

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT SERIES

Inmate Profile 2016



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State of Wisconsin

Department of Corrections



Profile of Inmates in Prison on December 31, 2016

The information below describes all 22,918 inmates under the custody of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WI DOC) on December 31, 2016. This population includes inmates serving Wisconsin sentences, Federal sentences, and sentences from other states. It does not include offenders under supervision of the Division of Community Corrections held in a prison as a temporary hold. Offense related information excludes inmates who are not serving the confinement portion of a Wisconsin prison sentence (e.g., those in prison for an alternative to revocation, those serving another state's sentence, etc.). Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Key Points:

- ∂ 94% of the population is male
- ∂ 53% of males and 71% of females identify themselves as White
- ∂ 43% of males and 21% of females identify themselves as Black
- ∂ 9% of males and 3% of females identify themselves as Hispanic
- ∂ 35% of males and 82% of females have a mental health condition
- ∂ 70% of males and 63% of females report they have never been married
- ∂ 92% of males and 97% of females report they have had no prior military experience
- ∂ 58% of males and 53% of females report having no dependent children
- ∂ 68% of males and 74% of females report that they have completed high school, have a High School Equivalency Diploma or have a GED (General Educational Development), or have completed some post-secondary education
- ∂ 67% have committed a violent offense
- ∂ Approximately 36% have five years or more left to serve in prison
- ∂ 25% have an active conviction for a sex offense
- ∂ Slightly less than half (49%) are experiencing their first episode of adult prison incarceration in Wisconsin

Facility Characteristics

Number of Prison Facilities	37
Male	
Maximum	5
Medium	12
Minimum	17
Female	
Maximum/ Medium	1
Minimum	2

Inmate Characteristics

Total Inmates in Prison	22,918	
Male	21,470	
Female	1,448	
Gender		
Male	94%	
Female	6%	
Average Age		
Male	38	
Female	37	
Race		
White	Male 53%	Female 71%
Black	43%	21%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	4%	7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	<1%
<i>Of these</i>		
Hispanic or Latino	9%	3%
Mental Health Condition	35%	82%
Lifers		
Male	5%	
Female	3%	
First Wisconsin Adult Prison Incarceration		
Yes	49%	
No	51%	

Marital Status	Male	Female
Single, Never Married	70%	63%
Divorced	13%	18%
Married	12%	14%
Other Status	5%	5%

Military Experience		
No	91%	97%
Yes	7%	2%
Unknown	2%	1%

Religion		
Protestant	47%	66%
Catholic	14%	15%
Islam	14%	3%
Pagan	9%	4%
Other Religion	17%	12%

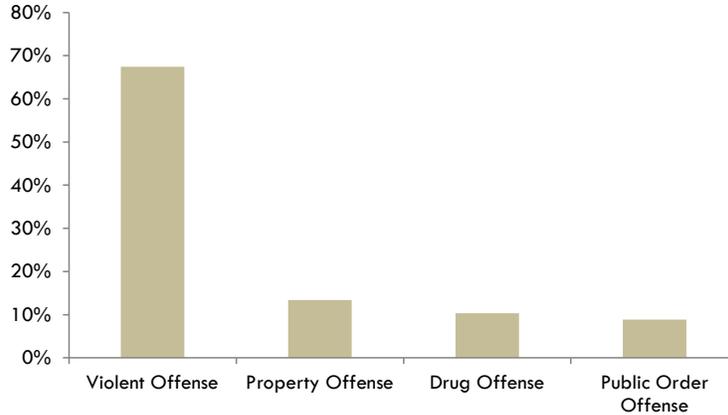
Number of Dependents		
None	58%	53%
1 to 3	36%	40%
4 to 5	5%	6%
More than 5	2%	2%

Highest Grade Completed		
< 9th grade	4%	3%
9th through 12th grade- no HSED	26%	21%
HSED/GED	47%	45%
Some Graduate work or Vocational School	16%	24%
Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or PhD	5%	6%
Unknown	2%	2%

Current Offense and Length of Stay

Most Serious Offense Type

Violent Offense	67%
Property Offense	13%
Drug Offense	10%
Public Order Offense	9%



Active Conviction for a Sex offense

Yes	25%
No	75%

Time Left to Serve (from 12/31/2016 forward)

Less than 1 year	13%
1 year	22%
2 years	14%
3 years	9%
4 years	6%
5 or more years	36%

