

Arizona Judicial Branch

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2011



Judiciary Organizational Chart

Supreme Court

5 Justices, 6-year terms
 Chief Justice, Vice Chief Justice
 3 Associate Justices

Court of Appeals

22 Judges, 6-year terms

Division I, Phoenix

Chief Judge & 15 Associate Judges
 Counties: Apache, Coconino, La Paz, Maricopa,
 Mohave, Navajo, Yavapai, Yuma

Division II, Tucson

Chief Judge & 5 Associate Judges
 Counties: Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee,
 Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz

Superior Court

176 Judges, 4-year terms

Presiding Judge in each county

Apache	1	Greenlee	1	Pima	30
Cochise	5	La Paz	1	Pinal	110
Coconino	5	Maricopa	95	Santa Cruz	2
Gila	2	Mohave	6	Yavapai	7
Graham	1	Navajo	4	Yuma	6

In addition to the judicial positions listed above, there are approximately 98 full-time and part-time judges pro tempore, commissioners and hearing officers in the Superior Court.

Justice of the Peace Courts

87 Judges, 87 Precincts, 4-year terms

Apache	4	Mohave	5
Cochise	6	Navajo	6
Coconino	4	Pima	10
Gila	2	Pinal	8
Graham	2	Santa Cruz	2
Greenlee	2	Yavapai	5
La Paz	3	Yuma	3
Maricopa	25		

Municipal Courts

154 Full- and Part-time Judges, varying terms

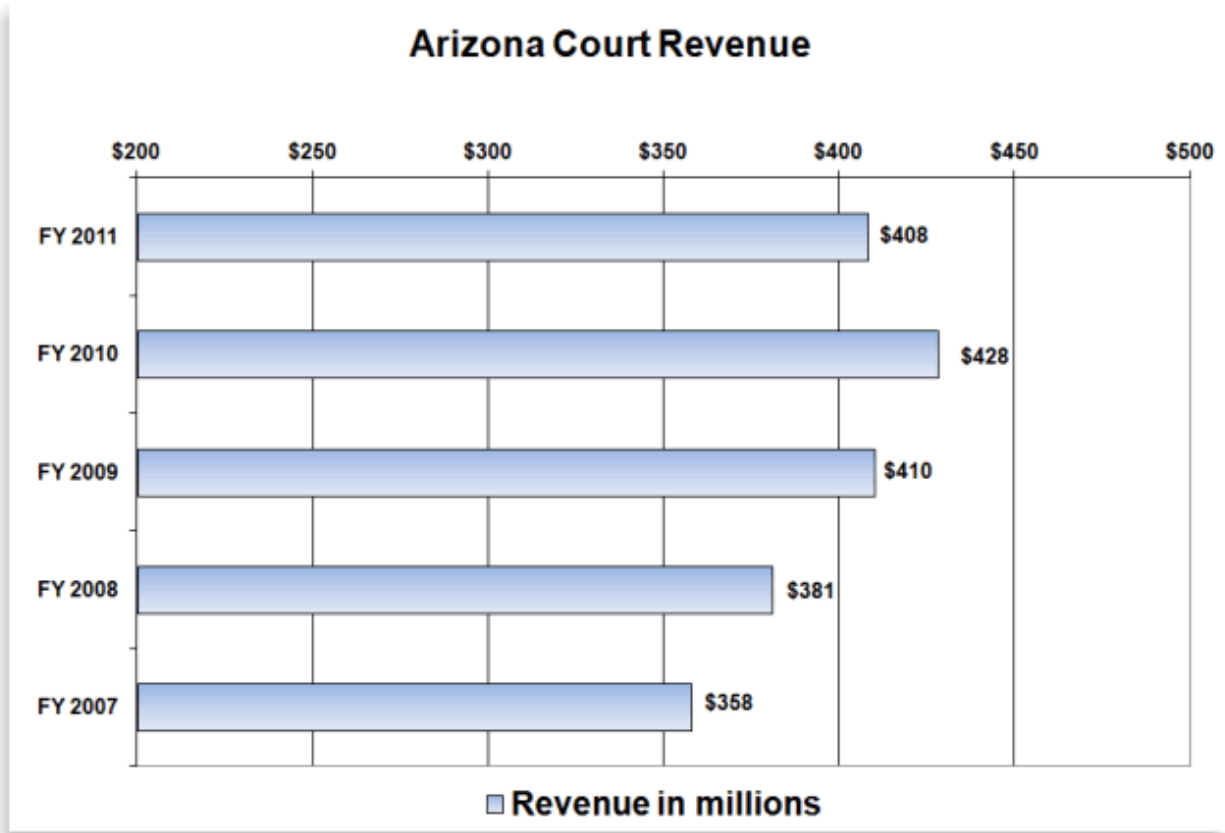
	Judges	Courts		Judges	Courts
Apache	3	3	Mohave	5	4
Cochise	5	5	Navajo	4	4
Coconino	5	4	Pima	17	5
Gila	7	6	Pinal	9	9
Graham	3	3	Santa Cruz	2	2
Greenlee	1	1	Yavapai	12	9
La Paz	2	2	Yuma	5	4
Maricopa	75	23			

