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## Introduction

The Wisconsin prison population has grown substantially over the last 25 years, more than tripling from 1990 to 2016. To present a complete picture of how the prison population has changed, admissions to prison, point-in-time prison population counts, and releases from prison are included in this report series. All three types of data are important to consider when examining changes in the prison population. For example, an increase in the number of releases in one year may be associated with a similar increase in the number of admissions several years prior. Or an increase in the overall prison population may be related to an increase in admissions and a simultaneous decrease in releases. While there are many other factors that likely contribute to these changes, examining multiple facets of the prison population is a valuable method for tracking and anticipating changes in the number and types of inmates that the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WI DOC) is and will be responsible for. Tracking various aspects of the prison population allows the WI DOC to make appropriate adjustments to its facilities and policies. The data presented in this report have been rigorously validated to ensure accuracy. Data addressed in this report can also be found in the [DAI Releases Interactive Dashboard](#) on the Data and Research, Interactive Dashboards page of the WI DOC public website.

### *Prison Facilities*

There are 37 correctional institutions and centers throughout the state of Wisconsin. The Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) oversees 19 adult Correctional Facilities and is responsible for the administration of the Wisconsin Correctional Center System (WCCS), which encompasses 17 Correctional Centers. Additionally, this report includes data regarding inmates at the Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) which is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) in partnership with the WI DOC. The WRC is a specialized inpatient mental health facility established as a prison under Wisconsin Statute [s. 46.056](#).

The WI DOC uses three security levels for its institutions: maximum, medium, and minimum. Relatedly, there are four different custody levels assigned to individual inmates: maximum, medium, minimum, and minimum community. Inmate custody levels are determined by a classification system that evaluates inmates by established criteria. An inmate's custody level may be different than the security level of the facility in which they are housed. Facilities vary by design and features, including physical plant design, level of staffing, and operating procedures. A maximum security facility has the most restrictive level of confinement, while a minimum security facility has the least restrictive. Except for inmates awaiting transfers, and in situations where there is a declared emergency or disturbance at an institution, an inmate's custody classification shall be no greater than the designated security classification of the institution in which the inmate is placed. All security levels offer a wide variety of treatment, education, and work programs.

**Maximum Security** facilities have the highest level of security. These facilities may have features that include but are not limited to, fortified walls, double restrictive fencing, lethal stun fence, towers, and perimeter vehicle patrols. Housing mostly consists of multiple and single occupant cells. It has the highest staff-to-inmate ratio, and inmate movement is closely supervised. Cell opening and closing is controlled by security staff. These facilities can house all levels of inmate classification.

**Medium Security** facilities have perimeter fencing, motor vehicle patrol, and may have towers. Housing mostly consists of multiple occupant cells along with secure barracks units. Each housing unit is locked at night; most inmates are able to open and close their own cells, while some are controlled by staff. Security staff provide direct supervision over the inmates and sleeping area. Movement of inmates is less restrictive than in a maximum security prison.

**Minimum Security** facilities have the least restrictive level of security. Facilities may have single perimeter fencing (currently three do), while the rest do not have fencing. They do not have towers and most do not have motor vehicle patrols. Housing consists of single, double, and multiple occupant cells along with secure barracks units. Minimum custody inmates at minimum security prisons often have job placements with civilian employers (minimum community custody) or participate in community-based work assignments. There is more freedom of inmate movement within these prisons and inmates may have more privileges and responsibilities than they would at a medium or maximum security facility.

### *Prison and Correctional Center Characteristics*

<b>Adult Institutions</b>	<b>Year Opened</b>	<b>Security Level</b>	<b>Operating Capacity</b>	<b>12/31/2016 Inmate Population</b>
Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility	2004	Minimum	466	483
Columbia Correctional Institution	1986	Maximum	830	830
Dodge Correctional Institution	1978	Maximum	1,573	1,626
Fox Lake Correctional Institution	1962	Medium	1,344	1,348
Green Bay Correctional Institution	1898	Maximum	1,091	1,090
Jackson Correctional Institution	1996	Medium	995	984
Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution	1962	Medium	1,172	1,183
Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility	2001	Medium	246	484
New Lisbon Correctional Institution	2004	Medium	1,015	1,026
Oakhill Correctional Institution	1976	Minimum	690	704
Oshkosh Correctional Institution	1986	Medium	2,025	2,051
Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution	1997	Medium	512	515
Racine Correctional Institution	1991	Medium	1,692	1,698
Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility	1998	Medium	450	449
Redgranite Correctional Institution	2001	Medium	1,018	1,010
Stanley Correctional Institution	2003	Medium	1,550	1,578
Sturtevant Transitional Facility	2003	Minimum	152	147
Waupun Correctional Institution	1851	Maximum	1,240	1,258
Wisconsin Secure Program Facility	1999	Maximum	501	443
Wisconsin Resource Center <sup>1</sup>	1983	Maximum	344	403

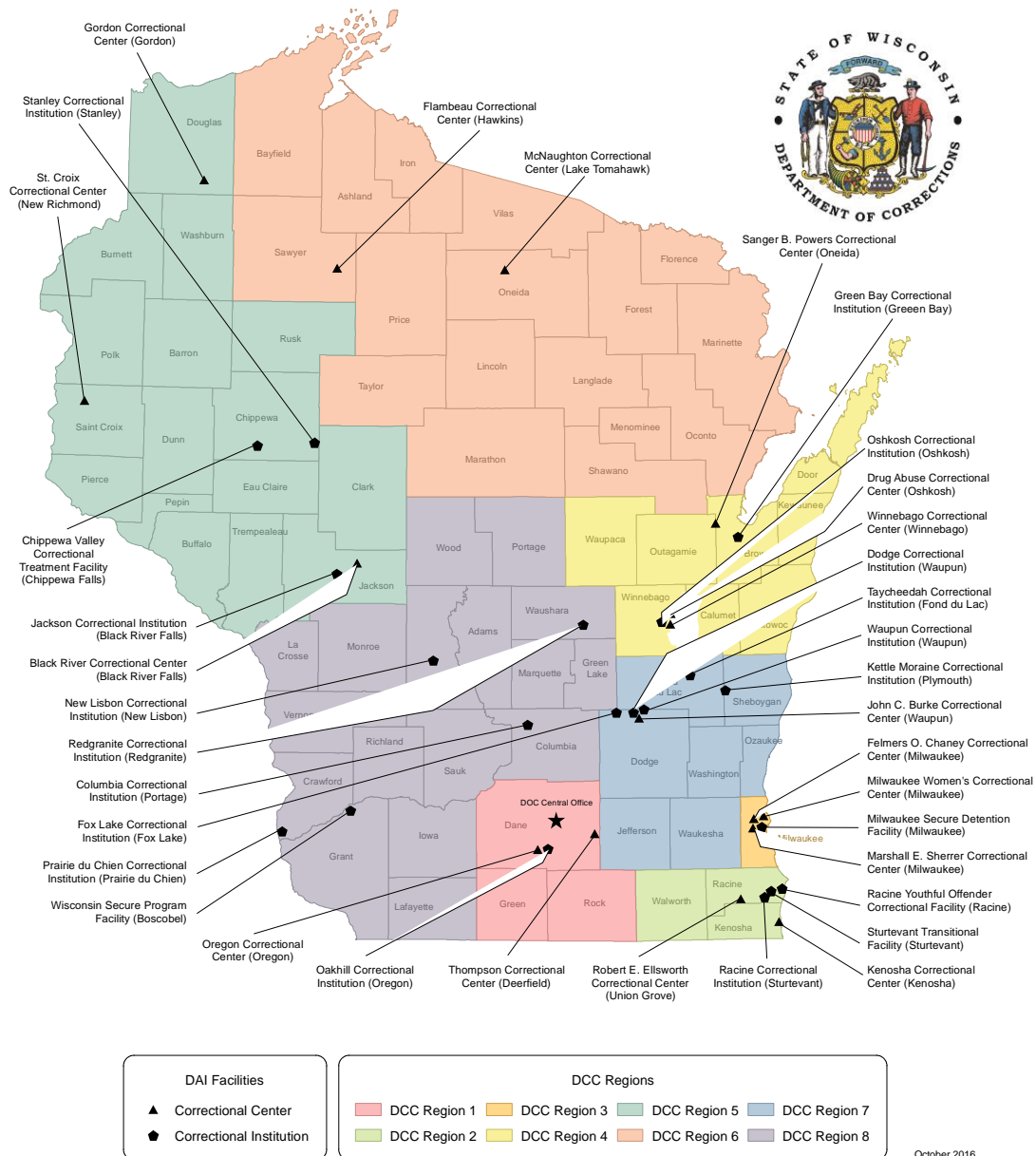
<b>Wisconsin Correctional Center System</b>	<b>Year Opened</b>	<b>Security Level</b>	<b>Operating Capacity</b>	<b>12/31/2016 Inmate Population</b>
Black River Correctional Center	1962	Minimum	118	118
Drug Abuse Correctional Center	1977	Minimum	294	286
Felmers O. Chaney Correctional Center	2000	Minimum	100	94
Flambeau Correctional Center	1954	Minimum	90	91
Gordon Correctional Center	1950	Minimum	89	86
John C. Burke Correctional Center	1990	Minimum	250	250
Kenosha Correctional Center	1990	Minimum	115	120
Marshall E. Sherrer Correctional Center	1981	Minimum	60	59
McNaughton Correctional Center	1956	Minimum	102	101

