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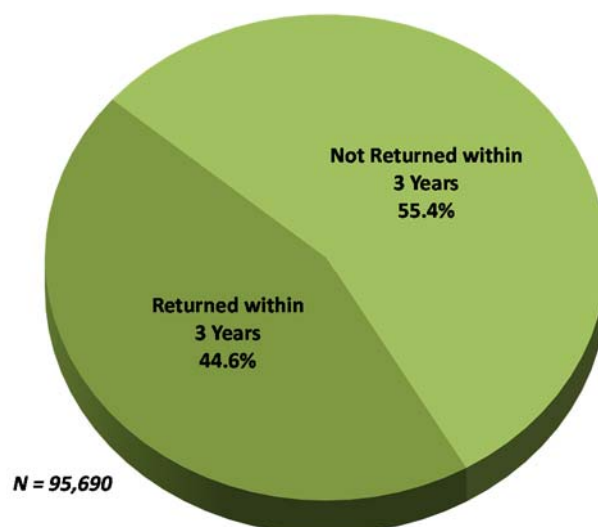
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## Executive Summary

Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 (Fiscal Year 2010-11), 95,690 offenders were released from a California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) adult institution and tracked for three years following the date of their release. The three-year return-to-prison rate for the 95,690 offenders who comprise the Fiscal Year 2010-11 release cohort is 44.6 percent, which is a 9.7 percentage point decrease from the Fiscal Year 2009-10 rate of 54.3 percent. Fiscal Year 2010-11 marks the fifth consecutive year the three-year return-to-prison rate has declined and is the most substantial decrease to-date. As shown in Figure A, Fiscal Year 2010-11 also marks the first cohort of offenders where more offenders did not return to prison during the three-year follow-up period (55.4 percent or 53,029 offenders) than returned to State prison (44.6 percent or 42,661 offenders).

*Figure A. Three-Year Outcomes for Offenders Released from State Prison in Fiscal Year 2010-11*

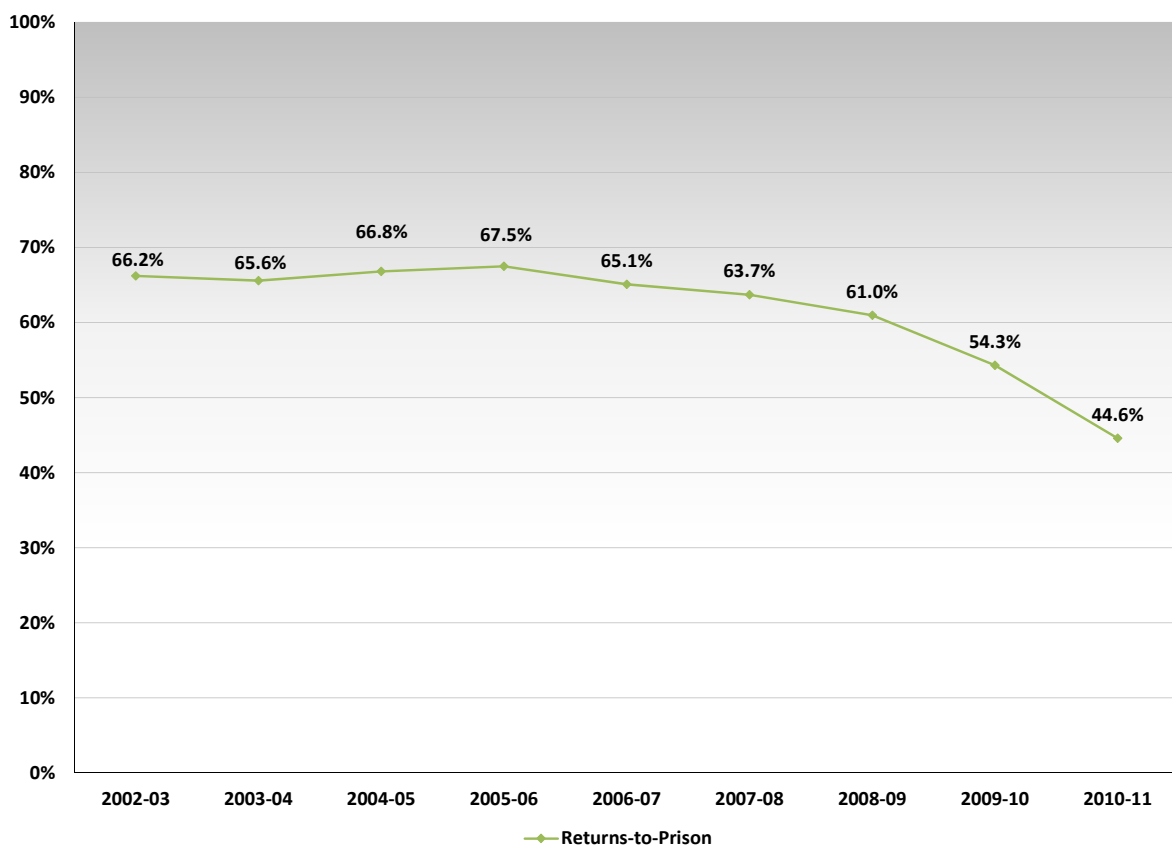


As shown in Figure B, the three-year return-to-prison rate decreased by 6.7 percentage points between Fiscal Years 2008-09 and 2009-10, followed by a drastic decline between Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11 (9.7 percentage points). Some of the decrease in the three-year return-to-prison rate is attributed to the implementation of the Public Safety Realignment Act (Realignment) in October 2011. Although each of the offenders in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 cohort were released pre-Realignment, Realignment was in effect for varying amounts of time during each offender's three-year follow-up period, contributing to a decline in the number of offenders returning for parole violations, which decreased by 7.6 percentage points between the Fiscal Year 2009-10 and 2010-11 release cohorts (37.9 percent and 30.3 percent of the total releases in each cohort, respectively), and accounted for some of the decrease in the three-year return-to-prison rate.

Impacts of Realignment were also observed in other types of return categories: returns for property crimes decreased 1.5 percentage points between Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11 (6.2 percent and 4.7 percent of the release cohorts, respectively) and returns for drug crimes decreased 1.1 percentage

points (4.5 percent and 3.4 percent of the release cohorts, respectively). Crimes against persons, which tend to be more serious and/or violent, increased slightly (0.4 of a percentage point) from 3.6 percent of the release cohort in Fiscal Year 2009-10 to 4 percent of the release cohort in Fiscal Year 2010-11. Realignment's impact on the number of offenders returning for parole violations and property and drug crimes is largely expected, as many parole violators and non-serious, non-violent, and non-sex registrant offenders now serve their sentences in county jail, rather than State prison. In future years, the number of offenders returning for property and drug crimes is expected to decline further due to the impacts of Proposition 47, which was passed in November 2014 and mandates a misdemeanor sentence, instead of a felony for some property and drug offenses.<sup>1</sup>

*Figure B. Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rate for Offenders Released in Fiscal Year 2002-03 through Fiscal Year 2010-11*



In addition to returns to prison, Appendix A examines arrests and convictions at one-, two-, and three-year intervals. With the implementation of Realignment and subsequent decreases in returns to prison for parole violations, a potentially offsetting increase in arrests and convictions was anticipated by some criminal justice experts. As shown in Appendix A, a slight increase in both arrests and convictions was observed following the immediate implementation of Realignment, however, the initial uptick in the one-year arrest and conviction rate was followed by a more substantial decrease. A further examination

<sup>1</sup> The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act full text version:  
[https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/initiatives/pdfs/130060%20\(130060%20\(Neighborhood%20and%20School%20Funding\)\).pdf](https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/initiatives/pdfs/130060%20(130060%20(Neighborhood%20and%20School%20Funding)).pdf)



of arrests and convictions among the Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Year 2010-11 release cohorts (Appendix B) shows little change in the number of offenders arrested or convicted during the three-year follow-up period for drug crimes, property crimes, and crimes against persons. Although a longer follow-up period is needed to examine the full impact of Realignment, preliminary findings show that decreases in parole violations and the three-year return-to-prison rate have not been offset by a spike in arrests and convictions.

Similar to other cohorts examined by the CDCR, most offenders in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 release cohort returned to State prison within the first year of their release. Of the 42,661 offenders who returned to prison during the three-year follow-up period, 33 percent (14,093 offenders) returned within the first three months of their release and over half (58.8 percent or 25,085 offenders) returned within the first six months of their release. After one year of follow-up, 81.6 percent (34,810 offenders) of the 42,661 offenders who returned to prison during the three-year follow-up period, had returned.

The three-year return-to-prison rate for the 37,568 re-releases, offenders released after a parole violation, is substantially higher (60.9 percent or 22,884 offenders) than the 58,122 first releases, offenders released for the first time on their current term (34 percent or 19,777 offenders). Offenders with a serious offense also returned to State prison at a higher rate than other offenders; offenders with a serious offense had a three-year return-to-prison rate of 48.4 percent (6,418 offenders), violent offenders had a rate of 38.4 percent (4,091 offenders), and offenders without a serious or violent offense had a rate of 44.8 percent (32,152 offenders).

While a large portion of the release cohort was paroled to Los Angeles County (26 percent of the cohort or 24,904 offenders), Los Angeles County has one of the lowest three-year return-to-prison rates (32.3 percent) among all California counties. Los Angeles County also has the lowest rate among the top 12 counties with the largest number of CDCR releases. Three-year return-to-prison rates for each of California's counties are provided in Appendix D of this report.

An examination of the three-year return-to-prison rate based on offender demographics shows younger offenders return to State prison at higher rates than older offenders. In general, as the age of the offender increases, their likelihood of completing the three-year follow-up period without returning to prison also increases. Offenders ages 18 – 19 returned to prison at the highest rate (59.1 percent or 440 offenders) of all age groups, while offenders 60 and over returned to State prison at the lowest rate (31.1 percent or 573 offenders) of all age groups, a difference of 28 percentage points.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) estimates that 69.2 percent of offenders in state prisons regularly used drugs prior to their incarceration and 56 percent used drugs in the month before committing their offense.<sup>2</sup> According to BJS, 53 percent of offenders in state prisons in the United States are estimated to meet the criteria for drug dependence or abuse, but only 15 percent of those offenders were reported to participate in drug treatment programs with a trained professional.<sup>3</sup> Empirical research shows that

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<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics "Special Report: Drug Use and Dependence, State and Federal Prisoners, 2004". p. 2, <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/dudsfp04.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics "Special Report: Drug Use and Dependence, State and Federal Prisoners, 2004". p. 1 and p. 9, <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/dudsfp04.pdf>

participation in substance use treatment is associated with lower rates of future drug use and reoffending, demonstrating the importance of both in-prison substance abuse treatment and post-release aftercare.

The CDCR offenders who received in-prison substance abuse treatment (SAT) and/or aftercare demonstrate positive outcomes when compared to offenders who do not receive in-prison SAT or aftercare. Offenders who received in-prison SAT and completed aftercare (919 offenders) returned to State prison at a rate of 15.3 percent (or 141 offenders), while offenders who did not receive any form of in-prison SAT or aftercare (81,743 offenders) returned to prison at a rate of 46.5 percent (or 38,030 offenders), slightly above (1.9 percentage points) the overall three-year return-to-prison rate of 44.6 percent. The 31.2 percentage point difference between the two groups of offenders is one of the most remarkable differences observed in this report and suggests participation in SAT and completion of aftercare has a positive effect on the outcomes of offenders. As shown in the following sections of this report, offenders who received some form of in-prison SAT or aftercare, consistently returned to prison at lower rates (15.3 percent for offenders who participate in SAT and complete aftercare and 34.4 percent for offenders who participate in SAT and receive some aftercare) than the overall three-year return-to-prison rate of 44.6 percent and at a substantially lower rate than offenders who do not receive any form of in-prison SAT or aftercare (46.5 percent).

To enable comparison of reoffending rates among CDCR offenders over time, one-, two-, and three-year arrest, conviction, and return-to-prison rates are provided in Appendix A of this report. Appendix C contains the three-year return-to-prison rate by offender demographics and characteristics for the Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Year 2010-11 release cohorts and finally, Appendix D contains the three-year return-to-prison rate by county of parole. The CDCR will continue to update and report arrest, conviction, and return-to-prison data with the goal of spurring discussion around the best possible ways to reduce returns to prison and better protect public safety.

## Key Findings

### Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rate

- Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 (Fiscal Year 2010-11), 95,690 offenders were released from California's State prisons. Of these offenders, 42,661 offenders returned to State prison within three years of their release for a three-year return-to-prison rate of 44.6 percent.
- The Fiscal Year 2010-11 rate (44.6 percent) is a 9.7 percentage point decrease from the Fiscal Year 2009-10 rate of 54.3 percent.
- Fiscal Year 2010-11 marks the fifth year in a row the three-year return-to-prison rate has decreased and also marks the most substantial decrease over the last five fiscal years.

### Type of Return and the Impact of Realignment

- Although all of the 95,690 offenders released in Fiscal Year 2010-11 were released pre-Realignment, Realignment was in effect for varying amounts of time during an offender's three-year follow-up period depending on their date of release.
- Some of the 9.7 percentage point decrease in the three-year return-to-prison rate between Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11 is attributed to a decrease in parole violations, which decreased 7.6 percentage points between Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11 (37.9 percent and 30.3 percent of the release cohorts, respectively).
- Returns for property crimes decreased 1.5 percentage points between Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11 (6.2 percent and 4.7 percent of the release cohorts, respectively) and returns for drug crimes decreased 1.1 percentage points (4.5 percent and 3.4 percent of the release cohorts, respectively). Crimes against persons, which tend to be more serious and/or violent, increased slightly (0.4 of a percentage point) from 3.6 percent of the release cohort in Fiscal Year 2009-10 to 4 percent of the release cohort in Fiscal Year 2010-11.
- As Realignment is in effect for longer amounts of time during each offender's follow-up period and as offenders continue to be released post-Realignment, the number of returns for parole violations is expected to decrease with future cohorts studied by the CDCR. With the passage of Proposition 47 in November 2014, continued decreases in drug and property crimes are also expected in future cohorts examined by the CDCR.

## Offender Outcomes by Offender Demographics

- Male offenders comprised over 90 percent of the release cohort (90.5 percent or 86,571 offenders) and their three-year return-to-prison rate (46.4 percent) is 19.3 percentage points higher than female offenders (27.1 percent), who comprised 9.5 percent (9,119 female offenders) of the release cohort.
- Younger offenders returned to prison at higher rates than older offenders. Offenders ages 18 – 19 (0.8 percent of the release cohort or 744 offenders) returned to prison at the highest rate (59.1 percent) of any age group and offenders 60 and over (1.9 percent of the release cohort or 1,844 offenders) returned to prison at the lowest rate (31.1 percent) of any age group.
- Nearly 80 percent of the release cohort was released to 12 California counties. Los Angeles County had the largest number of releases (26 percent of the release cohort or 24,904 offenders) and had the lowest three-year return-to-prison rate (32.3 percent) among the 12 counties with the largest number of releases.

## Offender Outcomes by Offender Characteristics

- Offenders committed for property crimes (33.2 percent of the release cohort or 31,756 offenders) have the highest three-year return-to-prison rate (47.4 percent) of any commitment offense category, while offenders committed for drug crimes (25.5 percent of the release cohort or 24,445 offenders) have the lowest rate (40 percent) of any commitment offense category.
- Although the majority of offenders released (86.1 percent of the release cohort or 82,392 offenders) served a determinate sentence, offenders sentenced to an indeterminate sentence (lifers), who comprised less than one percent of the release cohort (398 offenders), have a substantially lower return-to-prison rate (6.3 percent) than those serving a determinate sentence (43.6 percent).
- Of the 392 lifers released by the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH), 0.8 percent returned to prison with a new term.
- The 8,989 offenders (9.4 percent of the release cohort) required to register as sex offenders (sex registrants) have a higher three-year return-to-prison rate (56.1 percent) than non-sex registrants (43.4 percent). Over 90 percent (4,579 returns) of the total returns to prison for sex registrants (5,041 returns) were for parole violations (90.8 percent).
- Offenders committed for an offense that was serious (13.9 percent of the release cohort or 13,268 offenders) returned to prison at a higher rate (48.4 percent), than offenders without a serious or violent offense (75 percent of the release cohort or 71,769 offenders) with a rate of 44.8 percent. Offenders committed for a violent offense (11.1 percent of the release cohort or 10,653 offenders) returned to prison at a rate of 38.4 percent.

- Offenders with a California Static Risk Score (CSRA) score of high (54.7 percent of the release cohort or 52,331 offenders) returned to prison at a higher rate (55.9 percent), than offenders with a score of moderate (26.2 percent of the release cohort or 25,108 offenders) with a rate of 35.9 percent, and offenders with a score of low (18.2 percent of the release cohort or 17,421 offenders) with a rate of 23.6 percent.
- For the second year in a row, offenders who received in-prison substance abuse treatment and completed aftercare (919 offenders), returned to prison at a substantially lower rate (15.3 percent) than the 81,743 offenders who did not receive substance abuse treatment (46.5 percent). Three-year return-to-prison rates show that offenders who receive in-prison substance abuse treatment and some form of aftercare consistently have lower rates of return than offenders who do not receive substance abuse treatment.

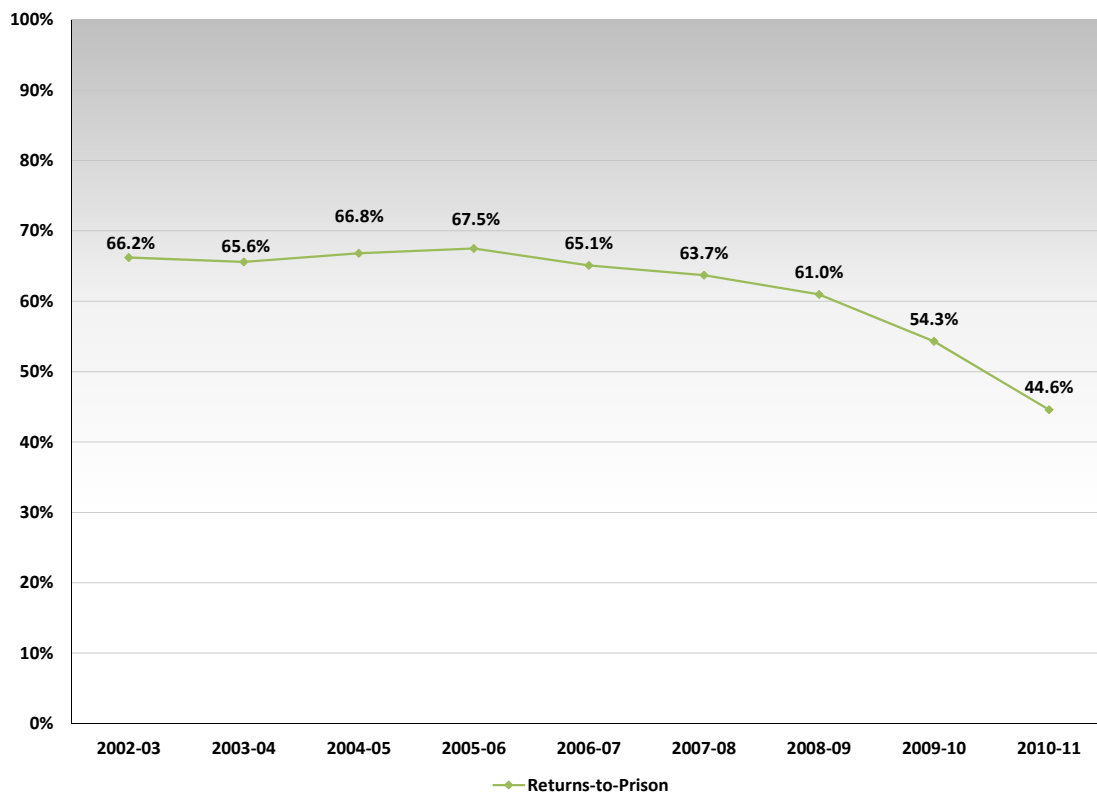
# California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation 2015 Outcome Evaluation Report

## 1 Introduction

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) presents the 2015 Outcome Evaluation Report, our sixth report in an annual series, which examines the return-to-prison rate of offenders released from California adult institutions during a given fiscal year. This year's report presents the three-year return-to-prison rate for the 95,690 offenders released from CDCR adult institutions between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 (Fiscal Year 2010-11), in addition to arrest and conviction data. This report also provides return-to-prison rates by offender demographics (e.g. age, gender) and characteristics (e.g. commitment offense category, sentence type) to CDCR executives, lawmakers, and other correctional stakeholders with an interest in reoffending behavior and reducing recidivism among California's offender population.

The three-year return-to-prison rate for the 95,690 offenders released in Fiscal Year 2010-11 is 44.6 percent, a 9.7 percentage point decrease from the Fiscal Year 2009-10 rate of 54.3 percent. As shown in Figure A, the three-year return-to-prison rate has trended downward since the Fiscal Year 2005-06 release cohort, with the most substantial decreases occurring between Fiscal Years 2008-09 and 2009-10 (6.7 percentage points) and Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11 (9.7 percentage points).

*Figure A. Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rates for Offenders Released in Fiscal Year 2002-03 through Fiscal Year 2010-11*

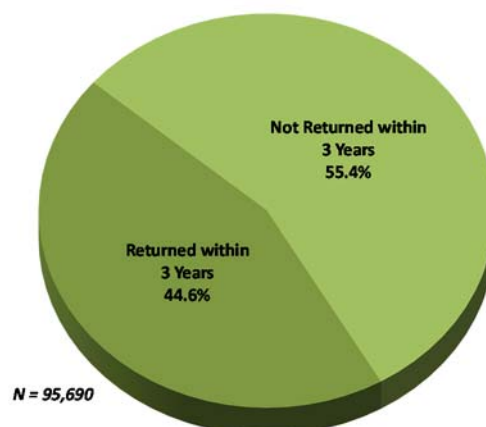


For the first time since the CDCR began reporting the rate in Fiscal Year 2002-03, more offenders did not return to prison during the three-year follow-up period (55.4 percent of the release cohort or 53,029 offenders) than returned to State prison (44.6 percent of the release cohort or 42,661 offenders). The substantial decreases in the three-year return-to-prison rates over the last two fiscal years are largely attributed to Assembly Bill (AB) 109, California's Public Safety Realignment Act (Realignment), which requires most non-serious, non-violent, and non-sex registrant offenders be sentenced to county jail, rather than State prison. Realignment also changed the parole revocation process so that only offenders previously sentenced to a life-term can be revoked to prison and all other parole revocations are served in county jails. Returns to State prison for parole violations decreased 7.6 percentage points between Fiscal Year 2009-10 (37.9 percent of the release cohort) and Fiscal Year 2010-11 (30.3 percent of the release cohort), contributing to the decrease in the three-year return-to-prison rate of 44.6 percent.

Impacts of Realignment were also observed in other types of return categories: returns for property crimes decreased 1.5 percentage points between Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11 (6.2 percent and 4.7 percent of the release cohorts, respectively) and returns for drug crimes decreased 1.1 percentage points (4.5 percent and 3.4 percent of the release cohorts, respectively). Crimes against persons, which tend to be more serious and violent, increased slightly (0.4 of a percentage point) from 3.6 percent of the release cohort in Fiscal Year 2009-10 to 4 percent of the release cohort in Fiscal Year 2010-11. As intended by Realignment, decreases in parole violations and slight decreases in drug crimes and property crimes are expected, as many parole violators and non-serious, non-violent, and non-sex registrant offenders will serve their sentences in county jail, rather than State prison. Slight increases in crimes against persons may be observed as more serious and violent offenders are sentenced to and returned to State prison. The impact of Realignment on the types of returns to State prison are discussed in greater detail in the following sections of this report.

All of the offenders in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 cohort were released pre-Realignment and depending on their date of release, Realignment was in effect for varying amounts of time during the offenders' three-year follow-up period. Although the majority of the Fiscal Year 2011-12 cohort will be released post-Realignment, the Fiscal Year 2012-13 release cohort will be the first cohort where all offenders are released post-Realignment and a full three-year follow-up period will occur. At this time, the CDCR will be able to fully examine the impact of Realignment on CDCR offenders.

*Figure B. Three-Year Outcomes for Offenders Released from State Prison in Fiscal Year 2010-11*



## 2 Evaluation Design

### 2.1 Return-to-Prison Definition

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) defines recidivism as “conviction of a new felony or misdemeanor committed within three years of release from custody or committed within three years of placement on supervision for a previous criminal conviction”. The BSCC definition allows for other measures of recidivism, including supplemental measures. Supplemental measures of recidivism may include new arrests, returns to custody, criminal filings, or supervision violations. While arrest and conviction data are provided in the appendices of this report, the CDCR continues to use a supplemental measure, the three-year return-to-prison rate, as its primary measure of recidivism.

The three-year return-to-prison rate is defined as follows:

“An individual convicted of a felony<sup>4</sup> and incarcerated in a CDCR adult institution who was released to parole, discharged after being paroled, or directly discharged during Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 and subsequently returned to State prison<sup>5</sup> within three years of their release date.”