Revenue & Expenditure Summary

Revenue

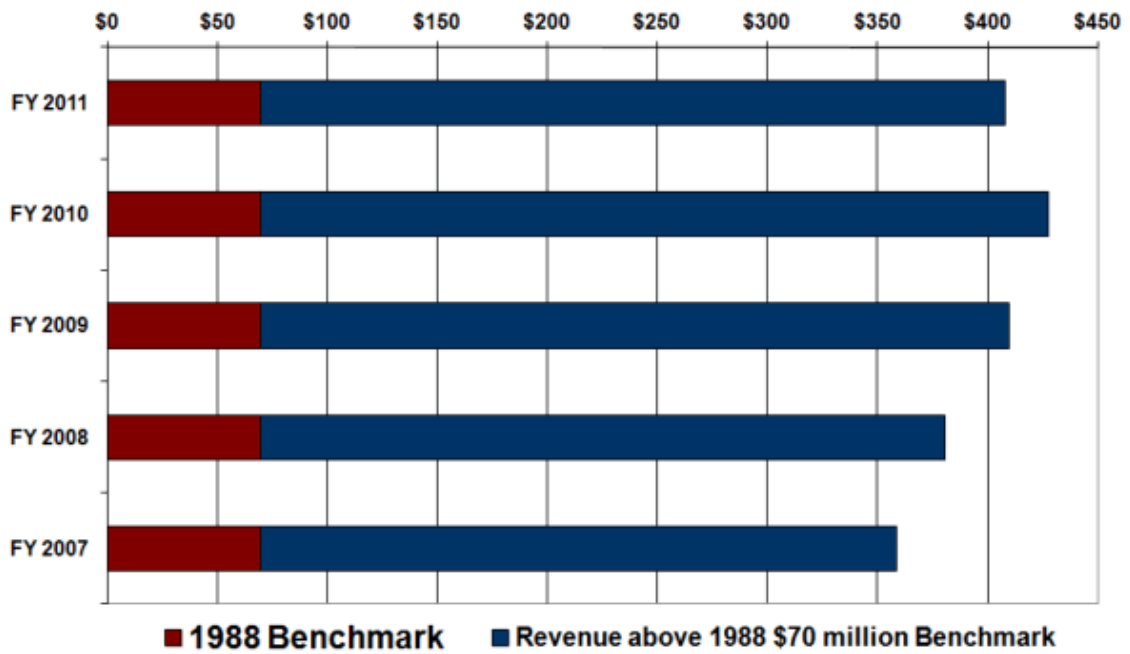
- Total statewide court revenue decreased 4.8% from \$428.3 million in FY 2010 to \$407.9 million in FY 2011. While revenue decreased by 4.8%, case filings decreased by 19.8% during the same period, reflecting the continuing efforts of the courts statewide to collect court-ordered fines, fees, and surcharges. *See Graph A.*
- Statewide revenue decreased by 0.6% in FY2011 compared with FY2010 and decreased by 4.8% with State Photo Enforcement included.
- Graph B represents the trend in increased court revenue above the \$70 million benchmark established in FY 1988. Since that time, courts have collected approximately \$3.486 billion in additional revenue. *See Graph B.*
- Of the total court system revenue, the state received 43.4%, counties received 31.0% and cities and towns 25.6%. *See Graph C.*
- 46.3% of total court revenue was generated by municipal courts, 29.2% by justice courts, 23.3% by Superior Court and 1.2% by appellate courts. *See Graph D.*
- Total restitution payments for victims collected by Courts increased 16.8% from \$17.1 million in FY 2010 to \$20.0 million in FY 2011.