<sup>1</sup> Wisconsin Resource Center is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Oregon Correctional Center	1992	Minimum	112	110
Sanger B. Powers Correctional Center	1982	Minimum	120	117
St. Croix Correctional Center	1991	Minimum	120	84
Thompson Correctional Center	1993	Minimum	125	126
Winnebago Correctional Center	1974	Minimum	266	259

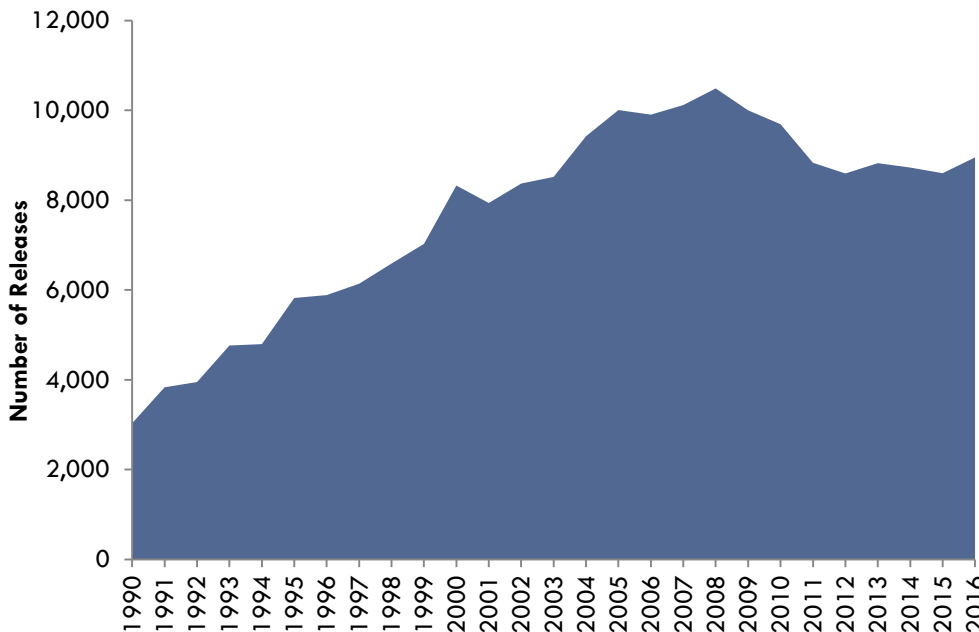
Wisconsin Women's Correctional System	Year Opened	Security Level	Operating Capacity	12/31/2016 Inmate Population
Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center	2003	Minimum	100	110
Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center	1989	Minimum	408	446
Taycheedah Correctional Institution	1921	Maximum	752	853

## Division of Adult Institutions Correctional Facilities



# WISCONSIN PRISON RELEASES

The releases presented in this report are physical releases from Wisconsin adult prisons or contracted facilities. Contracted facilities house inmates who at the time of their release were occupying contract beds in county jails, mental health facilities, or in other state prisons; this also includes interstate compact inmates serving another state’s sentence or a federal sentence who were in a Wisconsin facility. The release counts exclude those inmates who were never physically admitted and released from a WI DOC prison or contract facility; these inmates were determined, at the time of sentencing, to have already served sufficient time while being held in a county jail. Those released from temporary holds are also excluded. For more information on temporary holds in WI DOC facilities please see the [Prison Admissions: 2000-2016 report](#), Appendix C in the WI DOC Data Trend series.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

**Prison Releases (1990-2016):** Prison releases have followed approximately the same trend as admissions, increasing from 1990 until 2008. Releases peaked at 10,487 in 2008, but the number of releases each year since has gradually decreased ending with 8,952 releases in 2016. The remainder of this report focuses on releases since 2000.

	2000	% Change 2000-2008	2008	% Change 2008-2016	2016
<b>Male</b>	7,590	+26.2%	9,582	-15.2%	8,130
<b>Female</b>	735	+23.1%	905	-9.2%	822
<b>Total Releases</b>	8,325	+26.0%	10,487	-14.6%	8,952

See Appendix B, [Table 1](#), for a complete table of release numbers, and [Table 2](#), for a complete table of release numbers by gender.

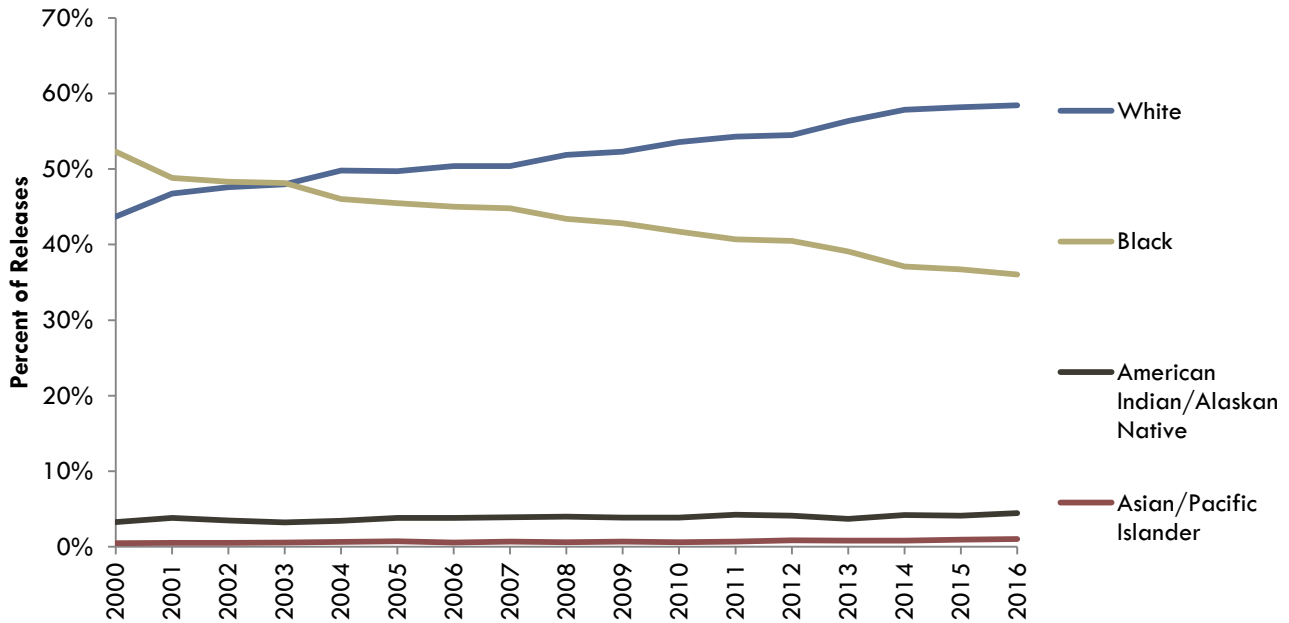


## 2016 Releases

- 36 was the average age
- 91% were male
- 36% were Black, 58% were White, and 7% reported Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
- 82% were released to Extended Supervision or Mandatory Release
- 31% were released to Milwaukee County
- 740 inmates released per month on average
- 11% served more than 5 years in prison

## Race

Across the report period the percentage of Black inmates released steadily decreased, while the percentage of White inmates released steadily increased. Between 2000 and 2003, there were more Black than White inmate releases; however, since 2003, the percentage of White inmate releases has been increasingly higher than Black inmate releases. American Indian/Alaskan Native and Asian/Pacific Islander inmate releases have remained relatively stable.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

- The proportion of **White** inmate releases increased over time, from their lowest in 2000 (43.7%), to a high of 58.4% in 2016
- The proportion of **Black** inmate releases trended in the other direction, decreasing from 52.3% in 2000 to a low of 36.0% in 2016

