

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF) Administrative Order
INFORMATION MAINTAINED) No. 2025 - 189
IN THE ARIZONA PROBATION)
TRACKING SYSTEM TO)
RTI INTERNATIONAL)
_____)

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) maintains the statewide adult probation case management system and repository for records kept during the time an offender is on probation. All Arizona probation departments use and provide data and information to the probation tracking system. These records are the work product of probation officers and are closed from public inspection. Rule 123(d)(2)(A), Rules of the Supreme Court.

Rule 123 “govern[s] public access to the records of all courts and administrative offices of the judicial department of the State of Arizona.” Rule 123(a). This rule also contains specific authorization for employees of government agencies and private organizations serving a public purpose to be granted “such access to court records as required to serve that purpose according to this rule or as provided by any supplemental supreme court policies or court order.” Rule 123(c)(6). The Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) provides that custodians of court or probation records may provide case records or data to federal, state, tribal and local government agencies and private organizations, the objective of which is to serve a public purpose, such as criminal justice, child welfare, licensing, mental health treatment, or research for scholarly or governmental purposes. ACJA § 1-606: Providing Case Record Access to Public Agencies or to Serve a Public Purpose.

The AOC entered into an agreement with Research Triangle Institute (“RTI International”) to research effectiveness of specific probation supervision practices such as earned time credit, work time credit and risk-based probation term lengths. The AOC will provide data to RTI International to facilitate the research. The probation tracking system is the primary source of the data provided; hence, the data is nonpublic information that the AOC does not disseminate without a court order and confidentiality assurances as it is considered “confidential” and “closed.”

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution and Rule 123, Rules of the Supreme Court,

IT IS ORDERED that the AOC may provide RTI International data from the probation tracking system as identified in Exhibit A for purposes of conducting the research in performance of the terms of its agreement with the AOC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the confidential information provided by this order must be maintained by RTI International as confidential in compliance with all applicable confidentiality requirements of its agreement with the AOC and Supreme Court Rule 123.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2025.

ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice

EXHIBIT

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Data Provided from AOC:

Arizona Probation Tracking System records will include the following:

- Name of probationer (or Client RSN)
- Primary Interest
- Client Special Attribute
- Attribute Start Data
- Attribute End data
- Race
- Date of birth
- Gender
- City (where individual on probation lives)
- Zip code (where individual on probation lives)
- Address location (i.e., prison, community)
- Address type (type of address listed for the individual on active supervision)
- Marital Status
- Employment Status
- Number of dependents
- Education needed
- Treatment needed
- ARS of offense
- Case number
- Charge
- DTEF Status
- Offense type/class
- Sentencing Date
- County of sentencing
- Assessment type
- Assessment date
- Assessment result (domain results from assessment)
- Risk Level
- Risk Score
- Length of probation
- Probation Officer Name
- Governing Supervision (Probationer's most recent supervision type and level)
- Probation Start date
- Probation Termination date
- Termination type
- Work time credit or earned time credit status
- Any revocation dates/outcomes
- Term Type (All previous probation grants and prison convictions)
- Supervision Type (All previous probation supervision types)