

## DRC recidivism rates

*Recidivism* is defined as the first return to a DRC institution within the specified follow-up period. This includes returns for a technical violation of parole, a prison sanction, and incarceration for committing a new crime (recommitment for a new criminal conviction). Offenders with multiple returns to DRC within the follow-up period are only counted a single time.

*Follow-up period* is defined as the number of years since release from DRC onto supervision. This is a rolling follow-up period for the release cohort. For example, an offender who was released from DRC on January 10, 2009 will have a three-year follow-up period until January 9, 2012, while an offender released to supervision on August 15, 2009 will have a follow-up period until August 14, 2012.

### Key Recidivism Information for 2009 DRC releases

<b>follow-up period</b>	<b>2009</b>
1 year rate (returned 1st time in 1st year)	10.59%
1-2 YEAR (returned 1st time in 2nd year)	11.16%
2-3 YEAR (returned 1st time in 3rd year)	6.93%
<b>TOTAL 3 YEAR RATE</b>	<b>28.68%</b>
total number released	26264
% released on supervision	48.0%

<b>3 year recidivism rate – type of first return</b>	<b>2009</b>
% TECHNICAL VIOLATION	2.72%
% POST RELEASE CONTROL SANCTION	1.96%
% NEW CRIME	23.99%

<b>3 year recidivism rate by sex</b>	<b>2009</b>
MALE - TECHNICAL VIOLATION / PRC SANCTION	4.74%
MALE - NEW CRIME	25.67%
MALE - TOTAL	30.41%
FEMALE - TECHNICAL VIOLATION / PRC SANCTION	4.32%
FEMALE - NEW CRIME	12.42%
FEMALE - TOTAL	16.74%

<b>3 Year Recidivism Rate by Release Type</b>	<b>2009</b>
PAROLE – TECHNICAL VIOLATION	10.38%
PAROLE - NEW CRIME	24.40%
PAROLE – TOTAL	34.78%
EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE - TOTAL	22.12%
JUDICIAL RELEASE – TECHNICAL VIOLATION	20.74%
JUDICIAL RELEASE - NEW CRIME	13.04%
JUDICIAL RELEASE – TOTAL	33.78%
POST RELEASE CONTROL - SANCTION RETURN	5.88%
POST RELEASE CONTROL - NEW CRIME	25.21%
POST RELEASE CONTROL - TOTAL	31.09%
EXPIRATION OF STATED TERM - TOTAL	25.51%

## Release types

Parole – Inmates are released at the discretion of the Parole Board – after serving the minimum term of an indeterminate sentence (Except for offenders serving a life sentence, parole release is only for those with an offense that was committed prior to 7/1/96). Inmates are supervised while in the community by Parole officers for a period of at least a year (at least five years for life sentences) but up to the end of the indeterminate sentence. Offenders often must meet certain conditions or face being declared a parole violator and returned to Prison. Violators can be returned to prison for the remainder of their indeterminate sentence.

Expiration of Sentence – Inmate is released after serving a determinate sentence. These offenders are not supervised in the community. (Pre – Senate Bill 2).

Judicial Release – A convicted offender whose sentence to an institution is suspended by the court and who is under probation supervision in the community for a maximum of five years. These offenders committed their crimes on or after 7/1/96. (If these offenders committed their crime before 7/1/96, the label is “shock probation” for a similar program.) The offender must be serving a sentence of 10 years or less to be eligible for this type of release. (the 10 year limit was removed in late 2011.) Violators can be returned to prison for the remainder of their determinate sentence.

Post Release Control (PRC) – Offenders serve a period of community supervision, defined by Senate Bill 2, the "truth in sentencing" legislation, after their release from prison. Senate Bill 2 applies to offenders who committed crimes on or after July 1, 1996. Sanctioned offenders can be returned to prison for up to nine months per violation with the cumulative prison term for all violations not exceeding one half of the original sentence served in prison.

Expiration of Stated Term (EST) -Inmate is released after serving a determinate sentence. These offenders are not supervised in the community. (Post – Senate Bill 2).

### **3 Year Recidivism Rate for those who Exited DRC (2000 – 2009)**

<b>Exit year</b>	<b>Recidivism rate</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>39.02%</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>39.06%</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>38.79%</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>39.53%</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>38.93%</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>38.37%</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>36.44%</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>34.03%</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>31.20%</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>28.67%</b>