
Governor's Reentry Council

**Governor's Large Conference Room
State Capitol
January 8, 2010
10:00 AM – 12:00 noon**

Factors

- **Volume of offenders/costs**
 - 1 in 31 nationally; 1 in 40 South Dakota
 - 40% increase in prison population over last decade
 - 140% increase in parole population in last decade
 - State DOC budget more than doubled in last decade

 - **Recidivism has a significant impact on prison population**
 - Most inmates are not first felons – many have prior admissions
 - Recidivism Rates:
 - 29.9% - 12 months
 - 39.3% - 24 months
 - 44.8% - 36 month

 - **Numbers and negative impact can be reduced**
 - Research supports that recidivism can be reduced through specific practices
 - Focus on Reentry as a means to reduce recidivism

 - **Federal Second Chance Act grant opportunity**
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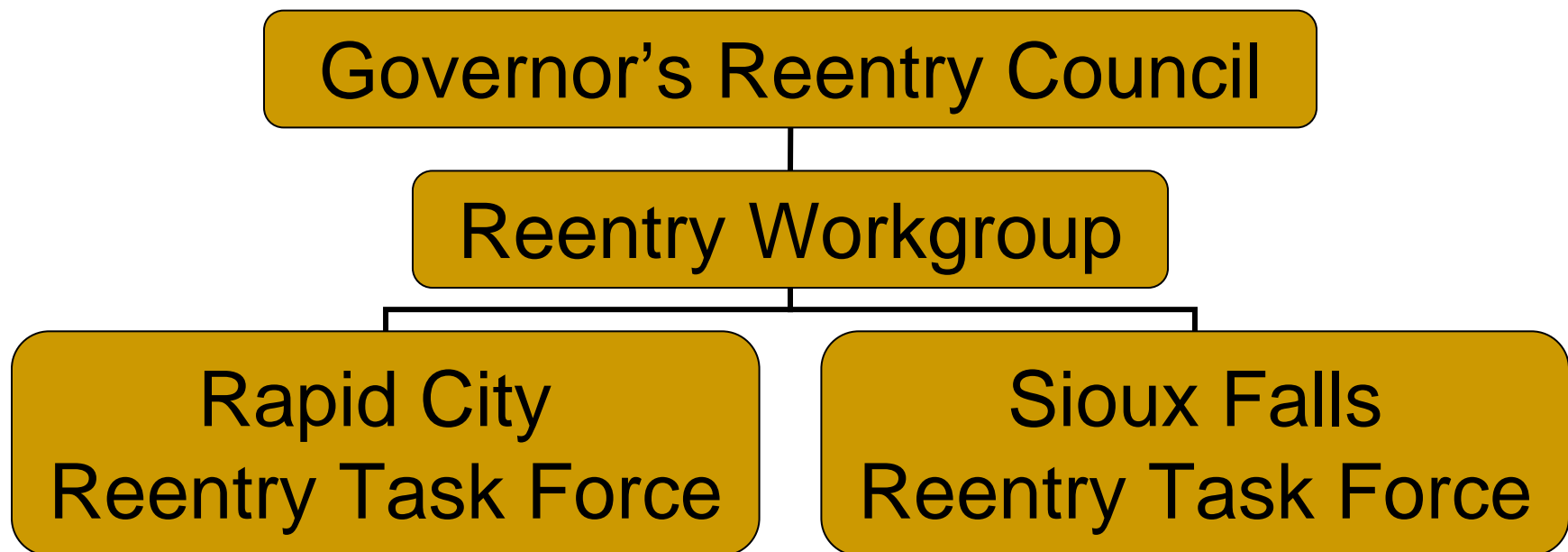
Key Precepts of Reentry Focus

- **Public Safety –** recidivism reduction serves public safety and sound reentry provisions reduce recidivism
- **Evidence Based Practices –** there are practices that are proven to reduce recidivism that can be applied to how we do reentry
- **Collaboration –** state department level, state and local level, government and private sector, institutional and community corrections

