

**South Carolina Department of Corrections  
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2005 - FY2010**

	Year of Release					
	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
<b>Total Number of Releases</b>	<b>13,565</b>	<b>13,716</b>	<b>13,499</b>	<b>12,807</b>	<b>13,454</b>	<b>12,744</b>
<b>Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:</b>	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release					
	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Within One Year or Less	12.1%	11.9%	13.1%	12.3%	11.9%	9.9%
Within Two Years or Less	25.5%	25.6%	25.7%	24.0%	22.8%	20.5%
Within Three Years or Less	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%	29.4%	27.5%
Within Four Years or Less	39.1%	38.8%	37.7%	35.6%	33.6%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	42.6%	42.0%	40.9%	38.3%	n/a	n/a

Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes						
Attributes	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Overall Rate	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%	30.6%	29.4%	27.5%
<b>Gender</b>						
Males	35.3%	35.1%	35.1%	32.2%	30.7%	28.8%
Females	23.7%	22.3%	20.9%	18.5%	20.0%	17.0%
<b>Type of Release</b>						
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	25.3%	26.0%	25.6%	22.2%	20.8%	21.3%
Parole	29.1%	27.9%	26.3%	25.2%	21.9%	19.3%
Probation	45.8%	43.9%	43.5%	41.5%	43.2%	38.4%
Community Supervision	34.1%	32.6%	32.3%	24.9%	21.6%	16.5%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	53.0%	52.8%	54.1%	52.8%	50.0%	44.9%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	31.2%	33.9%	40.4%	29.7%	37.2%	34.6%
<b>Age at Release</b>						
Under 25 Years	43.2%	45.1%	44.9%	43.2%	41.1%	37.9%
25-30 Years	31.8%	30.8%	31.0%	29.2%	28.3%	27.7%
31-40 Years	33.3%	31.7%	32.1%	28.2%	25.9%	24.7%
Over 40 Years	26.4%	27.2%	27.2%	23.3%	23.5%	21.1%
<b>Program Participation</b>						
Pre-Release	31.1%	31.5%	29.7%	25.0%	25.7%	23.0%
Work Program	28.1%	27.4%	24.8%	23.4%	22.9%	21.8%
Labor Crew	29.4%	28.8%	25.4%	23.3%	23.1%	21.1%
Labor Crew/Work Program	29.2%	28.6%	25.4%	23.3%	23.2%	21.0%
Prison Industry	29.8%	27.2%	26.4%	23.4%	19.7%	18.3%
<b>Sentence Type</b>						
Youthful Offender Act*	50.9%	51.2%	52.7%	50.6%	49.0%	44.0%
Straight-time	31.4%	31.2%	30.7%	27.5%	26.4%	25.0%
<b>Criminal History</b>						
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	36.2%	36.4%	36.7%	32.9%	31.4%	29.1%
Had Commitment	38.9%	38.3%	38.2%	34.6%	32.9%	31.2%
No Known Priors	28.7%	27.9%	27.2%	26.4%	25.7%	24.5%

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