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*What the data shows, and where this coalition fits*

**Weber County Community Reentry Coalition**

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# WHO WE ARE

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## UTAH FOR RATIONAL SEX OFFENSE LAWS (UTRSOL)

### Founding

April 2025

Volunteer-run organization working at the intersection of housing, employment, and policy for people on Utah's Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Registry — and the families who live alongside them.

### Incorporation

Status

UTRSOL is not currently incorporated as a non-profit. We are working towards 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(3). This dual structure will allow us to effectively advance evidence-based public policy through legislative advocacy while also supporting research, education, public awareness, housing assistance, and reentry services.

### Structure

5 Layered Tracks

UTRSOL is structured around a five-layer framework designed to advance evidence-based policy while addressing the practical realities faced by individuals, families, housing providers, and policymakers.



# 5-Layered Track

*An evidence-based policy organization*



## Legislative Advocacy

We provided public comment during the 2026 legislative session on 13 bills in which we supported or opposed. Simultaneously, we analyzed legislation affecting the sex offense registry against the evidentiary record.



## Housing Assistance & Employment

We collaborate with a small network of nonprofit partners and private property owners who are willing and open to renting to individuals on the registry. We provide employment resources for known companies that hire registrants.



## Independent Research

We work with treatment providers and defense attorneys to ground our policy positions in clinical and legal expertise, not just advocacy.



## Investigative Journalism

News From The Wire (NFTW) is UTRSOL's editorially independent journalism desk, documenting the real-world consequences of registry policy through case-anchored investigative reporting.



## Litigation Development

UTRSOL works with a small number of defense attorneys to provide aid and assistance to registrants.

# The Problem Is Already Shared

*Every room in this coalition has already encountered this population. These organizations did not respond to an outreach campaign. They contacted UTRSOL independently, through their own case managers, because they had clients on the registry who needed housing.*



## Emergency Shelters

The Lantern House  
The Road Home  
The Inn Between  
Switchpoint Microshelter



## Behavioral Health

Valley Behavioral Health  
Wasatch Behavioral Health  
Fourth Street Clinic



## Nonprofits & Faith

Almost There Nonprofit  
Utah Case Management  
Volunteers of America Utah  
LDS Branch Presidents



## Government

Weber Housing Authority  
Salt Lake Police Department  
SLC Housing Division (HEART)

*This isn't a new population. It's a population every part of this coalition already manages, without shared data.  
The breadth of this list is itself the finding, a structural, systemic barrier, not an isolated issue.*

# The Scope of the Problem

Registrants who have contacted UTRSOL seeking housing assistance since April 2025:

207

Households  
Contacted UTRSOL

329

Individuals  
Represented

12

Utah Counties  
Documented

14+

Professional  
Agencies Involved

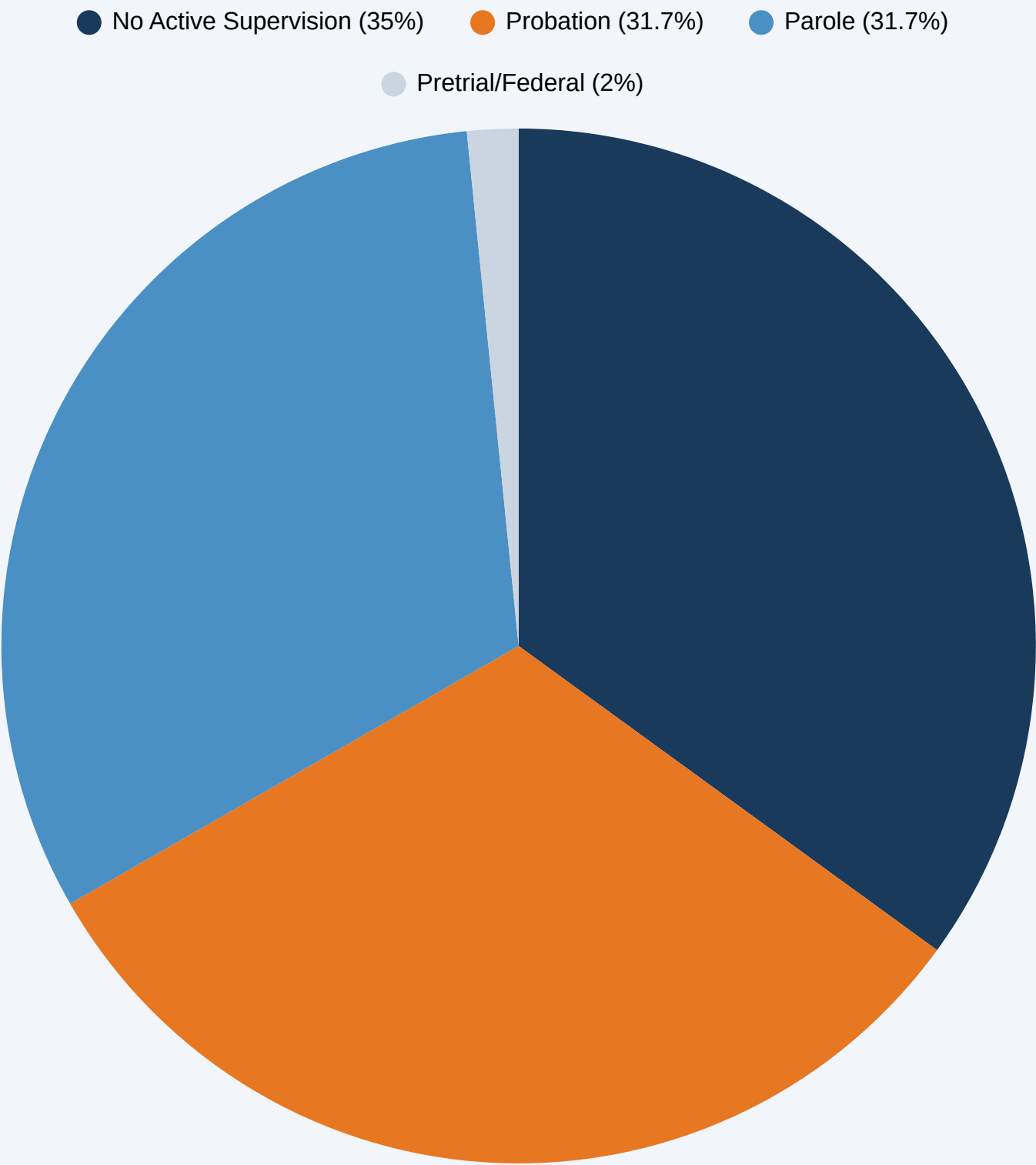
*Why this matters here: the registry is not a small or static population. It is a standing share of Utah's housing-insecure caseload, and Weber County carries a visible share of it. These figures represent a floor, not a ceiling.*

123 Non-registered individuals affected — partners, children, parents



# Who Is Seeking Housing

## Supervision Status



### 35% unsupervised

Not a correctional caseload, these are community members with no active supervision, navigating a housing system that often treats registry status as a permanent disqualifier.

### Majority employed

Manufacturing, industrial, Construction, Logistics, warehousing, trucking, food services, and food production. Physical, often isolated, or back-of-house labor dominates.

