



## **CHILD SEX OFFENDERS:**

# **GENERAL and CHILD SEXUAL RECIDIVISM RATES for OFFENDERS on COMMUNITY SUPERVISION 1980 - 2002**

Presentation to the Special Committee on the Review of  
Crimes Against Children

Senator Alberta Darling, Chair

November 15, 2006

**COMMUNITY SUPERVISION of Persons Convicted of Sex Crimes Against Children:  
GENERAL Recidivism Rates at 3, 5 and 10 Years**

**ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK**

- Starting Point:** Admitted to community supervision (probation, parole, extended supervision, etc..) for a sex crime against children.
- Follow-up Period:** 3, 5 and 10 calendar years following start date of community supervision.
- Recidivism Event:** Committing any new offense resulting in a Wisconsin criminal court disposition of custody or supervision under the WIDOC.
- Definition:** Persons who began an episode of community supervision, under the WI DOC, for a sex crime against children, and on some date within three, five, and ten calendar years following the begin date of that supervision, committed a new offense resulting in a WI court disposition of any type.

**RESULTS**

**3-Year Follow-up: 25.5% General Recidivism Rate  
28.9% Baseline Recidivism Rate for ALL offenders on supervision<sup>1</sup>**

- ✚ Of the **10,202** episodes of community supervision from 1980 through 2002, there were **2,605** recorded instances of **any new offense**, resulting in a new WI conviction, taking place within **three** calendar years – resulting in an overall recidivism rate of **25.5%**.

**5-Year Follow-up: 34.1% General Recidivism Rate**

- ✚ Of the **8,481** episodes of community supervision from 1980 through 2001, there were **2,892** recorded instances of **any new offense**, resulting in a new WI conviction, taking place within **five** calendar years – resulting in an overall recidivism rate of **34.1%**.

**10-Year Follow-up: 43.6% General Recidivism Rate**

- ✚ Of the **4,954** episodes of community supervision from 1980 through 1996, there were **2,161** recorded instances of **any new offense**, resulting in a new WI conviction, taking place within **ten** calendar years – resulting in an overall recidivism rate of **43.6%**.

---

<sup>1</sup> Of the 481,560 episodes of community supervision from 1980 through 2002, there were 139,054 recorded instances of a new offense taking place within three calendar years – resulting in an overall recidivism rate of 28.9%.

**COMMUNITY SUPERVISION of Persons Convicted of Sex Crimes Against Children:  
**CHILD SEX CRIME** Recidivism Rates at 3, 5 and 10 Years**

**ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK**

- Starting Point:** Admitted to community supervision (probation, parole, extended supervision, etc..) for a sex crime against children.
- Follow-up Period:** 3, 5 and 10 calendar years following start date of the community supervision episode.
- Recidivism Event:** Committing any new sex offense against children resulting in a Wisconsin criminal court disposition of custody or supervision under the WIDOC.
- Definition:** Persons who began an episode of community supervision, under the WI DOC, for a sex crime against children, and on some date within three, five, and ten calendar years following the begin date of that supervision, committed a new sex offense against a child resulting in a WI court disposition of any type.

**RESULTS**

- 3-Year Follow-up: 8.8% Child Sex Crime Recidivism Rate**  
**25.5% General Recidivism Rate**  
**28.9% Baseline Recidivism Rate for ALL offenders on supervision**

✚ Of the **10,202** episodes of community supervision from 1980 through 2002, there were **895** recorded instances of a **new sex offense against a child**, resulting in a new WI conviction, taking place within **three** calendar years – resulting in an overall recidivism rate of **8.8%**.

