



Illinois Department of Corrections

Individuals in Custody 50 Years of Age and Older

on June 30, 2026

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	2,537	35.0%
Sexual Assault / Rape	1,714	23.7%
Controlled Substance Violation	601	8.3%
Assault / Battery / Force / Harm	485	6.7%
Weapons	334	4.6%
Sex Related Offense	261	3.6%
DUI	196	2.7%
Armed Robbery	155	2.1%
Retail Theft	127	1.8%
Burglary	126	1.7%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	93	1.3%
Residential Burglary	88	1.2%
Motor Vehicle Offenses	85	1.2%
Kidnapping	77	1.1%
Robbery	70	1.0%
Home / Vehicular Invasion	53	0.7%
Theft	43	0.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	34	0.5%
Armed Violence	34	0.5%
Arson	33	0.5%
Forgery / Deception / Fraud	27	0.4%
Escape	27	0.4%
Government Offenses	21	0.3%
Criminal Trespass/Damage to Property	13	0.2%
Cannabis	6	0.1%
Disorderly Conduct / Mob Action	2	0.0%
Total	7,242	100.0%

Holding Offense Type ²	N	%
Person Crimes	3,832	52.9%
Sex Crimes	2,068	28.6%
Drug Crimes	765	10.6%
Property Crimes	544	7.5%
Other Crimes	33	0.5%
Total	7,242	100.0%

Miscellaneous	N	%
Life Sentences	1,114	15.4%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	94	1.3%
Indeterminate Sentences	33	0.5%
Sex Offender Registrants ⁵	2,220	30.7%

Number of Illinois Incarcerations	N	%
1	3,348	46.2%
2	1,304	18.0%
3	836	11.5%
4	556	7.7%
5	380	5.2%
6 to 10	742	10.2%
11 or more	76	1.0%
Total	7,242	100.0%

Race	N	%
Black	3,535	48.8%
White	2,822	39.0%
Hispanic	835	11.5%
Asian	25	0.3%
American Indian	12	0.2%
Bi-Racial	7	0.1%
Unknown	6	0.1%
Total	7,242	100.0%

Sex ³	N	%
Male	6919	95.5%
Female	323	4.5%
Total	7,242	100.0%

Sentencing County ⁴	N	%
Cook County	2,988	41.3%
Collar Counties ⁴	913	12.6%
Downstate Counties ⁴	3,315	45.8%
Out of State	26	0.4%
Total	7,242	100.0%

Holding Offense Class ²	N	%
Murder (20-60 years)	2,192	30.3%
Class X (6-30 years)	2,546	35.2%
Class 1 (4-15 years)	733	10.1%
Class 2 (3-7 years)	847	11.7%
Class 3 (2-5 years)	479	6.6%
Class 4 (1-3 years)	352	4.9%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	93	1.3%
Total	7,242	100.0%

Age at Current Admission to IDOC	N	%
17	5	0.1%
18-20	92	1.3%
21-25	384	5.3%
26-30	490	6.8%
31-35	541	7.5%
36-40	698	9.6%
41-45	692	9.6%
46-50	1,107	15.3%
51 and Older	3,233	44.6%
Total	7,242	100.0%

Age at Sentencing	N	%
17 or Younger	6	0.1%
18-20	85	1.2%
21-25	381	5.3%
26-30	502	6.9%
31-35	575	7.9%
36-40	728	10.1%
41-45	747	10.3%
46-50	1,145	15.8%
51 and Older	3,073	42.4%
Total	7,242	100.0%

Current Age	N	%
50	540	7.5%
51	529	7.3%
52	457	6.3%
53	450	6.2%
54	461	6.4%
55	446	6.2%
56	419	5.8%
57	387	5.3%
58	338	4.7%
59	318	4.4%
60	327	4.5%
61	273	3.8%
62	270	3.7%
63	261	3.6%
64	236	3.3%
65	250	3.5%
66	177	2.4%
67	174	2.4%
68	139	1.9%
69	115	1.6%
70	123	1.7%
71	101	1.4%
72	82	1.1%
73	61	0.8%
74	57	0.8%
75	54	0.7%
76	35	0.5%
77	32	0.4%
78	25	0.3%
79	22	0.3%
80	20	0.3%
81	20	0.3%
82	9	0.1%
83	10	0.1%
84	5	0.1%
85	5	0.1%
86	5	0.1%
87	4	0.1%
88	3	0.0%
89	0	0.0%
90	0	0.0%
91	2	0.0%
Total	7,242	100.0%

Average Age	58.9 Years
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Total IDOC Population	IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older	% IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older
30,682	7,242	23.6%

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.

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.