The return-to-prison rate is calculated using the ratio of the number of offenders in the release cohort who returned to prison during the follow-up period, to the total number of offenders in the release cohort, multiplied by 100.

$$\text{Return-to-Prison Rate} = \frac{\text{Number Returned}}{\text{Release Cohort}} \times 100$$

Appendix A of this report provides supplemental recidivism rates using arrest and conviction data, in addition to returns to prison. Three-year rates for each of these supplemental measures are available for FY 2002-03 through 2010-11. One-year and two-year rates are available for FY 2011-12 and one-year rates for FY 2012-13.

### 2.2 Methods

This report provides return-to-prison rates at one-, two-, and three-year intervals for the 95,690 offenders released from CDCR’s Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 (FY 2010-11). The release cohort includes; 1) Offenders who were directly discharged from CDCR; 2) Offenders who were released to parole for the first time on their current term; and 3) Offenders who were released to parole on their current term prior to FY 2010-11, returned to prison on this term, and were then re-released during FY 2010-11. Rates of return are further examined according to offender demographics (e.g. gender, age, race/ethnicity) and offender characteristics (e.g. commitment offense, sentence type).

<sup>4</sup> Due to reporting limitations, civil addicts are excluded.

<sup>5</sup> This may include individuals who returned to prison pending revocation, but whose cases are “continued on parole” or dismissed.



## 2.3 Data Sources

Data were extracted from the CDCR Strategic Offender Management System (SOMS), CDCR's system of record, to identify offenders released between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 and to determine which released offenders returned to State prison during the three-year follow-up period.

Arrest and conviction data, included in the appendices of this report, were obtained from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) and the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS).

## 2.4 Data Limitations

Data quality is important with all analyses performed by the CDCR's Office of Research. The intent of this report is to provide summary (aggregate) information, rather than individual information. The aggregate data are strong when a large number of records (releases) are available for analysis, but are less robust as subgroups are influenced by nuances associated with each case. Therefore, caution should be exercised when interpreting results associated with fewer records. Return-to-prison rates are only presented for offender releases (i.e. denominators) that are equal to or greater than 30.

Return-to-prison rates are fixed at three years, meaning the follow-up period is considered complete and no further analyses are performed. Arrests and conviction data presented in the appendices of this report may see slight fluctuations, particularly as the one-year and two-year rates are updated in subsequent reporting years. These data are routinely updated in accordance with criminal justice system processing. As data become available, subsequent reports will be updated.

The CDCR transitioned to SOMS in 2013 from CDCR's legacy system of record Offender Based Information Systems (OBIS), which included the integration of paper files into one automated system. As a result, CDCR data are more reliable and reporting is more comprehensive. As with any data system, data entry issues may cause data quality issues. The CDCR has implemented remedy processes and business rules to enhance the data contained within SOMS.

### 3 Description of FY 2010-11 Release Cohort

Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, 95,690 offenders were released from CDCR adult institutions. Of these offenders, 58,122 offenders (60.7 percent) were first releases and 37,568 offenders (39.3 percent) were re-releases. A first release refers to the first release on the current term for offenders with a new admission or offenders who returned for a parole violation with a new term. Any subsequent release on the same (current) term is a re-release. The following sections provide demographics and characteristics of the 95,690 offenders released during FY 2010-11 and comprise the 2015 Outcome Evaluation cohort.

#### 3.1 Offender Demographics

##### Gender

Of the 95,690 offenders released in FY 2010-11, 86,571 offenders were male (90.5 percent) and 9,119 offenders were female (9.5 percent).

##### Age at Release

Offenders ages 25 – 29 comprised the largest number of releases (19.4 percent or 18,550 offenders) in FY 2010-11, followed by offenders ages 30 – 34 (17.1 percent or 16,401 offenders) and offenders ages 35 – 39 (13.1 percent or 12,528 offenders). Offenders ages 18 – 19 comprised the smallest number of releases (0.8 percent or 744 offenders), followed by offenders ages 60 and over (1.9 percent or 1,844 offenders). Nearly 90 percent of the releases (87 percent) were between the ages of 20 to 49.

##### Race/Ethnicity

Nearly 40 percent of the FY 2010-11 release cohort (38.9 percent or 37,190 offenders) were Hispanic/Latino, followed by White (29.6 percent or 28,323 offenders), and Black/African American (26.4 percent or 25,238 offenders). Over 3 percent (3.1 percent or 3,008 offenders) belonged to the other race/ethnicity category, 1.1 percent (1,063 offenders) were American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 0.9 percent (868 offenders) were Asian/Pacific Islander.

##### County of Parole

Twenty-six percent (24,904 offenders) of the FY 2010-11 cohort were released to Los Angeles County, followed by San Bernardino County (8.4 percent or 8,018 offenders), and Orange County (7.1 percent or 6,804 offenders). Nearly 80 percent (79.6 percent or 76,215 offenders) were released to the 12 counties presented in Table 1, 19.2 percent (18,367 offenders) were released to all other California counties, and 1.2 percent (1,108 offenders) were directly discharged.

Table 1. Demographics of Offenders Released in Fiscal Year 2010-11

Demographics	Number	Percent
<b>Total</b>	95,690	100.0%
<b>Release Type</b>		
First Release	58,122	60.7%
Re-Release	37,568	39.3%
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	86,571	90.5%
Female	9,119	9.5%
<b>Age at Release</b>		
18 - 19	744	0.8%
20 - 24	12,666	13.2%
25 - 29	18,550	19.4%
30 - 34	16,401	17.1%
35 - 39	12,528	13.1%
40 - 44	12,390	12.9%
45 - 49	10,716	11.2%
50 - 54	6,865	7.2%
55 - 59	2,986	3.1%
60 and over	1,844	1.9%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
Hispanic/Latino	37,190	38.9%
White	28,323	29.6%
Black/African American	25,238	26.4%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1,063	1.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	868	0.9%
Other	3,008	3.1%
<b>County of Parole</b>		
Los Angeles County	24,904	26.0%
San Bernardino County	8,018	8.4%
Orange County	6,804	7.1%
San Diego County	6,431	6.7%
Riverside County	6,201	6.5%
Sacramento County	5,698	6.0%
Alameda County	4,022	4.2%
Fresno County	3,699	3.9%
Kern County	3,681	3.8%
San Joaquin County	2,363	2.5%
Santa Clara County	2,776	2.9%
Stanislaus County	1,618	1.7%
All Others	19,475	20.4%
None (Direct Discharge)	1,108	1.2%

## 3.2 Offender Characteristics

### Commitment Offense

Nearly a third (33.2 percent or 31,756 offenders) of the FY 2010-11 release cohort were committed for property crimes, followed by crimes against persons (30 percent or 28,732 offenders), and drug crimes (25.5 percent or 24,445 offenders). Over 10 percent (11.2 percent or 10,757 offenders) were committed for other crimes.

### Sentence Type

The majority of offenders released (86.1 percent or 82,392 offenders) served a determinate sentence. An additional 13.5 percent (12,900 offenders) served a determinate sentence as second strikers. A small portion of the release cohort (0.4 percent or 398 offenders) served an indeterminate sentence (lifers).

### Sex Registration Requirement

Less than 10 percent of the release cohort (9.4 percent or 8,989 offenders) were required to register as sex offenders. Over 90 percent (90.6 percent or 86,701 offenders) did not have a sex registration requirement.

### Serious/Violent Offenders

The majority of offenders released (75 percent or 71,769 offenders) do not have a serious or violent offense, 13.9 percent (13,268 offenders) had a serious offense, and 11.1 percent (10,653 offenders) had a violent offense.

### Mental Health Status

Most offenders (82.2 percent or 78,705 offenders) did not have a mental health designation. Of those with a mental health designation, 15 percent (14,385 offenders) were assigned to the Correctional Clinical Case Management System, and 2.5 percent (2,422 offenders) were assigned to the Enhanced Outpatient Program. Less than one percent of offenders were assigned to a Mental Health Crisis Bed (119 offenders) or the Department of Mental Health (59 offenders).

### CSRA Risk Score

The majority of offenders (54.7 percent or 52,331 offenders) had a California Static Risk Score (CSRA) score of high, followed by 26.2 percent (25,108 offenders) with a score of moderate, and 18.2 percent (17,421 offenders) with a score of low. Less than one percent of the release cohort (0.9 percent or 830 offenders) did not have a CSRA score.

### Length of Stay

Of the 95,690 offenders released, 43.9 percent (42,018 offenders) had a length of stay of six months or less, 26.7 percent (25,592 offenders) had a stay of 7 – 12 months, and 9.5 percent (9,056 offenders) had a stay of 13 – 18 months. The number of offenders in each length of stay category decreases (with the exception of 5 – 10 years) as the length of stay increases. Less than one percent (0.5 percent or 474 offenders) had a length of stay of 15 years or longer.

### Prior Returns to Custody

Of the total offenders released, 60.7 percent (58,057 offenders) did not have a prior return to custody on their current term, prior to release. Over 16 percent (16.1 percent or 15,431 offenders) had one prior return to custody on their current term, followed by 8.4 percent (7,997 offenders) with two prior returns on their current term. In general, the number of offenders decreases as the number of prior returns to custody increases.

### Number of CDCR Stays Ever

Of the 95,690 offenders released, 27.6 percent (26,426 offenders) had one stay at a CDCR institution, followed by 13.4 percent (12,837 offenders) with two stays at a CDCR institution, and 9.6 percent (9,182 offenders) with three stays. The number of offenders in each category decreases as the number of stays increases, with the exception of 15 or more stays (6.6 percent or 6,338 offenders).

Table 2. Characteristics of Offenders Released in Fiscal Year 2010-11

Characteristics	Number	Percent
<b>Commitment Offense Category</b>		
Property Crimes	31,756	33.2%
Crimes Against Persons	28,732	30.0%
Drug Crimes	24,445	25.5%
Other Crimes	10,757	11.2%
<b>Sentence Type</b>		
Determinate Sentencing Law	82,392	86.1%
Second Strikers (Determinate Sentencing Law)	12,900	13.5%
Lifers (Indeterminate Sentencing Law)	398	0.4%
<b>Sex Registration Requirement</b>		
No	86,701	90.6%
Yes	8,989	9.4%
<b>Serious and/or Violent Offenders</b>		
Serious	13,268	13.9%
Violent	10,653	11.1%
Non-Serious/Non-Violent	71,769	75.0%
<b>Mental Health Status</b>		
Correctional Clinical Case Management System	14,385	15.0%
Enhanced Outpatient Program	2,422	2.5%
Department of Mental Health	59	0.1%
Mental Health Crisis Bed	119	0.1%
None/No Mental Health Code	78,705	82.2%
<b>CSRA Risk Score</b>		
Low	17,421	18.2%
Moderate	25,108	26.2%
High	52,331	54.7%
N/A	830	0.9%
<b>Length of Stay</b>		
Less than 6 Months	42,018	43.9%
7 - 12 months	25,592	26.7%
13 - 18 months	9,056	9.5%
19 - 24 months	5,579	5.8%
2 - 3 years	5,350	5.6%
3 - 4 years	2,567	2.7%
4 - 5 years	1,583	1.7%
5 - 10 years	2,552	2.7%
10 - 15 years	919	1.0%
15 + years	474	0.5%

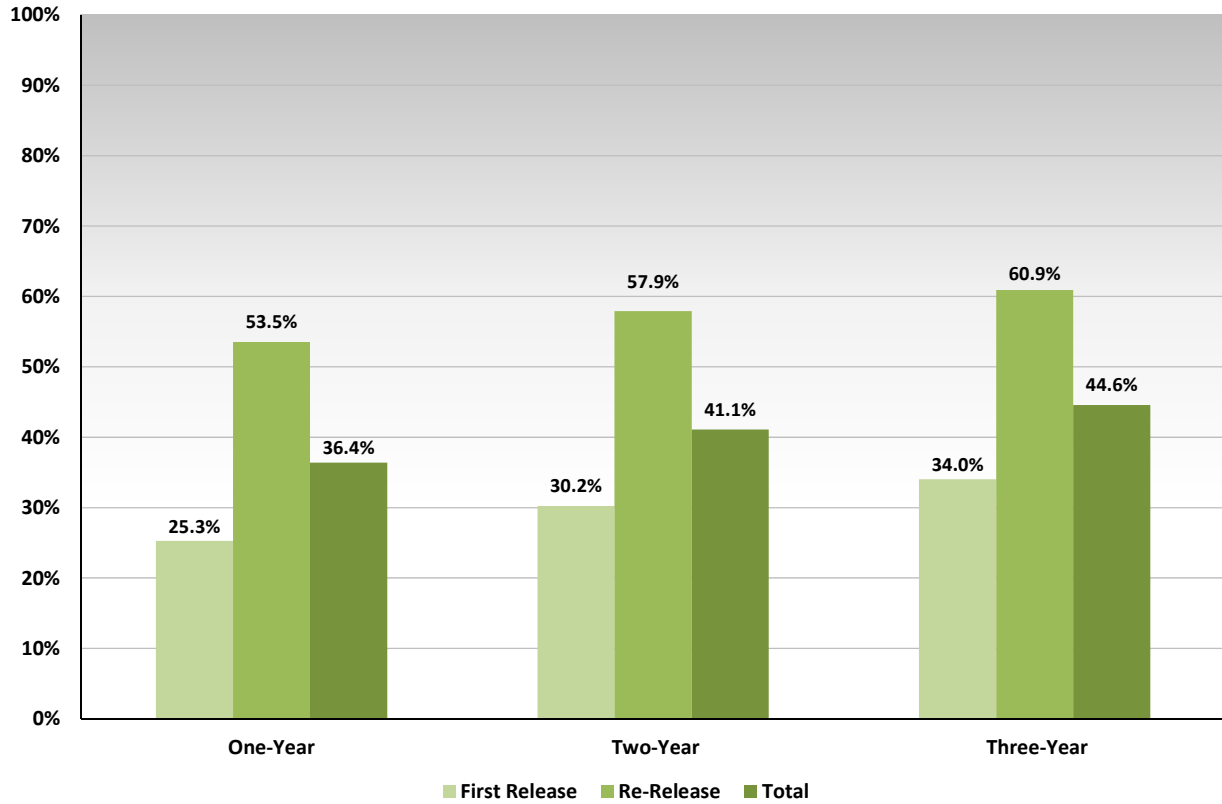
Table 2. Characteristics of Offenders Released in FY 2010-11 (continued)

Characteristics	Number	Percent
<b>Prior Returns to Custody</b>		
0	58,057	60.7%
1	15,431	16.1%
2	7,997	8.4%
3	5,116	5.3%
4	3,412	3.6%
5	2,230	2.3%
6	1,380	1.4%
7	889	0.9%
8	538	0.6%
9	265	0.3%
10+	375	0.4%
<b>Number of CDCR Stays Ever</b>		
1	26,426	27.6%
2	12,837	13.4%
3	9,182	9.6%
4	7,658	8.0%
5	6,376	6.7%
6	5,303	5.5%
7	4,432	4.6%
8	3,734	3.9%
9	3,188	3.3%
10	2,826	3.0%
11	2,296	2.4%
12	2,072	2.2%
13	1,613	1.7%
14	1,409	1.5%
15 +	6,338	6.6%

## 4 Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rate

### 4.1 Overall Return-to-Prison Rates for the FY 2010-11 Release Cohort

Figure 1. Return-to-Prison Rates for First Releases, Re-Releases, and the Total FY 2010-11 Release Cohort



The three-year return-to-prison rate for the 95,690 offenders released in FY 2010-11 is 44.6 percent. The largest number of offenders were returned within the first year following their release from State prison (34,810 offenders or 36.4 percent). In the second year of follow-up, an additional 4,521 offenders returned to State prison for a total of 39,331 offenders or 41.1 percent of the release cohort. In the third and final year of follow-up, an additional 3,330 offenders returned to State prison for a total of 42,661 offenders and a three-year return-to-prison rate of 44.6 percent.

As shown in the above figure and below table, re-releases return to State prison at substantially higher rates than first releases. Of the 37,568 re-releases, 60.9 percent returned to State prison within three years of their release. Of the 58,122 first releases, 34 percent returned to State prison within three years of their release. This pattern is consistent with other release cohorts examined by the CDCR. The three-year return-to-prison rate for the FY 2009-10 release cohort was 69 percent for re-releases and 44.1 percent for first releases (Appendix C).



Table 3. Return-to-Prison Rates for First-Releases, Re-Releases, and the Total FY 2010-11 Release Cohort

Release Type	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
First Release	58,122	14,702	25.3%	17,575	30.2%	19,777	34.0%
Re-Release	37,568	20,108	53.5%	21,756	57.9%	22,884	60.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

## 4.2 Time to Return

Figure 2. Three-Year Quarterly and Cumulative Rate of Return for the 42,661 Offenders Returning to Prison during the Three-Year Follow-Up Period

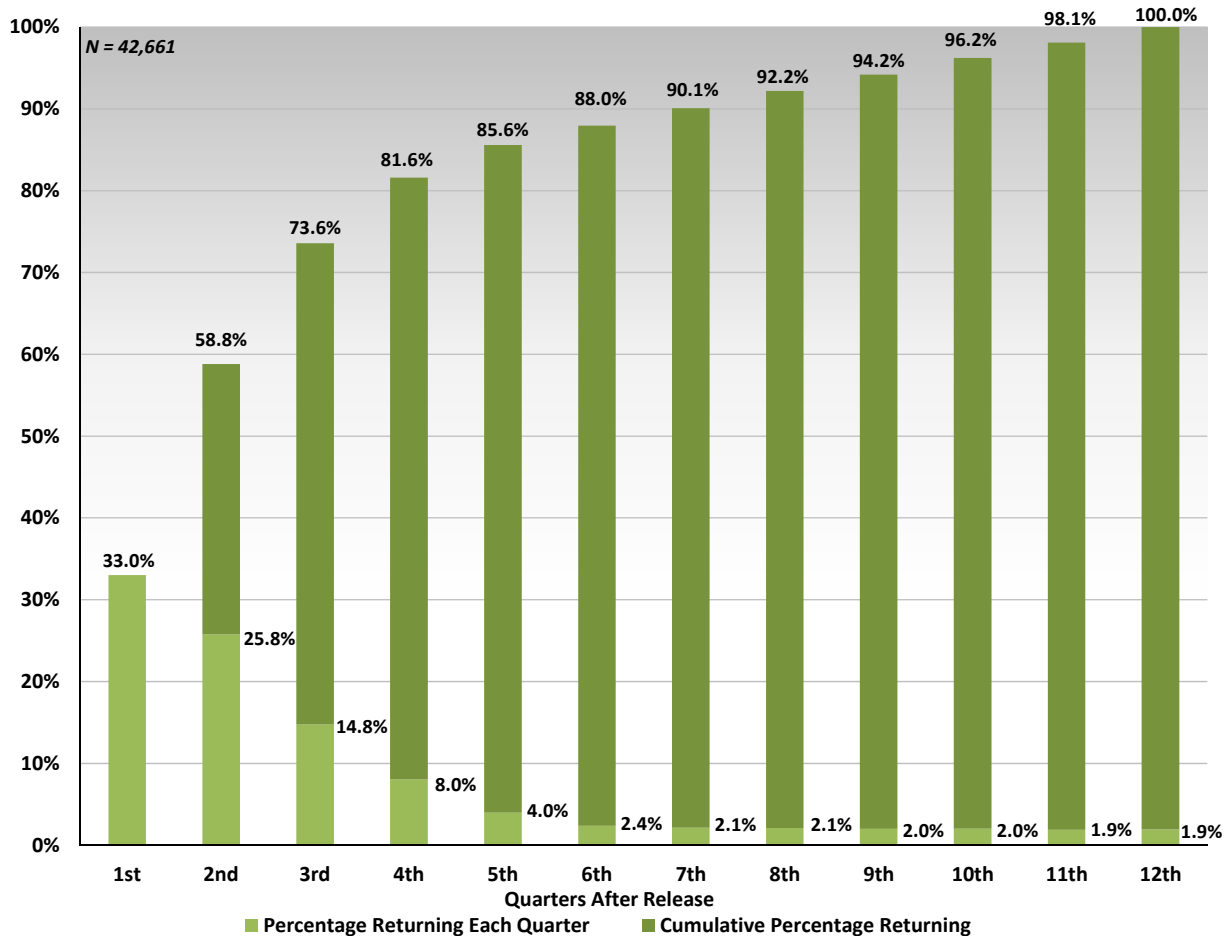


Figure 2 and Table 4 show the percentage of offenders who returned to prison during each quarter (three month period) over the three-year follow-up period, as well as the cumulative percentage of offenders who returned to prison each quarter over the three-year follow-up period. In order to examine how long offenders are in the community before recidivating, only the 42,661 offenders who returned to prison are represented in this section. The 12<sup>th</sup> quarter represents the final, cumulative results (i.e. 100 percent) of the 42,661 offenders that returned to prison.

Of the 42,661 offenders who returned to prison during the three-year follow-up period, nearly a third (33 percent) returned to prison during the first quarter following their release. Following the first quarter, the percentage of offenders returned during any subsequent quarter decreases. Over half (58.8 percent) of those who returned to prison were returned after being in the community for six or fewer months. Together, 81.6 percent of the offenders who returned to prison during the three-year follow-up period were returned within 12 months of release. Very few offenders (less than 2 percent of those returned) were returned during the final two quarters of the three-year follow-up period. These results

are consistent with other release cohorts examined by the Department; the majority of offenders who return to State prison are returned within the first year of their release.

*Table 4. Three-Year Quarterly and Cumulative Rate of Return for the 42,661 Offenders Returning to Prison during the Three-Year Follow-Up Period*

Quarters After Release	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Percentage Returning	33.0%	25.8%	14.8%	8.0%	4.0%	2.4%	2.1%	2.1%	2.0%	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%
Cumulative Percentage	33.0%	58.8%	73.6%	81.6%	85.6%	88.0%	90.1%	92.2%	94.2%	96.2%	98.1%	100.0%

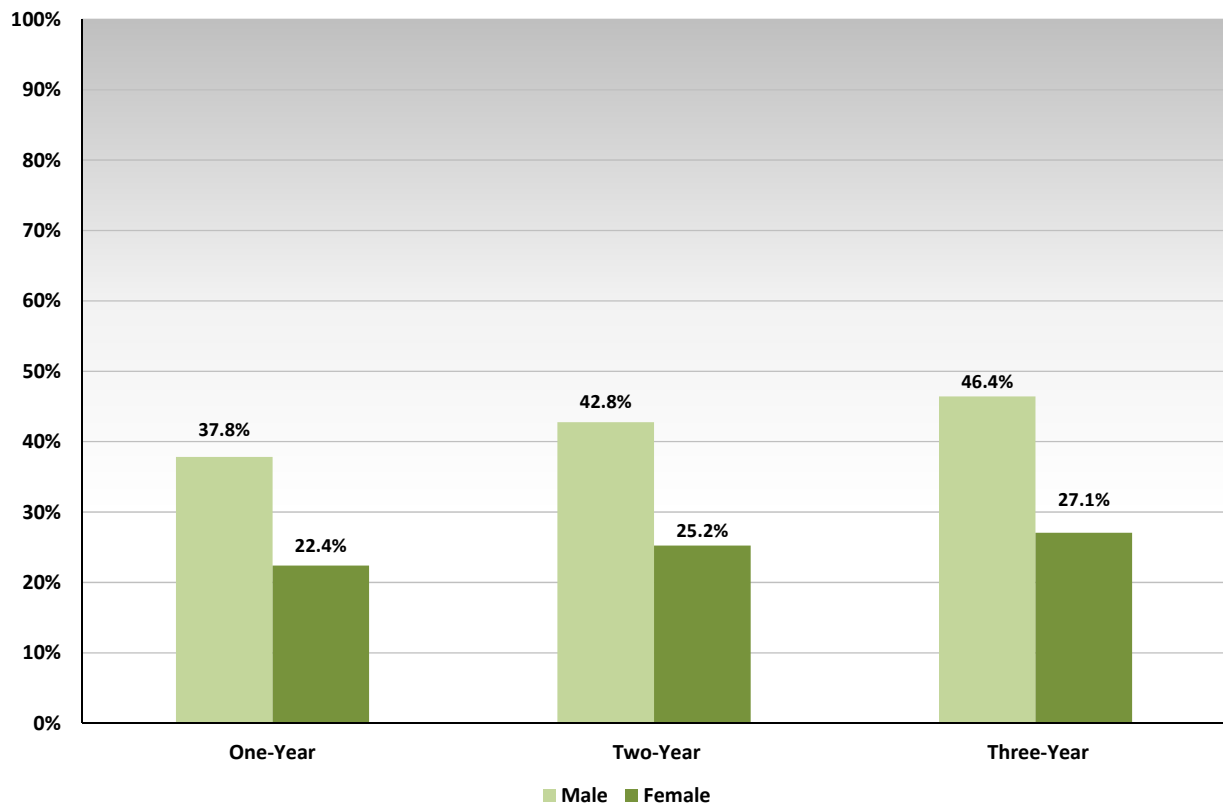
## 5 Return-to-Prison Rates by Offender Demographics and Characteristics

The following section presents one-year, two-year, and three-year return-to-prison rates for the 95,690 offenders released during FY 2010-11, by offender demographics (e.g. gender, age, race/ethnicity) and offender characteristics (e.g. release type, commitment offense category, mental health designation). Appendix C provides a comparison of the three-year return-to-prison rate by offender demographics and characteristics for the FY 2009-10 and the FY 2010-11 release cohorts.

