

**CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS ANALYSIS
JUVENILE - TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

National Center for State Courts Model Time Standards:

90% within 120 days after filing petition
98% within 180 days after filing petition

Measurement: Filing of motion/petition through termination of parental rights.

Arizona Juvenile – Termination of Parental Rights

The following standards have been adopted for Termination of Parental Rights cases:

90% within 120 days
98% within 180 days

✓ Adoption cases are excluded.

Measurement: Filing of Motion/Petition for Termination of Parental Rights through entry of dismissal or order of termination.

Excluded time: No excluded time.

Arizona Rules and Statutes	Timelines under Statute and Rule
<p>Motion/Petition Filed: Rule 351(b), ARJP¹ ARS² § 8-862(D)(1)</p> <p>Rule 351(a), ARJP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(Measurement Starts Here)</p> <p><u>Motion for Termination of Parental Rights:</u> If the court determines that the termination of parental rights is in the best interests of a dependent child, the court may order the Department of Child Safety, the child's attorney, or guardian ad litem to file a motion for termination of parental rights within 10 days of the permanency hearing, alleging one or more of the grounds prescribed in ARS § 8-533.</p> <p><u>Petition for Termination of Parental Rights:</u> Any person or agency who has a legitimate interest in the welfare of a child may file a petition for termination of parental rights pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-533. The petition must allege the grounds for termination and meet the requirements of A.R.S. § 8-534. The petition also must state whether there is reason to know the child is an Indian child.</p>
<p>Adjudication: Rule 352(b), ARS §8-862(D)(2)</p>	<p><u>Initial Termination Hearing:</u> If a <u>petition</u> for termination of parental rights is filed, hearing must be held no fewer that 10 days after completion of service. If a <u>motion</u> for termination of parental rights is filed, hearing must be held no later than 30 days after the permanency hearing.</p>

¹ Arizona Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court

² Arizona Revised Statutes

