



Illinois Department of Corrections

3-Year Recidivism Rates

Offense Type	FY12 Exits	FY13 Exits	FY14 Exits	FY15 Exits	FY16 Exits	FY17 Exits	Change¹ FY12-FY17
Person	47.1%	45.3%	44.0%	41.5%	43.2%	42.8%	-9.2%
Property	48.8%	45.8%	45.1%	40.1%	42.0%	40.7%	-16.6%
Drug	38.0%	36.7%	35.5%	33.5%	35.5%	35.0%	-7.9%
Sex	68.2%	60.3%	59.7%	57.3%	56.3%	57.7%	-15.3%
Other	46.9%	45.7%	45.1%	43.1%	43.9%	47.3%	0.9%
Holding Class							
Murder	29.0%	25.5%	20.1%	14.2%	16.3%	15.7%	-45.9%
Class X	47.4%	40.2%	39.4%	36.4%	41.1%	40.4%	-14.7%
Class 1	46.8%	42.5%	43.1%	38.8%	43.0%	40.6%	-13.1%
Class 2	51.4%	47.1%	48.5%	44.6%	45.4%	46.5%	-9.6%
Class 3	47.2%	44.9%	42.1%	40.5%	42.2%	41.1%	-13.0%
Class 4	43.8%	43.4%	40.7%	37.9%	38.6%	38.6%	-11.9%
Sentencing County²							
Cook	49.2%	46.5%	44.9%	41.4%	42.9%	42.5%	-13.8%
Collar	39.8%	37.5%	36.0%	34.3%	37.1%	36.5%	-8.4%
Downstate	46.0%	42.7%	42.6%	39.4%	41.2%	41.1%	-10.6%
Age at Exit							
Under 21	60.2%	59.9%	57.8%	55.8%	58.5%	56.2%	-6.7%
21 to 25	52.8%	51.9%	49.8%	47.9%	49.8%	50.3%	-4.8%
26 to 30	47.5%	44.6%	44.4%	41.4%	43.8%	45.2%	-4.8%
31 to 35	43.3%	40.2%	39.7%	37.3%	40.0%	39.3%	-9.3%
36 to 55	43.2%	39.1%	38.3%	34.7%	36.5%	35.6%	-17.5%
56 and Older	36.6%	33.3%	31.5%	28.9%	29.5%	30.5%	-16.7%
Gender							
Male	48.4%	45.7%	44.6%	41.3%	43.1%	43.0%	-11.3%
Female	28.7%	25.6%	25.3%	23.8%	24.8%	22.4%	-21.9%
Race							
Black	51.4%	48.7%	47.0%	43.2%	45.2%	44.6%	-13.2%
White	43.3%	39.6%	39.8%	37.3%	38.9%	38.6%	-10.9%
Hispanic	34.4%	32.2%	30.8%	29.0%	30.5%	31.7%	-8.0%
Other	29.9%	33.6%	33.1%	31.0%	30.8%	34.4%	15.2%
Type of Readmission							
New Sentence	20.7%	20.9%	19.0%	16.5%	18.0%	16.1%	-22.4%
Technical Violation	26.1%	23.0%	24.0%	23.4%	23.6%	25.2%	-3.3%
Time in Community before Readmission							
One Year or Less	29.1%	26.2%	25.8%	25.3%	24.4%	25.6%	-11.9%
Two Years or Less	40.6%	38.1%	37.3%	36.3%	36.1%	35.9%	-11.8%
Three Years or Less	46.9%	43.9%	43.0%	39.9%	41.6%	41.3%	-11.9%
Total	46.9%	43.9%	43.0%	39.9%	41.6%	41.3%	-11.9%

*The recidivism rate is calculated as the percentage of adult inmates released to parole, MSR or discharge during a specified year who are returned to IDOC for a prison sentence for a new felony conviction or a technical violation within three years (36 months) of their release.

¹Decimals have been rounded to the nearest tenth; as a result, percentages in this column may yield slightly different results when using subtraction.

²Sentencing County: County from which inmate was convicted and sentenced, and where court documents were obtained. Collar Counties (5): DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will. Downstate Counties (96): Illinois counties other than Cook County and collar counties.