

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ADULT PRISON POPULATION SUMMARY

AS OF 01/01/2026 *(unless noted)*



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Section 1. Adult Prison Population Summary as of 0/01/2026

POPULATION:

Males	7,574	92.8%
Females	<u>586</u>	7.2%
Total	8,160	

OFFENSES (top six total 6,511):

Homicide	1,684	20.6%
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1,625	19.9%
Drugs	1,220	15.0%
Weapons	842	10.3%
Assault	728	8.9%
DWI	412	5.0%

Note: Percentages are based on the total population of 8,160.

TYPE OF OFFENSES:

Person	4,760	58.3%
Drugs	1,220	15.0%
Weapons	842	10.3%
Property	482	5.9%
Other	422	5.2%
DWI	412	5.0%
IOCC Holds	<u>22</u>	0.3%
Total	8,160	

NUMBER OF LIFERS: 622 (641 including Non-Minnesota)

Note: Of the 622 Minnesota lifers:

- 181 have a sentence of life without parole; and
- 115 were not incarcerated in a Minnesota prison.

AVERAGE AGE (in years): 40.5

CURRENT INCARCERATED PERSONS AGE 50 OR OLDER: 1,621

CURRENT INCARCERATED PERSONS UNDER AGE 18: 6

AVERAGE POPULATION CY2024: 8,307

INCARCERATED PERSONS CERTIFIED AS ADULTS AT SENTENCING: 138

MINNCOR INDUSTRY – INCARCERATED PERSONS EMPLOYED: 1,223

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RACE:

White	3,905	47.9%
Black	3,227	39.5%
American Indian	766	9.4%
Asian	218	2.7%
Unknown/Other	44	0.5%
Total	8,160	

Note: 431 (5.3%) of the above are of Hispanic ethnicity.

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL:

Less than Secondary Certificate/Degree	918	11.3%
Secondary Degree	5,752	70.5%
Post Secondary Certificate/Degree	1,444	17.7%
Unknown	46	0.6%
Total	8,160	

MARITAL STATUS:

Single	5,662	69.4%
Married	1,089	13.3%
Divorced/Separated	1,014	12.4%
Other/Unknown	395	4.8%
Total	8,160	

RELIGION:

Other Christian	2,495	30.6%
Unknown/No Preference	2,262	27.7%
Other Religions	993	12.2%
Muslim	914	11.2%
Catholic	554	6.8%
Native American Religions	466	5.7%
Lutheran	280	3.4%
Baptist	196	2.4%
Total	8,160	

COUNTY OF COMMITMENT (top six total 4,390):

Hennepin	2,125	26.0%
Ramsey	980	12.0%
St. Louis	367	4.5%
Stearns	318	3.9%
Anoka	308	3.8%
Dakota	292	3.6%

Note: Percentages are based on total population of 8,160.

POPULATION BY FACILITY/LOCATION:

Faribault	1,964	24.1%
Lino Lakes	1,246	15.3%
Moose Lake	1,022	12.5%
St. Cloud	986	12.1%
Rush City	983	12.0%
Shakopee	572	7.0%
Stillwater	497	6.1%
Oak Park Heights	384	4.7%
Willow River	172	2.1%
Togo	79	1.0%
Red Wing	40	0.5%
Work Release	172	2.1%
County Jail/Federal Prison (Contract)	0	0%
Institution Community Work Crews	20	0.2%
Non-DOC Correctional Facility (Short Term)	23	0.3%
Total	<u>8,160</u>	

Section 2. Admissions and Releases for CY2025

ADMISSIONS (CY2025):

New Commitments	2,900	64.8%
Release Return Without New Sentence	1,282	28.6%
Release Return With New Sentence	<u>290</u>	6.4%
Total	4,472	

Note: The above includes admissions of all offenders committed to the commissioner of corrections. Because offenders can be admitted more than once in a given year, the above measures the total number of prison admissions, not the total number of individual offenders admitted to prison.

COMMITMENTS	<u>CY2024</u>	<u>CY2025</u>	<i>Change</i>
January-June	1,625	1,640	0.9%
July-December	<u>1,641</u>	<u>1,550</u>	-5.5%
Total	3,266	3,190	-2.3%

Note: Includes new commitments and release return with new sentence by calendar year.

RELEASES (CY2025):

Supervised Release/Parole	3,723	77.3%
Community Programs	728	15.1%
Discharge	287	5.9%
Other	<u>75</u>	16.1%
Total	4,813	

Note: The above includes releases from prison as well as releases from community programs (i.e., work release) to supervised release. Because offenders can be released from either prison or a community program more than once in a given year, the above measures the total number of transitions to a release status, not the total number of individual offenders who exit a prison facility.