

Department of Public Safety
Report to House and Senate Judiciary
On
Vermont Sex Offender Registry Compliance Checks
2024



This document serves as the 2024 reporting requirement mandated in Act 1 (S.13), SS 16 (2009), an act relating to improving Vermont's sexual abuse response system. Section 16 of the act provides:

The individual Special Investigations Units -

“...shall be responsible for the investigation of this chapter's registry requirements and are authorized to conduct in-person registry compliance checks in a time, place, and manner it deems appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter. This section shall not be construed to prohibit local law enforcement from enforcing the provisions of this chapter.”

*“The department of Public Safety shall report to the senate and house committees on judiciary on or before December 15, 2009, and annually thereafter, regarding **its efforts** under this section.”*

Beginning in 2019 local law enforcement agencies were required to report all “in-person” registry compliance checks to the Vermont Crime Information Center. Title 13 VSA Section 5415 was amended to include the following:

(b) On or before November 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, local law enforcement agencies shall report to the Vermont Crime Information Center about any in-person registry compliance checks that the agency has conducted during the preceding 12 months. The report shall include the total number of in-person compliance checks conducted during the 12-month period, the number of offenders who were in compliance, the number of offenders who were out of compliance, and the reasons for being out of compliance. See Act 77 (2019), Section 17.

As a brief overview, a Sex Offender Registry Check (SORC) requires a law enforcement officer or an officer from the Department of Corrections (DOC), to physically go to the registered address of a sex offender and verify that the offender is, in fact, residing at the registered location and is in compliance with the registry requirements.

The data contained within this report was obtained from the Vermont Crime Information Center (VCIC) and the Valcour records management system used by most law enforcement agencies in Vermont. It should be noted that during a year, offenders under the control of the DOC are also checked for compliance for the registry and any additional requirements ordered by the court. The number of checks conducted by the DOC on individuals in the community under DOC supervision and who are on the sex offender registry are not included in the report.

The Vermont State Police conduct SORCs within the geographic coverage area of each barracks. Sweeps/checks are carried out at varying times throughout the year. Thus, a single offender may be subject to multiple checks during a year.

The USMS continues to be a valuable federal partner in the sex offender registry enforcement effort throughout the state. This collaboration exists in part due to the USMS's role in enforcing the federal Adam Walsh Act. Historically, the USMS has been of great assistance when it has been determined that a registered sex offender is in violation of the Adam Walsh Act. The USMS and the United States Attorney's Office typically accept these cases for federal investigation and prosecution.

According to the Vermont Sex Offender Registry, there are currently 1,440 active registrants. There are 189 individuals who are currently incarcerated who will need to register upon their release from confinement. The report only accounts for active registrants.

These statistics are a living document and change nearly daily. Below the above numbers are broken by county:

County	Number of Active Registrants
Addison	61
Bennington	117
Caledonia	86
Chittenden	260
Essex	21
Franklin	130
Grand Isle	8
Lamoille	42
Orange	81
Orleans	75
Rutland	179
Washington	114
Windham	96
Windsor	112

There are currently 58 individuals who are employed in Vermont and who reside out of state or are in transit from Vermont with final verification pending.

The following is the breakdown of sex offenders checked between 11/1/23 and 10/31/24. Again, these numbers do not include all registry checks conducted by the Department of Corrections.

County	Number of Registrants Checked
Addison	111
Bennington	13
Caledonia	78
Chittenden	252
Essex	0
Franklin	87
Grand Isle	0
Lamoille	31
Orange	64
Orleans	9
Rutland	135
Washington	186
Windham	75
Windsor	218

During this timeframe, 3 individuals were found to be in violation of the sex offender registry. (Number reported in the Valcour records management system)

Below are the law enforcement agencies which provided the number of in-person compliance checks conducted within their jurisdiction to the Vermont Crime Information Center (VCIC) by the November 1, 2024, deadline.

- BARRE CITY PD

- BARRE TOWN PD
- BELLOWS FALLS PD
- BERLIN PD
- BRADFORD PD
- BRANDON PD
- BRATTLEBORO PD
- BRISTOL PD
- CASTLETON PD
- CHESTER PD
- COLCHESTER PD
- ESSEX PD
- FAIR HAVEN PD
- GRAND ISLE SHERIFF
- HARDWICK PD
- HARTFORD PD
- LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF
- LUDLOW PD
- MANCHESTER PD
- MIDDLEBURY PD
- MONTPELIER PD
- NORTHFIELD PD
- NORWICH PD
- PITTSFORD PD
- RUTLAND SHERIFF
- RUTLAND TOWN PD
- ROYALTON PD
- ST JOHNSBURY PD
- SHELBURNE PD
- SPRINGFIELD PD
- VERMONT STATE POLICE
- WILLISTON PD
- WILMINGTON PD
- WINDSOR PD
- WINHALL PD
- WOODSTOCK PD

The combined effort to conduct physical checks of subjects on the VT sex offender registry will continue in 2024 and will be reported again in December of 2025.