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Introduction

The Wisconsin prison population has grown substantially over the last 29 years, more than tripling from 1990 to 2018. To present a complete picture of how the prison population has changed, admissions to prison, point-in-time prison population counts, and releases from prison are included in this report series. All three types of data are important to consider when examining changes in the prison population. For example, an increase in the number of releases in one year may be associated with a similar increase in the number of admissions several years prior. Or an increase in the overall prison population may be related to an increase in admissions and a simultaneous decrease in releases. While there are many other factors that likely contribute to these changes, examining multiple facets of the prison population is a valuable method for tracking and anticipating changes in the number and types of inmates that the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (WI DOC) is and will be responsible for. Tracking various aspects of the prison population allows the WI DOC to make appropriate adjustments to its facilities and policies as needed.

The data presented in this report have been rigorously validated to ensure accuracy. This data can also be found in the [DAI Releases Interactive Dashboard](#) on the Data and Research, Interactive Dashboards page of the WI DOC public website.

Prison Facilities

There are 37 correctional institutions and centers throughout the state of Wisconsin. The Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) oversees 19 adult Correctional Facilities and is responsible for the administration of the Wisconsin Correctional Center System (WCCS), which encompasses 17 Correctional Centers. Additionally, this report includes data regarding inmates at the Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) which is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) in partnership with the WI DOC. The WRC is a specialized inpatient mental health facility established as a prison under Wisconsin Statute [s. 46.056](#).

The WI DOC uses three security levels for its institutions: maximum, medium, and minimum. Facilities at these three security levels vary by design and features, including physical plant design, level of staffing, and operating procedures. A maximum security facility has the most restrictive level of confinement, while a minimum security facility has the least restrictive, and all security levels offer a wide variety of treatment, education, and work programs. Relatedly, there are four different custody levels assigned to individual inmates: maximum, medium, minimum, and minimum community. Inmate custody levels are determined by a classification system that evaluates inmates by established criteria. An inmate's custody level may be different than the security level of the facility in which they are housed. However, except for inmates awaiting transfers and in situations where there is a declared emergency or disturbance at an institution, an inmate's custody classification shall be no greater than the designated security classification of the institution in which the inmate is placed.

Maximum Security facilities have the highest level of security. These facilities may have features that include but are not limited to, fortified walls, double restrictive fencing, lethal stun fencing, towers, and perimeter vehicle patrols. Housing mostly consists of multiple and single occupant cells. It has the highest staff-to-inmate ratio, and inmate movement is closely supervised. Cell opening and closing is controlled by security staff. These facilities can house inmates of all security levels.

Medium Security facilities have perimeter fencing, motor vehicle patrol, and possibly towers. Housing mostly consists of multiple occupant cells along with secure barracks units, and each housing unit is locked at night. Most inmates are able to open and close their own cells, while some are controlled by staff. Security staff provide direct supervision over the inmates and sleeping areas. Movement of inmates is less restrictive than in a maximum security prison.

Minimum Security facilities have the least restrictive level of security. Currently, three facilities have single perimeter fencing, while the rest do not have fencing. They do not have towers and most do not have motor vehicle patrols. Housing consists of single, double, and multiple occupant cells along with secure barracks units. Minimum custody inmates at minimum security prisons often have job placements with civilian employers (minimum community custody) or participate in community-based work assignments. There is more freedom of inmate movement within these prisons and inmates may have more privileges and responsibilities than they would at a medium or maximum security facility.

Prison and Correctional Center Characteristics

Adult Institutions	Year Opened	Security Level	Operating Capacity	12/31/2018 Inmate Population
Chippewa Valley Correctional Treatment Facility	2004	Minimum	466	479
Columbia Correctional Institution	1986	Maximum	830	775
Dodge Correctional Institution	1978	Maximum	1,573	1,553
Fox Lake Correctional Institution	1962	Medium	1,344	1,360
Green Bay Correctional Institution	1898	Maximum	1,091	1,092
Jackson Correctional Institution	1996	Medium	995	993
Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution	1962	Medium	1,172	1,186
Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility	2001	Medium	246	800
New Lisbon Correctional Institution	2004	Medium	1,015	1,051
Oakhill Correctional Institution	1976	Minimum	735	753
Oshkosh Correctional Institution	1986	Medium	2,025	2,024
Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution	1997	Medium	512	512
Racine Correctional Institution	1991	Medium	1,692	1,685
Racine Youthful Offender Correctional Facility	1998	Medium	450	460
Redgranite Correctional Institution	2001	Medium	1,018	1,025
Stanley Correctional Institution	2003	Medium	1,550	1,581
Sturtevant Transitional Facility	2003	Minimum	152	151
Waupun Correctional Institution	1851	Maximum	1,240	1,256
Wisconsin Secure Program Facility	1999	Maximum	491	482
Wisconsin Resource Center ¹	1983	Maximum	344	460

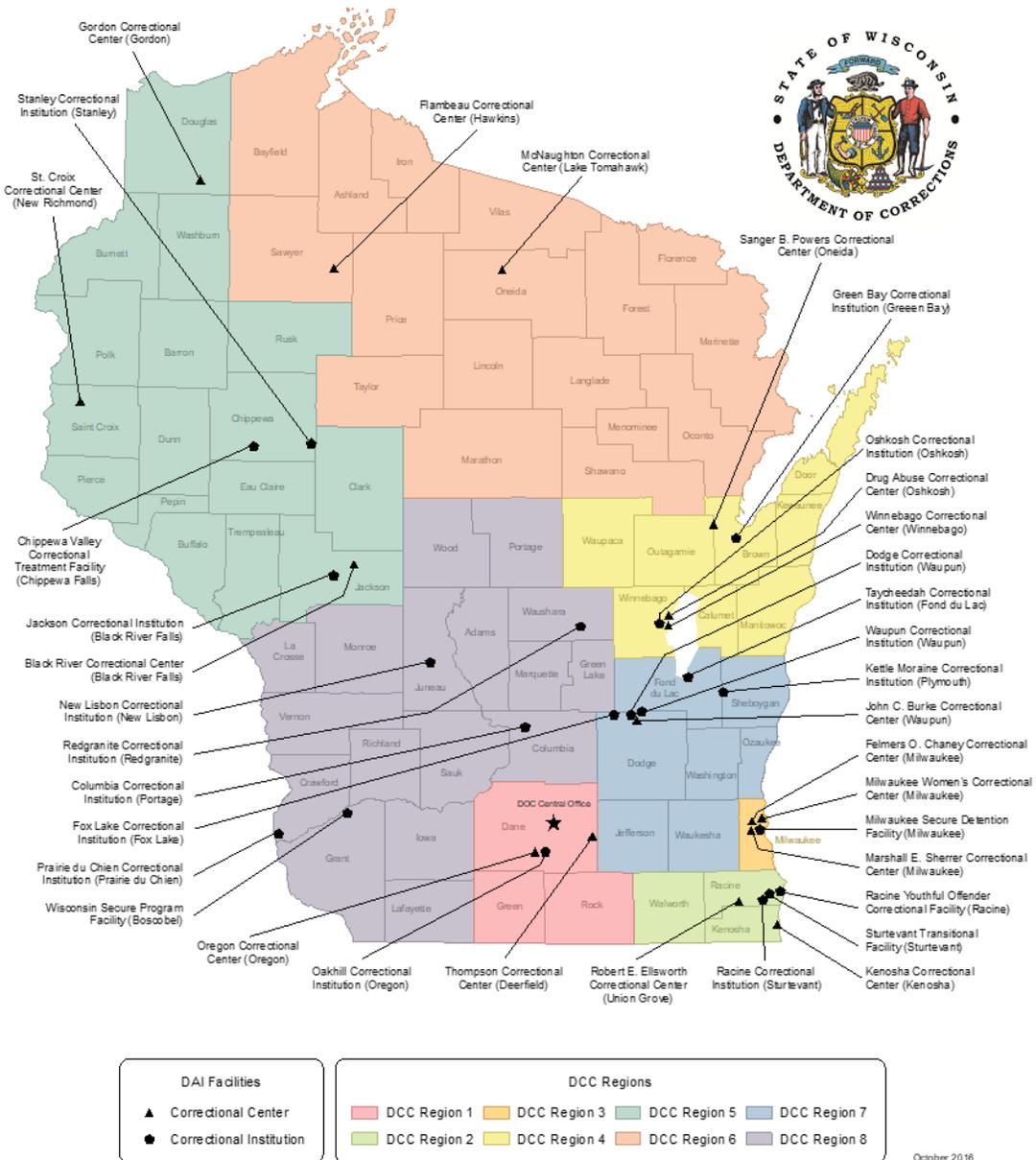
Wisconsin Correctional Center System	Year Opened	Security Level	Operating Capacity	12/31/2018 Inmate Population
Black River Correctional Center	1962	Minimum	138	137
Drug Abuse Correctional Center	1977	Minimum	294	279
Felmers O. Chaney Correctional Center	2000	Minimum	100	108
Flambeau Correctional Center	1954	Minimum	90	98
Gordon Correctional Center	1950	Minimum	89	96
John C. Burke Correctional Center	1990	Minimum	250	274
Kenosha Correctional Center	1990	Minimum	115	115
Marshall E. Sherrer Correctional Center	1981	Minimum	60	59
McNaughton Correctional Center	1956	Minimum	102	111

