

2025

GOVERNOR'S HOUSE PROGRAM

SOUTH DAKOTA
HOUSING



Governor's House Program **HISTORY**

- Started in 1996 as the Governor's Transitional Housing Program for the elderly by Governor Bill Janklow with 15 building sites on the South Dakota State Prison Farm just west of Sioux Falls
- The program moved to the Mike Durfee State Prison in 1997 and expanded to include all South Dakotans under certain income guidelines



- In 1997 SD Housing took over the program
- Began offering a 960 sq ft house, in addition to the original 768 sq ft house, in 2000
- In 2006, the 768 and 960 sq ft houses were no longer offered and the 1008 sq ft house was introduced
- A three-bedroom, 1200 sq ft, design was added in 2013
- In 2014, the house was redesigned to be eligible for Energy Star-certification
- Introduced the DakotaPlex Program in 2019

Governor's House Program **OBJECTIVES**

- Teach offenders valuable skills to use upon release
- Build affordable housing for income qualified individuals and families
- Use as an economic development tool
- Support the local economy through the sale of lots, foundation/concrete construction, sale of appliances, flooring and other items to complete a customer's home



Governor's House Program **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Receives no direct taxpayer funding
- Offenders work under the direct supervision of SD Housing employees
- SD Housing pays Department of Correction for all offender hours worked each month and the cost of that labor is part of the sales price
- Warehouse and office area were built out and equipped by SD Housing



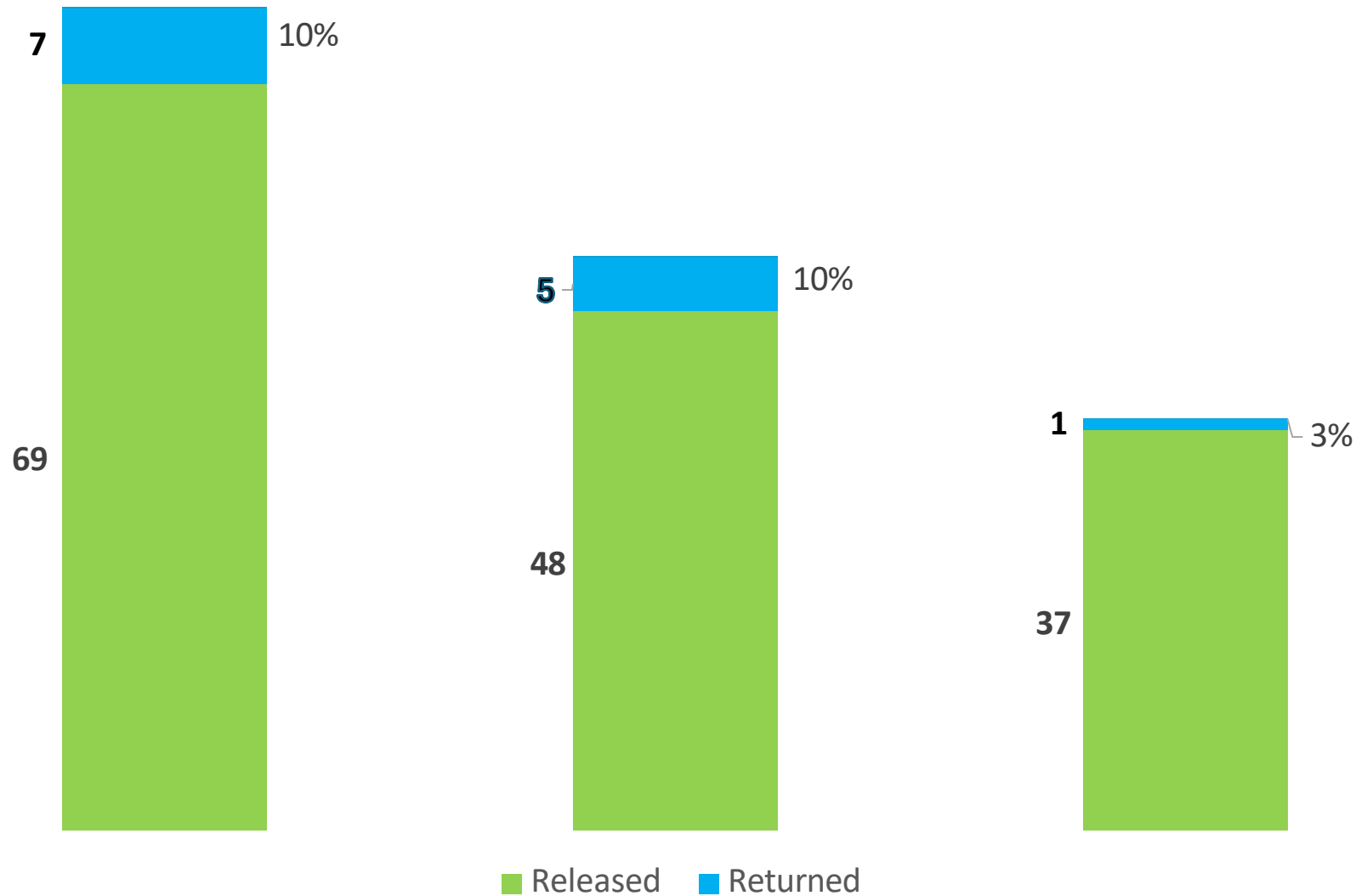
- All Tools & Equipment were purchased and paid for by SD Housing
- All offenders apply to work with the program and only those offenders deemed eligible by DOC can be hired
- Tuition, Curriculum, text-books, classroom needs for the Inmate Training Program are provided by SD Housing



