



# Corrections and Community Supervision

## 2019 and 2020 Releases from Custody Three Year Post-Release Follow-Up

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Return-to-custody data are presented for incarcerated individuals released from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) in 2019 and 2020. This includes individuals who were released from parole program facilities<sup>1</sup> as well as those released from correctional facilities.

Return rates are based on a three-year follow-up period and are analyzed relative to several demographic and legal history characteristics. Return rates among the 2019 and 2020 release cohorts are compared to those found for an aggregated release cohort covering 1985 to 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> These alternative treatment program facilities include the Drug Treatment program at Willard (and other locations) and the Edgecombe Residential Treatment facility. Parole violators began participating in a 90-day alternative drug treatment program at Willard in November 2007 and in a separate 30-day alternative drug treatment program at Edgecombe in December 2008 (which was later extended to a 45-day program in April 2010). Incarcerated releasees can be housed in these facilities, but are excluded in this report.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Return Rates.** Among the 15,809 releases in 2020, there were 3,022 (19%) individuals who returned to DOCCS' custody within three years, including 7% recommitted with new felony convictions and 12% returned for violating the conditions of their parole. There has been a marked decrease in the overall return rate beginning with the 2017 release cohort and the 2020 releases had the lowest return rate since DOCCS began tracking this information in 1985 (see **Table 2.1**, p. 4 and **Figure 2.1**, p. 5).

**Release Type.** Among 2020 releases, individuals released by a decision of the Board of Parole returned at a higher rate (23%) than those released at their conditional release dates (16%). Individuals released at the maximum expiration of their sentence, who can only return for a new felony conviction because they are not subject to supervision upon release, had a return rate of 14% (see **Table 2.1**, p. 4).

**Time to Return.** Of the 3,022 individuals released in 2020 who returned to custody, seventy-six percent returned within the first 24 months after their release (see **Table 3**, p. 7). Overall, the median time to return was 15 months. The median time to return was 24 months for new commitments and 12 months for those who violated the conditions of their parole. The overall median time to return has generally decreased since 1985 releases, but has increased with the past two cohorts due, in part, to changes in parole violation legislation along with the COVID-19 pandemic, during which intake at DOCCS was paused for several months. (see **Figure 3**, p. 8).

**Sex.** Consistent with prior release cohorts, females released in 2020 had a much lower rate of return (11%) than males (20%). The difference in female and male return rates was evident for both new convictions (2% vs. 8%) and returns for violating the conditions of parole supervision (9% vs. 12%) (see **Table 4**, p. 9 and **Figures 4.1** and **4.2**, p. 10).

**Release Crime.** Among 2020 releases, the highest return rates occurred among Youthful Offenders (30%) and Property and Other offenders (22%). (see **Table 5.1**, p. 13).

**Readmission Crime.** Thirty-nine percent of the 2020 releases who returned within three years for new felony convictions were convicted of violent felony offenses, 26% were returned for property or other offenses, and 17% were returned for both drug offenses and other coercive offenses. (see **Table 6.1**, p. 17).

**Age.** Individuals who were younger at release returned to DOCCS' custody at higher rates than older individuals. Among the individuals released in 2020 who were under 21 years old at release, 34% returned, while 19% of the individuals 21 years of age or older at release returned to custody (see **Table 7.1**, p. 24).

**Race/Ethnicity.** Among 2020 releases, the highest return to custody rate was among White individuals (24%), while the lowest return rate was among Asians (5%) (see **Table 8**, p. 27).

**Criminal History.** The return rate increased as the number of prior felony convictions generally increased. Among the 2020 releases, 18% of individuals with no prior conviction returned within three years, while the releases with two prior felony convictions returned at the highest rate (21%) (see **Table 9.4**, p. 32).

**First vs. Previous Releases.** Individuals released in 2020 who had no prior releases on their sentence were less likely to return (15%) than individuals previously released and returned to DOCCS' custody (27%) (see **Table 10**, p. 33).

**Region.** Among the 2020 releases, individuals committed from Upstate Urban counties were more likely to return (27%) than individuals from other Upstate counties in New York State (26%), Suburban New York City (15%), or New York City (9%) (see **Table 11**, p. 33).

**Veterans.** Among the 2020 releases, individuals identified as verified veterans returned to prison at lower rates (13%) than nonveterans (19%) (see **Table 12**, p. 35).

**COMPAS Supervision Level.** Return rates varied for individuals released to Community Supervision and supervised at different supervision levels. Among 2020 releases, those supervised at Level 2 had the highest return rate (30%), followed by those supervised at Level 1 (28%), Level 3 (16%), and Level 4 (7%) (see **Table 13**, p. 36).

## **SECTION ONE: RELEASES AND RETURNS**

This report presents return-to-custody information on cohorts of incarcerated individuals released to the community from facilities of the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) in 2019 and 2020.<sup>2</sup> Each individual was followed for three years after release. Return-to-custody data for the 2019 and 2020 cohorts are compared with a combined cohort of releases from 1985 to 2020. The return rates by several demographic and legal history variables are presented. Finally, a partial follow-up analysis is presented for 2021 and 2022 releases.

### ***Description of the Release Cohorts***

There are several types of releases from DOCCS' facilities. For example, individuals may be temporarily released to a mental health facility, non-citizen individuals may be deported, individuals may be paroled or they may complete their sentence. As in past reports, this follow-up study includes only the sanctioned release or discharge of an individual to the community due to:

- a) the expiration of a sentence with no requirement of supervision in the community;
- b) the individual's release by authority of the Board of Parole;
- c) the individual's conditional release, which is required by statute after the incarcerated individual has served his or her maximum or determinate sentence less any earned good time credits.

The release that triggers inclusion in the follow-up is not necessarily the first time the individual was released from DOCCS' custody while serving the current sentence. Each cohort includes some individuals who were released to parole supervision prior to the cohort year, but who then returned to DOCCS as parole violators before their re-release during the cohort year.<sup>3</sup>

### ***Returns to New York State DOCCS' Custody***

Although there are many ways to measure recidivism (e.g., re-arrest, re-conviction, and re-incarceration), this study defines recidivism as a return to DOCCS' custody for reasons other than participating in a specified program for incarcerated parolees. Once individuals are given a sanctioned release to the community, there are two ways that they can be readmitted to DOCCS' custody. A *New Court Commitment* returns to DOCCS' custody after receiving a new felony conviction and a new sentence. A *Returned Parole Violator* (RPV) is returned to DOCCS' custody to continue serving time

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<sup>2</sup> Incarcerated parolee releases are excluded from this analysis.

<sup>3</sup> 1,532 of these re-released offenders from 2019 (and 873 from 2020) had previously returned to custody to participate in an alternative treatment program, either the 90-day program at the Drug Treatment program at Willard or an alternate location or the 45-day program at Edgecombe. These returned parole violators had been given a time assessment by an Administrative Law Judge, but served a shorter amount of time (90 or 45 days) and were re-released after successfully completing the program to which they were assigned.

on a remaining sentence after having violated the conditions of parole supervision.<sup>4</sup> The type of behavior for which an individual can be returned to custody as an RPV includes: absconding from supervision, being arrested, and/or violating the conditions of parole supervision in an important respect.

Return data presented in this report reflects an individual’s first return to custody within three years of their release. Return rates are related to release type; parolees and conditional releases remain under community supervision until the maximum expiration of their incarceration and post-release supervision sentences and therefore may be returned to DOCCS’ custody for violating the conditions of parole supervision as well as for a new felony conviction. Individuals who complete their maximum sentence, however, are not under parole supervision after their release, and can only return for a new felony conviction.

### ***The 2019 and 2020 Release Cohorts***

**Table 1**  
**2019 and 2020 Releases: Returns to DOCCS’ Custody within 3 Years of Release by Release Type**

RELEASE TYPE	TOTAL RELEASES		RETURNS		NO RETURN	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>TOTAL 2019 RELEASES</b>	<b>19,606</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,872</b>	<b>24.8%</b>	<b>14,734</b>	<b>75.2%</b>
PAROLE <sup>5</sup>	9,581	48.9%	3,062	32.0%	6,519	68.0%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	8,199	41.8%	1,577	19.2%	6,622	80.8%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	1,826	9.3%	233	12.8%	1,593	87.2%
RELEASE TYPE	TOTAL RELEASES		RETURNS		NO RETURN	
#	%	#	%	#	%	
<b>TOTAL 2020 RELEASES</b>	<b>15,809</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,022</b>	<b>19.1%</b>	<b>12,787</b>	<b>80.9%</b>
PAROLE <sup>5</sup>	7,216	45.6%	1,694	23.5%	5,522	76.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	7,402	46.8%	1,162	15.7%	6,240	84.3%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	1,191	7.5%	166	13.9%	1,025	86.1%

<sup>4</sup> New York currently has a mixed sentencing structure. Over half of the 2019 and 2020 releases followed for this report were sentenced under New York’s determinate sentencing policy, serving 6/7 of the sentence and then serving imposed post-release community supervision. Individuals who received indeterminate sentencing serve some portion of their sentence in prison and then remain under parole supervision until the maximum expiration of their sentence. For more detail, see Article 70, Sentences of Imprisonment, New York State Penal Law.

<sup>5</sup> Besides individuals who were first released by decision of the Board of Parole after serving their minimum sentence, included in these releases are individuals who were re-released back to Community Supervision after participating in an alternative drug treatment program as a returned parole violator as well as parole violators re-released to post-release supervision whose release date was determined by an Administrative Law Judge.

## **SECTION TWO: RETURN RATES BY RELEASE TYPE AND READMISSION TYPE**

Within three years of release, 19% of the 2019 releases were returned to DOCCS' custody for violating the conditions of parole supervision and 6% returned with new felony convictions. Among 2020 releases, 12% were returned for violating the conditions of parole supervision and 7% were returned with new felony convictions.

**Table 2.1** presents return rates by readmission type for the 2019 and 2020 releases. Individuals can be returned to custody for violating the conditions of parole supervision for a variety of behaviors that result in violation proceedings. In addition to violating the specific conditions of parole supervision in an important respect, which can result in the issuance of a technical violation, individuals can also be violated for absconding from supervision or for a new arrest.

The overall return to custody rates of 25% for the 2019 cohort and 19% for the 2020 cohort were significantly lower than the 40% return rate for the 1985 to 2020 release cohort.

The percentage of the cohort released by action of the Board of Parole has decreased over time; among the 2020 releases, 46% were released by the Board, compared to 61% of the combined 1985-2020 cohort.<sup>6</sup> Among both cohorts, paroled and conditionally released individuals were more likely to be returned for violating the conditions of parole supervision than for new felony convictions. The return rate for violating the conditions of parole supervision was higher among parole releases than among conditional releases. This is because most conditional releases are first releases whereas the majority of parole releases are not<sup>7</sup>, and individuals who had no prior releases on their sentence (first releases) tend to have a lower recidivism rate than those who had prior releases.

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<sup>6</sup> Individuals who received determinate sentencing may be first-released on CR date or ME date. Since determinate sentencing was introduced for second violent felony offenders in 1995, first violent felony offenders in 1998, and drug offenders in 2005, the number of conditional releases has increased.

<sup>7</sup> For the 2020 release cohort, 97% of conditional releases were first releases on the sentence. Among parole releases, only 48% were first releases and 52% had prior releases on their sentence. By restricting the analysis to first releases only, the return rate for violating the conditions of parole supervision was the same among parole releases and conditional releases (15%). (See *Section Ten* for details).



