



Illinois Department of Corrections

Inmates 50 Years of Age and Older on December 31, 2020

Age 50 yrs. & Older 3-Year Recidivism Rates ¹	%
FY15 Exits	30.5%
FY16 Exits	32.5%
FY17 Exits	32.7%

Sex	N	%
Female	267	4.1%
Male	6,191	95.9%
Total	6,458	100.0%

Offense Category	N	%
Homicide	2,344	36.3%
Sexual Assault / Rape	1,605	24.9%
Controlled Substance Violation	428	6.6%
Assault / Battery / Force / Harm	304	4.7%
Armed Robbery	249	3.9%
Burglary	208	3.2%
Sex Related Offense	207	3.2%
DUI	186	2.9%
Weapons	141	2.2%
Residential Burglary	123	1.9%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	107	1.7%
Robbery	94	1.5%
Home / Vehicular Invasion	78	1.2%
Kidnapping	66	1.0%
Theft	56	0.9%
Retail Theft	50	0.8%
Vehicle Code Violation	44	0.7%
Armed Violence	35	0.5%
Arson	30	0.5%
Forgery / Deception / Fraud	29	0.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	27	0.4%
Cannabis	16	0.2%
Escape	12	0.2%
Government Offenses	11	0.2%
Criminal Trespass/Damage to	4	0.1%
Disorderly Conduct	3	0.0%
Habitual Criminal	1	0.0%
Total	6,458	100.0%

Offense Type	N	%
Person Crimes	3,364	52.1%
Sex Crimes	1,919	29.7%
Drug Crimes	600	9.3%
Property Crimes	555	8.6%
Other Crimes	20	0.3%
Total	6,458	100.0%

Miscellaneous	N	%
Life Sentences	1,015	15.7%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	107	1.7%
Indeterminate Sentences	63	1.0%
Sex Offender Registrants ³	2,086	32.3%

Race	N	%
Black	3,218	49.8%
White	2,483	38.4%
Hispanic	705	10.9%
Asian	31	0.5%
Native American	14	0.2%
Bi-Racial	2	0.0%
Unknown/Missing	5	0.1%
Total	6,458	100.0%

Sentencing County ²	N	%
Cook County	2,924	45.3%
Collar Counties ²	852	13.2%
Downstate Counties ²	2,663	41.2%
Out of State	19	0.3%
Total	6,458	100.0%

Offense Class / Sentence Range ⁴	N	%
Murder (20-60 years)	2,009	31.1%
Class X (6-30 years)	2,346	36.3%
Class 1 (4-15 years)	692	10.7%
Class 2 (3-7 years)	802	12.4%
Class 3 (2-5 years)	289	4.5%
Class 4 (1-3 years)	213	3.3%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	107	1.7%
Total	6,458	100.0%

Age at Current Admission to IDOC	N	%
17	4	0.1%
18-20	90	1.4%
21-25	321	5.0%
26-30	418	6.5%
31-35	529	8.2%
36-40	647	10.0%
41-45	737	11.4%
46-50	1,160	18.0%
51 and Older	2,552	39.5%
Total	6,458	100.0%

Age at Sentencing	N	%
16-17	4	0.1%
18-20	90	1.4%
21-25	321	5.0%
26-30	418	6.5%
31-35	529	8.2%
36-40	648	10.0%
41-45	736	11.4%
46-50	1,160	18.0%
51 and Older	2,552	39.5%
Missing	0	0.0%
Total	6,458	100.0%

Number of Illinois Incarcerations	N	%
1	2,995	46.4%
2	1,109	17.2%
3	754	11.7%
4	470	7.3%
5	363	5.6%
6 to 10	704	10.9%
11 or more	63	1.0%
Total	6,458	100.0%

Current Age	N	%
50	567	8.8%
51	452	7.0%
52	506	7.8%
53	450	7.0%
54	410	6.3%
55	397	6.1%
56	403	6.2%
57	374	5.8%
58	333	5.2%
59	359	5.6%
60	302	4.7%
61	256	4.0%
62	233	3.6%
63	185	2.9%
64	161	2.5%
65	178	2.8%
66	133	2.1%
67	120	1.9%
68	109	1.7%
69	91	1.4%
70	76	1.2%
71	62	1.0%
72	46	0.7%
73	52	0.8%
74	38	0.6%
75	39	0.6%
76	24	0.4%
77	15	0.2%
78	21	0.3%
79	12	0.2%
80	13	0.2%
81	14	0.2%
82	7	0.1%
83	5	0.1%
84	3	0.0%
85	5	0.1%
86	1	0.0%
87	4	0.1%
88	1	0.0%
92	1	0.0%
Total	6,458	100.0%

Average Age 58 Years

Total IDOC Population	IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older	% IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older
29,224	6,458	22.1%

¹ Recidivism rate indicates the percentage of inmates who return to IDOC within three years after release. The data represent those inmates released from IDOC in FY2015, FY2016, and FY2017.

² Sentencing County: County where the crime occurred and the inmate was committed.
Collar Counties (5): DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will.
Downstate Counties (96): Illinois counties other than Cook County and collar counties.

³ Sex offender registrants are defined as inmates required to register as a sex offender for having a sex offense or a murderer/violence against youth offense on the sentencing order; excluding prostitution.

⁴ Sentence length does not include extended sentence or any additional sentencing factors that extend beyond the single holding offense class, including life sentences.

** In December, 2015 IDOC initiated a major IT transition, moving from a DOS-based offender tracking system to a modern, web-based tracking system. 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.