RECIDIVISM AMONG SEX OFFENDERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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Foreword

Concern about sex offenders and their behavior is quite understandably, not only a topic of great public concern, but also the target of numerous public policy proposals. Recent examples of such proposals include, but are not limited to, enhanced sanctions for convicted and repeat sex offenders, civil commitment for predatory sex offenders, the development of sex offender registries, the use of advanced technology to monitor sex offenders and residency restrictions. Unfortunately, the quality and extent of the body of knowledge concerning sex offender behavior has not kept pace with either the sophistication or potential cost of some of these proposed policies. This study represents a collaborative attempt on the part of four state agencies, the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (SCDPPPS), the South Carolina Budget & Control Board Office of Research and Statistics (ORS) and the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) to add to the existing body of knowledge concerning the behavior of convicted sex offenders by replicating analysis previously undertaken by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). Although the analysis of South Carolina sex offender recidivism was undertaken as part of a larger, multi-state effort, this report represents only the findings for South Carolina.

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Recidivism Among Sex Offenders in South Carolina

The purpose of this study is to shed light on the behavior of sex offenders in South Carolina, by replicating the methods of BJS special report *Recidivism of Sex Offenders Released from Prison in 1994*. That study followed prisoners released from prison in 15 states during 1994 over a three year period, examining their patterns of arrest, conviction and incarceration. This report seeks to replicate, to the degree possible, the analysis and resulting data tables for sex offenders released from SCDC in 2001. Additionally, this report also seeks to replicate the BJS report for sex offenders admitted to the SCDPPPS in 2001. The rationale for this inclusion was that offenders under community correctional supervision are a population of special interest, and that determining the progress of a group which had been subjected to supervision in the community might also have important policy implications. As with the BJS study, each group was followed for a period of three years to identify arrests, convictions and re-incarcerations. Other deviations from the original BJS report are noted throughout the report, primarily such deviations consist of omitted data tables resulting from the unavailability of out-of-state arrest data and in some cases, victim age data.

Sex offenders were classified generally into two groups: rapists and sexual assaulters. This classification was based on imprisonment offense, individuals convicted of offenses that involved forcible sexual intercourse were classified as rapists, all other violent sex offenders were classified as sexual assaulters. The sub-category child molester was defined as any sex offender where the offense code specifically indicated that the victim was a minor. These three groups overlap in that the victim of a rapist or a sexual assaulter might victimize a child, in which case the offender would also be considered a child molester. Although the BJS report identified statutory rapists as a separate category, neither the SCDC or SCDPPPS groups had any offenders who were identified as statutory rapists. Outcome data (criminal history records used to determine recidivism) were taken from the CCHR computerized criminal history provided by the SLED.

Sex Offenders Released from Incarceration During 2001

The cohort of sex offenders released from SCDC during 2001 consisted of 300 individuals. They were classified, according to the nature of the offense, either as rapists (63.7%) or sexual assaulters (36.3%). Only male sex offenders were included in this study. The racial breakdown among sex offenders was 51% White, 46.3% Black and 2.7% Other. The mean age of all sex offenders was 36.4 years.

Table 1. Demographic characteristics of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender

	Percent of released prisoners					
Prisoner characteristic	**All**		**Rapists**		**Sexual assaulters**	
Total released		100%		100%		100%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Race						
White	153	51.0%	103	53.9%	50	45.9%
Black	139	46.3	83	43.5	56	51.4
Other	8	2.7	5	2.6	3	2.8
Hispanic origin						
Hispanic	7	2.3%	4	2.1%	3	2.8%
Non-Hispanic	291	97.7	186	97.9	105	97.2
Age at release						
18-24*	50	16.7%	34	17.8%	16	14.7%
25-29	43	14.3	26	13.6	17	15.6
30-34	51	17.0	31	16.2	20	18.3
35-39	54	18.0	36	18.8	18	16.5
40-44	31	10.3	22	11.5	9	8.3
45 or older	71	23.7	42	22.0	29	26.6
	300		191		109	
Age at release						
Average		36.4 yrs		35.9yrs		37.2 yrs
Median		36.0		36.0		36.0
Total released	300		191		109	

Note: Data identifying race and age were reported for 100% of 300 released sex offenders; .05% of the offenders had no indication of Hispanic origin.
*Age at release 18-24 includes those who were under age 18 when released from prison in 2001. Under SC law, 17 year olds are incarcerated as adults at SCDC.

Two-thirds of the sex offenders released from prison in 2001 were child molesters. The racial distribution among child molesters was 59.5% White, 37.5% Black and 3% Other. The mean age at release was 36.8 years.

Table2. Demographic characteristics of child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender

Prisoner characteristic		Percent of released prisoners: Child molesters	Percent of released prisoners: Statutory rapists
Total released		100%	NA
Race			
White	119	59.5%	NA
Black	75	37.5	NA
Other	6	3.0	NA
Hispanic origin			
Hispanic	5	2.5%	NA
Non-Hispanic	193	97.5	NA
Age at release			
18-24*	33	16.5%	NA
25-29	33	16.5	NA
30-34	28	14.0	NA
35-39	37	18.5	NA
40-44	19	9.5	NA
45 or older	50	25.0	NA
Age at release			
Average		36.8 yrs	NA
Median		36.0	NA
Total released		200	NA

Note: Two released child molesters had no indication of Hispanic origin.

*Age at release 18-24 includes those who were under age 18 when released from prison in 2001. Under SC law, 17 year olds are incarcerated as adults at SCDC.

Overall, sex offenders released in 2001 were sentenced to an average sentence of nine years and one month of which they served 57.8%. Rapists had longer sentences and served more time than sexual assaulters.

Table 3. Sentence length and time served for sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender

Characteristic	All		Rapists		Sexual assaulters	
Sentence length (in months)*						
Mean	109.0mo		145.2mo		53.3mo	
Median	59.0		118.0		56.1	
Time served (in months)*						
Mean	56.5mo		73.1mo		29.0mo	
Median	40.6		60.0		30.0	
Percent of sentence served*	57.8%		59.6%		54.5%	
Upon release in 2001, percent who had served						
6 months or less	15	6.2%	5	3.3%	10	11.2%
7-12	18	7.5	8	5.3	10	11.2
13-18	15	6.2	8	5.3	7	7.9
19-24	18	7.5	7	4.6	11	12.4
25-30	7	2.9	3	2.0	4	4.5
31-36	29	12.0	10	6.6	19	21.3
37-60	42	17.4	29	19.1	13	14.6
61 months or more	76	40.2	67	53.9	9	16.9
Not available	21	8.7	15	9.9	6	6.7
	241		152		89	
Upon release in 2001, percent with time still remaining to be served **						
			0			
Zero	176	73.0%	93	61.2%	83	93.3%
6 months or less	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
7-12	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
13-18	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
19-24	44	18.3	43	28.3	1	1.1
25-30	1	0.4	1	0.7	0	0.0
31-36	1	0.4	0	0.0	1	1.1
37-60	8	3.3	5	3.3	3	3.4
61 months or more	11	4.6	10	6.6	1	1.1
	241		152		89	
Total first releases		241		152		89

Notes: 21 first time releases were not available on time served.

**SCDC inmates accrue credits for work and good behavior, towards their sentences. Thus an offender maxes out when his time served and credits together satisfy his prison sentence. Accordingly, maxed out inmates do not have time remaining to serve.
**Truth-in-Sentencing offenders must serve 85% of their sentence with maximum accrual of work/educational credits not to exceed 15%, followed by 2 years of community supervision. Thus these TIS offenders were considered to have 24 months remaining.

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Child molesters had an average sentence of seven years and two months, of which they served 58.8%.

Table 4. Sentence length and time served for child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender

Characteristic		Child molesters	Statutory rapists
Sentence length (in months)*			
Mean		86.0mo	NA
Median		59.0	NA
Time served (in months)*			
Mean		46.6mo	NA
Median		34.1	NA
Percent of sentence served*		58.8%	NA
Upon release in 2001, percent who had served			
6 months or less	10	6.1%	NA
7-12	11	6.7	NA
13-18	11	6.7	NA
19-24	15	9.1	NA
25-30	4	2.4	NA
31-36	25	15.2	NA
37-60	31	18.8	NA
61 months or more	42	25.5	NA
Not available	16	9.7	NA
	165		
**Upon release in 2001, percent with time still remaining to be served **			
Zero	122	73.9%	
6 months or less	0	0.0	NA
7-12	0	0.0	NA
13-18	0	0.0	NA
19-24	34	20.6	NA
25-30	1	0.6	NA
31-36	1	0.6	NA
37-60	4	2.4	NA
61 months or more	3	1.8	NA
	165		
Total first releases		165	NA

Note: time served information was missing for *16 first-time released child molesters.

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Nearly two-thirds of sex offenders had at least one prior arrest, with a mean of 4.8 prior arrests. However only 14.7% had a prior arrest for a sex offense and only 5% had a prior arrest for a sex offense against a child.

Table 5. Prior criminal record of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender

Prior to the sex crime for which imprisoned	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Percent with at least 1 prior arrest for -						
Any crime	194	64.7%	126	66.0%	68	62.4%
Any sex offense	44	14.7	31	16.2	13	11.9
sex offense against a child	15	5.0	8	4.2	7	6.4
Prior arrest for any crime						
Mean		4.8		5.2		4.2
Median		3		4		3
Percent with at least 1 prior conviction for -						
Any crime	171	57.0%	112	58.6%	59	54.1%
Any sex offense	41	13.7	28	14.7	13	11.9
sex offense against a child	14	4.7	7	3.7	7	6.4
Prior conviction for any crime						
Mean	5.3	1.4	4.5	1.4	3.9	1.3
Median	3	1	3	1	3	1
Percent with prior prison sentence for any crime						
	118	39.3%	73	38.2%	45	41.3%
Percent who were first releases						
	241	80.3%	152	79.6%	89	81.7%

Sixty-one percent of child molesters had a prior arrest, however only 11.5% had an arrest for a sex offense and 6.5% had a prior arrest for a sex offense against a child. The mean number of prior arrests was 4.3. Among child molesters, 52.5% had at least one prior conviction for any crime, 10.5% had a prior conviction for a sex offense and 6% had a prior conviction for a sex offense against a child.

