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Introduction

The Wisconsin (WI) prison population has grown substantially over the last 25 years, more than tripling from 1990 to 2014. 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 explained by 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 WI Department of Corrections (DOC) is and will be responsible for. Tracking various aspects of the prison population allows the Department to make appropriate changes as needed to its facilities and policies. For example, accommodating a growing number of older inmates. The data presented in this report has been validated to provide measures that reflect the changing prison population as accurately as possible.

Prison Facilities

There are 37 correctional institutions and centers throughout the state of WI. The Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) oversees 19 adult correctional facilities and is responsible for the administration of the WI Correctional Center System (WCCS), which encompasses 17 Correctional Centers. Additionally, this report includes data regarding inmates at the WI Resource Center (WRC) which is administered by the WI Department of Health Services (DHS) in partnership with the WI Department of Corrections. WRC is a specialized inpatient mental health facility established as a prison under s. 46.056, WI Statutes. The WI DOC uses three security levels for its institutions: maximum, medium, and minimum. 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 that he or she is placed in. Facilities vary by the design and features of the prison, including: physical plant design, level of staffing, and operating procedures. A maximum security facility has the most restrictive level of confinement and 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. They have 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, some are controlled by staff) with a security staff providing 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 different (more) privileges and responsibilities than at a medium or maximum security facility.

Prison and Correctional Center Characteristics

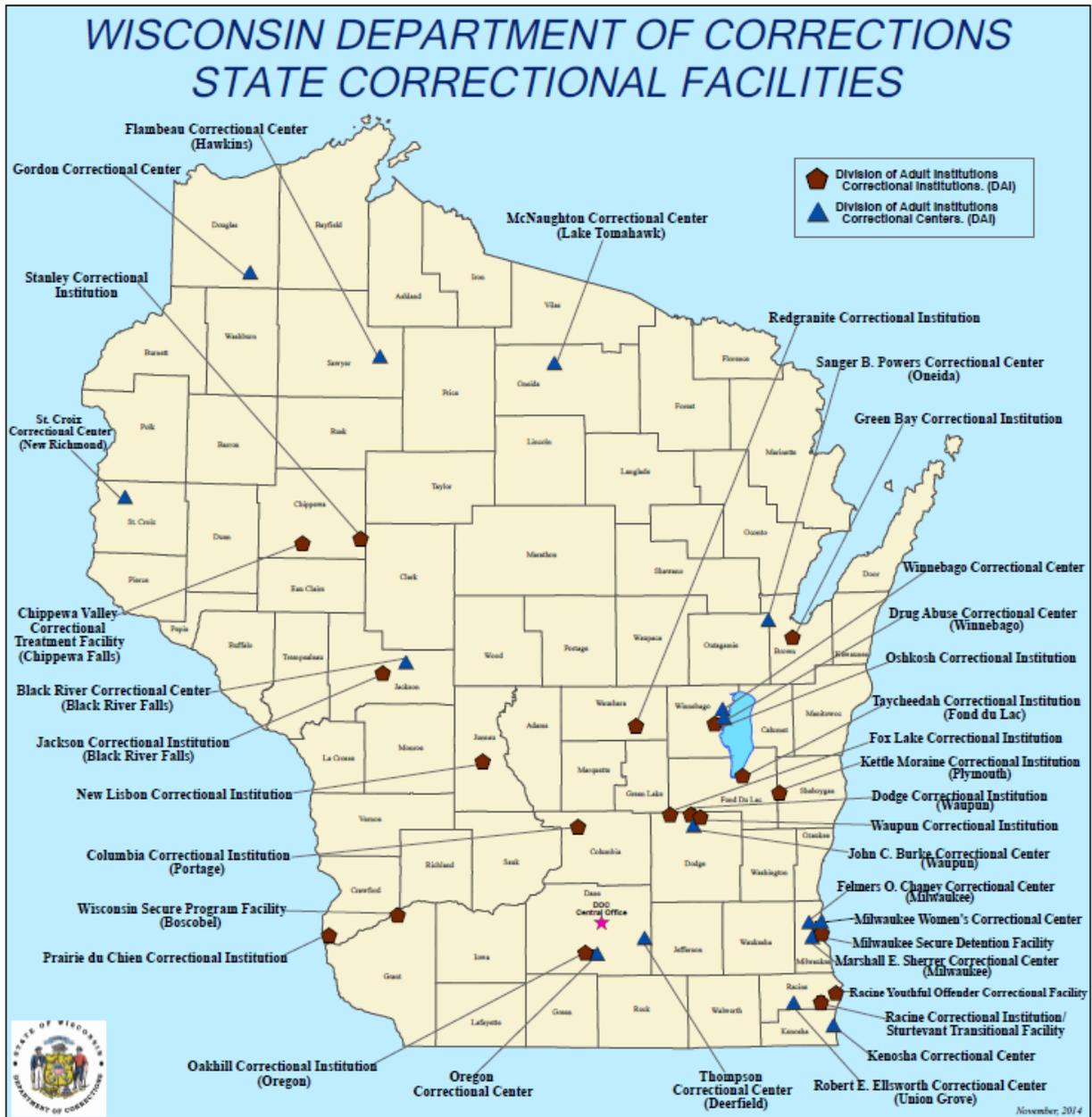
Adult Institutions	Year Opened	Security Level	Operating Capacity	12/31/2014 Inmate Population
Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility	2004	Minimum	466	454
Columbia Correctional Institution	1986	Maximum	830	833
Dodge Correctional Institution	1978	Maximum	1,573	1,577
Fox Lake Correctional Institution	1962	Medium	1,344	1,321
Green Bay Correctional Institution	1898	Maximum	1,091	1,069
Jackson Correctional Institution	1996	Medium	995	989
Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution	1962	Medium	1,168	1,161
Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility	2001	Medium	256	448
New Lisbon Correctional Institution	2004	Medium	1,015	1,003
Oakhill Correctional Institution	1976	Minimum	685	658
Oshkosh Correctional Institution	1986	Medium	2,025	2,042
Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution	1997	Medium	512	506
Racine Correctional Institution	1991	Medium	1,569	1,532
Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility	1998	Medium	450	448
Redgranite Correctional Institution	2001	Medium	1,018	1,010
Stanley Correctional Institution	2003	Medium	1,550	1,490
Sturtevant Transitional Facility	2003	Minimum	152	154
Waupun Correctional Institution	1851	Maximum	1,240	1,223
Wisconsin Secure Program Facility	1999	Maximum	501	448
Wisconsin Resource Center ¹	1983	Maximum	386	359

