
Data Report



**COVID-19 Deaths
Reported within IDOC
from March 2020-2021**

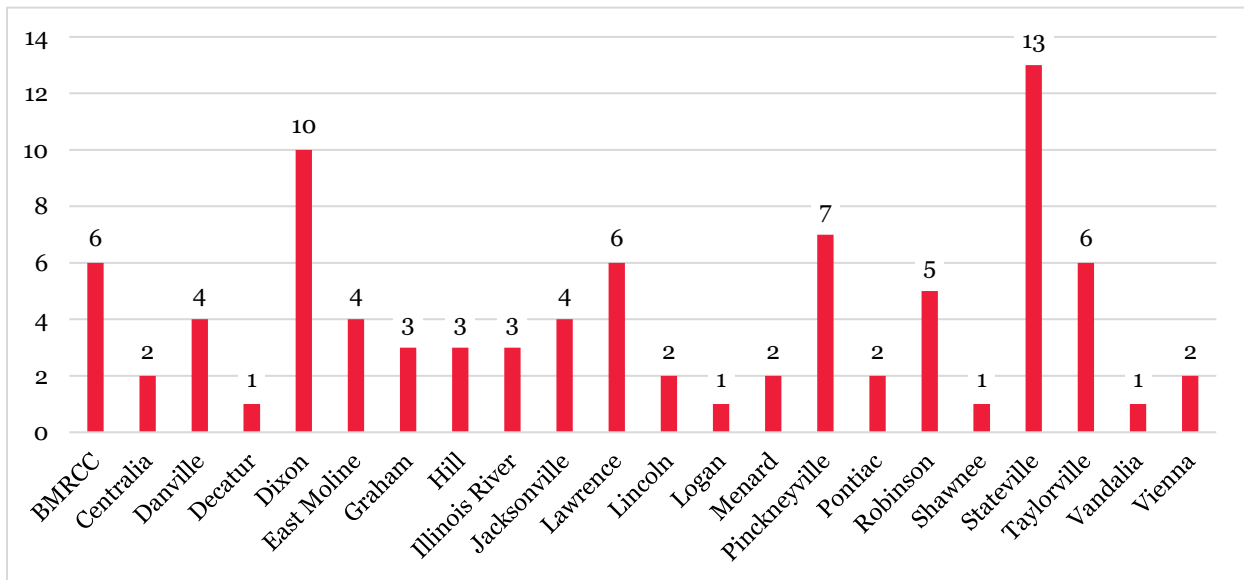
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COVID-19 Deaths Reported within IDOC from March 2020-2021

Pursuant to a legislative committee hearing conducted on April 28, 2021, and at the request of Illinois' legislators, the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) provided documentation regarding the demographics and date of death of people who died in custody of COVID-19 from March 2020 to March 2021 (data presented in the Appendix). This was an increase of information than had previously been provided to JHA by IDOC, as earlier data shared with JHA was limited to number of deaths by facility. IDOC also reported one staff death in October 2020 at Vienna of a person in their 60s. Below are graphs that illustrate and contextualize this new information reported about deaths of people in prison due to the virus.

