

# Virginia Department of Corrections

## State Responsible Confined Offender Profile FY2009-FY2013

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With the abolition of parole and the implementation of Truth-In-Sentencing (TIS) for felonies committed on or after January 1, 1995, offenders with Parole Eligible (PE) sentences have declined as a portion of the total State Responsible (SR) Offender Population (14% at the end of FY2013). As a result, the number of offenders on parole in the community has declined. Parolees who violate the conditions of their parole may have their parole revoked by the Virginia Parole Board (VPB) and be returned to incarceration. The number of SR Parole Violators re-incarcerated each year has also declined during this time frame (from 281 in FY2009 to 105 in FY2013). Under TIS, the VPB also acquired the following duties: 1) the discretion to conditionally release offenders who meet certain offense, age and length-of-stay criteria; and 2) jurisdiction over TIS offenders who are released to Post-Release Supervision in the community unless the sentencing judge specifically retains jurisdiction.

The first section of this report contains five-year trend information of the SR PE Offender Population, relative to the entire SR Offender Population. Furthermore, it distinguishes between those offenders with PE sentences who are past their Discretionary Parole Eligibility Dates (DPED) and those offenders with PE sentences who have not served long enough to be considered for release to Discretionary Parole. The second section contains five-year trend information of the SR Parole Violators. The third section details the Geriatric Release Eligibility of the entire SR Offender Population from FY2009 – FY2013.

For this report, the following terms and definitions are used:

**Age** – for the SR Confined Population, an offender’s age on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year indicated; for SR Parole Violators, an offender’s age at the time of his revocation

**Discretionary Parole Eligibility Date** – date a PE offender will be eligible for consideration for release to Discretionary Parole by the VPB

**Geriatric Release Eligibility Date** – date an offender will be eligible for consideration for Conditional Geriatric Release by the VPB; based on when the offender will satisfy the age and length-of-stay criteria as defined in §53.1-40.01 of the *Code of Virginia* (no capital offenses and the offender is at least 60 years old and has served at least 10 years OR no capital offenses and the offender is at least 65 years old and has served at least 5 years). Conditional Geriatric Release consideration is available to both PE and TIS offenders who meet the criteria and apply for release.

**Most Serious Offense** – an offender’s committing most serious offense for his current term of incarceration

**Parole Eligible** – an offender has one or more sentences that make him eligible for consideration for Discretionary Parole by the VPB; a sub-group of these offenders is:

**Those Already Parole Eligible** – those PE offenders who have already passed their Discretionary Parole Eligibility Dates

**SR Parole Violator** – parolees who had their parole revoked by the VPB and had more than 24 months of good time or time left to serve imposed, or had an SR term of incarceration imposed for a new TIS offense

**Violent by §17.1-805** – indicates an offender has a conviction in his VADOC sentence history that is considered violent according to §17.1-805 of the *Code of Virginia*

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## State Responsible Population Trends (FY2009 - FY2013)

Offender Type	June 30, 2009		June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013	
	No.	% of Total SR								
Not Parole Eligible	30,854	81%	30,971	82%	31,330	84%	31,450	85%	31,582	86%
Parole Eligible on/before end of Fiscal Year	4,517	12%	4,309	11%	3,836	10%	3,481	9%	3,312	9%
Parole Eligible after end of Fiscal Year	2,895	8%	2,496	7%	2,201	6%	1,989	5%	1,753	5%
Total SR Confined Population	38,266		37,776		37,367		36,920		36,647	

