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Adult Probation Services Division**



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Mission

The Adult Probation Services Division promotes and supports an effective probation system through the use of evidence-based practices that advances the protection of the community, safety of staff, and accountability of offenders.

Vision

A Division of professionals who promote a positive probation environment advocating for continuous improvements, advancing technologies, and research driven practices in the field of probation.

Values

Our actions reflect our values.

Accountability and integrity are demonstrated in everything we do.

Treat people with dignity and respect.

It is an honor to work for the Adult Probation Services Division.

Individuals are provided the opportunity to embrace leadership roles.

Collaboration is the key to success.

Provide quality services and work products.

INTRODUCTION

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Adult Probation Services Division (APSD) oversees the statewide administration of adult probation programs and services in accordance with the statutory and administrative guidelines in Arizona. The APSD interacts with the courts, adult probation departments, and a variety of non-court agencies and organizations throughout the state. The division also administers several major program funds and oversees the case management systems used by the probation departments, which is the Adult Probation Enterprise Tracking System (APETS). The APSD consists of four primary units (Interstate Compact, Operations, Programs, and Central Services) and has approximately 20 employees.

The APSD Annual Report is intended to provide members of the public, county adult probation departments, applicable government agencies and legislature, and other interested parties with a status update about adult probation in Arizona and specific APSD initiatives.

The information presented in this report characterizes the adult probation population statewide and initiatives enacted or in progress during FY 2023. When relevant, the present fiscal year is interpreted considering outcomes from prior fiscal years. Data contained in this report are drawn from APETS, AOC Court Services, and monthly statistical reports.

APSD UNITS

Central Services

The Central Services Unit is responsible for statistical reporting, data analysis, research, and annual report preparation and publication. This Unit is also responsible for extracting data from and maintaining the case management system utilized by the Arizona probation departments and providing monthly statistical updates. The unit also provides daily technical assistance to probation staff statewide regarding the Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Grant. In addition, the unit provides ongoing support and resources for the pretrial units across the state in their use of the PSA risk assessment tool, through continued training, support, and statewide committees and task forces.

Interstate Compact and Administration

Since October 25, 1995, the AOC has handled the probation administration and supervision of offenders under the Compact and provides daily technical assistance to probation staff statewide. The Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) monitors probationers transferred to other states, supervises probationers transferred to Arizona, and investigates requests of probationers to transfer probation to Arizona after being sentenced in other states. Local probation departments supervise accepted transferred probationers and collect a statutorily prescribed monthly assessment to the Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund.

Operations

The Operations Unit is committed to collaborating with the 15 county adult probation departments and serving with excellence, transparency, and inclusion. The Operations Unit is responsible for scheduling and conducting routine operational reviews and corresponding report preparation and publication. They provide training and outreach in preparation for the reviews and communicate with the counties during and after the process.

Programs

The Programs Unit is dedicated to strengthening Arizona's statewide probation system by working together with county probation departments to advance programs, encourage best practices, and improve policies based on relevant data. Relationships are key for the Programs Unit as it engages in partnerships with stakeholders to minimize the duplication of efforts and to enhance the services and resources for those in the system. By pursuing research proven methods from around the nation and collecting specific statewide data, the unit develops standards, guidelines, and trainings to ensure probation departments are provided the valuable working tools to perform their duties most efficiently.

Arizona Probation Supervision

The 15 county adult probation departments in Arizona are: Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, and Yuma. Seven are combined adult and juvenile departments and eight are bifurcated with separate adult and juvenile departments. Adult probation departments oversee intensive probation supervision (IPS), standard probation supervision (SPS), and administrative supervision populations.

