

**EXAMINING THE DELIVERY OF EXTRA
JUDICIAL SANCTIONS PROGRAMS IN A
COMPLEX URBAN COMMUNITY**

DELIVERABLE TABLES

DELIVERABLE 1
Referral Sources and Volume

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TABLE 1-1
NSRJ Project: Number and Source of Referrals Accepted, 2001, 2002, 2003

RJ Agency ¹	2001		2002		2003	
<i>Halifax</i>	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pre-Charge (Police)	317	67%	328	60%	280	48%
Post-Charge (Crown)	150	32%	197	36%	285	49%
Post-Conviction (Court)	3	1%	14	3%	8	1%
Post Sentence (Corrections)	1	-	6	1%	5	1%
Subtotal	471	100%	545	100%	578	99%
<i>Amherst</i>						
Pre-Charge (Police)	82	78%	92	82%	70	70%
Post-Charge (Crown)	12	11%	8	7%	7	7%
Post-Conviction (Court)	3	3%	3	3%	2	1%
Post Sentence (Corrections)	8	8%	9	8%	23	23%
Subtotal	105	100%	112	100%	102	100%
<i>Sydney</i>						
Pre-Charge (Police)	245	87%	220	85%	127	65%
Post-Charge (Crown)	28	10%	33	13%	58	29%
Post-Conviction (Court)	2	1%	-	-	2	1%
Post Sentence (Corrections)	5	2%	6	2%	9	5%
Subtotal	280	100%	259	100%	196	100%
<i>Kentville</i>						
Pre-Charge (Police)	123	81%	128	81%	133	75%
Post-Charge (Crown)	28	18%	25	16%	41	23%
Post-Conviction (Court)	0	-	1	1%	-	-
Post Sentence (Corrections)	1	1%	4	2%	3	2%
Subtotal	152	100%	158	100%	177	100%
Grand Total	1008		1074		1053	

¹ The respective restorative justice agencies per region are as follows: Halifax- Community Justice Society; Amherst- Cumberland Community Alternative Society; Sydney- Island Community Justice Society; Kentville- Valley Restorative Justice.

**TABLE 1-2
NSRJ Project: Number and Source of Referrals Accepted, 2004, 2005**

RJ Agency²	2004		2005	
<i>Halifax</i>	#	%	#	%
Pre-Charge (Police)	233	41%	236	34%
Post-Charge (Crown)	313	56%	341	50%
Post-Conviction (Court)	14	2%	110	16%
Post Sentence (Corrections)	4	1%	1	0%
Subtotal	564	100%	688	100%
<i>Amherst</i>				
Pre-Charge (Police)	70	86%	69	68%
Post-Charge (Crown)	9	11%	10	10%
Post-Conviction (Court)	-	-	16	16%
Post Sentence (Corrections)	2	2%	6	6%
Subtotal	81	99%	101	100%
<i>Sydney</i>				
Pre-Charge (Police)	109	64%	156	81%
Post-Charge (Crown)	60	35%	32	16.5%
Post-Conviction (Court)	1	1%	1	1.5%
Post Sentence (Corrections)	-	-	4	2%
Subtotal	170	100%	193	100%
<i>Kentville</i>				
Pre-Charge (Police)	109	79%	90	78%
Post-Charge (Crown)	28	20%	26	22%
Post-Conviction (Court)	1	1%	0	0%
Post Sentence (Corrections)	-	-	0	0%
Subtotal	138	100%	116	100%
Grand Total	953		1098	

² The respective restorative justice agencies per region are as follows: Halifax- Community Justice Society; Amherst- Cumberland Community Alternative Society; Sydney- Island Community Justice Society; Kentville- Valley Restorative Justice.

TABLE 1-3
NSRJ Project – Total Referrals by Source, All Agencies

<i>Referral Source</i>	2003		2004		2005	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Pre-Charge (Police)	940	62%	850	60%	884	57%
Post-Charge (Crown)	475	31%	523	37%	522	34%
Post-Conviction (Court)	20	1%	23	2%	132	8%
Post Sentence (Corrections)	91	6%	27	2%	23	1%
Total	1526	100%	1423	100%	1561	100%

DELIVERABLE 2
Stage at which Referral is Made

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TABLE 2-1
Specific Referral Sources for HRM, 2005 Calendar

Community Justice Society		
Corrections Referral		
Corrections – Probation Out-of-Province		1
	Subtotal:	1
Court Referral		
Provincial Court – Halifax		108
	Subtotal:	108
Crown Referral		
Federal Prosecution Service (Halifax)		7
Public Prosecution Service (Halifax)		132
Public Prosecution Service (Shubenacadie)		1
Public Prosecution Service (Sydney)		1
Public Prosecution Service (Youth Court Halifax)		202
	Subtotal:	343
Police Referral		
Halifax Regional Police Service		179
Kentville Police Service		1
Military Police Court Section Halifax		2
RCMP Antigonish Detachment		1
RCMP Cole Harbour Office		28
RCMP Lower Sackville Office		14
RCMP St. Peter's Detachment		1
RCMP Tantallon Office		7
Westville Policing Service		1
RCMP Musquodoboit Harbour Detachment		1
	Subtotal:	235
	Total:	687

Source: RJIS 2006

TABLE 2-2
Referral Processes: Section 3 to the Final RJ Protocol of September, 2005

A. Pre-charge Referral Process (Referral by Peace Officer)

1. If, after completing the Restorative Justice Checklist, a referral to the Restorative Justice Program is considered appropriate, the officer shall:
 - (a) ensure that the Young Person and the Young Person's parent/guardian is aware of the Young Person's right to counsel; and
 - (b) send the Restorative Justice Checklist to the Agency.
2. The referring officer shall make all referrals to the Restorative Justice Program in a timely manner.
3. In cases where the Agency, based on new information regarding the minimum requirements or discretionary factors, deems a referral inconsistent with the pre-charge/ post-charge eligibility criteria as noted in Section Two, or problematic for the Restorative Justice Program, it may issue a "Notice of Reconsideration" to the peace officer. Unless otherwise resolved between the agency and the referring officer, the file associated with the referral may be closed by the agency 30 days after the release of the "Notice of Reconsideration".
4. Once a referral has been accepted, the Agency shall provide a progress report regarding the status of the referral to the officer no later than 4 months from the date of the offence.

B. Post-charge Referral Process (Referral by Crown Attorney)

1. If the Crown Attorney considers a referral to the Restorative Justice Program appropriate, the Crown Attorney shall:
 - (a) review the Restorative Justice Checklist, as completed by the peace officer;
 - (b) complete the appropriate section on the Restorative Justice Checklist; and
 - (c) send the Restorative Justice Checklist to the Agency.
1. The Crown Attorney shall make all referrals to the Restorative Justice Program in a timely manner.
2. In cases where the Agency, based on new information regarding the minimum requirements or discretionary factors, deems a referral inconsistent with the pre-charge/post charge eligibility criteria as noted in Section Two, or problematic for the Restorative Justice Program, it may issue a "Notice of Reconsideration" to the Crown Attorney. Unless otherwise resolved between the agency and the referring Crown Attorney, the file associated with the referral may be closed by the agency 30 days after the release of the "Notice of Reconsideration".
3. Once a referral has been accepted, the Agency shall provide a progress report regarding the status of the case. The time frame for this report shall be guided by the Crown's assigned review dates for the referral.

C. Post Finding of Guilt Referral Process (Referral by Youth Justice Courts)

1. If a referral to the Restorative Justice Program is considered appropriate, the Court may adjourn to allow an opportunity for the Agency to facilitate a Restorative Justice Process.

The Court may provide direction to the Restorative Justice agency with respect to the purpose which the court seeks to achieve in making the referral. Options can include one of the following:

- (a) convening of a Restorative Justice Process to develop an agreement which the young person may complete under the supervision of the agency. The result of the restorative justice process and the terms of the agreement reached shall be reported to the court by the agency prior to the date of the sentencing hearing; or
 - (b) convening of a Case Conference to provide input as specified by the referral from the court. The outcome of the Case Conference will be a report to the court to assist in a possible decision of the court; or
 - (c) convening of a Sentencing Circle, which may be attended and/or chaired by a judge, and which will also include appropriate officers of the court.
2. Preliminary work to develop the Restorative Justice Process will include contact with the appropriate Community Corrections Office which may be preparing a Pre Sentence Report.
3. When the preliminary work to develop the Restorative Justice process has been completed, the Restorative Justice Agency will prepare an interim report for the court, outlining the presenting issues, the planned process approach and the date of the upcoming Restorative Justice Process. This interim report will be submitted to the Court no later than 45 days from the receipt of the referral, with copies distributed to the Crown Attorney and the Young Person's legal counsel.
4. In cases where the Agency, based on new information regarding the minimum requirements or discretionary factors, deems a referral inconsistent with post-finding of guilt eligibility criteria as noted in Section Two, or problematic for the Restorative Justice Program, it may advise the Court through a "Notice of Reconsideration" and seek direction whether to continue or terminate the Restorative Justice casework.

D. Post Sentence Referral Process (referral by Correctional Services or Victim's Services)

1. If, after reviewing the Eligibility Criteria as noted in Section Two, the Probation Officer/Youth Worker/Victims' Services Worker considers a referral to the Restorative Justice Program appropriate, they shall:

- (a) complete the Restorative Justice Checklist; and
 - (b) send the Restorative Justice Checklist to the Agency.
- 2. The Probation Officer/Youth Worker/Victims' Services Worker shall make all referrals to the Restorative Justice Program in a timely manner.
- 3. In cases where the Agency, based on new information regarding the minimum requirements or discretionary factors, deems a referral inconsistent with the post-sentence eligibility criteria as noted in Section Two, or problematic for the Restorative Justice Program, it may issue a "Notice of Reconsideration" to the Probation Officer/Youth Worker/Victims' Services Worker. Unless otherwise resolved between the agency and the referring probation or victim's services officer, the file associated with the referral may be closed by the agency 30 days after the release of the "Notice of Reconsideration".

TABLE 2-3
RJ Pre-Referral Checklist: Appendix A to the Final RJ Protocol of September, 2005

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CHECKLIST

SURNAME (Print Caps)	GIVEN NAMES (Print Caps)	DOB (Y/M/D)	MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>
PERMANENT ADDRESS		TELEPHONE NO.	EDUCATION ATTAINED
SCHOOL ATTENDING	ORIGIN Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> African Canadian <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>		
POLICE AGENCY	INVESTIGATING OFFICER	FILE NO.	
YOUTH'S CRIMINAL HISTORY: PRIOR FORMAL CAUTION(s) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR REFERRAL(s) TO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR CONVICTION(s) YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> DETAILS:			

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.
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OFFENCE INFORMATION

OFFENCE(s)	DATE(s)
DETAILS	

VICTIM INFORMATION Number of Victims: _____ (If more than 2 victims, attach separate sheet)

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.
CORPORATE <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/>	VALUE OF LOST PROPERTY	INSURANCE CLAIM YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.
CORPORATE <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/>	VALUE OF LOST PROPERTY	INSURANCE CLAIM YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

<input type="checkbox"/> PROCEEDING BY WAY OF FORMAL CAUTION (DO NOT COMPLETE REMAINDER OF FORM)	Victim #1: Informed	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Victim #2: Informed	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

All 7 must be met for a referral to the Restorative Justice Program

	YES	NO	Unknown/Not Applicable
1. Referral is consistent with the protection of society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Referral is appropriate having regard to the interests of the offender, victim, and the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The offender accepts responsibility for his/her actions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The offender has been informed of, and consents freely and fully, to participation in the Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The offender has been advised of his/her right to counsel without delay and is given a reasonable opportunity to retain and instruct counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. There is sufficient evidence to proceed with the prosecution of the offence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Prosecution of the offence is not barred by law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DISCRETIONARY FACTORS:

To be considered only if all minimum requirements are met

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|-----|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | The offender is cooperative | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | The victim is willing to participate in a restorative justice process | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | There is a community need for a restorative result in this case | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | The motive behind the commission of the offence has been considered | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. | The seriousness of the offence, the level of participation of the offender and the level of deliberation prior to the offence have been considered | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. | The relationship between the victim and the offender prior to the offence and the potential for a continued ongoing relationship have been considered | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. | There is an apparent ability for the offender to learn from a restorative experience and follow through with an agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. | There is potential for an agreement that would be meaningful to the victim | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. | The harm done to the victim has been considered | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. | The offender has been referred to a similar program in recent years | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. | A government or prosecutorial policy conflicts with this referral | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. | Factors pertaining to the offence, offender, victim and the community which may be deemed to be exceptional, have been considered | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments:

Police Recommendation: Refer to Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Program
 Lay Charge

Date:
Date:

If not recommending a referral to the Restorative Justice Program, please state reasons:

Crown Recommendation: Refer to Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Program
 Proceed with prosecution

Date:
Date:

If not recommending a referral to the Restorative Justice Program, please state reasons:

Copies to: Department of Justice; Alternative Measures Agency OR Crown Office; Police Records

TABLE 2-4
Levels of Offences: Appendix 'B' to the Final RJ Protocol of September, 2005

INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED OFFENCES

<p align="center">LEVEL 1 OFFENCES:</p> <p>These are the only offences for which a formal caution is an option (pre-charge).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Provincial Statute offences (<i>Liquor Control Act</i> and <i>Protection of Property Act</i> offences only) X Minor property offences (i.e. shoplifting) X Disorderly conduct offences (i.e. loitering, vagrancy) X Minor assaults not resulting in bodily injury X Mischief
<p align="center">LEVEL 2 OFFENCES:</p> <p>These offences can be referred at all four entry points (pre-charge; post-charge/pre-conviction; post-conviction/pre-sentence; and post-sentence).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X This is the largest group of offences. They constitute all Level 1 offences, and all <i>Criminal Code</i> offences that are not Level 3 or Level 4 offences. X Examples: break and entering; possession; trespass; assaults; property-related offences; fraud/forgery under \$20,000; and theft-related offences where the value is under \$20,000.
<p align="center">LEVEL 3 OFFENCES:</p> <p>These offences can be referred only at the court (post-conviction/pre-sentence) and corrections (post-sentence) entry points.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Fraud and theft-related offences over \$20,000 X Robbery X Sexual offences (proceeded with as a summary offence)** X Aggravated assault X Kidnapping, abduction and confinement X Criminal negligence/dangerous driving causing death X Manslaughter X Spousal/Partner violence offences** X Criminal Harassment X Impaired driving and related offences
<p align="center">LEVEL 4 OFFENCES:</p> <p>These offences can be referred only at the corrections (post-sentence) entry point.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Sexual offences (indictment)** X Murder

**** THERE IS CURRENTLY A MORATORIUM IN PLACE RESTRICTING THE REFERRAL OF THESE OFFENCES**

DELIVERABLE 3
Offence and Victim Types

Deliverable 3: Offence and Victim Types

TABLE 3-1
Offence Type by Referral Source, Selected Agencies³ 2003

Offence Type ⁴	Police	Crown	Court	Corrections	Total
Violent					
#	112	137	8	14	271
%	14.0%	23.6%	33.3%	20.9%	18.4%
Property					
#	472	263	4	25	764
%	59.1%	45.3%	16.7%	37.3%	52%
Drugs					
#	33	10	0	1	44
%	4.1%	1.7%	0.0%	1.5%	3.0%
Breaches					
#	15	42	6	12	75
%	1.9%	7.2%	25.0%	17.9%	5.1%
Other					
#	92	92	6	14	204
%	11.5%	15.8%	25.0%	20.9%	13.9%
Prov./Mun.					
#	76	37	0	1	112
%	9.3%	6.4%	0%	1.5%	7.6%
Total					
#	798	581	24	67	1470
%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

³ The selected agencies are Halifax, Amherst, Sydney and Kentville.