Graph A



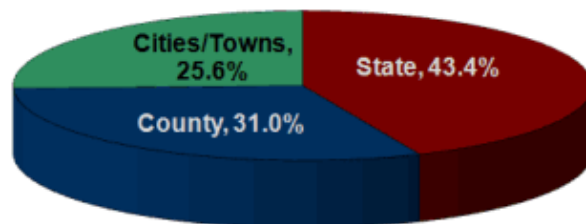
Graph B

Arizona Court Revenue
Above Benchmark



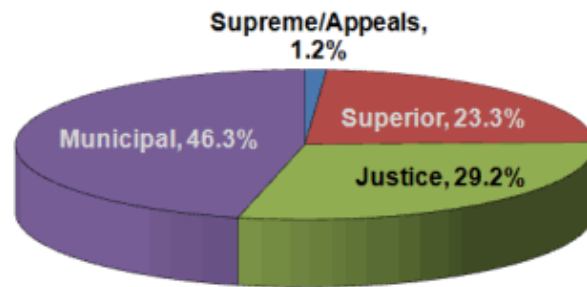
Graph C

Proportion of Revenue Generated
by
Level of Government



Graph D

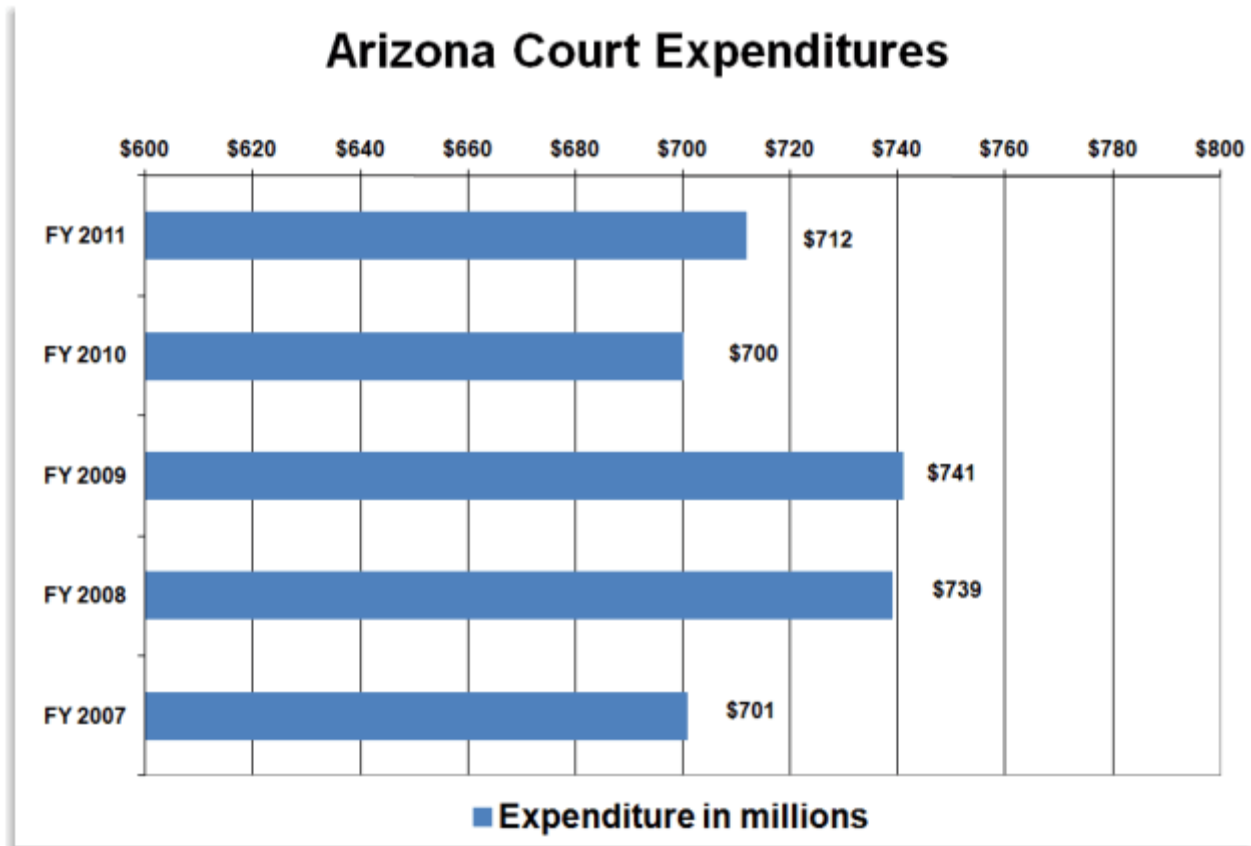
**Proportion of Revenue Generated
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Court Level**



