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# Reentry Initiative

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# DOC Re-entry Initiative

- Cornerstones
  - Organizational development to support positive change
  - Evidence based practices

# Key Components to Reentry Model:

- Reentry preparation begins at the offender's first contact with DOC and continues throughout term with DOC.
- COMPAS Risk and Needs Assessment completed at Reception and annually thereafter, at reentry, and continues post release in Community Corrections
- Reentry Case Plans are prepared at reception and reviewed annually thereafter based on the Risk and Needs profile from the Assessment

# Programs

- Thinking for a Change (cognitive-behavioral program) :
  - Provided to offenders (based on need) within 6 months of reception to DOC
  - Peer support groups continue throughout incarceration
  - Booster session provided before release
  - Support groups continue after release during Community Corrections supervision
- Other programs provided to meet specific needs:
  - Substance abuse treatment
  - Mental health
  - Sex offender residential treatment
  - Therapeutic community
  - Work/VCE
  - DCE academic and vocational programs, grant funded college courses
  - Faith Based Programs

# Release Planning

- Release planning occurs annually
  - Problematic releases (homeless, sex offender, violent, geriatric, infirmed) are assigned to Community Re-entry Specialists
- Prior to 12 months of release offenders will be transferred to an Intensive Reentry Program

# Intensive Re-entry Program Features

- Residential cognitive community peer format
- Workforce development and connection to employment
- Substance abuse treatment
- Faith based mentorship
- Family reunification activities
- Cognitive problem solving
- Thinking for a Change programming
- Specialized programming for women
- Life skills classes
- Reentry Probation Officer involvement
- Local Reentry Council involvement

# Re-entry Challenges

- Resources for programming are limited
- Caseloads for Probation and Parole staff are too high
- Need for reentry housing with programming (halfway houses)
- Need for housing for offenders with medical & mental health needs
- Priority for services at local Community Services Board for offenders with mental health diagnoses is lacking in some cases.
- Barrier crime provisions in Code
  - Restriction on post release placement and opportunities
- Engender support of stakeholders, citizens and local agencies



# Re-entry Evaluation

- Governor's Scorecard
  - The Scorecard will report performance in the three Re-entry plan areas:
    - System Change
      - Policy development and implementation
    - Reentry
      - Institution Programs and Services, Institutional Education, Community Programs and Services
    - Public Safety
      - Recidivism

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**Classification**

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# INSTITUTIONS



- Augusta Correctional Center
- Baskerville Correctional Center
- Bland Correctional Center
- Buckingham Correctional Center
- Coffeewood Correctional Center
- Deep Meadow Correctional Center
- Deerfield Correctional Center
- Dillwyn Correctional Center
- Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women
- Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women Reception
- Green Rock Correctional Center
- Greensville Correctional Center
- Haynesville Correctional Center
- Indian Creek Correctional Center
- Keen Mountain Correctional Center
- Lawrenceville Correctional Center
- Lunenburg Correctional Center
- Marion Correctional Treatment Center
- Mecklenburg Correctional Center
- Nottoway Correctional Center
- Pocahontas State Correctional Center
- Powhatan Correctional Center
- Powhatan Reception & Classification Center
- Red Onion State Prison
- St. Brides Correctional Center
- Sussex I State Prison
- Sussex II State Prison
- Virginia Correctional Center for Women
- Wallens Ridge State Prison

# Correctional Units & Work Centers

## CORRECTIONAL UNITS

- Caroline Correctional Unit
- Rustburg Correctional Unit
- Cold Springs Correctional Unit
- Central Virginia Correctional Unit (Female)
- Haynesville Correctional Unit
- Wise Correctional Unit
- Halifax Correctional Unit
- Patrick Henry Correctional Unit

## WORK CENTERS

- Deerfield Women's Work Center
- Brunswick Work Center (Female)
- Cold Springs Work Center
- Greenville Work Center
- James River Work Center
- Nottoway Work Center
- Deerfield Men's Work Center