COVID-19 Deaths by Prison

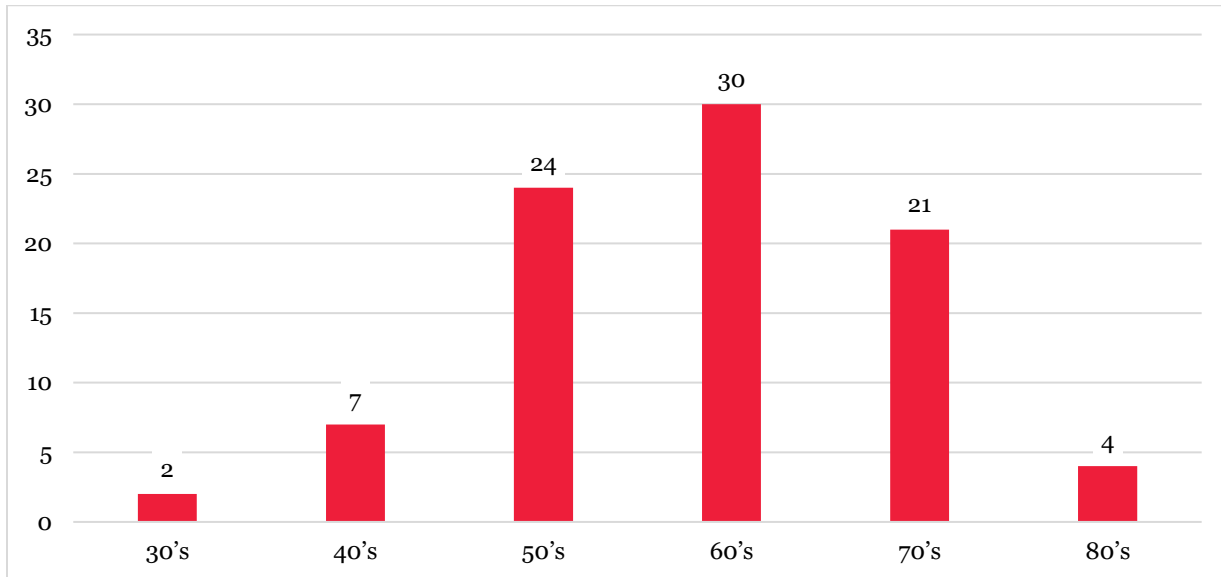


IDOC reported COVID-19 deaths at 22 prisons, more than two-thirds of Illinois adult prisons. This data reflects that two of the 88 deaths (2.27%) within IDOC were of women in prison, while women made 4.85% of the IDOC population as of December 31, 2020. Approximately two-fifths of the deaths, 37 (42.05%), were reported for people who were incarcerated at medium-security prisons, with 23 (26.14%) at minimum-security, 17 (19.32%) at maximum, and 11 (12.50%) at mixed-security prisons (Dixon and Logan).

Information provided by IDOC in response to the request by legislators included the Age and Race of the deceased, as well as a more detailed timeline of the deaths. This is critical information that draws attention

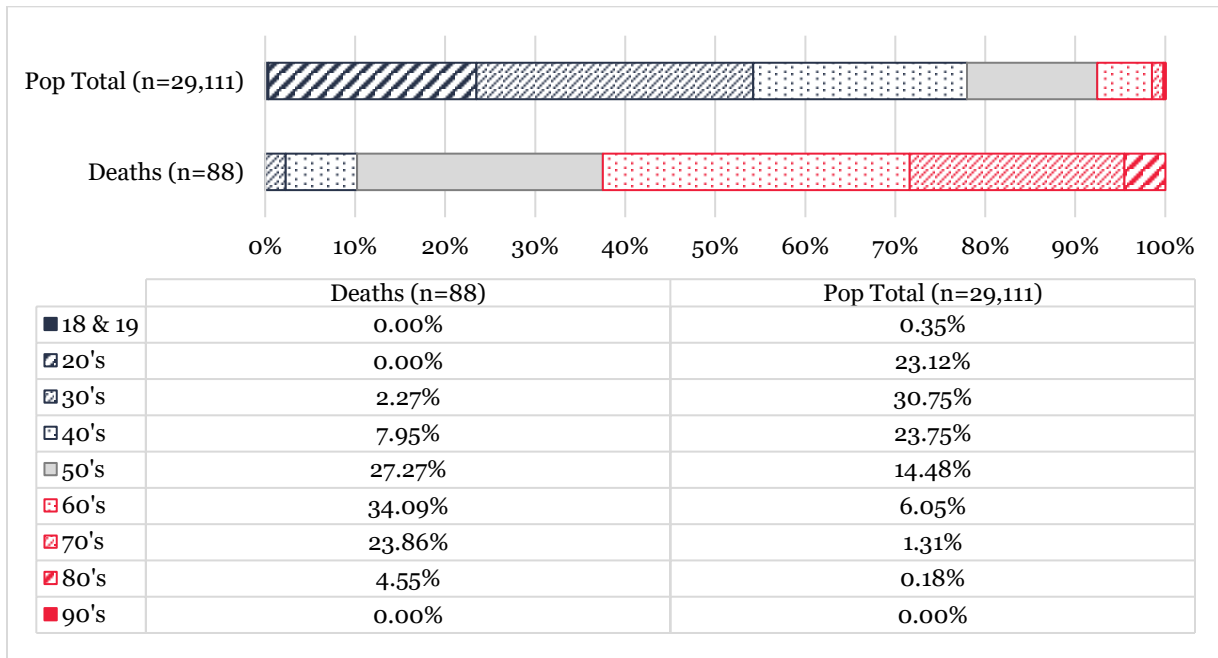
to the need for greater contemporaneous transparency. JHA hopes that the public will use this information to fuel discourse and demand the need for increased public reporting of correctional data.

