

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT SERIES

Inmate Profile 2017



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State of Wisconsin

Department of Corrections



Profile of Inmates in Prison on December 31, 2017

The information below describes all 23,519 inmates under the custody of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WI DOC) on December 31, 2017. 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:

- ∂ 93% of the population is male
- ∂ 52% of males and 70% 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
- ∂ 37% of males and 84% of females have a mental health condition
- ∂ 71% of males and 64% of females report they have never been married
- ∂ 92% of males and 97% of females report they have had no prior military experience
- ∂ 56% of males and 51% 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 (48%) 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 **23,519**

Male 21,933
 Female 1,586

Gender

Male 93%
 Female 7%

Average Age

Male 38
 Female 36

Race

	Male	Female
White	52%	70%
Black	43%	21%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	4%	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	1%

Of these

Hispanic or Latino 9% 3%

Mental Health Condition 37% 84%

Lifers

Male 5%
 Female 3%

First Wisconsin Adult Prison Incarceration

Yes 48%
 No 52%

Marital Status	Male	Female
Single, Never Married	71%	64%
Divorced	13%	17%
Married	11%	14%
Other Status	5%	5%

Military Experience		
No	92%	97%
Yes	7%	2%
Unknown	1%	1%

Religion		
Protestant	49%	60%
Catholic	13%	13%
Islam	13%	2%
Pagan	7%	7%
Other Religion	18%	18%

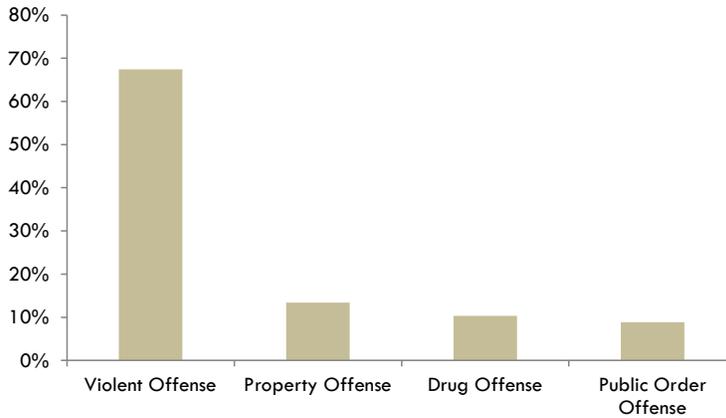
Number of Dependents		
None	56%	51%
1 to 3	36%	42%
4 to 5	5%	6%
More than 5	2%	1%

Highest Grade Completed		
< 9th grade	4%	3%
9th through 12th grade- no HSED	26%	22%
HSED/GED	47%	45%
Some Graduate work or Vocational School	17%	24%
Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or PhD	5%	6%
Unknown	2%	1%

Current Offense and Length of Stay

Most Serious Offense Type

Violent Offense	67%
Property Offense	13%
Drug Offense	11%
Public Order Offense	9%



Active Conviction for a Sex offense

Yes	25%
No	75%

Time Left to Serve (from 12/31/2017 forward)

Less than 1 year	14%
1 year	21%
2 years	14%
3 years	9%
4 years	6%
5 or more years	36%

