

STATISTICS (DOJ BJS) SHOWING 51% RECIDIVISM RATE FOR RELEASED MURDERERS

**TABLE 8**

**Recidivism of prisoners released in 30 states in 2005, by most serious commitment offense and time from release to first arrest**

Most serious commitment offense	Cumulative percent of released prisoners arrested within—					
	6 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years
All released prisoners	28.2%	43.4%	59.5%	67.8%	73.0%	76.6%
<b>Violent</b>	24.9%	38.4%	53.8%	61.6%	67.2%	71.3%
<b>Homicide<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>51.2</b>
<b>Murder</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>47.9</b>
Nonnegligent manslaughter	17.3	27.7	39.4	46.0	51.5	55.7
Negligent manslaughter	13.2	21.9	35.5	43.7	48.8	53.0
<b>Rape/sexual assault</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>60.1</b>
Robbery	25.8	41.0	58.6	66.9	72.8	77.0
Assault	27.9	42.6	58.9	67.1	72.9	77.1
Other	28.7	43.4	56.6	63.0	66.9	70.4
<b>Property</b>	33.6%	50.3%	66.7%	74.5%	79.1%	82.1%
Burglary	31.0	48.7	65.8	73.9	78.9	81.8
Larceny/motor vehicle theft	39.3	56.2	70.8	77.6	81.6	84.1
Fraud/forgery	27.7	42.2	60.0	68.6	73.2	77.0
Other	33.2	49.5	66.6	75.5	80.9	83.6
<b>Drug</b>	26.9%	42.3%	59.1%	67.9%	73.3%	76.9%
Possession	28.7	44.5	60.7	69.6	75.2	78.3
Trafficking	26.9	41.5	58.0	66.6	71.9	75.4
Other	25.3	41.4	59.3	68.3	73.6	78.1
<b>Public order</b>	25.6%	40.1%	55.6%	64.7%	69.9%	73.6%
Weapons	35.3	49.1	65.1	73.1	76.9	79.5
Driving under the influence	11.9	22.1	37.2	48.0	54.9	59.9
Other <sup>b</sup>	27.8	44.9	60.4	69.2	74.1	77.9

Note: Prisoners were tracked for 5 years following release. Inmates could have been in prison for more than one offense; the most serious one is reported in this table. See appendix table 9 for standard errors.

<sup>a</sup>Includes cases in which the type of homicide was unspecified, not shown separately.

<sup>b</sup>Includes 0.8% of cases in which the prisoner's most serious offense was unspecified.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Recidivism of State Prisoners Released in 2005 data collection.