



Electronic Monitoring Report

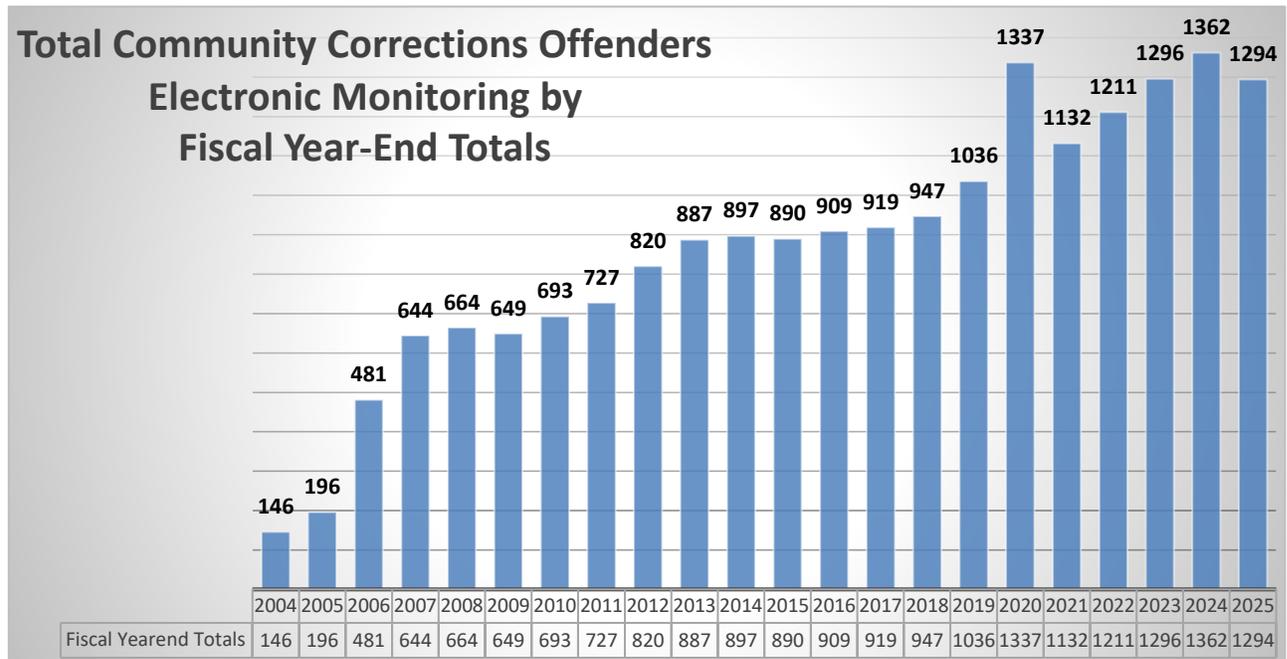
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This report is submitted as mandated by [Iowa Code](#). “Per code, the department of corrections shall submit a report on electronic monitoring to the general assembly by January 15, 2026. The report shall specifically address the number of persons being electronically monitored and break down the number of persons being electronically monitored by offense committed. The report shall also include a comparison of any data from the prior fiscal year with the current fiscal year.”

Overview

Effective FY2006, the Iowa Code mandated a minimum of five years of electronic monitoring for persons under community supervision who had committed certain offenses against a minor, including sexually violent offenses. As a result of this law, the number of community corrections clients on electronic monitoring systems (EMS) more than doubled during FY2006, from 196 to 481 clients. Between FY2006 and FY2025 the EMS population grew by another 813 clients. At fiscal yearend 2025, 1,294 clients are on some form of electronic monitoring in the community.

Community Corrections Clients on EMS: FY2004-2025



Source: ICON;JDW

Sex Offenders on EMS in Community Corrections

In FY2004, about 22% of clients on EMS were sex offenders. In FY2025, 18.7% of clients on EMS are sex offenders based on most serious offense or status as a release from sex offender civil commitment to Iowa Department of Corrections supervision; still others are required to register as sex offenders based on requirements in Iowa Code Chapter 692A.