⁴ Robbery, weapons offences, and threats/harassment are included in 'violent offences.' The 'other' category includes obstruction, interference, being an accessory, and 'operation of motor vehicle' offences. Property offences included theft under \$5000 and related offences, mischief, joy riding, causing a disturbance, fraud, break and enter, and arson.

**TABLE 3-2
Offence Type by Referral Source, Selected Agencies ⁵ 2004**

Offence Type ⁶	Police	Crown	Court	Corrections	Total
Violent					
#	116	150	8	5	279
%	16.8%	23.4%	28.6%	55.6%	20.4%
Property					
#	345	258	4	3	610
%	49.9%	40.2%	14.3%	33.3%	44.6%
Drugs					
#	28	19	0	0	47
%	4.1%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.4%
Breaches					
#	9	56	3	1	69
%	1.3%	8.7%	10.7%	11.1%	5.0%
Other C.C.					
#	114	84	12	0	210
%	16.5%	13.1%	42.9%	0.0%	15.3%
Prov./Mun.					
#	79	74	1	0	154
%	11.4%	11.5%	3.6%	0.0%	11.2%
Total					
#	691	641	28	9	1369
%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100%

⁵ The selected agencies by site are Halifax, Amherst, Sydney and Kentville.

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**TABLE 3-3
Offence Type by Referral Source, Selected Agencies ⁷ 2005**

Offence Type ⁸	Police	Crown	Court	Corrections	Total
Violent					
#	105	157	16	4	282
%	14.3%	25.6%	10.3%	25.0%	18.6%
Property					
#	389	227	9	5	630
%	53.1%	37.0%	5.8%	31.3%	41.5%
Drugs					
#	28	10	4	0	42
%	3.8%	1.6%	2.6%	0%	2.8%
Breaches					
#	9	36	3	5	53
%	1.2%	5.9%	1.9%	31.3%	3.5%
Other					
#	104	84	9	1	198
%	14.2%	13.7%	5.8%	6.3%	13.0%
Prov./Mun.					
#	97	100	115	1	313
%	13.3%	16.3%	73.7%	6.3%	20.6%
Total					
#	732	614	156	16	1518
%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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⁸ Robbery, weapons offences, and threats/harassment are included in 'violent offences.' The 'other' category includes obstruction, interference, being an accessory, and 'operation of motor vehicle' offences. Property offences included theft under \$5000 and related offences, mischief, joy riding, causing a disturbance, fraud, break and enter, and arson.

**TABLE 3-4
Offence Type by Referral Source, Halifax Agency, 2003**

Offence Type ⁹	Police	Crown	Court	Corrections	Total
Violent					
#	56	99	6	2	163
%	13.4%	23.1%	37.5%	20.0%	18.7%
Property					
#	277	214	2	2	495
%	66.4%	49.9%	12.5%	20.0%	56.8%
Drugs					
#	9	5	0	0	14
%	2.2%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%
Breaches					
#	8	26	4	1	39
%	1.9%	6.1%	25.0%	10.0%	4.5%
Other					
#	31	55	4	4	94
%	7.4%	12.8%	25.0%	40.0%	10.8%
Prov./Mun.					
#	36	30	0	1	67
%	8.7%	7.0%	.0%	10.0%	7.7%
Total					
#	417	429	16	10	872
%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

⁹ Robbery, weapons offences, and threats/harassment are included in 'violent offences.' The 'other' category includes obstruction, interference, being an accessory, and 'operation of motor vehicle' offences. Property offences included theft under \$5000 and related offences, mischief, joy riding, causing a disturbance, fraud, break and enter, and arson.

**TABLE 3-5
Offence Type by Referral Source, Halifax Agency, 2004**

Offence Type ¹⁰	Police	Crown	Court	Corrections	Total
Violent					
#	69	110	7	5	191
%	20.1%	22.4%	29.2%	71.4%	22.1%
Property					
#	199	207	4	1	411
%	58.0%	42.2%	16.7%	14.3%	47.5%
Drugs					
#	8	12	0	0	20
%	2.3%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%
Breaches					
#	7	37	2	1	47
%	2.0%	7.5%	8.3%	14.3%	5.4%
Other					
#	43	61	11	0	115
%	12.5%	12.4%	45.8%	0.0%	13.3%
Prov./Mun.					
#	17	64	0	0	81
%	5.0%	13.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.4%
Total					
#	343	491	24	7	865
%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

¹⁰ Robbery, weapons offences, and threats/harassment are included in 'violent offences.' The 'other' category includes obstruction, interference, being an accessory, and 'operation of motor vehicle' offences. Property offences included theft under \$5000 and related offences, mischief, joy riding, causing a disturbance, fraud, break and enter, and arson.

**TABLE 3-6
Offence Type by Referral Source, Halifax Agency, 2005**

Offence Type ¹¹	Police	Crown	Court	Corrections	Total
Violent					
#	47	114	15	1	177
%	13.2%	22.8%	10.9%	100.0%	17.8%
Property					
#	250	194	7	0	451
%	70.2%	38.8%	5.1%	0.0%	45.3%
Drugs					
#	7	6	4	0	17
%	2.0%	1.2%	2.9%	0.0%	1.7%
Breaches					
#	7	25	1	0	33
%	2.0%	5.0%	0.7%	0.0%	3.3%
Other					
#	38	68	7	0	113
%	10.7%	13.6%	5.1%	0.0%	11.4%
Prov./Mun.					
#	7	93	104	0	204
%	2.0%	18.6%	75.4%	0.0%	20.5%
Total					
#	356	500	138	1	995
%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

¹¹ Robbery, weapons offences, and threats/harassment are included in 'violent offences.' The 'other' category includes obstruction, interference, being an accessory, and 'operation of motor vehicle' offences. Property offences included theft under \$5000 and related offences, mischief, joy riding, causing a disturbance, fraud, break and enter, and arson.

**TABLE 3-7
Offences Handled, By Selected Agencies, 2004**

	Halifax		Amherst		Sydney		Kentville		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Violent										
Common Assault	96	11.1%	13	13.1%	18	7.7%	22	12.9%	149	10.9%
Other Assault	27	3.1%	0	0.0%	9	3.8%	1	0.6%	37	2.7%
Harassment/Threats	36	4.2%	4	4.0%	9	3.8%	5	2.9%	54	3.9%
Robbery	9	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.7%
Weapons	20	2.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	3.5%	26	1.9%
Other Violent	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	4	0.3%
Property										
Theft	166	19.2%	25	25.3%	45	19.1%	38	22.4%	274	20.0%
Possession	145	16.8%	6	6.1%	4	1.7%	11	6.5%	166	12.1%
Car Theft	6	0.7%	3	3.0%	9	3.8%	3	1.8%	21	1.5%
Break and Enter	61	7.1%	4	4.0%	15	6.4%	20	11.8%	100	7.3%
B+E Other	14	1.6%	0	0.0%	6	2.6%	1	0.6%	21	1.5%
Fraud	18	2.1%	0	0.0%	4	1.7%	5	2.9%	27	2.0%
Arson	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%
Breaches										
Admin of Justice	32	3.7%	1	1.0%	13	5.5%	2	1.2%	48	3.5%
Other										
Obstruction	15	1.7%	0	0.0%	6	2.6%	0	0.0%	21	1.5%
Mischief	82	9.5%	14	14.1%	49	20.9%	24	14.1%	169	12.3%
Public Order	12	1.4%	2	2.0%	1	0.4%	2	1.2%	17	1.2%
Other CC	21	2.4%	1	1.0%	1	0.4%	1	0.6%	24	1.8%
Drugs										
Drugs	20	2.3%	6	6.1%	8	3.4%	13	7.6%	47	3.4%
Provincial										
Provincial - Liquor	38	4.4%	15	15.2%	29	12.3%	11	6.5%	93	6.8%
Provincial - MVA	12	1.4%	3	3.0%	5	2.1%	5	2.9%	25	1.8%
Provincial - Property	12	1.4%	2	2.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	15	1.1%
Prov/Mun Other	19	2.2%	0	0.0%	2	0.9%	0	0.0%	21	1.5%
Total	865	100.0%	99	100.0%	235	100.0%	170	100.0%	1369	100.0%

**TABLE 3-8
Offences Handled, By Selected Agencies, 2005**

	Halifax		Amherst		Sydney		Kentville		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Violent										
Common Assault	79	7.9%	13	11.0%	23	8.5%	14	10.4%	129	8.5%
Other Assault	47	4.7%	1	0.8%	5	1.8%	0	0.0%	53	3.5%
Threats/Harassment	27	2.7%	7	5.9%	12	4.4%	4	3.0%	50	3.3%
Robbery	5	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	2.2%	8	0.5%
Weapons	17	1.7%	2	1.7%	14	5.2%	5	3.7%	38	2.5%
Other Violent	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	1.5%	4	0.3%
Property										
Theft	191	19.2%	27	22.9%	47	17.3%	32	23.9%	297	19.6%
Possession	174	17.5%	2	1.7%	4	1.5%	3	2.2%	183	12.1%
Auto Theft	9	0.9%	1	0.8%	7	2.6%	2	1.5%	19	1.3%
Break and Enter	63	6.3%	9	7.6%	13	4.8%	13	9.7%	98	6.5%
B+E Other	6	0.6%	0	0.0%	2	0.7%	2	1.5%	10	0.7%
Fraud	5	0.5%	0	0.0%	4	1.5%	5	3.7%	14	0.9%
Arson	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	4.5%	9	0.6%
Breaches										
Admin of Justice	22	2.2%	1	0.8%	14	5.2%	1	0.7%	38	2.5%
Other										
Obstruction	11	1.1%	1	0.8%	3	1.1%	0	0.0%	15	1.0%
Mischief	80	8.0%	24	20.3%	39	14.4%	12	9.0%	155	10.2%
Public Order	8	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	2.2%	11	0.7%
Other CC	25	2.5%	2	1.7%	4	1.5%	1	0.7%	32	2.1%
Drugs										
Drugs	17	1.7%	5	4.2%	14	5.2%	6	4.5%	42	2.8%
Provincial										
Provincial - Liquor	45	4.5%	11	9.3%	59	21.8%	12	9.0%	127	8.4%
Provincial - MVA	121	12.2%	10	8.5%	5	1.8%	5	3.7%	141	9.3%
Provincial - Property	20	2.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.7%	0	0.0%	22	1.4%
Prov/Mun Other	18	1.8%	2	1.7%	0	0.0%	3	2.2%	23	1.5%
Total	995	100.0%	118	100.0%	271	100.0%	134	100.0%	1518	100.0%

TABLE 3-9
RJ Referrals: Violent Offences as Percentage of Total Offences Handled by Select
RJ Agencies Over Time

Year	#	%
2000	136	14
2001	174	12
2003	271	18
2004	279	20
2005	282	19

TABLE 3-10
Victim Type, by Number and Case,
RJ Referrals Accepted, April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004

1. All RJ Agencies¹²

	Police	Crown	Courts	Corrections	Total
Person	628 (397)	485 (329)	23 (16)	47 (33)	1183 (775)
Corp – Retail	227 (199)	76 (74)	4 (2)	5 (5)	312 (280)
Business	82 (69)	35 (31)	16 (3)	5 (3)	138 (106)
Public Property	45 (38)	11 (11)	4 (3)	2 (2)	62 (54)
School	52 (52)	17 (17)	3 (2)	1 (1)	73 (72)
Total	1034 (755)	624 (462)	50 (26)	60 (44)	1768 (1287)

2. Selected Agencies, Victims, Police Referrals

	Truro	Amherst	Sydney	Kentville	Halifax
Person	24 (13)	38 (30)	58 (53)	135 (83)	128 (97)
Corp – Retail	10 (8)	20 (17)	21 (21)	32 (28)	70 (66)
Business	6 (3)	1 (1)	8 (4)	16 (15)	22 (22)
Public Property	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	12 (9)	3 (3)
School	6 (6)	2 (2)	1 (1)	14 (14)	10 (10)
Total	47 (31)	61 (51)	90 (81)	209 (149)	233 (198)

3. Selected Agencies, Victims, Crown Referrals

	Truro	Amherst	Sydney	Kentville	Halifax
Person	12 (12)	8 (7)	67 (52)	48 (30)	213 (175)
Corp – Retail	3 (2)	1 (1)	5 (5)	4 (3)	58 (58)
Business	1 (1)	3 (3)	4 (3)	2 (2)	21 (19)
Public Property	-	-	6 (6)	2(2)	2 (2)
School	-	-	3 (3)	-	12 (12)
Total	16 (15)	12 (11)	85 (69)	56 (37)	306 (266)

¹² Note: The un-bracketed number refers to the number of victims involved while the bracketed number refers to the number of cases.