Table 6. Prior criminal record of child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender

Prior to the sex crime for which imprisoned		Child molesters	Statutory rapists
Percent with at least 1 prior arrest for -			
Any crime	122	61.0%	NA
Any sex offense	23	11.5	NA
sex offense against a child	13	6.5	NA
Prior arrest for any crime			
Mean		4.3	NA
Median		3	NA
Percent with at least 1 prior conviction for -			
Any crime	105	52.5%	NA
Any sex offense	21	10.5	NA
sex offense against a child	12	6.0	NA
Prior conviction for any crime			
Mean	3.8	1.3	NA
Median	2	1	NA
Percent with prior prison sentence for any crime	70	35.0%	NA
Percent who were first releases	165	82.5%	NA
Total released		200	NA

Note: These counts include incidents of arrests/convictions reported by South Carolina criminal justice entities irrespective of whether they pertain to felony, serious misdemeanor, or minor offenses at municipal court level. In South Carolina, felony and misdemeanor are defined by statute.

Prior does not include the arrest, conviction, or prison sentence that was the reason the sex offenders were in prison in 2001. First releases include only those offenders leaving prison for the fist time since beginning their sentence. First releases exclude those who left prison in 2001 but who had previously been released under the same sentence and had returned to prison for violating the conditions of release.

Among all sex offenders, 43% were rearrested for any sort of crime, 22.3% were reconvicted and 22.3% were re-incarcerated. Rapists had higher re-arrest, re-conviction and re-incarceration rates than sexual assaulters.

Table 7. Recidivism rate of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by recidivism measure and type of sex offender

Recidivism measure	All		Rapists		Sexual assaulters	
Within 3 years following release						
Rearrested for any type of crime	129	43.0%	87	45.5%	42	38.5%
Reconvicted for any type of crime	67	22.3%	44	23.0%	23	21.1%
Returned to prison with a new sentence for any type of crime		NA		NA		NA
Returned to prison with or without a new sentence	67	22.3%	45	23.6%	22	20.2%
Total released		300		191		109

Note: "New prison sentence" includes new sentences of State prisons but not to local jails.

These counts include incidents of arrests/convictions reported by South Carolina criminal justice entities irrespective of whether they pertain to felony, serious misdemeanor, or minor offenses at municipal court level. In South Carolina, felony and misdemeanor are defined by statute.

"With or without a new sentence" includes prisoners with new sentences to State prisons plus prisoners returned for technical violations.

Thirty-eight percent of child molesters were re-arrested, 20% were reconvicted of a new offense and 23.5% were re-incarcerated.

Table 8. Recidivism rate of child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, by recidivism measure

Recidivism measure		Child molesters	Statutory rapists
Within 3 years following release			
Rearrested for any type of crime	76	38.0%	NA
Reconvicted for any type of crime	40	20.0%	NA
Returned to prison with a new sentence for any type of crime		NA	NA
Returned to prison with or without a new sentence	47	23.5%	NA
Total released		200	NA

Note: "New prison sentence" includes new sentences of State prisons but not to local jails.

These counts include incidents of arrests/convictions reported by South Carolina criminal justice entities irrespective of whether they pertain to felony, serious misdemeanor, or minor offenses at municipal court level. In South Carolina, felony and misdemeanor are defined by statute.

"With or without a new sentence" includes prisoners with new sentences to State prisons plus prisoners returned for technical violations of the conditions of supervision.

Forty-three percent of sex offenders were rearrested within three years, 22.3% were reconvicted for a crime within three years, the same number which were re-incarcerated.

Table 9. Recidivism rate of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of recidivism measure, type of sex offender, and time after release

	Cumulative percent of sex offenders released from prison in 2001					
Recidivism measure	**All**		**Rapists**		**Sexual Assaulters**	
	No.	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
Rearrested for any type of crime within						
6 months	32	10.7%	22	11.5%	10	9.2%
1 year	59	19.7	43	22.5	16	14.7
2 years	98	32.7	70	36.6	28	25.7
3 years	129	43.0	87	45.5	42	38.5
Reconvicted for any type of crime within						
6 months	9	3.0%	2	1.0%	7	6.4%
1 year	26	8.7	15	7.9	11	10.1
2 years	45	15.0	28	14.7	17	15.6
3 years	67	22.3	44	23.0	23	21.1
Returned to prison with or without a new sentence for any type of crime within						
6 months	7	2.3%	6	3.1%	1	0.9%
1 year	19	6.3	14	7.3	5	4.6
2 years	48	16.0	34	17.8	14	12.8
3 years	67	22.3	45	23.6	22	20.2
Total released	300		191		109	

Note: New sentence includes new sentences to State prisons but not to local jails.
Among child molesters, 38% were rearrested within 3 years. Twenty percent were reconvicted of a crime within the same period and 23.5% were returned to prison during the same time period.

Thirty-eight percent of child molesters were re-arrested for some crime within three years. Twenty percent were reconvicted of a new offense and 23.5% were re-incarcerated.

Table 10. Recidivism rate of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of recidivism measure, type of sex offender, and time after release

	Cumulative percent of sex offenders released from prison in 2001		
Recidivism measure		Child molesters	Statutory rapists
Rearrested for any type of crime within			
6 months	17	8.5%	NA
1 year	31	15.5	NA
2 years	54	27.0	NA
3 years	76	38.0	NA
Reconvicted for any type of crime within			
6 months	8	4.0%	NA
1 year	16	8.0	NA
2 years	28	14.0	NA
3 years	40	20.0	NA
Returned to prison with or without a new sentence for any type of crime within			
6 months	6	3.0%	NA
1 year	15	7.5	NA
2 years	35	17.5	NA
3 years	47	23.5	NA
Total released		200	NA

Note: New sentence includes new sentences to State prisons but not to local jails.

Young sex offenders were re-arrested at a higher rate than older sex offenders. The highest re-arrest rate was among offenders who were 25 to 29 years old at the time of release. Black sex offenders were re-arrested more often than White sex offenders.

Table 11. Re-arrest rate of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender and demographic characteristics of released prisoners

	Percent rearrested for any type of crime within 3 years								
Prisoner characteristic			**All**			**Rapists**			**Sexual Assaulters**
Total released			100%			100%			100%
Race									
White	57	153	37.3%	36	103	35.0%	21	50	42.0%
Black	70	139	50.4	49	83	59.0	21	56	37.5
Other	2	8	25.0	2	5	40.0	0	3	0.0
Hispanic origin									
Hispanic	1	7	14.3%	1	4	25.0%	0	3	0.0%
Non-Hispanic	127	291	43.6	86	186	46.2	41	105	39.0
Age at release									
18-24*	32	50	64.0%	18	34	52.9%	14	16	87.5%
25-29	29	43	67.4	20	26	76.9	9	17	52.9
30-34	21	51	41.2	16	31	51.6	5	20	25.0
35-39	19	54	35.2	11	36	30.6	8	18	44.4
40-44	10	31	32.3	8	22	36.4	2	9	22.2
45 or older	18	71	25.4	14	42	33.3	4	29	13.8
	129	300		87	191		42	109	
Total released		300			191			109	

Note: Data identifying race and age were reported for 100% of 300 released sex offenders; 0.5% of the offenders had no indication of Hispanic origin.
*Age at release 18-24 includes the few who were under age 18 when released from 2001

Younger offenders (ages 18 – 29) had the highest re-arrest rate among child molesters, two-thirds were arrested for some crime within three years. The re-arrest rate among Black child molesters was higher than the re-arrest rate among White child molesters.

Table 12. Re-arrest rate of child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender and demographic characteristics of released prisoners

Prisoner Characteristic			Percent rearrested for any type of crime within 3 years: Child Molesters	Statutory rapists
Total released			100%	NA
Race				
White	38	119	31.9%	NA
Black	37	75	49.3	NA
Other	1	6	16.7	NA
Hispanic origin				
Hispanic	0	5	0.0%	NA
Non-Hispanic	75	193	38.9	NA
Age at release				
18-24*	22	33	66.7%	NA
25-29	22	33	66.7	NA
30-34	6	28	21.4	NA
35-39	14	37	37.8	NA
40-44	2	19	10.5	NA
45 or older	10	50	20.0	NA
	76	200		
Total released			200	NA

Note: Two released child molesters had no indication of Hispanic origin.
*Age at release 18-24 includes the few who were under age 18 when released from prison in 2001.

Although the highest re-arrest rate was among sex offenders who had served 13 to 18 months in prison, there was no readily apparent pattern or trend in re-arrests rates by time served.

Table 13. Re-arrest rate of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offenders and time served before release

	Percent rearrested for any type of crime within 3 years								
	All			**Rapists**			**Sexual assaulters**		
Time served in prison before 2001 release*									
Months									
6 or less	3	15	20.0%	3	5	60.0%	0	10	0.0%
7-12	11	18	61.1	5	8	62.5	6	10	60.0
13-18	10	15	66.7	6	8	75.0	4	7	57.1
19-24	6	18	33.3	3	7	42.9	3	11	27.3
25-30	4	7	57.1	2	3	66.7	2	4	50.0
31-36	12	29	41.4	5	10	50.0	7	19	36.8
37-60	19	42	45.2	14	29	48.3	5	13	38.5
61 or more	21	76	27.6	20	67	29.9	1	9	11.1
NA	10	21	47.6	8	15	53.3	2	6	33.3
	96	241		66	152		30	89	
Total		241			152			89	

Note: *time served was not available for 21 first-time releases. Figures are based on first releases only. First releases include only those offenders leaving prison for the first time since beginning their sentence. First releases exclude those who left prison in 2001 but who had previously been released under the same sentence and had returned to prison for violation the conditions of release.

The re-arrest rate among child molesters generally decreased with the amount of time served in prison, although none of the child molesters released in 6 months or less were re-arrested within the three year period.

Table 14. Re-arrest rate of child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offenders and time served before release

	Percent rearrested for any type of crime within 3 years			
Time served in prison Before 2001 release*	**Child Molesters**			**Statutory Rapists**
6 months or less	0	10	0.0%	NA
7-12	7	11	63.6	NA
13-18	7	11	63.6	NA
19-24	4	15	26.7	NA
25-30	2	4	50.0	NA
31-36	10	25	40.0	NA
37-60	13	31	41.9	NA
61 months or more	8	42	19.0	NA
Not available	6	16	37.5	
	57	165		
Total first releases		165		NA

Note: *time served was not available for 16 first-time released child molesters. Figures are based on first releases only. First releases include only those offenders leaving prison for the first time since beginning their sentence. First releases exclude those who left prison in 2001 but who had previously been released under the same sentence and had returned to prison for violation the conditions of release.

Sex offenders with prior arrests were re-arrested at the rate of 50.5%, compared to 29.2% for sex offenders who had no previous arrests.