In 2009 the law mandating electronic monitoring for certain clients whose offenses involved minors was changed to permit discretion to the district departments of correctional services, to base these decisions on validated sex offender risk assessments and other factors. However, EMS populations will continue to grow due to passage of legislation in 2005 establishing special sentences for sex offenders to commence upon completion of the original sentence (per Iowa Code §903B.1 and §903B.2); special sentences are for ten years or life, depending on the level of the sex offense. The Division of Data, Planning, and Improvement (formerly the Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP)) and the Iowa Department of Corrections have projected a substantial increase in the numbers of sex offenders on community supervision in the coming years due to special sentence provisions.

Beginning in FY2010, the Iowa Department of Corrections began an electronic monitoring program for prison inmates convicted of serious offenses who the Iowa Board of Parole indicated should begin preparing for reentry. The inmates are minimum custody inmates and are required to be on GPS monitoring while working outside the secure perimeter of the institutions. **As of fiscal yearend 2025, one incarcerated individual was on GPS (located at Mt Pleasant Correctional Facility in Mt Pleasant) and is included in the counts for the remainder of this report.**

Several Types of Electronic Monitoring Systems in Use

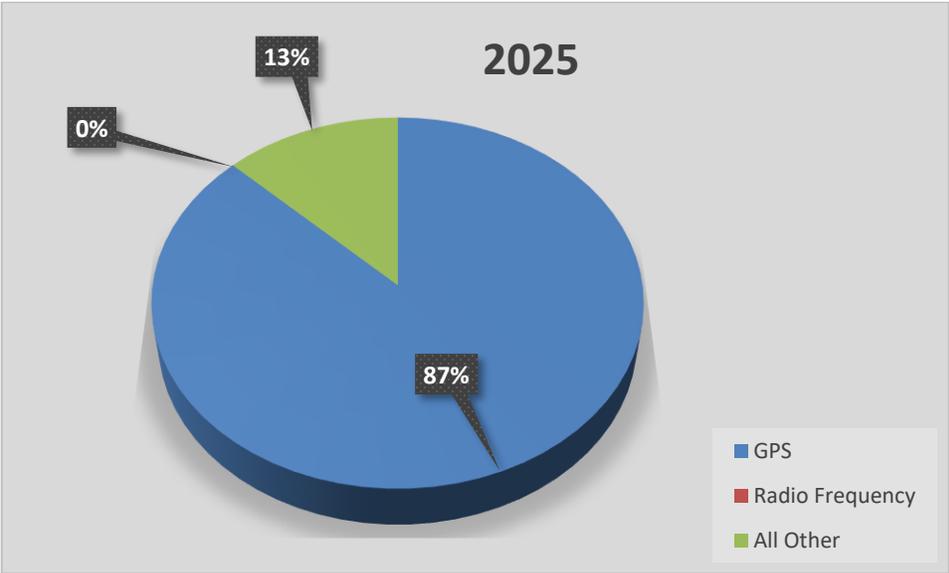
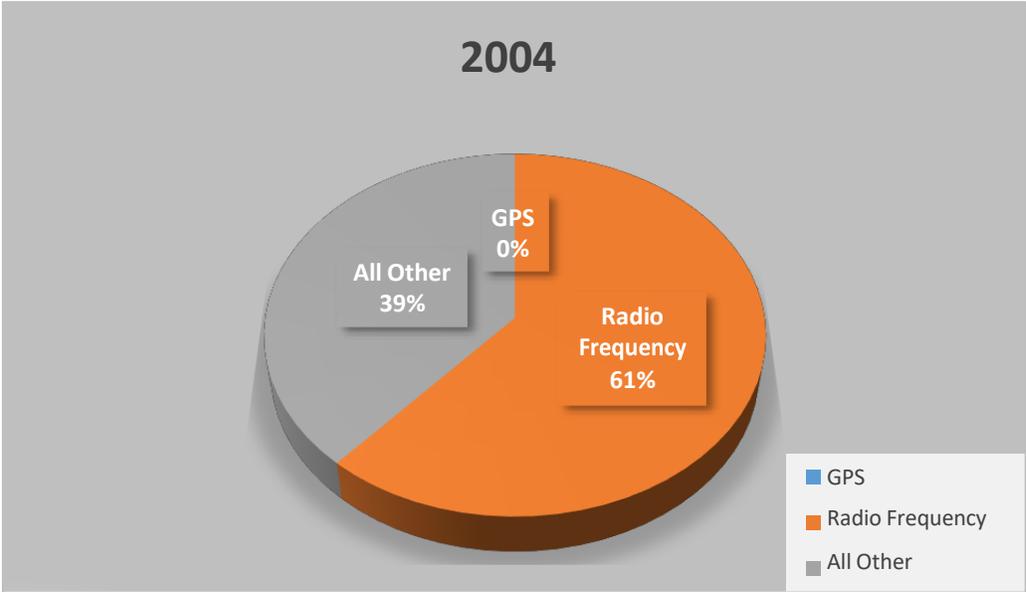
Radio Frequency. A monitoring receiver unit in the home is attached to the offender's phone and plugged into the phone jack as well as an electrical outlet. The offender wears a waterproof transmitter on the ankle that detects and alerts for tampering (for example, if the strap is opened or cut, or if the transmitter is not against the skin). This unit monitors the offender's arrivals and departures and is useful in assessing curfew compliance.

