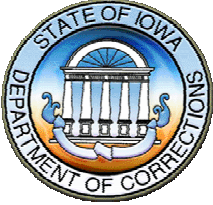
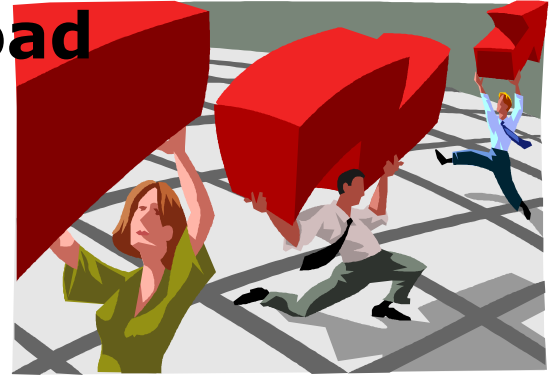


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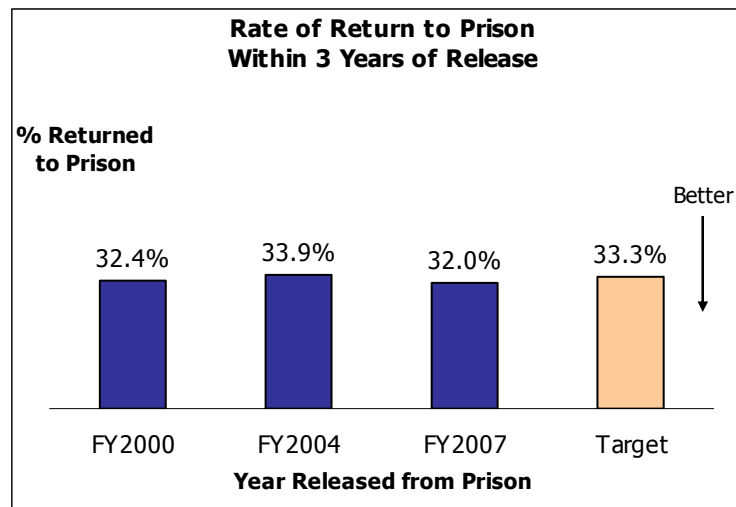


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Prison Return Rate Down

The Iowa Department of Corrections has set a goal to reduce the rate of return to prison – whether due to new convictions or technical violations – to 33.3%. Preliminary findings show that that goal has been achieved for FY 07 releasees, with recidivism rates the lowest among the three years studied.



Note – FY2007 data are preliminary

The return rate to prison decreased for both male and female offenders, though the biggest drop was for female offenders (25.4% in FY 07 vs. 32.5% in FY 04). In addition, the overall decrease was due entirely to a reduction in new convictions (19.2% in FY 07 vs. 22.8% in FY 04). The return rate due to technical violations actually *increased* (12.8% in FY 07 vs. 11.1% in FY 04).

Between FY 04 and FY 07, recidivism rates for non-Hispanic Blacks declined more than for most other races/ethnicities, and this was due to a large drop in returns as a result of new convictions.

Again, these are preliminary findings. However, they are an indicator that what we are doing – our increasing focus on evidence-based practices and successful offender reentry strategies – is increasing public safety and changing lives.