

Virginia Department of Corrections

State Responsible Confined Offender Profile FY2010-FY2014

Parole Eligibility, Geriatric Release Eligibility and
Parole Violators



Statistical Analysis & Forecast Unit

July 2015

www.vadoc.virginia.gov

Virginia Department of Corrections
State Responsible Confined Offender Profile (FY2010 – FY2014)
Parole Eligibility, Geriatric Release Eligibility & Parole Violators

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 (12% at the end of FY2014). 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 130 in FY2010 to 89 in FY2014). 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 FY2010 – FY2014.

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

Age – for the SR Confined Population, an offender’s age on June 30th 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 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*

For additional information, contact the VADOC Statistical Analysis & Forecast Unit at 804-887-8248 or tama.celi@vadoc.virginia.gov.

State Responsible Population Trends (FY2010 - FY2014)

Offender Type	June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013		June 30, 2014	
	No.	% of Total SR	No.	% of Total SR	No.	% of Total SR	No.	% of Total SR	No.	% of Total SR
Not Parole Eligible	30,971	82%	31,330	84%	31,450	85%	31,582	86%	33,003	88%
Parole Eligible on/before end of Fiscal Year	4,309	11%	3,836	10%	3,481	9%	3,312	9%	3,089	8%
Parole Eligible after end of Fiscal Year	2,496	7%	2,201	6%	1,989	5%	1,753	5%	1,567	4%
Total SR Confined Population	37,776		37,367		36,920		36,647		37,659	

SR Confined Offenders Past Their Discretionary Parole Eligibility Date¹:

Current Most Serious Offense	June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013		June 30, 2014	
	No.	% of PE	No.	% of PE	No.	% of PE	No.	% of PE	No.	% of PE
Capital Murder	120	3%	107	3%	106	3%	117	4%	120	4%
First Degree Homicide	1,164	27%	1,113	29%	1,089	31%	1,056	32%	999	32%
Second Degree Homicide	70	2%	61	2%	54	2%	52	2%	45	1%
Manslaughter	17	<1%	19	<1%	20	<1%	12	<1%	14	<1%
Abduction	692	16%	604	16%	573	16%	532	16%	497	16%
Rape/Sexual Assault	764	18%	708	18%	650	19%	616	19%	581	19%
Robbery	685	16%	591	15%	522	15%	454	14%	420	14%
Assault	294	7%	248	6%	200	6%	194	6%	169	5%
Weapons	8	<1%	6	<1%	4	<1%	3	<1%	2	<1%
Arson	12	<1%	10	<1%	10	<1%	12	<1%	7	<1%
Burglary/B&E	191	4%	157	4%	117	3%	123	4%	116	4%
Larceny/Fraud	130	3%	101	3%	69	2%	61	2%	48	2%
Conspiracy	3	<1%	4	<1%	3	<1%	3	<1%	4	<1%
Sex Offense	5	<1%	8	<1%	3	<1%	3	<1%	2	<1%
DUI	2	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
Habitual Offender	0	0%	2	<1%	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
Other Property	5	<1%	3	<1%	1	<1%	2	<1%	1	<1%
Drug Sales	88	2%	62	2%	31	<1%	46	1%	44	1%
Drug Possession	52	1%	29	<1%	24	<1%	22	<1%	20	<1%
Not Reported	7	<1%	3	<1%	3	<1%	4	<1%	0	<1%
Total	4,309		3,836		3,481		3,312		3,089	
Violent by §17.1-805										
Yes	3,943	92%	3,582	93%	3,308	95%	3,147	95%	2,938	95%
No	366	8%	254	7%	173	5%	165	5%	151	5%
Age Group										
Under 25	94	2%	93	2%	80	2%	71	2%	77	2%
25 - 34	187	4%	104	3%	45	1%	32	<1%	19	<1%
35 - 44	1,466	34%	1,224	32%	1,025	29%	854	26%	681	22%
45 - 54	1,631	38%	1,470	38%	1,370	39%	1,343	41%	1,274	41%
55 - 64	727	17%	740	19%	742	21%	764	23%	776	25%
65+	204	5%	205	5%	219	6%	248	7%	262	8%
Average Age	47.0		48.0		49.1		50.1		50.8	

¹These 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 Sentences²:

Current Most Serious Offense	June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013		June 30, 2014	
	No.	% of PE	No.	% of PE	No.	% of PE	No.	% of PE	No.	% of PE
Capital Murder	224	3%	203	3%	200	4%	199	4%	195	4.2%
First Degree Homicide	1,302	19%	1,241	21%	1,205	22%	1,172	23%	1,108	23.8%
Second Degree Homicide	108	2%	105	2%	96	2%	92	2%	84	1.8%
Manslaughter	52	<1%	50	<1%	49	<1%	38	<1%	35	0.8%
Abduction	925	14%	800	13%	758	14%	711	14%	671	14.4%
Rape/Sexual Assault	1,051	15%	980	16%	905	17%	852	17%	803	17.2%
Robbery	1,217	18%	1,101	18%	991	18%	900	18%	818	17.6%
Assault	636	9%	537	9%	457	8%	404	8%	354	7.6%
Weapons	25	<1%	14	<1%	11	<1%	8	<1%	4	0.1%
Arson	23	<1%	19	<1%	20	<1%	20	<1%	12	0.3%
Burglary/B&E	480	7%	419	7%	352	6%	312	6%	274	5.9%
Larceny/Fraud	387	6%	290	5%	221	4%	171	3%	135	2.9%
Conspiracy	5	<1%	5	<1%	4	<1%	5	<1%	5	0.1%
Sex Offense	14	<1%	18	<1%	9	<1%	11	<1%	10	0.2%
DUI	18	<1%	12	<1%	6	<1%	2	<1%	1	0.0%
Habitual Offender	8	<1%	5	<1%	3	<1%	1	<1%	2	0.0%
Other Property	15	<1%	9	<1%	6	<1%	4	<1%	4	0.1%
Drug Sales	182	3%	140	2%	102	2%	104	2%	95	2.0%
Drug Possession	126	2%	86	1%	70	1%	53	1%	45	1.0%
Not Reported	7	<1%	3	<1%	5	<1%	6	<1%	1	0.0%
Total	6,805		6,037		5,470		5,065		4,656	
Violent by §17.1-805										
Yes	6,020	88%	5,474	91%	5,030	92%	4,703	93%	4,349	93.4%
No	785	12%	563	9%	440	8%	362	7%	307	6.6%
Age Group										
Under 25	202	3%	157	3%	115	2%	87	2%	81	1.7%
25 - 34	735	11%	513	8%	361	7%	274	5%	200	4.3%
35 - 44	2,439	36%	2,097	35%	1,783	33%	1,512	30%	1,238	26.6%
45 - 54	2,289	34%	2,108	35%	2,021	37%	1,940	38%	1,847	39.7%
55 - 64	895	13%	921	15%	926	17%	965	19%	982	21.1%
65+	245	4%	241	4%	264	5%	287	6%	308	6.6%
Average Age	44.9		45.8		47.0		48.1		49.0	
Discretionary Parole Eligibility Date										
Before FY2013	5,163	76%	4,225	70%	3,481	64%	3,059	60%	2,701	58%
FY2013	251	4%	298	5%	354	6%	253	5%	167	4%
FY2014	194	3%	215	4%	254	5%	265	5%	221	5%
FY2015	169	2%	178	3%	196	4%	226	4%	263	6%
FY2016	141	2%	163	3%	184	3%	192	4%	205	4%
FY2017	110	2%	124	2%	131	2%	154	3%	160	3%
FY2018	74	1%	76	1%	78	1%	81	2%	97	2%
FY2019	67	<1%	82	1%	88	2%	86	2%	83	2%
FY2020	58	<1%	56	1%	64	1%	65	1%	77	2%
FY2021	50	<1%	61	<1%	63	1%	67	1%	69	1%
FY2022	43	<1%	41	<1%	37	<1%	44	<1%	45	<1%
After FY2022	485	7%	518	9%	540	10%	573	11%	568	12%
Date Not Yet Reported	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

²These 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 (FY2010-FY2014)