Global Positioning Satellite (GPS). The offender wears a waterproof transmitter on the ankle that detects and alerts for tampering. Additionally, this system reports: a) time and date of arrival and departure from home; b) the travel path and times while out of the home; c) any removal or tampering of the transmitter or monitoring unit; and d) any violations of exclusion zone criteria (designated area(s) the offender is restricted from entering, such as a victim's home).

SCRAM (Remote Breath). The offender has a device that is portable, handheld, and wireless with automated facial recognition and GPS location with every test taken by the offender. This system is used primarily to assess compliance with alcohol consumption restrictions and can be scheduled to send as few or as many tests to the offender as needed per day.

In addition to the growth in numbers of clients on EMS, there has been a shift to higher tech global positioning system (GPS) equipment. There was no GPS in use in 2004; clients began to be placed on GPS in late 2005 and by the end of that year only about 1% of clients on EMS were on GPS. As of fiscal yearend 2025, 87% of clients on EMS are on GPS.

IDOC Clients on EMS at Fiscal Yearend by Type of System



Clients on EMS by Offense FY25:

Offense Type	Most Serious Convicting Offense Description	Total
Violent	Assault	1
Violent	ASSAULT CAUSING INJURY--PEACE OFFICERS/OTHERS	1
Violent	Assault -- Causing Serious Bodily Injury No Intent	1
Violent	Assault Committed by a Person Against whom a Protective Order is Issued	1
Violent	ASSAULT INTENT OF INJURY	1
Violent	ASSAULT ON PEACE OFFICERS & OTHERS	1
Violent	ASSAULT - SERIOUS INJURY	1
Violent	ASSAULT WHILE DISPLAYING A DANGEROUS WEAPON	4
Violent	Assault with bodily injury or mental illness	13
Violent	ASSAULT WITH WEAPON--PEACE OFFICERS/OTHERS	1
Violent	Asslt. to Commit Sex Abuse/Bodily Inj.-10 Yr Special Sentence	3
Violent	Asslt. to Commit Sex Abuse/No Inj.-10 Yr. Special Sentence	25
Violent	ATTEMPTED MURDER, 85%	4
Violent	ATTEMPT TO COMMIT MURDER	1
Violent	Attempt to Entice Away a Minor	1
Violent	Child Endangerment-Bodily Injury	1
Violent	Child Endangerment/No Injury	1
Violent	CHILD ENDANGERMENT/NO INJURY	1
Violent	Child Endangerment Resulting in Death	1
Violent	Child Endangerment-Serious Injury	1
Violent	Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child (85%)-Life Special Sentence	1
Violent	DOMESTIC ABUSE ASSAULT	1
Violent	Domestic Abuse Assault, 1st Offense with Danger Weapon	1
Violent	DOMESTIC ABUSE ASSAULT - 2ND OFFENSE	3
Violent	Domestic Abuse Assault-3rd or Subsequent Offense, 85%	1
Violent	DOMESTIC ABUSE ASSAULT - BODILY INJURY - MENTAL	2
Violent	Domestic Abuse Assault Impeding Air/Blood Flow Causing Bodily Injury	5
Violent	DOMESTIC ABUSE ASSAULT WITHOUT INTENT CAUSING INJURY	1
Violent	Entice Away a Minor	1
Violent	ENTICING AWAY A MINOR	24
Violent	EXTORTION	1
Violent	GOING ARMED WITH INTENT	7
Violent	Grooming - 10 yr. special sentence	1
Violent	HARASSMENT / 1ST DEG.	6
Violent	Harassment 1st Deg - Sexting	1
Violent	HARASSMENT / 2ND DEG.	3
Violent	HARASSMENT / 3RD DEG.	1
Violent	Homicide By Vehicle-321.261(4)-85%	3
Violent	Indecent Contact W/Child-10 Yr Special Sentence	1
Violent	INDECENT CONTACT WITH A CHILD - 10 Year Special Sentence	2
Violent	INDECENT CONTACT WITH A CHILD-10 Year Special Sentence	4
Violent	Indecent Exposure-10 Yr Special Sentence	12
Violent	Intentional/Reckless Dependent Adult Abuse by Caretaker Results in Death	1
Violent	Interference with Official Acts-Bodily Injury	1