¹ Wisconsin Resource Center is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Oregon Correctional Center	1992	Minimum	112	122
Sanger B. Powers Correctional Center	1982	Minimum	120	122
St. Croix Correctional Center	1991	Minimum	120	108
Thompson Correctional Center	1993	Minimum	125	145
Winnebago Correctional Center	1974	Minimum	266	279

Wisconsin Women's Correctional System	Year Opened	Security Level	Operating Capacity	12/31/2018 Inmate Population
Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center	2003	Minimum	100	96
Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center	1989	Minimum	516	475
Taycheedah Correctional Institution	1921	Maximum	930	941

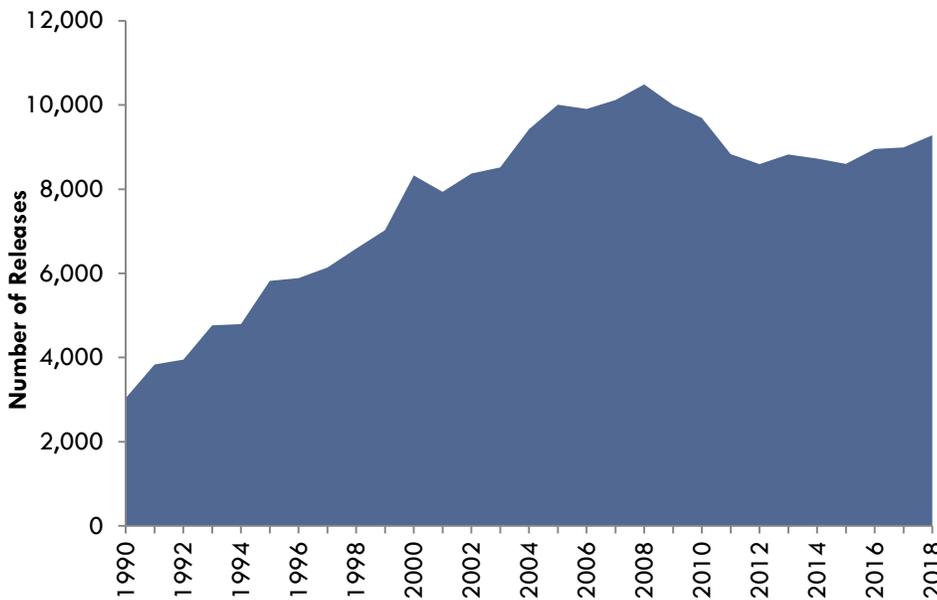
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WISCONSIN PRISON RELEASES

The releases presented in this report are physical releases from Wisconsin adult prisons or contracted facilities. Contracted facilities house inmates who, at the time of their release, were occupying contract beds in county jails, mental health facilities, or in other state prisons. This also includes interstate compact inmates serving another state’s sentence or a federal sentence in a Wisconsin facility. The release counts exclude inmates who were never physically admitted and released from a WI DOC prison or contract facility; these inmates were determined, at the time of sentencing, to have already served sufficient time while being held in a county jail. Those released from temporary holds are also excluded. See the [Prison Admissions: 2000-2018 report](#), Appendix C, in the WI DOC Data Trend series for information on temporary holds in WI DOC facilities.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Prison Releases (1990-2018): Prison releases have followed approximately the same trend as admissions, increasing from 1990 until peaking at 10,487 in 2008. The number of releases each year since has generally decreased, ending with 9,279 releases in 2018. The table below documents changes in releases by gender from 2000 to 2018. The remainder of this report focuses on releases since 2000.

	2000	% Change 2000-2009	2009	% Change 2009-2018	2018
Male	7,589	+21.1%	9,193	-10.1%	8,269
Female	736	+9.5%	806	+25.3%	1,010
Total Releases	8,325	+20.1%	9,999	-7.2%	9,279

See Appendix B, [Table 1](#), for a complete table of release numbers, and [Table 2](#) for a complete table of release numbers by gender.

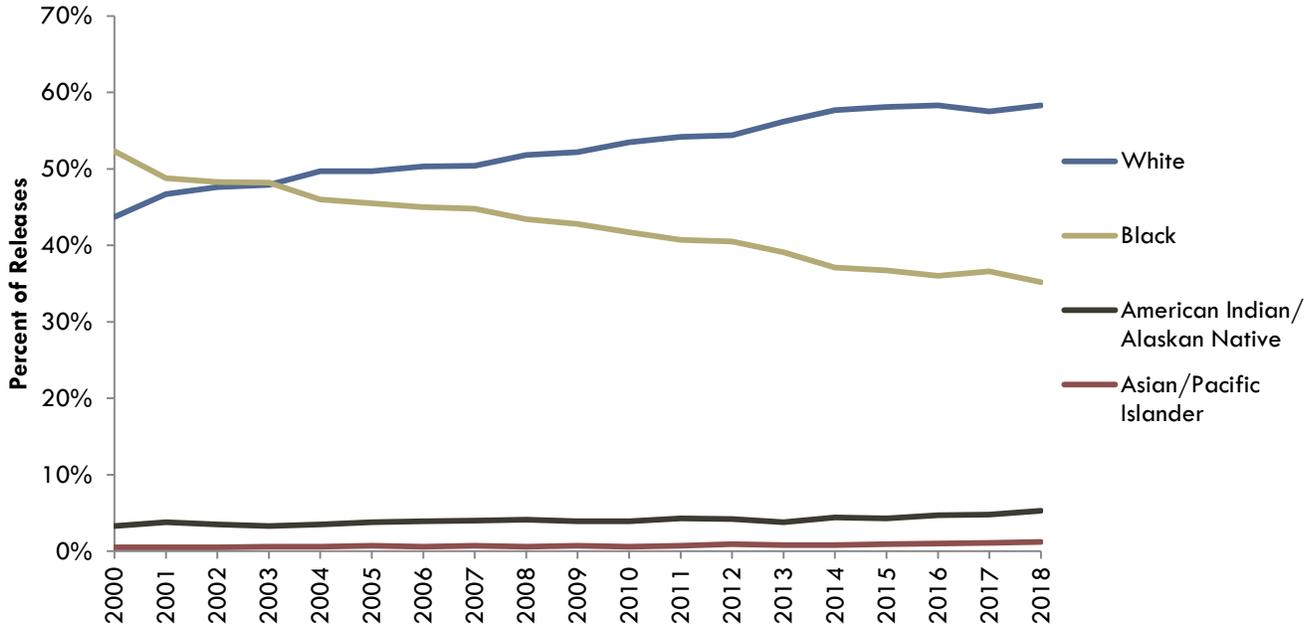


2018 Releases

- 36 was the average age
- 89.1% were male
- 35.2% were Black, and 58.3% were White
- 6.8% reported Hispanic or Latino ethnicity
- 82.7% were released on Extended Supervision or Mandatory Release
- 29.0% were released to Milwaukee County
- An average of 769 inmates released per month (excluding deaths)
- 8.5% served 5 or more years in prison

Releases by Race

Across the report period, the percentage of Black inmates released steadily decreased, while the percentage of White inmates released steadily increased. Between 2000 and 2003, there were more Black than White inmate releases; however, since 2003, the percentage of White inmate releases has been increasingly higher than Black inmate releases. American Indian/Alaskan Native and Asian/Pacific Islander inmate releases have remained relatively stable.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

- The proportion of **White** inmate releases increased over time, from a low of 43.7% in 2000 to a high of 58.3% in 2018.
- The proportion of **Black** inmate releases decreased over time, from a high of 52.3% in 2000 to a low of 35.2% in 2018.

