



Illinois Department of Corrections
Male Population on December 31, 2023¹

3-Year Recidivism Rates ²	%	% Minus Gate Violators ²
FY17 Exits	43.0%	36.3%
FY18 Exits	39.9%	33.7%
FY19 Exits	37.9%	32.5%

Holding Offense Category ³	N	%
Homicide	7,416	26.2%
Sexual Assault / Rape	4,204	14.9%
Weapons	3,796	13.4%
Assault / Battery / Force / Harm	3,363	11.9%
Controlled Substance Violation	2,451	8.7%
Armed Robbery	1,418	5.0%
Burglary	696	2.5%
Sex Related Offense	639	2.3%
Residential Burglary	628	2.2%
DUI	597	2.1%
Robbery	534	1.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	409	1.4%
Kidnapping / Restraint / Abduction	280	1.0%
Home / Vehicular Invasion	228	0.8%
Armed Violence	212	0.7%
Retail Theft	197	0.7%
Theft	183	0.6%
Escape	171	0.6%
Vehicle Code Violation	170	0.6%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	144	0.5%
Arson	139	0.5%
Forgery / Deception / Fraud	119	0.4%
Damage to Property	109	0.4%
Government Offenses	90	0.3%
Cannabis	76	0.3%
Disorderly Conduct / Mob Action	25	0.1%
Bail Bond Violation	1	0.0%
Total	28,295	100.0%

Admission History ⁵	Court ⁶	New Offense Violation ⁷	Technical Violation ⁸	Total
CY06	22,235	3,138	8,884	34,257
CY07	22,452	3,438	6,395	32,285
CY08	21,674	3,295	7,893	32,862
CY09	22,005	3,049	9,105	34,159
CY10	18,196	2,314	10,926	31,436
CY11	18,212	1,605	8,900	28,717
CY12	19,509	1,617	7,132	28,258
CY13	19,492	1,775	6,923	28,190
CY14	18,735	1,640	6,865	27,240
CY15	16,397	1,564	7,000	24,961
CY16	15,082	1,766	6,662	23,510
CY17	14,803	1,383	6,368	22,554
CY18	13,084	1,160	6,821	21,065
CY19	12,616	1,174	6,345	20,135
CY20	6,327	429	3,983	10,739
CY21	10,584	441	3,557	14,582
CY22	12,319	408	4,061	16,788
CY23	11,943	424	4,241	16,608

Race	N	%
Black	15,694	55.5%
White	8,748	30.9%
Hispanic	3,609	12.8%
Asian	98	0.3%
Native American	35	0.1%
Bi-Racial	59	0.2%
Unknown/Missing	52	0.2%
Total	28,295	100.0%

Average Age	40.3 Years
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Sentencing County ⁴	N	%
Cook County	11,735	41.5%
Collar Counties ⁴	3,262	11.5%
Downstate Counties ⁴	13,234	46.8%
Out of State	64	0.2%
Total	28,295	100.0%

Holding Offense Class ³	N	%
Murder (20-60 years)	5,855	20.7%
Class X (6-30 years)	9,431	33.3%
Class 1 (4-15 years)	3,516	12.4%
Class 2 (3-7 years)	5,521	19.5%
Class 3 (2-5 years)	2,204	7.8%
Class 4 (1-3 years)	1,624	5.7%
Contempt of Court	0	0.0%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	144	0.5%
Total	28,295	100.0%

Holding Offense Type ³	N	%
Person	17,567	62.1%
Sex	4,987	17.6%
Drug	3,014	10.7%
Property	2,550	9.0%
Other	177	0.6%
Total	28,295	100.0%

Miscellaneous	N	%
Sex Offender Registrants ¹⁰	5,279	18.7%
Life Sentences	1,473	5.2%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	145	0.5%
Indeterminate Sentences	37	0.1%

Admission Type	N	%
Court ⁶	24,601	86.9%
New Offense Violation ⁷	1,369	4.8%
Technical Violation ⁸	2,173	7.7%
Other ⁹	152	0.5%
Total	28,295	100.0%

Historical Population - End of CY*	
CY	**Male Population
CY75	7,872
CY76	9,706
CY77	10,487
CY78	10,150
CY79	11,234
CY80	12,080
CY81	13,465
CY82	13,320
CY83	15,206
CY84	16,546
CY85	17,961
CY86	19,034
CY87	19,464
CY88	20,280
CY89	23,706
CY90	26,343
CY91	27,794
CY92	30,175
CY93	32,797
CY94	34,704
CY95	35,443
CY96	36,585
CY97	38,333
CY98	40,376
CY99	41,837
CY00	42,397
CY01	41,570
CY02	40,146
CY03	40,718
CY04	41,304
CY05	42,194
CY06	42,386
CY07	42,391
CY08	42,753
CY09	42,569
CY10	45,504
CY11	45,562
***CY12	46,173
CY13	45,737
CY14	45,390
CY15	43,032
CY16	40,999
CY17	39,148
CY18	37,580
CY19	35,995
CY20	27,806
CY21	26,660
CY22	28,163
CY23	28,295

***The highest male inmate population was 46,586 on November 20, 2012.

¹ For the purpose of this fact sheet, "Male" is the gender recorded in the tracking system of record at the individuals admission to IDOC custody. "Male" does not determine an individual's location.

² 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.

³ 'Holding' indicates the current offense the individual is serving time on, the offense is not necessarily the individuals most serious offense.

⁴ Sentencing County: County from which an individual was convicted and sentenced.

Collar Counties (5): DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will.

Downstate Counties (96): Illinois counties other than Cook County and collar counties.

⁵ Admission to IDOC during each fiscal year (January 1 - December 31).

⁶ Court admission is defined as an adult admitted from criminal court who was not on MSR or parole at the time the offense occurred.

⁷ A new offense violation is defined as an adult readmitted from criminal court for a felony committed while on MSR or parole.

⁸ A technical violation is defined as an adult on MSR or parole readmitted because of an MSR or parole rule violation.

⁹ Other is defined as an adult who is admitted to IDOC from another custody or who has been returned to custody without having been sentenced.

¹⁰ Sex offender registrants are defined as individuals 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.

* 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.