

**South Carolina Department of Corrections
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2006 - FY2011**

	Year of Release					
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Total Number of Releases	13,716	13,499	12,807	13,454	12,744	12,024
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release					
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Within One Year or Less	11.9%	13.1%	12.3%	11.9%	9.9%	9.5%
Within Two Years or Less	25.6%	25.7%	24.0%	22.8%	20.5%	19.2%
Within Three Years or Less	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%	29.4%	27.5%	25.7%
Within Four Years or Less	38.8%	37.7%	35.6%	33.6%	32.0%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	42.0%	40.9%	38.3%	36.6%	n/a	n/a

Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes						
Attributes	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Overall Rate	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%	29.4%	27.5%	25.7%
Gender						
Males	35.1%	35.1%	32.2%	30.7%	28.8%	26.7%
Females	22.3%	20.9%	18.5%	20.0%	17.0%	18.1%
Type of Release						
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	26.0%	25.6%	22.2%	20.8%	21.3%	20.5%
Parole	27.9%	26.3%	25.2%	21.9%	19.3%	20.4%
Probation	43.9%	43.5%	41.5%	43.2%	38.4%	35.5%
Community Supervision	32.6%	32.3%	24.9%	21.6%	16.5%	15.7%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	52.8%	54.1%	52.8%	50.0%	44.9%	41.1%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	33.9%	40.4%	29.7%	37.2%	34.6%	34.1%
Age at Release						
Under 25 Years	45.1%	44.9%	43.2%	41.1%	37.9%	35.4%
25-30 Years	30.8%	31.0%	29.2%	28.3%	27.7%	25.1%
31-40 Years	31.7%	32.1%	28.2%	25.9%	24.7%	22.6%
Over 40 Years	27.2%	27.2%	23.3%	23.5%	21.1%	21.4%
Program Participation						
Pre-Release	31.5%	29.7%	25.0%	25.7%	23.0%	20.8%
Work Program	27.4%	24.8%	23.4%	22.9%	21.8%	18.8%
Labor Crew	28.8%	25.4%	23.3%	23.1%	21.1%	19.8%
Labor Crew/Work Program	28.6%	25.4%	23.3%	23.2%	21.0%	19.8%
Prison Industry	27.2%	26.4%	23.4%	19.7%	18.6%	18.3%
Sentence Type						
Youthful Offender Act*	51.2%	52.7%	50.6%	49.0%	44.0%	40.2%
Straight-time	31.2%	30.7%	27.5%	26.4%	25.0%	23.6%
Criminal History						
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	36.4%	36.7%	32.9%	31.4%	29.1%	27.4%
Had Commitment	38.3%	38.2%	34.6%	32.9%	31.2%	29.8%
No Known Priors	27.9%	27.2%	26.4%	25.7%	24.5%	22.9%

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