Wisconsin Correctional Center System	Year Opened	Security Level	Operating Capacity	12/31/2014 Inmate Population
Black River Correctional Center	1962	Minimum	114	98
Drug Abuse Correctional Center	1977	Minimum	294	288
Felmers O. Chaney Correctional Center	2000	Minimum	100	90
Flambeau Correctional Center	1954	Minimum	90	84
Gordon Correctional Center	1950	Minimum	89	83
John C. Burke Correctional Center	1990	Minimum	250	238
Kenosha Correctional Center	1990	Minimum	115	109
Marshall E. Sherrer Correctional Center	1981	Minimum	58	54
McNaughton Correctional Center	1956	Minimum	102	95
Oregon Correctional Center	1992	Minimum	112	107
Sanger B. Powers Correctional Center	1982	Minimum	120	113

¹ Wisconsin Resource Center is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)

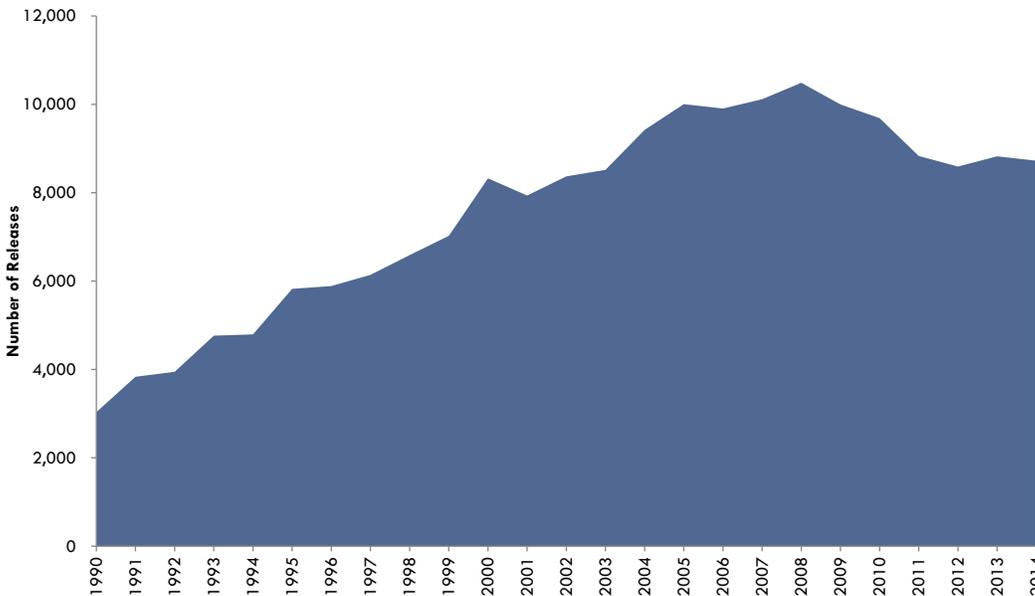
St. Croix Correctional Center	1991	Minimum	132	122
Thompson Correctional Center	1993	Minimum	125	120
Winnebago Correctional Center	1974	Minimum	266	250

Wisconsin Women's Correctional System	Year Opened	Security Level	Operating Capacity	12/31/2014 Inmate Population
Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center	2003	Minimum	100	111
Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center	1989	Minimum	324	360
Taycheedah Correctional Institution	1921	Maximum	752	793



WISCONSIN PRISON RELEASES

The releases presented in this report are physical releases from WI 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, other state prisons; and interstate compact inmates serving another state's sentence or a federal sentence in a WI facility. The release counts do not include inmates who were not physically admitted and released from a WI prison or contract facility because at the time of sentencing it was determined they had already served sufficient time in county jail. Those released from temporary holds are not included. For more information on temporary holds in WI DOC facilities please see the *Prison Admissions: 1990-2014* report, Appendix C in the WI DOC Data Trend series.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Prison Releases (1990- 2014): Prison releases have followed approximately the same trend as admissions, increasing from 1990 until 2010. Releases peaked at 10,489 in 2008, but the number of releases each year since has gradually declined ending with 8,725 releases in 2014.

	1990	% Change 1990-2000	2000	% Change 2000-2014	2014
Total Releases	3,035	+174.3%	8,325	+4.8%	8,725
Male	2,841	+167.2%	7,591	+6.1%	8,057
Female	194	+278.4%	734	-9.0%	668

