SEX OFFENSE RECIDIVISM

* It is estimated that one in every

five girls and one in every seven boys are sexually abused by the time they reach adulthood

* Approximately 67% of all victims of reported sexual assaults are under the age of 18,

and more than half of these victims are under the age of 12.

* Approximately one in four girls and

one in seven boys are sexually assaulted before the age of 18

* an estimated 61% of violent sex offenders in State prisons have a prior conviction history that resulted in a sentence to probation or incarceration
* Of released sex offenders who allegedly committed another sex crime, 40% perpetrated the new offense within a year or less from their prison discharge
* 2004 Harris and Hanson study which indicates that rapists have a 24% rate of re-offense, child molesters targeting girls 16%, and child molesters targeting boys, 35%. Offenders with a previous sex offense conviction have a 37% re-offense rate.
* Within three years of release, about two-thirds (67.8 percent) of released prisoners were rearrested. Within five years of release, about three-quarters (76.6 percent) of released prisoners were rearrested. Of those prisoners who were rearrested, more than half (56.7 percent) were arrested by the end of the first year.