Age at Death



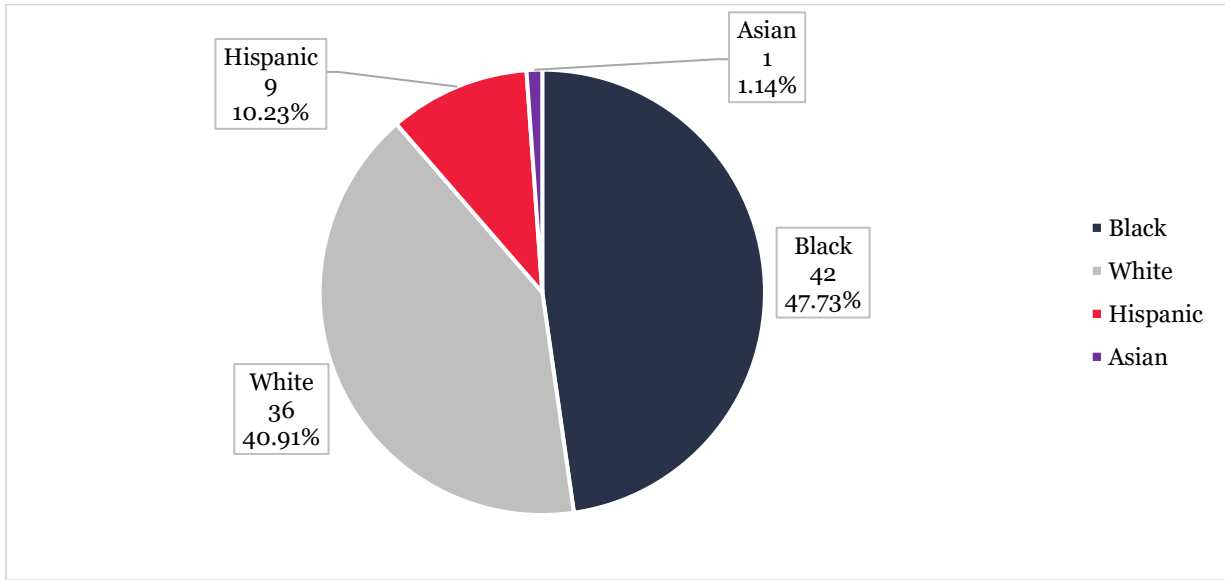
Below JHA compares the age of the population within IDOC as of December 31, 2020 to the age of people who were reported to have died while incarcerated in IDOC of COVID-19. As expected, older people were disproportionality represented in reported COVID-19 deaths relative to their share of the overall IDOC population. People 50 and over made up more than 20.02% of IDOC's population but **represented 89.77%** of the reported COVID-19 deaths. However, it is also notable that 10.23% (9) of the reported deaths were of people in their 30s and 40s.

