

Joe Y. (Young Felon)

20 of every 100 inmates leaving prison in FY 2017 were under the age of 25.

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 Joe Y. with a composite offender's experience.

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

Y. is a 22-year-old, black male, born in Illinois. He considers himself single and reported to the Illinois Department of Corrections that he finished his junior year in high school.

- 5 of every 100 young offenders released in FY 2017 were women.
- 67 were black, 21 white, and 11 Hispanic.
- 89 were born in Illinois.
- Most reported being single like Y., but 3 reported being married.
- Y. may have exaggerated on his education, but he probably completed at least half of high school (22 of every 100 reported completing high school or obtaining a GED, 41 completed less than that, and 37 were missing education-level data).

Before this incident, Y. had **4 prior felony arrests** and **10 prior arrests for misdemeanors** (3 were for violent offenses, 3 were property, and 2 were drug offenses).

- From those 14 arrests, Y. has been convicted of **1 felony**, most likely a **property** offense.

What was his sentence?

Y. most likely received a **sentence for Unlawful Use of a Weapon or Burglary** in FY 2016.

- Y. received a 3 years and 5 months prison sentence as a Class 2 felon.
- Data do not show whether there was a plea agreement.
- 20 of every 100 young offenders were sentenced for some form of Unlawful Use of a Weapon. 15 additional offenders were sentenced for burglary and 11 for robbery.
- 29 of every 100 young offenders exiting prison in FY 2017 had been readmitted for violating the conditions of mandatory supervised release (MSR, commonly known as "parole").
- Y. was one of the 31 of every 100 young offenders held as a Class 2 felon.
 - o 5 were held on Class X felonies.
 - o 18 were held on Class 1 felonies.
 - o 31 were held on Class 2 felonies.
 - o 15 were held on Class 3 felonies.
 - o 31 were held on Class 4 felonies.
- 2 of these 100 young offenders were sentenced under the 85% truth-in-sentencing laws.

How long was he incarcerated?

After being arrested in 2016, Y. spent **163 days, or 5 months in jail** prior to sentencing (median).

Y. **spent 8 months in state prison** (median).

Y. was **released from Stateville CC** after a **total of 1 year and 1 month in prison and jail**.

- 27 of every 100 young offenders released were from Stateville CC (maximum). 7 were released from Vandalia CC (minimum) and 6 from Vienna CC (minimum).
- 2 of every 100 young offenders were released from adult transition centers and none from electronic monitoring.
- Individuals are typically released on a Friday.

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

- 81 of every 100 young offenders will be rearrested and 44 will be reconvicted of a new offense within three years.
- 29 of every young offenders released in 2017 are likely to 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.