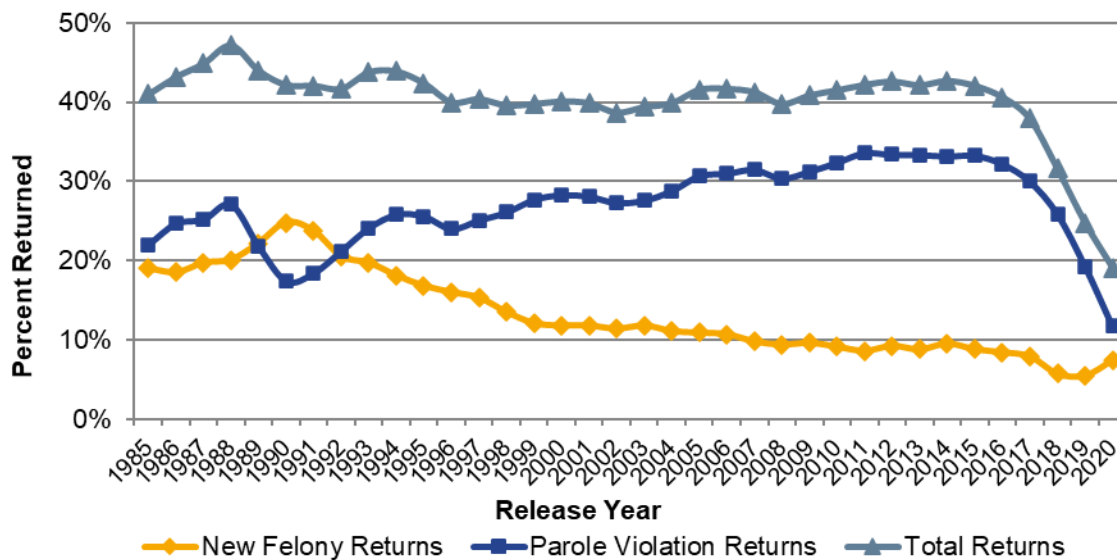
**Table 2.1**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release**  
**Returns for New Felony Convictions and for Violations of Parole:**  
**Releases from Prison to the Community in 2019, 2020 and 1985 to 2020**

RELEASE TYPE AND RELEASE COHORT	TOTAL RELEASED		TOTAL RETURNED	RETURNED:	
	#	%		NEW COMMITMENT	PAROLE VIOLATION
<b>2019 RELEASES</b>	<b>19,606</b>	100.0%	<b>4,872</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>3,789</b>
% (return/release)	100.0%		24.8%	5.5%	19.3%
PAROLE	9,581	48.9%	3,062	488	2,574
% (return/release)	100.0%		32.0%	5.1%	26.9%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	8,199	41.8%	1,577	362	1,215
% (return/release)	100.0%		19.2%	4.4%	14.8%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	1,826	9.3%	233	233	(Not Applicable)
% (return/release)	100.0%		12.8%	12.8%	
<b>2020 RELEASES</b>	<b>15,809</b>	100.0%	<b>3,022</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>1,854</b>
% (return/release)	100.0%		19.1%	7.4%	11.7%
PAROLE	7,216	45.6%	1,694	536	1,158
% (return/release)	100.0%		23.5%	7.4%	16.0%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	7,402	46.8%	1,162	466	696
% (return/release)	100.0%		15.7%	6.3%	9.4%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	1,191	7.5%	166	166	(Not Applicable)
% (return/release)	100.0%		13.9%	13.9%	
<b>1985-2020 RELEASES</b>	<b>828,669</b>	100.0%	<b>334,572</b>	<b>108,960</b>	<b>225,612</b>
% (return/release)	100.0%		40.4%	13.1%	27.2%
PAROLE	501,407	60.5%	220,797	67,374	153,423
% (return/release)	100.0%		44.0%	13.4%	30.6%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	261,644	31.6%	99,452	27,263	72,189
% (return/release)	100.0%		38.0%	10.4%	27.6%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	65,618	7.9%	14,323	14,323	(Not Applicable)
% (return/release)	100.0%		21.8%	21.8%	

As shown in **Figure 2.1**, between 1996 and 2016, the total return rate was fairly stable at approximately 40%, with increasing violation rates and decreasing new conviction rates. There was a marked decrease in the overall return rate beginning with the 2017 release cohort. The total return rate for the 2019 cohort was lower than the rate for the 2018 cohort (25% versus 32%, respectively) and the 2020 release cohort had the lowest return rate (19%) since DOCCS began tracking this information in 1985.

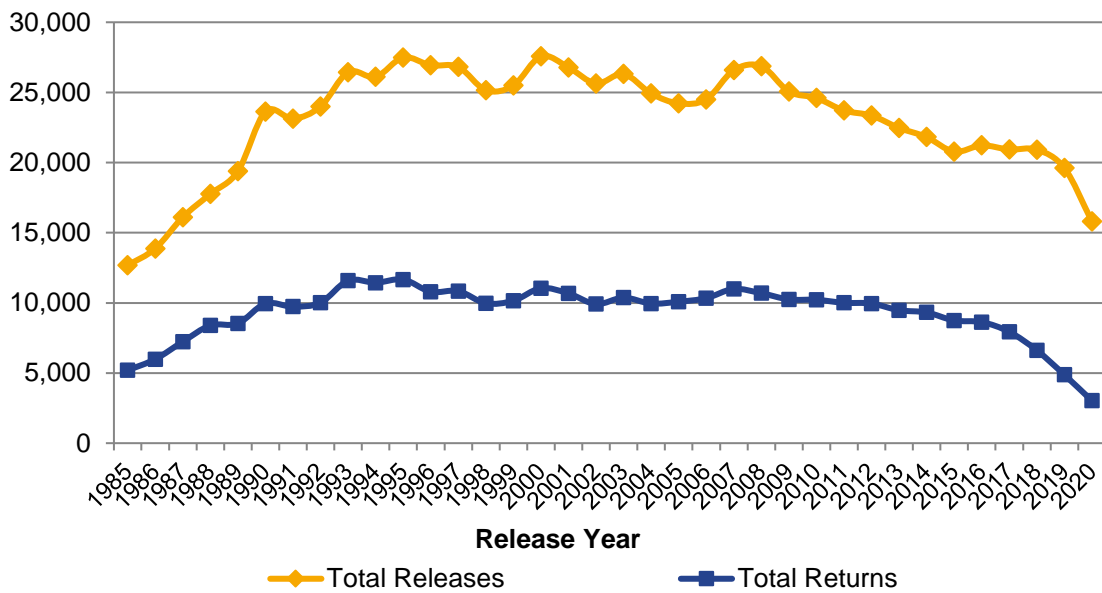
Between 1990 and 2016, parole violator return rates generally increased, while new commitment return rates declined. The parole violator return rate of 12% in 2020 was the lowest rate of return since the 1998 cohort, while the new commitment return rate of 6% among the 2019 releases was the lowest rate of return experienced by a release cohort since tracking began. Among the 2020 release cohort, returns for violating the conditions of parole supervision accounted for 61% of all initial returns within three years, compared with 78% of all initial returns from the 2019 release cohort.

**Figure 2.1**  
**Three-Year Return Rates by Return Type: 1985-2020**



While the number of returns has decreased since 2008 as shown in **Figure 2.2**, the number of releases from DOCCS custody has also decreased during that time period. In spite of this decrease in releases, the rate of return has decreased significantly since 2017.

**Figure 2.2**  
**Releases and Three-Year Returns: 1985-2020**



### SECTION THREE: TIME TO RETURN

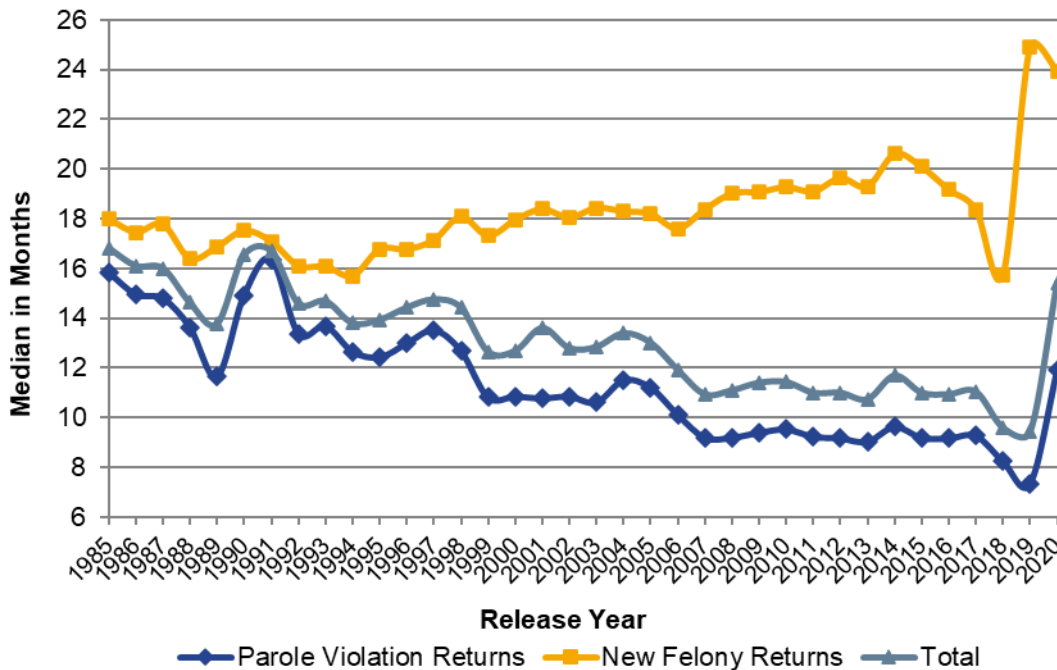
**Table 3** presents the number of months from release to readmission for the 2019 and 2020 releases that returned to DOCCS' custody. The median time-to-return for the 2019 cohort was 9.4 months, while it was 15.5 months among returns from the 2020 release cohort. Those who were returned as new commitments returned less quickly than those returned for violating the conditions of their parole supervision.

**Table 3**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody by Time to Return and Type of Return:**  
**Releases to the Community in 2019 and 2020**

TIME BETWEEN RELEASE AND RETURN	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>2019 RELEASES</b>						
TOTAL RETURNED	4,872	100.0%	1,083	100.0%	3,789	100.0%
1-6 MONTHS	1,602	32.9%	57	5.3%	1,545	40.8%
7-12 MONTHS	1,280	26.3%	124	11.4%	1,156	30.5%
13-18 MONTHS	495	10.2%	107	9.9%	388	10.2%
19-24 MONTHS	617	12.7%	220	20.3%	397	10.5%
25-30 MONTHS	497	10.2%	276	25.5%	221	5.8%
31-36 MONTHS	381	7.8%	299	27.6%	82	2.2%
MEDIAN # MONTHS	9.4		24.9		7.4	
<b>2020 RELEASES</b>						
TOTAL RETURNED	3,022	100.0%	1,168	100.0%	1,854	100.0%
1-6 MONTHS	314	10.4%	15	1.3%	299	16.1%
7-12 MONTHS	719	23.8%	71	6.1%	648	35.0%
13-18 MONTHS	784	25.9%	214	18.3%	570	30.7%
19-24 MONTHS	479	15.9%	290	24.8%	189	10.2%
25-30 MONTHS	359	11.9%	285	24.4%	74	4.0%
31-36 MONTHS	367	12.1%	293	25.1%	74	4.0%
MEDIAN # MONTHS	15.5		24.0		11.9	

As shown in **Figure 3**, since 1985, the median time to return dropped substantially. Although the median time to return for new commitments increased from 1985 to 2014, it has decreased significantly since then, to a low of 15.8 months for the 2018 release cohort. However, in 2019 the median time to return for new commitments significantly increased to 24.9 months. Part of this increase can be attributed to DOCCS' intake being suspended for a number of months during 2020 and 2021 and other criminal justice impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Among 2020 releases, the overall time to return increased.

**Figure 3**  
**Trends in Time to Return by Type of Return: 1985-2020**



## SECTION FOUR: RETURN RATES BY SEX

Ninety-three percent of the 2019 and 2020 releases were males (see **Table 4**). Since females tend to have a shorter length of stay in DOCCS' custody, they are overrepresented in the release cohort compared to an under custody population.<sup>8</sup> Consistent with previous release cohorts, the rate of return for women released in 2020 was lower than the return rate for men (11% compared to 20%). Among females who returned to DOCCS' custody, 82% returned for parole violations and 18% returned for new offenses. For males who returned to DOCCS' custody, 61% returned for parole violations and 39% returned for new crimes.

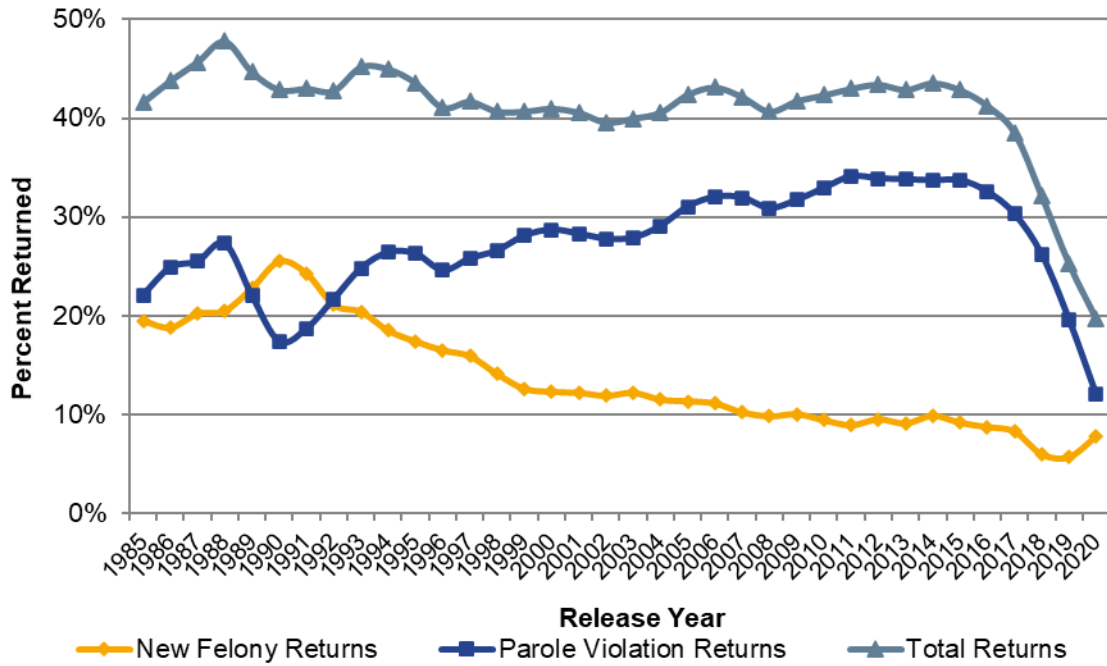
**Table 4**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release by Sex:**  
**Releases from Prison to the Community in 2019 and 2020**

