

Female State Responsible Offender Population Trends

FY2011 - FY2015



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SUMMARY OF TRENDS IN FEMALE OFFENDERS

There were 296 more female new court commitments in FY2015 than there were in FY2011. Although the total number of female new court commitments (NCC) considered “violent” under §17.1-805 of the *Code of Virginia* has risen each of the past four years, the average sentence length for these female offenders during this time is at its shortest.

The female SR Confined population is growing. There were almost 500 more female offenders confined at the end of FY2015 as there were at the end of FY2011, an increase of nearly 18%. The female SR Confined population is also older, on average. While offenders aged 50 and older represented 10% of the female SR confined population in FY2011, they make up nearly 16% of this group in FY2015. There were over 200 more SR Confined female offenders with a Most Serious Offense (MSO) of Drug Sales in FY2015 than there were in FY2011.

The female SR Release population is growing as well. There were 236 more female offenders released from an SR term of incarceration in FY2015 than there were in FY2011, representing an increase of 17%. The number of female SR Releases with a violent or drug DOC crime type has increased substantially since FY2011, especially those with an MSO of Assault or Drug Sales.

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Female State Responsible New Court Commitments (FY2011 - FY2015)

	FY2011		FY2012		FY2013		FY2014		FY2015	
Race/Ethnicity	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
White	841	62%	866	64%	973	65%	1,138	66%	1,137	67%
Black	497	36%	462	34%	510	34%	566	33%	546	32%
Hispanic	14	1%	7	<1%	17	1%	13	<1%	10	<1%
Other	14	1%	16	1%	8	<1%	6	<1%	6	<1%
Total Female SR NCC	1,366		1,351		1,508		1,723		1,699	
Age at Commitment										
Under 18	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%
18 - 24	207	15%	185	14%	216	14%	218	13%	223	13%
25 - 29	244	18%	253	19%	305	20%	314	18%	354	21%
30 - 34	224	16%	290	21%	289	19%	330	19%	321	19%
35 - 39	186	14%	181	13%	202	13%	267	15%	264	16%
40 - 44	204	15%	186	14%	190	13%	231	13%	203	12%
45 - 49	186	14%	139	10%	160	11%	161	9%	160	9%
50 - 54	75	5%	84	6%	89	6%	128	7%	99	6%
55 - 59	23	2%	22	2%	37	2%	53	3%	49	3%
60 - 64	12	<1%	7	<1%	17	1%	15	<1%	18	1%
65 & Over	4	<1%	4	<1%	2	<1%	6	<1%	7	<1%
Average Age	35.7		35.1		35.2		36.0		35.3	
Violent by §17.1-805¹										
Violent	318	23%	339	25%	386	26%	387	22%	415	24%
Not Violent	1,048	77%	1,012	75%	1,122	74%	1,336	78%	1,284	76%
DOC Crime Type²										
Violent	236	17%	268	20%	285	19%	288	17%	283	17%
Property/Public Order	801	59%	718	53%	848	56%	962	56%	949	56%
Drug Sales/Possession	329	24%	365	27%	375	25%	473	27%	467	27%

¹ Indicates if an inmate has a current or historical conviction in her VADOC sentence history that is considered Violent according to §17.1-805 of the *Code of Virginia*.

² Crime Type of an inmate's current committing most serious offense; used for classification purposes.

Female State Responsible New Court Commitments (FY2011 - FY2015)

