

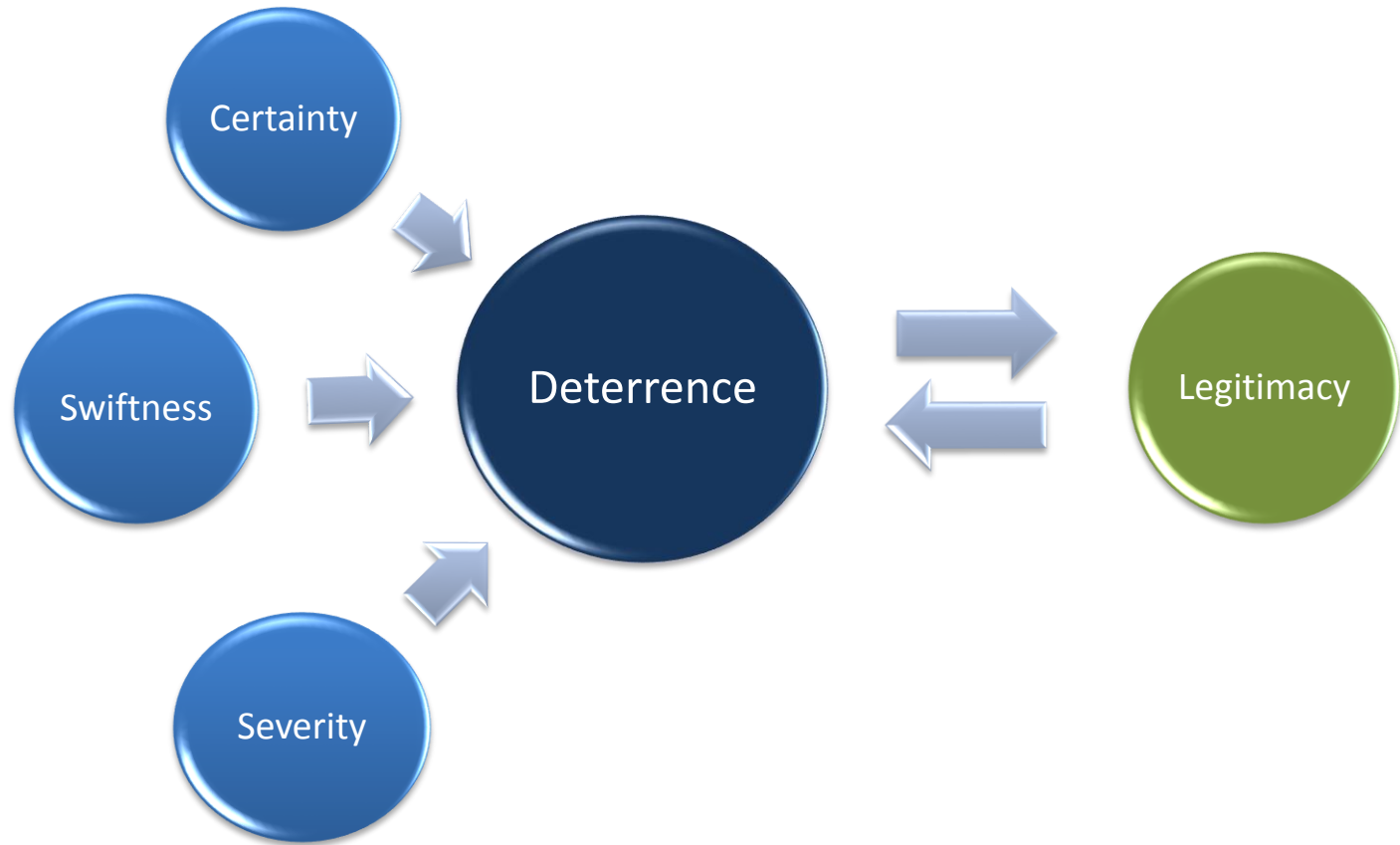
*What the Research Says:*  
How Deterrence and Incapacitation  
Affect Crime and Recidivism

