

One, Two, Three Year Follow-up Recidivism Rates For All Paroled Felons Released from Prison for the First Time in 2004 ¹ Under the Supervision of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation							
Principal Commitment Offense	Number Paroled ⁵	Returned to Prison Within: ²					
		One Year		Two Years ³		Three Years ⁴	
		Number ⁵	Percent ⁶	Number ⁵	Percent ⁶	Number	Percent ⁶
Murder First (old law)	5	0		0		0	
Murder First (new law)	11	0		0		0	
Murder Second (old law)	2	0		0		0	
Murder Second (new law)	47	1	2.13%	2	4.26%	3	6.38%
Manslaughter	323	59	18.27%	106	32.82%	124	38.39%
Vehicular Manslaughter	163	19	11.66%	31	19.02%	37	22.70%
Robbery	2,659	942	35.43%	1,421	53.44%	1,630	61.30%
Assault/Deadly WP	2,912	969	33.28%	1,427	49.00%	1,617	55.53%
Attempted Murder First	7	0		0		1	
Attempted Murder Second	192	34	17.71%	58	30.21%	72	37.50%
Other Assault/Battery	4,820	1,830	37.97%	2,579	53.51%	2,858	59.29%
Rape	224	45	20.09%	77	34.38%	94	41.96%
Lewd Act With Child	1,098	213	19.40%	319	29.05%	389	35.43%
Oral Copulation	108	29	26.85%	55	50.93%	62	57.41%
Sodomy	31	7	22.58%	7	22.58%	10	32.26%
Sexual Penetration with Object	62	20	32.26%	27	43.55%	31	50.00%
Other Sex	1,083	486	44.88%	647	59.74%	709	65.47%
Kidnapping	124	27	21.77%	45	36.29%	51	41.13%
Burglary First	1,928	751	38.95%	1,079	55.96%	1,174	60.89%
Burglary Second	4,232	1,899	44.87%	2,475	58.48%	2,653	62.69%
Grand Theft	2,055	757	36.84%	1,038	50.51%	1,114	54.21%
Petty Theft With Prior	3,701	1,699	45.91%	2,223	60.06%	2,361	63.79%
Receiving Stolen Property	2,675	1,300	48.60%	1,677	62.69%	1,756	65.64%
Vehicle Theft	3,942	2,176	55.20%	2,688	68.19%	2,813	71.36%
Forgery/Fraud	2,318	774	33.39%	1,101	47.50%	1,188	51.25%
Other Property	546	225	41.21%	313	57.33%	331	60.62%
CS Possession	9,223	4,061	44.03%	5,543	60.10%	5,958	64.60%
CS Possession for Sale	6,113	1,697	27.76%	2,515	41.14%	2,776	45.41%
CS Sales	1,709	482	28.20%	683	39.96%	759	44.41%
CS Manufacturing	1,074	184	17.13%	303	28.21%	337	31.38%
CS Other	402	164	40.80%	216	53.73%	234	58.21%
Hashish Possession	26	13	50.00%	15	57.69%	16	61.54%
Marijuana Possession for Sale	632	182	28.80%	259	40.98%	283	44.78%
Marijuana Sale	252	83	32.94%	108	42.86%	118	46.83%
Marijuana Other	107	30	28.04%	46	42.99%	49	45.79%
Escape	90	43	47.78%	55	61.11%	58	64.44%
Driving Under Influence	1,759	367	20.86%	578	32.86%	674	38.32%
Arson	175	60	34.29%	84	48.00%	92	52.57%
Possession Weapon	3,009	1,361	45.23%	1,824	60.62%	1,989	66.10%
Other Offenses	2,170	776	35.76%	1,072	49.40%	1,194	55.02%
TOTAL	62,009	23,765	38.33%	32,696	52.73%	35,615	57.44%

* See back page for definitions and formula

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One, Two, Three Year Follow-up Recidivism Rates For Paroled Female Felons Released from Prison for the First Time in 2004 ¹ Under the Supervision of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation							
Principal Commitment Offense	Number Paroled ⁵	Returned to Prison Within: ²					
		One Year		Two Years ³		Three Years ⁴	
		Number ⁵	Percent ⁶	Number ⁵	Percent ⁶	Number	Percent ⁶
Murder First (old law)	1	0		0		0	
Murder First (new law)	1	0		0		0	
Murder Second (old law)	0	0		0		0	
Murder Second (new law)	5	0		0		0	
Manslaughter	25	3	12.00%	4	16.00%	6	24.00%
Vehicular Manslaughter	27	1	3.70%	2	7.41%	3	11.11%
Robbery	163	47	28.83%	69	42.33%	82	50.31%
Assault/Deadly WP	169	51	30.18%	82	48.52%	96	56.80%
Attempted Murder First	1	0		0		0	
Attempted Murder Second	8	1		1		1	
Other Assault/Battery	286	74	25.87%	114	39.86%	128	44.76%
Rape	1	0		0		0	
Lewd Act With Child	11	2		3		4	
Oral Copulation	6	2		4		4	
Sodomy	0	0		0		0	
Sexual Penetration With Object	0	0		0		0	
Other Sex	24	6	25.00%	11	45.83%	13	54.17%
Kidnapping	18	3		4		6	
Burglary First	130	35	26.92%	50	38.46%	54	41.54%
Burglary Second	574	171	29.79%	261	45.47%	286	49.83%
Grand Theft	379	79	20.84%	119	31.40%	131	34.56%
Petty Theft With Prior	701	228	32.52%	314	44.79%	345	49.22%
Receiving Stolen Property	352	129	36.65%	182	51.70%	193	54.83%
Vehicle Theft	339	154	45.43%	202	59.59%	216	63.72%
Forgery/Fraud	748	192	25.67%	296	39.57%	321	42.91%
Other Property	75	16	21.33%	26	34.67%	28	37.33%
CS Possession	1,253	440	35.12%	633	50.52%	696	55.55%
CS Possession for Sale	711	140	19.69%	242	34.04%	273	38.40%
CS Sales	183	45	24.59%	63	34.43%	71	38.80%
CS Manufacturing	117	17	14.53%	28	23.93%	30	25.64%
CS Other	85	20	23.53%	23	27.06%	26	30.59%
Hashish Possession	2	1		1		1	
Marijuana Possession for Sale	32	7	21.88%	11	34.38%	11	34.38%
Marijuana Sale	13	2		3		4	
Marijuana Other	3	0		1		2	
Escape	15	2		4		6	
Driving Under Influence	105	23	21.90%	36	34.29%	41	39.05%
Arson	21	8	38.10%	12	57.14%	12	57.14%
Possession Weapon	77	25	32.47%	35	45.45%	42	54.55%
Other Offenses	183	54	29.51%	74	40.44%	85	46.45%
TOTAL	6,844	1,978	28.90%	2,910	42.52%	3,217	47.00%