Table 15. Re-arrest rate of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender and prior arrest for any type of crime

Arrest prior to 2001 release	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
Percent rearrested for any type of crime within 3 years						
Total		43.0%		45.5%		38.5%
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	31	29.2	15	23.1	16	39.0
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	98	50.5	72	57.1	26	38.2
	129		87		42	
Percent of released prisoners						
Total		100%		100%		100%
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	106	35.3	65	34.0	41	37.6
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	194	64.7	126	66.0	68	62.4
	300		191		109	
Total released		300		191		109

Note: *By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their release: namely, the arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001.

Child molesters with prior arrests were re-arrested at the rate of 44.3%, compared to 28.2% for child molesters with no prior arrests.

Table 16. Re-arrest rate of child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender and prior arrest for any type of crime

Arrest prior to 2001 release		**Child Molesters**	**Statutory Rapists**
Percent rearrested for any type of crime within 3 years			
Total		38.0%	NA
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *			
Their first arrest for any type of crime	22	28.2	NA
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	54	44.3	NA
	76		
Percent of released prisoners			
Total		100%	NA
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *			
Their first arrest for any type of crime	78	39.0	NA
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	122	61.0	NA
	200		
Total released	200		NA

Note: *By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their release: namely, the arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001.

The re-arrest rate of sex offenders generally increased with the number of prior arrests. The highest re-arrest rate was among sex offenders with 16 or more previous arrests.

Table 17. Re-arrest rate of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender and number of prior arrests for any type of crime

Number of adult arrests prior to 2001 release	**All**		**Rapists**		**Sexual Assaulters**	
Percent rearrested for any type of crime within 3 years	129		87		42	
1 prior arrest for any type of crime	31	29.2%	15	23.1%	16	39.0%
2	12	30.8	9	39.1	3	18.8
3	23	60.5	16	66.7	7	50.0
4	14	51.9	10	62.5	4	36.4
5	10	66.7	8	72.7	2	50.0
6	13	65.0	11	73.3	2	40.0
7-10	9	34.6	5	29.4	4	44.4
11-15	12	52.2	8	57.1	4	44.4
16 or more	5	83.3	5	83.3	0	0.0
Percent of released prisoners						
All sex offenders	300	100%	191	100%	109	100%
1 prior arrest for any type of crime	106	35.3	65	34.0	41	37.6
2	39	13.0	23	12.0	16	14.7
3	38	12.7	24	12.6	14	12.8
4	27	9.0	16	8.4	11	10.1
5	15	5.0	11	5.8	4	3.7
6	20	6.7	15	7.9	5	4.6
7-10	26	8.7	17	8.9	9	8.3
11-15	23	7.7	14	7.3	9	8.3
16 or more	6	2.0	6	3.1	0	0.0
Total released		300		191		109

The re-arrest rate among child molesters was generally higher among those with more prior arrests.

Table 18. Rearrest rate of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender and number of prior arrests for any type of crime

Number of adult arrests prior to 2001 release		Child molesters	Statutory rapists
Percent rearrested for any type of crime within 3 years	76		
1 prior arrest for any type of crime	22	28.2%	NA
2	7	25.0	NA
3	15	53.6	NA
4	8	47.1	NA
5	5	62.5	NA
6	6	50.0	NA
7-10	6	40.0	NA
11-15	5	41.7	NA
16 or more	2	100.0	NA
Percent of released prisoners			
All sex offenders	200	100%	NA
1 prior arrest for any type of crime	78	39.0	NA
2	28	14.0	NA
3	28	14.0	NA
4	17	8.5	NA
5	8	4.0	NA
6	12	6.0	NA
7-10	15	7.5	NA
11-15	12	6.0	NA
16 or more	2	1.0	NA
Total released		200	NA

TABLES19 and 20 were not replicated because arrest data outside of South Carolina were not available for this report.

Re-arrest and re-conviction for sex crimes among sex offenders was a relatively infrequent event. Among all sex offender, 4% were re-arrested for a new sex crime and 2% were re-convicted for a new sex crime within three years of their release from prison. Rapists had higher re-arrest and re-conviction rates than sexual assaulters.

Table 21. Of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, percent rearrested and percent reconvicted for any new sex crime, by type of sex offender

	All		**Rapists**		**Sexual Assaulters**	
Percent rearrested for any new sex crime within 3 years	12	4.0%	9	4.7%	3	2.8%
Percent reconvicted for any new sex crime within 3 years	6	2.0%	4	2.1%	2	1.8%
Total released	300		191		109	

Among child molesters, 2.5% were re-arrested for a new sex crime and 1.5% were re-convicted of a new sex crime.

Table 22. Of child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, percent rearrested and percent reconvicted for any new sex crime

		Child Molesters	Statutory Rapists
Percent rearrested for any new sex crime within 3 years	5	2.5%	NA
Percent reconvicted for any new sex crime within 3 years	3	1.5%	NA
Total released	200		NA

More sex offenders were re-arrested between two and three years out of prison than any other time interval. It is important to note that the numbers are so small it is difficult to infer meaningful trends.

Table 23. Of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, percent re-arrested for any new sex crime, by type of sex offender and time after release

	Cumulative percent re-arrested for any new sex crime within specified time					
Time after 2001 release		**All**		**Rapists**		**Sexual Assaulters**
6 months	4	1.3%	3	1.6%	1	0.9%
1 year	5	1.7	4	2.1	1	0.9
2 years	7	2.3	6	3.1	1	0.9
3 years	12	4.0	9	4.7	3	2.8
Total released	300		191		109	

Among child molesters, more were re-arrested during the two to three year interval after release. Again, it is important to note that the very small numbers involved make it difficult to attach much meaning to this trend.

Table 24. Of child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, percent re-arrested for any new sex crime, by time after release

		Cumulative percent re-arrested for any new sex crime within specified time	
Time after 2001 release		**Child Molesters**	**Statutory Rapists**
6 months	1	0.5%	NA
1 year	1	0.5	NA
2 years	2	1.0	NA
3 years	5	2.5	NA
Total released	200		NA

Young sex offenders were re-arrested more often for sex offenses than older sex offenders. Over the three year period, 4.3% of Black sex offenders were re-arrested, 3.9% of White sex offenders were re-arrested.

Table 25. Of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, percent re-arrested for any new sex crime, by demographic characteristics of released prisoners

			Percent of released sex offenders re-arrested for any new sex crime within 3 years
Of Total released			4.0%
Prisoner characteristics			
Race	**Total**	**No.**	**%**
White	153	6	3.9%
Black	139	6	4.3
Other	8	0	0.0
Hispanic origin			
Hispanic	7	0	0.0%
Non-Hispanic	291	12	4.1
Age at release			
18-24	50	4	8.0%
25-29	43	1	2.3
30-34	51	4	7.8
35-39	54	1	1.9
40-44	31	1	3.2
45 or older	71	1	1.4
			12
Total released	300		4.0

Note: Data identifying race were reported for 100% of 300 released sex offenders; Hispanic origin for 99.5%; age for virtually 100%.

Seven of the nine sex offenders who were re-arrested for new sex crimes served more than three years before their release. However, the number of re-arrests is so small it is difficult to make any meaningful inferences.

Table 26. Of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, percent re-arrested for any new sex crime, by time served before being released.

Time served in prison before 2001 release			Percent of released sex offenders re-arrested for new sex crime in 3 years
6 months or less	0	15	0.0%
7-12	0	18	0.0
13-18	2	15	13.3
19-24	0	18	0.0
25-30	0	7	0.0
31-36	0	29	0.0
37-60	4	42	9.5
61 months or more	3	76	3.9
Not available	0	21	0.0
	9	241	
Total first releases		241	

Note: *time served was not available for 21 first-time releases. Figures are based on first releases only. First releases include only those offenders leaving prison for the first time since beginning their sentence. First releases exclude those who left prison in 2001 but who had previously been released under the same sentence and had returned to prison for violation the conditions of release.

Among sex offenders released in 2001 with no prior arrests (other than the one for which they were incarcerated) 5.7% were arrested for a new sex offense, compared to 3.1% for sex offenders with prior arrests.

Table 27. Of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, percent re-arrested for any new sex crime, by type of sex offender and prior arrest for any sex crime

Arrest prior to 2001 release	All		Rapists		Sexual assaulters	
Percent rearrested for any new sex crime within 3 years						
Total		4.0%		4.7%		2.8%
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	6	5.7	4	6.2	2	4.9
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	6	3.1	5	4.0	1	1.5
	12		9		3	
Percent of released prisoners						
Total		100%		100%		100%
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	106	35.3	65	34.0	41	37.6
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	194	64.7	126	66.0	68	62.4
	300		191		109	
Total released	300		191		109	

Note: *By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their release: namely, the arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001.

Thirty-nine percent of child molesters were in prison for their first arrest and among that group, 5.1% were arrested for a new sex offense. Among child molesters with prior arrests, 0.8% were arrested for a new sex offenses.

Table 28. Of child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, percent rearrested for any new sex crime, by prior arrest for any sex crime

Arrest prior to 2001 release		Child molesters	Statutory rapists
Percent rearrested for any new sex crime within 3 years			
Total		2.5%	NA
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *			
Their first arrest for any type of crime	4	5.1	NA
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	1 5	0.8	NA
Percent of released prisoners			
Total		100%	NA
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *			
Their first arrest for any type of crime	78	39.0	NA
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	122	61.0	NA
Total released	200		NA

Note: *By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their release: namely, the arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001.

Among sex offenders released from prison, there was no clear pattern of re-arrest for new sex offenses associated with the number of prior arrests.

Table 29. Of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, percent rearrested for any new sex crime, by number of prior arrests for any type of crime

Number of adult arrests prior to 2001 release	**Percent re-arrested for any sex crime within 3 years**	
	No.	**%**
All sex offenders	12	4.0%
1 prior arrest for any type of crime	6	5.7
2	1	2.6
3	1	2.6
4	0	0.0
5	0	0.0
6	1	5.0
7-10	1	3.8
11-15	1	4.3
16 or more	1	16.7
	Percent of released prisoners	
	No.	**%**
All sex offenders	300	100%
1 prior arrest for any type of crime	106	35.3
2	39	13.0
3	38	12.7
4	27	9.0
5	15	5.0
6	20	6.7
7-10	26	8.7
11-15	23	7.7
16 or more	6	2.0
Total released	300	

Of all sex offenders released from prison in 2001, 4% were rearrested for a new sex crime within three years.

