Notes on OPM's 2017 Sex Offender Recidivism Study

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A thinking exercise

OPM analyzed the criminal histories of 11,495 sentenced, male offenders who left prison in 2011. We aggregated the entire arrest, conviction and sentence histories of these offenders up until their 2011 releases from prison.

By comparing these aggregated histories, we were able to learn something about the behavior and operation of the court system with respect to sentencing.

We are going to present some partial data to you in several slides and ask you to use your intuition and knowledge of the system to predict the outcomes.

Thanks for your indulgence.

31% of offenders in the 11,495-man cohort had been charged with felony assault.

What percent were convicted?

FELONY ASSAULT

ASSLT PERSONNEL

ASSAULT 1

ASSLT 1- VICTIM

ASSLT DOC EMP 1

ASSLT-TERM PREG

ASSAULT 2

ASSAULT 2-FRARM

ASSLT 2- VICTIM

ASLT2/FA-VICTIM

ASLT2 MV UN INF

ASSAULT 2-M VEH

ASLT PROSECUTOR

ASSLT-TERM PREG

MV ASSAULT 2D

ASSLT DOC EMP 1

ASSAULT 2

31% of offenders in the 11,495-man cohort had been charged with felony assault.

What percent were convicted? 16%, or 51% of arrested offenders.

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ROBBERY RELATED

ROBBERY 1

ROBBERY 2

ROBBERY 3

CARJACKING

HOME INVASION

17 crim. Statutes

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What percent were convicted? 16%, or 66% of arrested offenders.

70% of offenders in the 11,495-man cohort had been charged with a drug-related offense.

What percent were convicted?

DRUG RELATED

CONT SUB TO <18

DISP CNTLD SBST

DRGS NR PRHB PL

DRUG LABELLING

FL SECURE DRUGS

FLS NAME/ADDRSS

FORGED PRESCRPT

IL DRUGS *MJ*

IL POSSESSION

IL SALE DRUG

IL SALE OTHER

IL STORE NRCTIC

MARJNA/DRUG TAX

OBT DRUG BY FRD

OBTAN DRG FRAUD

OP DRUG FACTORY

P/PARAPHRN-FACT

POSS DRUG/MRJNA

POSS HALL/MRJNA

POSS HALLUC/MJ

POSS NARCOTICS

POSS W/INTENT

SALE CNTLD SBST

SALE HLCGN/NARC

SALE ILLGL DRUG

SALE MANUF DRUG

SALE OF DRUGS

USE FALSE TITLE

USE OF MINOR TO DISTR.

70% of offenders in the 11,495-man cohort had been charged with a drug-related offense.

What percent were convicted? 57%, or 83% of arrested offenders

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81% of offenders in the 11,495-man cohort had been charged with a violation of a court order.

What percent were convicted?

VIO. COURT

FLR TO APPEAR 1

FLR TO APPEAR 2

VIO CONDTNS-1ST

VIO CONDTN-2ND

VIO PROTECT ORD

PROBATION VIOL

COND DSCHRG VIO

VIOL OF PROB

VIOL CT ORDER

VIO RESTRNG ORD

81% of offenders in the 11,495-man cohort had been charged with a violation of a court order.

What percent were convicted? 76%, or 93% of arrested offenders.

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12% of offenders in the 11,495-man cohort had been charged with a sex crime.

What percent were convicted?

SEX CRIMES

AGG SEX. ASSAULT

CHILD PORN 1ST

CHILD PORN 2ND

CHILD PORN 3RD

EMPL MNR OBS PF

ENTICE MINOR

ENTICE MINOR<13

FORCED SEX

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IMPORT CHD PORN

INCEST

MISREPRSNT AGE

OBSCNITY TO MNR

PATRONIZE PROST

POSS CHILD PORN

PRMT MNR OBS PF

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PROSTITUTION

PUBLIC INDECNCY

SEX ASLT-SPOUSE

SEX ASSAULT 1

SEX ASSAULT 3

SEX ASSAULT 4

SEX CONVICTION

SEX INTERCOURSE

SOL SEX CONDUCT

JOE JEX COMDOC

SX 3-FRARM/V<16

SX ASLT 1-MINOR

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SX ASLT 3-FRARM

SX ASLT 4-MINOR

VIO INJUNCTION OSCEN

VOYEURISM

A thinking exercise (5)

12% of offenders in the 11,495-man cohort had been charged with a sex crime.