Age Comparison



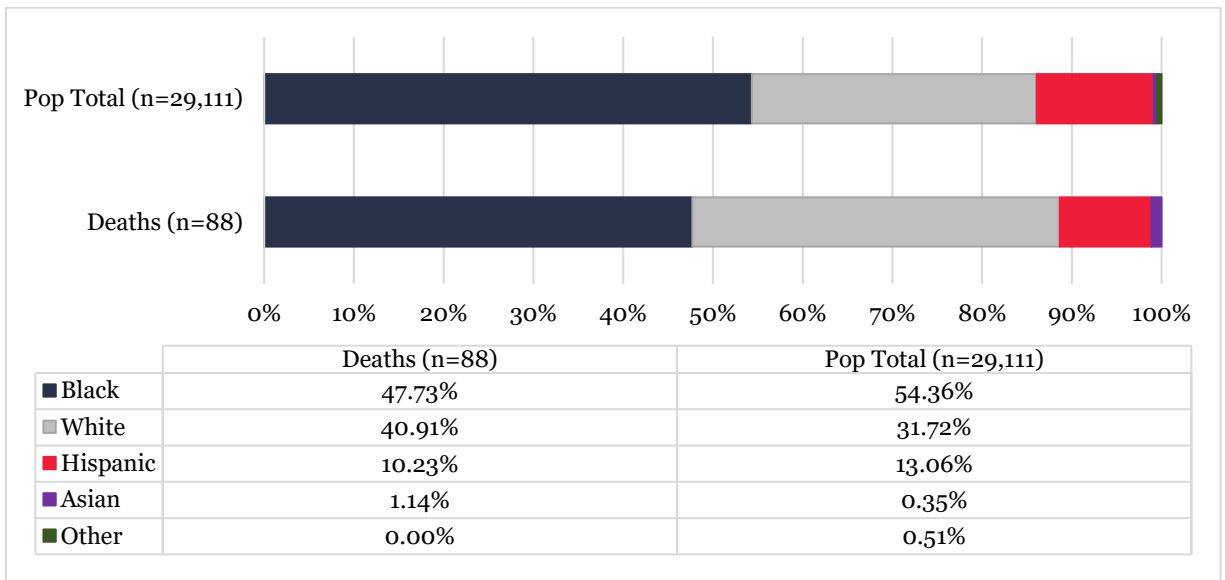
Similarly, JHA compared the racial composition of IDOC’s overall population as of December 31, 2020 to the race of people who were reported to have died within IDOC of COVID-19. Non-white people made up 68.28% of IDOC’s population but represented 59.09% of the reported COVID-19 deaths. However, non-white people represent a smaller percentage of individuals 50 and over within IDOC relative to people younger than 50. As the majority of COVID-19 deaths were of older individuals, it follows that White people were disproportionately represented relative to their share of the overall IDOC population.

Race*



* Racial categories reflect data reported by IDOC.

