



Illinois Department of Corrections

Individuals in Custody 50 Years of Age and Older on December 31, 2025

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	2,507	35.5%
Sexual Assault / Rape	1,721	24.4%
Controlled Substance Violation	557	7.9%
Assault / Battery / Force / Harm	445	6.3%
Weapons	299	4.2%
Sex Related Offense	248	3.5%
DUI	194	2.7%
Armed Robbery	161	2.3%
Burglary	125	1.8%
Retail Theft	110	1.6%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	95	1.3%
Residential Burglary	86	1.2%
Kidnapping	83	1.2%
Robbery	74	1.0%
Motor Vehicle Offenses	68	1.0%
Home / Vehicular Invasion	58	0.8%
Theft	39	0.6%
Armed Violence	34	0.5%
Forgery / Deception / Fraud	32	0.5%
Arson	31	0.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	0.4%
Escape	24	0.3%
Criminal Trespass/Damage to Property	17	0.2%
Government Offenses	12	0.2%
Cannabis	10	0.1%
Disorderly Conduct / Mob Action	4	0.1%
Total	7,060	100.0%

Holding Offense Type ²	N	%
Person Crimes	3,736	52.9%
Sex Crimes	2,064	29.2%
Drug Crimes	726	10.3%
Property Crimes	504	7.1%
Other Crimes	30	0.4%
Total	7,060	100.0%

Miscellaneous	N	%
Life Sentences	1,107	15.7%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	96	1.4%
Indeterminate Sentences	34	0.5%
Sex Offender Registrants ⁵	2,226	31.5%

Number of Illinois Incarcerations	N	%
1	3,276	46.4%
2	1,262	17.9%
3	806	11.4%
4	542	7.7%
5	362	5.1%
6 to 10	732	10.4%
11 or more	80	1.1%
Total	7,060	100.0%

Race	N	%
Black	3,438	48.7%
White	2,766	39.2%
Hispanic	804	11.4%
Asian	26	0.4%
American Indian	14	0.2%
Bi-Racial	6	0.1%
Unknown	6	0.1%
Total	7,060	100.0%

Sex ³	N	%
Male	6760	95.8%
Female	300	4.2%
Total	7,060	100.0%

Sentencing County ⁴	N	%
Cook County	2,920	41.4%
Collar Counties ⁴	917	13.0%
Downstate Counties ⁴	3,197	45.3%
Out of State	26	0.4%
Total	7,060	100.0%

Holding Offense Class ²	N	%
Murder (20-60 years)	2,166	30.7%
Class X (6-30 years)	2,521	35.7%
Class 1 (4-15 years)	703	10.0%
Class 2 (3-7 years)	820	11.6%
Class 3 (2-5 years)	434	6.1%
Class 4 (1-3 years)	321	4.5%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	95	1.3%
Total	7,060	100.0%

Age at Current Admission to IDOC	N	%
17	5	0.1%
18-20	94	1.3%
21-25	368	5.2%
26-30	482	6.8%
31-35	542	7.7%
36-40	692	9.8%
41-45	690	9.8%
46-50	1,056	15.0%
51 and Older	3,131	44.3%
Total	7,060	100.0%

Age at Sentencing	N	%
17 or Younger	6	0.1%
18-20	87	1.2%
21-25	372	5.3%
26-30	497	7.0%
31-35	573	8.1%
36-40	724	10.3%
41-45	742	10.5%
46-50	1,096	15.5%
51 and Older	2,963	42.0%
Total	7,060	100.0%

Current Age	N	%
50	526	7.5%
51	449	6.4%
52	476	6.7%
53	459	6.5%
54	441	6.2%
55	425	6.0%
56	392	5.6%
57	359	5.1%
58	324	4.6%
59	330	4.7%
60	306	4.3%
61	285	4.0%
62	284	4.0%
63	257	3.6%
64	271	3.8%
65	212	3.0%
66	186	2.6%
67	165	2.3%
68	131	1.9%
69	116	1.6%
70	118	1.7%
71	97	1.4%
72	81	1.1%
73	65	0.9%
74	63	0.9%
75	42	0.6%
76	40	0.6%
77	30	0.4%
78	27	0.4%
79	22	0.3%
80	26	0.4%
81	11	0.2%
82	10	0.1%
83	12	0.2%
84	3	0.0%
85	7	0.1%
86	3	0.0%
87	4	0.1%
88	2	0.0%
89	0	0.0%
90	1	0.0%
91	1	0.0%
92	1	0.0%
Total	7,060	100.0%

Average Age 59.0 Years		
Total IDOC Population	IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older	% IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older
30,176	7,060	23.4%

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. 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.