

## JUVENILE COURT/PROBATION Narrative Summary

These tables illustrate juvenile referral, petition, and probation information for Arizona juvenile courts and probation departments. The first page of tables on the statewide and individual county presentations is the Juvenile Referral Summary. The first two tables list both the actual number of referrals and the number of juveniles referred in FY 2006, and compared to corresponding data in FY 2005. **The total number of juveniles referred may be a duplicated count because one juvenile can have both a delinquent and an incorrigible referral in a time period.** Delinquent and incorrigible are combined in an unduplicated count in the Juvenile Processed in the Arizona Court System report published by Juvenile Justice Services Division.

Statewide there were 72,779 referrals filed involving 52,190 juveniles this year, compared to 73,125 referrals of 52,188 youths last year. This represents a 0.5% decrease in referrals filed and a 0.0% change of juveniles referred. Subtracting the 15,294 referrals for "incorrigibility" (i.e., those involving "status" offenses such as truancy, curfew, or being "beyond control" of parents), of the remaining 57,485 delinquency referrals, 33,278 (57.9%) are for offenses against property (8,280 misdemeanors, 6,179 felonies) or violations of the "peace" (18,819, e.g., disturbing by disorderly conduct or loitering). Juvenile courts in FY 2006 disposed of 75,223 referrals, compared to 76,412 referrals in FY 2005, a decrease of 1.6%.

The second page of tables is the Juvenile Petition Summary, representing more serious intervention by the criminal justice system. Each presentation has two tables that include counts of petitions filed and juveniles petitioned (the latter figures also appearing on Superior Court tables as part of their caseload). **The total number of juveniles petitioned may be a duplicated count because one juvenile can have both a delinquent and an incorrigible petition in a time period.** An unduplicated count can be found in Juveniles Processed in the Arizona Court System. Statewide, there were 29,010 petitions filed involving 18,711 juveniles during FY 2006, a 3.6% and 2.0% drop, respectively, contrasted with 30,082 petitions on 19,092 youths in FY 2005. This year, Juvenile Court disposed of 27,992 petitions, compared to 28,821 petitions last year, a decrease of 2.9%. Adjudication as either "delinquent" or "incorrigible" is the primary disposition of juvenile court petitions (71.4% of petitions, 77.6% of youths this year). With juveniles automatically being transferred to adult court, judicial transfers of juveniles charged with serious offenses to Superior Court for processing as adults decreased by 19.6% in petitions (92 to 74) between FY 2005 and FY 2006. Juveniles direct filed in adult court, which increased by 22.1% from 402 in FY 2005 to 491 in FY 2006, are not reported in this section.

The last page of tables refers to Probation, Detention, and Community Service activity. This year, 8,686 new probationers were added to the system (up 2.8% from the 8,449 added during FY 2005) and 8,548 probationers terminated (down 2.2% from the 8,740 terminated last year) statewide, resulting in a 0.5% increase in juvenile probationers by the end of FY 2006 (8,762 to 8,806).

The total days youths spent in detention decreased 4.5%, from 314,948 in FY 2005 to 300,832 in FY 2006. Community service hours performed during the year by juveniles increased from 334,587 last year to 352,242 this year, an increase of 5.3%.

**ABBREVIATIONS**  
**(Juvenile Court/Probation)**

DYTR.....Department of Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation  
JIPS .....Juvenile Intensive Probation Supervision  
Prob.....Probation  
Term./TERM.....Terminated