Releases by Race and Ethnicity in 2000, 2009, and 2018

	2000		2009		2018	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Race						
White	3,635	43.7%	5,223	52.2%	5,406	58.3%
Black	4,352	52.3%	4,281	42.8%	3,266	35.2%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	277	3.3%	392	3.9%	494	5.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	40	0.5%	69	0.7%	108	1.2%
Did Not Report	21	0.3%	34	0.3%	5	0.1%
Ethnicity*						
Hispanic or Latino	528	6.3%	789	7.9%	628	6.8%

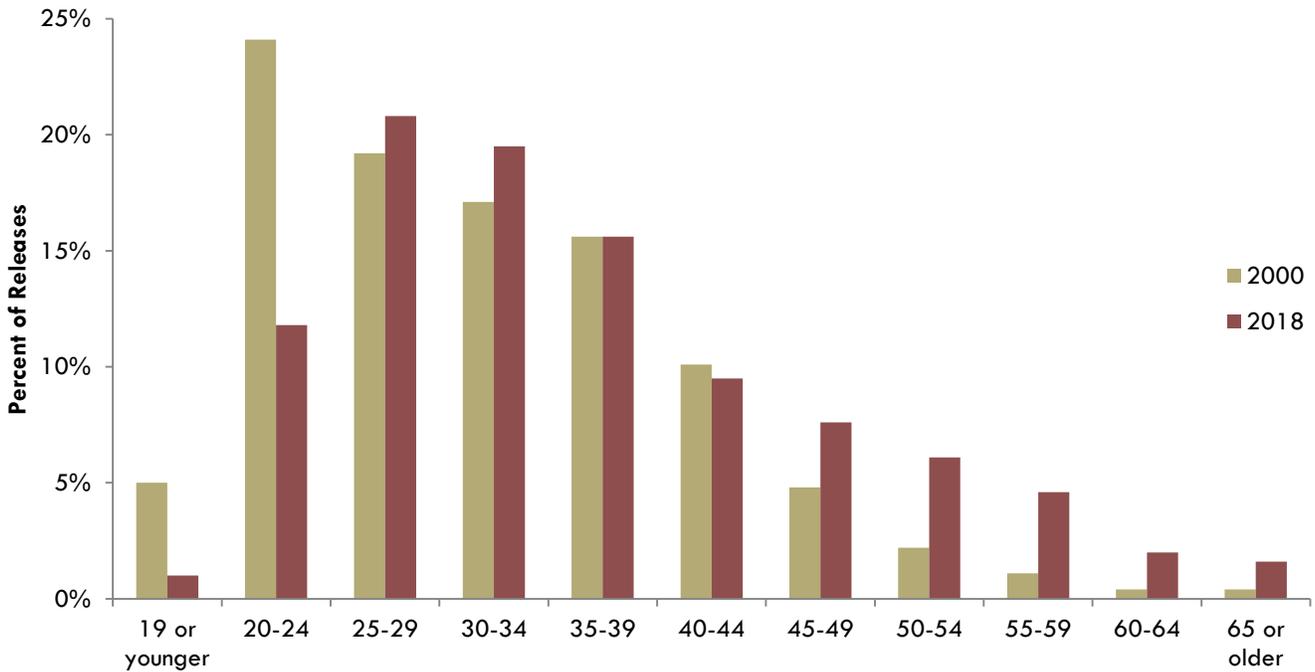
* Inmates in all race categories could identify themselves as Hispanic or Latino.

See Appendix B, [Table 3](#), for a complete table of release numbers by race, and [Table 4](#), for a complete table of release numbers by ethnicity.

Releases by Age

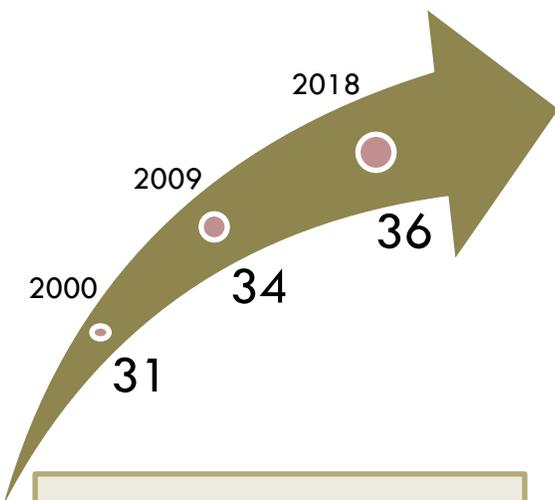
In 2018, two thirds of all releases (67.7%) were for inmates between the ages of 20 and 39. However, even though younger inmates made up the majority of releases in 2018, inmates who were 45 or older made up a much larger proportion of all releases than they had in previous years. Releases for these older inmates increased from 8.9% in 2000 to 21.9% in 2018.

See Appendix B, [Table 5](#), for a table of release numbers by age.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Average Age at Time of Release



The percentage of releases for inmates ages 50 and older **more than tripled** from 2000 to 2018, increasing from 4.1% to 14.3% of all releases.

Releases by Age in 2000 and 2018

Age Category	2000		2018	
	N	%	N	%
19 or younger	420	5.0%	93	1.0%
20-24	2,007	24.1%	1,091	11.8%
25-29	1,595	19.2%	1,931	20.8%
30-34	1,420	17.1%	1,806	19.5%
35-39	1,300	15.6%	1,444	15.6%
40-44	837	10.1%	883	9.5%
45-49	401	4.8%	709	7.6%
50-54	184	2.2%	566	6.1%
55-59	93	1.1%	424	4.6%
60-64	31	0.4%	183	2.0%
65 or older	37	0.4%	149	1.6%

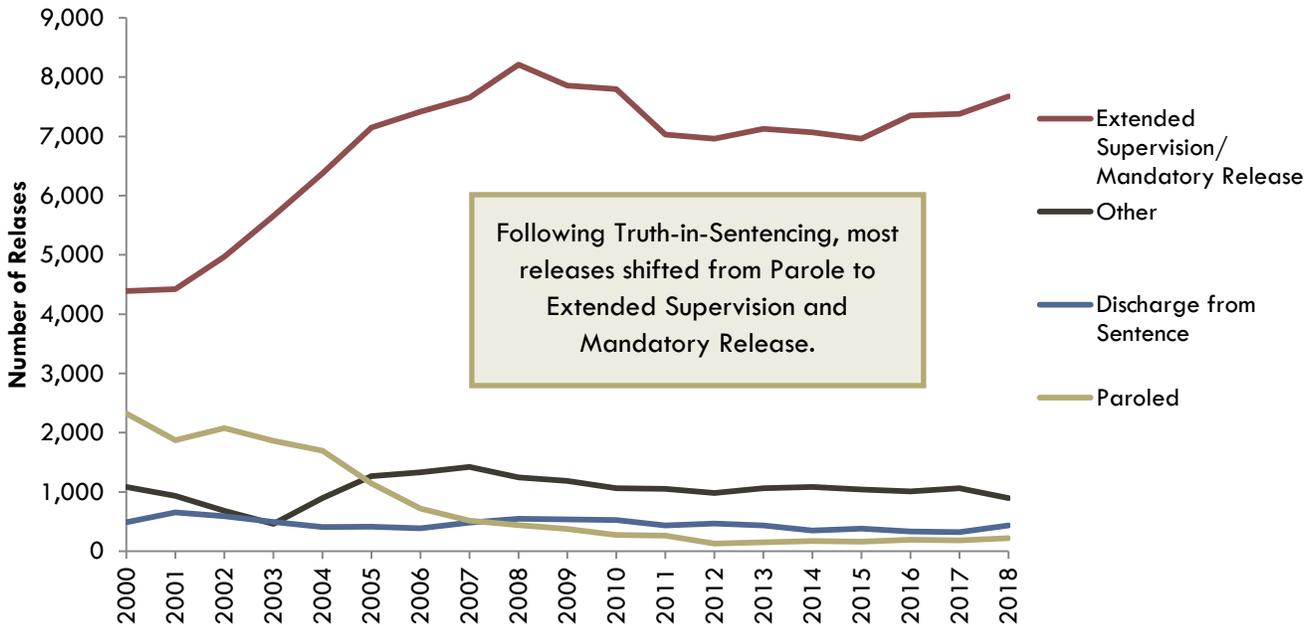
Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Releases by Type

Over the past 29 years, the manner in which inmates can be released from prison has varied due to changes in state statute. Most importantly, the implementation of Truth in Sentencing in 1999 shifted the release mechanism from Parole to Extended Supervision. Prison release types are defined as follows:

- **Extended Supervision/Mandatory Release:** Offenders released to Extended Supervision have completed their prison sentences under the Truth in Sentencing law and now have a period of community supervision to complete. Offenders released on Mandatory Release are those who committed an offense prior to Truth in Sentencing and are required to be released to community supervision once they have served two-thirds of their sentence.
- **Paroled:** Offender was released to community supervision after receiving a parole grant from the WI Parole Commission.
- **Discharge from Sentence:** Offender's entire sentence was served in prison and offender discharged directly into the community with no remaining supervision term.
- **Other:** Releases from Alternatives to Revocation, releases from WI DOC prisons to Federal or other state prisons, releases from short-term sanctions, and releases from the completion of revocation hearings in which the offender's supervision was not revoked.

