

New York State Sex Offender Registry

Annual Report

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This report is submitted to the Governor and the Legislature pursuant to Correction Law 168-p (4).

The Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is currently mandated to operate a special telephone number (often referred to as the “1-800 line”), pursuant to New York Correction Law §168-p, that members of the public may call, free of charge, to inquire as to whether a person is on the State’s Sex Offender Registry (SOR). If the individual does appear on the Registry, then the statute prescribes what information can be released depending on the risk level assigned to the offender. The service is staffed by SOR employees 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; calls made at other times are handled by the DCJS Customer Contact Center.

The 1-800 line serves the general public and businesses. It is estimated that approximately 70 percent of the calls received on the 1-800 line are from businesses, which can include potential employers and volunteer groups who are screening applicants; the remaining 30 percent of the calls are from private citizens.

800 number REPORT §168-p(4)	
800 Number Requests Processed	54,367
800 Number Searches Completed	170,753
800 Searches Submitted Electronically	1,463
800 Searches Completed Electronically	250,168
800 Number Affirmative Responses	1,088
800 Number Negative Responses	419,833
Average length of call	1.56
Total number of minutes	74,784.17
Cost per minute	.023
Total cost	\$1,720.04
Total Number of Register Offenders	35,001