

Utah CSAM

A Sample of Reports from 2024-2025

In 2024, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTip Line documented **8,324** CSAM reports in [Utah](#).

2025

August:

A Woods Cross [gymnastics coach](#) and co-owner of USA Gymnastics World, admitted to using hidden cameras in the public restroom with the intent to produce child sexual abuse material. The man stated his intent was "[to capture these images and videos for my own sexual gratification.](#)" On the public bathroom hidden camera, investigators found 120 videos involving 15 different minors and two adults. Further, while traveling with a minor under his care, he admitted to placing hidden cameras in the hotel room and bathroom in order to produce child sexual abuse material.

A [South Jordan repeat sex offender](#) violated probation by possessing a laptop and cellphone. On those devices, investigators found he had accessed, viewed, and possessed almost 500 images of child sexual abuse material.

July:

An [illegal immigrant residing in Taylorsville](#) enticed a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct with the intent to produce child sexual abuse material. He also was charged with trafficking narcotics to minors at local high schools.

June:

A [St. George](#) man, a [repeat sex offender](#), was charged with rape and molestation of a child and multiple accounts of sexual exploitation of a child. A victim disclosed to their elementary school teacher that the man had sexually abused her and revealed that the [man](#) had several pictures of naked girls hanging in his room. Investigators verified "images of child sex abuse material hanging on his walls, plus stacks of pornographic images on his printer, in binders and in his closet. He also possessed a digital frame that cycled through approximately 22,000 images of child sexual abuse with victims as young as 8-9 years of age." The man had a long [history](#) of charges.

An [Orem](#) man produced and [uploaded](#) child sexual abuse material to his google photo account. Investigators found a pair of children's underwear and over 400 images and 19 videos of child sexual abuse on his laptop and cellphone, including victims as young as 5 years of age. Seventeen of those sexually explicit images were the children of a woman he had once dated.

A [Salt Lake City](#) man responded to a social media post soliciting for a third party to join in "sexual access to a child under 12 years old." The post was made by an undercover officer. After the initial reply by the Salt Lake man, the conversation moved to another social media platform where the undercover officer claimed "access" to an 11-year-old family member. The perpetrator then began making graphic sexual comments and suggested that they should "hang out" sometime. The undercover officer asked the perpetrator if he had any CSAM to which the perpetrator replied that he had "some old files from old groups" and continued his graphic

comments. He insisted on a meeting. A meeting was scheduled that day and the perpetrator traveled 40 minutes to meet. The total lapse of time between the initial contact and the in-person meeting was 2.5 hours.

A [West Haven](#) man uploaded and distributed child sexual abuse material on a social media platform. He also engaged in graphic sexual conversations about underage children, some of whom he knew, with other users on social media.

May:

A man from [West Valley](#) and two men from [Murray](#) were involved in the sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl. In a Snapchat communication, the girl made plans "to meet up" with the men. They met in a mall parking lot, went to a hookah bar, and then to a party. Afterwards, two of the men sexually assaulted a [14-year-old](#) in the back of a vehicle. The minor was severely intoxicated and physically incapacitated. The third perpetrator admitted to videoing the incident because he "thought it was funny" and uploaded the video to social media.

A [Kanab](#) man, and **repeat child sexual abuse offender**, possessed over 1,800 files of child sexual abuse material on his Gmail account. He possessed over 50 CSAM files on his cell phone. A search warrant revealed photos of local, underage females, a jar containing a female child's underwear, and a doll depicting an underage female child.

A [Centerville](#) man used a social media platform to chat with someone he believed to be a 13-year-old girl. The man was a **repeat offender** of sexually exploiting a minor. The perpetrator discussed engaging sexually with the 13-year-old and shared sexual images of himself and others in the conversations. The two scheduled a meeting in Lehi. As the perpetrator drove to the scheduled meeting place, a local Lehi officer pulled him over. The man unsuccessfully tried to escape. The 13-year-old girl was an undercover police officer.

February:

A [West Jordan](#) man used social media and texts to communicate with an individual he believed had access to and used his access to abuse a 12-year-old victim. In his communications, he sent over 1,000 files of child sexual abuse material and conveyed interest in engaging in sexual acts with the victim. The individual the offender was communicating with was an undercover officer.

2024

May:

A [South Jordan](#) man uploaded videos and images of child sexual abuse material in chatrooms on social media. Some chatrooms had over 200 participants. An affidavit revealed the man making comments within the chatrooms about an upcoming [sexual abuse](#) of a child between 8 and 11 years of age who was a close family contact. He also commented, "I like those elementary school aged girls 6-12." In his home, investigators found thousands of images and videos and underwear of a child he had planned to assault. Upon arrest, the [man](#) admitted to receiving, viewing and distributing child pornography and running a "social networking website or blog of incest pornography."