

AZRSOL SURVEY RESULTS

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How has
living on the
registry
affected your
income or
employment
status?

13 people said being on the registry had no effect

- I work in a restaurant. It appears not to matter to the owners.
- I'm retired so no affect.
- It hasn't, but we have been extremely careful to keep it a secret.

75 people said being on the registry affected their ability to find work

- The registry has always created issues when I am trying to find a job and has always affected my ability to change jobs if I desire to. It has kept multitudes of places from being able to hire me even though they wanted to. It has prolonged my unemployment between jobs. My income has been devastated a number of times due to circumstances directly related to the registry. I presently have no income and only debt that came about partly due to the circumstances that surround being on the registry.
- I can no longer resume my drywall business. It has affected my earning potential and caused me to accept menial, low-paying jobs and excluded me from other potential opportunities to excel in other areas of my expertise such as doing mechanical and supervisory positions. I am often denied employment even though my skill level is more than adequate and desirable.
- I lost an 18-year career as an aircraft mechanic for the airlines.
- I'm blacklisted. Nobody will hire me in my profession.
- Affects **education** (because of campus notification) which affects enhancing skills which affects job opportunities

How has living on the registry affected your ability to secure housing?

18 people said there was no affect, either because they live with family, in a group home, or they somehow got lucky.

- Not at all. I live with family in a rural environment
- Fortunate that my mother owned a house that our brother always lived in.
- Housing not affected because of unique circumstances.
- No. I live at Eagle's Nest.
- I got lucky.
- I never lost my housing and have not tried to move.

70 People said the registry made it more difficult to obtain housing

- I live with my parents because of the many rules denying sex offenders decent and affordable housing. Otherwise I'd be living under a bridge somewhere.
- My son was now allowed to live with me upon his release because I live too close to a school.
- I have been kicked out with three days notice due to registries. I have been in great fear, anxiety and almost homeless due to the effect on housing. The fear created by housing issues has led to dire hopelessness at times. I have been rejected countless times a place to rent. I have had to live in crime ridden areas. I have had to rent from slum lords, even when I have had a good job, great credit score, money, and great references.
- I am blacklisted. It's unconstitutional, but whatever.
- It has severely limited the options for where I can reside. Renting is almost impossible for someone on the registry.

How has living on the registry affected your relationships with family, friends, and romantic partners?

9 people said there was no affect on their relationships

79 people said things like this:

- There was a large underground suspicion for the first several months. Always under the surface there's the possibility in my mind that someone will accuse me of something, even though I've done nothing.
- It has stressed my family's ability to move about freely in their own lives. We cannot go on vacations together or to family events like reunions, birthday parties and so on. I cannot visit my out- of- state children...
- My son has not been able to have any contact, even 3rd person contact, with his daughter since his arrest. His parental rights were subsequently severed.
- Because my closest relatives have small children I am not included in gatherings
- Have been shunned for the most part. Excluded from family events because of underage cousins and nieces! So this has isolated him!
- What relationships? I don't have any.

Romantic & Other Relationships

- As a single man, finding a long-term significant other is next to impossible because of the registry status.
- It has kept me from being able to build a romantic relationship for years. It has caused severe duress to all of my loved ones the whole time.
- ... I don't feel comfortable asking a woman for a date. I have not done that.
- ...I haven't even bothered with a social life outside of my employment.
- It has isolated me from several important relationships because stress of the restrictions that living on the registry force those people to contend with.
- It's completely isolated me from the "world."

How has
living on the
registry
affected your
emotional
and mental
stability?

Out of 88 responses, only 3 said:

- It hasn't
- I've learned to live with it.
- Due to Christ, my hope and my emotions/stability are unaffected

85 reported
fear, anxiety,
sever mental
illness, PTSD,
paranoia,
stress and
suicidal
tendencies

- I'm a fucking wreck.
- I am on Prozac. The stress and fear of the registry is too much to handle.
- My life has been threatened. My PTSD surfaces when people confront me. I am paranoid at times and have put up security cameras around my home.
- Completely isolated.
- I now have acute stress disorder.
- Walk on eggshells continuously. **Envy death often**
- I'm on medication to deal with the stress. I often feel like life is meaningless...
- It hurts more than words can express how sad and lonely one feels when you can't even be with your own family!
- It has and does push me to suicidalness point blank!
- Feeling of helplessness.
- Feels like I'm always hiding something. Anxiety meeting new people in anticipation of divulging my loved one's status.
- I have been pushed beyond any reasonable limits of endurance. I do a lot of hanging on in quiet desperation.

How has living on the registry affected your ability to build and maintain social networks?

7 people said they have been able to maintain social networks:

- I have been able to build a good social network here in Tucson with my boss at work, my church, and various athletic activities. This has been very positive.
- I have been able to work, volunteer and attend church and recreation centers activities but always with of feeling of someone finding out.
- My son attends religious services for people on the registry.

75 people
said they
simply did
not have
any social
networks

- No one needs or wants me at any such thing or place.
- It has severely limited my ability to cultivate new relationships and to participate in community activities. It seems like society won't let me move on from my past.
- I'm blacklisted from churches, social media, can't volunteer without jeopardizing people's lively hoods. I'm wanting to go back into prison ministry but have been blacklisted there too.
- I am not allowed to freely worship and go to church.
- It by nature makes you apprehensive ... always have this for fear of rejection due to it [registry].
- Not able to do any of this and more. Have no friends because of restrictions on where I can go!
- It has interfered continually in all these areas.
- Can't do any of the above, so it's completely removed all social contact with the outside world except for going to work.
- There are none. Risk is too high. The last 3 years have been spent in my bedroom.
- I do not go out and build relationships in my community. I mostly stay home.

Have you or
your family
suffered harm
because
of your
requirement
to register ?

25 said “no,” but often with caveats:

- No, but I am a level 1 . My registration is not public.
- No harm, just avoidance once told about loved one's status.
- No, but I am well aware it could happen. I fear for my son's safety every day.
- Not yet, but wait long enough and that will change.
- No, because I pretty much have lived under the radar during this horrendous time since 2008.

45 said they
have suffered
harm
because of
their
registration
status

- I have loss jobs, been harassed, and been threatened with violence
- Harassment from neighbors, eggs thrown at house, threats.
- My mother is affected both emotionally and financially as she sacrifices to make sure I can survive. When she's gone, I'm done.
- I was punched in the face by an old male acquaintance when he knew the charge. Someone damaged my truck in the parking lot at work I don't know why? Yes, I have been harassed by several people and shunned. Called names.
- He has had threats, and harassment even by the law enforcers. I have suffered scrutiny and threats from co workers who look down on my class of offenders.

Have you
observed
specific ways
the registry
has become
easier or more
difficult over
the years?

9 people said the registry has
not become more difficult.

**69 said it has
become
more difficult.**

- There is nothing about it that promotes positive healthy behaviors or stability in my life.
- With each new year and each new registry law it is increasingly difficult to understand, more intrusive, overreaching and penalizing.
- If it is regulatory then why is every single violation of it a criminal penalty of jail/imprisonment?
- The registry has become increasingly difficult with the new laws requiring re-registry after leaving the county for 72 hours, having to go down to the county office every year, and having to update my license every year.
- I will never travel outside the US.... I do not have a path off the registry no matter how long I have been on.



Would you like to say anything else about your experiences with the registry?

- Where would I start?
- I wish I were dead.
- This survey was hard enough.
- The registration laws are unfair.
- It saddens me to see so many good people be infinitely punished for the mistakes of their past.