

## **Joe Sex Offense Conviction (Felony Sex Offense)**

**3 of every 100 individuals convicted of felonies in 2017 were convicted of sex 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 sex offender?***

Joe Sex Offense Conviction (Joe SOC) is a 34-year-old, white male, who was arrested in Cook County.

- For every 100 sex offenders convicted in 2017, 96 were male and 4 were female.
- 56 were white, 27 black, 14 Hispanic, and 2 identified as another race.
- 42 were arrested in Cook County, 24 in rural counties, 20 in urban counties, and 14 in the collar counties.
- 22 were under the age of 25 when arrested on this case and 9 were over the age of 55.
- Statewide administrative data do not describe personal characteristics of Joe SOC, making it impossible to describe his education, employment, and other important aspects of his life.

### ***What is Joe SOC's criminal history prior to this case?***

Before this arrest, Joe SOC had 5 prior arrests, 1 felony, 2 misdemeanors, and 1 unknown or other.

- While the average is 5, the median or 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, of prior arrests for sex offenders is 2.<sup>1</sup>
- 68 were first arrested before turning 19 years old.
- Those prior arrests consisted of 1 property offense, 1 person-related offense, 1 drug-related offense, and 1 other offense.

Those 5 prior arrests resulted in 1 conviction for Joe SOC.

- Joe SOC's prior convictions showed no clear trends.

20 sex offenders had prior prison sentences, 29 had prior probation sentences, 14 had prior conditional discharge dispositions, and 23 had prior jail sentences.<sup>2</sup>

### ***For what is Joe SOC arrested and convicted?***

Joe SOC was arrested for predatory criminal sexual assault, a Class X felony, or an offense categorized as other sex offense.

- 35 of 100 individuals convicted of sex offenses were arrested for a Class X felony, 18 for a Class 1, 23 for a Class 2, 5 for a Class 3, 12 for a Class 4, and 7 did not have a felony charge in the data.
- Statewide administrative data do not describe details of the case against Joe SOC.

Joe SOC was convicted of either a different Class X sex offense or predatory criminal sexual assault.

- Of every 100 sex offenders, 32 were convicted for a Class X felony, 13 for a Class 1, 31 for a Class 2, 5 for a Class 3, and 18 for a Class 4 felony.

### ***What is his sentence?***

Joe SOC was sentenced to 6 years in prison and given 194 days credit for time served prior to sentencing.

- 36 of 100 were sentenced to probation, typically for 2 years.
- The best available statewide administrative data show that the 32 who received fines were charged \$1,215.

### ***What will happen to Joe SOC after his conviction?***

Past trends show that by December 2020, 3 years after the guilty disposition, 69 of 100 sex offenders will likely be rearrested and 25 will likely have new convictions. Joe SOC will most likely be rearrested and reconvicted for an offense categorized as other, possibly a registration violation. Of sex offenders who were sentenced to IDOC, 59 will likely be rearrested and 23 will be reconvicted within three years of exiting prison.

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

<sup>2</sup> Numbers are not mutually exclusive; one case may have multiple sentences imposed.