Most Serious Offense	FY2010		FY2011		FY2012		FY2013		FY2014	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Capital Murder	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
First Degree Homicide	6	5%	4	3%	4	3%	8	8%	4	4%
Second Degree Homicide	3	2%	5	4%	2	2%	2	2%	1	1%
Manslaughter	1	<1%	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%	1	1%
Abduction	14	11%	9	6%	10	9%	9	9%	9	10%
Rape/Sexual Assault	15	12%	21	15%	25	22%	20	19%	24	27%
Robbery	40	31%	35	25%	30	26%	26	25%	20	22%
Assault	17	13%	22	16%	14	12%	14	13%	8	9%
Weapons	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Arson	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%
Burglary/B&E	12	9%	19	14%	15	13%	12	11%	10	11%
Larceny/Fraud	11	8%	15	11%	6	5%	10	10%	4	4%
Conspiracy	0	0%	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
Sex Offense	1	<1%	1	<1%	0	0%	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	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Drug Sales	5	4%	5	4%	6	5%	2	2%	6	7%
Drug Possession	3	2%	3	2%	3	3%	0	0%	2	2%
Not Reported	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	130		140		116		105		89	
Violent by §17.1-805										
Yes	116	89%	113	81%	98	84%	80	76%	60	67%
No	14	11%	27	19%	18	16%	25	24%	29	33%
Age Group										
Under 25	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
25 - 34	16	12%	6	4%	2	2%	1	<1%	0	0%
35 - 44	59	45%	73	52%	52	45%	38	36%	27	30%
45 - 54	42	32%	44	31%	46	40%	47	45%	44	49%
55 - 64	10	8%	15	11%	16	14%	19	18%	16	18%
65+	2	2%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%
Average Age	43.4		44.5		46.0		47.6		48.8	
Violation Type										
New Crime	112	86%	120	86%	92	79%	80	76%	60	67%
Technical	18	14%	20	14%	24	21%	25	24%	29	33%
Time Imposed (months)										
Mean	96.9		110.3		103.8		106.3		129.3	
Median	76.4		72.9		80.2		79.5		86.9	

Virginia Parole Board Grant Rates by Crime Type (FY2010 - FY2014)³

	FY2010		FY2011		FY2012		FY2013		FY2014	
Total Hearings	4,263		3,813		3,443		3,624		3,358	
Overall Grant Rate	7%		5%		4%		3%		3%	
DOC Crime Type	# Granted	Grant Rate	# Granted	Grant Rate	# Granted	Grant Rate	# Granted	Grant Rate	# Granted	Grant Rate
Violent	160	4%	111	3%	77	2%	46	1%	58	2%
Property/Public Order	123	30%	51	16%	41	17%	45	17%	21	9%
Drugs	35	28%	33	29%	23	27%	18	20%	15	17%
Not Reported	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

³ Grant rates represent the percentage of Parole Board hearings that result in the decision to release an offender to discretionary parole (Total Granted / Total Hearings).

SR Offenders with Parole Eligible Sentences Released from Incarceration by Release Type (FY2010-FY2014)

Release Type	FY2010			FY2011			FY2012			FY2013			FY2014		
	#	% of PE ⁶	% of SR ⁷	#	% of PE ⁶	% of SR ⁷	#	% of PE ⁶	% of SR ⁷	#	% of PE ⁶	% of SR ⁷	#	% of PE ⁶	% of SR ⁷
Mandatory Parole	693	44%	5%	532	35%	4%	425	44%	4%	392	43%	3%	257	42%	2%
Discretionary Parole	377	24%	3%	521	35%	4%	245	25%	2%	233	26%	2%	111	18%	1%
Release to Supervision ⁴	N/A			N/A			215	22%	2%	211	23%	2%	183	30%	2%
Direct Discharge ⁴	435	28%	3%	406	27%	3%	55	6%	<1%	35	4%	<1%	27	4%	<1%
Death	30	2%	<1%	37	2%	<1%	21	2%	<1%	31	3%	<1%	33	5%	<1%
Other Release Type ⁵	24	2%	<1%	6	<1%	<1%	8	<1%	<1%	4	<1%	<1%	1	<1%	<1%
Total PE Offenders Released	1,559		12%	1,502		12%	969		8%	906		8%	612		5%
Total SR Releases	13,113			12,380			11,585			11,661			12,109		

⁴ 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.