SEX	TOTAL RELEASED		TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>2019 RELEASES</b>	<b>19,606</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	4,872	24.8%	1,083	5.5%	3,789	19.3%
MALES	18,277	93.2%	4,628	25.3%	1,048	5.7%	3,580	19.6%
FEMALES	1,329	6.8%	244	18.4%	35	2.6%	209	15.7%
<b>2020 RELEASES</b>	<b>15,809</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	3,022	19.1%	1,168	7.4%	1,854	11.7%
MALES	14,726	93.1%	2,907	19.7%	1,147	7.8%	1,760	12.0%
FEMALES	1,083	6.9%	115	10.6%	21	1.9%	94	8.7%

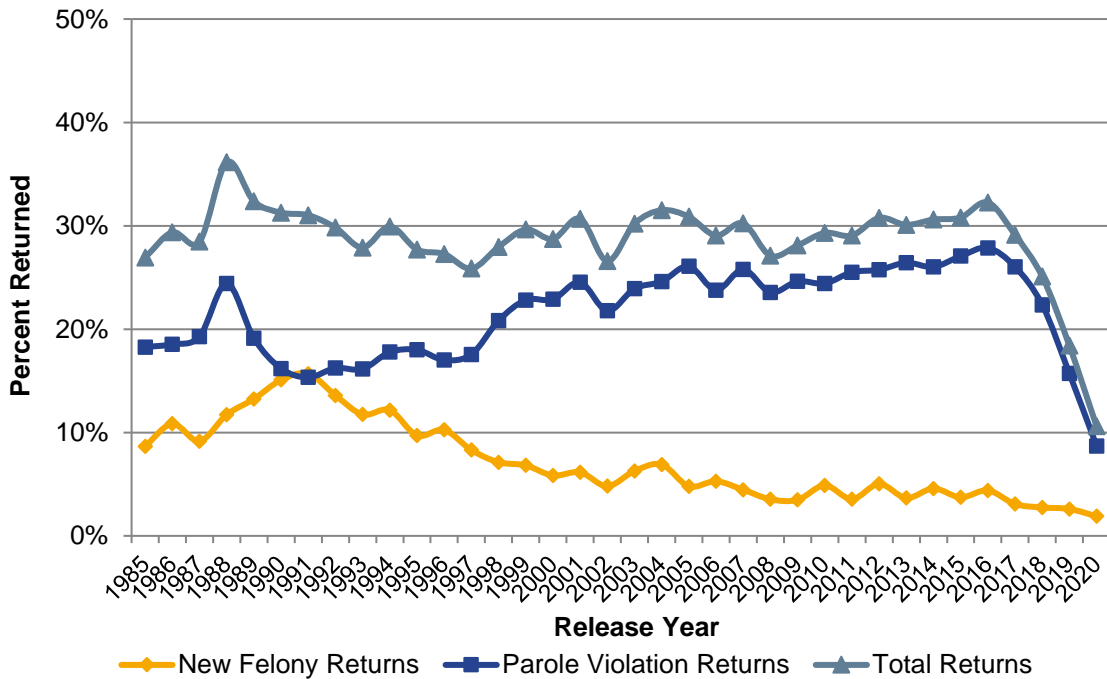
On the next page, the trends since 1985 are illustrated graphically in **Figures 4.1 and 4.2**.

<sup>8</sup> On December 31, 2019, 96% of the incarcerated individuals under custody were male and 4% were female. On December 31, 2020, 96% of the incarcerated individuals under custody were male and 4% were female.

**Figure 4.1**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody Within 3 Years of Release among Male Releases:**  
**1985-2020**



**Figure 4.2**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody Within 3 Years of Release among Female Releases:**  
**1985-2020**



## SECTION FIVE: RETURN RATES BY RELEASE CRIME

**Table 5** presents data on 3 year return rates by the most serious commitment crime for 2019 releases<sup>9</sup>. Crimes are broken out by major crime categories. Violent Felony Offenses (VFOs) include legislatively-designated violent crimes that invoke certain sentencing mandates and Class A crimes. Other violent or coercive crimes are included under the heading Other Coercive Offenses. Additional major categories include Drug Offenses, Property and Other Offenses, and two headings that denote legal status for young people, Youthful Offenders and Juvenile Offenders.<sup>10</sup>

Among individual crime categories, there were marked differences in the rates of return. More specifically, the highest rates of return were observed for Other VFO Sex Offenses (39%), Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup> (36%), and Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> (34%). Individuals least likely to return within three years were convicted of Murder (5%), Manslaughter 2<sup>nd</sup> (6%), and Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup>/Aggravated Manslaughter (9%).

**Table 5.1** presents data on the most serious commitment crime for releases in the 2020 cohort.

Among 2020 releases, the total three-year return-to-custody rates were 30% for Youthful Offenders, 22% for Property and Other offenders, 20% for Juvenile Offenders and Other Coercive offenders, 18% for Violent Felony Offenders, and 16% for Drug offenders.

Among individual crime categories, there was a lot of variation in the rates of return. More specifically, the highest rates of return were observed for Other VFO Sex Offenses (31%), Stolen Property (30%), Contempt 1st (28%), and Other Violent Felony Offenses (26%). Individuals least likely to return within three years were convicted of Murder (4%), Other Homicide (5%), and Manslaughter 1<sup>st</sup>/Aggravated Manslaughter (7%).

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<sup>9</sup> "Most serious commitment crime" is determined by the crime with the longest maximum sentence.

<sup>10</sup> A "Youthful Offender" (YO) is a 14- to 18-year-old who commits a crime but is given Youthful Offender status at sentencing by the judge. A YO record is not a criminal record and is automatically sealed. A "Juvenile Offender" (JO) is a 13- to 15-year-old who commits a serious felony or other violent act. Convicted Juvenile Offenders can be punished like adults, and their record is not sealed unless the case is sent to Family Court.



**Table 5**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release to the Community**  
**2019 Releases: Most Serious Crime at Commitment by Return Type**

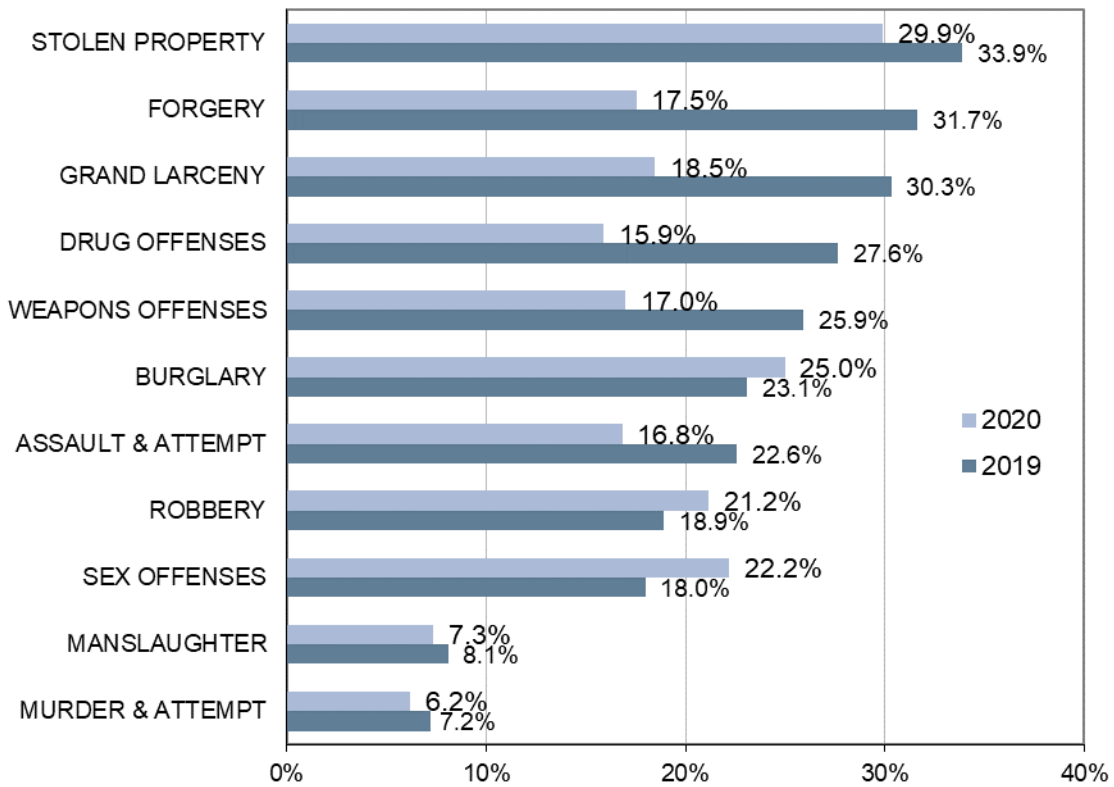
MOST SERIOUS CRIME AT COMMITMENT	TOTAL RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,606</b>	<b>4,872</b>	<b>24.8%</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>3,789</b>	<b>19.3%</b>
<b>VIOLENT FELONY</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>25.1%</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>20.3%</b>
MURDER	445	23	5.2%	2	0.4%	21	4.7%
ATTEMPT MURDER	165	21	12.7%	3	1.8%	18	10.9%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST, AG 2ND	231	20	8.7%	4	1.7%	16	6.9%
RAPE 1ST	241	66	27.4%	4	1.7%	62	25.7%
ROBBERY 1ST	880	222	25.2%	36	4.1%	186	21.1%
ROBBERY 2ND	1,057	303	28.7%	70	6.6%	233	22.0%
ASSAULT 1ST	410	74	18.0%	18	4.4%	56	13.7%
ASSAULT 2ND	706	171	24.2%	39	5.5%	132	18.7%
BURGLARY 1ST	210	46	21.9%	15	7.1%	31	14.8%
BURGLARY 2ND	1,442	483	33.5%	85	5.9%	398	27.6%
ARSON 1ST, 2ND	61	12	19.7%	2	3.3%	10	16.4%
SODOMY 1ST	154	46	29.9%	2	1.3%	44	28.6%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	299	89	29.8%	4	1.3%	85	28.4%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1,508	353	23.4%	95	6.3%	258	17.1%
KIDNAPPING 1ST, 2ND	39	10	25.6%	1	2.6%	9	23.1%
OTHER VFO SEX OFFENSES	183	72	39.3%	2	1.1%	70	38.3%
OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	69	20	29.0%	3	4.3%	17	24.6%
<b>OTHER COERCIVE</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>25.2%</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	54	3	5.6%	0	0.0%	3	5.6%
OTHER HOMICIDE	58	9	15.5%	3	5.2%	6	10.3%
ROBBERY 3RD	588	173	29.4%	45	7.7%	128	21.8%
ATTEMPT ASSAULT 2ND	288	72	25.0%	19	6.6%	53	18.4%
CONSPIRACY 2,3,4	171	22	12.9%	4	2.3%	18	10.5%
OTHER WEAPONS	483	107	22.2%	31	6.4%	76	15.7%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	472	154	32.6%	8	1.7%	146	30.9%
OTHER COERCIVE	219	49	22.4%	13	5.9%	36	16.4%
<b>DRUG OFFENSES</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
<b>PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>28.5%</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>22.0%</b>
BURGLARY 3RD	1,382	499	36.1%	110	8.0%	389	28.1%
GRAND LARCENY	918	238	25.9%	44	4.8%	194	21.1%
FORGERY	356	64	18.0%	13	3.7%	51	14.3%
STOLEN PROPERTY	277	84	30.3%	11	4.0%	73	26.4%
DRIVE INTOXICATED	527	92	17.5%	35	6.6%	57	10.8%
CONTEMPT 1ST	297	85	28.6%	21	7.1%	64	21.5%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	885	262	29.6%	68	7.7%	194	21.9%
<b>YOUTHFUL OFFENDER</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>32.2%</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>21.3%</b>
<b>JUVENILE OFFENDER</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25.9%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11.1%</b>

**Table 5.1**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release to the Community**  
**2020 Releases: Most Serious Crime at Commitment by Return Type**