# SECURITY LEVELS

## Male Institutions

LEVELS	SCORE RANGE	FACILITIES	MPRD/GTRD	RESTRICTIONS (Apply to Current and Prior Offenses)
LEVEL 1 – LOW ..... LEVEL 1 - HIGH	to +9	Male Work Centers 042, 044, 046, 050, 052 ..... 2, BACC (4), 9, 10, 17, 18, 23, 28	INITIAL & RECLASS: 5 Years or Less ..... INITIAL & RECLASS: 10 YEARS OR LESS	No Murder I or II, Robbery w/Weapon, Sex-related crime, Kidnap/Abduction; Felonious Assault, Flight/Escapes; Carjacking; Malicious Wounding; Assault/Flight/FTA pattern; Escape Risks; Felony Detainers. (see p.11 for exceptions within 2 yrs. of release) ..... No Murder I or II, Violent Sex Offense, Kidnap/Abduction, Escape Risk, or Felony Detainers.
LEVEL 2 – LOW ..... LEVEL 2 - HIGH	10 to 16	BACC (4), BCC, DMCC ..... CWCC, DCC, DWCC, HCC, ICCC, LCC, GCC, GROCC, PSCC, STBCC	INITIAL & RECLASS: 15 years or less ..... INITIAL & RECLASS: 20 years or less	No Murder I, Sex offense or Escape Risk. No Kidnap/Abduction at 004. ..... No Escape History within past 5 years (initial only). No Life+ or Multiple Life sentences. Single Life GCA sentences must have reached their PED.
LEVEL 3	17 to 25	ACC, BKCC, GCC, GROCC, KMCC, LVCC, PCC, PSCC	INITIAL & RECLASS: No Restrictions	Multiple, & Life Plus sentences must have served 20 consecutive years on sentence. (If parole eligible, must have reached PED)
LEVEL 4	26 to 31	ACC, BKCC, KMCC, NCC, SX-II	INITIAL & RECLASS: No Restrictions	Inmates convicted of 105 Assault w/in past 24 months must be assigned to Level 4 or above.
LEVEL 5	32+	SX I, WRSP	INITIAL & RECLASS: All sentences	Severe behavior problems that require a closely supervised GP setting. No disruptive behavior for at least 24 months prior to consideration for transfer to less secure facility.
LEVEL S	N/A Appropriate Segregation Qualifier	ROSP	INITIAL & RECLASS: All sentences	PROFILE: Recent disruptive, assaultive, severe behavior problems, predatory-type behavior, escape risk; requiring segregation. Must complete Phase Program prior to transfer to less secure facility.

Medical and mental health treatment needs may affect an inmate's *institutional* assignment, independent of security level assignment.

# SECURITY LEVELS

## Female Institutions

LEVELS	SCORE RANGE	FACILITIES	MPRD/GTRD	RESTRICTIONS
LEVEL 1	to +9	Female Work Center 038, 040	INITIAL & RECLASS: 12 years or less	No Murder I or II, Sexual Assault, Kidnap/Abduction; No Escape History; No Felony Detainers; No Disruptive Behavior
LEVEL 2	10 to 16	VCCW, Unit 13	INITIAL & RECLASS: 15 years or less	No escape History (past 5 years of incarceration) Life, Life Plus and Multiple Life sentences will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
LEVEL 3	17+	FCC	All sentences	

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# Population Trends & Recidivism Studies

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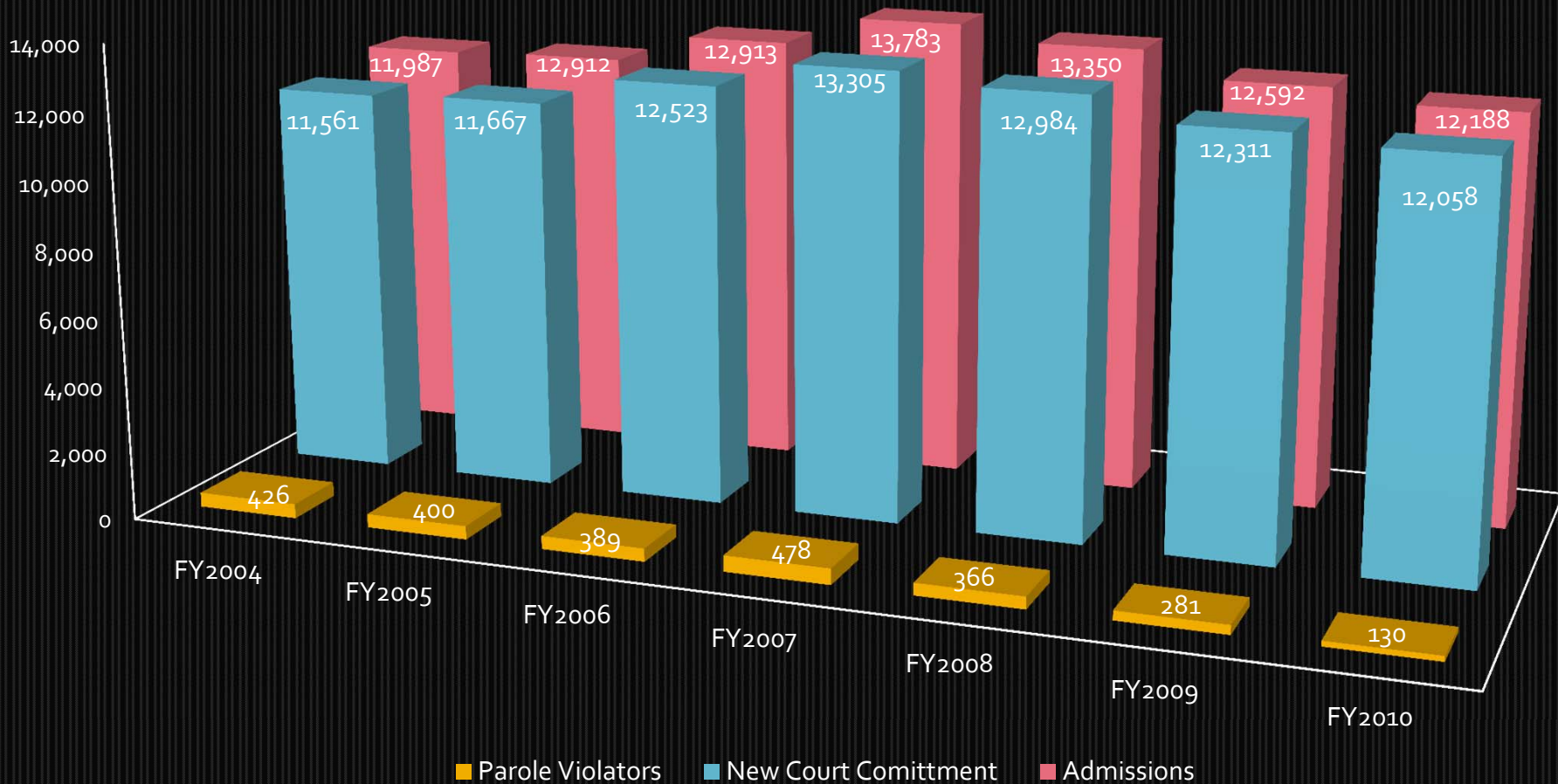