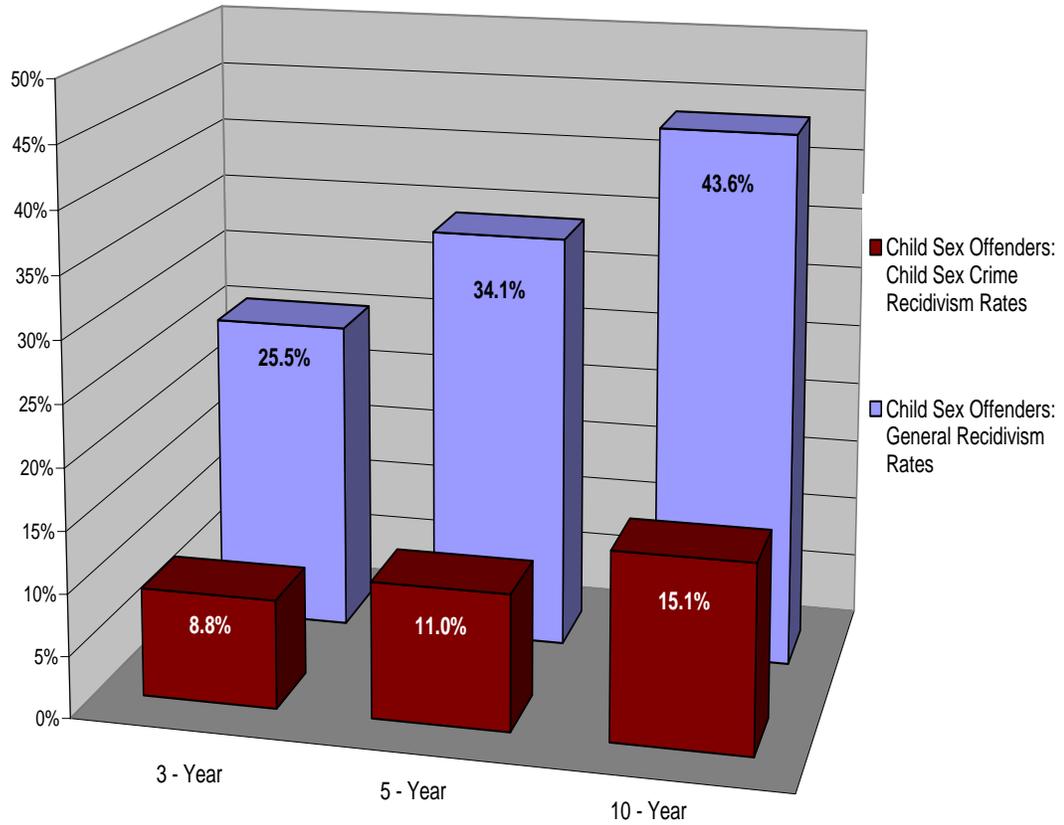
- 5-Year Follow-up: 11.0% Child Sex Crime Recidivism Rate**  
**34.1% General Recidivism Rate**

✚ Of the **8,481** episodes of community supervision from 1980 through 2001, there were **936** recorded instances of a **new sex offense against a child**, resulting in a new WI conviction, taking place within **five** calendar years – resulting in an overall recidivism rate of **11.0%**.

- 10-Year Follow-up: 15.1% Child Sex Crime Recidivism Rate**  
**43.6% General Recidivism Rate**

✚ Of the **4,954** episodes of community supervision from 1980 through 1996, there were **746** recorded instances of a **new sex offense against a child**, resulting in a new WI conviction, taking place within **ten** calendar years – resulting in an overall recidivism rate of **15.1%**.

**Persons Admitted to Community Supervision for a Sex Crime Against Children: 1980-2002**  
**Recidivism Rates at Follow-up Periods of 3, 5 and 10 Years**  
**Following Start Date of Community Supervision**



## **Appendix A**

### Recidivism Definition

**Recidivate** To commit a child sexual offense subsequent to a prior court disposition, that results in a new court disposition.

**Wisconsin Recidivism Rates** The percentage of times that persons within a defined set have recidivated, compared with the entire population of persons in that set. All recidivism rates are based on only Wisconsin offenses that have resulted in court dispositions. This *excludes...*

- .. persons convicted/sentenced in another state;
- .. persons convicted/sentenced in Federal court;
- .. persons convicted/sentenced in another country;
- .. persons admitted to jail without a new conviction;
- .. persons admitted to prison without a new conviction;
- .. persons arrested with no conviction;
- .. persons convicted of a crime that results in a court disposition that does not lead to custody or supervision under the WI DOC (i.e. second conviction of Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated);
- .. persons with municipal ordinance violations;
- .. persons who have not been apprehended, unreported crimes or persons not yet convicted of a new crime.

## Appendix B Sex Offenses Against Children

Listed below are the Wisconsin statutes used in this analysis to identify sex offenses against children. The offense category descriptions are the ones used in the Wisconsin Department of Corrections systems. Statutes can be listed with more than one category description when there is a difference between misdemeanor and felony convictions.