**SR Confined Offenders Past Their Discretionary Parole Eligibility Date<sup>1</sup>:**

Current Most Serious Offense	June 30, 2009		June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013	
	No.	% of PE								
Capital Murder	115	3%	120	3%	107	3%	106	3%	117	4%
First Degree Homicide	1,179	26%	1,164	27%	1,113	29%	1,089	31%	1,056	32%
Second Degree Homicide	77	2%	70	2%	61	2%	54	2%	52	2%
Manslaughter	23	<1%	17	<1%	19	<1%	20	<1%	12	<1%
Abduction	702	16%	692	16%	604	16%	573	16%	532	16%
Rape/Sexual Assault	823	18%	764	18%	708	18%	650	19%	616	19%
Robbery	729	16%	685	16%	591	15%	522	15%	454	14%
Assault	339	8%	294	7%	248	6%	200	6%	194	6%
Weapons	5	<1%	8	<1%	6	<1%	4	<1%	3	<1%
Arson	11	<1%	12	<1%	10	<1%	10	<1%	12	<1%
Burglary/B&E	206	5%	191	4%	157	4%	117	3%	123	4%
Larceny/Fraud	135	3%	130	3%	101	3%	69	2%	61	2%
Conspiracy	2	<1%	3	<1%	4	<1%	3	<1%	3	<1%
Sex Offense	4	<1%	5	<1%	8	<1%	3	<1%	3	<1%
DUI	0	0%	2	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%
Habitual Offender	0	0%	0	0%	2	<1%	1	<1%	0	0%
Other Property	6	<1%	5	<1%	3	<1%	1	<1%	2	<1%
Drug Sales	102	2%	88	2%	62	2%	31	<1%	46	1%
Drug Possession	48	1%	52	1%	29	<1%	24	<1%	22	<1%
Not Reported	11	<1%	7	<1%	3	<1%	3	<1%	4	<1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,517</b>		<b>4,309</b>		<b>3,836</b>		<b>3,481</b>		<b>3,312</b>	
<b>Violent by §17.1-805</b>										
Yes	4,104	91%	3,943	92%	3,582	93%	3,308	95%	3,147	95%
No	413	9%	366	8%	254	7%	173	5%	165	5%
<b>Age Group</b>										
Under 25	102	2%	94	2%	93	2%	80	2%	71	2%
25 - 34	293	6%	187	4%	104	3%	45	1%	32	<1%
35 - 44	1,637	36%	1,466	34%	1,224	32%	1,025	29%	854	26%
45 - 54	1,625	36%	1,631	38%	1,470	38%	1,370	39%	1,343	41%
55 - 64	667	15%	727	17%	740	19%	742	21%	764	23%
65+	193	4%	204	5%	205	5%	219	6%	248	7%
<b>Average Age</b>	<b>46.2</b>		<b>47.0</b>		<b>48.0</b>		<b>49.1</b>		<b>50.1</b>	

<sup>1</sup>These figures do not represent the entire SR Confined Population that was sentenced under the Parole system. These confined offenders are only the subset of that population who had already reached their eligibility date to be heard by the VPB.