# Population Trends

- Admissions
  - New Court Commitments
  - Parole Violators
- State Responsible (SR) Confined
  - Currently approximately 19% of SR Confined are in jails
  - Half of those are “out of compliance”
- Releases
- Community Corrections
  - Detention & Diversion Centers
  - Parole
  - Probation & Post Release



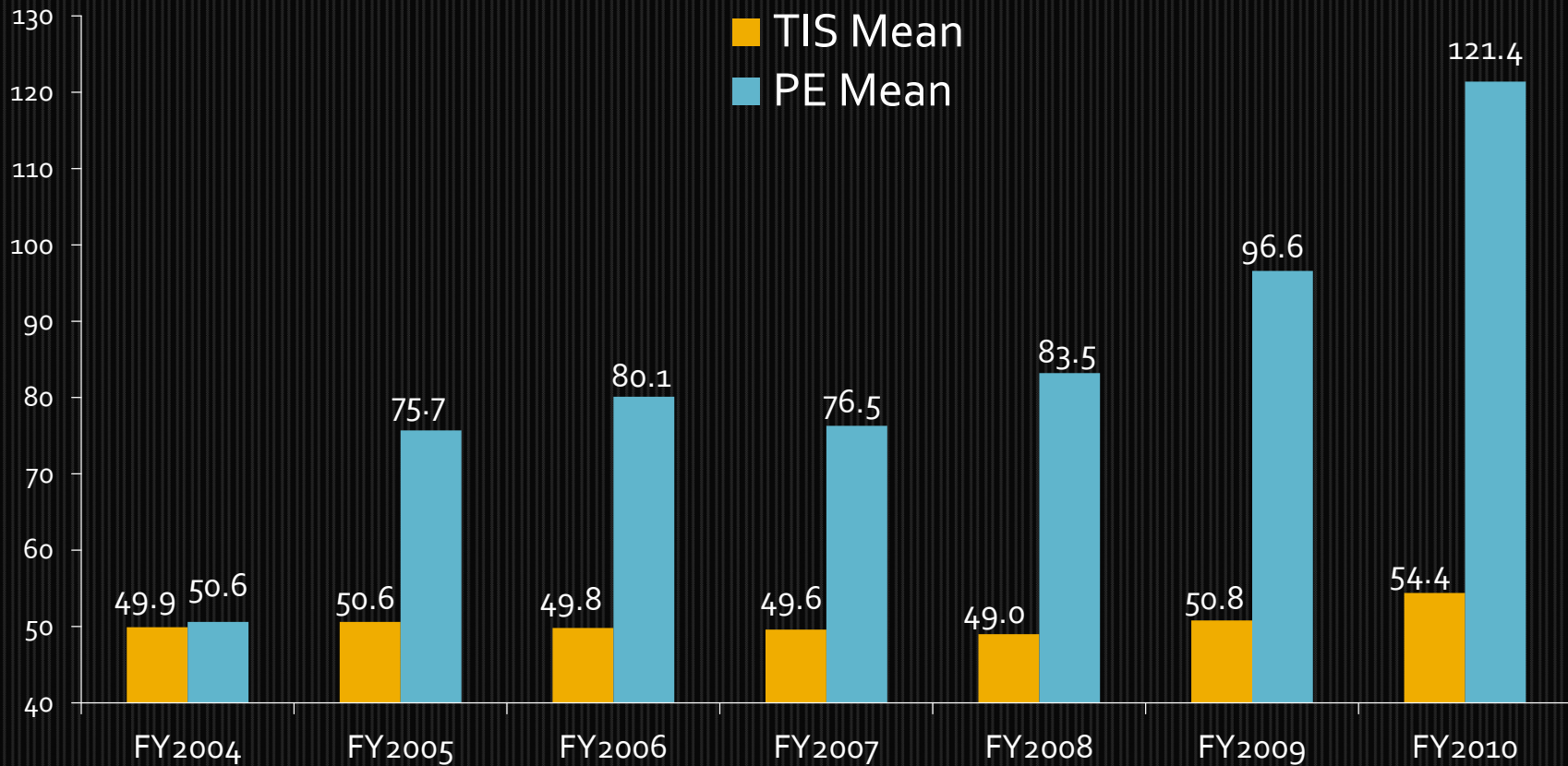
# Admissions



# New Court Commitment (NCC) Characteristics

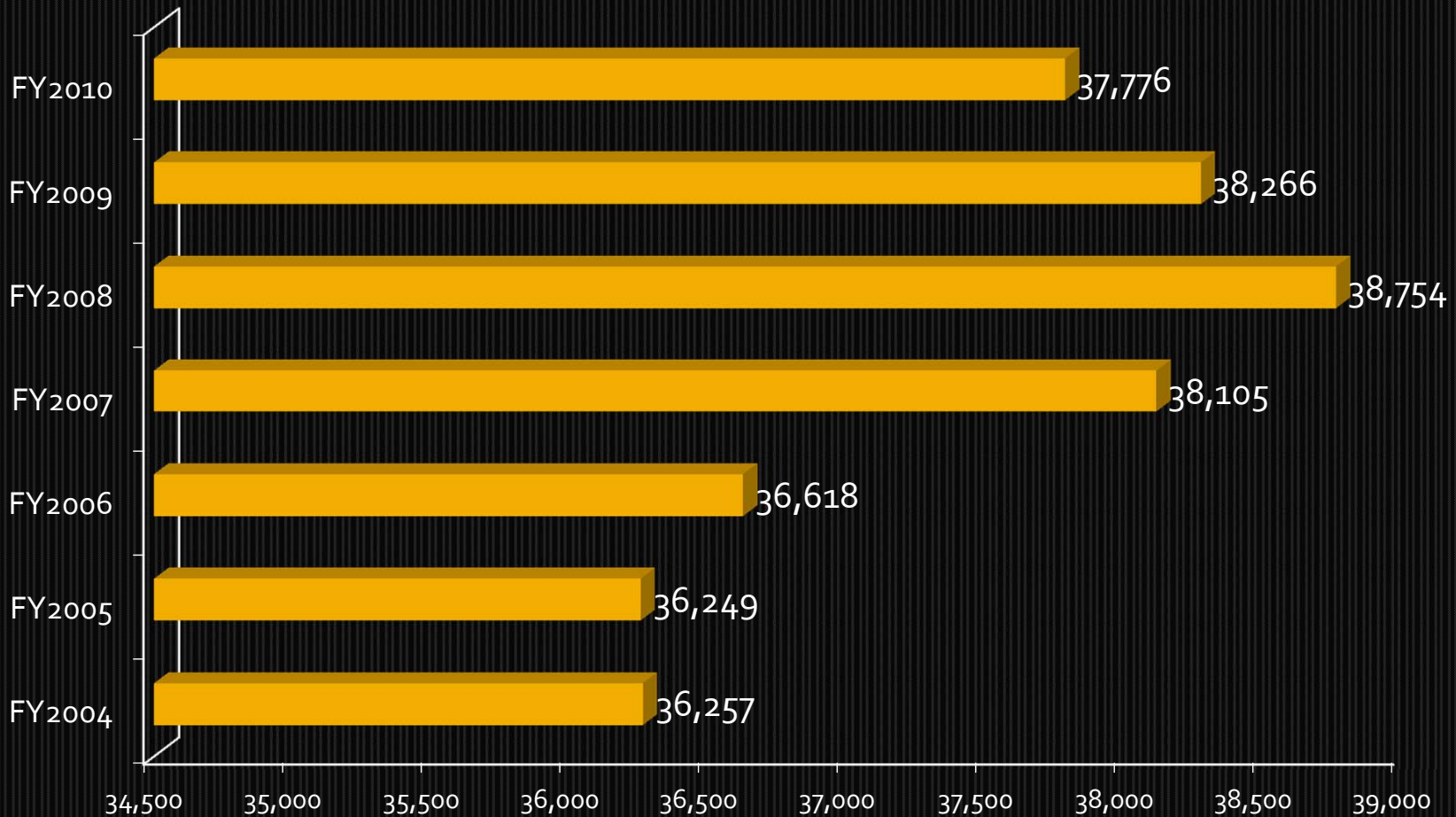
- Truth-In-Sentencing (TIS) NCC have increased from 93% in FY2004 to 98% in FY2010
- 89% of NCC are Male
- Average age of NCC has increased from 33.8 years in FY2004 to 33.8 years in FY2010
- Offenders age 50 and over have increased from less than 6% of NCC in FY2004 to over 9% of NCC in FY2010
- NCC considered violent under §17.1-805 has increased from 37% of FY2004 NCC to 51% of FY2010 NCC. Prior to FY2010, this group had not exceeded 44% of the NCC.

