

Improving Public Safety by Positively Changing Lives

Identocard Partnership

Fact Sheet
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Overview

In 2017, The Department of Licensing (DOL) and the Department of Corrections (DOC) created the Reentry Identocard process, resulting in the ability for incarcerated individuals to obtain an official identification card (Identocard) upon release supporting successful reentry into the community. This process supports a successful reentry into society following incarceration by implementing a mechanism that allows individuals leaving a state correctional facility to have a Washington State identification card upon release.

Without a valid identification card, it is difficult for individuals to find gainful employment, open a bank account, and apply for other services and benefits upon release. This project aimed to facilitate the issuance of a Washington State DOL identification card to individuals who cannot visit a DOL office due to incarceration or provide acceptable documentation as evidence of identity. This allows quicker, easier access to housing, healthcare, and employment upon release.

Through the passing of HB2099 during the 2023-24 legislative session, the DOC must now ensure that every consenting incarcerated individual who has been confined in a DOC facility for at least 60 days has a valid identocard or driver's license issued by the DOL, prior to release. The DOL is working to upgrade the existing identocard system to include the issuance of driver's licenses.

Success

Through this partnership, individuals no longer need to go to more than one place to establish identity upon release, DOC is able to add a mailing address to their electronic system and report "homeless" accurately and can assist with the cost of the identocard issuance, regardless of an individual's financial situation.

The chart below shows the number of State ID cards and driver's licenses processed through October 2024.

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Approved	Denied	Approved	Denied	Approved	Denied	Approved	Denied	Approved	Denied	Approved	Denied
January	12		162	14	166	12	84	11	186	18	225	7
February	3		168	12	241	19	120	24	161	16	245	24
March	5	3	206	19	232	13	326	32	267	32	336	39
April	39	7	310	44	237	24	266	40	218	24	333	14
May	167	10	249	25	217	18	169	21	221	23	281	11
June	193	22	230	23	301	41	190	16	196	22	249	10
July	241	33	270	18	183	31	158	37	252	22	297	13
August	171	19	236	14	193	24	163	18	289	31	304	12
Spetember	131	12	238	20	171	24	178	43	179	16	302	10
October	151	17	183	13	223	24	160	33	268	34	334	32
November	104	15	132	11	229	24	135	12	227	8		
December	120	12	129	12	278	28	161	33	210	8		
	1337	150	2513	225	2671	282	2110	320	2674	254	2906	172
Yearly Total Processed	1487		2738		2953		2430		2928		3078	
Monthly Average	111.4167	15	209.4167	18.75	222.5833	23.5	175.8333	26.66667	222.8333	21.16667	290.6	17.2
Total Processed	15614											
Total Issued	14211											

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