

Prop Joe (Property Felon)

7 of every 100 inmates leaving state prison had sentences for burglary in SFY 2009.

Who is the average inmate coming out of state prison? What crime did he or she commit? How long did he or she spend in the system? What was his or her experience? To begin answering these questions, SPAC analyzed state prison releases from July 2008 to June 2009 (SFY 2009) to create an average “profile” using the most often occurring characteristics, as well as average and median (50th percentile) lengths of stay. The composite result, the hypothetical Joe, follows one average offender’s experience to promote discussion of the regular DOC inmate released from state prison.

Prop Joe is a black male, born in Illinois as a U.S. citizen, and is 35. He considers himself single and reported to the Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC) that he completed high school.

- For every 100 property offenders released in SFY 2009, 12 were women.
- 49 were black, 41 white, 10 Hispanic.
- 78 were born in Illinois, 96 born in the United States.
 - o After Illinois, the next largest birthplaces were Mississippi (3), Missouri (2), and Mexico (2).
- 25 of every 100 exiting burglars were younger than 25, but the average was in his 30s.
- Most reported being single like Prop Joe, but 16 reported being married and 11 said divorced.
- Prop Joe might have exaggerated on his education, but he probably completed at least half of high school (70 of every 100 reported completing more than 10th grade; 19 reported graduating high school and 18 reported a GED).

After being arrested in 2007, Prop Joe spent **118 days (4 months) in the local jail** prior to sentencing.

- A few of the 100 with long pre-custody jail time pulled the average upwards to 156 days (5 months).

Before this incident, Prop Joe had been **arrested 16 times before** (at least 8 of which were for other property offenses, 3 were “other” offenses, and 3 were person (i.e., violent) offenses). 5 were felony arrests.

- From those 16 arrests, Prop Joe had been convicted of 2 felony property offenses. He had 5 total convictions, including those property convictions.

Prop Joe received a **sentence for a Burglary offense, a Class 2 felony** in 2008.

- Data do not show whether there was a plea agreement.
- 36 of every 100 property offenders were sentenced for burglary or residential burglary (mostly Class 2 and 1 felonies, respectively) while 32 were sentenced for Theft or Retail Theft (Class 3 and 4 felonies). 12 were sentenced for Motor Vehicle Offenses (DUIs).
- 21 of every 100 burglars had been admitted to state prison due to mandatory supervised release (MSR) technical violations prior to their release in SFY 2009.
- Prop Joe was one of the 86 of these 100 whose highest holding offense-class was a Class 2 felony.
 - o 10 were held on Class 3 felonies;
 - o 2 were held on Class 4 felonies;
 - o 2 were held on Class 1 felonies.
- Prop Joe was not limited in good-time credits under Truth-In-Sentencing laws.

Prop Joe **spent 10 months in state prison.**

- A few of the 100 burglars released with long sentences brought the average up to 1 year and 3 months of time served.

Prop Joe was **released from Pinkneyville CC** on Friday, March 13, 2009.

- 7 of the 100 burglars released were from Vienna (minimum). Illinois River CC (high medium) and Vandalia CC (minimum) were the next largest with 6 out of the 100 in SFY 2009.
- Very few offenders were released from adult transition centers (ATC) and none from DOC’s electronic monitoring.

Prop Joe was **released to Mandatory Supervised Release**. By June 2012 (3 years from release), Prop Joe was **rearrested 2 times**.

- Most likely arrested for a property offense or, less likely, a category “other” offense.
- From these two arrests, he may have 1 additional conviction (likely another property offense).
- 12 of every 100 burglary offenders released in 2009 had been returned to prison for violating conditions of supervised release where they served the remainder of their time before being discharged without further supervision.