

## Department of Justice Strategic Objectives

Provide services and programs to help facilitate the successful reintegration of individuals returning from incarceration.

### Program Goals

- Support jurisdictions to develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by reentry to increase public safety and reduce recidivism for individuals reentering communities from incarceration who are at medium to high risk for recidivating.
- Use validated assessment instruments to screen and identify offenders for participation in reentry programs.
- Implement a transition plan for incarcerated people, incorporating both pre-release and post-release.

# Second Chance Act Adult Mentoring Program

## Purpose<sup>1</sup>

The Second Chance Act (SCA) of 2007,<sup>2</sup> administered by BJA, was enacted to break the cycle of recidivism; improve public safety; and help state, local, and tribal government agencies and community organizations respond to the rising populations of formerly incarcerated people who return to their communities. This report covers two quarters of data collected from April to September 2015 for the SCA Adult Mentoring Program grantees.

## Program Highlights

- A total of 1,754 new (970 pre-release and 784 post-release) participants were enrolled between April and September 2014, but this number rose to 2,257 new (1,395 pre-release and 862 post-release) participants between April and September 2015, an increase of 29 percent.
- During the first half of FY 2015, 64 percent (163 participants) of all post-release participants who successfully completed the program were classified as either moderate or high risk. In the second half of FY 2015, the number increased to 70 percent (315 participants).
- Overall, the completion rates for participants were 82 percent (pre-release) and 63 percent (post-release).

## Grantee Overview

Table 1. Program Type: April–September 2015

Program Type	April–September 2015
Jail-based	10
Prison-based	10
Both	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

- Table 1 shows the program type—jail-based, prison-based, or both—offered by the SCA Adult Mentoring Program grantees during the April–September 2015 reporting period.

<sup>1</sup> The Biannual Grantee Feedback Report includes performance data reported by BJA SCA Adult Mentoring Program grant recipients that conducted grant activities from April to September 2015. The following data are drawn from the Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) data covering SCA grants for the second half of FY 2015. The data reflected in this report represent the information entered in the PMT by grantees.

<sup>2</sup> Public Law 110-199.

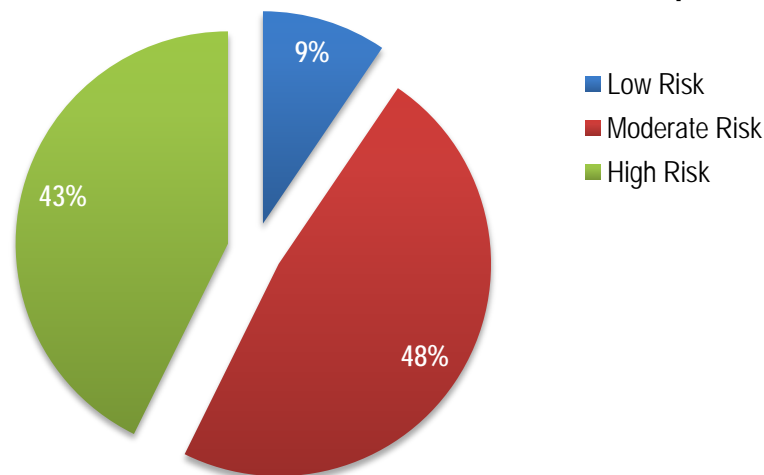
**Table 2. SCA Adult Mentoring Program Award Amounts by Fiscal Year<sup>3</sup>**

Federal Fiscal Year	Number of Active Awards	Total of Active Awards	Total Funds Awarded
2011	2	\$600,000	\$2,916,046
2012	0	\$0	\$0
2013	32	\$9,585,363	\$9,585,363
2014	8	\$7,290,310	\$7,290,310
2015 <sup>4</sup>	0	\$0	\$5,983,401
<b>Total</b>	<b>42<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>\$17,475,673</b>	<b>\$25,775,120</b>

