

recidivism 2005-2007

Indiana Department of Correction
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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. This recent study by the IDOC compares recidivism rates from 2005-2007 for offenders released from the IDOC during 2002-2004. This study found that:

In 2007, recidivism rates decreased for the second consecutive year, resulting in 37.8% of offenders being recommitted to the IDOC within three years of their release date.

Male offenders had a higher recidivism rate when compared to female offenders across all three years. Of male offenders released in 2004, 38.6% returned to the IDOC, versus 32.6% of female releases.

On average throughout all three years, the recidivism rate for all known races has decreased. African American offenders returned to the IDOC at a higher rate (46%) than any other race.

Nearly 50% of all offenders released from 2002-2004 for a weapons related crime as their most serious offense returned to incarceration within three years of release.

Offenders released in 2002-2004 with a Class C felony as their most serious offense were most likely to return to incarceration within three years of release. Offenders released for murder had the lowest recidivism rates for all offenders released in 2002-2004.

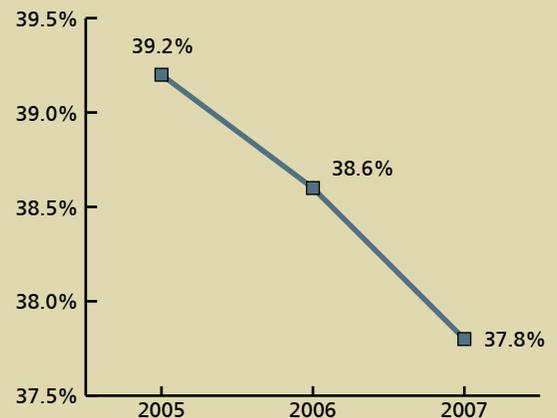
The younger the offender is at the time he/she is released, the more likely they are to return to the IDOC.

Offenders released in 2004 with a mental illness had a slightly higher recidivism rate (43.8%) than offenders released in 2004 who were either free of illness or injury (40.7%) or were diagnosed with a chronic physical condition (37.4%).

Overall, offenders identified as a sex offender who were released in 2002-2004 returned to the IDOC at a higher rate than all other offenders.

View the full recidivism report, "Recidivism Rates Compared, 2005 - 2007" at:
http://www.in.gov/indcorrection/news/05_07RecidivismRpt.pdf

IDOC Recidivism Rates, 2005-2007



Recidivism Rates by Race, 2005-2007

