

Sex Offenders in the Custody of NC DOC June 2008

Prepared by: Carol S. Monahan
Policy Development Analyst

PURPOSE

To update the December 2006 memo that provided a quick reference to sex offender information from different divisions within the North Carolina Department of Correction with June 2008 data. Information about the Department and its Divisions can be found on the web site (www.doc.state.nc.us).

SEX OFFENDER POPULATION STATISTICS

These statistics represent a snapshot of the sex offender population under DOC custody on a given day. Sex offender is defined as any person with a sex offense described in North Carolina GS 14-208.6. While the offenses listed in this statute are registerable offenses, not all persons defined as a sex offender in this memo are required to register if the offense preceded the registration requirement.

Number of sex offenders in prison as of June 20084,989					
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other ¹	Number/ Total Percent
Male	49.8%	41.5%	6.2%	2.5%	4,929 / 98.8%
Female	83.3%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	60 / 1.2%
<p>The average age at admission for these inmates was 34 years. More than half (59.7%) have at least a high school diploma (or equivalent). Approximately one-half (50.1%) reported at admission to prison that they were single. The most frequent type of offense was first degree rape (23.8%), followed by second degree rape (20.1%), indecent liberty with child (18.6%) and first degree sexual offense (11.1%).</p> <p>Approximately one-third (35.0%) of these inmates were convicted of offenses against a minor. The most frequent convictions of these 1,744 inmates are indecent liberty with child (53.0%), 1st degree sexual offense with child (16.3%) and rape of a child less than age 13 (11.9%).</p> <p>Only one-quarter (21.0%) of sex offenders are serving a life sentence. The typical sex offender not sentenced to life was sentenced to 279 months (23.3 years) in prison.</p>					
Number of sex offenders supervised in the community as of June 20082,264 ²					
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other ¹	Number/ Total Percent
Male	60.1%	31.9%	1.4%	5.7%	2,183 / 96.4%
Female	84.1%	14.8%	0.0%	0.8%	81 / 3.6%
<p>The average age at intake for these offenders was 36 years. Fewer than half (48.5%) reported at least 12 years of education. Nearly half (48.0%) reported at intake to supervision that they were single. The most frequent type of offense was indecent liberty with child (51.3%), followed by second degree rape (10.1%), sexual battery (9.1%) and second degree sexual offense (6.1%).</p> <p>Nearly three-quarters (66.6%) of these offenders were convicted of offenses against a minor. The most frequent convictions of these 1,508 offenders are indecent liberty with child (77.1%), sex offense by substitute parent/guardian (7.8%) and second degree kidnapping of a minor (3.7%).</p> <p>The typical sex offender in the community was sentenced to 82 months (6.8 years) of supervision.</p>					

DOC Research and Planning - 01Jul2008 -I:\APPS\UNIVERSA\EDWARDS\SEX_OFFENDERS\RP_BULLETIN\sobullet.sas

¹ Includes Native American, Asian, and Pacific Islander.

² Does not include 529 offenders that are on supervision but unavailable (e.g., in prison, jail or other treatment facilities).