MOST SERIOUS CRIME AT COMMITMENT	TOTAL RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,809</b>	<b>3,022</b>	<b>19.1%</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>11.7%</b>
<b>VIOLENT FELONY</b>	<b>6,906</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
MURDER	362	14	3.9%	3	0.8%	11	3.0%
ATTEMPT MURDER	172	19	11.0%	13	7.6%	6	3.5%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST, AG 2ND	177	12	6.8%	8	4.5%	4	2.3%
RAPE 1ST	197	41	20.8%	6	3.0%	35	17.8%
ROBBERY 1ST	722	142	19.7%	63	8.7%	79	10.9%
ROBBERY 2ND	834	180	21.6%	66	7.9%	114	13.7%
ASSAULT 1ST	367	46	12.5%	22	6.0%	24	6.5%
ASSAULT 2ND	550	99	18.0%	27	4.9%	72	13.1%
BURGLARY 1ST	151	22	14.6%	7	4.6%	15	9.9%
BURGLARY 2ND	1,234	296	24.0%	95	7.7%	201	16.3%
ARSON 1ST, 2ND	51	6	11.8%	1	2.0%	5	9.8%
SODOMY 1ST	131	27	20.6%	3	2.3%	24	18.3%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	323	58	18.0%	9	2.8%	49	15.2%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1,355	227	16.8%	118	8.7%	109	8.0%
KIDNAPPING 1ST, 2ND	39	3	7.7%	1	2.6%	2	5.1%
OTHER VFO SEX OFFENSES	179	55	30.7%	10	5.6%	45	25.1%
OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	62	16	25.8%	7	11.3%	9	14.5%
<b>OTHER COERCIVE</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	68	6	8.8%	0	0.0%	6	8.8%
OTHER HOMICIDE	44	2	4.5%	0	0.0%	2	4.5%
ROBBERY 3RD	448	102	22.8%	46	10.3%	56	12.5%
ATTEMPT ASSAULT 2ND	231	48	20.8%	24	10.4%	24	10.4%
CONSPIRACY 2,3,4	141	14	9.9%	7	5.0%	7	5.0%
OTHER WEAPONS	358	64	17.9%	27	7.5%	37	10.3%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	410	94	22.9%	8	2.0%	86	21.0%
OTHER COERCIVE	164	34	20.7%	12	7.3%	22	13.4%
<b>DRUG OFFENSES</b>	<b>3,129</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
<b>PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>22.3%</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>13.4%</b>
BURGLARY 3RD	1,048	290	27.7%	117	11.2%	173	16.5%
GRAND LARCENY	715	132	18.5%	54	7.6%	78	10.9%
FORGERY	228	40	17.5%	17	7.5%	23	10.1%
STOLEN PROPERTY	194	58	29.9%	27	13.9%	31	16.0%
DRIVE INTOXICATED	393	56	14.2%	21	5.3%	35	8.9%
CONTEMPT 1ST	231	65	28.1%	32	13.9%	33	14.3%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	762	157	20.6%	53	7.0%	104	13.6%
<b>YOUTHFUL OFFENDER</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>30.3%</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>14.6%</b>
<b>JUVENILE OFFENDER</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

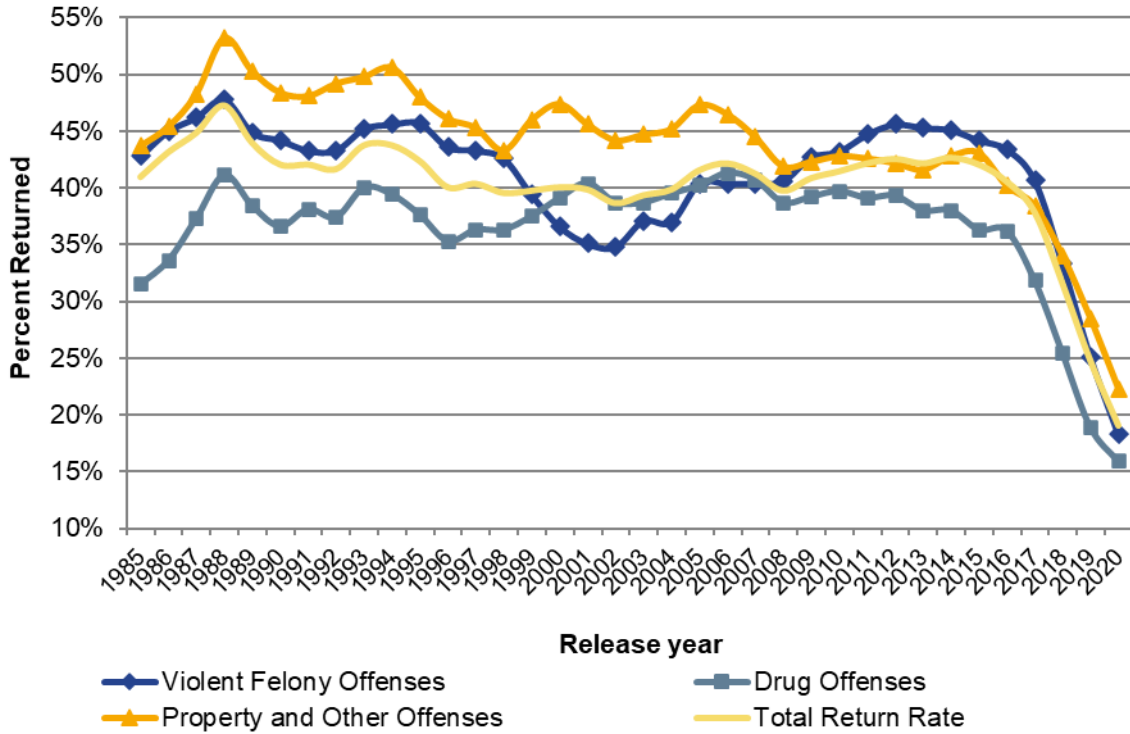
**Figure 5.1** presents return rates for 2019 and 2020 releases for selected groupings of crime categories. While individuals with stolen property had the highest return rates, individuals released after serving time for murder and manslaughter returned at the lowest rates.

**Figure 5.1**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody Within 3 Years of Release for Selected Crimes:**  
**2019 and 2020 Releases to the Community**



**Figure 5.2** shows trends in total return rates of the annual release cohorts between 1985 and 2020, for select major crime categories and overall.

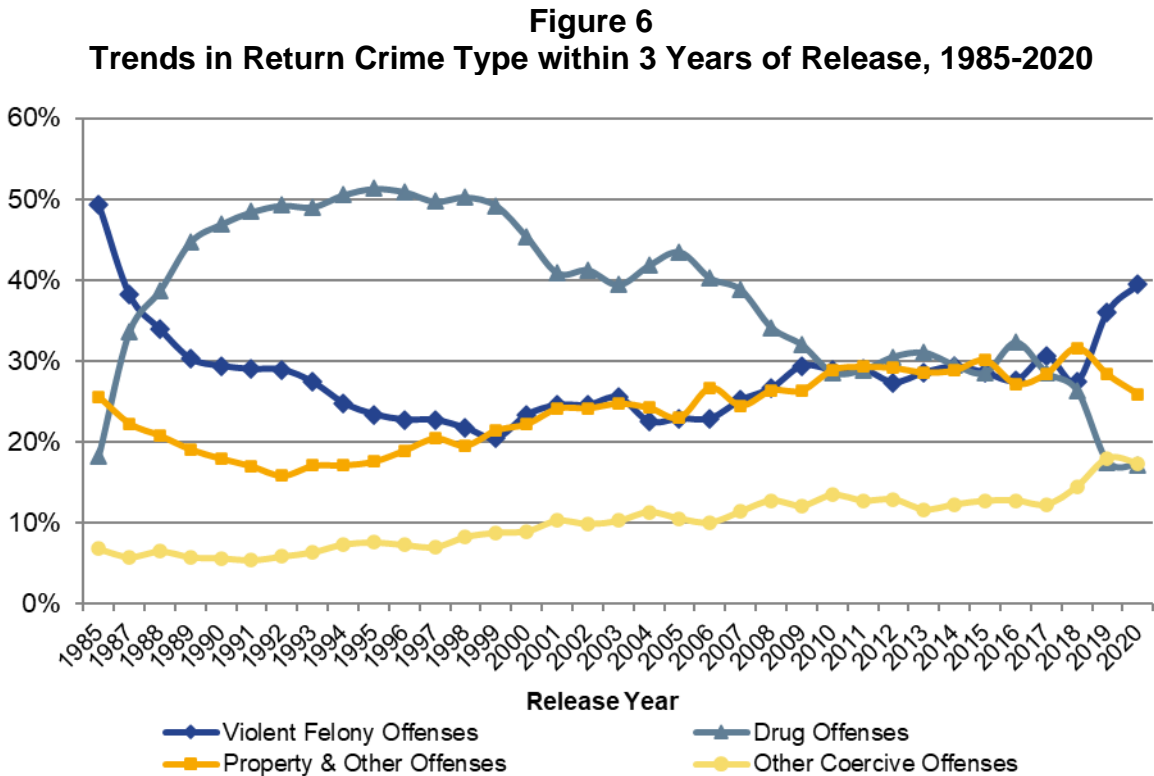
**Figure 5.2**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody Within 3 Years of Release by Select Crime Categories:**  
**1985-2020**



## SECTION SIX: READMISSION CRIMES

**Figure 6** and **Table 6.1** present the crimes for which individuals returned to DOCCS' custody among those returned for a new felony conviction.

The gap between the proportion of individuals returned for committing drug offenses and the proportion returned for violent offenses narrowed significantly since the mid-1990s. Among 1995 releases, 51% returned for drug offenses and 24% returned for violent offenses. Among 2019 releases, 18% returned for drug offenses and 36% returned for violent offenses. Among 2020 releases, 17% returned for drug offenses and 39% returned for violent offenses. **Table 6.2** shows return crimes by release crimes for the 2019 release cohort. **Table 6.3** shows return crimes by release crimes for the 2020 release cohort.



**Table 6.1**  
**Crime on Return to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release among**  
**New Commitment Returns:**  
**Releases in 2019 and 2020**

CRIME ON RETURN	2019 RELEASES RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENT		2020 RELEASES RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENT	
	#	%	#	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>36.1%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>39.5%</b>
MURDER	11	1.0%	16	1.4%
ATTEMPT MURDER	10	0.9%	9	0.8%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST, AG 2ND	7	0.6%	10	0.9%
RAPE 1ST	4	0.4%	4	0.3%
ROBBERY 1ST	18	1.7%	37	3.2%
ROBBERY 2ND	59	5.4%	40	3.4%
ASSAULT 1ST	17	1.6%	27	2.3%
ASSAULT 2ND	45	4.2%	38	3.3%
BURGLARY 1ST	8	0.7%	11	0.9%
BURGLARY 2ND	58	5.4%	49	4.2%
ARSON 1ST, 2ND	4	0.4%	5	0.4%
SODOMY 1ST	2	0.2%	3	0.3%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	3	0.3%	3	0.3%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	135	12.5%	195	16.7%
KIDNAPPING 1ST, 2ND	1	0.1%	1	0.1%
OTHER VFO SEX OFFENSES	3	0.3%	5	0.4%
OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	6	0.6%	8	<0.1%
<b>OTHER COERCIVE OFFENSES</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>18.0%</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>17.4%</b>
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	1	0.1%	3	0.3%
OTHER HOMICIDE	0	0.0%	1	<0.1%
ROBBERY 3RD	53	4.9%	58	5.0%
ATTEMPT ASSAULT 2ND	37	3.4%	37	3.2%
CONSPIRACY 2,3,4	8	0.7%	2	0.2%
OTHER WEAPONS	63	5.8%	73	6.3%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	7	0.6%	12	1.0%
OTHER COERCIVE	26	2.4%	17	1.5%
<b>DRUG OFFENSES</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>17.1%</b>
<b>PROPERTY &amp; OTHER OFFENSES</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>28.3%</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>25.9%</b>
BURGLARY 3RD	109	10.1%	105	9.0%
GRAND LARCENY	29	2.7%	60	5.1%
FORGERY	6	0.6%	8	0.7%
STOLEN PROPERTY	23	2.1%	14	1.2%
DRIVE INTOXICATED	37	3.4%	20	1.7%
CONTEMPT 1ST	34	3.1%	25	2.1%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	69	6.4%	71	6.1%
<b>YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>
<b>JUVENILE OFFENDERS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>DATA NOT AVAILABLE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Table 6.2 (Part I)**  
**2019 Releases Returned to DOCCS' Custody with 3 years of Release for New Felony Conviction**  
**by Original Crime and Return Crime**

ORIGINAL COMMITMENT CRIME (AT RELEASE)	GRAND TOTAL	CRIME ON RETURN												
		MURDER & ATTEMPT	MANSL 1ST	RAPE 1ST	ROB 1ST & 2ND	ASSAULT 1ST & 2ND	BURG 1ST & 2ND	ARSON 1ST	SODOMY 1ST	SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	WEAPONS OFFENSES	KIDNAP 1ST & 2ND	OTHER VFO SEX OFF	OTHER VIOLENT FELONY
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>VIOLENT FELONY</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
MURDER & ATTEMPT	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE 1ST	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROB 1ST & 2ND	106	1	1	0	16	11	2	0	0	0	20	0	0	1
ASSAULT 1ST & 2ND	57	1	3	0	2	4	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0
BURG 1ST & 2ND	100	2	0	0	8	4	13	0	2	0	6	0	0	0
ARSON 1ST & 2ND	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SODOMY 1ST	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEAPONS OFFENSES	95	1	1	2	4	7	0	0	0	0	32	0	1	0
KIDNAPPING 1ST & 2ND	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER VFO SEX OFF	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>OTHER COERCIVE</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
OTHER HOMICIDE	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
ROBBERY 3RD	45	1	0	0	9	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	19	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
CONSPIRACY 2,3,4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
OTHER WEAPONS	31	1	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
OTHER COERCIVE	13	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>DRUG OFFENSES</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
BURGLARY 3RD	110	0	0	0	8	2	16	2	0	0	6	0	0	0
GRAND LARCENY	44	0	0	0	5	1	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
FORGERY	13	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
DRIVE INTOXICATED	35	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
CONTEMPT 1ST	21	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALL OTHER FELONIES	68	3	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	0	4	0	1	1
<b>YOUTHFUL OFFENDER</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>JUVENILE OFFENDER</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table 6.2 (Part II)**  
**2019 Releases Returned to DOCCS' Custody with 3 years of Release for New Felony Conviction**  
**by Original Crime and Return Crime**

