South Carolina Department of Corrections
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY 2019 - FY 2023

	Year of Release				
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Total Number of Releases	**7,519**	**7,445**	**5,706**	**5,708**	**5,731**
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	**Recidivism Rate by Year of Release**				
	FY 2019	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**
Within One Year or Less	5.8%	3.5%	4.3%	5.0%	4.1%
Within Two Years or Less	12.1%	10.5%	12.3%	13.0%	12.4%
Within Three Years or Less	17.8%	17.1%	19.0%	19.8%	20.1%
Within Four Years or Less	23.2%	22.4%	23.9%	n/a	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	26.6%	26.4%	n/a	n/a	n/a

Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes					
Attributes	**FY 2019**	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**
Overall Rate	17.8%	17.1%	19.0%	19.8%	20.1%
Gender					
Males	18.9%	18.4%	19.7%	20.5%	20.8%
Females	10.2%	9.2%	13.3%	13.8%	14.6%
Type of Release					
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	13.6%	13.2%	15.6%	18.8%	19.8%
Parole	16.6%	17.0%	19.2%	18.3%	15.5%
Probation	24.1%	24.7%	29.2%	28.7%	27.5%
Community Supervision	9.5%	8.6%	8.4%	9.2%	11.6%
Supervised Reentry	18.1%	15.0%	18.2%	20.7%	19.7%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	25.2%	24.7%	38.8%	30.5%	28.8%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	15.1%	18.5%	20.5%	17.3%	17.1%
Youthful Offender Act* - Intensive Supervision Parole	35.0%	35.0%	38.1%	29.6%	27.9%
Age at Release					
Under 25 Years	27.5%	28.5%	33.3%	26.8%	25.5%
25-30 Years	17.2%	18.3%	21.4%	22.4%	23.7%
31-40 Years	17.5%	15.0%	18.0%	20.7%	19.0%
Over 40 Years	13.5%	13.8%	13.7%	15.0%	17.8%
Program Participation					
Pre-Release	14.3%	13.4%	19.3%	16.4%	12.2%
Work Program	14.6%	14.8%	14.9%	15.5%	18.7%
Labor Crew	15.3%	13.5%	16.7%	14.6%	17.6%
Labor Crew/Work Program	15.4%	13.5%	16.6%	14.5%	17.6%
Prison Industry	9.1%	10.3%	7.3%	8.6%	8.5%
GED Earned in SCDC Education Program	13.4%	15.3%	9.7%	9.4%	10.9%
Sentence Type					
Youthful Offender Act*	30.2%	31.4%	35.9%	27.7%	26.8%
Straight-time	16.4%	15.7%	17.7%	19.1%	19.6%
Mental Health Classification at time of release					
Mentally Ill	18.7%	17.6%	19.8%	22.3%	21.9%
Non-Mentally Ill	17.5%	17.0%	18.7%	18.9%	19.3%

* 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.