Race Comparison



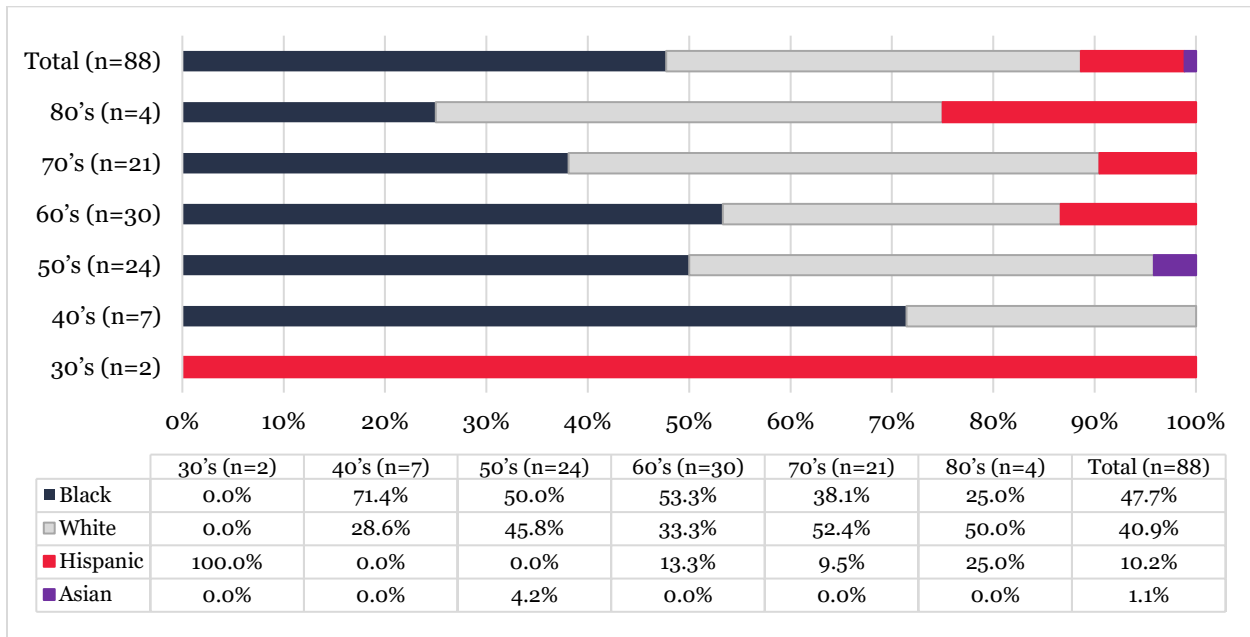
The following graph illustrates IDOC population data from December 31, 2020 pertaining to the racial composition of the population by age.

IDOC Population by Race and Age (12/31/2020)



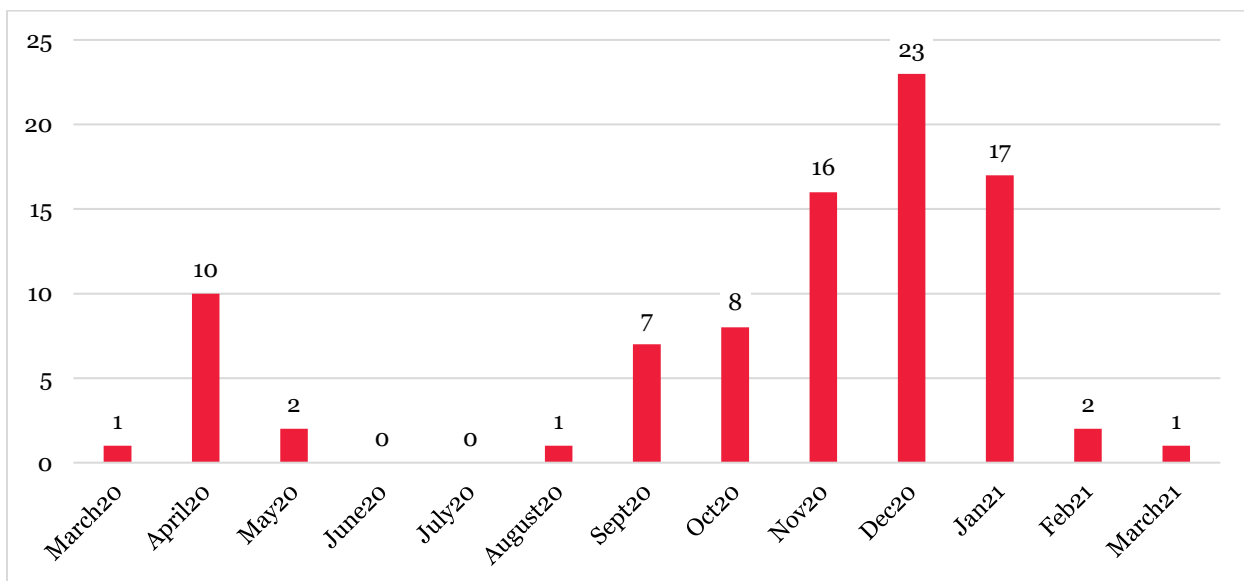
Both men who were reported to have died in their 30s were identified as Hispanic. Five of the seven men who died in their 40s were Black and two were White. The woman who was incarcerated at Logan who died was Black and in her 60s, and the woman who was incarcerated at Decatur was White and in her 70s.