ORIGINAL COMMITMENT CRIME (AT RELEASE)	CRIME ON RETURN														
	MANSL 2ND	ROB 3RD	ATT ASSAULT 2ND	CONSPIR 2,3,4	OTHER WEAPONS	OTHER SEX OFFENSES	OTHER COERCIVE	DRUGS	BURG 3RD	GRAND LARCENY	FORGERY	STOLEN PROPERTY	DWI	CONTEMPT 1ST	ALL OTHER FELONIES
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>VIOLENT FELONY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>
MURDER & ATTEMPT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
RAPE 1ST	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROB 1ST & 2ND	0	10	5	0	12	1	2	9	8	0	1	2	0	0	4
ASSAULT 1ST & 2ND	0	4	3	0	5	1	3	7	7	0	0	0	2	3	5
BURG 1ST & 2ND	0	6	4	1	4	0	1	16	24	2	0	3	1	0	3
ARSON 1ST & 2ND	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SODOMY 1ST	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1	1	1	1	13	0	3	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
KIDNAPPING 1ST & 2ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OTHER VFO SEX OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>OTHER COERCIVE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
OTHER HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY 3RD	0	12	1	0	0	1	0	1	9	2	0	1	0	1	0
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
CONSPIRACY 2,3,4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER WEAPONS	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
OTHER COERCIVE	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1
<b>DRUG OFFENSES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>35</b>
BURGLARY 3RD	0	5	4	0	1	1	1	7	34	5	0	7	3	3	5
GRAND LARCENY	0	2	2	1	4	0	0	2	7	5	0	2	1	1	3
FORGERY	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0
DRIVE INTOXICATED	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	18	0	3
CONTEMPT 1ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	7	8
ALL OTHER FELONIES	0	0	2	0	3	1	1	4	5	5	0	1	7	7	16
<b>YOUTHFUL OFFENDER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>JUVENILE OFFENDER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**Table 6.3 (Part I)**  
**2020 Releases Returned to DOCCS' Custody with 3 years of Release for New Felony Conviction**  
**by Original Crime and Return Crime**

ORIGINAL COMMITMENT CRIME (AT RELEASE)	GRAND TOTAL	CRIME ON RETURN													
		MURDER & ATTEMPT	MANSL 1ST	RAPE 1ST	ROB 1ST & 2ND	ASSAULT 1ST & 2ND	BURG 1ST & 2ND	ARSON 1ST	SODOMY 1ST	SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	WEAPONS OFFENSES	KIDNAP 1ST & 2ND	OTHER VFO SEX OFF	OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>VIOLENT FELONY</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	
MURDER & ATTEMPT	16	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	
RAPE 1ST	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	
ROB 1ST & 2ND	129	2	3	1	17	8	6	0	1	0	30	0	1	0	
ASSAULT 1ST & 2ND	49	1	0	1	6	5	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	
BURG 1ST & 2ND	102	1	1	0	3	5	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	
ARSON 1ST & 2ND	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SODOMY 1ST	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
WEAPONS OFFENSES	118	5	2	0	6	8	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	
KIDNAPPING 1ST & 2ND	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
OTHER VFO SEX OFF	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	
OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
<b>OTHER COERCIVE</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	
ROBBERY 3RD	46	0	0	0	10	2	1	1	0	1	9	0	0	0	
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	24	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	
CONSPIRACY 2,3,4	7	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
OTHER WEAPONS	27	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
OTHER COERCIVE	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	
<b>DRUG OFFENSES</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	
BURGLARY 3RD	117	1	2	0	4	7	12	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	
GRAND LARCENY	54	2	0	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	
FORGERY	17	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
STOLEN PROPERTY	27	0	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
DRIVE INTOXICATED	21	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	
CONTEMPT 1ST	32	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
ALL OTHER FELONIES	53	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	6	0	0	1	
<b>YOUTHFUL OFFENDER</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>JUVENILE OFFENDER</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Table 6.3 (Part II)**  
**2020 Releases Returned to DOCCS' Custody with 3 years of Release for New Felony Conviction**  
**by Original Crime and Return Crime**

ORIGINAL COMMITMENT CRIME (AT RELEASE)	CRIME ON RETURN																
	MANSL 2ND	OTHER HOMICIDE	ROB 3RD	ATT ASSAULT 2ND	CONSPIR 2,3,4	OTHER WEAPONS	OTHER SEX OFFENSES	OTHER COERCIVE	DRUGS	BURG 3RD	GRAND LARCENY	FORGERY	STOLEN PROPERTY	DWI	CONTEMPT 1ST	ALL OTHER FELONIES	YOUTHFUL OFFENDER
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>VIOLENT FELONY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>
MURDER & ATTEMPT	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE 1ST	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
ROB 1ST & 2ND	0	0	16	5	0	9	0	4	11	6	2	0	0	0	0	7	0
ASSAULT 1ST & 2ND	0	0	0	5	0	4	1	3	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0
BURG 1ST & 2ND	1	0	4	2	1	5	1	0	9	27	13	0	4	1	0	5	0
ARSON 1ST & 2ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SODOMY 1ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
WEAPONS OFFENSES	0	0	3	4	0	18	0	3	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
KIDNAPPING 1ST & 2ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER VFO SEX OFF	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>OTHER COERCIVE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
ROBBERY 3RD	0	0	10	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	0
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
CONSPIRACY 2,3,4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER WEAPONS	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
OTHER COERCIVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>DRUG OFFENSES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>
BURGLARY 3RD	1	0	5	2	0	4	0	0	14	36	5	2	6	1	2	8	0
GRAND LARCENY	0	0	6	0	0	3	0	0	4	13	10	1	0	0	1	1	0
FORGERY	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
STOLEN PROPERTY	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	4	2	0	2	0	0	1	0
DRIVE INTOXICATED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	10	1	0	0
CONTEMPT 1ST	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	11	8	0
ALL OTHER FELONIES	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	7	0	6	0	0	2	5	14	0
<b>YOUTHFUL OFFENDER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>JUVENILE OFFENDER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

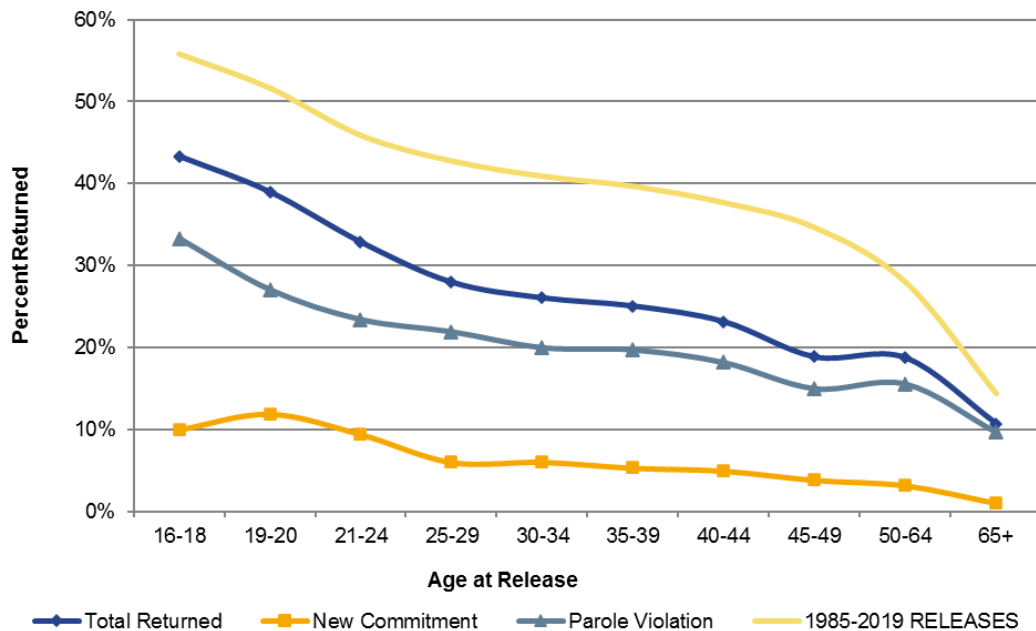
## SECTION SEVEN: RETURN RATES BY AGE AT RELEASE

The relationship between return rates and age at time of release is illustrated in **Figure 7, Figure 7.1** and **Table 7.1**.<sup>11</sup>

Among 2020 releases, 34% of the individuals who were under 21 when released returned to DOCCS' custody within three years, while 19% of those 21 years old or older returned to DOCCS' custody (see **Table 7.1**). Generally, return rates declined as age at release increased.

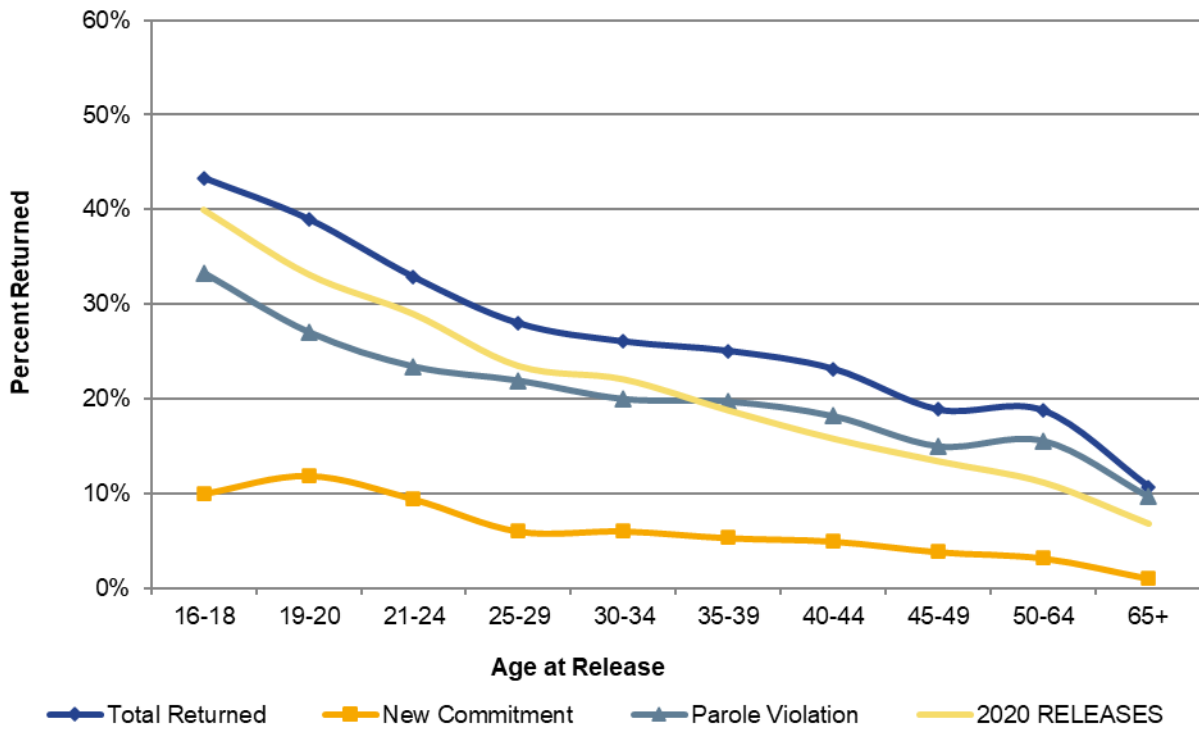
**Table 7.2** shows new commitment returns by age at release for the 2019 release cohort. **Table 7.3** shows new commitment returns by age at release for the 2020 release cohort. Individuals aged 50 or older who returned to prison for committing a new crime were most likely to return for committing non-violent Property and Other crimes (47%). The highest return rate for individuals under age 50 was for Violent Felony Offenses (41%). Among those under age 25 at release, 59% returned for a VFO.

**Figure 7**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody Within 3 Years of Release by Age at Release: 2019 Releases**



<sup>11</sup> Of the 2019 release cohort, 2% were under age 21. This is comparable to the composition of incarcerated individuals under custody as of December 31, 2019, when 2% of the individuals were under 21.