TABLE 3-11
Victim Type, by Number and Case,
RJ Referrals Accepted, April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005

1. All RJ Agencies¹³

	Police	Crown	Courts	Corrections	Total
Person	455 (326)	303 (239)	24 (17)	16 (6)	798 (588)
Corp – Retail	148 (145)	75 (68)	5 (5)	-	228 (218)
Business	44 (43)	33 (33)	1 (1)	-	78 (77)
Public Property	27 (26)	13 (13)	-	1 (1)	41 (40)
School	38 (38)	16 (16)	-	-	54 (54)
Subtotal	712 (578)	440 (369)	30 (23)	17 (7)	1189 (977)
No Victim Identified	265 (263)	161 (161)	23 (23)	12 (12)	461 (459)
Total	977 (841)	601 (530)	53 (46)	29 (19)	1650 (1436)

2. Selected Agencies, Victims, Police Referrals

	Truro	Amherst	Sydney ¹⁴	Kentville	Halifax
Person	33 (24)	57 (38)	60 (40)	60 (40)	120 (101)
Corp – Retail	10 (10)	8 (8)	27 (27)	10 (9)	79 (77)
Business	4 (4)	2 (2)	2 (2)	3 (3)	16 (16)
Public Property	4 (4)	-	7 (6)	3 (3)	6 (6)
School	4 (4)	5 (5)	7 (7)	4 (4)	9 (9)
Subtotal	55 (46)	72 (53)	103 (82)	80 (59)	230 (209)
No Victim Identified	21 (20)	20 (20)	51 (50)	33 (33)	59 (59)
Total	76 (66)	92 (73)	154 (132)	113 (92)	289 (268)

¹³ Note: The un-bracketed number refers to the number of victims involved while the bracketed number refers to the number of cases.

¹⁴ Sydney here includes figures for Inverness and Richmond.

TABLE 3-11 (CONTINUED)

3. Selected Agencies, Victims, Crown Referrals

	Truro	Amherst	Sydney ¹⁵	Kentville	Halifax
Person	16 (11)	5 (4)	38 (29)	12 (9)	193 (152)
Corp – Retail	1 (1)	1 (1)	9 (9)	4 (4)	58 (51)
Business	1 (1)	-	5 (5)	-	24 (23)
Public Property	-	-	1 (1)	2 (2)	7 (7)
School	-	-	1 (1)	2 (2)	11 (11)
Subtotal	18 (13)	6 (5)	54 (45)	20 (17)	293 (244)
No Victim Identified	3 (3)	1 (1)	13 (13)	7 (7)	115 (115)
Total	21 (16)	7 (6)	67 (58)	27 (24)	408 (359)

¹⁵ Sydney here includes figures for Inverness and Richmond.

TABLE 3-12**VICTIM TYPE, BY NUMBER AND CASE, RJ REFERRALS ACCEPTED,
APRIL 1, 2005 TO MARCH 31, 2006****1. All RJ Agencies**

	Police	Crown	Courts	Corrections	Total
Person	429	310	25	27	791
Corporate: Retail	215	76	1	2	294
Corporate: Other	41	19	1	1	62
Public Property	23	8	0	1	32
School	34	15	0	0	49
Total Victims	742	428	27	31	1228
Total Cases	717	410	19	11	1157

2. Selected Agencies, Victims, Police Referrals

	Truro	Amherst	Sydney ¹⁶	Kentville	Halifax
Person	33	57	70	54	103
Corporate: Retail	9	11	32	16	99
Corporate: Other	7	15	3	3	3
Public Property	0	2	3	3	2
School	1	4	7	3	7
Total Victims	50	89	115	79	214
Total Cases	45	72	119	87	238

3. Selected Agencies, Victims, Crown Referrals

	Truro	Amherst	Sydney ¹⁷	Kentville	Halifax
Person	9	7	38	21	187
Corporate: Retail	1	2	3	3	58
Corporate: Other	1	2	1	1	4
Public Property	2	0	1	0	3
School	1	0	2	2	9
Total Victims	14	11	45	27	261
Total Cases	13	8	46	21	246

¹⁶ Sydney here includes figures for Inverness and Richmond.¹⁷ Sydney here includes figures for Inverness and Richmond.

DELIVERABLE 4
Procedures and Protocols

Deliverable 4: Procedures and Protocols

Deliverable 4-1: Final RJ Protocol, September 2005

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Deliverable 4-2: NSRJ Best Practice Standard

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DELIVERABLE 5
Restorative Justice and Criminal Record

Deliverable 5: Restorative Justice and Criminal Record

TABLE 5-1
Youths Convicted in Provincial Court, 1st Time Offenders, 2002

Feature	Province-Wide (N=432)	Recidivist ¹⁸ Province-Wide (N=232)	Metro Halifax (N=120)	Highlighted ¹⁹ Jurisdictions (N=269)
Modal Education	JRH 62%	JRH 65%	JRH 68%	JRH 68%
Gender	75% Male	80% Male	73% Male	77% Male
Major ²⁰ Offences	36%	34%	41%	39%
Age 15-16	41%	43%	31%	42%
Afro-Nova Scotia	8%	9%	15%	8%
Recidivated	54%	-	50%	53%
Recidivism Time				
< 4 months	-	50%	53%	48%
< 1 Year	-	85%	85%	84%
Subsequent Offence: CC/Drug	-	55%	65%	54%

¹⁸ Recidivists are persons convicted of an offence subsequent to their first conviction in 2002

¹⁹ This refers to all the first time offenders convicted in provincial courts in the jurisdictions served by the four highlighted RJ agencies

²⁰ Major offences include robbery, sexual assault, sexual abuse, kidnapping, break and enter, major assaults, weapons, drug trafficking and fraud.

TABLE 5-2
Restorative Justice – Court Linkages, Pre and Post 2002 RJ, Youths First Entering
the RJ System in 2002, Selected²¹ RJ Agencies

Court Experience	RJ Non-Recidivist		RJ Recidivists	
	#	%	#	%
Any Court, 1999 to 2004				
Yes	179	26%	89	50%
No	498	74%	88	50%
Pre-RJ -2002, Court Experience				
Yes	40	5%	7	4%
No	637	95%	170	96%
Post-RJ -2002, Court Experience				
Yes	158	23%	86	49%
No	519	77%	91	51%

²¹ Only cases in the jurisdiction of the four highlighted RJ agencies are considered. In this RJIS sub-sample there were 677 non-recidivists and 177 recidivists.

TABLE 5-3
Restorative Justice – Court Linkages, Pre and Post 2002 RJ, Youths First Entering
the Court System in 2002, Selected²² RJ Agencies

RJ Experience	Court Non-Recidivist		Court Recidivists	
	#	%	#	%
Any RJ, 1999 to 2004				
Yes	56	44%	69	48%
No	70	56%	74	52%
Pre-Court - 2002, RJ Experience				
Yes	43	34%	53	37%
No	83	66%	90	63%
Post-Court - 2002, RJ Experience				
Yes	21	17%	32	23%
No	105	83%	111	77%

²² Only cases in the jurisdiction of the four highlighted RJ agencies are considered. In this JOIS sub-sample there were 126 non-recidivists and 143 recidivists.

TABLE 5-4

Metro Halifax's Disposition of Youth Cases, November 1, 1999 to December 31, 2003, Selective Features By Recorded Offences, Incidents and Repeat Offenders²³

Features	Recorded Offences (N=10,477)		Incidents (N=4403)		Repeat Offenders ²⁴ (N=646)	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Disposition Type						
Police Caution	1591	15 %	850	19%	42	6%
Police Referral	1833	18%	828	19%	94	15%
Crown Referral	1703	16%	207	5%	33	5%
Court/Corrections	80	1%	19	1%	3	1%
Police Charges	5270	50%	2499	57%	474	73%
Gender						
Males	6549	62%	2701	61%	422	65%
Females	3928	38%	1702	39%	224	35%
Ethnicity²⁵						
Afro-Nova Scotian	2091	22%	923	22%	154	26%
Caucasian	7322	75%	3022	74%	436	72%
Other	272	3%	121	4%	11	2%
Authority²⁶						
Halifax Police	8689	83%	4168	95%	610	94%
Crown Prosecution	1703	16%	205	5%	31	5%
Offence Type²⁷						
Most Serious CC/Drugs	1174	12%	436	10%	77	12%
Less Serious CC/Drugs	8927	84%	3746	85%	541	84%
Provincial/Municipal Statute	376	4%	221	5%	28	4%
Age						
13 and under	1940	18%	854	19%	73	11%
14 and 15	5094	49%	2075	47%	246	38%
16 and 17	3443	33%	1474	33%	321	50%
Victim Type						
Business	4109	42%	1845	47%	226	36%
Person	5261	54%	1834	47%	360	56%
Public ²⁸	383	4%	219	6%	55	8%

²³ These tables are repeated for convenience. They are also available in Deliverable 6.

²⁴ For all repeat offenders, the data on all selected variables pertain to the last incident with which the youth was involved.

²⁵ A small number of youth were not identified by ethnicity/race and these are excluded in this table. The "other" category included 28 aboriginal youths.

²⁶ There were a handful of cases referred by court or corrections.

²⁷ The most serious category was restricted to robbery, sexual assault, kidnapping, break and enter, weapons, fraud, major assault and drug trafficking.

²⁸ The "Public" victim included schools.

TABLE 5-5
Metro Halifax Patterns, Recidivism Scores by Selected Variables²⁹

1. Last Incident Disposition

Recidivism Scores	Crown Referral N=148		Police Referral N= 637		Police Formal Caution N=728		Police Charge N=881	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	115	78%	543	85%	686	94%	407	46%
One	14	10%	65	10%	34	5%	180	20%
Two or more	19	13%	29	5%	8	1%	294	34%

2. Last Incident Offence Type

Recidivism Scores	Most Serious CC/CDSA N=208		Less Serious ³⁰ CC/CDSA N= 2101		Provincial/Municipal Statutes ³¹ N=91	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	131	63%	1560	74%	63	69%
One	36	17%	245	12%	12	13%
Two or more	41	20%	296	14%	16	18%

3. Age at Last Incident

Recidivism Scores	13 and Under N=425		14 and 15 N= 917		16 and 17 N=1058	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	352	83%	671	73%	731	70%
One	36	8%	107	12%	150	14%
Two or more	37	9%	139	15%	177	16%

4. Gender and Race/Ethnicity at Last Incident

Recidivism Scores	Males N=1271		Females N= 1129		Caucasian N=1682		Afro-Nova Scotians N=397	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
None	849	67%	905	80%	1240	74%	243	61%
One	174	14%	119	10%	203	12%	69	17%
Two or more	248	20%	105	9%	238	14%	85	22%

²⁹ These tables are repeated for convenience. They are also available in Deliverable 6.

³⁰ “Stolen property” accounted for 71% of the zero recidivism scores, 44% of the recidivism one scores, and 21% of those with scores of 2 (i.e., three or more incidents).

³¹ Virtually all these repeat offenders were faced with violations of provincial statutes.

DELIVERABLE 6
Recidivism within RJ

Deliverable 6: Recidivism within RJ

TABLE 6-1
First Time RJ Referrals 2002, By Incident and Also By Subsequent RJ Referral³²

2002 RJ Features	Incident (N=1114)		Subsequent RJ Referral (N=177)	
Referral Source	#	%	#	%
Police	769	69%	90	51%
Crown	308	28%	79	45%
Court	41	4%	8	4%
RJ Agency				
Halifax	580	51%	96	54%
Sydney	259	24%	37	21%
Amherst	117	11%	21	11%
Kentville	158	14%	23	13%
Offence Type				
CC/Drugs	1032	93%	163	92%
Provincial/Municipal Statutes	82	7%	14	8%
Gender (Male)	692	62%	122	69%
Afro-Nova Scotian	108	10%	23	13%

³² These first time RJ referrals in 2002 are for the four highlighted RJ agencies only.

TABLE 6-2
Factors Associated with Self-Reported Recidivism, Follow-Up Interviews

% Recidivists	Agency Type	Offence Type	Gender	Session Type	Referral Source
LIKELIHOOD OF RECIDIVISM	NO IMPACT	IF MINOR, LESS 6% to 14%	IF FEMALES, LESS 6% to 11%	IF ACCOUNTABILITY, LESS 6% to 11%	IF POLICE LEVEL, LESS 9% to 14%

TABLE 6-3
RJ Referrals November 1, 1999 to December 31, 2004, Highlighted Agencies,
Selective Features³³ by Charges, Incidents and Offenders

Features	Charges (N=7916)		Incidents (N=5062)		Offenders (N=3978)	
Referral Type						
Police	4793	60%	3364	66%	2731	69%
Crown	2811	36%	1532	30%	1120	28%
Court/Corrections	310	4%	166	3%	127	3%
Gender						
Males	5170	65%	3359	66%	2554	64%
Afro-Nova Scotian	877	12%	484	10%	334	9%
RJ Agency Jurisdiction						
Halifax	4751	62%	2702	53%	417	57%
Sydney	1442	19%	1119	22%	153	20%
Amherst	607	8%	476	10%	82	11%
Kentville	996	13%	763	15%	101	12%
Offence Type³⁴						
CC/Drugs	7137	90%	4546	89%	3568	90%
Provincial/Municipal	779	10%	516	11%	410	10%
Statutes/Other						

³³ There were 3978 youths who accounted for the 5062 incidents and 7916 charges. The repeat users noted here were 753 or 19% of the youths.

³⁴ As in the JOIS system, inputs into the RJIS system were done in such a manner that the most serious offence recorded for the incident was entered first. A handful of referrals were disregarded because of ambiguity concerning their RJ jurisdiction.

TABLE 6-4
RJ Referrals November 1, 1999 to December 31, 2004, Highlighted Agencies,
Selective Features³⁵ By Non-Recidivists and Recidivists

Features	Non-Recidivists (N=3225)		Repeat RJ Users (N=753)	
Referral Type				
Police	2333	72%	398	53%
Crown	802	25%	316	42%
Court/Corrections	90	3%	37	5%
Gender				
Males	2010	65%	544	72%
Afro-Nova Scotians	238	8%	101	14%
RJ Agency Jurisdiction				
Halifax	1661	52%	417	57%
Sydney	776	23%	153	20%
Amherst	281	9%	82	11%
Kentville	507	16%	101	13%
Offence Type³⁶				
CC/Drugs	2897	90%	671	89%
Provincial/Municipal	328	10%	82	11%
Statutes/Other				

³⁵ There were 3978 youths who accounted for the 5062 incidents and 7916 charges. The repeat users noted here were 753 or 19% of the youths.