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Principal Commitment Offense	Number Paroled ⁵	Returned to Prison Within: ²					
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		Number ⁵	Percent ⁶	Number ⁵	Percent ⁶	Number	Percent ⁶
Murder First (old law)	4	0		0		0	
Murder First (new law)	10	0		0		0	
Murder Second (old law)	2	0		0		0	
Murder Second (new law)	42	1	2.38%	2	4.76%	3	7.14%
Manslaughter	298	56	18.79%	102	34.23%	118	39.60%
Veicular Manslaughter	136	18	13.24%	29	21.32%	34	25.00%
Robbery	2,496	895	35.86%	1,352	54.17%	1,548	62.02%
Assault/Deadly WP	2,743	918	33.47%	1,345	49.03%	1,521	55.45%
Attempted Murder First	6	0		0		1	
Attempted Murder Second	184	33	17.93%	57	30.98%	71	38.59%
Other Assault/Battery	4,534	1,756	38.73%	2,465	54.37%	2,730	60.21%
Rape	223	45	20.18%	77	34.53%	94	42.15%
Lewd Act With Child	1,087	211	19.41%	316	29.07%	385	35.42%
Oral Copulation	102	27	26.47%	51	50.00%	58	56.86%
Sodomy	31	7	22.58%	7	22.58%	10	32.26%
Sexual Penetration with Object	62	20	32.26%	27	43.55%	31	50.00%
Other Sex	1,059	480	45.33%	636	60.06%	696	65.72%
Kidnapping	106	24	22.64%	41	38.68%	45	42.45%
Burglary First	1,798	716	39.82%	1,029	57.23%	1,120	62.29%
Burglary Second	3,658	1,728	47.24%	2,214	60.52%	2,367	64.71%
Grand Theft	1,676	678	40.45%	919	54.83%	983	58.65%
Petty Theft With Prior	3,000	1,471	49.03%	1,909	63.63%	2,016	67.20%
Receiving Stolen Property	2,323	1,171	50.41%	1,495	64.36%	1,563	67.28%
Vehicle Theft	3,603	2,022	56.12%	2,486	69.00%	2,597	72.08%
Forgery/Fraud	1,570	582	37.07%	805	51.27%	867	55.22%
Other Property	471	209	44.37%	287	60.93%	303	64.33%
CS Possession	7,970	3,621	45.43%	4,910	61.61%	5,262	66.02%
CS Possession for Sale	5,402	1,557	28.82%	2,273	42.08%	2,503	46.33%
CS Sales	1,526	437	28.64%	620	40.63%	688	45.09%
CS Manufacturing	957	167	17.45%	275	28.74%	307	32.08%
CS Other	317	144	45.43%	193	60.88%	208	65.62%
Hashish Possession	24	12	50.00%	14	58.33%	15	62.50%
Marijuana Possession for Sale	600	175	29.17%	248	41.33%	272	45.33%
Marijuana Sale	239	81	33.89%	105	43.93%	114	47.70%
Marijuana Other	104	30	28.85%	45	43.27%	47	45.19%
Escape	75	41	54.67%	51	68.00%	52	69.33%
Driving Under Influence	1,654	344	20.80%	542	32.77%	633	38.27%
Arson	154	52	33.77%	72	46.75%	80	51.95%
Possession Weapon	2,932	1,336	45.57%	1,789	61.02%	1,947	66.41%
Other Offenses	1,987	722	36.34%	998	50.23%	1,109	55.81%
TOTAL	55,165	21,787	39.49%	29,786	53.99%	32,398	58.73%

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DEFINITIONS

Recidivist: A felon who returns to prison for any reason during a specified follow-up period.

Recidivism cohort: The number of felons first released to parole during a given year.

Return to prison: Includes felons who are returned to Substance-Abuse Treatment-Control Units in correctional facilities; returned pending a revocation hearing by the Board of Prison Terms on charges of violating the conditions of parole; returned to custody for parole violations to serve revocation time; or returned to prison by a court for a new felony conviction.

First release to parole: The first release to parole for felons with new admissions and parole violators returned with a new term (PV-WNT) during a calendar year.

Recidivism rate: The ratio of the number of recidivists in the cohort to the number of felons at risk of recidivating in the cohort during the specified time period, times one hundred.

How California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) calculates recidivism: The recidivism rate starts with a cohort of felon offenders who are released to parole in a given year. They are tracked for a period of three years to determine if they return to prison. The release cohort includes only offenders, who are paroled for the first time from prison on a new admission to prison or paroled for the first time following return to prison with a new court commitment. The recidivism rate does not include parole violators who are re-released.

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