### 5.1 Return-to-Prison Rates by Offender Demographics

#### 5.1.1 Gender

Figure 3. Return-to-Prison Rates by Gender



Of the 95,690 offenders released in FY 2010-11, the vast majority (86,571 offenders or 90.5 percent) were male and 9,119 offenders (9.5 percent) were female. Male offenders returned to State prison at a substantially higher rate after three years of follow-up than female offenders (46.4 percent and 27.1 percent, respectively). As shown in the above figure and below table, the three-year return-to-prison rate for male offenders is 19.3 percentage points higher than the rate of female offenders.

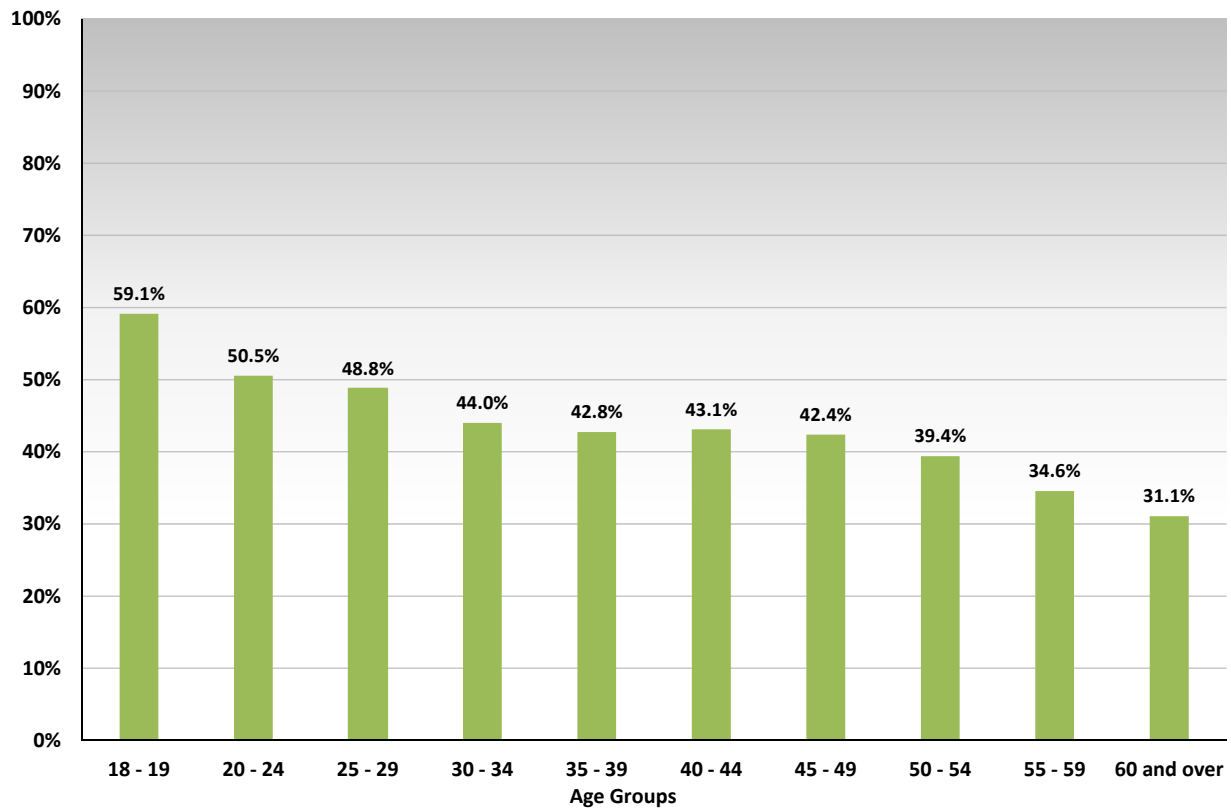
Both male and female offenders experienced a decline in their three-year return-to-prison rate between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11. As shown in Appendix C, the three-year return-to-prison rate decreased by 9.9 percentage points for male offenders between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (56.3 percent and 46.4 percent, respectively) and for female offenders, the three-year return-to-prison rate decreased by 10.3 percentage points (37.4 percent and 27.1 percent, respectively) between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11.

*Table 5. Return-to-Prison Rates by Gender*

Gender	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
Male	86,571	32,766	37.8%	37,029	42.8%	40,193	46.4%
Female	9,119	2,044	22.4%	2,302	25.2%	2,468	27.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

### 5.1.2 Age at Release

Figure 4. Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rate by Age at Release



Similar to other release cohorts observed by the CDCR, younger offenders (ages 18 – 24) returned to prison at higher rates than other age groups. While offenders ages 18 – 19 comprised a small portion of the release cohort (744 offenders or 0.8 percent), their three-year return-to-prison rate (59.1 percent) is higher than any other age group. Offenders ages 20 – 24 had a three-year return-to-prison rate of 50.5 percent and offenders ages 25 – 29 had a three-year return-to-prison rate of 48.8 percent. The return-to-prison rate continues to decrease as the age of the offender increases, with the exception of offenders ages 40 – 44, when the rate increases by 0.3 of a percentage point. Offenders ages 60 and over had the lowest return-to-prison rate among all age groups at 31.1 percent (or 573 offenders).

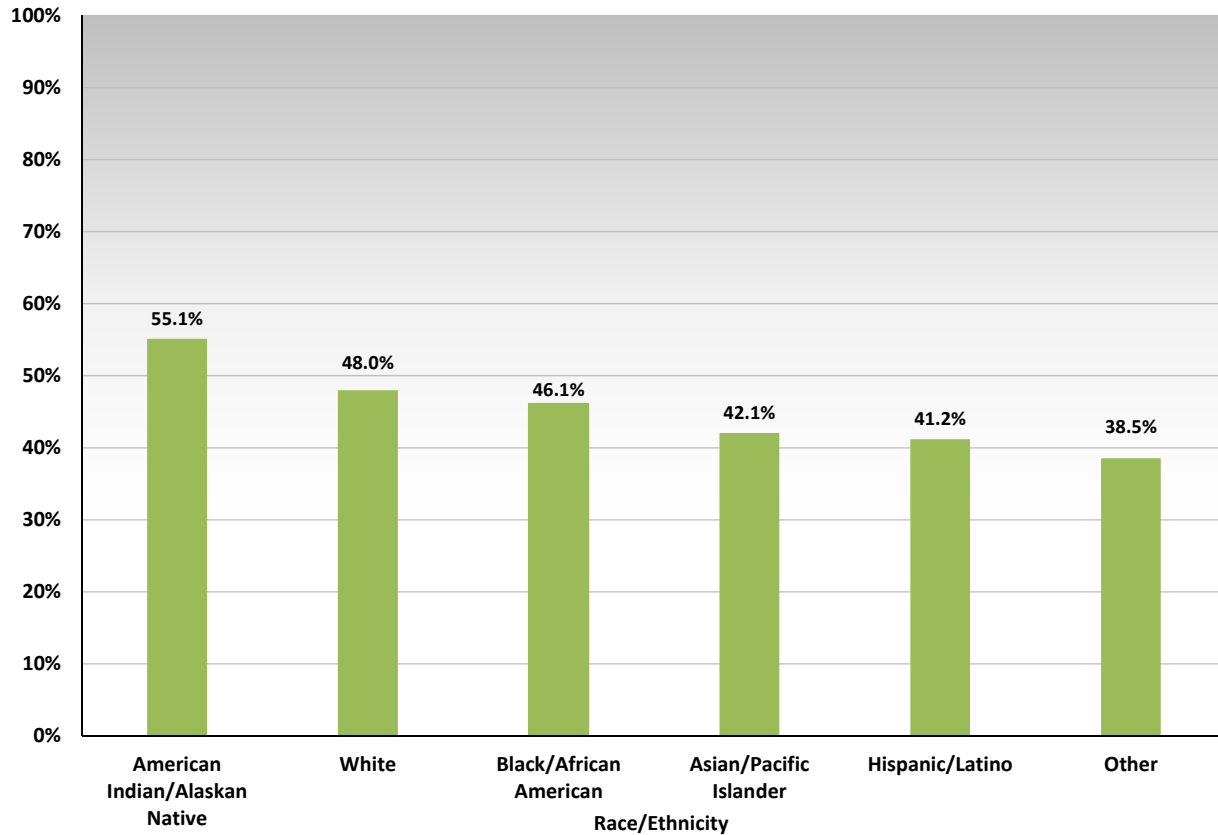
When compared to the FY 2009-10 release cohort, each age group saw a decline in the three-year return-to-prison rate. Offenders ages 20 – 24 saw the largest decrease in the three-year return-to-prison rate (10.8 percentage points) among any age group between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (61.3 percent and 50.5 percent, respectively). The smallest decrease (7 percentage points) in the three-year return-to-prison rate was observed in offenders ages 60 and over (38.1 percent and 31.1 percent, respectively) between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (Appendix C).

Table 6. Return-to-Prison Rates by Age at Release

Age Groups	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
18 - 19	744	336	45.2%	401	53.9%	440	59.1%
20 - 24	12,666	5,044	39.8%	5,841	46.1%	6,400	50.5%
25 - 29	18,550	7,304	39.4%	8,315	44.8%	9,052	48.8%
30 - 34	16,401	5,764	35.1%	6,616	40.3%	7,217	44.0%
35 - 39	12,528	4,429	35.4%	4,931	39.4%	5,357	42.8%
40 - 44	12,390	4,467	36.1%	4,967	40.1%	5,342	43.1%
45 - 49	10,716	3,802	35.5%	4,237	39.5%	4,543	42.4%
50 - 54	6,865	2,291	33.4%	2,524	36.8%	2,705	39.4%
55 - 59	2,986	867	29.0%	955	32.0%	1,032	34.6%
60 and over	1,844	506	27.4%	544	29.5%	573	31.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

### 5.1.3 Race/Ethnicity

Figure 5. Return-to-Prison Rates by Race/Ethnicity



The above figure and below table show return-to-prison rates by race/ethnicity. Although American Indian/Alaskan Native offenders comprised a small number of releases (1,063 offenders or 1.1 percent of the release cohort) their three-year return-to-prison rate is the highest (55.1 percent) among all race/ethnicity categories. The rate for American Indian/Alaskan Native offenders (55.1 percent) was followed by White offenders (48 percent), Black/African American offenders (46.1 percent), Asian or Pacific Islander offenders (42.1 percent), and Hispanic offenders (41.2 percent). The three-year return-to-prison rate for other offenders was 38.5 percent.

The three-year return-to-prison rate decreased for each race/ethnicity category between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11. Black/African American offenders saw the largest decrease at 12.3 percentage points (58.5 percent and 46.1 percent, respectively) and Asian/Pacific Islander offenders saw the smallest decrease at 3.9 percentage points (46 percent and 42.1 percent, respectively) between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (Appendix C).



Table 7. Return-to-Prison Rates by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1,063	495	46.6%	552	51.9%	586	55.1%
White	28,323	11,535	40.7%	12,728	44.9%	13,586	48.0%
Black/African American	25,238	9,370	37.1%	10,693	42.4%	11,644	46.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	868	293	33.8%	327	37.7%	365	42.1%
Hispanic/Latino	37,190	12,115	32.6%	13,956	37.5%	15,321	41.2%
Other	3,008	1,002	33.3%	1,075	35.7%	1,159	38.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

## 5.1.4 County of Parole

Figure 6. Return-to-Prison Rates by County of Parole

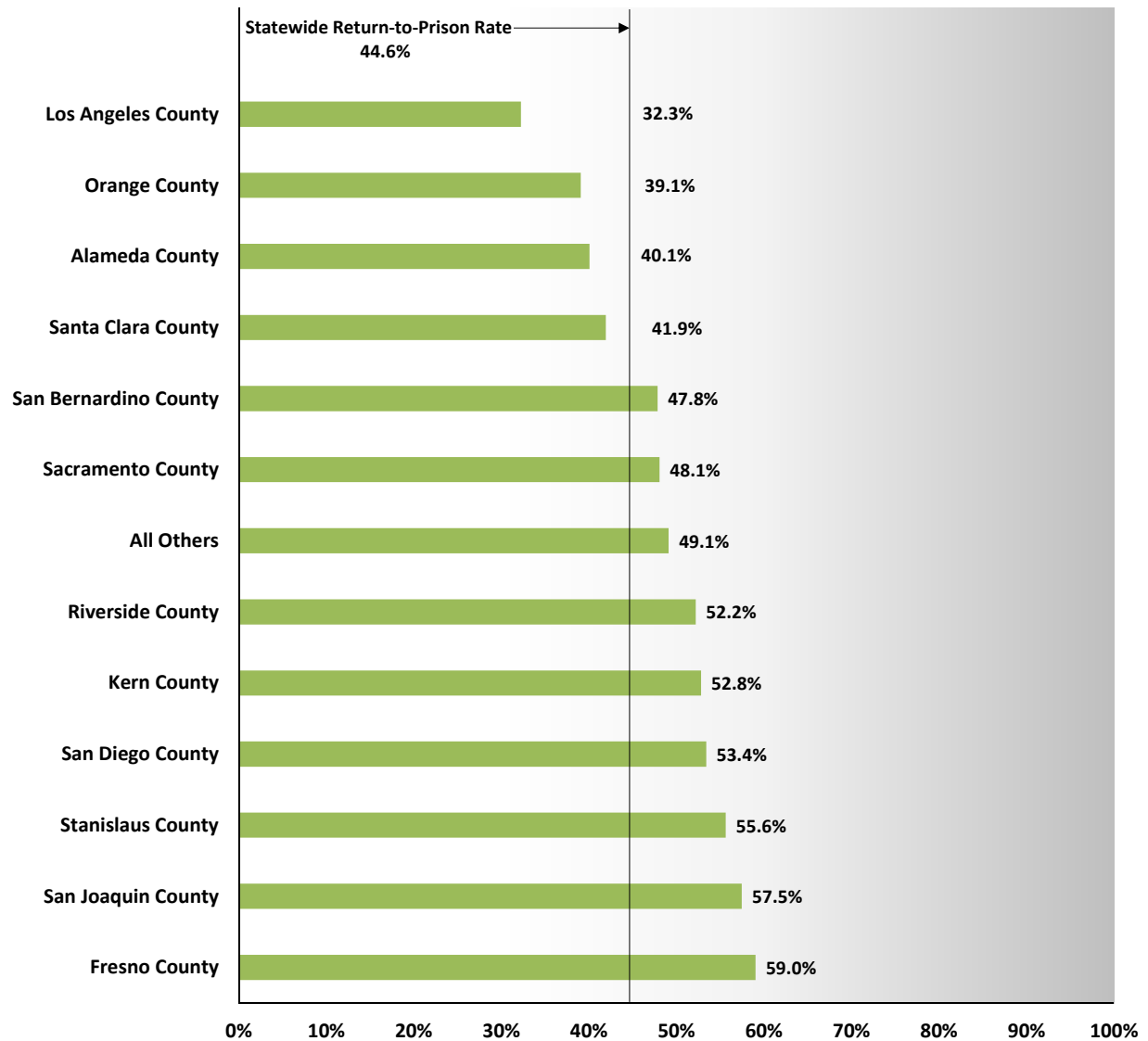


Figure 6 and Table 8 show return-to-prison rates for the 12 counties with the largest number of releases. Together, these 12 counties account for nearly 80 percent (79.6 percent or 76,215 offenders) of the offenders released in FY 2010-11. Approximately 20 percent (20.4 percent) were released to the remaining 46 California counties (all others) or were directly discharged. Three-year return-to-prison data for all other counties are presented in Appendix D of this report.

Los Angeles County had the largest number of releases (24,904 offenders) in FY 2010-11, accounting for 26 percent of the total releases. Los Angeles County also has the lowest three-year return-to-prison rate (32.3 percent) among the top 12 counties with the largest number of releases, followed by Orange County (39.1 percent), and Alameda County (40.1 percent). Among the top 12 counties with the largest

number of releases, Fresno County has the highest return-to-prison rate (59 percent) among the top 12 counties, followed by San Joaquin County (57.5 percent), and Stanislaus County at (55.6 percent).

The number of offenders released to Los Angeles County (24,904 offenders or 20.4 percent of the release cohort) and the low three-year return-to-prison rate (32.3 percent) are factors which drive the overall three-year return-to-prison rate downward. When Los Angeles County is excluded from the examination, the State's three-year return-to-prison rate is 48.9 percent or 4.3 percentage points higher than the State's actual three-year return-to-prison rate of 44.6 percent.

Between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 each of the top 12 counties with the largest number of releases saw a decrease in the three-year return-to-prison rate. Santa Clara County saw the largest decrease (13.1 percentage points), followed by San Bernardino County (12 percentage points), and Alameda County (11.5 percentage points). Orange County had the smallest decrease among the top 12 counties (5.6 percentage points), followed by Sacramento (5.7 percentage points), and Fresno (7.4 percentage points). A comparison of the three-year return-to-prison rate between the two fiscal years for each county is provided in Appendix C of this report.

The above data should be interpreted with caution because offenders may leave the county to which they were paroled, or offenders may be returned to prison in a county other than their county of parole. When an offender returns to prison in a county other than their county of parole, the return is still counted in the county to which they were paroled. Additionally, a small number of offenders (1,108 offenders or 1.2 percent of the release cohort) were directly discharged from State prison and have a low three-year return-to-prison rate (22.3 percent). One-year, two-year, and three-year return-to-prison rates for direct discharges and all California counties may be found in Appendix D of this report.

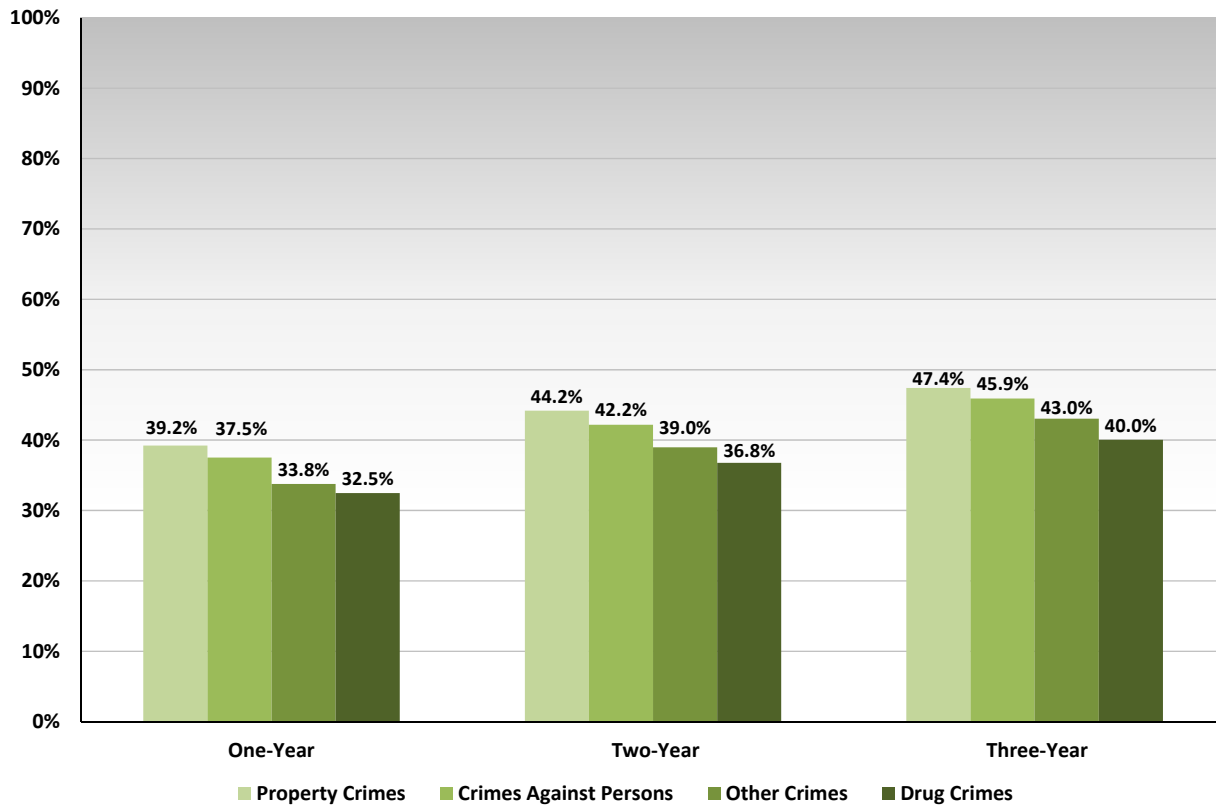
*Table 8. Return-to-Prison Rates by County of Parole*

County of Parole	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
Fresno County	3,699	1,958	52.9%	2,086	56.4%	2,184	59.0%
San Joaquin County	2,363	1,191	50.4%	1,280	54.2%	1,358	57.5%
Stanislaus County	1,618	778	48.1%	846	52.3%	900	55.6%
San Diego County	6,431	2,956	46.0%	3,240	50.4%	3,434	53.4%
Kern County	3,681	1,620	44.0%	1,805	49.0%	1,944	52.8%
Riverside County	6,201	2,721	43.9%	2,997	48.3%	3,237	52.2%
Sacramento County	5,698	2,388	41.9%	2,584	45.3%	2,739	48.1%
San Bernardino County	8,018	3,123	38.9%	3,548	44.3%	3,836	47.8%
Santa Clara County	2,776	977	35.2%	1,093	39.4%	1,164	41.9%
Alameda County	4,022	1,448	36.0%	1,549	38.5%	1,612	40.1%
Orange County	6,804	2,253	33.1%	2,498	36.7%	2,658	39.1%
Los Angeles County	24,904	5,229	21.0%	6,807	27.3%	8,032	32.3%
All Others	19,475	8,168	41.9%	8,998	46.2%	9,563	49.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

## 5.2 Return-to-Prison Rates by Offender Characteristics

### 5.2.1 Commitment Offense Category

Figure 7. Return-to-Prison Rates by Commitment Offense Category



The above figure and below table show the three-year return-to-prison rate by the offense an offender was committed to prison for (commitment offense category). Offenders committed for property crimes have the highest three-year return-to-prison rate of all commitment offense categories at 47.4 percent, followed by crimes against persons (45.9 percent), other crimes (43 percent), and drug crimes (40 percent). Offenders committing property crimes and crimes against persons comprise the largest number of releases (31,756 offenders and 28,732 offenders, respectively), followed by drug crimes (24,445 offenders), and other crimes (10,757 offenders).

The three-year return-to-prison rate decreased for each commitment offense category between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (Appendix C). Property crimes saw the largest decrease (10.7 percentage points), between the two fiscal years (58.1 percent and 47.4 percent, respectively). Between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11, crimes against persons decreased by 9.5 percentage points (55.5 percent and 45.9 percent, respectively), as did drug crimes (49.5 percent and 40 percent, respectively). Between the two fiscal years, other crimes decreased by 9.3 percentage points (52.4 percent and 43 percent, respectively).

Table 9. Return-to-Prison Rates by Commitment Offense Category

Commitment Offense Category	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
Property Crimes	31,756	12,455	39.2%	14,030	44.2%	15,048	47.4%
Crimes Against Persons	28,732	10,782	37.5%	12,126	42.2%	13,196	45.9%
Other Crimes	10,757	3,632	33.8%	4,191	39.0%	4,630	43.0%
Drug Crimes	24,445	7,941	32.5%	8,984	36.8%	9,787	40.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

5.2.2 Commitment Offense

Figure 8. Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rate by Commitment Offense<sup>6</sup>



<sup>6</sup> “Marijuana Other” offenses include planting, cultivating, harvesting, or possessing marijuana; hiring, employing, using a minor in the unlawful transportation, sale, or peddling of marijuana to another minor, furnishing, giving, and/or offering marijuana to a minor. “CS Other” offenses include possession of a controlled substance in prison; soliciting, encouraging, inducing a minor to furnish, sell, offer a controlled substance; agreeing, consenting, offering to sell, furnish, and/or transport a CS. “Other Offenses” include false imprisonment, accessory, and/or malicious harassment. “Other Sex Offenses” including failing to register as a sex offender, unlawful sex with a minor, and/or indecent exposure.

As shown in Figure 8, the three-year return-to-prison rate varies substantially when examined by commitment offense. Offenders with a commitment offense of escape and other sex offenses returned to prison at the highest rates after three years of follow-up (each at 64.4 percent), followed by vehicle theft (56.1 percent or 2,475 offenders), and sodomy (55.9 percent or 19 offenders). Rates for offenders required to register as sex offenders (sex registrants) are provided later in this report.

Offenders with a commitment offense of first degree murder returned to prison at the lowest rate among all commitment offenses after three years of follow-up (2.6 percent or two offenders), followed by second degree murder (7.6 percent or 20 offenders), vehicular manslaughter (20.4 percent or 45 offenders), and driving under the influence (21.6 percent or 485 offenders). Return-to-prison rates were not calculated for categories with fewer than 30 releases.