Most Serious Offense	FY2011		FY2012		FY2013		FY2014		FY2015	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
Capital Murder	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
First Degree Murder	6	<1%	21	2%	6	<1%	13	<1%	9	<1%
Second Degree Murder	8	<1%	7	<1%	3	<1%	8	<1%	7	<1%
Manslaughter	11	<1%	15	1%	22	1%	17	<1%	12	<1%
Abduction	6	<1%	11	<1%	7	<1%	7	<1%	6	<1%
Rape/Sexual Assault	3	<1%	10	<1%	8	<1%	6	<1%	14	<1%
Robbery	53	4%	60	4%	69	5%	59	3%	57	3%
Assault	142	10%	140	10%	165	11%	169	10%	173	10%
Weapons	6	<1%	4	<1%	4	<1%	10	<1%	5	<1%
Arson	4	<1%	8	<1%	7	<1%	12	<1%	7	<1%
Burglary/B&E	65	5%	60	4%	82	5%	85	5%	75	4%
Larceny/Fraud	650	48%	588	44%	703	47%	799	46%	800	47%
Conspiracy	0	0%	0	0%	1	<1%	3	<1%	2	<1%
Sex Offenses	5	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%	4	<1%	3	<1%
DUI	37	3%	34	3%	24	2%	34	2%	34	2%
Habitual Offender	13	<1%	6	<1%	11	<1%	4	<1%	22	1%
Other Property/Public Order	27	2%	22	2%	19	1%	20	1%	6	<1%
Drug Sales	166	12%	215	16%	204	14%	280	16%	274	16%
Drug Possession	163	12%	150	11%	171	11%	193	11%	193	11%
Total SR Female NCC	1,366		1,351		1,508		1,723		1,699	
Sentence Type										
Regular Sentence	1,363	100%	1,351	100%	1,507	100%	1,722	100%	1,698	100%
Indeterminate Sentence	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Single Life Sentence	3	<1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	<1%
Multiple Life Sentences	0	0%	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%	0	0%
Death Sentence	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Three Time Loser	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sentencing Structure										
Truth-In-Sentencing	1,361	100%	1,344	99%	1,501	100%	1,717	100%	1,697	100%
Parole Eligible ³	5	<1%	7	<1%	7	<1%	6	<1%	2	<1%
Sentence Length (months)⁴										
Truth-In-Sentencing										
Mean	33.8		37.5		35.7		33.6		33.2	
Median	24.0		24.0		24.0		24.0		24.0	
Parole Eligible ³										
Mean	71.2		42.0		37.8		52.3		78.0	
Median	50.9		39.0		32.5		45.0		78.0	
All Female SR NCC										
Mean	34.0		37.6		35.7		33.6		33.2	
Median	24.0		24.0		24.0		24.0		24.0	

³ Includes inmates who have both Truth-In-Sentencing (TIS) and Parole Eligible (PE) sentences as well as inmates who have just PE sentences; inmates with both TIS and PE sentences must satisfy the TIS portion before satisfying the PE portion.

⁴ Excludes inmates serving Single Life, Multiple Life, and Death Sentences since it is not known how long these inmates will be incarcerated.

Female State Responsible Confined Population (FY2011 - FY2015)⁵

Race/Ethnicity	FY2011		FY2012		FY2013		FY2014		FY2015	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
White	1,471	56%	1,510	58%	1,588	59%	1,819	61%	1,938	62%
Black	1,135	43%	1,075	41%	1,071	40%	1,137	38%	1,149	37%
Hispanic	21	<1%	14	<1%	22	<1%	20	<1%	22	<1%
Other	23	<1%	25	<1%	21	<1%	21	<1%	14	<1%
Total Female SR Confined	2,650		2,624		2,702		2,997		3,123	
Age on June 30										
Under 18	1	<1%	2	<1%	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
18 - 24	346	13%	415	16%	239	9%	263	9%	258	8%
25 - 29	409	15%	445	17%	468	17%	524	17%	545	17%
30 - 34	443	17%	428	16%	486	18%	539	18%	570	18%
35 - 39	422	16%	388	15%	370	14%	455	15%	480	15%
40 - 44	401	15%	368	14%	394	15%	391	13%	418	13%
45 - 49	363	14%	344	13%	357	13%	366	12%	357	11%
50 - 54	160	6%	146	6%	225	8%	265	9%	271	9%
55 - 59	63	2%	54	2%	104	4%	124	4%	140	4%
60 - 64	25	<1%	22	<1%	42	2%	50	2%	55	2%
65 & Over	17	<1%	12	<1%	16	<1%	20	<1%	29	<1%
Average Age	37.6		37.6		37.7		37.7		37.9	
Violent by §17.1-805⁶										
Violent	1,144	43%	1,119	43%	1,132	42%	1,189	40%	1,224	39%
Not Violent	1,506	57%	1,505	57%	1,570	58%	1,808	60%	1,899	61%
DOC Crime Type⁷										
Violent	925	35%	954	36%	940	35%	1,041	35%	1,039	33%
Property/Public Order	1,276	48%	1,200	46%	1,255	46%	1,383	46%	1,445	46%
Drug Sales/Possession	449	17%	470	18%	507	19%	573	19%	639	20%

⁵ SR offenders incarcerated on June 30th of the year indicated as extracted from VirginiaCORIS; includes SR offenders in DOC facilities and SR offenders housed in local/regional jails; excludes Out of State Contract offenders.

