

Joe V. (Violent Felon)

8 of every 100 inmates leaving prison had sentences for assault, battery, or forcible harm in 2009.

Who is the average inmate coming out of state prison? What crime did he or she commit? How long did he or she spend in the system? What was his or her experience? To begin answering these questions, SPAC analyzed state prison releases from July 2008 to June 2009 (SFY 2009) to create an average “profile” using the most often occurring characteristics, as well as average and median (50th percentile) lengths of stay. The composite result, the hypothetical Joe, follows one average offender’s experience to promote discussion of the regular DOC inmate released from state prison.

V. is a black male, born in Illinois as a U.S. citizen, and is 31. He considers himself single and reported to the Illinois Dept of Corrections (DOC) that he finished his junior year in high school.

- For every 100 violent offenders released in SFY 2009, 6 were women.
- 49 were black, 39 white, 12 Hispanic.
- 80 were born in Illinois, 95 born in the United States.
 - o After Illinois, next largest birthplaces were Mississippi, Missouri, and Mexico (2 each).
- 28 of every 100 battery offenders released were younger than 25.
- Most reported being single like V., but 15 reported being married and 11 divorced.
- V. might have exaggerated on his education, but he probably completed at least half of high school (70 of the 100 reported completing more than 10th grade: 22 said 11th grade level and 17 said GED).

After being arrested in 2008, V. spent **104 days (3.5 months) in the local jail** prior to sentencing.

- A few of the 100 with long pre-custody jail time pulled the average upwards to 155 days (5 months).

Before this incident, V. had been **arrested 15 times before** (at least 4 of which were for other person offenses, 4 were property, and 4 were “other” offenses). 4 were felony arrests.

- From those 15 arrests, V. has been convicted of 1 felony property offense. V. has at least 4 other convictions (for misdemeanors).

V. received a **sentence for Aggravated Battery, a Class 3 felony** in 2008.

- Data do not show whether there was a plea agreement.
- 43 of every 100 violent offenders were sentenced for Assault, Battery, or Forcible Harm, 24 of these 43 were specifically for aggravated battery.
- 27 of every 100 battery offenders had been admitted to state prison due to mandatory supervised release (MSR) technical violations prior to their release in SFY 2009.
- V. was one of the 42 of these 100 whose highest holding offense-class was a Class 3 felony.
 - o 37 were held on a Class 4 felony;
 - o 15 were held on a Class 2 felony;
 - o 5 were held on a Class X felony;
 - o 1 was held on a Class 1 felony.

V. was not limited in good-time credits under Truth-In-Sentencing laws.

- 5 of these 100 aggravated battery offenders were sentenced under the 85% TIS rules.

V. **spent 5 months in state prison.**

- A few of the 100 aggravated battery offenders released with longer sentences brought the average up to 10 months of time served.

V. was **released from Vienna CC** on Friday, June 19, 2009.

- 8 of the 100 battery offenders released were from Vienna (minimum security facility) and 8 were from Vandalia (minimum). 15 came from Shawnee (medium), Lawrence (medium), and Stateville (maximum) CCs.
- No aggravated battery offenders were released from adult transition centers (ATC) or DOC’s electronic monitoring.

V. was **released to Mandatory Supervised Release**. By June 2012 (3 years from release), V. was **rearrested twice**.

- Most likely arrested for other (category) or person (i.e., violent) offenses.
- Of all the arrests, V. has a chance of having 1 person felony conviction.
- 16 of every 100 aggravated battery offenders released in 2009 had been returned to prison for violating conditions of supervised release where they served the remainder of their time before being discharged without further supervision.