Between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11, the three-year return-to-prison rate decreased across all commitment offense groups, with the exception of two; escape increased by 2.9 percentage points (from 61.5 percent to 64.4 percent) and vehicular manslaughter increased by 1.3 percentage points (from 19.1 percent to 20.4 percent). The largest decrease in the three-year return-to-prison rate was for hashish possession, which decreased 24.5 percentage points (from 55.9 percent to 31.4 percent) between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (Appendix C).

Table 10. Return-to-Prison Rates by Commitment Offense

Offense	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
Escape	45	25	55.6%	27	60.0%	29	64.4%
Other Sex	2,736	1,648	60.2%	1,712	62.6%	1,763	64.4%
Vehicle Theft	4,413	2,107	47.7%	2,357	53.4%	2,475	56.1%
Sodomy	34	17	50.0%	18	52.9%	19	55.9%
Oral Copulation	215	103	47.9%	107	49.8%	111	51.6%
Receiving Stolen Property	4,344	1,910	44.0%	2,111	48.6%	2,234	51.4%
Burglary 1st	3,345	1,229	36.7%	1,497	44.8%	1,690	50.5%
Possession Weapon	5,183	2,012	38.8%	2,318	44.7%	2,546	49.1%
Petty Theft With Prior	4,672	1,957	41.9%	2,155	46.1%	2,289	49.0%
CS Possession	12,439	4,999	40.2%	5,570	44.8%	6,032	48.5%
Other Offenses	3,075	1,188	38.6%	1,354	44.0%	1,474	47.9%
Other Assault/Battery	9,060	3,458	38.2%	3,902	43.1%	4,253	46.9%
Other Property	1,282	483	37.7%	550	42.9%	599	46.7%
Assault w/ Deadly Weapon	6,469	2,437	37.7%	2,770	42.8%	3,018	46.7%
Arson	210	83	39.5%	88	41.9%	96	45.7%
Robbery	5,847	1,902	32.5%	2,299	39.3%	2,635	45.1%
Burglary 2nd	7,943	2,936	37.0%	3,307	41.6%	3,548	44.7%
Penetration With Object	100	43	43.0%	43	43.0%	44	44.0%
Grand Theft	3,393	1,206	35.5%	1,342	39.6%	1,438	42.4%
CS Other	478	164	34.3%	186	38.9%	202	42.3%
Rape	432	161	37.3%	171	39.6%	176	40.7%
Lewd Act With Child	2,272	765	33.7%	796	35.0%	820	36.1%
CS Sales	2,337	621	26.6%	720	30.8%	786	33.6%
Marijuana Sale	384	102	26.6%	115	29.9%	128	33.3%
Forgery/Fraud	2,364	627	26.5%	711	30.1%	775	32.8%
Kidnapping	173	37	21.4%	50	28.9%	56	32.4%
Hashish Possession	70	17	24.3%	20	28.6%	22	31.4%
Marij. Possess For Sale	1,061	259	24.4%	300	28.3%	326	30.7%
CS Possession For Sale	7,412	1,735	23.4%	2,022	27.3%	2,230	30.1%
Attempted Murder 2nd	335	74	22.1%	86	25.7%	99	29.6%
Manslaughter	473	97	20.5%	115	24.3%	132	27.9%
CS Manufacturing	134	24	17.9%	29	21.6%	32	23.9%
Marijuana Other	130	20	15.4%	22	16.9%	29	22.3%
Driving Under Influence	2,244	324	14.4%	404	18.0%	485	21.6%
Vehicular Manslaughter	221	28	12.7%	37	16.7%	45	20.4%
Attempted Murder 1st	25	3	N/A	3	N/A	3	N/A
Murder 2nd	264	8	3.0%	15	5.7%	20	7.6%
Murder 1st	76	1	1.3%	2	2.6%	2	2.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>



### 5.2.3 Sentence Type

Figure 9. Return-to-Prison Rates by Sentence Type

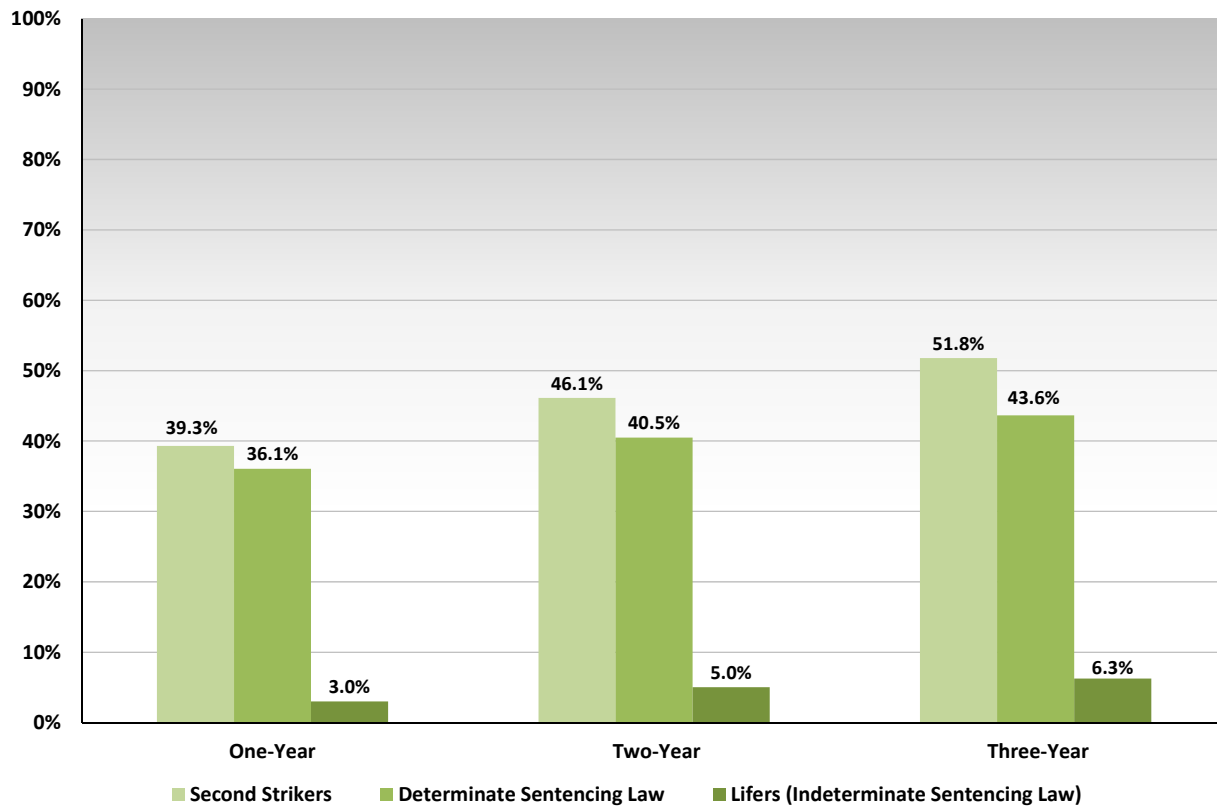


Figure 9 and Table 11 show return-to-prison rates by sentence type. Prior to this report, sentence type was categorized by offenders sentenced under Determinate Sentencing Law (DSL) and Indeterminate Sentencing Law (ISL). The majority of offenders sentenced in California serve a determinate term (a specified sentence length) and are released once they have served their sentence. Generally, offenders sentenced to an indeterminate term (lifers) are released only after the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH) has found them suitable for parole or the court orders their release. The above figure and below table show the number of offenders who served an indeterminate term, a determinate term, and the number of offenders that served a determinate term as second strikers.

Second strikers serving a determinate sentence returned to State prison after three years of follow-up at the highest rate (51.8 percent) of any sentence type. Second strikers comprised 13.5 percent of the release cohort (12,900 offenders). Other offenders who served a determinate sentence comprised 86.1 percent of the release cohort (82,392 offenders) and had a three-year return-to-prison rate of 43.6 percent. Lifers serving an indeterminate sentence comprised less than one percent of the release cohort (398 offenders) and had a three-year return-to-prison rate of 6.3 percent.

Each sentence type saw a decline in the three-year return-to-prison rate between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (Appendix C). Offenders serving a determinate term saw the largest decrease at 9.9 percentage points between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (53.5 percent and 43.6 percent, respectively), followed by

second strikers at 8.9 percentage points (60.7 percent and 51.8 percent, respectively) and lifers at 3.1 percentage points (9.4 percent and 6.3 percent, respectively).

*Table 11. Return-to-Prison Rates by Sentence Type*

Sentence Type	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
Second Strikers (Determinate Sentencing Law)	12,900	5,072	39.3%	5,950	46.1%	6,681	51.8%
Determinate Sentencing Law	82,392	29,726	36.1%	33,361	40.5%	35,955	43.6%
Lifers (Indeterminate Sentencing Law)	398	12	3.0%	20	5.0%	25	6.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

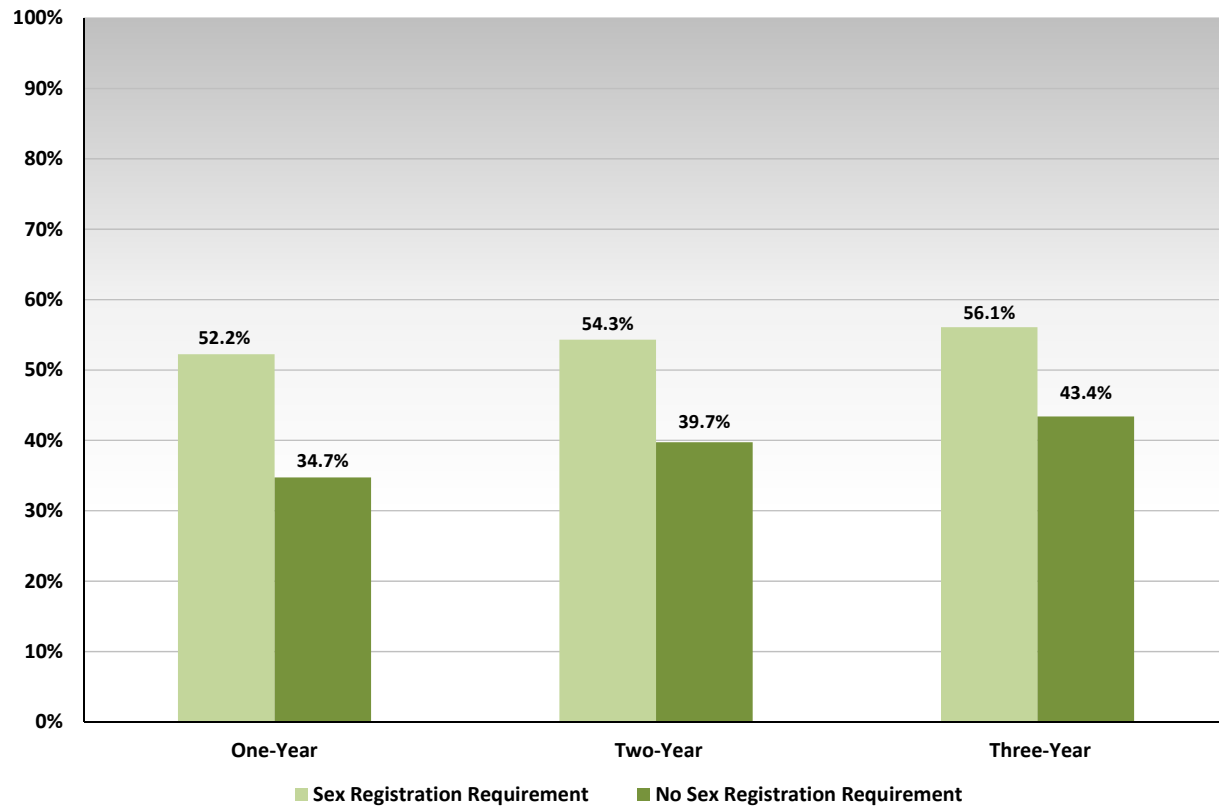
Offenders serving an indeterminate term may be released when the BPH has found them suitable for parole or after the court orders their release. Table 12 shows the number of lifers released by the BPH and by court order. Of the 398 offenders who served an indeterminate term and were released in FY 2010-11, six offenders were released due to a court order and 392 were released by BPH. All six of the offenders released due to a court order returned to prison for a parole violation within three years of their release. Of the 392 offenders released by the BPH, three offenders were returned with a new term, and 16 offenders were returned for a parole violation. Together, 19 offenders or 4.8 percent of the offenders released by the BPH returned to State prison in the three years following their release.

*Table 12. Number Returned by Sentence Type and Release Type*

Reason for Release	Number Released	Returned with a New Term		Parole Violation Return		Total Number of Returns	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Court Ordered	6	0	0.0%	6	100.0%	6	100.0%
Board of Parole Hearings (BPH)	392	3	0.8%	16	4.1%	19	4.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

## 5.2.4 Sex Registrants

Figure 10. Return-to-Prison Rates by Sex Registration Requirement



The above figure and below table show the return-to-prison rates for offenders required to register as sex offenders (sex registrants). The three-year return-to-prison rate is 12.7 percentage points higher for sex registrants (56.1 percent) than non-sex registrants (43.4 percent). Between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11, the three-year return-to-prison rate for sex registrants decreased by 9.1 percentage points (65.2 percent and 56.1 percent, respectively) and the rate for non-sex registrants decreased by 10 percentage points (53.4 percent and 43.4 percent, respectively) as shown in Appendix C of this report.

Table 13. Return-to-Prison Rates by Sex Registration Flag

Sex Registration Requirement	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
Yes	8,989	4,694	52.2%	4,881	54.3%	5,041	56.1%
No	86,701	30,116	34.7%	34,450	39.7%	37,620	43.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

## 5.2.5 Recidivism Offense for Sex Registrants

Figure 11. Recidivism Offense for Sex Registrants

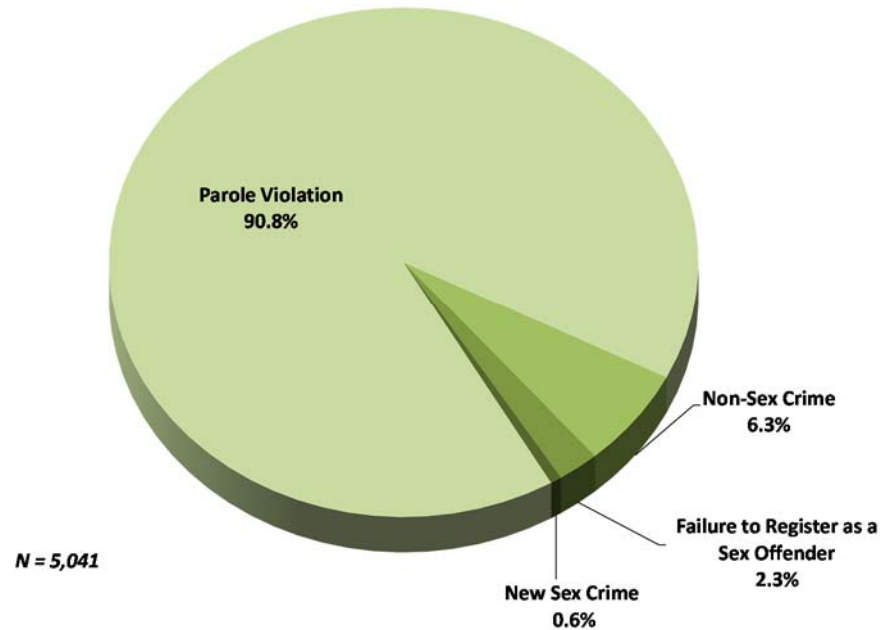


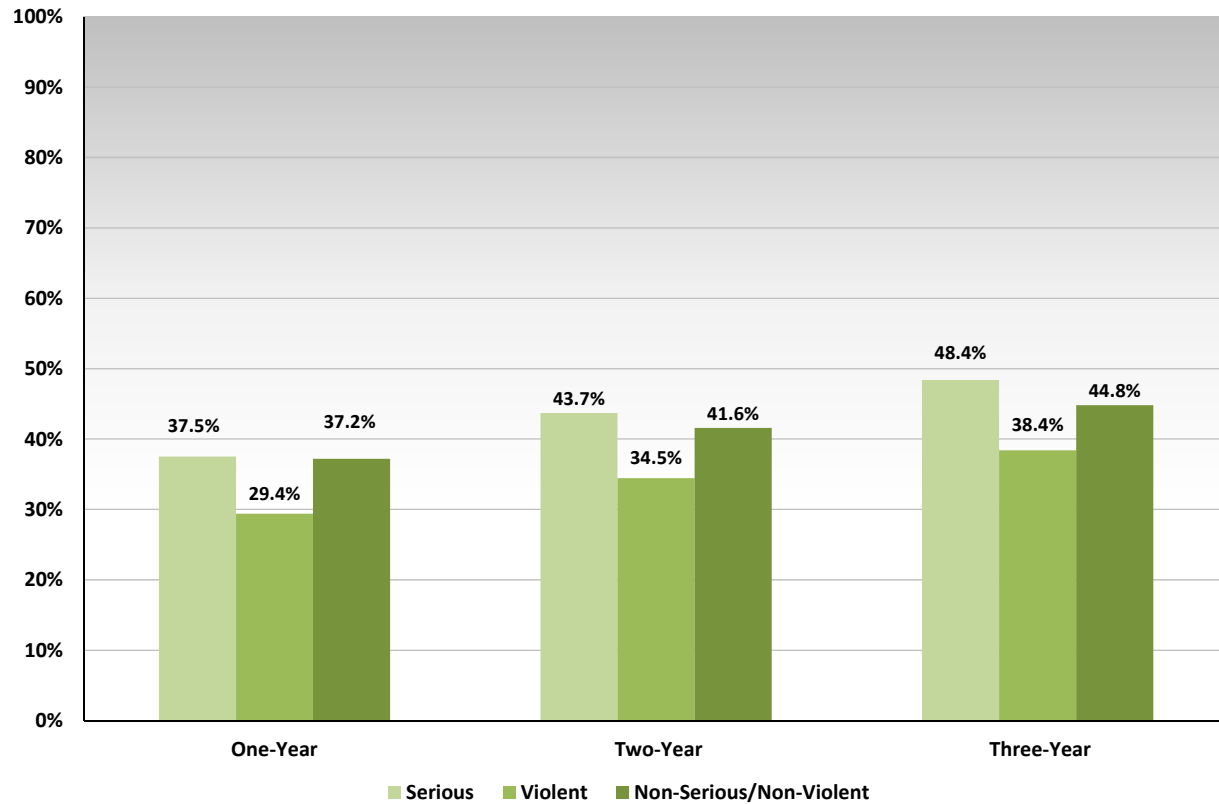
Figure 11 and Table 14 show the recidivism offense for the 5,041 sex registrants that returned to prison during the three-year follow-up period. Of the 5,041 sex registrants, the majority (4,579 offenders or 90.8 percent) returned for a parole violation, followed by 316 offenders (6.3 percent) with a new non-sex crime, and 115 offenders (2.3 percent) for failing to register as a sex offender. Thirty-one offenders (0.6 percent) were returned for a new sex crime.

Table 14. Recidivism Offense for Sex Registrants

Reason for Return-to-Prison	Returned	
	Number	Percent
Parole Violation	4,579	90.8%
New Non-Sex Crime	316	6.3%
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	115	2.3%
New Sex Crime	31	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,041</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 5.2.6 Serious and Violent Offenses

Figure 12. Return-to-Prison Rates for Offenders with a Serious or Violent Offense



The above figure and below table show return-to-prison rates for offenders with a serious offense or violent offense, and offenders with a non-serious and non-violent offense. In previous reports, serious and violent offenses were grouped together, rather than treated separately.

Of the 95,690 offenders released, the majority released (71,769 offenders) did not have a serious or violent offense, followed by 13,268 offenders with a serious offense, and 10,653 offenders with a violent offense. Offenders whose offense was serious returned to prison after three years of follow-up at a higher rate (48.4 percent) than offenders whose offense was not serious or violent (44.8 percent), and offenders whose offense was violent (38.4 percent).

Between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 the three-year return-to-prison rate decreased among offenders committing each type of offense. The rate for offenders committing a violent offense had the most substantial decrease (10.7 percentage points) between the two fiscal years (49.1 percent and 38.4 percent, respectively). The rate for offenders committing a non-serious/non-violent offense decreased by 9.7 percentage points (54.5 percent and 44.8 percent, respectively) between the two fiscal years and the rate for offenders committing a violent offense decreased by 8.6 percentage points (57 percent and 48.4 percent, respectively) between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (Appendix C).

Table 15. Return-to-Prison Rates for Offenders with a Serious or Violent Offense

Serious/Violent Offense	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
Serious	13,268	4,979	37.5%	5,800	43.7%	6,418	48.4%
Violent	10,653	3,133	29.4%	3,672	34.5%	4,091	38.4%
Non-Serious/Non-Violent	71,769	26,698	37.2%	29,859	41.6%	32,152	44.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

### 5.2.7 Mental Health Status

Figure 13. Return-to-Prison Rates by Mental Health Status

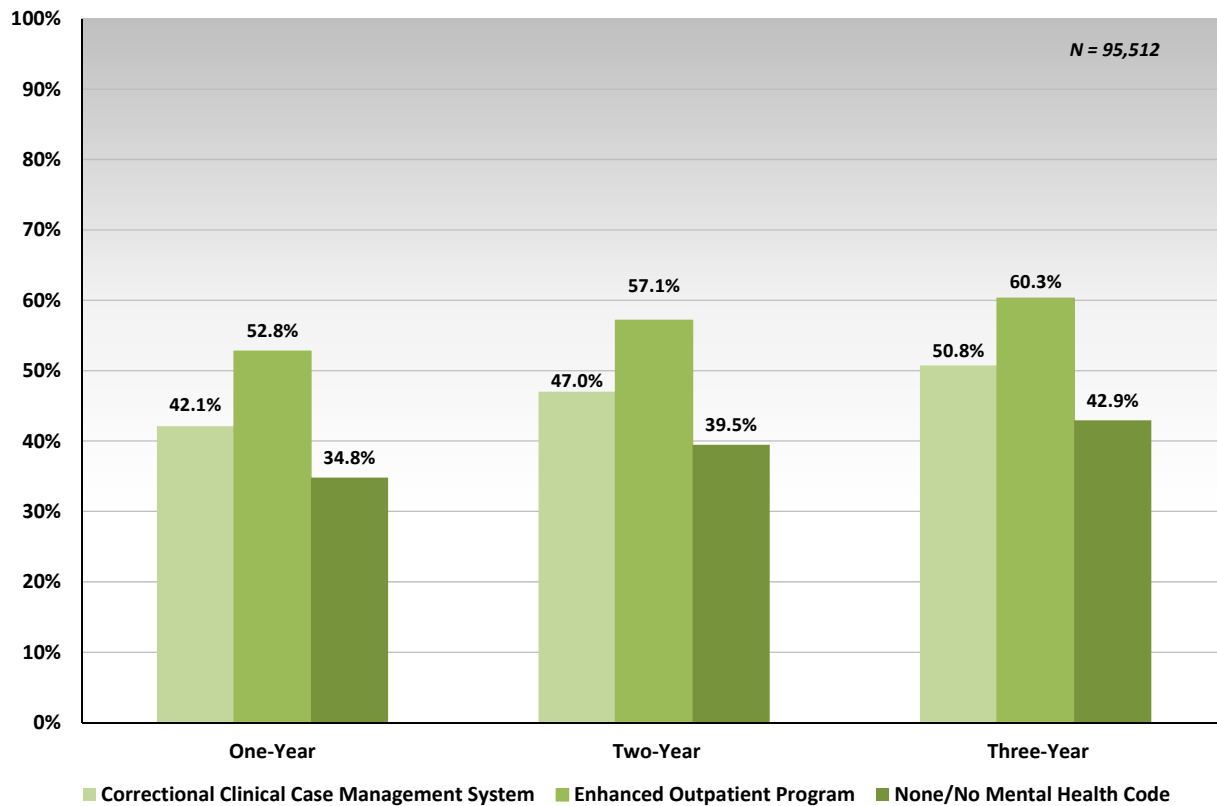


Figure 13 and Table 16 present return-to-prison rates by mental health designation for the three mental health categories with the largest number of releases. The majority of offenders (78,705 offenders or 82.2 percent) did not have a mental health designation and 17.8 percent (16,985 offenders) had a mental health designation. Fifteen percent of the release cohort was assigned to the Correctional Clinical Case Management System (CCCMS), 2.5 percent were assigned to the Enhanced Outpatient Program (EOP), and less than one percent were assigned to a Mental Health Crisis Bed (119 offenders or 0.1 percent) and the Department of State Hospitals (59 offenders or 0.1 percent).

Offenders assigned to the Department of State Hospitals returned to prison at the highest rate (62.7 percent) among all mental health designations after three years of follow-up. Over sixty percent (60.3 percent) of EOP offenders returned to prison, followed by 58 percent of offenders assigned to a Mental Health Crisis Bed, and 50.8 percent of CCCMS offenders. Offenders without a mental health designation returned at a rate of 42.9 percent after three years of follow-up.

