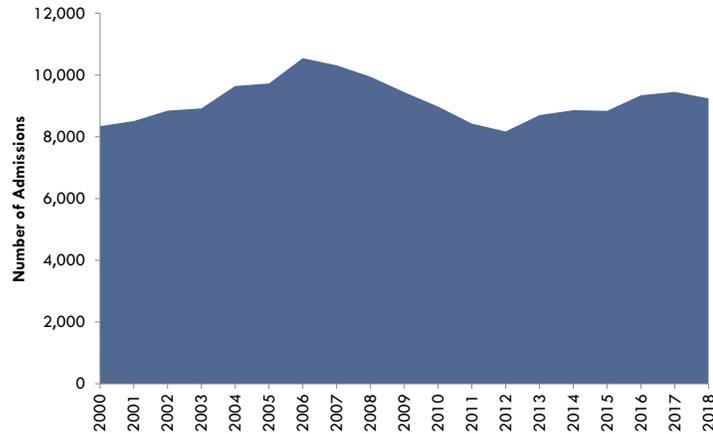




# WISCONSIN PRISON ADMISSIONS: 2000-2018

The admissions numbers presented below are physical admissions to Wisconsin adult prisons or contracted facilities from 2000 to 2018. The admission counts exclude inmates who were never physically admitted to and released from a WI DOC prison or contract facility if they were determined at the time of sentencing to have already served sufficient time while being held in a county jail. Admissions for temporary holds are also excluded.

Overall, prison admissions increased between 2000 and 2018 (from 8,343 to 9,244 admissions). In 2006, admissions peaked at 10,547, then decreased to a low of 8,172 in 2012. In 2018, on average, there were 770 admissions per month.



## Highlights:

**Gender.** Males have consistently made up the majority (between 89% and 93%) of admissions to prison across all admission years. However, the number of females admitted increased considerably between 2010 and 2018 (from 695 to 983 admissions).

**Race.** From 2000 to 2018, the proportion of White inmates admitted increased from 47.5% to 56.9% of all admissions, while the proportion of Black inmates admitted decreased from 48.0% to 36.4%.

**Age.** Between 2000 and 2018, admissions for younger inmates decreased while admissions for older inmates increased. In 2000, inmates aged 20-24 made up the largest proportion of admissions (23.3%), while in 2018, those aged 25-29 made up the largest proportion (20.3%). In that timeframe, admissions for inmates 50 or older more than tripled, increasing from 3.8% to 11.7% of all admissions.

**Admission Type.** In 2018, nearly a third (30.3%) of admissions were New Sentence Only admissions, and more than a third (40.5%) were Revocation Only admissions.

**Most Serious Offense.** The majority of New Sentence Only admissions between 2000 and 2018 were for inmates whose most serious offense was a violent offense (47.3% in 2018).

**Conviction County.** Convictions from Milwaukee County represented the largest percentage of New Sentence Only admissions in 2018 (32.6%), followed by Racine County (6.0%), Waukesha County (6.0%), Brown County (5.4%) and Kenosha County (5.0%).

**Any Drug, Sex, or OWI Offense.** Between 2000 and 2018, the proportion of drug offense admissions has generally increased, from 25.1% to 29.6% of admissions. The proportion of sex offense admissions (13.2% in 2018) has remained relatively stable, and the proportion of inmates admitted with an OWI offense has increased substantially from 4.7% in 2000 to 11.3% in 2018.

**Estimated Confinement Time.** Confinement times of two or more years represented half (51.1%) of New Sentence Only admissions in 2009, but increased to 63.0% in 2018.

For more details, see the full Prison Admissions report on the WI DOC website: [Prison Admissions: 2000-2018](#)

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