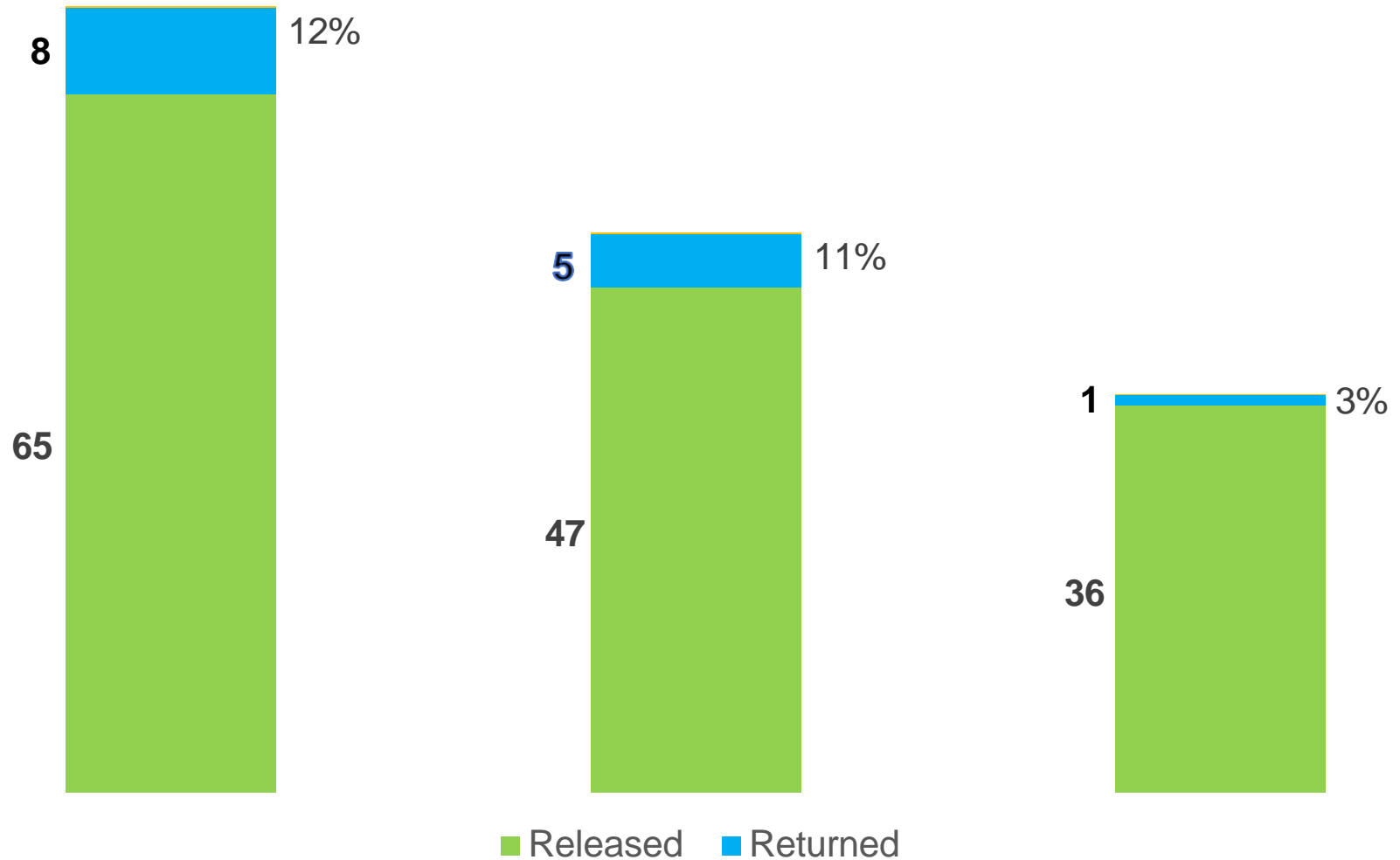
The three-year return to prison rate for all offenders in DOC for the 2021 release cohort was **50%**.

The three-year return rate for Governor's House Program workers was **30%**.