See Appendix B, [Table 6](#), for a table of release numbers by release type.



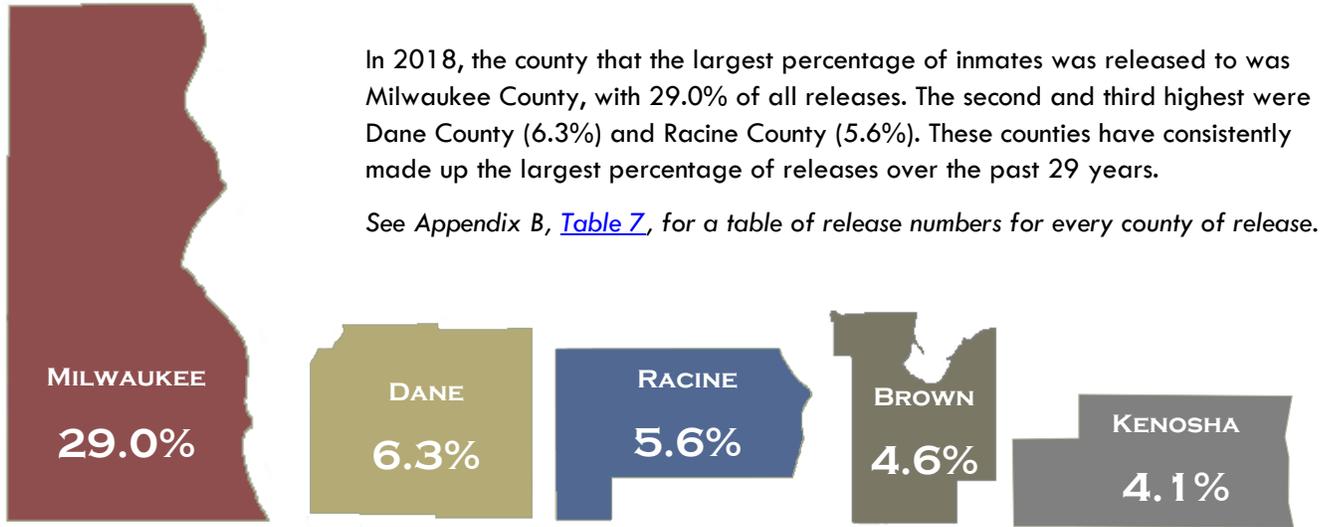
Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds; graph excludes inmates who died.

Releases by Security Level of the Facility

Security Level	2000		2009		2018	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Maximum	1,142	13.8%	1,188	11.9%	1,265	13.7%
Medium	3,606	43.5%	4,273	42.9%	4,297	46.6%
Minimum	3,273	39.5%	3,821	38.4%	3,336	36.2%
Other	269	3.2%	675	6.8%	329	3.6%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and deaths. "Other" includes jail contract beds, DJC facilities, out of state prisons, and the Intensive Sanction program.

Releases by County of Release

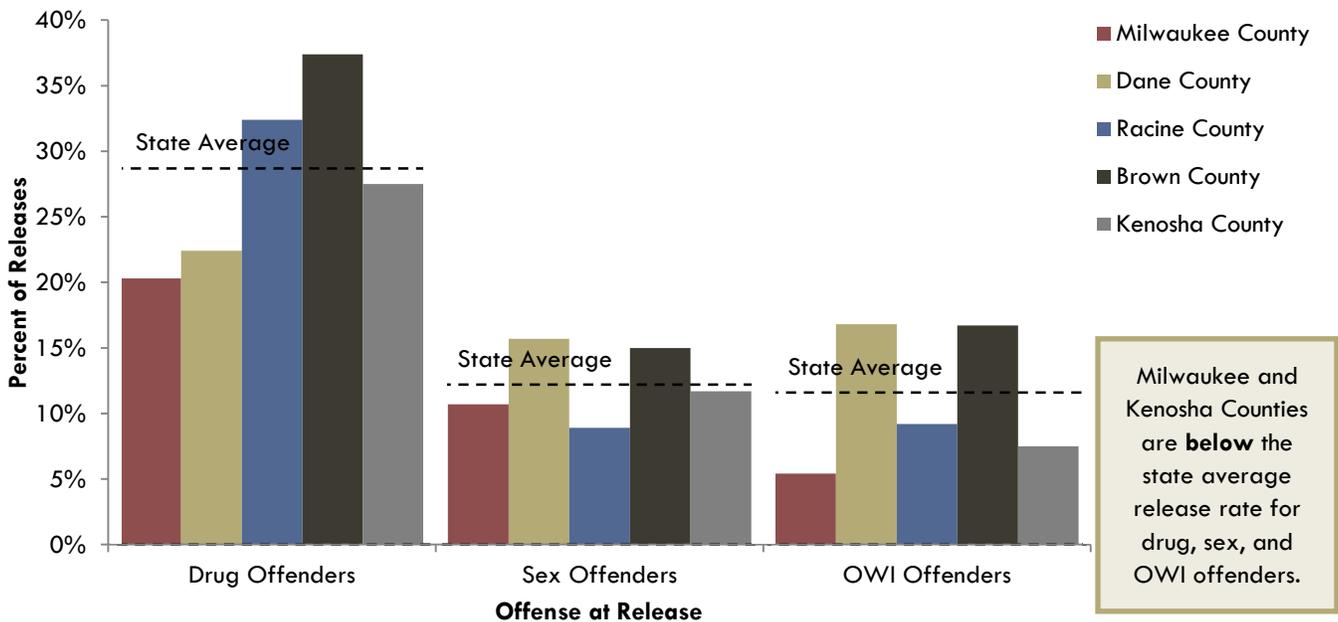


Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates who died.

Offenses in the Top 5 Release Counties in 2018

An inmate was included in one or more of the three offense categories if any of their active offenses at the time of release was a drug, sex, or operating while intoxicated (OWI) offense. This means that an inmate could be counted in each of the three categories if they had an active drug offense, sex offense, and OWI offense at the time of release. The category that an inmate was included in does not necessarily indicate the inmate's most serious offense.

See Appendix B, [Table 8](#), for a table of release numbers by any drug, sex, or OWI offense for all counties.

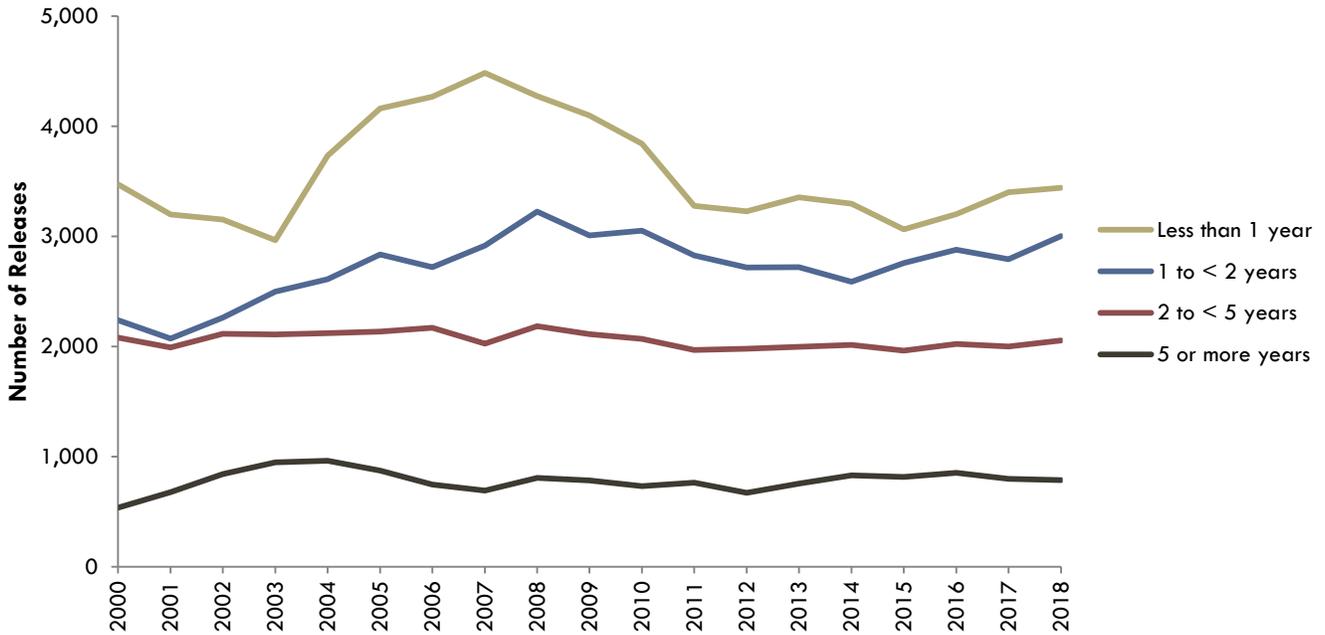


Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates who died.