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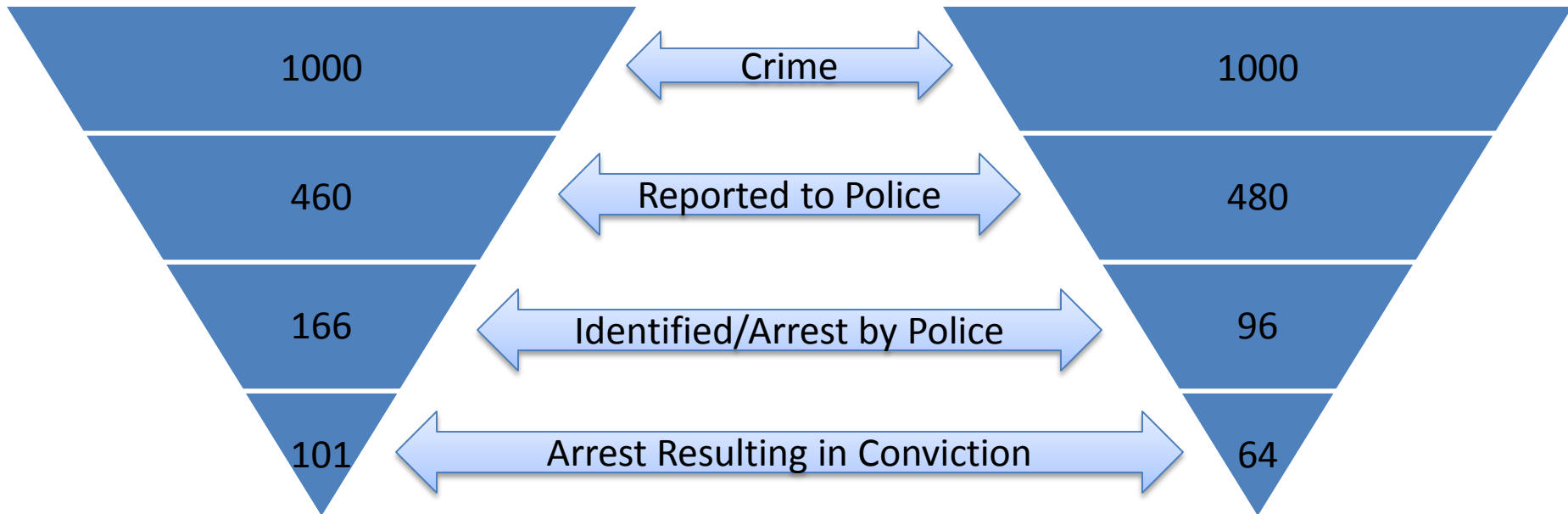
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## Victimizations Reported to Police<sup>1</sup>, Crimes, Identified/Arrest by Police<sup>2</sup>, and Conviction<sup>3</sup>

### Violent Offenses

### Property Offenses



\*Includes clearance by arrest and exceptional means.

<sup>1</sup> Truman, J. L., & Langton, L. (2014). *Criminal Victimization, 2013* (Revised) (NCJ No. 247648). Washington DC: U. S. Government Printing Office.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Bureau of Investigation (2014). *Crime in the United States 2013*. Available at: [www.fbi.gov/crimestats](http://www.fbi.gov/crimestats)

