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Juvenile Sex Offender Recidivism

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- What has come to be termed as “the low base rate problem” has traditionally plagued sex offender recidivism studies (Quinsey, 1980). As noted previously, lack of reporting, or underreporting, is higher in crimes of sexual violence than general criminal violence and may contribute to the low base rate problem. (Dr. Tim Bynum, Recidivism of Sex Offenders, Center for Sex Offender Management, 2001.)

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- Hanson and Brussière's 1998 meta-analysis found that the observed sex offense recidivism rate of sex offenders ranges from 10 to 15 percent after 5 years.

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- Juvenile sex offenders released from FY03 to FY06 had a sex offense recidivism rate ranging from 12 to 25 percent within 3 years. (SAC 2009)

Sex Offender Definition

- Juvenile sex offenders were released during FY03—FY08 from residential placement episodes to the community from
 - a detention center after being adjudicated of a sex offense to juvenile probation, Aftercare, or adult probation,
 - Level IV sex offender programs,
 - other Level IV programs like Mowlds Cottage, Chamberlain Academy, VQ Boot Camp,
 - the Department of Correction, or
 - Child Mental Health's Middletown Manor RTC

Juvenile Sex Offender's Time At-Risk

- ◆ Time at-risk is adjusted for readmissions to secure residential settings

Percent of Sex Offenders Through At-Risk Thresholds

<u>Cohorts</u>		<u>Time at-risk in years</u>								
F. Y.	n	M	SD	0.5	1	1.5	2	3	4	5
2003	25	5.0	1.5	100	96	96	92	88	72	64
2004	34	4.4	0.8	100	100	100	100	97	68	21
2005	21	3.5	1.3	90	90	86	86	81	48	.
2006	25	2.6	0.9	96	92	84	80	44	.	.
2007	28	1.4	0.7	82	61	50	18	.	.	.
2008	40	0.9	0.4	83	33	3	.	.	.	.

FACTS data from 1/21/09; DOC data from 11/17/08.

M: Mean time at-risk in years.

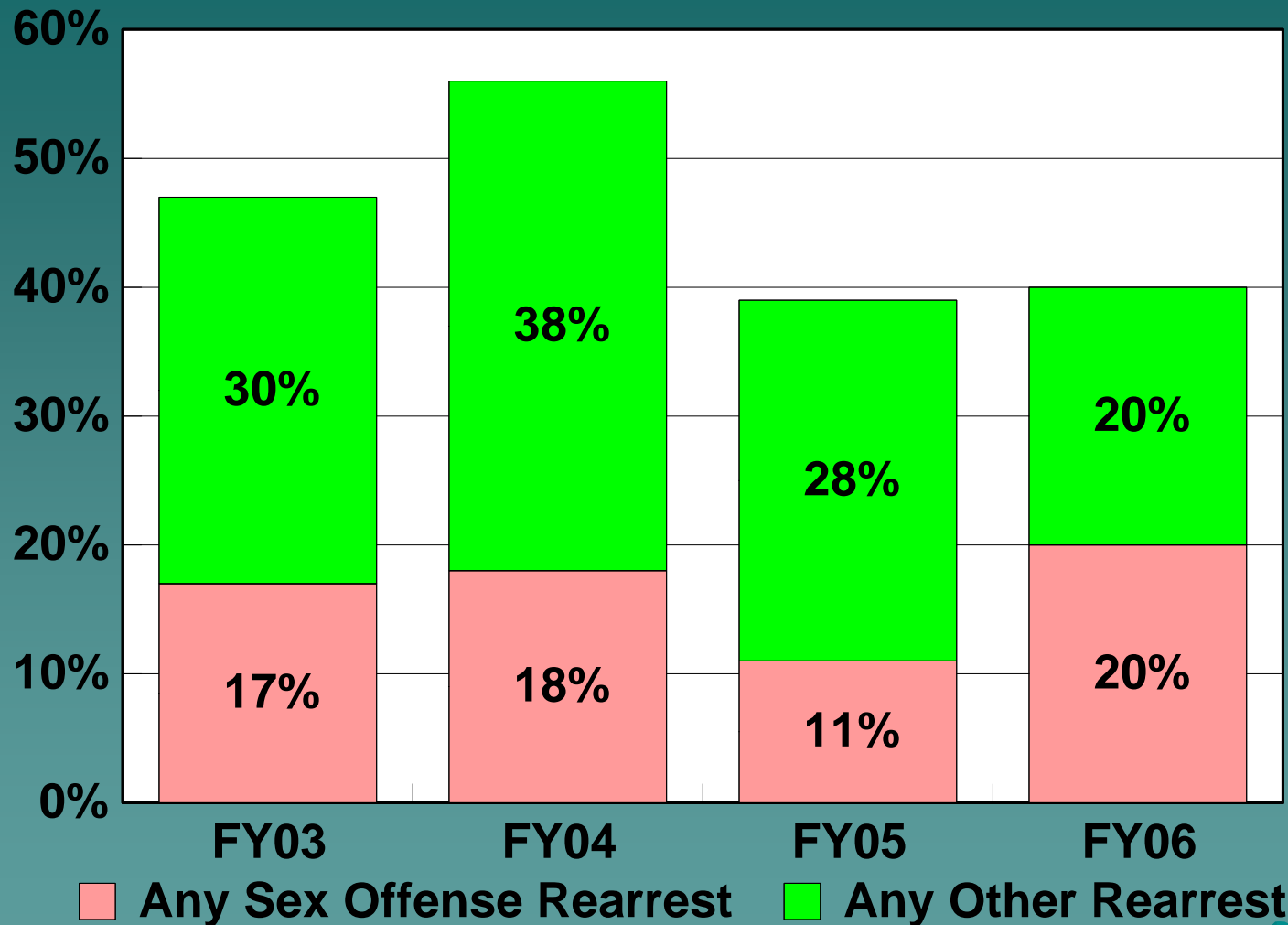
SD: Standard deviation. 68% of normally distributed observations are within 1 SD of M.