Releases by Time Served

Time served was calculated as the time between an inmate’s admission and release from a WI prison. The majority of inmates released between 2000 and 2018 served less than two years in prison (a yearly average of 68.8% of all releases). Of the 2018 releases, 3,439 (37.1%) inmates served less than one year and 785 (8.5%) inmates served five or more years.

See Appendix B, [Table 9](#), for a table of release numbers by time served.



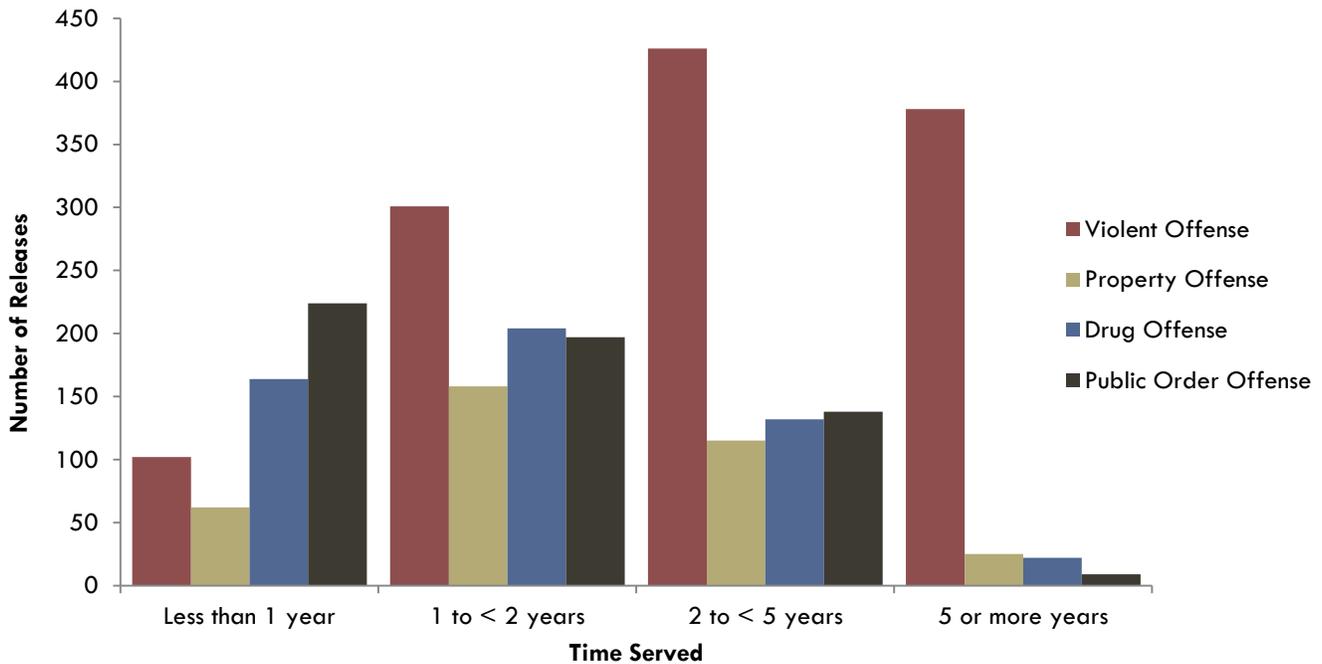
Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.



Releases by Time Served and Most Serious Offense (New Sentence Only Admissions)

Offenses committed by WI DOC inmates were separated into four offense categories: violent offenses, property offenses, drug offenses, and public order offenses. Offense categories were based on the Association of State Correctional Administrators' (ASCA) Performance-Based Measures System standards. Many offenders were convicted of multiple offenses; for this reason, an offender's most serious offense was selected for this analysis. The graph below displays data for releases from "New Sentence Only" admissions (those inmates admitted because they received a new prison sentence).

See Appendix B, [Table 10](#), for a table of release numbers by time served and most serious offense for New Sentence Only admissions.



Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates who died.

Average Time Served: 2000 - 2018	Violent Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An average of 68.1% of released violent offenders served 2 or more years. 31.5% served 5 or more years.
	Property Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 37.2% of released property offenders served between 1 and less than 2 years.
	Drug Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 41.0% of released drug offenders served between 1 and less than 2 years.
	Public Order Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An average of 79.8% of released public order offenders served less than 2 years. 48.7% served between 1 and less than 2 years.

Appendix A: Methodology

Releases

The releases data presented in this report include all physical releases from WI DOC adult institutions. Each release in a calendar year was counted; therefore an inmate may be counted more than once in a year if they were released multiple times in that year. Sometimes offenders who receive prison sentences serve the entire sentence in county jail (due to processing time in the criminal justice system). When this happens, an admission to prison must still be entered in the WI DOC data system, with a corresponding release on the same day; however, the offender never physically enters a WI DOC institution. These types of admissions are called “paper admissions”, and releases from “paper admissions” were excluded from the release data presented in this report.

Releases by Type

Over the past 29 years, there have been a number of changes in the manner in which inmates can be released from prison due to changes in Wisconsin law. Offenses that occurred on or after June 1, 1984 and prior to December 31, 1999 are sentenced under 1983 WI Act 528 (referred to as “New Law”). Under that law, a Mandatory Release (MR) date was established at two-thirds of the sentence length, and is the date on which an inmate must be released from prison if not granted discretionary Parole. Some serious felonies committed on or after April 21, 1994 but prior to December 31, 1999 have presumptive MR dates.

A number of years after Act 528 was created, Truth in Sentencing (TIS) was enacted, affecting sentencing for offenses that occurred on or after December 31, 1999. This change allowed courts to impose a bifurcated sentence that consists of a term of confinement in prison followed by a term of Extended Supervision (ES). The implementation of TIS shifted the release mechanism from Parole and Mandatory Release to Extended Supervision. Although most inmates now release from prison to supervision (Extended Supervision or Mandatory Release), some inmates are released to Parole (termed “Paroled”); still others serve their entire sentence in prison, and discharge directly to the community with no remaining supervision term (termed “Discharge from Sentence”). This can occur when an offender is on supervision following a release from prison and is revoked, and is then required to serve the remainder of their sentence in prison. Additionally, the WI DOC may extend the confinement portion of an inmate’s sentence for time spent in restrictive housing. Releases in the “Other” category include releases from Alternatives to Revocation, releases from WI DOC prisons to Federal or other state prisons, and releases after the completion of a revocation hearing in which the offender’s supervision was not revoked.

Releases by County

Release county is determined by using the WI DOC agent number for the probation and parole agent assigned to an inmate at the time of their release. In most cases, an agent number is associated with a specific county in Wisconsin. In some cases, agent numbers represent multiple counties (e.g., Marinette and Oconto Counties), since those agents supervise offenders who live in either county. Using the agent number to determine where in Wisconsin a released inmate is physically going to live is the most accurate method the WI DOC has available. This methodology does not take into account inmates who will be living out of state, inmates who do not have an agent assigned to them at the time of their release, or inmates who move after they are released.

Releases with Any Drug, Sex, or OWI Offense

An inmate was included in one or more of these three offense categories if any of their active offenses at the time of release were a drug, sex, or OWI offense. This means that an inmate could have been counted in each of the three categories if they had an active drug offense, sex offense, and OWI offense at the time of release. The category that an inmate was included in does not necessarily indicate the inmate's most serious offense.

Releases by Time Served

Time served was calculated as the time between an inmate's admission and release from a WI DOC prison. This does not account for time spent in county jail prior to admission to a WI DOC prison or jail credits given at the time of sentencing. It is simply a measure of the amount of time an inmate was physically in a WI DOC prison.

