

An Exploration of the Offending Behavior or Sex Offenders: Summary of Findings

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Sample Characteristics

- 244 Registered Sex Offenders-Phoenix
 - Predominantly White (64.3%)
 - Predominantly Male (98.8%)
 - 57% Level II Offenders
 - 43% Level III Offenders
 - 62.3% on Probation
 - Average Age of First Arrest for Any Offense=26.27
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Offending Prior to Registration

- ❑ Average lapse of 4.03 years between first arrest and registration arrest
 - ❑ Average lapse of 6.76 years between registration arrest and actual registration
 - ❑ Average lapse of 6.03 between conviction of original registration offense and registration
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Offense Type: Prior to Registration

- ❑ “Other” (non-sex offense) most common arrest offense followed by property offenses and child sex offenses
 - ❑ Least common charges were for violent, sexual assault, and drug offenses
 - ❑ Least common Departmental Record (DR) offense types were sexual assault, other sex offenses, and drug offenses.
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Offense Type: Leading to Registration

- ❑ Most common: sexual assault/ rape, child molestation, sexual conduct with a minor
 - ❑ Least common: commercial exploitation of a minor, sexual assault of a spouse, public sex/indecentcy
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Offense Type: After Registration

- **Most Common (Charge and DR):**
“other,” property offenses
 - Other sexual offenses was third most common when measured by “charge”
 - Violent offenses was third when measured by “DR”
 - **Least Frequent (Charge and DR):**
sexual assault and child sexual offenses
 - Drug offenses was third when measured by “DR”
 - Violent offenses was third when measured by “charge”
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Post Registration Arrests

- ❑ 114 out of 244 offenders were arrested at least once after registration and produced 463 arrests
 - ❑ The average number of arrests was 1.90 and the median was 0
 - ❑ The average was 4.06 when only those with at least one arrest are considered
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Post Registration Charges

- ❑ Re-offender accounted for 775 charges
 - ❑ 48% felony charges and 52% misdemeanor charges
 - ❑ About 20% had sex offense charges after initial registration
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Post Registration Departmental Reports (DRs)

- ❑ 104 offenders had post-registration DRs and accounted for 399 DRs
 - ❑ Just over 11% had a sex offense-related DR after registration
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Re-offending Rates

- ❑ Arrest rate after= $\frac{\text{\# of arrests registration to end of data collection}}{\text{time of registration to end of data collection}}$
 - ❑ Overall rate is .35 offenses per year
 - ❑ Sex offenses re-offending is low ranging from .01 (child sex) to .06 (other sex offense) per year
 - ❑ Age at first arrest, age at conviction, and # of arrests are strongest predictors of re-offending.
 - ❑ However, offense history, offender demographics, and case processing information are poor predictors of sex offending recidivism
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