

Why Registries are NOT Effective

At least 90% of future sex crimes will be committed by people NOT on the registry.

- **“The effectiveness of Sex Offender Registration and Notification: A meta-analysis of 25 years of findings”, Kristen Zgoba and Meghan Mitchell, 2021, under “Discussion”:** “The majority of empirical studies indicate that those convicted of a sexual offense have no previous sexual offense on their record, and in one instance over 95% of all sexual offense arrests were committed by first-time offenders.” (Hepburn & Griffin, 2002; Sandler et al., 2008) [Evidence-Based Recidivism Meta-Analysis Study 2021.pdf](#)
- **NCBI, “Sexual Offender Laws and Prevention of Sexual Violence or Recidivism”, *Am J Public Health*, 2010 March, Kelly K. Bonnar-Kidd:** “...most new sexually based crimes are committed by someone NOT on the registry.” In Ohio, 92% of people convicted of a sex offense against a minor were first-time offenders; in a New York study, 96% had no previous sex crime conviction. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2820068/>:
- **“Why Sex Offender Registries Keep Growing Even as Sexual Violence Rates Fall”, Steven Yoder, 2018:** Studies in New York and Minnesota showed first-time offenders committed over 90% of new sex crimes.
- ***National Affairs*, “Rethinking Sex-Offender Registries”, Eli Lehrer, 2016:** Ninety-five percent of sex offenses are committed by people who had no prior sex offense.
- ***A Time-Series Analysis of New York State’s Sex Offender Registration and Notification Law, “Does a Watched Pot Boil?”, Jeffrey C. Sandler, Naomi J. Freeman, Kelly Michael Socia, 2008:*** Ninety-five percent of sex offenses were committed by first-time offenders. [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/232505213 Does a Watched Pot Boil A Time-Series Analysis of New York State's Sex Offender Registration and Notification Law](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/232505213_Does_a_Watched_Pot_Boil_A_Time-Series_Analysis_of_New_York_State's_Sex_Offender_Registration_and_Notification_Law)

While so much effort and money are put into monitoring a group of people where the majority are not sexually re-offending, who is watching the 90% or more who will be committing the future sex crimes and are now living anywhere they choose?

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Approximately 93% of minors know their perpetrator, thereby debunking the stranger-danger myth. The offenders are most often family members, school or church staff, etc., and are often juveniles themselves, not people on the registry.

- **Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, RAINN, *Children and Teens: Statistics*:** Ninety-three percent of child victims know their perpetrator. <https://www.rainn.org/statistics/children-and-teens>
- **Lake Geneva Regional News, “Wisconsin’s sex offender registry born of twin tragedies”, Emily Hamer, Wisconsin State Journal:** “Sarah Wescott, corrections services supervisor for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections who also manages the registry...said 93% of victims know their perpetrator or are at least acquainted with them.”
- **Bureau of Justice Statistics Study, 2021:** More than 9 out of 10 sexual assaults are committed by someone known to the victim. <https://bjs.ojp.gov/nibrs/reports/sarble/sarble19>
- **SocialMiami.com, “Senator Lauren Book: Masks Do Not Increase Kidnapping Risk”, Lauren Book:** “...‘stranger danger’ is usually not a factor...Kids are virtually never grabbed off the street and pulled into an unmarked van.” <https://socialmiami.com/senator-lauren-book-masks-do-not-increase-kidnapping-risk-for-children/>
- **“The Effectiveness of Sex Offender Registration and Notification: A meta-analysis of 25 years of findings”, Kristen Zgoba and Meghan Mitchell, 2021,** under “Discussion”: “As upwards of ninety percent of victims and offenders know and prey on one another, we need to confront the uncomfortable truth that those who commit sexual offenses are usually not strangers.” [Evidence-Based Recidivism Meta-Analysis Study 2021.pdf](#)

Who is watching the future perpetrators that are people known to the child while law enforcement is closely monitoring thousands of people in Florida on the Sex Offense Registry who have served out their sentence and will never sexually re-offend?