

**South Carolina Department of Corrections
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2004 - FY2009**

	Year of Release					
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Number of Releases	13,489	13,565	13,716	13,499	12,807	13,454
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release					
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Within One Year or Less	12.1%	12.1%	11.9%	13.1%	12.3%	11.9%
Within Two Years or Less	24.5%	25.5%	25.6%	25.7%	24.0%	22.8%
Within Three Years or Less	33.0%	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%	29.4%
Within Four Years or Less	38.4%	39.1%	38.8%	37.7%	35.6%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	42.1%	42.6%	42.0%	40.9%	n/a	n/a

Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes						
Attributes	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Overall Rate	33.0%	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%	29.4%
Gender						
Males	34.4%	35.3%	35.1%	35.1%	32.2%	30.7%
Females	22.2%	23.7%	22.3%	20.9%	18.5%	20.0%
Type of Release						
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	24.0%	25.3%	26.0%	25.6%	22.2%	20.8%
Parole	29.1%	29.1%	27.9%	26.3%	25.2%	21.9%
Probation	42.1%	45.8%	43.9%	43.5%	41.5%	43.2%
Community Supervision	29.6%	34.1%	32.6%	32.3%	24.9%	21.6%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	53.4%	53.0%	52.8%	54.1%	52.8%	50.0%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	33.9%	31.2%	33.9%	40.4%	29.7%	37.2%
Age at Release						
Under 25 Years	43.5%	43.2%	45.1%	44.9%	43.2%	41.1%
25-30 Years	30.7%	31.8%	30.8%	31.0%	29.2%	28.3%
31-40 Years	31.4%	33.3%	31.7%	32.1%	28.2%	25.9%
Over 40 Years	23.8%	26.4%	27.2%	27.2%	23.3%	23.5%
Program Participation						
Pre-Release	28.2%	31.1%	31.5%	29.7%	25.0%	25.7%
Work Program	25.9%	28.1%	27.4%	24.8%	23.4%	22.9%
Labor Crew	27.1%	29.4%	28.8%	25.4%	23.3%	23.1%
Labor Crew/Work Program	26.8%	29.2%	28.6%	25.4%	23.3%	23.2%
Prison Industry	27.8%	29.8%	27.2%	26.4%	23.4%	19.7%
Sentence Type						
Youthful Offender Act*	51.7%	50.9%	51.2%	52.7%	50.6%	49.0%
Straight-time	29.7%	31.4%	31.2%	30.7%	27.5%	26.4%
Criminal History **						
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	33.6%	36.2%	36.4%	36.7%	32.9%	31.4%
Had Commitment	36.3%	38.9%	38.3%	38.2%	34.6%	32.9%
No Known Priors	22.1%	28.7%	27.9%	27.2%	26.4%	25.7%

* 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".