

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT SERIES

Inmate Profile 2018



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Profile of Inmates in Prison on December 31, 2018

The information below describes all 23,857 inmates under the custody of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WI DOC) on December 31, 2018. This population includes inmates serving Wisconsin sentences, Federal sentences, and sentences from other states. It does not include offenders under the 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.
- ∂ 51% of males and 68% of females identify themselves as White.
- ∂ 44% of males and 23% of females identify themselves as Black.
- ∂ 8% of males and 3% of females identify themselves as Hispanic.
- ∂ 39% of males and 86% of females have a mental health condition.
- ∂ 71% of males and 65% of females report they have never been married.
- ∂ 92% of males and 97% of females report they have had no prior military experience.
- ∂ 55% of males and 53% of females report having no dependent children.
- ∂ 69% 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.
- ∂ 66% of inmates have committed a violent offense.
- ∂ Approximately 32% of inmates have five years or more left to serve in prison.
- ∂ 24% of inmates have an active conviction for a sex offense.
- ∂ Slightly less than half (48%) of inmates are experiencing their first episode of adult prison incarceration in Wisconsin.

Facility Characteristics

Number of Prison Facilities **37**

Male

Maximum 6
 Medium 11
 Minimum 17

Female

Maximum/ Medium 1
 Minimum 2

Inmate Characteristics

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Total Inmates in Prison **23,857**

Male 22,282
 Female 1,575

Gender

Male 93%
 Female 7%

Average Age

Male 38
 Female 36

Race

	Male	Female
White	51%	68%
Black	44%	23%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	4%	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	1%

Of these

Hispanic or Latino 8% 3%

Mental Health Condition **39%** **86%**

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Lifers

Male	5%
Female	3%

First Wisconsin Adult Prison Incarceration

Yes	48%
No	52%

Marital Status

	Male	Female
Single, Never Married	71%	65%
Divorced	13%	17%
Married	11%	13%
Other Status	5%	4%

Military Experience

No	92%	97%
Yes	6%	2%
Unknown	1%	1%

Religion

Protestant/Other Christian	51%	61%
Catholic	12%	12%
Islam	13%	2%
Native American	6%	8%
Pagan	7%	6%
Jewish	3%	2%
Other Religion	3%	6%

Number of Dependents

None	55%	53%
1 to 3	37%	39%
4 to 5	6%	7%
More than 5	2%	1%

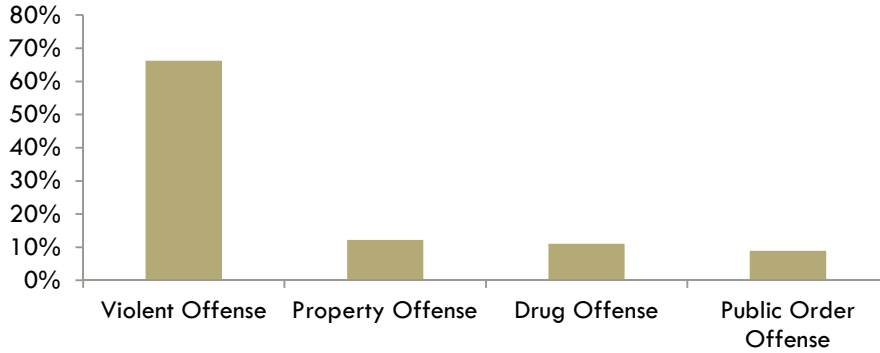
Highest Grade Completed

< 9th grade	4%	3%
9th through 12th grade- no HSED	26%	22%
HSED/GED	46%	44%
Some Graduate work or Vocational School	17%	23%
Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or PhD	5%	7%
Unknown	2%	1%

Current Offense and Length of Stay

Most Serious Offense Type

Violent Offense	.....	66%
Property Offense	.....	13%
Drug Offense	.....	12%
Public Order Offense	.....	9%



Active Conviction for a Sex offense

Yes	.....	24%
No	.....	76%

Time Left to Serve (from 12/31/2018 forward)

Less than 1 year	.....	25%
1 year	.....	18%
2 years	.....	12%
3 years	.....	7%
4 years	.....	5%
5 or more years	.....	27%
Life Sentence	.....	5%