Releases by Most Serious Offense

Offense categories were based on the Association of State Correctional Administrators' (ASCA) Performance-Based Measures System standards. While the ASCA standards were followed as closely as possible in the categorization of offenses, supplementary rules were developed to aid in categorizing statutes that did not clearly fit into one category or another. Offense categorization methodology is available upon request.

Offenses committed by WI DOC inmates were separated into four offense categories: violent offenses, property offenses, drug offenses, and public order offenses. Offenses included in this report represented an inmate's most serious offense. The most serious offense was selected based on the order of the categories listed above, with violent offenses as the most serious and public order offenses as the least serious.

For the most serious offense analysis, inmates' releases were not counted if they did not have an active offense at the time of release. Occasionally, an inmate appeared to not have any active offenses on a particular release date due to data entry error, and/or due to the logic used to accurately align offenses with specific points in time. Although the offense exists in the WI DOC data system, those offenses were not included here. Only offenders admitted with a new Wisconsin sentence were included; interstate compact offenders (with no Wisconsin sentence) were excluded.

Appendix B: Tables

Table 1. Total Releases

Release Year	Total Releases
1990	3,040
1991	3,835
1992	3,951
1993	4,764
1994	4,794
1995	5,821
1996	5,887
1997	6,138
1998	6,588
1999	7,026
2000	8,325
2001	7,936
2002	8,370
2003	8,517
2004	9,423
2005	10,005
2006	9,904
2007	10,116
2008	10,487
2009	9,999
2010	9,691
2011	8,831
2012	8,594
2013	8,823
2014	8,726
2015	8,599
2016	8,954
2017	8,990
2018	9,279

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Table 2. Releases by Gender

Release Year	Total	Male		Female	
	N	N	%	N	%
2000	8,325	7,589	91.2%	736	8.8%
2001	7,936	7,215	90.9%	721	9.1%
2002	8,370	7,638	91.3%	732	8.7%
2003	8,517	7,797	91.5%	720	8.5%
2004	9,423	8,654	91.8%	769	8.2%
2005	10,005	9,184	91.8%	821	8.2%
2006	9,904	9,104	91.9%	800	8.1%
2007	10,116	9,314	92.1%	802	7.9%
2008	10,487	9,582	91.4%	905	8.6%
2009	9,999	9,193	91.9%	806	8.1%
2010	9,691	8,964	92.5%	727	7.5%
2011	8,831	8,106	91.8%	725	8.2%
2012	8,594	7,938	92.4%	656	7.6%
2013	8,823	8,134	92.2%	689	7.8%
2014	8,726	8,058	92.3%	668	7.7%
2015	8,599	7,795	90.7%	804	9.3%
2016	8,954	8,132	90.8%	822	9.2%
2017	8,990	8,140	90.5%	850	9.5%
2018	9,279	8,269	89.1%	1,010	10.9%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Table 3. Releases by Race

Release Year	Black		White		American Indian/ Alaskan Native		Asian/ Pacific Islander		Did Not Report	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	4,352	52.3%	3,635	43.7%	277	3.3%	40	0.5%	21	0.3%
2001	3,873	48.8%	3,709	46.7%	304	3.8%	40	0.5%	10	0.1%
2002	4,042	48.3%	3,983	47.6%	293	3.5%	44	0.5%	8	0.1%
2003	4,103	48.2%	4,079	47.9%	281	3.3%	49	0.6%	5	0.1%
2004	4,339	46.0%	4,685	49.7%	328	3.5%	59	0.6%	12	0.1%
2005	4,548	45.5%	4,973	49.7%	385	3.8%	72	0.7%	27	0.3%
2006	4,458	45.0%	4,986	50.3%	384	3.9%	57	0.6%	19	0.2%
2007	4,532	44.8%	5,094	50.4%	403	4.0%	68	0.7%	19	0.2%
2008	4,551	43.4%	5,431	51.8%	427	4.1%	62	0.6%	16	0.2%
2009	4,281	42.8%	5,223	52.2%	392	3.9%	69	0.7%	34	0.3%
2010	4,039	41.7%	5,189	53.5%	381	3.9%	59	0.6%	23	0.2%
2011	3,592	40.7%	4,786	54.2%	384	4.3%	61	0.7%	8	0.1%
2012	3,477	40.5%	4,678	54.4%	362	4.2%	75	0.9%	2	0.0%
2013	3,448	39.1%	4,962	56.2%	339	3.8%	73	0.8%	1	0.0%
2014	3,236	37.1%	5,031	57.7%	384	4.4%	72	0.8%	3	0.0%
2015	3,157	36.7%	4,992	58.1%	367	4.3%	80	0.9%	3	0.0%
2016	3,225	36.0%	5,217	58.3%	418	4.7%	90	1.0%	4	0.0%
2017	3,289	36.6%	5,170	57.5%	431	4.8%	96	1.1%	4	0.0%
2018	3,266	35.2%	5,406	58.3%	494	5.3%	108	1.2%	5	0.1%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Table 4. Releases by Ethnicity

Release Year	Hispanic or Latino		Not Hispanic or Latino		Did Not Report	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	528	6.3%	5,767	69.3%	2,030	24.4%
2001	593	7.5%	5,433	68.5%	1,910	24.1%
2002	611	7.3%	5,750	68.7%	2,009	24.0%
2003	633	7.4%	5,752	67.5%	2,132	25.0%
2004	729	7.7%	6,112	64.9%	2,582	27.4%
2005	763	7.6%	6,261	62.6%	2,981	29.8%
2006	780	7.9%	6,041	61.0%	3,083	31.1%
2007	777	7.7%	5,921	58.5%	3,418	33.8%
2008	801	7.6%	5,871	56.0%	3,815	36.4%
2009	789	7.9%	5,223	52.2%	3,987	39.9%
2010	801	8.3%	4,436	45.8%	4,454	46.0%
2011	709	8.0%	3,151	35.7%	4,971	56.3%
2012	661	7.7%	2,666	31.0%	5,267	61.3%
2013	679	7.7%	2,314	26.2%	5,830	66.1%
2014	644	7.4%	2,094	24.0%	5,988	68.6%
2015	646	7.5%	2,232	26.0%	5,721	66.5%
2016	634	7.1%	2,246	25.1%	6,074	67.8%
2017	618	6.9%	2,553	28.4%	5,819	64.7%
2018	628	6.8%	2,803	30.2%	5,848	63.0%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Table 5. Releases by Age