⁶ Indicates if an inmate has a current or historical conviction in her VADOC sentence history that is considered Violent according to §17.1-805 of the *Code of Virginia*.

⁷ Crime Type of an inmate's current committing most serious offense; used for classification purposes.

Female State Responsible Confined Population (FY2011 - FY2015)

Most Serious Offense	FY2011 % of		FY2012 % of		FY2013 % of		FY2014 % of		FY2015 % of	
	#	Total	#	Total	#	Total	#	Total	#	Total
Capital Murder	19	<1%	18	<1%	18	<1%	18	<1%	17	<1%
First Degree Murder	142	5%	153	6%	160	6%	170	6%	170	5%
Second Degree Murder	90	3%	91	3%	87	3%	84	3%	81	3%
Manslaughter	33	1%	42	2%	53	2%	61	2%	61	2%
Abduction	45	2%	40	2%	43	2%	38	1%	37	1%
Rape/Sexual Assault	36	1%	39	1%	40	1%	37	1%	45	1%
Robbery	253	10%	256	10%	245	9%	267	9%	261	8%
Assault	284	11%	302	12%	286	11%	351	12%	357	11%
Weapons	23	<1%	13	<1%	8	<1%	15	<1%	10	<1%
Arson	14	<1%	19	<1%	14	<1%	18	<1%	13	<1%
Burglary/B&E	139	5%	149	6%	153	6%	171	6%	166	5%
Larceny/Fraud	1,041	39%	957	36%	1,027	38%	1,134	38%	1,199	38%
Conspiracy	4	<1%	3	<1%	4	<1%	4	<1%	7	<1%
Sex Offenses	4	<1%	4	<1%	3	<1%	4	<1%	4	<1%
DUI	34	1%	39	1%	31	1%	27	<1%	33	1%
Habitual Offender	10	<1%	8	<1%	5	<1%	6	<1%	20	<1%
Other Property/Public Order	30	1%	21	<1%	18	<1%	19	<1%	3	<1%
Drug Sales	232	9%	281	11%	304	11%	398	13%	440	14%
Drug Possession	217	8%	189	7%	203	8%	175	6%	199	6%
Total SR Female Confined	2,650		2,624		2,702		2,997		3,123	
Sentence Type										
Regular Sentence	2,584	98%	2,559	98%	2,636	98%	2,933	98%	3,058	98%
Indeterminate Sentence	1	<1%	1	<1%	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%
Single Life Sentence	50	2%	50	2%	50	2%	49	2%	49	2%
Multiple Life Sentences	12	<1%	12	<1%	13	<1%	13	<1%	14	<1%
Death Sentence	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Three Time Loser	3	<1%	2	<1%	2	<1%	2	<1%	2	<1%
Sentencing Structure										
Truth-In-Sentencing	2,508	95%	2,505	95%	2,595	96%	2,899	97%	3,040	97%
Parole Eligible ⁸	142	5%	119	5%	107	4%	98	3%	83	3%
Sentence Length (months)⁹										
Truth-In-Sentencing										
Mean	83.6		86.2		87.4		83.7		85.4	
Median	48.0		48.0		48.0		48.0		48.0	
Parole Eligible ⁷										
Mean	291.5		315.7		331.3		332.6		344.6	
Median	180.5		205.0		228.0		222.0		240.0	
All Female SR NCC										
Mean	95.1		96.9		97.4		92.3		93.2	
Median	48.2		48.0		48.0		48.0		48.0	

⁸ Includes inmates who have both Truth-In-Sentencing (TIS) and Parole Eligible (PE) sentences as well as inmates who have just PE sentences; inmates with both TIS and PE sentences must satisfy the TIS portion before satisfying the PE portion.

⁹ Excludes inmates serving Single Life, Multiple Life, and Death Sentences since it is not known how long these inmates will be incarcerated.