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

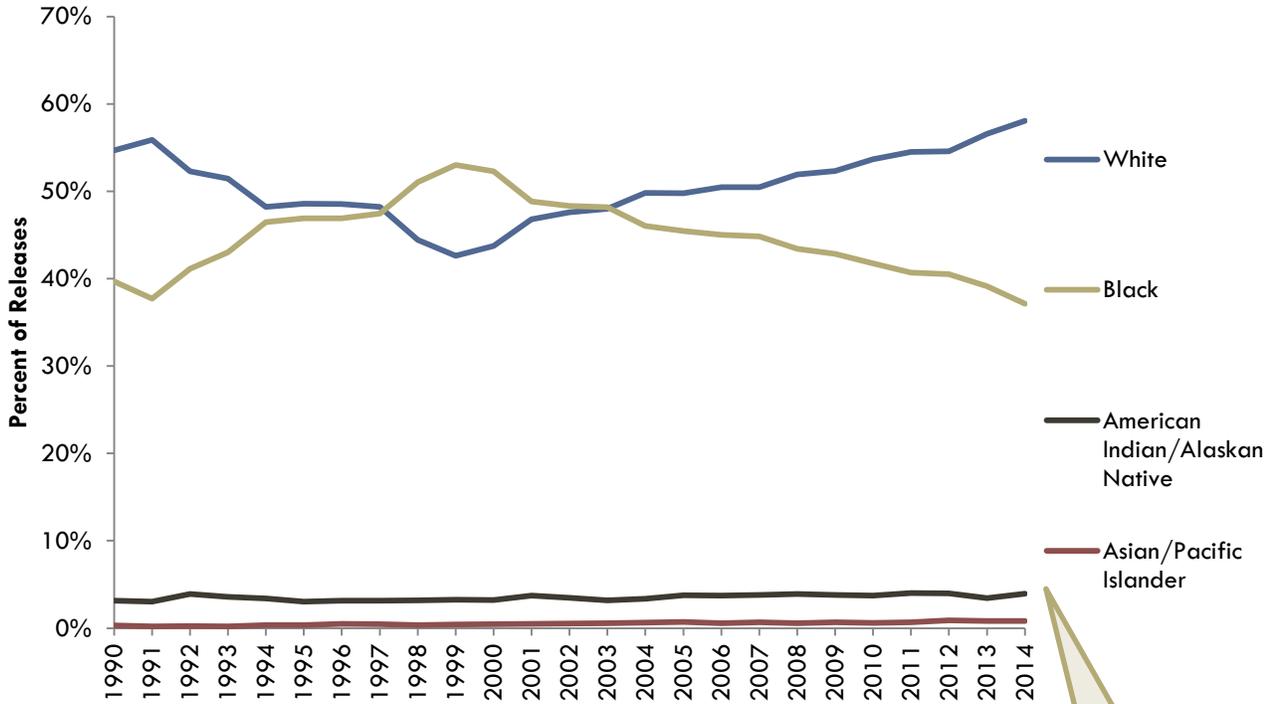


2014 WI Prison Releases

- 35 was average age
- 92% were male
- 37% were Black, 58% were White, and 7% report Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
- 81% were released to Extended Supervision or Mandatory Release
- 28% were released to Milwaukee County
- 700 inmates released per month on average
- 11% served more than 5 years in prison

Race:

The percentage of releases by race from 1990 to 2014 reflects the overall composition of the WI prison population during those years. In the majority of the years since 1990, there were more White than Black inmate releases. However, between 1998 and 2003 this pattern reversed, with more Black than White inmate releases.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Race and Ethnicity: Releases by Race in 1990, 2000, and 2014

Race Category	1990		2000		2014	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Black	1,204	39.7%	4,354	52.3%	3,239	37.1%
White	1,660	54.7%	3,643	43.8%	5,067	58.1%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	96	3.2%	268	3.2%	343	3.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	9	0.3%	39	0.5%	73	0.8%
Did Not Report	66	2.2%	21	0.3%	3	0.0%
Ethnicity*						
Hispanic or Latino	144	4.7%	530	6.4%	646	7.4%

➤ **White** inmates reached a high of 58.1% in 2014 and a low of 42.6% in 1999.

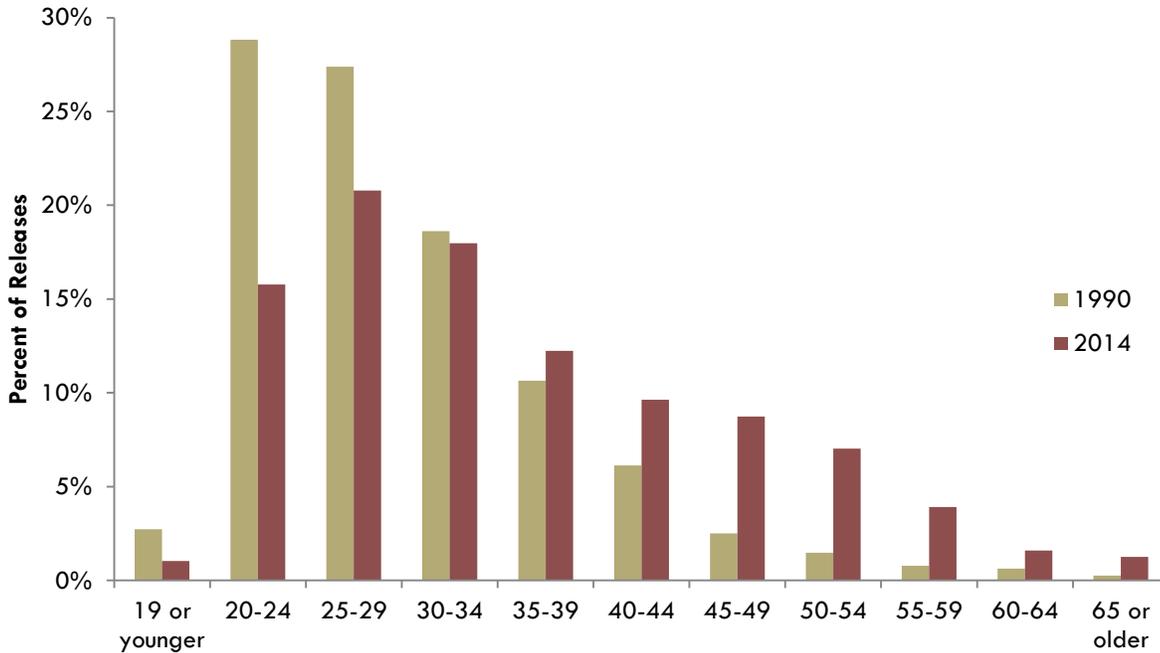
➤ **Black** inmates peaked at 53% in 1999 and reached a low of 37.1% in 2014.

*Inmates in all race categories can 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:

In 2014, two-thirds of all releases were for inmates between the ages of 20 and 39. However, even though younger inmates made up the majority of releases in 2014, older inmates made up a much larger proportion of all releases than they had in previous years. See Appendix B, [Table 5](#), for a table of release numbers by age.



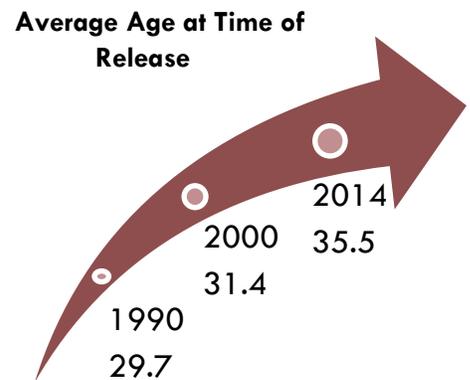
Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

The biggest change was in the proportion of releases for inmates ages 50 and older, for which the number of releases increased from 3.2% in 1990 to 13.8% in 2014, an increase of 331%.