Violent	Interference w/Official Acts-Dangerous Weapon	1
Violent	INTIMIDATION WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON	4
Violent	Intimidation with Dangerous Weapon-Intent (Non-Forcible)	1
Violent	Invasion of Privacy-Nudity-10 Year Special Sentence	6
Violent	KIDNAPPING - 2ND DEGREE, 85%	1
Violent	Lasc Acts w/Child-Touch Genitals to Child-Life Special Sentence	4
Violent	Lascivious Acts w/Child-Child Fond/Touch Def, 1st Off--Life Special Sentence	2
Violent	Lascivious Acts w/Child-Inflict Pain/Discomfort - 10 yr Special Sentence	2
Violent	Lascivious Acts w/Child-Solicitation - 10 yr Special Sentence	4
Violent	Lascivious Acts With A Child-10 Year Special Sentence	3
Violent	Lascivious Acts with a Child-Fond/Touch Child, 1st Off-Life Special Sentence	17
Violent	Lascivious Acts With A Child - Life Special Sentence	7
Violent	Lascivious Acts With Child-Life Special Sentence	3
Violent	Lascivious Conduct W/Minor-10 Yr. Special Sentence	4
Violent	MURDER 1ST DEGREE	1
Violent	MURDER 2ND - 85%	1
Violent	MURDER IN THE 1ST DEGREE	2
Violent	NCIC - ASSAULT	5
Violent	NCIC - OTHER SEX OFFENSE	26
Violent	NCIC - ROBBERY	1
Violent	NCIC - SEXUAL ASSAULT	4
Violent	NEGLECT OR ABANDONMENT	2
Violent	Purchase/Possess Depiction of Minor in Sex Act-1st Offense-10 Yr. Special Sentence	20
Violent	ROBBERY 1ST DEGREE, 85%	5
Violent	ROBBERY 2ND DEGREE, 85%	4
Violent	Sex Abuse-2nd--Child Under 12, 1st Off, 85%--Life Special Sentence	2
Violent	Sex Abuse -2nd Degree(85%)-Life Special Sentence	6
Violent	Sex Abuse-2nd -- Of a Child, 1st Offense, 85%--Life Special Sentence	11
Violent	Sex Abuse 3rd-By Force, 1st Off-Life Special Sentence	6
Violent	Sex Abuse 3rd-Child Victim Age 12/13-Life Special Sentence	4
Violent	Sex Abuse 3rd - Child Victim Member of same household - Life Special Sentence	1
Violent	Sex Abuse 3rd - Child Victim-Person 4 or more Years Older - Life Special Sentence	9
Violent	Sex Abuse-3rd-Child Victim Related by Blood-Life Special Sentence	2
Violent	Sex Abuse 3rd/Victim 14/15, Def 4+-Life Special Sentence	13
Violent	Sex Abuse 3rd/Victim 14/15, Family Perp-Life Special Sentence	4
Violent	Sex Abuse-3rd - Victim Mental Defect-1st Off - Life Special Sentence	1
Violent	SEXUAL ABUSE - 2ND DEGREE - 85%	2
Violent	SEXUAL ABUSE, 2ND DEGREE, 85%	2
Violent	SEXUAL ABUSE 3RD - NOT FORCIBLE FELONY	1
Violent	Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 85% -- Cause to Engage in Act - Life Special Sentence	8
Violent	Sexual Exploitation of a Minor -- Promote Film--Life Special Sentence	1
Violent	SEXUAL EXPLOIT. OF MINOR	1
Violent	Sexual Exploit. of Minor - 10 Yr. Special Sentence	4
Violent	Sexual Exploit. of Minor-10 Yr. Special Sentence	11
Violent	Sexual Exploit. of Minor-Life Special Sentence	1
Violent	Sexual Predator Prior Conviction-85%-10 Year Special Sentence	1
Violent	Special Supervision Sentence-B or C Felony/Lifetime Parole	170
Violent	Special Supervision Sentence-D Felony or Misdemeanors/10 years parole	104

