

**South Carolina Department of Corrections  
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2017 - FY2021**

	Year of Release				
	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Total Number of Releases</b>	<b>9,305</b>	<b>8,585</b>	<b>7,519</b>	<b>7,445</b>	<b>5,706</b>
<b>Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:</b>	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release				
	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Within One Year or Less	5.0%	5.7%	5.8%	3.5%	4.3%
Within Two Years or Less	13.8%	14.8%	12.1%	10.5%	12.3%
Within Three Years or Less	20.2%	19.4%	17.8%	17.1%	19.0%
Within Four Years or Less	23.1%	23.4%	23.2%	22.4%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	25.6%	27.2%	26.6%	n/a	n/a

<b>Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes</b>					
<b>Attributes</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
Overall Rate	20.2%	19.4%	17.8%	17.1%	19.0%
<b>Gender</b>					
Males	21.1%	20.1%	18.9%	18.4%	19.7%
Females	13.6%	14.3%	10.2%	9.2%	13.3%
<b>Type of Release</b>					
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	17.4%	15.2%	13.6%	13.2%	15.6%
Parole	19.5%	18.5%	16.6%	17.0%	19.2%
Probation	27.0%	29.7%	24.1%	24.7%	29.2%
Community Supervision	10.2%	8.9%	9.5%	8.6%	8.4%
Supervised Reentry	22.0%	19.4%	18.1%	15.0%	18.2%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	36.1%	32.8%	25.2%	24.7%	38.8%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	17.9%	16.7%	15.1%	18.5%	20.5%
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	28.5%	28.1%	35.0%	35.0%	38.1%
<b>Age at Release</b>					
Under 25 Years	27.7%	27.1%	27.5%	28.5%	33.3%
25-30 Years	20.7%	19.8%	17.2%	18.3%	21.4%
31-40 Years	20.2%	18.8%	17.5%	15.0%	18.0%
Over 40 Years	15.7%	15.8%	13.5%	13.8%	13.7%
<b>Program Participation</b>					
Pre-Release	19.4%	17.4%	14.3%	13.4%	19.3%
Work Program	19.1%	15.8%	14.6%	14.8%	14.9%
Labor Crew	19.2%	16.8%	15.3%	13.5%	16.7%
Labor Crew/Work Program	19.2%	16.8%	15.4%	13.5%	16.6%
Prison Industry	11.7%	10.4%	9.1%	10.3%	7.3%
GED Earned in SCDC Education Program	15.3%	12.8%	13.4%	15.3%	9.7%
<b>Sentence Type</b>					
Youthful Offender Act*	29.4%	27.2%	30.2%	31.4%	35.9%
Straight-time	19.3%	18.6%	16.4%	15.7%	17.7%
<b>Mental Health Classification at time of release</b>					
Mentally Ill	20.6%	20.3%	18.7%	17.6%	19.8%
Non-Mentally Ill	20.1%	19.2%	17.5%	17.0%	18.7%

\* Youthful Offender Act (YOA) inmates serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 6 years. "Intensive Supervision Parole" releases began in FY13; this parole program includes "first time" youthful offenders who undergo intensive programs/oversight while institutionalized and while on parole supervision.