

## Washington State Sex Offender Recidivism – August 2005

- This report describes the recidivism rates of Washington State sex offenders. It examines the 4,091 sex offenders placed in the community from 1994 to 1998 after release from prison or jail or a community supervision sentence.
- Compared with the full population of felony offenders, sex offenders have the lowest recidivism rates for felony offenses (13 percent) and violent felony offenses (6.7 percent).
- Sex offenders who victimize children have the lowest felony recidivism rates as well as the lowest sex (2.3 percent).
- Sex offenders who complete SSOSA, 4 an outpatient treatment sentence, have the lowest recidivism rates in all categories. In contrast, sex offenders sentenced to prison have the highest rates.
- Child victim sex offenders have the lowest felony recidivism rate (10.5 percent) as well as the lowest for sex (2.3 percent).