

**South Carolina Department of Corrections  
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2012 - FY2016**

	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>Total Number of Releases</b>	<b>11,409</b>	<b>9,623</b>	<b>9,485</b>	<b>9,354</b>	<b>9,147</b>
<b>Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:</b>					
	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
Within One Year or Less	6.2%	6.2%	5.6%	5.8%	5.5%
Within Two Years or Less	15.5%	16.2%	15.2%	15.7%	14.2%
Within Three Years or Less	22.4%	23.1%	22.7%	22.3%	21.2%
Within Four Years or Less	27.2%	28.4%	27.6%	27.3%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	30.9%	31.8%	30.8%	n/a	n/a

<b>Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes</b>					
<b>Attributes</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>
Overall Rate	22.4%	23.1%	22.7%	22.3%	21.2%
<b>Gender</b>					
Males	23.3%	24.1%	23.7%	23.1%	21.9%
Females	15.2%	15.2%	14.8%	16.2%	15.7%
<b>Type of Release</b>					
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	17.7%	19.0%	18.7%	18.6%	17.1%
Parole	18.3%	17.4%	19.0%	19.5%	16.8%
Probation	31.8%	32.2%	34.3%	31.3%	29.6%
Community Supervision	14.0%	14.7%	12.0%	12.9%	12.6%
Supervised Reentry	n/a	36.1%	27.9%	25.1%	27.1%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	38.4%	37.7%	30.9%	31.9%	33.7%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	23.0%	27.8%	25.0%	32.8%	24.7%
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	n/a	22.9%	28.9%	30.3%	30.6%
<b>Age at Release</b>					
Under 25 Years	32.0%	31.8%	28.5%	29.1%	31.4%
25-30 Years	23.6%	23.1%	23.4%	24.1%	20.7%
31-40 Years	19.9%	20.3%	21.9%	19.7%	21.3%
Over 40 Years	17.0%	19.8%	19.1%	19.2%	16.2%
<b>Program Participation</b>					
Pre-Release	21.6%	20.8%	20.8%	20.4%	19.9%
Work Program	17.9%	19.1%	22.6%	16.3%	15.8%
Labor Crew	17.8%	19.1%	21.9%	18.0%	17.4%
Labor Crew/Work Program	17.8%	19.1%	21.8%	18.0%	17.3%
Prison Industry	14.6%	13.5%	12.5%	13.4%	10.9%
GED Earned in SCDC Education Program	21.4%	21.7%	21.3%	17.3%	15.8%
<b>Sentence Type</b>					
Youthful Offender Act*	36.9%	35.6%	29.7%	30.8%	30.5%
Straight-time	20.7%	21.7%	21.9%	21.4%	20.3%
<b>Criminal History</b>					
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	24.7%	25.4%	25.6%	25.4%	22.8%
Had Commitment	26.4%	27.1%	26.8%	26.7%	23.4%
No Known Priors	18.6%	19.4%	18.0%	17.4%	18.6%
<b>Mental Health Classification at time of release</b>					
Mentally Ill	26.4%	25.9%	25.8%	24.4%	24.7%
Non-Mentally Ill	21.9%	22.8%	22.3%	22.1%	20.8%

\* Youthful Offender Act (YOA) inmates serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 6 years. "Intensive Supervision Parole" releases began in FY13; this parole program includes "first time" youthful offenders who undergo intensive programs/oversight while institutionalized and while on parole supervision.