³⁶ As in the JOIS system, inputs into the RJIS system were done in such a manner that the most serious offence recorded for the incident was entered first. A handful of referrals were disregarded because of ambiguity concerning their RJ jurisdiction.

TABLE 6-5
Offence Patterns – Non-Recidivists and Recidivists, RJ Referrals, 1999-2005³⁷

Types of Offences	Non-Recidivists (N=3225)		Recidivists' First Offence (N=751)		Recidivists' Last Offence (N=751)	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
C.C. Offences	2726	84%	657	87%	642	85%
CDSA Offences	171	5%	14	2%	29	4%
Theft/Possession Under	1330	41%	251	33%	236	31%
Minor Assault	411	13%	137	18%	124	17%
Major Assault	87	3%	21	3%	25	3%
Robbery & Burglary	254	8%	79	11%	64	9%
Mischief	357	12%	105	14%	88	12%
Causing Disturbance	34	1%	10	1%	15	2%
Administration of Justice	3	-	2	-	17	2%

³⁷ Referrals only for the highlighted RJ agencies.

TABLE 6-6
Restorative Justice – Court Linkages, Pre and Post 2002 RJ, Youths First Entering
the Court System in 2002, Selected RJ Agencies³⁸

RJ Experience	Court Non-Recidivist		Court Recidivists	
	#	%	#	%
Any RJ, 1999 to 2004				
Yes	56	44	69	48
No	70	56	74	52
Pre-Court - 2002, RJ Experience				
Yes	43	34	53	37
No	83	66	90	63
Post-Court - 2002, RJ Experience				
Yes	21	17	32	23
No	105	83	111	77

³⁸ Only cases in the jurisdiction of the four highlighted RJ agencies are considered. In this JOIS sub-sample there were 126 non-recidivists and 143 recidivists.

TABLE 6-7
Restorative Justice – Court Linkages, Pre and Post 2002 RJ, Youths First Entering
the RJ System in 2002, Selected RJ Agencies³⁹

Court Experience	RJ Non-Recidivist		RJ Recidivists	
	#	%	#	%
Any Court, 1999 to 2004				
Yes	179	26%	89	50%
No	498	74%	88	50%
Pre-RJ -2002, Court Experience				
Yes	40	5%	7	4%
No	637	95%	170	96%
Post-RJ -2002, Court Experience				
Yes	158	23%	86	49%
No	519	77%	91	51%

³⁹ Only cases in the jurisdiction of the four highlighted RJ agencies are considered. In this RJIS sub-sample there were 677 non-recidivists and 177 recidivists.

TABLE 6-8
Metro Halifax's Disposition of Youth Cases, November 1, 1999 to December 31, 2003, Selective Features By Recorded Offences, Incidents and Repeat Accuseds⁴⁰

Features	Recorded Offences (N=10,477)		Incidents (N=4403)		Repeat Offenders ⁴¹ (N=646)	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Disposition Type						
Police Caution	1591	15 %	850	19%	42	6%
Police Referral	1833	18%	828	19%	94	15%
Crown Referral	1703	16%	207	5%	33	5%
Court/Corrections	80	1%	19	1%	3	1%
Police Charges	5270	50%	2499	57%	474	73%
Gender						
Males	6549	62%	2701	61%	422	65%
Females	3928	38%	1702	39%	224	35%
Ethnicity⁴²						
Afro-Nova Scotian	2091	22%	923	22%	154	26%
Caucasian	7322	75%	3022	74%	436	72%
Other	272	3%	121	4%	11	2%
Authority⁴³						
Halifax Police	8689	83%	4168	95%	610	94%
Crown Prosecution	1703	16%	205	5%	31	5%
Offence Type⁴⁴						
Most Serious CC/Drugs	1174	12%	436	10%	77	12%
Less Serious CC/Drugs	8927	84%	3746	85%	541	84%
Provincial/Municipal Statute	376	4%	221	5%	28	4%
Age						
13 and under	1940	18%	854	19%	73	11%
14 and 15	5094	49%	2075	47%	246	38%
16 and 17	3443	33%	1474	33%	321	50%
Victim Type⁴⁵						
Business	4109	42%	1845	47%	226	36%
Person	5261	54%	1834	47%	360	56%
Public	383	4%	219	6%	55	8%

⁴⁰ These tables are repeated for convenience. They are also available in Deliverable 5.

⁴¹ For all repeat offenders, the data on all selected variables pertain to the last incident with which the youth was involved.

⁴² A small number of youth were not identified by ethnicity/race and these are excluded in this table. The "other" category included 28 aboriginal youths.

⁴³ There were a handful of cases referred by court or corrections.

⁴⁴ The most serious category was restricted to robbery, sexual assault, kidnapping, break and enter, weapons, fraud, major assault and drug trafficking.

⁴⁵ The "Public" victim included schools.

**TABLE 6-9
Metro Halifax Patterns, Recidivism Scores by Selected Variables⁴⁶**

1. Last Incident Disposition

Recidivism Scores	Crown Referral N=148	Police Referral N= 637	Police Formal Caution N=728	Police Charge N=881
	# %	# %	# %	# %
None	115 78%	543 85%	686 94%	407 46%
One	14 10%	65 10%	34 5%	180 20%
Two or more	19 13%	29 5%	8 1%	294 34%

2. Last Incident Offence Type

Recidivism Scores	Most Serious CC/CDSA N=208	Less Serious ⁴⁷ CC/CDSA N= 2101	Provincial/Municipal Statutes ⁴⁸ N=91
	# %	# %	# %
None	131 63%	1560 74%	63 69%
One	36 17%	245 12%	12 13%
Two or more	41 20%	296 14%	16 18%

3. Age at Last Incident

Recidivism Scores	13 and Under N=425	14 and 15 N= 917	16 and 17 N=1058
	# %	# %	# %
None	352 83%	671 73%	731 70%
One	36 8%	107 12%	150 14%
Two or more	37 9%	139 15%	177 16%

4. Gender and Race/Ethnicity at Last Incident

Recidivism Scores	Males N=1271	Females N= 1129	Caucasian N=1682	Afro-Nova Scotians N=397
	# %	# %	# %	# %
None	849 67%	905 80%	1240 74%	243 61%
One	174 14%	119 10%	203 12%	69 17%
Two or more	248 20%	105 9%	238 14%	85 22%

⁴⁶ These tables are repeated for convenience. They are also available in Deliverable 5.

⁴⁷ “Stolen property” accounted for 71% of the zero recidivism scores, 44% of the recidivism one scores, and 21% of those with scores of 2 (i.e., three or more incidents).

⁴⁸ Virtually all these repeat offenders were faced with violations of provincial statutes.

DELIVERABLE 7
Sufficiency of Evidence and Net-Widening

Deliverable 7: Sufficiency of Evidence and Net-Widening

TABLE 7-1

Excerpt from: “Final RJ Protocol,” Department of Justice, September 2005

A. Eligibility Criteria for Pre Charge (Police) /Post Charge (Crown) referrals

1. The peace officer shall complete a “Restorative Justice Checklist”(See Appendix “A”) in all cases involving a Level 1 or Level 2 offence (See Appendix “B”).
2. Prior to a Young Person being referred to the Restorative Justice Program, the referring body (peace officer or Crown attorney) must ensure that the following minimum requirements, under 10(2) of the *Youth Criminal Justice Act(Canada)* and the *Youth Justice Act(Nova Scotia)*, and found in the Restorative Justice Checklist, are met:
 - (a) the referral is consistent with the protection of society;
 - (b) the referral is considered appropriate having regard to the interests of the victim, the Young Person, and the community;
 - (c) the Young Person accepts responsibility for his/her actions;
 - (d) the Young Person has been informed of, and consents freely and fully, to participation in the Program;
 - (e) the Young Person is advised of his/her right to counsel without delay and is given a reasonable opportunity to retain and instruct counsel;
 - (f) there is sufficient evidence to proceed with the prosecution; and
 - (g) prosecution of the offence is not barred by law.
3. In addition, prior to a Young Person being referred to the Restorative Justice Program, the referring body (peace officer or Crown Attorney) must ensure that the following discretionary factors, as found in the Restorative Justice Checklist, have been considered:
 - (a) the cooperation of the Young Person;
 - (b) the willingness of the victim to participate in the process;
 - (c) the desire and need on the part of the community to achieve a restorative result;
 - (d) the motive behind the commission of the offence;
 - (e) the seriousness of the offence and the level of participation of the Young Person in the offence, including the level of planning and deliberation prior to the offence;
 - (f) the relationship of the victim and the Young Person prior to the incident, and the possible continued relationship between them in the future;
 - (g) the Young Person’s apparent ability to learn from a restorative experience, and follow through with an agreement;

- (h) the potential for an agreement that would be meaningful to the victim (i.e. restitution, personal service to the victim);
- (i) the harm done to the victim;
- (j) whether the Young Person has been referred to a similar program in recent years;
- (k) whether any government or prosecutorial policy conflicts with a Restorative Justice referral; and
- (l) such other reasonable factors about the offence, Young Person, victim, and community which may be deemed to be exceptional and worthy of consideration.

[For a sample 'Referral Checklist' see Table 2-4 under Deliverable 2]

DELIVERABLE 8
Restorative Justice Compared to Charges

Deliverable 8: RJ Compared to Charges

TABLE 8-1
Youths Charged by Region, 1999 and 2004

Region	Total CC		Violent Crime		Property Crime		Other CC Offences	
	1999	2004	1999	2004	1999	2004	1999	2004
North-Central	787	480	95	87	384	169	308	224
%	21.0%	18.8%	16.4%	13.5%	19.1%	17.1%	26.6%	24.4%
Cape Breton	517	502	79	118	223	147	215	237
%	13.8%	19.7%	13.6%	18.4%	11.1%	14.8%	18.6%	25.8%
HRM	1377	944	263	303	814	366	300	275
%	36.8%	37.0%	45.3%	47.1%	40.6%	37.0%	25.9%	30.0%
Valley	567	352	99	50	337	198	131	104
%	15.1%	13.8%	17.0%	7.8%	16.8%	20.0%	11.3%	11.3%
South-West	496	273	45	85	248	110	203	78
%	13.2%	10.7%	7.7%	13.2%	12.4%	11.1%	17.5%	8.5%
Total	3744	2551	581	643	2006	990	1157	918
%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: DOJ Policy and Planning

TABLE 8-2
Youth in Sentenced Custody by Ethnicity, 2000 to 2005

	2000/01		2001/02		2002/03		2003/04		2004/05	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Afro-Canadian	52	14.1%	50	15.8%	47	14.9%	33	20.6%	32	24.2%
Aboriginal	23	6.2%	10	3.2%	14	4.4%	9	5.6%	8	6.1%
White	279	75.6%	246	77.6%	236	74.9%	114	71.3%	91	68.9%
Other	8	2.2%	6	1.9%	6	1.9%	2	1.3%	0	0.0%
Unknown	7	1.9%	5	1.6%	12	3.8%	2	1.3%	1	0.8%
Total	369	100%	317	100%	315	100%	160	100%	132	100%
Change (# and %)	-	-	-52	-14.1%	-2	-0.6%	-155	-49.2%	-28	-17.5%

	#	%
Total Change	-237	-64.2%

Source: DOJ Policy and Planning

**TABLE 8-3
Youth in Probation by Ethnicity, 2000 to 2004**

	2000/01		2001/02		2002/03		2003/04	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Afro-Canadian	108	8.0%	97	8.1%	106	9.4%	110	11.9%
Aboriginal	42	3.1%	48	4.0%	42	3.7%	59	6.4%
White	1163	86.0%	1033	86.2%	947	84.0%	721	78.0%
Other	16	1.2%	5	0.4%	7	0.6%	10	1.1%
Unknown	23	1.7%	15	1.3%	25	2.2%	24	2.6%
Total	1352	100%	1198	100%	1127	100%	924	100%
Change (# and %)	-	-	-154	-11.4%	-71	-5.9%	-203	-18.0%

	#	%
Total Change	-428	-31.7%

Source: DOJ Policy and Planning

TABLE 8-4
Distribution of CHARGES⁴⁹, Offence Type by Location by Age for all NS
(November 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005)

Age				Location		Total
				HRM	Outside HRM	
Youth	Offence Type	Violent	Count	697	622	1319
			% within Location	24.3%	14.7%	18.6%
	Property	Count	994	1463	2457	
		% within Location	34.6%	34.6%	34.6%	
	Drugs	Count	85	123	208	
		% within Location	3.0%	2.9%	2.9%	
	Breaches	Count	387	833	1220	
		% within Location	13.5%	19.7%	17.2%	
	Other	Count	709	1191	1900	
		% within Location	24.7%	28.1%	26.7%	
Total			Count	2872	4232	7104
			% within Location	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Adult	Offence Type	Violent	Count	3666	4109	7775
			% within Location	18.4%	17.8%	18.1%
	Property	Count	7457	5250	12707	
		% within Location	37.4%	22.7%	29.5%	
	Drugs	Count	964	1405	2369	
		% within Location	4.8%	6.1%	5.5%	
	Breaches	Count	4347	6509	10856	
		% within Location	21.8%	28.2%	25.2%	
	Other	Count	3500	5821	9321	
		% within Location	17.6%	25.2%	21.7%	
Total			Count	19934	23094	43028
			% within Location	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: JOIS/JEIN database

⁴⁹ This data represents the aggregated total charges in Nova Scotia, the cases for which were completed from November 1, 2004 until December 31, 2005.

