



Maine Department of Corrections

Return to Custody - SCCP

Terminology

The Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) works from the following definitions of key terms.

SCCP - Acronym for Supervised Community Confinement Program. The purpose of the SCCP is to provide a means of successful reentry of prisoners into the community. Prisoners transferred to the SCCP are still considered prisoners while in the program. The place of confinement is in the community, rather than in a correctional facility. Participation in this program is a privilege that may be afforded to prisoners who meet the established criteria.

Return to Custody - When an offender from a Maine Department of Corrections facility returns to a Maine Department of Corrections facility, with or without new criminal conviction.

Return to Custody Rate (RCR) - The rate at which an offender from a Maine Department of Corrections facility returns to a Maine Department of Corrections facility. This data is collected in three year increments, post release. *Calculation of RCR is made through review of Maine Department of Corrections data only. Data from local correctional systems is not available and is not part of these calculations, nor is data from federal correctional systems.*

Recidivism - The Department of Corrections does not use the term *recidivism* in reports as the term means different things to different stakeholders. Often data termed *recidivism data* is a combination of data from federal, state and local correctional institutions. This can be misleading when having a dialogue specific to Maine Department of Corrections. To reduce the potential for confusion, MDOC uses the term “return to custody” as it describes the rate at which a Maine Department of Corrections offender returns to a Maine Department of Corrections facility.

Controlling Sentence - Most severe (greatest sentence length) offense the offender was sentenced for upon their return to MDOC custody

SCCP Return Rate 2017–May 2019

During the time frame of January 2017 through the end of May 2019 the MDOC released 168 inmates to the SCCP. Out of the 168 releases to SCCP only 14% (24 inmates) returned to an MDOC facility for violating conditions of their SCCP. This equates to a 86% completion rate.

- 2017 RCR - 12%
- 2018 RCR - 18%
- 2019 RCR - 12%

SCCP Return Rate - Gender

Female Releases

64 females were released to SCCP during this time frame. Out of the 64 females released to SCCP 17% (11) returned to a MDOC facility for violating conditions of their SCCP.

Male Releases

104 Males were released to SCCP during this time frame. Out of the 104 male releases to SCCP 12.5% (13) returned to a MDOC facility for violating conditions of their SCCP.

SCCP Return Reasons

Female Releases

Out of the 11 females returns from SCCP 55% of them were for Substance Abuse Relapse of either drugs or alcohol.

Male Releases

Out of the 13 male returns from SCCP 31% were because of a Substance Abuse Relapse for either drugs or alcohol.

Out of the 13 male returns from SCCP 23% were because the offender was arrested for a new charge while on SCCP.

Available Reports

The Maine Department of Corrections has reports related to return to custody available on the MDOC website.

<http://maine.gov/corrections/reports-statistical-data.htm>