As shown in Appendix C, between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11, the three-year return-to-prison rate decreased among each mental health category, with the exception of offenders assigned to the Department of State Hospitals because a rate was not calculated for these offenders in FY 2009-10 (only three offenders assigned to the Department of State Hospitals were released). Offenders assigned to a Mental Health Crisis Bed saw the largest decrease (15 percentage points) in the three-year return-to-

prison rate between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (73 percent and 58 percent, respectively), followed by EOP offenders with a 9.4 percentage point decrease (69.6 percent and 60.3 percent, respectively), and CCCMS offenders with an 8.6 percentage point decrease (59.3 percent and 50.8 percent, respectively). The three-year return-to-prison rate for offenders without a mental health designation decreased by 9.5 percentage points between the two fiscal years (52.4 percent and 42.9 percent, respectively).

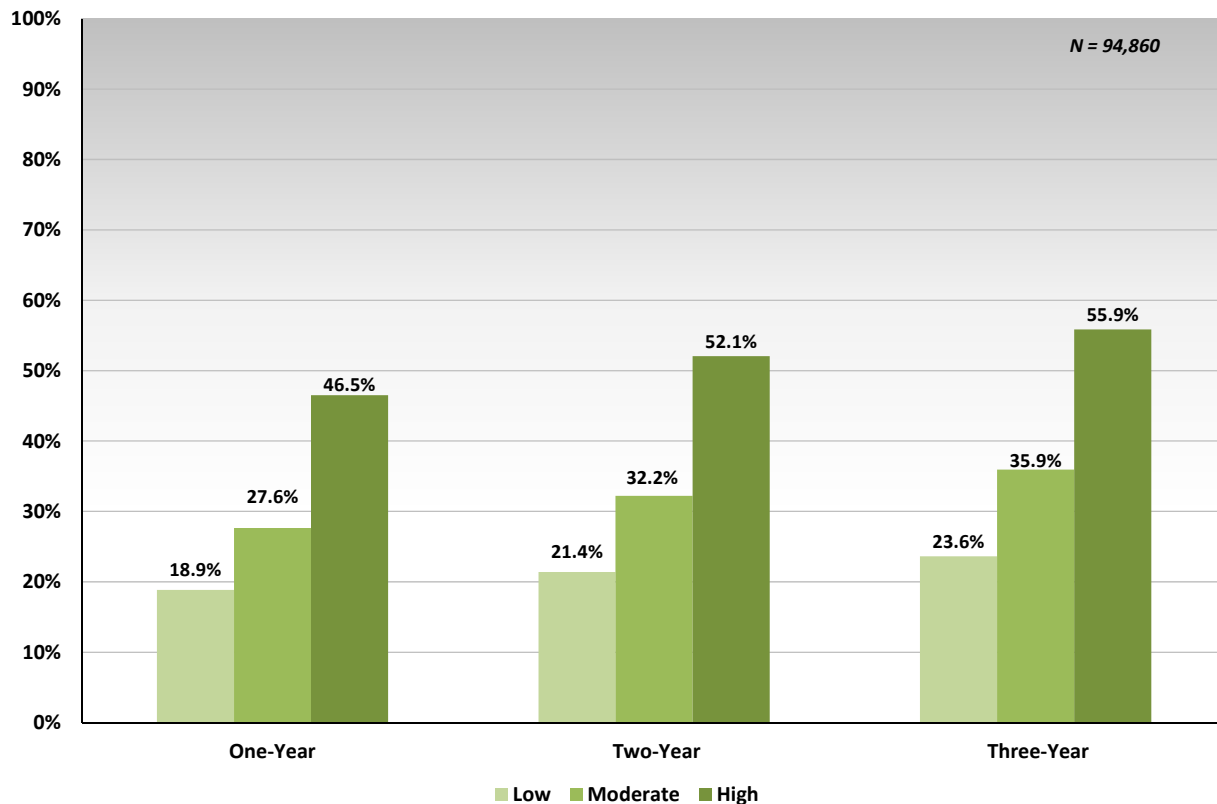
*Table 16. Return-to-Prison Rates by Mental Health Status*

Mental Health Code	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
Department of State Hospitals	59	27	45.8%	33	55.9%	37	62.7%
Enhanced Outpatient Program	2,422	1,278	52.8%	1,384	57.1%	1,460	60.3%
Mental Health Crisis Bed	119	59	49.6%	68	57.1%	69	58.0%
Correctional Clinical Case Management System	14,385	6,054	42.1%	6,764	47.0%	7,301	50.8%
None/No Mental Health Code	78,705	27,392	34.8%	31,082	39.5%	33,794	42.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>



### 5.2.8 Risk of Return to State Prison

Figure 14. Return-to-Prison Rates by Risk of Return



The California Static Risk Assessment (CSRA) is a tool used to calculate an offender's risk of being convicted of a new offense after release from prison. Based on their criminal history and demographics, offenders are designated as having a low, moderate, or high risk of being convicted of a new offense after release. High risk is further delineated into three sub-categories (high drug, high property, and high violence).

Nearly half of the offenders released in FY 2010-11 (54.7 percent or 52,331 offenders) had a CSRA score of high risk, followed by moderate risk (26.2 percent or 25,108 offenders), and low risk (18.2 percent or 17,421 offenders). Less than one percent (0.8 percent or 830 offenders) did not have a CSRA score. The three-year return-to-prison rates for each risk category show the CSRA tool is predictive of reoffending; offenders with a score of high returned to State prison at the highest rate (55.9 percent) among all CSRA categories, followed by moderate risk (35.9 percent), and low risk (23.6 percent). Offenders without a CSRA score returned to prison at a rate of 34.5 percent after three years of follow-up.

Between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11, the three-year return-to-prison rate decreased for each CSRA category (Appendix C). High risk decreased by 11.5 percentage points between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (67.4 percent and 55.9 percent, respectively), moderate risk decreased by 8.8 percentage points (44.7 percent and 35.9 percent, respectively), and low risk decreased by 6.7 percentage points (30.4

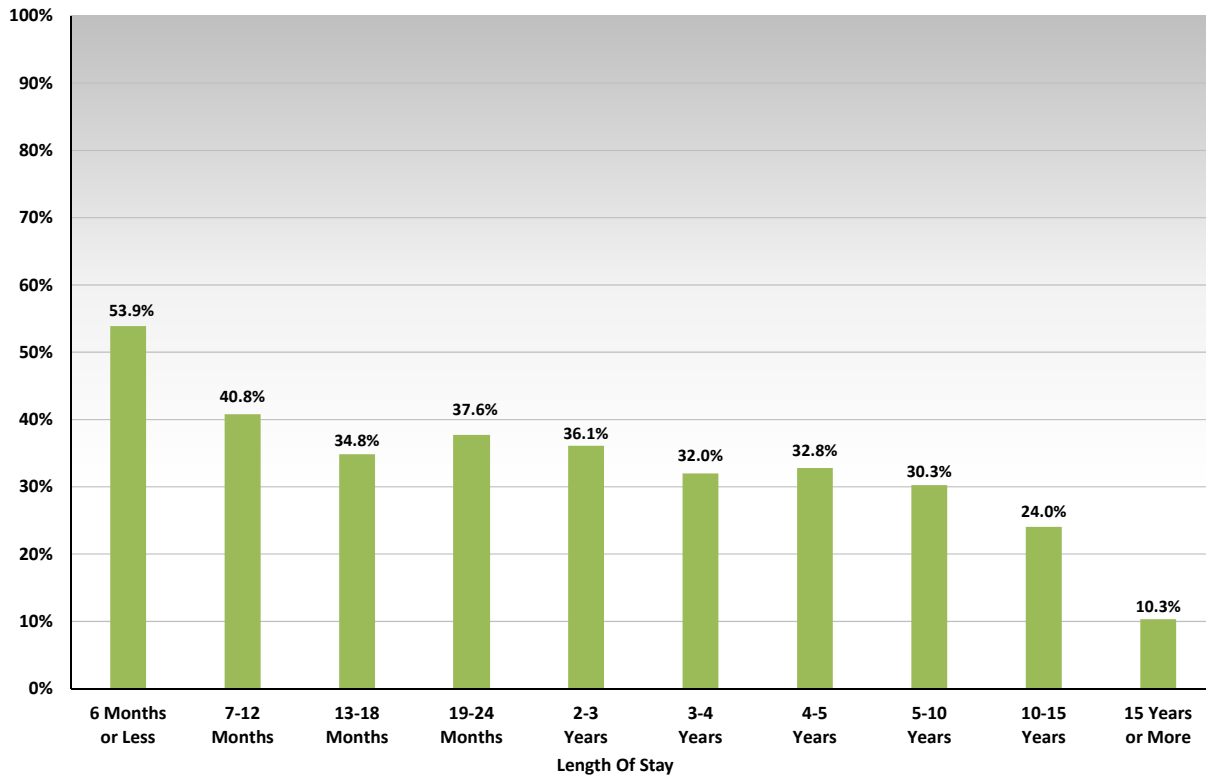
percent and 23.6 percent, respectively). The rate for offenders without a CSRA score decreased by 8.6 percentage points between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (43.1 percent and 34.5 percent, respectively).

*Table 17. Return-to-Prison Rates by Risk of Return*

CSRA Score	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
Low	17,421	3,287	18.9%	3,724	21.4%	4,117	23.6%
Moderate	25,108	6,941	27.6%	8,087	32.2%	9,023	35.9%
High	52,331	24,351	46.5%	27,258	52.1%	29,235	55.9%
N/A	830	231	27.8%	262	31.6%	286	34.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

### 5.2.9 Length of Stay

Figure 15. Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rate by Length of Stay



The above figure and below table show offenders' length of stay for their current term. The three-year return-to-prison rate is highest (53.9 percent or 22,653 offenders) for offenders who stayed six months or less. The rate drops 13.1 percentage points for offenders who stay between seven months to a year (40.8 percent or 10,441 offenders). After one year, the rate ranges from 37.6 percent (19 to 24 months) to 10.3 percent for offenders who stay 15 years or longer.

As shown in Appendix C, the three-year return-to-prison rate decreased for each length of stay category between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11. The largest decrease between the two fiscal years (14.5 percentage points) was seen for offenders staying between three to four years (46.5 percent and 32 percent, respectively). Although offenders who stay 15 years or longer had the lowest three-year return-to-prison rate (10.3 percent) among all length of stay categories, the decrease between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 was the smallest at 6.8 percentage points.

Table 18. Return-to-Prison Rates by Length of Stay

Length of Stay	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
6 months or less	42,018	19,810	47.1%	21,489	51.1%	22,653	53.9%
7 - 12 months	25,592	8,332	32.6%	9,566	37.4%	10,441	40.8%
13 - 18 months	9,056	2,322	25.6%	2,803	31.0%	3,155	34.8%
19 - 24 months	5,579	1,464	26.2%	1,803	32.3%	2,099	37.6%
2 - 3 years	5,350	1,325	24.8%	1,668	31.2%	1,931	36.1%
3 - 4 years	2,567	539	21.0%	690	26.9%	821	32.0%
4 - 5 years	1,583	344	21.7%	437	27.6%	519	32.8%
5 - 10 years	2,552	507	19.9%	645	25.3%	772	30.3%
10 - 15 years	919	134	14.6%	187	20.3%	221	24.0%
15 years or more	474	33	7.0%	43	9.1%	49	10.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

### 5.2.10 Number of Returns to Custody Prior to Release

Figure 16. Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rate by Number of Returns to Custody on the Current Term Prior to Release

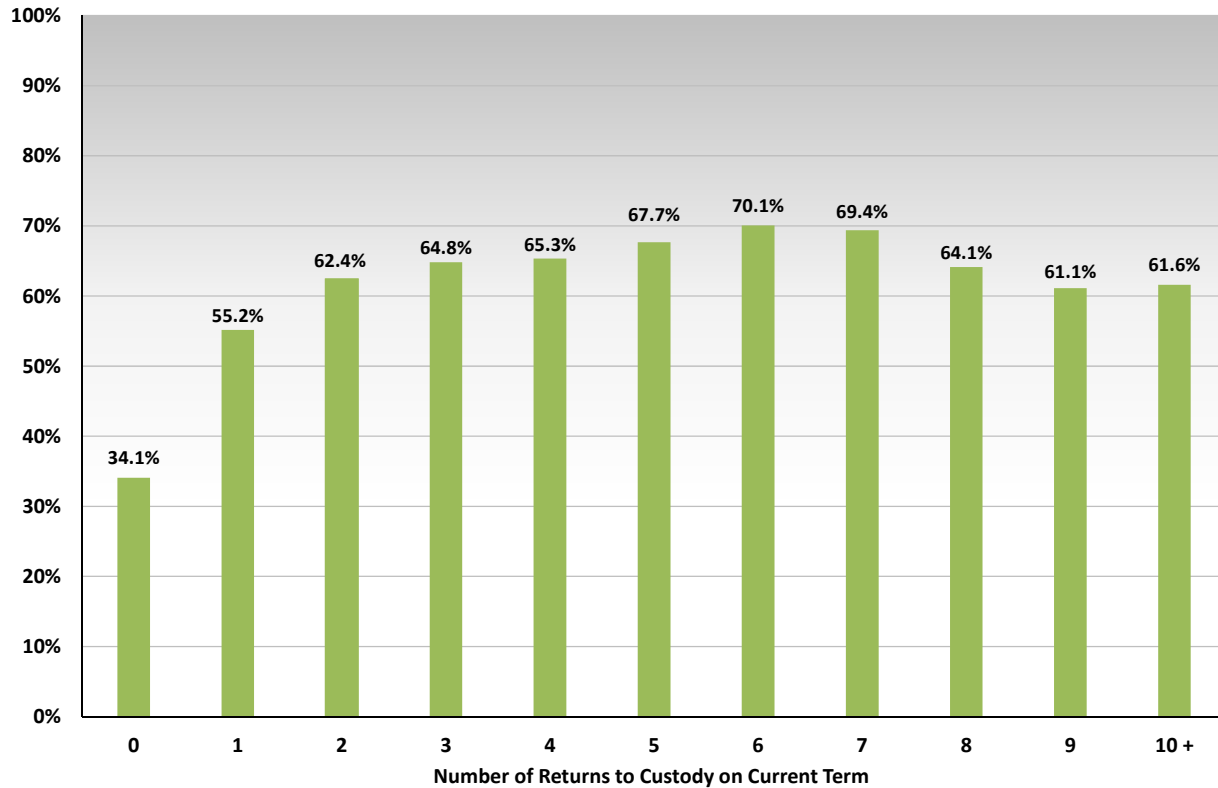


Figure 16 and Table 19 show return-to-prison rates by the number of times an offender returned to a CDCR adult institution on their current term, prior to their release. Offenders with no returns (zero returns), represent offenders released for the first time (i.e. these individuals have no prior returns for their current term). An offender with one return to custody (RTC) was previously released from CDCR on the current term and returned once on their current term.

Offenders without an RTC (zero RTCs) have the lowest three-year return-to-prison rate (34.1 percent or 19,778 offenders) of all RTC categories, followed by offenders with one return (55.2 percent or 8,513 offenders). The increase in the three-year return-to-prison rate between no RTCs and one RTC is substantial; 21.1 percentage points. From this point, the three-year return-to-prison rate is relatively stable and increased slightly with each return to custody, until the seventh return to custody. Offenders with six RTCs return at a rate of 70.1 percent and those with seven RTCs return at a rate of 69.4 percent. The rate decreases until a slight increase is observed between nine RTCs (61.1 percent) and 10 or more RTCs (61.6 percent).

With the exception of seven RTCs (69.4 percent), the three-year return-to-prison rate decreased across all RTC categories between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (Appendix C). The largest decrease was observed at one RTC (11.3 percentage points) and the smallest decrease was at six or more RTCs (1.6 percentage

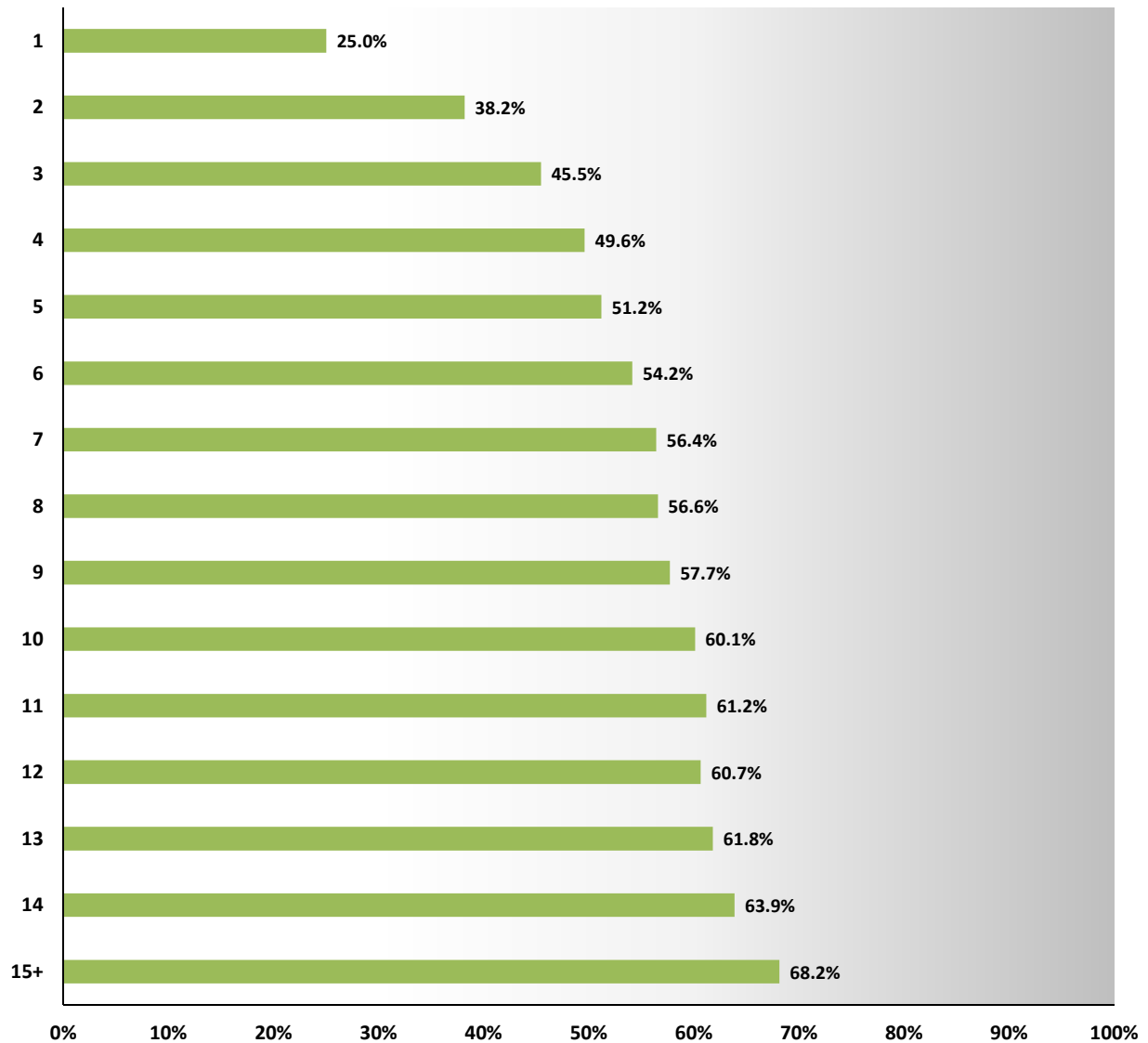
points). The three-year return-to-prison rate remained the same at 69.4 percent for offenders with seven RTCs.

*Table 19. Return-to-Prison Rates by Number of Returns to Custody on the Current Term Prior to Release*

Returns to Custody on Current Term	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
0	58,057	14,708	25.3%	17,580	30.3%	19,778	34.1%
1	15,431	7,299	47.3%	8,031	52.0%	8,513	55.2%
2	7,997	4,352	54.4%	4,739	59.3%	4,994	62.4%
3	5,116	2,993	58.5%	3,170	62.0%	3,316	64.8%
4	3,412	2,001	58.6%	2,133	62.5%	2,229	65.3%
5	2,230	1,345	60.3%	1,439	64.5%	1,509	67.7%
6	1,380	871	63.1%	927	67.2%	967	70.1%
7	889	562	63.2%	600	67.5%	617	69.4%
8	538	319	59.3%	334	62.1%	345	64.1%
9	265	152	57.4%	158	59.6%	162	61.1%
10 +	375	208	55.5%	220	58.7%	231	61.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

## 5.2.11 Number of CDCR Stays Ever

Figure 17. Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rate by Total Number of Stays



A stay is defined as any period of time an offender is housed in a CDCR adult institution. Each time an offender returns to prison, it is considered a new stay, regardless of whether the return represents a new admission, a parole violation with a new term, or a return-to-prison following a parole violation. The number of stays is cumulative over any number of convictions or terms in an offender's criminal history.

Figure 17 and Table 20 show the three-year return-to-prison rate by the number of stays ever at a CDCR institution. As the number of stays increases, the three-year return-to-prison rate also increases, with the exception of 12 stays when the rate slightly decreases. The most substantial increase (13.2 percentage points) in the three-year return-to-prison rate occurs between one stay (25 percent) and

two stays (38.2 percent). In general, the return-to-prison rate increases slightly with each stay, with the exception of 12 stays (60.7), where the rate decreases by half of a percentage point from 11 stays (61.2 percent). Offenders with one stay have the lowest three-year return-to-prison rate of all number of stay categories at 25 percent, while offenders with 15 or more stays have the highest rate at 68.2 percent.

Between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11, the three-year return-to-prison rate decreased across every category of stays (Appendix C). The largest decrease (12.5 percentage points) between the two fiscal years was observed at offenders with 14 stays (76.4 percent and 63.9 percent, respectively). The smallest decrease (8.4 percent) was observed at offenders with one stay between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (33.5 percent and 25 percent, respectively).

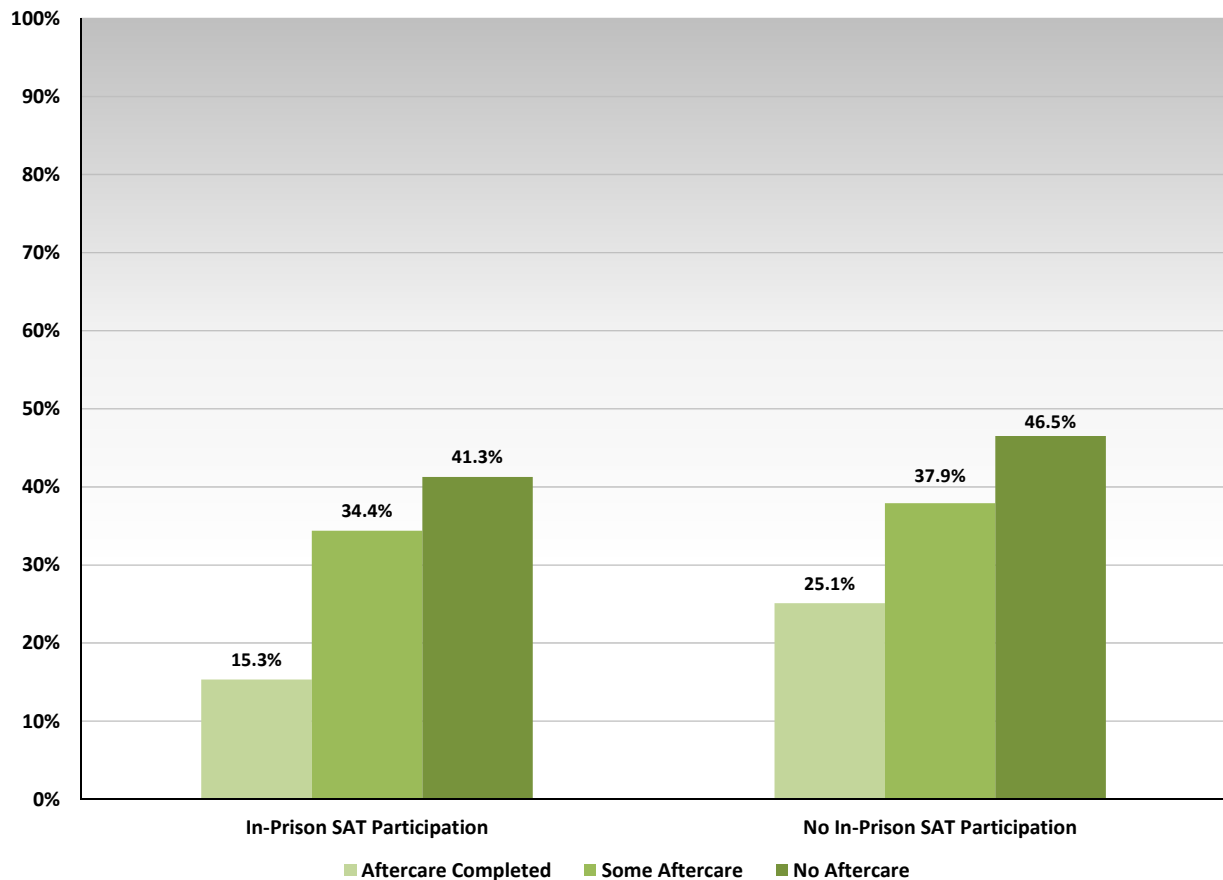
*Table 20. Return-to-Prison Rates by Total Number of Stays*

Stays	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
1	26,426	4,843	18.3%	5,814	22.0%	6,615	25.0%
2	12,837	3,844	29.9%	4,464	34.8%	4,903	38.2%
3	9,182	3,305	36.0%	3,811	41.5%	4,174	45.5%
4	7,658	3,065	40.0%	3,504	45.8%	3,800	49.6%
5	6,376	2,673	41.9%	3,011	47.2%	3,265	51.2%
6	5,303	2,394	45.1%	2,667	50.3%	2,872	54.2%
7	4,432	2,057	46.4%	2,304	52.0%	2,501	56.4%
8	3,734	1,781	47.7%	1,975	52.9%	2,113	56.6%
9	3,188	1,556	48.8%	1,718	53.9%	1,840	57.7%
10	2,826	1,446	51.2%	1,587	56.2%	1,699	60.1%
11	2,296	1,216	53.0%	1,325	57.7%	1,405	61.2%
12	2,072	1,093	52.8%	1,199	57.9%	1,257	60.7%
13	1,613	861	53.4%	945	58.6%	997	61.8%
14	1,409	787	55.9%	855	60.7%	900	63.9%
15 +	6,338	3,889	61.4%	4,152	65.5%	4,320	68.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>



### 5.2.12 In-Prison and Community-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

Figure 18. Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rate by Substance Abuse Treatment Participation



In-prison substance abuse treatment (SAT) and community-based SAT programs are designed to expose offenders to a continuum of services during incarceration and facilitate successful re-entry into community living. Services include: substance abuse treatment, recovery services, social, cognitive and behavioral counseling, life skills training, health-related education, and relapse prevention services. Community-based substance abuse treatment programs (also referred to as “continuing care” or “aftercare”) provide post-release substance abuse treatment services through Substance Abuse Services Coordination Agencies (SASCA). SASCA are responsible for referring, placing, and tracking parolees in appropriate SAT programs.