TABLE 8-5
Distribution of CASES⁵⁰, Offence Type by Location by Age for all NS
(November 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005)

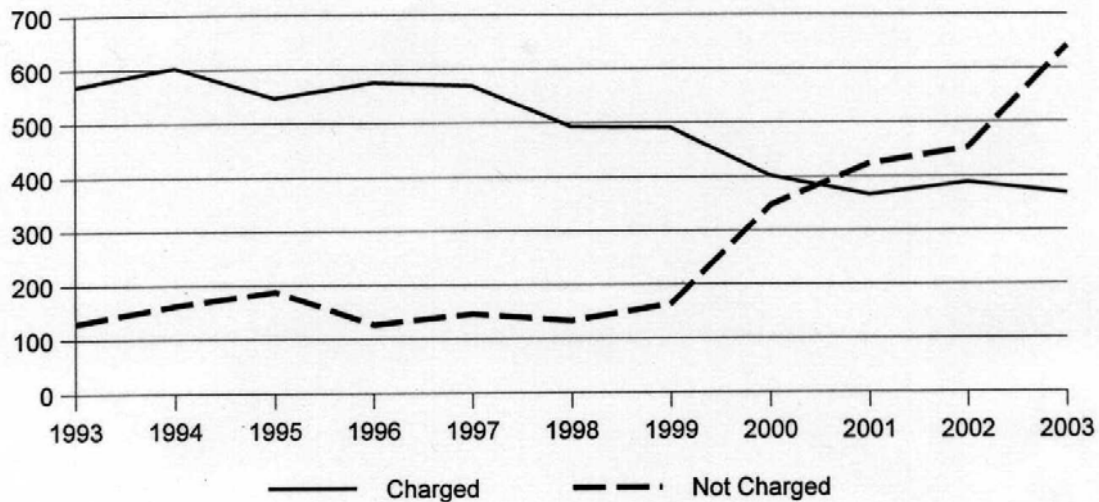
Age				Location		Total
				HRM	Outside HRM	
Youth	Offence Type	Violent	Count	341	324	665
			% within Location	32.7%	18.9%	24.1%
	Property	Count	411	618	1029	
		% within Location	39.4%	36.1%	37.4%	
	Drugs	Count	46	69	115	
		% within Location	4.4%	4.0%	4.2%	
	Breaches	Count	95	279	374	
		% within Location	9.1%	16.3%	13.6%	
	Other	Count	150	421	571	
		% within Location	14.4%	24.6%	20.7%	
Total			Count	1043	1711	2754
			% within Location	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Adult	Offence Type	Violent	Count	1968	2465	4433
			% within Location	25.9%	21.4%	23.2%
	Property	Count	2289	2373	4662	
		% within Location	30.1%	20.6%	24.4%	
	Drugs	Count	493	805	1298	
		% within Location	6.5%	7.0%	6.8%	
	Breaches	Count	1258	3064	4322	
		% within Location	16.5%	26.6%	22.6%	
	Other	Count	1601	2815	4416	
		% within Location	21.0%	24.4%	23.1%	
Total			Count	7609	11522	19131
			% within Location	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

⁵⁰ This data represents all cases closed in Nova Scotia between November 1, 2004 and December 31, 2005. Where multiple charges were the subject of one case, only the most serious charge was considered.

DELIVERABLE 9
Impact of the YCJA on RJ Referrals and Charges

Deliverable 9: Impact of the YCJA on Referrals and Charges

TABLE 9-1
Youth Charged and Not Charged in Nova Scotia, 1993-2003
Rate per 10,000 Youth Population

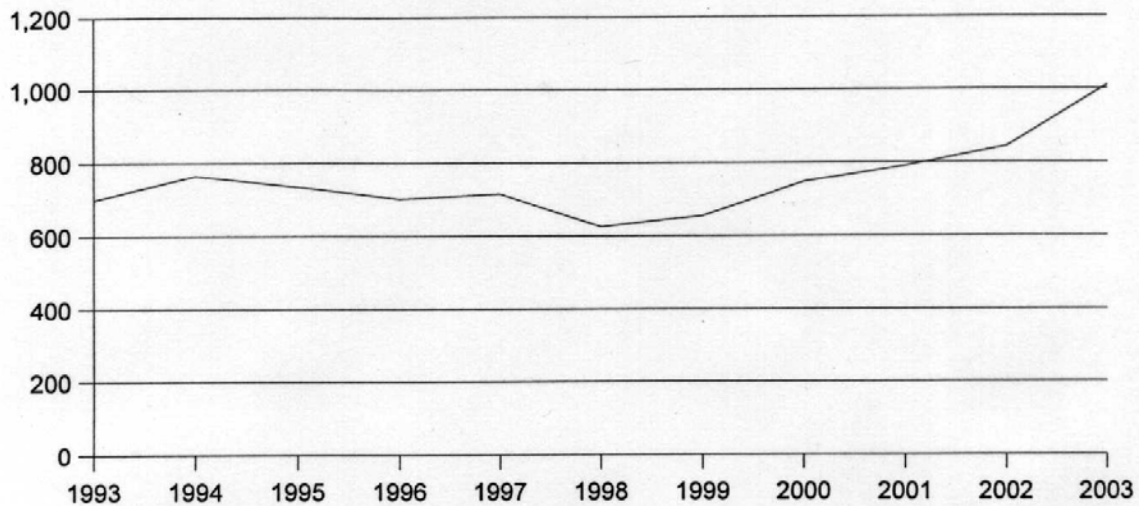


With the introduction of the Youth Criminal Justice Act there has been a significant shift in the number of youth diverted from the courts. While the national data shows this marked shift from 2002 to 2003 the process in Nova Scotia actually commenced in 1999 when the Department of Justice began implementing Restorative Justice with a pilot program in four areas of the province. Full implementation took place during 2001.

From 1999 to 2003 the rate of youth not charged per 10,000 youth population rose from 164 to 641 representing 290% increase. On the other hand the number of youth charged by police has declined. While there has been a general drop from 1993 to 1998 the process began to accelerate in 1999. From 1999 to 2003 the rate of youth charged dropped by 25% and from 2002 to 2003 by 5%.

Source: Department of Justice, Nova Scotia

TABLE 9-2
Youth 'Accused' Rate in Nova Scotia, 1993-2003
Rate per 10,000 Youth Population



In order to make a more accurate assessment of youth involvement (as a result of the introduction of the Youth Criminal Justice Act- YCJA) in crime the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics has combined youth charged by police and youth 'not charged' (i.e. diverted) into a youth 'accused' rate.

Figure 7 shows the youth accused rate from 1993 to 2003. Up until 1999 the youth accused rate generally declined (from 1993 to 1999 the rate dropped by 6%). Then, with the introduction of the Restorative Justice pilot program in 1999 the youth accused rate began to increase and accelerated as the program went province wide in 2001 and continued to increase in 2003 with the YCJA in effect.

From 1999 to 2003 the youth accused rate increased by 54%. Rather than representing a 'real' increase in youth crime this may represent 'net widening'. Prior to Restorative Justice and the YCJA police may have dealt with youth involved in minor offences informally. But with Restorative Justice and the YCJA police may be using a more formalised process which captures, in a statistical sense, more youth.

Source: Department of Justice, Nova Scotia

TABLE 9-3
Youth Charges and Cases,⁵¹

JOIS, APRIL 2002-MARCH 2003 and APRIL 2003 – MARCH 2004

Age	April 2002 – March 2003				April 2003 – March 2004			
	Charges		Cases		Charges		Cases	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
12	61	2	29	2	33	1	17	1
13	332	9	147	9	208	7	81	7
14	469	13	227	13	443	15	187	15
15	770	22	362	22	624	21	240	20
16	732	21	356	22	841	29	339	28
17	1194	33	522	32	754	26	351	29
Total	3558	100	1643	100	2904	99	1215	100

⁵¹ This data set refers to court-processed charges and cases for all youth, aged twelve to seventeen inclusive, for the years 2003 and 2004. A case includes all charges faced by the same individual in the same court, on the same day.

**TABLE 9-4
Youth Charges and Cases by Offence**

JOIS, APRIL 2002- MARCH 2003 and APRIL 2003 – MARCH 2004

Offence Type	April 2002- March 2003				April 2003 – March 2004			
	Charges		Cases		Charges		Cases	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Attempted Murder	4	0.1	4	0.2	4	0.1	3	0.1
Sexual Assault	52	1.5	32	1.9	48	1.7	23	1.9
Sexual Abuse	23	0.6	4	0.2	13	0.4	6	0.5
Kidnapping	6	0.2	1	0.1	8	0.3	2	0.2
Robbery	111	3.1	48	2.9	71	2.4	42	3.5
Major Assault	162	4.6	76	4.6	144	5.0	82	6.7
Minor Assault	274	7.7	193	11.7	214	7.4	135	11.1
Break and Enter	329	9.2	161	9.8	205	7.1	98	8.1
Weapons	102	2.9	30	1.8	58	2.0	19	1.6
Fraud	73	2.1	27	1.6	46	1.6	15	1.2
Theft	508	14.3	352	21.4	447	15.4	216	17.8
Stolen Property	307	8.6	51	3.1	201	6.9	55	4.5
Arson	14	0.4	7	0.4	24	0.8	13	1.1
Property Damage and Mischief	239	6.7	121	7.4	322	11.1	118	9.7
Drug Trafficking	4	0.1	3	0.2	16	0.6	12	1.0
Drug Possession	176	4.9	109	6.6	27	0.9	18	1.5
Morals – Sex	4	0.1	3	0.2	6	0.2	5	0.4
Public Order	35	1	22	1.3	27	0.9	8	0.7
C.C. Traffic	53	1.5	15	0.9	50	1.7	14	1.2
Impaired Driving	28	0.8	12	0.7	17	0.6	7	0.6
Adm. Of Justice	818	23	296	18	742	25.6	245	20.2
Other C.C.	236	6.6	76	4.6	214	7.4	79	6.5
Total	3558	100	1643	100	2904	100	1215	100

**TABLE 9-5
YCJA'S Impact on RJ
Referrals, 2002/2003 AND 2003/2004**

1. Overall

Period	Police	Crown	Court	Corrections	Total	Recorded Formal Police Cautions ⁵²
2002/03	1194	396	22	67	1679	625
2003/04	799	510	21	73	1403	485
Difference	-395	+114	-1	+6	-274	-140
% Difference	-33%	+29%	-	+8%	-16%	-23%

Source: NS R.J., May 2004

2. Selected Agencies, All Referrals

Period	Truro	Amherst	Sydney ⁵³	Kentville	Halifax
2002/03	166	126	328	165	548
2003/04	62	92	228	184	519
Difference	-104	-34	-100	19	-29
% Difference	-62%	-27%	-30%	+11%	-5%

⁵² These refer to recorded formal police cautions reported to NSRJ.

⁵³ Sydney here includes Sydney and Inverness/Richmond offices.

**TABLE 9-6
YCJA'S Impact on RJ Referrals, 2003/2004 and 2004/2005**

1. Overall

Period	Police	Crown	Court	Corrections	Total	Recorded Formal Police Cautions ⁵⁴
2003/04	799	510	21	73	1403	485
2004/05	827	524	45	19	1415	380
Difference	+28	+14	+24	-54	+12	-105
% Difference	+3%	+3%	+53%	-74%	+1%	-22%

Source: N.S. R.J.

2. Selected Agencies, All Referrals

Period	Truro	Amherst	Sydney ⁵⁵	Kentville	Halifax
2003/04	62	92	228	184	519
2004/05	83	77	186	115	650
Difference	+21	-15	-42	-69	+131
% Difference	+25%	-17%	-19%	-37%	+20%

3. Selected Agencies, Police Referrals

Period	Truro	Amherst	Sydney ⁵⁶	Kentville	Halifax
2003-2004	27	68	133	142	208
2004-2005	64	65	125	90	265
Difference	+37	-3	-8	-52	+65
% Difference	+138%	-5%	-6%	-37%	+31%

⁵⁴ These refer to recorded formal police cautions reported to NSRJ.

⁵⁵ Sydney here includes Sydney and Inverness/Richmond offices.

⁵⁶ Sydney here includes Sydney and Inverness/Richmond offices.

TABLE 9-7
YCJA'S Impact on RJ
Referrals, 2004/2005 and 2005/2006

1. Overall

Period	Police	Crown	Court	Corrections	Total	Recorded Formal Police Cautions ⁵⁷
2004/05	827	524	45	19	1415	380
2005/06	971	509	114	24	1618	326
Difference	+144	-15	+69	+5	+203	-54
% Difference	+17%	-3%	+153%	+26%	+14%	-14%

Source: N.S. RJ May, 2006

2. Selected Agencies, All Referrals

Period	Truro	Amherst	Sydney ⁵⁸	Kentville	Halifax
2004/05	83	77	186	115	650
2005/06	80	112	248	124	672
Difference	-3	+35	+72	+9	+22
% Difference	-4%	+45%	+39%	+8%	+3%

3. Selected Agencies, Police Referrals

Period	Truro	Amherst	Sydney ⁵⁹	Kentville	Halifax
2004/05	64	65	125	90	265
2005/06	55	82	194	102	252
Difference	-9	+17	+69	+12	-13
% Difference	-14%	+26%	+55%	+13%	-5%

⁵⁷ These refer to recorded formal police cautions reported to NSRJ.

⁵⁸ Sydney here includes Sydney and Inverness/Richmond offices.

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DELIVERABLE 10
Agreement Sanctions and Conditions

Deliverable 10: List of Agreement Sanctions and Conditions⁶⁰

TABLE 10-1
List of Sanctions and Conditions by Agency, 2002

Condition	Agency					
	Halifax	Amherst	Sydney ⁶¹	Kentville	Selected ⁶²	Total
Anger Management	27	5	12	22	66	87
Apology – Verbal	76	36	150	26	288	396
Apology – Written	338	61	184	103	686	846
Community Related	19	3	27	4	53	82
Community Service Work	105	19	75	93	292	413
Counselling Assessment/Referral	22	6	10	16	54	74
Creative Assignment	68	3	41	17	129	170
Donation – Monetary	15	2	72	21	110	145
Donation – Other	16	0	7	0	23	27
Drug/Alcohol Assessment/Referral	1	1	17	20	39	74
Essay	193	60	72	22	347	487
Family/Home Related	23	4	241	1	269	287
Life Lessons for Black Youth	0	0	0	0	0	0
Period of Community Supervision	0	0	1	0	1	1
Personal Development	180	1	101	13	295	357
Personal Service to Victim	41	1	31	9	82	103
Remain Away from Victim's Home/Business	4	0	12	0	16	19
Restitution	40	12	20	39	111	199
Ride Along With Police/RCMP	0	0	1	0	1	1
Stoplifting Program	176	0	0	10	186	236
Substance Abuse Program	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thank You to Police	3	1	144	18	166	227
Thank you to Referral Source	7	0	39	1	47	51
Working Together Program	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Re-Pay Program	0	0	1	0	1	1
Total:	1354	215	1258	435	3262	4283

Total Cases:	457	100	297	151	1005	1412
Total Agreements:	457	100	298	152	1007	1414
Hours of Community Service:	2752	419	1895	3569	8635	11676
Total Restitution:	\$5,514	\$1,821	\$3,280	\$6,351	\$16,966	\$24,643
Mean Average Restitution:	\$138	\$152	\$164	\$163	\$153	\$124
Mean Average Hours Community Service:	26.2	22.1	25.3	38.4	29.6	28.3

Most frequently imposed conditions, 2002:

	Halifax	Sydney	Total
1	Apology – Written	Family/Home Related	Apology – Written
2	Essay	Apology – Written	Essay
3	Personal Development	Apology – Verbal	Community Service

⁶⁰ For further information on sanctions see s.V(C) of the Final RJ Protocol, reproduced in Deliverable 4-1.