Table 30. Of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, percent rearrested for any new sex crime, by type of sex offender and prior arrest for any sex crime

Arrest prior to 2001 release	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
Percent rearrested for any new sex crime within 3 years						
Total		4.0%		4.7%		2.8%
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *						
Their first arrest for any sex crime	6	2.3	4	2.5	2	2.1
Not their first arrest for any sex crime	6	13.6	5	16.1	1	7.7
	12		9		3	
Percent of released prisoners						
Total		100%		100%		100%
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *						
Their first arrest for any sex crime	256	85.3	160	83.8	96	88.1
Not their first arrest for any sex crime	44	14.7	31	16.2	13	11.9
	300		191		109	
Total released		300		191		109

Note: *By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their release: namely, the arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001.

Among the five child molesters re-arrested for a new sex crime, four had no previous arrests for sex crimes.

Table 31. Of child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, percent rearrested for any new sex crime, by prior arrest for any sex crime

Arrest prior to 2001 release		**Child Molesters**	**Statutory Rapists**
Percent rearrested for any new sex crime within 3 years			
Total		2.5%	NA
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *			
Their first arrest for any sex crime	4	2.3	NA
Not their first arrest for any sex crime	1	4.3	NA
	5		
Percent of released prisoners			
Total		100%	NA
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *			
Their first arrest for any sex crime	177	88.5	NA
Not their first arrest for any sex crime	23	11.5	NA
	200		
Total released	200		NA

Note: *By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their release: namely, the arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001.

Tables 32 and 33 were not replicated because arrest data outside of South Carolina were not available for this report.

Tables 34 and 35 were not replicated because information concerning the victim's age was not available for this report.

Of those sex offenders re-arrested for a sex crime against a child, none had previous arrests for a sex crime against a child. Among sex offenders released in 2001, 95% did not have previous arrests for a sex crime against a child (other than the offense responsible for the current incarceration).

Table 36. Of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, percent rearrested for a sex crime against a child, by prior arrest for a sex crime against a child

Arrest prior to 2001 release		**All**		**Rapists**		**Sexual Assaulters**
Percent rearrested for a sex crime against a child within 3 years						
Total		2.0%		2.6%		0.9%
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *						
Their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	6	2.1	5	2.7	1	1.0
Not their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	6		5		1	
Percent of released prisoners						
Total		100%		100%		100%
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *						
Their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	285	95.0	183	95.8	102	93.6
Not their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	15	5.0	8	4.2	7	6.4
Total released	300		191		109	

Note: *By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their release: namely, the arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001.

Of the child molesters released from prison in 2001, 2 (1%) were rearrested for a sex crime against a child. Both had been incarcerated for their first arrest for a sex crime against a child. No child molesters who had prior arrests (other than the offense responsible for their 2001 incarceration) were re-arrested for a sex offense against a child.

Table37. Of child molesters and statutory rapists released from prison in 2001, percent re-arrested for a sex crime against a child, by prior arrest for a sex crime against a child

Arrest prior to 2001 release		**Child Molesters**	**Statutory Rapists**
Percent re-arrested for a sex crime against a child within 3 years			
Total		1.0%	NA
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *			
Their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	2	1.1	NA
Not their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	0	0.0	NA
	2		
Percent of released prisoners			
Total		100%	NA
The arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001 was - *			
Their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	187	93.5	NA
Not their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	13	6.5	NA
Total released	200		NA

Note: *By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their release: namely, the arrest responsible for their being in prison in 2001.

Among child molesters, 24.8% were 45 years of age or older, at the time of the offense resulting in the 2001 term of incarceration. The highest rate of re-arrest was among 35 to 39 year old child molesters. No information concerning the age of the victim was available.

Table 38. Among child molesters released from prison in 2001, the molester's age when he committed the crime that resulted in his imprisonment, the child's age, and percent re-arrested for a sex crime against a child

Age characteristic		Percent of total		Percent of released child molesters re-arrested for a sex crime against a child within 3 years
Child molester's age when he committed the sex crime for which imprisoned				
18-24	26	15.8%	0	0.0%
25-29	27	16.4	1	3.7
30-34	22	13.3	1	4.5
35-39	26	15.8	2	7.7
40-44	23	13.9	0	0.0
45 or older	41	24.8	1	2.4
Age of child he was imprisoned for molesting	165		5	
13 or younger		NA		NA
14-15		NA		NA
16-17		NA		NA
How much older he was than the child he was imprisoned for molesting				
Up to 4 years older		NA		NA
5 to 9 years older		NA		NA
10 to 19 years older		NA		NA
20 or more years older		NA		NA
Total first releases	165			

Note: Figures are based on first releases only. First releases include only those offenders leaving prison for the first time since beginning their sentence. First releases exclude those who left prison in 2001 but who had previously been released under the same sentence and had returned to prison for violation the conditions of release.

Tables 39 and 40 were not replicated because arrest data outside of South Carolina were not available for this report.

Forty-three percent of all sex offenders were re-arrested within three years. Among rapists the re-arrest rate was 45.5% compared to 38.5% for sexual assaulters. Seventeen percent of re-arrests for all sex offenders were for violent offenses and 4% of re-arrests were for sex offenses.

Table 41. Re-arrest rate of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender and charge at re-arrest

	Percent re-arrested for specified offense within 3 years					
Re-arrest charge	**All**		**Rapists**		**Assaulters**	
	No.	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
All charges *	129	43.0%	87	45.5%	42	38.5%
Violent offenses	51	17.0%	40	20.9%	11	10.1%
Homicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sex offense	12	4.0	9	4.7	3	2.8
Rape	12	4.0	9	4.7	3	2.8
Sexual assault	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Robbery	3	1.0	3	1.6	0	0.0
Assault	36	12.0	28	14.7	8	7.3
	51		40		11	
Property offenses **	47	15.7%	30	15.7%	17	15.6%
Burglary	8	2.7	5	2.6	3	2.8
Larceny/theft	19	6.3	13	6.8	6	5.5
Motor vehicle theft	4	1.3	1	0.5	3	2.8
Fraud	11	3.7	7	3.7	4	3.7
	42		26		16	
Drug offenses	16	5.3%	11	5.8%	5	4.6%
Public-order offenses	79	26.3%	48	25.1%	31	28.4%
Other offenses	3	1.0%	2	1.0%	1	0.9%
	196		131		65	
Total released	300		191		109	

Note: *These counts include incidents of arrests/convictions reported by South Carolina criminal Justice entities irrespective of whether they pertain to felony, serious misdemeanor, or minor offenses at municipal court level. In South Carolina, felony and misdemeanor are defined by statute.
** Total property offenses include burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, arson, stolen property and other forms of property offenses.

Thirty-eight percent of child molesters were re-arrested for some offense within three years of their release. Ten percent were arrested for violent offenses, 2.5% were arrested for a sex offense.

Table 42. Re-arrest rate of sex offenders released from prison in 2001, by type of sex offender and charge at re-arrest

		Percent rearrested for specified offense within 3 years	
Re-arrest charge		**Child molesters**	**Statutory rapists**
All charges *	76	38.0%	NA
Violent offenses	20	10.0%	NA
Homicide	0	0.0	NA
Sex offense	5	2.5	NA
Rape	5	2.5	NA
Sexual assault	0	0.0	NA
Robbery	0	0.0	NA
Assault	15	7.5	NA
	20		
Property offenses	30	15.0%	NA
Burglary	5	2.5	NA
Larceny/theft	12	6.0	NA
Motor vehicle theft	4	2.0	NA
Fraud	8	4.0	NA
	29		
Drug offenses	10	5.0%	NA
Public-order offenses	51	25.5%	NA
Other offenses	3	1.5%	NA
	114		
Total released	200		NA

Note: * These counts include incidents of arrests/convictions reported by South Carolina criminal justice entities irrespective of whether they pertain to felony, serious misdemeanor, or minor offenses at municipal court level. In South Carolina, felony and misdemeanor are defined by statute.

** Total property offenses include burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, arson, stolen property, and other forms of property offenses.

Sex Offenders Admitted to Community Corrections Supervision

A total of 288 male sex offenders were admitted to the supervision of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services during 2001. Using the offense definition, they were classified as rapists (51.7%) or sexual assaulters (48.3%). Child molesters were identified on the basis of the offense definition. Following the BJS study, only male sex offenders were included, although 10 female sex offenders admitted during the time period were excluded from the analysis. The sex offender population was 53.1% White, 45.8% Black and 1% other. The mean age at admission was 35.1 years old.

Table 1. Demographic Characteristics of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, by Type of Sex Offender

	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
Characteristics	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
Race						
White	153	53.1%	70	47.0%	83	59.7%
Black	132	45.8%	78	52.3%	54	38.8%
Other	3	1.0%	1	0.7%	2	1.4%
Age at Admission						
24 or Younger*	76	26.4%	45	30.2%	31	22.3%
25 - 29	35	12.2%	19	12.8%	16	11.5%
30 - 34	43	14.9%	18	12.1%	25	18.0%
35 - 39	42	14.6%	22	14.8%	20	14.4%
40 - 44	31	10.8%	16	10.7%	15	10.8%
45 or Older	61	21.2%	29	19.5%	32	23.0%
Age At Admission						
Average	35.1 Yrs		34.4Yrs		35.8 Yrs	
Median	33.3		33.1		34.2	
Total Admitted	288		149		139	

Note: Under SC law, 17 year olds are supervised as adults at SCDPPPS.

Seventy-five percent of the SCDPPPS sex offenders were child molesters. The child molester population was 56% White, 42.6% Black and 1.4% Other. The mean age at admission for child molesters was 34.2 years.

Table 2. Demographic Characteristics of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01

	All		Child Molesters		Not Child Molesters	
Characteristics	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
Race						
White	153	53.1%	121	56.0%	32	44.4%
Black	132	45.8%	92	42.6%	40	55.6%
Other	3	1.0%	3	1.4%	0	0.0%
Age at Admission						
24 or Younger*	76	26.4%	55	25.5%	21	29.2%
25 - 29	35	12.2%	25	11.6%	10	13.9%
30 - 34	43	14.9%	33	15.3%	10	13.9%
35 - 39	42	14.6%	34	15.7%	8	11.1%
40 - 44	31	10.8%	21	9.7%	10	13.9%
45 or Older	61	21.2%	48	22.2%	13	18.1%
Age At Admission						
Average	35.1 Yrs		35.5Yrs		34.0 Yrs	
Median	33.3		34.2		33.0	
Total Admitted	288		216		72	

Note: Under SC law, 17 year olds are supervised as adults at SCDPPPS.

The mean sentence (community supervision) for all SCDPPPS sex offenders was 41.9 months. The average time under supervision for all sex offenders was 33.1 months, or 86.2% of the sentence time.

