



Premier's Priorities - Data Information Sheet

Reducing recidivism in the prison population

Reduce adult reoffending following release from prison by 5% by 2023

Table 1: Target Definition

Measure	Baseline Value	Baseline Date	Target Value	Target Date	Final Report Availability	Source
Proportion of adult offenders released from custody who have a new proven personal, property or serious drug offence in the 12 months following release	26.8%	2017 cohort (release year)	25.5%	2022 cohort (release year)	Aug 2024	NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

Glossary

- **Adult offenders released from custody**
 - Persons released from a NSW prison after serving a custodial sentence.
 - **Excludes** Persons released from remand
- **New proven personal, property or serious drug offence**
 - A personal, property or serious drug offence committed within 12 months of custodial release and proven in court within 15 months of custodial release.
 - **Includes** Homicide and related offences, acts intended to cause injury, sexual assault and related offences, abduction and kidnapping, robbery, extortion and related offences, unlawful entry with intent, theft and related offences, fraud, deception and related offences, the import, export, dealing, trafficking, manufacture and/or cultivation of illicit drugs.
 - **Excludes** All other offences.
- **Reference cohort**
 - The cohort is the average of four 3 month cohorts (four quarters across 12 months). Each cohort is all custodial releases from NSW prisons within a 3 month period. Reporting of reoffending has a 15 month lead time. This allows 12 months post release where reoffending activity can be observed and a further 3 months for any crimes committed during this period to be brought before the courts and finalised.

Further Information

For further information, refer to:

- [Premier's Priorities Website](#)
- [NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research](#)

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