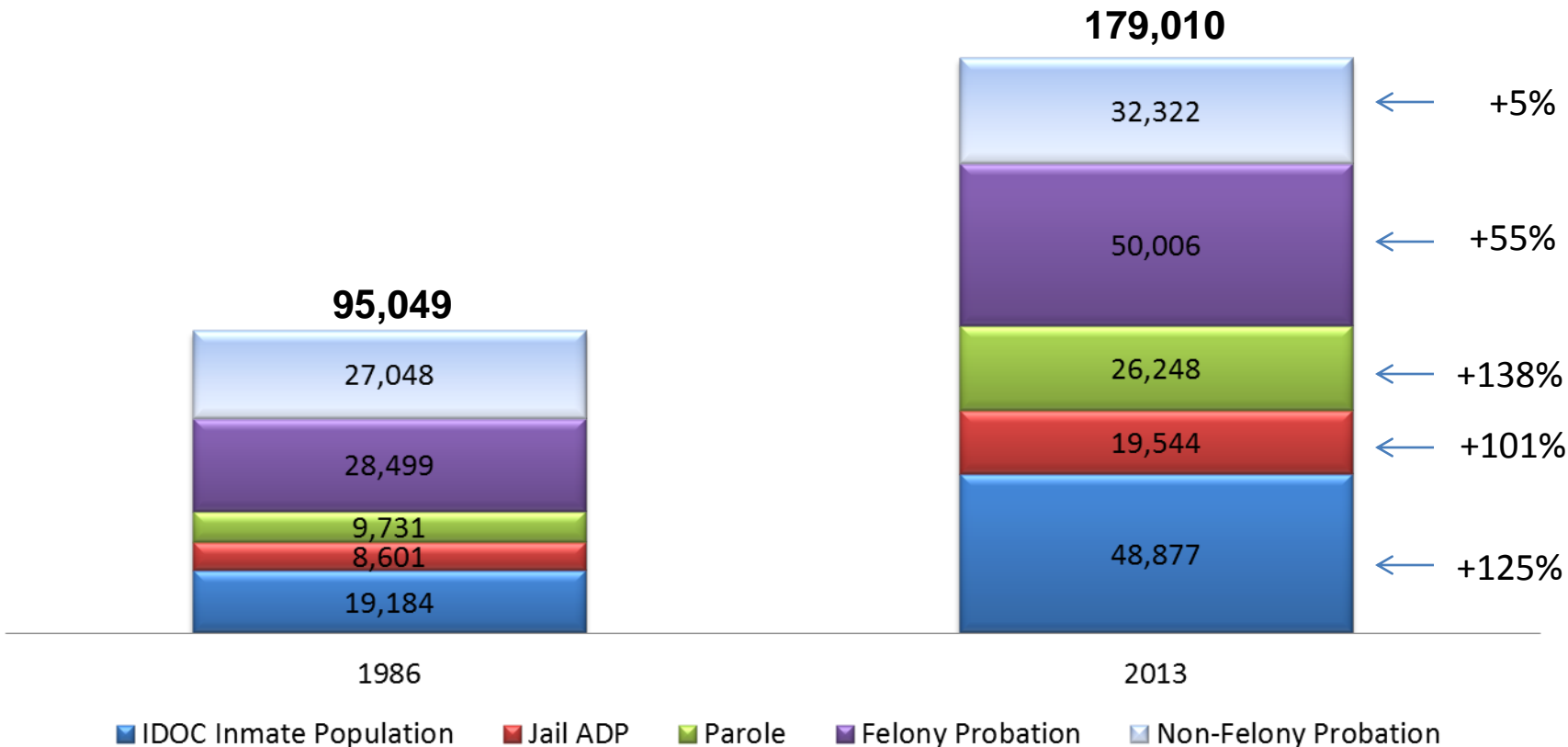
<sup>3</sup> Reaves, B.A. (2013). *Felony defendants in large urban counties, 2009 – statistical tables*. NCJ No .243777. Washington DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

