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INTRODUCTION

The Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) is pleased to present this report based on an analysis of felons released between 2001 and 2007. A systematic investigation of *who* is being released and *how* they are being released reveals patterns that may be surprising. Recidivism comparisons were made between locations of release, types of release, conviction offense, sex and race. The full report, entitled Statistical Abstract: TDOC Recidivism Study - CY 2001-2007 can be accessed at www.tn.gov/correction.

Recidivism is not a subject routinely associated with good news. The best news would be that no felons return once they are released. While that is not the case, what is true is that some rates of return have declined in significant ways. Certainly any return to custody represents both personal and economic costs for victims and their families so no attempt will be made to minimize the impact of recidivism. However, the information contained in this report provides hope and insight in to the trends developing in Tennessee.

Recidivism generally refers to an offender's participation in criminal endeavors subsequent to his release from prison. It is usually counted on the basis of actions that result in the offender's return to prison. Sometimes an offender commits a new crime and is arrested, convicted, and returned to state prison to serve a new sentence. Other times an offender violates a condition of his release and is returned to prison to serve what remains of his original sentence or his original sentence with extra time having been added.

The Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) has joined with the Association of Correctional Administrators (ASCA) and other departments of correction in their adoption of both standardized terminology and a time frame for assessing recidivism. As suggested by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, recidivism has been measured by counting the criminal acts that result in re-arrest, reconviction, or a return to prison of an individual with or without a new sentence for a period of three years. Offenders are herein referred to as being "unique" in reference to their first release from incarceration and their recidivism is counted upon their first return to incarceration for each calendar year. This is a departure from the methodology used in previous reports where multiple returns for offenders were counted through out the time frame of each study. While a change in measurement does make direct comparisons of TDOC's other published recidivism rates impossible, counting recidivism as others do will optimize our ability to make comparisons with other departments of correction and provide context to determine whether critical periods of time are shown to affect recidivism rates.

A clear understanding of the time frame within which recidivism occurs will provide information useful in allocating support services. Previous studies have counted the total number of offenders who returned each year for a three year period of time. Because this study follows unique offenders on a year-by-year basis from 2001-2007, we can determine return rates for not only calendar years one, two, and three but also years four and beyond. Our goal is to provide a more comprehensive view of recidivism in Tennessee.

RELEASE TRENDS

Comprehending recidivism depends upon knowing who is being released and under what circumstances they are being released. A total of 100,633 felon releases have been made between the years 2001 and 2007. Ninety six percent (96,655) of those releases qualify to be counted as unique releases. TDOC released 37,050 of the unique releases and local jails released the remaining 59,605 felons. While local jails continue to house and release more felons than TDOC, the disparity in release is beginning to narrow.

| Releases for January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Calendar Year | System Wide | | TDOC | | Local Jail | |
| | Total Releases | Unique Yearly Releases | TDOC Releases | Unique Yearly Releases | Local Jail Releases | Unique Yearly Releases |
| 2001 | 12,508 | 12,151 | 4,450 | 4,423 | 8,058 | 7,728 |
| 2002 | 13,144 | 12,649 | 4,374 | 4,336 | 8,770 | 8,313 |
| 2003 | 13,434 | 12,904 | 4,928 | 4,873 | 8,506 | 8,031 |
| 2004 | 14,048 | 13,479 | 5,380 | 5,348 | 8,668 | 8,131 |
| 2005 | 15,169 | 14,500 | 5,602 | 5,545 | 9,567 | 8,955 |
| 2006 | 16,121 | 15,452 | 6,267 | 6,197 | 9,854 | 9,255 |
| 2007 | 16,209 | 15,520 | 6,396 | 6,328 | 9,813 | 9,192 |
| Total | 100,633 | 96,655 | 37,397 | 37,050 | 63,236 | 59,605 |

You may not have known that more than 60% of felons released in Tennessee are being released from local jails. Some of these felons have been sentenced under Section 40-35-104 Sentencing Alternatives which provides for their time to be served in a local jail if they were convicted of a felony after November 1, 1989 and have no more than six years to serve and live in Shelby or Davidson County or they have no more than three years to serve in any other county. The rest of the felons released from local jails are back-ups (sentenced to TDOC but no bed space was available for them) or felons who have a split confinement sentence that requires them to serve their sentence locally.

Between 2001 and 2007, TDOC releases have increased by 43.7% (43.1% unique) while jail releases have only increased by 21.8% (18.9% unique). As shown below, felons released from TDOC in 2001 accounted for 35.6% (36.4% unique) of the total number of system wide releases. Jails in 2001 accounted for 64.4% (63.6 unique) of the total number of system wide releases. By 2007, felons released from TDOC accounted for 39.5% (40.8% unique) of the system wide releases and jails accounted for 60.5% (59.2%) of the system wide releases.

| Total and Unique Releases 2001 and 2007 | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| Calendar Year | Facility | Total Releases | % of Total | Unique Releases | % of Total |
| 2001 | TDOC | 4,450 | 35.6% | 4,423 | 36.4% |
| | JAILS | 8,058 | 64.4% | 7,728 | 63.6% |
| 2007 | TDOC | 6,396 | 39.5% | 6,328 | 40.8% |
| | JAILS | 9,813 | 60.5% | 9,192 | 59.2% |

RECIDIVISM

System wide recidivism rates have remained stable from 2001-2007. When there is a departure from the average (in the four years and beyond) it is in the direction of declining rates of return.

| System wide Return Rates January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Yearly Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 12,508 | 12,151 | 3,032 | 4,697 | 5,544 | 6,980 | 25.0% | 38.7% | 45.6% | 57.4% | 5,171 |
| 2002 | 13,144 | 12,649 | 3,196 | 4,901 | 5,790 | 7,069 | 25.3% | 38.7% | 45.8% | 55.9% | 5,580 |
| 2003 | 13,434 | 12,904 | 3,350 | 5,133 | 6,035 | 7,030 | 26.0% | 39.8% | 46.8% | 54.5% | 5,874 |
| 2004 | 14,048 | 13,479 | 3,484 | 5,259 | 6,174 | 6,921 | 25.8% | 39.0% | 45.8% | 51.3% | 6,558 |
| 2005 | 15,169 | 14,500 | 3,869 | 5,795 | 6,729 | N/A | 26.7% | 40.0% | 46.4% | N/A | 7,437 |
| 2006 | 16,121 | 15,452 | 4,164 | 6,118 | N/A | N/A | 26.9% | 39.6% | N/A | N/A | 8,725 |
| 2007 | 16,209 | 15,520 | 3,952 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 25.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10,293 |
| Average | | | | | | | 25.9% | 39.3% | 46.1% | 54.8% | |

RECIDIVISM BY LOCATION

TDOC has demonstrated substantial (11.1%) decline in return rates at four years and beyond for the period 2001 to 2004. This is particularly striking when compared to the minimal (2.5%) decline in returns for jail releases during the same period of time. While only partial information is currently available for 2005-2007, the data seems to be following the same pattern of difference in declining return rates.

| TDOC Return Rates | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year | TDOC Releases | Unique Yearly Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 4,450 | 4,423 | 852 | 1,516 | 1,856 | 2,426 | 19.3% | 34.3% | 42.0% | 54.8% | 1,997 |
| 2002 | 4,374 | 4,336 | 749 | 1,357 | 1,698 | 2,144 | 17.3% | 31.3% | 39.2% | 49.4% | 2,192 |
| 2003 | 4,928 | 4,873 | 891 | 1,594 | 2,002 | 2,378 | 18.3% | 32.7% | 41.1% | 48.8% | 2,495 |
| 2004 | 5,380 | 5,348 | 931 | 1,644 | 2,039 | 2,336 | 17.4% | 30.7% | 38.1% | 43.7% | 3,012 |
| 2005 | 5,602 | 5,545 | 1,030 | 1,779 | 2,152 | N/A | 18.6% | 32.1% | 38.8% | N/A | 3,263 |
| 2006 | 6,267 | 6,197 | 1,225 | 2,033 | N/A | N/A | 19.8% | 32.8% | N/A | N/A | 3,899 |
| 2007 | 6,396 | 6,328 | 1,139 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 18.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 4,680 |
| Average | | | | | | | 18.4% | 32.3% | 39.8% | 49.2% | |

| Local Jail Return Rates | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year | Local Jail Releases | Unique Yearly Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 8,058 | 7,728 | 2,180 | 3,181 | 3,688 | 4,554 | 28.2% | 41.2% | 47.7% | 58.9% | 3,174 |
| 2002 | 8,770 | 8,313 | 2,447 | 3,544 | 4,092 | 4,925 | 29.4% | 42.6% | 49.2% | 59.2% | 3,388 |
| 2003 | 8,506 | 8,031 | 2,459 | 3,539 | 4,033 | 4,652 | 30.6% | 44.1% | 50.2% | 57.9% | 3,379 |
| 2004 | 8,668 | 8,131 | 2,553 | 3,615 | 4,135 | 4,585 | 31.4% | 44.5% | 50.9% | 56.4% | 3,546 |
| 2005 | 9,567 | 8,955 | 2,839 | 4,016 | 4,577 | N/A | 31.7% | 44.8% | 51.1% | N/A | 4,174 |
| 2006 | 9,854 | 9,255 | 2,939 | 4,085 | N/A | N/A | 31.8% | 44.1% | N/A | N/A | 4,826 |
| 2007 | 9,813 | 9,192 | 2,813 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 30.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 5,613 |
| Average | | | | | | | 30.5% | 43.6% | 49.8% | 58.1% | |

There is a growing disparity between TDOC and jail return rates. While unique yearly releases have increased for both locations, those being released from jails persistently post return rates that are substantially higher than those being released from TDOC. At most points of comparison with TDOC, jails post a double digit difference in return rates.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| <u>Calendar</u> Year | % Return Rate Differences | | | |
| | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> |
| 2001 | 8.9% | 6.9% | 5.7% | 4.1% |
| 2002 | 12.1% | 11.3% | 10.0% | 9.8% |
| 2003 | 12.3% | 11.4% | 9.1% | 9.1% |
| 2004 | 14.0% | 13.8% | 12.8% | 12.7% |
| 2005 | 13.1% | 12.7% | 12.3% | N/A |
| 2006 | 12.0% | 11.3% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 12.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RELEASE BY TYPE

Tennessee has increased the number of felons released each year since 2001. The table shows total yearly releases and unique yearly releases for each calendar year. The unique releases are further differentiated on the basis of release type. The four release types considered are releases to community corrections, releases due to sentence expiration, releases to parole, and releases to probation. The percentage of unique releases for each release type is included.

| System wide Releases by Type January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| <u>Calendar</u> <u>Year</u> | <u>Total</u> <u>Releases</u> | <u>Unique</u> <u>Yearly</u> <u>Releases</u> | Number of Unique Releases By Type | | | | % of Unique Releases By Type | | | |
| | | | <u>CC</u> | <u>EXP</u> | <u>PAR</u> | <u>PROB</u> | <u>CC</u> | <u>EXP</u> | <u>PAR</u> | <u>PROB</u> |
| 2001 | 12,508 | 12,151 | 913 | 4,058 | 3,213 | 3,967 | 7.5% | 33.4% | 26.4% | 32.6% |
| 2002 | 13,144 | 12,649 | 1,107 | 4,373 | 2,966 | 4,203 | 8.8% | 34.6% | 23.4% | 33.2% |
| 2003 | 13,434 | 12,904 | 1,195 | 4,510 | 3,053 | 4,146 | 9.3% | 35.0% | 23.7% | 32.1% |
| 2004 | 14,048 | 13,479 | 1,105 | 4,830 | 3,331 | 4,213 | 8.2% | 35.8% | 24.7% | 31.3% |
| 2005 | 15,169 | 14,500 | 1,287 | 4,870 | 3,689 | 4,654 | 8.9% | 33.6% | 25.4% | 32.1% |
| 2006 | 16,121 | 15,452 | 1,308 | 5,066 | 4,343 | 4,735 | 8.5% | 32.8% | 28.1% | 30.6% |
| 2007 | 16,209 | 15,520 | 1,255 | 5,029 | 4,489 | 4,747 | 8.1% | 32.4% | 28.9% | 30.6% |
| Average | | | | | | | 8.5% | 33.9% | 25.8% | 31.8% |

The distribution of unique releases amongst release types has shown little change from 2001 to 2007. Release due to sentence expiration represents the largest category of release but only minimally exceeds release to probation. Release to parole, on average, comprises about 25% of unique releases. Release to community corrections is the smallest category of release with less than 10% of unique releases being made in this way.

A comparison of the distribution of release types between release locations (TDOC and local jails) reveals that about 87% of TDOC releases are to either parole or sentence expiration.

| TDOC Releases by Type January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Yearly Releases | Number of Unique Releases By Type | | | | % of Unique Releases By Type | | | |
| | | | CC | EXP | PAR | PROB | CC | EXP | PAR | PROB |
| 2001 | 4,450 | 4,423 | 15 | 1,593 | 2,292 | 523 | 0.3% | 36.0% | 51.8% | 11.8% |
| 2002 | 4,374 | 4,336 | 10 | 1,754 | 2,096 | 476 | 0.2% | 40.5% | 48.3% | 11.0% |
| 2003 | 4,928 | 4,873 | 22 | 1,951 | 2,299 | 601 | 0.5% | 40.0% | 47.2% | 12.3% |
| 2004 | 5,380 | 5,348 | 18 | 2,162 | 2,489 | 679 | 0.3% | 40.4% | 46.5% | 12.7% |
| 2005 | 5,602 | 5,545 | 24 | 2,061 | 2,818 | 642 | 0.4% | 37.2% | 50.8% | 11.6% |
| 2006 | 6,267 | 6,197 | 22 | 2,154 | 3,263 | 758 | 0.4% | 34.8% | 52.7% | 12.2% |
| 2007 | 6,396 | 6,328 | 25 | 2,237 | 3,371 | 695 | 0.4% | 35.4% | 53.3% | 11.0% |
| Average | | | | | | | 0.4% | 37.7% | 50.1% | 11.8% |

In contrast, about 75% of local jail releases are to probation or sentence expiration. We can also see that local jails release significantly more inmates to community corrections than TDOC, and TDOC makes significantly more releases to parole than local jails.

| Local Jail Releases by Type January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Yearly Releases | Number of Unique Releases By Type | | | | % of Unique Releases By Type | | | |
| | | | CC | EXP | PAR | PROB | CC | EXP | PAR | PROB |
| 2001 | 8,058 | 7,728 | 898 | 2,465 | 921 | 3,444 | 11.6% | 31.9% | 11.9% | 44.6% |
| 2002 | 8,770 | 8,313 | 1,097 | 2,619 | 870 | 3,727 | 13.2% | 31.5% | 10.5% | 44.8% |
| 2003 | 8,506 | 8,031 | 1,173 | 2,559 | 754 | 3,545 | 14.6% | 31.9% | 9.4% | 44.1% |
| 2004 | 8,668 | 8,131 | 1,087 | 2,668 | 842 | 3,534 | 13.4% | 32.8% | 10.4% | 43.5% |
| 2005 | 9,567 | 8,955 | 1,263 | 2,809 | 871 | 4,012 | 14.1% | 31.4% | 9.7% | 44.8% |
| 2006 | 9,854 | 9,255 | 1,286 | 2,912 | 1,080 | 3,977 | 13.9% | 31.5% | 11.7% | 43.0% |
| 2007 | 9,813 | 9,192 | 1,230 | 2,792 | 1,118 | 4,052 | 13.4% | 30.4% | 12.2% | 44.1% |
| Average | | | | | | | 13.5% | 31.6% | 10.8% | 44.1% |

RECIDIVISM BY TYPE OF RELEASE

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

System wide return rates for the four categories of release vary. Releases to community corrections show the highest rate of return in every year under consideration. By year 3, almost 75% of those released have been returned.

| System wide Return Rates for Releases to Community Corrections January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| CY | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| - | <u>Gross</u> | <u>Unique</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 992 | 913 | 439 | 569 | 632 | 694 | 48.1% | 62.3% | 69.2% | 76.0% | 219 |
| 2002 | 1,238 | 1,107 | 536 | 683 | 742 | 827 | 48.4% | 61.7% | 67.0% | 74.7% | 280 |
| 2003 | 1,382 | 1,195 | 642 | 827 | 888 | 938 | 53.7% | 69.2% | 74.3% | 78.5% | 257 |
| 2004 | 1,308 | 1,105 | 614 | 776 | 826 | 868 | 55.6% | 70.2% | 74.8% | 78.6% | 237 |
| 2005 | 1,537 | 1,287 | 751 | 908 | 971 | N/A | 58.4% | 70.6% | 75.4% | N/A | 295 |
| 2006 | 1,520 | 1,308 | 702 | 883 | N/A | N/A | 53.7% | 67.5% | N/A | N/A | 392 |
| 2007 | 1,445 | 1,255 | 611 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 48.7% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 511 |
| Average | | | | | | | 52.4% | 66.9% | 72.2% | 76.9% | |

TDOC releases very few felons to community corrections.

| TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Community Corrections January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| CY | Unique TDOC Releases | Unique TDOC Comm Corr Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 4,423 | 15 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 33.3% | 46.7% | 60.0% | 86.7% | 2 |
| 2002 | 4,336 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 20.0% | 60.0% | 70.0% | 80.0% | 2 |
| 2003 | 4,873 | 22 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 27.3% | 59.1% | 72.7% | 77.3% | 5 |
| 2004 | 5,348 | 18 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 44.4% | 61.1% | 66.7% | 77.8% | 4 |
| 2005 | 5,545 | 24 | 5 | 13 | 16 | N/A | 20.8% | 54.2% | 66.7% | N/A | 7 |
| 2006 | 6,197 | 22 | 7 | 11 | N/A | N/A | 31.8% | 50.0% | N/A | N/A | 10 |
| 2007 | 6,328 | 25 | 6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 24.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 17 |
| Average | | | | | | | 28.8% | 55.2% | 67.2% | 80.4% | |

However, those who are released from TDOC to community corrections initially fare better than those released to community corrections from jails. A comparison of first year return rates reveals that TDOC average return rates are significantly lower (23.9%) than jail return rates.

| TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Community Corrections January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|--------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| CY | Unique TDOC Releases | Unique TDOC Comm Corr Releases | Number of Releases | | | | % Return Rate | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | Returned in Years | | | | in Years | | | | |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 4,423 | 15 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 13 | 33.3% | 46.7% | 60.0% | 86.7% | 2 |
| 2002 | 4,336 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 20.0% | 60.0% | 70.0% | 80.0% | 2 |
| 2003 | 4,873 | 22 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 27.3% | 59.1% | 72.7% | 77.3% | 5 |
| 2004 | 5,348 | 18 | 8 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 44.4% | 61.1% | 66.7% | 77.8% | 4 |
| 2005 | 5,545 | 24 | 5 | 13 | 16 | N/A | 20.8% | 54.2% | 66.7% | N/A | 7 |
| 2006 | 6,197 | 22 | 7 | 11 | N/A | N/A | 31.8% | 50.0% | N/A | N/A | 10 |
| 2007 | 6,328 | 25 | 6 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 24.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 17 |
| Average | | | | | | | 28.8% | 55.2% | 67.2% | 80.4% | |

| Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Community Corrections January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|--------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Calendar Year | Unique Jail Releases | Unique Jail Comm Corr Releases | Number of Releases | | | | % Return Rate | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | Returned in Years | | | | in Years | | | | |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 7,728 | 898 | 434 | 562 | 623 | 681 | 48.3% | 62.6% | 69.4% | 75.8% | 217 |
| 2002 | 8,313 | 1,097 | 533 | 677 | 735 | 819 | 48.6% | 61.7% | 67.0% | 74.7% | 278 |
| 2003 | 8,031 | 1,173 | 635 | 814 | 872 | 921 | 54.1% | 69.4% | 74.3% | 78.5% | 252 |
| 2004 | 8,131 | 1,087 | 605 | 765 | 814 | 854 | 55.7% | 70.4% | 74.9% | 78.6% | 233 |
| 2005 | 8,955 | 1,263 | 743 | 895 | 955 | N/A | 58.8% | 70.9% | 75.6% | N/A | 288 |
| 2006 | 9,255 | 1,286 | 695 | 872 | N/A | N/A | 54.0% | 67.8% | N/A | N/A | 382 |
| 2007 | 9,192 | 1,230 | 605 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 49.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 494 |
| Average | | | | | | | 52.7% | 67.1% | 72.2% | 76.9% | |

DISPARITY BETWEEN LOCATIONS FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

A comparison of difference in return rates between TDOC and jails reveals that felons released to community corrections from jails are significantly more likely to return.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|---|--|-------|-------|--------|
| Calendar Year | % Return Rate Differences Releases to Community Corrections | | | |
| | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 15.0% | 15.9% | 9.4% | 10.8% |
| 2002 | 28.6% | 1.7% | 3.0% | 5.3% |
| 2003 | 26.9% | 10.3% | 1.6% | 1.2% |
| 2004 | 11.2% | 9.3% | 8.2% | 0.8% |
| 2005 | 38.0% | 16.7% | 8.9% | N/A |
| 2006 | 22.2% | 17.8% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 25.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RECIDIVISM FOR RELEASES DUE TO SENTENCE EXPIRATION

System wide return rates for felons released due to sentence expiration are very low. First year return rates average 8.0%, second year average 17.1%, third year average 24.7%, and four years and beyond average 37.1%. Return rates have shown declines in all four time periods with the four years and beyond showing the most significant decrease (10.4%).

| System wide Return Rates for Releases to Expiration January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| CY | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 4,133 | 4,058 | 398 | 776 | 1,048 | 1,706 | 9.8% | 19.1% | 25.8% | 42.0% | 2,352 |
| 2002 | 4,469 | 4,373 | 351 | 757 | 1,077 | 1,679 | 8.0% | 17.3% | 24.6% | 38.4% | 2,694 |
| 2003 | 4,607 | 4,510 | 351 | 828 | 1,155 | 1,638 | 7.8% | 18.4% | 25.6% | 36.3% | 2,872 |
| 2004 | 4,932 | 4,830 | 356 | 794 | 1,168 | 1,525 | 7.4% | 16.4% | 24.2% | 31.6% | 3,305 |
| 2005 | 4,994 | 4,870 | 346 | 777 | 1,125 | N/A | 7.1% | 16.0% | 23.1% | N/A | 3,597 |
| 2006 | 5,195 | 5,066 | 394 | 794 | N/A | N/A | 7.8% | 15.7% | N/A | N/A | 4,058 |
| 2007 | 5,183 | 5,029 | 392 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7.8% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 4,388 |
| Average | | | | | | | 8.0% | 17.1% | 24.7% | 37.1% | |

Felons released due to sentence expiration from TDOC have significantly lower return rates than felons released due to sentence expiration from jails.

| TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Expiration January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| CY | Unique TDOC Releases | Unique TDOC Expiration Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | <u>2</u> | | <u>3</u> | | <u>1 Yr</u> | | <u>4 Yrs</u> | | |
| | | | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>Yrs</u> | <u>Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4 Yrs</u> | |
| 2001 | 4,423 | 1,593 | 105 | 234 | 339 | 581 | 6.6% | 14.7% | 21.3% | 36.5% | 1,012 |
| 2002 | 4,336 | 1,754 | 78 | 230 | 349 | 554 | 4.4% | 13.1% | 19.9% | 31.6% | 1,200 |
| 2003 | 4,873 | 1,951 | 117 | 291 | 425 | 607 | 6.0% | 14.9% | 21.8% | 31.1% | 1,344 |
| 2004 | 5,348 | 2,162 | 92 | 267 | 420 | 561 | 4.3% | 12.3% | 19.4% | 25.9% | 1,601 |
| 2005 | 5,545 | 2,061 | 92 | 228 | 353 | N/A | 4.5% | 11.1% | 17.1% | N/A | 1,650 |
| 2006 | 6,197 | 2,154 | 111 | 260 | N/A | N/A | 5.2% | 12.1% | N/A | N/A | 1,820 |
| 2007 | 6,328 | 2,237 | 99 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 4.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,052 |
| Average | | | | | | | 5.0% | 13.0% | 19.9% | 31.3% | |

| Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Expiration January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Calendar Year | Unique Jail Releases | Unique Jail Expiration Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | <u>2</u> | | <u>3</u> | | <u>1 Yr</u> | | <u>4 Yrs</u> | | |
| | | | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>Yrs</u> | <u>Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4 Yrs</u> | |
| 2001 | 7,728 | 2,465 | 293 | 542 | 709 | 1,125 | 11.9% | 22.0% | 28.8% | 45.6% | 1,340 |
| 2002 | 8,313 | 2,619 | 273 | 527 | 728 | 1,125 | 10.4% | 20.1% | 27.8% | 43.0% | 1,494 |
| 2003 | 8,031 | 2,559 | 234 | 537 | 730 | 1,031 | 9.1% | 21.0% | 28.5% | 40.3% | 1,528 |
| 2004 | 8,131 | 2,668 | 264 | 527 | 748 | 964 | 9.9% | 19.8% | 28.0% | 36.1% | 1,704 |
| 2005 | 8,955 | 2,809 | 254 | 549 | 772 | N/A | 9.0% | 19.5% | 27.5% | N/A | 1,947 |
| 2006 | 9,255 | 2,912 | 283 | 534 | N/A | N/A | 9.7% | 18.3% | N/A | N/A | 2,238 |
| 2007 | 9,192 | 2,792 | 293 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,336 |
| Average | | | | | | | 10.1% | 20.1% | 28.1% | 41.3% | |

DISPARITY BETWEEN LOCATIONS FOR RELEASES TO EXPIRATION

A comparison of difference in return rates between TDOC and jails reveals that felons released due to sentence expiration from jails are not only significantly more likely to return but that the likelihood of their return accelerates at 4 years and beyond.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|---|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| - Calendar | % Return Rate Differences Releases to Expiration | | | |
| <u>Year</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> |
| 2001 | 5.3% | 7.3% | 7.5% | 9.2% |
| 2002 | 6.0% | 7.0% | 7.9% | 11.4% |
| 2003 | 3.1% | 6.1% | 6.7% | 9.2% |
| 2004 | 5.6% | 7.4% | 8.6% | 10.2% |
| 2005 | 4.6% | 8.5% | 10.4% | N/A |
| 2006 | 4.6% | 6.3% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 6.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RECIDIVISM FOR RELEASES TO PAROLE

Return rates for felons released to parole are the most consistent across time and location of release. System wide releases to parole average a 25.8% return rate in the first year, 43.2% for the second year, 51.1% for the third year, and 59.3% for four years and beyond.

| System wide Return Rates for Releases to Parole January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| CY | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | |
| 2001 | 3,243 | 3,213 | 842 | 1,396 | 1,649 | 2,010 | 26.2% | 43.4% | 51.3% | 62.6% | 1,203 |
| 2002 | 3,000 | 2,966 | 740 | 1,274 | 1,525 | 1,801 | 24.9% | 43.0% | 51.4% | 60.7% | 1,165 |
| 2003 | 3,094 | 3,053 | 810 | 1,341 | 1,603 | 1,803 | 26.5% | 43.9% | 52.5% | 59.1% | 1,250 |
| 2004 | 3,362 | 3,331 | 849 | 1,416 | 1,667 | 1,824 | 25.5% | 42.5% | 50.0% | 54.8% | 1,507 |
| 2005 | 3,722 | 3,689 | 957 | 1,600 | 1,860 | N/A | 25.9% | 43.4% | 50.4% | N/A | 1,755 |
| 2006 | 4,382 | 4,343 | 1,157 | 1,856 | N/A | N/A | 26.6% | 42.7% | N/A | N/A | 2,286 |
| 2007 | 4,521 | 4,489 | 1,110 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 24.7% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,914 |
| Average | | | | | | | 25.8% | 43.2% | 51.1% | 59.3% | |

TDOC and jail return rates for felons released to parole are similar. However, TDOC previously posted higher rates of return than jails in years four and beyond. That trend has now been reversed. TDOC return rates for felons released to parole declined 9.3% between 2001 and 2004.

| TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Parole January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| CY | Unique TDOC Releases | Unique TDOC Parole Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 4,423 | 2,292 | 593 | 1,007 | 1,199 | 1,473 | 25.9% | 43.9% | 52.3% | 64.3% | 819 |
| 2002 | 4,336 | 2,096 | 520 | 890 | 1,078 | 1,284 | 24.8% | 42.5% | 51.4% | 61.3% | 812 |
| 2003 | 4,873 | 2,299 | 603 | 1,014 | 1,231 | 1,388 | 26.2% | 44.1% | 53.5% | 60.4% | 911 |
| 2004 | 5,348 | 2,489 | 634 | 1,060 | 1,247 | 1,370 | 25.5% | 42.6% | 50.1% | 55.0% | 1,119 |
| 2005 | 5,545 | 2,818 | 720 | 1,221 | 1,433 | N/A | 25.6% | 43.3% | 50.9% | N/A | 1,326 |
| 2006 | 6,197 | 3,263 | 863 | 1,410 | N/A | N/A | 26.4% | 43.2% | N/A | N/A | 1,690 |
| 2007 | 6,328 | 3,371 | 834 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 24.7% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,173 |
| Average | | | | | | | 25.6% | 43.3% | 51.6% | 60.2% | |

| Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Parole January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| CY | Unique Jail Releases | Unique Jail Parole Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 7,728 | 921 | 249 | 389 | 450 | 537 | 27.0% | 42.2% | 48.9% | 58.3% | 384 |
| 2002 | 8,313 | 870 | 220 | 384 | 447 | 517 | 25.3% | 44.1% | 51.4% | 59.4% | 353 |
| 2003 | 8,031 | 754 | 207 | 327 | 372 | 415 | 27.5% | 43.4% | 49.3% | 55.0% | 339 |
| 2004 | 8,131 | 842 | 215 | 356 | 420 | 454 | 25.5% | 42.3% | 49.9% | 53.9% | 388 |
| 2005 | 8,955 | 871 | 237 | 379 | 427 | N/A | 27.2% | 43.5% | 49.0% | N/A | 429 |
| 2006 | 9,255 | 1,080 | 294 | 446 | N/A | N/A | 27.2% | 41.3% | N/A | N/A | 596 |
| 2007 | 9,192 | 1,118 | 276 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 24.7% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 741 |
| Average | | | | | | | 26.3% | 42.8% | 49.7% | 56.7% | |

DISPARITY BETWEEN LOCATIONS FOR RELEASES TO PAROLE

A comparison of return rates between TDOC and jails reveals that felons released to parole show little difference on the basis or release location.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|---|---|-------|-------|--------|
| Calendar Year | % Return Rate Differences Releases to Parole | | | |
| | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 1.2% | 1.7% | 3.5% | 6.0% |
| 2002 | 0.5% | 1.7% | 0.1% | 1.8% |
| 2003 | 1.2% | 0.7% | 4.2% | 5.3% |
| 2004 | 0.1% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 1.1% |
| 2005 | 1.7% | 0.2% | 1.8% | N/A |
| 2006 | 0.8% | 1.9% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 0.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RECIDIVISM FOR RELEASES TO PROBATION

While parole return rates are relatively stable, the same cannot be said for probation. System wide, increases across time are evident in years one - three, with return rates for 4 years and beyond being stable over time.

| System wide Return Rates for Releases to Probation January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| CY | Total Releases Gross | Unique Releases Unique | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 4,140 | 3,967 | 1,353 | 1,956 | 2,215 | 2,570 | 34.1% | 49.3% | 55.8% | 64.8% | 1,397 |
| 2002 | 4,437 | 4,203 | 1,569 | 2,187 | 2,446 | 2,762 | 37.3% | 52.0% | 58.2% | 65.7% | 1,441 |
| 2003 | 4,351 | 4,146 | 1,547 | 2,137 | 2,389 | 2,651 | 37.3% | 51.5% | 57.6% | 63.9% | 1,495 |
| 2004 | 4,446 | 4,213 | 1,665 | 2,273 | 2,513 | 2,704 | 39.5% | 54.0% | 59.6% | 64.2% | 1,509 |
| 2005 | 4,916 | 4,654 | 1,815 | 2,510 | 2,773 | N/A | 39.0% | 53.9% | 59.6% | N/A | 1,790 |
| 2006 | 5,024 | 4,735 | 1,911 | 2,585 | N/A | N/A | 40.4% | 54.6% | N/A | N/A | 1,989 |
| 2007 | 5,060 | 4,747 | 1,839 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 38.7% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,480 |
| Average | | | | | | | 38.1% | 52.6% | 58.2% | 64.7% | |

Return rates for felons released to probation from TDOC have been declining and are significantly lower than return rates for felons released to probation from jail.

| TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Probation January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| CY | Unique TDOC Releases | Unique TDOC Probation Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 4,423 | 523 | 149 | 268 | 309 | 359 | 28.5% | 51.2% | 59.1% | 68.6% | 164 |
| 2002 | 4,336 | 476 | 148 | 231 | 264 | 298 | 31.1% | 48.5% | 55.5% | 62.6% | 178 |
| 2003 | 4,873 | 601 | 164 | 276 | 330 | 366 | 27.3% | 45.9% | 54.9% | 60.9% | 235 |
| 2004 | 5,348 | 679 | 196 | 306 | 360 | 391 | 28.9% | 45.1% | 53.0% | 57.6% | 288 |
| 2005 | 5,545 | 642 | 210 | 317 | 350 | N/A | 32.7% | 49.4% | 54.5% | N/A | 280 |
| 2006 | 6,197 | 758 | 244 | 352 | N/A | N/A | 32.2% | 46.4% | N/A | N/A | 379 |
| 2007 | 6,328 | 695 | 200 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 28.8% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 438 |
| Average | | | | | | | 29.9% | 47.8% | 55.4% | 62.4% | |

Return rates for felons released to probation from jail are increasing.

| Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Probation January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Calendar Year | Unique Jail Releases | Unique Jail Probation Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 7,728 | 3,444 | 1,204 | 1,688 | 1,906 | 2,211 | 35.0% | 49.0% | 55.3% | 64.2% | 1,233 |
| 2002 | 8,313 | 3,727 | 1,421 | 1,956 | 2,182 | 2,464 | 38.1% | 52.5% | 58.5% | 66.1% | 1,263 |
| 2003 | 8,031 | 3,545 | 1,383 | 1,861 | 2,059 | 2,285 | 39.0% | 52.5% | 58.1% | 64.5% | 1,260 |
| 2004 | 8,131 | 3,534 | 1,469 | 1,967 | 2,153 | 2,313 | 41.6% | 55.7% | 60.9% | 65.4% | 1,221 |
| 2005 | 8,955 | 4,012 | 1,605 | 2,193 | 2,423 | N/A | 40.0% | 54.7% | 60.4% | N/A | 1,510 |
| 2006 | 9,255 | 3,977 | 1,667 | 2,233 | N/A | N/A | 41.9% | 56.1% | N/A | N/A | 1,610 |
| 2007 | 9,192 | 4,052 | 1,639 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 40.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,042 |
| Average | | | | | | | 39.4% | 53.4% | 58.7% | 65.1% | |

DISPARITY BETWEEN LOCATIONS FOR RELEASES TO PROBATION

A comparison of difference in return rates between TDOC and jails reveals that felons released due to probation from jails are not only significantly more likely to return but that the likelihood of their return has increased across time.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|---|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| <u>-</u> <u>Calendar</u> | % Return Rate Differences Releases to Probation | | | |
| <u>Year</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> |
| 2001 | 6.5% | 2.2% | 3.7% | 4.4% |
| 2002 | 7.0% | 4.0% | 3.1% | 3.5% |
| 2003 | 11.7% | 6.6% | 3.2% | 3.6% |
| 2004 | 12.7% | 10.6% | 7.9% | 7.9% |
| 2005 | 7.3% | 5.3% | 5.9% | N/A |
| 2006 | 9.7% | 9.7% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 11.7% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RELEASE BY OFFENSE GROUP

Felons being released can be grouped in to four offense categories: *person offense*, *property offense*, *societal offense*, and *other offense*. Offense categories are based upon the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS) and are representative of offenses that are grouped on the basis of their related nature. The chart below lists the offenses that are included in each category. Recognizing that some felons may have multiple offenses, their most serious offense determines which category of offense is the one in which they are counted.

| Person Offenses | Property Offenses |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Homicide | 1. Arson |
| Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter | 2. Burglary |
| Negligent Manslaughter | 3. Forgery/Fraud |
| 2. Kidnapping | 4. Larceny/Theft |
| 3. Sex Offenses | 5. Robbery |
| Forcible | Robbery |
| Non-forcible | Aggravated Robbery |
| 4. Assault | 6. All Other Property* |
| Simple Assault | *Includes Bad Checks, Bribery, Embezzlement, Extortion, Motor Vehicle Theft, Vandalism/Destruction |
| Aggravated Assault | |
| Societal Offenses | All Other Offenses |
| 1. Drugs/Narcotics | 1. Conspiracy/Solicitation/Facilitation Person |
| Cocaine Offenses | 2. Conspiracy/Solicitation/Facilitation Property |
| All Other Drug Offenses | 3. Conspiracy/Solicitation/Facilitation Societal |
| 2. Vehicular Homicide/DUI | 4. Escape |
| Vehicular Homicide | 5. All Other Offenses |
| All Other Vehicular | |

DISTRIBUTION AND INCREASE IN OFFENSE RATE RELEASES

All offense category release types have increased between 2001 and 2007 at every level; system wide, TDOC, and jails. *Property offense* represents the largest category of releases for every year. *Societal offense* represents the second largest category of release and is also the fastest growing category of release. *Societal offense* releases have increased 46.1% between 2001 and 2007. *Person offense*, *property offense*, and *other offense* have increased 27.5%, 20.4%, and 17.9%, respectively, during the same period of time.

| System wide Releases by Offense Group January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|-------|---------|
| CY | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Person | Property | Societal | Other | Unknown |
| 2001 | 12,508 | 12,151 | 2,039 | 5,546 | 2,974 | 1,472 | 120 |
| 2002 | 13,144 | 12,649 | 2,095 | 5,883 | 3,093 | 1,434 | 144 |
| 2003 | 13,434 | 12,904 | 2,172 | 5,939 | 3,322 | 1,346 | 125 |
| 2004 | 14,048 | 13,479 | 2,235 | 6,081 | 3,679 | 1,357 | 127 |
| 2005 | 15,169 | 14,500 | 2,381 | 6,418 | 3,989 | 1,571 | 141 |
| 2006 | 16,121 | 15,452 | 2,517 | 6,807 | 4,264 | 1,706 | 158 |
| 2007 | 16,209 | 15,520 | 2,599 | 6,679 | 4,346 | 1,736 | 160 |