Female State Responsible Releases (FY2011 - FY2015)¹⁰

Race/Ethnicity	FY2011		FY2012		FY2013		FY2014		FY2015	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
White	792	57%	804	61%	852	62%	918	63%	1,039	64%
Black	576	42%	490	37%	495	36%	520	36%	563	35%
Hispanic	7	<1%	13	<1%	8	<1%	16	1%	8	<1%
Other	8	<1%	12	<1%	12	<1%	8	<1%	9	<1%
Total Female SR Releases	1,383		1,319		1,367		1,462		1,619	
Age at Release										
Under 18	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
18 - 24	125	9%	110	8%	111	8%	116	8%	133	8%
25 - 29	252	18%	226	17%	240	18%	251	17%	308	19%
30 - 34	255	18%	227	17%	294	22%	282	19%	296	18%
35 - 39	198	14%	210	16%	211	15%	209	14%	257	16%
40 - 44	233	17%	202	15%	184	13%	208	14%	209	13%
45 - 49	187	14%	192	15%	156	11%	194	13%	193	12%
50 - 54	84	6%	88	7%	116	8%	129	9%	139	9%
55 - 59	37	3%	45	3%	34	2%	47	3%	58	4%
60 - 64	9	<1%	11	<1%	12	<1%	16	1%	22	1%
65 & Over	3	<1%	8	<1%	9	<1%	10	<1%	4	<1%
Average Age	36.8		37.6		37.7		38.1		37.7	
Violent by §17.1-805¹¹										
Violent	355	26%	308	23%	354	26%	346	24%	373	23%
Not Violent	1,028	74%	1,011	77%	1,013	74%	1,116	76%	1,246	77%
DOC Crime Type¹²										
Violent	252	18%	219	17%	274	20%	228	16%	294	18%
Property/Public Order	778	56%	783	59%	768	56%	841	58%	901	56%
Drug Sales/Possession	353	26%	317	24%	325	24%	393	27%	424	26%
Release Type										
Direct Discharge ¹³	1,307	95%	149	11%	123	9%	123	8%	159	10%
Release to Supervision ¹³	n/a	n/a	1,116	85%	1,210	89%	1,308	89%	1,444	89%
Mandatory Parole	18	1%	20	2%	13	<1%	19	1%	7	<1%
Discretionary Parole	49	4%	18	1%	14	1%	5	<1%	4	<1%
Death ¹⁴	5	<1%	8	<1%	2	<1%	4	<1%	2	<1%
Other ¹⁵	4	<1%	8	<1%	5	<1%	3	<1%	3	<1%

¹⁰ Offenders released from a term of SR incarceration during the the year indicated as extracted from VirginiaCORIS; includes SR offender in DOC facilities and SR offenders housed in local/regional jails; excludes Out of State Contract offenders.

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¹² Crime Type of an inmate's current committing most serious offense; used for classification purposes.

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¹⁴ Offender died while in DOC Custody.

¹⁵ Includes release by Court Order, Pardon/Commutation, Death while in local jail custody and other release types.

Female State Responsible Releases (FY2011 - FY2015)

Most Serious Offense	FY2011		FY2012		FY2013		FY2014		FY2015	
	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total	#	% of Total
Capital Murder	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%	2	<1%
First Degree Murder	1	<1%	5	<1%	4	<1%	3	<1%	7	<1%
Second Degree Murder	3	<1%	5	<1%	8	<1%	9	<1%	7	<1%
Manslaughter	15	1%	6	<1%	10	<1%	12	<1%	12	<1%
Abduction	11	<1%	11	<1%	8	<1%	12	<1%	7	<1%
Rape/Sexual Assault	15	1%	8	<1%	9	<1%	7	<1%	7	<1%
Robbery	62	4%	48	4%	75	5%	48	3%	63	4%
Assault	131	9%	123	9%	152	11%	134	9%	177	11%
Weapons	13	<1%	13	<1%	7	<1%	3	<1%	12	<1%
Arson	4	<1%	3	<1%	11	<1%	7	<1%	11	<1%
Burglary/B&E	67	5%	57	4%	67	5%	81	6%	85	5%
Larceny/Fraud	628	45%	656	50%	620	45%	689	47%	741	46%
Conspiracy	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	<1%	3	<1%
Sex Offenses	1	<1%	2	<1%	2	<1%	3	<1%	2	<1%
DUI	21	2%	24	2%	33	2%	36	2%	26	2%
Habitual Offender	15	1%	8	<1%	14	1%	5	<1%	6	<1%
Other Property/Public Order	42	3%	33	3%	21	2%	18	1%	27	2%
Drug Sales	160	12%	150	11%	174	13%	191	13%	245	15%
Drug Possession	193	14%	167	13%	151	11%	202	14%	179	11%
Total Female SR Releases	1,383		1,319		1,367		1,462		1,619	
Sentence Type										
Regular Sentence	1,382	100%	1,317	100%	1,367	100%	1,461	100%	1,618	100%
Indeterminate Sentence	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Single Life Sentence	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%	1	<1%	1	<1%
Multiple Life Sentences	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Death Sentence	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Three Time Loser	0	0%	1	<1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sentence Length (months)										
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Direct Discharge ¹⁶	32.8	24.0	30.6	24.0	33.6	24.0	33.2	24.0	29.0	24.0
Release to Supervision ¹⁶	n/a	n/a	32.0	24.0	32.1	24.0	32.3	24.0	32.4	24.0
Mandatory Parole	78.0	51.2	134.5	76.5	89.2	49.0	89.2	51.0	123.1	48.0
Discretionary Parole	69.3	36.0	49.4	46.0	146.9	86.6	237.3	194.0	194.3	22.7
Death ¹⁷	207.8	102.0	143.9	92.5	330.0	330.0	137.3	136.6	254.0	254.0
Other ¹⁸	57.7	44.5	24.8	17.6	17.6	16.0	30.8	30.0	24.3	21.0
All Release Types	24.3	16.9	34.3	24.0	34.4	24.0	34.1	24.0	33.1	24.0