## Median Number of Days between Arrest and Sentencing (National Figures)



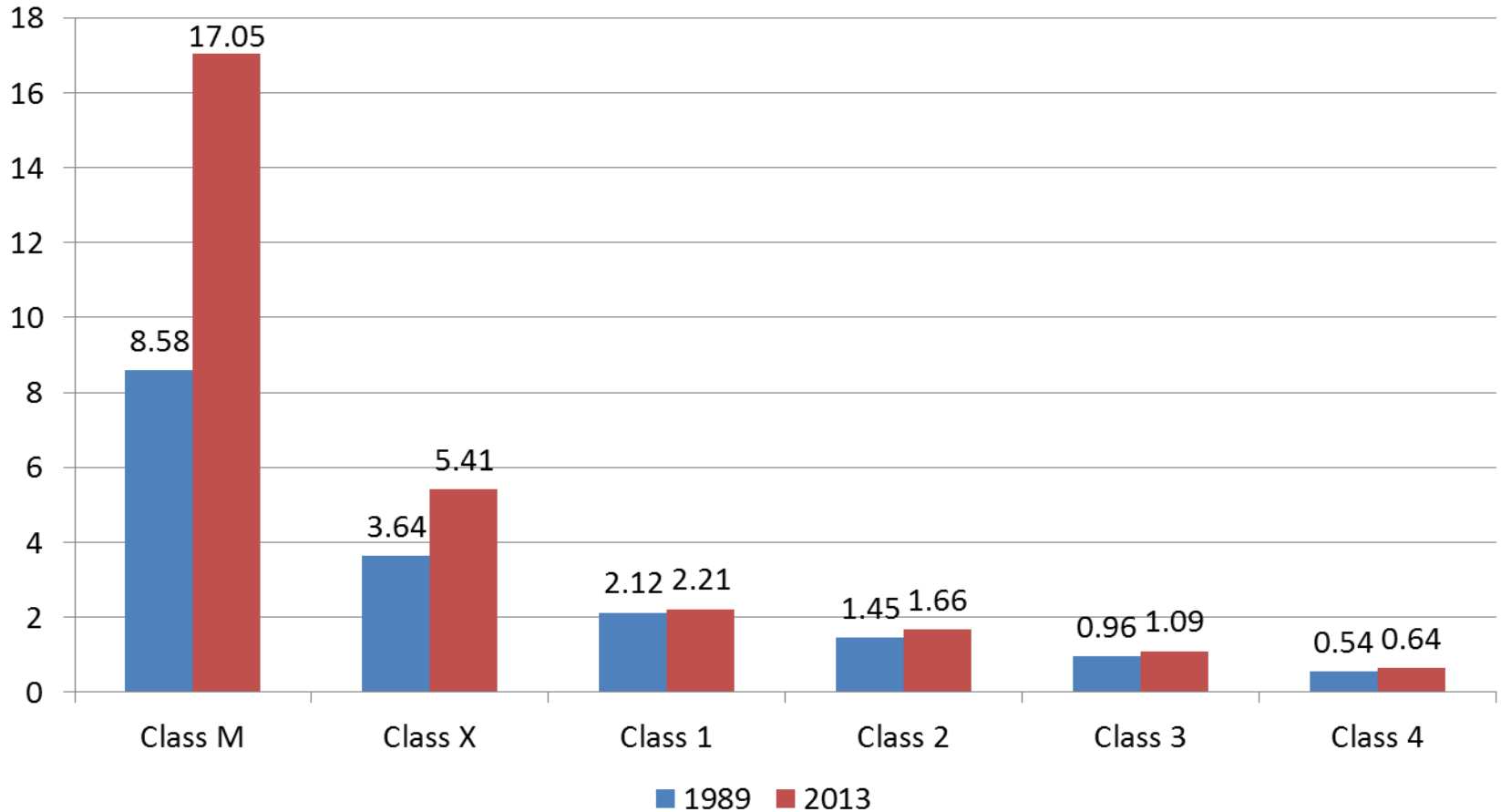
Source: Rosenmerkel, S. P., Durose, M. R., & Farole, D. J. (2009). *Felony Sentences in State Courts, 2006* - Statistical Tables. (NCJ No. 226846). Available at: [www.bjs.org](http://www.bjs.org)

### IL Adult Population under Correctional Supervision



Source: IDOC and Parole populations– IDOC Research Unit; Probation caseload – AOIC Annual Report; Jail ADP – IDOC, Jail and Detentions Standards Unit Reports. 2013 Jail ADP based on the last reported year of data 2009