**SR Confined Offenders with Parole Eligible Sentences<sup>2</sup>:**

Current Most Serious Offense	June 30, 2009		June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013	
	No.	% of PE								
Capital Murder	220	3%	224	3%	203	3%	200	4%	199	4%
First Degree Homicide	1,328	18%	1,302	19%	1,241	21%	1,205	22%	1,172	23%
Second Degree Homicide	116	2%	108	2%	105	2%	96	2%	92	2%
Manslaughter	62	<1%	52	<1%	50	<1%	49	<1%	38	<1%
Abduction	963	13%	925	14%	800	13%	758	14%	711	14%
Rape/Sexual Assault	1,146	15%	1,051	15%	980	16%	905	17%	852	17%
Robbery	1,304	18%	1,217	18%	1,101	18%	991	18%	900	18%
Assault	752	10%	636	9%	537	9%	457	8%	404	8%
Weapons	30	<1%	25	<1%	14	<1%	11	<1%	8	<1%
Arson	21	<1%	23	<1%	19	<1%	20	<1%	20	<1%
Burglary/B&E	559	8%	480	7%	419	7%	352	6%	312	6%
Larceny/Fraud	472	6%	387	6%	290	5%	221	4%	171	3%
Conspiracy	5	<1%	5	<1%	5	<1%	4	<1%	5	<1%
Sex Offense	13	<1%	14	<1%	18	<1%	9	<1%	11	<1%
DUI	20	<1%	18	<1%	12	<1%	6	<1%	2	<1%
Habitual Offender	7	<1%	8	<1%	5	<1%	3	<1%	1	<1%
Other Property	20	<1%	15	<1%	9	<1%	6	<1%	4	<1%
Drug Sales	216	3%	182	3%	140	2%	102	2%	104	2%
Drug Possession	147	2%	126	2%	86	1%	70	1%	53	1%
Not Reported	11	<1%	7	<1%	3	<1%	5	<1%	6	<1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,412</b>		<b>6,805</b>		<b>6,037</b>		<b>5,470</b>		<b>5,065</b>	
<b>Violent by §17.1-805</b>										
Yes	6,431	87%	6,020	88%	5,474	91%	5,030	92%	4,703	93%
No	981	13%	785	12%	563	9%	440	8%	362	7%
<b>Age Group</b>										
Under 25	275	4%	202	3%	157	3%	115	2%	87	2%
25 - 34	993	13%	735	11%	513	8%	361	7%	274	5%
35 - 44	2,736	37%	2,439	36%	2,097	35%	1,783	33%	1,512	30%
45 - 54	2,340	32%	2,289	34%	2,108	35%	2,021	37%	1,940	38%
55 - 64	843	11%	895	13%	921	15%	926	17%	965	19%
65+	225	3%	245	4%	241	4%	264	5%	287	6%
Average Age	43.8		44.9		45.8		47.0		48.1	
<b>Discretionary Parole Eligibility Date</b>										
Before FY2013	5,879	79%	5,163	76%	4,225	70%	3,481	64%	3,059	60%
FY2013	218	3%	251	4%	298	5%	354	6%	253	5%
FY2014	172	2%	194	3%	215	4%	254	5%	265	5%
FY2015	158	2%	169	2%	178	3%	196	4%	226	4%
FY2016	135	2%	141	2%	163	3%	184	3%	192	4%
FY2017	95	1%	110	2%	124	2%	131	2%	154	3%
FY2018	72	<1%	74	1%	76	1%	78	1%	81	2%
FY2019	67	<1%	67	<1%	82	1%	88	2%	86	2%
FY2020	55	<1%	58	<1%	56	1%	64	1%	65	1%
FY2021	48	<1%	50	<1%	61	<1%	63	1%	67	1%
FY2022	42	<1%	43	<1%	41	<1%	37	<1%	44	<1%
After FY2022	471	6%	485	7%	518	9%	540	10%	573	11%
Date Not Yet Reported	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

<sup>2</sup>These figures do not represent the entire SR Confined Population that was sentenced under the Parole system. Some of these confined offenders have already reached their eligibility date to be heard by the VPB; others will be eligible to be heard by the VPB at a future date.

## SR Parole Violators (FY2009-FY2013)

Most Serious Offense	FY2009		FY2010		FY2011		FY2012		FY2013	
	No.	%								
Capital Murder	2	<1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
First Degree Homicide	10	4%	6	5%	4	3%	4	3%	8	8%
Second Degree Homicide	2	<1%	3	2%	5	4%	2	2%	2	2%
Manslaughter	2	<1%	1	<1%	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%
Abduction	17	6%	14	11%	9	6%	10	9%	9	9%
Rape/Sexual Assault	49	17%	15	12%	21	15%	25	22%	20	19%
Robbery	57	20%	40	31%	35	25%	30	26%	26	25%
Assault	35	12%	17	13%	22	16%	14	12%	14	13%
Weapons	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Arson	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	<1%
Burglary/B&E	42	15%	12	9%	19	14%	15	13%	12	11%
Larceny/Fraud	37	13%	11	8%	15	11%	6	5%	10	10%
Conspiracy	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%
Sex Offense	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
DUI	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Habitual Offender	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other Property	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Drug Sales	22	8%	5	4%	5	4%	6	5%	2	2%
Drug Possession	6	2%	3	2%	3	2%	3	3%	0	0%
Not Reported	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>281</b>		<b>130</b>		<b>140</b>		<b>116</b>		<b>105</b>	
<b>Violent by §17.1-805</b>										
Yes	206	73%	116	89%	113	81%	98	84%	80	76%
No	75	27%	14	11%	27	19%	18	16%	25	24%
<b>Age Group</b>										
Under 25	2	<1%	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
25 - 34	38	14%	16	12%	6	4%	2	2%	1	<1%
35 - 44	123	44%	59	45%	73	52%	52	45%	38	36%
45 - 54	88	31%	42	32%	44	31%	46	40%	47	45%
55 - 64	24	9%	10	8%	15	11%	16	14%	19	18%
65+	6	2%	2	2%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%
Average Age	43.4		43.4		44.5		46.0		47.6	
<b>Violation Type</b>										
New Crime	184	65%	112	86%	120	86%	92	79%	80	76%
Technical	97	35%	18	14%	20	14%	24	21%	25	24%
<b>Time Imposed (months)</b>										
Mean	94.8		96.9		110.3		103.8		106.3	
Median	61.4		76.4		72.9		80.2		79.5	

