



State Recidivism Comparison

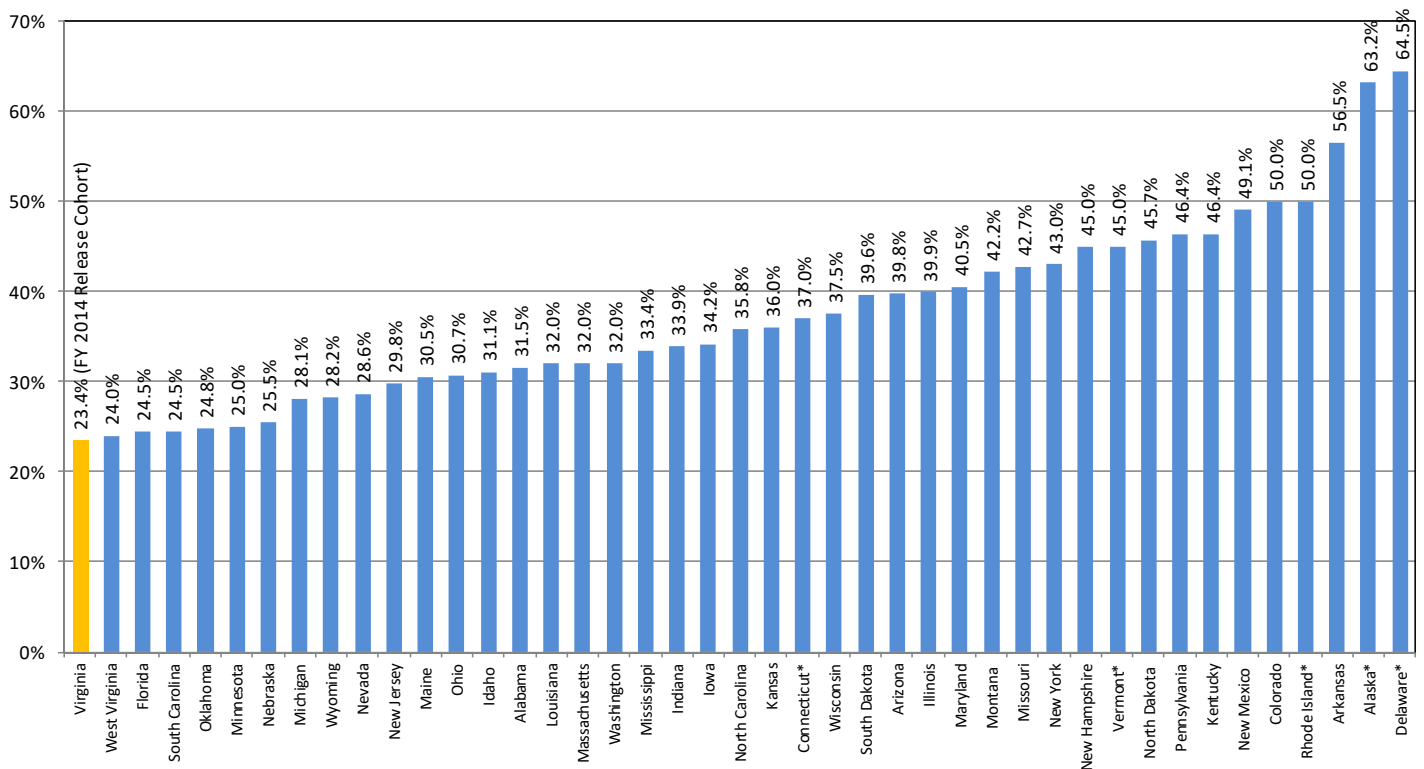
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Virginia Has the Lowest Recidivism Rate in the Country

At 23.4%, Virginia has the lowest recidivism rate among the forty-three states that report three-year re-incarceration rates for felons. Of the 12,021 State Responsible (SR) offenders released from incarceration in Virginia in FY2014 who had an opportunity to recidivate, 2,815 were re-incarcerated within three years. Virginia's leading rate is attributable to the effective re-entry programming and treatment offered by the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) during an offender's incarceration and its effective supervision in the community after release. VADOC tailors its programming and supervision to address each offender's criminogenic risks and needs. This aligns with the agency's mission to enhance the quality of life in the Commonwealth by improving public safety through the successful reintegration of sentenced men and women in its custody and care by providing supervision and control, effective programs and re-entry services in safe environments. From this, the agency fosters positive change and growth consistent with research-based evidence, fiscal responsibility, and constitutional standards.

