

Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council

Table 1: IDOC Population Breakdown by Age Group and Fiscal Year (2000, 2010, & 2024)

Characteristic	FY 2000 18 to 24 Years		FY 2010 18 to 24 Years		FY 2024 18 to 24 Years		FY 2000 55 plus		FY 2010 55 plus		FY 2024 55 plus	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Race												
Black	6,704	63.3%	5,144	60.1%	1,503	64.9%	406	42.6%	1,373	52.3%	2,031	48.8%
White	2,583	24.4%	2,204	25.7%	489	21.1%	454	47.7%	1,014	38.6%	1,640	39.4%
Hispanic	1,258	11.9%	1,182	13.8%	281	12.1%	88	9.2%	221	8.4%	457	11.0%
Other	41	0.4%	32	0.4%	42	1.8%	4	0.4%	16	0.6%	36	0.9%
Sex												
Male	10,222	96.6%	8,172	95.4%	2,222	96.0%	912	95.8%	2,502	95.4%	4,002	96.1%
Female	364	3.4%	390	4.6%	93	4.0%	40	4.2%	122	4.6%	162	3.9%
Offense Type												
Murder/Other Homicide	2,029	19.2%	565	6.6%	206	8.9%	313	32.9%	791	30.1%	1,634	39.2%
Violent Crimes	3,129	29.6%	3,277	38.3%	1,143	49.4%	358	37.6%	887	33.8%	1,705	40.9%
Weapons Possession	278	2.6%	653	7.6%	487	21.0%	4	0.4%	20	0.8%	62	1.5%
Property Crimes	2,192	20.7%	2,086	24.4%	282	12.2%	103	10.8%	459	17.5%	284	6.8%
Drug Crimes	2,774	26.2%	1,762	20.6%	144	6.2%	160	16.8%	400	15.2%	343	8.2%
Other/Unknown	184	1.7%	219	2.6%	53	2.3%	14	1.5%	67	2.6%	136	3.3%
Class¹												
First Degree Murder	1,369	12.9%	291	3.4%	98	4.2%	254	26.7%	683	26.0%	1,413	33.9%
Class X	2,706	25.6%	1,906	22.3%	699	30.2%	376	39.5%	808	30.8%	1,587	38.1%
Class 1-2	4,727	44.7%	4,414	51.6%	1,087	47.0%	209	22.0%	727	27.7%	839	20.1%
Class 3-4	1,784	16.9%	1,951	22.8%	431	18.6%	113	11.9%	406	15.5%	325	7.8%
Region												
Cook	6,018	56.8%	4,087	47.7%	856	37.0%	483	50.7%	1,331	50.7%	1,821	43.7%
Collar	1,168	11.0%	1,066	12.5%	265	11.4%	115	12.1%	333	12.7%	557	13.4%
Urban	2,067	19.5%	1,994	23.3%	768	33.2%	181	19.0%	510	19.4%	916	22.0%
Rural	1,330	12.6%	1,415	16.5%	425	18.4%	171	18.0%	444	16.9%	854	20.5%
Other	3	0.0%			1	0.0%	2	0.2%	6	0.2%	16	0.4%
Prior Incarcerations												
None	8,040	75.9%	6,159	71.9%	1,972	85.2%	616	64.7%	1,249	47.6%	1,984	47.6%
1	2,076	19.6%	1,822	21.3%	326	14.1%	198	20.8%	535	20.4%	720	17.3%
2+	470	4.4%	581	6.8%	17	0.7%	138	14.5%	840	32.0%	1,460	35.1%
Total	10,586	-	8,562	-	2,315	-	952	-	2,624	-	4,164	-

Table 2: IDOC Admissions Breakdown by Age Group and Fiscal Year (2000, 2010, & 2024)

Characteristic	FY 2000 18 to 24 Years		FY 2010 18 to 24 Years		FY 2024 18 to 24 Years		FY 2000 55 plus		FY 2010 55 plus		FY 2024 55 plus	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Race												
Black	4,628	62.8%	4,093	57.8%	1,346	66.7%	131	52.4%	490	55.9%	415	48.4%
White	1,970	26.7%	1,989	28.1%	362	17.9%	100	40.0%	301	34.4%	362	42.2%
Hispanic	753	10.2%	965	13.6%	256	12.7%	19	7.6%	80	9.1%	71	8.3%
Other	20	0.3%	31	0.4%	54	2.7%			5	0.6%	9	1.1%
Sex												
Male	7,001	95.0%	6,647	93.9%	1,929	95.6%	238	95.2%	809	92.4%	805	93.9%
Female	370	5.0%	431	6.1%	89	4.4%	12	4.8%	67	7.6%	52	6.1%
Offense Type												
Murder/Other Homicide	415	5.6%	182	2.6%	101	5.0%	13	5.2%	23	2.6%	36	4.2%
Violent Crimes	1,533	20.8%	1,853	26.2%	697	34.5%	57	22.8%	128	14.6%	227	26.5%
Weapons Possession	477	6.5%	682	9.6%	771	38.2%	6	2.4%	22	2.5%	68	7.9%
Property Crimes	1,865	25.3%	2,012	28.4%	253	12.5%	77	30.8%	364	41.6%	229	26.7%
Drug Crimes	2,904	39.4%	2,050	29.0%	146	7.2%	92	36.8%	296	33.8%	233	27.2%
Other/Unknown	177	2.4%	299	4.2%	50	2.5%	5	2.0%	43	4.9%	64	7.5%
Class¹												
First Degree Murder	232	3.1%	97	1.4%	54	2.7%	3	1.2%	15	1.7%	18	2.1%
Class X	779	10.6%	632	8.9%	281	13.9%	34	13.6%	61	7.0%	110	12.8%
Class 1-2	3,440	46.7%	3,333	47.1%	804	39.8%	73	29.2%	273	31.2%	311	36.3%
Class 3-4	2,920	39.6%	3,016	42.6%	879	43.6%	140	56.0%	527	60.2%	418	48.8%
Region												
Cook	4,195	56.9%	3,424	48.4%	1,034	51.2%	139	55.6%	465	53.1%	322	37.6%
Collar	850	11.5%	1,052	14.9%	232	11.5%	27	10.8%	145	16.6%	117	13.7%
Urban	1,384	18.8%	1,469	20.8%	475	23.5%	44	17.6%	152	17.4%	195	22.8%
Rural	942	12.8%	1,133	16.0%	277	13.7%	40	16.0%	114	13.0%	223	26.0%
Prior Incarcerations												
None	5,225	70.9%	5,034	71.1%	1,671	82.8%	128	51.2%	333	38.0%	299	34.9%
1	1,708	23.2%	1,515	21.4%	318	15.8%	48	19.2%	136	15.5%	99	11.6%
2+	438	5.9%	529	7.5%	29	1.4%	74	29.6%	407	46.5%	459	53.6%
Total	7,371	-	7,078	-	2,018	-	250	-	876	-	857	-

¹ Class 3-4 are the least severe felonies, Class 1-2 are more severe but generally allow probation with some exceptions, and Class X and First Degree Murder are the most severe, requiring mandatory prison sentences.