**Figure 7.1**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody Within 3 Years of Release by Age at Release:**  
**2020 Releases**



**Table 7.1**  
**2019 and 2020 Releases: Returns to DOCCS' Custody Within 3 Years of Release by Age at Release**

RELEASE TYPE BY COHORT	AGE AT TIME OF RELEASE												
	TOTAL	TOTAL UNDER 21	TOTAL 21 +	16-18	19-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-64	65 and Over
<b>2019 RELEASES</b>	<b>19,606</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>19,210</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>3,617</b>	<b>3,653</b>	<b>2,928</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>3,178</b>	<b>289</b>
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL RETURNED	4,872	157	4,715	26	131	596	1,012	952	734	485	309	596	31
	24.8%	39.6%	24.5%	43.3%	39.0%	32.9%	28.0%	26.1%	25.1%	23.2%	18.9%	18.8%	10.7%
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,083	46	1,037	6	40	171	218	221	156	104	63	101	3
	5.5%	11.6%	5.4%	10.0%	11.9%	9.4%	6.0%	6.0%	5.3%	5.0%	3.8%	3.2%	1.0%
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	3,789	111	3,678	20	91	425	794	731	578	381	246	495	28
	19.3%	28.0%	19.1%	33.3%	27.1%	23.4%	22.0%	20.0%	19.7%	18.2%	15.0%	15.6%	9.7%
<b>2020 RELEASES</b>	<b>15,809</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>15,544</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>3,014</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>292</b>
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TOTAL RETURNED	3,022	90	2,932	12	78	382	651	666	464	287	172	290	20
	19.1%	34.0%	18.9%	40.0%	33.2%	29.0%	23.5%	22.1%	18.8%	15.8%	13.4%	11.2%	6.8%
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,168	44	1,124	5	39	172	265	251	165	105	55	105	6
	7.4%	16.6%	7.2%	16.7%	16.6%	13.1%	9.6%	8.3%	6.7%	5.8%	4.3%	4.1%	2.1%
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,854	46	1,808	7	39	210	386	415	299	182	117	185	14
	11.7%	17.4%	11.6%	23.3%	16.6%	15.9%	13.9%	13.8%	12.1%	10.0%	9.1%	7.1%	4.8%

**Table 7.2**  
**Crime on Return by Release Age Among Individuals Returned to DOCCS' Custody for a New Felony Conviction**  
**Within 3 Years of Release: Releases in 2019**

CRIME ON RETURN	AGE UNDER 50									AGE 50 OR +				TOTAL		
	16-18	19-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	SUBTOTAL	50-64	65 +	SUBTOTAL				
<b>VFO</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>38.0%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>36.1%</b>
MURDER	0	2	0	3	3	0	2	1	11	1.1%	0	0	0	0.0%	11	1.0%
ATTEMPT MURDER	0	1	4	1	2	1	1	0	10	1.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	10	0.9%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST, AG 2ND	0	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	7	0.7%	0	0	0	0.0%	7	0.6%
RAPE 1ST	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	4	0.4%	0	0	0	0.0%	4	0.4%
ROBBERY 1ST	1	1	4	3	3	3	3	0	18	1.8%	0	0	0	0.0%	18	1.7%
ROBBERY 2ND	3	4	11	10	9	8	3	5	53	5.4%	6	0	6	5.8%	59	5.4%
ASSAULT 1ST	0	1	4	3	6	2	1	0	17	1.7%	0	0	0	0.0%	17	1.6%
ASSAULT 2ND	1	5	10	11	7	2	6	1	43	4.4%	1	1	2	1.9%	45	4.2%
BURGLARY 1ST	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	7	0.7%	1	0	1	1.0%	8	0.7%
BURGLARY 2ND	1	3	6	8	10	9	11	2	50	5.1%	8	0	8	7.7%	58	5.4%
ARSON 1ST, 2ND	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	4	0.3%	0	0	0	0.0%	4	0.2%
SODOMY 1ST	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.3%	0	0	0	0.0%	2	0.2%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%	1	1	2	1.9%	3	0.3%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	0	8	42	42	20	14	8	1	135	13.8%	0	0	0	0.0%	135	12.5%
KIDNAPPING 1ST, 2ND	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.1%	0	0	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
OTHER VFO SEX OFFENSES	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0.3%	0	0	0	0.0%	3	0.3%
OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	6	0.6%	0	0	0	0.0%	6	0.3%
<b>OTHER COERCIVE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19.2%</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>18.0%</b>
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1%	0	0	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
OTHER HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
ROBBERY 3RD	0	0	10	10	8	7	3	6	44	4.5%	8	1	9	8.7%	53	4.9%
ATTEMPT ASSAULT 2ND	0	3	6	7	9	4	3	2	34	3.5%	3	0	3	2.9%	37	3.4%
CONSPIRACY 2,3,4	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	8	0.8%	0	0	0	0.0%	8	0.7%
OTHER WEAPONS	0	4	14	13	16	5	3	3	58	5.9%	5	0	5	4.8%	63	5.8%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	6	0.6%	1	0	1	1.0%	7	0.6%
OTHER COERCIVE	0	1	3	8	7	3	1	1	24	2.5%	2	0	2	1.9%	26	2.4%
<b>DRUG OFFENSES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>17.5%</b>
<b>PROPERTY &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>25.6%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>53.8%</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>28.3%</b>
BURGLARY 3RD	0	2	11	13	9	21	11	13	80	8.2%	29	0	29	27.9%	109	10.1%
GRAND LARCENY	0	1	3	7	3	2	5	2	23	2.3%	6	0	6	5.8%	29	2.7%
FORGERY	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	6	0.6%	0	0	0	0.0%	6	0.6%
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	1	2	1	9	4	2	1	20	2.0%	3	0	3	2.9%	23	2.1%
DRIVE INTOXICATED	0	0	2	3	10	6	6	5	32	3.3%	5	0	5	4.8%	37	3.4%
CONTEMPT 1ST	0	0	1	5	9	8	6	1	30	3.1%	4	0	4	3.8%	34	3.1%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	0	1	10	10	13	13	7	6	60	6.1%	9	0	9	8.7%	69	6.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 7.3  
Crime on Return by Release Age Among Individuals Returned to DOCCS' Custody for a New Felony Conviction  
Within 3 Years of Release: Releases in 2020**

CRIME ON RETURN	AGE UNDER 50									AGE 50 OR +			TOTAL			
	16-18	19-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	SUBTOTAL	50-64	65 +	SUBTOTAL				
<b>VFO</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>40.9%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26.1%</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>39.5%</b>
MURDER	0	0	2	8	1	2	2	0	15	1.4%	1	0	1	0.9%	16	1.4%
ATTEMPT MURDER	0	1	2	0	2	2	1	0	8	0.8%	1	0	1	0.9%	9	0.8%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST, AG 2ND	0	1	6	0	2	1	0	0	10	0.9%	0	0	0	0.0%	10	0.9%
RAPE 1ST	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	4	0.4%	0	0	0	0.0%	4	0.3%
ROBBERY 1ST	1	3	5	8	6	6	6	1	36	3.4%	1	0	1	0.9%	37	3.2%
ROBBERY 2ND	3	4	3	10	6	8	2	3	39	3.7%	1	0	1	0.9%	40	3.4%
ASSAULT 1ST	0	1	5	5	11	1	2	1	26	2.5%	1	0	1	0.9%	27	2.3%
ASSAULT 2ND	0	2	8	7	9	6	3	1	36	3.4%	2	0	2	1.8%	38	3.3%
BURGLARY 1ST	0	0	0	4	3	4	0	0	11	1.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	11	0.9%
BURGLARY 2ND	0	0	5	12	12	5	4	0	38	3.6%	11	0	11	9.9%	49	4.2%
ARSON 1ST, 2ND	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0.3%	3	0	3	0.0%	5	0.2%
SODOMY 1ST	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.3%	1	0	1	0.0%	3	0.2%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%	1	1	2	1.8%	3	0.3%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1	19	54	54	38	13	10	5	194	18.4%	1	0	1	0.9%	195	16.7%
KIDNAPPING 1ST, 2ND	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.1%	0	0	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
OTHER VFO SEX OFFENSES	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0.2%	3	0	3	2.7%	5	0.4%
OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	7	0.7%	0	1	1	0.9%	8	0.4%
<b>OTHER COERCIVE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>17.4%</b>
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0.3%	0	0	0	0.0%	3	0.3%
OTHER HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	1	0	1	0.9%	1	0.1%
ROBBERY 3RD	0	2	6	10	12	10	5	4	49	4.6%	9	0	9	8.1%	58	5.0%
ATTEMPT ASSAULT 2ND	0	0	4	10	12	6	4	0	36	3.4%	1	0	1	0.9%	37	3.2%
CONSPIRACY 2,3,4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0.2%	0	0	0	0.0%	2	0.2%
OTHER WEAPONS	0	1	16	20	18	9	3	2	69	6.5%	4	0	4	3.6%	73	6.3%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	0	0	3	5	3	0	0	0	11	1.0%	1	0	1	0.9%	12	1.0%
OTHER COERCIVE	0	0	3	1	6	4	2	1	17	1.6%	0	0	0	0.0%	17	1.5%
<b>DRUG OFFENSES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>17.6%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>17.1%</b>
<b>PROPERTY &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>23.8%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46.8%</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>26.0%</b>
BURGLARY 3RD	0	1	5	19	14	13	16	13	81	7.7%	24	0	24	21.6%	105	9.0%
GRAND LARCENY	0	0	5	15	14	11	4	3	52	4.9%	8	0	8	7.2%	60	5.1%
FORGERY	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	8	0.8%	0	0	0	0.0%	8	0.7%
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	1	2	2	2	2	0	1	10	0.9%	4	0	4	3.6%	14	1.2%
DRIVE INTOXICATED	0	0	0	3	4	5	4	0	16	1.5%	4	0	4	3.6%	20	1.7%
CONTEMPT 1ST	0	0	0	5	5	4	7	2	23	2.2%	2	0	2	1.8%	25	2.1%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	0	0	13	10	18	7	7	6	61	5.8%	8	2	10	9.0%	71	6.1%
<b>YOUTHFUL OFFENSES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**SECTION EIGHT: RETURN RATES BY RACE/ETHNICITY**

The racial and ethnic distributions of the 2019 and 2020 release cohorts are presented below in **Table 8**. Of the 2020 releases, 44% were Black, 31% were White, and 22% were Hispanic. These percentages are similar to those of the under custody population.<sup>12</sup> The highest return rate was among White individuals (24%), while the lowest rate was among Asians (5%).

**Table 8**  
**Race/Ethnic Status by Type of Return to DOCCS' Custody**  
**within 3 Years of Release:**  
**Releases in 2019 and 2020**

RACE/ETHNIC STATUS	TOTAL RELEASED		TOTAL RETURNED	RETURNED:		RETURNED:	
	#	%		NEW COMMITMENT	PAROLE VIOLATION		
<b>2019 RELEASES</b>	<b>19,606</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,872</b>		<b>1,083</b>		<b>3,789</b>
% (return/release)				24.8%		5.5%	19.3%
BLACK	8,723	44.5%	2,169	24.9%	507	5.8%	1,662
% (return/release)				24.9%		5.8%	19.1%
WHITE	5,832	29.7%	1,714	29.4%	334	5.7%	1,380
% (return/release)				29.4%		5.7%	23.7%
HISPANIC	4,468	22.8%	849	19.0%	214	4.8%	635
% (return/release)				19.0%		4.8%	14.2%
NATIVE AMERICAN	205	1.0%	76	37.1%	13	6.3%	63
% (return/release)				37.1%		6.3%	30.7%
ASIAN	101	0.5%	13	12.9%	2	2.0%	11
% (return/release)				12.9%		2.0%	10.9%
OTHER/UNKNOWN	277	1.4%	51	18.4%	13	4.7%	38
% (return/release)				18.4%		4.7%	13.7%
<b>2020 RELEASES</b>	<b>15,809</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,022</b>		<b>1,168</b>		<b>1,854</b>
% (return/release)				19.1%		7.4%	11.7%
BLACK	6,941	43.9%	1,352	19.5%	589	8.5%	763
% (return/release)				19.5%		8.5%	11.0%
WHITE	4,855	30.7%	1,158	23.9%	344	7.1%	814
% (return/release)				23.9%		7.1%	16.8%
HISPANIC	3,543	22.4%	444	12.5%	207	5.8%	237
% (return/release)				12.5%		5.8%	6.7%
NATIVE AMERICAN	181	1.1%	36	19.9%	16	8.8%	20
% (return/release)				19.9%		8.8%	11.0%
ASIAN	74	0.5%	4	5.4%	1	1.4%	3
% (return/release)				5.4%		1.4%	4.1%
OTHER/UNKNOWN	215	1.4%	28	13.0%	11	5.1%	17
% (return/release)				13.0%		5.1%	7.9%

<sup>12</sup> At the end of 2019, 48% of the individuals under custody were Black, 24% were White, 24% were Hispanic, and 3% were other ethnicities. At the end of 2020, 50% of the individuals under custody were Black, 23% were White, 24% were Hispanic, and 3% were other ethnicities.