⁶¹ Sydney includes data for Inverness and Richmond.

⁶² Selected agencies are the four listed above: Halifax, Amherst, Sydney, and Kentville. 'Total' includes all agencies in Nova Scotia.

**TABLE 10-2
List of Sanctions and Conditions by Agency, 2003**

Condition	Agency					Total
	Halifax	Amherst	Sydney ⁶³	Kentville	Selected ⁶⁴	
Anger Management	61	3	26	10	100	125
Apology – Verbal	68	30	70	27	195	309
Apology – Written	260	25	147	75	507	723
Community Related	23	2	17	3	45	75
Community Service Work	104	23	60	78	265	404
Counselling Assessment/Referral	26	4	17	19	66	121
Creative Assignment	52	0	24	10	86	125
Donation – Monetary	8	7	22	12	49	75
Donation – Other	26	0	3	3	32	33
Drug/Alcohol Assessment/Referral	11	5	7	18	41	80
Essay	238	34	61	22	355	422
Family/Home Related	29	4	140	4	177	197
Life Lessons for Black Youth	4	0	0	0	4	4
Period of Community Supervision	1	0	0	0	1	1
Personal Development	186	6	91	26	309	433
Personal Service to Victim	26	7	24	14	71	118
Remain Away from Victim's Home/Business	5	2	3	2	12	19
Restitution	50	14	38	45	147	250
Ride Along With Police/RCMP	2	0	0	0	2	2
Stoplifting Program	114	0	0	13	127	141
Substance Abuse Program	4	0	7	4	15	23
Thank You to Police	0	0	61	11	72	80
Thank you to Referral Source	0	1	31	2	34	36
Working Together Program	0	0	0	1	1	6
Youth Re-Pay Program	0	0	9	0	9	9
Total:	1298	167	858	399	2722	3811

Total Cases:	430	67	226	146	869	1265
Total Agreements:	431	67	226	146	870	1268
Hours of Community Service:	2961	598	1720	2152	7431	11072
Total Restitution:	\$15,960	\$2,809	\$5,572	\$10,271	\$34,612	\$48,462
Mean Average Restitution:	\$319	\$201	\$147	\$228	\$235	\$194
Mean Average Hours Community Service:	28.5	26.0	28.7	27.6	28.0	27.4

Most frequently imposed conditions, 2003:

	Halifax	Sydney	Total
1	Apology – Written	Apology – Written	Apology – Written
2	Essay	Family/Home Related	Personal Development
3	Personal Development	Personal Development	Essay

⁶³ Sydney includes data for Inverness/Richmond.

⁶⁴ Selected agencies include the four listed above: Halifax, Amherst, Sydney, and Kentville. 'Total' includes all agencies in Nova Scotia.

**TABLE 10-3
List of Sanctions and Conditions by Agency, 2004**

Condition	Agency					Total
	Halifax	Amherst	Sydney ⁶⁵	Kentville	Selected ⁶⁶	
Anger Management	64	5	17	19	105	125
Apology – Verbal	51	13	81	22	167	253
Apology – Written	247	37	136	79	499	674
Community Related	15	0	36	3	54	78
Community Service Work	135	32	50	60	277	380
Counselling Assessment/Referral	42	9	32	26	109	156
Creative Assignment	108	0	12	14	134	174
Donation – Monetary	34	8	32	18	92	127
Donation – Other	9	1	5	3	18	18
Drug/Alcohol Assessment/Referral	14	4	17	9	44	66
Essay	145	35	48	24	252	319
Family/Home Related	11	0	125	1	137	153
Life Lessons for Black Youth	11	0	0	0	11	11
Period of Community Supervision	2	0	0	0	2	5
Personal Development	147	6	85	24	262	334
Personal Service to Victim	20	1	31	26	78	103
Remain Away from Victim's Home/Business	4	2	7	3	16	18
Restitution	36	7	26	38	107	215
Ride Along With Police/RCMP	2	0	0	0	2	4
Stoplifting Program	79	0	0	13	92	97
Substance Abuse Program	26	1	4	10	41	50
Thank You to Police	1	0	27	12	40	54
Thank you to Referral Source	0	0	38	3	41	43
Working Together Program	1	0	0	0	1	12
Youth Re-Pay Program	0	0	12	2	14	14
Total:	1204	161	821	409	2595	3483

Total Cases:	435	79	198	152	864	1226
Total Agreements:	435	80	198	154	867	1226
Hours of Community Service:	3562	794	1909	1911	8176	10331
Total Restitution:	\$15,437	\$1,820	\$3,597	\$7,972	\$28,826	\$44,383
Mean Average Restitution:	\$429	\$260	\$138	\$210	\$269	\$206
Mean Average Hours Community Service:	26.4	24.8	38.2	31.9	29.5	27.2

Most frequently imposed conditions, 2004:

	Halifax	Sydney	Total
1	Apology – Written	Apology – Written	Apology – Written
2	Personal Development	Family/Home Related	Community Service
3	Essay	Personal Development	Personal Development

⁶⁵ Sydney includes data for Inverness/Richmond.

⁶⁶ Selected agencies include the four listed above: Halifax, Amherst, Sydney, and Kentville. 'Total' includes all agencies in Nova Scotia.

**TABLE 10-4
List of Sanctions and Conditions by Agency, 2005**

Condition	Agency					Total
	Halifax	Amherst	Sydney ⁶⁷	Kentville	Selected ⁶⁸	
Anger Management	41	5	10	5	61	98
Apology – Verbal	44	16	86	14	160	264
Apology – Written	273	58	99	62	492	676
Community Related	15	6	19	1	41	66
Community Service Work	114	43	50	45	252	345
Counselling Assessment/Referral	21	10	36	21	88	139
Creative Assignment	122	0	12	16	150	179
Donation – Monetary	47	0	31	15	93	126
Donation – Other	8	0	2	4	14	14
Drug/Alcohol Assessment/Referral	42	2	22	2	68	102
Essay	123	24	25	12	184	272
Family/Home Related	19	8	76	2	105	117
Life Lessons for Black Youth	8	0	0	0	8	8
Period of Community Supervision	0	0	1	0	1	4
Personal Development	217	5	70	15	307	432
Personal Service to Victim	16	2	15	12	45	87
Remain Away from Victim's Home/Business	0	1	10	0	11	17
Restitution	58	8	33	11	110	193
Ride Along With Police/RCMP	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stoptlifting Program	82	0	0	11	93	105
Substance Abuse Program	24	0	16	6	46	64
Thank You to Police	0	0	61	8	69	80
Thank you to Referral Source	1	0	22	1	24	27
Working Together Program	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Re-Pay Program	0	0	8	3	11	11
Total:	1275	188	704	266	2433	3426

Total Cases:	497	88	200	108	893	1251
Total Agreements:	501	88	200	109	898	1257
Hours of Community Service:	1674	1071	1691	1270	5706	8548
Total Restitution:	\$13,052	\$2,770	\$5,629	\$3,475	\$24,926	\$40,726
Mean Average Restitution:	\$225	\$346	\$171	\$316	\$227	\$211
Mean Average Hours Community Service:	14.7	24.9	33.8	28.2	22.6	24.8

Most frequently imposed conditions, 2005:

	Halifax	Sydney	Total
1	Apology – Written	Apology – Written	Apology – Written
2	Personal Development	Apology – Verbal	Personal Development
3	Essay	Family/Home Related	Community Service

⁶⁷ Sydney includes data for Inverness/Richmond.

⁶⁸ Selected agencies include the four listed above: Halifax, Amherst, Sydney, and Kentville. 'Total' includes all agencies in Nova Scotia.

DELIVERABLE 11
Organizations Delivering Restorative Justice

Deliverable 11: Organizations Delivering Restorative Justice

TABLE 11-1
List of Community Agency Placements in HRM

Bedford
Bedford Schools
The Fire House Youth Centre
Cole Harbour and Area
Cole Harbour Boys and Girls Club
Cole Harbour Heritage Farm Museum
Cole Harbour Schools
Grace Lutheran Church
Halifax County Parks and Recreation
Parents and Children Together
Dartmouth
Bide Awhile Animal Shelter
City Heights Church
Clean Nova Scotia
Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club
Dartmouth Senior Citizen Program
Dartmouth Parks and Recreation
Dartmouth North Community Centre
Dartmouth District School Board
East Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club
First Baptist Church
Dartmouth Kiwanis Club
Lunch Stop Daycare
Multiple Sclerosis Society
North Dartmouth Outreach Resource Centre
Parent Resource Centre
Regional Residential Services Outlet
Salvation Army Clothing Outlet
Shearwater Family Resource Centre
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Southdale Daycare
Woodlawn United Church
YMCA/YWCA Dartmouth
Eastern Passage
Cow Bay Community
Eastern Passage Schools
Ocean View Manor
St. Andrew's Church

St. Peter's Church
Tallahassee Community School & Rec. Association
Fall River
Fall River Recreation Centre
Lower Fall River Fire Department
Grand Lake
Grand Lake/Oakfield Community Centre
Grand Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Halifax
Bayers-Westwood Daycare
Bayers-Westwood Family Resource Centre
Bayers-Westwood Residents' Association
Bloomfield Centre
Canadian Red Cross Society
Canadian Diabetic Society
Centennial Arena
Chocolate Lake Community Centre
Citadel Boxing Club
Community 'Y
Discovery Centre (science museum)
George Dixon Community Centre
Glades Lodge
Halifax District School Board – Individual Schools
Halifax Senior Citizen Snow Removal Program
Happy Tots Preschool and Nursery
Mainline Needle Exchange
Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre
Needham Community Centre
New Leaf Enterprises
North End Daycare
North Branch Library
Northcliffe Centre
Northwood Centre
Oxfam Canada
Parent and Tot Meeting Place
Point Pleasant Child Care Centre
Rockinghorse Academy
Salvation Army Family Centre
South End Daycare
Spencer House
St. Joseph's Children's Centre
St. Andrew's Recreation Centre
St. Vincent's Guest House

University Children's Centre
Ward Five Community Centre
YMCA (South Park Street)
YWCA (Barrington Street)
Musquodoboit
Birches, The
Chezzetcook Fire Department
Eastern Shore Arena/Community Centre
Lions' Club, Midle Musquodoboit
Musquodoboit/Chezzetcook Schools
Musquodoboit Recreational and Leisure Services
Musquodoboit River Association
Porter's Lake
Lake Echo Recreational Centre
Lawrencetown Community Centre
Porter's Lake Schools
Preston Area
Preston Baptist Church
East Preston Community
East Preston Daycare
Nelson Whynder Elementary School
North Preston Recreation Association
Sheet Harbour Resources
St. Peter's Church
Sheet Harbour Schools
Sheet Harbour – Halifax County Parks and Recreation
Sackville
Anchor Industries
Beacon House
First Friends Daycare
Fultz House Museum
Lucasville/Upper Hammonds Plains Community Development Centre
Opportunity Place
Recreation and Leisure Services
Sackville Schools
Sackville Seniors Advisory Council
Scotia Nursing Home
Uniacke House
Spryfield
Golden Age Social Centre
Hand in Hand
Saint Paul's Family Resources Institute
Single Parent Centre
Spryfield Lions Aquatic Centre

Spryfield/Herring Cove/Sambro Schools – Western Halifax
Timberlea/Tantallon/Western Halifax County
First United Baptist Church
Lakeside Recreation Centre
Sacred Heart Church and Hall
St. Andrew’s Anglican Church
Timberlea and Area Lion’s Club
Timberlea/Tantallon/Prospect Road/Hubbards Schools
Trinity United Church
Waverly/Wellington/Windsor Junction Resources
Lions Club
Waverly Legion
Waverly Schools
Waverly Volunteer Fire Department
Wellington Volunteer Fire Department
Windsor Junction Community Centre

TABLE 11-2
List of Restorative Justice Agencies Provincially

Region Served	Restorative Justice Agency
East Hants/Colchester (Truro)	John Howard Restorative Justice 184 Arthur Street, Suite 202 Truro, N.S. B2N 1Y4
HRM	Community Justice Society 6176 Young Street P. O. Box 642, Station "M" Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2T3
Queens, Lunenburg (Bridgewater)	South Shore Community Justice Society P. O. Box 487, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, B4V 2X6
Cumberland (Amherst)	Cumberland Community Alternatives Society P. O. Box 843 Amherst, Nova Scotia, B4H 4B9
Cape Breton Regional Municipality (Sydney)	Island Community Justice Society Provincial Building 360 Prince Street, Suite 13 Sydney, Nova Scotia, B1P 5L1
Inverness, Richmond	Island Community Justice Society 298 Reeves Street, Unit 3 Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia, B9A 2B4
Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough	John Howard Society Restorative Justice 2042 Queen Street, Unit #4 RR 2, Westville, Nova Scotia, B0K 2A0
Mi'kmaq Customary Law	Mi'kmaq Customary Law Project Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network 4533 Shore Road, P.O. Box 7915 Eskasoni, Nova Scotia, B1W 1B7
Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne	Southwest Community Justice Society 10 Starrs Road Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, B5A 2T1
Annapolis, West Hants, Kings (Kentville)	Valley Restorative Justice P. O. Box 621 Kentville, Nova Scotia, B4N 3X7

DELIVERABLE 12
Rates of Completion

Deliverable 12: Rates of Completion

TABLE 12-1
Ratio of Accepted Referrals to Non-Completions, By Year, Overall and for
Select Agencies.

