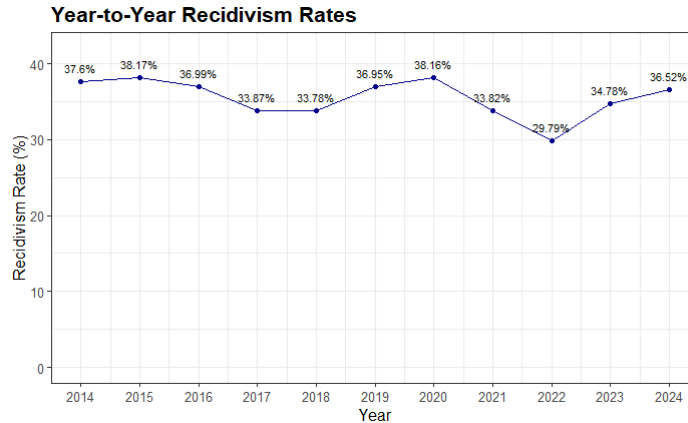


Indiana Department of Correction

2023 Adult Recidivism Rates

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 2024 recidivism rate for offenders released from IDOC during calendar year 2021. This study found that:

- Of those offenders released in 2021, 36.52% were recommitted to the IDOC within three years of their release date, for either a new conviction or a violation of post-release supervision.



- Of all offenders who recidivated, approximately 42% returned to IDOC for the commission of a new crime, compared to approximately 40.9% for a technical rule violation of post-release supervision. 16.8% of offenders returned for other reasons (e.g., returned escapee, pending parole board).
- Male offenders had a higher recidivism rate when compared to female offenders. Of male offenders released in 2020, 38.5% returned to the IDOC, versus 24.4% of female releases.
- The recidivism rates for offenders released in 2020 broken down by race are as follows:
 - African American: 39.7%.
 - Caucasian: 35.7%
 - Hispanic: 32.5%.
- One of the highest risk groups of offenders are those with a mental health classification indicating substance use needs that cause functional impairment, who recidivated at a rate of 84.4% (of 96 released in 2021) compared to a rate of 36% for other mental health classifications.