Property offense also represents the largest category of TDOC releases. While *societal offense* represents the second largest category of release, *other offense* is the fastest growing category of release. Between 2001 and 2007, *other offense* releases increased by 77.7%. *Societal offense*, *property offense*, and *person offense* have increased 67.4%, 32.4%, 28.3%, respectively, during the same period of time.

| TDOC Releases by Offense Group January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|-------|---------|
| CY | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Person | Property | Societal | Other | Unknown |
| 2001 | 12,508 | 4,423 | 999 | 2,071 | 1,027 | 292 | 34 |
| 2002 | 13,144 | 4,336 | 977 | 2,041 | 1,016 | 272 | 30 |
| 2003 | 13,434 | 4,873 | 1,065 | 2,196 | 1,229 | 342 | 41 |
| 2004 | 14,048 | 5,348 | 1,097 | 2,468 | 1,368 | 383 | 32 |
| 2005 | 15,169 | 5,545 | 1,165 | 2,512 | 1,436 | 389 | 43 |
| 2006 | 16,121 | 6,197 | 1,253 | 2,819 | 1,593 | 482 | 50 |
| 2007 | 16,209 | 6,328 | 1,282 | 2,742 | 1,719 | 519 | 66 |

DISPARITY IN RATES OF INCREASE

Jail releases have experienced more modest increases amongst their release types. *Property offense* is the largest category of jail releases and *societal offense* releases are the fastest growing (34.9%) type of release. *Person offense*, *property offense*, and *other offense* have increased 26.6%, 13.3%, and 3.1%, respectively. While TDOC *other offense* category releases have increased significantly, jail releases of *other offense* category have shown minimal increase (3.1%).

| Local Jail Releases by Offense Group January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|-------|---------|
| CY | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Person | Property | Societal | Other | Unknown |
| 2001 | 12,508 | 7,728 | 1,040 | 3,475 | 1,947 | 1,180 | 86 |
| 2002 | 13,144 | 8,313 | 1,118 | 3,842 | 2,077 | 1,162 | 114 |
| 2003 | 13,434 | 8,031 | 1,107 | 3,743 | 2,093 | 1,004 | 84 |
| 2004 | 14,048 | 8,131 | 1,138 | 3,613 | 2,311 | 974 | 95 |
| 2005 | 15,169 | 8,955 | 1,216 | 3,906 | 2,553 | 1,182 | 98 |
| 2006 | 16,121 | 9,255 | 1,264 | 3,988 | 2,671 | 1,224 | 108 |
| 2007 | 16,209 | 9,192 | 1,317 | 3,937 | 2,627 | 1,217 | 94 |

Three out of the four offense type releases from jail show modest increases when compared to TDOC offense type releases for the time period 2001-2007.

| Percent of Change for Offense Group | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|-------|
| | Person | Property | Societal | Other |
| System Wide | 27.5% | 20.4% | 46.1% | 17.9% |
| TDOC | 28.3% | 32.4% | 67.4% | 77.7% |
| Local Jail | 26.6% | 13.3% | 34.9% | 3.1% |

RECIDIVISM BY OFFENSE GROUP

PERSON OFFENSE

Across categories, felons released having committed *person offense* have the lowest return rates system wide. On average, fewer than 19% return in the first year. While second and third year rates of return averaged 29% and 35% respectively, both years post gradual increases across time. Four years and beyond return rates have steady decreases.

| System wide Return Rates for Releases by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Person Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CY | Unique Person Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 2,039 | 368 | 572 | 694 | 944 | 18.0% | 28.1% | 34.0% | 46.3% | 1,095 |
| 2002 | 2,095 | 382 | 614 | 748 | 955 | 18.2% | 29.3% | 35.7% | 45.6% | 1,140 |
| 2003 | 2,172 | 396 | 612 | 751 | 931 | 18.2% | 28.2% | 34.6% | 42.9% | 1,241 |
| 2004 | 2,235 | 394 | 611 | 757 | 894 | 17.6% | 27.3% | 33.9% | 40.0% | 1,341 |
| 2005 | 2,381 | 467 | 733 | 865 | N/A | 19.6% | 30.8% | 36.3% | N/A | 1,467 |
| 2006 | 2,517 | 514 | 770 | N/A | N/A | 20.4% | 30.6% | N/A | N/A | 1,644 |
| 2007 | 2,599 | 470 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 18.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,942 |
| Average | | | | | | 18.6% | 29.0% | 34.9% | 43.7% | |

Return rates for felons convicted of *person offense* and released from TDOC are significantly lower than state wide return rates.

| TDOC Return Rates for Releases by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Person Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year | Unique TDOC Person Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 999 | 110 | 203 | 264 | 400 | 11.0% | 20.3% | 26.4% | 40.0% | 599 |
| 2002 | 977 | 74 | 165 | 233 | 333 | 7.6% | 16.9% | 23.8% | 34.1% | 644 |
| 2003 | 1,065 | 117 | 207 | 274 | 357 | 11.0% | 19.4% | 25.7% | 33.5% | 708 |
| 2004 | 1,097 | 103 | 187 | 267 | 323 | 9.4% | 17.0% | 24.3% | 29.4% | 774 |
| 2005 | 1,165 | 111 | 229 | 292 | N/A | 9.5% | 19.7% | 25.1% | N/A | 853 |
| 2006 | 1,253 | 161 | 268 | N/A | N/A | 12.8% | 21.4% | N/A | N/A | 941 |
| 2007 | 1,282 | 135 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,068 |
| Average | | | | | | 10.3% | 19.1% | 25.1% | 34.3% | |

Return rates for felons convicted of *person offense* and released from jail are significantly higher than return rates for those released from TDOC.

| TDOC Return Rates for Releases by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Person Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year | Unique TDOC Person Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 999 | 110 | 203 | 264 | 400 | 11.0% | 20.3% | 26.4% | 40.0% | 599 |
| 2002 | 977 | 74 | 165 | 233 | 333 | 7.6% | 16.9% | 23.8% | 34.1% | 644 |
| 2003 | 1,065 | 117 | 207 | 274 | 357 | 11.0% | 19.4% | 25.7% | 33.5% | 708 |
| 2004 | 1,097 | 103 | 187 | 267 | 323 | 9.4% | 17.0% | 24.3% | 29.4% | 774 |
| 2005 | 1,165 | 111 | 229 | 292 | N/A | 9.5% | 19.7% | 25.1% | N/A | 853 |
| 2006 | 1,253 | 161 | 268 | N/A | N/A | 12.8% | 21.4% | N/A | N/A | 941 |
| 2007 | 1,282 | 135 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,068 |
| Average | | | | | | 10.3% | 19.1% | 25.1% | 34.3% | |

| Local Jail Return Rates for Releases by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Person Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year | Unique Jail Person Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 1,040 | 258 | 369 | 430 | 544 | 24.8% | 35.5% | 41.3% | 52.3% | 496 |
| 2002 | 1,118 | 308 | 449 | 515 | 622 | 27.5% | 40.2% | 46.1% | 55.6% | 496 |
| 2003 | 1,107 | 279 | 405 | 477 | 574 | 25.2% | 36.6% | 43.1% | 51.9% | 533 |
| 2004 | 1,138 | 291 | 424 | 490 | 571 | 25.6% | 37.3% | 43.1% | 50.2% | 567 |
| 2005 | 1,216 | 356 | 504 | 573 | N/A | 29.3% | 41.4% | 47.1% | N/A | 614 |
| 2006 | 1,264 | 353 | 502 | N/A | N/A | 27.9% | 39.7% | N/A | N/A | 703 |
| 2007 | 1,317 | 335 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 25.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 874 |
| Average | | | | | | 26.5% | 38.4% | 44.1% | 52.5% | |

DISPARITY BETWEEN RELEASE LOCATIONS FOR *PERSON OFFENSE*

Examining the return rates at the site of release reveals that *person offense* felons released from TDOC have significantly lower return rates than those released from jails. The chart below shows that at every point of comparison the difference between TDOC return rates and jail rates are double digit.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|---|--|-------|-------|--------|
| - Calendar Year | % Return Rate Differences Person Offenses | | | |
| | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 13.8% | 15.2% | 14.9% | 12.3% |
| 2002 | 19.9% | 23.3% | 22.3% | 21.5% |
| 2003 | 14.2% | 17.2% | 17.4% | 18.4% |
| 2004 | 16.2% | 20.3% | 18.8% | 20.8% |
| 2005 | 19.8% | 21.7% | 22.0% | N/A |
| 2006 | 15.1% | 18.3% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 14.9% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RECIDIVISM FOR *PROPERTY OFFENSE*

System wide return rates for *property offense* are consistent across years one - three. However, return rates have been decreasing for the 4 years and beyond time frame.

| System wide Return Rates by Offense Group Property Offenses January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| CY | Unique Property Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 5,546 | 1,604 | 2,408 | 2,798 | 3,416 | 28.9% | 43.4% | 50.5% | 61.6% | 2,130 |
| 2002 | 5,883 | 1,680 | 2,495 | 2,897 | 3,471 | 28.6% | 42.4% | 49.2% | 59.0% | 2,412 |
| 2003 | 5,939 | 1,730 | 2,620 | 3,028 | 3,457 | 29.1% | 44.1% | 51.0% | 58.2% | 2,482 |
| 2004 | 6,081 | 1,713 | 2,549 | 2,984 | 3,326 | 28.2% | 41.9% | 49.1% | 54.7% | 2,755 |
| 2005 | 6,418 | 1,891 | 2,761 | 3,180 | N/A | 29.5% | 43.0% | 49.5% | N/A | 3,091 |
| 2006 | 6,807 | 1,993 | 2,910 | N/A | N/A | 29.3% | 42.8% | N/A | N/A | 3,611 |
| 2007 | 6,679 | 1,901 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 28.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 4,175 |
| Average | | | | | | 28.9% | 42.9% | 49.9% | 58.4% | |

Return rates for felons convicted of a *property offense* and released from TDOC are also consistent across time for years one - three. However, years four and beyond show a more than 10% decrease in return rates.

TDOC Return Rates by Offense Group
Property Offenses
January 2001 - December 2007

| Calendar Year | Unique TDOC Property Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
|------------------|--|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 2,071 | 474 | 813 | 972 | 1,235 | 22.9% | 39.3% | 46.9% | 59.6% | 836 |
| 2002 | 2,041 | 431 | 741 | 894 | 1,112 | 21.1% | 36.3% | 43.8% | 54.5% | 929 |
| 2003 | 2,196 | 483 | 837 | 1,025 | 1,177 | 22.0% | 38.1% | 46.7% | 53.6% | 1,019 |
| 2004 | 2,468 | 519 | 882 | 1,062 | 1,209 | 21.0% | 35.7% | 43.0% | 49.0% | 1,259 |
| 2005 | 2,512 | 568 | 921 | 1,104 | N/A | 22.6% | 36.7% | 43.9% | N/A | 1,346 |
| 2006 | 2,819 | 645 | 1,055 | N/A | N/A | 22.9% | 37.4% | N/A | N/A | 1,636 |
| 2007 | 2,742 | 601 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 21.9% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,887 |
| Average | | | | | | 22.1% | 37.3% | 44.9% | 54.2% | |

Return rates for felons released having been convicted of a *property offense* from jails are significantly higher than return rates for felons convicted of a *property offense* from TDOC.

Local Jail Return Rates by Offense Group
Property Offenses
January 2001 - December 2007

| Calendar Year | Unique Jail Property Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
|------------------|--|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 3,475 | 1,130 | 1,595 | 1,826 | 2,181 | 32.5% | 45.9% | 52.5% | 62.8% | 1,294 |
| 2002 | 3,842 | 1,249 | 1,754 | 2,003 | 2,359 | 32.5% | 45.7% | 52.1% | 61.4% | 1,483 |
| 2003 | 3,743 | 1,247 | 1,783 | 2,003 | 2,280 | 33.3% | 47.6% | 53.5% | 60.9% | 1,463 |
| 2004 | 3,613 | 1,194 | 1,667 | 1,922 | 2,117 | 33.0% | 46.1% | 53.2% | 58.6% | 1,496 |
| 2005 | 3,906 | 1,323 | 1,840 | 2,076 | N/A | 33.9% | 47.1% | 53.1% | N/A | 1,745 |
| 2006 | 3,988 | 1,348 | 1,855 | N/A | N/A | 33.8% | 46.5% | N/A | N/A | 1,975 |
| 2007 | 3,937 | 1,300 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 33.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,288 |
| Average | | | | | | 33.2% | 46.5% | 52.9% | 60.9% | |

DISPARITY BETWEEN RELEASE LOCATIONS FOR *PROPERTY OFFENSE*

A comparison of difference in return rates at the site of release reveals that *property offense* releases from TDOC have not only significantly lower return rates than those released from jails but that the difference is increasing across time.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|---|--|-------|-------|--------|
| - Calendar | % Return Rate Differences Property Offenses | | | |
| Year | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 9.6% | 6.6% | 5.6% | 3.1% |
| 2002 | 11.4% | 9.3% | 8.3% | 6.9% |
| 2003 | 11.3% | 9.5% | 6.8% | 7.3% |
| 2004 | 12.0% | 10.4% | 10.2% | 9.6% |
| 2005 | 11.3% | 10.4% | 9.2% | N/A |
| 2006 | 10.9% | 9.1% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 11.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RECIDIVISM FOR *SOCIETAL OFFENSE*

System wide return rates for *societal offense* felons have been slowly increasing for years one - three. However, return rates have been decreasing for the 4 years and beyond time frame.

| System wide Return Rates by Offense Group Societal Offenses January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| CY | Unique Societal Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 2,974 | 714 | 1,166 | 1,392 | 1,750 | 24.0% | 39.2% | 46.8% | 58.8% | 1,224 |
| 2002 | 3,093 | 761 | 1,222 | 1,457 | 1,782 | 24.6% | 39.5% | 47.1% | 57.6% | 1,311 |
| 2003 | 3,322 | 872 | 1,369 | 1,627 | 1,874 | 26.2% | 41.2% | 49.0% | 56.4% | 1,448 |
| 2004 | 3,679 | 1,014 | 1,536 | 1,778 | 1,950 | 27.6% | 41.8% | 48.3% | 53.0% | 1,729 |
| 2005 | 3,989 | 1,057 | 1,636 | 1,913 | N/A | 26.5% | 41.0% | 48.0% | N/A | 1,980 |
| 2006 | 4,264 | 1,155 | 1,707 | N/A | N/A | 27.1% | 40.0% | N/A | N/A | 2,403 |
| 2007 | 4,346 | 1,106 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 25.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,900 |
| Average | | | | | | 25.9% | 40.5% | 47.8% | 56.5% | |

A reverse trend has occurred in return rates for felons convicted of *societal offense* and released from TDOC. TDOC return rates have been significantly decreasing across time. Return rates for the 4 year and beyond time frame has decreased 13.6%.

| TDOC Return Rates by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Societal Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year | Unique TDOC Societal Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 1,027 | 213 | 392 | 476 | 612 | 20.7% | 38.2% | 46.3% | 59.6% | 415 |
| 2002 | 1,016 | 191 | 348 | 442 | 547 | 18.8% | 34.3% | 43.5% | 53.8% | 469 |
| 2003 | 1,229 | 224 | 431 | 553 | 665 | 18.2% | 35.1% | 45.0% | 54.1% | 564 |
| 2004 | 1,368 | 248 | 454 | 556 | 629 | 18.1% | 33.2% | 40.6% | 46.0% | 739 |
| 2005 | 1,436 | 270 | 487 | 585 | N/A | 18.8% | 33.9% | 40.7% | N/A | 812 |
| 2006 | 1,593 | 317 | 548 | N/A | N/A | 19.9% | 34.4% | N/A | N/A | 975 |
| 2007 | 1,719 | 307 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 17.9% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,278 |
| Average | | | | | | 18.9% | 34.8% | 43.2% | 53.4% | |

Return rates for felons convicted of a *societal offense* and released from jail are significantly higher than return rates for those released from TDOC. Jail return rates show increases in years one - three and minimal decrease in four years and beyond.

| Local Jail Return Rates by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Societal Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year | Unique Jail Societal Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 1,947 | 501 | 774 | 916 | 1,138 | 25.7% | 39.8% | 47.0% | 58.4% | 809 |
| 2002 | 2,077 | 570 | 874 | 1,015 | 1,235 | 27.4% | 42.1% | 48.9% | 59.5% | 842 |
| 2003 | 2,093 | 648 | 938 | 1,074 | 1,209 | 31.0% | 44.8% | 51.3% | 57.8% | 884 |
| 2004 | 2,311 | 766 | 1,082 | 1,222 | 1,321 | 33.1% | 46.8% | 52.9% | 57.2% | 990 |
| 2005 | 2,553 | 787 | 1,149 | 1,328 | N/A | 30.8% | 45.0% | 52.0% | N/A | 1,168 |
| 2006 | 2,671 | 838 | 1,159 | N/A | N/A | 31.4% | 43.4% | N/A | N/A | 1,428 |
| 2007 | 2,627 | 799 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 30.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,622 |
| Average | | | | | | 30.0% | 43.6% | 50.4% | 58.2% | |

DISPARITY BETWEEN RELEASE LOCATIONS FOR SOCIETAL OFFENSE

A comparison of difference in return rates at the site of release reveals that *societal offense* releases from TDOC have not only significantly lower return rates than those released from jails but that the difference is increasing across time.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|---|--|-------|-------|--------|
| - Calendar Year | % Return Rate Differences Societal Offenses | | | |
| | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 5.0% | 1.6% | 0.7% | -1.2% |
| 2002 | 8.6% | 7.8% | 5.4% | 5.7% |
| 2003 | 12.8% | 9.7% | 6.3% | 3.7% |
| 2004 | 15.0% | 14.7% | 12.3% | 11.2% |
| 2005 | 12.0% | 11.1% | 11.3% | N/A |
| 2006 | 11.5% | 9.0% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 12.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RECIDIVISM FOR OTHER OFFENSE

System wide return rates for *other offense* have been steadily increasing for years one - three. However, return rates have been decreasing for the 4 years and beyond time frame.

| System wide Return Rates by Offense Group Other Offenses January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| CY | Unique Other Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 1,472 | 325 | 520 | 621 | 809 | 22.1% | 35.3% | 42.2% | 55.0% | 663 |
| 2002 | 1,434 | 347 | 527 | 634 | 794 | 24.2% | 36.8% | 44.2% | 55.4% | 640 |
| 2003 | 1,346 | 336 | 499 | 587 | 722 | 25.0% | 37.1% | 43.6% | 53.6% | 624 |
| 2004 | 1,357 | 336 | 518 | 602 | 681 | 24.8% | 38.2% | 44.4% | 50.2% | 676 |
| 2005 | 1,571 | 424 | 619 | 718 | N/A | 27.0% | 39.4% | 45.7% | N/A | 815 |
| 2006 | 1,706 | 472 | 685 | N/A | N/A | 27.7% | 40.2% | N/A | N/A | 961 |
| 2007 | 1,736 | 445 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 25.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,156 |
| Average | | | | | | 25.2% | 37.8% | 44.0% | 53.5% | |