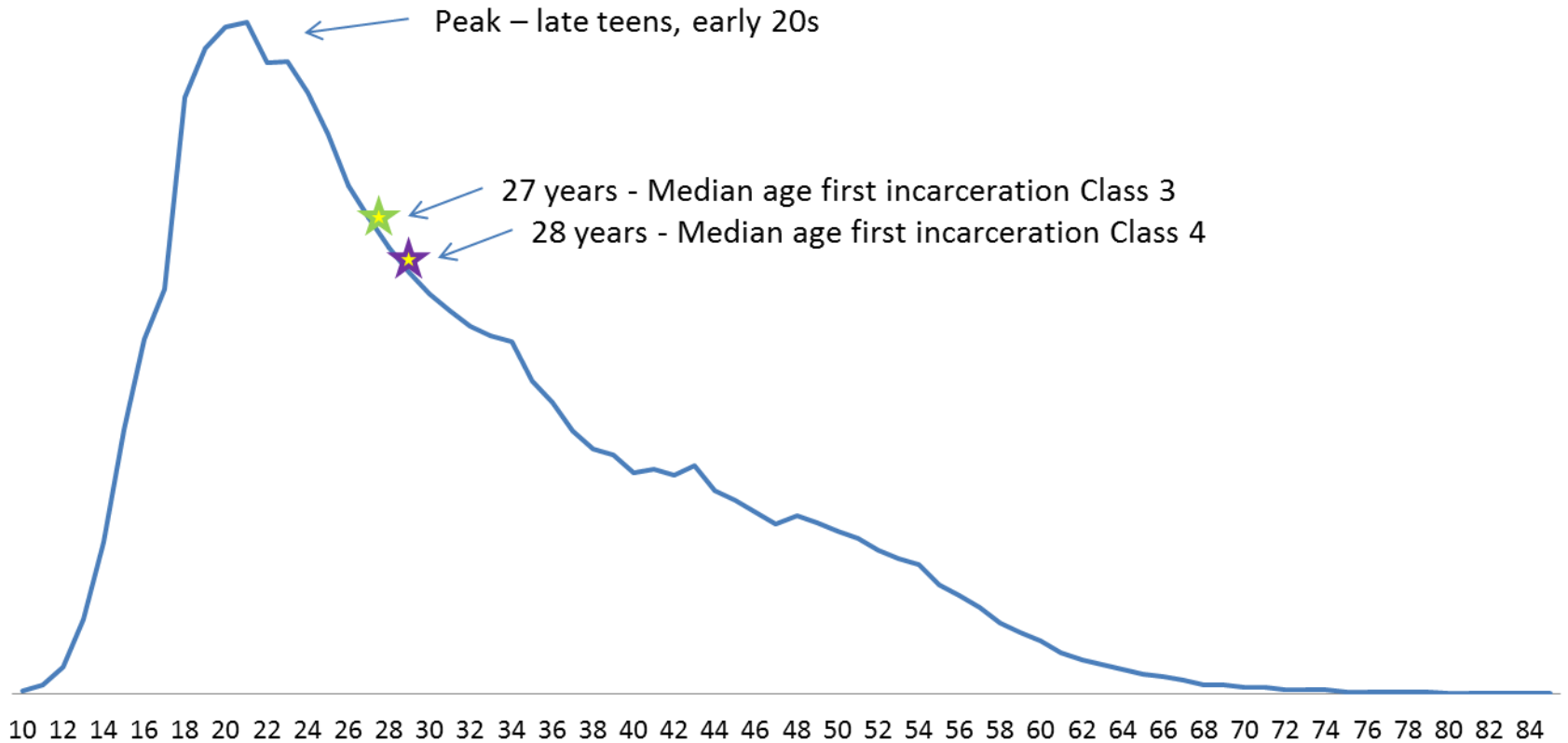
## Average Length of Stay of Felons Exiting IDOC by Class



