

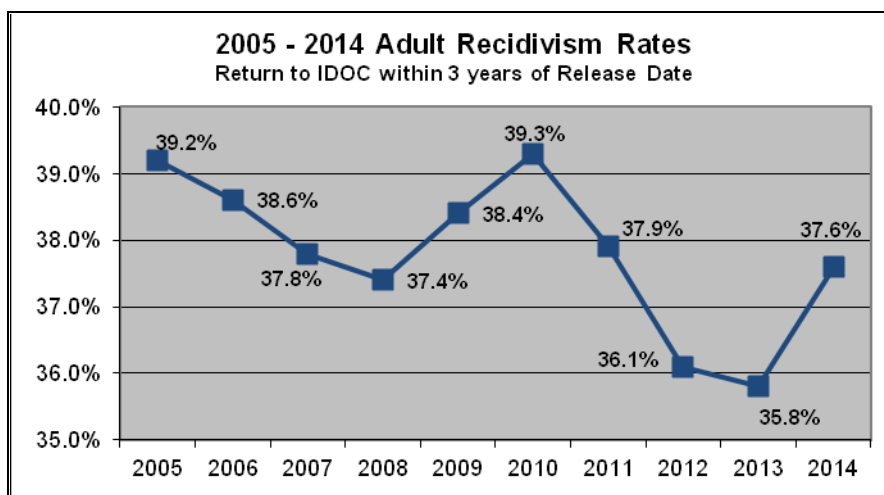
# Indiana Department of Correction

## Adult Recidivism Rates

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The Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) defines recidivism as a return to incarceration within three years of the offender's date of release from a state correctional institution. A recent study by the IDOC calculated the 2014 recidivism rate for offenders released from IDOC during 2011. This study found that:

- 2014 recidivism rates increased slightly for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in four years. Of those offenders released in 2011, 37.6% were recommitted to the IDOC within three years of their release date, for either a new conviction or a violation of post-release supervision.



- Male offenders had a higher recidivism rate when compared to female offenders. Of male offenders released in 2011, 38.9% returned to the IDOC, versus 29.9% of female releases.
- The recidivism rate for African American offenders was 41.7%.
- The younger the offender is at the time he/she is released, the more likely they are to return to the IDOC. Also, offenders serving less than 5 years with IDOC represent over 90% of all recidivists.
- Of all offenders who recidivated, approximately 52% returned to IDOC for the commission of a new crime, compared to approximately 48% of returns for a technical rule or court supervision violation.
- Offenders who had zero conduct violations during their incarceration period were over 30.0% less likely to recidivate when compared to offenders who had at least one conduct violation.
- Offenders who received visits from family or friends while incarcerated were 14.4% less likely to recidivate compared to those offenders who did not receive any visits.
- Those offenders who participated in a work release program were nearly 31% less likely to return to prison when compared to offenders who did not partake in a work release program.