While increases in return rates for felons convicted of *other offense* and released from TDOC appear in year one, this trend has been reversed. All other years show decreases in return rates for those convicted of *other offense* and released from TDOC.

| TDOC Return Rates by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Other Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year | Unique TDOC Other Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | |
| 2001 | 292 | 50 | 98 | 131 | 163 | 17.1% | 33.6% | 44.9% | 55.8% | 129 |
| 2002 | 272 | 50 | 94 | 116 | 138 | 18.4% | 34.6% | 42.6% | 50.7% | 134 |
| 2003 | 342 | 63 | 111 | 139 | 168 | 18.4% | 32.5% | 40.6% | 49.1% | 174 |
| 2004 | 383 | 56 | 112 | 144 | 161 | 14.6% | 29.2% | 37.6% | 42.0% | 222 |
| 2005 | 389 | 72 | 127 | 154 | N/A | 18.5% | 32.6% | 39.6% | N/A | 228 |
| 2006 | 482 | 95 | 149 | N/A | N/A | 19.7% | 30.9% | N/A | N/A | 310 |
| 2007 | 519 | 87 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 16.8% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 392 |
| Average | | | | | | 17.6% | 32.2% | 41.1% | 49.4% | |

Return rates have increased for felons convicted of *other offense* and released from jail and are significantly higher than rates of return for TDOC.

| Local Jail Return Rates by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Other Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar Year | Unique Jail Other Offn Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | |
| 2001 | 1,180 | 275 | 422 | 490 | 646 | 23.3% | 35.8% | 41.5% | 54.7% | 534 |
| 2002 | 1,162 | 297 | 433 | 518 | 656 | 25.6% | 37.3% | 44.6% | 56.5% | 506 |
| 2003 | 1,004 | 273 | 388 | 448 | 554 | 27.2% | 38.6% | 44.6% | 55.2% | 450 |
| 2004 | 974 | 280 | 406 | 458 | 520 | 28.7% | 41.7% | 47.0% | 53.4% | 454 |
| 2005 | 1,182 | 352 | 492 | 564 | N/A | 29.8% | 41.6% | 47.7% | N/A | 587 |
| 2006 | 1,224 | 377 | 536 | N/A | N/A | 30.8% | 43.8% | N/A | N/A | 651 |
| 2007 | 1,217 | 358 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 29.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 764 |
| Average | | | | | | 27.8% | 39.8% | 45.1% | 54.9% | |

DISPARITY BETWEEN RELEASE LOCATIONS FOR *OTHER OFFENSE*

A comparison of difference in return rates at the site of release reveals that *other offense* releases from TDOC have not only significantly lower return rates than those released from jails but that the difference is increasing across time.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|---|---|-------|-------|--------|
| - Calendar Year | % Return Rate Differences Other Offenses | | | |
| | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 6.2% | 2.2% | -3.4% | -1.1% |
| 2002 | 7.2% | 2.7% | 2.0% | 5.8% |
| 2003 | 8.8% | 6.1% | 4.0% | 6.1% |
| 2004 | 14.1% | 12.5% | 9.4% | 11.4% |
| 2005 | 11.3% | 9.0% | 8.1% | N/A |
| 2006 | 11.1% | 12.9% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 12.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RELEASE BY SEX

Female felons accounted for 12,661 (14.1%) of the 96,655 unique releases made between 2001-2007. System wide, the number of female felons being released has shown slow, but steady increase.

| System wide Releases by Sex January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Unique Releases by Sex | | % of Unique Releases | |
| | | | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 2001 | 12,508 | 12,151 | 10,712 | 1,439 | 88.2% | 11.8% |
| 2002 | 13,144 | 12,649 | 11,139 | 1,510 | 88.1% | 11.9% |
| 2003 | 13,434 | 12,904 | 11,284 | 1,620 | 87.4% | 12.6% |
| 2004 | 14,048 | 13,479 | 11,667 | 1,812 | 86.6% | 13.4% |
| 2005 | 15,169 | 14,500 | 12,525 | 1,975 | 86.4% | 13.6% |
| 2006 | 16,121 | 15,452 | 13,344 | 2,108 | 86.4% | 13.6% |
| 2007 | 16,209 | 15,520 | 13,323 | 2,197 | 85.8% | 14.2% |

While female felon releases from TDOC have changed very little, jail releases of female felons have shown modest increases from 13.2% in 2001 to 17.6% in 2007.

| TDOC Releases by Sex January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Unique Releases by Sex | | % of Unique Releases | |
| | | | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 2001 | 4,450 | 4,423 | 4,001 | 422 | 90.5% | 9.5% |
| 2002 | 4,374 | 4,336 | 3,866 | 470 | 89.2% | 10.8% |
| 2003 | 4,928 | 4,873 | 4,401 | 472 | 90.3% | 9.7% |
| 2004 | 5,380 | 5,348 | 4,791 | 557 | 89.6% | 10.4% |
| 2005 | 5,602 | 5,545 | 4,970 | 575 | 89.6% | 10.4% |
| 2006 | 6,267 | 6,197 | 5,611 | 586 | 90.5% | 9.5% |
| 2007 | 6,396 | 6,328 | 5,748 | 580 | 90.8% | 9.2% |

| Local Jail Releases by Sex January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Unique Releases by Sex | | % of Unique Releases | |
| | | | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 2001 | 8,058 | 7,728 | 6,711 | 1,017 | 86.8% | 13.2% |
| 2002 | 8,770 | 8,313 | 7,273 | 1,040 | 87.5% | 12.5% |
| 2003 | 8,506 | 8,031 | 6,883 | 1,148 | 85.7% | 14.3% |
| 2004 | 8,668 | 8,131 | 6,876 | 1,255 | 84.6% | 15.4% |
| 2005 | 9,567 | 8,955 | 7,555 | 1,400 | 84.4% | 15.6% |
| 2006 | 9,854 | 9,255 | 7,733 | 1,522 | 83.6% | 16.4% |
| 2007 | 9,813 | 9,192 | 7,575 | 1,617 | 82.4% | 17.6% |

RECIDIVISM BY SEX

System wide female offenders have demonstrated a relatively consistent recidivism rate for each of the years under consideration. The first year after releases averages a 27.2% return rate. The second year after release averages a 38.7% return rate. Third year return rates average 44.3% and at 4 years and beyond, the return rate averages 50.3%.

| Female System wide Return Rates January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| CY | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| - | <u>Gross</u> | <u>Unique</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 1,495 | 1,439 | 367 | 525 | 610 | 741 | 25.5% | 36.5% | 42.4% | 51.5% | 698 |
| 2002 | 1,570 | 1,510 | 402 | 570 | 651 | 768 | 26.6% | 37.7% | 43.1% | 50.9% | 742 |
| 2003 | 1,714 | 1,620 | 478 | 672 | 751 | 834 | 29.5% | 41.5% | 46.4% | 51.5% | 786 |
| 2004 | 1,907 | 1,812 | 511 | 700 | 798 | 860 | 28.2% | 38.6% | 44.0% | 47.5% | 952 |
| 2005 | 2,083 | 1,975 | 567 | 802 | 897 | N/A | 28.7% | 40.6% | 45.4% | N/A | 1,044 |
| 2006 | 2,225 | 2,108 | 564 | 782 | N/A | N/A | 26.8% | 37.1% | N/A | N/A | 1,266 |
| 2007 | 2,319 | 2,197 | 558 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 25.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,483 |
| Average | | | | | | | 27.2% | 38.7% | 44.3% | 50.3% | |

High system wide rates of return for female felons obscure the persistently lower rates of return posted for females released from TDOC.

| Female TDOC Return Rates January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| CY | Total TDOC Female Releases | Unique Yearly Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 425 | 422 | 71 | 123 | 154 | 209 | 16.8% | 29.1% | 36.5% | 49.5% | 213 |
| 2002 | 474 | 470 | 82 | 142 | 169 | 207 | 17.4% | 30.2% | 36.0% | 44.0% | 263 |
| 2003 | 476 | 472 | 99 | 164 | 191 | 221 | 21.0% | 34.7% | 40.5% | 46.8% | 251 |
| 2004 | 563 | 557 | 96 | 163 | 189 | 214 | 17.2% | 29.3% | 33.9% | 38.4% | 343 |
| 2005 | 582 | 575 | 90 | 172 | 197 | N/A | 15.7% | 29.9% | 34.3% | N/A | 367 |
| 2006 | 592 | 586 | 88 | 150 | N/A | N/A | 15.0% | 25.6% | N/A | N/A | 412 |
| 2007 | 586 | 580 | 80 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 13.8% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 459 |
| Average | | | | | | | 16.7% | 29.8% | 36.2% | 44.7% | |

TDOC return rates for female felons are significantly lower than female felon return rates for jails.

| Female TDOC Return Rates January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| CY | Total TDOC Female <u>Releases</u> | Unique Yearly <u>Releases</u> | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No <u>Readmissions</u> |
| | | | <u>1</u> Yr | <u>2</u> Yrs | <u>3</u> Yrs | 4+ Yrs | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | |
| - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 425 | 422 | 71 | 123 | 154 | 209 | 16.8% | 29.1% | 36.5% | 49.5% | 213 |
| 2002 | 474 | 470 | 82 | 142 | 169 | 207 | 17.4% | 30.2% | 36.0% | 44.0% | 263 |
| 2003 | 476 | 472 | 99 | 164 | 191 | 221 | 21.0% | 34.7% | 40.5% | 46.8% | 251 |
| 2004 | 563 | 557 | 96 | 163 | 189 | 214 | 17.2% | 29.3% | 33.9% | 38.4% | 343 |
| 2005 | 582 | 575 | 90 | 172 | 197 | N/A | 15.7% | 29.9% | 34.3% | N/A | 367 |
| 2006 | 592 | 586 | 88 | 150 | N/A | N/A | 15.0% | 25.6% | N/A | N/A | 412 |
| 2007 | 586 | 580 | 80 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 13.8% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 459 |
| Average | | | | | | | 16.7% | 29.8% | 36.2% | 44.7% | |

| Female Local Jail Return Rates January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|-----------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| CY | Total Jail Female <u>Releases</u> | Unique Yearly <u>Releases</u> | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No <u>Readmissions</u> |
| | | | <u>1</u> Yr | <u>2</u> Yrs | <u>3</u> Yrs | 4+ Yrs | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | |
| - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 1,070 | 1,017 | 296 | 402 | 456 | 532 | 29.1% | 39.5% | 44.8% | 52.3% | 485 |
| 2002 | 1,096 | 1,040 | 320 | 428 | 482 | 561 | 30.8% | 41.2% | 46.3% | 53.9% | 479 |
| 2003 | 1,238 | 1,148 | 379 | 508 | 560 | 613 | 33.0% | 44.3% | 48.8% | 53.4% | 535 |
| 2004 | 1,344 | 1,255 | 415 | 537 | 609 | 646 | 33.1% | 42.8% | 48.5% | 51.5% | 609 |
| 2005 | 1,501 | 1,400 | 477 | 630 | 700 | N/A | 34.1% | 45.0% | 50.0% | N/A | 677 |
| 2006 | 1,633 | 1,522 | 476 | 632 | N/A | N/A | 31.3% | 41.5% | N/A | N/A | 854 |
| 2007 | 1,733 | 1,617 | 478 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 29.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,024 |
| Average | | | | | | | 31.6% | 42.4% | 47.7% | 52.8% | |

DISPARITY IN RETURN RATES BY SEX BETWEEN RELEASE LOCATIONS

The table below presents the difference in return rates for females released from jail and TDOC. Every point of comparison shows TDOC rates of return being significantly lower than jail rates of return.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|---|--|-------|-------|--------|
| - Calendar Year | % Return Rate Differences Female Felons | | | |
| | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 12.3% | 10.4% | 8.3% | 2.8% |
| 2002 | 13.4% | 11.0% | 10.3% | 9.9% |
| 2003 | 12.0% | 9.6% | 8.3% | 6.6% |
| 2004 | 15.9% | 13.5% | 14.6% | 13.1% |
| 2005 | 18.4% | 15.1% | 15.7% | N/A |
| 2006 | 16.3% | 15.9% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 15.8% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

TYPE OF RELEASE BY SEX

Female felons qualify for the same four categories of release (community corrections, sentence expiration, parole, and probation) as male felons. System wide, every category of female release has shown increases from 2001-2007. Female felons are most often released to probation. Fewer releases are made to parole and sentence expiration, while significantly fewer releases (54% less than parole, 55% less than sentence expiration, 69% less than probation for calendar year 2007) are made to community corrections.

| Female Felons by Type of Release System Wide January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | |
|---|--------|------------|-----------|------------|--------|
| CY | Parole | Expiration | Probation | Comm Corr. | Total |
| 2001 | 379 | 350 | 542 | 168 | 1,439 |
| 2002 | 392 | 342 | 581 | 195 | 1,510 |
| 2003 | 360 | 409 | 617 | 234 | 1,620 |
| 2004 | 451 | 455 | 714 | 192 | 1,812 |
| 2005 | 483 | 490 | 763 | 239 | 1,975 |
| 2006 | 517 | 523 | 829 | 239 | 2,108 |
| 2007 | 551 | 564 | 828 | 254 | 2,197 |
| Total | | | | | 12,661 |

Females from TDOC are even less likely to be released to community corrections (less than 1% in 2007). Releases of female felons from TDOC are most often to parole. Being released due to sentence expiration occurs about half as often as parole and probation releases.

| Female Felons by Type of Release TDOC January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | |
|--|--------|------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| CY | Parole | Expiration | Probation | Comm Corr. | Total |
| 2001 | 270 | 116 | 35 | 1 | 422 |
| 2002 | 288 | 107 | 75 | 0 | 470 |
| 2003 | 280 | 132 | 56 | 4 | 472 |
| 2004 | 327 | 152 | 76 | 2 | 557 |
| 2005 | 313 | 158 | 71 | 3 | 545 |
| 2006 | 347 | 160 | 76 | 3 | 586 |
| 2007 | 340 | 162 | 75 | 3 | 580 |
| Total | | | | | 3,632 |

Jail releases of females present a strikingly different pattern. Releases to probation are the most common type of release. However, releases due to sentence expiration almost equal the combined total of releases to parole and community corrections. The number of jail releases to community corrections is also significantly higher than TDOC releases to community corrections.

| Female Felons by Type of Release Local Jails January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | |
|---|--------|------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| CY | Parole | Expiration | Probation | Comm Corr. | Total |
| 2001 | 109 | 234 | 507 | 167 | 1,017 |
| 2002 | 104 | 235 | 506 | 195 | 1,040 |
| 2003 | 80 | 277 | 561 | 230 | 1,148 |
| 2004 | 124 | 303 | 638 | 190 | 1,255 |
| 2005 | 140 | 332 | 692 | 236 | 1,400 |
| 2006 | 170 | 363 | 753 | 236 | 1,522 |
| 2007 | 211 | 402 | 753 | 251 | 1,617 |
| Total | | | | | 8,999 |

VARIATION BY SEX AND RELEASE TYPE

Because female felons represent a much smaller portion of releases, we would anticipate that every category of release would contain relatively few females in comparison to male releases. This can be seen below. While the proportion of female felons being released has grown, female only account for 14.2% of the releases made in 2007.

| System wide Releases by Type & Sex January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|---|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Yearly Releases | % of Unique Releases By Type and Sex | | | | | | | |
| | | | CC | | EXP | | PAR | | PROB | |
| | | | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 2001 | 12,508 | 12,151 | 81.6% | 18.4% | 91.4% | 8.6% | 88.2% | 11.8% | 86.3% | 13.7% |
| 2002 | 13,144 | 12,649 | 82.4% | 17.6% | 92.2% | 7.8% | 86.8% | 13.2% | 86.2% | 13.8% |
| 2003 | 13,434 | 12,904 | 80.4% | 19.6% | 90.9% | 9.1% | 88.2% | 11.8% | 85.1% | 14.9% |
| 2004 | 14,048 | 13,479 | 82.6% | 17.4% | 90.6% | 9.4% | 86.5% | 13.5% | 83.1% | 16.9% |
| 2005 | 15,169 | 14,500 | 81.4% | 18.6% | 89.9% | 10.1% | 86.9% | 13.1% | 83.6% | 16.4% |
| 2006 | 16,121 | 15,452 | 81.7% | 18.3% | 89.7% | 10.3% | 88.1% | 11.9% | 82.5% | 17.5% |
| 2007 | 16,209 | 15,520 | 79.8% | 20.2% | 88.8% | 11.2% | 87.7% | 12.3% | 82.6% | 17.4% |

System wide, release to community corrections has the highest proportion of female felon releases when compared to the releases of male felons. Female felons account for 20.2% of all community corrections releases system wide in 2007. Releases to probation, parole, and expiration of sentence releases were 17.4%, 12.3%, and 11.2% respectively. Probation, sentence expiration, and community corrections have experienced steady increases while releases to parole have remained relatively stable between 2001 and 2007.

A comparison of TDOC and jail proportionate releases on the basis of sex reveals that females are less likely to be released in any form by TDOC although there are increases in releases for females to community corrections and probation.

| TDOC Releases by Type & Sex January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------|---|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Yearly Releases | % of Unique Releases By Type and Sex | | | | | | | |
| | | | CC | | EXP | | PAR | | PROB | |
| | | | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| - | - | - | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 4,450 | 4,423 | 93.3% | 6.7% | 92.7% | 7.3% | 88.2% | 11.8% | 93.3% | 6.7% |
| 2002 | 4,374 | 4,336 | 100.0% | 0.0% | 93.9% | 6.1% | 86.3% | 13.7% | 84.2% | 15.8% |
| 2003 | 4,928 | 4,873 | 81.8% | 18.2% | 93.2% | 6.8% | 87.8% | 12.2% | 90.7% | 9.3% |
| 2004 | 5,380 | 5,348 | 88.9% | 11.1% | 93.0% | 7.0% | 86.9% | 13.1% | 88.8% | 11.2% |
| 2005 | 5,602 | 5,545 | 87.5% | 12.5% | 92.3% | 7.7% | 88.8% | 11.2% | 88.9% | 11.1% |
| 2006 | 6,267 | 6,197 | 86.4% | 13.6% | 92.6% | 7.4% | 89.4% | 10.6% | 90.0% | 10.0% |
| 2007 | 6,396 | 6,328 | 88.0% | 12.0% | 92.8% | 7.2% | 89.9% | 10.1% | 89.2% | 10.8% |

Jails have been increasing the proportion of their releases of females to sentence expiration, parole, and probation.

| Local Jail Releases by Type & Sex January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------|---|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Yearly Releases | % of Unique Releases By Type and Sex | | | | | | | |
| | | | CC | | EXP | | PAR | | PROB | |
| | | | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 2001 | 8,058 | 7,728 | 81.4% | 18.6% | 90.5% | 9.5% | 88.2% | 11.8% | 85.3% | 14.7% |
| 2002 | 8,770 | 8,313 | 82.2% | 17.8% | 91.0% | 9.0% | 88.0% | 12.0% | 86.4% | 13.6% |
| 2003 | 8,506 | 8,031 | 80.4% | 19.6% | 89.2% | 10.8% | 89.4% | 10.6% | 84.2% | 15.8% |
| 2004 | 8,668 | 8,131 | 82.5% | 17.5% | 88.6% | 11.4% | 85.3% | 14.7% | 81.9% | 18.1% |
| 2005 | 9,567 | 8,955 | 81.3% | 18.7% | 88.2% | 11.8% | 83.9% | 16.1% | 82.8% | 17.2% |
| 2006 | 9,854 | 9,255 | 81.6% | 18.4% | 87.5% | 12.5% | 84.3% | 15.7% | 81.1% | 18.9% |
| 2007 | 9,813 | 9,192 | 79.6% | 20.4% | 85.6% | 14.4% | 81.1% | 18.9% | 81.4% | 18.6% |

RECIDIVISM BY SEX AND RELEASE TYPE

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Female releases to community corrections show the highest rate of return for all types of release. By year 3, more than 70% of those females released to community corrections have been returned.

