

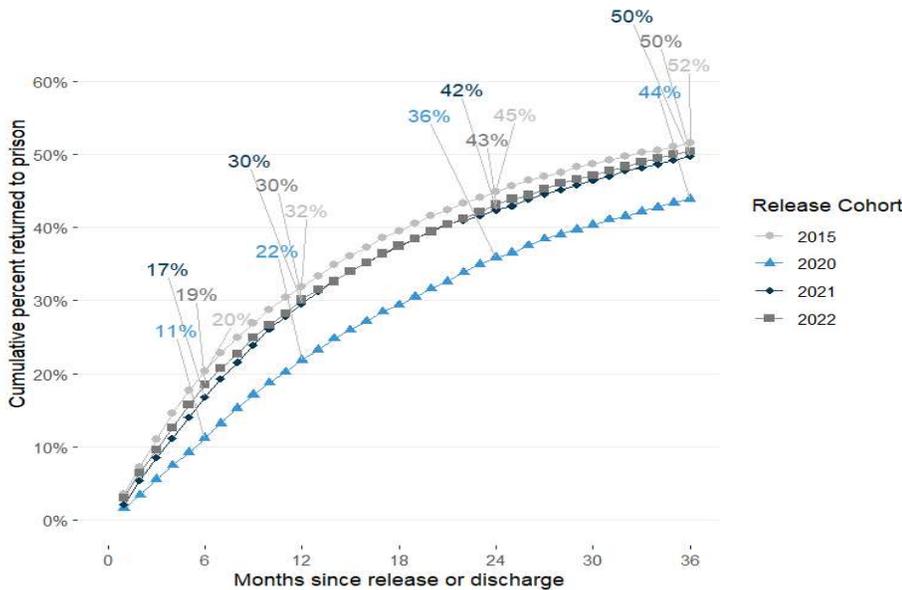
Brief: 2026 Recidivism Study

2022 Release Cohort

Recidivism Study of the 2022 Release Cohort

Per statute, the OPM Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (OPM CJPPD) produces annual reports on *recidivism*, i.e. a relapse into criminal behavior, among individuals released or discharged from Connecticut’s correctional facilities.

Cumulative percentage returned to DOC within 3 years; 2015, 2020, 2021, & 2022 release cohorts



For 2026, OPM CJPPD studied sentenced individuals released or discharged from the Department of Correction (DOC) facilities during 2022. The chart above presents the cumulative percentage of individuals returned to DOC facilities for any reason at 6, 12, 24, and 36 months, and compares the 2022 cohort to the 2015, 2020, and 2021 cohorts. Given Connecticut’s unified correction system, this brief reports returns to DOC for any reason for its utility in long-range system and facility planning. Additional recidivism measures, including 1) rearrest and 2) re-conviction data will be presented to the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission when available.

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Key Changes in Study Population

Percent Change

	2021	2022	2021 -22
DOC Population July 1	9,920	9,990	0.71%
Released / Discharged			
Sentenced	4,633	5,809	+25.4%
Male	4,166	5,147	+23.6%
Female	466	662	+42.1%
Under the age of 25	532	474	-10.9%

2026 Study: Key Findings

- The 2022 release cohort included **5,809** sentenced individuals, a 25% increase compared to 2021. This increase reflects continued normalization of release activity following pandemic-related disruptions.
- Cumulative recidivism rates for the 2022 cohort were similar to 2021, with **50%** returning to the DOC within three years of release or discharge.
- The 2022 cohort’s three-year recidivism rate remains just below the 2015 cohort’s pre-pandemic benchmark rate.
- The number of women released or discharged in 2022 rose 42% from 2021. **45%** of women released in 2022 returned to the DOC within 36 months.
- The number of individuals age 25 or younger at release declined, suggesting a modest shift in age composition compared to 2021. Return rates remain high for this age group, with **64%** returning over three years.
- **51%** of those discharging their sentence with Risk Reduction Earned Credits (RREC) in 2022 returned to prison within three years, however this did not significantly differ from the 2022 overall rate.