**Figure 1. Map of SCA Adult Mentoring Program Sites**



**Figure 2. Risk Assessment Levels of New Pre-Release Participants (N = 1,054)**



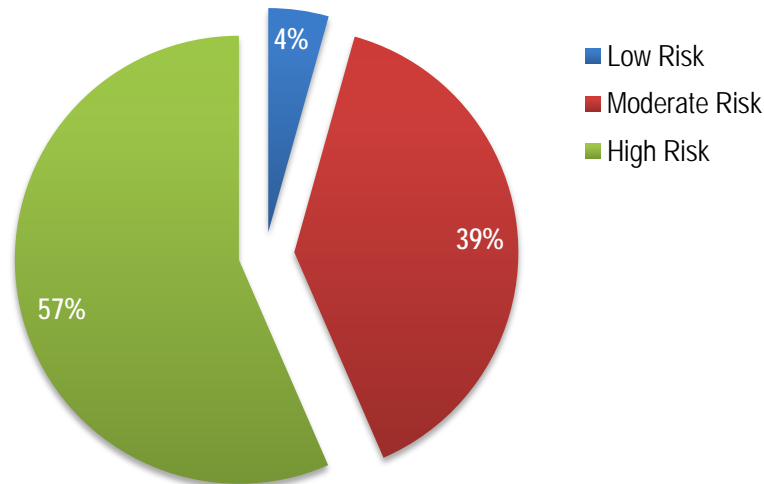
- During the 6-month period of April–September 2015, 91 percent of all new pre-release participants were classified as either moderate risk or high risk.

<sup>3</sup> An active award is one with an end date that has not expired, the grantee has not completed a final report in the PMT, and the award is still open in the Grants Management System.

<sup>4</sup> FY 2015 grants had been awarded, but grantee performance data in the PMT were not yet available.

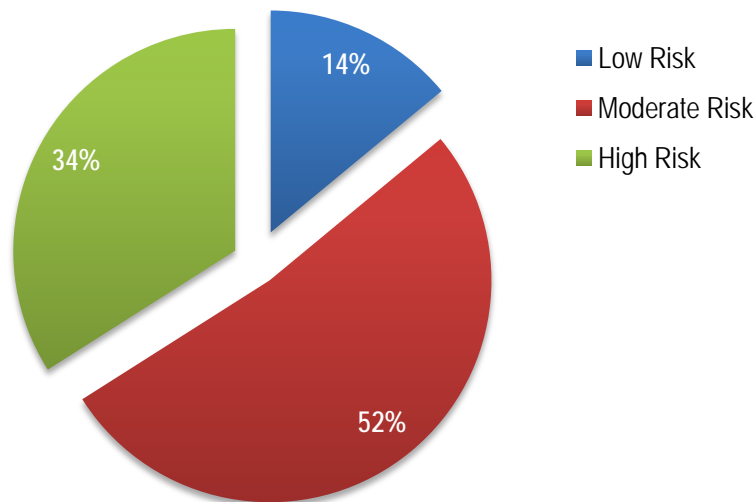
<sup>5</sup> This number is more than 40 because Family Pathfinders of Tarrant County, TX, has more than one award (see Appendix A).

**Figure 3. Risk Assessment Levels of Participants Who Did Not Successfully Complete Post-Release Services (N = 115)**



- During the 6-month period of April–September 2015, 96 percent of all post-release participants who did not successfully complete the program were classified as either moderate risk or high risk.

