

STAR Recidivism Data

How is recidivism defined?

- The Washington State Department of Corrections defines recidivism as, “any felony offense committed by an offender within 36-months of being at-risk in the community which results in a Washington State conviction.”
- STAR uses the State’s definition when calculating participant recidivism rates.

How is recidivism calculated?

- STAR has access to the Washington Access to Criminal History (WATCH) database. This access allows STAR Project staff to look up participants’ criminal history upon intake, and can be used to identify new Washington State felony convictions within three years of the intake date.
- WATCH reports are run as needed for intakes, and on a yearly basis for all participants within three years of intake.

Calendar Year	2013	2014 ¹	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 ²	2021 ²	2022 ²	Total All Years
Participants Served	33	122	126	102	80	125	137	131	111	83	1050
New Felony Convictions	4	22	33	18	15	16	17	17	4	1	147
Average Recidivism of STAR Participants	12.1%	18.0%	26.2%	17.6%	18.8%	12.8%	12.4%	12.9%	3.6%	1.2%	14.0%

Washington State average recidivism rate: 27.4%³

Note: STAR was formally organized as a nonprofit in 2004. From 2004-2013, records were kept on paper. At this time, these records are not included in calculating recidivism rates.

¹ In 2013, STAR received an award as a result of a settlement between incarcerated individuals and AT&T. This award allowed STAR to hire staff members and expand its services.

² All recidivism rates resulting from participants served between 2020-current time are subject to change over the three year calculation period.

³ Washington State recidivism rates published by the Department of Corrections are available at: <https://www.doc.wa.gov/docs/publications/reports/100-RE004.pdf>.