Strangers - (1%). Those who haven’t been convicted of a sex crime, (note: this could included somebody that was met at a party or street dance and does not necessarily mean an adult.)

People on the registry/previously convicted - (0.17%) That’s 17/100ths of a percent.

RE-CONVICTION of released sex offender prisoners was 0.08898% of all arrests for serious crime and 0.0001% for a new sex crime from 1994-97. By the Department of Justice Report: Recidivism of Prisoners Released in 1994(DOJ-2002).

From the data so far, another way to look at it is: if a child is molested, the chance that it is committed by a previous convicted sex offender is around one ten-thousandth (1/10,000) of 1% and the possibility that the crime is committed by a friend, family member, or a person in a trust position (teacher, principle, coach, police, therapists, etc.) or a person that has not been caught and is not on the registry is 99.9998%.

National Police Misconduct Statistics Released
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Sexual Assault - (All sexual assault, coercive sexual battery, and rape allegations but not including consensual sexual misconduct, exposure, solicitation, or child pornography).

- 1 out of every 846 (118.2 per 100k) police officers will be accused of sexual assault.
- 1 out of every 3,413 (29.3 per 100k) citizens will be accused of sexual assault.

Conviction Rate
- 68% of civilians charged are ultimately convicted
- 31% of police officers charged are ultimately convicted

Probation Sentence Rate
- 28% of convicted citizens are sentenced to probation.
- 38% of convicted police officers are sentenced to probation

Sentence Length
- 37 months – average civilian prison sentence length
- 14 months – average police officer sentence length

Grooming
Child grooming involves psychological manipulation by positive reinforcement using activities that are legal. This is done to gain the child and parents trust, befriending them with the goal of easy access to the child, resulting in the child’s parents being less likely to believe potential accusations. Used by persons in a position of trust, control or authority to befriend and establish a connection with a child. Luring minors into an abusive relationship is preceded by child grooming.
In the recent months there have been a number of articles and news sources about politicians and other prominent people involved in sex crimes. There also have been a few even involving police officers themselves. We began to wonder what the sexual offense rates for police officers are, so we found the following information.

By working with numbers from a report with a linked footnote below, we discovered:

0.08% (1 in 116) officers are cited for misconduct 13% of those are sex offenses/ sex related. 800,000 estimated police officers in the US (That’s roughly one per Registered Sex Offender!)

Now, let’s crunch some numbers...

U.S. Population 2012: Nearly 313 Million People

The United States will enter 2012 with a population of roughly 312.8 million people (or exactly 312,780,968 people, if you want to be pedantic), according to the U.S. Census Bureau’s end-of-2011 estimate.

That makes 6,873 instances of officer misconduct in a 6 month period of which 13% are sex related offenses giving us a grand total of 893 sex offenses committed by police officers during a six month period from April to Sept 2009, or nearly 18 per state! Estimating for the year that would be 1786 sex related offenses for police officers of the 63,000 reported new sex offenses. That would make about 3% of all new sex offenses are committed by police. (1786/63,000) Police officers make up 0.3% of the population in the US (800,000/311,745,000).

This number does not include 5,558 U.S. Marshals (United States Marshals Service Budget www.justice.gov) after all they have jumped in with both feet on this issue and are also misleading the public.

Police: 805,558/312,780,968 with U.S.Marshals (.26%).

Police commit one sex offense per 1,000 officers according to the numbers. Strangers commit less than 1% of all sex offenses. Police officers commit 3%! We say forget stranger danger, we have a new worry ... “Blue Danger” or “Perverts in Uniform.”

We’re still trying to crunch realistic numbers for sex offenses by profession. According to the AP, only 500 teachers were arrested as sex offenders out of 3.5 million teachers, which makes 0.014% of teachers committed sex offenses, or 0.7% of all new sex offenses were committed by teachers.

Teachers: 3,500,000/312,780,000. Teachers have more access to children than law enforcement officers, and yet they commit far fewer sex crimes.

The next search was for clergy sex offenders since law enforcement makes such a big deal about that. The only number we have found that’s recent (2009) is 215 victims of sex offenses by clergy.

How Many Clergy And What Is The Percent?

The Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches http://www.electronicchurch.org/ recently reported that there were 600,000 clergy serving in various denominations in the United States. But that figure included retired clergy, chaplains in hospitals, prisons and the military, denominational executives, and ordained faculty at divinity schools and seminaries. The 600,000 figure did not include independent churches, not tied to a denomination. “There’s no way to know how many there are,” said Jackson Carroll, professor emeritus of religion and society at Duke Divinity School. In addition, the figures provided by the denominations to the Yearbook may not be that accurate, Carroll said.

Nevertheless, at present it is the best figure to use. Or 600,000/311,745,000 (.19%). Clergy; 600,000/312,780,968 (.19%). Less clergy than cops, why are they getting such a bad rap?

Oh yes, we must not forget to add in the re-offense rate for people on the registry for new sex crimes. The June 2002: Department of Justice: Recidivism of Prisoners Released in 1994 (DOJ-2002) crime from 1994-97. (DOJ-2002 page 5) we do know this: during that time period (1994-97), of the released sex offenders, 3.5% (339) were re-convicted for a sex crime over a three year period. For one year average there was 113 RECONVICTED for a new sex offense. (DOI-2003[p2]). Now for the (reality) plug-in (113/63000), we get 0.17%, or basically less then 2/10 of 1%.

According to the Department of Justice, most child sexual abuse victims are molested by family members (34%), or close acquaintances (59%). (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2000).

Here’s the breakdown thus far, in the percentage of new sex crimes:

- Close acquaintances - (59%)
- Family members - (34%)
- Police Officers - (3.0%)
- Strangers - (1%)
- Teachers - (0.7%)
- Clergy - (0.3%)

Registered Offenders - (Too few to show at only 0.017%)

Teachers, clergy and people on the registry commit fewer new sex offenses than the protectors of society: our diligent law enforcement officers. From this information it would seem that one of the most single trusted segments of our society; police officers, are over 14 times more likely to be involved in a new sex crime than people on the registry, and teachers are over 3 times likely, followed by clergy which are twice as likely. Maybe before a police officer applies for a position they should be required to go through a sexual predator evaluation?