Sex Offender Descriptives

	Mean	<u>Fiscal Year Released</u>					
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
N. released to the community	29	25	34	21	25	28	40
Age at release to the community	16.7	16.4	16.7	16.7	16.8	16.7	16.8
Sex offender LOS in months	15.5	16.6	16.2	17.9	19.1	12.5	13.0
Placement episode LOS in months	18.6	19.7	19.5	21.2	24.0	14.6	15.4
No. of prior detentions	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.8	1.4	1.0
No. of prior incarcerations	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.5
No. of prior felony arrests	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6	2.0	2.0
No. of prior misdemeanor arrests	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.4	3.6	1.9
No. of prior VOP arrests	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
No. of prior arrests	4.2	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.3	6.1	4.3
No. of prior sex felony arrests	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.2
No. of prior sex misdemeanor a.	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.3
No. of prior sex technical arrests	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
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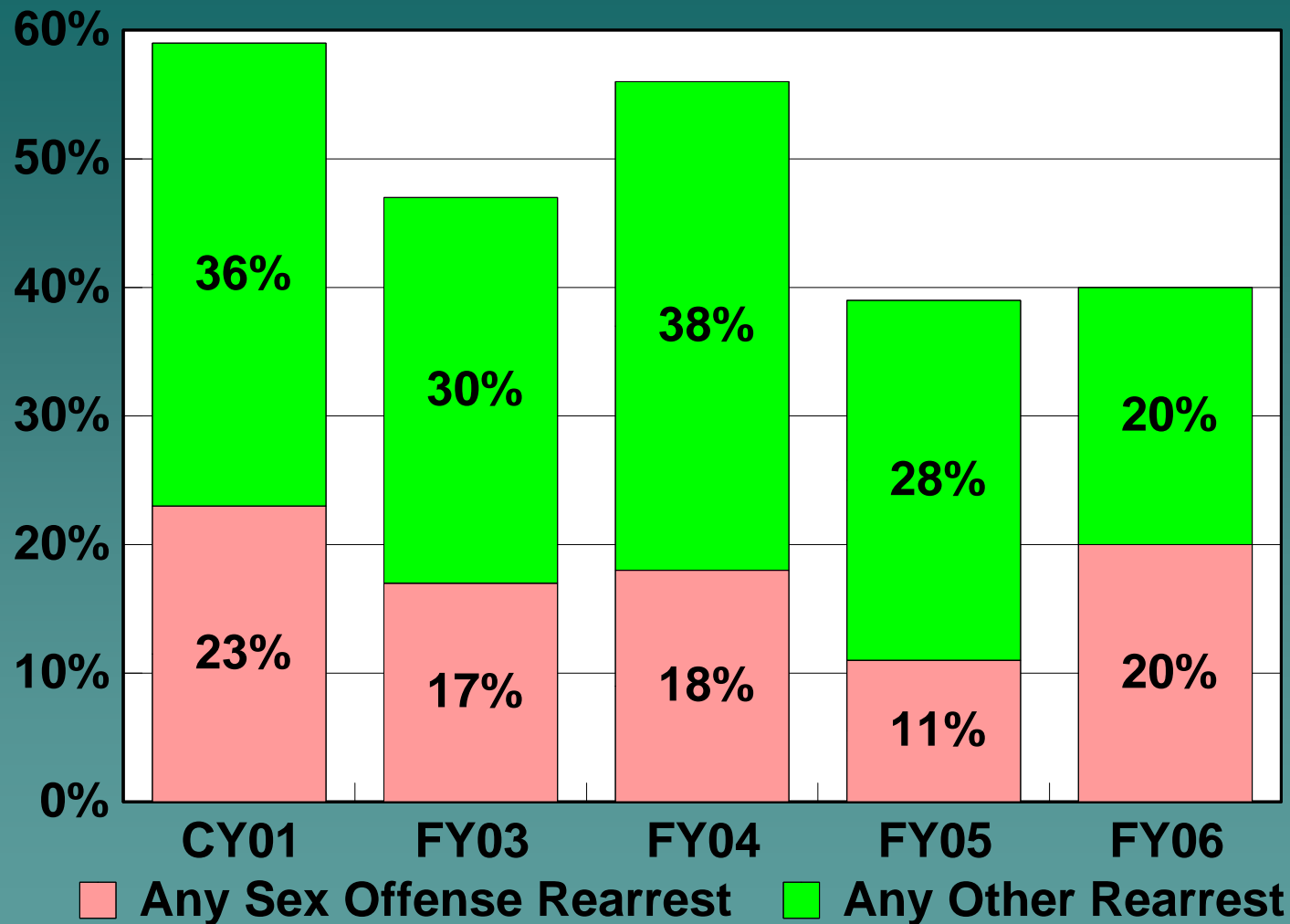
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Sex Offense Rearrest	Releases		Time Since Release						
	FY	N.	6 mo.	12 mo.	18 mo.	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years
Any sex offense	2003	25	8%	13%	13%	17%	18%	17%	25%
	2004	34	3%	3%	9%	18%	21%	26%	.
	2005	21	0%	0%	6%	11%	12%	0%	.
	2006	25	8%	13%	10%	20%	.	.	.
	2007	28	13%	18%	7%	.	.	.	.
	2008	40	3%	.	.	.	.	.	.
Felony sex offense	2003	25	8%	8%	8%	13%	9%	6%	6%
	2004	34	3%	3%	3%	3%	6%	9%	.
	2005	21	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	.
	2006	25	8%	9%	5%	0%	.	.	.
	2007	28	4%	6%	0%	.	.	.	.
	2008	40	3%	.	.	.	.	.	.
Misdemeanor sex	2003	25	0%	4%	4%	4%	0%	0%	0%
	2004	34	0%	0%	3%	3%	3%	4%	.
	2005	21	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	.
	2006	25	0%	0%	0%	0%	.	.	.
	2007	28	4%	0%	0%	.	.	.	.
	2008	40	0%	.	.	.	.	.	.
Technical sex	2003	25	4%	4%	4%	4%	9%	11%	19%
	2004	34	0%	0%	3%	12%	12%	13%	.
	2005	21	0%	0%	6%	11%	12%	0%	.
	2006	25	0%	4%	10%	20%	.	.	.
	2007	28	4%	12%	7%
	2008	40	0%

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