What percent were convicted? 7%, or 61% of arrested offenders.

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VIO INJUNCTION OSCEN

VOYEURISM

FINDINGS

- Sex offenders are not a homogenous group; their crimes and motivations vary considerably as does the risk they present.
- Almost 40% of offenders charged with a sex crime are not convicted for a sex crime.
- Some sex offenders have significant criminal histories in addition to their sex-offense histories.
 For other sex offenders, their criminality is almost exclusively centered around sexual crimes.

FINDINGS

- Unlike other crimes, the number of offenders who are willing or capable of committing a sexual offense appears to approach a defined limit within the general prison population.
- In terms of general recidivism, sex offenders exhibit slightly lower rates of recidivism than non-sexoffenders.
- Sex offenders exhibit higher rates for committing new sexual offenses than non-sex offenders.

FINDINGS

 In terms of sexual recidivism, this study's findings closely mirrored findings in OPM's 2012 sex offender study.

2011 cohort - Recidivism rates for new sexiual offenses

		Arrest rate, new	Arrest rate, new	Conviction rate, new	Conviction rate,	Incarceration rate,	Incarceration rate,
		sex offense, non-	sex offense,	sex offense, non-	new sex offense,	non-vioolent sex	non-vioolent sex
Group	Cohort size	violent	violent	violent	violent	offense	offense
Non-sex offender	9,930	1.2%	0.9%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
Sex offender (1 criteria)	1,565	4.2%	2.3%	2.7%	1.3%	2.7%	1.5%
Sex offender (all criteria)	684	4.1%	2.2%	2.9%	1.2%	3.1%	1.8%

Note: Arrest and conviction data: CSSD, Sentence data: DOC - inconsistencies could not be resolved

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Prior arrest for	Cohort size	violent	violent	violent	violent	offense	offense
Sex assault 1	527	2.9%	2.1%	2.1%	1.3%	1.9%	1.3%
Sex assault 2	394	3.8%	2.5%	2.3%	1.3%	3.6%	2.5%
Sex assault 4	377	3.4%	1.9%	2.1%	1.3%	2.7%	1.9%
Illegal sex. Contact	227	4.8%	4.8%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%
Public indecency	118	13.6%	5.9%	10.2%	4.2%	10.2%	4.2%
Patron. prostitute	81	6.2%	2.5%	4.9%	1.2%	2.5%	1.2%
Prost. Related	45	6.7%	0.0%	4.4%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%
Child porn, possession	28	3.6%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%

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SOME QUESTIONS

WHAT TO COUNT?

- General recidivism and
- Recidivism for new sexual offenses

WHO TO COUNT?

- Who is a sex offender?
- How will sex offenders be identified?
- What works with our population?

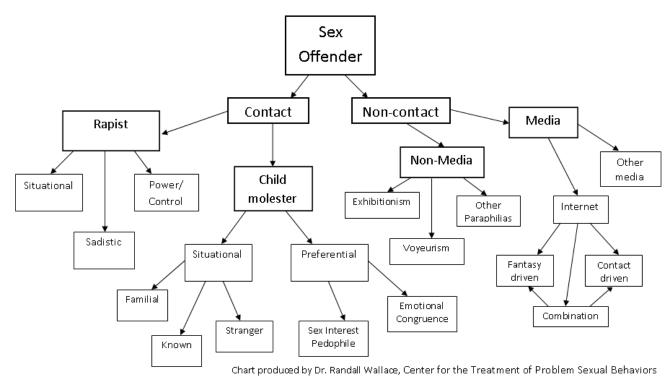
WHAT TO COUNT?

General Recidivism	Recidivsm for new sexual offenses
New arrests	New arrests for new sex offenses
New convictions	New convictions for new sex offenses
Returns-to-prison	New prison sentences for new sexual offenses
New prison sentences	
First event within 5 years	Any event within 5 years
All offenses	Sexual offenses, violent and non-violent

2011 cohort: 11,495 sentenced, male offenders who were released or discharged from prison during 2011.

Data and assistance was provided by CT DOC, CSSD and the Connection Inc.