Female System wide Return Rates for Releases to Community Corrections
January 2001 - December 2007

| CY | Total Releases <u>Gross</u> | Unique Releases <u>Unique</u> | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 183 | 168 | 74 | 97 | 108 | 114 | 44.0% | 57.7% | 64.3% | 67.9% | 54 |
| 2002 | 208 | 195 | 80 | 102 | 114 | 128 | 41.0% | 52.3% | 58.5% | 65.6% | 67 |
| 2003 | 277 | 234 | 122 | 151 | 162 | 167 | 52.1% | 64.5% | 69.2% | 71.4% | 67 |
| 2004 | 219 | 192 | 100 | 122 | 129 | 137 | 52.1% | 63.5% | 67.2% | 71.4% | 55 |
| 2005 | 282 | 239 | 132 | 160 | 174 | N/A | 55.2% | 66.9% | 72.8% | N/A | 62 |
| 2006 | 277 | 239 | 112 | 138 | N/A | N/A | 46.9% | 57.7% | N/A | N/A | 96 |
| 2007 | 299 | 254 | 108 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 42.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 111 |
| Average | | | | | | | 47.7% | 60.5% | 66.4% | 69.1% | |

There are so few TDOC female releases to community corrections that comparisons cannot be made. Jail female releases to community corrections are almost identical to the system wide patterns.

Female Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Community Corrections
January 2001 - December 2007

| Calendar Year | Unique Female Local Jail Releases | Unique Local Jail Female Com Corr Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 1,017 | 167 | 74 | 96 | 107 | 113 | 44.3% | 57.5% | 64.1% | 67.7% | 54 |
| 2002 | 1,040 | 195 | 80 | 102 | 114 | 128 | 41.0% | 52.3% | 58.5% | 65.6% | 67 |
| 2003 | 1,148 | 230 | 121 | 150 | 161 | 166 | 52.6% | 65.2% | 70.0% | 72.2% | 64 |
| 2004 | 1,255 | 190 | 100 | 121 | 128 | 136 | 52.6% | 63.7% | 67.4% | 71.6% | 54 |
| 2005 | 1,400 | 236 | 130 | 158 | 171 | N/A | 55.1% | 66.9% | 72.5% | N/A | 62 |
| 2006 | 1,522 | 236 | 111 | 136 | N/A | N/A | 47.0% | 57.6% | N/A | N/A | 95 |
| 2007 | 1,617 | 251 | 107 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 42.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 110 |
| Average | | | | | | | 47.9% | 60.5% | 66.5% | 69.3% | |

RECIDIVISM BY SEX FOR RELEASES TO SENTENCE EXPIRATION

System wide return rates for females released to sentence expiration are very low. First year return rates have varied and no distinct pattern of increase or decrease exists. Years two and three have been relatively stable at an average of 11% and 15.9%. An almost 10% decline in return rates has occurred in the four years and beyond time frame.

| Female System wide Return Rates for Releases to Expiration January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| CY | Total Releases <u>Gross</u> | Unique Releases <u>Unique</u> | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | |
| 2001 | 357 | 350 | 23 | 41 | 55 | 105 | 6.6% | 11.7% | 15.7% | 30.0% | 245 |
| 2002 | 356 | 342 | 24 | 40 | 59 | 89 | 7.0% | 11.7% | 17.3% | 26.0% | 253 |
| 2003 | 421 | 409 | 20 | 49 | 69 | 97 | 4.9% | 12.0% | 16.9% | 23.7% | 312 |
| 2004 | 465 | 455 | 22 | 45 | 69 | 92 | 4.8% | 9.9% | 15.2% | 20.2% | 363 |
| 2005 | 511 | 490 | 25 | 51 | 72 | N/A | 5.1% | 10.4% | 14.7% | N/A | 407 |
| 2006 | 549 | 523 | 24 | 54 | N/A | N/A | 4.6% | 10.3% | N/A | N/A | 454 |
| 2007 | 588 | 564 | 41 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 512 |
| Average | | | | | | | 5.8% | 11.0% | 15.9% | 25.0% | |

Return rates for females release to sentence expiration from TDOC show significant decreases.

| Female TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Expiration January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Calendar Year | Unique Female TDOC Releases | Unique TDOC Female Exp Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | |
| 2001 | 422 | 116 | 8 | 14 | 23 | 40 | 6.9% | 12.1% | 19.8% | 34.5% | 76 |
| 2002 | 470 | 107 | 4 | 8 | 13 | 18 | 3.7% | 7.5% | 12.1% | 16.8% | 89 |
| 2003 | 472 | 132 | 6 | 18 | 22 | 33 | 4.5% | 13.6% | 16.7% | 25.0% | 99 |
| 2004 | 557 | 152 | 4 | 12 | 16 | 24 | 2.6% | 7.9% | 10.5% | 15.8% | 128 |
| 2005 | 575 | 158 | 7 | 15 | 19 | N/A | 4.4% | 9.5% | 12.0% | N/A | 136 |
| 2006 | 586 | 160 | 3 | 11 | N/A | N/A | 1.9% | 6.9% | N/A | N/A | 145 |
| 2007 | 580 | 162 | 2 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 156 |
| Average | | | | | | | 3.6% | 9.6% | 14.2% | 23.0% | |

Female return rates for releases to sentence expiration from jail show variation in the first year, relative stability in the second year, increase in the third year, and decrease in four years and beyond.

**Female Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Expiration
January 2001 - December 2007**

| Calendar <u>Year</u> | Unique Female Local Jail <u>Releases</u> | Unique Local Jail Female Exp <u>Releases</u> | Number of Releases | | | | % Return Rate | | | | No <u>Readmissions</u> |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | Returned in Years | | | | in Years | | | | |
| | | | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | |
| 2001 | 1,017 | 234 | 15 | 27 | 32 | 65 | 6.4% | 11.5% | 13.7% | 27.8% | 169 |
| 2002 | 1,040 | 235 | 20 | 32 | 46 | 71 | 8.5% | 13.6% | 19.6% | 30.2% | 164 |
| 2003 | 1,148 | 277 | 14 | 31 | 47 | 64 | 5.1% | 11.2% | 17.0% | 23.1% | 213 |
| 2004 | 1,255 | 303 | 18 | 33 | 53 | 68 | 5.9% | 10.9% | 17.5% | 22.4% | 235 |
| 2005 | 1,400 | 332 | 18 | 36 | 53 | N/A | 5.4% | 10.8% | 16.0% | N/A | 271 |
| 2006 | 1,522 | 363 | 21 | 43 | N/A | N/A | 5.8% | 11.8% | N/A | N/A | 309 |
| 2007 | 1,617 | 402 | 39 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 9.7% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 356 |
| Average | | | | | | | 6.7% | 11.7% | 16.7% | 25.9% | |

FEMALE RETURN RATE DISPARITY FOR SENTENCE EXPIRATION

A comparison of female return rates for release to sentence expiration from TDOC and jail reveal few differences.

| Female Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|--|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Calendar <u>Year</u> | % Return Rate Differences Releases to Expiration | | | |
| | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> |
| 2001 | -0.5% | -0.5% | -6.2% | -6.7% |
| 2002 | 4.8% | 6.1% | 7.4% | 13.4% |
| 2003 | 0.5% | -2.4% | 0.3% | -1.9% |
| 2004 | 3.3% | 3.0% | 7.0% | 6.7% |
| 2005 | 1.0% | 1.3% | 3.9% | N/A |
| 2006 | 3.9% | 5.0% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 8.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RECIDIVISM BY SEX FOR RELEASES TO PAROLE

System wide return rates for females released to parole have fluctuated for the first year (averaging 22.4%) and second year (averaging 36.9%), stabilized for the third year (averaging 44.2%), and declined for four years and beyond.

Female System wide Return Rates for Releases to Parole
January 2001 - December 2007

| CY | Total Releases <u>Gross</u> | Unique Releases <u>Unique</u> | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No <u>Readmissions</u> |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| | | | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | |
| 2001 | 385 | 379 | 77 | 132 | 162 | 204 | 20.3% | 34.8% | 42.7% | 53.8% | 175 |
| 2002 | 394 | 392 | 86 | 144 | 168 | 203 | 21.9% | 36.7% | 42.9% | 51.8% | 189 |
| 2003 | 361 | 360 | 96 | 157 | 178 | 198 | 26.7% | 43.6% | 49.4% | 55.0% | 162 |
| 2004 | 457 | 451 | 101 | 170 | 195 | 210 | 22.4% | 37.7% | 43.2% | 46.6% | 241 |
| 2005 | 484 | 483 | 96 | 181 | 207 | N/A | 19.9% | 37.5% | 42.9% | N/A | 269 |
| 2006 | 522 | 517 | 100 | 162 | N/A | N/A | 19.3% | 31.3% | N/A | N/A | 327 |
| 2007 | 554 | 551 | 91 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 26.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 409 |
| Average | | | | | | | 22.4% | 36.9% | 44.2% | 51.8% | |

TDOC first year return rates for females released to parole are lower than system wide rates. However, all other years show fluctuations similar to system wide rates of return.

Female TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Parole
January 2001 - December 2007

| Calendar Year | Unique Female TDOC Releases | Unique TDOC Female Parole Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No <u>Readmissions</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| | | | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | |
| 2001 | 422 | 270 | 51 | 92 | 114 | 149 | 18.9% | 34.1% | 42.2% | 55.2% | 121 |
| 2002 | 470 | 288 | 59 | 100 | 120 | 147 | 20.5% | 34.7% | 41.7% | 51.0% | 141 |
| 2003 | 472 | 280 | 71 | 122 | 141 | 158 | 25.4% | 43.6% | 50.4% | 56.4% | 122 |
| 2004 | 557 | 327 | 66 | 119 | 136 | 151 | 20.2% | 36.4% | 41.6% | 46.2% | 176 |
| 2005 | 575 | 343 | 61 | 126 | 145 | N/A | 17.8% | 36.7% | 42.3% | N/A | 191 |
| 2006 | 586 | 347 | 62 | 109 | N/A | N/A | 17.9% | 31.4% | N/A | N/A | 220 |
| 2007 | 580 | 340 | 55 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 16.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 252 |
| Average | | | | | | | 19.5% | 36.2% | 43.6% | 52.2% | |

Jail return rates for females released to parole are so varied that no clear pattern of increase or decrease is apparent.

| Female Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Parole January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Calendar Year | Unique Female Local Jail Releases | Unique Local Jail Female Parole Releases | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | |
| 2001 | 1,017 | 109 | 26 | 40 | 48 | 55 | 23.9% | 36.7% | 44.0% | 50.5% | 54 |
| 2002 | 1,040 | 104 | 27 | 44 | 48 | 56 | 26.0% | 42.3% | 46.2% | 53.8% | 48 |
| 2003 | 1,148 | 80 | 25 | 35 | 37 | 40 | 31.3% | 43.8% | 46.3% | 50.0% | 40 |
| 2004 | 1,255 | 124 | 35 | 51 | 59 | 59 | 28.2% | 41.1% | 47.6% | 47.6% | 65 |
| 2005 | 1,400 | 140 | 35 | 55 | 62 | N/A | 25.0% | 39.3% | 44.3% | N/A | 78 |
| 2006 | 1,522 | 170 | 38 | 53 | N/A | N/A | 22.4% | 31.2% | N/A | N/A | 107 |
| 2007 | 1,617 | 211 | 36 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 17.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 157 |
| Average | | | | | | | 24.8% | 39.1% | 45.7% | 50.5% | |

FEMALE RETURN RATE DISPARITY FOR PAROLE

A comparison of female return rates for release to parole from TDOC and jail shows lower return rates for females released to parole from TDOC.

| Female Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails | | | | |
|--|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Calendar Year | % Return Rate Differences Releases to Parole | | | |
| | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> |
| 2001 | 5.0% | 2.6% | 1.8% | -4.7% |
| 2002 | 5.5% | 7.6% | 4.5% | 2.8% |
| 2003 | 5.9% | 0.2% | -4.1% | -6.4% |
| 2004 | 8.0% | 4.7% | 6.0% | 1.4% |
| 2005 | 7.2% | 2.6% | 2.0% | N/A |
| 2006 | 4.5% | -0.2% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 0.9% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RECIDIVISM BY SEX FOR RELEASES TO PROBATION

System wide return rates for females released to probation are increasing.

| Female System wide Return Rates for Releases to Probation January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| CY | Total Releases <u>Gross</u> | Unique Releases <u>Unique</u> | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 570 | 542 | 193 | 255 | 285 | 318 | 35.6% | 47.0% | 52.6% | 58.7% | 224 |
| 2002 | 612 | 581 | 212 | 284 | 310 | 348 | 36.5% | 48.9% | 53.4% | 59.9% | 233 |
| 2003 | 655 | 617 | 240 | 315 | 342 | 372 | 38.9% | 51.1% | 55.4% | 60.3% | 245 |
| 2004 | 766 | 714 | 288 | 363 | 405 | 421 | 40.3% | 50.8% | 56.7% | 59.0% | 293 |
| 2005 | 806 | 763 | 314 | 410 | 444 | N/A | 41.2% | 53.7% | 58.2% | N/A | 306 |
| 2006 | 877 | 829 | 328 | 428 | N/A | N/A | 39.6% | 51.6% | N/A | N/A | 389 |
| 2007 | 878 | 828 | 318 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 38.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 451 |
| Average | | | | | | | 38.6% | 50.5% | 55.3% | 59.5% | |

However, return rates for females released to probation from TDOC are decreasing.

| Female TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Probation January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Calendar <u>Year</u> | Unique Female TDOC <u>Releases</u> | Unique TDOC Female Prob <u>Releases</u> | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 422 | 35 | 12 | 16 | 16 | 19 | 34.3% | 45.7% | 45.7% | 54.3% | 16 |
| 2002 | 470 | 75 | 19 | 34 | 36 | 42 | 25.3% | 45.3% | 48.0% | 56.0% | 33 |
| 2003 | 472 | 56 | 21 | 23 | 27 | 29 | 37.5% | 41.1% | 48.2% | 51.8% | 27 |
| 2004 | 557 | 76 | 26 | 31 | 36 | 38 | 34.2% | 40.8% | 47.4% | 50.0% | 38 |
| 2005 | 575 | 71 | 20 | 29 | 30 | N/A | 28.2% | 40.8% | 42.3% | N/A | 40 |
| 2006 | 586 | 76 | 22 | 28 | N/A | N/A | 28.9% | 36.8% | N/A | N/A | 46 |
| 2007 | 580 | 75 | 22 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 29.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 50 |
| Average | | | | | | | 31.1% | 41.8% | 46.3% | 53.0% | |

Return rates are increasing for females released to probation.

Female Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Probation

January 2001 - December 2007

| Calendar Year | Unique Female Local Jail Releases | Unique Local Jail Female Probation Releases | Number of Releases | | | | % Return Rate | | | | No Readmissions |
|------------------|--|---|--------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| | | | Returned in Years | | | | in Years | | | | |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 1,017 | 507 | 181 | 239 | 269 | 299 | 35.7% | 47.1% | 53.1% | 59.0% | 208 |
| 2002 | 1,040 | 506 | 193 | 250 | 274 | 306 | 38.1% | 49.4% | 54.2% | 60.5% | 200 |
| 2003 | 1,148 | 561 | 219 | 292 | 315 | 343 | 39.0% | 52.0% | 56.1% | 61.1% | 218 |
| 2004 | 1,255 | 638 | 262 | 332 | 369 | 383 | 41.1% | 52.0% | 57.8% | 60.0% | 255 |
| 2005 | 1,400 | 692 | 294 | 381 | 414 | N/A | 42.5% | 55.1% | 59.8% | N/A | 266 |
| 2006 | 1,522 | 753 | 306 | 400 | N/A | N/A | 40.6% | 53.1% | N/A | N/A | 343 |
| 2007 | 1,617 | 753 | 296 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 39.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 401 |
| Average | | | | | | | 39.5% | 51.5% | 56.2% | 60.2% | |

FEMALE RETURN RATE DISPARITY FOR PROBATION

A comparison of difference in return rates for females released to probation reveals a significant difference between TDOC and jail return rates that is increasing.