Release Year	19 or younger		20-24		25-29		30-34		35-39		40-44		45-49		50-54		55-59		60-64		65 or older	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	420	5.0%	2,007	24.1%	1,595	19.2%	1,420	17.1%	1,300	15.6%	837	10.1%	401	4.8%	184	2.2%	93	1.1%	31	0.4%	37	0.4%
2001	304	3.8%	1,881	23.7%	1,495	18.8%	1,342	16.9%	1,205	15.2%	888	11.2%	456	5.7%	196	2.5%	84	1.1%	51	0.6%	34	0.4%
2002	315	3.8%	1,913	22.9%	1,523	18.2%	1,348	16.1%	1,290	15.4%	999	11.9%	550	6.6%	243	2.9%	100	1.2%	49	0.6%	40	0.5%
2003	236	2.8%	1,885	22.1%	1,557	18.3%	1,310	15.4%	1,273	14.9%	1,133	13.3%	613	7.2%	276	3.2%	139	1.6%	48	0.6%	47	0.6%
2004	263	2.8%	2,124	22.5%	1,751	18.6%	1,415	15.0%	1,312	13.9%	1,179	12.5%	758	8.0%	344	3.7%	146	1.5%	75	0.8%	56	0.6%
2005	277	2.8%	2,163	21.6%	1,928	19.3%	1,491	14.9%	1,324	13.2%	1,310	13.1%	840	8.4%	395	3.9%	164	1.6%	61	0.6%	52	0.5%
2006	188	1.9%	2,062	20.8%	1,977	20.0%	1,500	15.1%	1,299	13.1%	1,320	13.3%	849	8.6%	431	4.4%	168	1.7%	60	0.6%	50	0.5%
2007	202	2.0%	2,005	19.8%	2,067	20.4%	1,433	14.2%	1,402	13.9%	1,264	12.5%	965	9.5%	456	4.5%	182	1.8%	80	0.8%	60	0.6%
2008	177	1.7%	1,852	17.7%	2,230	21.3%	1,564	14.9%	1,431	13.6%	1,252	11.9%	1,041	9.9%	552	5.3%	217	2.1%	96	0.9%	75	0.7%
2009	180	1.8%	1,748	17.5%	2,113	21.1%	1,514	15.1%	1,342	13.4%	1,166	11.7%	975	9.8%	544	5.4%	254	2.5%	100	1.0%	63	0.6%
2010	174	1.8%	1,673	17.3%	2,034	21.0%	1,524	15.7%	1,198	12.4%	1,116	11.5%	958	9.9%	587	6.1%	282	2.9%	84	0.9%	61	0.6%
2011	125	1.4%	1,499	17.0%	1,905	21.6%	1,384	15.7%	1,027	11.6%	1,023	11.6%	838	9.5%	583	6.6%	268	3.0%	107	1.2%	72	0.8%
2012	97	1.1%	1,454	16.9%	1,784	20.8%	1,508	17.5%	966	11.2%	990	11.5%	757	8.8%	598	7.0%	277	3.2%	102	1.2%	61	0.7%
2013	130	1.5%	1,438	16.3%	1,776	20.1%	1,539	17.4%	1,057	12.0%	971	11.0%	787	8.9%	625	7.1%	299	3.4%	115	1.3%	86	1.0%
2014	90	1.0%	1,375	15.8%	1,816	20.8%	1,570	18.0%	1,068	12.2%	839	9.6%	764	8.8%	612	7.0%	342	3.9%	140	1.6%	110	1.3%
2015	74	0.9%	1,205	14.0%	1,790	20.8%	1,571	18.3%	1,083	12.6%	902	10.5%	720	8.4%	636	7.4%	371	4.3%	136	1.6%	111	1.3%
2016	76	0.8%	1,273	14.2%	1,880	21.0%	1,610	18.0%	1,178	13.2%	813	9.1%	738	8.2%	674	7.5%	409	4.6%	175	2.0%	128	1.4%
2017	96	1.1%	1,193	13.3%	1,854	20.6%	1,686	18.8%	1,238	13.8%	857	9.5%	738	8.2%	633	7.0%	401	4.5%	170	1.9%	124	1.4%
2018	93	1.0%	1,091	11.8%	1,931	20.8%	1,806	19.5%	1,444	15.6%	883	9.5%	709	7.6%	566	6.1%	424	4.6%	183	2.0%	149	1.6%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Table 6. Releases by Type

Release Year	Extended Supervision/ Mandatory Release		Discharge from Sentence		Paroled		Other		Death	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	4,392	52.8%	490	5.9%	2,325	27.9%	1,083	13.0%	35	0.4%
2001	4,425	55.8%	656	8.3%	1,873	23.6%	932	11.7%	50	0.6%
2002	4,969	59.4%	591	7.1%	2,078	24.8%	680	8.1%	52	0.6%
2003	5,656	66.4%	497	5.8%	1,862	21.9%	460	5.4%	42	0.5%
2004	6,378	67.7%	409	4.3%	1,698	18.0%	898	9.5%	40	0.4%
2005	7,147	71.4%	415	4.1%	1,146	11.5%	1,266	12.7%	31	0.3%
2006	7,416	74.9%	389	3.9%	720	7.3%	1,334	13.5%	45	0.5%
2007	7,654	75.7%	481	4.8%	516	5.1%	1,422	14.1%	43	0.4%
2008	8,211	78.3%	546	5.2%	441	4.2%	1,244	11.9%	45	0.4%
2009	7,857	78.6%	538	5.4%	374	3.7%	1,188	11.9%	42	0.4%
2010	7,800	80.5%	528	5.4%	275	2.8%	1,063	11.0%	25	0.3%
2011	7,031	79.6%	434	4.9%	265	3.0%	1,052	11.9%	49	0.6%
2012	6,964	81.0%	469	5.5%	132	1.5%	983	11.4%	46	0.5%
2013	7,126	80.8%	435	4.9%	152	1.7%	1,065	12.1%	45	0.5%
2014	7,066	81.0%	347	4.0%	171	2.0%	1,084	12.4%	58	0.7%
2015	6,964	81.0%	383	4.5%	164	1.9%	1,041	12.1%	47	0.5%
2016	7,351	82.1%	335	3.7%	192	2.1%	1,008	11.3%	68	0.8%
2017	7,380	82.1%	322	3.6%	182	2.0%	1,063	11.8%	43	0.5%
2018	7,677	82.7%	433	4.7%	219	2.4%	898	9.7%	52	0.6%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Table 7. Releases by County of Release

County of Release	Prison Releases		County of Release	Prison Releases	
	N	%		N	%
Adams	34	0.4%	Marinette and Oconto	173	1.9%
Ashland, Bayfield, and Iron	66	0.7%	Marquette	19	0.2%
Barron	86	0.9%	Menominee and Shawano	83	0.9%
Brown	420	4.6%	Milwaukee	2,672	29.0%
Brown and Outagamie	34	0.4%	Monroe	129	1.4%
Buffalo	0	0.0%	Oneida	34	0.4%
Burnett	3	0.0%	Outagamie	290	3.1%
Calumet	22	0.2%	Ozaukee	73	0.8%
Chippewa	65	0.7%	Pepin	5	0.1%
Clark	18	0.2%	Pierce	0	0.0%
Columbia	73	0.8%	Polk	57	0.6%
Crawford	1	0.0%	Portage	62	0.7%
Dane	585	6.3%	Price	13	0.1%
Dodge	104	1.1%	Racine	519	5.6%
Door	34	0.4%	Richland	18	0.2%
Douglas	67	0.7%	Rock	255	2.8%
Dunn	30	0.3%	Rusk	0	0.0%
Eau Claire	161	1.7%	Sauk	62	0.7%
Florence and Forest	28	0.3%	Sawyer	42	0.5%
Fond du Lac	176	1.9%	Sheboygan	156	1.7%
Grant	5	0.1%	St. Croix	65	0.7%
Green	28	0.3%	Taylor	57	0.6%
Green Lake	32	0.3%	Trempealeau	23	0.2%
Iowa	17	0.2%	Vernon	22	0.2%
Jackson	34	0.4%	Vilas	43	0.5%
Jefferson	121	1.3%	Walworth	131	1.4%
Juneau	45	0.5%	Washburn	23	0.2%
Kenosha	375	4.1%	Washington	169	1.8%
Kewaunee	19	0.2%	Waukesha	319	3.5%
La Crosse	160	1.7%	Waupaca	59	0.6%
Lafayette	11	0.1%	Waushara	27	0.3%
Langlade	27	0.3%	Winnebago	235	2.5%
Lincoln	0	0.0%	Wood	120	1.3%
Manitowoc	119	1.3%	Unknown	8	0.1%
Marathon	264	2.9%			
Total				9,227	

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates who died.

Table 8. Releases with Any Drug, Sex, or OWI Offense by County of Release

County of Release	Total	Drug Offenders		Sex Offenders		OWI Offenders	
	N	N	%	N	%	N	%
Milwaukee	2,672	543	20.3%	285	10.7%	145	5.4%
Dane	585	131	22.4%	92	15.7%	98	16.8%
Racine	519	168	32.4%	46	8.9%	48	9.2%
Brown	420	157	37.4%	63	15.0%	70	16.7%
Kenosha	375	103	27.5%	44	11.7%	28	7.5%
Waukesha	319	88	27.6%	44	13.8%	62	19.4%
Outagamie	290	80	27.6%	36	12.4%	47	16.2%
Marathon	264	107	40.5%	39	14.8%	32	12.1%
Rock	255	78	30.6%	0	0.0%	47	18.4%
Winnebago	235	84	35.7%	21	8.9%	33	14.0%
Fond du Lac	176	62	35.2%	19	10.8%	16	9.1%
Marinette and Oconto	173	58	33.5%	20	11.6%	24	13.9%
Washington	169	66	39.1%	23	13.6%	20	11.8%
Eau Claire	161	68	42.2%	17	10.6%	18	11.2%
La Crosse	160	68	42.5%	13	8.1%	14	8.8%
Sheboygan	156	55	35.3%	16	10.3%	14	9.0%
Walworth	131	27	20.6%	41	31.3%	24	18.3%
Monroe	129	55	42.6%	11	8.5%	22	17.1%
Jefferson	121	29	24.0%	23	19.0%	20	16.5%
Wood	120	36	30.0%	22	18.3%	21	17.5%
Manitowoc	119	64	53.8%	11	9.2%	11	9.2%
Dodge	104	35	33.7%	10	9.6%	17	16.3%
All other Counties	1,574	490	31.1%	229	14.5%	240	15.2%
Total	9,227	2,652	28.7%	1,125	12.2%	1,071	11.6%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates who died. "All other Counties" includes those counties that individually had less than 1% of the total proportion of all releases.