### Releases by Race and Ethnicity in 2000, 2008, and 2016

	2000		2008		2016	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Race</b>						
Black	4,353	52.3%	4,553	43.4%	3,228	36.1%
White	3,639	43.7%	5,438	51.9%	5,231	58.4%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	272	3.3%	419	4.0%	399	4.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	40	0.5%	61	0.6%	90	1.0%
Did Not Report	21	0.3%	16	0.2%	4	0.0%
<b>Ethnicity*</b>						
Hispanic or Latino	529	6.4%	806	7.7%	640	7.1%

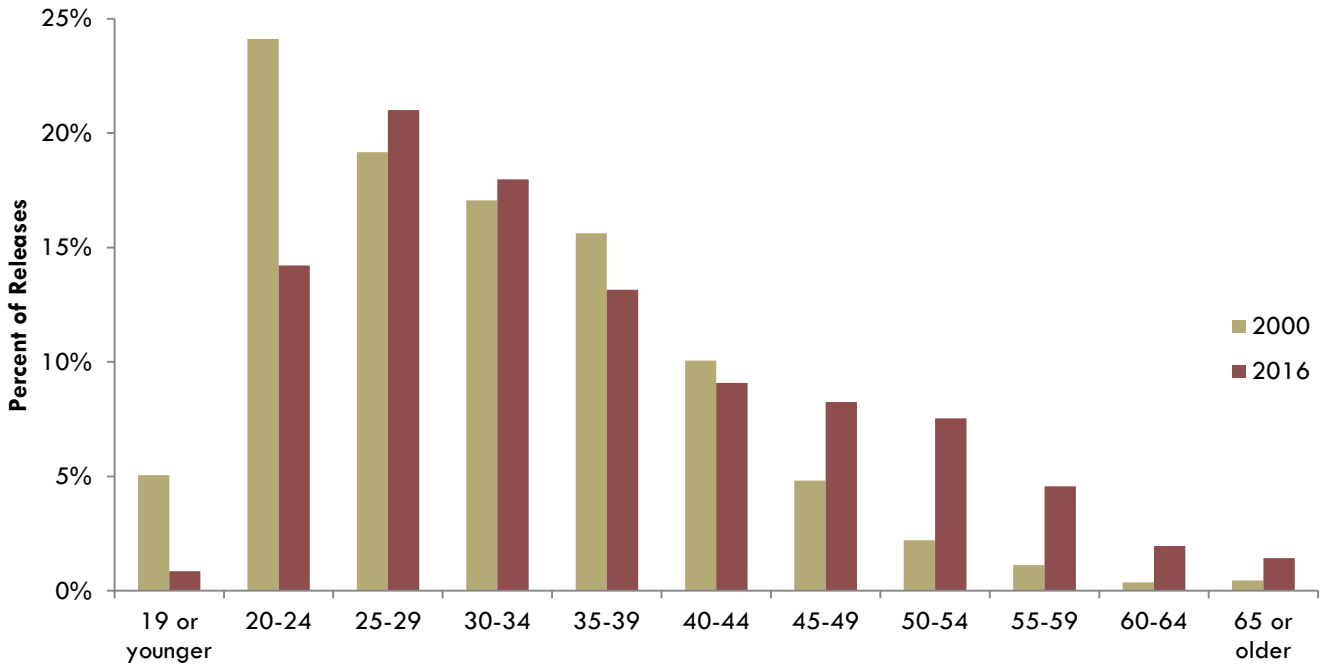
\* Inmates in all race categories could identify themselves as Hispanic or Latino.

See Appendix B, [Table 3](#), for a complete table of release numbers by race, and [Table 4](#), for a complete table of release numbers by ethnicity.

## Age at Release

In 2016, two thirds of all releases (66.4%) were for inmates between the ages of 20 and 39. However, even though younger inmates made up the majority of releases in 2016, inmates who were 45 or older made up a much larger proportion of all releases than they had in previous years. Releases for these older inmates increased from 9.0% in 2000 to 23.7% in 2016.

See Appendix B, [Table 5](#), for a table of release numbers by age.



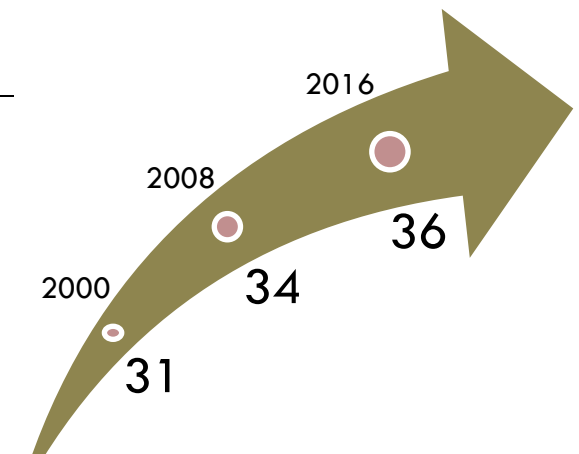
Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

**Releases by Age in 2000 and 2016**

Age Category	2000		2016	
	N	%	N	%
19 or younger	420	5.0%	76	0.8%
20-24	2,007	24.1%	1,272	14.2%
25-29	1,595	19.2%	1,880	21.0%
30-34	1,420	17.1%	1,610	18.0%
35-39	1,300	15.6%	1,178	13.2%
40-44	837	10.1%	813	9.1%
45-49	401	4.8%	738	8.2%
50-54	184	2.2%	674	7.5%
55-59	93	1.1%	408	4.6%
60-64	31	0.4%	175	2.0%
65 or older	37	0.4%	128	1.4%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

**Average Age at Time of Release**



The percentage of releases for inmates ages 50 and older **more than tripled**, increasing from 4.1% to 15.5% of all releases.

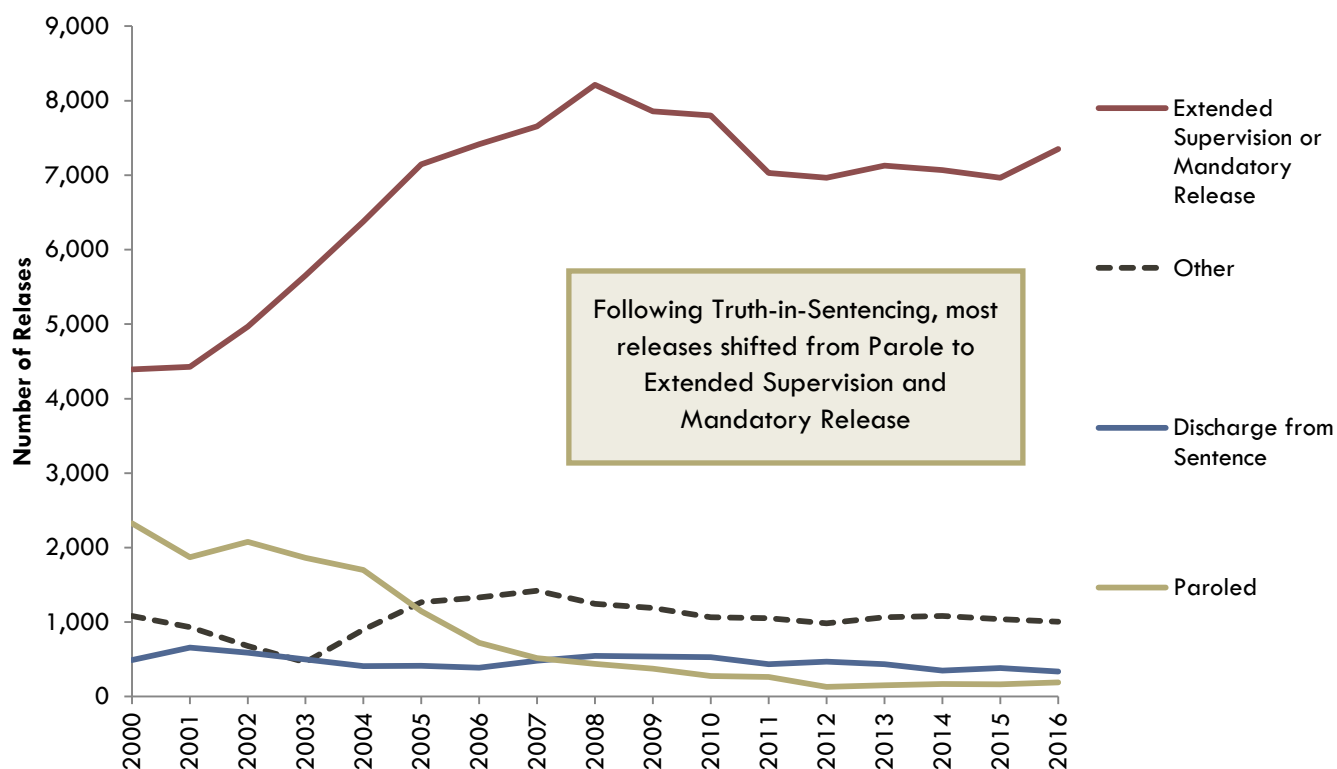


## Releases by Type

The graph below shows all physical releases from WI DOC adult prisons and contract facilities between 2000 and 2016. Over the past 25 years there have been a number of changes in the manner in which inmates can be released from prison due to changes in state statute. Most importantly, the implementation of Truth in Sentencing in 2001 shifted the release mechanism from Parole to Extended Supervision and Mandatory Release.