Table 3. Sentence Length and Time Served for Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, by Type of Sex Offender

	All	Rapists	Sexual Assaulters
Characteristics			
Sentence Length (in months)			
Mean	41.9 mo	36.4 mo	47.8 mo
Median	36.0	36.0	60.0
Time Served (in months)			
For Offenders Now Closed			
Mean	33.1 mo	29.1 mo	38.1 mo
Median	34.1	24.0	36.0
Percent of Sentence Served			
For Offenders Closed	86.2%	84.8%	87.6%

Of Offenders Admitted in CY 01
For Those Now Closed, Percent
Who Had Served —

	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
6 Months or Less	31	13.0%	25	19.1%	6	5.6%
7-12	15	6.3%	7	5.3%	8	7.4%
13-18	16	6.7%	8	6.1%	8	7.4%
19-24	39	16.3%	30	22.9%	9	8.3%
25-30	11	4.6%	9	6.9%	2	1.9%
31-36	17	7.1%	7	5.3%	10	9.3%
37-60	62	25.9%	24	18.3%	38	35.2%
61 Months or More	48	20.1%	21	16.0%	27	25.0%
Total	239		131		108	

SCDPPPS child molesters received a mean sentence of 43.9 months of community corrections supervision, and actually served 36.1 months, or 88.9% of the supervision time. Non-child molester received a mean sentence of 36.1 months under community corrections supervision and actually served 24 months, or 75.2% of the sentence.

Table 4. Sentence Length and Time Served for Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01

Characteristics	**All**		**Child Molesters**		**Not Child Molesters**	
Sentence Length (in months)						
Mean	41.9 mo		43.9 mo		36.1 mo	
Median	36.0		48.0		28.6	
Time Served (in months) For Offenders Now Closed						
Mean	33.1 mo		36.1 mo		24.0 mo	
Median	34.1		36.0		21.0	
Percent of Sentence Served For Offenders Now Closed	86.2%		88.9%		75.2%	
Of Offenders Admitted in CY 01 For Those Now Closed, Percent Who Had Served —						
	No	.%	No.	%	No	.%
6 Months or Less	31	13.0%	14	7.8%	17	28.8%
7-12	15	6.3%	10	5.6%	5	8.5%
13-18	16	6.7%	10	5.6%	6	10.2%
19-24	39	16.3%	31	17.2%	8	13.6%
25-30	11	4.6%	6	3.3%	5	8.5%
31-36	17	7.1%	14	7.8%	3	5.1%
37-60	62	25.9%	55	30.6%	7	11.9%
61 Months or More	48	20.1%	40	22.2%	8	13.6%
Total	239		180		59	

Among SCDPPPS sex offenders, 55.9% had at least one prior arrest, 6.3% had a prior arrest for a sex offense and 2.8% had a sex offense against a child.

Table 5. Prior Criminal Record of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, by Type of Sex Offender

Prior to the Sex Crime for which Admitted to SCDPPPS

	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
	No.	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
Offenders with 1 Prior Arrest for:						
Any Crime	161	55.9%	83	55.7%	78	56.1%
Any Sex Offense	18	6.3%	7	4.7%	11	7.9%
Sex Offense Against a Child	8	2.8%	3	2.0%	5	3.6%
Prior Arrest for Any Crime						
Mean	2.5		2.4		2.6	
Median	1		1		1	
Offenders with at Least 1 Prior Conviction for – a						
Any Crime	143	49.7%	75	50.3%	68	48.9%
Any Sex Offense	9	3.1%	4	2.7%	5	3.6%
Sex Offense Against a Child	7	2.4%	3	2.0%	4	2.9%
Prior Convictions for Any Crime						
Mean	2.6		2.6		2.7	
Median	0		1		0	
Offenders with Prior Prison Sentence for Any Crime – b						
	41	14.2%	21	14.1%	20	14.4%
Total Admitted	288		149		139	

Notes:
A "Prior" does not include the arrest, conviction, or prison sentence that was the reason the sex offenders were admitted to SCDPPPS supervision in CY 01. Persons with no prior Arrest or prior convictions were coded zero and were included in the calculations of mean and median priors.
b "Prior Prison Sentence" refers to a prior prison sentence served at the SC Department of Corrections. Data from prisons
in other states or federal facilities is not included in this study.

Among child molesters, 56% had a prior arrest. Six percent of child molesters had a prior arrest for a sex offense and 3.7% had a prior arrest for a sex offense against a child.

Table 6. Prior Criminal Record of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01

Prior to the Sex Crime for which Admitted to SCDPPPS

	All		Child Molesters		Not Child Molesters	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Offenders with at Least 1 Prior Arrest for — a						
Any Crime	161	55.9%	121	56.0%	40	55.6%
Any Sex Offense	18	6.3%	13	6.0%	5	6.9%
Sex Offense Against a Child	8	2.8%	8	3.7%	0	0.0%
Prior Arrests for Any Crime						
Mean	2.5		2.3		3.1	
Median	1		1		1	
Offenders with at Least 1 Prior Conviction for — a						
Any Crime	143	49.7%	105	48.6%	38	52.8%
Any Sex Offense	9	3.1%	7	3.2%	2	2.8%
Sex Offense Against a Child	7	2.4%	6	2.8%	1	1.4%
Prior Convictions for Any Crime						
Mean	2.6		2.2		4.0	
Median	0		0		1	
Offenders with Prior Prison Sentence for Any Crime						
	41	14.2%	26	12.0%	15	20.8%
Total Admitted	288		216		72	

Note:
a "Prior" does not include the arrest, conviction, or prison sentence that was the reason the sex offenders were admitted to SCDPPPS supervision in CY 01. Persons with no prior arrest or prior convictions were coded zero and were included in the calculations of mean and median priors.
b "Prior Prison Sentence" refers to a prior prison sentence served at the SC Department of Corrections. Data from prisons in other states or federal facilities is not included in this study.

Among the SCDPPPS sex offenders, 36.8% were rearrested, 23.6% were reconvicted for a new crime, 5.6% were incarcerated in SCDC and 25% were incarcerated in SCDC, within three years of admission.

Table 7. Recidivism Rate of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 by Recidivism Measure and Type of Sex Offender

Recidivism	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
Measure	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
Within 3 Years Following Admission:						
Rearrested for Any Type of Crime	106	36.8%	58	38.9%	48	34.5%
Reconvicted for Any Type of Crime	68	23.6%	38	25.5%	30	21.6%
Admitted to Prison with a New Sentence for Any Type of Crime a	16	5.6%	9	6.0%	7	5.0%
Admitted to Prison with or without a New Sentence b	72	25.0%	37	24.8%	35	25.2%
Total Admitted	288		149		139	

Notes:
a"New Prison Sentence" includes new sentences to the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) but not in other states, Federal prisons, or local jails.
b"With or without a New Sentence" includes admissions to the SC Department of Corrections with new sentences plus admissions for technical violations. Data from prisons in other states or federal facilities

The re-arrest rate for SCDPPPS child molesters was 35.6% compared to 40.3% for other sex offenders. The re-conviction rate among child molesters was 22.7%, compared to 26.4% for non-child molesters. Among child molesters the re-incarceration rate was 5.1% and 23.6% were incarcerated in SCDC without a new sentence. Among sex offenders that were not child molesters 6.9% were incarcerated in SCDC and 29.2% were incarcerated in SCDC with or without a new sentence.

Table 8. Recidivism Rate of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 by Recidivism Measure

Recidivism Measure	All		Child Molesters		Not Child Molesters	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Within 3 Years Following Admission:						
Rearrested for Any Type of Crime	106	36.8%	77	35.6%	29	40.3%
Reconvicted for Any Type of Crime	68	23.6%	49	22.7%	19	26.4%
Admitted to Prison with a New Sentence for Any Type of Crime a	16	5.6%	11	5.1%	5	6.9%
Admitted to Prison with or without a New Sentence b	72	25.0%	51	23.6%	21	29.2%
Total Admitted	288			216	72	

Notes:
A "New Prison Sentence" includes new sentences to the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) but not in other states, Federal prisons, or local jails.
B "With or without a New Sentence" includes admissions to the SC Department of Corrections with new sentences plus admissions for technical violations. Data from prisons in other states or federal facilities is not included in this study.

Among SCDPPPS sex offenders, 36.8% were re-arrested within three years, 23.6% were reconvicted for a crime within three years, and 5.6% were incarcerated in SCDC within three years.

Table 9. Recidivism Rate of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 by Type of Recidivism Measure, Type of Sex Offender and Time After Admission

Time after CY 01 Admission	All No.	%	Rapists No.	%	Sexual Assaulters No.	%	
Rearrested for any type of crime within —							
6 Months	25	8.7%	15	10.1%	10	7.2%	
1 Year	43	14.9%	27	18.1%	16	11.5%	
2 Years	79	27.4%	48	32.2%	31	22.3%	
3 Years	106	36.8%	58	38.9%	48	34.5%	
Reconvicted for any type of crime within —							6
Months	12	4.2%	5	3.4%	7	5.0%	
1 Year	22	7.6%	9	6.0%	13	9.4%	
2 Years	47	16.3%	26	17.4%	21	15.1%	
3 Years	68	23.6%	38	25.5%	30	21.6%	
Admitted to Prison with a new Sentence for any Type of Crime within — a							6
Months	3	1.0%	3	2.0%	0	0.0%	
1 Year	5	1.7%	3	2.0%	2	1.4%	
2 Years	10	3.5%	7	4.7%	3	2.2%	
3 Years	16	5.6%	9	6.0%	7	5.0%	
Total Admitted	288		149		139		

Among child molesters 8.7% were re-arrested within the first six months, 4.2% were re-convicted of a crime within the first six months and 1% were incarcerated in SCDC within the first six months.

Table 10. Recidivism Rate of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 by Type of Recidivism Measure and Time After Admission

Cumulative Number & Percent of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01

Time after CY 01 Admission	All No.	%	Child Molesters No.	%	Not Child Molesters No.	%
Re-arrested for any type of crime of crime within —						
6 Months	25	8.7%	16	7.4%	9	12.5%
1 Year	43	14.9%	27	12.5%	16	22.2%
2 Years	79	27.4%	54	25.0%	25	34.7%
3 Years	106	36.8%	77	35.6%	29	40.3%
Reconvicted for any type of crime within —						
6 Months	12	4.2%	11	5.1%	1	1.4%
1 Year	22	7.6%	17	7.9%	5	6.9%
2 Years	47	16.3%	34	15.7%	13	18.1%
3 Years	68	23.6%	49	22.7%	19	26.4%
Admitted to Prison with a new Sentence for any Type of Crime within — a						
6 Months	3	1.0%	3	1.4%	0	0.0%
1 Year	5	1.7%	4	1.9%	1	1.4%
2 Years	10	3.5%	6	2.8%	4	5.6%
3 Years	16	5.6%	11	5.1%	5	6.9%
Total Admitted	288		216		72	

Note: a "New Prison Sentence" includes new sentences to the South Carolina Department of Corrections but not in other state prisons, federal prisons or local jails.

