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## Criminal Law

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS ON PROBATION AND PAROLE IN VIRGINIA   
Based on the recent statistics presented by the Virginia Parole Board, the following data has been tabulated below:   
Month/Year   
Granted Parole   
Not Granted   
Revoked   
Youthful Offender\*   
Parole Decisions

Percent   
Total Jul-Dec 2005   
174   
7%   
2149   
217

## Total 2006

164   
4%   
4186   
660

## Total 2007

218   
5%   
4402   
653   
420\*\*

## Total 2008

276   
6%   
4322   
523   
453\*\*\*

## Total 2009

380   
9%   
3972   
377   
426\*\*\*\*

2010

## Percent

Age 35 or less\*   
21   
7%   
287   
8   
44   
February   
37   
7%   
466   
13   
47   
March   
19   
13%   
131   
15   
23   
April   
16   
6%   
257   
22   
30   
May   
37   
6%   
563   
30   
51   
June   
31   
10%   
275   
34   
50   
July   
16   
8%   
177   
26   
31   
August   
40   
6%   
666   
25   
53   
September   
23   
11%   
193   
32   
49   
October   
12   
8%   
146   
27   
23   
November   
22   
5%   
462   
19   
37   
December   
19   
8%   
209   
35   
29

## Total 2010

293   
7%   
3832   
286   
467

2011

## Percent

Age 36 or less\*   
18   
6%   
262   
47   
47   
February   
7   
2%   
313   
17   
39   
March   
9   
2%   
404   
51   
45   
April   
14   
3%   
426   
18   
39   
May   
12   
4%   
317   
19   
34   
June   
2   
1%   
159   
37   
13   
July   
13   
3%   
374   
28   
51

75   
3%   
2255   
217   
268

## Black Prisoners as a Percentage of Parole Board Decisions in Virginia

Month/Year   
Granted   
Not Granted   
Revoked   
2010

## Percent

Percent   
Percent   
August   
0. 58   
0. 54   
0. 88   
September   
0. 57   
0. 63   
0. 66   
October   
0. 76   
0. 69   
0. 64   
November   
0. 68   
0. 69   
0. 63   
December   
0. 58   
0. 59   
0. 66   
2011

## Percent

Percent   
Percent   
0. 67   
0. 65   
0. 72   
February   
0. 75   
0. 65   
0. 38   
March   
0. 44   
0. 73   
0. 69   
April   
0. 5   
0. 69   
0. 83   
May   
0. 73   
0. 61   
0. 68   
June   
0. 5   
0. 6   
0. 62   
July   
0. 77   
0. 66   
0. 82

According to the report released by Virginia CURE dated September 26, 2011, it can be seen based on the statistics provided in Table 1 that the outstanding grant rate is one of the lowest rate recorded in their entire history of Virginia’s parole and probation. This can be seen from the data in January 2010 which was down to 7% or 21 out of 287 applications and slightly peaked up by 1% in December to the rate of 8% or 19 out of 209 applications. This is the data corresponding to offenders who are 35 years of age or lower. For the year 2010, the total number of granted paroles is 293, which was extremely lower compared to the total number of parole applications which were denied that year with a total number of 3832.   
For the succeeding year of 2011, the month of January revealed that the percentage was 6% or 18 prisoners who were granted parole out of the total of 262 applications for that month alone. The data was only until July of 2011 which shows 3% or 13 out of the 374 parole applications was granted. There were thirteen prisoners who were given the privilege of parole as of July of 2011. Hence, the total grant rate of Virginia Parole Board is equivalent to 3. 3% among the total number of 387 decisions promulgated by the board. This is the data corresponding to offenders who are 35 years of age or lower. This is one of the all-time lowest percentages in the entire history of Virginia Parole and Probations Department.

## The biggest number of parole decisions was granted to youth offenders and was consistent for the years 2005 to 2009, 174, 164, 218, 276 and 380.

For the black offenders, there were 28 parole revocations for 23 black offenders as of July of 2011. According to the data of Virginia CURE (2011), there were ten black prisoners were given approval for the parole applications, while 248 of the other black applicants were denied of parole. Based on the recent statistics, there are twenty percent (20%) black Americans who form part of Virginia parole and probation population, and they represent 68% of the parole board decision as of July 2011 (Virginia CURE, 2011). Although at present, studies have shown that the black Americans are no longer the minority race in America, it can been seen based on the current statistics that they have a lower tendency to be granted parole according to this particular data obtained from Virginia Parole Board.

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