There is no average sex offender. The crimes sex offenders commit, the victims they choose, the degree of violence, coercion and manipulation they exhibit varies dramatically. So too does the risk they present to the general public.



In a 2012 study of sex offender recidivism, used OPM four criteria to identify sex offenders within a cohort of 14,398 male, sentenced prisoners who left prison during 2005.

- 1. A prior arrest for a sex crime (1,395)
- 2. A prior conviction for a sex offense (890)
- 3. Completion of a prison sentence for a sex offense (746), or
- 4. A DOC Sex Treatment Score of 2 through 5* (1,229)

In this study we have modified the criteria used to identify sex offenders within the release cohort.

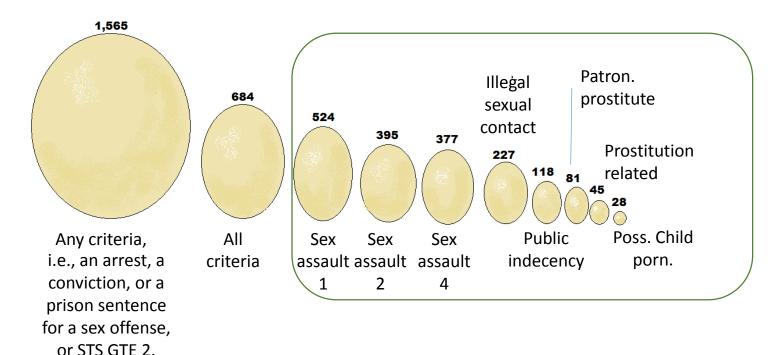
^{*} The Sex Treatment Score (STS) is a 5-point rating used for population management by the CT DOC. An STS of 1 indicates no issues. A 2 is assigned to non-contact sex offenders. A 3 indicates a contact sexual offense with one victim. A 4 indicates a contact offense with more than one victim. A score of 5 indicates a sex offense featuring gratuitous violence or sadism.

This study used 4 overlapping criteria to identify sex offenders within the cohort

This example, below, identifies an offender with an arrest history for a sex crime but no conviction or DOC sentence history for a sex offense. The offender's STS, however, is greater than 1. There were 251 offenders in the cohort who met these exact criteria.

Yes	No	
X		Arrest for a sex offense
	X	Conviction for a sex offense
	X	Sentenced to prison for a sex offense
X		Sex treatment score, 2 through 5

In addition to the four criteria used to identify <u>sex offenders</u> within the 11,495-man cohort, the study also included – for comparative purposes – breakouts of offenders who had ever been arrested for one of the following offenses:



Pre-release histories

1,391 offenders out of the 11,495-man cohort had been arrested at least once and charged with a sexual offense prior to their 2011 release. Sexual assault 1 was the most common sexual offense charged at arrest.

Aggregated arrest charged

	Charges at	Offenders
Offense group	arrest	(1,391)
Sex Assault 1	1,056	524
Sex Assault 2	891	394
Sex Assault 4	599	377
Illegal sexual contact	449	227
Sex Assault 3	289	179
Public indecency	221	118
Patronize prostitute	93	81
Chile porn poss.	69	28
Promote prost.	39	12
Voyeurism- related	38	7
Prostitution	33	33
Employ/entice minor	50	27
Total	3,827	

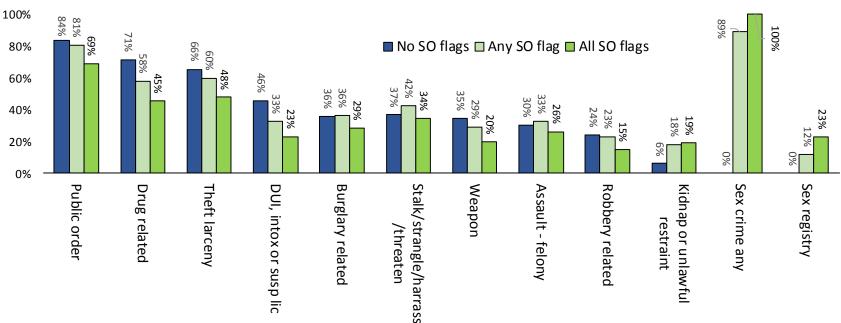
846 of these men were convicted for a sexual offense.

772 had served, or were serving, a prison for a sexual offense.

