Dane County Returning Prisoners

Data from Jan. 1990 – April 2000

Dane County returned prisoners in 1990s, by sex

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Note: 2000 estimated as three times the number for the first three months

Sex of Returnees, 1997-1999

88% men
Dane County returned prisoners in 1990s, by race

Proportion Black rose in the 1990s from 34% to 52%

Race of returnees, 1997-1999

Racial mix is similar for men and women

Intended residence when released, for those sentenced in Dane County

Large majority of those sentenced in Dane return to Dane; even more true for minorities than for Whites

Sentence location for prisoners if released to Dane County

Large majority of those returning to Dane were sentenced here; even more true for Blacks than Whites
Blacks are more likely to go back to prison, but no clear time trend.

Men are generally more likely than women to return to prison within a year, no clear time trends

Men are generally more likely than women to return to prison within two years, no clear time trends
This chart shows the highest risk of return to prison is in the first 18 months. Rates for White & Other women flatten out most quickly, ending at 35-40%. Rates for White men and Black women continue to rise to about 55%. Rates for Black and Other men rise steadily, ending at over 70%.
Offenses of returning prisoners, by race/sex group

White Men

Black Men

White Women

Black Women

Education of Dane returning prisoners

White

Black

Other

Proportion of Dane returned prisoners back in prison within two years, by education & race
Age of Dane returning prisoners in the 1990s

Proportion of Dane returning prisoners back in prison within two years, by race & age

Back to prison is higher for Blacks than Whites in 20s to 40s; age matters less for Whites

Age distribution for returnees is similar by race, except at the youngest and oldest ages