Second Chance Act Grant

- **\$749,749 federal funds; \$374,986 cash match; \$374,860 in-kind match per year**
 - **Renewable for an additional two years**
 - **75% of the grant is budgeted for contractual services**
 - **Staff supported by the grant include a Project Manager; two Local Site Coordinators and a Transition Case Manager**
 - **Program sites are Sioux Falls and Rapid City**
 - **Goal is to reduce recidivism by 50% over 5 years**
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Reentry Issues

- **Recidivism rates** are too high & collaboration is required to address
- Recidivism is higher for **minority** offenders
- Use of **alcohol** is significant in recidivism
- There are **not sufficient** community based CD service slots
- Stable **housing** is a critical need
- **Employment** at living wage is critical for success
- Additional **case management** services are needed
- Offenders have **basic needs** of identification, medical care, transportation, food, clothing and hygiene supplies
- There is a need for additional community based **mental health** services
- Transitioning offenders have needs in areas of **relationships**, family reintegration and developing positive social connections
- **Attitudes** in support of criminal behavior and negative toward conventional society are widely held by offenders at highest risk to recidivate
- Additional **alternatives to parole violation** should be considered

Goals of Adult Reentry Program/Second Chance Act

■ Collaborative Teams

- ❑ Team structure, membership & roles
- ❑ Team meetings
- ❑ Provide information on recidivism reduction and ARP
- ❑ Solicit information
- ❑ Implement system change to positively impact recidivism

■ Fidelity

- ❑ Evaluate institutional assessment and case planning
- ❑ Evaluate institutional programs
- ❑ Evaluate community assessment and case planning
- ❑ Evaluate community programs and services

■ Recidivism Reduction

- ❑ Revise based on evaluation outcomes
- ❑ Address known gaps
- ❑ Additional responses to technical violations
- ❑ Address statutory, legal and policy hurdles and barriers to reentry
- ❑ Integrate recidivism reduction as part of culture

Reentry

- **Isn't just community, isn't just once eligible for release – isn't a “program” it is a consistent process and focus throughout most correctional stays**
- **It is an inevitable consequence of incarceration.**
 - Reentry is not an option.
- **Mind-set starting at admission that successful return of offenders to the community is our job**

Collaborative Teams

- **Reentry Workgroup**
- **Rapid City Local Task Force**
- **Sioux Falls Local Task Force**
- **Management Team**

How are we going to meet the goal of 50% reduction in recidivism?

- **Offender Behavior Change**
- **Policy/Operations Change**
- **Identify/track outcomes**

Contractual Services Under SD's Adult Reentry Program

- **Institutional Based Services**
 - Cognitive Behavioral Groups
 - Employability Classes
 - GED
- **Community Based Services**
 - Housing
 - Mental Health
 - CD Services
 - Employability
 - Mentorship
 - Local Flexible Funds
- **Evaluation**