<u>1,189</u> had a STS greater than 2.

Of the 3,827 charges for sexual offenses, filed at arrest, at least 767 were for crimes against minors.





The chart shows the percentage of offenders who had been arrested for different types of crimes prior to their 2011 release from prison.

- Dark Blue: 9,930 offenders with no history of a sexual crime
- Pale green: 1,565 offenders with at least one flag indicating a sex offense
- White: 684 offenders with all four sex-offense criteria

Aggregated prior-arrest histories by sub-group

No SO flags Any SO flag All SO flags	Public order 84% 81% 69%	Drug related 71% 58% 45%	Theft larceny 66% 60% 48%	DUI, intox or susp lic 46% 33% 23%	Stalk/stra ngle/harr ass/threa ten 37% 42% 34%	Burglary related 36% 36% 29%
	Weapon	felony	Robbery related	Kidnap or unlawful restraint	crime any	Sex registry
No SO flags	35%	30%	24%	6%	0%	0%
Any SO flag	29%	33%	23%	18%	89%	12%
All SO flags	20%	26%	15%	19%	100%	23%

- The non-sex-offender group (9,930 men) had the highest rates of arrests for 6 of the 12 crime types.
- The 1,565-man sex-offender group exhibited the highest arrest rates for stalking/strangling/harassment and felony assaults. This group tied with the non-sex group for percentage arrests from burglary.
- The 684 all flags group had the highest rates for kidnapping/unlawful restraint, sex offenses and sex registry offenses.

Aggregated prior-arrest and sentence histories by sub-group

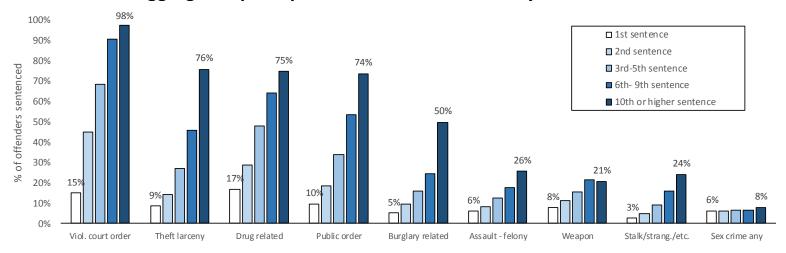
				DUI,	Stalk/stra ngle/harr					Kidnap or	Sex	
	Public	Drug	Theft	intox or	ass/threa	Burglary		Assault -	Robbery	unlawful	crime	Sex
Prior arrests	order	related	larceny	susp lic	ten	related	Weapon	felony	related	restraint	any	registry
No SO flags	84%	71%	66%	46%	37%	36%	35%	30%	24%	6%	0%	0%
Any SO flag	81%	58%	60%	33%	42%	36%	29%	33%	23%	18%	89%	12%
All SO flags	69%	45%	48%	23%	34%	29%	20%	26%	15%	19%	100%	23%
					Stalk/stra							
Prior prison				DUI,	ngle/harr					Kidnap or	Sex	
sentences	Public	Drug	Theft	intox or	ass/threa	Burglary		Assault -	Robbery	unlawful	crime	Sex
served	order	related	larceny	susp lic	ten	related	Weapon	felony	related	restraint	any	registry
No SO flags	36%	47%	33%	30%	11%	20%	16%	13%	14%	1%	0%	0%
Any SO flag	41%	35%	32%	21%	13%	20%	11%	15%	13%	7 %	49%	7%
All SO flags	31%	24%	22%	13%	10%	16%	5%	12%	8%	6%	99%	13%

- The differences that were observed between groups in aggregated arrest histories generally carried through to the sentence history.
- The <u>any SO flag</u> group was closely aligned to the <u>No SO flag</u> group for burglary and robbery related offenses. The <u>any SO flag</u> group had slightly higher rates than the non-sex group for felony assaults and much higher rates for kidnap and unlawful restraint.

The 11,495-man cohort was segmented into roughly equal sized groups based on their DOC Sentence ID. Each offender's Sentence ID reflects the number of prison sentences, by docket, they've served.