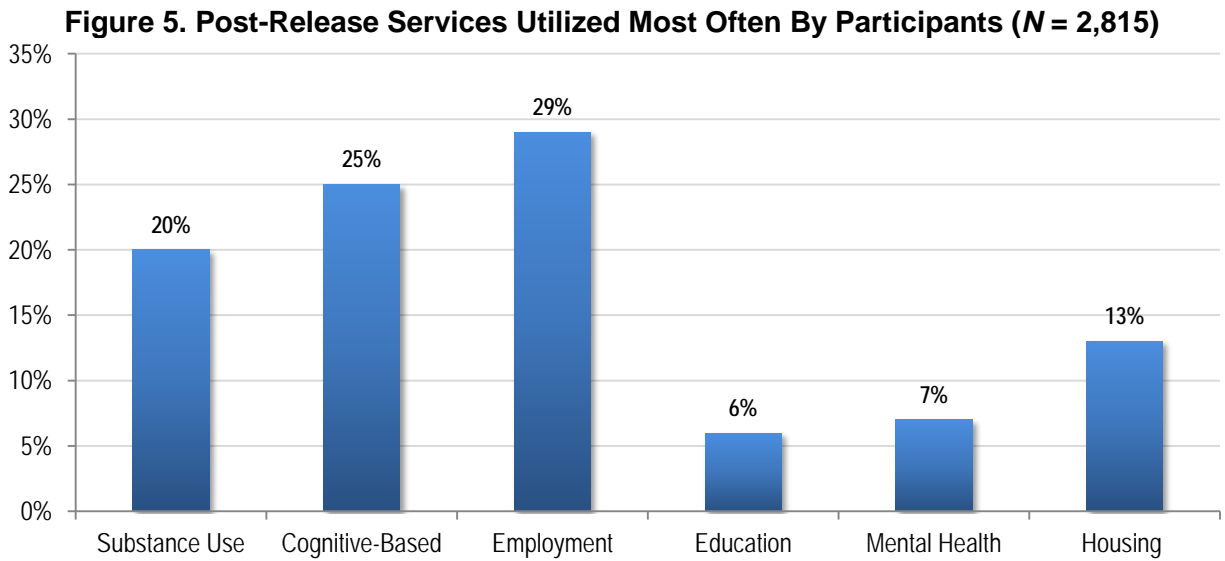
**Figure 4. Risk Assessment Levels of Participants Who Successfully Completed Post-Release Services (N = 367)<sup>6</sup>**



- During the 6-month period of April–September 2015, 86 percent of all post-release participants who successfully completed the program were classified as either moderate risk or high risk, which meets program requirements. Research has consistently shown that recidivism reduction is greatest among participants considered moderate to high risk for recidivating, with little to no positive results seen in those participants classified as low risk (McGuire, 2002).<sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup> The top three validated risk assessment instruments utilized by grantees are: (1) Level of Service Inventory – Revised (LSI/LSI-R/LSI/R: SV); Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS); and Level of Service/ Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI).

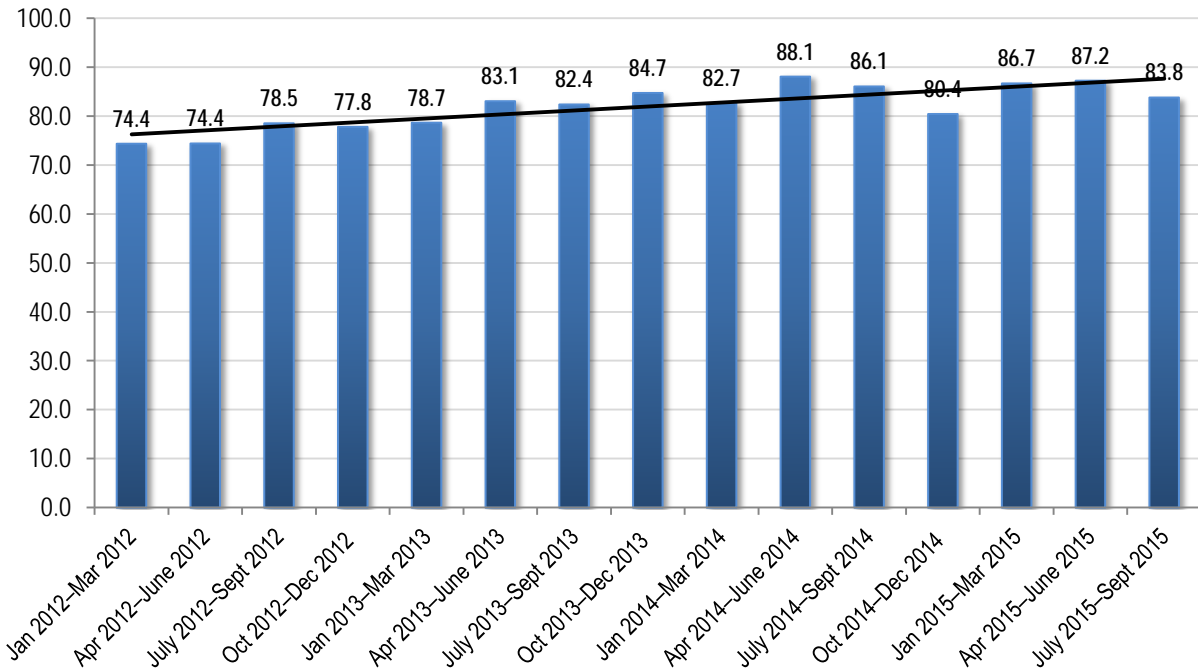
<sup>7</sup> McGuire, J. (2002). *Evidence-based programming today*. Paper presented at the International Community Corrections Association Conference, Boston, MA, November 2002.