Referral Source	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
All Agencies					
Police	7.0 To 1.0	7.4 To 1.0	5.1 To 1.0	6.0 To 1.0	5.6 To 1.0
Crown	5.7 To 1.0	6.2 To 1.0	4.2 To 1.0	4.5 To 1.0	4.1 To 1.0
Court	3.0 To 1.0	11.5 To 1.0	2.2 To 1.0	7.7 To 1.0	10.2 To 1.0
Corrections	3.2 To 1.0	2.0 To 1.0	2.1 To 1.0	1.0 To 1.0	2.6 To 1.0
Overall	6.5 To 1.0	6.6 To 1.0	4.4 To 1.0	5.0 To 1.0	5.1 To 1.0
Halifax					
Police	5.2 To 1.0	4.3 To 1.0	3.8 To 1.0	3.5 To 1.0	4.2 To 1.0
Crown	5.3 To 1.0	8.2 To 1.0	3.7 To 1.0	4.0 To 1.0	3.4 To 1.0
Court	3.0 To 1.0	14.0 To 1.0	1.3 To 1.0	5.0 To 1.0	9.2 To 1.0
Corrections	1.0 To 1.0	2.0 To 1.0	2.0 To 1.0	1.0 To 1.0	1.0 To 2.0
Overall	5.2 To 1.0	5.2 To 1.0	3.6 To 1.0	3.7 To 1.0	4.0 To 1.0
Amherst					
Police	4.1 To 1.0	30.7 To 1.0	6.4 To 1.0	7.8 To 1.0	4.9 To 1.0
Crown	4.3 To 1.0	8.0 To 1.0	8.0 To 0.0	9.0 To 1.0	5.0 To 1.0
Court	1.0 To 0.0	3.0 To 1.0	2.0 To 0.0	0.0 To 0.0	16.0 To 1.0
Corrections	2.3 To 1.0	2.3 To 1.0	1.2 To 1.0	1.0 To 2.0	2.0 To 1.0
Overall	3.9 To 1.0	12.4 To 1.0	3.3 To 1.0	5.8 To 1.0	5.1 To 1.0
Sydney					
Police	7.4 To 1.0	9.2 To 1.0	6.0 To 1.0	6.8 To 1.0	10.4 To 1.0
Crown	7.0 To 1.0	8.3 To 1.0	6.6 To 1.0	2.6 To 1.0	16.0 To 1.0
Court	2.0 To 1.0	0.0 To 0.0	2.0 To 0.0	1.0 To 0.0	1.0 To 0.0
Corrections	5.0 To 0.0	1.2 To 1.0	2.3 To 1.0	0.0 To 1.0	4.0 To 1.0
Overall	7.3 To 1.0	7.8 To 1.0	5.8 To 1.0	4.0 To 1.0	10.7 To 1.0
Kentville					
Police	12.3 To 1.0	8.0 To 1.0	6.7 To 1.0	5.7 To 1.0	6.9 To 1.0
Crown	8.7 To 1.0	4.2 To 1.0	3.7 To 1.0	28.0 To 0.0	2.6 To 1.0
Court	0.0 To 0.0	1.0 To 0.0	0.0 To 0.0	1.0 To 0.0	0.0 To 0.0
Corrections	0.0 To 0.0	4.0 To 1.0	1.5 To 1.0	0.0 To 1.0	0.0 To 0.0
Overall	11.5 To 1.0	6.9 To 1.0	5.4 To 1.0	6.9 To 1.0	5.3 To 1.0

TABLE 12-2
Ratio of Successful Completions to Non-Completions, By Year, Overall and for
Select Agencies.

Referral Source	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
All Agencies					
Police	4.7 To 1.0	5.8 To 1.0	4.7 To 1.0	4.9 To 1.0	4.2 To 1.0
Crown	3.4 To 1.0	4.5 To 1.0	2.7 To 1.0	3.6 To 1.0	3.0 To 1.0
Court	8.5 To 1.0	5.0 To 1.0	1.7 To 1.0	6.3 To 1.0	3.4 To 1.0
Corrections	1.4 To 1.0	1.0 To 2.5	1.0 To 1.7	1.1 To 1.0	1.0 To 1.0
Overall	4.3 To 1.0	5.0 To 1.0	3.4 To 1.0	4.0 To 1.0	3.6 To 1.0
Halifax					
Police	3.3 To 1.0	3.6 To 1.0	2.9 To 1.0	2.4 To 1.0	3.1 To 1.0
Crown	3.6 To 1.0	6.3 To 1.0	2.2 To 1.0	2.8 To 1.0	2.4 To 1.0
Court	10.0 To 1.0	3.0 To 1.0	1.5 To 1.0	3.0 To 1.0	2.5 To 1.0
Corrections	1.0 To 1.0	0.0 To 1.0	1.0 To 2.0	1.0 To 3.0	1.0 To 2.0
Overall	3.4 To 1.0	4.1 To 1.0	2.5 To 1.0	2.6 To 1.0	2.6 To 1.0
Amherst					
Police	3.7 To 1.0	22.0 To 1.0	6.0 To 1.0	7.1 To 1.0	4.0 To 1.0
Crown	2.3 To 1.0	11.0 To 1.0	9.0 To 0.0	7.0 To 1.0	3.5 To 1.0
Court	2.0 To 0.0	1.0 To 1.0	2.0 To 0.0	1.0 To 0.0	6.0 To 1.0
Corrections	0.8 To 1.0	0.3 To 1.0	0.3 To 1.0	0.0 To 1.0	0.7 To 1.0
Overall	3.1 To 1.0	8.8 To 1.0	2.7 To 1.0	5.1 To 1.0	3.6 To 1.0
Sydney					
Police	6.5 To 1.0	7.5 To 1.0	6.9 To 1.0	4.9 To 1.0	8.3 To 1.0
Crown	3.5 To 1.0	7.3 To 1.0	4.6 To 1.0	2.1 To 1.0	11.5 To 1.0
Court	5.0 To 1.0	0.0 To 0.0	2.0 To 0.0	1.0 To 0.0	1.0 To 0.0
Corrections	3.0 To 0.0	0.6 To 1.0	0.3 To 1.0	0.3 To 1.0	0.0 To 1.0
Overall	6.2 To 1.0	6.4 To 1.0	5.5 To 1.0	3.1 To 1.0	8.3 To 1.0
Kentville					
Police	8.0 To 1.0	6.6 To 1.0	5.6 To 1.0	6.1 To 1.0	6.3 To 1.0
Crown	5.0 To 1.0	2.5 To 1.0	2.2 To 1.0	41 To 0.0	2.2 To 1.0
Court	0.0 To 0.0	1.0 To 0.0	0.0 To 0.0	1.0 To 0.0	0.0 To 0.0
Corrections	0.0 To 0.0	1.0 To 1.0	1.0 To 1.0	1.0 To 1.0	0.0 To 0.0
Overall	7.3 To 1.0	5.3 To 1.0	4.2 To 1.0	8.0 To 1.0	4.7 To 1.0

DELIVERABLE 13
Roles of Participants

Deliverable 13: Roles of Participants

TABLE 13-1
Distribution of Exit File Forms By Agency, Participant Role and Type of Session
2002-2004

	Number	Percentage
Restorative Justice Agency:		
Halifax	1498	38
Cumberland	412	11
ICJS Cape Breton	1076	28
Valley	562	14
Truro	351	10
Total:	3899	100

	Number	Percentage
Restorative Justice Participant:		
Offender	1430	37
Offender's Supporter	1273	33
Victim	444	11
Victim's Supporter	235	6
Police	175	5
Other ⁶⁹	199	5
Missing	143	4
Total:	3899	100

	Number	Percentage
Type of Session:		
Accountability	1217	31
Victim – Offender	958	25
RJ Forum	1466	38
'Stoplifting'	186	5
Missing	72	2
Total:	3899	100

⁶⁹ Other refers to community representatives, non-police CJS personnel and observers.

TABLE 13-2
Participants' Views of their Restorative Justice Experience, 2002-2004

(N=3896) (%)

Aspects ⁷⁰	Offender N=1431	Offender Supporter N=1271	Victim N=445	Victim Supporter N=235	Neutral N= 374
Sound Expectations					
Agree	42	48	44	45	37
Strongly Agree	16	21	25	24	54
Unsure	27	22	20	21	4
Conference Was Disappointing					
Strongly Disagree	44	55	44	42	57
Disagree	39	37	42	43	37
I Had My Say					
Agree	43	41	40	44	27
Strongly Agree	50	55	57	52	67
I Had Support There					
Agree	48	54	51	56	47
Strongly Agree	35	41	44	39	46
Satisfied With Outcome					
Agree	52	41	48	49	34
Strongly Agree	38	56	44	44	60
I Was Treated Fairly					
Agree	41	40	44	43	33
Strongly Agree	53	57	55	55	65
It Helps Offender Most					
Agree	29	25	21	27	20
Strongly Agree	14	13	11	10	6
Unsure	42	26	26	22	20

⁷⁰ Select response categories are used for research convenience. Missing values have been excluded in the above frequency calculations.

Aspects	Offender N=1431	Offender Supporter N=1271	Victim N=445	Victim Supporter N=235	Neutral N= 374
Will Deter Future Crime					
Agree	42	48	44	41	48
Strongly Agree	43	35	18	20	26
Unsure	11	15	30	29	22
Conference Outcome Was Confusing					
Strongly Disagree	51	61	51	52	66
Disagree	37	34	42	40	29
My Position Was Understood					
Agree	55	62	59	60	53
Strongly Agree	24	33	34	28	40
I See The Crime Differently Now					
Strongly / Disagree / Unsure	25	36	54	46	51
Agree	47	48	37	40	32
Strongly Agree	28	16	9	14	17
Would Recommend RJ					
Agree	37	33	46	42	37
Strongly Agree	52	62	40	44	57

TABLE 13-3
Exit Outcome-Oriented Responses by Role by Select Contextual Factors
2002-2004

Response By Role	Contextual Factors				
	Gender	Agency Type	Offence Category	Session Type	Referral Type
1. Offenders					
Satisfied With Agreement	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact
Conference a Deterrent	Females More (43% to 49%)	Urban Less (40% to 48%)	Minor More (44% to 38%)	No Impact	Police Level More (45% to 34%)
See Offence Differently	Females More (26% to 34%)	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact
Would Recommend RJ	Females More (50% to 62%)	No Impact	Minor More (55% to 45%)	Acc't More (55% to 48%)	Police Level More (54% to 44%)
2. Offender Supporters					
Satisfied With Agreement	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	Acc't More (60% to 50%)	No Impact
Conference a Deterrent	No Impact	Urban More (36% to 28%)	Minor More (37% to 30%)	Acc't More (38% to 30%)	Police Level More (35% to 27%)
See Offence Differently	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact
Would Recommend RJ	No Impact	Urban More (64% to 58%)	Minor More (65% to 58%)	Acc't More (67% to 57%)	No Impact

Response By Role	Contextual Factors				
	Gender	Agency Type	Offence Category	Session Type	Referral Type
3. Victims					
Satisfied With Agreement	Females More (44% to 53%)	Urban More (48% to 38%)	Minor More (47% to 40%)	N/A	No Impact
Conference a Deterrent	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	N/A	No Impact
See Offence Differently	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	N/A	No Impact
Would Recommend RJ	No Impact	Urban More (46% to 30%)	Minor More (43% to 36%)	N/A	No Impact
4. Victim Supporters					
Satisfied With Agreement	Females More (30% to 55%)	No Impact	No Impact	N/A	No Impact
Conference a Deterrent	No Impact	Urban Less (16% to 25%)	Minor More (25% to 16%)	N/A	Police Level More (23% to 15%)
See Offence Differently	Females More (8% to 20%)	No Impact	Minor More (20% to 10%)	N/A	Police Level More (16% to 8%)
Would Recommend RJ	Females More (30% to 55%)	Urban Less (42% to 48%)	No Impact	N/A	Police Level More (48% to 39%)

TABLE 13-4
Follow-Up Interviews: Victim Responses Profile
N = 225

Question	Response	Get Answers from Offender?	
Gender	Male	55%	Yes Much 52%
	Female	45%	Total Yes 87%
Type of Offence	Category 1	54%	Was Conference Fair?
	Category 2	46%	Yes Much 64%
			Total Yes 97%
Referred By	Police	75%	Conference Set-Up Okay?
	Crown	20%	Yes Much 70%
			Total Yes 97%
Prior Awareness of RJ?	None	62%	Offender Take Responsibility?
			Yes Much 52%
Top Reason for Participating?	Persuaded	12%	Total Yes 86%
	Liked RJ Idea	44%	Most Positive About Session?
			Had My Say 30%
Attendance Voluntary?	Yes Much	68%	Participants 20%
	Total Yes	93%	Most Negative About Session?
Persuaded by Caseworker?	Yes	13%	Nothing 56%
	No	85%	Participants 12%
			Satisfied Then Re: Agreement?
Consulted with Lawyer?	Yes	5%	Yes Much 57%
			Total Yes 92%
Pre-Session Agency Contact	Face-to-face	44%	Still Satisfied?
	2 + Phone Calls	32%	Yes Much 49%
			Total Yes 77%
Main Pre-Session Hope	Get Apology/Restitution	28%	Sincere Apology Received?
			Yes Much 58%
Surprised at Session?	No	67%	Total Yes 82%
	Yes Somewhat	11%	Any Restitution Received?
	Yes Much	19%	Yes Much 22%
Understood the Session?	Yes Much	72%	Total Yes 42%
	Total Yes	100%	RJ Made up for the Offence?
Treated with Respect there?	Yes Much	77%	Yes Much 43%
	Total Yes	99%	Total Yes 78%
			Offender Committed to Terms?
Adequate Support There?	Yes Much	69%	Yes Much 52%
	Total Yes	97%	Total Yes 85%
Had Your Say There?	Yes Much	75%	Less Likely to Reoffend?
	Total Yes	99%	Yes Much 33%
			Total Yes 61%
		Put Offence Behind You?	
		Yes Much 53%	
		Total Yes 82%	
		Concerned if you Met Offender?	
		Yes Much 2%	
		Total Yes 6%	

