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Prison Recidivism Rates by Race/Ethnicity

Iowa Prison Return Rates: By Race/Ethnicity									
	<i>Recidivism Reporting Year:</i>								
	FY2003	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Asian	18.2%	41.2%	48.0%	31.0%	19.4%	19.2%	28.6%	40.0%	15.6%
Native American	39.0%	31.4%	41.4%	44.9%	31.1%	33.3%	28.6%	30.9%	32.9%
Hispanic (Any Race)	21.4%	21.8%	25.2%	25.5%	20.7%	20.3%	14.2%	16.5%	18.6%
White Non-Hispanic	32.0%	32.4%	33.7%	34.0%	30.6%	30.3%	31.1%	31.4%	30.7%
Black Non-Hispanic	36.0%	43.0%	43.4%	42.0%	39.2%	37.6%	34.6%	31.2%	30.2%

Data source: Iowa Justice Data Warehouse

Please note that Asian and Native American release groups are small, with the former typically numbering fewer than 40 per year and the latter fewer than 80. Therefore, changes in recidivism rates for these groups from year to year are not considered meaningful; that is, the varying make-up of these small release groups with regard to offender age, crime type, risk level, etc., are influencing the fluctuating recidivism rates.

The lower recidivism rate for Hispanic offenders is largely influenced by a higher percentage of this group receiving paroles to detainers compared to other groups.