- During the 6-month period of April–September 2015, employment services were the most utilized service type by program participants, followed in order by cognitive-based services, substance use services, housing services, mental health services, and educational services.

## Overall Completion Rates by Quarter: Pre-Release and Post-Release Participants

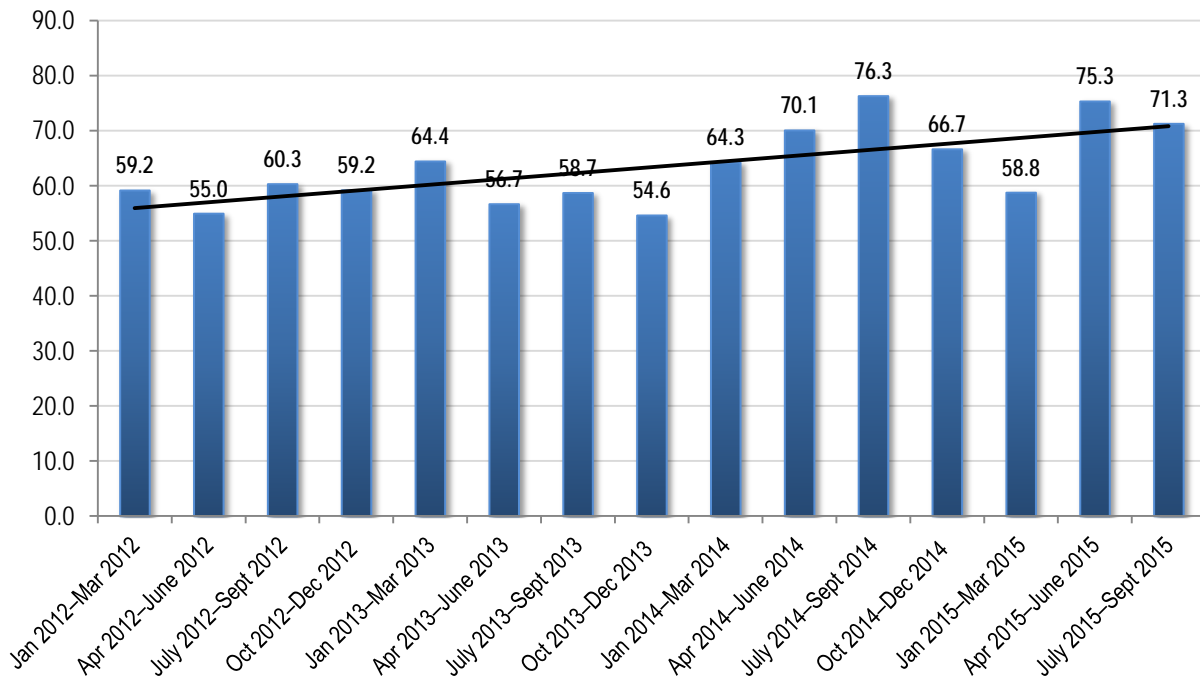
**Figure 6. Average Completion Rates by Quarter: Pre-Release**



