

Sex Offender Statistics

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Issue

This report presents various statistics on registered sex offenders in Connecticut.

Summary

Under Connecticut's sex offender registration law, certain offenders must register with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) for a specified period following their release into the community. Table 1 provides data as of mid-June 2017 on the number of (1) registered sex offenders in the state, (2) such offenders added to the registry in the last five years, and (3) such offenders on probation or parole.

Crimes Requiring Registration

For a list of crimes requiring sex offender registration and the required registration periods for the different categories of crimes, see [OLR Report 2016-R-0098](#).

Table 1: Connecticut Sex Offender Statistics

| | <i>Number of Offenders</i> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Offenders on Connecticut's sex offender registry | 5,395 |
| Offenders added to the registry in the last five years | 1,955 |
| Registered sex offenders on probation | 2,105 |
| Registered sex offenders on parole or special parole | 428 |

Sources: DESPP; Judicial Branch (for probation statistics); Department of Correction (for parole statistics)

Connecticut’s sex offender registration law ([CGS § 54-250](#) et seq.) applies to persons convicted, or acquitted by reason of mental disease or defect, of three categories of offenses: (1) criminal offenses against a victim who is a minor, (2) nonviolent sexual offenses, and (3) sexually violent offenses. The law also gives courts the discretion to require registration for any other felony the court finds was committed for a sexual purpose.

Table 2 provides data (as of July 10, 2017) on the category (level) of sex offenders. The data excludes those offenders who are currently incarcerated.

Table 2: Sex Offender Levels, Offenders in the Community

| <i>Classification</i> | <i>Number of Offenders</i> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Offense against minor | 1,929 |
| Sexually violent offense | 1,908 |
| Nonviolent sexual offense | 254 |
| Felony committed for sexual purpose | 38 |
| Other/ no selection | 395 |
| Tier 1* | 24 |
| Tier 2* | 47 |
| Tier 3* | 12 |

Source: DESPP

*According to DESPP, certain offenders are currently categorized using the federal tier classification system, but they are going to be reclassified. Generally, tiers 1 and 2 align with nonviolent sexual offenses and offenses against minors and tier 3 aligns with sexually violent offenses.

Table 3 provides data (as of July 10, 2017) on the number of registered sex offenders per town. The data excludes those offenders who are currently incarcerated or who reside out of state.

Table 3: Registered Sex Offenders in the Community, by Town of Residence (Connecticut)

| <i>Municipality</i> | <i>Number of Offenders</i> | <i>Municipality</i> | <i>Number of Offenders</i> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Andover | 4 | Bloomfield | 32 |
| Ansonia | 30 | Bolton | 3 |
| Ashford | 2 | Bozrah | 7 |
| Avon | 0 | Branford | 17 |
| Barkhamsted | 4 | Bridgeport | 289 |
| Beacon Falls | 9 | Bridgewater | 1 |
| Berlin | 10 | Bristol | 88 |
| Bethany | 2 | Brookfield | 8 |
| Bethel | 14 | Brooklyn | 17 |
| Bethlehem | 4 | Burlington | 5 |

Table 3 (continued)

| <i>Municipality</i> | <i>Number of Offenders</i> | <i>Municipality</i> | <i>Number of Offenders</i> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Canaan | 4 | Hebron | 4 |
| Canterbury | 12 | Kent | 1 |
| Canton | 10 | Killingly | 35 |
| Chaplin | 5 | Killingworth | 1 |
| Cheshire | 5 | Lebanon | 8 |
| Chester | 1 | Ledyard | 12 |
| Clinton | 2 | Lisbon | 8 |
| Colchester | 11 | Litchfield | 7 |
| Colebrook | 2 | Lyme | 2 |
| Columbia | 3 | Madison | 3 |
| Cornwall | 0 | Manchester | 86 |
| Coventry | 15 | Mansfield | 8 |
| Cromwell | 7 | Marlborough | 4 |
| Danbury | 65 | Meriden | 132 |
| Darien | 2 | Middlebury | 3 |
| Deep River | 3 | Middlefield | 7 |
| Derby | 20 | Middletown | 96 |
| Durham | 1 | Milford | 27 |
| East Granby | 8 | Monroe | 5 |
| East Haddam | 6 | Montville | 57 |
| East Hampton | 9 | Morris | 4 |
| East Hartford | 127 | Naugatuck | 37 |
| East Haven | 29 | New Britain | 228 |
| East Lyme | 10 | New Canaan | 2 |
| East Windsor | 18 | New Fairfield | 6 |
| Eastford | 2 | New Hartford | 8 |
| Easton | 1 | New Haven | 451 |
| Ellington | 11 | New London | 92 |
| Enfield | 44 | New Milford | 17 |
| Essex | 5 | Newington | 17 |
| Fairfield | 14 | Newtown | 9 |
| Farmington | 9 | Norfolk | 0 |
| Franklin | 1 | North Branford | 12 |
| Glastonbury | 7 | North Canaan | 0 |
| Goshen | 1 | North Haven | 9 |
| Granby | 7 | North Stonington | 6 |
| Greenwich | 5 | Norwalk | 51 |
| Griswold | 18 | Norwich | 109 |
| Groton* | 42 | Old Lyme | 4 |
| Guilford | 10 | Old Saybrook | 4 |
| Haddam | 0 | Orange | 6 |
| Hamden | 49 | Oxford | 9 |
| Hampton | 6 | Plainfield | 32 |
| Hartford | 583 | Plainville | 23 |
| Hartland | 1 | Plymouth | 21 |
| Harwinton | 3 | Pomfret | 5 |

Table 3 (continued)

| <i>Municipality</i> | <i>Number of Offenders</i> | <i>Municipality</i> | <i>Number of Offenders</i> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Portland | 4 | Tolland | 8 |
| Preston | 5 | Torrington | 77 |
| Prospect | 7 | Trumbull | 12 |
| Putnam | 29 | Union | 1 |
| Redding | 0 | Vernon | 40 |
| Ridgefield | 3 | Voluntown | 2 |
| Rocky Hill | 17 | Wallingford | 29 |
| Roxbury | 0 | Warren | 1 |
| Salem | 8 | Washington | 3 |
| Salisbury | 1 | Waterbury | 337 |
| Scotland | 3 | Waterford | 13 |
| Seymour | 11 | Watertown | 7 |
| Sharon | 2 | West Hartford | 20 |
| Shelton | 24 | West Haven | 66 |
| Sherman | 2 | Westbrook | 2 |
| Simsbury | 5 | Weston | 1 |
| Somers | 9 | Westport | 2 |
| South Windsor | 15 | Wethersfield | 17 |
| Southbury | 11 | Willington | 7 |
| Southington | 28 | Wilton | 2 |
| Sprague | 7 | Winchester | 17 |
| Stafford | 19 | Windham | 74 |
| Stamford | 62 | Windsor | 26 |
| Sterling | 5 | Windsor Locks | 20 |
| Stonington* | 9 | Wolcott | 12 |
| Stratford | 42 | Woodbridge | 4 |
| Suffield | 5 | Woodbury | 2 |
| Thomaston | 6 | Woodstock | 7 |
| Thompson | 8 | Other* | 9 |

Source: DESPP

* DESPP reported one offender in Mashantucket (which is tribal land and as such is not listed as a town in the table). In addition, DESPP reported 8 offenders in Mystic and it is not clear whether they should be counted as Groton or Stonington residents

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