### Active SOTP treatment

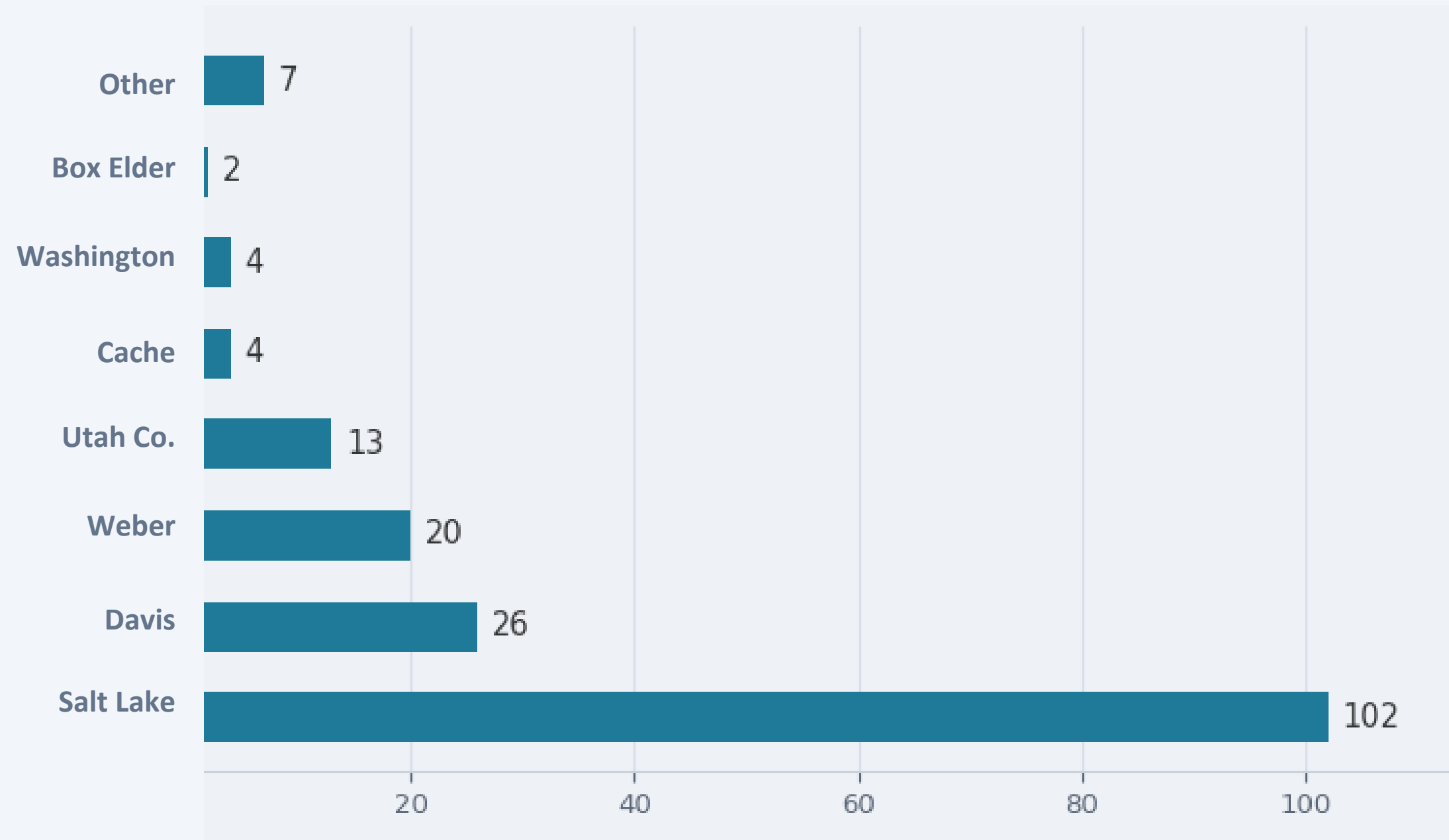
Many individuals have identified that they are enrolled in UDC-approved treatment and in full compliance with supervision conditions.

### Registry as disqualifier

Registry status creates a near-total exclusion from private rental housing, regardless of risk profile, time since conviction, or housing readiness.

# Geographic Distribution

Counties where registrant housing seekers are searching



**62%**  
of cases are in Salt Lake County

**24%**  
in Davis and Weber combined

**All**  
cross county lines in search

- Salt Lake County represents the primary county for the 164 cases with a county on file, not all in-takes provided this information. The bar chart counts every county a household searched, including secondary counties.



# The Good Landlord Program

*How screening practice is shaped before it ever becomes ordinance text*



## Training Curriculum

GLP landlord-training materials present "no sex offenders" as a model screening criterion



## Industry Norm

Sample screening policies  
model categorical exclusion —  
no individualized review



## Shelter as Endpoint

Categorically excluded  
applicants land at emergency  
shelters, which then face their  
own capacity limits

**Important nuance:** Utah's Good Landlord Program statutes (HB 178; Utah Code §10-1-203.5(3)(b)) do not require registry-based denial. This is a training-driven industry norm, not a statutory mandate, which is exactly why it's been able to spread without anyone formally deciding it should.

