

Table 6.50

**Recidivism rates of prisoners released in 1994 from prisons in 15 States**

By most serious offense for which released

Most serious offense for which released	Percent of all released prisoners	Percent of released prisoners who, within 3 years, were:			
		Rearrested	Reconvicted <sup>a</sup>	Returned to prison with new prison sentence <sup>b</sup>	Returned to prison with or without a new prison sentence <sup>c</sup>
Total	100%	67.5%	46.9%	25.4%	51.8%
Violent offenses	22.5	61.7	39.9	20.4	48.8
Homicide	1.7	40.7	20.5	10.8	31.4
Kidnaping	0.4	59.4	37.8	25.1	29.5
Rape	1.2	46.0	27.4	12.6	43.5
Other sexual assault	2.4	41.4	22.3	10.5	36.0
Robbery	9.9	70.2	46.5	25.0	54.7
Assault	6.5	65.1	44.2	21.0	51.2
Other violent	0.4	51.7	29.8	12.7	40.9
Property offenses	33.5	73.8	53.4	30.5	56.4
Burglary	15.2	74.0	54.2	30.8	56.1
Larceny/theft	9.7	74.6	55.7	32.6	60.0
Motor vehicle theft	3.5	78.8	54.3	31.3	59.1
Arson	0.5	57.7	41.0	20.1	38.7
Fraud	2.9	66.3	42.1	22.8	45.4
Stolen property	1.4	77.4	57.2	31.8	62.1
Other property	0.3	71.1	47.6	28.5	40.0
Drug offenses	32.6	66.7	47.0	25.2	49.2
Possession	7.5	67.5	46.6	23.9	42.6
Trafficking	20.2	64.2	44.0	24.8	46.1
Other/unspecified	4.9	75.5	60.5	28.8	71.8
Public-order offenses	9.7	62.2	42.0	21.6	48.0
Weapons	3.1	70.2	46.6	24.3	55.5
Driving under the influence	3.3	51.5	31.7	16.6	43.7
Other public-order	3.3	65.1	48.0	24.4	43.6
Other offenses	1.7	64.7	42.1	20.7	66.9

Note: See Note, table 6.47.

<sup>a</sup>Because of missing data, prisoners released in Ohio were excluded from the calculation of percent reconvicted.<sup>b</sup>Includes new sentences to State or Federal prisons but not to local jails. Because of missing data, prisoners released in Ohio and Virginia were excluded from the calculation of percent returned to prison with new sentence.<sup>c</sup>Includes both prisoners with new sentences to State or Federal prisons plus prisoners returned for technical violations. Because of missing data, prisoners released in Arizona, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, and Virginia were excluded from the calculation of percent returned to prison with or without a new prison sentence. New York State custody records did not always distinguish prison returns from jail returns. Consequently, some persons received in New York jails were probably mistakenly classified as prison returns. Also, California, with a relatively high return-to-prison rate, affects the overall rate of 51.8%. When California is excluded, the return-to-prison rate falls to 40.1%.Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Recidivism of Prisoners Released in 1994*, Special Report NCJ 193427 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, June 2002), p. 8.