



Illinois Department of Corrections

Inmates 50 Years of Age and Older on June 30, 2021

Age 50 yrs. & Older 3-Year Recidivism Rates ¹	%
FY16 Exits	32.5%
FY17 Exits	32.7%
FY18 Exits	

Offense Category	N	%
Homicide	2,365	37.9%
Sexual Assault / Rape	1,577	25.3%
Controlled Substance Violation	399	6.4%
Assault / Battery / Force / Harm	281	4.5%
Armed Robbery	236	3.8%
Sex Related Offense	186	3.0%
DUI	166	2.7%
Burglary	159	2.5%
Weapons	129	2.1%
Residential Burglary	117	1.9%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	106	1.7%
Robbery	88	1.4%
Home / Vehicular Invasion	77	1.2%
Kidnapping	70	1.1%
Theft	47	0.8%
Motor Vehicle Offenses	46	0.7%
Retail Theft	39	0.6%
Armed Violence	34	0.5%
Arson	28	0.4%
Forgery / Deception / Fraud	26	0.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	0.4%
Cannabis	15	0.2%
Government Offenses	13	0.2%
Escape	6	0.1%
Criminal Trespass/Damage to Property	4	0.1%
Disorderly Conduct	2	0.0%
Habitual Criminal	1	0.0%
Total	6,243	100.0%

Offense Type	N	%
Person Crimes	3,333	53.4%
Sex Crimes	1,869	29.9%
Drug Crimes	551	8.8%
Property Crimes	475	7.6%
Other Crimes	15	0.2%
Total	6,243	100.0%

Miscellaneous	N	%
Life Sentences	1,017	16.3%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	106	1.7%
Indeterminate Sentences	52	0.8%
Sex Offenders ³	1,611	25.8%

Number of Illinois Incarcerations	N	%
1	2,959	47.4%
2	1,083	17.3%
3	735	11.8%
4	439	7.0%
5	327	5.2%
6 to 10	651	10.4%
11 or more	49	0.8%
Total	6,243	100.0%

Race	N	%
Black	3,084	49.4%
White	2,391	38.3%
Hispanic	715	11.5%
Asian	32	0.5%
Native American	15	0.2%
Bi-Racial	2	0.0%
Unknown/Missing	4	0.1%
Total	6,243	100.0%

Sex	N	%
Female	248	4.0%
Male	5,995	96.0%
Total	6,243	100.0%

Sentencing County ²	N	%
Cook County	2,800	44.9%
Collar Counties ²	794	12.7%
Downstate Counties ²	2,629	42.1%
Out of State	20	0.3%
Total	6,243	100.0%

Offense Class / Sentence Range ⁴	N	%
Murder (20-60 years)	2,031	32.5%
Class X (6-30 years)	2,320	37.2%
Class 1 (4-15 years)	674	10.8%
Class 2 (3-7 years)	674	10.8%
Class 3 (2-5 years)	250	4.0%
Class 4 (1-3 years)	188	3.0%
Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)	106	1.7%
Total	6,243	100.0%

Age at Current Admission to IDOC	N	%
17	4	0.1%
18-20	88	1.4%
21-25	337	5.4%
26-30	417	6.7%
31-35	544	8.7%
36-40	645	10.3%
41-45	741	11.9%
46-50	1,105	17.7%
51 and Older	2,362	37.8%
Total	6,243	100.0%

Age at Sentencing	N	%
16-17	5	0.1%
18-20	84	1.3%
21-25	350	5.6%
26-30	427	6.8%
31-35	554	8.9%
36-40	664	10.6%
41-45	782	12.5%
46-50	1,144	18.3%
51 and Older	2,232	35.8%
Missing	1	0.0%
Total	6,243	100.0%

Education Level ⁵	N	%
Some Grade School	224	3.6%
Grade School Graduate	197	3.2%
Some High School	1,637	26.2%
High School Graduate	1,252	20.1%
GED	762	12.2%
Some College	768	12.3%
College Graduate	155	2.5%
Advanced Degree	42	0.7%
Technical School	34	0.5%
Missing	1,172	18.8%
Total	6,243	100.0%

Current Age	N	%
50	527	8.4%
51	488	7.8%
52	457	7.3%
53	431	6.9%
54	393	6.3%
55	396	6.3%
56	343	5.5%
57	353	5.7%
58	331	5.3%
59	332	5.3%
60	306	4.9%
61	248	4.0%
62	238	3.8%
63	183	2.9%
64	160	2.6%
65	167	2.7%
66	134	2.1%
67	114	1.8%
68	99	1.6%
69	98	1.6%
70	81	1.3%
71	58	0.9%
72	53	0.8%
73	39	0.6%
74	45	0.7%
75	36	0.6%
76	30	0.5%
77	18	0.3%
78	18	0.3%
79	11	0.2%
80	13	0.2%
81	11	0.2%
82	11	0.2%
83	6	0.1%
84	6	0.1%
85	0	0.0%
86	4	0.1%
87	3	0.0%
88	1	0.0%
89	1	0.0%
Total	6,243	100.0%

Average Age 58.1 Years

Total IDOC Population	IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older	% IDOC Population 50 Yrs. & Older
27,418	6,243	22.8%

¹ Recidivism rates indicate the percentage of offenders who return to IDOC within three years after release. The data represent those offenders released from IDOC in FY2016, FY2017, and FY2018.

² 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.

³ Sex offenders are defined as inmates 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.

⁴ Sentence length does not include extended sentence or any additional sentencing factors that extend beyond the single holding offense class.

⁵ Education Level is a self-reported variable that is recorded upon admission to IDOC.

** 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.