Releases by Age in 1990 and 2014

Age Category	1990		2014	
	N	%	N	%
19 or younger	83	2.7%	90	1.0%
20-24	875	28.8%	1,376	15.8%
25-29	831	27.4%	1,814	20.8%
30-34	565	18.6%	1,569	18.0%
35-39	323	10.6%	1,068	12.2%
40-44	186	6.1%	840	9.6%
45-49	76	2.5%	763	8.7%
50-54	45	1.5%	613	7.0%
55-59	24	.8%	342	3.9%
60-64	19	.6%	140	1.6%
65 or older	8	.3%	110	1.3%

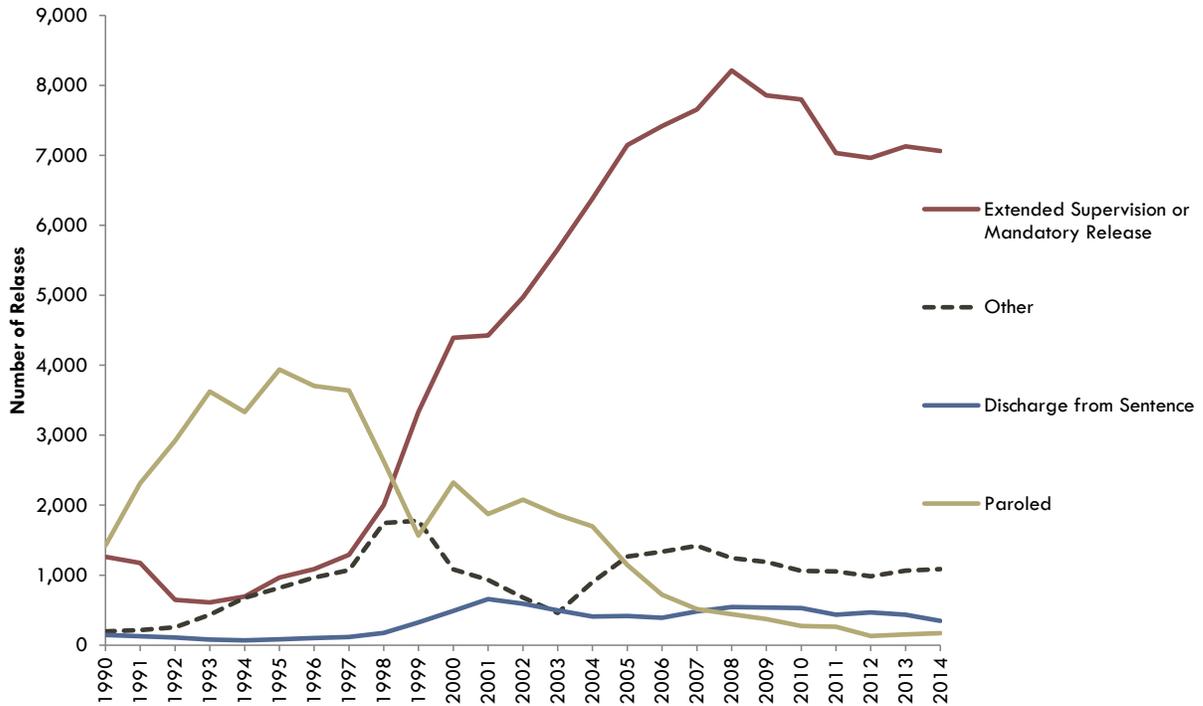
Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.



Prison Releases by Type (1990-2014):

The graph below shows all physical releases from WI DOC adult prisons and contract facilities between 1990 and 2014. 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 the law. The implementation of Truth in Sentencing (TIS) 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 after the completion of revocation hearings in which the offender’s supervision was not revoked.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

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

Releases by Security Level of the Facility

*Other includes: from jail contract beds, DJC facilities, out of state, and the Intensive Sanction program (DIS).

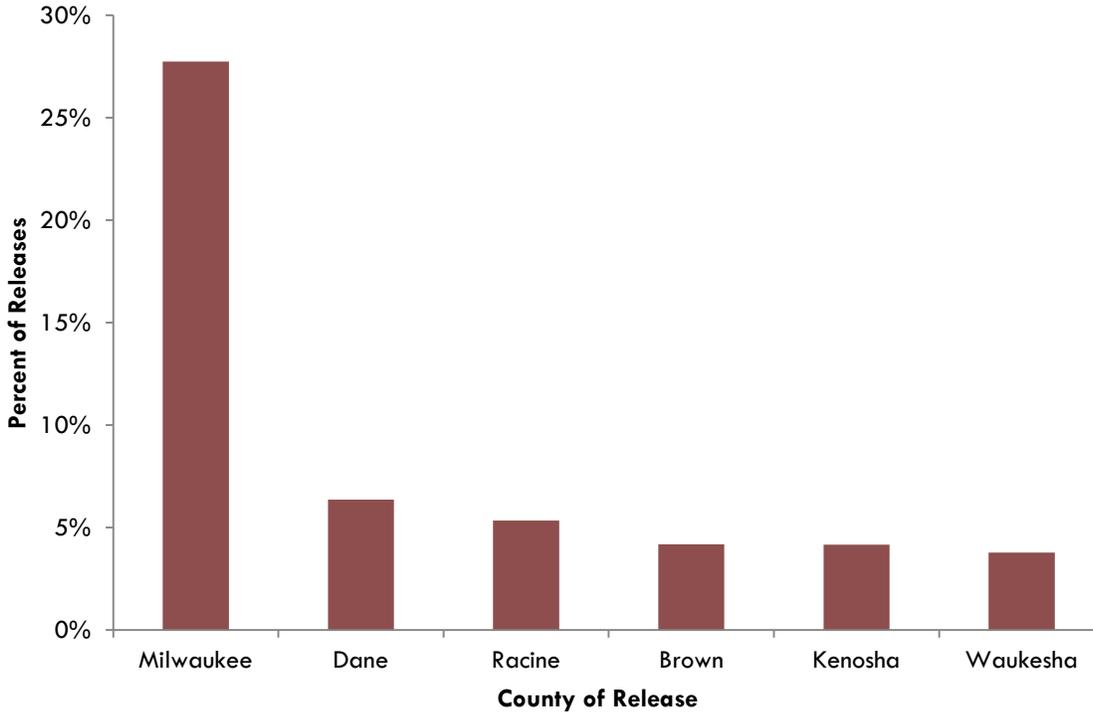
Security Level	1990		2000		2014	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Maximum	786	25.9%	1,074	12.9%	1,133	13.0%
Medium	430	14.2%	3,703	44.5%	4,523	51.8%
Minimum	1,662	54.8%	3,275	39.4%	3,017	34.6%
Other*	157	5.1%	273	3.2%	52	0.6%

Release Trends...

