Iowa Prison Admissions and Releases — FY 2021

Prison releases and admissions declined sharply in FY 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the responsive measures by the Department of Corrections (DOC). The DOC worked with the Iowa Board of Parole (BOP) and the eight Community-Based Corrections (CBC) Districts to transition as many inmates as possible to community supervision to reduce the overpopulation in the institutions. In addition, the time in which an inmate was processed into the prison from county jails increased, resulting in higher county jail populations and lower populations in the institutions.

Prison Admissions and Releases and Total Population by Fiscal Year

Prison Admissions by Type of Offense
FY 2020 and FY 2021

Prison Admissions by Type of Conviction
FY 2020 and FY 2021

Prison Releases by Reason
FY 2020
FY 2021

Deaths accounted for 1.1% of prisoner releases in FY 2021 and 0.3% in FY 2020. Average rate of deaths from FY 2011-2019 was 0.3%.

Note: All FY 2021 data is as of June 14, 2021.

Sources: Iowa Department of Corrections, LSA calculations
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