Releases in the “Other” category include: releases from Alternatives to Revocation, from WI DOC prisons to Federal or other state prisons, and from the completion of revocation hearings in which the offender’s supervision was not revoked.

See Appendix B, [Table 6](#), for a table of release numbers by release type.



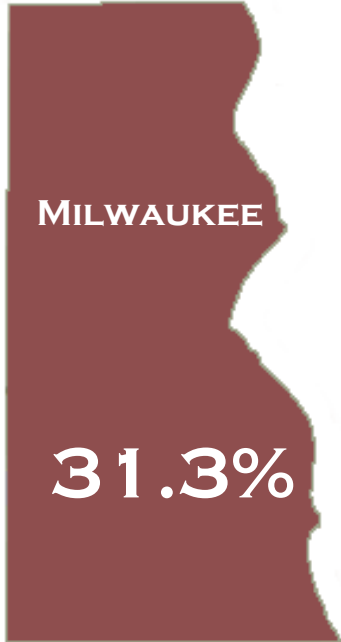
Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

## Releases by Security Level of the Facility

Security Level	2000		2008		2016	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Maximum	1,058	13.0%	1,111	10.8%	1,114	12.7%
Medium	3,553	43.6%	4,491	43.8%	4,380	50.1%
Minimum	3,273	40.1%	4,060	39.6%	3,143	36.0%
Other*	269	3.3%	600	5.8%	103	1.2%

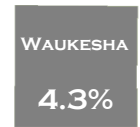
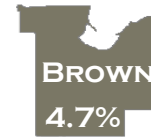
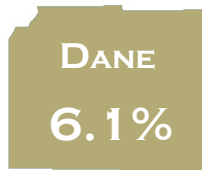
\* Includes jail contract beds, out of state prisons, and the Intensive Sanction program.

### Releases by County in 2016



In 2016, the county with the largest proportion of releases was Milwaukee County with 31.3% of all releases. The second and third highest were Dane County (6.1%) and Racine County (5.9%). These counties consistently made up the largest percentage of releases over the past 25 years.

See Appendix B, [Table Z](#), for a table of release numbers for every county of release for 2016.



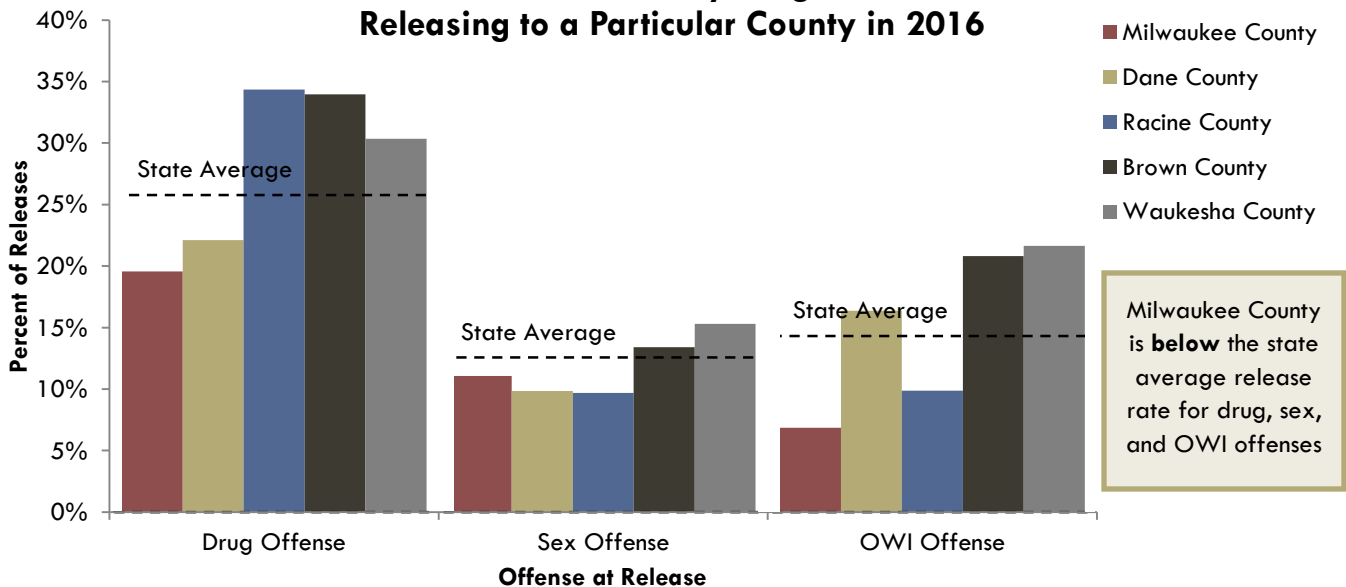
Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and offenders without conviction data.

### Offenses in the Top 5 Release Counties in 2016:

An inmate was included in one or more of the three offense categories if any of their active offenses at the time of release was a drug, sex, or Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) offense. This means that an inmate could be counted in each of the three categories if they had an active drug offense, sex offense, and OWI offense at the time of release. The category that an inmate was included in does *not* necessarily indicate the inmate's most serious offense.

See Appendix B, [Table 8](#), for a table of release numbers by any drug, sex, or OWI offense for all counties in 2016.

### Percent of All Offenders with Any Drug, Sex, or OWI Offense Releasing to a Particular County in 2016

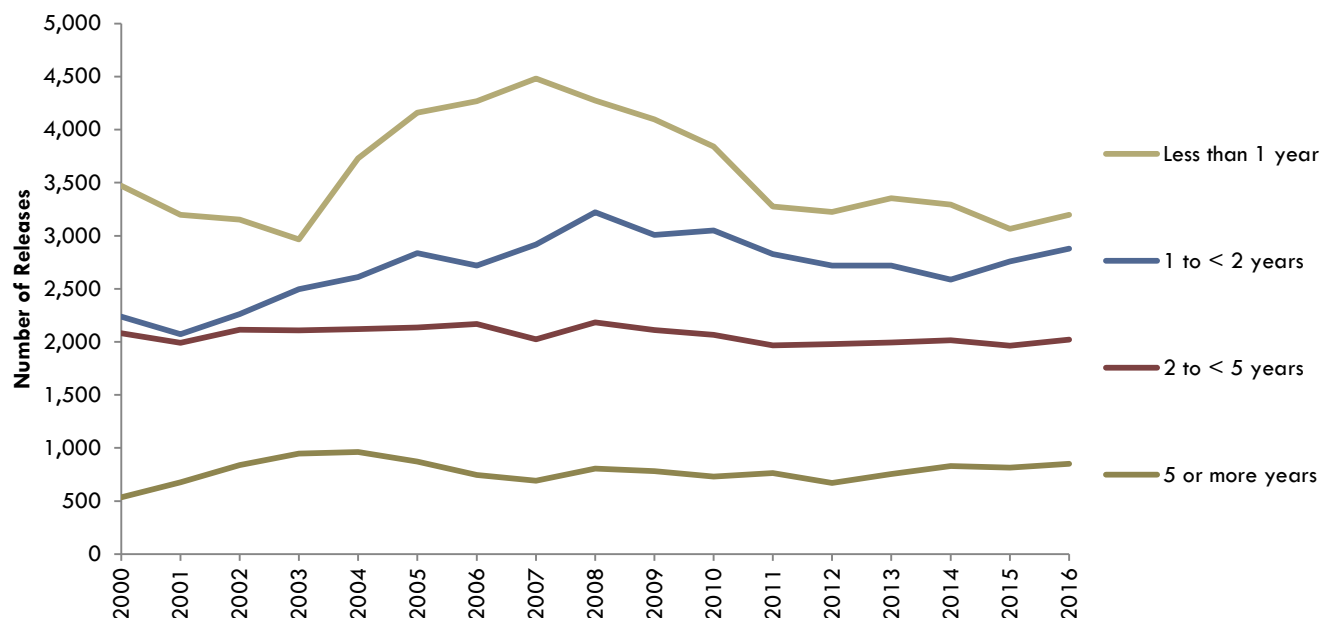


Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and offenders without conviction data.