Return-to-prison rates by participation in SAT and aftercare programs are presented in Figure 18 and Table 21. As shown in Table 21, offenders who received in-prison SAT and complete aftercare (919 offenders) have the lowest return-to-prison rate (15.3 percent or 141 offenders). The three-year return-to-prison rate increases by nearly 20 percentage points (from 15.3 percent to 34.4 percent) if an offender only receives some aftercare. Among offenders who received in-prison SAT, offenders who do not receive aftercare return-to-prison at the highest rate (41.3 percent). Overall, offenders who received in-prison SAT, regardless of aftercare, return-to-prison at a rate of 36.2 percent after three years of follow-up, which is 8.4 percentage points below the state-wide rate of 44.6 percent.

Participation in aftercare or community-based SAT, without in-prison SAT, is also associated with lower rates of return. Offenders who did not receive in-prison SAT, but completed aftercare have a three-year return-to-prison rate of 25.1 percent and offenders who complete some aftercare have a three-year return-to-prison rate of 37.9 percent. Offenders who do not receive in-prison SAT or aftercare return-to-prison at a rate of 46.5 percent, which is substantially higher than offenders who receive some form of in-prison SAT or aftercare, and is 1.9 percentage points higher than the state-wide rate of 44.6 percent.

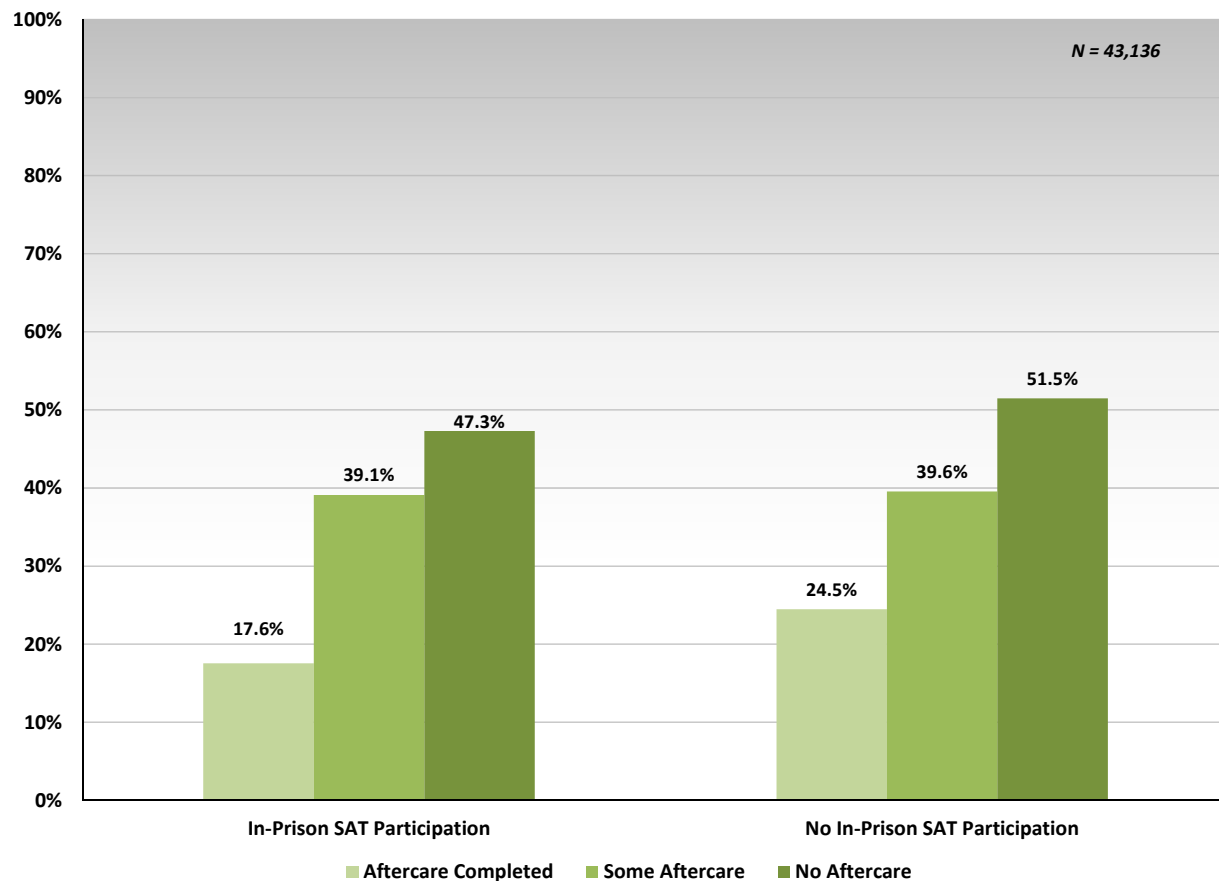
Lower return-to-prison rates among offenders who receive any form of in-prison SAT or aftercare demonstrates the value of these programs. The most substantial impact of SAT on reoffending is seen in offenders who receive in-prison SAT and complete aftercare; the rate for these offenders (15.3 percent) is 29.3 percentage points lower than the state-wide rate (44.6 percent) and 31.2 percentage points lower than the rate for offenders who do not participate in SAT or aftercare (46.5 percent).

*Table 21. Return-to-Prison Rates by Substance Abuse Treatment Participation*

Substance Abuse Treatment Participation	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
<b>In-Prison SAT Participation</b>							
Completed Aftercare	919	58	6.3%	98	10.7%	141	15.3%
Some Aftercare	858	210	24.5%	250	29.1%	295	34.4%
No Aftercare	4,064	1,280	31.5%	1,500	36.9%	1,678	41.3%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,841</b>	<b>1,548</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>1,848</b>	<b>31.6%</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>36.2%</b>
<b>No In-Prison SAT Participation</b>							
Completed Aftercare	4,348	770	17.7%	957	22.0%	1,092	25.1%
Some Aftercare	3,758	1,044	27.8%	1,251	33.3%	1,425	37.9%
No Aftercare	81,743	31,448	38.5%	35,275	43.2%	38,030	46.5%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>89,849</b>	<b>33,262</b>	<b>37.0%</b>	<b>37,483</b>	<b>41.7%</b>	<b>40,547</b>	<b>45.1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

### 5.2.13 Return-to-Prison Rates by Substance Abuse Treatment Participation for Offenders with an Identified Treatment Need

Figure 19. Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rate by Substance Abuse Treatment Participation and Substance Abuse Need



The Correctional Offender Management and Profiling Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) is an automated tool designed to assess offenders' criminogenic needs. The COMPAS is used by criminal justice agencies across the nation to inform decisions regarding placement, supervision, and case management of offenders. The needs assessment categorizes offenders as having no need, probable need, or a highly probable need for services and treatment in areas such as substance abuse, criminal thinking, and education. The COMPAS is used by CDCR and has been validated on its population. However, the COMPAS alone cannot reduce reoffending. The COMPAS is a tool that provides CDCR with information regarding an offender's individual needs. Information from the assessment can be used to place offenders in programming that can meet an offender's specific criminogenic needs. Use of the COMPAS, along with an appropriate (and well-implemented) evidence-based program should reduce reoffending.

Figure 19 and Table 22 show return-to-prison rates by COMPAS assessment and participation in SAT. Of the 95,690 offenders released in FY 2010-11, 72.1 percent of the release cohort (69,014 offenders) had a COMPAS assessment. Of those offenders, 45.1 percent (43,136 offenders) either had a probable need or

a highly probable need for services and treatment, and 27.9 percent (26,676 offenders) did not have a need for treatment services.

Offenders with an identified treatment need and who received in-prison SAT and completed aftercare returned to prison at the lowest rate (17.6 percent) after three years of follow-up, followed by offenders who completed some aftercare (39.1 percent), and offenders who completed no aftercare (47.3 percent). Overall, offenders with a treatment need who received in-prison SAT, regardless of aftercare, returned to prison at a rate of 40.5 percent.

Offenders with an identified treatment need who did not receive in-prison SAT, but received some sort of aftercare, returned to prison at slightly higher rates than those who received in-prison SAT. Offenders with an identified treatment need who did not receive in-prison SAT but completed aftercare returned to prison at the lowest rate (24.5 percent) after three years of follow-up, followed by offenders who completed some aftercare (39.6 percent), and offenders who did not receive aftercare (51.5 percent). Offenders with an identified treatment need who did not receive in-prison SAT or aftercare are expected to return to State prison at higher rates. Their rate of return (51.5 percent) is 10.4 percentage points higher than offenders with no assessment/no treatment need (41.1 percent) and 6.9 percentage points higher than the state-wide rate (44.6 percent), demonstrating the importance of treatment for those with an identified treatment need.

*Table 22. Return-to-Prison Rates by Substance Abuse Treatment Participation and Substance Abuse Need*

Substance Abuse Treatment Participation and Substance Abuse Need	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
<b>In-Prison SAT Participation/Had Substance Abuse Need</b>							
Completed Aftercare	564	38	6.7%	68	12.1%	99	17.6%
Some Aftercare	537	157	29.2%	185	34.5%	210	39.1%
No Aftercare	2,027	748	36.9%	866	42.7%	959	47.3%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>30.1%</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>35.8%</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>40.5%</b>
<b>No In-Prison SAT Participation/Had Substance Abuse Need</b>							
Completed Aftercare	2,248	391	17.4%	482	21.4%	550	24.5%
Some Aftercare	1,886	559	29.6%	661	35.0%	746	39.6%
No Aftercare	35,874	15,406	42.9%	17,179	47.9%	18,473	51.5%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>40,008</b>	<b>16,356</b>	<b>40.9%</b>	<b>18,322</b>	<b>45.8%</b>	<b>19,769</b>	<b>49.4%</b>
<b>No Assessment/No Substance Abuse Need Identified</b>							
	52,554	17,511	33.3%	19,890	37.8%	21,624	41.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

## 6 Offender Outcomes and Type of Return to CDCR

### 6.1 Three-Year Outcomes for the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Release Cohort

Figure 20. Three-Year Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2010-11 Release Cohort

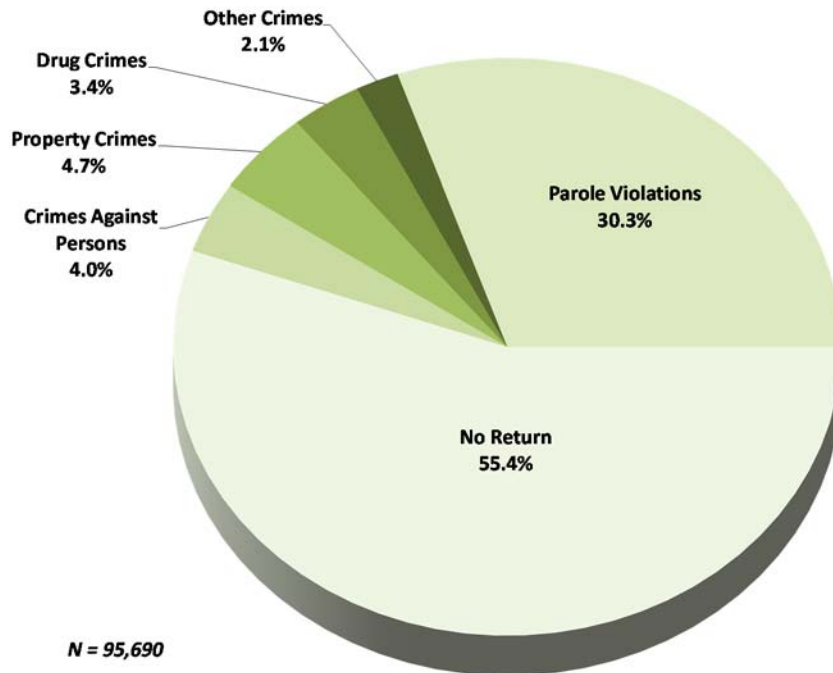


Figure 20 and Table 23 present outcomes for the 95,690 offenders released from prison during FY 2010-11. Of the 95,690 offenders released, 30.3 percent of the release cohort (29,028 offenders) returned to prison for parole violations and nearly 15 percent of the release cohort (14.2 percent or 13,633 offenders) returned to prison after conviction of a new criminal offense. Of the 13,633 offenders that returned after conviction of a new criminal offense, 4.7 percent of the release cohort (4,520 offenders) were returned for property crimes, followed by 4 percent of the release cohort (3,834 offenders) for crimes against persons, and 3.4 percent of the release cohort (3,279 offenders) for drug crimes. Over two percent of the release cohort (2.1 percent or 2,000 offenders) were convicted of other crimes and over 55 percent of the release cohort (55.4 percent or 53,029 offenders) completed the three-year follow-up period without returning to prison.

When examining the 95,690 offenders released in FY 2010-11, changes in the type/reason for returning to CDCR can largely be attributed to the implementation of Realignment in October 2011. Although each of the 95,690 offenders were released pre-Realignment, depending on their date of release, Realignment was in effect for various amounts of time during an offender's three-year follow-up period. Realignment changed the parole revocation process so that only offenders previously sentenced to a

life-term can be revoked to prison and all other parole revocations are served in county jail, instead of State prison.

An examination of returns to State prison for the last three release cohorts studied by the CDCR (FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10, and FY 2010-11) shows substantial decreases in returns to prison for parole violations. As shown in Table 23, 42.3 percent of the FY 2008-09 release cohort returned for parole violations. In FY 2008-09 there were more offenders returned for parole violations (42.3 percent of the release cohort or 47,793 offenders) than offenders who did not return to State prison during the three-year follow-up period (39 percent of the release cohort or 44,074 offenders). The percentage of offenders returned for parole violations decreased by 4.4 percentage points between FY 2008-09 (42.3 percent of the release cohort) and FY 2009-10 (37.9 percent of the release cohort) and the number of offenders who did not return to State prison during the three-year follow-up period increased by 6.7 percentage points (39 percent to 45.7 percent of the release cohorts, respectively).

The most substantial decrease in parole violations is noted between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11. While 37.9 percent of the FY 2009-10 release cohort returned for parole violations, the percentage decreased by 7.6 percentage points in FY 2010-11 to 30.3 percent of the release cohort. The number of offenders who completed the three-year follow-up period without returning to prison also saw a substantial increase; in FY 2009-10, 45.7 percent of the release cohort completed the three-year follow-up period without returning to prison and the number increased by 9.7 percentage points to 55.4 percent of the release cohort in FY 2010-11.

Realignment intended for offenders committing more serious and violent crimes, such as crimes against persons, to serve sentences in State prison, while low-level offenders who cycled in and out of prison, would serve their sentences in county jail. The percentage of offenders returning to State prison has changed according to Realignment's intent; the number of offenders returned for crimes against persons, which tend to be more serious and violent, have slowly increased over the last three release cohorts and the number of offenders returning for property and drug crimes have decreased.

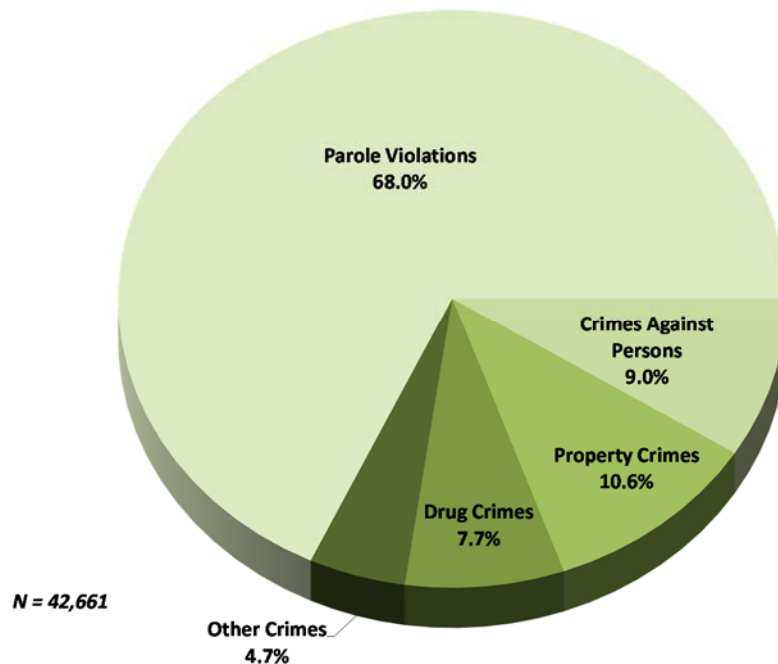
Between FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10, crimes against persons increased by less than one percentage point (from 3.5 percent to 3.6 percent of the release cohorts, respectively). The increase between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 was also slight; from 3.6 percent to 4 percent of the release cohorts. The decrease in property crimes and drug crimes were more substantial across the three release cohorts. Property crimes decreased from 7.1 percent to 6.2 percent of the release cohorts between FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 and from 6.2 percent to 4.7 percent of the release cohorts between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11. Drug crimes decreased from 5.6 percent of the release cohort in FY 2008-09 to 4.5 percent of the release cohort in FY 2009-10 and from 4.5 percent of the release cohort to 3.4 percent of the release cohort between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11. Other crimes have remained fairly consistent; 2.4 percent of the release cohort was returned for other crimes in FY 2008-09, 2.1 percent of the release cohort in FY 2009-10, and again, 2.1 percent of the release cohort in FY 2010-11.

Table 23. Three-Year Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 Release Cohorts

Type of Return	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No Return to Prison	44,074	39.0%	47,959	45.7%	53,029	55.4%
Crimes Against Persons	3,925	3.5%	3,771	3.6%	3,834	4.0%
Property Crimes	8,055	7.1%	6,541	6.2%	4,520	4.7%
Drug Crimes	6,299	5.6%	4,730	4.5%	3,279	3.4%
Other Crimes	2,731	2.4%	2,233	2.1%	2,000	2.1%
Parole Violations	47,793	42.3%	39,747	37.9%	29,028	30.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,877</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>104,981</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 6.2 Type of Return for the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Offenders Returning to State Prison

Figure 21. Type of Return for the 42,661 Offenders Returned to State Prison Following Release in FY 2010-11



Of the 95,690 offenders released in FY 2010-11, 42,661 offenders (44.6 percent of the release cohort) returned to State prison within three years of their release. This section provides further analysis of the 42,661 returns to prison (excluding the 53,029 offenders that did not return to prison), in order to more closely examine the return types of offenders released in FY 2010-11. Of the total returns (42,661 offenders), parole violations (68 percent of all returns or 29,028 offenders) accounted for the largest number of returns, followed by property crimes (10.6 percent of all returns or 4,520 offenders), crimes against persons (9 percent of all returns or 3,834 offenders), and drug crimes (7.7 percent of all returns or 3,279 offenders). Other crimes comprised 4.7 percent (2,000 offenders) of all returns.

As intended under Realignment, most parole violators serve their sentences in county jail, rather than State prison, thus, decreases in parole violations have been observed since Realignment's passage in October 2011. However, due to the timing in which the FY 2010-11 cohort was released and the passage of Realignment in October 2011, parole violations still comprise a large number of the returns for the FY 2010-11 release cohort (68 percent of all returns). Each of the 95,690 offenders released in FY 2010-11 were released pre-Realignment, but Realignment was in effect for varying amounts of time during each offender's three-year follow-up period and many offenders were released into the community for a year or more when Realignment was implemented. An examination of the FY 2010-11 release cohort, as well as other CDCR cohorts, shows most offenders who return to State prison, return within the first year of their release. Over eighty percent (81.6 percent of the release cohort or 34,810 offenders) of the 42,661 offenders who were released in FY 2010-11 and returned to prison, returned within the first year of



their release. For most of these offenders, returns to prison for parole violations, rather than county jail, was possible because Realignment had not yet been implemented. As Realignment continues to be in place during a larger portion of future release cohorts' follow-up period, further decreases in returns to prison for parole violations are expected.

*Table 24. Type of Return for the 42,661 Offenders Returned to State Prison Following Release in FY 2010-11*

Type of Return	Returned	
	Number	Percent
Parole Violations	29,028	68.0%
Property Crimes	4,520	10.6%
Crime Against Persons	3,834	9.0%
Drug Crimes	3,279	7.7%
Other Crimes	2,000	4.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### 6.3 Impact of Realignment

Realignment became law on October 1, 2011 and requires most non-serious, non-violent, and non-sex registrant offenders be sentenced to and serve parole revocations in county jails, rather than State prison, with the intent of reducing the number of low-level offenders cycling in and out of California's prisons. Realignment also changed the State's system of post-release supervision so that most non-serious, non-violent, and non-sex registrant offenders are released to Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS), which is administered by county probation departments; whereas most high-risk sex offenders, lifers, and offenders committing a serious or violent crime are released to parole and supervised by State parole agents. Realignment changed the parole revocation process so that only offenders previously sentenced to a life-term can be revoked to prison and all other parole revocations are served in county jails.

As shown in the time to return section of this report, a large number of offenders who return to State prison, return during the first and second quarters following their release, meaning that a large number of offenders had already returned to prison when Realignment was implemented in October 2011. Of the 95,690 offenders released during FY 2010-11, 33,666 offenders (35.2 percent) had returned to prison prior to the implementation of Realignment and 62,024 offenders (64.8 percent) had not returned to prison. The 33,666 offenders who returned to prison prior to the implementation of Realignment have been removed from this analysis in order to further examine the impacts of Realignment by analyzing only those offenders who did not return to prison prior to the implementation of Realignment (62,024 offenders). The 62,024 offenders were followed for a period ranging from one day to approximately 33 months, post-Realignment, before they were either returned to prison or completed the three-year follow-up period without returning to prison. Although each of the 95,690 offenders were followed for a full three-year follow-up period, regardless of whether they returned to prison prior to or after the implementation of Realignment, this section further examines the 62,024 offenders that did not return to prison prior to the implementation of Realignment.

Of the 62,024 offenders not returned to prison prior to the implementation of Realignment, 18.7 percent (11,598 offenders) were discharged from parole prior to the implementation of Realignment and 25.9 percent (16,051 offenders) remained on parole post-Realignment. Over half (55.4 percent or 34,375 offenders) were on parole when Realignment was implemented, but were later discharged from parole after Realignment was implemented.

Of the 11,598 offenders discharged from parole prior to the implementation of Realignment, 92.2 percent (10,696 offenders) completed the three-year follow-up period without returning to State prison and 7.8 percent (902 offenders) were returned to State prison with a new term. Of the 16,051 offenders who remained on parole post-Realignment, 63.2 percent (10,147 offenders) completed the three-year follow-up period without returning to State prison, 31.9 percent (5,122 offenders) were returned to CDCR with a new term, and 4.9 percent (782 offenders) were returned for parole violations. Of the 34,375 offenders who were on parole prior to the implementation of Realignment and were later discharged, 93.6 percent (32,186 offenders) completed the follow-up period without returning to State prison and 6.4 percent (2,189 offenders) were returned with a new term.

