

Prop Joe (Property Felon)

24 of every 100 inmates leaving state prison in FY 2017 had sentences for a property 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 Prop Joe with a composite offender's experience.

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

Prop Joe is a 36 year-old, black male, born in Illinois. He considers himself single and reported to the Illinois Department of Corrections that he completed high school.

- 13 of every 100 property offenders released in FY 2017 were women.
- 51 were black, 40 white, and 8 Hispanic.
- 82 were born in Illinois.
- 22 of every 100 property offenders were younger than 25 and 6 were above 55, but the average was in his 30s.
- Most reported being single like Prop Joe, but 13 reported being married and 8 said divorced.
- Prop Joe might have exaggerated on his education, but he probably completed at least half of high school (47 of every 100 reported completing high school or obtaining a GED, 36 completed less than that, and 18 were missing education-level data).

Before this incident, Prop Joe had **6 prior arrests for felonies, 8 prior arrests for misdemeanors, and 6 arrests for unknown or petty offenses**. At least 9 of these arrests were for other property offenses, 3 were drug offenses, and 4 were violent offenses.

- From those 20 arrests, Prop Joe had had 6 total convictions including **3 felony** property offenses, **2 misdemeanor** convictions, and 1 unknown conviction.

What was his sentence?

Prop Joe received a **sentence for a Class 4 felony retail theft** offense in 2016.

- Prop Joe was sentenced to 1 and a half years for a Class 4 felony. For all property offenders receiving sentences on higher felony classes (Class 3 and above), the average sentence was 4 years.
- Data do not show whether there was a plea agreement.

Out of every 100 property offenders:

- 40 were sentenced for theft or retail theft (Class 3 and 4 felonies)
- 39 were sentenced for burglary or residential burglary (Class 2 and 1 felonies).
- 24 had been readmitted for violations of mandatory supervised release (MSR, commonly known as "parole").
- Prop Joe's was held on a Class 4 felony.
 - o 22 of every 100 property offenders were held on Class 3 felonies;
 - o 30 were held on Class 2 felonies;
 - o 17 were held on Class 1 felonies;
 - o 1 was held on a Class X felony.
- Prop Joe was not limited in good-time credits under truth-in-sentencing laws.

How long was he incarcerated?

After being arrested in 2016, Prop Joe spent **132 days (4 months) in jail** prior to sentencing (median).

Prop Joe **spent 11 months in state prison** (median).

Prop Joe was **released from Stateville CC** in FY 2017 after a **total of 1 year, 3 months in prison and jail**.

- Eight out of every 100 offenders were released from Logan CC, a women's correction center.
- Five offenders were released from adult transition centers and almost none from electronic monitoring.
- Individuals are typically released on a Friday.

Prop Joe was released on **Mandatory Supervised Release**. Past trends show that, by June 2020 (3 years from release), Prop Joe is likely to be **rearrested 3 times**.

- Most likely to be rearrested for a property offense.
- From these 3 arrests, he may have 1 additional conviction, which will likely be another property offense within 3 years.
- 21 of every 100 property offenders released in 2017 will 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.