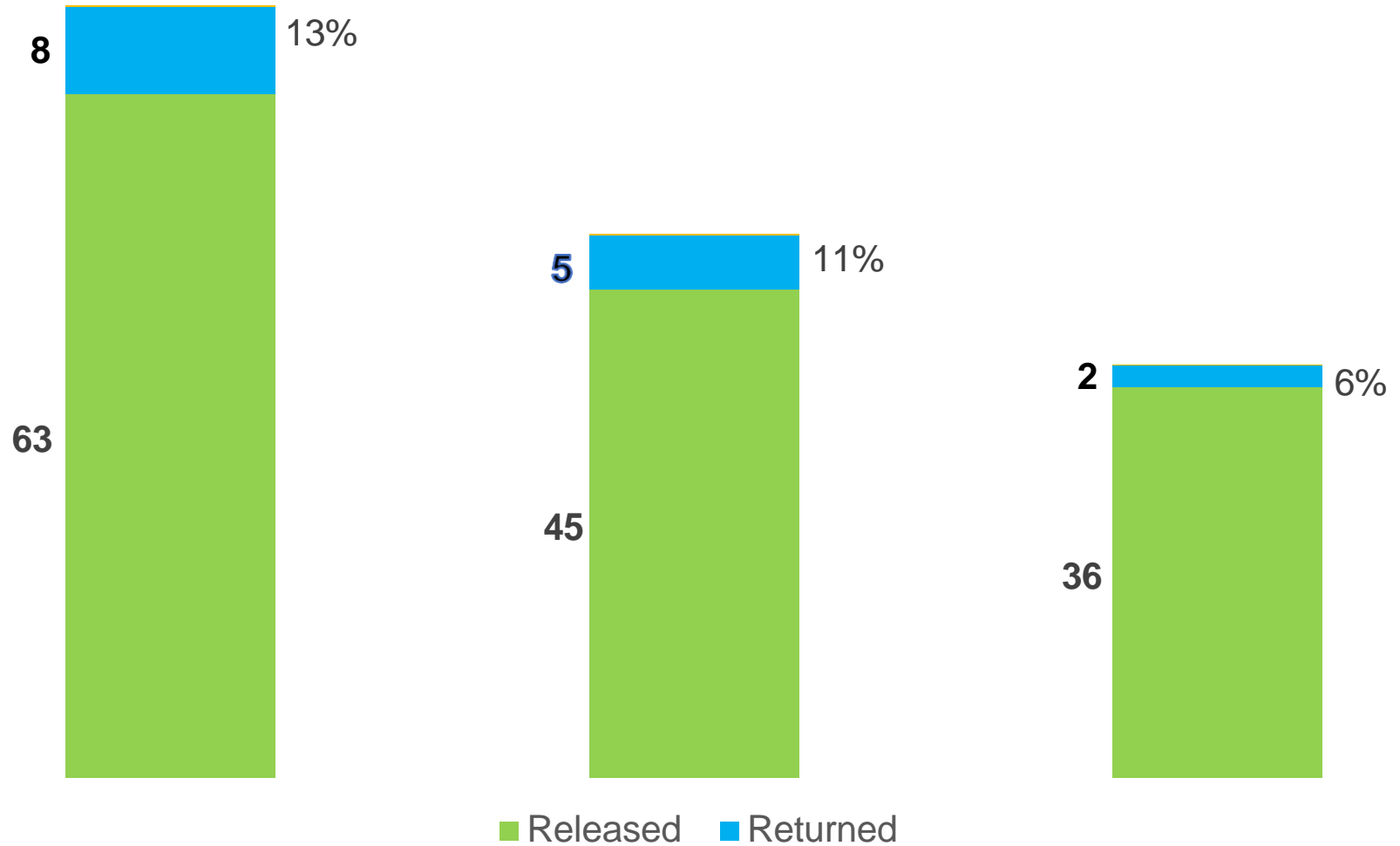
12 month Return Rate Inmate Workers 2021



12 month Return Rate Inmate Workers 2022



12 month Return Rate Inmate Workers 2023



Governor's House Program **Inmate Training Program**

Electrical Training Program

- SD Housing uses the IEC Dakotas 4-year apprenticeship program taught by a licensed electrical contractor who is an SDH Employee
 - 5 – 1st year students
 - 3 – 2nd year students
 - 2 – 3rd year students
 - 2 – 4th year students
 - 1 IEC graduate who works on the program

SD Housing has trained approximately 180+ electrical apprentices since the beginning of the program



Carpentry Apprenticeship Program

- Since 2020, SD Housing has used the Home Builders Institute curriculum developed by the National Association of Home Builders
- Since 2020, 33 Students have completed the course
 - 21 tested as entry level carpentry apprentices
 - 8 tested skilled carpentry apprentices



Plumbing Apprenticeship Program

- Currently 9 apprentice plumbers working in the program
- Approximately 165 apprentice plumbers since program beginning



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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