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**South Carolina Department of Corrections
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2016 - FY2020**

	Year of Release				
	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Total Number of Releases	9,147	9,305	8,585	7,519	7,445
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release				
	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Within One Year or Less	5.5%	5.0%	5.7%	5.8%	3.5%
Within Two Years or Less	14.2%	13.8%	14.8%	12.1%	10.5%
Within Three Years or Less	21.2%	20.2%	19.4%	17.8%	17.1%
Within Four Years or Less	25.6%	23.1%	23.4%	23.2%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	27.4%	25.6%	27.2%	n/a	n/a
Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes					
Attributes	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Overall Rate	21.2%	20.2%	19.4%	17.8%	17.1%
Gender					
Males	21.9%	21.1%	20.1%	18.9%	18.4%
Females	15.7%	13.6%	14.3%	10.2%	9.2%
Type of Release					
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	17.1%	17.4%	15.2%	13.6%	13.2%
Parole	16.8%	19.5%	18.5%	16.6%	17.0%
Probation	29.6%	27.0%	29.7%	24.1%	24.7%
Community Supervision	12.6%	10.2%	8.9%	9.5%	8.6%
Supervised Reentry	27.1%	22.0%	19.4%	18.1%	15.0%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	33.7%	36.1%	32.8%	25.2%	24.7%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	24.7%	17.9%	16.7%	15.1%	18.5%
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	30.6%	28.5%	28.1%	35.0%	35.0%
Age at Release					
Under 25 Years	31.4%	27.7%	27.1%	27.5%	28.5%
25-30 Years	20.7%	20.7%	19.8%	17.2%	18.3%
31-40 Years	21.3%	20.2%	18.8%	17.5%	15.0%
Over 40 Years	16.2%	15.7%	15.8%	13.5%	13.8%
Program Participation					
Pre-Release	19.9%	19.4%	17.4%	14.3%	13.4%
Work Program	15.8%	19.1%	15.8%	14.6%	14.8%
Labor Crew	17.4%	19.2%	16.8%	15.3%	13.5%
Labor Crew/Work Program	17.3%	19.2%	16.8%	15.4%	13.5%
Prison Industry	10.9%	11.7%	10.4%	9.1%	10.3%
GED Earned in SCDC Education Program	15.8%	15.3%	12.8%	13.4%	15.3%
Sentence Type					
Youthful Offender Act*	30.5%	29.4%	27.2%	30.2%	31.4%
Straight-time	20.3%	19.3%	18.6%	16.4%	15.7%
Mental Health Classification at time of release					
Mentally Ill	24.7%	20.6%	20.3%	18.7%	17.6%
Non-Mentally Ill	20.8%	20.1%	19.2%	17.5%	17.0%

* 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.