# NCC Average Sentences\*



\* Excludes Single Life, Multiple Life and Death Sentences

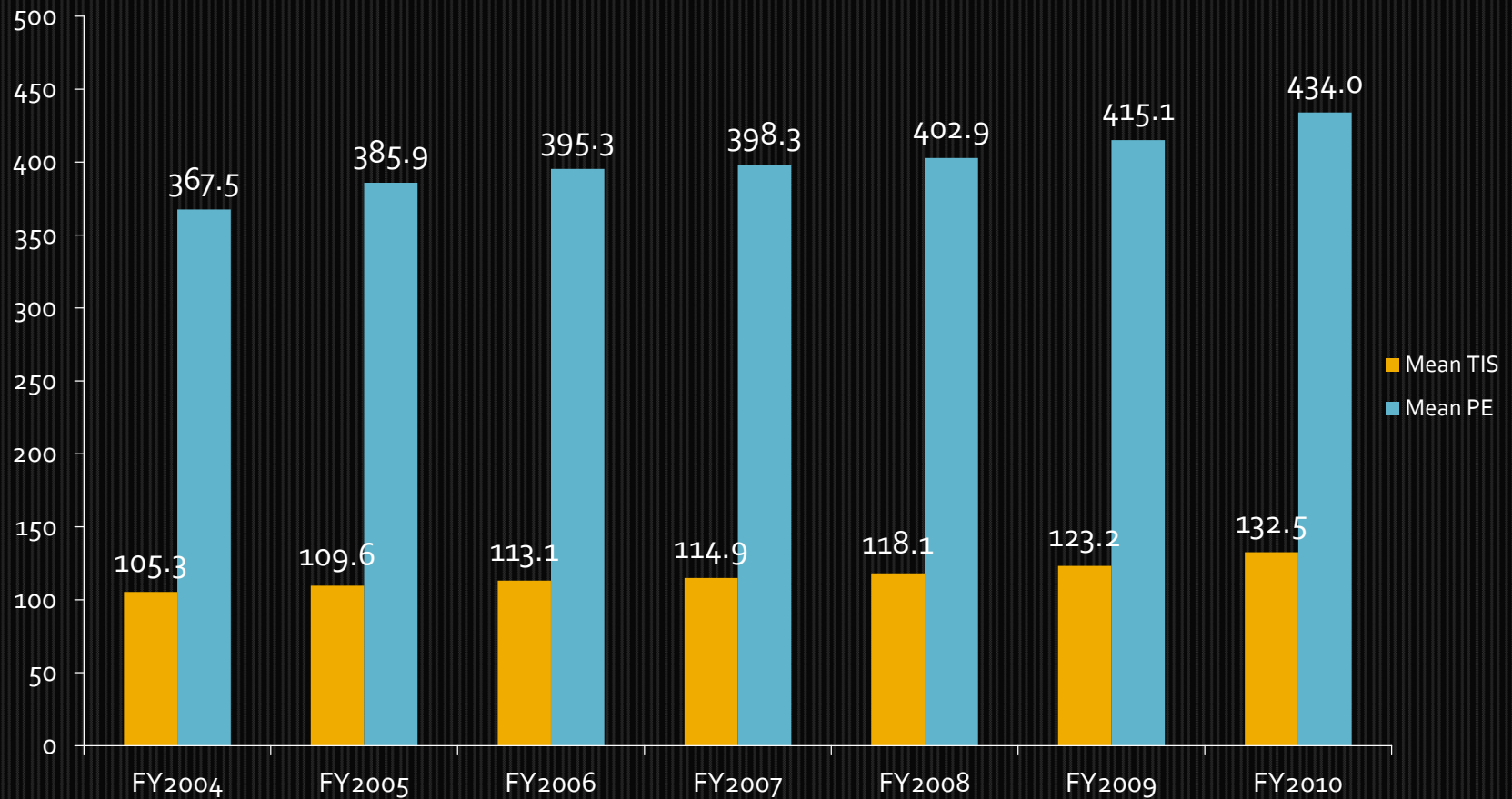
# State Responsible (SR) Confined



# SR Confined Characteristics

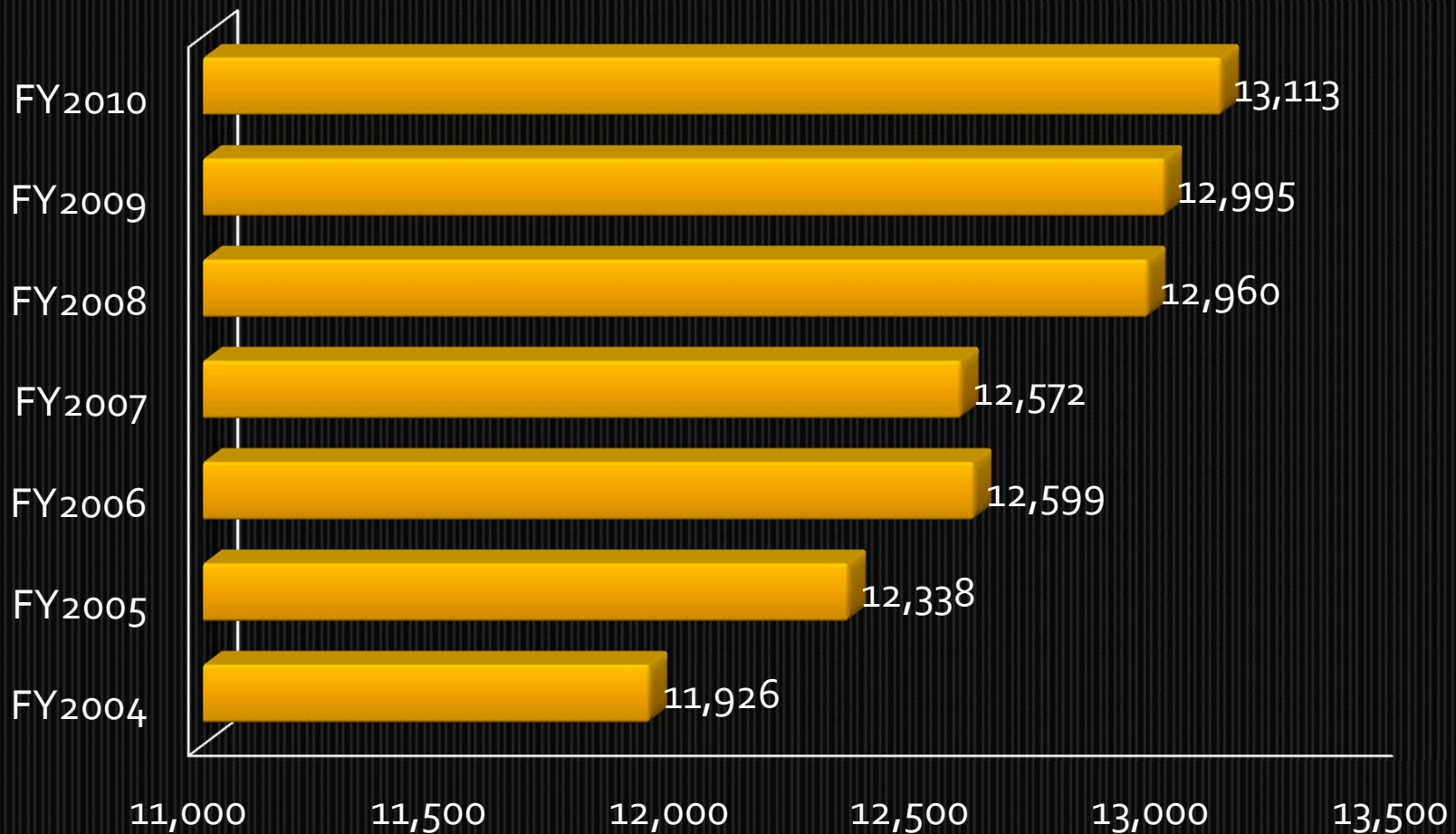
- Truth-In-Sentencing (TIS) SR Confined have increased from 72% in FY2004 to 82% in FY2010
- 93% of SR Confined are Male
- Average age of SR Confined has increased from 35.5 years in FY2004 to 37.2 years in FY2010
- Offenders age 50 and over have increased from 9% of SR Confined in FY2004 to 15% in FY2010
- Offenders considered violent under §17.1-805 has increased from 61% of FY2004 SR Confined to 68% of FY2010 SR Confined.

