Of the More Than 58,000 Admissions to City Jails Last Year, How Many Inmates Had Been There Before?

Last fiscal year, there were more than 58,000 admissions to the city's jails. Most of these admissions were of inmates who had previously been in city custody. Information on the frequency of recidivism among some inmates—the percentage of sentenced inmates discharged during the previous year and then jailed again within 12 months—was included in the Mayor's Management Report until 2007. IBO has taken a look at how many of last year's inmates have been jailed by the city multiple times over the years 2008 through 2017.

- There were 58,226 admissions to the city's jails in 2017. Of these, 43,345 were jailings of unique individuals. More than 2,800 of these inmates were held at least three times over the course of the year.
- Roughly 70 percent, or 30,443, of the individuals jailed by the city in 2017 had been held at least one other time from 2008 through 2017.
- Over 10,000 of the individuals jailed by the city during 2017 had been incarcerated more than 5 other times in the 10-year period.
- Nearly 3,800 inmates had been held more than 10 other times and about 800 were jailed more than 20 other times during the years 2008 through 2017.