## Time Served

Time served was calculated as the time between an inmate’s admission and release from a WI prison. The majority of inmates released between 2000 and 2016 served less than two years in prison (a yearly average of 69.8% of all releases). Of the 2016 releases, 3,199 (35.7%) inmates served less than one year and 852 (9.5%) inmates served five or more years.

See Appendix B, [Table 9](#), for a table of release numbers by time served.



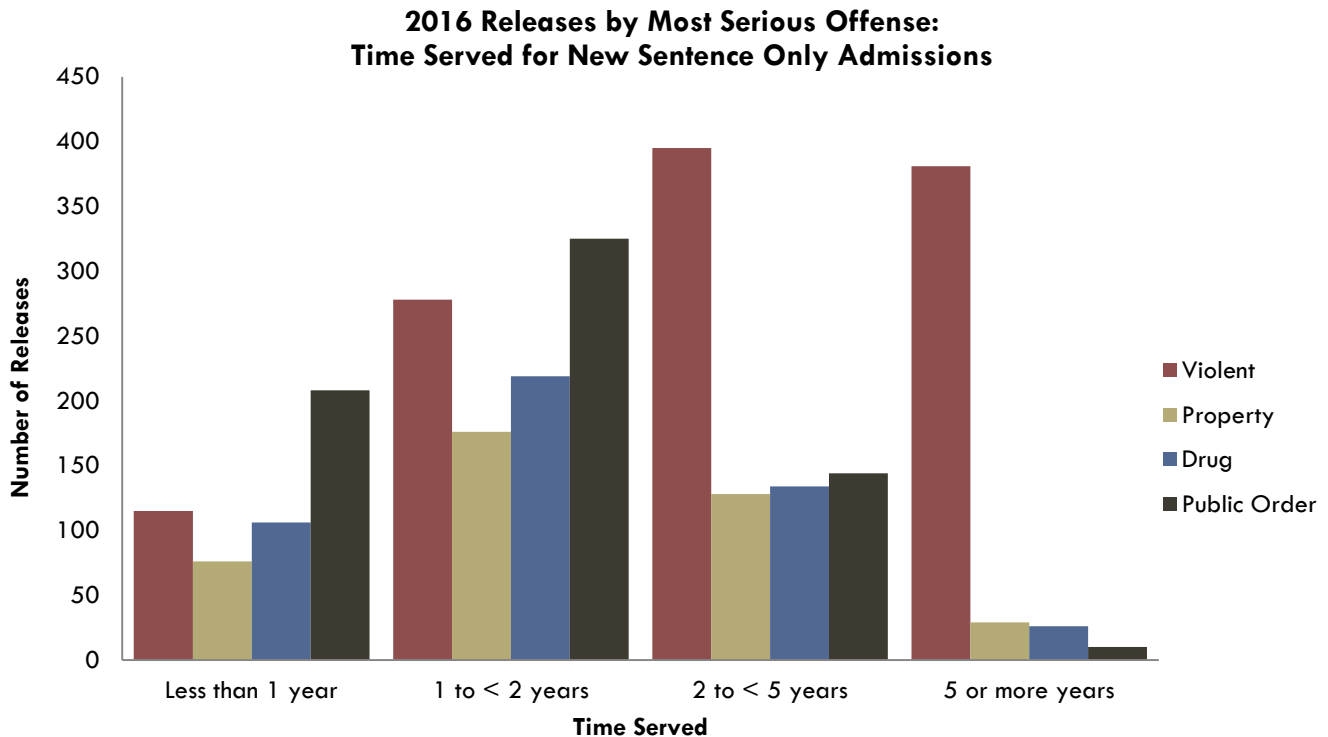
Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and offenders without conviction data.



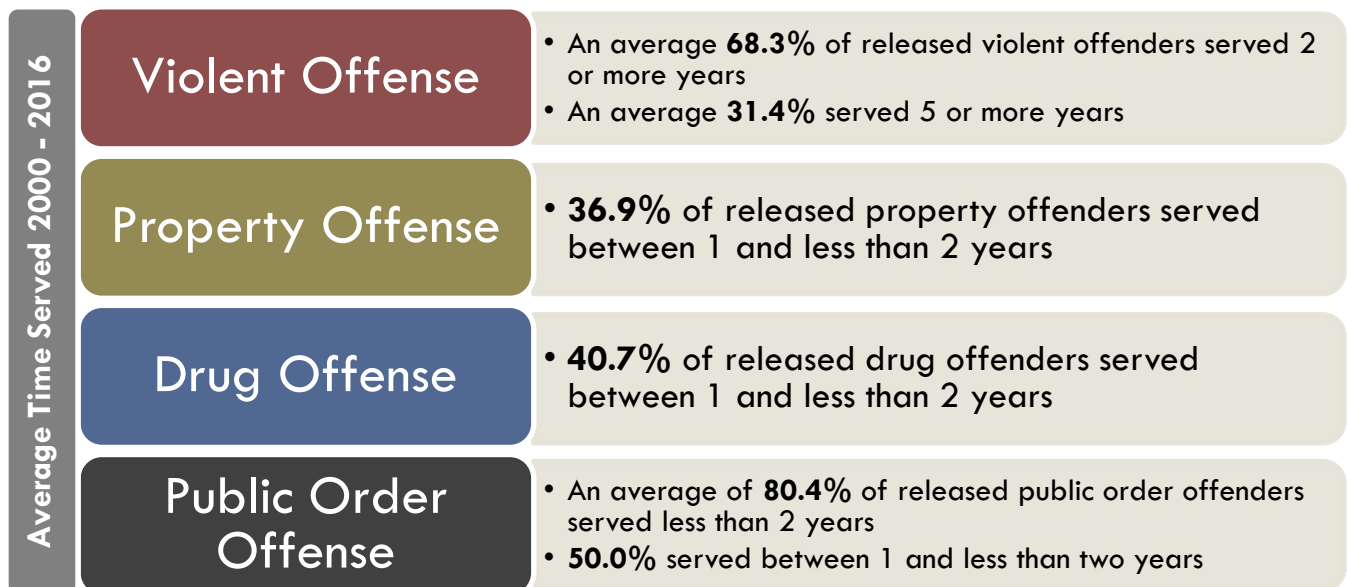
## Time Served by Most Serious Offense

Offenses committed by WI DOC inmates were separated into four offense categories: violent, property, drug, and public order offenses. Offense categories were based on the Association of State Correctional Administrators' Performance-Based Measures System standards. Many offenders were convicted of multiple offenses; for this reason, an offender's most serious offense was selected for this analysis. The graph below displays data for releases from "New Sentence Only" admissions (those inmates admitted because they received a new prison sentence).

See Appendix B, [Table 10](#), for a table of release numbers by time served and most serious offense-new sentence only admissions.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds, offenders without conviction data, and deaths.



## Appendix A: Methodology

### *Releases*

The releases data presented in this report include all physical releases from WI DOC adult institutions. Each release in a calendar year was counted; therefore an inmate may be counted more than once in a year if they were released multiple times in that year. Sometimes offenders who receive prison sentences serve the entire sentence in county jail (due to processing time in the criminal justice system). When this happens, an admission to prison must still be entered in the WI DOC data system, with a corresponding release on the same day; however, the offender never physically enters a WI DOC institution. These types of admissions are called “paper admissions”; releases from “paper admissions” were excluded from the release data presented in this report.

### *Release Type*

Over the past 25 years there have been a number of changes in the manner in which inmates can be released from prison due to changes in Wisconsin law. Offenses that occurred on or after June 1, 1984 and prior to December 31, 1999 are sentenced under 1983 WI Act 528 (referred to as “New Law”). Under that law, a mandatory release (MR) date was established at two-thirds of the sentence length, and is the date on which an inmate must be released from prison if not granted discretionary parole. Some serious felonies committed on or after April 21, 1994 but prior to December 31, 1999 have presumptive MR dates.

