

Re-offending rates. I have the facts below:

1) The proven reoffending recidivism stats to march 2015. The proportion of sexual offenders who re-offend **for any crime** was 13%. Average number of reoffences per offender 2.49; proportion of offenders who reoffend for theft

42% <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/proven-reoffending-statistics-april-2014-to-march-2015>

2) However, it is actually better than that. This is a quote from an email sent to me by Karl Hanson who has spent a lifetime researching this. He said "Out of 100 individuals released from a sexual offence conviction in the UK, between 2 and 3 will be reconvicted for another sexual offence within 2 years, and 97 to 98 will not. If the follow-up period is extended to 4 years, an additional 2 to 3 individuals will be reconvicted, bringing the 4 year sexual reconviction rate to 5.5%. In other words, if 100 individuals with a sexual offence conviction are followed for 4 years, 5 or 6 of these will be reconvicted for a sexual offence and 94 to 95 will not. These figures are from the attached article (p. 454). These figures are similar to rates found in other countries during the past 10 – 15 years" This is validated by the UK Risk Matrix Validation Study uk 2010

3) In relation to risk over time, Karl Hanson reported his findings from an extensive literature review[i] of studies looking at a total of 543,204 sex offenders. This showed that for every five years that a sex offender remains offence-free in the community, the likelihood of them re-offending is cut by half. Hanson believes this is due to the following factors: effective psychological interventions that reduce risk, the effects of physical ageing such as a decline in testosterone levels, increasing rewards from living a prosocial life, success at work, rewarding leisure activities, decent friends, caring intimate partner, and learning to become interdependent (rather than being isolated as many are when younger). So if risk is 20% when you leave prison, if you make it for 5 years you are 10% risk, and if you make it for 10 year you are a 5% risk. Karl Hanson: Reassessing Risk 2007

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