Operational/policy considerations

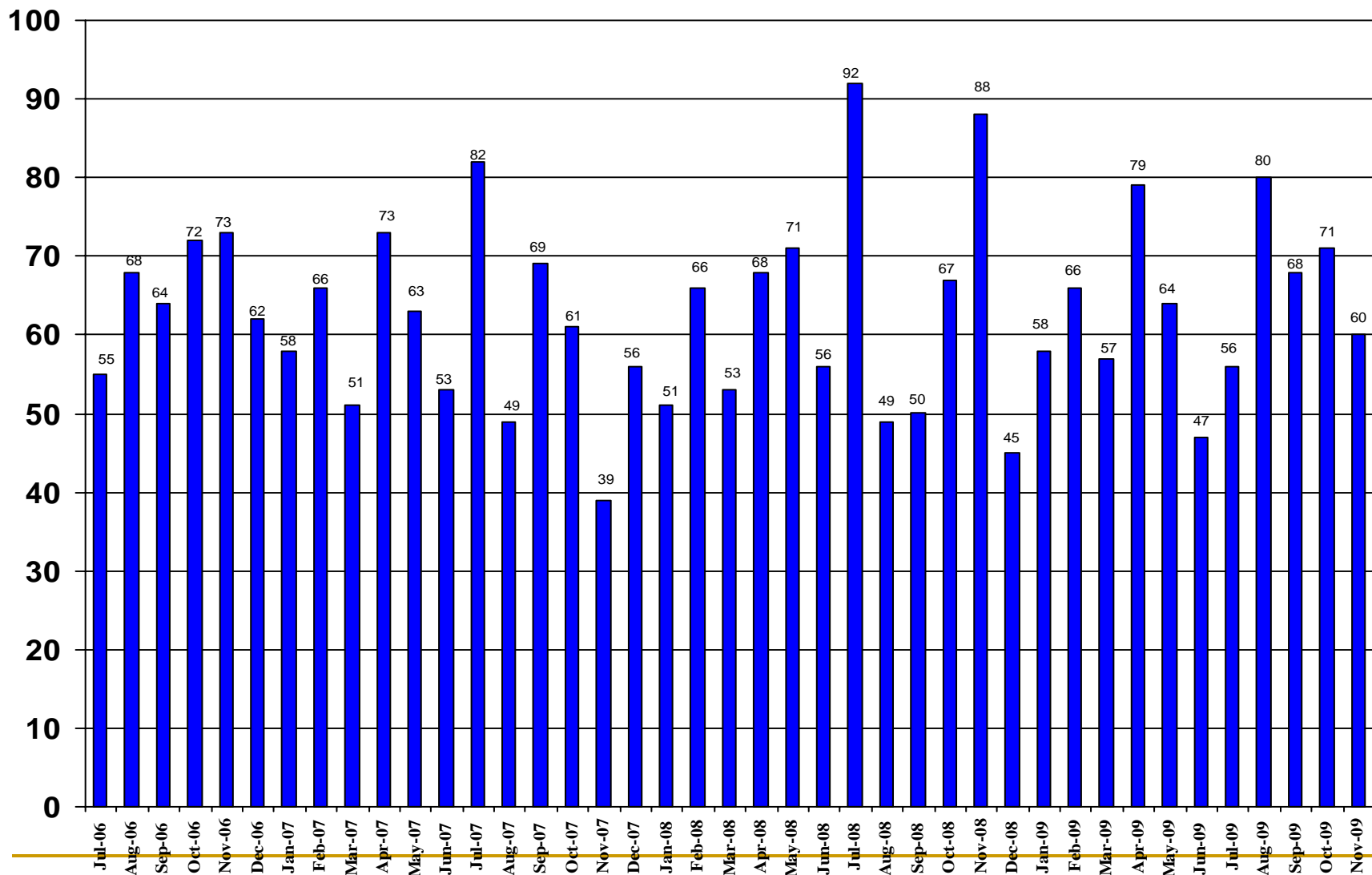
- **Policy Driven Response to Violations**
- **Detainment policies**
- **Case management provisions**
- **Positive Reinforcements**
- **CTP violation reviews**

50% Recidivism Reduction in 5 years

Data Look	Releases	12 Month Recidivism Rate
2009	2007	29.9% (baseline)
2010	2008	
2011	2009	26.9% (target)
2012	2010	23.9% (target)
2013	2011	20.9% (target)
2014	2012	17.9% (target)
2015	2013	14.95% (goal)
2016	2014	14.95%