A number of years after Act 528 was created, Truth in Sentencing (TIS) was enacted, affecting sentencing for offenses that occurred on or after December 31, 1999. This change allowed courts to impose a bifurcated sentence that consists of a term of confinement in prison followed by a term of extended supervision (ES). The implementation of TIS shifted the release mechanism from parole and mandatory release to extended supervision. Although today, most inmates release from prison to supervision (Extended Supervision or Mandatory Release), some inmates are released to parole (termed “Paroled”); still others serve their entire sentence in prison, and discharge directly to the community with no remaining supervision term (termed “Discharge from Sentence”). This can occur when an offender is on supervision following a release from prison and is revoked, and is then required to serve the remainder of their sentence in prison. Additionally, WI DOC may extend the confinement portion of an inmate’s sentence for time spent in segregation status. Releases in the “Other” category include releases from Alternatives to Revocation, releases from WI DOC prisons to Federal or other state prisons, and releases after the completion of a revocation hearing in which the offender’s supervision was not revoked.

### *Releases by County*

Release county is determined by using the WI DOC agent number for the probation and parole agent assigned to an inmate at the time of their release. In most cases, an agent number is associated with a specific county in Wisconsin. In some cases, agent numbers represent multiple counties (e.g., Marinette and Oconto counties), since those agents supervise offenders who live in either county. Using the agent number to determine where in Wisconsin a released inmate is physically going to live is the most accurate method WI DOC has available. This methodology does not take into account inmates who will be living out of state, inmates who do not have an agent assigned to them at the time of their release, or inmates who move after they are released.

### *Releases with Any Drug, Sex, or OWI Offense*

An inmate was included in one or more of these three offense categories if any of their active offenses at the time of release were a Drug, Sex, or OWI offense. This means that an inmate could have been counted in each of the three categories if they had an active drug offense, sex offense, and OWI offense at the time of release. The category that an inmate was included in does not necessarily indicate the inmate's most serious offense.

### *Time Served*

Time served was calculated as the time between an inmate's admission and release from a WI DOC prison. This does not account for time spent in county jail prior to admission to a WI DOC prison or jail credits given at the time of sentencing. It is simply a measure of the amount of time an inmate was physically in a WI DOC prison.

### *Most Serious Offense*

Offense categories were based on the Association of State Correctional Administrators' (ASCA) Performance-Based Measures System standards. While the ASCA standards were followed as closely as possible in the categorization of offenses, supplementary rules were developed to aid in categorizing statutes that did not clearly fit into one category or another. Offense categorization methodology is available upon request.

Offenses committed by WI DOC inmates were separated into four offense categories: violent offenses, property offenses, drug offenses, and public order offenses. Offenses included in this report represented an inmate's most serious offense. The most serious offense was selected based on the order of the categories listed above, with violent offenses as the most serious, and public order offenses as the least serious.

For the most serious offense analysis, inmates were not counted if they did not have an active offense at the time of release. Occasionally, an inmate appeared to not have any active offenses on a particular release date due to data entry error, and/or due to the logic used to accurately align offenses with specific points in time. Although the offense exists in the WI DOC data system, those offenses were not included here. Only offenders admitted with a new Wisconsin sentence were included; interstate compact offenders (with no Wisconsin sentence) were excluded.

## Appendix B: Tables

*Table 1. Total Releases*

Release Year	Total Releases
1990	3,034
1991	3,833
1992	3,949
1993	4,763
1994	4,794
1995	5,821
1996	5,886
1997	6,138
1998	6,588
1999	7,025
2000	8,325
2001	7,936
2002	8,369
2003	8,517
2004	9,423
2005	10,005
2006	9,903
2007	10,116
2008	10,487
2009	9,999
2010	9,690
2011	8,831
2012	8,593
2013	8,823
2014	8,725
2015	8,599
2016	8,952

*Note:* Releases numbers exclude temporary holds.

*Table 2. Releases by Gender*

Release Year	Total	Male		Female	
	N	N	%	N	%
2000	8,325	7,590	91.2%	735	8.8%
2001	7,936	7,215	90.9%	721	9.1%
2002	8,369	7,638	91.3%	731	8.7%
2003	8,517	7,796	91.5%	721	8.5%
2004	9,423	8,654	91.8%	769	8.2%
2005	10,005	9,184	91.8%	821	8.2%
2006	9,903	9,103	91.9%	800	8.1%
2007	10,116	9,314	92.1%	802	7.9%
2008	10,487	9,582	91.4%	905	8.6%
2009	9,999	9,193	91.9%	806	8.1%
2010	9,690	8,963	92.5%	727	7.5%
2011	8,831	8,106	91.8%	725	8.2%
2012	8,593	7,937	92.4%	656	7.6%
2013	8,823	8,134	92.2%	689	7.8%
2014	8,725	8,057	92.3%	668	7.7%
2015	8,599	7,795	90.7%	804	9.3%
2016	8,952	8,130	90.8%	822	9.2%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.



*Table 3. Releases by Race*

Release Year	Black		White		American Indian /Alaskan Native		Asian /Pacific Islander		Did Not Report	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	4,353	52.3%	3,639	43.7%	272	3.3%	40	0.5%	21	0.3%
2001	3,874	48.8%	3,709	46.7%	302	3.8%	40	0.5%	11	0.1%
2002	4,043	48.3%	3,983	47.6%	291	3.5%	44	0.5%	8	0.1%
2003	4,102	48.2%	4,085	48.0%	276	3.2%	49	0.6%	5	0.1%
2004	4,339	46.0%	4,691	49.8%	322	3.4%	59	0.6%	12	0.1%
2005	4,549	45.5%	4,975	49.7%	382	3.8%	72	0.7%	27	0.3%
2006	4,458	45.0%	4,992	50.4%	376	3.8%	57	0.6%	20	0.2%
2007	4,534	44.8%	5,099	50.4%	395	3.9%	68	0.7%	20	0.2%
2008	4,553	43.4%	5,438	51.9%	419	4.0%	61	0.6%	16	0.2%
2009	4,282	42.8%	5,228	52.3%	385	3.9%	69	0.7%	35	0.4%
2010	4,041	41.7%	5,190	53.6%	374	3.9%	59	0.6%	26	0.3%
2011	3,593	40.7%	4,793	54.3%	376	4.3%	61	0.7%	8	0.1%
2012	3,480	40.5%	4,684	54.5%	352	4.1%	75	0.9%	2	0.0%
2013	3,450	39.1%	4,973	56.4%	326	3.7%	73	0.8%	1	0.0%
2014	3,238	37.1%	5,047	57.8%	365	4.2%	72	0.8%	3	0.0%
2015	3,158	36.7%	5,004	58.2%	354	4.1%	80	0.9%	3	0.0%
2016	3,228	36.1%	5,231	58.4%	399	4.5%	90	1.0%	4	0.0%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

*Table 4. Releases by Ethnicity*

Release Year	Hispanic or Latino		Not Hispanic or Latino		Did Not Report	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	529	6.4%	5,691	68.4%	2,105	25.3%
2001	593	7.5%	5,348	67.4%	1,995	25.1%
2002	611	7.3%	5,665	67.7%	2,093	25.0%
2003	634	7.4%	5,666	66.5%	2,217	26.0%
2004	729	7.7%	6,027	64.0%	2,667	28.3%
2005	766	7.7%	6,139	61.4%	3,100	31.0%
2006	782	7.9%	5,899	59.6%	3,222	32.5%
2007	780	7.7%	5,782	57.2%	3,554	35.1%
2008	806	7.7%	5,700	54.4%	3,981	38.0%
2009	792	7.9%	5,043	50.4%	4,164	41.6%
2010	801	8.3%	4,191	43.3%	4,698	48.5%
2011	713	8.1%	2,921	33.1%	5,197	58.8%
2012	664	7.7%	2,419	28.2%	5,510	64.1%
2013	684	7.8%	2,052	23.3%	6,087	69.0%
2014	650	7.4%	1,800	20.6%	6,275	71.9%
2015	655	7.6%	1,921	22.3%	6,023	70.0%
2016	640	7.1%	1,832	20.5%	6,480	72.4%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Table 5. Releases by Age