Female Return Rate Differences

Between TDOC and Local Jails

| Calendar Year | % Return Rate Differences Releases to Probation | | | |
|------------------|--|-------|-------|--------|
| | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| | 2001 | 1.4% | 1.4% | 7.3% |
| 2002 | 12.8% | 4.1% | 6.2% | 4.5% |
| 2003 | 1.5% | 11.0% | 7.9% | 9.4% |
| 2004 | 6.9% | 11.2% | 10.5% | 10.0% |
| 2005 | 14.3% | 14.2% | 17.6% | N/A |
| 2006 | 11.7% | 16.3% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 10.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

TYPE OF OFFENSE GROUP BY SEX

System wide, 12,661 female felons were released between 2001 and 2007. Ten percent (10%) of those released had been convicted of a *person offense*. Fifty percent (50%) had been convicted of a *property offense*, 26.5% had been convicted of a *societal offense*, and 12.4% had been convicted of an *other offense*.

| System Wide Female Releases by Offense Group January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|-------|---------|
| CY | Unique Releases | Person | Property | Societal | Other | Unknown |
| 2001 | 1,439 | 178 | 713 | 351 | 183 | 14 |
| 2002 | 1,510 | 161 | 769 | 376 | 186 | 18 |
| 2003 | 1,620 | 147 | 849 | 418 | 189 | 17 |
| 2004 | 1,812 | 185 | 927 | 481 | 208 | 11 |
| 2005 | 1,975 | 201 | 962 | 537 | 252 | 23 |
| 2006 | 2,108 | 195 | 1,047 | 561 | 281 | 24 |
| 2007 | 2,197 | 219 | 1,060 | 630 | 268 | 20 |
| Total | 12,661 | 1,286 | 6,327 | 3,354 | 1,567 | 127 |

| System Wide Female Releases by Offense Group January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|-------|---------|
| CY | Unique Releases | Person | Property | Societal | Other | Unknown |
| 2001 | 1,439 | 12.4% | 49.5% | 24.4% | 12.7% | 1.0% |
| 2002 | 1,510 | 10.7% | 50.9% | 24.9% | 12.3% | 1.2% |
| 2003 | 1,620 | 9.1% | 52.4% | 25.8% | 11.7% | 1.0% |
| 2004 | 1,812 | 10.2% | 51.2% | 26.5% | 11.5% | 0.6% |
| 2005 | 1,975 | 10.2% | 48.7% | 27.2% | 12.8% | 1.2% |
| 2006 | 2,108 | 9.3% | 49.7% | 26.6% | 13.3% | 1.1% |
| 2007 | 2,197 | 10.0% | 48.2% | 28.7% | 12.2% | 0.9% |
| Average | | 10.2% | 50.1% | 26.3% | 12.4% | 1.0% |

Releases for females convicted of *societal offense* and *property offense* have shown significant increase while releases for *other offense* and *person offense* have remained relatively stable. There does not appear to be much variation in female releases across offense groups when comparisons are made between jails and TDOC. While jails release more female felons in any given year, the proportion of releases for the jails and TDOC are relatively equal.

| TDOC Female Releases by Offense Group January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|-------|---------|
| CY | Unique Releases | Person | Property | Societal | Other | Unknown |
| 2001 | 422 | 60 | 224 | 103 | 34 | 1 |
| 2002 | 470 | 61 | 259 | 108 | 40 | 2 |
| 2003 | 472 | 36 | 252 | 122 | 57 | 5 |
| 2004 | 557 | 60 | 298 | 144 | 53 | 2 |
| 2005 | 575 | 67 | 295 | 149 | 59 | 5 |
| 2006 | 586 | 71 | 296 | 163 | 54 | 2 |
| 2007 | 580 | 53 | 289 | 176 | 55 | 7 |
| Total | 3,662 | 408 | 1,913 | 965 | 352 | 24 |

| Local Jail Female Releases by Offense Group January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|-------|---------|
| CY | Unique Releases | Person | Property | Societal | Other | Unknown |
| 2001 | 1,017 | 118 | 489 | 248 | 149 | 13 |
| 2002 | 1,040 | 100 | 510 | 268 | 146 | 16 |
| 2003 | 1,148 | 111 | 597 | 296 | 132 | 12 |
| 2004 | 1,255 | 125 | 629 | 337 | 155 | 9 |
| 2005 | 1,400 | 134 | 667 | 388 | 193 | 18 |
| 2006 | 1,522 | 124 | 751 | 398 | 227 | 22 |
| 2007 | 1,617 | 166 | 771 | 454 | 213 | 13 |
| Total | 8,999 | 878 | 4,414 | 2,389 | 1,215 | 103 |

VARIATION BY SEX AND OFFENSE GROUP

Female felons convicted of *property offense* represent the largest number of releases for every year from 2001-2007. The same pattern is evident in male felon releases. *Societal offense* releases for female felons are made a little less than half as often as *property*

offense releases but still total more than the combine amount of both *person offense* and *other offense* releases. Total male felon releases to *person offense* and *other offense* are about equal to *societal offense* releases.

| System wide Releases by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CY | Unique Releases | Person | | Property | | Societal | | Other | | Unknown | |
| | | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 2001 | 12,151 | 1,861 | 178 | 4,833 | 713 | 2,623 | 351 | 1,289 | 183 | 106 | 14 |
| 2002 | 12,649 | 1,934 | 161 | 5,114 | 769 | 2,717 | 376 | 1,248 | 186 | 126 | 18 |
| 2003 | 12,904 | 2,025 | 147 | 5,090 | 849 | 2,904 | 418 | 1,157 | 189 | 108 | 17 |
| 2004 | 13,479 | 2,050 | 185 | 5,154 | 927 | 3,198 | 481 | 1,149 | 208 | 116 | 11 |
| 2005 | 14,500 | 2,180 | 201 | 5,456 | 962 | 3,452 | 537 | 1,319 | 252 | 118 | 23 |
| 2006 | 15,452 | 2,322 | 195 | 5,760 | 1,047 | 3,703 | 561 | 1,425 | 281 | 134 | 24 |
| 2007 | 15,520 | 2,380 | 219 | 5,619 | 1,060 | 3,716 | 630 | 1,468 | 268 | 140 | 20 |

Comparisons of releases by sex and offense group between TDOC and jails reveals that because jails release three times (see 2007 releases) as many female felons as TDOC, more females are being released across every category of offenses by jails.

| TDOC Releases by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CY | Unique Releases | Person | | Property | | Societal | | Other | | Unknown | |
| | | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 2001 | 4,423 | 939 | 60 | 1,847 | 224 | 924 | 103 | 258 | 34 | 33 | 1 |
| 2002 | 4,336 | 916 | 61 | 1,782 | 259 | 908 | 108 | 232 | 40 | 28 | 2 |
| 2003 | 4,873 | 1,029 | 36 | 1,944 | 252 | 1,107 | 122 | 285 | 57 | 36 | 5 |
| 2004 | 5,348 | 1,037 | 60 | 2,170 | 298 | 1,224 | 144 | 330 | 53 | 30 | 2 |
| 2005 | 5,545 | 1,098 | 67 | 2,217 | 295 | 1,287 | 149 | 330 | 59 | 38 | 5 |
| 2006 | 6,197 | 1,182 | 71 | 2,523 | 296 | 1,430 | 163 | 428 | 54 | 48 | 2 |
| 2007 | 6,328 | 1,229 | 53 | 2,453 | 289 | 1,543 | 176 | 464 | 55 | 59 | 7 |

| Local Jail Releases by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CY | Unique Releases | Person | | Property | | Societal | | Other | | Unknown | |
| | | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 2001 | 7,728 | 922 | 118 | 2,986 | 489 | 1,699 | 248 | 1,031 | 149 | 73 | 13 |
| 2002 | 8,313 | 1,018 | 100 | 3,332 | 510 | 1,809 | 268 | 1,016 | 146 | 98 | 16 |
| 2003 | 8,031 | 996 | 111 | 3,146 | 597 | 1,797 | 296 | 872 | 132 | 72 | 12 |
| 2004 | 8,131 | 1,013 | 125 | 2,984 | 629 | 1,974 | 337 | 819 | 155 | 86 | 9 |
| 2005 | 8,955 | 1,082 | 134 | 3,239 | 667 | 2,165 | 388 | 989 | 193 | 80 | 18 |
| 2006 | 9,255 | 1,140 | 124 | 3,237 | 751 | 2,273 | 398 | 997 | 227 | 86 | 22 |
| 2007 | 9,192 | 1,151 | 166 | 3,166 | 771 | 2,173 | 454 | 1,004 | 213 | 81 | 13 |

RECIDIVISM BY SEX AND OFFENSE GROUP

Return rates for female felons vary across offense groups. Return rates are lowest for female felons convicted of a *person offense*. Their first year return rates average 20.4%, second year 29.5%, third year 33.7%, and four years and beyond 38.7%.

| System Wide Return Rates for Females by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Person Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar | Unique Female Person Offn | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No |
| <u>Year</u> | <u>Releases</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>Readmissions</u> |
| 2001 | 178 | 34 | 48 | 54 | 70 | 19.1% | 27.0% | 30.3% | 39.3% | 108 |
| 2002 | 161 | 35 | 48 | 55 | 68 | 21.7% | 29.8% | 34.2% | 42.2% | 93 |
| 2003 | 147 | 28 | 36 | 42 | 48 | 19.0% | 24.5% | 28.6% | 32.7% | 99 |
| 2004 | 185 | 46 | 63 | 69 | 75 | 24.9% | 34.1% | 37.3% | 40.5% | 110 |
| 2005 | 201 | 47 | 70 | 77 | N/A | 23.4% | 34.8% | 38.3% | N/A | 121 |
| 2006 | 195 | 31 | 52 | N/A | N/A | 15.9% | 26.7% | N/A | N/A | 137 |
| 2007 | 219 | 41 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 18.7% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 167 |
| Average | | | | | | 20.4% | 29.5% | 33.7% | 38.7% | |

Property offense return rates have been declining across time.

| System Wide Return Rates for Females by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Property Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar | Unique Female Property Offn | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No |
| <u>Year</u> | <u>Releases</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>Readmissions</u> |
| 2001 | 713 | 207 | 285 | 329 | 391 | 29.0% | 40.0% | 46.1% | 54.8% | 322 |
| 2002 | 769 | 222 | 316 | 351 | 408 | 28.9% | 41.1% | 45.6% | 53.1% | 361 |
| 2003 | 849 | 277 | 386 | 431 | 475 | 32.6% | 45.5% | 50.8% | 55.9% | 374 |
| 2004 | 927 | 273 | 376 | 431 | 465 | 29.4% | 40.6% | 46.5% | 50.2% | 462 |
| 2005 | 962 | 286 | 387 | 430 | N/A | 29.7% | 40.2% | 44.7% | N/A | 514 |
| 2006 | 1,047 | 292 | 403 | N/A | N/A | 27.9% | 38.5% | N/A | N/A | 616 |
| 2007 | 1,060 | 281 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 26.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 699 |
| Average | | | | | | 29.2% | 41.0% | 46.7% | 53.5% | |

Societal offense return rates have been stable for years one and two but years three and four years and beyond have not shown enough consistent increase or decrease to determine a trend.

| System Wide Return Rates for Females by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Societal Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar | Unique Female Societal Offn | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No |
| <u>Year</u> | <u>Releases</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>Readmissions</u> |
| 2001 | 351 | 87 | 133 | 157 | 186 | 24.8% | 37.9% | 44.7% | 53.0% | 165 |
| 2002 | 376 | 87 | 128 | 155 | 187 | 23.1% | 34.0% | 41.2% | 49.7% | 189 |
| 2003 | 418 | 123 | 182 | 204 | 218 | 29.4% | 43.5% | 48.8% | 52.2% | 200 |
| 2004 | 481 | 137 | 186 | 212 | 225 | 28.5% | 38.7% | 44.1% | 46.8% | 256 |
| 2005 | 537 | 149 | 226 | 258 | N/A | 27.7% | 42.1% | 48.0% | N/A | 270 |
| 2006 | 561 | 149 | 207 | N/A | N/A | 26.6% | 36.9% | N/A | N/A | 337 |
| 2007 | 630 | 159 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 25.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 429 |
| Average | | | | | | 26.5% | 38.9% | 45.4% | 50.4% | |

Return rates have increased for females felons who have been convicted of *other offense*.

| System Wide Return Rates for Females by Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Other Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Calendar | Unique Female Other Offn | Number of Releases Returned in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | No |
| <u>Year</u> | <u>Releases</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>1 Yr</u> | <u>2 Yrs</u> | <u>3 Yrs</u> | <u>4+ Yrs</u> | <u>Readmissions</u> |
| 2001 | 183 | 36 | 55 | 65 | 88 | 19.7% | 30.1% | 35.5% | 48.1% | 95 |
| 2002 | 186 | 54 | 72 | 84 | 96 | 29.0% | 38.7% | 45.2% | 51.6% | 90 |
| 2003 | 189 | 49 | 67 | 71 | 87 | 25.9% | 35.4% | 37.6% | 46.0% | 102 |
| 2004 | 208 | 53 | 72 | 82 | 88 | 25.5% | 34.6% | 39.4% | 42.3% | 120 |
| 2005 | 252 | 82 | 115 | 126 | N/A | 32.5% | 45.6% | 50.0% | N/A | 123 |
| 2006 | 281 | 85 | 110 | N/A | N/A | 30.2% | 39.1% | N/A | N/A | 162 |
| 2007 | 268 | 73 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 27.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 173 |
| Average | | | | | | 27.2% | 37.3% | 41.5% | 47.0% | |

RELEASE BY RACE

Most (95,320) of the 96,655 unique releases made between 2001 and 2007 were from two racial groups; black and white. The number and distribution of releases by race are shown below.

| System wide Releases by Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Unique Releases by Race | |
| | | | Black | White |
| 2001 | 12,508 | 12,019 | 6,429 | 5,590 |
| 2002 | 13,144 | 12,493 | 6,454 | 6,039 |
| 2003 | 13,434 | 12,755 | 6,257 | 6,498 |
| 2004 | 14,048 | 13,298 | 6,433 | 6,865 |
| 2005 | 15,169 | 14,299 | 6,699 | 7,600 |
| 2006 | 16,121 | 15,216 | 7,057 | 8,159 |
| 2007 | 16,209 | 15,240 | 7,115 | 8,125 |
| Total | 100,633 | 95,320 | 46,444 | 48,876 |

| TDOC Releases by Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Unique Releases by Race | |
| | | | Black | White |
| 2001 | 4,450 | 4,384 | 2,140 | 2,244 |
| 2002 | 4,374 | 4,284 | 2,015 | 2,269 |
| 2003 | 4,928 | 4,817 | 2,180 | 2,637 |
| 2004 | 5,380 | 5,273 | 2,315 | 2,958 |
| 2005 | 5,602 | 5,454 | 2,336 | 3,118 |
| 2006 | 6,267 | 6,089 | 2,578 | 3,511 |
| 2007 | 6,396 | 6,203 | 2,603 | 3,600 |
| Total | 37,397 | 36,504 | 16,167 | 20,337 |

| Local Jail Releases by Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Calendar Year | Total Releases | Unique Releases | Unique Releases by Race | |
| | | | Black | White |
| 2001 | 8,058 | 7,635 | 4,289 | 3,346 |
| 2002 | 8,770 | 8,209 | 4,439 | 3,770 |
| 2003 | 8,506 | 7,938 | 4,077 | 3,861 |
| 2004 | 8,668 | 8,025 | 4,118 | 3,907 |
| 2005 | 9,567 | 8,845 | 4,363 | 4,482 |
| 2006 | 9,854 | 9,127 | 4,479 | 4,648 |
| 2007 | 9,813 | 9,037 | 4,512 | 4,525 |
| Total | 63,236 | 58,816 | 30,277 | 28,539 |

RECIDIVISM BY RACE

A system wide comparison of felon return rates on the basis of race reveal comparable return rates for both black and white felons. While average black return rates are lower than white return rates for years one and two, the average return rates for each race are 46.0% and 46.7% respectively.

| System Wide Return Rates by Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black - % Return Rate in Years | | | | White - % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 6,429 | 5,590 | 23.1% | 37.4% | 45.2% | 59.0% | 27.4% | 40.6% | 46.6% | 56.4% | 5,077 |
| 2002 | 6,454 | 6,039 | 23.0% | 37.9% | 45.6% | 57.1% | 28.0% | 40.2% | 46.6% | 55.3% | 5,466 |
| 2003 | 6,257 | 6,498 | 22.9% | 38.0% | 46.1% | 55.2% | 29.1% | 41.8% | 47.8% | 54.2% | 5,780 |
| 2004 | 6,433 | 6,865 | 24.5% | 38.0% | 45.8% | 52.5% | 27.3% | 40.3% | 46.2% | 50.9% | 6,432 |
| 2005 | 6,699 | 7,600 | 25.2% | 39.7% | 47.1% | N/A | 28.3% | 40.6% | 46.3% | N/A | 7,288 |
| 2006 | 7,057 | 8,159 | 25.7% | 39.1% | N/A | N/A | 28.3% | 40.5% | N/A | N/A | 8,547 |
| 2007 | 7,115 | 8,125 | 24.9% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 26.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10,068 |
| Average | | | 24.2% | 38.4% | 46.0% | 55.9% | 27.8% | 40.7% | 46.7% | 54.2% | |

When return rates are compared on the basis of race for those released from TDOC, differences emerge. While year one and year two return rates are comparable, the average year three return rate for black felons (42.8%) is significantly higher than the average year three return rate for white felons (37.8%). Also, black three year return rates are increasing while white three year return rates are decreasing.

| TDOC Return Rates by Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black - % Return Rate in Years | | | | White - % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 2,140 | 2,244 | 19.3% | 35.5% | 44.3% | 59.0% | 19.5% | 33.4% | 39.9% | 51.1% | 1,974 |
| 2002 | 2,015 | 2,269 | 17.5% | 33.7% | 42.6% | 53.8% | 17.4% | 29.6% | 36.7% | 46.3% | 2,149 |
| 2003 | 2,180 | 2,637 | 17.9% | 33.6% | 43.6% | 52.7% | 18.8% | 32.2% | 39.4% | 46.0% | 2,457 |
| 2004 | 2,315 | 2,958 | 19.2% | 33.3% | 41.7% | 48.0% | 16.2% | 29.0% | 35.6% | 40.7% | 2,958 |
| 2005 | 2,336 | 3,118 | 18.8% | 34.2% | 41.6% | N/A | 18.9% | 31.1% | 37.5% | N/A | 3,185 |
| 2006 | 2,578 | 3,511 | 20.7% | 34.8% | N/A | N/A | 19.4% | 31.9% | N/A | N/A | 3,809 |
| 2007 | 2,603 | 3,600 | 19.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 17.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 4,569 |
| Average | | | 19.0% | 34.2% | 42.8% | 53.4% | 18.2% | 31.2% | 37.8% | 46.0% | |

When return rates are compared on the basis of race for those released from jails, black felon return rates are lower than white felon return rates for years one and two. Due to increases in black felon return rates, by year three return rates are comparable.

| Local Jail Return Rates by Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|
| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black - % Return Rate in Years | | | | White - % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 4,289 | 3,346 | 25.0% | 38.3% | 45.7% | 58.9% | 32.6% | 45.4% | 51.1% | 59.9% | 3,103 |
| 2002 | 4,439 | 3,770 | 25.5% | 39.8% | 46.9% | 58.6% | 34.4% | 46.6% | 52.7% | 60.7% | 3,317 |
| 2003 | 4,077 | 3,861 | 25.6% | 40.4% | 47.4% | 56.5% | 36.1% | 48.3% | 53.6% | 59.9% | 3,323 |
| 2004 | 4,118 | 3,907 | 27.5% | 40.7% | 48.2% | 55.0% | 35.7% | 49.0% | 54.3% | 58.5% | 3,474 |
| 2005 | 4,363 | 4,482 | 28.6% | 42.7% | 50.1% | N/A | 34.9% | 47.2% | 52.5% | N/A | 4,103 |
| 2006 | 4,479 | 4,648 | 28.6% | 41.5% | N/A | N/A | 35.0% | 47.1% | N/A | N/A | 4,738 |
| 2007 | 4,512 | 4,525 | 28.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 33.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 5,499 |
| Average | | | 27.0% | 40.6% | 47.6% | 57.3% | 34.6% | 47.3% | 52.8% | 59.8% | |

TYPE OF RELEASE BY RACE

System wide, a comparison of felon releases for 2007 on the basis of race reveals that more white felons were released to community corrections and probation than black felons. Releases to parole and sentence expiration have become more equivalent on the basis of race over time. Other notable trends are that white felons were more likely to be released on probation than black felons and black felons were more likely to be released on parole between 2002 and 2007 and, beginning in 2005, white felon releases to parole outnumbered black releases to parole. Sentence expiration and parole continue to be the most common forms of release for black felons and community corrections and probation are the two most common forms of release for white felons.

| System wide Releases by Type and Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| CY | Unique Releases | CC | | EXP | | PAR | | PROB | |
| | | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White |
| 2001 | 12,151 | 279 | 632 | 2,323 | 1,702 | 1,794 | 1,380 | 2,033 | 1,876 |
| 2002 | 12,649 | 355 | 747 | 2,412 | 1,919 | 1,622 | 1,300 | 2,065 | 2,073 |
| 2003 | 12,904 | 406 | 781 | 2,408 | 2,056 | 1,612 | 1,401 | 1,831 | 2,260 |
| 2004 | 13,479 | 428 | 667 | 2,555 | 2,221 | 1,693 | 1,587 | 1,757 | 2,390 |
| 2005 | 14,500 | 519 | 757 | 2,467 | 2,357 | 1,766 | 1,844 | 1,947 | 2,642 |
| 2006 | 15,452 | 473 | 826 | 2,507 | 2,496 | 2,092 | 2,159 | 1,985 | 2,678 |
| 2007 | 15,520 | 502 | 742 | 2,432 | 2,538 | 2,178 | 2,199 | 2,003 | 2,646 |
| Total | 96,655 | 2,962 | 5,152 | 17,104 | 15,289 | 12,757 | 11,870 | 13,621 | 16,565 |

A comparison of TDOC and jail releases on the basis of race reveals that TDOC releases to community corrections have sharply changed over between 2001 and 2007 while jails have showed more modest changes. TDOC releases to community corrections have previously been disproportionately white but have now become equally distributed between black and white felon releases. While jail trends have been moving in the same direction, they are still, on average, disproportionate (40%/60%).

