

**South Carolina Department of Corrections
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2001 - FY2006**

	Year of Release					
	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Total Number of Releases	11,673	12,204	12,538	13,489	13,565	13,716
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release					
	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Within One Year or Less	11.9%	13.1%	12.4%	12.1%	12.1%	11.9%
Within Two Years or Less	24.3%	25.1%	24.9%	24.5%	25.5%	25.6%
Within Three Years or Less	32.0%	32.3%	32.7%	33.0%	33.9%	33.6%
Within Four Years or Less	37.0%	36.7%	37.4%	38.4%	39.1%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	40.7%	40.3%	41.3%	42.1%	n/a	n/a

Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes						
Attributes	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Overall Rate	32.0%	32.3%	32.7%	33.0%	33.9%	33.6%
Gender						
Males	33.4%	33.6%	34.0%	34.4%	35.3%	35.1%
Females	21.3%	21.5%	22.7%	22.2%	23.7%	22.3%
Type of Release						
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	20.2%	20.3%	22.1%	24.0%	25.3%	26.0%
Parole	31.2%	29.1%	31.1%	29.1%	29.1%	27.9%
Probation	44.6%	44.7%	43.5%	42.1%	45.8%	43.9%
Community Supervision				29.6%	34.1%	32.6%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	54.1%	55.7%	52.7%	53.4%	53.0%	52.8%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	26.5%	34.0%	28.4%	33.9%	31.2%	33.9%
Age at Release						
Under 25 Years	45.0%	44.5%	44.2%	43.5%	43.2%	45.1%
25-30 Years	30.4%	29.8%	28.2%	30.7%	31.8%	30.8%
31-40 Years	27.7%	29.1%	31.8%	31.4%	33.3%	31.7%
Over 40 Years	21.8%	21.3%	22.7%	23.8%	26.4%	27.2%
Program Participation						
Pre-Release	27.7%	30.0%	31.9%	28.2%	31.1%	31.5%
Work Program	24.5%	25.5%	26.8%	25.9%	28.1%	27.4%
Labor Crew	25.4%	26.6%	27.2%	27.1%	29.4%	28.8%
Labor Crew/Work Program	25.8%	26.4%	27.4%	26.8%	29.2%	28.6%
Prison Industry	34.7%	28.7%	31.4%	27.8%	29.8%	27.2%
Sentence Type						
Youthful Offender Act*	54.2%	53.5%	50.5%	51.7%	50.9%	51.2%
Straight-time	28.3%	28.5%	29.7%	29.7%	31.4%	31.2%
Criminal History **						
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	32.8%	33.1%	33.5%	33.6%	36.2%	36.4%
Had Commitment	34.6%	35.9%	36.4%	36.3%	38.9%	38.3%
No Known Priors	25.1%	25.3%	25.7%	22.1%	28.7%	27.9%

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

** Prior to FY05, all priors data based on manual entry of priors at intake; FY05 and after, priors data based on inmate's previous SCDC commitments and data entry of "all convictions" and "out-of-state commitments".