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A longitudinal study of demographic and behavioral characteristics associated with risky sexual behaviors of young men after release from prison. One hundred and six men were interviewed in prison and at 1 week and 6 months after release. Overall, 37% reported a previous STD diagnosis. In the 30 days before incarceration, 33% had had sex with a risky partner, and 59% had had multiple female sex partners. After release, 38 (36%) men reported having had risky sex (≥ 2 female sex partners and unprotected vaginal sex): 12 (13%) at 1 week and 31 (34%) at 6 months. The only factor independently associated with risky sex was the use of alcohol/drugs before sex: 1-week OR = 6.11 (95% CI: 1.42-26.40), 6-month OR = 3.05 (95% CI: 1.30-9.42). Behavioral intervention programs for incarcerated men should address drug and alcohol use and its contribution to higher risk for HIV and STDs.