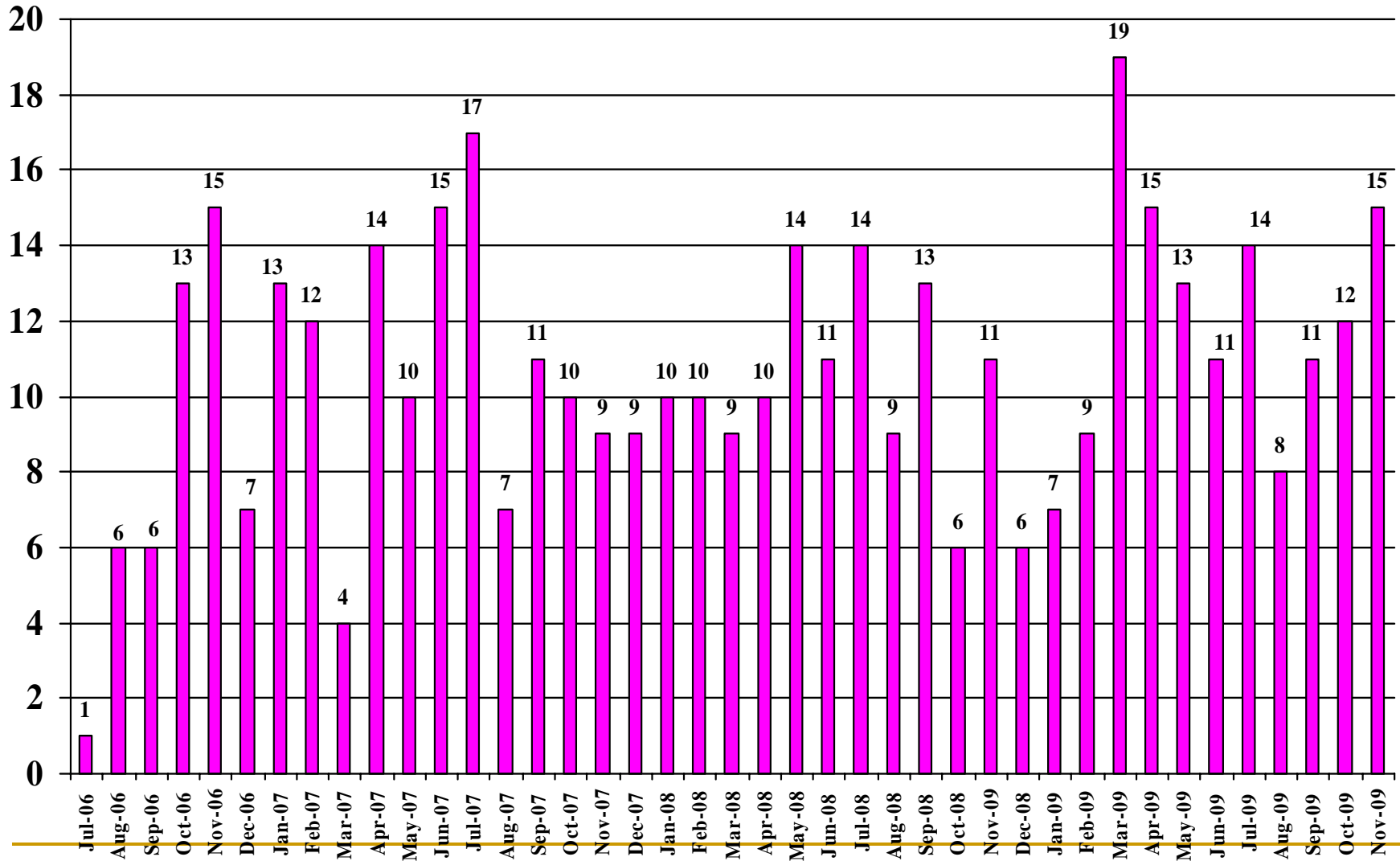
Male Parole Revocations by Month

July 2006 to November 2009



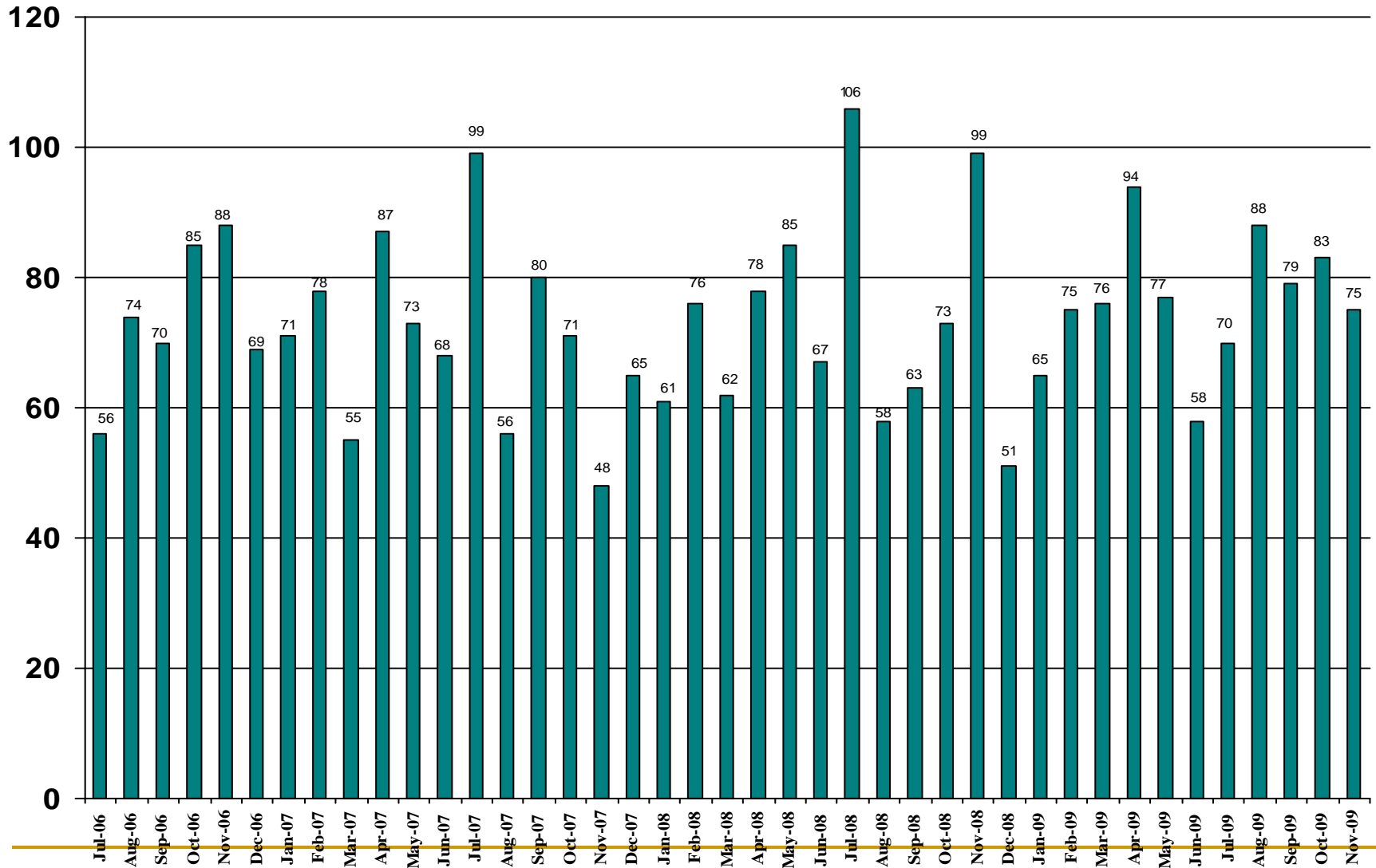
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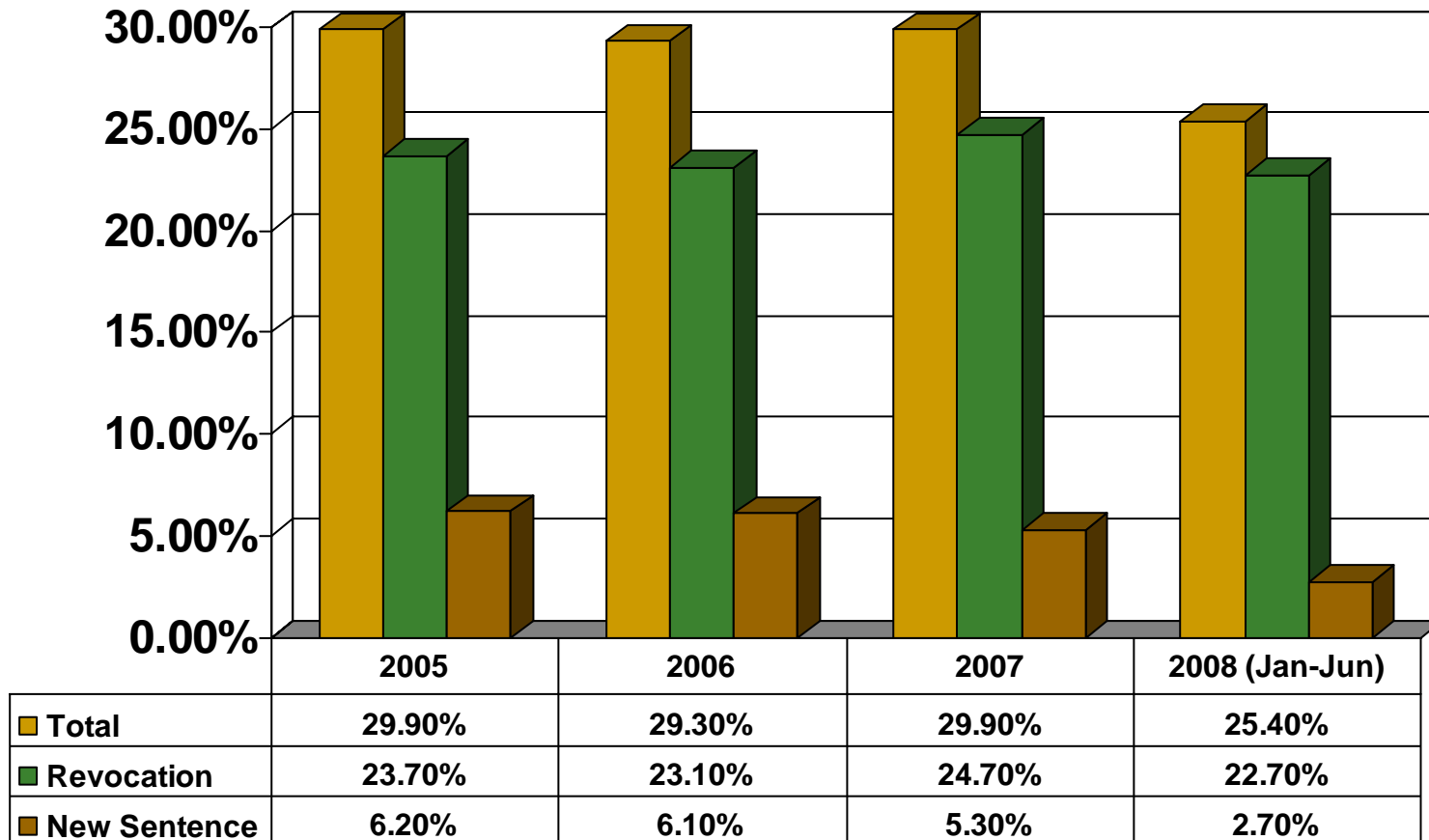


Total Parole Revocations by Month

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Recidivism – 12 Months Post Release



Status/Next Steps

- **Target Population**
 - **Program Model**
 - **Case Management**
 - **Offender information provision to Local Task Force**
 - **Target referrals**
 - **Informationals**
 - **Data systems**
 - **Report on hurdles and barriers**
 - **Implementation of workgroup suggestions**
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