Release Year	19 or younger		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		45-49		50-54		55-59		60-64		65 or older	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	420	5.0%	2,007	24.1%	1,595	19.2%	1,420	17.1%	1,300	15.6%	837	10.1%	401	4.8%	184	2.2%	93	1.1%	31	0.4%	37	0.4%
2001	304	3.8%	1,881	23.7%	1,495	18.8%	1,342	16.9%	1,205	15.2%	888	11.2%	456	5.7%	196	2.5%	84	1.1%	51	0.6%	34	0.4%
2002	315	3.8%	1,912	22.8%	1,524	18.2%	1,347	16.1%	1,290	15.4%	999	11.9%	550	6.6%	243	2.9%	100	1.2%	49	0.6%	40	0.5%
2003	236	2.8%	1,885	22.1%	1,556	18.3%	1,311	15.4%	1,272	14.9%	1,134	13.3%	613	7.2%	276	3.2%	139	1.6%	48	0.6%	47	0.6%
2004	262	2.8%	2,125	22.6%	1,752	18.6%	1,414	15.0%	1,312	13.9%	1,179	12.5%	758	8.0%	344	3.7%	146	1.5%	75	0.8%	56	0.6%
2005	277	2.8%	2,163	21.6%	1,929	19.3%	1,490	14.9%	1,324	13.2%	1,310	13.1%	840	8.4%	395	3.9%	164	1.6%	61	0.6%	52	0.5%
2006	188	1.9%	2,061	20.8%	1,978	20.0%	1,499	15.1%	1,299	13.1%	1,320	13.3%	849	8.6%	431	4.4%	168	1.7%	60	0.6%	50	0.5%
2007	202	2.0%	2,006	19.8%	2,066	20.4%	1,433	14.2%	1,402	13.9%	1,264	12.5%	965	9.5%	456	4.5%	182	1.8%	80	0.8%	60	0.6%
2008	177	1.7%	1,852	17.7%	2,231	21.3%	1,563	14.9%	1,431	13.6%	1,252	11.9%	1,041	9.9%	552	5.3%	217	2.1%	96	0.9%	75	0.7%
2009	180	1.8%	1,747	17.5%	2,114	21.1%	1,514	15.1%	1,342	13.4%	1,166	11.7%	975	9.8%	544	5.4%	254	2.5%	100	1.0%	63	0.6%
2010	174	1.8%	1,673	17.3%	2,034	21.0%	1,524	15.7%	1,197	12.4%	1,116	11.5%	958	9.9%	587	6.1%	282	2.9%	84	0.9%	61	0.6%
2011	125	1.4%	1,499	17.0%	1,905	21.6%	1,384	15.7%	1,027	11.6%	1,023	11.6%	838	9.5%	583	6.6%	268	3.0%	107	1.2%	72	0.8%
2012	97	1.1%	1,454	16.9%	1,784	20.8%	1,506	17.5%	967	11.3%	990	11.5%	757	8.8%	598	7.0%	277	3.2%	102	1.2%	61	0.7%
2013	130	1.5%	1,439	16.3%	1,775	20.1%	1,539	17.4%	1,057	12.0%	971	11.0%	787	8.9%	625	7.1%	299	3.4%	115	1.3%	86	1.0%
2014	89	1.0%	1,377	15.8%	1,815	20.8%	1,569	18.0%	1,068	12.2%	839	9.6%	763	8.7%	613	7.0%	342	3.9%	140	1.6%	110	1.3%
2015	74	0.9%	1,205	14.0%	1,791	20.8%	1,570	18.3%	1,084	12.6%	901	10.5%	720	8.4%	636	7.4%	371	4.3%	136	1.6%	111	1.3%
2016	76	0.8%	1,272	14.2%	1,880	21.0%	1,610	18.0%	1,178	13.2%	813	9.1%	738	8.2%	674	7.5%	408	4.6%	175	2.0%	128	1.4%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

*Table 6. Releases by Type*

Release Year	Extended Supervision or Mandatory Release		Discharge from Sentence		Paroled		Other		Death	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	4,392	52.8%	490	5.9%	2,325	27.9%	1,083	13.0%	35	0.4%
2001	4,425	55.8%	657	8.3%	1,873	23.6%	931	11.7%	50	0.6%
2002	4,968	59.4%	591	7.1%	2,078	24.8%	680	8.1%	52	0.6%
2003	5,655	66.4%	497	5.8%	1,862	21.9%	460	5.4%	43	0.5%
2004	6,378	67.7%	409	4.3%	1,698	18.0%	898	9.5%	40	0.4%
2005	7,147	71.4%	415	4.1%	1,146	11.5%	1,266	12.7%	31	0.3%
2006	7,416	74.9%	389	3.9%	720	7.3%	1,333	13.5%	45	0.5%
2007	7,654	75.7%	481	4.8%	516	5.1%	1,422	14.1%	43	0.4%
2008	8,211	78.3%	546	5.2%	441	4.2%	1,244	11.9%	45	0.4%
2009	7,857	78.6%	538	5.4%	374	3.7%	1,188	11.9%	42	0.4%
2010	7,799	80.5%	528	5.4%	275	2.8%	1,063	11.0%	25	0.3%
2011	7,031	79.6%	434	4.9%	265	3.0%	1,052	11.9%	49	0.6%
2012	6,964	81.0%	468	5.4%	132	1.5%	983	11.4%	46	0.5%
2013	7,126	80.8%	435	4.9%	152	1.7%	1,065	12.1%	45	0.5%
2014	7,066	81.0%	347	4.0%	171	2.0%	1,083	12.4%	58	0.7%
2015	6,964	81.0%	383	4.5%	164	1.9%	1,041	12.1%	47	0.5%
2016	7,351	82.1%	335	3.7%	192	2.1%	1,006	11.2%	68	0.8%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Table 7. Releases by County of Release, 2016

County of Release	Prison Release		County of Release	Prison Release	
	N	%		N	%
Adams	39	0.4%	Marathon	180	2.0%
Ashland and Bayfield	38	0.4%	Marinette and Oconto	152	1.7%
Barron	62	0.7%	Marquette	13	0.1%
Brown	418	4.7%	Menominee and Shawano	78	0.9%
Brown and Outagamie	13	0.2%	Milwaukee	2,782	31.3%
Buffalo	3	0.0%	Monroe	90	1.0%
Burnett	11	0.1%	Oneida	28	0.3%
Calumet	17	0.2%	Outagamie	246	2.8%
Chippewa	31	0.4%	Ozaukee	79	0.9%
Clark	31	0.4%	Pepin	6	0.1%
Columbia	65	0.7%	Pierce	16	0.2%
Crawford	26	0.3%	Polk	36	0.4%
Dane	538	6.1%	Portage	61	0.7%
Dodge	95	1.1%	Price	9	0.1%
Door	23	0.3%	Racine	527	5.9%
Douglas	56	0.6%	Richland	18	0.2%
Dunn	28	0.3%	Rock	328	3.7%
Eau Claire	111	1.3%	Rusk	14	0.2%
Florence and Forest	16	0.2%	Sauk	70	0.8%
Fond du Lac	156	1.8%	Sawyer	42	0.5%
Grant	29	0.3%	Sheboygan	139	1.6%
Green	27	0.3%	St. Croix	41	0.5%
Green Lake	32	0.4%	Taylor	20	0.2%
Iowa	12	0.1%	Trempealeau	18	0.2%
Iron	2	0.0%	Vernon	18	0.2%
Jackson	29	0.3%	Vilas	41	0.5%
Jefferson	109	1.2%	Walworth	129	1.5%
Juneau	35	0.4%	Washburn	15	0.2%
Kenosha	331	3.7%	Washington	179	2.0%
Kewaunee	9	0.1%	Waukesha	379	4.3%
La Crosse	156	1.8%	Waupaca	55	0.6%
Lafayette	11	0.1%	Waushara	28	0.3%
Langlade	32	0.4%	Winnebago	239	2.7%
Lincoln	47	0.5%	Wood	86	1.0%
Manitowoc	72	0.8%	Unknown	11	0.1%
			<b>Total</b>	<b>8,884</b>	

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates who died.