# SR Confined Average Sentences\* (months)



\* Excludes Single Life, Multiple Life and Death Sentences

# State Responsible (SR) Releases



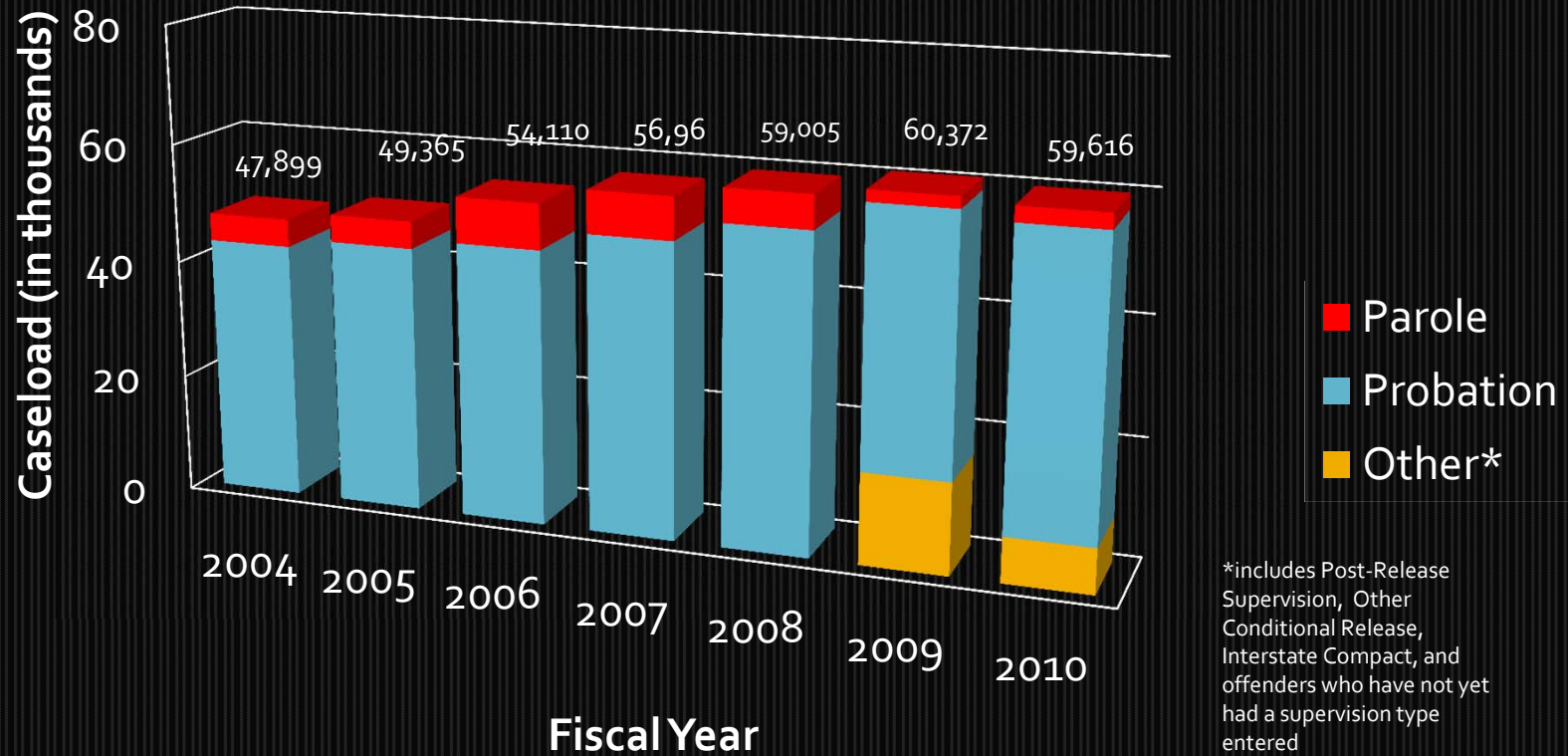
# SR Release Characteristics

- Average age of SR released offenders has increased from 35.3 years in FY2004 to 36.7 years in FY2010.
- Released offenders age 50 and over have increased from 8% in FY2004 to 13% in FY2010.
- Released offenders considered violent under §17.1-805 has increased from 37% of SR releases in FY2004 to 46% of SR releases FY2010.



# Community Corrections

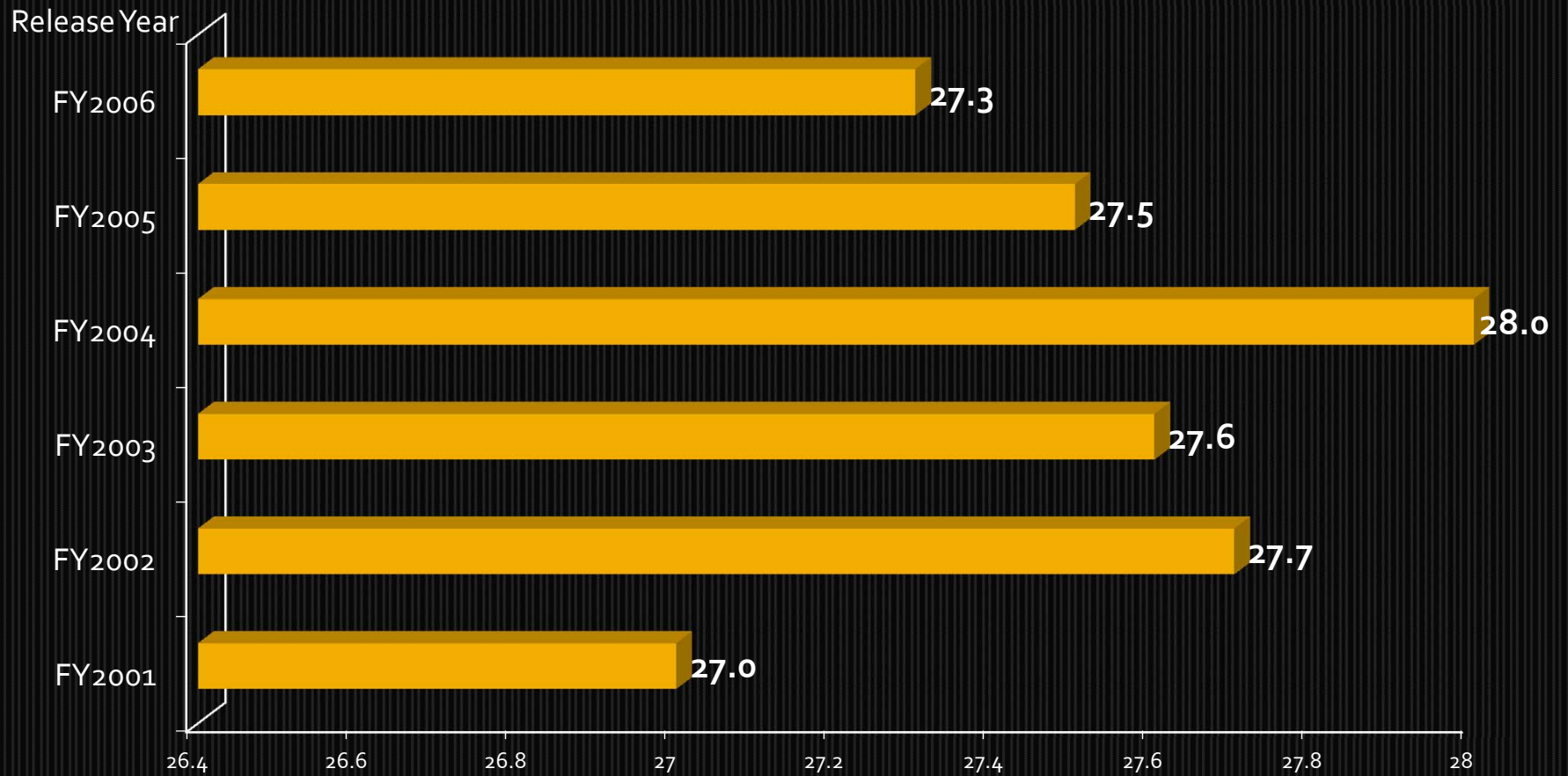
## Caseload Trends in Probation and Parole