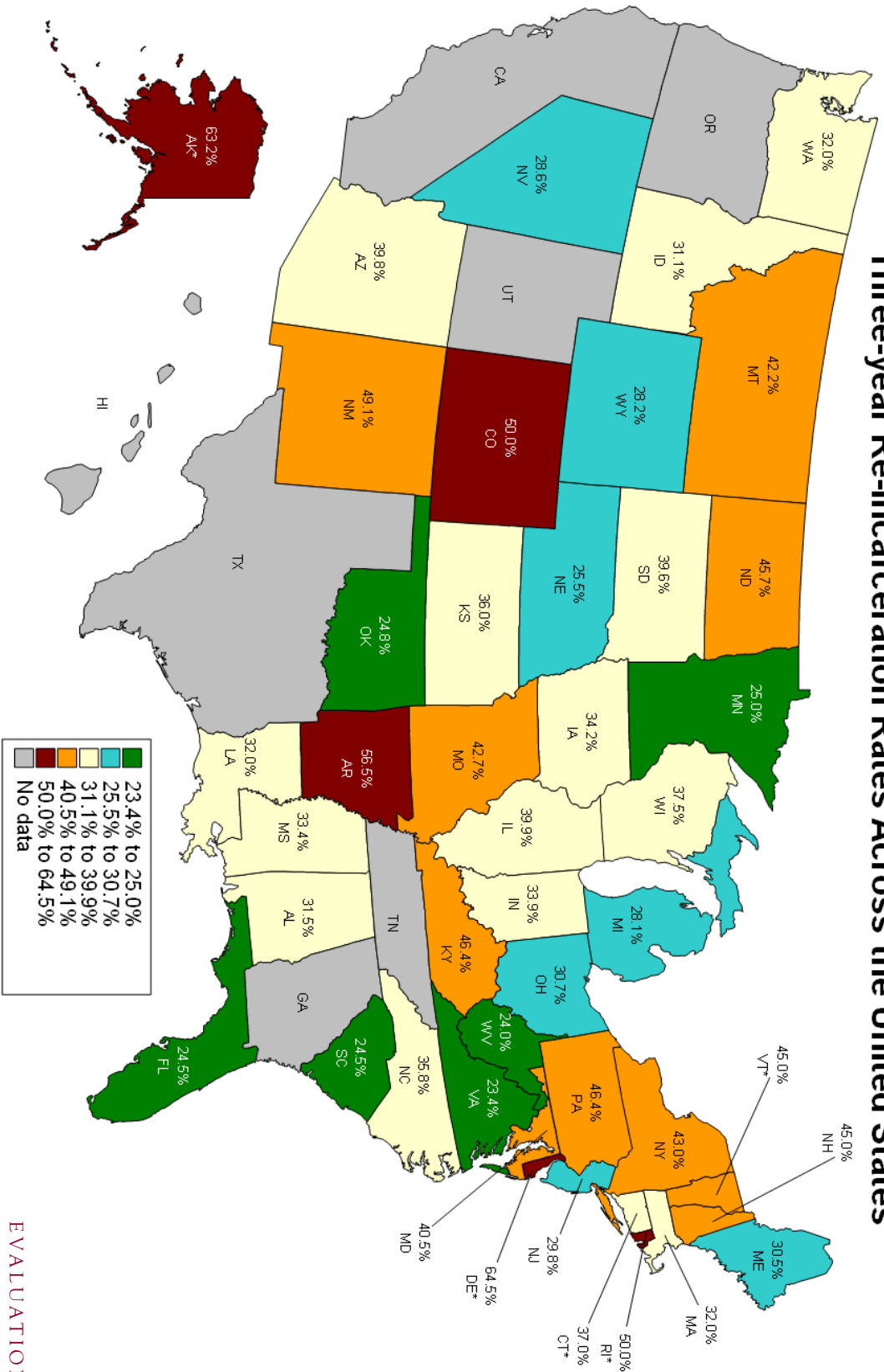
Three-Year Re-Incarceration Rates: A State Comparison



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Virginia Compared to Other States Three-year Re-Incarceration Rates Across the United States



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