Statute	Offense Category Description
939.615	LIFETIME SEX OFFNDR SUPER
939.615(1)(B)	LIFETIME SEX OFFNDR SUPER
939.62(2M)(B)2	REPEAT CHILD SEX CRIMES
939.623	REPEAT CHILD SEX CRIMES
939.623(1)	REPEAT CHILD SEX CRIMES
939.623(2)	REPEAT CHILD SEX CRIMES
939.626	INC'D PNLTY-RPT CHILD SEX
939.626(2)	INC'D PNLTY-RPT CHILD SEX
944.06	INCEST
944.06	OTHER SEX CRIMES
944.10	OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT
944.10	SEXUAL INT W/CHILD
944.10(1)	OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT
944.10(1)	SEXUAL INT W/CHILD
944.10(2)	OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT
944.10(2)	SEXUAL INT W/CHILD
944.10(3)	OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT
944.10(3)	SEXUAL INT W/CHILD
944.11	INDECENT BEHAVIOR W/CHILD
944.11	OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT
944.11(1)	INDECENT BEHAVIOR W/CHILD
944.11(1)	OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT
944.11(2)	INDECENT BEHAVIOR W/CHILD
944.11(2)	OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT
944.11(3)	INDECENT BEHAVIOR W/CHILD
944.11(3)	OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT
944.12	ENTICING A CHILD
944.12	OTHER SEX CRIMES
944.25	OTHER SEX CRIMES
944.25	SEX CRIMES LAW-OTHER
944.25(10)	OBSCENE MATERIAL/PERFRMCE
944.25(10)	OTHER SEX CRIMES
944.25(2)	OTHER SEX CRIMES
944.25(2)	SEX CRIMES LAW-OTHER
944.25(9)	OBSCENE MATERIAL/PERFRMCE
944.25(9)	OTHER SEX CRIMES
948.02	SEX ASSAULT CHILD
948.02(1)	SEX ASSAULT CHILD 1ST DEG
948.02(2)	SEX ASSAULT CHILD 2ND DEG

948.02(3)	SEX ASLT CHLD FAIL TO ACT
948.02(3)	SEX ASLT CHLD-FAIL TO ACT
948.02(3M)	SEX ASLT CHLD-PENALTY ENH
948.025	OTHER/OTHER MISDEMEANORS
948.025	SEX ASSAULT CHILD
948.025(1)	SEX ASSAULT CHILD
948.025(1)(A)	SEX ASSAULT CHILD
948.025(1)(B)	SEX ASSAULT CHILD
948.025(2)	SEX ASSAULT CHILD
948.025(2M)	SEX ASSAULT CHILD
948.025(3)	SEX ASSAULT CHILD
948.05	SEXUAL EXPLOIT OF CHILD
948.05(1)	SEXUAL EXPLOIT OF CHILD
948.05(1)(A)	SEXUAL EXPLOIT OF CHILD
948.05(1)(B)	SEXUAL EXPLOIT OF CHILD
948.05(1)(C)	SEXUAL EXPLOIT OF CHILD
948.05(1M)	SEXUAL EXPLOIT OF CHILD
948.05(2)	SEXUAL EXPLOIT OF CHILD
948.055	FORCED VIEWING SEX ACT
948.055	OTHER/OTHER MISDEMEANORS
948.055(1)	FORCED VIEWING SEX ACT
948.055(2)	FORCED VIEWING SEX ACT
948.055(2)(A)	FORCED VIEWING SEX ACT
948.055(2)(B)	FORCED VIEWING SEX ACT
948.06	INCEST WITH CHILD
948.06(1)	INCEST WITH CHILD
948.06(2)	INCEST WITH CHILD
948.07	CHILD ENTICEMENT
948.07(1)	CHILD ENTICEMENT
948.07(2)	CHILD ENTICEMENT
948.07(3)	CHILD ENTICEMENT
948.07(4)	CHILD ENTICEMENT
948.07(5)	CHILD ENTICEMENT
948.07(6)	CHILD ENTICEMENT
948.075	COMPUTER/CHILD SEX CRIME
948.075(1)	COMPUTER/CHILD SEX CRIME
948.08	SOLICIT CHILD FOR PROSTIT
948.09	SEX W/ CHILD 16 OR OLDER
948.095	SEX ASSLT CHILD BY INSTR
948.095(2)	SEX ASSLT CHILD BY INSTR
948.10	EXPOSE GENITALS TO CHILD
948.10(1)	EXPOSE GENITALS TO CHILD
948.10(2)	EXPOSE GENITALS TO CHILD
948.11	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(1)	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(1)(A)	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(1)(A)1	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(1)(A)2	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL

948.11(1)(AR)	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(1)(AR)1	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(1)(AR)2	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(2)	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(2)(A)	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(2)(A)1	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(2)(A)2	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(2)(AM)	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(2)(AM)1	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(2)(B)	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.11(2)(B)1	EXPOS CHILD HARMFUL MATRL
948.12	POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNO
948.12(1)	POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNO
948.12(1M)	POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNO
948.12(2)	POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNO
948.12(3)	POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNO
948.13	SEX OFFDR WORKING W/CHILD
948.13(1)	SEX OFFDR WORKING W/CHILD
948.13(2)	SEX OFFDR WORKING W/CHILD