- Figure 6 shows the average completion rates<sup>8</sup> reported by grantees for pre-release participants in each quarter between January 2012 and September 2015. The trend line shows that the average completion rates have increased since January 2012.
- Average completion rates reported for pre-release participants range from a low of 74.4 in both the January–March 2012 and April–June 2012 quarters to a high of 88.1 in the April–June 2014 quarter. Completion rates are important because they are a meaningful measure of the program’s success.

<sup>8</sup> Completion rate is: Total number of people exiting the program successfully since the start of the grant/ (total number exiting the program successfully since the start of the grant + total number of people exiting the program unsuccessfully since the start of the grant).

**Figure 7. Average Completion Rates by Quarter: Post-Release**



- Figure 7 shows the average completion rates reported by grantees for post-release participants in each quarter between January 2012 and September 2015. The trend line shows that the average completion rates have increased since January 2012.
- Average completion rates reported for post-release participants range from a low of 54.6 in the October–December 2013 quarter to a high of 76.3 in the July–September 2014 quarter. Overall, grantees reported higher completion rates for pre-release participants than they did for post-release participants.
- The lower completion rates for post-release participants, compared to pre-release participants, may be attributable to intensive post-prison supervision that leads to a relatively large number of participants leaving the SCA Adult Mentoring Program unsuccessfully.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Sabol, W.J., & McGready, J. (1999). *Time Served in Prison By Federal Offenders, 1986-97*. Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice. NCJ 171682.

## Key Performance Measures

**Table 3a. Overview of Key Pre-Release Performance Measures (April–September 2015)**

Key Performance Measure	Number of Grantees	Total	Average (Mean) <sup>10</sup>	Maximum Value <sup>11, 12</sup>
Total number of participants enrolled in pre-release services during reporting period	40	2,246	27	163
Number of new participants enrolled in pre-release services during reporting period	40	1,395	17	163
Number of participants who completed pre-release services during reporting period	40	531	13	97
Pre-release participants no longer in the program due to failure to meet program requirements	40	24	1	12

- New participants accounted for 62 percent (1,395 out of 2,246) of total *pre-release* enrollment.

**Table 3b. Overview of Key Post-Release Performance Measures (April–September 2015)**

Key Performance Measure	Number of Grantees	Total	Average (Mean) <sup>13</sup>	Maximum Value <sup>14, 15</sup>
Total number of participants enrolled in post-release services during reporting period	40	2,131	25	119
Number of new participants enrolled in post-release services during reporting period	40	862	10	78
Number of participants who completed post-release services during reporting period	40	467	12	75
Post-release participants no longer in the program due to failure to meet program requirements	40	82	6	23

- New participants accounted for 40 percent (862 out of 2,131) of total *post-release* enrollment.

<sup>10</sup> The average value represents the average number of participants for grantees that provided data for each of the variables in the table.

<sup>11</sup> The minimum value is zero for these key indicators for all grantees in this report.

<sup>12</sup> The maximum value is provided for the grantee with the highest number of participants for that particular variable.