When releases to sentence expiration are compared on the basis of race and location, differences emerge. TDOC releases more white felons to sentence expiration than black felons and jails release more black felons to sentence expiration than white felons. This same trend can be seen in jail releases to parole.

| TDOC Releases by Type and Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| CY | Unique Releases | CC | | EXP | | PAR | | PROB | |
| | | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White |
| 2001 | 4,423 | 4 | 11 | 701 | 884 | 1,216 | 1,050 | 219 | 299 |
| 2002 | 4,336 | 6 | 4 | 747 | 994 | 1,080 | 981 | 182 | 290 |
| 2003 | 4,873 | 8 | 14 | 798 | 1,135 | 1,173 | 1,095 | 201 | 393 |
| 2004 | 5,348 | 6 | 12 | 858 | 1,280 | 1,206 | 1,243 | 245 | 423 |
| 2005 | 5,545 | 6 | 18 | 818 | 1,224 | 1,319 | 1,430 | 193 | 446 |
| 2006 | 6,197 | 5 | 17 | 776 | 1,350 | 1,546 | 1,649 | 251 | 495 |
| 2007 | 6,328 | 12 | 12 | 796 | 1,414 | 1,569 | 1,714 | 226 | 460 |
| Total | 37,050 | 47 | 88 | 5,494 | 8,281 | 9,109 | 9,162 | 1,517 | 2,806 |

| Local Jail Releases by Type and Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| CY | Unique Releases | CC | | EXP | | PAR | | PROB | |
| | | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White |
| 2001 | 7,728 | 275 | 621 | 1,622 | 818 | 578 | 330 | 1,814 | 1,577 |
| 2002 | 8,313 | 349 | 743 | 1,665 | 925 | 542 | 319 | 1,883 | 1,783 |
| 2003 | 8,031 | 398 | 767 | 1,610 | 921 | 439 | 306 | 1,630 | 1,867 |
| 2004 | 8,131 | 422 | 655 | 1,697 | 941 | 487 | 344 | 1,512 | 1,967 |
| 2005 | 8,955 | 513 | 739 | 1,649 | 1,133 | 447 | 414 | 1,754 | 2,196 |
| 2006 | 9,255 | 468 | 809 | 1,731 | 1,146 | 546 | 510 | 1,734 | 2,183 |
| 2007 | 9,192 | 490 | 730 | 1,636 | 1,124 | 609 | 485 | 1,777 | 2,186 |
| Total | 59,605 | 2,915 | 5,064 | 11,610 | 7,008 | 3,648 | 2,708 | 12,104 | 13,759 |

RECIDIVISM BY RACE AND RELEASE TYPE

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

System wide releases to community corrections reveal that both races post similarly high return rates. More than half of either race is returned within the first year of release. Seventy five percent are returned by the third year.

System wide Return Rates for Releases to Community Corrections by Race
January 2001 - December 2007

| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black | | | | White | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 279 | 632 | 49.5% | 64.9% | 74.2% | 82.8% | 47.5% | 61.2% | 67.1% | 73.1% |
| 2002 | 355 | 747 | 50.1% | 66.8% | 71.8% | 80.3% | 47.7% | 59.3% | 64.8% | 72.2% |
| 2003 | 406 | 781 | 51.0% | 69.7% | 76.8% | 81.8% | 54.9% | 68.9% | 73.0% | 76.8% |
| 2004 | 428 | 667 | 57.0% | 73.1% | 78.3% | 82.0% | 54.7% | 68.7% | 72.9% | 76.8% |
| 2005 | 519 | 757 | 58.0% | 69.9% | 75.0% | N/A | 58.4% | 70.7% | 75.6% | N/A |
| 2006 | 473 | 826 | 53.3% | 68.5% | N/A | N/A | 54.1% | 67.2% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 502 | 742 | 46.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 50.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Average | | | 52.1% | 68.8% | 75.2% | 81.7% | 52.5% | 66.0% | 70.7% | 74.7% |

The number of TDOC releases to community corrections is too small for comparison.

TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Community Corrections by Race
January 2001 - December 2007

| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black | | | | White | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 4 | 11 | 0.0% | 25.0% | 50.0% | 100.0% | 45.5% | 54.5% | 63.6% | 81.8% |
| 2002 | 6 | 4 | 50.0% | 83.3% | 83.3% | 83.3% | 0.0% | 25.0% | 50.0% | 75.0% |
| 2003 | 8 | 14 | 12.5% | 62.5% | 75.0% | 75.0% | 42.9% | 57.1% | 71.4% | 78.6% |
| 2004 | 6 | 12 | 83.3% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 33.3% | 41.7% | 50.0% | 66.7% |
| 2005 | 6 | 18 | 16.7% | 0.0% | 50.0% | N/A | 38.9% | 66.7% | 72.2% | N/A |
| 2006 | 5 | 17 | 40.0% | 80.0% | N/A | N/A | 29.4% | 41.2% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 12 | 12 | 33.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 8.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Average | | | 33.7% | 58.5% | 71.7% | 89.6% | 28.3% | 47.7% | 61.5% | 75.5% |

Jail releases to community corrections post the same high rates of return for both races.

**Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Community Corrections by Race
January 2001 - December 2007**

| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 275 | 621 | 50.2% | 65.5% | 74.5% | 82.5% | 47.5% | 61.4% | 67.1% | 72.9% |
| 2002 | 349 | 743 | 50.1% | 66.5% | 71.6% | 80.2% | 47.9% | 59.5% | 64.9% | 72.1% |
| 2003 | 398 | 767 | 51.8% | 69.8% | 76.9% | 81.9% | 55.1% | 69.1% | 73.0% | 76.8% |
| 2004 | 422 | 655 | 56.6% | 72.7% | 78.0% | 81.8% | 55.1% | 69.2% | 73.3% | 76.9% |
| 2005 | 513 | 739 | 58.5% | 70.6% | 75.2% | N/A | 58.9% | 70.8% | 75.6% | N/A |
| 2006 | 468 | 809 | 53.4% | 68.4% | N/A | N/A | 54.6% | 67.7% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 490 | 730 | 46.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 51.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Average | | | 52.4% | 68.9% | 75.3% | 81.6% | 52.9% | 66.3% | 70.8% | 74.7% |

RETURN RATE DISPARITY FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BY RACE

A comparison of return rate differences between TDOC and jails demonstrates a difference between rates on the basis of race. However, the difference varies significantly at different periods of time.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails Releases to Community Corrections by Race | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Calendar Year | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | |
| | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 50.2% | 40.5% | 24.5% | -17.5% | 2.0% | 6.8% | 3.5% | -8.9% |
| 2002 | 0.1% | -16.9% | -11.7% | -3.1% | 47.9% | 34.5% | 14.9% | -2.9% |
| 2003 | 39.3% | 7.3% | 1.9% | 6.9% | 12.3% | 12.0% | 1.6% | -1.8% |
| 2004 | -26.7% | -27.3% | -22.0% | -18.2% | 21.8% | 27.5% | 23.3% | 10.3% |
| 2005 | 41.8% | 70.6% | 25.2% | N/A | 20.0% | 4.1% | 3.4% | N/A |
| 2006 | 13.4% | -11.6% | N/A | N/A | 25.2% | 26.6% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 13.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 42.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RECIDIVISM BY RACE FOR RELEASES TO SENTENCE EXPIRATION

System wide rates of return for both black and white felons released to sentence expiration are declining. However, white return rates are lower than black return rates.

| System wide Return Rates for Releases to Expiration by Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|
| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Return |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 2,323 | 1,702 | 10.6% | 20.4% | 28.3% | 47.1% | 8.8% | 17.5% | 22.6% | 35.5% | 2,327 |
| 2002 | 2,139 | 1,919 | 8.7% | 19.2% | 26.8% | 42.7% | 7.1% | 15.1% | 22.0% | 33.4% | 2,662 |
| 2003 | 2,408 | 2,056 | 8.1% | 20.3% | 28.2% | 40.5% | 7.4% | 16.4% | 23.0% | 31.9% | 2,833 |
| 2004 | 2,555 | 2,221 | 8.4% | 18.9% | 27.4% | 35.8% | 6.2% | 13.7% | 20.7% | 27.1% | 3,260 |
| 2005 | 2,467 | 2,357 | 7.3% | 16.9% | 25.1% | N/A | 6.9% | 15.1% | 21.3% | N/A | 3,557 |
| 2006 | 2,507 | 2,496 | 8.1% | 16.9% | N/A | N/A | 7.4% | 14.5% | N/A | N/A | 4,004 |
| 2007 | 2,432 | 2,538 | 8.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 7.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 4,336 |
| Average | | | 8.5% | 18.8% | 27.1% | 41.5% | 7.3% | 15.4% | 21.9% | 32.0% | |

TDOC black and white return rates for releases to sentence expiration are more comparable.

| TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Expiration by Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|
| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Return |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 701 | 884 | 6.8% | 14.7% | 22.7% | 40.8% | 6.4% | 14.8% | 20.1% | 32.9% | 1,008 |
| 2002 | 474 | 994 | 4.0% | 14.9% | 21.4% | 34.8% | 4.8% | 11.8% | 18.7% | 29.3% | 1,190 |
| 2003 | 798 | 1,135 | 6.5% | 16.4% | 24.9% | 36.2% | 5.7% | 14.0% | 19.8% | 27.8% | 1,328 |
| 2004 | 858 | 1,280 | 4.9% | 15.0% | 23.2% | 30.0% | 3.8% | 10.7% | 17.2% | 23.5% | 1,580 |
| 2005 | 818 | 1,224 | 4.6% | 9.7% | 15.4% | N/A | 4.4% | 12.1% | 18.4% | N/A | 1,634 |
| 2006 | 776 | 1,350 | 5.3% | 11.3% | N/A | N/A | 5.2% | 12.7% | N/A | N/A | 1,794 |
| 2007 | 796 | 1,414 | 3.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 4.9% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,027 |
| Average | | | 5.1% | 13.7% | 21.5% | 35.4% | 5.0% | 12.7% | 18.8% | 28.4% | |

Jail black and white return rates are higher than TDOC return rates and show less decline.

| Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Expiration by Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------------|
| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Return |
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 1,622 | 818 | 12.2% | 22.9% | 30.7% | 49.8% | 11.2% | 20.3% | 25.3% | 38.4% | 1,319 |
| 2002 | 1,665 | 925 | 10.9% | 21.1% | 29.2% | 46.2% | 9.6% | 18.7% | 25.6% | 37.7% | 1,472 |
| 2003 | 1,610 | 921 | 8.9% | 22.2% | 29.8% | 42.7% | 9.6% | 19.3% | 26.8% | 36.8% | 1,505 |
| 2004 | 1,697 | 941 | 10.1% | 20.9% | 29.6% | 38.8% | 9.5% | 17.9% | 25.5% | 31.9% | 1,680 |
| 2005 | 1,649 | 1,133 | 8.7% | 20.4% | 29.8% | N/A | 9.5% | 18.4% | 24.4% | N/A | 1,923 |
| 2006 | 1,731 | 1,146 | 9.4% | 19.4% | N/A | N/A | 9.9% | 16.7% | N/A | N/A | 2,210 |
| 2007 | 1,636 | 1,124 | 10.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 10.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,309 |
| Average | | | 10.1% | 21.2% | 29.8% | 44.3% | 9.9% | 18.5% | 25.5% | 36.2% | |

RETURN RATE DISPARITY FOR SENTENCE EXPIRATION BY RACE

A comparison of return rates for sentence expiration by race reveals that both black and white felons released from jails have significantly higher return rates.

| Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails Releases due to Sentence Expiration by Race | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Calendar Year | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | |
| | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 5.4% | 8.2% | 8.0% | 9.0% | 4.8% | 5.5% | 5.2% | 5.5% |
| 2002 | 6.9% | 6.2% | 7.8% | 11.4% | 4.8% | 6.9% | 6.9% | 8.5% |
| 2003 | 2.4% | 5.8% | 4.9% | 6.5% | 3.8% | 5.3% | 7.0% | 9.0% |
| 2004 | 5.2% | 5.9% | 6.4% | 8.8% | 5.6% | 7.2% | 8.3% | 8.4% |
| 2005 | 4.0% | 10.8% | 14.4% | N/A | 5.1% | 6.4% | 6.1% | N/A |
| 2006 | 4.1% | 8.1% | N/A | N/A | 4.8% | 4.0% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 6.9% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 5.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RECIDIVISM BY RACE FOR RELEASES TO PAROLE

Return rates for releases to parole by race are stable and comparable over time. An average of 25% of felons released to parole return within the first year and about half of the felons released to parole return by the third year.

System wide Return Rates for Releases to Parole by Race
January 2001 - December 2007

| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Return |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 1,794 | 1,380 | 25.5% | 43.8% | 52.5% | 64.5% | 27.8% | 43.8% | 50.7% | 61.0% | 1,174 |
| 2002 | 1,622 | 1,300 | 24.0% | 43.7% | 53.3% | 62.6% | 26.9% | 43.2% | 50.5% | 59.7% | 1,130 |
| 2003 | 1,612 | 1,401 | 24.9% | 43.4% | 53.3% | 61.2% | 28.7% | 45.2% | 52.4% | 57.3% | 1,223 |
| 2004 | 1,693 | 1,587 | 26.2% | 43.1% | 51.8% | 57.8% | 25.1% | 42.6% | 48.9% | 52.4% | 1,471 |
| 2005 | 1,766 | 1,844 | 25.8% | 46.1% | 54.4% | N/A | 27.1% | 42.1% | 48.2% | N/A | 1,686 |
| 2006 | 2,092 | 2,159 | 27.0% | 43.7% | N/A | N/A | 26.8% | 42.9% | N/A | N/A | 2,210 |
| 2007 | 2,178 | 2,199 | 26.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 26.0% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,818 |
| Average | | | 25.6% | 44.0% | 53.1% | 61.5% | 26.9% | 43.3% | 50.1% | 57.6% | |

TDOC return rates are comparable to the system wide rates of return.

TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Parole by Race
January 2001 - December 2007

| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Return |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 1,216 | 1,050 | 24.8% | 44.2% | 53.4% | 66.9% | 27.7% | 44.3% | 51.7% | 61.9% | 802 |
| 2002 | 1,080 | 981 | 24.1% | 43.4% | 54.0% | 64.2% | 26.5% | 42.7% | 50.3% | 59.8% | 781 |
| 2003 | 1,173 | 1,095 | 24.6% | 43.6% | 54.6% | 62.7% | 28.2% | 45.1% | 53.2% | 58.5% | 892 |
| 2004 | 1,206 | 1,243 | 26.6% | 43.6% | 52.1% | 58.2% | 24.8% | 42.2% | 48.8% | 52.7% | 1,092 |
| 2005 | 1,319 | 1,430 | 26.0% | 46.4% | 54.9% | N/A | 26.3% | 42.1% | 49.5% | N/A | 1,265 |
| 2006 | 1,546 | 1,649 | 26.3% | 44.0% | N/A | N/A | 27.2% | 43.7% | N/A | N/A | 1,633 |
| 2007 | 1,569 | 1,714 | 26.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 24.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,095 |
| Average | | | 25.5% | 44.2% | 53.8% | 63.0% | 26.4% | 43.3% | 50.7% | 58.2% | |

Jail rates of return are also comparable to system wide rates.

**Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Parole by Race
January 2001 - December 2007**

| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Return |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 578 | 330 | 27.0% | 43.1% | 50.7% | 59.5% | 28.2% | 42.1% | 47.3% | 58.2% | 372 |
| 2002 | 542 | 319 | 23.8% | 44.3% | 51.8% | 59.6% | 28.2% | 44.5% | 51.4% | 59.2% | 349 |
| 2003 | 439 | 306 | 25.7% | 42.6% | 49.9% | 57.4% | 30.4% | 45.4% | 49.7% | 52.9% | 331 |
| 2004 | 487 | 344 | 25.3% | 41.7% | 51.1% | 56.7% | 26.5% | 44.2% | 49.4% | 51.2% | 379 |
| 2005 | 447 | 414 | 25.1% | 45.4% | 53.0% | N/A | 30.0% | 42.3% | 45.4% | N/A | 421 |
| 2006 | 546 | 510 | 28.9% | 42.9% | N/A | N/A | 25.7% | 40.6% | N/A | N/A | 577 |
| 2007 | 609 | 485 | 24.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 25.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 723 |
| Average | | | 25.7% | 43.3% | 51.3% | 58.3% | 27.8% | 43.2% | 48.6% | 55.4% | |

RETURN RATE DISPARITY FOR PAROLE BY RACE

A comparison of releases to parole reveals no significant differences between black or white releases to parole from TDOC and jails.

**Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails
Releases to Parole by Race**

| Calendar Year | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 2.2% | -1.1% | -2.7% | -7.4% | 0.5% | -2.2% | -4.4% | -3.7% |
| 2002 | -0.3% | 0.9% | -2.1% | -4.6% | 1.7% | 1.8% | 1.2% | -0.6% |
| 2003 | 1.1% | -1.1% | -4.7% | -5.3% | 2.2% | 0.3% | -3.5% | -5.6% |
| 2004 | -1.4% | -1.9% | -0.9% | -1.5% | 1.7% | 2.0% | 0.7% | -1.5% |
| 2005 | -0.9% | -1.0% | -1.9% | N/A | 3.7% | 0.2% | -4.1% | N/A |
| 2006 | 2.6% | -1.1% | N/A | N/A | -1.5% | -3.1% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | -2.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

RECIDIVISM BY RACE FOR RELEASES TO PROBATION

System wide return rates for black felons released to probation are increasing. However, white felon return rates are higher than black felon return rates.

System wide Return Rates for Releases to Probation by Race
January 2001 - December 2007

| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Return |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 2,033 | 1,876 | 31.7% | 47.3% | 54.2% | 64.3% | 37.1% | 52.2% | 58.6% | 66.3% | 1,358 |
| 2002 | 2,065 | 2,073 | 34.2% | 50.3% | 57.0% | 65.7% | 41.0% | 54.7% | 60.4% | 66.9% | 1,396 |
| 2003 | 1,831 | 2,260 | 34.3% | 49.6% | 56.4% | 63.1% | 40.0% | 53.4% | 59.0% | 64.9% | 1,469 |
| 2004 | 1,757 | 2,390 | 38.5% | 52.4% | 59.0% | 64.4% | 40.7% | 55.7% | 60.8% | 64.7% | 1,469 |
| 2005 | 1,947 | 2,642 | 38.5% | 54.8% | 61.0% | N/A | 39.7% | 53.7% | 59.0% | N/A | 1,751 |
| 2006 | 1,985 | 2,678 | 40.0% | 55.2% | N/A | N/A | 39.1% | 52.7% | N/A | N/A | 1,946 |
| 2007 | 2,003 | 2,646 | 39.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 41.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,407 |
| Average | | | 36.6% | 51.6% | 57.5% | 64.4% | 39.9% | 53.7% | 59.6% | 65.7% | |

TDOC releases to probation have comparable return rates for black and white felons. Also, TDOC return rates for both groups have posted decreases in years two, three, and four and beyond.

