

Illinois Department of Corrections
Adult Inmate Population on December 31, 2020

3-Year Recidivism Rates ¹	%
FY15 Exits	39.9%
FY16 Exits	41.6%
FY17 Exits	41.3%

Offense Category	N	%
Homicide	8,081	27.7%
Sexual Assault / Rape	4,458	15.3%
Assault / Battery / Force / Harm	3,093	10.6%
Controlled Substance Violation	2,870	9.8%
Weapons	2,453	8.4%
Armed Robbery	1,926	6.6%
Residential Burglary	843	2.9%
Burglary	817	2.8%
Robbery	734	2.5%
Sex Related Offense	689	2.4%
DUI	656	2.2%
Home / Vehicular Invasion	335	1.1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	323	1.1%
Kidnapping / Restraint / Abduction	307	1.1%
Theft	244	0.8%
Armed Violence	197	0.7%
Retail Theft	186	0.6%
Vehicle Code Violation	160	0.5%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	158	0.5%
Forgery / Deception / Fraud	148	0.5%
Escape	146	0.5%
Arson	128	0.4%
Cannabis	107	0.4%
Government Offenses	104	0.4%
Damage to Property	42	0.1%
Disorderly Conduct / Mob Action	18	0.1%
Habitual Offender	1	0.0%
Total	29,224	100.0%

CY20 Deaths			
Type of Death	N	Race	N
Natural	117	Black	90
Suicide	6	White	67
Homicide	0	Hispanic	9
Justifiable Homicide	0	Asian	1
Accidental	1	Total	167
Pending	42		
Undetermined	1	Average Age	59 Years
Total	167		

Admission History ⁴	Court ⁵	New Offense Violation ⁶	Technical Violation ⁷	Total
CY05	25,611	3,643	10,581	39,835
CY06	25,160	3,472	9,263	37,895
CY07	25,346	3,735	6,643	35,724
CY08	24,294	3,590	8,243	36,127
CY09	24,515	3,284	9,466	37,265
CY10	20,256	2,460	11,546	34,262
CY11	20,127	1,691	9,285	31,103
CY12	21,591	1,714	7,408	30,713
CY13	21,841	1,912	7,186	30,939
CY14	20,853	1,769	7,113	29,735
CY15	18,153	1,666	7,301	27,120
CY16	16,883	1,874	6,947	25,704
CY17	16,453	1,445	6,617	24,515
CY18	14,512	1,248	7,118	22,878
CY19	14,066	1,252	6,689	22,007
CY20	7,050	439	4,146	11,635

CY20 Admissions by Region ⁴	Total Admissions	Prison Turnarounds ⁹	Jail Turnarounds ¹⁰
Cook	4,739	721	53
Collar	1,429	60	8
Downstate	5,465	66	14
Out of State	2	0	0
Total	11,635	847	75

Race	N	%
Black	15,866	54.3%
White	9,271	31.7%
Hispanic	3,831	13.1%
Asian	103	0.4%
Native American	45	0.2%
Bi-Racial	48	0.2%
Unknown/Missing	60	0.2%
Total	29,224	100.0%

Average Age	39.8 Years
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Sex	N	%
Male	27,806	95.1%
Female	1,418	4.9%

Sentencing County ²	N	%
Cook County	12,763	43.7%
Collar Counties ²	3,384	11.6%
Downstate Counties ²	13,028	44.6%
Out of State	49	0.2%
Total	29,224	100.0%

Offense Class ³	N	%
Murder (20-60 years)	6,443	22.0%
Class X (6-30 years)	10,475	35.8%
Class 1 (4-15 years)	3,954	13.5%
Class 2 (3-7 years)	4,888	16.7%
Class 3 (2-5 years)	1,981	6.8%
Class 4 (1-3 years)	1,323	4.5%
Contempt of Court	2	0.0%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	158	0.5%
Total	29,224	100.0%

Offense Type	N	%
Person	17,434	59.7%
Drug	3,501	12.0%
Property	2,800	9.6%
Sex	5,305	18.2%
Other	184	0.6%
Total	29,224	100.0%

Miscellaneous	N	%
Sex Offender Registrants ⁹	5,609	19.2%
Life Sentences	1,579	5.4%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	158	0.5%
Indeterminate Sentences	63	0.2%

Admission Type*	N	%
Court ⁵	25,034	85.7%
New Offense Violation ⁶	1,536	5.3%
Technical Violation ⁷	2,497	8.5%
Other ⁸	157	0.5%
Total	29,224	100.0%

Historical Population - End of CY*	
CY	**Population
CY75	7,853
CY76	9,749
CY77	10,619
CY78	10,257
CY79	11,154
CY80	11,768
CY81	13,206
CY82	13,896
CY83	15,437
CY84	16,854
CY85	18,279
CY86	19,456
CY87	19,850
CY88	21,081
CY89	24,712
CY90	27,516
CY91	29,115
CY92	31,640
CY93	34,495
CY94	36,531
CY95	37,658
CY96	38,852
CY97	40,788
CY98	43,051
CY99	44,660
CY00	45,281
CY01	44,348
CY02	42,693
CY03	43,418
CY04	44,054
CY05	44,919
CY06	45,106
CY07	45,215
CY08	45,474
CY09	45,161
CY10	48,418
CY11	48,427
CY12	49,058
CY13	48,653
CY14	48,278
CY15	45,940
CY16	43,615
CY17	41,427
CY18	39,915
CY19	38,259
CY20	29,224

***The highest inmate population was 49,401 on February 9, 2013.

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

⁴ Admission to IDOC during each calendar year (January 1 - December 31).

⁵ Court admission is defined as an adult admitted from criminal court who is not on MSR or parole.

⁶ A new offense violation is defined as an adult who was on MSR/Parole and has been convicted of a new offense that is different from their current holding offense.

⁷ A technical violation is defined as an adult on MSR/parole readmitted because of an MSR/parole rule violation or readmitted with new charges pending.

⁸ Other is defined as an adult admitted to IDOC custody for something other than an MSR/Parole violation, including admission from other custody or violation of some other form of release.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ Prison turnarounds are offenders that were in IDOC reception 48 hours or less before being released to MSR, parole, or other custody.

¹¹ Jail turnarounds are offenders that are held in a county facility in lieu of coming to IDOC Reception. IDOC received the offender paperwork 48 hours or less before being released.

* End of CY population is the population on the last day of the Calendar Year, December 31st.

** 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.