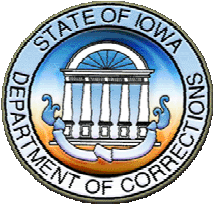


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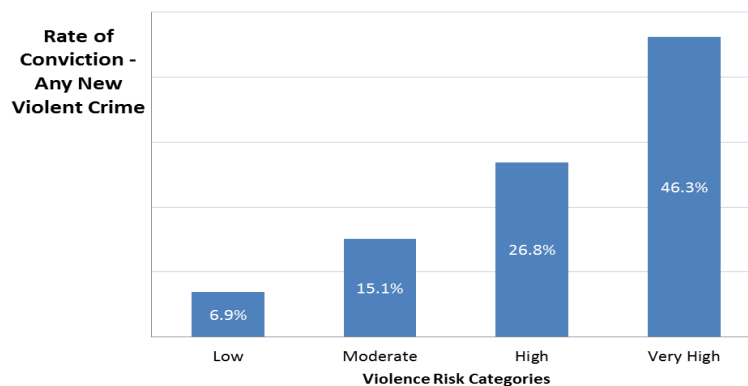


New Violence Risk Assessment Aids Parole and Offender Programming Decisions

In recent years, the Department of Corrections has made major strides in assessing offenders' risk to reoffend, particularly in measuring changes in that risk over time. Earlier this year, the DOC worked with the Board of Parole to develop a risk assessment that focuses on assessing offenders' risk to commit *violent* crimes.

DOC has since developed such an assessment tool that has been adopted by the Parole Board in making their assessments, and is being incorporated by DOC in addition to our current battery of risk assessment tools.

As shown below, those offenders assessed to have a very high violence risk are over 6 ½ times more likely to commit a new violent crime than are those with a low violence risk.



This new risk assessment tool will better assist the Parole Board in making parole decisions, but also better assist DOC in determining how best to allocate limited offender programming resources.