

**South Carolina Department of Corrections
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY1998 - FY2003**

	Year of Release					
	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Total Number of Releases	10,927	10,969	11,165	11,673	12,204	12,538
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release					
	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Within One Year or Less	10.0%	9.4%	10.0%	11.9%	13.1%	12.4%
Within Two Years or Less	20.9%	20.4%	22.1%	24.3%	25.1%	24.9%
Within Three Years or Less	28.0%	27.6%	29.3%	32.0%	32.3%	32.7%
Within Four Years or Less	33.1%	32.4%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	36.7%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes						
Attributes	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Overall Rate	28.0%	27.6%	29.3%	32.0%	32.3%	32.7%
Gender						
Males	29.2%	28.8%	30.7%	33.4%	33.6%	34.0%
Females	17.7%	18.1%	18.8%	21.3%	21.5%	22.7%
Type of Release						
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	17.8%	18.2%	19.0%	20.2%	20.3%	22.1%
Parole	29.0%	25.2%	27.1%	31.2%	29.1%	31.1%
Probation	36.3%	38.4%	42.0%	44.6%	44.7%	43.5%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	48.7%	49.9%	52.0%	54.1%	55.7%	52.7%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	21.4%	33.3%	22.6%	26.5%	34.0%	28.4%
Age at Release						
Under 25 Years	38.8%	40.0%	43.1%	45.0%	44.5%	44.2%
25-30 Years	28.8%	27.4%	28.5%	30.4%	29.8%	28.2%
31-40 Years	23.4%	24.3%	25.6%	27.7%	29.1%	31.8%
Over 40 Years	18.3%	16.3%	16.6%	21.8%	21.3%	22.7%
Program Participation						
Pre-Release	27.9%	27.4%	27.5%	27.7%	30.0%	31.9%
Work Program	21.6%	20.4%	20.2%	24.5%	25.5%	26.8%
Labor Crew	20.6%	21.8%	21.7%	25.4%	26.6%	27.2%
Labor Crew/Work Program	21.4%	22.4%	21.8%	25.8%	26.4%	27.4%
Prison Industry	29.8%	26.3%	27.6%	34.7%	28.7%	31.4%
Sentence Type						
Youthful Offender Act*	45.7%	49.8%	52.0%	54.2%	53.5%	50.5%
Straight-time	24.0%	23.7%	25.5%	28.3%	28.5%	29.7%
Criminal History						
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	29.0%	28.6%	30.1%	32.8%	33.1%	33.5%
Had Commitment over 90 days	30.1%	29.7%	32.0%	34.6%	35.9%	36.4%
With "No Priors" entry	20.9%	19.7%	22.3%	25.1%	25.3%	25.7%

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