Expenditures

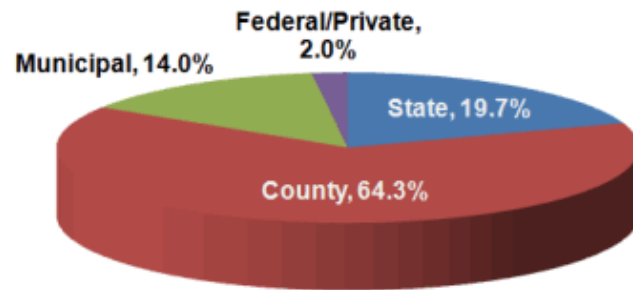
- Total statewide court expenditures increased 1.7% from \$699.5 million in FY 2010 to \$711.7 million in FY 2011. *See Graph A.*
- 64.3 % of the total funds spent by the court system were from the counties, 19.7% from the state, 14.0% from cities and towns, and 2.0% from federal and private sources. *See Graph B.*
- 68.3% of total court expenditures were in Superior Court (including probation), 14.0% in municipal courts, 10.9% at the appellate level (including statewide administration) and 6.8% in the justice courts *See Graph C.*

Graph A



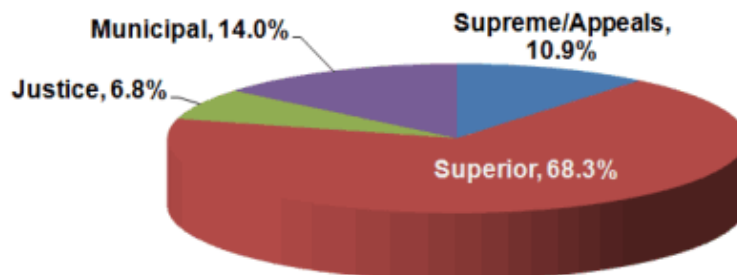
Graph B

Proportion of Expenditures by Government



Graph C

Proportion of Expenditures by Court Level



FY2011 Case Filings by Court Level

Appellate	
Court Level	Case Filings
Supreme Court	1,018
Division One	3,039
Division Two	868
Appellate Total	4,925

General Jurisdiction Superior Court	
County	Case Filings
Apache	894
Cochise	4,007
Coconino	3,484
Gila	2,090
Graham	1,351
Greenlee	339
La Paz	691
Maricopa	155,148
Mohave	7,040
Navajo	3,110
Pima	28,883
Pinal	12,439
Santa Cruz	1,779
Yavapai	7,483
Yuma	6,187
Tax Court	2,331
Superior Total	237,256

Trends

- Appellate Court case filings decreased by 21(0.4%).
- General Jurisdiction Court case filings decreased by 9,789 (4.0%).
- Limited Jurisdiction Court case filings decreased by 595,068 (21.2%) including State Photo Enforcement.

- ▶ Cases filed include original filings and transferred.
- ▶ General Jurisdiction cases are counted by defendant.
- ▶ Limited Jurisdiction cases are counted by charge when filed by citation and by defendant when filed by long-form complaint.

Limited Jurisdiction Case Filings		
County	Justice	Municipal
Apache	9,316	1,481
Cochise	39,848	5,651
Coconino	25,812	24,313
Gila	13,360	23,139
Graham	4,457	2,333
Greenlee	1,757	415
La Paz	14,357	3,078
Maricopa	448,046	847,913
Mohave	41,106	21,635
Navajo	28,973	16,012
Pima	157,508	248,566
Pinal	48,325	27,197
Santa Cruz	9,791	11,311
Yavapai	35,656	50,071
Yuma	25,832	23,124
Total	904,144	1,306,239

