



Illinois Department of Corrections

Individuals in Custody 50 Years of Age and Older on December 31, 2024

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	2,436	36.7%
Sexual Assault / Rape	1,671	25.1%
Controlled Substance Violation	492	7.4%
Assault / Battery / Force / Harm	381	5.7%
Weapons	256	3.9%
DUI	192	2.9%
Sex Related Offense	180	2.7%
Armed Robbery	164	2.5%
Burglary	121	1.8%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	96	1.4%
Residential Burglary	95	1.4%
Retail Theft	70	1.1%
Kidnapping	69	1.0%
Robbery	67	1.0%
Motor Vehicle Offenses	63	0.9%
Home / Vehicular Invasion	62	0.9%
Theft	45	0.7%
Arson	39	0.6%
Forgery / Deception / Fraud	38	0.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	33	0.5%
Armed Violence	30	0.5%
Escape	14	0.2%
Government Offenses	12	0.2%
Criminal Trespass/Damage to Property	10	0.2%
Cannabis	7	0.1%
Disorderly Conduct / Mob Action	3	0.0%
Total	6,646	100.0%

Holding Offense Type ²	N	%
Person Crimes	3,533	53.2%
Sex Crimes	1,947	29.3%
Drug Crimes	659	9.9%
Property Crimes	485	7.3%
Other Crimes	22	0.3%
Total	6,646	100.0%

Miscellaneous	N	%
Life Sentences	1,085	16.3%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	97	1.5%
Indeterminate Sentences	33	0.5%
Sex Offender Registrants ⁵	2,106	31.7%

Number of Illinois Incarcerations	N	%
1	3,110	46.8%
2	1,161	17.5%
3	798	12.0%
4	503	7.6%
5	340	5.1%
6 to 10	669	10.1%
11 or more	65	1.0%
Total	6,646	100.0%

Race	N	%
Black	3,242	48.8%
White	2,588	38.9%
Hispanic	755	11.4%
Asian	31	0.5%
American Indian	18	0.3%
Bi-Racial	4	0.1%
Unknown	8	0.1%
Total	6,646	100.0%

Sex ³	N	%
Male	6367	95.8%
Female	279	4.2%
Total	6,646	100.0%

Sentencing County ⁴	N	%
Cook County	2,775	41.8%
Collar Counties ⁴	885	13.3%
Downstate Counties ⁴	2,961	44.6%
Out of State	25	0.4%
Total	6,646	100.0%

Holding Offense Class ²	N	%
Murder (20-60 years)	2,104	31.7%
Class X (6-30 years)	2,399	36.1%
Class 1 (4-15 years)	666	10.0%
Class 2 (3-7 years)	788	11.9%
Class 3 (2-5 years)	330	5.0%
Class 4 (1-3 years)	263	4.0%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	96	1.4%
Total	6,646	100.0%

Age at Current Admission to IDOC	N	%
17	6	0.1%
18-20	87	1.3%
21-25	360	5.4%
26-30	437	6.6%
31-35	537	8.1%
36-40	672	10.1%
41-45	696	10.5%
46-50	1,038	15.6%
51 and Older	2,813	42.3%
Total	6,646	100.0%

Age at Sentencing	N	%
17 or Younger	7	0.1%
18-20	85	1.3%
21-25	359	5.4%
26-30	449	6.8%
31-35	559	8.4%
36-40	697	10.5%
41-45	746	11.2%
46-50	1,097	16.5%
51 and Older	2,647	39.8%
Total	6,646	100.0%

Current Age	N	%
50	470	7.1%
51	491	7.4%
52	444	6.7%
53	449	6.8%
54	410	6.2%
55	417	6.3%
56	374	5.6%
57	312	4.7%
58	317	4.8%
59	296	4.5%
60	288	4.3%
61	289	4.3%
62	274	4.1%
63	285	4.3%
64	218	3.3%
65	188	2.8%
66	169	2.5%
67	136	2.0%
68	118	1.8%
69	124	1.9%
70	102	1.5%
71	80	1.2%
72	67	1.0%
73	69	1.0%
74	45	0.7%
75	44	0.7%
76	32	0.5%
77	30	0.5%
78	24	0.4%
79	27	0.4%
80	13	0.2%
81	9	0.1%
82	13	0.2%
83	3	0.0%
84	6	0.1%
85	4	0.1%
86	4	0.1%
87	2	0.0%
88	0	0.0%
89	1	0.0%
90	1	0.0%
91	1	0.0%
Total	6,646	100.0%

Average Age 58.8 Years

Total IDOC Population	IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older	% IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older
28,976	6,646	22.9%

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. The recidivism rate will be updated when programming issues are resolved.

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 under guidelines determined by statute, excludes prostitution.

** As the Department continues to validate data some data elements are subject to change. Contact the Planning & Research Unit with any questions.