**Virginia Parole Board Grant Rates by Crime Type (FY2009 - FY2013)**

	FY2009		FY2010		FY2011		FY2012		FY2013	
Total Hearings	4,597		4,263		3,813		3,443		3,624	
Overall Grant Rate	9%		7%		5%		4%		3%	
DOC Crime Type	# Granted	Grant Rate								
Violent	191	5%	160	4%	111	3%	77	2%	46	1%
Property/Public Order	153	31%	123	30%	51	16%	41	17%	45	17%
Drugs	59	30%	35	28%	33	29%	23	27%	18	20%
Not Reported	3	20%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

**SR Offenders with Parole Eligible Sentences Released from Incarceration by Release Type (FY2009-FY2013)**

Release Type	FY2009			FY2010			FY2011			FY2012			FY2013		
	#	% of PE <sup>5</sup>	% of SR <sup>6</sup>	#	% of PE <sup>5</sup>	% of SR <sup>6</sup>	#	% of PE <sup>5</sup>	% of SR <sup>6</sup>	#	% of PE <sup>5</sup>	% of SR <sup>6</sup>	#	% of PE <sup>5</sup>	% of SR <sup>6</sup>
Mandatory Parole	891	54%	7%	693	44%	5%	532	35%	4%	425	44%	4%	392	43%	3%
Discretionary Parole	358	22%	3%	377	24%	3%	521	35%	4%	245	25%	2%	233	26%	2%
Release to Supervision <sup>3</sup>	N/A			N/A			N/A			215	22%	2%	211	23%	2%
Direct Discharge <sup>3</sup>	338	21%	3%	435	28%	3%	406	27%	3%	55	6%	<1%	35	4%	<1%
Death	39	2%	<1%	30	2%	<1%	37	2%	<1%	21	2%	<1%	31	3%	<1%
Other Release Type <sup>4</sup>	11	<1%	<1%	24	2%	<1%	6	<1%	<1%	8	<1%	<1%	4	<1%	<1%
Total PE Offenders Released	1,637 13%			1,559 12%			1,502 12%			969 8%			906 8%		
Total SR Releases	12,995			13,113			12,380			11,585			11,661		

<sup>3</sup>With the maturation of data in VirginiaCORIS, the number of offenders released to supervision (Probation and/or Post-Release Supervision) can now be identified; offenders remaining in the Direct Discharge category are artifacts of the legacy data system

<sup>4</sup>Includes Release by Court Order, Pardon/Commutation and Other release types