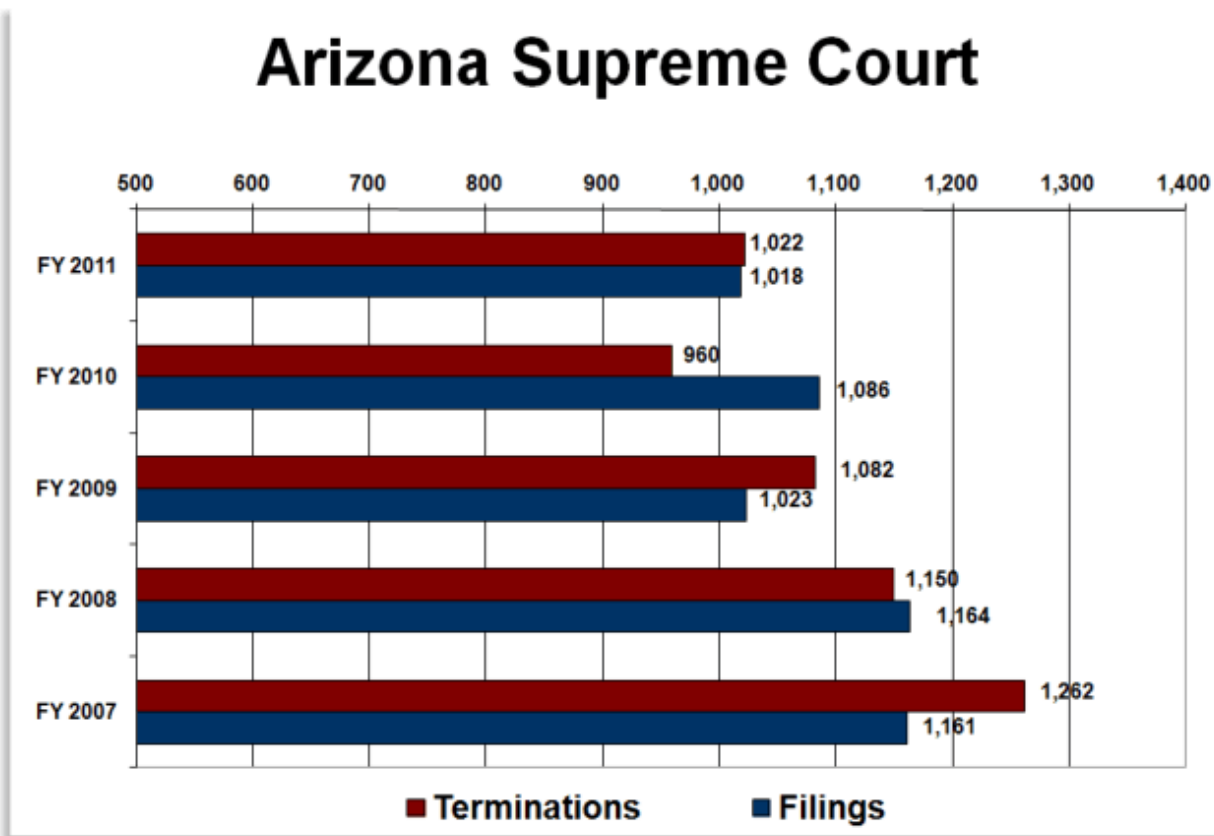
*Filings include 75,698 State Photo Enforcement civil traffic filings.