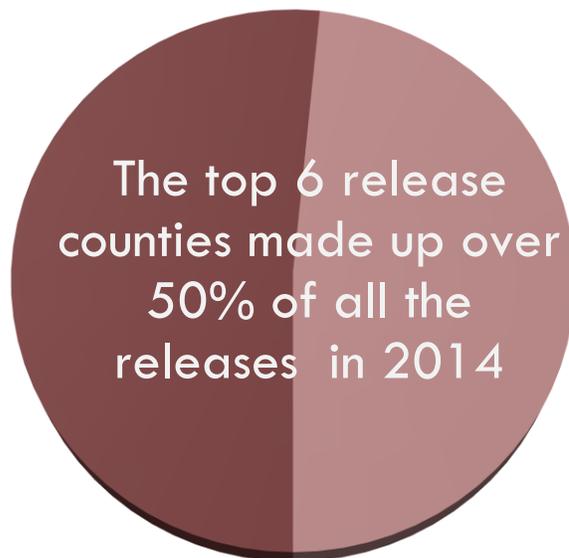
- Type of release shifted from Parole to Extended Supervision and Mandatory Release.
- Discharge from sentence releases have remained constant (4%) over the last decade.

Releases by County in 2014:

In 2014, the county with the highest proportion of releases was Milwaukee County with 27.6%, followed by Dane county with 6.3% and Racine with 5.3%. These counties consistently make up the highest percentages of releases over time. County of release numbers exclude inmates who died in prison. See Appendix B, [Table Z](#), for a table of release numbers by county of release for 2014.

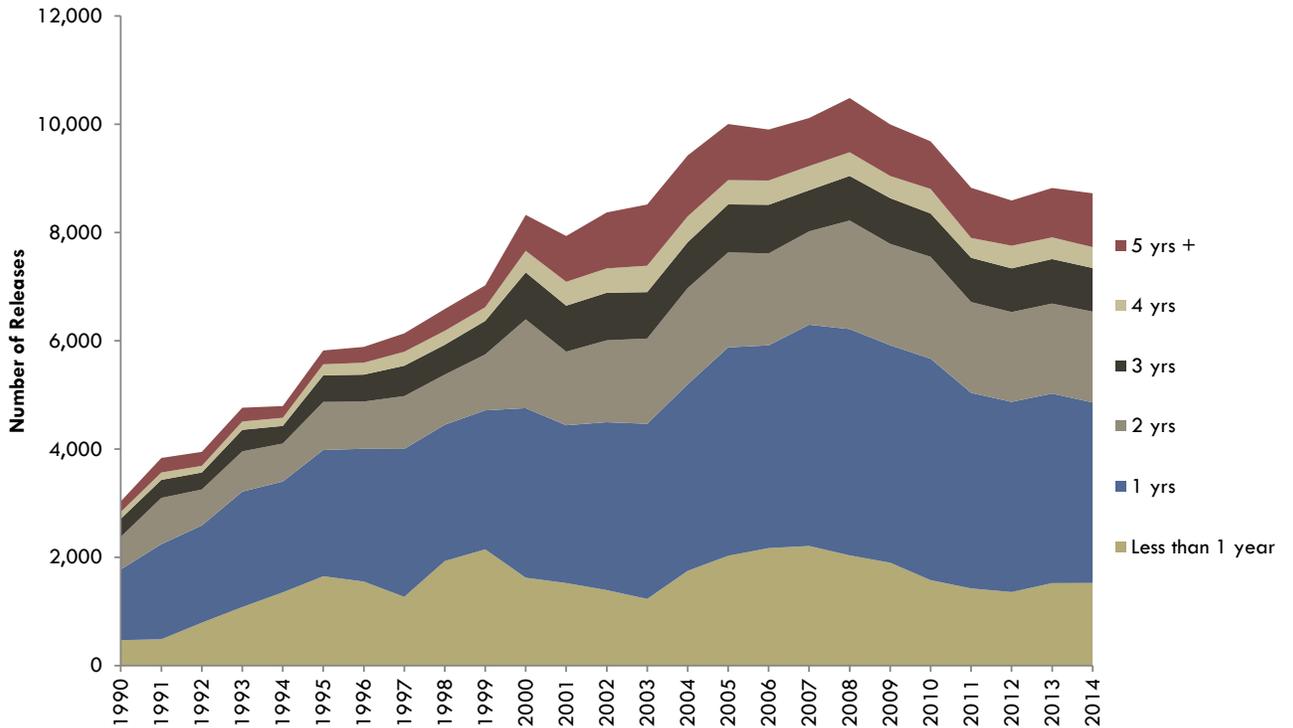


Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates who died.



Time Served (1990- 2014):

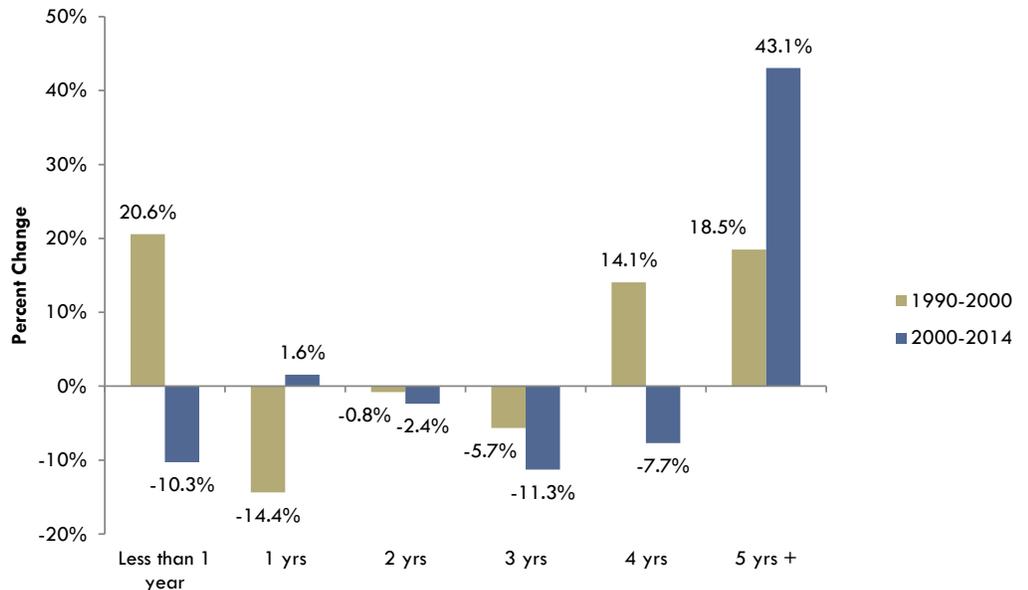
Time served is calculated as the time between an inmate’s admission and release from a WI prison. The majority of inmates released between 1990 and 2014 served two years or less in prison. Over the past decade (2004-2014), an average of 77% of the inmates released served two years or less. Of the 2014 releases, 1,526 (17.5%) inmates served less than one year and 994 (11.4%) inmates served 5 years or more. See Appendix B, [Table 8](#), for a table of release numbers by release type.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds & unknown sentence data.