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¹⁷ Offender died while in DOC Custody.

¹⁸ Includes release by Court Order, Pardon/Commutation, Death while in local jail custody and other release types.

Female State Responsible Releases (FY2011 - FY2015)

SR Time Served (Months)¹⁹	FY2011		FY2012		FY2013		FY2014		FY2015	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Direct Discharge ²⁰	23.3	16.5	22.1	16.9	27.1	17.4	26.1	16.4	20.9	15.0
Release to Supervision ²⁰	n/a	n/a	22.2	15.0	22.5	15.8	22.1	14.5	21.8	14.0
Mandatory Parole	48.1	29.7	79.6	48.0	55.4	36.0	53.7	38.0	70.5	28.9
Discretionary Parole	40.5	23.4	32.6	33.7	73.5	53.8	136.4	136.8	164.3	134.7
Death ²¹	64.3	50.8	69.2	38.3	163.4	163.4	123.5	61.5	81.9	81.9
Other ²²	22.9	23.3	16.4	12.7	23.1	3.4	18.7	21.8	16.0	17.3
All Release Types	24.3	16.9	23.4	15.5	24.0	16.1	23.5	14.8	22.3	14.3
Total Time Served (Months)²³	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Direct Discharge ²⁰	28.3	20.5	26.2	20.4	30.8	20.3	30.1	20.7	24.9	20.0
Release to Supervision ²⁰	n/a	n/a	27.2	20.2	27.4	20.4	27.2	20.0	26.8	19.0
Mandatory Parole	54.3	37.7	85.6	54.6	62.5	44.7	58.8	47.0	75.4	31.4
Discretionary Parole	45.9	31.0	39.7	39.9	82.6	67.4	144.5	145.9	169.2	140.4
Death ²¹	71.2	51.4	75.3	44.1	165.0	165.0	134.4	65.4	84.6	84.6
Other ²²	27.0	29.4	18.8	12.7	25.3	3.7	21.4	25.5	18.6	17.5
All Release Types	29.4	20.6	28.4	20.3	28.8	20.4	28.3	20.2	27.2	19.4
Percent of Sentence Served²⁴	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
Direct Discharge ²⁰	86%	85%	85%	85%	84%	84%	85%	85%	84%	84%
Release to Supervision ²⁰	n/a	n/a	85%	85%	83%	84%	83%	84%	82%	84%
Mandatory Parole	67%	67%	66%	70%	71%	73%	70%	77%	62%	63%
Discretionary Parole	78%	84%	81%	86%	74%	84%	67%	73%	48%	37%
Death ²¹	61%	61%	52%	41%	42%	42%	51%	55%	40%	40%
Other ²²	64%	82%	66%	52%	47%	22%	59%	85%	68%	83%
All Release Types	85%	85%	84%	84%	83%	84%	83%	84%	82%	84%

¹⁹ SR Time Served = ((Release Date - New Commit Date) - Escape Days - Street Days).

²⁰ With the maturation of offender transfer history data in VirginiaCORIS, as of FY12 VADOC can identify offenders Released to Supervision; offenders

²¹ Offender died while in DOC Custody.

²² Includes release by Court Order, Pardon/Commutation, Death while in local jail custody and other release types.

²³ Total Time Served = ((Release Date - New Commit Date) + Pre SR Jail Days - Escape Days - Street Days).

²⁴ Percent of Sentence Served = (Total Time Served/Total Sentence).