Court Statistics Caseload and Financial Highlights

In FY2011 as compared with FY2010

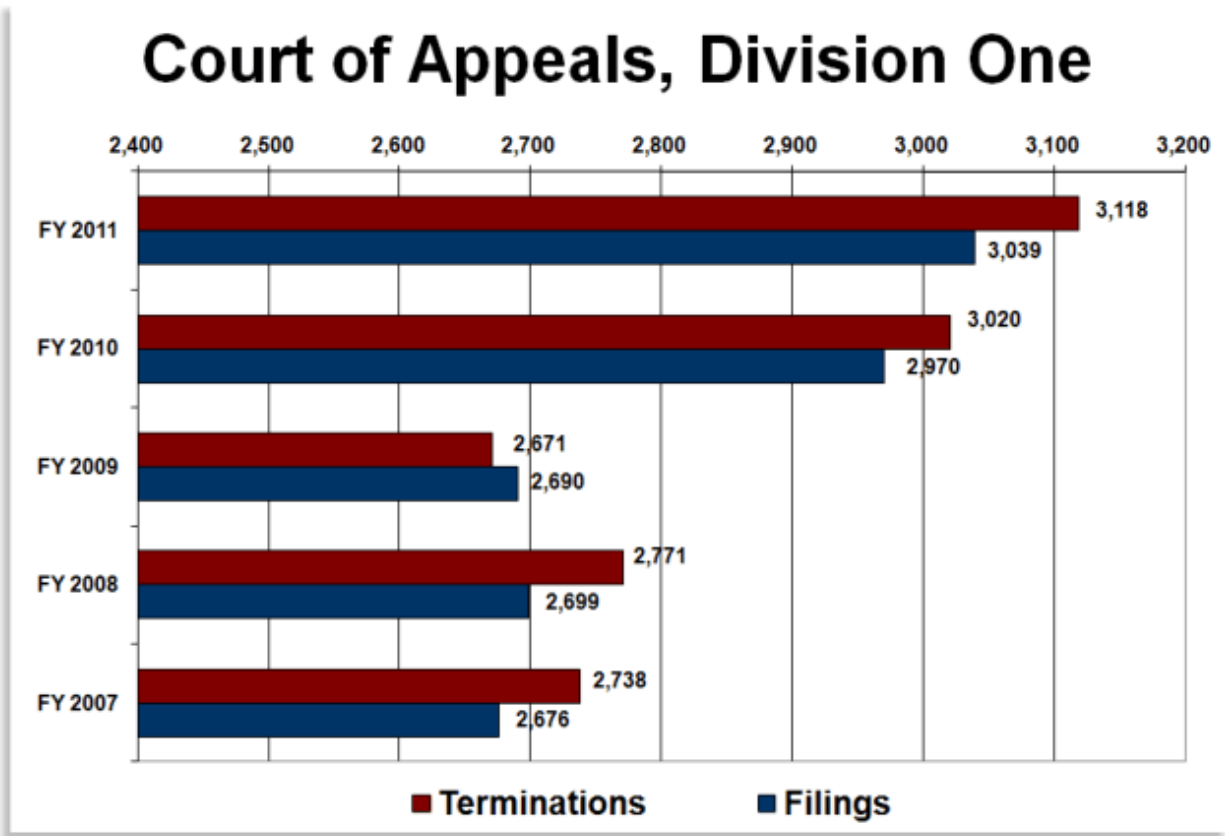
- There were 2,452,564 case filings in FY2011 in the Arizona Courts (Appellate, Superior, Justice and Municipal Courts) resulting in 604,878 less filings compared to fiscal year 2010, a decrease of 19.8%. That's an average of 9,433 cases filed among the courts every working day. These filings include 75,698 civil traffic state photo speed enforcement filings into the Justice Courts, which account for 3.1% of the total statewide filings.
- Tax Court case filings decreased by 31.2% in FY2011 compared to FY2010. During the same period, property tax actions decreased by 31.9%.
- Superior Court case filings decreased by 3.2% statewide. In Maricopa County and Rural Counties, filings decreased by 3.1% and 2.4%, respectively, while Pima County reported a decrease of 4.9%. The statewide decrease in total case filings was driven by a 3.7% decrease in the civil case category.
- In Superior Court, contract cases were down by 8.5% in fiscal year 2011. The Non-classified civil case category which includes forfeitures, name changes and other cases types decreased by 1.3% in FY2011.
- In Superior Court, juvenile petitions were down in FY2011 by 9.0%.
- Justice Court case filings decreased by 9.8% in FY2011. Case filings in the rural county justice courts decreased by 9.5% while Maricopa and Pima county case filings decreased by 4.3% and 21.3% respectively.
- Statewide, 75,698 civil traffic cases for the state's photo speed enforcement program were filed in Justice Courts in fiscal year 2011, compared with 450,169 filings in fiscal year 2010.
- Statewide Justice Courts civil traffic cases, including state photo speed enforcement, were down 49.3% while general civil cases remained unchanged during the same period.
- Justice Court general civil cases, which include torts, contract and forfeiture cases remained unchanged in FY2011 due to the increase in other civil and the decrease in small claims.
- Statewide, civil traffic case filings account for 56.7% of all case filings in Justice and Municipal Courts. Civil traffic filings decreased by 144,464, or 10.7% from FY2010 to FY2011.
- Municipal Court case filings decreased by 9.1% statewide. Maricopa, Pima and the Rural Municipal Court's case filings decreased by 10.2%, 10.4% and 2.1% respectively. The overall decrease was driven by a 8.8% decrease in civil traffic case filings.
- There were 77,478 DUI charges filed in Justice and Municipal Courts. This represents a decrease of 4,147 case filings from FY2010, or a 5.1% decrease. (Case filings in Justice and Municipal Courts are primarily counted by charge, not by defendants).
- Statewide, revenue trends in fiscal year 2011 are following case filing trends. Case filings decreased by 19.8%, while revenue decreased by 4.8%.
- Without the state photo speed enforcement program, statewide revenue decreased by 0.6% while total case filings decreased 8.8% in FY2011 compared with FY2010.
- Arizona courts have collected more than \$3.486 billion in additional revenue over the \$70 million benchmark established in FY1988.