Advantage of RJ over Court?	
Avoid Court	20%
See and Talk to Offender	17%
Disadvantage over Court?	
None	60%
Time and Format	6%
Should Have Gone to Court?	
Yes Much	8%
Total Yes	14%
Difference if Went to Court?	
Record for Offender	21%
Sentence	20%

Any Court Experience?	
Yes Much	9%
Total Yes	29%
RJ for More Cases Like This?	
Yes Much	61%
Total Yes	90%
RJ for More Serious Offences?	
No	60%
No, Qualified	15%

TABLE 13-5
Follow-Up Interviews: Victim Supporter Responses Profile

N = 98

Question	Response	Victim's Needs/Wishes Heard?	
Gender			Yes Much 42%
	Male	37%	Total Yes 86%
	Female	63%	
Type of Offence			Had Your Say There?
	Category 1	26%	Yes Much 56%
	Category 2	74%	Total Yes 95%
Referred By			Offender Get a Sense of Victim's View?
	Police	84%	Yes Much 42%
	Crown	9%	Total Yes 80%
Prior Awareness of RJ?			Was Conference Fair?
	None	72%	Yes Much 52%
			Total Yes 91%
Top Reason for Participating?			Most Positive About Session?
	Persuaded	14%	Express My Views 37%
	Liked RJ Idea	37%	Fair 10%
Attendance Voluntary?			Most Negative About Session?
	Yes Much	57%	Nothing 41%
	Total Yes	94%	Participants 26%
Persuaded by Caseworker?			Satisfied Then Re: Agreement?
	Yes	19%	Yes Much 44%
	No	79%	Total Yes 90%
Consulted with Lawyer?			Offender Committed to Terms?
	Yes	3%	Yes Much 34%
Pre-Session Agency Contact			Total Yes 72%
	Face-to-face	60%	Offender Realized Harm Done?
	2 + Phone Calls	24%	Yes Much 39%
Main Pre-Session Hope			Total Yes 78%
	Get Apology/Restitution	30%	Less Likely to Reoffend?
			Yes Much 24%
Would Victim Go Without You?			Total Yes 51%
	Yes Much	21%	Has the Victim Benefited from RJ?
	Total Yes	41%	Yes Much 39%
Top Two Aspects of Session?			Total Yes 81%
	Had Say	41%	Positive Changes for Victim?
	Offender Remorse	28%	Yes 49%
Surprised at Session?			RJ was a Factor in Changes 81%
	No	59%	Negative Changes for Victim?
	Yes Somewhat	20%	Yes 2%
Discussed Special Factors of Offence?			RJ was a Factor in Changes 50%
	Yes Much	32%	RJ Experience Helped You Cope?
	Total Yes	67%	Yes Much 29%
Offender Take Responsibility?			Total Yes 69%
	Yes Much	39%	Advantage of RJ over Court?
	Total Yes	78%	Direct Talk to Offender 17%
			Ambience 27%

Disadvantage over Court?		
None		49%
Unfairness		11%
Should Have Gone to Court?		
Yes Much		9%
Total Yes		22%
Difference if Went to Court?		
Sentence		14%
Intimidate Offender		19%

Any Court Experience?		
Yes Much		11%
Total Yes		32%
RJ for More Cases Like This?		
Yes Much		52%
Total Yes		89%
RJ for More Serious Offences?		
No		54%
No, Qualified		15%

TABLE 13-6
Follow-Up Interviews: 'Others' Responses Profile

N = 95

Question	Response	Had Your Say There?	
Gender	Others	Yes Much	79%
Male	64%	Total Yes	98%
Female	36%	Offender Get a Sense of Victim's View?	
Type of Offence		Yes Much	75%
Category 1	58%	Total Yes	97%
Category 2	42%	Was Conference Fair?	
Referred By		Yes Much	72%
Police	62%	Total Yes	97%
Crown	32%	Most Positive About Session?	
Session Type		All Had Say	23%
Accountability	29%	Participants	17%
Prior Awareness of RJ?		Most Negative About Session?	
None	20%	Nothing	57%
Top Reason for Participating?		Participants	11%
Asked/Agreed	15%	Satisfied Then Re: Agreement?	
Liked RJ Idea	45%	Yes Much	63%
Persuaded by Caseworker?		Total Yes	96%
Yes	13%	Offender Committed to Terms?	
No	82%	Yes Much	61%
Pre-Session Agency Contact		Total Yes	94%
Face-to-face	29%	Offender Realized Harm Done?	
2 + Phone Calls	23%	Yes Much	69%
Pre-Session Hope for Offender?		Total Yes	99%
See Harm Done	32%	Less Likely to Reoffend?	
Be Sorry	22%	Yes Much	37%
Pre-Session Hope for Victim?		Total Yes	71%
Get Apology	32%	Has the Victim Benefited from RJ?	
Have a Say	21%	Yes Much	76%
Top Two Aspects of Session?		Total Yes	88%
All Had Say	38%	Wrongfulness Emphasized?	
Process Fair	17%	Yes Much	73%
Surprised at Session?		Total Yes	98%
No	76%	RJ Helped Reintegration	
Yes Somewhat	4%	Yes Much	46%
Yes Much	16%	Total Yes	83%
Offender Take Responsibility?		Advantage of RJ over Court?	
Yes Much	60%	O+V Interact	26%
Total Yes	98%	All Had Say	25%
Victim's Needs/Wishes Heard?		Disadvantage over Court?	
Yes Much	62%	None	65%
Total Yes	90%	Time and Format	6%

Should Have Gone to Court?

Yes Much 3%
Total Yes 12%

Difference if Went to Court?

Ambience 28%
Sentence 20%

Any Court Experience?

Yes Much 52%
Total Yes 63%

RJ for More Cases Like This?

Yes Much 57%
Total Yes 98%

RJ for More Serious Offences?

No 27%
No, Qualified 25%

TABLE 13-7
Victims' Views in Context

Theme	Agency Type⁷¹ (Urban to Rural)	Offence Type⁷² (Minor to Serious)	Gender (Male to Female)
Yes RJ for Similar Cases	Not Significant	71% to 50%	66% to 54%
Yes RJ for More Serious Cases	Not Significant	40% to 26%	38% to 28%
Would Recommend RJ	68% to 54%	66% to 53%	64% to 55%
Offender Atoned	Not Significant	46% to 39%	49% to 35%
More Positive re: CJS	38% to 28%	36% to 25%	Not Significant
Offender Less Likely to Re-Offend	Not Significant	40% to 25%	40% to 25%
Satisfied Initially with Agreement	70% to 47%	Not Significant	60% to 52%
Still Happy re: Agreement	57% to 43%	Not Significant	53% to 44%

⁷¹ Agency type is operationalized as Halifax and Sydney area (more urban) to Amherst, Kentville and Truro-based agencies (less urban, or more 'rural').

⁷² Offence Gravity is operationalized as minor property offences, mischief and provincial/municipal statute violations (less serious) to assault and other property crimes (more serious).

TABLE 13-8
Victim Supporters' Views in Context

Theme	Agency Type⁷³ (Urban to Rural)	Offence Type⁷⁴ (Minor to Serious)	Gender (Male to Female)	Referral Source
Yes RJ for Similar Cases	40% to 63%	Not Significant	Not Significant	56% to 46%
Yes RJ for More Sessions	Not Significant	44% to 32%	41% to 31%	36% to 23%
Offender Understood Impact	Not Significant	44% to 37%	47% to 33%	39% to 31%
Satisfied with Agreement	52% to 34%	56% to 40%	Not Significant	Not Significant
Offender Less Likely to Re-Offend	39% to 63%	56% to 49%	Not Significant	Not Significant
Has Victim Benefited	45% to 33%	48% to 36%	Not Significant	42% to 15%
Offender Committed to Agreement	Not Significant	48% to 29%	Not Significant	35% to 23%

⁷³ Agency Type is operationalized as Halifax and Sydney area (more urban) to Amherst, Kentville and Truro-based agencies (less urban, or more 'rural').

⁷⁴ Offence Type is operationalized as minor property offences, mischief and provincial/municipal statute violations (less serious) to assault and other property crimes (more serious).

TABLE 13-9
Offenders' Views in Context

Theme	Agency Type⁷⁵ (Urban to Rural)	Offence Type⁷⁶ (Minor to Serious)	Gender (Male to Female)	Session Type⁷⁷
Yes RJ for Similar Cases	66% to 82%	Not Significant	Not Significant	Not Significant
Yes RJ for More Serious	24% to 34%	Not Significant	33% to 25%	Not Significant
Would Recommend RJ to a Friend for Similar Circumstances	75% to 63%	Not Significant	Not Significant	75% to 60%
Satisfied Agreement & at Conference	72% to 61%	67% to 60%	Not Significant	73% to 55%
Still Happy re: Agreement	77% to 61%	70% to 60%	Not Significant	74% to 58%
RJ Help You Atone	65% to 54%	60% to 53%	Not Significant	63% to 52%
Committed New Offences	Not Significant	6% to 14%	11% to 6%	6% to 12%

⁷⁵ Agency Type is operationalized as Halifax and Sydney area (more urban) to Amherst, Kentville and Truro-based agencies (less urban, or more 'rural').

⁷⁶ Offence Type is operationalized as minor property offences, mischief and provincial/municipal statute violations (less serious) to assault and other property crimes (more serious).

⁷⁷ Session Type is operationalized as accountability sessions compared to all other types of sessions involving victim presence.

TABLE 13-10
Offender Supporters' Views in Context

Theme	Agency Type⁷⁸ (Urban to Rural)	Offence Type⁷⁹ (Minor to Serious)	Gender (Male to Female)	Session Type⁸⁰
Yes RJ For Similar Cases	Not Significant	Not Significant	Not Significant	Not Significant
Yes RJ for More Serious	45% to 28%	Not Significant	44% to 33%	Not Significant
Offender Take Responsibility	81% to 55%	71% to 64%	Not Significant	Not Significant
Satisfied re: Agreement	81% to 50%	Not Significant	Not Significant	Not Significant
Offender Committed	80% to 56%	71% to 65%	Not Significant	Not Significant
Offender Less Likely to Re-Offend	60% to 48%	58% to 48%	Not Significant	61% to 49%

⁷⁸ Agency Type is operationalized as Halifax and Sydney area (more urban) to Amherst, Kentville and Truro-based agencies (less urban, or more 'rural').

⁷⁹ Offence Type is operationalized as minor property offences, mischief and provincial/municipal statute violations (less serious) to assault and other property crimes (more serious).

⁸⁰ Session Type is operationalized as accountability sessions compared to all other types of sessions involving victim presence.

TABLE 13-11
Overall Assessment RJ Participants, Follow-Up Interviews, 2003

FACET	OFFENDERS (N=359)	OFFENDER SUPPORTERS (N=564)	VICTIMS ⁸¹ (N=225)	VICTIM SUPPORTERS (N=98)	NEUTRALS ⁸² (N=95)
	%	%	%	%	%
Best About RJ Route:					
Avoid Court / Record	44	41	20	13	15
Support There	2	4	1	3	2
Friendly and Fair	18	25	17	26	17
Had A Say	8	5	15	11	25
Better Outcome	6	3	8	6	6
Talk Directly	5	7	17	17	26
Other/Nothing Positive**	7	12	11	12	2
Don't Know / NA	11	3	11	10	7
Worst About RJ Route:					
Facing People	7	4	2	3	2
Unfairness	1	3	4	11	1
Intimidation	3	2	3	3	-
Time, Format	5	3	6	6	6
Other	7	15	16	14	20
Nothing	61	69	60	49	65
Don't Know / NA	15	5	9	13	4

⁸¹ Neutrals included Police and Community Representatives. In some instances the wording / phrasing of the questions asked of these participants did not precisely match the questions asked of Offenders and Victims. These nuances will be referred to in the text.

⁸² Very few respondents in any role said that there was “nothing best or positive” about the RJ option so most of this category ‘Other/Nothing Positive’ refers to other positive comments.

FACET	OFFENDERS (N=359)	OFFENDER SUPPORTERS (N=564)	VICTIMS (N=225)	VICTIM SUPPORTERS (N=98)	NEUTRALS (N=95)
	%	%	%	%	%
Court Preferable:					
Yes, Much	2.	4	8	9	3
Yes, Some	6	4	5	12	8
No	86	88	83	70	85
Don't Know / NA	6	3	3	8	3
The Court Difference:					
Disposition	22	14	20	14	19
More Intimidation	10	13	15	19	28
More Sanctions (A Record)	26	13	15	13	8
Fairer	-	1	3	6	-
Negative Impact re Off'r	3	33	10	8	12
Other	9	8	11	17	24
No Difference	6	5	0	6	3
Don't Know /NA	23	12	13	15	3

TABLE 13-11 (...continued)

Overall Assessment - RJ Participants, Follow-up Interviews

FACET	OFFENDERS (N=359)	OFFENDER SUPPORTERS (N=564)	VICTIMS (N=225)	VICTIM SUPPORTERS (N=98)	NEUTRALS (N=95)
	%	%	%	%	%
Experience Re. Court:					
Yes	11	29	29	32	63
No	87	67	68	66	35
Don't Know / NA	2	3	2	2	2
Use RJ for Such Offences:					
Yes, Much	77	61	61	52	57
Yes, Some	19	35	29	37	40
No	1	4	7	9	1
Don't Know / NA	3	1	4	2	1
Use RJ for More Serious Offences:					
Yes	9	5	3	6	8
Yes Qualified	22	32	14	13	41
No, Only If Very Strict Limits	22	21	15	15	24
No	42	32	60	54	27
Don't Know / NA	6	10	8	11	-

TABLE 13-11 (...continued)

Overall Assessment - RJ Participants, Follow-up Interviews

FACET	OFFENDERS (N=359)	OFFENDER SUPPORTERS (N=564)	VICTIMS (N=225)	VICTIM SUPPORTERS (N=98)	NEUTRALS (N=95)
	%	%	%	%	%
Change Anything Re. Conferencing:					
Time / Place	6	6	9	9	8
Have Other People Involved	7	13	8	7	14
Different Outcomes	4	5	9	7	2
More Follow- up/Monitoring	-	5	9	9	9
Nothing	64	60	51	49	54
Other	9	8	9	10	10
Don't Know / NA	10	3	5	8	2