⁵ Includes Release by Court Order, Pardon/Commutation and Other release types

⁶ Percent of PE Releases

⁷ Percent of Total SR Releases

Geriatric Release Eligibility of SR Confined Offenders who are already Parole Eligible:	June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013		June 30, 2014	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Before FY2009	317	<1%	264	<1%	246	<1%	223	<1%	198	<1%
FY2009	51	<1%	47	<1%	50	<1%	40	<1%	38	<1%
FY2010	63	<1%	54	<1%	52	<1%	48	<1%	41	<1%
FY2011	68	<1%	64	<1%	63	<1%	60	<1%	52	<1%
FY2012	73	<1%	76	<1%	72	<1%	61	<1%	56	<1%
FY2013	79	<1%	67	<1%	72	<1%	68	<1%	61	<1%
FY2014	82	<1%	79	<1%	73	<1%	74	<1%	73	<1%
FY2015	102	<1%	91	<1%	90	<1%	87	<1%	93	<1%
FY2016	100	<1%	88	<1%	94	<1%	91	<1%	89	<1%
FY2017	91	<1%	81	<1%	80	<1%	83	<1%	81	<1%
FY2018	94	<1%	83	<1%	87	<1%	71	<1%	72	<1%
After FY2018	1,490	4%	1,386	4%	1,264	3%	1,288	4%	983	3%
Scheduled to be Released Prior to Geriatric Eligibility	1,626	4%	1,349	4%	1,132	3%	1,001	3%	1,132	3%
Not Eligible for Geriatric Release	120	<1%	107	<1%	106	<1%	117	<1%	120	<1%

Geriatric Release Eligibility Dates of SR Confined Offenders who will be Parole Eligible in the future:	June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013		June 30, 2014	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Before FY2009	39	<1%	26	<1%	26	<1%	16	<1%	14	<1%
FY2009	13	<1%	10	<1%	7	<1%	8	<1%	8	<1%
FY2010	19	<1%	14	<1%	15	<1%	11	<1%	11	<1%
FY2011	15	<1%	15	<1%	16	<1%	11	<1%	9	<1%
FY2012	25	<1%	18	<1%	24	<1%	19	<1%	18	<1%
FY2013	18	<1%	19	<1%	16	<1%	12	<1%	10	<1%
FY2014	21	<1%	15	<1%	19	<1%	16	<1%	12	<1%
FY2015	17	<1%	23	<1%	20	<1%	19	<1%	14	<1%
FY2016	23	<1%	28	<1%	30	<1%	27	<1%	25	<1%
FY2017	35	<1%	27	<1%	23	<1%	24	<1%	21	<1%
FY2018	41	<1%	34	<1%	37	<1%	29	<1%	28	<1%
After FY2018	839	2%	728	2%	675	2%	667	2%	438	1%
Scheduled to be Released Prior to Geriatric Eligibility	1,339	4%	1,148	3%	987	3%	800	2%	884	2%
Not Eligible for Geriatric Release	104	<1%	96	<1%	94	<1%	82	<1%	75	<1%

Geriatric Release Eligibility of SR Confined Offenders who are NOT Parole Eligible:	June 30, 2010		June 30, 2011		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2013		June 30, 2014	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Before FY2009	88	<1%	78	<1%	61	<1%	58	<1%	48	<1%
FY2009	30	<1%	27	<1%	20	<1%	20	<1%	19	<1%
FY2010	46	<1%	36	<1%	34	<1%	29	<1%	23	<1%
FY2011	59	<1%	54	<1%	44	<1%	43	<1%	35	<1%
FY2012	87	<1%	78	<1%	71	<1%	60	<1%	54	<1%
FY2013	84	<1%	76	<1%	71	<1%	64	<1%	52	<1%
FY2014	116	<1%	119	<1%	112	<1%	110	<1%	99	<1%
FY2015	69	<1%	104	<1%	101	<1%	100	<1%	99	<1%
FY2016	111	<1%	140	<1%	139	<1%	132	<1%	131	<1%
FY2017	83	<1%	104	<1%	148	<1%	134	<1%	131	<1%
FY2018	99	<1%	99	<1%	103	<1%	127	<1%	120	<1%
After FY2018	2,399	6%	4,058	11%	3,922	11%	4,100	11%	5,187	14%
Scheduled to be Released Prior to Geriatric Eligibility	27,496	73%	26,100	70%	26,364	71%	26,341	72%	26,741	71%
Not Eligible for Geriatric Release	227	<1%	257	<1%	260	<1%	263	<1%	264	<1%

% is Percent of Total State Responsible Confined Population.