Age at Death (in decades) by Race

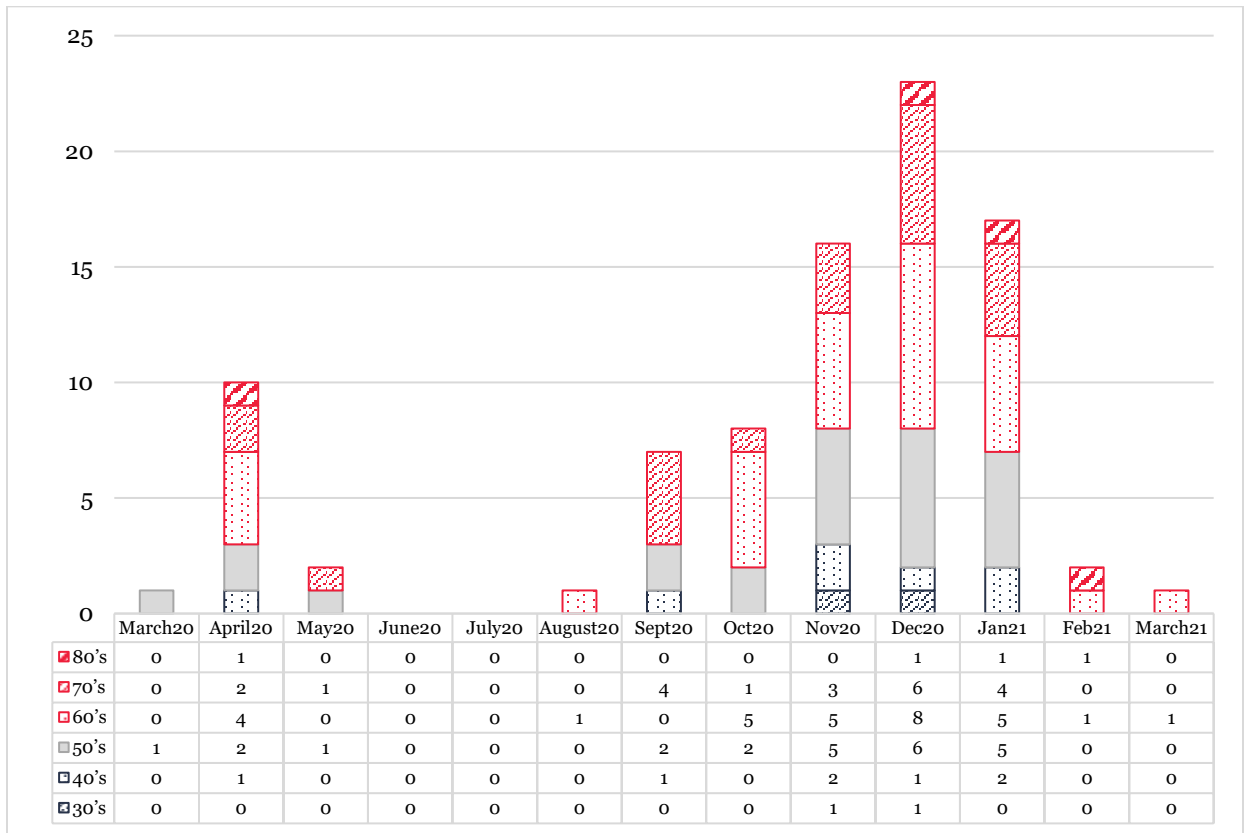


IDOC also provided a breakdown of COVID-19 deaths by month (March 2020 to March 2021). The earliest COVID deaths in IDOC occurred at Stateville. There was a later surge throughout the state's prisons reflected from fall 2020 through early winter 2021, prior to vaccine availability in February 2021.

