

# Gov. Evers: Grants 49 pardons, brings total pardons granted to 603

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced today that he has granted another 49 pardons, bringing his total number of pardons granted to 603.

“It is one of the most rewarding parts of my job as governor to have the opportunity to grant a fresh start to folks who’ve made efforts to learn and grow from their past mistakes,” said Gov. Evers. “Forgiveness is an important value I know we all share as Wisconsinites, and I’m grateful for the Pardon Advisory Board for continuing to prioritize this work, giving folks second chances so they can continue their work giving back.”

The Wisconsin Constitution grants the governor the power to pardon individuals convicted of a crime. A pardon is an official act of forgiveness that restores rights lost when someone is convicted of a felony, including the right to serve on a jury, hold public office, and hold certain professional licenses. A pardon does not expunge court records.

Under [Executive Order #30](#) individuals convicted of a Wisconsin felony may apply for a pardon if they completed their sentence at least five years ago and have no pending criminal charges. Individuals currently required to register on the sex offender registry are ineligible for a pardon. [Executive Order #130](#) established an expedited review process for applications that meet stricter criteria, including a greater length of time elapsed since sentence completion and nonviolent nature of the offenses.

The pardon application, instructions, and answers to frequently asked questions about the pardon process can be found on the governor’s website at [www.evers.wi.gov/pardons](http://www.evers.wi.gov/pardons).

The Governor's Pardon Advisory Board meets once a month. The next meeting will take place on Aug. 12, 2022, and will air on [wiseye.org/live](https://www.wiseye.org/live) and on [YouTube](#) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The list of pardon recipients is available [here](#). An online version of this release is available [here](#).