Source: Averages exclude technical violations. SPAC analysis of IDOC administrative data.;

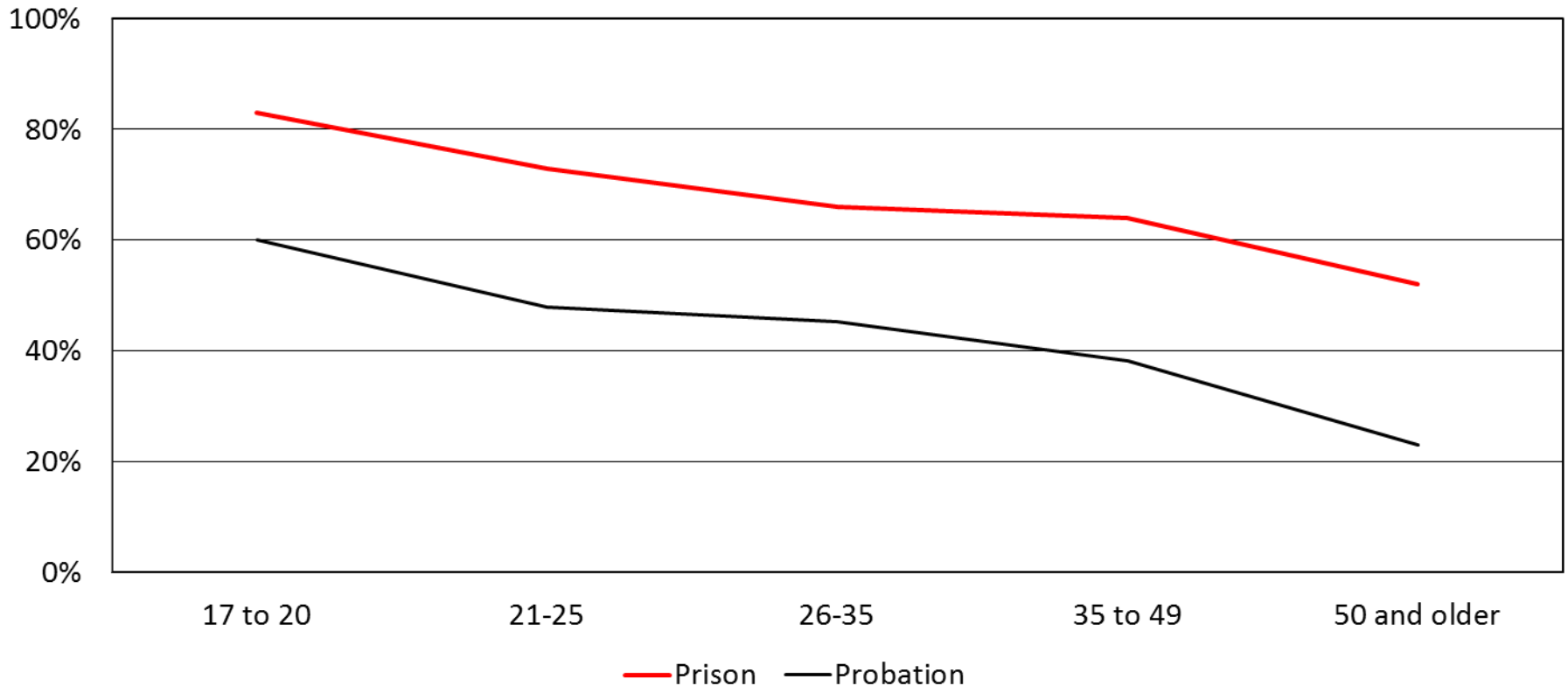


## Illinois Age Crime Curve



Source: Illinois State Police Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) System; IDOC administrative records.

