



Illinois Department of Corrections

Individuals in Custody 50 Years of Age and Older on December 31, 2023

Age 50 yrs. & Older 3-Year Recidivism Rates ¹	%	% Minus Gate Violators ¹
FY17 Exits	32.7%	21.7%
FY18 Exits	30.5%	20.3%
FY19 Exits	27.6%	17.5%

Offense Category	N	%
Homicide	2,462	36.8%
Sexual Assault / Rape	1,590	23.8%
Controlled Substance Violation	497	7.4%
Assault / Battery / Force / Harm	379	5.7%
Weapons	219	3.3%
DUI	199	3.0%
Armed Robbery	197	2.9%
Sex Related Offense	181	2.7%
Burglary	158	2.4%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	109	1.6%
Residential Burglary	103	1.5%
Robbery	75	1.1%
Kidnapping	73	1.1%
Home / Vehicular Invasion	67	1.0%
Retail Theft	63	0.9%
Theft	56	0.8%
Motor Vehicle Offenses	50	0.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	43	0.6%
Arson	40	0.6%
Forgery / Deception / Fraud	32	0.5%
Armed Violence	32	0.5%
Escape	24	0.4%
Government Offenses	19	0.3%
Property	16	0.2%
Cannabis	6	0.1%
Disorderly Conduct	3	0.0%
Total	6,693	100.0%

Offense Type	N	%
Person Crimes	3,578	53.5%
Sex Crimes	1,880	28.1%
Drug Crimes	672	10.0%
Property Crimes	532	7.9%
Other Crimes	31	0.5%
Total	6,693	100.0%

Miscellaneous	N	%
Life Sentences	1,073	16.0%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	110	1.6%
Indeterminate Sentences	38	0.6%
Sex Offender Registrants ⁴	2,038	30.4%

Number of Illinois Incarcerations	N	%
1	3,084	46.1%
2	1,158	17.3%
3	800	12.0%
4	512	7.6%
5	359	5.4%
6 to 10	712	10.6%
11 or more	68	1.0%
Total	6,693	100.0%

Race	N	%
Black	3,264	48.8%
White	2,640	39.4%
Hispanic	735	11.0%
Asian	31	0.5%
American Indian	13	0.2%
Unknown	7	0.1%
Bi-Racial	3	0.0%
Total	6,693	100.0%

Sex ²	N	%
Male	6416	95.9%
Female	277	4.1%
Total	6,693	100.0%

Sentencing County ³	N	%
Cook County	2,841	42.4%
Collar Counties ³	839	12.5%
Downstate Counties ³	2,988	44.6%
Out of State	25	0.4%
Total	6,693	100.0%

Offense Class / Sentence Range	N	%
Murder (20-60 years)	2,125	31.7%
Class X (6-30 years)	2,345	35.0%
Class 1 (4-15 years)	682	10.2%
Class 2 (3-7 years)	811	12.1%
Class 3 (2-5 years)	363	5.4%
Class 4 (1-3 years)	258	3.9%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	109	1.6%
Total	6,693	100.0%

Age at Current Admission to IDOC	N	%
17	7	0.1%
18-20	98	1.5%
21-25	363	5.4%
26-30	442	6.6%
31-35	558	8.3%
36-40	688	10.3%
41-45	730	10.9%
46-50	1,089	16.3%
51 and Older	2,718	40.6%
Total	6,693	100.0%

Age at Sentencing	N	%
17	8	0.1%
18-20	96	1.4%
21-25	363	5.4%
26-30	451	6.7%
31-35	570	8.5%
36-40	706	10.5%
41-45	763	11.4%
46-50	1,134	16.9%
51 and Older	2,602	38.9%
Total	6,693	100.0%

Current Age	N	%
50	526	7.9%
51	504	7.5%
52	475	7.1%
53	477	7.1%
54	428	6.4%
55	414	6.2%
56	355	5.3%
57	337	5.0%
58	310	4.6%
59	321	4.8%
60	306	4.6%
61	286	4.3%
62	312	4.7%
63	226	3.4%
64	201	3.0%
65	188	2.8%
66	144	2.2%
67	120	1.8%
68	132	2.0%
69	106	1.6%
70	90	1.3%
71	70	1.0%
72	76	1.1%
73	51	0.8%
74	47	0.7%
75	37	0.6%
76	37	0.6%
77	26	0.4%
78	26	0.4%
79	14	0.2%
80	10	0.1%
81	12	0.2%
82	3	0.0%
83	7	0.1%
84	7	0.1%
85	4	0.1%
86	3	0.0%
87	2	0.0%
88	2	0.0%
89	1	0.0%
Total	6,693	100.0%

Average Age 58.4 Years

Total IDOC Population	IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older	% IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older
29,828	6,693	22.4%

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 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.