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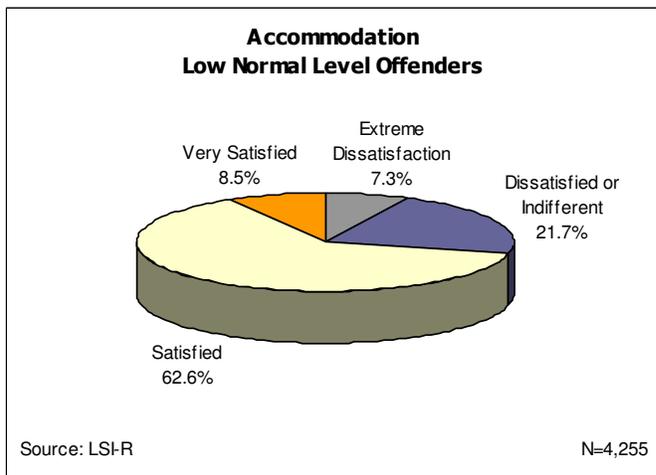
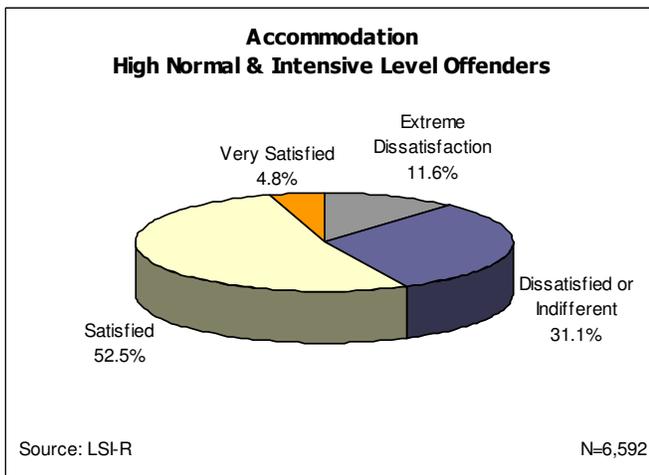
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## The Challenge of Housing for Ex-Offenders

On October 5, 2010 there were 25,829 probationers and parolees (including special sentence) under community-based corrections field supervision statewide. As shown in the pie charts below, LSI-R offender assessments show that a sizeable percent of offenders are dissatisfied with their living accommodations – particularly for higher risk offenders.



In fact, about 51% of all offenders under field supervision either have changed addresses at least once during the last 12 months or face disorganization or stress regarding their current living situations. This information was made available through Iowa Risk Assessments and Re-Assessments.

The Ex-Offender Re-Entry Task Force, established by Governor Culver’s Executive Order 15, identified housing as a major barrier to successful offender reentry: “Without access to safe, decent, affordable housing, ex-offenders have little or no chance for successful re-entry into the community, as the success of other supports such as employment services, mentoring, mental health treatment, and substance abuse counseling is extremely limited in the absence of housing.”

By advocating for more affordable and accessible housing, all of us involved in Corrections can enhance successful offender reentry to protect the public, staff and offenders from victimization.