Until a CDCR cohort is released post-Realignment and an entire three-year follow-up period occurs, the full impact of Realignment on the State's return-to-prison rate will be unknown. It is expected the State's three-year return-to-prison will continue to decrease through the next two fiscal years of releases (FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 release cohorts). As the rate continues to be impacted by Realignment, the make-up of CDCR's offender population will be impacted as well. The CDCR will continue to examine changes to the State's three-year return-to-prison rate, the offender population, and arrest and conviction data when available.

## Appendix A

### Supplemental Recidivism Rates: Arrests, Convictions, and Returns to Prison

The below figures and tables present supplemental recidivism rates (arrests, convictions, and returns to prison) for adult offenders released from CDCR adult institutions. One-year rates are provided for FY 2002-03 through FY 2012-13 and provide the most years of comparative data.<sup>7</sup> Although only a one-year rate is provided for these years, it is a good indicator of recidivism (as previously indicated in this report) because over 80 percent of offenders who returned to prison, returned within the first year of release. In order to provide the most comprehensive data available, one-year rates are followed by two- and three-year supplemental recidivism rates.<sup>8</sup> Two-year supplemental recidivism rates are available for Fiscal Year 2002-03 through Fiscal Year 2011-12 and three-year rates are available for Fiscal Year 2002-03 through Fiscal Year 2010-11.

An examination of one-year return-to-prison rates by fiscal year, shows a substantial difference (26.6 percentage points) between the FY 2010-11 (36.4 percent) and FY 2011-12 release cohorts (9.8 percent). The decrease between the two rates was preceded and followed by less substantial decreases; the one-year return-to-prison rate decreased 5.6 percentage points between the FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 release cohorts and 3.2 percentage points between the FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 release cohorts. The one-year arrest and conviction rate remained relatively stable through the FY 2010-11 release cohort and both rates saw a slight increase with the FY 2011-12 release cohort; arrests increased 2.2 percentage points and convictions 3.5 percentage points. Following the increase in the arrest and convictions rates among the FY 2011-12 release cohort, both rates decreased with the FY 2012-13 release cohort. The FY 2012-13 one-year arrest rate (50.5 percent) was the lowest among all release cohorts examined. Similarly, the one-year conviction rate for the FY 2012-13 release cohort was 20.3 percent, which is the lowest one-year conviction rate since the FY 2002-03 rate of 19.7 percent. The FY 2011-12 time period (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012) encompassed the start of Realignment (October 2011) and may account for the increase in arrests and convictions, and the substantial decrease in returns to State prison, as the state and counties adjusted to the new system.

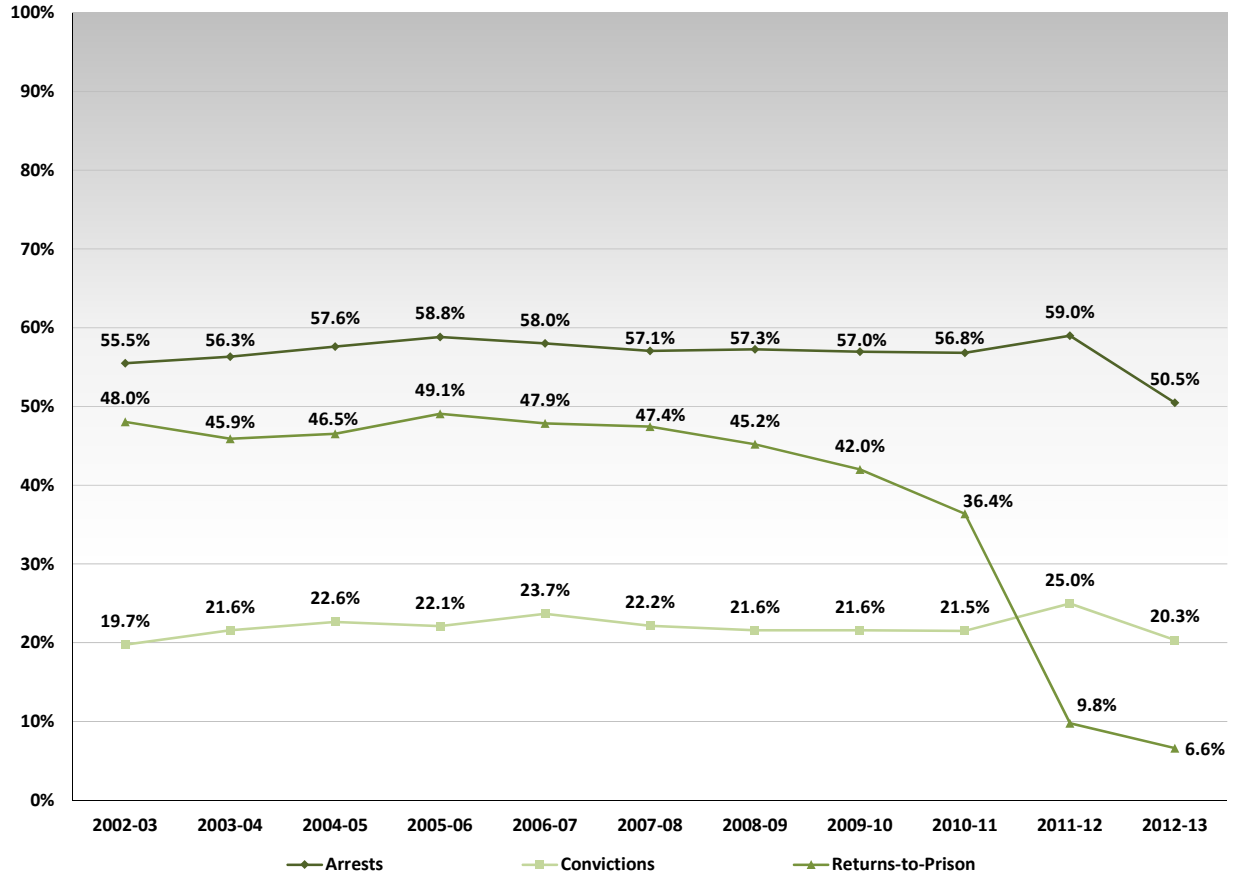
Similar patterns are found in the two-year arrest, conviction, and return-to-prison rates, although less pronounced. Between the FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 release cohorts, the two-year return-to-prison rate decreased 11 percentage points, while the two-year arrest and conviction rates slightly increased (0.8 of a percentage point and 1.3 percentage points, respectively). Between FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12, the two-year return-to-prison rate decreased 22.9 percentage points, while the two-year arrest and conviction rates saw another slight increase (0.5 of a percentage point and 2.3 percentage points, respectively). When examining the three-year arrest, conviction, and return-to-prison rates, arrests and convictions remained relatively stable between the FY 2009-10 and 2010-11 release cohorts (arrests

<sup>7</sup> The arrest, conviction, and return-to-prison data contained in these figures and charts were extracted in April 2016 to minimize the effects of the time lag of data entry into the State's systems.

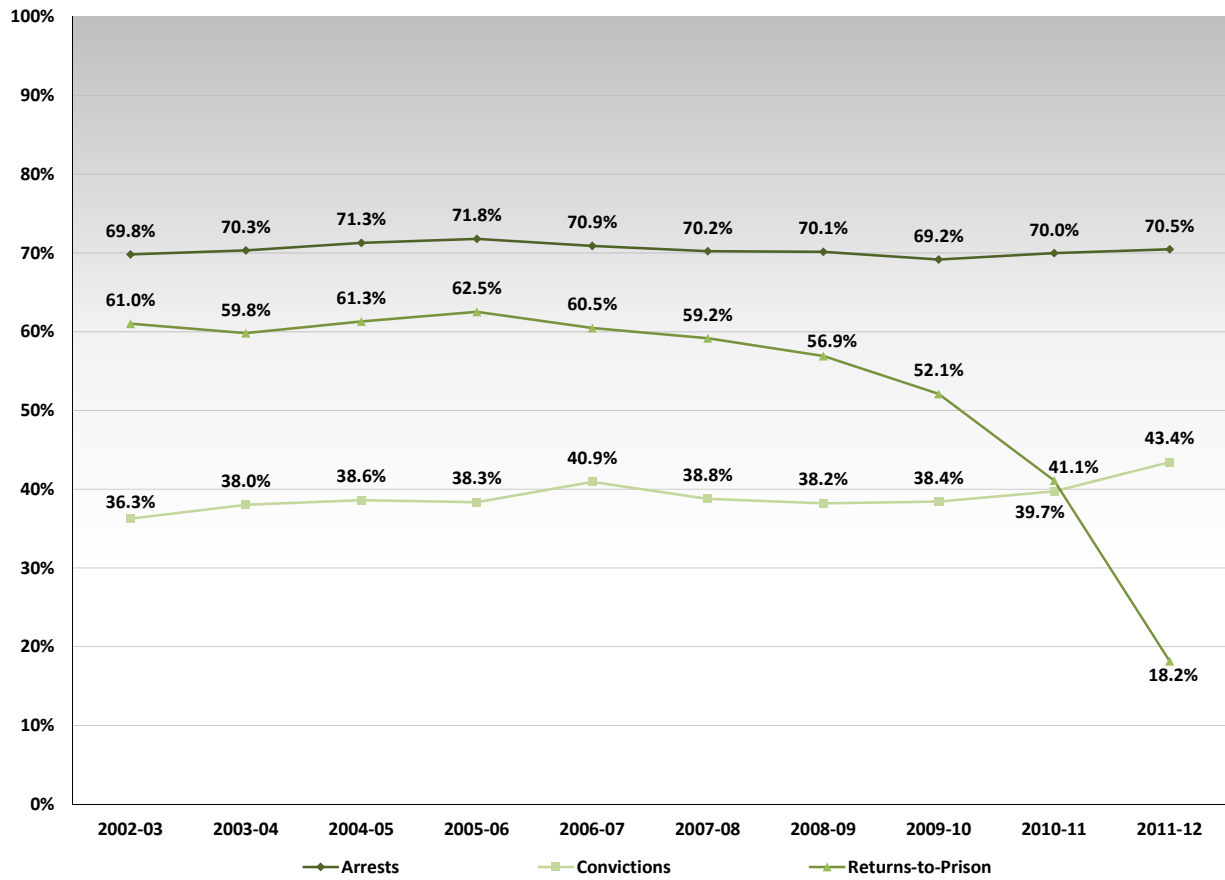
<sup>8</sup> Supplemental recidivism rates are "frozen" at three years, meaning the three-year follow-up period is complete and no further analyses are performed. Reported one-year and two-year rates may fluctuate slightly, as the data used in subsequent reporting years will likely increase, particularly for arrests and convictions since these data are routinely updated in accordance with criminal justice processing.

increased 0.5 of a percentage point and convictions increased 1.8 percentage points), while the decrease in the three-year return-to-prison rate was more substantial (9.7 percentage points).

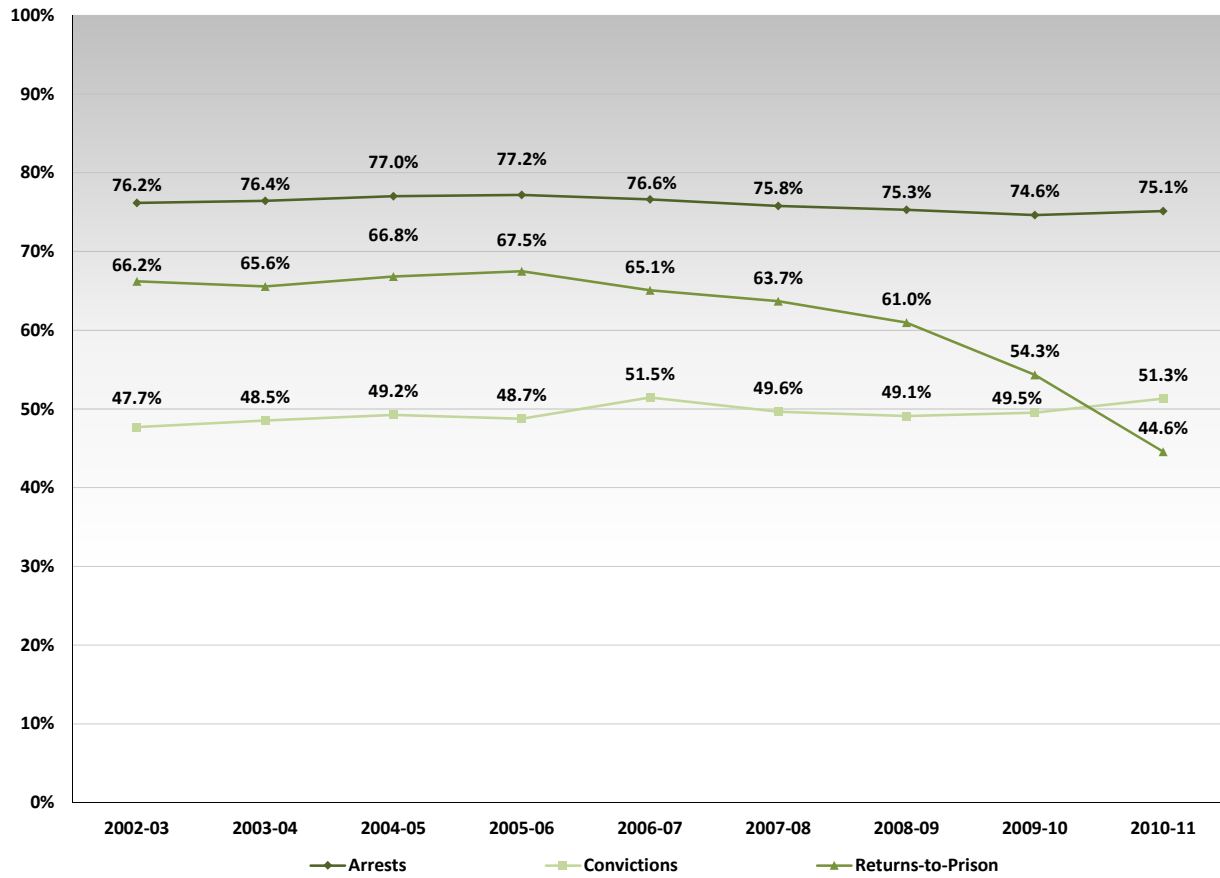
*One-Year Supplemental Recidivism Rates by Fiscal Year*



Two-Year Supplemental Recidivism Rates by Fiscal Year



Three-Year Supplemental Recidivism Rates by Fiscal Year



## Appendix A

Supplemental Recidivism Rates: Arrests, Convictions, and Returns to Prison  
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		<b>Arrests*</b>					
		<b>One-Year</b>		<b>Two-Year</b>		<b>Three-Year</b>	
<b>Fiscal Year*</b>	<b>Number Released</b>	<b>Number Arrested</b>	<b>Arrest Rate</b>	<b>Number Arrested</b>	<b>Arrest Rate</b>	<b>Number Arrested</b>	<b>Arrest Rate</b>
2002-03	99,482	55,204	55.5%	69,449	69.8%	75,765	76.2%
2003-04	99,635	56,127	56.3%	70,070	70.3%	76,135	76.4%
2004-05	103,647	59,703	57.6%	73,881	71.3%	79,819	77.0%
2005-06	105,974	62,331	58.8%	76,079	71.8%	81,786	77.2%
2006-07	112,665	65,369	58.0%	79,893	70.9%	86,330	76.6%
2007-08	113,888	64,981	57.1%	79,978	70.2%	86,309	75.8%
2008-09	110,356	63,193	57.3%	77,412	70.1%	83,080	75.3%
2009-10	103,867	59,159	57.0%	71,837	69.2%	77,495	74.6%
2010-11	94,888	53,911	56.8%	66,399	70.0%	71,284	75.1%
2011-12	75,172	44,345	59.0%	52,974	70.5%	N/A	N/A
2012-13	35,910	18,131	50.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

		<b>Convictions*</b>					
		<b>One-Year</b>		<b>Two-Year</b>		<b>Three-Year</b>	
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Number Released</b>	<b>Number Convicted</b>	<b>Conviction Rate</b>	<b>Number Convicted</b>	<b>Conviction Rate</b>	<b>Number Convicted</b>	<b>Conviction Rate</b>
2002-03	99,482	19,643	19.7%	36,087	36.3%	47,443	47.7%
2003-04	99,635	21,509	21.6%	37,881	38.0%	48,350	48.5%
2004-05	103,647	23,464	22.6%	40,022	38.6%	51,026	49.2%
2005-06	105,974	23,428	22.1%	40,635	38.3%	51,650	48.7%
2006-07	112,665	26,657	23.7%	46,106	40.9%	57,980	51.5%
2007-08	113,888	25,233	22.2%	44,164	38.8%	56,525	49.6%
2008-09	110,356	23,831	21.6%	42,181	38.2%	54,175	49.1%
2009-10	103,867	22,410	21.6%	39,908	38.4%	51,456	49.5%
2010-11	94,888	20,403	21.5%	37,710	39.7%	48,689	51.3%
2011-12	75,172	18,778	25.0%	32,651	43.4%	N/A	N/A
2012-13	35,910	7,303	20.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

\*Arrests and convictions are only included for offenders with an automated criminal history record available from the California Department of Justice. Fiscal years without enough follow-up time to capture recidivism are reported as "N/A".



## Appendix A

Supplemental Recidivism Rates: Arrests, Convictions, and Returns to Prison  
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Fiscal Year	Number Released	Returns to State Prison					
		One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
2002-03	103,934	49,924	48.0%	63,415	61.0%	68,810	66.2%
2003-04	103,296	47,423	45.9%	61,788	59.8%	67,734	65.6%
2004-05	106,920	49,761	46.5%	65,559	61.3%	71,444	66.8%
2005-06	108,662	53,330	49.1%	67,958	62.5%	73,350	67.5%
2006-07	115,254	55,167	47.9%	69,691	60.5%	75,018	65.1%
2007-08	116,015	55,049	47.4%	68,643	59.2%	73,885	63.7%
2008-09	112,877	51,010	45.2%	64,244	56.9%	68,803	61.0%
2009-10	104,981	44,104	42.0%	54,713	52.1%	57,022	54.3%
2010-11	95,690	34,810	36.4%	39,331	41.1%	42,661	44.6%
2011-12	76,102	7,447	9.8%	13,838	18.2%	N/A	N/A
2012-13	36,899	2,436	6.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Fiscal years without enough follow-up time to capture recidivism are reported as "N/A".*

## Appendix B

### Type of Arrest and Conviction for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Year 2010-11 Release Cohorts

The below tables show the type of arrest and type of conviction for the FY 2009-10 and 2010-11 release cohorts. Data represent the first arrest or conviction episode and only the most serious offense in the arrest or conviction cycle is presented. At the time of this report, the type of arrest or conviction for some offenders was unknown.

In FY 2009-10, 25.4 percent of the offenders completed the three-year follow-up period without an arrest. In FY 2010-11, 24.9 percent of the offenders completed the three-year follow-up period (a decrease of 0.5 of a percentage point from the previous release cohort) without an arrest. Supervision violations, which account for the largest number of arrests, increased by 1.8 percentage points between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (22.3 percent and 24.1 percent, respectively), while arrests for crimes against persons (11.6 percent) and other crimes (4.8 percent) remained unchanged. Between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11, arrests for drug/alcohol crimes decreased 1.2 percentage points (20.5 percent and 19.3 percent, respectively) and property crimes decreased by 0.2 of a percentage point (11.5 percent and 11.3 percent, respectively).

The portion of the release cohort arrested for each offense category remained static across the two fiscal years; arrests for supervision violations comprised the largest number of arrests, followed by drug/alcohol crimes, crimes against persons, property crimes, and other crimes.

#### *Type of Arrest for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Year 2010-11 Release Cohorts*

Type of Arrest	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No Arrests	26,372	25.4%	23,604	24.9%
Crimes Against Persons	12,035	11.6%	11,035	11.6%
Property Crimes	11,969	11.5%	10,692	11.3%
Drug/Alcohol Crimes	21,321	20.5%	18,356	19.3%
Other Crimes	5,010	4.8%	4,545	4.8%
Supervision Violations	23,195	22.3%	22,829	24.1%
Unknown	3,965	3.8%	3,827	4.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,867</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>94,888</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The percentage of offenders without a conviction during the three-year follow-up period decreased by 1.8 percentage points between FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11 (50.5 percent and 48.7 percent, respectively). With the exception of drug/alcohol crimes, which decreased by 0.5 of a percentage point between the two fiscal years (19 percent and 18.5 percent, respectively), all other conviction types increased slightly. Crimes against persons increased by 1 percentage point (10.3 percent and 11.3 percent, respectively), property crimes increased by 0.6 of a percentage point (12.9 percent and 13.5

percent, respectively) and other crimes increased by 0.5 of a percentage point (4 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively).

The portion of the release cohort convicted for each offense category also remained relatively static across the two fiscal years; convictions for drug/alcohol crimes comprised the largest number of convictions, followed by property crimes, crimes against persons, and other crimes.

*Type of Conviction for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and Fiscal Year 2010-11 Release Cohorts*

Type of Conviction	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
No Convictions	52,411	50.5%	46,199	48.7%
Crimes Against Persons	10,659	10.3%	10,741	11.3%
Property Crimes	13,368	12.9%	12,765	13.5%
Drug/Alcohol Crimes	19,683	19.0%	17,573	18.5%
Other Crimes	4,162	4.0%	4,296	4.5%
Unknown	3,584	3.5%	3,314	3.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,867</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>94,888</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Appendix C

## Offender Demographics and Characteristics by Fiscal Year

	FY 2009-10 Number Released	FY 2010-11 Number Released	Number Released Difference	FY 2009-10 Number Returned	FY 2010-11 Number Returned	Number Returned Difference	FY 2009-10 Three-Year Return Rate	FY 2010-11 Three-Year Return Rate	Three-Year Rate Difference
<b>Release Type</b>									
First Release	61,810	58,122	(3,688)	27,254	19,777	(7,477)	44.1%	34.0%	(10.1)
Re-Release	43,171	37,568	(5,603)	29,768	22,884	(6,884)	69.0%	60.9%	(8.0)
<b>Gender</b>									
Male	93,937	86,571	(7,366)	52,891	40,193	(12,698)	56.3%	46.4%	(9.9)
Female	11,044	9,119	(1,925)	4,131	2,468	(1,663)	37.4%	27.1%	(10.3)
<b>Age at Release</b>									
18 - 19	643	744	101	437	440	3	68.0%	59.1%	(8.8)
20 - 24	14,061	12,666	(1,395)	8,621	6,400	(2,221)	61.3%	50.5%	(10.8)
25 - 29	20,661	18,550	(2,111)	12,190	9,052	(3,138)	59.0%	48.8%	(10.2)
30 - 34	17,436	16,401	(1,035)	9,452	7,217	(2,235)	54.2%	44.0%	(10.2)
35 - 39	14,184	12,528	(1,656)	7,542	5,357	(2,185)	53.2%	42.8%	(10.4)
40 - 44	13,940	12,390	(1,550)	7,343	5,342	(2,001)	52.7%	43.1%	(9.6)
45 - 49	12,010	10,716	(1,294)	6,127	4,543	(1,584)	51.0%	42.4%	(8.6)
50 - 54	7,177	6,865	(312)	3,337	2,705	(632)	46.5%	39.4%	(7.1)
55 - 59	3,132	2,986	(146)	1,311	1,032	(279)	41.9%	34.6%	(7.3)
60 and over	1,737	1,844	107	662	573	(89)	38.1%	31.1%	(7.0)
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>									
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1,105	1,063	(42)	729	586	(143)	66.0%	55.1%	(10.8)
White	31,786	28,323	(3,463)	18,128	13,586	(4,542)	57.0%	48.0%	(9.1)
Black/African American	27,607	25,238	(2,369)	16,145	11,644	(4,501)	58.5%	46.1%	(12.3)
Asian/Pacific Islander	859	868	9	395	365	(30)	46.0%	42.1%	(3.9)
Hispanic/Latino	40,407	37,190	(3,217)	20,060	15,321	(4,739)	49.6%	41.2%	(8.4)
Other	3,217	3,008	(209)	1,565	1,159	(406)	48.6%	38.5%	(10.1)
<b>County of Parole</b>									
Fresno	4,382	3,699	(683)	2,911	2,184	(727)	66.4%	59.0%	(7.4)
San Joaquin	2,655	2,363	(292)	1,794	1,358	(436)	67.6%	57.5%	(10.1)
Stanislaus	1,840	1,618	(222)	1,200	900	(300)	65.2%	55.6%	(9.6)
San Diego	6,801	6,431	(370)	4,239	3,434	(805)	62.3%	53.4%	(8.9)
Kern	3,953	3,681	(272)	2,509	1,944	(565)	63.5%	52.8%	(10.7)
Riverside	6,718	6,201	(517)	4,127	3,237	(890)	61.4%	52.2%	(9.2)
Sacramento	6,248	5,698	(550)	3,359	2,739	(620)	53.8%	48.1%	(5.7)
San Bernardino	8,505	8,018	(487)	5,087	3,836	(1,251)	59.8%	47.8%	(12.0)
Santa Clara	3,161	2,776	(385)	1,741	1,164	(577)	55.1%	41.9%	(13.1)
Alameda	4,788	4,022	(766)	2,468	1,612	(856)	51.5%	40.1%	(11.5)
Orange	8,169	6,804	(1,365)	3,652	2,658	(994)	44.7%	39.1%	(5.6)
Los Angeles	26,358	24,904	(1,454)	11,288	8,032	(3,256)	42.8%	32.3%	(10.6)
All Others	21,403	19,475	(1,928)	12,647	9,563	(3,084)	59.1%	49.1%	(10.0)
<b>Commitment Offense Categories</b>									
Property Crimes	34,899	31,756	(3,143)	20,278	15,048	(5,230)	58.1%	47.4%	(10.7)
Crimes Against Persons	28,260	28,732	472	15,672	13,196	(2,476)	55.5%	45.9%	(9.5)
Other Crimes	12,461	10,757	(1,704)	6,525	4,630	(1,895)	52.4%	43.0%	(9.3)
Drug Crimes	29,361	24,445	(4,916)	14,547	9,787	(4,760)	49.5%	40.0%	(9.5)