Table 9. Releases by Time Served

Release Year	Less than 1 year		1 to < 2 years		2 to < 5 years		5 or more years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	3,472	41.7%	2,239	26.9%	2,080	24.9%	534	6.4%
2001	3,198	40.3%	2,071	26.1%	1,991	25.1%	676	8.5%
2002	3,153	37.7%	2,261	27.0%	2,115	25.3%	841	10.0%
2003	2,965	34.8%	2,498	29.3%	2,108	24.8%	946	11.1%
2004	3,731	39.6%	2,610	27.7%	2,121	22.6%	961	10.2%
2005	4,160	41.6%	2,836	28.3%	2,136	21.3%	873	8.7%
2006	4,268	43.1%	2,720	27.5%	2,170	21.9%	746	7.5%
2007	4,483	44.3%	2,917	28.8%	2,025	20.0%	691	6.8%
2008	4,274	40.8%	3,223	30.7%	2,185	20.8%	805	7.7%
2009	4,097	41.0%	3,008	30.1%	2,112	21.2%	782	7.8%
2010	3,841	39.6%	3,051	31.5%	2,067	21.3%	732	7.6%
2011	3,275	37.1%	2,826	32.0%	1,967	22.3%	763	8.6%
2012	3,227	37.5%	2,718	31.6%	1,978	23.0%	671	7.8%
2013	3,353	38.0%	2,720	30.8%	1,995	22.6%	755	8.6%
2014	3,295	37.8%	2,587	29.6%	2,014	23.0%	830	9.5%
2015	3,064	35.6%	2,757	32.1%	1,963	22.8%	815	9.5%
2016	3,201	35.7%	2,879	32.2%	2,022	22.6%	852	9.5%
2017	3,400	37.8%	2,793	31.1%	1,999	22.2%	798	8.9%
2018	3,439	37.1%	3,002	32.4%	2,053	22.2%	785	8.5%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds.

Table 10. Releases by Time Served and Most Serious Offense (New Sentence Only Admissions)

Release Year	Violent Offense							
	Less than 1 year		1 to < 2 years		2 to < 5 years		5 or more years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	92	10.6%	171	19.7%	373	43.0%	231	26.6%
2001	90	10.3%	183	20.8%	360	41.0%	245	27.9%
2002	94	9.4%	188	18.8%	400	40.0%	320	31.9%
2003	88	8.1%	250	23.0%	394	36.3%	353	32.5%
2004	84	7.7%	252	23.2%	375	34.6%	373	34.4%
2005	98	8.9%	241	21.8%	378	34.2%	387	35.1%
2006	96	9.1%	236	22.5%	418	39.8%	300	28.6%
2007	101	9.7%	233	22.3%	393	37.6%	317	30.4%
2008	86	8.2%	238	22.8%	374	35.8%	346	33.1%
2009	119	11.1%	232	21.6%	390	36.3%	333	31.0%
2010	103	9.3%	270	24.5%	399	36.2%	331	30.0%
2011	103	10.2%	228	22.6%	341	33.8%	336	33.3%
2012	92	9.4%	227	23.3%	359	36.8%	296	30.4%
2013	104	9.9%	249	23.6%	362	34.3%	339	32.2%
2014	105	9.4%	252	22.5%	405	36.2%	358	32.0%
2015	89	7.9%	250	22.2%	422	37.5%	364	32.4%
2016	115	9.8%	279	23.8%	395	33.8%	381	32.6%
2017	104	8.7%	294	24.7%	405	34.0%	388	32.6%
2018	102	8.5%	301	24.9%	426	35.3%	378	31.3%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates who died.

Release Year	Property Offense							
	Less than 1 year		1 to < 2 years		2 to < 5 years		5 or more years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	108	20.7%	166	31.7%	210	40.1%	39	7.5%
2001	58	12.4%	137	29.3%	210	44.9%	62	13.3%
2002	83	16.0%	184	35.4%	176	33.8%	77	14.8%
2003	67	13.7%	179	36.5%	164	33.5%	80	16.3%
2004	102	19.1%	161	30.1%	192	35.9%	80	15.0%
2005	103	19.3%	196	36.8%	180	33.7%	54	10.1%
2006	82	18.1%	156	34.4%	175	38.6%	40	8.8%
2007	68	17.7%	151	39.2%	131	34.0%	35	9.1%
2008	74	17.8%	162	39.0%	123	29.6%	56	13.5%
2009	107	28.8%	116	31.2%	108	29.0%	41	11.0%
2010	93	27.5%	128	37.9%	83	24.5%	34	10.1%
2011	81	25.4%	118	37.0%	83	26.0%	37	11.6%
2012	90	24.7%	150	41.1%	89	24.4%	36	9.9%
2013	96	24.2%	163	41.1%	121	30.4%	17	4.3%
2014	79	20.8%	156	41.1%	118	31.1%	27	7.1%
2015	87	23.1%	159	42.3%	106	28.2%	24	6.4%
2016	76	18.7%	174	42.8%	128	31.5%	29	7.1%
2017	92	22.4%	145	35.3%	142	34.6%	32	7.8%
2018	62	17.2%	158	43.9%	115	32.0%	25	6.9%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates who died.

Release Year	Drug Offense							
	Less than 1 year		1 to < 2 years		2 to < 5 years		5 or more years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	250	30.8%	322	39.7%	221	27.2%	19	2.3%
2001	145	24.5%	242	40.9%	167	28.3%	37	6.3%
2002	126	20.0%	259	41.1%	199	31.6%	46	7.3%
2003	152	20.4%	341	45.8%	211	28.3%	41	5.5%
2004	239	26.5%	368	40.8%	251	27.7%	44	4.9%
2005	246	25.5%	426	44.1%	257	26.5%	37	3.8%
2006	153	20.7%	290	39.2%	252	34.1%	44	6.0%
2007	117	19.5%	258	43.1%	190	31.6%	34	5.7%
2008	114	18.8%	258	42.6%	181	30.0%	52	8.6%
2009	124	24.3%	189	37.0%	146	28.6%	52	10.2%
2010	124	25.0%	183	36.9%	129	26.0%	60	12.1%
2011	150	33.3%	157	34.9%	112	24.9%	31	6.9%
2012	109	27.4%	149	37.4%	105	26.3%	35	8.8%
2013	99	25.3%	154	39.3%	114	29.1%	25	6.4%
2014	122	28.6%	162	38.0%	117	27.4%	25	5.9%
2015	96	22.0%	202	46.2%	110	25.1%	29	6.6%
2016	106	21.8%	220	45.3%	134	27.6%	26	5.3%
2017	131	26.3%	238	47.7%	115	23.0%	15	3.0%
2018	164	31.4%	204	39.1%	132	25.3%	22	4.2%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates who died.

Release Year	Public Order Offense							
	Less than 1 year		1 to < 2 years		2 to < 5 years		5 or more years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
2000	91	46.2%	68	34.5%	31	15.8%	7	3.6%
2001	77	29.5%	136	52.1%	39	14.9%	9	3.4%
2002	78	22.4%	205	58.9%	58	16.7%	7	2.0%
2003	68	17.5%	216	55.5%	99	25.5%	6	1.5%
2004	88	21.1%	224	53.7%	102	24.4%	3	0.7%
2005	112	21.5%	279	53.4%	129	24.7%	2	0.4%
2006	104	24.4%	246	57.7%	70	16.5%	6	1.4%
2007	143	30.9%	226	48.8%	82	17.7%	12	2.6%
2008	157	31.3%	267	53.2%	75	15.0%	3	0.6%
2009	184	33.6%	282	51.6%	76	13.9%	5	0.9%
2010	199	34.5%	303	52.6%	68	11.8%	6	1.0%
2011	181	31.6%	304	53.1%	83	14.5%	5	0.9%
2012	217	37.3%	263	45.3%	94	16.2%	7	1.2%
2013	208	35.9%	274	47.2%	93	16.0%	5	0.9%
2014	209	36.9%	242	42.7%	106	18.7%	10	1.8%
2015	207	32.3%	276	43.1%	148	23.1%	10	1.6%
2016	208	30.3%	325	47.3%	144	20.9%	10	1.5%
2017	239	34.8%	275	40.0%	161	23.5%	12	1.7%
2018	224	39.4%	197	34.7%	138	24.4%	9	1.6%

Note: Release numbers exclude temporary holds and inmates who died.