

# Recidivism Statistics

## Lifers and Murders Recidivism Statistics

1. **300+** clients released from life sentences  
**99%** have remained out of prison  
100% housed  
52% volunteering in their communities  
  
“**Uncommon Law** Website quote Sept. 22, 2024”
2. Of the 1860 murderers paroled between 1990 and 2010 that Stanford tracked, only five inmates committed new crimes and none were convicted of murder. The average released lifer is in his mid-50's. Experts say older ex-cons are less prone to commit new crimes than younger ones.  
(Note: **this is less than a 1%** recidivism rate for new crimes)
3. “Between 1999 and 2003, <sup>ii</sup>New York released 368 convicted murderers on parole. Of those, only six, or 1.6% returned to prison within three years on a new felony conviction—none for a violent offense—based on a January 2011 study by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (the state parole board).”

## Age Recidivism Statistics

- A. “In Virginia, <sup>iii</sup>only 1.3% of ex-offenders over 55 committed new crimes and were re-incarcerated.
- B. Age Risk Factors: “The national one-year recidivism rate for prisoners <sup>iv</sup>over age 55 is 3.2%. For prisoners between 18 and 29 years old, the rate is 45%. That alone speaks favorably for paroling geriatric prisoners, especially those who are infirm,”
- C. According to New York’s most recently available report on recidivism by age, those released after age 65 return for a new commitment at a rate of just 1 percent, compared to 40-60 percent return rate for the general population.<sup>v</sup>

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<sup>i</sup> [Associated Press](#) Feb. 25, 2014 “California “lifers” leaving prison at record pace

<sup>ii</sup> [Prison Legal News](#) July 2011 “*Paroled Killers Rarely Re-offend*” “Between 1999 and 2003, New York released 368 convicted murderers on parole. Of those, only six, or 1.6%, returned to prison within three years on a new felony conviction—and none for a violent offense “

<sup>iii</sup> [Prison Legal News](#) May 2014 “Reports on Elderly Prisoners Spur Call for Reforms” —“Managing Prison Health Care Spending”, The Pew Charitable Trusts Oct. 2013

<sup>iv</sup> “Texas Pays for Geriatric Prisoners” [Prison Legal News](#) Feb 2011

<sup>v</sup> [The Prison Legal News](#) December 2016 *If the Risk is Low, Let Them Go* Pg 38