

Joe V. (Violent Felon)

26 of every 100 inmates leaving prison in FY 2017 had sentences for a violent offense.

Who is the typical offender? To promote discussion of the common rather than the extreme case, SPAC analyzed the most common characteristics of people leaving state prison from July 2016 to June 2017 (fiscal year 2017) for each type of crime. SPAC used people exiting prison to be able to accurately reflect their length of stay and recidivism patterns. The analysis uses the most common, average, and median (50th percentile) metrics to produce a hypothetical Joe V. with a composite offender's experience.

Who is the average violent offender coming out of state prison?

V. is a 35-year-old, black male, born in Illinois. He considers himself single and reported to the Illinois Department of Corrections that he finished his junior year in high school.

- 5 of every 100 violent offenders released in FY 2017 were women.
- 56 were black, 31 white, and 13 Hispanic.
- 81 were born in Illinois.
- 19 of every 100 violent offenders released were younger than 25, and seven were above 55.
- Most reported being single like V., but 13 reported being married and nine divorced.
- V. may have exaggerated on his education, but he probably completed at least half of high school (44 of every 100 reported completing high school or obtaining a GED, 41 completed less than that, and 15 were missing education-level data).

Before this incident, V. had at **least 4 prior arrests for felonies** and **10 prior arrests for misdemeanors** (nearly 5 were for violent offenses, 4 were property, and 2 were drug offenses).

- From those 14 arrests, V. has been convicted of **2 felonies** and **1 misdemeanor**. 2 convictions were for a **violent** offense and 1 was for a **drug** offense.

What was his sentence?

V. most likely received a **sentence for Robbery or Aggravated Battery**.

- V. was sentenced to **7 years and 10 months in prison as a Class X felon**.
- Data do not show whether there was a plea agreement.

For every 100 violent offenders exiting prison:

- 42 were sentenced for aggravated battery or robbery and 12 were sentenced for domestic battery.
- 34 had been readmitted for violation of the conditions of their mandatory supervised release (MSR, commonly known as "parole").
- V's holding class:
 - o 4 were held on first-degree murder felony.
 - o 24 were held on Class X felonies.
 - o 14 were held on Class 1 felonies.
 - o 23 were held on Class 2 felonies.
 - o 35 were held on Class 3 or 4 felonies.
- V. may have been limited in good-time credits under truth-in-sentencing (TIS) sentence credit restrictions.
- 21 served 85% of their sentences under TIS.

How long was he incarcerated?

After being arrested in 2015, V. spent **238 days (8 months) in jail** prior to sentencing (median).

V. spent **almost two years (22 months) in state prison** (median).

V. was **released from Stateville CC** after a **total of 2 and half years in prison and jail**.

- 17 of every 100 violent offenders released were from Stateville CC (maximum). 6 were released from Dixon CC (medium) and 5 from Pinckneyville CC (medium).
- No aggravated battery offenders were released from adult transition centers or electronic monitoring.
- Individuals are typically released on a Friday.

V. was **released to Mandatory Supervised Release**. Past trends show that, by June 2020 (three years from release), V. is likely to be **rearrested 2 times**.

- 65 of every 100 violent offenders will be rearrested and 32 will be reconvicted of a new offense.
- 32 of every violent offenders released in 2017 are likely to be returned to prison for violating conditions of supervised release, for which they will serve the remainder of the supervision period before being fully discharged.