

# Sex Offender

## Facts and Data

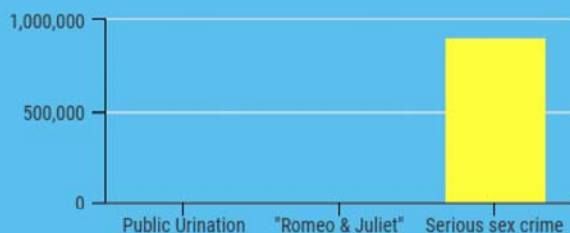
### The Numbers:



Of currently registered sex offenders,  
**95%** were adults  
when they were convicted.

Source: U.S. Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking; Colorado Bureau of Investigation (2019)

## 99.9% Committed Serious Sex Crimes



**Nearly 100% of registered sex offenders were convicted of serious sex crimes.** Less than 0.02% were teens convicted of statutory rape for having sex with another teen who was at least 15 years old. Fewer than 10 individuals in the country are required to register due to a public urination conviction -- and those individuals all have committed additional sex crimes for which they must register.

Source: U.S. Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

## Current Supervision Status in Colorado

The majority of convicted sex offenders in Colorado have completed their sentences and are living in the community as registered sex offenders. About 27% of Colorado's convicted offenders are being supervised in the community by parole and probation; the remaining offenders are in Colorado prisons, including some who violated their community supervision terms, resulting in a prison sentence.



Source: Colorado Department of Corrections; Colorado Judicial Branch; Colorado Bureau of Investigation (2019)

## Recidivism & Re-offense Rates



About 24% of registered sex offenders are charged with a new sexual offense within 15 years of their first conviction. However, the re-offense rate (crimes committed but not caught and charged) is assumed to be higher, based on the fact that numerous studies have found that the vast majority of sexual crimes (at least 75%) are never reported to authorities.

Source: Harris, A.J.R. & Hanson, R.K. "Sex Offender Recidivism: A Simple Question" (2004)

## Does Treatment & Supervision Work?



Sex offender treatment can reduce sexual recidivism over a five-year period by 5% to 8%.

Source: Prentky, R., Schwartz, B., & Burns-Smith, G. "Treatment of Adult Sex Offenders" (2006)



A combination of specialized criminal justice supervision (probation/ parole) and sex offender treatment can reduce the likelihood of a sex offender committing a new serious felony offense, including a sex offense, by as much as 40%.

Source: Aytes, K.E., Olsen, S.S., Zakrajsek, T., Murray, P. & Ireson, R. "Cognitive/behavioral treatment for sexual offenders: An examination of recidivism" (2001)



In a study of Colorado sex offenders who received treatment and supervision under the Colorado SOMB Standards, 2.6% were charged with a new sex crime over a 3-year follow-up period. More than 97% were not charged with a new sex crime.

Source: Dethlefsen & Hanson "Outcome Evaluation of the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board Standards and Guidelines" (2011)