Percent Change in Time Served, 1990 compared to 2000 and 2000 compared to 2014:

- Over the **last 14 years** the proportion of inmates who served **less than one year** in prison **decreased** significantly.
- The percentage who served **five or more years** **increased** significantly.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds & unknown sentence data.

Appendix A

Methodology

Releases

The releases data presented includes all physical releases from WI DOC adult institutions. Each release in a calendar year is counted; therefore an inmate may be counted more than once in a year if he/she is released multiple times. Sometimes offenders who have received prison sentences serve the entire sentence in county jail (due to processing time through the criminal justice system). When this happens, an admission to prison must still be entered in the DOC data system, with a corresponding release on the same day. However, the offender does not physically enter a DOC institution. These types of admissions are called “paper admissions” and “releases from paper admissions” are excluded from all release data presented in this report.

Release Type

Over the past 24 years there have been a number of changes in the manner in which inmates can be released from prison due to changes in the 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). A mandatory release (MR) date is 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 (Paroled Release type), and some serve their entire sentence in prison and discharge directly to the community with no remaining supervision term (Discharge from Sentence type). 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 his or her sentence in prison. Additionally, the Department 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 revocation hearings in which the offender’s supervision was not revoked.

Releases by County Analysis:

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

Releases: Time Served Analysis

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

Appendix B

Table 1. Total Releases

Year	Total Releases N
1990	3,035
1991	3,835
1992	3,948
1993	4,765
1994	4,794
1995	5,825
1996	5,888
1997	6,142
1998	6,589
1999	7,025
2000	8,325
2001	7,938
2002	8,370
2003	8,518
2004	9,423
2005	10,005
2006	9,906
2007	10,117
2008	10,489
2009	9,998
2010	9,688
2011	8,831
2012	8,593
2013	8,824
2014	8,725

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Table 2. Releases by Gender

Release Year	Total Releases	Male		Female	
	N	N	%	N	%
1990	3,035	2,841	93.6%	194	6.4%
1991	3,835	3,555	92.7%	280	7.3%
1992	3,948	3,659	92.7%	289	7.3%
1993	4,765	4,448	93.3%	317	6.7%
1994	4,794	4,403	91.8%	391	8.2%
1995	5,825	5,377	92.3%	448	7.7%
1996	5,888	5,392	91.6%	496	8.4%
1997	6,142	5,595	91.1%	547	8.9%
1998	6,589	6,038	91.6%	551	8.4%
1999	7,025	6,546	93.2%	479	6.8%
2000	8,325	7,591	91.2%	734	8.8%
2001	7,938	7,217	90.9%	721	9.1%
2002	8,370	7,638	91.3%	732	8.7%
2003	8,518	7,797	91.5%	721	8.5%
2004	9,423	8,654	91.8%	769	8.2%
2005	10,005	9,185	91.8%	820	8.2%
2006	9,906	9,106	91.9%	800	8.1%
2007	10,117	9,315	92.1%	802	7.9%
2008	10,489	9,585	91.4%	904	8.6%
2009	9,998	9,192	91.9%	806	8.1%
2010	9,688	8,961	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	8,824	8,135	92.2%	689	7.8%
2014	8,725	8,057	92.3%	668	7.7%

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	%
1990	1,204	39.7%	1,660	54.7%	96	3.2%	9	0.3%	66	2.2%
1991	1,446	37.7%	2,143	55.9%	116	3.0%	8	0.2%	122	3.2%
1992	1,624	41.1%	2,064	52.3%	155	3.9%	10	0.3%	95	2.4%
1993	2,050	43.0%	2,451	51.4%	170	3.6%	9	0.2%	85	1.8%
1994	2,228	46.5%	2,311	48.2%	163	3.4%	16	0.3%	76	1.6%
1995	2,732	46.9%	2,829	48.6%	178	3.1%	21	0.4%	65	1.1%
1996	2,761	46.9%	2,859	48.6%	185	3.1%	29	0.5%	54	0.9%
1997	2,914	47.4%	2,961	48.2%	193	3.1%	29	0.5%	45	0.7%
1998	3,363	51.0%	2,929	44.5%	210	3.2%	24	0.4%	63	1.0%
1999	3,724	53.0%	2,994	42.6%	229	3.3%	30	0.4%	48	0.7%
2000	4,354	52.3%	3,643	43.8%	268	3.2%	39	0.5%	21	0.3%
2001	3,875	48.8%	3,716	46.8%	296	3.7%	40	0.5%	11	0.1%
2002	4,044	48.3%	3,984	47.6%	291	3.5%	44	0.5%	7	0.1%
2003	4,105	48.2%	4,089	48.0%	270	3.2%	49	0.6%	5	0.1%
2004	4,339	46.0%	4,695	49.8%	318	3.4%	59	0.6%	12	0.1%
2005	4,548	45.5%	4,980	49.8%	378	3.8%	72	0.7%	27	0.3%
2006	4,459	45.0%	5,000	50.5%	370	3.7%	57	0.6%	20	0.2%
2007	4,535	44.8%	5,107	50.5%	385	3.8%	68	0.7%	22	0.2%
2008	4,553	43.4%	5,447	51.9%	411	3.9%	61	0.6%	17	0.2%
2009	4,282	42.8%	5,233	52.3%	379	3.8%	69	0.7%	35	0.4%
2010	4,043	41.7%	5,198	53.7%	361	3.7%	59	0.6%	27	0.3%
2011	3,592	40.7%	4,813	54.5%	354	4.0%	61	0.7%	11	0.1%
2012	3,481	40.5%	4,691	54.6%	343	4.0%	76	0.9%	2	0.0%
2013	3,453	39.1%	4,992	56.6%	304	3.4%	74	0.8%	1	0.0%
2014	3,239	37.1%	5,067	58.1%	343	3.9%	73	0.8%	3	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	%
1990	144	4.7%	2,084	68.7%	807	26.6%
1991	165	4.3%	2,667	69.5%	1,003	26.2%
1992	234	5.9%	2,916	73.9%	798	20.2%
1993	319	6.7%	3,568	74.9%	878	18.4%
1994	282	5.9%	3,658	76.3%	854	17.8%
1995	349	6.0%	4,434	76.1%	1,042	17.9%
1996	389	6.6%	4,426	75.2%	1,073	18.2%
1997	427	7.0%	4,609	75.0%	1,106	18.0%
1998	369	5.6%	4,797	72.8%	1,423	21.6%
1999	424	6.0%	5,055	72.0%	1,546	22.0%
2000	530	6.4%	5,903	70.9%	1,892	22.7%
2001	595	7.5%	5,563	70.1%	1,780	22.4%
2002	612	7.3%	5,907	70.6%	1,851	22.1%
2003	637	7.5%	5,935	69.7%	1,946	22.8%
2004	732	7.8%	6,289	66.7%	2,402	25.5%
2005	768	7.7%	6,418	64.1%	2,819	28.2%
2006	780	7.9%	6,236	63.0%	2,890	29.2%
2007	779	7.7%	6,102	60.3%	3,236	32.0%
2008	804	7.7%	6,083	58.0%	3,602	34.3%
2009	790	7.9%	5,384	53.9%	3,824	38.2%
2010	798	8.2%	4,440	45.8%	4,450	45.9%
2011	705	8.0%	3,132	35.5%	4,994	56.6%
2012	651	7.6%	2,575	30.0%	5,367	62.5%
2013	679	7.7%	2,156	24.4%	5,989	67.9%
2014	646	7.4%	1,860	21.3%	6,219	71.3%