TDOC Return Rates for Releases to Probation by Race
January 2001 - December 2007

| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Return |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 219 | 299 | 28.8% | 54.3% | 63.0% | 72.6% | 28.4% | 49.2% | 56.2% | 65.9% | 162 |
| 2002 | 182 | 290 | 32.4% | 51.6% | 61.0% | 69.2% | 30.0% | 46.6% | 52.1% | 58.6% | 176 |
| 2003 | 201 | 393 | 23.9% | 42.3% | 52.7% | 58.7% | 29.3% | 48.1% | 56.2% | 62.1% | 232 |
| 2004 | 245 | 423 | 31.4% | 45.3% | 54.3% | 59.6% | 27.7% | 45.2% | 52.5% | 56.7% | 282 |
| 2005 | 193 | 446 | 29.5% | 54.9% | 61.7% | N/A | 34.1% | 46.9% | 51.3% | N/A | 279 |
| 2006 | 251 | 495 | 33.5% | 50.2% | N/A | N/A | 31.7% | 44.6% | N/A | N/A | 372 |
| 2007 | 226 | 460 | 29.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 28.9% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 430 |
| Average | | | 29.9% | 49.8% | 58.5% | 65.0% | 30.0% | 46.7% | 53.7% | 60.8% | |

Jail return rates for both black and white felons released to probation are increasing.

**Local Jail Return Rates for Releases to Probation by Race
January 2001 - December 2007**

| Calendar Year | Unique Black Releases | Unique White Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Return |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| | | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| 2001 | 1,814 | 1,577 | 32.1% | 46.5% | 53.1% | 63.3% | 38.7% | 52.8% | 59.0% | 66.3% | 1,196 |
| 2002 | 1,883 | 1,783 | 34.4% | 50.2% | 56.6% | 65.3% | 42.8% | 56.0% | 61.8% | 68.2% | 1,220 |
| 2003 | 1,630 | 1,867 | 35.6% | 50.6% | 56.8% | 63.7% | 42.3% | 54.5% | 59.6% | 65.5% | 1,237 |
| 2004 | 1,512 | 1,967 | 39.6% | 53.6% | 59.7% | 65.1% | 43.5% | 58.0% | 62.5% | 66.4% | 1,187 |
| 2005 | 1,754 | 2,196 | 39.5% | 54.7% | 60.9% | N/A | 40.8% | 55.1% | 60.6% | N/A | 1,472 |
| 2006 | 1,734 | 2,183 | 40.9% | 55.9% | N/A | N/A | 43.1% | 56.8% | N/A | N/A | 1,574 |
| 2007 | 1,777 | 2,186 | 40.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 41.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,977 |
| Average | | | 37.5% | 51.9% | 57.4% | 64.4% | 41.8% | 55.5% | 60.7% | 66.6% | |

RETURN RATE DISPARITY FOR PROBATION BY RACE

A comparison of TDOC and jail releases to probation on the basis of race reveals significant differences.

**Return Rate Differences Between TDOC and Local Jails
Releases to Probation by Race**

| Calendar Year | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs |
| 2001 | 3.3% | -7.9% | -9.9% | -9.3% | 10.3% | 3.7% | 2.8% | 0.4% |
| 2002 | 1.9% | -1.5% | -4.4% | -3.9% | 12.8% | 9.5% | 9.7% | 9.6% |
| 2003 | 11.7% | 8.3% | 4.1% | 5.0% | 13.1% | 6.4% | 3.3% | 3.4% |
| 2004 | 8.2% | 8.3% | 5.4% | 5.6% | 15.8% | 12.8% | 10.0% | 9.7% |
| 2005 | 10.0% | -0.2% | -0.7% | N/A | 6.7% | 8.2% | 9.2% | N/A |
| 2006 | 7.5% | 5.7% | N/A | N/A | 11.4% | 12.2% | N/A | N/A |
| 2007 | 10.7% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 12.2% | N/A | N/A | N/A |

TYPE OF OFFENSE GROUP BY RACE

System wide, there is no apparent racial disparity in *person offense* releases. Racial disparities do exist for *societal offense* releases (which are disproportionately black), and *property offense* releases (which are disproportionately white). These same trends are seen at the local jails and TDOC levels. *Other offense* releases also show a disproportionate pattern (60%/40%) with more white felon releases system wide in 2007. However, TDOC shows the highest level of disproportionate release of this offense group with 72% of those released being white felons.

| System Wide Releases by Offense Group and Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| CY | Unique Releases | Person | | Property | | Societal | | Other | | Unknown | |
| | | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White |
| 2001 | 12,151 | 1,055 | 956 | 2,508 | 2,997 | 2,078 | 850 | 716 | 741 | 72 | 46 |
| 2002 | 12,649 | 1,027 | 1,036 | 2,687 | 3,153 | 2,015 | 1,013 | 646 | 773 | 79 | 64 |
| 2003 | 12,904 | 962 | 1,184 | 2,629 | 3,267 | 2,014 | 1,248 | 592 | 736 | 60 | 63 |
| 2004 | 13,479 | 1,043 | 1,147 | 2,607 | 3,424 | 2,195 | 1,417 | 519 | 820 | 69 | 57 |
| 2005 | 14,500 | 1,172 | 1,171 | 2,582 | 3,781 | 2,223 | 1,682 | 643 | 906 | 79 | 60 |
| 2006 | 15,452 | 1,196 | 1,272 | 2,715 | 4,031 | 2,372 | 804 | 701 | 968 | 73 | 84 |
| 2007 | 15,520 | 1,239 | 1,300 | 2,610 | 3,981 | 2,514 | 1,734 | 682 | 1,023 | 70 | 201 |

| System Wide Releases by Offense Group and Race January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|--------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| CY | Unique Releases | Person | | Property | | Societal | | Other | | Unknown | |
| | | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White |
| 2001 | 12,151 | 52.5% | 47.5% | 45.6% | 54.4% | 71.0% | 29.0% | 49.1% | 50.9% | 61.0% | 39.0% |
| 2002 | 12,649 | 49.8% | 50.2% | 46.0% | 54.0% | 66.5% | 33.5% | 45.5% | 54.5% | 55.2% | 44.8% |
| 2003 | 12,904 | 44.8% | 55.2% | 44.6% | 55.4% | 61.7% | 38.3% | 44.6% | 55.4% | 48.8% | 51.2% |
| 2004 | 13,479 | 47.6% | 52.4% | 43.2% | 56.8% | 60.8% | 39.2% | 38.8% | 61.2% | 54.8% | 45.2% |
| 2005 | 14,500 | 50.0% | 50.0% | 40.6% | 59.4% | 56.9% | 43.1% | 41.5% | 58.5% | 56.8% | 43.2% |
| 2006 | 15,452 | 48.5% | 51.5% | 40.2% | 59.8% | 74.7% | 25.3% | 42.0% | 58.0% | 46.5% | 53.5% |
| 2007 | 15,520 | 48.8% | 51.2% | 39.6% | 60.4% | 59.2% | 40.8% | 40.0% | 60.0% | 25.8% | 74.2% |

Person offense releases do show different trends at the local jails and TDOC levels. Jails disproportionately (55.3%/44.7%) released black felons for a *person offense* and TDOC disproportionately (57.8%/42.2%) released white felons for a *person offense* in 2007.

| TDOC Releases by Offense Group and Race | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CY | Unique Releases | Person | | Property | | Societal | | Other | | Unknown | |
| | | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White |
| 2001 | 4,423 | 48.3% | 51.7% | 41.3% | 58.7% | 69.1% | 30.9% | 32.4% | 67.6% | 51.5% | 48.5% |
| 2002 | 4,336 | 44.6% | 55.4% | 40.6% | 59.4% | 68.0% | 32.0% | 25.7% | 74.3% | 53.3% | 46.7% |
| 2003 | 4,873 | 40.4% | 59.6% | 39.4% | 60.6% | 65.0% | 35.0% | 27.7% | 72.3% | 46.2% | 53.8% |
| 2004 | 5,348 | 41.9% | 58.1% | 36.9% | 63.1% | 62.8% | 37.2% | 27.2% | 72.8% | 51.6% | 48.4% |
| 2005 | 5,545 | 44.9% | 55.1% | 34.8% | 65.2% | 58.9% | 41.1% | 30.0% | 70.0% | 48.8% | 51.2% |
| 2006 | 6,197 | 40.6% | 59.4% | 36.9% | 63.1% | 56.2% | 43.8% | 32.9% | 67.1% | 51.0% | 49.0% |
| 2007 | 6,328 | 42.2% | 57.8% | 34.5% | 65.5% | 58.4% | 41.6% | 28.0% | 72.0% | 36.9% | 63.1% |

Racial disparities also exist for *societal offense* releases (which are disproportionately black), and *property offense* releases (which are disproportionately white). This same trend is seen at the system wide level. *Other offense* releases also show a disproportionate pattern (60%/40%) with more white felon releases system wide in 2007. However, TDOC shows the highest level of disproportionate release of this offense group with 72% of those released being white felons.

| Local Jail Releases by Offense Group and Race | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CY | Unique Releases | Person | | Property | | Societal | | Other | | Unknown | |
| | | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White | Black | White |
| 2001 | 7,728 | 56.5% | 43.5% | 48.1% | 51.9% | 72.0% | 28.0% | 53.2% | 46.8% | 64.7% | 35.3% |
| 2002 | 8,313 | 54.3% | 45.7% | 48.9% | 51.1% | 65.8% | 34.2% | 50.1% | 49.9% | 55.8% | 44.2% |
| 2003 | 8,031 | 49.1% | 50.9% | 47.6% | 52.4% | 59.9% | 40.1% | 50.4% | 49.6% | 50.0% | 50.0% |
| 2004 | 8,131 | 53.1% | 46.9% | 47.6% | 52.4% | 59.6% | 40.4% | 43.3% | 56.7% | 55.8% | 44.2% |
| 2005 | 8,955 | 54.9% | 45.1% | 44.3% | 55.7% | 55.9% | 44.1% | 45.3% | 54.7% | 60.2% | 39.8% |
| 2006 | 9,255 | 56.3% | 43.7% | 42.6% | 57.4% | 92.4% | 7.6% | 45.5% | 54.5% | 44.4% | 55.6% |
| 2007 | 9,192 | 55.3% | 44.7% | 43.2% | 56.8% | 59.7% | 40.3% | 45.1% | 54.9% | 22.3% | 77.7% |

RECIDIVISM BY RACE AND OFFENSE GROUP

Person Offense

Return rates for both black and white felons are lowest for those convicted of a *person offense*. The first year return rates for black felons average 17.4%. However, this average is a composite of yearly rates that have been increasing over time. White felons' return rates for the first year average 19.9%. This average is a composite of yearly rates that are decreasing. Average rates of return for years two and three are comparable on the basis of race. Four years and beyond average rates show decreasing returns for both black and white felons.

| System wide Return Rates for Releases by Race for Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Person Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CY | Unique Person Offn Releases | Black | | | | White | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 2,011 | 16.3% | 27.5% | 34.5% | 48.7% | 20.0% | 28.9% | 33.8% | 44.0% | 1,076 |
| 2002 | 2,063 | 15.8% | 28.3% | 35.7% | 47.4% | 20.9% | 30.6% | 36.2% | 44.4% | 1,116 |
| 2003 | 2,146 | 15.9% | 27.0% | 34.0% | 43.8% | 20.1% | 29.2% | 35.3% | 42.4% | 1,223 |
| 2004 | 2,190 | 17.1% | 28.0% | 35.9% | 43.0% | 18.5% | 27.5% | 33.0% | 38.4% | 1,301 |
| 2005 | 2,343 | 19.5% | 31.4% | 37.7% | N/A | 20.1% | 30.6% | 35.4% | N/A | 1,438 |
| 2006 | 2,468 | 19.0% | 30.9% | N/A | N/A | 21.9% | 30.7% | N/A | N/A | 1,607 |
| 2007 | 2,539 | 18.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 18.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,891 |
| Average | | 17.4% | 28.8% | 35.6% | 45.7% | 19.9% | 29.6% | 34.7% | 42.3% | |

Property Offense

Return rates for *property offense* are stable across time for both black and white felons. White felon return rates are higher for years one - three. By fours years and beyond the rates become comparable.

| System wide Return Rates for Releases by Race for Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Property Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CY | Unique Person Offn Releases | Black | | | | White | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | % Return Rate in Years | | | | |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 5,505 | 26.4% | 40.9% | 49.0% | 62.6% | 31.3% | 45.8% | 51.9% | 61.1% | 2,103 |
| 2002 | 5,840 | 25.4% | 40.6% | 48.2% | 59.2% | 31.4% | 44.2% | 50.4% | 59.2% | 2,383 |
| 2003 | 5,896 | 24.9% | 41.1% | 49.3% | 58.3% | 32.6% | 46.6% | 52.5% | 58.2% | 2,462 |
| 2004 | 6,031 | 25.1% | 39.0% | 47.6% | 54.3% | 30.6% | 44.2% | 50.3% | 55.1% | 2,729 |
| 2005 | 6,363 | 25.2% | 40.3% | 47.9% | N/A | 32.4% | 45.0% | 50.8% | N/A | 3,058 |
| 2006 | 6,746 | 25.7% | 39.7% | N/A | N/A | 31.8% | 44.9% | N/A | N/A | 3,573 |
| 2007 | 6,591 | 27.1% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 29.4% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 4,112 |
| Average | | 25.7% | 40.3% | 48.4% | 58.6% | 31.4% | 45.1% | 51.2% | 58.4% | |

Societal Offense

Black felon return rates for *societal offense* have shown modest increases across time. While white felon return rates for societal offenses have also had periods of increase, white felon return rates are lower than black felon return rates and are incrementally declining.

| System wide Return Rates for Releases by Race for Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Societal Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CY | Unique Person Offn Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 2,928 | 24.3% | 40.6% | 48.6% | 62.0% | 24.4% | 37.3% | 44.4% | 53.3% | 1,187 |
| 2002 | 3,028 | 24.8% | 41.5% | 49.5% | 61.4% | 25.5% | 37.6% | 44.7% | 52.5% | 1,259 |
| 2003 | 3,262 | 24.5% | 40.7% | 49.0% | 57.7% | 29.6% | 43.2% | 50.2% | 55.8% | 1,403 |
| 2004 | 3,612 | 27.7% | 42.0% | 49.5% | 55.5% | 27.9% | 42.3% | 47.7% | 50.5% | 1,679 |
| 2005 | 3,905 | 28.8% | 44.7% | 52.4% | N/A | 24.3% | 37.3% | 43.6% | N/A | 1,912 |
| 2006 | 4,176 | 28.5% | 42.1% | N/A | N/A | 25.8% | 38.4% | N/A | N/A | 2,333 |
| 2007 | 4,248 | 26.5% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 24.8% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2,816 |
| Average | | 26.4% | 41.9% | 49.8% | 59.2% | 26.0% | 39.4% | 46.1% | 53.0% | |

Other Offense

Other offense return rates are increasing for both races across years one – three; however, white felon return rates are on average higher than black felon return rates. Both races have decreased return rates for years four and beyond.

| System wide Return Rates for Releases by Race for Offense Group | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| Other Offenses | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 2001 - December 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CY | Unique Person Offn Releases | Black % Return Rate in Years | | | | White % Return Rate in Years | | | | No Readmissions |
| | | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | 1 Yr | 2 Yrs | 3 Yrs | 4+ Yrs | |
| - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 1,457 | 19.4% | 31.7% | 39.2% | 53.4% | 24.6% | 38.9% | 45.2% | 56.8% | 654 |
| 2002 | 1,419 | 19.3% | 31.7% | 38.7% | 51.5% | 27.9% | 40.9% | 48.8% | 58.7% | 632 |
| 2003 | 1,328 | 21.3% | 34.0% | 41.6% | 52.0% | 27.9% | 39.5% | 45.2% | 55.0% | 615 |
| 2004 | 1,339 | 24.3% | 36.2% | 42.0% | 48.9% | 25.1% | 39.6% | 45.7% | 51.0% | 667 |
| 2005 | 1,549 | 23.5% | 36.2% | 44.0% | N/A | 29.6% | 42.1% | 47.5% | N/A | 798 |
| 2006 | 1,669 | 28.7% | 41.1% | N/A | N/A | 27.6% | 40.4% | N/A | N/A | 930 |
| 2007 | 1,705 | 23.6% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 27.3% | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,131 |
| Average | | 22.9% | 35.2% | 41.1% | 51.5% | 27.1% | 40.2% | 46.5% | 55.4% | |

NOTEWORTHY FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

While many people assume that most, if not all, felons eventually return to prison, the good news is that felons being released from TDOC are less likely to return to custody today than they were in the past and rates of return are declining. Less than one in five felons return within one year of release. One in three felons return by year two and fewer than 40% are returned within three years. These return rates represent significant declines for TDOC.

Even better news is that TDOC is maintaining extremely low return rates for those serious offenders convicted of crimes against persons (murder, rape, assault). One in ten felons convicted of a crime against a person returns within one year of release. Fewer than one in five has returned by year two. One in four felons returned by year three and just over one in three felons returned by years four and beyond. While any return of such serious offenders is undesirable, the consistent ability of TDOC to achieve these low return rates is commendable.

This study has shown that the type of release corresponds to rates of return. Release to sentence expiration has the lowest rate of return with fewer than one in three felons returning. Releases to parole demonstrate a stable return rate that is evident whether a felon is released from TDOC or local jails. However, one out of two felons will be returned within three years of being released to parole.

Two types of release contributing to high return rates are probation and community corrections. While TDOC has decreased the return rate for releases to probation, increasing rates of return are occurring in local jail releases to probation. Currently, more than half of all felons released from jail to probation will return within two years.

Community corrections is a poor performer when it comes to return rates. One out of two felons released to community corrections returns within the first year. Three out of four return by the third year after release. Changes in the structure of program delivery within community corrections as well as review of selection criteria for those released to community corrections may offer more desirable outcomes in the future.

The most influential aspect governing return rates is location of release. A glaring disparity in rates of return for local jails, when compared to TDOC, signals an area worthy of attention. Felons released from jails are returning at significantly high rates. Comparisons of return rates by type of release and offense consistently demonstrate that felons released from jail are both more likely to return to prison and do so within a shorter span of time. Efforts to examine the nature of confinement and release from jails could provide information useful in reducing their return rates.

This study has provided an analysis of recidivism across time to facilitate the recognition of trends. Comparisons have been made to identify areas within which improvement in rates of return can be verified and areas within which improvement is needed. Policy

makers may find this information to be useful in shaping continued efforts to reduce recidivism in Tennessee.