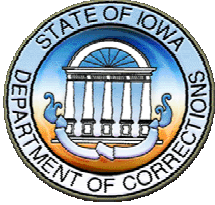


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### Prison Return Rate Down – Again

One of the key statistics that Iowa Corrections maintains to measure the success of our efforts is the three-year return-to-prison rate for offenders leaving prison and reentering the community. As the chart below shows, the rate for the three-year period from FY 2009 through FY 2012 is the lowest since this measure has been calculated.



While an in-depth study of the reasons behind this success has yet to be performed, we do know that the three-year return-to-prison rate for African-American offenders has decreased from 43% for FY 2004 departees to 34.6% for FY 2009 departees.

In recent years, African-American offender reentry, including culturally-sensitive programming and supervision at various community-based corrections agencies – notably the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts where a larger portion of their clients reside – plays a role in their improved outcomes.

It is welcome news like this that should spur our efforts to continue to improve successful outcomes for offenders under our supervision. It works.