Ohio's sex offender registry includes nearly 17,500 offenders

Registered, Nonincarcerated Sex Offenders in Ohio, July 2026			
Sex Offender Classification System	**Juvenile Offenders**	**Adult Offenders**	**Total Offenders**
Sex Offender Registration and Notification (SORN) Law	**1,040**	**12,779**	**13,819**
Tier I: Required to register for 15 years (adults) or 10 years (juveniles) and verify address annually	513	3,663	4,176
Tier II: Required to register for 25 years (adults) or 20 years (juveniles) and verify address every 180 days	348	6,220	6,568
Tier III: Required to register for life and verify address every 90 days	179	2,877	3,056
Pending: Offenders moved to Ohio from other states	0	19	19
Megan's Law (pre-S.B. 10)	**99**	**3,540**	**3,639**
Sexual offender/child-victim offender: Required to register annually for 10 years	35	132	167
Habitual offender: Required to register annually for 20 years	8	211	219
Sexual predator/child-victim predator: Required to register every 90 days for life	56	3,197	3,253
Grand Total	**1,139**	**16,319**	**17,458**

- As of July 2026, Ohio had 17,458 registered, nonincarcerated sex offenders.
  - Of this total, 93% (16,319) were adults and 7% (1,139) were juveniles based on their age at the time of the initial offense.
- S.B. 10 of the 127th 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