

Michigan Lifers by the Numbers

| | Serving Life without Parole | | Serving Parolable Life | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | All | <18 | All | <18 |
| Total | 3,626 | 362 | 1,475 | 134 |
| <17 | 158 | 158 | 54 | 54 |
| 17 | 204 | 204 | 80 | 80 |
| Median Age at Offense | 24.0 | 17.0 | 26.0 | 17.0 |
| <18 at offense | 362 10.0% | 362 100.0% | 134 9.1% | 134 100.0% |
| 18-19 at offense | 538 14.8% | ---- | 165 11.2% | ---- |
| 20-29 at offense | 1,761 48.6% | ---- | 661 44.8% | ---- |
| 30+ at offense | 965 26.6% | ---- | 515 34.9% | ---- |
| Median Current Age | 43.0 | 36.0 | 52.0 | 42.0 |
| <35 currently | 815 22.5% | 152 42.0% | 89 6.0% | 26 19.4% |
| 35-44 currently | 1,100 30.3% | 144 39.8% | 320 21.7% | 54 40.3% |
| 45-54 currently | 876 24.2% | 52 14.4% | 436 29.6% | 40 29.9% |
| 55-64 currently | 624 17.2% | 12 3.3% | 455 30.8% | 13 9.7% |
| 65+ currently | 211 5.8% | 2 0.5% | 175 11.9% | 1 0.7% |
| Median Years Served | 17.0 | 18.6 | 23.6 | 25.3 |
| Years served <15 | 1,580 43.6% | 117 32.3% | 333 22.6% | 18 13.4% |
| Years served 15-24 | 1,182 32.6% | 160 44.2% | 478 32.4% | 45 33.6% |
| Years served 25-34 | 587 16.2% | 59 16.3% | 417 28.3% | 42 31.3% |
| Years served 35-44 | 257 7.1% | 23 6.4% | 240 16.3% | 28 20.9% |
| Years served 45+ | 20 0.6% | 3 0.8% | 7 0.5% | 1 0.7% |

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|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|--|--------------|-------------|
| Sentencing Decade | | | | | |
| 1950-59 | 1 0.0% | ----- | | 2 0.1% | 1 0.8% |
| 1960-69 | 39 1.1% | 5 1.4% | | 19 1.3% | ---- |
| 1970-79 | 327 9.0% | 26 7.2% | | 310 21.0% | 34 25.4% |
| 1980-89 | 711 19.6% | 80 22.1% | | 427 29.0% | 49 36.6% |
| 1990-99 | 1,192 32.9% | 159 43.9% | | 472 32.0% | 37 27.6% |
| 2000-2009 | 1,135 31.3% | 79 21.8% | | 205 13.9% | 10 7.5% |
| 2010-2012 | 221 6.1% | 13 3.6% | | 40 2.7% | 3 2.2% |
| | | | | | |
| Male | 95.8% | 96.7% | | 97.7% | 99.3% |
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| Black* | 67.3% | 69.6% | | 58.2% | 70.2% |
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| Prefix** | | | | | |
| A | 70.1% | 94.2% | | 58.5% | 82.1% |
| B | 18.2% | 4.1% | | 23.3% | 15.7% |
| C+ | 11.6% | 1.4% | | 18.2% | 2.2% |
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| Security Level*** | | | | | |
| 2 | 80.1% | 76.7% | | 85.8% | 78.4% |
| 4 | 15.0% | 15.5% | | 10.3% | 18.7% |
| 5 | 4.8% | 7.8% | | 3.7% | 3.0% |
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| Sentencing County | | | | | |
| Wayne | 46.9% | 41.4% | | 35.8% | 38.1% |
| Oakland | 10.2% | 13.3% | | 7.7% | 7.5% |
| Genesee | 6.0% | 7.2% | | 6.1% | 9.7% |
| Kent | 4.7% | 6.4% | | 6.3% | 4.5% |
| Saginaw | 4.2% | 5.8% | | 6.2% | 7.5% |
| Total (top 5) | 72.0% | 74.1% | | 62.1% | 67.3% |
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| Conviction Method | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|
| Jury | 87.9% | 85.9% | | 51.7% | 38.1% |
| Court | 7.4% | 8.6% | | 11.5% | 8.2% |
| Plea | 4.7% | 5.0% | | 36.7% | 53.7% |

* Because MDOC typically codes Hispanics as white, accurate counts are not available for either whites or Hispanics.

** "A" prefix indicates only one commitment to MDOC. Additional commitments may have occurred before or after commitment for life sentence.

*** People serving long sentences must spend their first 4 years at Level 4. Level 5 includes placement in both administrative segregation, based on conduct, and at the Duane Waters Hospital, based on medical needs.

Parolable Lifers Only

| | All | <18 |
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| Offense type | | |
| Murder 2 | 44.4% | 66.9% |
| Assault with intent to murder, attempt, conspiracy | 10.2% | 12.0% |
| Sex | 25.3% | 12.0% |
| Armed robbery | 10.1% | 5.3% |
| Drugs | 4.7% | 1.5% |
| Kidnapping, prisoner taking hostage | 2.4% | 1.6% |
| Habitual offender 4 th | 2.6% | 0.8% |
| Other | 0.3% | 0.0% |