<sup>5</sup>Percent of PE Releases

<sup>6</sup>Percent of Total SR Releases

<b>Geriatric Release Eligibility of SR Confined Offenders who are already Parole Eligible:</b>	June 30, 2009		June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013	
	No.	%								
Before FY2009	332	<1%	317	<1%	264	<1%	246	<1%	223	<1%
FY2009	51	<1%	51	<1%	47	<1%	50	<1%	40	<1%
FY2010	63	<1%	63	<1%	54	<1%	52	<1%	48	<1%
FY2011	65	<1%	68	<1%	64	<1%	63	<1%	60	<1%
FY2012	73	<1%	73	<1%	76	<1%	72	<1%	61	<1%
FY2013	80	<1%	79	<1%	67	<1%	72	<1%	68	<1%
FY2014	81	<1%	82	<1%	79	<1%	73	<1%	74	<1%
FY2015	100	<1%	102	<1%	91	<1%	90	<1%	87	<1%
FY2016	92	<1%	100	<1%	88	<1%	94	<1%	91	<1%
FY2017	88	<1%	91	<1%	81	<1%	80	<1%	83	<1%
FY2018	91	<1%	94	<1%	83	<1%	87	<1%	71	<1%
After FY2018	1,537	4%	1,490	4%	1,386	4%	1,264	3%	1,288	4%
Scheduled to be Released Prior to Geriatric Eligibility	1,749	5%	1,626	4%	1,349	4%	1,132	3%	1,001	3%
Not Eligible for Geriatric Release	115	<1%	120	<1%	107	<1%	106	<1%	117	<1%

<b>Geriatric Release Eligibility Dates of SR Confined Offenders who will be Parole Eligible in the future:</b>	June 30, 2009		June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013	
	No.	%								
Before FY2009	40	<1%	39	<1%	26	<1%	26	<1%	16	<1%
FY2009	14	<1%	13	<1%	10	<1%	7	<1%	8	<1%
FY2010	18	<1%	19	<1%	14	<1%	15	<1%	11	<1%
FY2011	17	<1%	15	<1%	15	<1%	16	<1%	11	<1%
FY2012	28	<1%	25	<1%	18	<1%	24	<1%	19	<1%
FY2013	16	<1%	18	<1%	19	<1%	16	<1%	12	<1%
FY2014	21	<1%	21	<1%	15	<1%	19	<1%	16	<1%
FY2015	17	<1%	17	<1%	23	<1%	20	<1%	19	<1%
FY2016	31	<1%	23	<1%	28	<1%	30	<1%	27	<1%
FY2017	38	<1%	35	<1%	27	<1%	23	<1%	24	<1%
FY2018	38	<1%	41	<1%	34	<1%	37	<1%	29	<1%
After FY2018	888	2%	839	2%	728	2%	675	2%	667	2%
Scheduled to be Released Prior to Geriatric Eligibility	1,624	4%	1,339	4%	1,148	3%	987	3%	800	2%
Not Eligible for Geriatric Release	105	<1%	104	<1%	96	<1%	94	<1%	82	<1%

<b>Geriatric Release Eligibility of SR Confined Offenders who are NOT Parole Eligible:</b>	June 30, 2009		June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013	
	No.	%								
Before FY2009	98	<1%	88	<1%	78	<1%	61	<1%	58	<1%
FY2009	41	<1%	30	<1%	27	<1%	20	<1%	20	<1%
FY2010	48	<1%	46	<1%	36	<1%	34	<1%	29	<1%
FY2011	61	<1%	59	<1%	54	<1%	44	<1%	43	<1%
FY2012	88	<1%	87	<1%	78	<1%	71	<1%	60	<1%
FY2013	82	<1%	84	<1%	76	<1%	71	<1%	64	<1%
FY2014	107	<1%	116	<1%	119	<1%	112	<1%	110	<1%
FY2015	66	<1%	69	<1%	104	<1%	101	<1%	100	<1%
FY2016	105	<1%	111	<1%	140	<1%	139	<1%	132	<1%
FY2017	85	<1%	83	<1%	104	<1%	148	<1%	134	<1%
FY2018	93	<1%	99	<1%	99	<1%	103	<1%	127	<1%
After FY2018	2,521	7%	2,399	6%	4,058	11%	3,922	11%	4,100	11%
Scheduled to be Released Prior to Geriatric Eligibility	27,211	71%	27,496	73%	26,100	70%	26,364	71%	26,341	72%
Not Eligible for Geriatric Release	248	<1%	227	<1%	257	<1%	260	<1%	263	<1%

% is Percent of Total State Responsible Confined Population