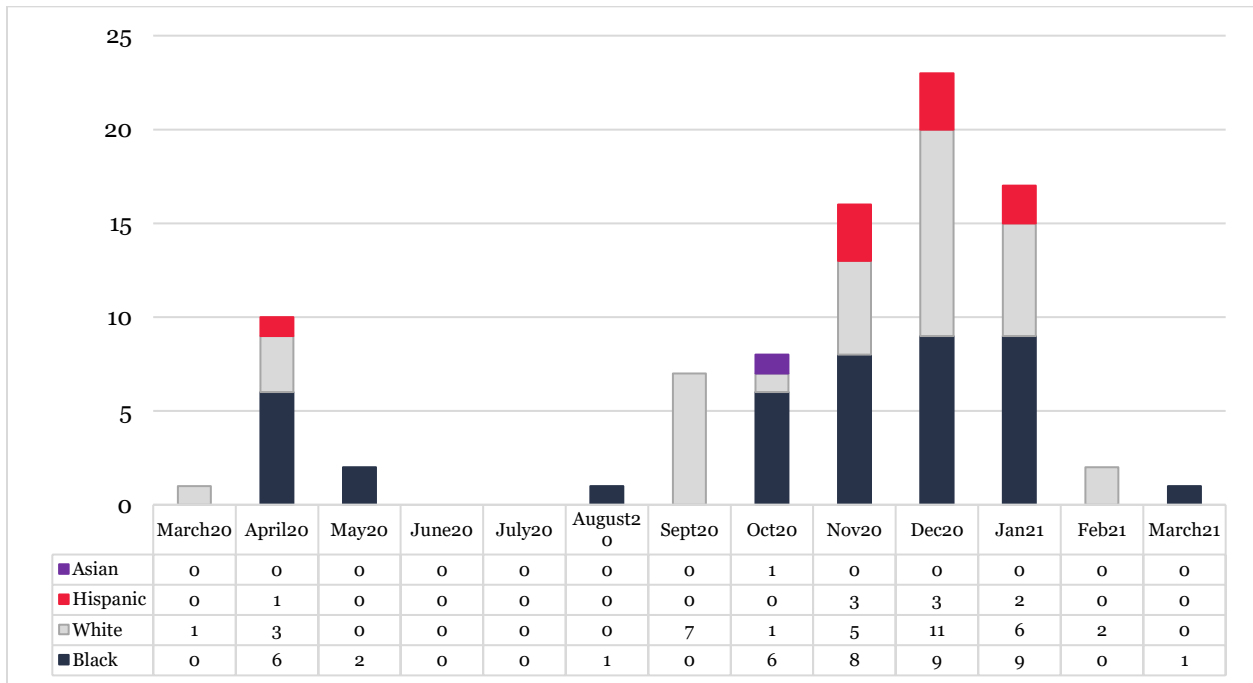
Monthly Deaths



Month w/ COVID Death by Age Group



Month w/ COVID Death by Race



APPENDIX

The COVID-19 death information provided by IDOC that informed this report is below.

INCARCERATED PEOPLE PASSED AWAY			
Facility	Age	Race	Date of Death
Stateville	50's	White	3/29/2020
Stateville	60's	White	4/3/2020
Stateville	60's	White	4/5/2020
Stateville	60's	Black	4/7/2020
Stateville	70's	Black	4/9/2020
Stateville	40's	Black	4/13/2020
Stateville	50's	White	4/15/2020
Stateville	80's	Black	4/18/2020
Stateville	50's	Black	4/20/2020
Stateville	70's	Hispanic	4/21/2020
Stateville	60's	Black	4/30/2020
Stateville	50's	Black	5/3/2020
Pontiac	70's	Black	5/20/2020
Stateville	60's	Black	8/16/2020
Robinson	70's	White	9/18/2020
Jacksonville	50's	White	9/20/2020
Robinson	50's	White	9/23/2020
Robinson	70's	White	9/24/2020
Taylorville	40's	White	9/26/2020
Robinson	70's	White	9/27/2020
Menard	70's	White	9/27/2020
Taylorville	60's	White	10/1/2020
East Moline	60's	Black	10/11/2020
East Moline	70's	Black	10/14/2020
East Moline	60's	Black	10/15/2020
Robinson	60's	Black	10/16/2020
Pontiac	50's	Asian	10/20/2020

