

# Arkansas Department of Community Correction



## PAROLE RECIDIVISM



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# Background and Methodology



The Department of Community Correction (DCC) has been measuring recidivism of offenders for several years as a performance measurement.

## **Recidivism**

“Recidivism” means the return to incarceration in an Arkansas Department of Correction or Department of Community Correction community correctional facility other than a technical violator program within a three-year period.

## **Study Groups**

This study is of offenders released from an Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) or a DCC Community Correctional Center and who had an intake during fiscal years 2006, 2007 or 2008. Year boundaries conform to State fiscal years beginning July 1 and ending June 30. When two or more releases occurred in the study period, the earliest was chosen.

## **Release Cohorts**

The fiscal year in which the offender’s release occurred is known as the release cohort. These groupings allow recidivism findings to be analyzed according to known circumstances, such as staffing changes, that could have had an impact on recidivism.

# Parole Intake Cohort Years



Table 1

	Number	Percent
FY 06	7,271	36.1%
FY 07	6,626	32.9%
FY 08	6,228	31.0%
Total	20,125	100%

# Parole Intake Cohort Years



Table 2  
Study Group by Gender and Racial Demographics

	Number	Percent
Males	17,134	85.1%
Females	2,991	14.9%
Black	7,340	36.5%
Cuban/Hispanic/Mexican	496	2.5%
White	12,160	60.4%
Others	129	0.6%
Total	20,125	100%

\*Includes Asian, Native American, and Unknown

# Overall Parole Recidivism



The overall recidivism rate for the adult parolee population is 25.2%.

Table 3

	Number	Percent
Non-recidivists	15,049	74.8%
Recidivists	5,076	25.2%
Total	20,125	100%

# Parole Recidivism by Gender



Table 4

	Total Population	Percent of Population	Recidivists	Percent Recidivated	Percent of Total Recidivists
Males	17,134	85.1%	4,647	27.1%	91.5%
Females	2,991	14.9%	429	14.3%	8.5%
Total	20,125	100%	5,076	25.2%	100%

# Parole Recidivism by Racial Demographics



Table 5

	Total Population	Percent of Population	Recidivists	Percent of Recidivists
Black	7,340	36.5%	2,196	43.3%
Cuban/ Hispanic/ Mexican	496	2.5%	76	1.5%
White	12,160	60.4%	2,768	54.5%
Other	129	0.6%	36	0.7%
Total	20,125	100%	5,076	100%

\*Includes Asian, Native American, and Unknown

# Parole Recidivism by Cohort Years



Table 6

	Number of Parolees	Percent of Parolees	Recidivists	Percent Recidivists	Percent Intakes Recidivated
FY 06	7,271	36.1%	1,903	37.5%	26.2%
FY 07	6,626	32.9%	1,648	32.5%	24.9%
FY 08	6,228	31.0%	1,525	30.0%	24.5%
Total	20,125	100%	5,076	100%	25.2%



# Parolee Recidivism by Intake Cohort



<b>Number of Recidivists</b>	<b>FY 06</b>	<b>FY 07</b>	<b>FY 08</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	520	427	392	1,339
Between 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	782	677	637	2,096
Between 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	601	544	496	1,641
<b>Total Recidivists</b>	<b>1,903</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>5,076</b>
<b>Total Parolees</b>	<b>7,271</b>	<b>6,626</b>	<b>6,228</b>	<b>20,125</b>
<b>Percent Recidivists</b>	<b>FY 06</b>	<b>FY 07</b>	<b>FY 08</b>	<b>Total</b>
Within 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2.6%	2.1%	1.9%	6.7%
Between 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	3.9%	3.4%	3.2%	10.4%
Between 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	3.0%	2.7%	2.0%	8.2%
<b>Total Pct that Recidivated</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>25.2%</b>

# Parole Recidivism by Intake Cohort



Chart 1  
Percent of Recidivists by Fiscal Year of Intake Cohort  
By Time between Intake and Incarceration

