

**South Carolina Department of Corrections  
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2007 - FY2012**

	Year of Release					
	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
<b>Total Number of Releases</b>	<b>13,499</b>	<b>12,807</b>	<b>13,454</b>	<b>12,744</b>	<b>12,024</b>	<b>11,409</b>
<b>Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:</b>	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release					
	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Within One Year or Less	13.1%	12.3%	11.9%	9.9%	9.5%	8.2%
Within Two Years or Less	25.7%	24.0%	22.8%	20.5%	19.2%	18.0%
Within Three Years or Less	33.5%	30.6%	29.4%	27.5%	25.7%	24.9%
Within Four Years or Less	37.7%	35.6%	33.6%	32.0%	30.6%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	40.9%	38.3%	36.6%	35.1%	n/a	n/a

<b>Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes</b>						
<b>Attributes</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>
Overall Rate	33.5%	30.6%	29.4%	27.5%	25.7%	24.9%
<b>Gender</b>						
Males	35.1%	32.2%	30.7%	28.8%	26.7%	26.0%
Females	20.9%	18.5%	20.0%	17.0%	18.1%	16.2%
<b>Type of Release</b>						
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	25.6%	22.2%	20.8%	21.3%	20.5%	20.8%
Parole	26.3%	25.2%	21.9%	19.3%	20.4%	21.1%
Probation	43.5%	41.5%	43.2%	38.4%	35.5%	33.4%
Community Supervision	32.3%	24.9%	21.6%	16.5%	15.7%	14.4%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	54.1%	52.8%	50.0%	44.9%	41.1%	41.0%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	40.4%	29.7%	37.2%	34.6%	34.1%	32.5%
<b>Age at Release</b>						
Under 25 Years	44.9%	43.2%	41.1%	37.9%	35.4%	35.2%
25-30 Years	31.0%	29.2%	28.3%	27.7%	25.1%	26.4%
31-40 Years	32.1%	28.2%	25.9%	24.7%	22.6%	22.1%
Over 40 Years	27.2%	23.3%	23.5%	21.1%	21.4%	18.9%
<b>Program Participation</b>						
Pre-Release	29.7%	25.0%	25.7%	23.0%	20.8%	22.6%
Work Program	24.8%	23.4%	22.9%	21.8%	18.8%	18.0%
Labor Crew	25.4%	23.3%	23.1%	21.1%	19.8%	18.0%
Labor Crew/Work Program	25.4%	23.3%	23.2%	21.0%	19.8%	18.0%
Prison Industry	26.4%	23.4%	19.7%	18.6%	18.3%	15.3%
<b>Sentence Type</b>						
Youthful Offender Act*	52.7%	50.6%	49.0%	44.0%	40.2%	40.1%
Straight-time	30.7%	27.5%	26.4%	25.0%	23.6%	23.1%
<b>Criminal History</b>						
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	36.7%	32.9%	31.4%	29.1%	27.4%	27.4%
Had Commitment	38.2%	34.6%	32.9%	31.2%	29.8%	29.1%
No Known Priors	27.2%	26.4%	25.7%	24.5%	22.9%	20.6%
<b>Mental Health Classification at time of release</b>						
Mentally Ill	35.1%	32.0%	31.4%	31.5%	29.8%	29.5%
Non-Mentally Ill	33.3%	30.4%	29.1%	26.9%	25.2%	24.2%

\*Youthful Offender Act (YOA) inmates serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 6 years.