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The objectives of this study were to learn about the general character of female offenders receiving royal pardon and, factors that affect recidivism. The population in this research were 160 female inmates imprisoned in the Institution for Female drug Offenders, at Pathumthani, the Institution for Female drug Offenders at Thonburi and the Institution for Female drug Offenders at Cholburi. The data was collected by a questionnaires. In analyzing the data, to illustrate personal background of the population group, factors that affect recidivism and recidivism by proposing the table of frequencies and percentage, the hypotheses were tested using the level 0.05 of Chi-Square testing statistics.

The result of this study revealed that most female Offenders committed their first crime at the age of 31 years and above. Their marital status was either widow or divorced and their education background was between P.1-P.7 (P.1-P.6). As for social structural factor, It was found that most of the female offenders were employed with an income of 2,501-5,000 Baht per month and regularly used drugs. As for imprisonment and pardon factor. It was found that the first offense of most of the female offenders was drug related.