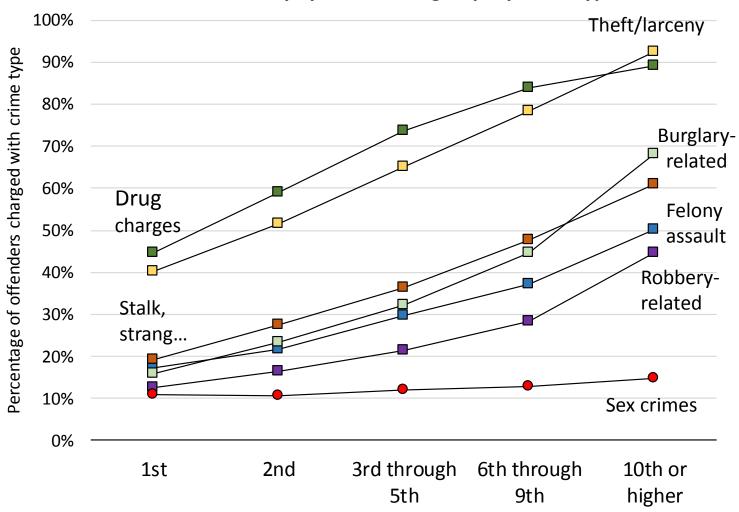
* Sentences completed in 2011										
Total					10th or					
cohort	First	Second	3rd to 5th	6th to 9th	higher					
11,495	2,611	1,653	3,100	2,122	2,009					
100%	23%	14%	27%	18%	17%					

Aggregated prior-prison sentence histories by Sentence ID

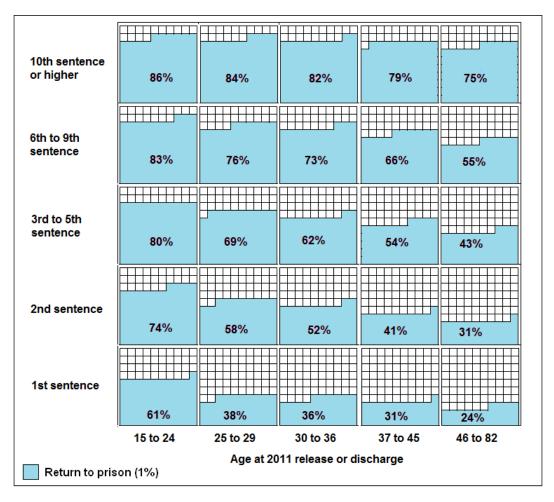


Observe how as an offender's Sentence ID grows, so too does the likelihood that the offender will serve a prison sentence for a wider range of crimes.





General recidivism – a reminder

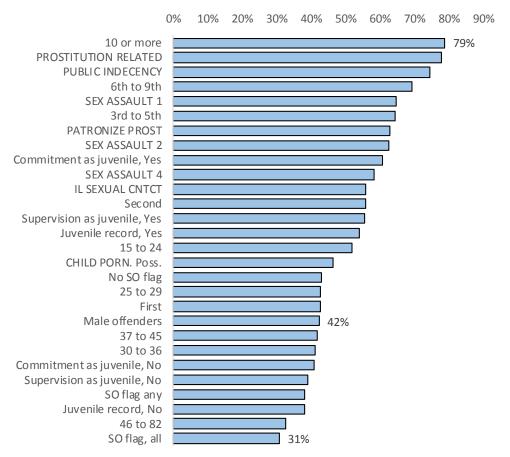


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General recidivism – returns to prison

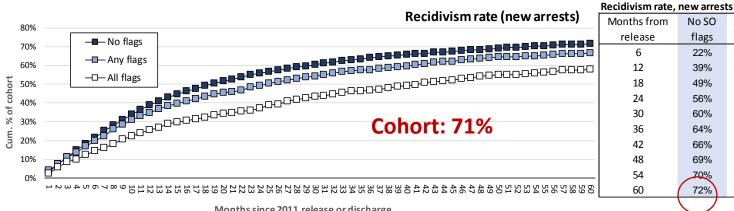
5-year return to prison rate, 2011 male cohort



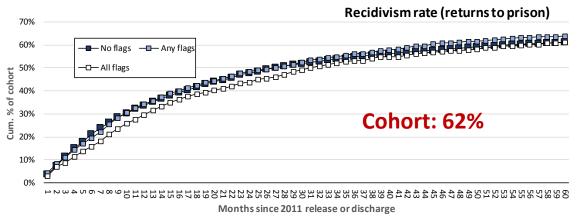
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General recidivism - arrests and RTP