# Recidivism

- Standard Measures:
  - Re-incarceration with DOC within 3 years of release is the DOC's official measure
  - Re-arrest
  - Re-conviction
- Special Studies:
  - Recidivism Trends
  - Sex Offender Recidivism

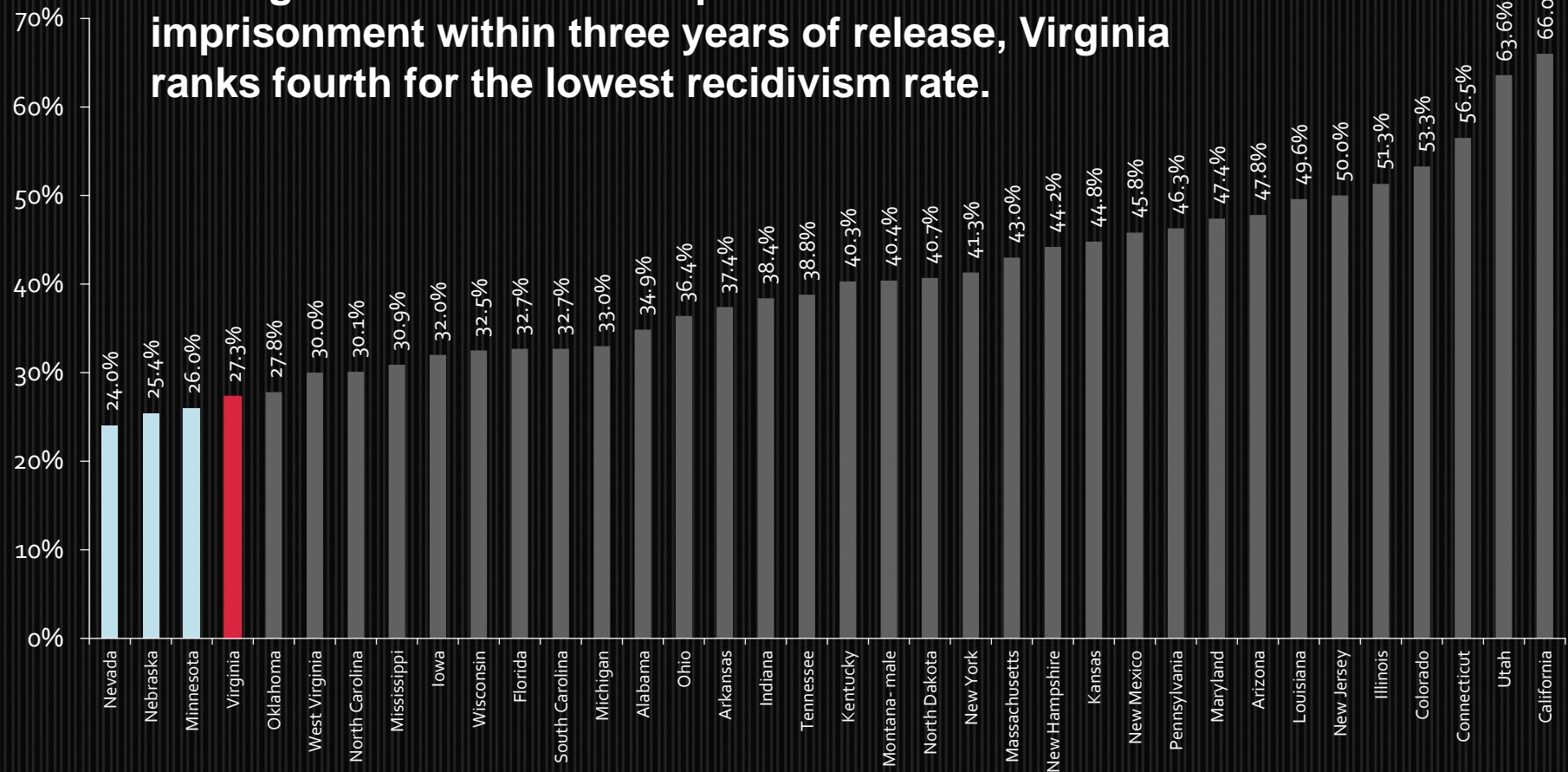
# Three Year Re-Incarceration Rates



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(updated February 2011)

Among the 36 states that report felon recidivism as re-imprisonment within three years of release, Virginia ranks fourth for the lowest recidivism rate.



\*Montana's rate is based on only the male population.

# Research Reports

- Up-to-date Information on Population Trends and Recidivism can be found on the Department of Corrections website:

<http://www.vadoc.virginia.gov/about/facts/default.shtm>