Violent	Stalking	2
Violent	Stalking - Person Under 18 Years of Age	1
Violent	Stalking - Using Technological Device	1
Violent	Stalking - Violation of Protective Order	3
Violent	THREAT OF TERRORISM	1
Violent	VEH. HOMICIDE/OWI 321J.2	1
Violent	VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER	8
Violent	WILLFUL INJURY - CAUSING BODILY INJURY	4
Violent	WILLFUL INJURY - CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY	2
Property	ARSON 2ND DEGREE	4
Property	ATTEMPTED BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE	1
Property	ATTEMPTED BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE	5
Property	BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE	18
Property	BURGLARY 3RD DEGREE	14
Property	Burglary 3rd Degree - Motor Vehicle	2
Property	Burglary 3rd Degree-Motor Vehicle-2nd or Subseq	5
Property	Burglary in the 3rd Degree	14
Property	Burglary in the 3rd Degree - Vehicle, 1st Offense	1
Property	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 2ND DEGREE	10
Property	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 3RD DEGREE	8
Property	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 4TH DEGREE	1
Property	Dependent Adult Abuse, Exploitation Greater than \$100 Value	1
Property	FORGERY	12
Property	FRAUDULENT PRACTICE 2ND DEGREE	5
Property	LOTTERY - FORGERY OR THEFT OF TICKET	2
Property	NCIC - BURGLARY	1
Property	NCIC - EMBEZZLEMENT	1
Property	NCIC - FRAUD	2
Property	NCIC - LARCENY	1
Property	NCIC - STOLEN PROPERTY	2
Property	NCIC - STOLEN VEHICLE	1
Property	OPERATE VEHICLE NO CONSENT	2
Property	THEFT 1ST DEGREE	7
Property	THEFT 2ND DEGREE	34
Property	THEFT 3RD DEGREE	6
Property	Trespass	1
Property	Trespass-Injury or Over \$300 Damage	2
Property	UNAUTHORIZED COMPUTER ACCESS	1
Property	UNAUTH. USE OF CREDIT CARD \$1K	6
Property	UNAUTH. USE OF CREDIT CARD, GREATER THAN \$1K, LESS THAN \$10K	1
Drug	Cont Subst-2nd or Subseq-not to exceed 3X Penalty Enh	6
Drug	DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	3
Drug	Gathering For Use of Drugs - Other than Marijuana	1
Drug	NCIC - DRUG LAW VIOLATION	40
Drug	POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
Drug	Possession of a Controlled Substance - 1st Offense	4
Drug	Possession of a Controlled Substance - 2nd Offense	1
Drug	Possession of a Controlled Substance - 3rd and subsequent	42

