

**South Carolina Department of Corrections  
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2003 - FY2008**

	Year of Release					
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
<b>Total Number of Releases</b>	<b>12,538</b>	<b>13,489</b>	<b>13,565</b>	<b>13,716</b>	<b>13,499</b>	<b>12,807</b>
<b>Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:</b>	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release					
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Within One Year or Less	12.4%	12.1%	12.1%	11.9%	13.1%	12.3%
Within Two Years or Less	24.9%	24.5%	25.5%	25.6%	25.7%	24.0%
Within Three Years or Less	32.7%	33.0%	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%
Within Four Years or Less	37.4%	38.4%	39.1%	38.8%	37.7%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	41.3%	42.1%	42.6%	42.0%	n/a	n/a

Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes						
Attributes	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Overall Rate	32.7%	33.0%	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%
<b>Gender</b>						
Males	34.0%	34.4%	35.3%	35.1%	35.1%	32.2%
Females	22.7%	22.2%	23.7%	22.3%	20.9%	18.5%
<b>Type of Release</b>						
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	22.1%	24.0%	25.3%	26.0%	25.6%	22.2%
Parole	31.1%	29.1%	29.1%	27.9%	26.3%	25.2%
Probation	43.5%	42.1%	45.8%	43.9%	43.5%	41.5%
Community Supervision		29.6%	34.1%	32.6%	32.3%	24.9%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	52.7%	53.4%	53.0%	52.8%	54.1%	52.8%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	28.4%	33.9%	31.2%	33.9%	40.4%	29.7%
<b>Age at Release</b>						
Under 25 Years	44.2%	43.5%	43.2%	45.1%	44.9%	43.2%
25-30 Years	28.2%	30.7%	31.8%	30.8%	31.0%	29.2%
31-40 Years	31.8%	31.4%	33.3%	31.7%	32.1%	28.2%
Over 40 Years	22.7%	23.8%	26.4%	27.2%	27.2%	23.3%
<b>Program Participation</b>						
Pre-Release	31.9%	28.2%	31.1%	31.5%	29.7%	25.0%
Work Program	26.8%	25.9%	28.1%	27.4%	24.8%	23.4%
Labor Crew	27.2%	27.1%	29.4%	28.8%	25.4%	23.3%
Labor Crew/Work Program	27.4%	26.8%	29.2%	28.6%	25.4%	23.3%
Prison Industry	31.4%	27.8%	29.8%	27.2%	26.4%	23.4%
<b>Sentence Type</b>						
Youthful Offender Act*	50.5%	51.7%	50.9%	51.2%	52.7%	50.6%
Straight-time	29.7%	29.7%	31.4%	31.2%	30.7%	27.5%
<b>Criminal History **</b>						
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	33.5%	33.6%	36.2%	36.4%	36.7%	32.9%
Had Commitment	36.4%	36.3%	38.9%	38.3%	38.2%	34.6%
No Known Priors	25.7%	22.1%	28.7%	27.9%	27.2%	26.4%

\* 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".