Arizona Supreme Court Case Filings Chart



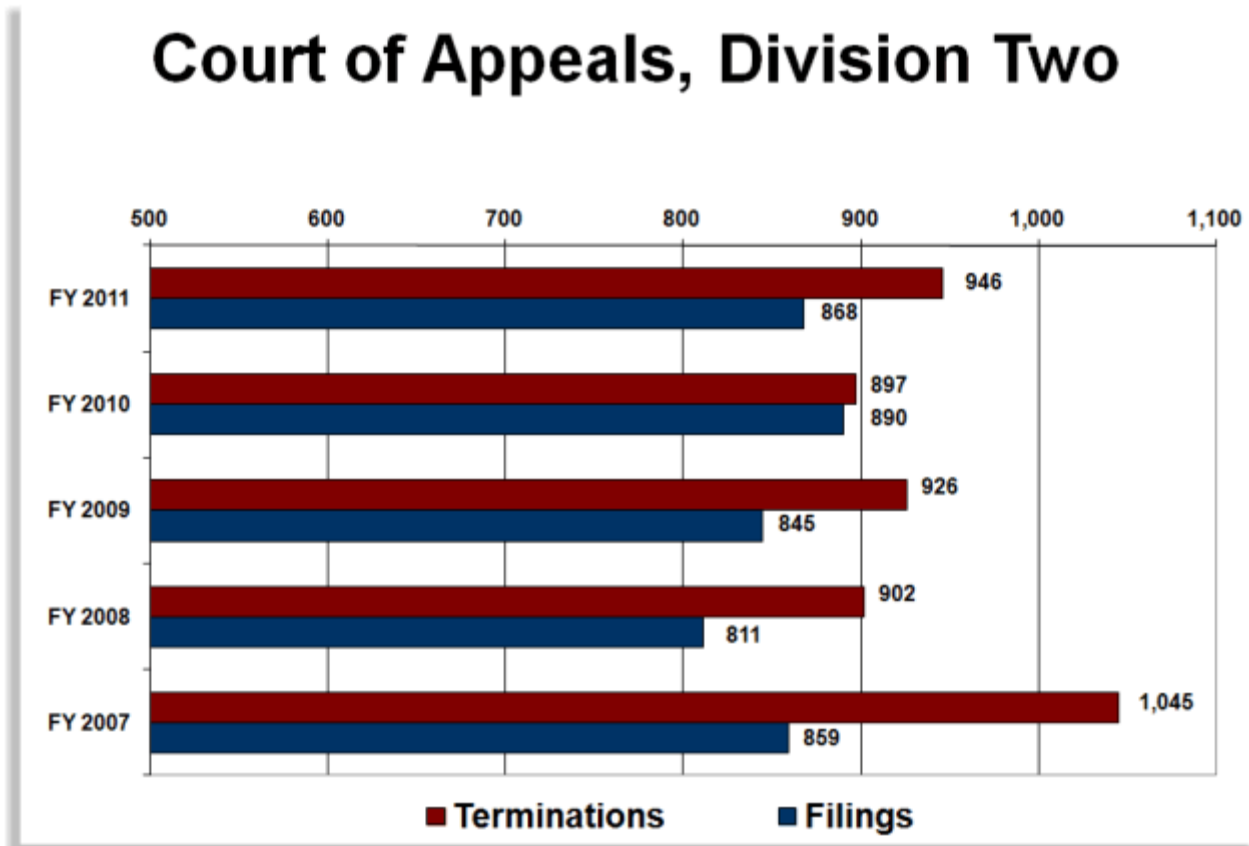
- Supreme Court FY 2011 case filings decreased by 6.3% from cases filed in FY 2010.
- Cases terminated by the court in FY 2011 increased 6.5% over case terminations in FY 2010.
- The difference between filings and terminations resulted in a pending caseload decrease of 1.3%. There were 395 pending cases on July 1, 2010, compared to 390 pending cases on June 30, 2011.