Months since 2011 release or discharge



Months from	No SO	Any SO	All SO	
release	flags	flags	flags	
6	21%	19%	16%	
12	34%	34%	30%	
18	42%	43%	39%	
24	48%	48%	44%	
30	52%	53%	49%	
36	55%	56%	53%	
42	57%	59%	56%	
48	59%	61%	58%	
54	60%	63%	60%	
60	61%	64%	61%	

Any SO

flags

20%

35%

44%

49% 54%

58%

61%

64%

65%

66%

All SO

flags

14%

26%

32% 37%

43%

47%

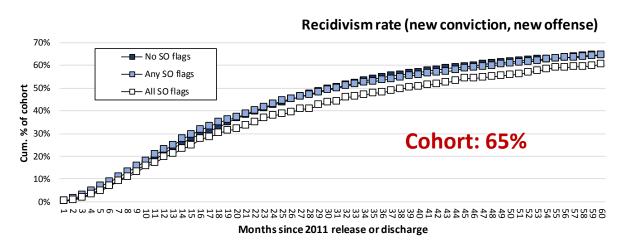
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54%

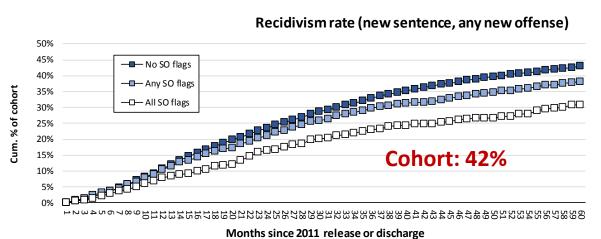
56%

58%

Gen. recidivism - conviction & prison



Recidivism rate, new conviction Months from No SO All SO Any SO release flags flags flags 7% 9% 7% 12 21% 23% 19% 18 33% 35% 30% 43% 43% 38% 49% 49% 44% 36 55% 54% 48% 42 58% 57% 52% 48 61% 60% 55% 54 63% 63% 58% 60 65% 64% 61%



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Gen. recidivism – conviction & prison

Cumulative new sentence rates, by group w/in 5 years of release from prison

					SEX	SEX	SEX		PUB	PAT.		POSS.
	Entire	No SO	Any SO	All SO	ASSAULT	ASSAULT	ASSAULT	ILL. SEX.	INDECEN	PROSTIT	PROST.	CHILD
	cohort	flag	flag	flags	1	2	4	CONTACT	CY	UTE	RELATED	PORN
Cohort size	11,495	9,930	1,565	684	524	394	377	227	118	81	45	28
Recidivsm rates	42%	43%	38%	31%	35%	36%	30%	29%	55%	46%	56%	7%
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Cumulative new sentence rates, by group and crime type w/in 5 years of release from prison

						Stalk					Kidnap-		
	Cohort	Public	Drug	Theft,	DUI,	threat	Burglary		Assault-	Robbery	unlawful	Sex	Sex
	size	order	related	Larceny	Intox	harass	related	Weapon	felony	related	restraint	crime	registry
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PROST. RELATED	45	9%	16%	(36%)	0%	0%	9%	2%	4%	7%	0%	2%	0%
POSS. CHILD PORN	28	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%

Recidivism – new sexual offenses

New Arrests for Sex Offenses within 5 years of release from prison

		Offenders		Offenders	
		arrested for all	Arrest rate for	arrests for	Arrest rate for
		new sexual	all sexual	violent* sexual	violent* sexual
	Cohort size	offenses	offenses	offenses	offenses
Total cohort	11,495	188	1.6%	122	1.1%
No SO flag	9,930	123	1.2%	86	0.9%
Any SO flag	1,565	65	4.2%	36	2.3%
All SO flags	678	28	4.1%	15	2.2%
Prior arrest charge hist	ory				
Sex assault 1	524	15	2.9%	11	2.1%
Sex assault 2	394	15	3.8%	10	2.5%
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Illegal sex. contact	227	11	4.8%	11	4.8%
Public indecency	118	16	13.6%	7	5.9%
Patron. Prostitute	81	5	6.2%	2	2.5%
Prostitution related	45	3	6.7%	0	0.0%
Chile porn poss.	28	1	3.6%	0	0.0%

^{*} Violent sexual offenses do not include commercial sex crimes or morals charges.