STATISTICS AT A GLANCE:

Population:

- Average **total probation** population (including Administrative cases): **82,564**
- Average # of probationers on Supervised Standard Probation Supervision (SPS): **47,096**
 - 20,956 excluding Maricopa
- Average # of probationers on Supervised Intensive Probation Supervision (IPS): **2,819**
 - 1,387 Excluding Maricopa
- Number of **Convicted Sex Offenders** on supervised probation: **5,388**
- **Offenders who were sentenced** to supervised probation: **22,020**
 - (An average of more than **85** offenders per business day)
- Number of badged Officers: **1,485** includes Maricopa (624 excluding Maricopa)
 - Note: Badged Officers include Probation Officers, Surveillance Offices, Probation Supervisors, Pre-trial Officers, Presentence Officers, Warrants Officers, etc.
- **Absconders apprehended** during the fiscal year: **16,897**
 - (an average of **46** absconders per calendar day)

Collections:

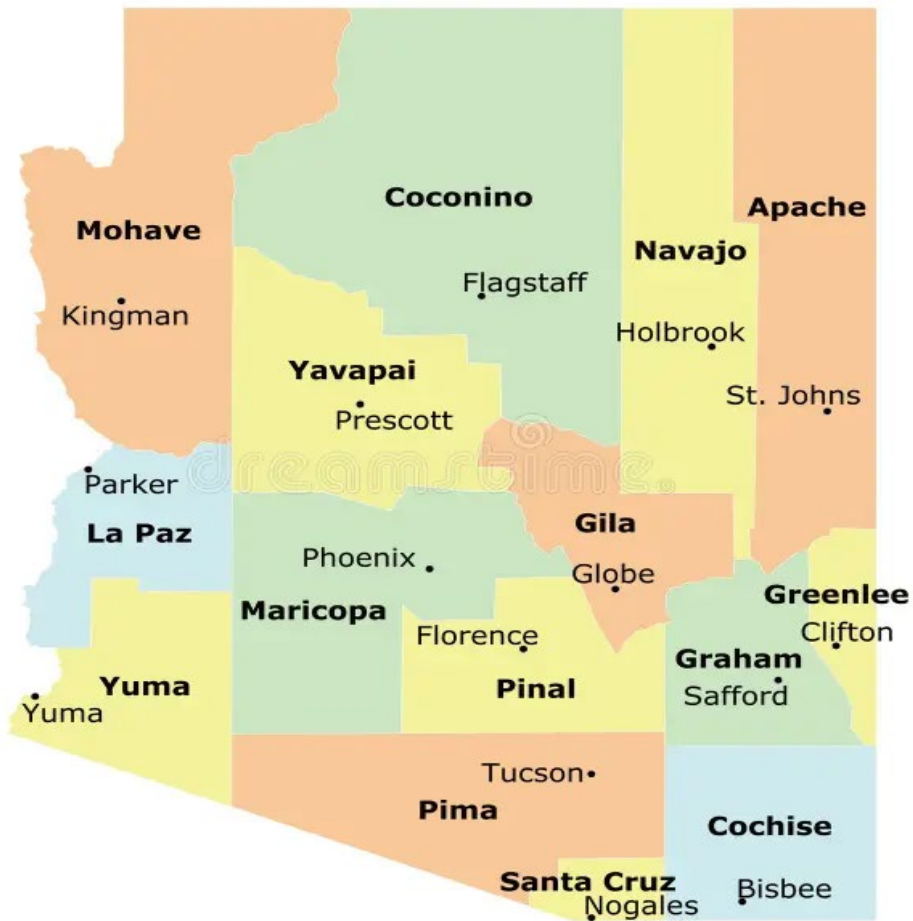
- Restitution collected for victims: **\$11,781,797**
- Fines and surcharges collected: **\$11,650,258**
- Fees collected: **\$10,279,987**

COST COMPARISONS:

| Standard Probation | Intensive Probation | AZ Department of Corrections |
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| \$1,534/year p/offender \$4.20/day p/offender | \$8,379/year p/offender \$22.96/day p/offender | \$28,555/ year p/offender \$78.18/day p/offender |

SAFE COMMUNITIES:

- Probation Revocations
 - **42.3% reduction** from FY 2008 base line to FY 2023 in **probationers** who were **revoked to prison**
 - Based on the statewide cost avoidance of \$4,978,227.03 for FY 2023, an appropriation of \$1,991,290.81 (based on reduction of revocation to prison and new felony convictions).
 - **\$408,553,271.36¹ cost avoidance** to Arizona from FY 2009 to FY 2023 based on a reduction to prison revocations.
 - **19.5% increase** from FY 2008 base line to FY 2023 in **probationers** who had a **new felony conviction**
 - ¹Cost avoidance presented on the FY2019 and FY2018 Probation Fact Sheets incorrectly overstated the avoidance amounts





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