## Age-Specific Rearrest Rates Among Cohort of IDOC & Felony Probation Exits, 3 years Post-release

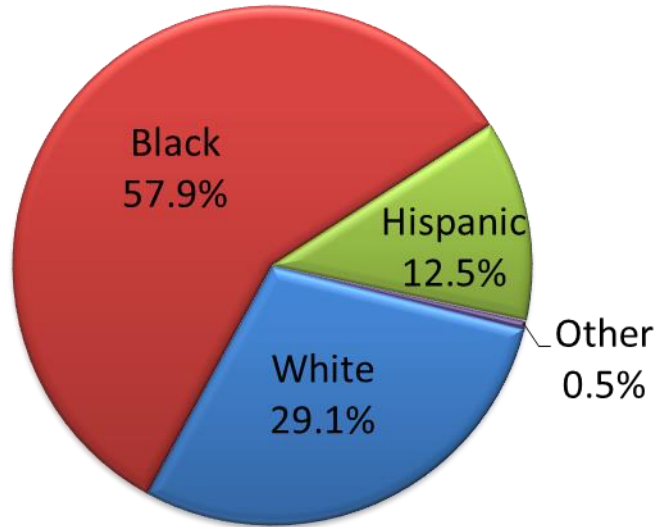


Source: Chart provided by Dr. David E. Olson. Analyses by Dr. Olson of data from the study of offender recidivism by Olson, Stalans & Escobar. Data provided by IDOC's Planning and Research Unit and analyses of data collected by the Illinois Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts' 2000 Probation Outcome Study

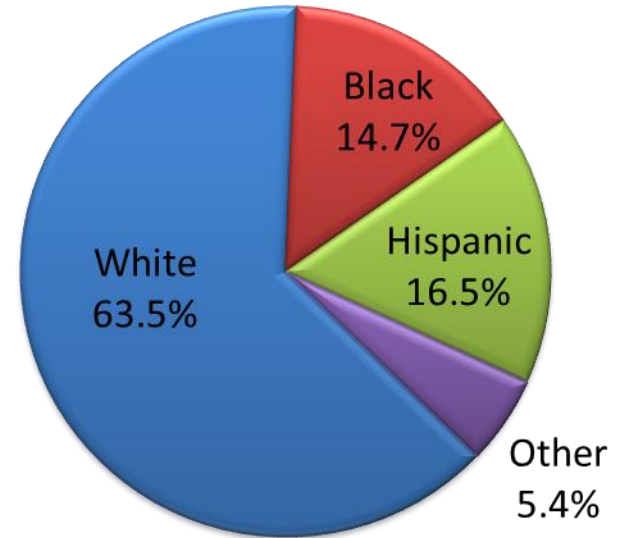


# IDOC Inmate Population and IL Population Characteristics

**IDOC Inmate Population**



**IL Population**



Source: Inmate figures: IDOC administrative records; IL Population figures: US Census Bureau.

## Collateral Consequences

### Individuals

- Employment
- Licensing
- Government loans and grants
- Housing
- Education

### Families and Communities

- Parenting/Family functioning
- Child Functioning
- Marriage/Intimate relationships
- Community well-being (human capital, social capital)

Source: American Bar Association. National inventory of the collateral consequences of conviction. <http://www.abacollateralconsequences.org/>  
Clear, T. (2007). *Imprisoning communities: How mass incarceration makes disadvantaged neighborhoods worse*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

- *Deterrence* has limitations, particularly as currently practiced
  - Many crimes go unreported, even fewer result in arrest and conviction (*certainty*)
  - Case processing takes time, particularly as the system has expanded (*swiftness*)
  - Punishment has increased (*severity*), but so too has net widening and the deepening of involvement in the criminal justice system; more people are in contact with the system and for longer
- While incarceration likely has a moderate impact on crime (*incapacitation*), mass incarceration produces diminishing results at significant \$\$\$\$
- *Deterrence* and *incapacitation* are complicated
  - Vary by offender and offense
  - How we do deterrence and incapacitation must involve a consideration of the costs associated with the benefits gained
- Increases in supervision and incarceration has consequences for individuals, families and communities
  - At risk is the perceived *legitimacy* of the criminal justice system