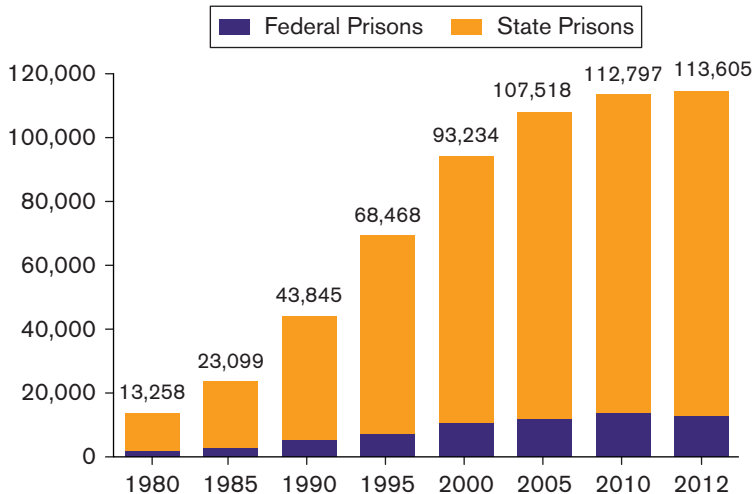


Figure 11.3 ■ Number of Women in State and Federal Prisons, 1980–2012



The number of women who are incarcerated has grown dramatically since the 1980s. Are women more dangerous than they once were? Or are women more likely to be arrested than they once were? What could account for the massive increase, and how does it affect our society?

Source: Carson, E. A., & Golinelli, D. (2013). *Prisoners in 2012—Advance counts*. Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.