

Joe DUI (Felony Conviction of Driving Under the Influence)

6 of every 100 individuals convicted of felonies in 2017 were convicted of DUI crimes.

Who is the typical offender? To promote discussion of the common rather than the extreme case, SPAC analyzed the most common characteristics of people convicted of a felony offense in 2017. SPAC looked at convictions to capture a more accurate depiction of the average offender, most of whom (57%) did not get sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Who is the average DUI offender?

Joe DUI is a 37-year-old, white male, who was arrested in Cook County.

- For every 100 DUI offenders convicted in 2017, 86 were male and 14 were female.
- 45 were white, 30 black, 24 Hispanic, and 2 identified as another race.
- 50 were arrested in Cook County, 18 in the collar counties, 18 from urban counties, and 14 from rural counties.
- 10 were under the age of 25 when arrested on this case and 7 were over the age of 55.
- Statewide administrative data do not describe personal characteristics of Joe DUI, making it impossible to describe his education, employment, and other important aspects of his life.

What is Joe DUI's criminal history prior to this case?

Before this arrest, Joe DUI had 9 prior arrests, 2 felonies, 5 misdemeanors, and 2 unknown or other.

- While the average is 9, the median, or 50th percentile, of prior arrests for DUI offenders is 5.¹
- 39 were first arrested before turning 19 years old, 1 had his first arrest after the age of 55.
- Those prior arrests consisted of 2 person-related arrests, 2 property-related arrests, 1 drug-related arrest, and 4 arrests categorized as other.

Those 9 prior arrests resulted in 2 convictions for Joe DUI, including 1 felony and 1 misdemeanor.

- Joe DUI's prior convictions included 1 property and 1 DUI offense.

25 DUI offenders had prior prison sentences, 44 had prior probation sentences, 28 had prior conditional discharge dispositions, and 39 had prior jail sentences.²

For what is Joe DUI arrested and convicted?

Joe DUI was arrested for a Class 4, driving under the influence offense.

- 1 of 100 individuals arrested and convicted of DUI violations were arrested for a Class 1 felony, 12 for a Class 2, 2 for a Class 3, 58 for a Class 4, and 27 were arrested but have no felony charge in the data.

Joe DUI was convicted of a Class 4, driving under the influence offense.

- Of every 100 DUI offenders, 1 was convicted for a Class X felony, 2 for a Class 1, 34 for a Class 2, and 62 for a Class 4 felony.

What is his sentence?

Joe DUI was sentenced to 2 years of probation and given 51 days credit for time served prior to sentencing.

- 33 of 100 were sentenced to prison, typically for 2.5 years.
- The best available statewide administrative data show that the 22 who received fines were charged \$1,906.

What will happen to Joe DUI after his conviction?

Past trends show that by December 2020, 3 years after the guilty disposition, 46 of 100 DUI offenders will likely be rearrested and 16 will have new convictions. Joe DUI will most likely be rearrested and reconvicted for another offense categorized as other, such as a DUI or driving offense. Of DUI offenders sentenced to IDOC, 50 will likely be rearrested and 22 will be reconvicted within three years of exiting prison.

¹ The average number of prior arrests is influenced heavily by a small percentage of offenders many prior arrests, leading to a high average number of prior arrests.

² Numbers are not mutually exclusive; one case may have multiple sentences imposed.