



Michigan Sex Offender Registry Act Research and Resources

Research

1. Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Statistics May 2019 report on sex offender recidivism rates, available at <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/rsorsp9yfu0514.pdf>.
 - a. Sex offenders have a lower recidivism rate (for *any* subsequent crime) than every other discrete group of offenders (classified by their original offense) except murderers;
 - b. Sex offenders have the lowest recidivism rate (for a subsequent *violent* crime) of all discrete groups of offenders (classified by their original offense) including murderers;
 - c. Sex offenders have a *significantly* lower recidivism rate (for a subsequent similar crime for which they were incarcerated) than every other discrete group of offenders (classified by their original offense) except murderers.
2. Hanson, R.K., & Morton-Bourgon, K.E., "Characteristics of Persistent Sexual Offenders: A Meta-Analysis of Recidivism Studies," *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, vol. 73, no. 6, 1154-1163 (2005), available at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16392988>.
 - a. Meta-analysis of 82 recidivism studies identified deviant sexual preferences and antisocial orientation as major predictors of sexual recidivism for both adult and adolescent sexual offenders;
 - b. Dynamic risk factors that have potential for being useful treatment targets are sexual preoccupations and general self-regulation.
 - c. Many variables (e.g. psychological distress, denial of sex crime, victim empathy or stated motivation for treatment) had little or no relationship with sexual or violent recidivism).
3. *Recidivism Among Sex Offenders in Connecticut*, State of Connecticut Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (2/15/12), available at http://www.ct.gov/bopp/lib/bopp/sex_offender_recidivism_2012_final.pdf (Sex offender recidivism rate of 3.6% over 5 year period).
4. Hanson, R. K. and Morton-Bourgon, K., *Predictors of Sexual Recidivism: An Updated Meta-Analysis* (2004), available at <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cor/rep/fl/2004-02-pred-se-eng.pdf> (Finding sexual recidivism rate of 13.8%).
5. Harris, A.J.R., and Hanson, R. K., *Sex Offender Recidivism: A Simple Question*, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada (2004), available at <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/res/cor/rep/2004-03-se-off-eng.aspx>.
6. Langan, P.A., Schmitt, E.L., and Durose, M.R., U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Recidivism of Sex Offenders Released from Prison in 1994* (Nov. 2003), available at <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/rsorp94.pdf> (Sex offender recidivism rate of 5.1% based on rearrests).



7. Langan, P.A., Levin, D.J., *Recidivism of Prisoners Released in 1994*, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics (2002), available at: <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/rpr94.pdf> (Sex offenders have lowest recidivism rates of all criminal offenders except for homicide offenders).
8. Prentky, R.A., Janus, E., Barbaree, H., Schwartz, B.K., and Kafka, M., “Sexually Violent Predators in the Courtroom: Science on Trial,” *Psychology, Public Policy and Law*, vol. 12, no. 4, 357-393 (2006) (Examination of determination of mental abnormality and current risk determinations; age and treatment as mitigating risk factors are considered).
9. Drake, E. and Barnoski, R., “Sex Offenders in Washington State: Key Findings and Trends,” (WA Institute for Public Policy) (March 2006), available at: <http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-03-1201.pdf> (Sex offenders recidivism rate for felony sex offenses – 2.7%; violent and sexual felony recidivism decreased since 1997).

Additional Resources

1. ACLU of Michigan [amicus brief](#) submitted in *People v. Temelkoski*, which the Michigan Supreme Court decided in January 2018.
2. Prison Policy Initiative, (June 6, 2016), available at: https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2019/06/06/sexoffenses/?utm_source=The+Marshall+Project+News+letter&utm_campaign=a5151e4455-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_06_20_11_49&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5e02cdad9d-a5151e4455-174460861 (notes that the findings of the new DOJ/BJS study confirm what similar research has found for decades. PPI criticizes the DOJ/BJS, though, for framing the report in a way that “fuels the myths about sex offense recidivism,” reinforcing misconceptions that contradict its own data).
3. Miriam Aukerman, Sex offender registries endanger the lives they’re meant to protect, *The Hill* (Oct. 25, 2017), available at: <https://thehill.com/opinion/criminal-justice/357096-sex-offender-registries-endanger-the-lives-theyre-meant-to-protect>.