Drug	Possession of a Controlled Substance - Marijuana - 1st Offense	8
Drug	Possession of Controlled Substance-2nd Offense	8
Drug	Possession of Controlled Substance - Methamphetamine 1st Offense	4
Drug	POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - 1	1
Drug	Proh Acts-Mfg, Del, Consp or Poss-Marij LT 50 kg	3
Drug	Proh Acts-Mfg, Del, Consp or Poss w/Int-Cocaine LT 5gm	1
Drug	Proh Acts-Mfg, Del, Consp or Poss w/Int-Meth GT 5gm but LT 5kg	7
Drug	Proh Acts-Mfg, Del, Consp, or Poss w/Int-Meth LT 5 gm	15
Drug	Proh Acts-Mfg, Del, Consp, or Poss w/Int-Other Subst Sched I, II, III	9
Drug	PROHIBITED ACT - Prescription Drug Violation	1
Public Order	CARRYING WEAPONS	2
Public Order	CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS	2
Public Order	DISEM/EXHIB OBSC. MAT. TO MINOR	8
Public Order	Dominion/Control of Firearm/Offensive Weapon by Felon	4
Public Order	DRIVING WHILE BARRED - MOTOR VEHICLE	1
Public Order	ELUDING	1
Public Order	Eluding-Speed 25 MPH Over Limit-Second or Subsequent	1
Public Order	ELUDING - SPEED OVR 25 OVER LIMIT	8
Public Order	ESCAPE OF FELON	1
Public Order	FAILURE TO APPEAR FELONY CHG.	2
Public Order	INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICIAL ACTS	3
Public Order	MALICIOUS PROSECUTION	3
Public Order	NCIC - OWI	3
Public Order	NCIC - TRAFFIC	1
Public Order	NCIC - WEAPONS OFFENSE	13
Public Order	Operating While Intoxicated - 3rd or Subsequent Offense	37
Public Order	OPERATING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE 1ST OFFENSE	36
Public Order	OPERATING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE 2ND OFFENSE	29
Public Order	PERJURY	1
Public Order	Persons Ineligible to Carry Dangerous Weapons	2
Public Order	Possession of Contraband in Correctional Facility	1
Public Order	Possession of Contraband in Correctional Institution	3
Public Order	Possession or Carrying of Dangerous Weapons While Under the Influence	2
Public Order	Prohibited Transfer/Loan/Rent of Firearm to Unauthorized Person	1
Public Order	Prostitution-Under 18	3
Public Order	RECKLESS USE OF A FIREARM WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE	2
Public Order	REC. TRANSP, POS. FIREARM FELON	2
Public Order	Sex Offender - Additional Registration Violation - 2nd or subsequent offense	2
Public Order	Sex Offender-Area/Activity Violation-1st Offense	1
Public Order	Sex Offender - Area/Activity Violation - 2nd or subsequent	1
Public Order	Sex Offender - Provide False Info - 1st Offense	3
Public Order	Sex Offender - Registration Violation - 1st Offense	16
Public Order	Sex Offender Registration Violation - 2nd offense or subsequent	2
Public Order	Sex Offender - Registration Violation - 2nd or subsequent offense	14
Public Order	Sex Offender - Registration Violation 2nd or subsequent offense	31
Public Order	Sex Offender-Verification Viol-1st	2
Public Order	Sex Offender-Verification Viol-2nd or Subsequent	2
Public Order	TELEPHONE DISSEMINATION OF OBSCENE MATERIAL TO MINORS	13

Public Order	TRAFFICKING IN STOLEN WEAPONS	2
Public Order	Trafficking Stolen Weapons - 1st Offense	2
Public Order	UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS	1
Other	Abuse of a Corpse	1
Other	CONSPIRACY/COMMIT FELONY (PERSON)	2
Other	Court ordered CCUSO supervision	13
Other	HABITUAL OFFENDER (PERSON)	11
Other	HABITUAL OFFENDER (PROPERTY)	5
Other	NCIC - HEALTH/SAFETY	1
Other	NCIC - MISCELLANEOUS	3
Other	NCIC - PUBLIC ORDER CRIME	1
Other	NCIC - SMUGGLING	1
Other	SOLICITATION TO COMMIT FELONY	1
TOTAL		1294