East Moline	50's	Black	10/26/2020
Centralia	60's	Black	10/26/2020
Jacksonville	30's	Hispanic	11/2/2020
Jacksonville	50's	Black	11/2/2020
Dixon	70's	White	11/6/2020
Menard	60's	White	11/7/2020
Centralia	60's	White	11/10/2020
Vienna	40's	Black	11/13/2020
Dixon	60's	Hispanic	11/18/2020
Dixon	70's	Hispanic	11/20/2020
Dixon	50's	Black	11/21/2020
Dixon	50's	Black	11/22/2020
Lincoln	60's	Black	11/23/2020
Dixon	60's	Black	11/23/2020
Shawnee	50's	White	11/27/2020
Jacksonville	50's	Black	11/29/2020
Vienna	40's	Black	11/29/2020
Lincoln	70's	White	11/30/2020
Vandalia	50's	White	12/3/2020
BMRCC	70's	White	12/5/2020
BMRCC	60's	White	12/6/2020
Lawrence	50's	White	12/6/2020
Hill	70's	Black	12/6/2020
Dixon	60's	White	12/8/2020
Dixon	60's	Hispanic	12/8/2020
BMRCC	50's	White	12/9/2020
Pinckneyville	70's	Black	12/10/2020
Dixon	70's	Black	12/12/2020
Dixon	70's	White	12/14/2020
Taylorville	80's	Hispanic	12/16/2020
Lawrence	60's	White	12/18/2020
Logan	60's	Black	12/19/2020

Illinois River	30's	Hispanic	12/22/2020
Taylorville	50's	White	12/23/2020
Taylorville	60's	White	12/24/2020
Danville	40's	Black	12/26/2020
Taylorville	50's	Black	12/27/2020
Illinois River	60's	Black	12/28/2020
Illinois River	60's	Black	12/29/2020
Pinckneyville	50's	Black	12/31/2020
Pinckneyville	70's	White	12/31/2020
Pinckneyville	50's	White	1/1/2021
Hill	80's	White	1/1/2021
Pinckneyville	60's	Black	1/2/2021
Pinckneyville	50's	BLK	1/7/2021
Lawrence	60's	Black	1/9/2021
Graham	70's	Black	1/10/2021
Graham	40's	Black	1/12/2021
Lawrence	70's	White	1/12/2021
BMRCC	70's	Black	1/14/2021
Danville	60's	Hispanic	1/14/2021
BMRCC	50's	White	1/17/2021
Danville	60's	Hispanic	1/18/2021
Danville	40's	White	1/20/2021
Pinckneyville	50's	Black	1/21/2021
Decatur	70's	White	1/21/2021
Lawrence	60's	Black	1/23/2021
Graham	50's	Black	1/27/2021
Hill	80's	White	2/6/2021
BMRCC	60's	White	2/16/2021
Lawrence	60's	Blk	3/28/2021
TOTAL		88	

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Since 1901, JHA has provided public oversight of Illinois' juvenile and adult correctional facilities. Every year, JHA staff and trained volunteers inspect prisons, jails, and detention centers throughout the state.

Based on these inspections, JHA regularly issues reports that are instrumental in improving prison conditions. JHA humbly thanks all the persons who agreed to be interviewed for this report and who graciously shared their experiences and insights with us.



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