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## Adult Static Risk Assessment (ASRA) web-based program

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### What is the Adult Static Risk Assessment web-based program?

An actuarial risk assessment is a process resulting in a score based on combining several measures of offender characteristics in such a way as to best predict future behavior. The Washington State Adult Static Risk Assessment is an actuarial assessment that combines age, gender, adult misdemeanors, and adult and juvenile felony history of convictions to predict re-offending. Static refers to risk factors that cannot decrease such as criminal history. Once a criminal record is obtained, it will always be a part of an offender's history.

The primary function of the static risk assessment is to categorize offenders into one of the following risk for re-offense levels: low, moderate, or high (property, drug, or violent). As stated in the report by the Pew Center on the States, *One in 31; The Long Reach of American Corrections*, "sophisticated risk assessment tools now help determine which offenders require the most supervision and what sort of monitoring and services they need."

The risk assessment provides an easily accessible summary of criminal history for the judicial officer, prosecutors, and defense counsel. This information can be helpful to the court to determine appropriate conditions for the offender pending trial/plea and sentencing.

The risk assessment may be conducted pre-sentence, prior to the first appearance (if the person is in custody), or prior to the arraignment (if the person is summoned to appear). Because the risk assessment portion is based entirely on Washington State and Non-Washington State criminal conviction history and other static information, it can be completed without contact with the offender.