

Illinois Department of Corrections
Adult Individuals in Custody Population on December 31, 2021

3-Year Recidivism Rates ¹	% Overall	% Minus Gate Violators ¹
FY16 Exits	41.6%	36.0%
FY17 Exits	41.3%	35.1%
FY18 Exits	38.5%	32.8%

Offense Category	N	%
Homicide	7,857	28.1%
Sexual Assault / Rape	4,256	15.2%
Assault / Battery / Force / Harm	3,118	11.1%
Weapons	2,690	9.6%
Controlled Substance Violation	2,564	9.2%
Armed Robbery	1,712	6.1%
Burglary	713	2.5%
Sex Related Offense	625	2.2%
DUI	619	2.2%
Robbery	602	2.2%
Home / Vehicular Invasion	522	1.9%
Residential Burglary	502	1.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	334	1.2%
Kidnapping / Restraint / Abduction	293	1.0%
Armed Violence	196	0.7%
Theft	182	0.7%
Escape	174	0.6%
Vehicle Code Violation	159	0.6%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	151	0.5%
Retail Theft	143	0.5%
Arson	140	0.5%
Forgery / Deception / Fraud	134	0.5%
Government Offenses	89	0.3%
Cannabis	85	0.3%
Damage to Property	83	0.3%
Disorderly Conduct / Mob Action	25	0.1%
Habitual Offender	1	0.0%
Bail Bond Violation	1	0.0%
Total	27,970	100.0%

CY21 Deaths			
Type of Death	N	Race	N
Natural	110	Black	65
Suicide	3	White	48
Homicide	0	Hispanic	9
Justifiable Homicide	0	Asian	2
Accidental	2	Total	124
Pending	9		
Undetermined	0	Average Age	61 Years
Total	124		

Admission History ⁴	Court ⁵	New Offense Violation ⁶	Technical Violation ⁷	Total
CY06	25,160	3,472	9,263	37,895
CY07	25,346	3,735	6,643	35,724
CY08	24,294	3,590	8,243	36,127
CY09	24,515	3,284	9,466	37,265
CY10	20,256	2,460	11,546	34,262
CY11	20,127	1,691	9,285	31,103
CY12	21,591	1,714	7,408	30,713
CY13	21,841	1,912	7,186	30,939
CY14	20,853	1,769	7,113	29,735
CY15	18,153	1,666	7,301	27,120
CY16	16,883	1,874	6,947	25,704
CY17	16,453	1,445	6,617	24,515
CY18	14,512	1,248	7,118	22,878
CY19	14,066	1,252	6,689	22,007
CY20	7,050	439	4,146	11,635
CY21	11,441	453	3,717	15,611

CY21 Admissions by Region ⁴	Total Admissions	Prison Turnarounds ¹⁰
Cook	6,720	1,790
Collar	1,762	140
Downstate	7,120	130
Out of State	9	0
Total	15,611	2,060

Race	N	%
Black	15,204	54.4%
White	8,849	31.6%
Hispanic	3,671	13.1%
Asian	104	0.4%
Bi-Racial	55	0.2%
Unknown/Missing	45	0.2%
Native American	42	0.2%
Total	27,970	100.0%

Average Age	40.1 Years
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Sex ²	N	%
Male	26,660	95.3%
Female	1,310	4.7%

Sentencing County ³	N	%
Cook County	12,094	43.2%
Collar Counties ³	3,161	11.3%
Downstate Counties ³	12,663	45.3%
Out of State	52	0.2%
Total	27,970	100.0%

Offense Class	N	%
Murder (20-60 years)	6,278	22.4%
Class X (6-30 years)	9,780	35.0%
Class 1 (4-15 years)	3,445	12.3%
Class 2 (3-7 years)	4,800	17.2%
Class 3 (2-5 years)	2,046	7.3%
Class 4 (1-3 years)	1,468	5.2%
Contempt of Court	2	0.0%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	151	0.5%
Total	27,970	100.0%

Offense Type	N	%
Person	17,110	61.2%
Sex	5,032	18.0%
Drug	3,142	11.2%
Property	2,515	9.0%
Other	171	0.6%
Total	27,970	100.0%

Miscellaneous	N	%
Sex Offender Registrants ⁹	5,327	19.0%
Life Sentences	1,541	5.5%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	151	0.5%
Indeterminate Sentences	46	0.2%

Admission Type*	N	%
Court ⁵	24,150	86.3%
New Offense Violation ⁶	1,477	5.3%
Technical Violation ⁷	2,183	7.8%
Other ⁸	160	0.6%
Total	27,970	100.0%

Historical Population - End of CY*	
CY	**Population
CY76	9,749
CY77	10,619
CY78	10,257
CY79	11,154
CY80	11,768
CY81	13,206
CY82	13,896
CY83	15,437
CY84	16,854
CY85	18,279
CY86	19,456
CY87	19,850
CY88	21,081
CY89	24,712
CY90	27,516
CY91	29,115
CY92	31,640
CY93	34,495
CY94	36,531
CY95	37,658
CY96	38,852
CY97	40,788
CY98	43,051
CY99	44,660
CY00	45,281
CY01	44,348
CY02	42,693
CY03	43,418
CY04	44,054
CY05	44,919
CY06	45,106
CY07	45,215
CY08	45,474
CY09	45,161
CY10	48,418
CY11	48,427
CY12	49,058
CY13	48,653
CY14	48,278
CY15	45,940
CY16	43,615
CY17	41,427
CY18	39,915
CY19	38,259
CY20	29,224
CY21	27,970

***The highest inmate population was 49,401 on February 9, 2013.

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 FY2016, FY2017, and FY2018.

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 an individual 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 Admission to IDOC during each calendar year (January 1 - December 31). CY19 Admission History has been updated/corrected and will differ from the older versions of the CY19 Admission History on previous versions of Fact Sheets.

⁵ Court admission is defined as an adult admitted from criminal court who is not on MSR or parole.

⁶ A new offense violation is defined as an adult readmitted from criminal court for a felony committed while on MSR or parole.

⁷ A technical violation is defined as an adult on MSR or parole readmitted because of an MSR or parole rule violation.

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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.

¹⁰ Turnarounds are individuals that were in reception 48 hours or less before being released to MSR, parole, or other custody.

* 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.