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RECIDIVISM IN YOUNG ADULTS A WORDWIDE PROBLEM

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Abstract

This paper explains how three different risk factors, drug use, level of education and human relationships, relate to the re-commitment of crimes against property in adults between 18 and 25 years old. By focusing treatment on those, we can fight the problem of recidivism more effectively.

Introduction

Recidivism is a problem that all nations are struggling with, specially with crimes against property perpetuated by young adults. This research focuses on three different risk factors related with the reoffending for these kinds of crimes in adults between 18 and 25 years old. Drug abuse, level of education and human relationships are connected to recidivism for many young prior inmates.

Drug use and abuse

- 1- "I just need it!" – to commit a crime to get a dose
- 2 – "I was so high I barely remember!" – to commit a crime under the effect of a drug

Level of education

- 1- Access to stable job opportunities
- 2- Direct and dynamic incapacitation

Human relationships

- 1- Family or partner
- 2- Influence of peers

Conclusion

These three dynamic factors are directly related with the risk of a young adult to relapse into anti-social behavior related with the commitment of a crime against property. All the factors named can be modified, so if we want to end the problem of recidivism, we should focus our treatment programs on them.

Drug abuse violation arrests, 1982-2007
Millions

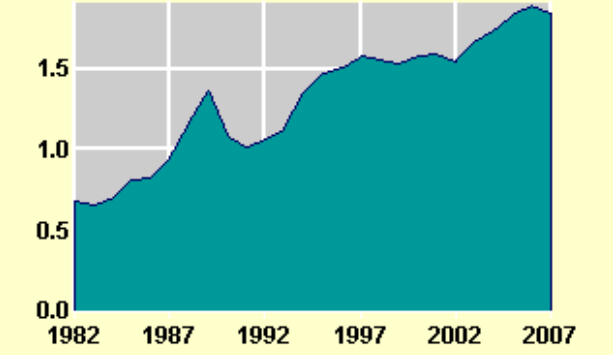


Image 2. Bureau of Justice Statics (2007) *Uniform crime reports*. Retrieved from: <https://www.bjs.gov/content/dcf/enforce.cfm>

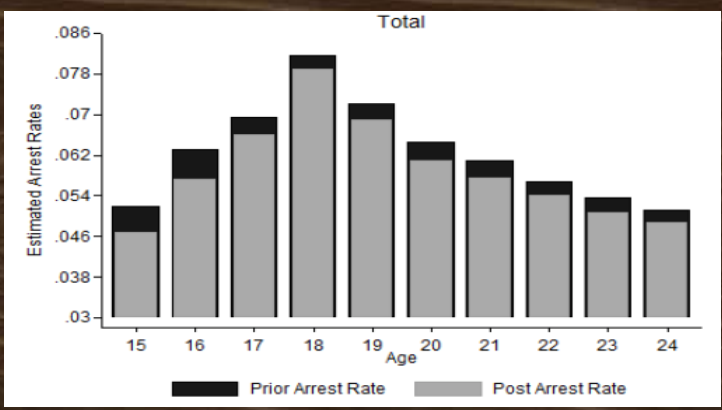


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Of all released prisoners, 43 percent are rearrested within the first year following release.

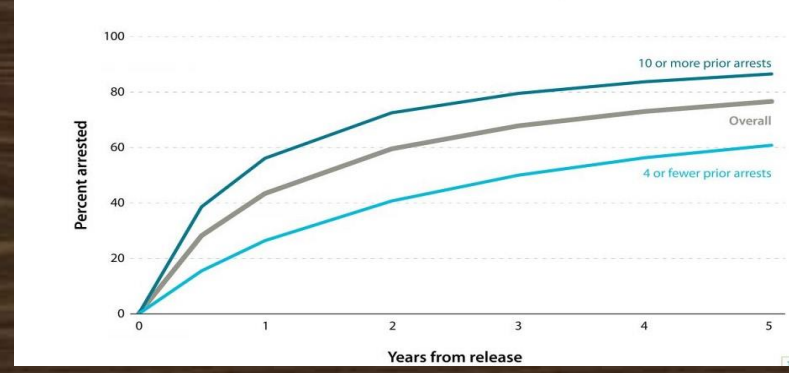


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