

Statement by Governor on Report Released by Delaware Criminal Justice Council

First report of its kind since 2000 examines recidivism rates for released offenders

“Recidivism in Delaware: An Analysis of Prisoners Released in 2008 and 2009”

(Wilmington, DE) Below is the Governor’s statement regarding the [report](#) and [news release issued today](#) by the Delaware Criminal Justice Council Statistical Analysis Center, entitled, [“*Recidivism in Delaware: An Analysis of Prisoners Released in 2008 and 2009.*”](#)

“This report, and the valuable data it provides, is an integral part of our Justice Reinvestment Initiative. Too many people released from our prisons go on to commit more crimes. We need to change that, and this report gives us benchmarks for measuring progress as we pursue new strategies to prevent crime and reduce recidivism. The data released today can help us measure the effectiveness of programs, both in and outside of prison, targeted to helping offenders become productive members of society while improving public safety,” said Governor Jack Markell.

Last year, [Governor Markell signed into law recommendations by the Justice Reinvestment Task Force](#), which he created in July 2011 through [Executive Order Number 27](#). The law mandated an annual report on recidivism rates.