

Joe Property Crime Conviction (Felony Property Offense)

25 of every 100 individuals convicted of felonies in 2017 were convicted of property 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 property offender?

Joe Property Crime (Joe P.C.) is a 30-year-old, white male, who was arrested in Cook County.

- For every 100 drug offenders convicted in 2017, 74 were male and 26 were female.
- 49 were white, 43 black, 7 Hispanic, and 1 identified as another race.
- 34 were arrested in Cook County, 27 in urban counties, 22 in rural counties, and 16 in the collar counties.
- 30 were under the age of 25 when arrested on this case and 4 were over the age of 55.
- Statewide administrative data do not describe personal characteristics of Joe P.C., making it impossible to describe his education, employment, and other important aspects of his life.

What is Joe P.C.'s criminal history prior to this case?

Before this arrest, Joe P.C. had 12 prior arrests, 4 felonies, 5 misdemeanors, and 3 unknown or other.

- While the average is 12, the median, or 50th percentile, of prior arrests for property offenders is 7.¹
- 55 were first arrested before turning 19 years old, 1 had his first arrest after the age of 55.
- Those prior arrests consisted of 5 property-related arrests, 2 drug-related arrests, 2 person-related arrests, and 3 arrests for crimes categorized as other.

Those 12 prior arrests resulted in 4 convictions for Joe P.C., including 2 felonies and 1 misdemeanor.

- Joe P.C.'s prior convictions included 2 property offenses, 1 person offense, and 1 drug offense.

39 had prior prison sentences, 53 had prior probation sentences, 28 had prior conditional discharge dispositions, and 48 had prior jail sentences.²

For what is Joe P.C. arrested and convicted?

Joe P.C. was arrested for a Class 3, retail theft offense.

- 14 of 100 individuals arrested and convicted of property crimes were arrested for a Class 1 felony, 22 for a Class 2, 26 for a Class 3, 24 for a Class 4, and 13 did not have a felony charge in the data.
- Statewide administrative data do not describe details of each individual offense.

Joe P.C. was convicted of a Class 3 retail theft offense.

- Of every 100 property offenders, 9 were convicted for a Class 1 felony, 25 for a Class 2, 35 for a Class 3, and 31 for a Class 4 felony.

What is his sentence?

Joe P.C. was sentenced to 2 years of probation and given 74 days credit for time served prior to sentencing.

- 35 of 100 received a prison sentence, typically 3 years.
- The best available statewide administrative data show that the 48 who received fines were charged \$867.

What will happen to Joe P.C. after his conviction?

Past trends show that by December 2020, 3 years after the guilty disposition, 71 of 100 property offenders will likely be rearrested and 40 will have new convictions. Joe P.C. will most likely be rearrested and reconvicted for another property offense. Of property offenders sentenced to IDOC, 75 are likely to be rearrested and 42 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.