*Table 8. Releases with Any Drug, Sex, or OWI Offense by County of Release, 2016*

County	Total	Drug Offense		Sex Offense		OWI Offense	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%
Milwaukee	2,782	544	19.6%	308	11.1%	191	6.9%
Dane	538	119	22.1%	53	9.9%	88	16.4%
Racine	527	181	34.3%	51	9.7%	52	9.9%
Brown	418	142	34.0%	56	13.4%	87	20.8%
Waukesha	379	115	30.3%	58	15.3%	82	21.6%
Kenosha	331	75	22.7%	50	15.1%	34	10.3%
Rock	328	83	25.3%	36	11.0%	54	16.5%
Outagamie	246	63	25.6%	33	13.4%	51	20.7%
Winnebago	239	77	32.2%	29	12.1%	53	22.2%
Marathon	180	65	36.1%	27	15.0%	26	14.4%
Washington	179	70	39.1%	20	11.2%	34	19.0%
Fond du Lac	156	50	32.1%	26	16.7%	19	12.2%
La Crosse	156	50	32.1%	17	10.9%	12	7.7%
Sheboygan	139	47	33.8%	14	10.1%	14	10.1%
Walworth	129	22	17.1%	41	31.8%	23	17.8%
Eau Claire	111	39	35.1%	15	13.5%	17	15.3%
Jefferson	109	39	35.8%	20	18.3%	17	15.6%
Dodge	95	23	24.2%	10	10.5%	24	25.3%
Monroe	90	25	27.8%	9	10.0%	15	16.7%
Wood	86	18	20.9%	22	25.6%	20	23.3%
All other Counties	1,666	443	26.6%	211	13.3%	359	21.5%
Total	8,884	2,290	25.8%	1,116	12.6%	1,272	14.3%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds, deaths, and inmates without conviction information. "All other Counties" includes those counties that individually had less than 1% of the total proportion of all releases.

*Table 9. Releases by Time Served*

Release Year	Less than 1 year		1 to < 2 years		2 to < 5 years		5 or more years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	3,472	41.7%	2,239	26.9%	2,080	25.0%	534	6.4%
2001	3,198	40.3%	2,071	26.1%	1,991	25.1%	676	8.5%
2002	3,153	37.7%	2,261	27.0%	2,115	25.3%	840	10.0%
2003	2,965	34.8%	2,497	29.3%	2,108	24.8%	947	11.1%
2004	3,731	39.6%	2,610	27.7%	2,121	22.5%	961	10.2%
2005	4,160	41.6%	2,836	28.3%	2,136	21.3%	873	8.7%
2006	4,268	43.1%	2,720	27.5%	2,169	21.9%	746	7.5%
2007	4,483	44.3%	2,917	28.8%	2,025	20.0%	691	6.8%
2008	4,274	40.8%	3,223	30.7%	2,185	20.8%	805	7.7%
2009	4,097	41.0%	3,008	30.1%	2,112	21.1%	782	7.8%
2010	3,841	39.6%	3,051	31.5%	2,067	21.3%	731	7.5%
2011	3,275	37.1%	2,826	32.0%	1,967	22.3%	763	8.6%
2012	3,226	37.5%	2,718	31.6%	1,978	23.0%	671	7.8%
2013	3,353	38.0%	2,720	30.8%	1,995	22.6%	755	8.6%
2014	3,295	37.8%	2,586	29.6%	2,014	23.1%	830	9.5%
2015	3,064	35.6%	2,757	32.1%	1,963	22.8%	815	9.5%
2016	3,199	35.7%	2,879	32.2%	2,022	22.6%	852	9.5%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates without conviction data.

*Table 10. Releases by Most Serious Offense: Time Served for New Sentence Only Admissions*

Release Year	Violent Offense							
	Less than 1 year		1 to < 2 years		2 to < 5 years		5 or more years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	91	10.5%	171	19.7%	373	43.1%	231	26.7%
2001	90	10.3%	183	20.8%	360	41.0%	245	27.9%
2002	94	9.4%	188	18.8%	400	39.9%	320	31.9%
2003	88	8.1%	250	23.0%	394	36.3%	353	32.5%
2004	84	7.7%	252	23.2%	375	34.6%	373	34.4%
2005	98	8.9%	242	21.9%	378	34.2%	387	35.0%
2006	96	9.1%	236	22.5%	418	39.8%	300	28.6%
2007	101	9.7%	233	22.3%	393	37.6%	317	30.4%
2008	86	8.2%	238	22.8%	374	35.8%	346	33.1%
2009	119	11.1%	232	21.6%	390	36.3%	333	31.0%
2010	103	9.3%	270	24.5%	399	36.2%	330	29.9%
2011	103	10.2%	228	22.6%	341	33.9%	335	33.3%
2012	92	9.4%	227	23.3%	359	36.9%	296	30.4%
2013	104	9.9%	249	23.6%	362	34.3%	339	32.2%
2014	105	9.4%	251	22.4%	405	36.2%	358	32.0%
2015	89	7.9%	250	22.2%	423	37.6%	364	32.3%
2016	115	9.8%	278	23.8%	395	33.8%	381	32.6%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates without conviction data.



Release Year	Property Offense							
	Less than 1 year		1 to < 2 years		2 to < 5 years		5 or more years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	108	20.7%	166	31.7%	210	40.2%	39	7.5%
2001	58	12.4%	137	29.3%	210	45.0%	62	13.3%
2002	83	16.0%	184	35.4%	176	33.8%	77	14.8%
2003	67	13.7%	179	36.5%	164	33.5%	80	16.3%
2004	102	19.1%	161	30.1%	192	35.9%	80	15.0%
2005	103	19.3%	196	36.8%	180	33.8%	54	10.1%
2006	82	18.1%	156	34.4%	175	38.6%	40	8.8%
2007	68	17.7%	151	39.2%	131	34.0%	35	9.1%
2008	74	17.8%	162	39.0%	123	29.6%	56	13.5%
2009	107	28.8%	116	31.2%	108	29.0%	41	11.0%
2010	93	27.5%	128	37.9%	83	24.6%	34	10.1%
2011	81	25.2%	119	37.1%	83	25.9%	38	11.8%
2012	90	24.7%	150	41.1%	89	24.4%	36	9.9%
2013	96	24.2%	163	41.1%	121	30.5%	17	4.3%
2014	79	20.8%	156	41.1%	118	31.1%	27	7.1%
2015	87	23.1%	159	42.3%	106	28.2%	24	6.4%
2016	76	18.6%	176	43.0%	128	31.3%	29	7.1%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates without conviction data.

Release Year	Drug Offense							
	Less than 1 year		1 to < 2 years		2 to < 5 years		5 or more years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	250	30.8%	322	39.7%	221	27.2%	19	2.3%
2001	145	24.5%	242	40.9%	167	28.3%	37	6.3%
2002	126	20.0%	259	41.1%	199	31.6%	46	7.3%
2003	152	20.4%	340	45.7%	211	28.4%	41	5.5%
2004	239	26.5%	368	40.8%	251	27.8%	44	4.9%
2005	246	25.5%	426	44.1%	257	26.6%	37	3.8%
2006	153	20.7%	290	39.2%	252	34.1%	44	6.0%
2007	117	19.5%	258	43.1%	190	31.7%	34	5.7%
2008	114	18.8%	258	42.6%	181	29.9%	52	8.6%
2009	124	24.3%	189	37.0%	146	28.6%	52	10.2%
2010	124	25.0%	183	36.9%	129	26.0%	60	12.1%
2011	150	33.3%	157	34.9%	112	24.9%	31	6.9%
2012	109	27.4%	149	37.4%	105	26.4%	35	8.8%
2013	99	25.3%	154	39.3%	114	29.1%	25	6.4%
2014	122	28.6%	162	38.0%	117	27.5%	25	5.9%
2015	96	22.0%	202	46.3%	109	25.0%	29	6.7%
2016	106	21.9%	219	45.2%	134	27.6%	26	5.4%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates without conviction data.

Release Year	Public Order Offense							
	Less than 1 year		1 to < 2 years		2 to < 5 years		5 or more years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	92	46.5%	68	34.3%	31	15.7%	7	3.5%
2001	77	29.5%	136	52.1%	39	14.9%	9	3.4%
2002	78	22.4%	205	58.9%	58	16.7%	7	2.0%
2003	68	17.5%	216	55.5%	99	25.4%	6	1.5%
2004	88	21.1%	224	53.7%	102	24.5%	3	0.7%
2005	112	21.5%	278	53.4%	129	24.8%	2	0.4%
2006	104	24.4%	246	57.7%	70	16.4%	6	1.4%
2007	143	30.9%	226	48.8%	82	17.7%	12	2.6%
2008	157	31.3%	267	53.2%	75	14.9%	3	0.6%
2009	184	33.6%	282	51.6%	76	13.9%	5	0.9%
2010	199	34.5%	303	52.6%	68	11.8%	6	1.0%
2011	181	31.6%	303	53.0%	83	14.5%	5	0.9%
2012	217	37.3%	263	45.3%	94	16.2%	7	1.2%
2013	208	35.9%	274	47.2%	93	16.0%	5	0.9%
2014	209	36.9%	242	42.7%	106	18.7%	10	1.8%
2015	208	32.4%	276	43.0%	148	23.1%	10	1.6%
2016	208	30.3%	325	47.3%	144	21.0%	10	1.5%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates without conviction data.