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	%
1990	83	2.7%	875	28.8%	831	27.4%	565	18.6%	323	10.6%	186	6.1%	76	2.5%	45	1.5%	24	0.8%	19	0.6%	8	0.3%
1991	112	2.9%	1,048	27.3%	992	25.9%	694	18.1%	465	12.1%	265	6.9%	136	3.5%	49	1.3%	34	0.9%	21	0.5%	19	0.5%
1992	159	4.0%	1,041	26.4%	950	24.1%	805	20.4%	462	11.7%	263	6.7%	142	3.6%	54	1.4%	38	1.0%	21	0.5%	13	0.3%
1993	214	4.5%	1,338	28.1%	1,100	23.1%	903	19.0%	575	12.1%	331	6.9%	143	3.0%	70	1.5%	43	0.9%	27	0.6%	21	0.4%
1994	216	4.5%	1,353	28.2%	1,103	23.0%	921	19.2%	595	12.4%	309	6.4%	167	3.5%	66	1.4%	29	0.6%	18	0.4%	17	0.4%
1995	290	5.0%	1,569	26.9%	1,294	22.2%	1,083	18.6%	755	13.0%	429	7.4%	215	3.7%	99	1.7%	41	0.7%	20	0.3%	30	0.5%
1996	270	4.6%	1,487	25.3%	1,271	21.6%	1,113	18.9%	874	14.8%	473	8.0%	205	3.5%	89	1.5%	61	1.0%	31	0.5%	14	0.2%
1997	321	5.2%	1,569	25.5%	1,291	21.0%	1,101	17.9%	919	15.0%	497	8.1%	243	4.0%	97	1.6%	53	0.9%	26	0.4%	25	0.4%
1998	383	5.8%	1,591	24.1%	1,357	20.6%	1,143	17.3%	1,011	15.3%	614	9.3%	264	4.0%	124	1.9%	61	0.9%	17	0.3%	24	0.4%
1999	480	6.8%	1,683	24.0%	1,353	19.3%	1,156	16.5%	1,106	15.7%	700	10.0%	329	4.7%	121	1.7%	53	0.8%	24	0.3%	20	0.3%
2000	420	5.0%	2,006	24.1%	1,596	19.2%	1,419	17.0%	1,300	15.6%	838	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%	1,206	15.2%	889	11.2%	456	5.7%	196	2.5%	84	1.1%	51	0.6%	34	0.4%
2002	316	3.8%	1,911	22.8%	1,524	18.2%	1,348	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	235	2.8%	1,887	22.2%	1,556	18.3%	1,310	15.4%	1,273	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%	2,124	22.5%	1,753	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	276	2.8%	2,164	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%	2,063	20.8%	1,978	20.0%	1,499	15.1%	1,297	13.1%	1,323	13.4%	848	8.6%	432	4.4%	168	1.7%	60	0.6%	50	0.5%
2007	202	2.0%	2,006	19.8%	2,066	20.4%	1,434	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%	1,853	17.7%	2,230	21.3%	1,564	14.9%	1,433	13.7%	1,250	11.9%	1,042	9.9%	552	5.3%	217	2.1%	96	0.9%	75	0.7%
2009	180	1.8%	1,745	17.5%	2,115	21.2%	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%	1,671	17.2%	2,034	21.0%	1,523	15.7%	1,198	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%	1,906	21.6%	1,383	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	98	1.1%	1,454	16.9%	1,784	20.8%	1,506	17.5%	966	11.2%	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%	1,776	20.1%	1,537	17.4%	1,058	12.0%	971	11.0%	788	8.9%	625	7.1%	300	3.4%	114	1.3%	86	1.0%
2014	90	1.0%	1,376	15.8%	1,814	20.8%	1,569	18.0%	1,068	12.2%	840	9.6%	763	8.7%	613	7.0%	342	3.9%	140	1.6%	110	1.3%

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	%
1990	1,261	41.5%	145	4.8%	1,422	46.9%	197	6.5%	10	0.3%
1991	1,175	30.6%	126	3.3%	2,314	60.3%	215	5.6%	5	0.1%
1992	647	16.4%	108	2.7%	2,921	74.0%	255	6.5%	17	0.4%
1993	609	12.8%	79	1.7%	3,623	76.0%	434	9.1%	19	0.4%
1994	696	14.5%	69	1.4%	3,329	69.4%	676	14.1%	24	0.5%
1995	966	16.6%	82	1.4%	3,940	67.7%	818	14.0%	17	0.3%
1996	1,088	18.5%	103	1.7%	3,705	62.9%	967	16.4%	24	0.4%
1997	1,292	21.0%	115	1.9%	3,638	59.2%	1,071	17.4%	25	0.4%
1998	2,003	30.4%	173	2.6%	2,628	39.9%	1,746	26.5%	39	0.6%
1999	3,333	47.4%	325	4.6%	1,567	22.3%	1,778	25.3%	22	0.3%
2000	4,392	52.8%	490	5.9%	2,325	27.9%	1,083	13.0%	35	0.4%
2001	4,425	55.7%	658	8.3%	1,873	23.6%	932	11.7%	50	0.6%
2002	4,970	59.4%	591	7.1%	2,078	24.8%	680	8.1%	52	0.6%
2003	5,656	66.4%	497	5.8%	1,862	21.9%	460	5.4%	43	0.5%
2004	6,379	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	7,418	74.9%	389	3.9%	720	7.3%	1,334	13.5%	45	0.5%
2007	7,656	75.7%	481	4.8%	516	5.1%	1,421	14.0%	43	0.4%
2008	8,213	78.3%	545	5.2%	441	4.2%	1,245	11.9%	45	0.4%
2009	7,856	78.6%	538	5.4%	374	3.7%	1,188	11.9%	42	0.4%
2010	7,798	80.5%	528	5.5%	275	2.8%	1,062	11.0%	25	0.3%
2011	7,032	79.6%	434	4.9%	264	3.0%	1,052	11.9%	49	0.6%
2012	6,963	81.0%	467	5.4%	132	1.5%	985	11.5%	46	0.5%
2013	7,127	80.8%	435	4.9%	152	1.7%	1,065	12.1%	45	0.5%
2014	7,062	80.9%	347	4.0%	172	2.0%	1,086	12.4%	58	0.7%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Table 7. Releases by County of Release (2014)

