

**Recidivism Trends and 2008 Recidivism Rates**

Massachusetts DOC Three Year Recidivism Rates for 2008 Releases to the Street by Offense Category and Gender

Offense Category	Males		Females		Total	
	Number Releases	Recidivism Rate	Number Releases	Recidivism Rate	Number Releases	Recidivism Rate
Property	214	60%	244	43%	458	51%
Person	774	46%	176	32%	950	44%
Other	144	42%	277	36%	421	38%
Drug	575	34%	193	25%	768	32%
Sex	115	17%	6	n.a.	121	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>39%</b>

- ◆ The recidivism rate for property offenders was higher than other offense types for both male and female releases.
- ◆ The recidivism rate for male property offenders was 60%, followed by person offenders who recidivated at a rate of 46%.
- ◆ The recidivism rate for female property offenders was 43%, followed by females in the “other” offense category, with a recidivism rate of 36%.
- ◆ Offenders in the governing sex offense category had the lowest recidivism rate (17%).

Massachusetts DOC Three Year Recidivism Rates for 2008 Releases to the Street by Offense Type and Gender

Offense Type	Males		Females		Total	
	Number Releases	Recidivism Rate	Number Releases	Recidivism Rate	Number Releases	Recidivism Rate
Violent	889	43%	182	32%	1,071	41%
Non-Violent	933	41%	714	35%	1,647	39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>2,718</b>	<b>39%</b>

Non-violent offenders released during 2008 had a slightly lower recidivism rate (39%) compared to a violent offenders (41%).

Massachusetts DOC Three Year Recidivism Rates for 2008 Releases to the Street by Mandatory Minimum Drug Sentence and Gender

Drug Offense Type	Males		Females		Total	
	Number Releases	Recidivism Rate	Number Releases	Recidivism Rate	Number Releases	Recidivism Rate
Non-Mandatory Drug Offense	251	39%	165	28%	416	35%
Mandatory Drug Offense	324	30%	28	11%	352	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>32%</b>

Of the 768 released inmates who were incarcerated for a governing drug offense, 46% percent were serving a mandatory drug sentence (N=352). Mandatory drug offenders had a lower recidivism rate than non-mandatory drug offenders, recidivating at a rate of 28%, compared to a recidivism rate of 35% for non-mandatory drug offenders. The average time served on their current incarceration for drug offenders was 32.9 months. The non-mandatory drug offenders on average were incarcerated for 21.5 months, compared to mandatory drug offenders who were incarcerated on average for 46.4 months.