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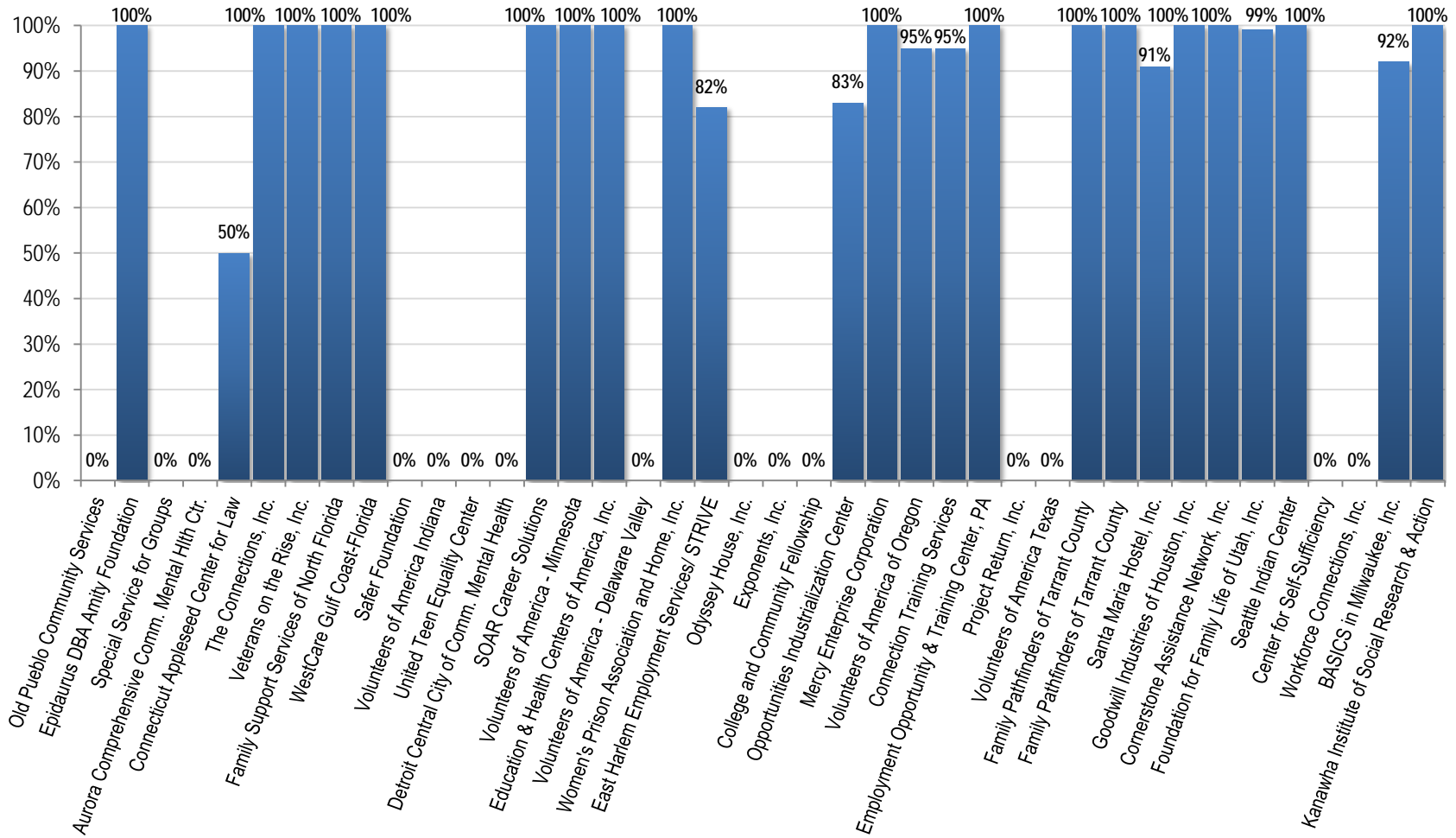
## Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Information to Improve Outcomes

Do you have questions about how to get the most from your SCA Adult Mentoring Program grant? Please contact your TTA team at the National Reentry Resource Center.

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<b>TTA Provider Information:</b> Stefan LoBuglio ( <a href="mailto:slobuglio@csg.org">slobuglio@csg.org</a> ) (877) 332-1719/ (240) 482-8587 <a href="mailto:info@nationalreentryresourcecenter.org">info@nationalreentryresourcecenter.org</a> <a href="http://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/technical-assistance/">http://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/technical-assistance/</a>	<b>Upcoming SCA Events:</b>



**Figure 8. Pre-Release Completion Rates by Grantee: Life of Award**



**Figure 9. Post-Release Completion Rates by Grantee: Life of Award**

