41.0% Reincarceration rates are highest among property offenders, and second highest among violent offenders. 39.4%

**Race:**
35.2% of White and 39.4% of Black inmates released were reincarcerated within 3 years.

**Reincarceration Admission Type**
- New Sentence Only: 5.8%
- Revocation New Sentence: 12.7%
- Revocation Only*: 81.5%

*Approximately 33% of offenders admitted for Revocation Only eventually receive a new sentence for the behavior that led to the revocation.

**Gender:**
38.3% of males were reincarcerated, compared to only 22.2% of females.

**Race:**
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**Age:**
Offenders ages 24 and younger are almost TWICE as likely to be reincarcerated (50.8%) within three years than those 50 and older (26.1%).

**Reincarceration vs. Recidivism:**
Reincarceration involves a return to prison (for revocation or new sentence); Recidivism involves a new conviction and sentence to either probation or prison.

Unless otherwise specified, reported reincarceration rates are for 2010 releases with a 3-year follow-up period.
Reincarceration rates are calculated as the number of offenders admitted to prison (following a release from prison) divided by the total number of offenders released from prison in a given year. An offender is considered to be reincarcerated if after release, he or she is admitted to prison for a revocation, a revocation with a new sentence, or a new sentence. Admissions for temporary holds and alternatives to revocation are not included in reincarceration rate calculations. Reincarceration should not be confused with recidivism, which involves an offender committing a new offense that results in a conviction and sentence to the WI DOC (for recidivism rates go to [http://doc.wi.gov/about/data-and-research/recidivism](http://doc.wi.gov/about/data-and-research/recidivism)).

Prior Episodes of Confinement:
Those released from their First episode of WI DOC confinement had a lower rate (30.6%) than those who previously had more than one episode of confinement (41.1%) (includes confinement for short-term stays such as temporary holds and alternatives to revocation).

Since 2005, overall reincarceration rates have decreased significantly, with the three-year rate dropping from 47.1% to 37.1%.

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