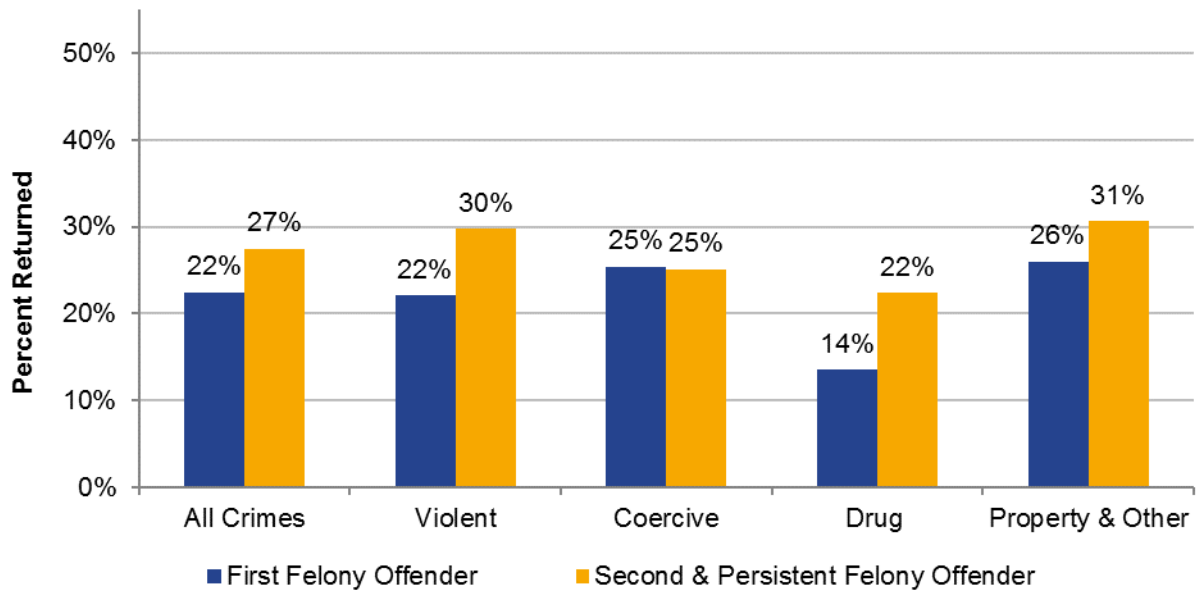
## SECTION NINE: RETURN RATES BY CRIMINAL HISTORY

### PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDERS

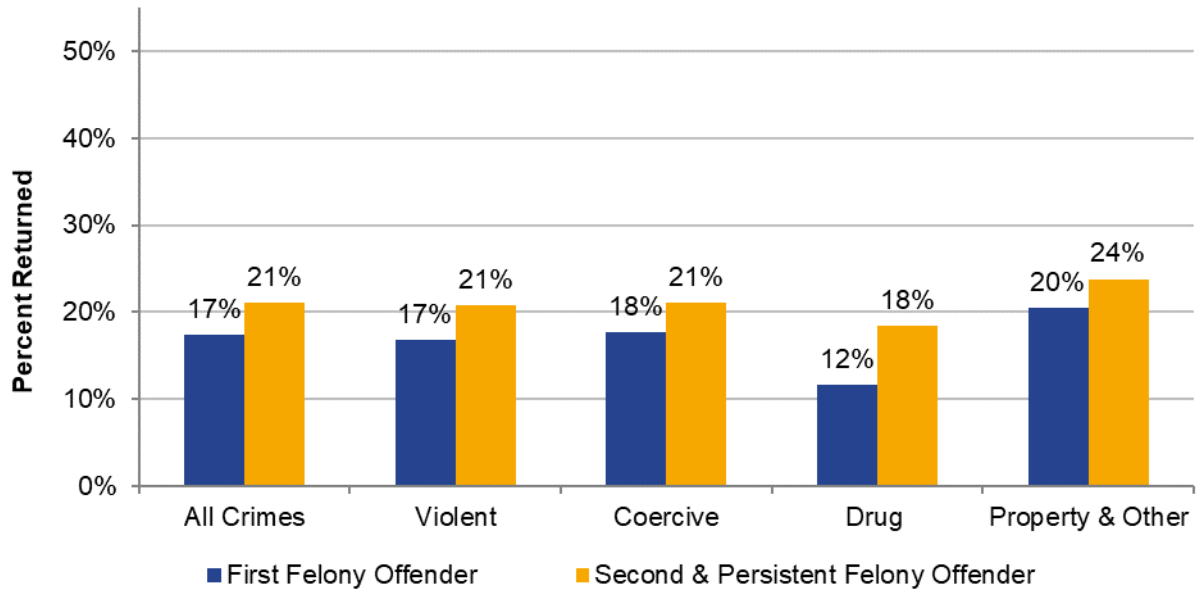
**Figure 9** summarizes return data for broad crime categories by felony offender status for the 2019 release cohort and **Figure 9.1** summarizes data for the 2020 release cohort. More detailed 2019 cohort crime information is presented in **Table 9.1** on the following page, while 2020 cohort crime information is presented in **Table 9.2**.

Approximately 48% of the 2020 releases were originally sentenced as second or persistent felony offenders. Predicate felony offenders in the 2020 cohort had a higher return rate (21%) than first felony offenders (17%), both overall and within all four major crime categories.

**Figure 9**  
**Return Rates within 3 Years of Release**  
**by Felony Offender Status and Crime Category**  
**2019 Releases**



**Figure 9.1**  
**Return Rates within 3 Years of Release**  
**by Felony Offender Status and Crime Category**  
**2020 Releases**



**Table 9.1**  
**2019 Releases: Returns to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release**  
**by Felony Offender Status**

MOST SERIOUS COMMITMENT CRIME	TOTAL RELEASED	FIRST FELONY*			SECOND & PERSISTENT FELONY		
		RELEASED #	RETURNED #	%	RELEASED #	RETURNED #	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,606</b>	<b>10,288</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>9,318</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>27.5%</b>
<b>VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>4,975</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>22.1%</b>	<b>3,125</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>29.8%</b>
MURDER	445	445	23	5.2%	0	0	NA
ATTEMPT MURDER	165	126	19	15.1%	39	2	5.1%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST, AG 2ND	231	171	15	8.8%	60	5	8.3%
RAPE 1ST	241	167	40	24.0%	74	26	35.1%
ROBBERY 1ST	880	497	134	27.0%	383	88	23.0%
ROBBERY 2ND	1,057	573	161	28.1%	484	142	29.3%
ASSAULT 1ST	410	265	45	17.0%	145	29	20.0%
ASSAULT 2ND	706	398	69	17.3%	308	102	33.1%
BURGLARY 1ST	210	124	24	19.4%	86	22	25.6%
BURGLARY 2ND	1,442	643	177	27.5%	799	306	38.3%
ARSON 1ST, 2ND	61	42	4	9.5%	19	8	42.1%
SODOMY 1ST	154	114	31	27.2%	40	15	37.5%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	299	246	72	29.3%	53	17	32.1%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1,508	954	215	22.5%	554	138	24.9%
KIDNAPPING 1ST, 2ND	39	30	8	26.7%	9	2	22.2%
OTHER VFO SEX OFFENSES	183	139	53	38.1%	44	19	43.2%
OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	69	41	9	22.0%	28	11	39.3%
<b>OTHER COERCIVE OFFENSES</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>25.1%</b>
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	54	41	2	4.9%	13	1	7.7%
OTHER HOMICIDE	58	44	4	9.1%	14	5	35.7%
ROBBERY 3RD	588	196	66	33.7%	392	107	27.3%
ATTEMPT ASSAULT 2ND	288	85	23	27.1%	203	49	24.1%
CONSPIRACY 2,3,4	171	98	15	15.3%	73	7	9.6%
OTHER WEAPONS	483	131	31	23.7%	352	76	21.6%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	472	332	102	30.7%	140	52	37.1%
OTHER COERCIVE	219	120	23	19.2%	99	26	26.3%
<b>DRUG OFFENSES</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>22.4%</b>
<b>PROPERTY &amp; OTHER OFFENSES</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>26.0%</b>	<b>2,491</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>30.7%</b>
BURGLARY 3RD	1,382	496	183	36.9%	886	316	35.7%
GRAND LARCENY	918	345	71	20.6%	573	167	29.1%
FORGERY	356	114	22	19.3%	242	42	17.4%
STOLEN PROPERTY	277	78	23	29.5%	199	61	30.7%
DRIVE INTOXICATED	527	525	91	17.3%	2	1	50.0%
CONTEMPT 1ST	297	124	35	28.2%	173	50	28.9%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	885	469	135	28.8%	416	127	30.5%
<b>YOUTHFUL OFFENDER</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>32.2%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>JUVENILE OFFENDER</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25.9%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>NA</b>

\* Includes those sentenced as first felony offenders and Class A felons not subject to predicate sentencing.

**Table 9.2**  
**2020 Releases: Returns to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release**  
**by Felony Offender Status**

MOST SERIOUS COMMITMENT CRIME	TOTAL RELEASED	FIRST FELONY*			SECOND & PERSISTENT FELONY		
		RELEASED #	RETURNED #	%	RELEASED #	RETURNED #	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,809</b>	<b>8,248</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	<b>7,561</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>21.0%</b>
<b>VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES</b>	<b>6,906</b>	<b>4,318</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>2,588</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>20.8%</b>
MURDER	362	362	14	3.9%	0	0	NA
ATTEMPT MURDER	172	125	12	9.6%	47	7	14.9%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST, AG 2ND	177	135	7	5.2%	42	5	11.9%
RAPE 1ST	197	135	27	20.0%	62	14	22.6%
ROBBERY 1ST	722	408	91	22.3%	314	51	16.2%
ROBBERY 2ND	834	452	100	22.1%	382	80	20.9%
ASSAULT 1ST	367	258	35	13.6%	109	11	10.1%
ASSAULT 2ND	550	314	48	15.3%	236	51	21.6%
BURGLARY 1ST	151	82	11	13.4%	69	11	15.9%
BURGLARY 2ND	1,234	574	128	22.3%	660	168	25.5%
ARSON 1ST, 2ND	51	39	3	7.7%	12	3	25.0%
SODOMY 1ST	131	107	20	18.7%	24	7	29.2%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1,2,3	323	271	48	17.7%	52	10	19.2%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1,355	867	136	15.7%	488	91	18.6%
KIDNAPPING 1ST, 2ND	39	23	1	4.3%	16	2	12.5%
OTHER VFO SEX OFFENSES	179	131	38	29.0%	48	17	35.4%
OTHER VIOLENT FELONY	62	35	6	17.1%	27	10	37.0%
<b>OTHER COERCIVE OFFENSES</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>21.1%</b>
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	68	59	4	6.8%	9	2	22.2%
OTHER HOMICIDE	44	39	1	2.6%	5	1	20.0%
ROBBERY 3RD	448	125	28	22.4%	323	74	22.9%
ATTEMPT ASSAULT 2ND	231	69	14	20.3%	162	34	21.0%
CONSPIRACY 2,3,4	141	73	8	11.0%	68	6	8.8%
OTHER WEAPONS	358	100	18	18.0%	258	46	17.8%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	410	300	61	20.3%	110	33	30.0%
OTHER COERCIVE	164	84	16	19.0%	80	18	22.5%
<b>DRUG OFFENSES</b>	<b>3,129</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>18.4%</b>
<b>PROPERTY &amp; OTHER OFFENSES</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>20.5%</b>	<b>1,994</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>23.8%</b>
BURGLARY 3RD	1,048	330	104	31.5%	718	186	25.9%
GRAND LARCENY	715	259	38	14.7%	456	94	20.6%
FORGERY	228	82	14	17.1%	146	26	17.8%
STOLEN PROPERTY	194	51	16	31.4%	143	42	29.4%
DRIVE INTOXICATED	393	390	56	14.4%	3	0	0.0%
CONTEMPT 1ST	231	88	22	25.0%	143	43	30.1%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	762	377	73	19.4%	385	84	21.8%
<b>YOUTHFUL OFFENDER</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>30.3%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>JUVENILE OFFENDER</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>NA</b>

\* Includes those sentenced as first felony offenders and Class A felons not subject to predicate sentencing.

## PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS

**Table 9.3** presents return rates among individuals released in 2019 with varying numbers of prior felony convictions accumulated before they were admitted to DOCCS' custody for the current offense. This same information is presented for 2020 releases in **Table 9.4**. Among both years of releases, the return rates were higher for individuals with prior felony convictions than for those with no prior felony convictions.

