The National Trajectory Project
Who are the people found not criminally responsible on account of a mental illness?

The National Trajectory Project examined the path of people deemed not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder (NCR) in Canada. The study analyzed 1800 cases between May 2000 and April 2005 in the three most populous provinces: British Columbia, Ontario, and Quebec. It included a three-year, follow-up review of each case. Here is a picture of what emerged:

### Who is typically found NCR?
- **94%** are diagnosed with a severe mental illness
- **71%** benefit from governmental income support

![Graph showing gender distribution and average age](image)

- 84% male
- 16% female
- Average age: 36
- Average age: 41
- 10% homeless
- 28% in a relationship
- 14% in a relationship
- 5% psychotic disorder
- 71% substance use disorder
- 23% mood disorder
- 11% personality disorder

1/3 have more than one illness

### What is their offence?

Out of **100 individuals** found NCR have a:

- 34% Family
- 34% Professional
- 23% Stranger

### What is their mental illness?

- 34% substance use disorder
- 23% mood disorder
- 20% psychotic disorder
- 17% serious violent crime

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### Recidivism of NCR

- 0.6% serious violence re-offence
- 8.8% other violent offences against the person
- 17% any type of re-offence

By comparison, people released from the general prison population (non NCR population and did not receive forensic care) re-offend twice as often (at about 34%).

### Link to the victim

- 6% weapons
- 14% other
- 9% serious violent crime
- 17% property offence
- 27% assault

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