

South Carolina Department of Corrections
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2018 - FY2022

	Year of Release				
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Total Number of Releases	8,585	7,519	7,445	5,706	5,708
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release				
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Within One Year or Less	5.7%	5.8%	3.5%	4.3%	5.0%
Within Two Years or Less	14.8%	12.1%	10.5%	12.3%	13.0%
Within Three Years or Less	19.4%	17.8%	17.1%	19.0%	19.8%
Within Four Years or Less	23.4%	23.2%	22.4%	23.9%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	27.2%	26.6%	26.4%	n/a	n/a
Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes					
Attributes	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Overall Rate	19.4%	17.8%	17.1%	19.0%	19.8%
Gender					
Males	20.1%	18.9%	18.4%	19.7%	20.5%
Females	14.3%	10.2%	9.2%	13.3%	13.8%
Type of Release					
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	15.2%	13.6%	13.2%	15.6%	18.8%
Parole	18.5%	16.6%	17.0%	19.2%	18.3%
Probation	29.7%	24.1%	24.7%	29.2%	28.7%
Community Supervision	8.9%	9.5%	8.6%	8.4%	9.2%
Supervised Reentry	19.4%	18.1%	15.0%	18.2%	20.7%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	32.8%	25.2%	24.7%	38.8%	30.5%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	16.7%	15.1%	18.5%	20.5%	17.3%
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	28.1%	35.0%	35.0%	38.1%	29.6%
Age at Release					
Under 25 Years	27.1%	27.5%	28.5%	33.3%	26.8%
25-30 Years	19.8%	17.2%	18.3%	21.4%	22.4%
31-40 Years	18.8%	17.5%	15.0%	18.0%	20.7%
Over 40 Years	15.8%	13.5%	13.8%	13.7%	15.0%
Program Participation					
Pre-Release	17.4%	14.3%	13.4%	19.3%	16.4%
Work Program	15.8%	14.6%	14.8%	14.9%	15.5%
Labor Crew	16.8%	15.3%	13.5%	16.7%	14.6%
Labor Crew/Work Program	16.8%	15.4%	13.5%	16.6%	14.5%
Prison Industry	10.4%	9.1%	10.3%	7.3%	8.6%
GED Earned in SCDC Education Program	12.8%	13.4%	15.3%	9.7%	9.4%
Sentence Type					
Youthful Offender Act*	27.2%	30.2%	31.4%	35.9%	27.7%
Straight-time	18.6%	16.4%	15.7%	17.7%	19.1%
Mental Health Classification at time of release					
Mentally Ill	20.3%	18.7%	17.6%	19.8%	22.3%
Non-Mentally Ill	19.2%	17.5%	17.0%	18.7%	18.9%

* 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.