

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT SERIES

2019 Profile of Persons in Our Care



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Profile of Persons in Our Care in Prison on December 31, 2019

The information below describes all 23,692 persons in our care under the custody of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WI DOC) on December 31, 2019. This population includes persons in our care serving Wisconsin sentences, Federal sentences, and sentences from other states. It does not include those under the supervision of the Division of Community Corrections held in a prison as a temporary hold. Offense related information excludes persons in our care 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.
- ∂ 51% of males and 69% of females identify themselves as White.
- ∂ 43% of males and 22% of females identify themselves as Black.
- ∂ 8% of males and 3% of females identify themselves as Hispanic.
- ∂ 39% of males and 88% of females have a mental health condition.
- ∂ 71% of males and 64% of females report they have never been married.
- ∂ 93% of males and 98% of females report they have had no prior military experience.
- ∂ 54% of males and 52% of females report having no dependent children.
- ∂ 70% of males and 73% 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.
- ∂ 68% of persons in our care have committed a violent offense.
- ∂ Approximately 29% of persons in our care have five years or more left to serve in prison.
- ∂ 25% of persons in our care have an active conviction for a sex offense.
- ∂ Slightly less than half (48%) of persons in our care 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

Persons in Our Care Characteristics

Total Persons in Our Care in Prison	23,692	
Male	22,165	
Female	1,527	
Gender		
Male	94%	
Female	6%	
Average Age		
Male	39	
Female	37	
Race	Male	Female
White	51%	69%
Black	44%	22%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	4%	8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	1%
Of these		
Hispanic or Latino	8%	3%
Mental Health Condition	39%	88%

Lifers

Male	6%
Female	3%

First Wisconsin Adult Prison Incarceration

Yes	48%
No	52%

Marital Status

	Male	Female
Single, Never Married	71%	64%
Divorced	14%	16%
Married	11%	14%
Other Status	4%	7%

Military Experience

No	93%	98%
Yes	6%	1%
Unknown	1%	1%

Religion

Protestant/Other Christian	52%	57%
Catholic	12%	11%
Islam	13%	2%
Native American	6%	9%
Pagan	7%	8%
Jewish	3%	2%
Other Religion	3%	8%

Number of Dependents

None	54%	52%
1 to 3	38%	41%
4 to 5	6%	6%
More than 5	2%	1%

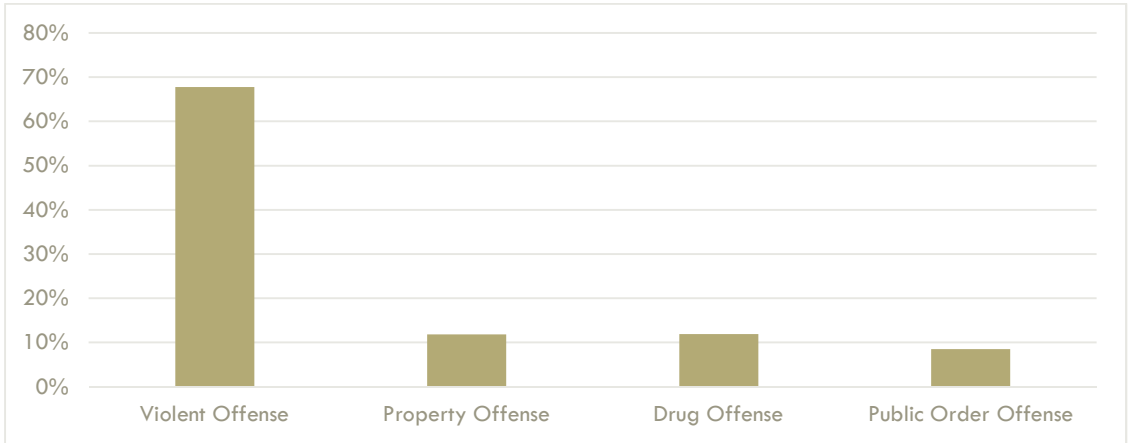
Highest Grade Completed

< 9th grade	4%	3%
9th through 12th grade- no HSED	25%	23%
HSED/GED	46%	43%
Some Graduate work or Vocational School	18%	23%
Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or PhD	5%	8%
Unknown	1%	1%

Current Offense and Length of Stay

Most Serious Offense Type

Violent Offense	.....	68%
Property Offense	.....	12%
Drug Offense	.....	12%
Public Order Offense	.....	9%



Active Conviction for a Sex offense

Yes	.....	25%
No	.....	75%

Time Left to Serve (from 12/31/2019 forward)

Less than 1 year	.....	25%
1 year	.....	17%
2 years	.....	12%
3 years	.....	8%
4 years	.....	5%
5 or more years	.....	29%
Life Sentence	.....	5%