Recidivism – new sexual offenses

New Convictions for Sex Offensess within 5 years of release from prison

		Offenders			
		comnvicted for	Conviction rate	convicted for	Conviction rate
		new sexual	for all sexual	violent* sexual	for violent*
	Cohort size	offenses	offenses	offenses	sexual offenses
Total cohort	11,495	87	0.8%	50	0.4%
No SO flag	9,930	45	0.5%	30	0.3%
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Prostitution related	45	2	4.4%	0	0.0%
Chile porn poss.	28	1	3.6%	0	0.0%

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Recidivism – new sexual offenses

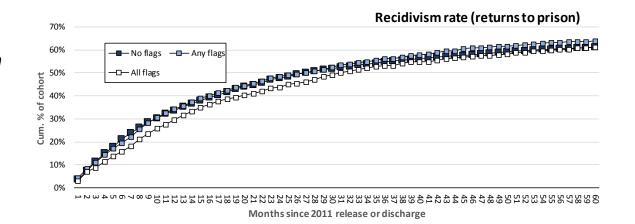
New Prison Sentences for Sex Offensess within 5 years of release from prison

		Offenders	Offenders			
		sentenced to	Incarceration rate	sentenced to prison	Incarceration rate	
		prison for new	for all sexual	for violent* sexual	for violent*	
	Cohort size	sexual offenses	offenses	offenses	sexual offenses	
Total cohort	11,495	78	0.7%	52	0.5%	
No SO flag	9,930	35	0.4%	28	0.3%	
Any SO flag	1,565	43	2.7%	24	1.5%	
All SO flags	678	21	3.1%	12	1.8%	
Prior arrest charge histo	ry					
Sex assault 1	524	10	1.9%	7	1.3%	
Sex assault 2	394	14	3.6%	10	2.5%	
Sex assault 4	377	10	2.7%	7	1.9%	
Illegal sex. contact	227	6	2.6%	6	2.6%	
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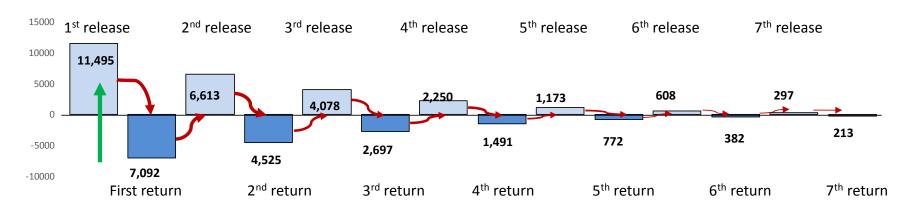
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Although this study tracked offenders for 5 years, not every offender spent 5 years at liberty, where they were free to commit new offenses.

Many offenders spent a significant amount of the 5 years following their 2011 release in prison. Recidivism often means more than one return to the system.



Offenders returns-to-prison over 5 years, out to the 7th return, 2011 cohort



Cumulative prison bed days used by offenders returning within 5 years

	Offender	Offenders not	Offenders		Average prison		
	s in	returning to prison	returning	Total prison	days per		
	group	within 5 years	within 5 years	days post return	returnee		
2011 male cohort	11,495	4,405	7,090	3,679,579	519.0		
No SO flags	9,930	3,842	6,088	3,088,160	507.3		
Any SO flags	1,565	563	1,002	591,419	590.2		
All SO flags	684	265	419	264,501	631.3		
Arrest charges prior to 2011 release							
Sex assault 1	524	184	340	217,875	640.8		
Sex assault 2	394	147	247	157,781	638.8		
Sex assault 4	377	158	219	127,304	581.3		
III sex contsct	227	100	127	77,579	610.9		
Public indecency	118	31	87	47,255	543.2		
Patron. prost	81	30	51	21,867	428.8		
Prost. related	45	10	35	16,307	465.9		
Child porn poss.	28	15	13	4,456	342.8		

High rates of incapacitation due to incarceration during the 5-year study window may contribute to the low, overall rates of recidivism for sexual offenses.