**Table 9.3**  
**2019 Releases: Number of Prior Felony Convictions**  
**by Type of Return to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release**

NUMBER OF PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS	TOTAL RELEASED		TOTAL RETURNED	RETURNED:	
	#	%		NEW COMMITMENT	PAROLE VIOLATION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,606</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,872</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>3,789</b>
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>24.8%</i>	<i>5.5%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>
NONE	7,600	38.8%	1,698	356	1,342
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>22.3%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>17.7%</i>
ONE PRIOR CONVICTION	4,985	25.4%	1,310	285	1,025
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>26.3%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>20.6%</i>
TWO PRIOR CONVICTIONS	2,833	14.4%	786	176	610
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>27.7%</i>	<i>6.2%</i>	<i>21.5%</i>
THREE PRIOR CONVICTIONS	1,722	8.8%	442	109	333
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>25.7%</i>	<i>6.3%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>
FOUR OR MORE	2,466	12.6%	636	157	479
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>25.8%</i>	<i>6.4%</i>	<i>19.4%</i>

**Table 9.4**  
**2020 Releases: Number of Prior Felony Convictions**  
**by Type of Return to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release**

NUMBER OF PRIOR FELONY CONVICTIONS	TOTAL RELEASED		TOTAL RETURNED	RETURNED:	
	#	%		NEW COMMITMENT	PAROLE VIOLATION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,809</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,022</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>1,854</b>
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>19.1%</i>	<i>7.4%</i>	<i>11.7%</i>
NONE	6,072	38.4%	1,065	392	673
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>17.5%</i>	<i>6.5%</i>	<i>11.1%</i>
ONE PRIOR CONVICTION	3,981	25.2%	799	317	482
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>20.1%</i>	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>12.1%</i>
TWO PRIOR CONVICTIONS	2,406	15.2%	501	191	310
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>20.8%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>	<i>12.9%</i>
THREE PRIOR CONVICTIONS	1,351	8.5%	262	111	151
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>19.4%</i>	<i>8.2%</i>	<i>11.2%</i>
FOUR OR MORE	1,999	12.6%	395	157	238
<i>% (return/release)</i>			<i>19.8%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>	<i>11.9%</i>

**SECTION TEN: RETURN RATES BY FIRST VS. PREVIOUS RELEASE**

**Table 10** presents a breakdown of first releases and individuals who had prior releases on their sentences for 2019 and 2020 release cohorts.<sup>13</sup> In the 2020 release cohort, 68% of releases were first releases to the community, and 32% had been previously released from DOCCS. Individuals who had no prior releases on their sentence were less likely to return than individuals who had been previously released and returned. These differences held for both new commitment and parole violator returns.

**Table 10**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release**  
**among First vs. Previous Releases**  
**Releases in 2019 and 2020**

RELEASE STATUS	TOTAL RELEASED		TOTAL RETURNED	RETURNED:	
	#	%		NEW COMMITMENT	PAROLE VIOLATION
<b>2019 RELEASES</b>	<b>19,606</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,872</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>3,789</b>
% (return/release)			24.8%	5.5%	19.3%
FIRST RELEASE	12,447	63.5%	2,412	597	1,815
% (return/release)			19.4%	4.8%	14.6%
PREVIOUS RELEASE	7,159	36.5%	2,460	486	1,974
% (return/release)			34.4%	6.8%	27.6%
<b>2020 RELEASES</b>	<b>15,809</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,022</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>1,854</b>
% (return/release)			19.1%	7.4%	11.7%
FIRST RELEASE	10,823	68.5%	1,674	685	989
% (return/release)			15.5%	6.3%	9.1%
PREVIOUS RELEASE	4,986	31.5%	1,348	483	865
% (return/release)			27.0%	9.7%	17.3%

<sup>13</sup> In this section, only prior releases on the sentence for which the individual was under custody are considered; previous sentences and their corresponding releases, if any, are not included.

## SECTION ELEVEN: RETURN RATES BY REGION

**Table 11** presents return to custody rates by region of commitment for the 2019 and 2020 release cohorts.

**Table 11**  
**County of Commitment by Type of Return to DOCCS' Custody:**  
**Releases to the Community in 2019 and 2020**

REGION OF COMMITMENT	TOTAL RELEASED		TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>2019 RELEASES</b>	19,606	100.0%	4,872	24.8%	1,083	5.5%	3,789	19.3%
<b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	<b>7,130</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
BRONX COUNTY	1,237	6.3%	195	15.8%	54	4.4%	141	11.4%
KINGS COUNTY	1,532	7.8%	247	16.1%	64	4.2%	183	11.9%
NEW YORK COUNTY	2,800	14.3%	404	14.4%	112	4.0%	292	10.4%
QUEENS COUNTY	1,339	6.8%	167	12.5%	58	4.3%	109	8.1%
RICHMOND COUNTY	222	1.1%	31	14.0%	11	5.0%	20	9.0%
<b>SUBURBAN NYC</b>	<b>2,065</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>20.3%</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>15.4%</b>
NASSAU	665	3.4%	124	18.6%	37	5.6%	87	13.1%
ROCKLAND	138	0.7%	27	19.6%	5	3.6%	22	15.9%
SUFFOLK	825	4.2%	190	23.0%	48	5.8%	142	17.2%
WESTCHESTER	437	2.2%	79	18.1%	11	2.52%	68	15.6%
<b>UPSTATE URBAN</b>	<b>4,930</b>	<b>25.1%</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>34.7%</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>28.1%</b>
ALBANY	687	3.5%	234	34.1%	40	5.8%	194	28.2%
BROOME	413	2.1%	151	36.6%	39	9.4%	112	27.1%
ERIE	968	4.9%	340	35.1%	62	6.4%	278	28.7%
MONROE	1,208	6.2%	402	33.3%	67	5.5%	335	27.7%
ONEIDA	393	2.0%	138	35.1%	28	7.1%	110	28.0%
ONONDAGA	728	3.7%	253	34.8%	58	8.0%	195	26.8%
RENSSELAER	183	0.9%	63	34.4%	8	4.4%	55	30.1%
SCHENECTADY	350	1.8%	130	37.1%	25	7.1%	105	30.0%
<b>OTHER NEW YORK STATE</b>	<b>5,481</b>	<b>28.0%</b>	<b>1,697</b>	<b>31.0%</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>1,341</b>	<b>24.5%</b>
<b>2020 RELEASES</b>	15,809	100.0%	3,022	76.2%	1,168	30.3%	1,854	45.9%
<b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	<b>5,438</b>	<b>34.4%</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
BRONX COUNTY	858	5.4%	82	9.6%	52	6.1%	30	3.5%
KINGS COUNTY	1,166	7.4%	102	8.7%	66	5.7%	36	3.1%
NEW YORK COUNTY	2,209	14.0%	215	9.7%	119	5.4%	96	4.3%
QUEENS COUNTY	993	6.3%	96	9.7%	55	5.5%	41	4.1%
RICHMOND COUNTY	212	1.3%	21	9.9%	17	8.0%	4	1.9%
<b>SUBURBAN NYC</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>6.7%</b>
NASSAU	554	3.5%	81	14.6%	50	9.0%	31	5.6%
ROCKLAND	129	0.8%	17	13.2%	9	7.0%	8	6.2%
SUFFOLK	636	4.0%	99	15.6%	53	8.3%	46	7.2%
WESTCHESTER	388	2.5%	52	13.4%	23	5.9%	29	7.5%
<b>UPSTATE URBAN</b>	<b>4,148</b>	<b>26.2%</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>26.6%</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>18.3%</b>
ALBANY	573	3.6%	162	28.3%	43	7.5%	119	20.8%
BROOME	356	2.3%	101	28.4%	36	10.1%	65	18.3%
ERIE	796	5.0%	198	24.9%	69	8.7%	129	16.2%
MONROE	996	6.3%	235	23.6%	65	6.5%	170	17.1%
ONEIDA	337	2.1%	104	30.9%	31	9.2%	73	21.7%
ONONDAGA	607	3.8%	163	26.9%	68	11.2%	95	15.7%
RENSSELAER	154	1.0%	49	31.8%	9	5.8%	40	26.0%
SCHENECTADY	329	2.1%	93	28.3%	25	7.6%	68	20.7%
<b>OTHER NEW YORK STATE</b>	<b>4,516</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>17.1%</b>

**SECTION TWELVE: RETURN RATES OF VETERANS**

**Table 12** presents a breakdown of releases who were identified as verified veterans of the United States Armed Forces and releases considered nonveterans. Verified veterans comprised only 4% of all releases. Among both release cohorts, veterans returned to prison at lower rates than nonveterans. This difference in return rates held for both new commitment and parole violator returns.

**Table 12  
Returns to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release by Veteran Status  
Releases to the Community in 2019 and 2020**

VETERAN STATUS	TOTAL RELEASED		TOTAL RETURNED	RETURNED:		RETURNED:	
	#	%		NEW COMMITMENT	PAROLE VIOLATION		
<b>2019 RELEASES</b>	<b>19,606</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,872</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>3,789</b>		
% (return/release)			24.8%	5.5%	19.3%		
VERIFIED VETERANS	698	3.6%	132	32	100		
% (return/release)			18.9%	4.6%	14.3%		
NONVETERANS	18,908	96.4%	4,740	1,051	3,689		
% (return/release)			25.1%	5.6%	19.5%		
<b>2020 RELEASES</b>	<b>15,809</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3,022</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>1,854</b>		
% (return/release)			19.1%	7.4%	11.7%		
VERIFIED VETERANS	592	3.7%	77	24	53		
% (return/release)			13.0%	4.1%	9.0%		
NONVETERANS	15,217	96.3%	2,945	1,144	1,801		
% (return/release)			19.4%	7.5%	11.8%		



## SECTION THIRTEEN: RETURN RATES BY COMPAS SUPERVISION LEVEL

The COMPAS Supervision model of Community Supervision was implemented in January 2012. The four supervision levels and the accompanying ratios (25:1, 40:1, 80:1, and 160:1) and reporting requirements were determined based on a number of risk factors, including risk of absconding, risk of any arrest, and risk of Violent Felony arrest. Individuals determined by the Article 10 process to require Strict and Intensive Supervision and Treatment are supervised at a 10:1 ratio and are included in the Level 1 category. Other sex offenders and mental health cases are also supervised at Level 1.

**Table 13** presents a breakdown of individuals released to Community Supervision by the first known COMPAS Supervision Level at release. Those who did not have a COMPAS assessment conducted at the time of release were excluded from the analysis, so totals differ from other tables.

Among 2019 releases to Community Supervision, those supervised at the highest level (Level 1) were returned at the highest rate and those supervised at the lowest level (Level 4) had the lowest return rate. This finding was consistent for both returns for parole violations and for new commitment returns. Among 2020 releases, those supervised at Level 2 had the highest overall return rate and parole violator return rate. Those supervised at Level 1 had the highest return rate for new convictions.

**Table 13**  
**Returns to DOCCS' Custody Within 3 Years of Release**  
**by COMPAS Supervision Level:**  
**Releases to Community Supervision in 2019 & 2020**

COMPAS LEVEL	TOTAL RELEASED		TOTAL RETURNED	RETURNED:	
	#	%		NEW COMMITMENT	PAROLE VIOLATION
<b>2019 RELEASES</b>	<b>17,672</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4,615</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>3,769</b>
% (return/release)			26.1%	4.8%	21.3%
Level 1	6,046	34.2%	2,241	352	1,889
% (return/release)			37.1%	5.8%	31.2%
Level 2	2,464	13.9%	900	132	768
% (return/release)			36.53%	5.4%	31.2%
Level 3	4,847	27.4%	1,048	244	804
% (return/release)			21.6%	5.0%	16.6%
Level 4	4,315	24.4%	426	118	308
% (return/release)			9.9%	2.7%	7.1%
<b>2020 RELEASES</b>	<b>14,530</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>1,845</b>
% (return/release)			19.6%	6.9%	12.7%
Level 1	5,093	35.1%	1,431	466	965
% (return/release)			28.1%	9.1%	18.9%
Level 2	1,753	12.1%	528	156	372
% (return/release)			30.1%	8.9%	21.2%
Level 3	3,894	26.8%	634	261	373
% (return/release)			16.3%	6.7%	9.6%
Level 4	3,790	26.1%	249	114	135
% (return/release)			6.6%	3.0%	3.6%

Note: Level 1 is the highest supervision level; Level 4 is the lowest.

**SECTION FOURTEEN: RETURN RATES  
FOR SUBSEQUENT RELEASE COHORTS**

Releases from 2021 and 2022 were followed so that more current trends in return rates could be examined. The 2021 releases were followed for two years, and the 2022 releases were followed for a one year period. The outcomes of these partial follow-ups are compared to the 2020 releases and presented in **Table 14**.

Compared to 2020, the percentage of releases who returned within 12 months after release was lower for both the 2021 and 2022 release cohorts. The one-year return rate for the 2020 cohort was 7%, compared with 5% for the 2021 release cohort and 6% for the 2022 release cohort.

**Table 14  
2020, 2021, and 2022 Releases to the Community  
Time to Return to DOCCS' Custody within 3 Years of Release**

	TOTAL					
	2020		2021		2022	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>TOTAL RELEASED</b>	15,809		11,940		8,962	
<b>TOTAL RETURNS</b>						
Months to Return:						
12	1,033	6.5%	643	5.4%	531	5.9%
24 (cumulative)	2,296	14.5%	1,494	12.5%	NA	
36 (cumulative)	3,022	19.1%	NA		NA	
<b>NEW COMMIT</b>						
Months to Return:						
12	86	0.5%	153	1.3%	156	1.7%
24 (cumulative)	590	3.7%	672	5.6%	NA	
36 (cumulative)	1,168	7.4%	NA		NA	
<b>PAROLE VIOLATION</b>						
Months to Return:						
12	947	6.0%	490	4.1%	375	4.2%
24 (cumulative)	1,706	10.8%	822	6.9%	NA	
36 (cumulative)	1,854	11.7%	NA		NA	
<b>TOTAL RETURNS</b>						
Months to Return:						
1-6	314	2.0%	238	2.0%	127	1.4%
7-12	719	4.5%	405	3.4%	404	4.5%
13-18	784	5.0%	444	3.7%	NA	
19-24	479	3.0%	407	3.4%	NA	
25-36	726	4.6%	NA		NA	

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