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Thank you for your email of 22 December 2024 to the Department of Corrections – Ara Poutama Aotearoa, requesting a follow-up to the recidivism index published in the 2015/2016 Annual Report. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested:

*I wasn't able to find the recidivism index 24-month follow-up in the annual report 2015/2016. There seems to be only a 12-month follow-up.*

*In all the other annual reports I was able to find it, but it seems to be missing in that one. I am interested in knowing the percentage of people released from prison in 2013/2014 who were re-imprisoned in 2015/2016. I would like to know the percentage for three categories: all, Māori and Pākehā.*

In the 2019/2020 financial year, Corrections made improvements to the way the Recidivism Index was calculated. As such, the figures from this time onwards are only directly comparable to each other. We have therefore recalculated the 12-month recidivism rates for the 2015/2016 financial year, as well as providing the 24-month recidivism rates for that financial year below:

**12-month Recidivism Rates 2015-2016 (2014-2015 Releases/Starts)**

Group	Prison Release Reimprisoned	Prison Release Resentenced	Community Start Imprisoned	Community Start Resentenced
All	27.7%	42.0%	7.4%	24.7%
Māori	30.4%	46.1%	10.3%	30.7%
European	24.5%	37.2%	6.3%	23.3%
Pasifika	24.0%	36.7%	6.2%	23.1%
Other (incl. Asian)	23.3%	31.1%	5.0%	19.2%

**24-month Recidivism Rates 2015-2016 (2013-2014 Releases/Starts)**

Group	Prison Release Reimprisoned	Prison Release Resentenced	Community Start Imprisoned	Community Start Resentenced
All	38.9%	58.2%	11.5%	37.4%
Māori	44.3%	64.4%	15.3%	44.4%
European	33.0%	51.4%	9.9%	36.1%
Pacific	32.1%	49.9%	10.1%	36.1%
Other (incl. Asian)	20.0%	37.1%	8.4%	31.0%

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I trust the information provided is of assistance. I encourage you to raise any concerns about this response with Corrections. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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