Young sex offenders experienced higher re-arrest rates than older sex offenders. The re-arrest rate for Black sex offenders was higher than the re-arrest rate for White offenders.

Table 11. Three Year Re-arrest Rate of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, by Type of Sex Offender and Demographic Characteristics

	All Sex Offenders			Rapists			Sexual Assaulters		
Offender	**Total**	**No.**	**%**	**Total**	**No.**	**%**	**Total**	**No.**	**%**
Race									
White	153	43	28.1%	70	24	34.3%	83	19	22.9%
Black	132	62	47.0%	78	33	42.3%	54	29	53.7%
Other	3	1	33.3%	1	1	100.0%	2	0	0.0%
Age									
24 or less*	76	38	50.0%	45	22	48.9%	31	16	51.6%
25 - 29	35	18	51.4%	19	11	57.9%	16	7	43.8%
30 - 34	43	15	34.9%	18	8	44.4%	25	7	28.0%
35 - 39	42	14	33.3%	22	7	31.8%	20	7	35.0%
40 - 44	31	10	32.3%	16	5	31.3%	15	5	33.3%
45 or Older	61	11	18.0%	29	5	17.2%	32	6	18.8%
Total Admitted	288	106	36.8%	149	58	38.9%	139	48	34.5%

Note: Under SC law, 17 year olds are supervised as adults at SCDPPPS.

Among child molesters, young offenders were re-arrested more frequently than older offenders and Black offenders were re-arrested more frequently than White offenders.

Table 12. Three Year Re-arrest Rate of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, by Demographic Characteristics

	All Sex Offenders			Child Molesters			Not Child Molesters		
Offender	Total	No.	%	Total	No.	%	Total	No.	%
Race									
White	153	43	28.1%	121	30	24.8%	32	13	40.6%
Black	132	62	47.0%	92	46	50.0%	40	16	40.0%
Other	3	1	33.3%	3	1	33.3%	0	0	----
Age at Admission									
24 or less*	76	38	50.0%	55	29	52.7%	21	9	42.9%
25 - 29	35	18	51.4%	25	12	48.0%	10	6	60.0%
30 - 34	43	15	34.9%	33	9	27.3%	10	6	60.0%
35 - 39	42	14	33.3%	34	11	32.4%	8	3	37.5%
40 - 44	31	10	32.3%	21	7	33.3%	10	3	30.0%
45 or older	61	11	18.0%	48	9	18.8%	13	2	15.4%
Total Admitted	288	106	36.8%	216	77	35.6%	72	29	40.3%

Note: Under SC law, 17 year olds are supervised as adults at SCDPPPS.

Tables 13 and 14 were not replicated because they are not applicable to community supervision.

Among SCDPPPS sex offenders that were re-arrested within three years, 26% of those under supervision for their first arrest, were re-arrested for another crime, compared to a 45.3% re-arrest rate for sex offenders that had additional previous arrests.

Table 15. Re-arrest Rate of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 by Type of Sex Offender and Prior Arrest for any Type of Crime

	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
Arrest Prior to CY 01 Admission	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
Rearrested for any type of crime within 3 Years						
Total	106	36.8%	58	38.9%	48	34.5%
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	33	26.0%	15	22.7%	18	29.5%
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	73	45.3%	43	51.8%	30	38.5%
Total Offenders Admitted						
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	127	44.1%	66	44.3%	61	43.9%
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	161	55.9%	83	55.7%	78	56.1%
Total Admitted	288		149		139	

Note: * By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their admission; namely, the sex crime arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01.

Among SCDPPPS child molesters under supervision for their first arrest, 26.3% were re-arrested within three years, compared to 25% for sex offenders who were not child molesters.

Table 16. Re-arrest Rate of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 by Prior Arrest for any Type of Crime

	All		Not Child Molesters		Child Molesters	
Arrest Prior to CY 01 Admission	**No**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
Rearrested for any type of crime within 3 Years						
Total	106	36.8%	77	35.6%	29	40.3%
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	33	26.0%	25	26.3%	8	25.0%
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	73	45.3%	52	43.0%	21	52.5%
Total Offenders Admitted						
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	127	44.1%	95	44.0%	32	44.4%
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	161	55.9%	121	56.0%	40	55.6%
Total Admitted	288		216		72	

Note:
* By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their admission:
namely, the sex crime arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01.
Among SCDPPPS child molesters under supervision for their first arrest, 26.3% were re-arrested within three years, compared to 25% for sex offenders who were not child molesters.

The re-arrest rate of sex offenders generally increased with the number of prior arrests. The lowest re-arrest rate (26%) was among sex offenders with no prior arrests other than the one for which they were under supervision in 2001. Sex offenders with 16 or more had a re-arrest rate of 71.4%. The highest re-arrest rate was among sex offenders with 11 to 15 prior arrests. This generalized pattern of the percentage of offenders being re-arrested with the number of prior arrests also held true for rapists and sexual assaulters.

Table 17. Re-arrest Rate of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 by Type of Sex Offender and Number of Prior Arrests for any Type of Crime

Number of Adult Arrest Prior to CY 01 Admission*						
**Re-arrested for any type of crime within 3 Years **	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
	106	36.8%	58	38.9%	48	34.5%
1 prior arrest, any crime	33	26.0%	15	22.7%	18	29.5%
2	16	33.3%	13	44.8%	3	15.8%
3	11	44.0%	6	54.5%	5	35.7%
4	13	46.4%	6	50.0%	7	43.8%
5	6	37.5%	3	42.9%	3	33.3%
6	3	30.0%	1	20.0%	2	40.0%
7-10	11	64.7%	6	60.0%	5	71.4%
11-15	8	80.0%	4	80.0%	4	80.0%
16 or more	5	71.4%	4	100.0%	1	33.3%
Percent of Offenders Admitted						
All Sex Offenders		100%		100%		100%
1 prior arrest, any crime	127	44.1%	66	44.3%	61	43.9%
2	48	16.7%	29	19.5%	19	13.7%
3	25	8.7%	11	7.4%	14	10.1%
4	28	9.7%	12	8.1%	16	11.5%
5	16	5.6%	7	4.7%	9	6.5%
6	10	3.5%	5	3.4%	5	3.6%
7-10	17	5.9%	10	6.7%	7	5.0%
11-15	10	3.5%	5	3.4%	5	3.6%
16 or more	7	2.4%	4	2.7%	3	2.2%
Total Admitted	288		149		139	

Note:* By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their admission: namely, the arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01. In this table, that arrest is counted as 1 prior arrest.

The re-arrest rate of child molesters generally increased with the number of prior arrests. Among child molesters with no arrests other than the one for which they were under supervision, 26.3% were re-arrested. Among child molesters with 16 or more prior arrests, 66.7% were re-arrested. The highest re-arrest rate (85.7%) was among child molesters with 11 – 15 prior arrests.

The re-arrest rate of child molesters generally increased with the number of prior arrests. Among child molesters with no arrests other than the one for which they were under supervision, 26.3% were re-arrested. Among child molesters with 16 or more prior arrests, 66.7% were re-arrested. The highest re-arrest rate (85.7%) was among child molesters with 11 – 15 prior arrests.

Table 18. Re-arrest Rate of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 by Number of Prior Arrests for any Type of Crime

Number of Adult Arrests Prior to CY 01 Admission *	All		Child Molesters		Not Child Molesters	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Re-arrested for any type of crime within 3 Years **	106	36.8%	77	35.6%	29	40.3%
1 prior arrest for any type of crime	33	26.0%	25	26.3%	8	25.0%
2	16	33.3%	12	33.3%	4	33.3%
3	11	44.0%	8	38.1%	3	75.0%
4	13	46.4%	9	40.9%	4	66.7%
5	6	37.5%	3	25.0%	3	75.0%
6	3	30.0%	1	16.7%	2	50.0%
7-10	11	64.7%	9	81.8%	2	33.3%
11-15	8	80.0%	6	85.7%	2	66.7%
16 or more	5	71.4%	4	66.7%	1	100.0%
Percent of Offenders Admitted						
All Sex Offenders		100%		100%		100%
1 prior arrest for any type of crime	127	44.1%	95	44.0%	32	44.4%
2	48	16.7%	36	16.7%	12	16.7%
3	25	8.7%	21	9.7%	4	5.6%
4	28	9.7%	22	10.2%	6	8.3%
5	16	5.6%	12	5.6%	4	5.6%
6	10	3.5%	6	2.8%	4	5.6%
7-10	17	5.9%	11	5.1%	6	8.3%
11-15	10	3.5%	7	3.2%	3	4.2%
16 or more	7	2.4%	6	2.8%	1	1.4%
Total Admitted	288		216		72	

Note:
* By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their admission: namely, the arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01. In this table, that arrest is counted as 1 prior arrest.

Tables 19 and 20 were not replicated because arrest data outside of South Carolina were not available for this report.

Among SCDPPPS sex offenders, a total of 9 (3.1%) were re-arrested for a new sex offense, and 3 (1%) were re-convicted for a new sex offense. The re-arrest and reconviction rates were higher for rapists than for sexual assaulters.

Table 21. Of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Re-arrested and Reconvicted of any New Sex Crime, by Type of Sex Offender

	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Re-arrested for Any New Sex Crime within 3 Years of Admission	9	3.1%	5	3.4%	4	2.9%
Reconvicted for Any New Sex Crime within 3 Years of Admission	3	1.0%	3	2.0%	0	0.0%
Total Admitted	288		149		139	

Among SCDPPPS child molesters, a total of 7 (3.2%) were re-arrested for a new sex offense and 3 (1.4%) were re-convicted for a new sex crime. The re-arrest and reconviction rates for child molesters were higher than the rates for sex offenders who were not child molesters.

Table 22. Of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Rearrested and Reconvicted of any New Sex Crime

	All		Child Molesters		Not Child Molesters	
	No.	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
Rearrested for Any New Sex Crime within 3 Years of Admission	9	3.1%	7	3.2%	2	2.8%
Reconvicted for Any New Sex Crime within 3 Years of Admission	3	1.0%	3	1.4%	0	0.0%
Total Admitted	288		216		72	

With only 9 SCDPPPS sex offenders having been rearrested for new sex crimes, it is difficult to identify a meaningful pattern based on time of re-arrest after admission to supervision.