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	FY 2009-10 Number Released	FY 2010-11 Number Released	Number Released Difference	FY 2009-10 Number Returned	FY 2010-11 Number Returned	Number Returned Difference	FY 2009-10 Three-Year Return Rate	FY 2010-11 Three-Year Return Rate	Three-Year Rate Difference
<b>Offense</b>									
Escape	78	45	(33)	48	29	(19)	61.5%	64.4%	2.9
Other Sex	2,683	2,736	53	1,867	1,763	(104)	69.6%	64.4%	(5.1)
Vehicle Theft	5,511	4,413	(1,098)	3,762	2,475	(1,287)	68.3%	56.1%	(12.2)
Sodomy	33	34	1	21	19	(2)	63.6%	55.9%	(7.8)
Oral Copulation	205	215	10	115	111	(4)	56.1%	51.6%	(4.5)
Receiving Stolen Property	4,837	4,344	(493)	2,968	2,234	(734)	61.4%	51.4%	(9.9)
Burglary 1st	3,468	3,345	(123)	2,042	1,690	(352)	58.9%	50.5%	(8.4)
Possession Weapon	5,892	5,183	(709)	3,544	2,546	(998)	60.1%	49.1%	(11.0)
Petty Theft With Prior	5,135	4,672	(463)	3,063	2,289	(774)	59.6%	49.0%	(10.7)
Controlled Substance Possession	15,319	12,439	(2,880)	8,651	6,032	(2,619)	56.5%	48.5%	(8.0)
Other Offenses	3,517	3,075	(442)	2,020	1,474	(546)	57.4%	47.9%	(9.5)
Other Assault/Battery	9,234	9,060	(174)	5,224	4,253	(971)	56.6%	46.9%	(9.6)
Other Property	1,368	1,282	(86)	748	599	(149)	54.7%	46.7%	(8.0)
Assault w/ Deadly Weapon	6,344	6,469	125	3,556	3,018	(538)	56.1%	46.7%	(9.4)
Arson	267	210	(57)	138	96	(42)	51.7%	45.7%	(6.0)
Robbery	5,504	5,847	343	3,115	2,635	(480)	56.6%	45.1%	(11.5)
Burglary 2nd	8,033	7,943	(90)	4,542	3,548	(994)	56.5%	44.7%	(11.9)
Penetration With Object	120	100	(20)	55	44	(11)	45.8%	44.0%	(1.8)
Grand Theft	3,699	3,393	(306)	1,886	1,438	(448)	51.0%	42.4%	(8.6)
Controlled Substance Other	634	478	(156)	353	202	(151)	55.7%	42.3%	(13.4)
Rape	450	432	(18)	245	176	(69)	54.4%	40.7%	(13.7)
Lewd Act With Child	2,104	2,272	168	977	820	(157)	46.4%	36.1%	(10.3)
Controlled Substance Sales	2,786	2,337	(449)	1,231	786	(445)	44.2%	33.6%	(10.6)
Marijuana Sale	446	384	(62)	189	128	(61)	42.4%	33.3%	(9.0)
Forgery/Fraud	2,848	2,364	(484)	1,267	775	(492)	44.5%	32.8%	(11.7)
Kidnapping	225	173	(52)	86	56	(30)	38.2%	32.4%	(5.9)
Hashish Possession	68	70	2	38	22	(16)	55.9%	31.4%	(24.5)
Marij. Possess For Sale	1,172	1,061	(111)	485	326	(159)	41.4%	30.7%	(10.7)
Controlled Substance Possession For Sale	8,466	7,412	(1,054)	3,461	2,230	(1,231)	40.9%	30.1%	(10.8)
Attempted Murder 2nd	337	335	(2)	150	99	(51)	44.5%	29.6%	(15.0)
Manslaughter	543	473	(70)	195	132	(63)	35.9%	27.9%	(8.0)
Controlled Substance Manufacturing	321	134	(187)	93	32	(61)	29.0%	23.9%	(5.1)
Marijuana Other	149	130	(19)	46	29	(17)	30.9%	22.3%	(8.6)
Driving Under Influence	2,707	2,244	(463)	775	485	(290)	28.6%	21.6%	(7.0)
Vehicular Manslaughter	241	221	(20)	46	45	(1)	19.1%	20.4%	1.3
Attempted Murder 1st	25	25	0	3	3	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Murder 2nd	145	264	119	13	20	7	9.0%	7.6%	(1.4)
Murder 1st	67	76	9	4	2	(2)	6.0%	2.6%	(3.3)
<b>Sentence Type</b>									
Second Strikers (Determinate Sentencing Law)	13,353	12,900	(453)	8,107	6,681	(1,426)	60.7%	51.8%	(8.9)
Determinate Sentencing Law	91,350	82,392	(8,958)	48,889	35,955	(12,934)	53.5%	43.6%	(9.9)
Lifers (Indeterminate Sentencing Law)	278	398	120	26	25	(1)	9.4%	6.3%	(3.1)
<b>Sex Registration Requirement</b>									
Yes	8,471	8,989	518	5,522	5,041	(481)	65.2%	56.1%	(9.1)
No	96,510	86,701	(9,809)	51,500	37,620	(13,880)	53.4%	43.4%	(10.0)

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## Offender Demographics and Characteristics by Fiscal Year (continued)

	FY 2009-10 Number Released	FY 2010-11 Number Released	Number Released Difference	FY 2009-10 Number Returned	FY 2010-11 Number Returned	Number Returned Difference	FY 2009-10 Three-Year Return Rate	FY 2010-11 Three-Year Return Rate	Three-Year Rate Difference
<b>Serious and/or Violent Offense</b>									
Serious	13,804	13,268	(536)	7,869	6,418	(1,451)	57.0%	48.4%	(8.6)
Violent	9,978	10,653	675	4,902	4,091	(811)	49.1%	38.4%	(10.7)
Non-Serious/Non-Violent	81,199	71,769	(9,430)	44,251	32,152	(12,099)	54.5%	44.8%	(9.7)
<b>Mental Health Status</b>									
Department of Mental Health	3	59	56	3	37	34	N/A	62.7%	N/A
Enhanced Outpatient Program	5,908	2,422	(3,486)	4,114	1,460	(2,654)	69.6%	60.3%	(9.4)
Mental Health Crisis Bed	37	119	82	27	69	42	73.0%	58.0%	(15.0)
Correctional Clinical Case Management System	14,332	14,385	53	8,505	7,301	(1,204)	59.3%	50.8%	(8.6)
None/No Mental Health Code	84,701	78,705	(5,996)	44,373	33,794	(10,579)	52.4%	42.9%	(9.5)
<b>CSRA Risk Score</b>									
Low	18,700	17,421	(1,279)	5,679	4,117	(1,562)	30.4%	23.6%	(6.7)
Moderate	28,688	25,108	(3,580)	12,833	9,023	(3,810)	44.7%	35.9%	(8.8)
High	56,442	52,331	(4,111)	38,014	29,235	(8,779)	67.4%	55.9%	(11.5)
N/A	1,151	830	(321)	496	286	(210)	43.1%	34.5%	(8.6)
<b>Length of Stay</b>									
0 - 6 Months	46,041	42,018	(4,023)	28,932	22,653	(6,279)	62.8%	53.9%	(8.9)
7 - 12 Months	29,384	25,592	(3,792)	14,968	10,441	(4,527)	50.9%	40.8%	(10.1)
13 - 18 Months	9,792	9,056	(736)	4,429	3,155	(1,274)	45.2%	34.8%	(10.4)
19 - 24 Months	5,972	5,579	(393)	2,803	2,099	(704)	46.9%	37.6%	(9.3)
2 - 3 Years	5,567	5,350	(217)	2,565	1,931	(634)	46.1%	36.1%	(10.0)
3 - 4 Years	2,519	2,567	48	1,172	821	(351)	46.5%	32.0%	(14.5)
4 - 5 Years	1,709	1,583	(126)	758	519	(239)	44.4%	32.8%	(11.6)
5 - 10 Years	2,677	2,552	(125)	1,028	772	(256)	38.4%	30.3%	(8.2)
10 -15 Years	941	919	(22)	302	221	(81)	32.1%	24.0%	(8.0)
15+ Years	379	474	95	65	49	(16)	17.2%	10.3%	(6.8)
<b>Prior Returns to Custody on Current Term</b>									
None	61,806	58,057	(3,749)	27,251	19,778	(7,473)	44.1%	34.1%	(10.0)
1	17,072	15,431	(1,641)	11,341	8,513	(2,828)	66.4%	55.2%	(11.3)
2	9,612	7,997	(1,615)	6,723	4,994	(1,729)	69.9%	62.4%	(7.5)
3	6,358	5,116	(1,242)	4,521	3,316	(1,205)	71.1%	64.8%	(6.3)
4	4,055	3,412	(643)	2,915	2,229	(686)	71.9%	65.3%	(6.6)
5	2,484	2,230	(254)	1,770	1,509	(261)	71.3%	67.7%	(3.6)
6	1,541	1,380	(161)	1,105	967	(138)	71.7%	70.1%	(1.6)
7	909	889	(20)	631	617	(14)	69.4%	69.4%	0.0
8	525	538	13	351	345	(6)	66.9%	64.1%	(2.7)
9	300	265	(35)	208	162	(46)	69.3%	61.1%	(8.2)
10 +	319	375	56	206	231	25	64.6%	61.6%	(3.0)

## Appendix C

## Offender Demographics and Characteristics by Fiscal Year (continued)

	FY 2009-10 Number Released	FY 2010-11 Number Released	Number Released Difference	FY 2009-10 Number Returned	FY 2010-11 Number Returned	Number Returned Difference	FY 2009-10 Three-Year Return Rate	FY 2010-11 Three-Year Return Rate	Three-Year Rate Difference
<b>Number of CDCR Stays Ever</b>									
1	29,136	26,426	(2,710)	9,746	6,615	(3,131)	33.5%	25.0%	(8.4)
2	14,282	12,837	(1,445)	7,049	4,903	(2,146)	49.4%	38.2%	(11.2)
3	10,775	9,182	(1,593)	6,121	4,174	(1,947)	56.8%	45.5%	(11.3)
4	8,583	7,658	(925)	5,123	3,800	(1,323)	59.7%	49.6%	(10.1)
5	7,048	6,376	(672)	4,359	3,265	(1,094)	61.8%	51.2%	(10.6)
6	5,992	5,303	(689)	3,851	2,872	(979)	64.3%	54.2%	(10.1)
7	4,897	4,432	(465)	3,282	2,501	(781)	67.0%	56.4%	(10.6)
8	3,999	3,734	(265)	2,701	2,113	(588)	67.5%	56.6%	(11.0)
9	3,530	3,188	(342)	2,381	1,840	(541)	67.5%	57.7%	(9.7)
10	2,906	2,826	(80)	2,039	1,699	(340)	70.2%	60.1%	(10.0)
11	2,433	2,296	(137)	1,741	1,405	(336)	71.6%	61.2%	(10.4)
12	2,056	2,072	16	1,464	1,257	(207)	71.2%	60.7%	(10.5)
13	1,697	1,613	(84)	1,240	997	(243)	73.1%	61.8%	(11.3)
14	1,344	1,409	65	1,027	900	(127)	76.4%	63.9%	(12.5)
15 +	6,303	6,338	35	4,898	4,320	(578)	77.7%	68.2%	(9.5)
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,981</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>(9,291)</b>	<b>57,022</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>(14,361)</b>	<b>54.3%</b>	<b>44.6%</b>	<b>(9.7)</b>

## Appendix D

## Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rates by County of Parole

County of Parole	Number Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate	Number Returned	Return Rate
Alameda County	4,022	1,448	36.0%	1,549	38.5%	1,612	40.1%
Alpine County	4	3	N/A	3	N/A	3	N/A
Amador County	95	36	37.9%	39	41.1%	41	43.2%
Butte County	751	318	42.3%	351	46.7%	376	50.1%
Calaveras County	32	10	31.3%	10	31.3%	10	31.3%
Colusa County	36	16	44.4%	16	44.4%	16	44.4%
Contra Costa County	1,091	474	43.4%	509	46.7%	532	48.8%
Del Norte County	81	39	48.1%	41	50.6%	41	50.6%
El Dorado County	268	108	40.3%	117	43.7%	127	47.4%
Fresno County	3,699	1,958	52.9%	2,086	56.4%	2,184	59.0%
Glenn County	59	20	33.9%	23	39.0%	24	40.7%
Humboldt County	471	215	45.6%	233	49.5%	243	51.6%
Imperial County	262	107	40.8%	123	46.9%	132	50.4%
Inyo County	25	11	N/A	12	N/A	13	N/A
Kern County	3,681	1,620	44.0%	1,805	49.0%	1,944	52.8%
Kings County	753	343	45.6%	383	50.9%	407	54.1%
Lake County	219	98	44.7%	107	48.9%	112	51.1%
Lassen County	73	22	30.1%	25	34.2%	26	35.6%
Los Angeles County	24,904	5,229	21.0%	6,807	27.3%	8,032	32.3%
Madera County	395	180	45.6%	195	49.4%	211	53.4%
Marin County	104	43	41.3%	53	51.0%	54	51.9%
Mariposa County	12	3	N/A	4	N/A	4	N/A
Mendocino County	232	119	51.3%	124	53.4%	128	55.2%
Merced County	762	342	44.9%	376	49.3%	402	52.8%
Modoc County	18	7	N/A	7	N/A	7	N/A
Mono County	9	3	N/A	3	N/A	3	N/A
Monterey County	1,015	381	37.5%	440	43.3%	481	47.4%
Napa County	126	50	39.7%	56	44.4%	59	46.8%
Nevada County	60	24	40.0%	25	41.7%	25	41.7%
Orange County	6,804	2,253	33.1%	2,498	36.7%	2,658	39.1%
Placer County	464	223	48.1%	235	50.6%	243	52.4%
Plumas County	32	6	18.8%	6	18.8%	6	18.8%
Riverside County	6,201	2,721	43.9%	2,997	48.3%	3,237	52.2%



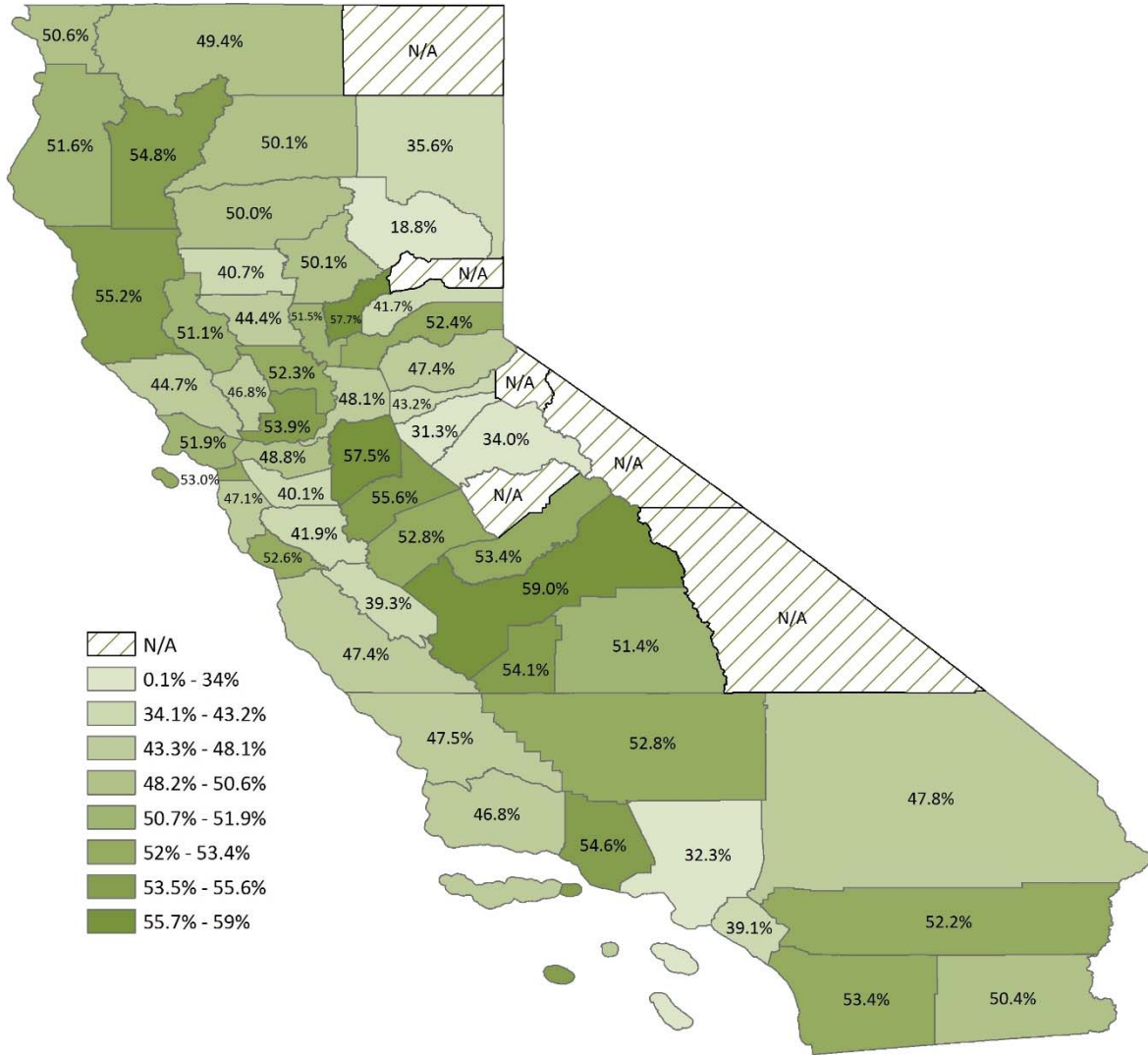
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County of Parole	Released	One-Year		Two-Year		Three-Year	
		Returned	Rate	Returned	Rate	Returned	Rate
Sacramento County	5,698	2,388	41.9%	2,584	45.3%	2,739	48.1%
San Benito County	56	19	33.9%	21	37.5%	22	39.3%
San Bernardino County	8,018	3,123	38.9%	3,548	44.3%	3,836	47.8%
San Diego County	6,431	2,956	46.0%	3,240	50.4%	3,434	53.4%
San Francisco County	1,281	643	50.2%	667	52.1%	679	53.0%
San Joaquin County	2,363	1,191	50.4%	1,280	54.2%	1,358	57.5%
San Luis Obispo County	465	178	38.3%	201	43.2%	221	47.5%
San Mateo County	803	326	40.6%	361	45.0%	378	47.1%
Santa Barbara County	728	271	37.2%	313	43.0%	341	46.8%
Santa Clara County	2,776	977	35.2%	1,093	39.4%	1,164	41.9%
Santa Cruz County	350	153	43.7%	167	47.7%	184	52.6%
Shasta County	782	336	43.0%	372	47.6%	392	50.1%
Sierra County	9	5	N/A	5	N/A	5	N/A
Siskiyou County	77	30	39.0%	32	41.6%	38	49.4%
Solano County	1,280	638	49.8%	672	52.5%	690	53.9%
Sonoma County	635	251	39.5%	274	43.1%	284	44.7%
Stanislaus County	1,618	778	48.1%	846	52.3%	900	55.6%
Sutter County	297	126	42.4%	142	47.8%	153	51.5%
Tehama County	252	111	44.0%	117	46.4%	126	50.0%
Trinity County	31	14	45.2%	16	51.6%	17	54.8%
Tulare County	1,378	618	44.8%	672	48.8%	708	51.4%
Tuolumne County	50	14	28.0%	14	28.0%	17	34.0%
Ventura County	1,450	687	47.4%	749	51.7%	791	54.6%
Yolo County	547	256	46.8%	271	49.5%	286	52.3%
Yuba County	447	224	50.1%	244	54.6%	258	57.7%
Discharged	1,108	67	6.0%	172	15.5%	247	22.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,690</b>	<b>34,810</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>39,331</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>42,661</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

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### Three-Year Return-to-Prison Rates by County of Parole



\*County names and rates are provided on pages 64 and 65 of this report.

## Appendix E

### Definitions of Key Terms

#### **California Static Risk Assessment (CSRA)**

The CSRA is an actuarial tool that utilizes demographic and criminal history data to predict an offender's risk of returning-to-prison at the time they are released from CDCR. Offenders are categorized as low, moderate or high risk of incurring a new criminal conviction.

#### **Cohort**

A group of individuals who share a common characteristic, such as all inmates who were released during a given year.

#### **Controlling Crime or Commitment Offense**

The most serious offense on the conviction for which the inmate was sentenced to prison on that term.

#### **Correctional Clinical Case Management System (CCCMS)**

The CCCMS facilitates mental health care by linking inmate/patients to needed services and providing sustained support while accessing such services. CCCMS services are provided as outpatient services within the general population setting at all institutions.

#### **Determinate Sentencing Law (DSL)**

Established by Penal Code Section 1170 in 1977, Determinate Sentencing Law identifies a specified sentence length for convicted felons who are remanded to State prison. Essentially, three specific terms of imprisonment (low, middle, and high) are assigned for crimes, as well as enhancements (specific case factors that allow judges to add time to a sentence). Opportunities to earn "credits" can reduce the length of incarceration.

#### **Enhanced Outpatient Program (EOP)**

A mental health services designation applied to a severely mentally ill inmate receiving treatment at a level similar to day treatment services.

#### **First Release**

The first release on the current term for felons with new admissions and parole violators returning with a new term (PV-WNT).

**Indeterminate Sentencing Law (ISL)**

Established by Penal Code Section 1168 in 1917, the Indeterminate Sentencing Law allowed judges to determine a range of time (minimum and maximum) a convicted felon would serve. Different felons convicted for the same crimes could spend varying lengths of time in prison; release depended on many factors, including each prisoner's individual conduct in prison. After the minimum sentence passed, felons were brought to a parole board that would identify the actual date of release. Indeterminate Sentencing was replaced by Determinate Sentencing (Penal Code Section 1170) in 1977. After the implementation of Determinate Sentencing, only individuals with life sentences and third strikers are considered "indeterminately" sentenced, since the parole board determines their release.

**Manual California Static Risk Assessment (CSRA)**

Inmates who do not have automated criminal history data available from the Department of Justice (DOJ) must have their CSRA score calculated manually. This is done with a review of a paper copy of the inmate's rap sheet. Manual scores calculated in Fiscal Year 2008-09 are not readily available for some inmates included in this report.

**Parole**

A period of conditional supervised release following a prison term.

**Parole Violation (Law)**

A law violation occurs when a parolee commits a crime while on parole and returns to CDCR custody (RTC) by action of the Board of Parole Hearings rather than by prosecution in the courts.

**Parole Violation (Technical)**

A technical violation occurs when a parolee violates a condition of his/her parole that is not considered a new crime and returns to CDCR custody (RTC).

**Parole Violator Returning With a New Term (PV-WNT)**

A parolee who receives a court sentence for a new crime committed while under parole supervision and returned-to-prison.

**Recidivism**

Conviction of a new felony or misdemeanor committed within three years of release from custody or committed within three years of placement on supervision for a previous criminal conviction.

### **Registered Sex Offender**

An inmate is designated as a registered sex offender if CDCR records show that the inmate has at some point been convicted of an offense that requires registration as a sex offender under Penal Code Section 290. This designation is permanent in CDCR records.

### **Re-Release**

After a return-to-prison for a parole violation, any subsequent release on the same (current) term is a re-release.

### **Return-to-Prison**

An individual convicted of a felony and incarcerated in a CDCR adult institution who was released to parole, discharged after being paroled, or directly discharged during Fiscal Year 2010-11 and subsequently returned to prison within three years of their release date.

### **Serious Felony Offenses**

Serious felony offenses are specified in Penal Code Section 1192.7(c) and Penal Code Section 1192.8

### **Stay**

A stay is any period of time an inmate is housed in a CDCR institution. Each time an inmate returns to prison it is considered a new stay, regardless of the reason for returning.

### **Term**

A term is a sentence an inmate receives from a court to be committed to CDCR for a length-of-time. If an inmate is released after serving a term and is later returned-to-prison for a parole violation, the inmate returns and continues serving the original (current) term. If that inmate returns for committing a new crime, the inmate begins serving a new term.

### **Violent Felony Offenses**

Violent felony offenses are specified in Penal Code Section 667.5(c).

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