# Municipal GLP Programs: No Consistent Standard

8-city Utah review — 2025–2026 | UTRSOL Research

## Midvale

Strictest

- Mandatory registry check
- Categorical exclusion
- No time limit
- Not enforced post-license

## Sunset City

Strictest

- Mandatory registry check
- Categorical exclusion
- No time limit
- \$167/unit fee spread

## South Ogden / Ogden

Time-Limited

- Permissive registry check (SO)
- No registry req. (Ogden)
- 4-year conviction window
- Offense-category based

## South Salt Lake / Roy

No Exclusion

- No registry requirement
- No exclusion criteria
- Background check = awareness only
- Amended March 2025 (SSL)



North Salt Lake: criminal-history criteria codified — confirmed unenforced (training & maintenance only) | Alpine: no ordinance — third-party delegated

# The Industry View: Registrants as Categorical Risk

The Good Landlord Program | Model Screening Policy



## GLP Training Curriculum

### *"No sex offenders"*

Verbatim language documented in Good Landlord Program training materials, model screening policy distributed to landlords statewide across multiple cities.



## Industry Model Screening Policies

### *Categorical registry exclusion*

Joint model policy retains categorical registry-based exclusion as the post-reform default, surviving 2016/2017 reforms without modification.



## The Good Landlord

### *No referral pathway*

Inbound calls from registrants seeking housing go unanswered, no referral resource exists. Landlords knowingly use criminal history as pretext.

**The exclusion norm is authored at the industry level, not by individual cities, and persists where municipal code says nothing.**

# Where the Gap Lands



## No Statutory Floor

Without registry-specific statutory guidance, municipalities default to whatever the training curriculum models



## No Individualized Review

Categorical exclusion means time-since-offense, risk level, and treatment compliance are never considered



## Sober Living, Too

The same exclusionary logic now appears in sober-living intake decisions, not just rental housing

**The compliance bind: a registrant can satisfy every supervision and treatment requirement the state imposes, and still be categorically unhousable, because the exclusion operates one level below the statute, in training materials no one outside the industry sees.**

# AfterMath Alliance

Support group • UTRSOL initiative

Target: launch by August meeting

Non-clinical, recurring support group for registrants and family members navigating sex offense registry requirements. Structured like group treatment, regular attendance, shared disclosure, mutual accountability, without a clinician, treatment goals, or billing as treatment.



## FACILITATOR

Peer Support Specialist as a lived experience facilitator navigating the registry to provide credibility, relatability, and structured accountability.



## LAUNCH PHASING

In-person meetings in Salt Lake and Weber counties



## HOSTING MODEL

Facilities which host substance use and addiction recovery meeting. Or embedded in AP&P / SOTP provider spaces



## STRUCTURAL CONSTRAINT

Requires addition to AP&P's approved program exceptions (fraternization policy)

## ACTIVE HOSTING OUTREACH

### USARA (Ogden)

Pending internal review for biweekly hosting. Hosted UTRSOL meetings in June 2025 and remains the active target for formalizing a recurring biweekly hosting arrangement.

### SOTP provider (pilot)

Embedding within an SOTP provider space removes the attendance barrier for supervised individuals already required to be present and leverages an established therapeutic environment without a separate facility relationship.

# Why This Belongs at WCCRC

*Housing instability is not adjacent to reentry risk. It is reentry risk.*



## **Categorical housing exclusion**

- The exclusion spreads through training curriculum and screening norms, not statute, no formal mechanism to challenge it



## **Housing instability / homelessness**

- Unstable housing breaks supervision compliance from day one, no verified address, no treatment proximity



## **Reduced supervision compliance & treatment access**

- AP&P agents managing unstable registrants carry higher caseload complexity with fewer compliance levers



## **Elevated recidivism risk & reincarceration cost**

- Housing instability is among the strongest proximate predictors of reoffense, not registry status, but the destabilization it produces

# Three Asks

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*Specific, low-commitment, sequenced*

## Cases for Legislative Submission

- Anonymized case examples drawn from UTRSOL's 207-case housing dataset, submitted to legislative committees to ground policy arguments in documented real-world outcomes rather than hypothetical harm.

## Data Exchange

- A standing channel to share aggregate housing-barrier data between UTRSOL and coalition partners, enabling each agency to see patterns across the full referral network rather than only the cases that reach their own intake desk.

## AfterMath Alliance Exploration

- An initial conversation about whether this coalition's existing case-management infrastructure could host or support a peer-specialist model, non-clinical, AP&P-approved, serving the reentry population already in your caseload.

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