Table 23. Of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Rearrested for any New Sex Crime, by Type of Sex Offender and Time After Admission

	Cumulative Number and Percent Rearrested for any New Sex Crime within Specified Time					
	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
Time after CY 01 Admission	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
6 Months	2	0.7%	2	1.3%	0	0.0%
1 Year	2	0.7%	2	1.3%	0	0.0%
2 Years	5	1.7%	3	2.0%	2	1.4%
3 Years	9	3.1%	5	3.4%	4	2.9%
Total Admitted	288		149		139	

Among SCDPPPS child molesters, more were re-arrested during the two to three year interval after release. It is important to note that the very small numbers involved make it difficult to attach much meaning to this trend.

Table 24. Of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Re-arrested for any New Sex Crime, by Time After Admission

	Cumulative Number and Percent Re-arrested for any New Sex Crime within Specified Time					
			Child Molesters		Not Child Molesters	
Time after CY 01 Admission	**No.**	**All %**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
6 Months	2	0.7%	1	0.5%	1	1.4%
1 Year	2	0.7%	1	0.5%	1	1.4%
2 Years	5	1.7%	4	1.9%	1	1.4%
3 Years	9	3.1%	7	3.2%	2	2.8%
Total Admitted	288		216		72	

Note: Under SC law, 17 year olds are supervised as adults at SCDPPPS.

Table 26 was not replicated because it was not applicable to community corrections clients.

The percent of sex offenders with no prior arrests (other than for the current supervision) re-arrested for a new sex offense (3.1%) was identical to the percent of sex offenders with additional prior arrests re-arrested for a new sex offense (3.1%).

Table 27. Of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Re-arrested for any New Sex Crime, by Type of Sex Offender and Prior Arrest for any Type of Crime

Arrests Prior to CY 01 Admission	All No.	%	Rapists No.	%	Sexual Assaulters No.	%
Re-arrested for Any New Sex Crime within 3 Years of Admission						
Total	9	3.1%	5	3.4%	4	2.9%
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	4	3.1%	3	4.5%	1	1.6%
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	5	3.1%	2	2.4%	3	3.8%
Total Offenders Admitted						
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	127	44.1%	66	44.3%	61	43.9%
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	161	55.9%	83	55.7%	78	56.1%
Total Admitted	288		149		139	

Note:
* By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their admission: namely, the arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01. "First arrest for any type of crime" pertains exclusively to those admitted offenders whose first arrest was the sex offense arrest responsible for their admission to SCDPPPS in CY 01.

Seven of the 9 SCDPPPS sex offenders re-arrested for a new sex offense were child molesters. Among the 7 child molesters re-arrested for a new sex offense, 2 had no prior arrests (other than for the current sentence) and 5 had previous arrests.

Table 28. Of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Rearrested for any New Sex Crime, by Prior Arrest for any Type of Crime

Arrest Prior to. CY 01 Admission	All No.	%	Child Molester No	%	Not Child Molester No.	%
Rearrested for Any New Sex Crime within 3 Years of Admission						
Total	9	3.1%	7	3.2%	2	2.8%
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	4	3.1%	2	2.1%	2	6.3%
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	5	3.1%	5	4.1%	0	0.0%
Total Offenders Admitted						
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any type of crime	127	44.1%	95	44.0%	32	44.4%
Not their first arrest for any type of crime	161	55.9%	121	56.0%	40	55.6%
Total Admitted	288		216		72	

Note:
* By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their admission: namely, the arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01. "First arrest for any type of crime" pertains exclusively to those admitted offenders whose first arrest was the sex offense arrest responsible for their admission to SCDPPPS in CY 01.

Among SCDPPPS sex offenders re-arrested for a new sex offense, the highest re-arrest rate (1.4%) was among those with no prior arrests, other than the prior arrest for which they were under supervision.

Table 29. Of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Number and Percent Re-arrested for any New Sex Crime, by Number of Prior Arrests for any Type of Crime

Sex Offenders Re-arrested for a New Sex Crime

Number of Adult Arrests Prior to CY 01 Admission *	**No.**	**%**
All Sex Offenders	9	3.1%
1 prior arrest for any type of crime	4	1.4%
2	3	1.0%
3	1	0.3%
4	0	0.0%
5	0	0.0%
6	0	0.0%
7-10	0	0.0%
11-15	1	0.3%
16 or more	0	0.0%
All Offenders Admitted		
All Sex Offenders		100%
1 prior arrest for any type of crime	127	44.1%
2	48	16.7%
3	25	8.7%
4	28	9.7%
5	16	5.6%
6	10	3.5%
7-10	17	5.9%
11-15	10	3.5%
16 or more	7	2.4%
Total Admitted	288	

Note:
* By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their admission: namely, the arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01. In this table, that arrest is counted as 1 prior arrest.
** These percentages are cumulative.

Of the 9 SCDPPPS sex offenders re-arrested for a new sex offense, 5 were rapists and 4 were sexual assaulters. Of total sex offenders with no prior arrests, 2.6% were re-arrested for a new sex offense compared to 11.1% of those with prior arrests.

Table 30. Of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Rearrested for any New Sex Crime, by Type of Sex Offender and Prior Arrest for any Sex Crime

Arrest Prior to CY 01 Admission	All No.	All %	Rapists No	Rapists %	Sexual Assaulters No.	Sexual Assaulters %
Re-arrested for Any New Sex Crime within 3 Years of Admission						
Total	9	3.1%	5	3.4%	4	2.9%
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any sex crime	7	2.6%	4	2.8%	3	2.3%
Not their first arrest for any sex crime	2	11.1%	1	14.3%	1	9.1%
Total Offenders Admitted						
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any sex crime	270	93.8%	142	95.3%	128	92.1%
Not their first arrest for any sex crime	18	6.3%	7	4.7%	11	7.9%
Total Admitted	288		149		139	

Note:
* By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their admission: namely, the arrest responsible
for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01. "First arrest for any sex crime" pertains exclusively to those admitted offenders whose first arrest was the sex offense arrest responsible for their admission to SCDPPPS in CY 01.

Among the nine SCDPPPS child molesters re-arrested for a new sex offense, 7 were under supervision for their first arrest for a sex crime, while 2 were under supervision had previous arrests for sex crimes.

Table 31. Of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Rearrested for any New Sex Crime, by Prior Arrest for any Sex Crime

	All		Child Molesters		Not Child Molesters	
	No.	%	No	%	No.	%
Arrest Prior to CY 01 Admission						
Rearrested for Any New Sex Crime within 3 Years of Admission						
Total	9	3.1%	7	3.2%	2	2.8%
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any sex crime	7	2.6%	5	2.5%	2	3.0%
Not their first arrest for any sex crime	2	11.1%	2	15.4%	0	0.0%
Total Offenders Admitted						
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for any sex crime	270	93.8%	203	94.0%	67	93.1%
Not their first arrest for any sex crime	18	6.3%	13	6.0%	5	6.9%
Total Admitted	288		216		72	

Note:
* By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their admission: namely, the arrest responsible
for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01. "First arrest for any sex crime" pertains exclusively to those admitted offenders whose first arrest was the sex offense arrest responsible for their admission to SCDPPPS in CY 01.

Tables 32 and 33 were not replicated because arrest data outside of South Carolina were not available for this report.

Among sex offenders rearrested for a sex offense against a child, 50% of the victims were 13 or younger.

Table 34. Of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Rearrested for a Sex Crime against a Child, and Alleged Victims by Age of Victim and Type of Sex Offender

	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
	No.	%	No	%	No.	%
Rearrested for a Sex Crime Against a Child with 3 Years of Admission						
	6	2.1%	3	2.0%	3	2.2%
Total Number Admitted	288		149		139	
Age of Child that Sex Offender was Charged with Molesting after Admission						
13 or younger	3	50.0%	1	33.3%	2	66.7%
14-15	2	33.3%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%
16-17	1	16.7%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%
Number of Molested Children						
	6		3		3	

Notes:
The approximate ages of the children who were allegedly molested by the 6 offenders after their admission to SCDPPPS were obtained from the charge offense itself where the high end of an age range is specified.
"Number of Molested Children" was set to equal the number of sex offenders admitted who were rearrested for child molesting.

Among SCDPPPS child molesters rearrested for a sex crime against a child, 50% were re-arrested for offenses against a child 13 or younger.

Table 35. Of Child Molesters Admitted SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Re-arrested for a Sex Crime against a Child, and Victims By Age of Victim.

	All		Child Molesters		Not Child Molesters	
	No.	**%**	**No**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
Rearrested for a Sex Crime Against a Child with 3 Years of Admission	6	2.1%	4	1.9%	2	2.8%
Total Number Admitted	288		216		72	
Age of Child that Sex Offender was Charged with Molesting after Admission						
13 or younger	3	50.0%	2	50.0%	1	50.0%
14-15	2	33.3%	2	50.0%	0	0.0%
16-17	1	16.7%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%
Number of Molested Children	6		4		2	

Notes:
The approximate ages of the children who were allegedly molested by the 6 offenders after their admission to SCDPPPS were obtained from the charge offense itself where the high end of an age range is specified.
"Number of Molested Children" was set to equal the number of sex offenders admitted who were rearrested for child molesting.

Among the 6 SCDPPPS sex offenders re-arrested for a sex crime against a child, 5 were under supervision for their arrest for a sex crime against a child and 1 had previous arrests for sex crimes against children.

Table 36. Of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Re-arrested for a Sex Crime against a Child, by Prior Arrest For a Sex Crime against a Child and Type of Sex Offender

	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Rearrested for a Sex Crime against a Child within 3 Years of Admission						
Total	6	2.1%	3	2.0%	3	2.2%
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	5	1.8%	3	2.1%	2	1.5%
Not their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	1	12.5%	0	0.0%	1	20.0%
Total Offenders Admitted						
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
Their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	280	97.2%	146	98.0%	134	96.4%
Not their first arrest for a sex crime against a child	8	2.8%	3	2.0%	5	3.6%
Total Admitted	288		149		139	

Note:
* By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their admission: namely, the arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01. "First arrest for a sex crime against a child" pertains exclusively to those admitted offenders whose first arrest was the sex offense arrest responsible for their admission to SCDPPPS in CY 01.

Among the 6 SCDPPPS child molesters rearrested for a sex crime against a child, 5 were under supervision for the first arrest for a sex crime against a child, 1 had a prior arrest for a sex crime against a child.

