



State Recidivism Comparison

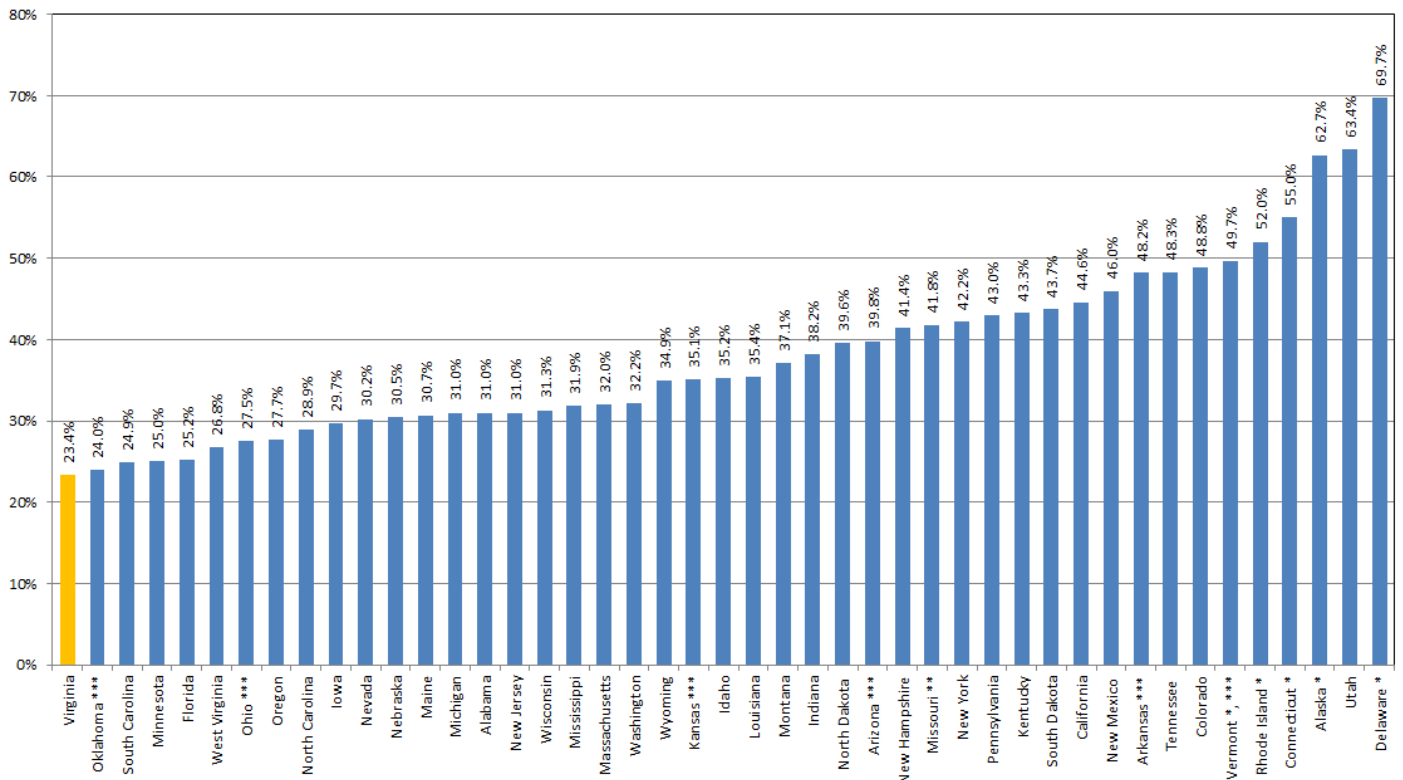
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Virginia Has the Lowest Recidivism Rate in the Country

At 23.4%, Virginia has the lowest recidivism rate among the forty-five states that report three-year re-incarceration rates for felons. Of the 11,496 State Responsible (SR) offenders released from incarceration in Virginia in FY2012 who had an opportunity to recidivate, 2,687 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 in keeping 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 which foster positive change and growth consistent with research-based evidence, fiscal responsibility, and constitutional standards.

Three Year Re-Incarceration Rates: A State Comparison



*Unified State, rate includes local and state responsible offenders.

**Missouri's recidivism rate excludes the release of parole violators who have previously been returned to prison for a violation of supervision within the commitment year.

*** Recidivism rates based on CY instead of FY.

Note: Re-Incarceration rates do not represent released offenders from one particular year, but from the most recent year for which that state calculated its three-year re-incarceration rate. Texas rate excluded because their release cohort included misdemeanants and felons. Illinois excluded because their release cohort included releases from incarceration, probation, and parole. Georgia and Maryland excluded because they report re-conviction rate. Hawaii excluded because it reports re-arrest rate.

