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Incarceration rates in selected countries 2021

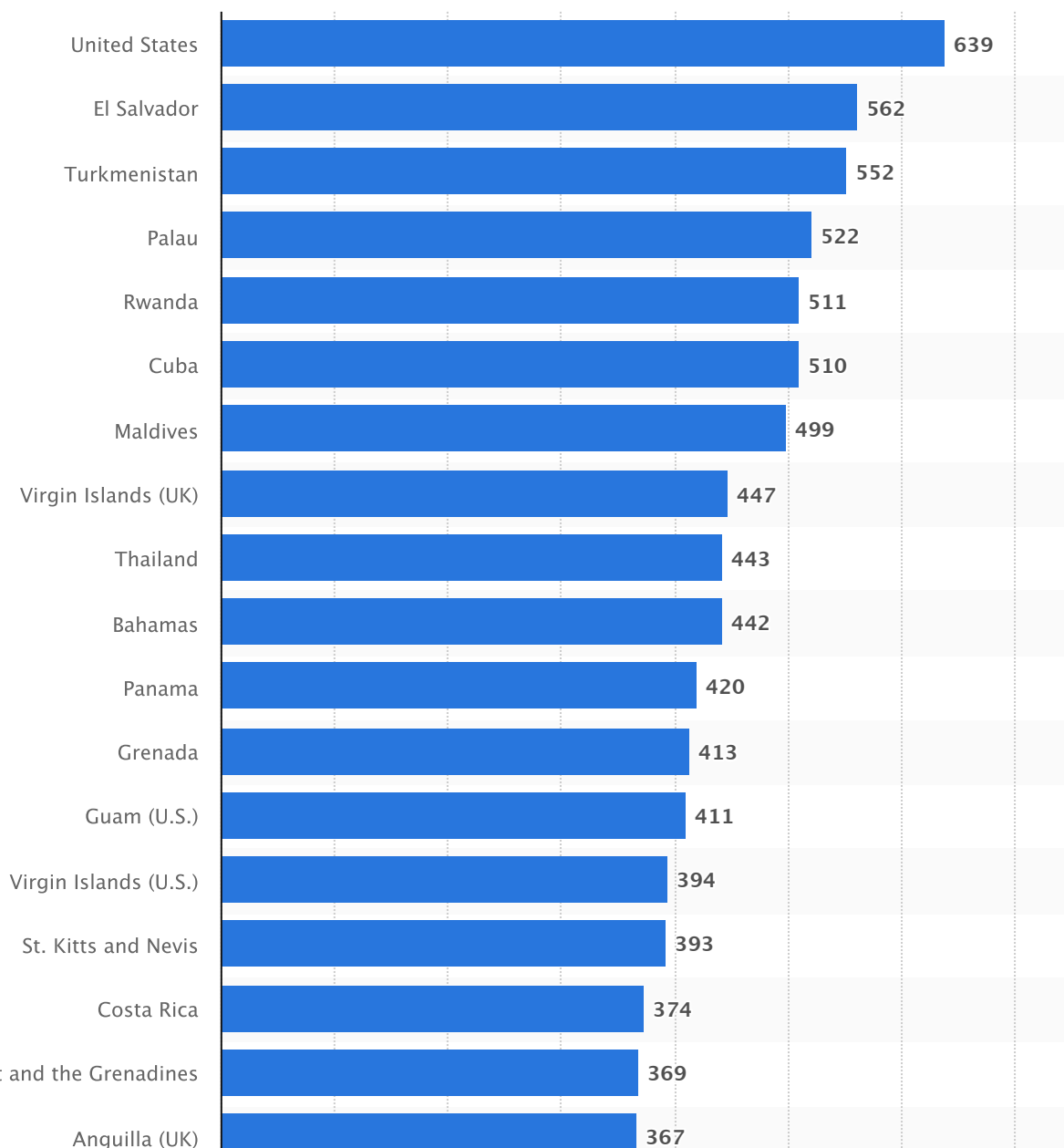
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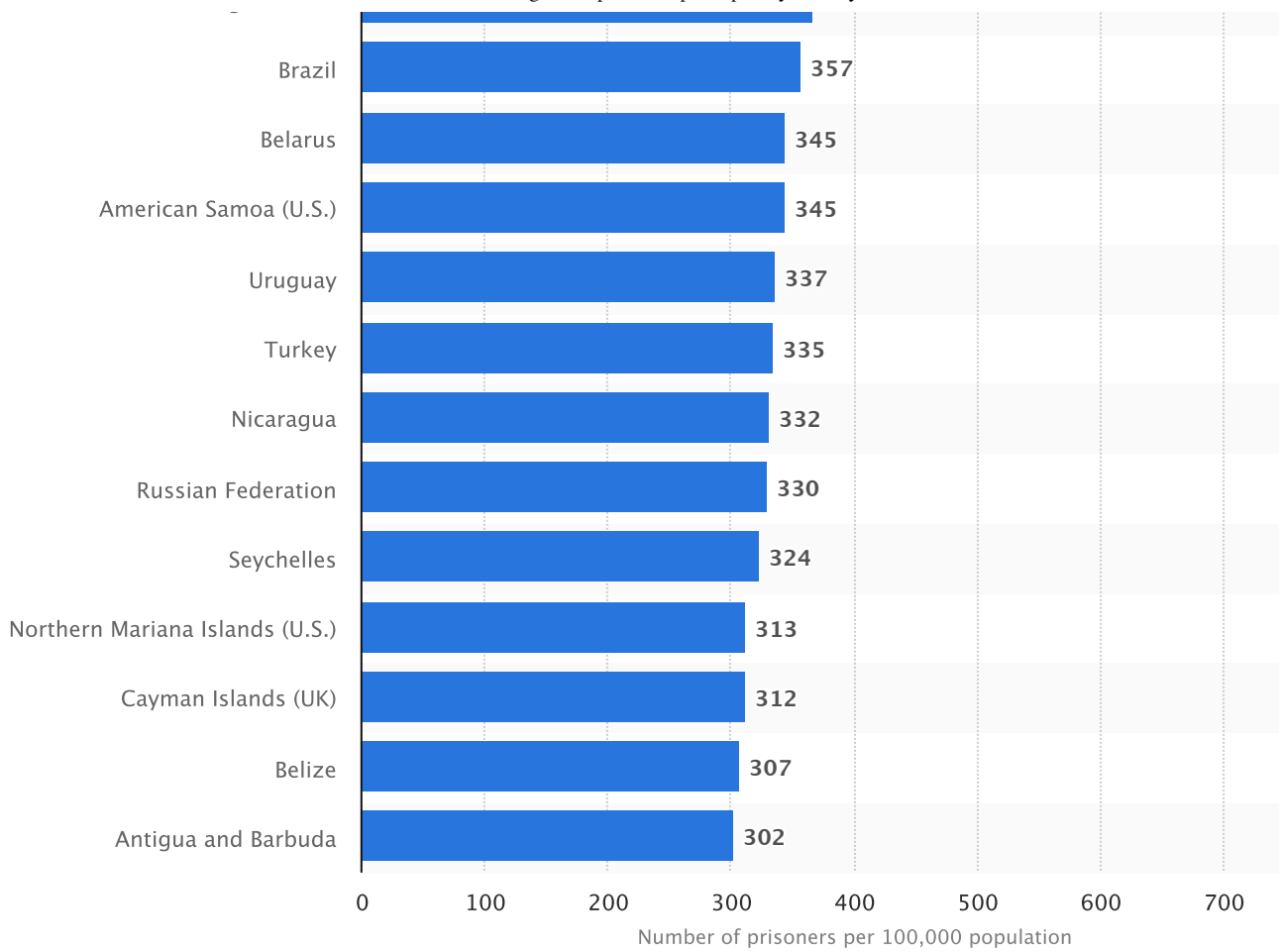
As of May 2021, the United States had the highest prisoner rate, with 639 prisoners per 100,000 of the national population. El Salvador, Turkmenistan, Thailand, and Palau rounded out the top five countries with the highest rate of incarceration.

Prisoners in the United States

The United States is not only the country with the highest incarceration rate worldwide, but it is also home to the largest [number of prisoners](#). Roughly 2.12 million people were

Countries with the largest number of prisoners per 100,000 of the national population, as of May 2021



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