Table 37. Of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, Those Rearrested for a Sex Crime against a Child, by Prior Arrest for a Sex Crime against a Child

Arrest Prior to CY 01 Admission	All No.	All %	Child Molesters No.	Child Molesters %	Not Child Molesters No.	Not Child Molesters %
Re-arrested for a Sex Crime against A child within 3 Years of Admission						
Total	6	2.1%	4	1.9%	2	2.8%
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
The 1st for a sex crime against a child	5	1.8%	3	1.4%	2	2.8%
Not the 1st for a sex crime against a child	1	12.5%	1	12.5%	0	0.0%
Total Offenders Admitted						
The arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01 was — *						
The 1st for a sex crime against a child	280	97.2%	208	96.3%	72	100.0%
Not the 1st for a sex crime against a child	8	2.8%	8	3.7%	0	0.0%
Total Admitted	288		216		72	

Note:
* By definition, all sex offenders had at least 1 arrest prior to their admission: namely, the arrest responsible for their being admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01. "First arrest for a sex crime against a child" pertains exclusively to those admitted offenders whose first arrest was the sex offense arrest responsible for their admission to SCDPPPS in CY 01.

Table 38 was omitted because it did not apply to a community correctional population and tables 39 and 40 were omitted because out-of-state criminal history information was not available.

The overall re-arrest rate for SCDPPPS sex offenders was 36.8%. The re-arrest rate for violent offenses was 10.4% and the re-arrest rate for sex offenses was 3.1%.

Table 41. Re-arrest Rate of Sex Offenders Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, by Type of Sex Offender and Charge at Re-arrest

	All		Rapists		Sexual Assaulters	
Re-arrest charge	**No**	**%**	**No**	**%**	**No**	**%**
All Charges	106	36.8%	58	38.9%	48	34.5%
Violent Offenses	30	10.4%	19	12.8%	11	7.9%
Homicide	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Kidnapping	1	0.3%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
Sex Offense	9	3.1%	5	3.4%	4	2.9%
Rape	9	3.1%	5	3.4%	4	2.9%
Sexual Assault	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Robbery	1	0.3%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
Assault *	19	7%	12	8%	7	5%
Property Offenses	33	11.5%	23	15.4%	10	7.2%
Burglary	5	1.7%	4	2.7%	1	0.7%
Larceny/Theft	10	3.5%	8	5.4%	2	1.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	1.4%	1	0.7%	3	2.2%
Fraud	13	4.5%	9	6.0%	4	2.9%
Property Damage	1	0.3%	1	0.7%	0	0.0%
Drug Offenses	13	4.5%	9	6.0%	4	2.9%
Public Order Offenses **	47	16.3%	25	16.8%	22	15.8%
Sex Offender Registry Violation	25	8.7%	13	8.7%	12	8.6%
Other Offenses	10	3.5%	3	2.0%	7	5.0%
Total Admitted	288		149		139	

Notes:
Detail may not add to totals because offenders may be rearrested for more than one type of charge.
* Assault includes Criminal Domestic Violence, Assault while Resisting Arrest and Lynching along with all off standard Assault offenses.
** Public Order Offenses includes such offenses as Breach of Peace, Contempt of Court, Driving Under the Influence along with other traffic related offenses, Trespassing, Open Container, Pointing Firearm and other weapons charges, Resisting Arrest, Public Drunk and Public Disorderly Conduct.

The overall re-arrest rate for child molesters was 35.6%. The re-arrest rate for violent crimes was 10.2% and 3.2% for sex offenses.

Table 42. Re-arrest Rate of Child Molesters Admitted to SCDPPPS in CY 01, by Charge at Re-arrest

	Re-arrested for Specific Offense within 3 Years					
			All		Child Molesters		Not Child Molesters	
Re-arrest Charge			**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**	**No.**	**%**
All Charges	106	36.8%	77	35.6%	29	40.3%
Violent Offenses	30	10.4%	22	10.2%	8	11.1%
Homicide	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Kidnapping	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
Sex Offense	9	3.1%	7	3.2%	2	2.8%
Rape	9	3.1%	7	3.2%	2	2.8%
Sexual Assault	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Robbery	1	0.3%	1	0.5%	0	0.0%
Assault *	19	7%	14	6%	5	7%
Property Offenses	33	11.5%	20	9.3%	13	18.1%
Burglary	5	1.7%	4	1.9%	1	1.4%
Larceny/Theft	10	3.5%	7	3.2%	3	4.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	1.4%	2	0.9%	2	2.8%
Fraud	13	4.5%	7	3.2%	6	8.3%
Property Damage	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	1.4%
Drug Offenses	13	4.5%	9	4.2%	4	5.6%
Public Order Offenses **	47	16.3%	36	16.7%	11	15.3%
Sex Offender Registry Violation	25	8.7%	17	7.9%	8	11.1%
Other Offenses	10	3.5%	9	4.2%	1	1.4%

Notes: Detail may not add to totals because offenders may be rearrested for more than one type of charge.
* Assault includes Criminal Domestic Violence, Assault while Resisting Arrest and Lynching and other assaults.
** Public Order Offenses includes Breach of Peace, Contempt of Court, DUI, driving along with other traffic related offenses, Trespassing, Open Container, Pointing Firearm and other weapons charges, Resisting Arrest, Public Drunk and Public Disorderly Conduct.

Findings

The South Carolina study took an approach to the issue of sex offender recidivism that varied somewhat from the BJS study of 1994 releases. Although seeking to replicate as closely as possible the BJS analyses, a cohort of community corrections admissions was also included, given the high level of interest the state has had in recent years concerning issues related to sex offenders under supervision in the community. Beyond the inclusion of the community corrections cohort, there were other variations from the BJS study that should be noted. One such variation is that SCDC accepts inmates with sentences of 90 days or more, unlike the jurisdictions in the BJS study which accepted only inmates with a sentence of a year or more. Criminal history in the South Carolina study was limited to South Carolina criminal history records and did not include criminal history data from other states, in contrast to the BJS study. Additionally, mortality information was not available for the SCDC portion of the South Carolina study. Finally, the age of criminal responsibility is 17 in South Carolina, unlike most states. Consequently, both the SCDC and the SCDPPPS cohorts included sex offenders who may have been admitted to prison or community correctional supervision at 17 years of age.

In considering the findings, it is important to note and be aware of the limitations of this analysis. The cohorts were so small that relatively small fluctuations could result in large changes in certain outcomes, particularly those based on small numbers such as arrests or convictions for new sex offenses. Additionally, criminal history was based on in-state records and did not include federal convictions or convictions in other states. An obvious, and extremely important, limitation of any study basing outcome measures on official records is that unreported behavior is not included. It is also important to be mindful that there is overlap between the SCDC and SCDPPPS cohorts, i.e., some members of the SCDC cohort were released to SCDPPPS cohort and therefore would be included in each cohort.

There were also some differences among the study group populations worth noting. The SCDC cohort was 46% Black and 2% Hispanic, compared to 32% Black and 20% Hispanic for the BJS cohort. The SCDPPPS cohort was 46% Black but did not capture Hispanic population. The SCDC cohort had a median age of 36 years compared to a median age of 33 for the SCDPPPS cohort. The median age for sex offenders in the BJS study was 35.3 years. In terms of offenses, the SCDC cohort was 63.7% rapists and 36.3% sexual assaulters compared to 51.7% rapists and 48.3% sexual assaulters in the SCDPPPS cohort. Child molesters made up 66.7% of the SCDC cohort compared to 75% of the SCDPPPS cohort. The BJS sex offender cohort was 32.1% rapists, 67.8% sexual assaulters and 44.3% child molesters.

In terms of recidivism measures, among the SCDC cohort, 43% were re-arrested for any crime, 22.3% were reconvicted for any crime and 22.3% were re-incarcerated. Among rapists, 44.5% were re-arrested with 20.9% of rapists being re-arrested for violent crimes. However, only 4.7% were re-arrested for a sex offense. A similar pattern existed among sexual assaulters. Among sexual assaulters, 38.5% were re-arrested, 10.1% were re-arrested for a violent crime and 2.8% were re-arrested for a sex offense. Child molesters

also exhibited a similar patter of re-arrest; 38% were re-arrested, 10% were re-arrested for a violent offense and 2.5% were re-arrested for a sex offense.

Among the SCDPPPS cohort, recidivism outcomes were somewhat, though not radically, different. Among community corrections admissions, 36.8% were re-arrested, 23.6% were reconvicted of any type crime, 5.6% were imprisoned with a new sentence and 25% were incarcerated with or without a new sentence. Among rapists, 38.9% were re-arrested for any type of crime, 25.5% were reconvicted for any crime, 6% were imprisoned with a new sentence and 24.8% were imprisoned with or without a new sentence. Among sexual assaulters, 34.5% were re-arrested for any crime, 21.6% were reconvicted for any type crime, 5% were imprisoned on the basis of a new sentence and 25.2% were imprisoned with or without a new sentence.

Overall, there were several findings of note. First, despite some of the methodological differences and differences in the cohort populations, the recidivism outcomes for both the SCDC and the SCDPPPS cohorts were similar to the BJS cohort. Among the BJS cohort the overall re-arrest rate was 43%, the same as the SCDC cohort but higher than the SCDPPPS cohort re-arrest rate of 36.8%. The reconviction rate for any crime among the BJS cohort was 24%, compared to 22.3% for the SCDC cohort and 23.6% for the SCDPPPS cohort. Although there were some differences, it is fair to characterize all three groups as being generally similar in terms of recidivism. Second, the relatively low rate of re-arrest for sex offenses was notable. Among the SCDC cohort, 4% overall were re-arrested for a sex offense. That included 4.7% of rapists, 2.8% of sexual assaulters, and 2.5% of child molesters. This low re-arrest rate for sex offenses also held true for the SCDPPPS cohort, with 3.1% overall re-arrested for a sex offense, 3.4% of rapists re-arrested for a sex offense, 2.9% of sexual assaulters re-arrested for a sex offense and 3.2% of child molesters re-arrested for a sex offense. A thumbnail description of sex offender recidivism in the state might be that they do indeed get in a lot of trouble within a three year period, but only a small number of them are getting in trouble for new sex offenses. That, in addition to the finding that recidivism for sex offenders under community corrections supervision was similar to recidivism for sex offenders released from prison, are key findings that have implications both for policy and future research efforts. Given the current interest in new and particularly technologically focused approaches to controlling sex offenders in the community, it would be very useful to identify risk factors associated with failure, and to the degree possible given the small number of occurrences, new sex offenses.