

**CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS ANALYSIS  
JUVENILE - DELINQUENCY AND STATUS OFFENSE**

**National Center for State Courts Model Time Standards:**

**Youth in detention:**

75% w/in 30 days  
90% w/in 45 days  
98% w/in 90 days

**Youth not in detention:**

75% w/in 60 days  
90% w/in 90 days  
98% w/in 150 days

**Measurement:** Filing of petition through disposition.

**Arizona Juvenile – Delinquency and Status Offense**

The following standards have been adopted for Juvenile Delinquency and Status Offense cases:

**75% within 60 days**

**90% within 90 days**

**98% within 135 days**

- ✓ Cases with warrants will be excluded.
- ✓ Cases with mental competency proceedings will be excluded.
- ✓ Cases with diversion will be excluded.

**Measurement:** Filing of petition through disposition.

**Excluded Time:** No excluded time.

Arizona Rules and Statutes	Timelines under Statute and Rule
	<b>(Measurement Starts When Petition Filed)</b>
<b>Petition to be filed:</b> Rule 204(b)(1), ARJP <sup>1</sup>	<b><u>Detained Juvenile:</u></b> If the juvenile is detained, the petition must be filed within <b>24 hours</b> of the initial detention.
Rule 204(b)(2), ARJP	<b><u>Juvenile Not Detained:</u></b> If the juvenile is not detained, the petition must be filed within <b>45 days</b> of submission of the referral to the prosecutor. The time for filing a petition is extended for an additional <b>30 days</b> pending further investigation by the prosecutor. No more than one <b>30 day</b> extension of time for further investigation is allowed except upon order of the court for good cause shown.
Rule 204(b)(3), ARJP	<b><u>Diversion:</u></b> The time limit for filing a petition is tolled during the period required to comply with the terms of diversion. If the juvenile does not complete diversion, a petition must be filed no later than <b>30 days</b> after the matter is resubmitted to the prosecutor for action.

<sup>1</sup> Arizona Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court

Arizona Rules and Statutes	Timelines under Statute and Rule
<p><b>Advisory Hearing:</b> Rule 219(b), ARJP</p> <p>Rule 219(b), ARJP</p> <p>Rule 220(e), ARJP</p>	<p><b>Detained Juvenile:</b> If juvenile is detained, the advisory hearing must be held within <b>24 hours</b> of the filing of the petition. If already detained on a prior matter, the advisory hearing on the new petition must be held no later than <b>72 hours</b> after the new petition is filed.</p> <p><b>Non-Detained Juvenile:</b> If the juvenile is not detained, the hearing must take place within <b>30 days</b> of the filing of the petition.</p> <p><b>Disposition Hearing:</b> After accepting an admission or plea agreement, the court must adjudicate the juvenile and proceed to disposition or set a disposition hearing.</p>
<p><b>Adjudication Hearing:</b> Rule 221(b)(1), ARJP</p> <p>Rule 221(b)(2), ARJP</p>	<p><b>Detained Juvenile:</b> An adjudication hearing for a detained juvenile must take place within <b>45 days</b> of the date of the advisory hearing unless the juvenile waives time or time is excluded by the court under Rule 212.</p> <p><b>Non-Detained Juvenile:</b> If the juvenile is not detained, an adjudication hearing must take place within <b>60 days</b> of the date of the advisory hearing unless the juvenile waives time or time is excluded by the court under Rule 212.</p>
<p><b>Disposition Hearing:</b> Rule 222(b)(1)(A), ARJP</p> <p>Rule 222(b)(1)(B), ARJP</p>	<p><b>Detained Juvenile:</b> If the juvenile is detained, the hearing must be held within <b>30 days</b> of adjudication, unless the juvenile waives time or time is excluded by the court under Rule 212.</p> <p><b>Non-Detained Juvenile:</b> If the juvenile is not detained, the hearing must be held within <b>45 days</b> of adjudication, unless the juvenile waives time or time is excluded by the court under Rule 212.</p>

**(Measurement Stops When Case is Closed With a Disposition)**