

Illinois Department of Corrections

Individuals in Custody 50 Years of Age and Older on June 30, 2023

Age 50 yrs. & Older 3-Year Recidivism Rates ¹	%	% Minus Gate Violators ¹
FY17 Exits	32.7%	21.7%
FY18 Exits	30.5%	20.5%
FY19 Exits	27.6%	17.5%

Holding Offense Category ²	N	%
Homicide	2,431	36.7%
Sexual Assault / Rape	1,588	24.0%
Controlled Substance Violation	493	7.4%
Assault / Battery / Force / Harm	356	5.4%
DUI	208	3.1%
Weapons	208	3.1%
Armed Robbery	207	3.1%
Sex Related Offense	181	2.7%
Burglary	154	2.3%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	107	1.6%
Residential Burglary	101	1.5%
Kidnapping	76	1.1%
Home / Vehicular Invasion	70	1.1%
Robbery	70	1.1%
Motor Vehicle Offenses	63	1.0%
Retail Theft	56	0.8%
Theft	44	0.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	43	0.6%
Arson	38	0.6%
Forgery / Deception / Fraud	34	0.5%
Escape	31	0.5%
Armed Violence	27	0.4%
Government Offenses	14	0.2%
Criminal Trespass/Damage to Property	11	0.2%
Cannabis	3	0.0%
Disorderly Conduct / Mob Action	3	0.0%
Bail Bond Violation	1	0.0%
Total	6,618	100.0%

Holding Offense Type ²		N	%
Person Crimes		3,526	53.3%
Sex Crimes		1,876	28.3%
Drug Crimes		671	10.1%
Property Crimes		517	7.8%
Other Crimes		28	0.4%
	Total	6,618	100.0%

Miscellaneous	N	%
Life Sentences	1,067	16.1%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	109	1.6%
Indeterminate Sentences	39	0.6%
Sex Offender Registrants ⁵	2,033	30.7%

Number of Illinois Incarcerations	N	%
1	3,084	46.6%
2	1,144	17.3%
3	784	11.8%
4	489	7.4%
5	355	5.4%
6 to 10	695	10.5%
11 or more	67	1.0%
Total	6,618	100.0%

Race	N	%
Black	3,208	48.5%
White	2,626	39.7%
Hispanic	730	11.0%
Asian	29	0.4%
American Indian	14	0.2%
Unknown	8	0.1%
Bi-Racial	3	0.0%
Tot	al 6,618	100.0%

Sex ³		N	%
Female		272	4.1%
Male		6,346	95.9%
	Total	6,618	100.0%

Sentencing County ⁴		N	%
Cook County		2,826	42.7%
Collar Counties ⁴		839	12.7%
Downstate Counties ⁴		2,930	44.3%
Out of State		23	0.3%
	Total	6,618	100.0%

Holding Offense	Holding Offense Class ²		%
Murder	(20-60 years)	2,095	31.7%
Class X	(6-30 years)	2,304	34.8%
Class 1	(4-15 years)	663	10.0%
Class 2	(3-7 years)	826	12.5%
Class 3	(2-5 years)	361	5.5%
Class 4	(1-3 years)	262	4.0%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)		107	1.6%
	Total	6,618	100.0%

Age at Current Admission to IDOC	N	%
17	7	0.1%
18-20	94	1.4%
21-25	357	5.4%
26-30	439	6.6%
31-35	559	8.4%
36-40	663	10.0%
41-45	735	11.1%
46-50	1,065	16.1%
51 and Older	2,699	40.8%
Total	6,618	100.0%

Age at Sentencing	N	%
17 or Younger	8	0.1%
18-20	88	1.3%
21-25	360	5.4%
26-30	451	6.8%
31-35	563	8.5%
36-40	684	10.3%
41-45	769	11.6%
46-50	1,119	16.9%
51 and Older	2,576	38.9%
Missing	0	0.0%
Total	6,618	100.0%

Current Age	N	%
50	501	7.6%
51	486	7.3%
52	518	7.8%
53	498	7.5%
54	412	6.2%
55	388	5.9%
56	349	5.3%
57	350	5.3%
58	316	4.8%
59	331	5.0%
60	321	4.9%
61	299	4.5%
62	277	4.2%
63	202	3.1%
64	208	3.1%
65	172	2.6%
66	136	2.1%
67	140	2.1%
68	122	1.8%
69	94	1.4%
70	73	1.1%
71	84	1.3%
72	69	1.0%
73	50	0.8%
74	41	0.6%
75	38	0.6%
76	35	0.5%
77	21	0.3%
78	24	0.4%
79	11	0.2%
80	15	0.2%
81	6	0.1%
82	6	0.1%
83	8	0.1%
84	6	0.1%
85	4	0.1%
86	3	0.0%
87	0	0.0%
88	3	0.0%
89	1	0.0%
Total	6,618	100.0%
Average	Age 58	3 Years

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Total IDOC Population	IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older	% IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older
30,062	6,618	22.0%

¹ Recidivism rate indicates the percentage of individuals who return to IDOC within three years after release. The data represent those individuals released from IDOC in FY2017, FY2018, and FY2019. Gate violators indicate individuals who fail to release due to the inability to identify an approvable host site per statute.

² 'Holding' indicates the current offense the individual is serving time on, the offense is not necessarily the individuals most serious offense.

³ For the purpose of this fact sheet, "Sex" is the gender recorded in the tracking system of record at the individuals admission to IDOC custody. "Sex" does not determine an individual's location.

⁴ Sentencing County: County from which offender was convicted and sentenced. It will not always be the county in which the crime occurred.

Collar Counties (5): DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will. Downstate Counties (96): Illinois counties other than Cook County and collar counties.

⁵ Sex offender registrants are defined as individuals required to register as a sex offender for having a sex offense on the sentencing order; excluding prostitution.

^{**} In December, 2015 IDOC initiated a major IT transition, moving from a DOS-based offender tracking system to a modern, web-based tracking system. During the transition, some traditional measures will contain missing values due to a combination of factors, which include quality control issues with data entry and missing data for fields that are no longer required within the system. In addition, basic coding and program logic is still being reviewed and corrected. Moving forward, the Department continues to validate certain data measures and all elements are subject to change as more information becomes available. Contact the Planning & Research Unit with any questions.