

# Ohio's sex offender registry includes over 20,000 offenders

Registered, Nonincarcerated Sex Offenders in Ohio, August 2022

Sex Offender Classification System	Juvenile Offenders	Adult Offenders	Total Offenders
<b>Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORN) Law</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>12,655</b>	<b>13,800</b>
Tier I: Required to register for 15 years (adults) or 10 years (juveniles) and verify address annually	599	4,165	4,764
Tier II: Required to register for 25 years (adults) or 20 years (juveniles) and verify address every 180 days	360	5,956	6,316
Tier III: Required to register for life and verify address every 90 days	185	2,521	2,706
Pending: Offenders moved to Ohio from other states	1	13	14
<b>Megan's Law (pre-S.B. 10)</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>6,479</b>	<b>6,598</b>
Sexual offender/Child-victim offender: Required to register annually for 10 years	38	1,618	1,656
Habitual offender: Required to register annually for 20 years	16	557	573
Sexual predator/Child-victim predator: Required to register every 90 days for life	65	4,304	4,369
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>19,134</b>	<b>20,398</b>

- As of August 2022, Ohio had 20,398 registered, nonincarcerated sex offenders.
  - Of this total, 94% (19,134) were adults and 6% (1,264) were juveniles based on their age at the time of the initial offense.
- S.B. 10 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, enacted in 2007, replaced the state's existing sex offender classification system (Megan's Law) with an "offense-based" system that classifies offenders into three tiers based upon the severity of the committed offense with increasingly strict registration, notification, and verification requirements.
  - The Law also required the retroactive reclassification of Megan's Law registrants, which, in June 2010, the Ohio Supreme Court invalidated. As a result, offenders previously classified under Megan's Law remain registered under that system.
  - Megan's Law was a "risk-based" system that classified offenders based on their likelihood of committing a future sex offense.

Source: Ohio Attorney General