County of Release	Prison Release		County of Release	Prison Release	
	N	%		N	%
Adams	38	0.4%	Marathon	172	2.0%
Ashland and Bayfield	42	0.5%	Marinette and Oconto	168	1.9%
Barron	35	0.4%	Marquette	9	0.1%
Brown	363	4.2%	Menominee and Shawano	75	0.9%
Brown and Outagamie	16	0.2%	Milwaukee	2,403	27.7%
Buffalo	8	0.1%	Monroe	53	0.6%
Burnett	11	0.1%	Oneida	31	0.4%
Calumet	22	0.3%	Outagamie	198	2.3%
Chippewa	21	0.2%	Ozaukee	54	0.6%
Clark	16	0.2%	Pepin	4	0.1%
Columbia	63	0.7%	Pierce	11	0.1%
Crawford	14	0.2%	Polk	32	0.4%
Dane	551	6.4%	Portage	64	0.7%
Dodge	81	0.9%	Price	10	0.1%
Door	22	0.3%	Racine	463	5.3%
Douglas	42	0.5%	Richland	21	0.2%
Dunn	26	0.3%	Rock	279	3.2%
Eau Claire	94	1.1%	Rusk	11	0.1%
Florence and Forest	29	0.3%	Sauk	54	0.6%
Fond du Lac	124	1.4%	Sawyer	30	0.4%
Grant	34	0.4%	Sheboygan	110	1.3%
Green	22	0.3%	St. Croix	38	0.4%
Green Lake	25	0.3%	Taylor	17	0.2%
Iowa	19	0.2%	Trempealeau	20	0.2%
Iron	5	0.1%	Vernon	12	0.1%
Jackson	17	0.2%	Vilas	23	0.3%
Jefferson	99	1.1%	Walworth	113	1.3%
Juneau	35	0.4%	Washburn	6	0.1%
Kenosha	361	4.2%	Washington	138	1.6%
Kewaunee	15	0.2%	Waukesha	328	3.8%
La Crosse	129	1.5%	Waupaca	39	0.5%
Lafayette	8	0.1%	Waushara	23	0.3%
Langlade	13	0.2%	Winnebago	205	2.4%
Lincoln	46	0.5%	Wood	71	0.8%
Manitowoc	58	0.7%	Unknown	878	10.1%
			Total	8,667	

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

Table 8. Releases by Time Served

Release Year	Less than 1 year		1 year		2 years		3 years		4 years		5 years +	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1990	470	15.5%	1,306	43.0%	603	19.9%	334	11.0%	125	4.1%	197	6.5%
1991	485	12.6%	1,757	45.8%	855	22.3%	333	8.7%	137	3.6%	268	7.0%
1992	792	20.1%	1,796	45.5%	665	16.8%	314	8.0%	122	3.1%	259	6.6%
1993	1,081	22.7%	2,133	44.8%	743	15.6%	398	8.4%	153	3.2%	255	5.4%
1994	1,352	28.2%	2,048	42.7%	702	14.6%	325	6.8%	150	3.1%	217	4.5%
1995	1,650	28.3%	2,333	40.1%	887	15.2%	492	8.5%	203	3.5%	256	4.4%
1996	1,552	26.4%	2,453	41.7%	872	14.8%	498	8.5%	220	3.7%	292	5.0%
1997	1,269	20.7%	2,733	44.5%	976	15.9%	561	9.1%	258	4.2%	340	5.5%
1998	1,930	29.3%	2,519	38.2%	926	14.1%	551	8.4%	258	3.9%	403	6.1%
1999	2,147	30.6%	2,568	36.6%	1,033	14.7%	620	8.8%	253	3.6%	403	5.7%
2000	1,623	19.5%	3,132	37.6%	1,641	19.7%	867	10.4%	399	4.8%	663	8.0%
2001	1,524	19.2%	2,915	36.7%	1,360	17.1%	850	10.7%	441	5.6%	846	10.7%
2002	1,394	16.7%	3,102	37.1%	1,513	18.1%	879	10.5%	449	5.4%	1,034	12.4%
2003	1,231	14.5%	3,235	38.0%	1,576	18.5%	857	10.1%	488	5.7%	1,131	13.3%
2004	1,750	18.6%	3,446	36.6%	1,779	18.9%	846	9.0%	478	5.1%	1,125	11.9%
2005	2,028	20.3%	3,851	38.5%	1,754	17.5%	887	8.9%	448	4.5%	1,037	10.4%
2006	2,170	21.9%	3,746	37.8%	1,698	17.1%	899	9.1%	448	4.5%	942	9.5%
2007	2,209	21.8%	4,088	40.4%	1,725	17.1%	760	7.5%	446	4.4%	888	8.8%
2008	2,035	19.4%	4,181	39.9%	2,006	19.1%	824	7.9%	437	4.2%	1,002	9.6%
2009	1,900	19.0%	4,018	40.2%	1,873	18.7%	845	8.5%	409	4.1%	953	9.5%
2010	1,578	16.3%	4,091	42.2%	1,882	19.4%	801	8.3%	453	4.7%	880	9.1%
2011	1,425	16.1%	3,613	40.9%	1,678	19.0%	818	9.3%	366	4.1%	927	10.5%
2012	1,358	15.8%	3,513	40.9%	1,660	19.3%	807	9.4%	418	4.9%	836	9.7%
2013	1,523	17.3%	3,502	39.7%	1,663	18.8%	822	9.3%	400	4.5%	913	10.3%
2014	1,526	17.5%	3,334	38.2%	1,679	19.2%	806	9.2%	386	4.4%	994	11.4%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds. Release counts and percentages are calculated excluding unknown sentence data.