



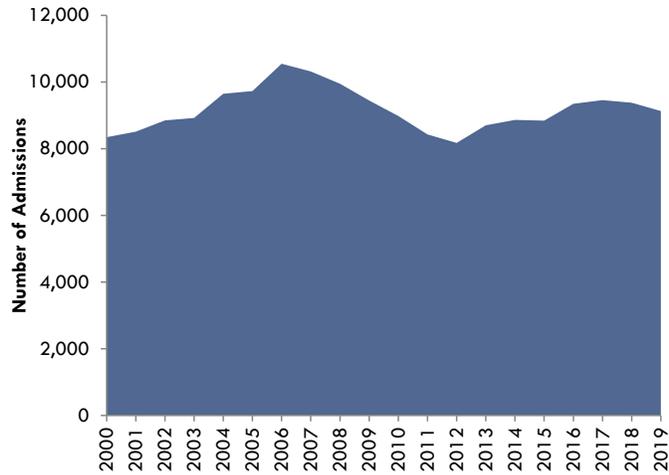
# WISCONSIN PRISON ADMISSIONS: 2000-2019

The admissions numbers presented below are physical admissions to Wisconsin adult prisons or contracted facilities from 2000 to 2019. The admission counts exclude individuals 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 since 2000 (from 8,343 to 9,128 admissions in 2019). In 2006, admissions peaked at 10,547, then decreased to a low of 8,172 in 2012. In 2019, on average, there were 761 admissions per month.

## Highlights:

**Gender.** Males have consistently made up the majority (between 89% and 93%) of admissions to prison across all admission years, but the number of females admitted increased considerably between 2010 and 2019 (from 695 to 949 admissions).



**Race.** From 2000 to 2019, the proportion of White individuals admitted increased from 47.5% to 56.7% of all admissions, while the proportion of Black individuals admitted decreased from 48.0% to 35.6%.

**Age.** Between 2000 and 2019, admissions for younger individuals decreased while admissions for older individuals increased. In 2000, persons admitted to our care aged 20-24 made up the largest proportion of admissions (23.3%), while in 2019, those aged 25-29 (19.7%) and aged 30-34 (19.6%) made up the largest proportion. In that timeframe, admissions for those 50 or older more than tripled, increasing from 3.8% to 12.5% of all admissions.

**Admission Type.** In 2019, a third (31.4%) of admissions were New Sentence Only admissions, and more than a third (38.8%) were Revocation Only admissions.

**Most Serious Offense.** The majority of New Sentence Only admissions between 2000 and 2019 were for individuals whose most serious offense was a violent offense (46.7% in 2019).

**Conviction County.** Convictions from Milwaukee County represented the largest percentage of New Sentence Only admissions in 2019 (33.3%), followed by Brown County (5.7%), Racine County (4.7%), Kenosha County (4.3%) and Waukesha County (4.1%).

**Any Drug, Sex, or OWI Offense.** Between 2000 and 2019, the proportion of drug offense admissions has increased, from 25.1% to 31.3% of admissions. The proportion of sex offense admissions (12.8% in 2019) has remained relatively stable, and the proportion of OWI offense admissions has increased substantially from 4.7% in 2000 to 11.6% in 2019.

**Estimated Confinement Time.** Confinement times of two or more years represented half (51.1%) of New Sentence Only admissions in 2009, but increased to 63.2% in 2019.

For more details, see the full Prison Admissions report on the WI DOC website: [Prison Admissions: 2000-2019](#)

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