Court of Appeals, Division One Case Filings Chart



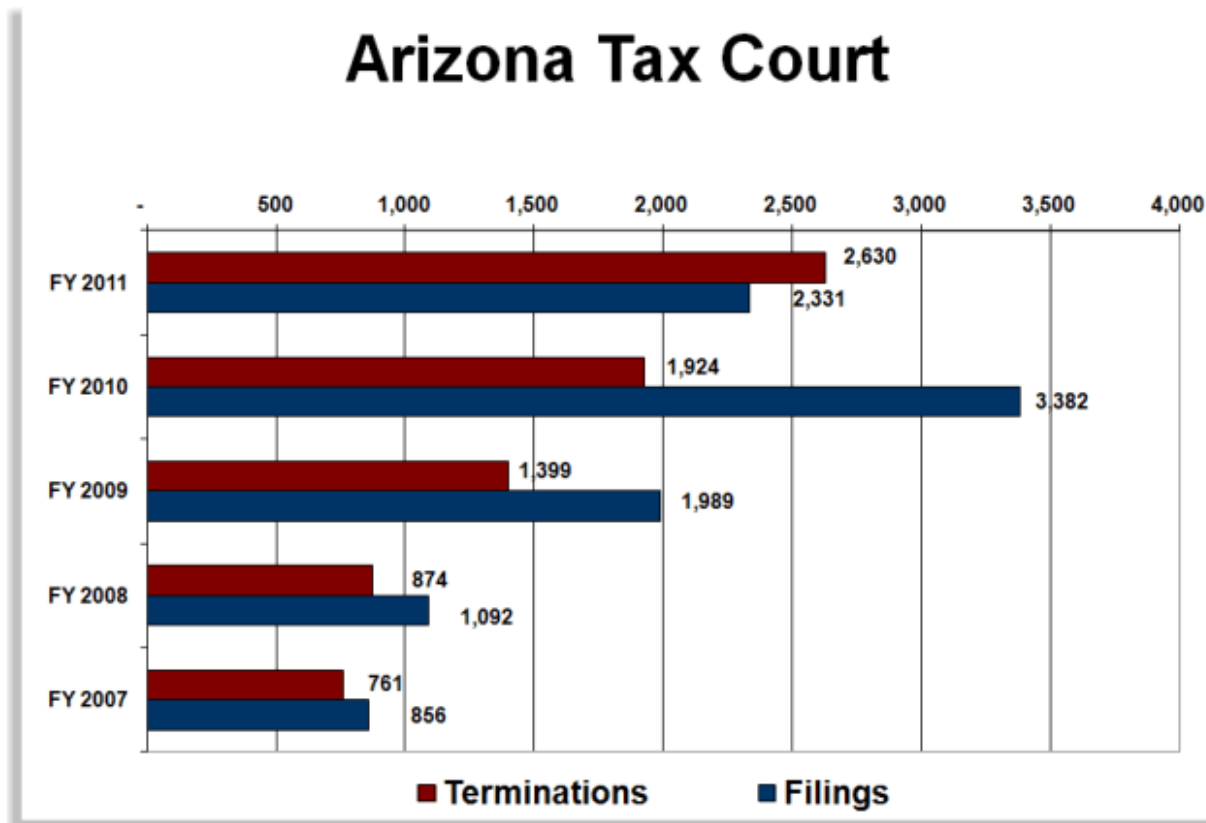
- Filings in FY2011 represented a 2.3% increase from FY2010. Unemployment Board filings (excluding transfer in cases), comprising 16.0% of total caseload increased 62.5% from 299 in FY2010 to 486 in FY2011.
- Case terminations increased by 3.2% in FY2011.
- Pending caseload decreased by 1.6%, from 2,438 on July 1, 2010 to 2,399 on June 30, 2011.

Court of Appeals, Division Two Case Filings Chart



- Total filings in FY2011 decreased 2.5% from FY2010. Total criminal filings (excluding transfer in cases), the largest category, comprising 44.7% of total caseload decreased 9.1% from 427 in FY2010 to 388 in FY2011.
- Case terminations increased by 5.5% in FY2011.
- Pending caseload decreased by 7.4%, from 733 on July 1, 2010 to 679 on June 30, 2011.

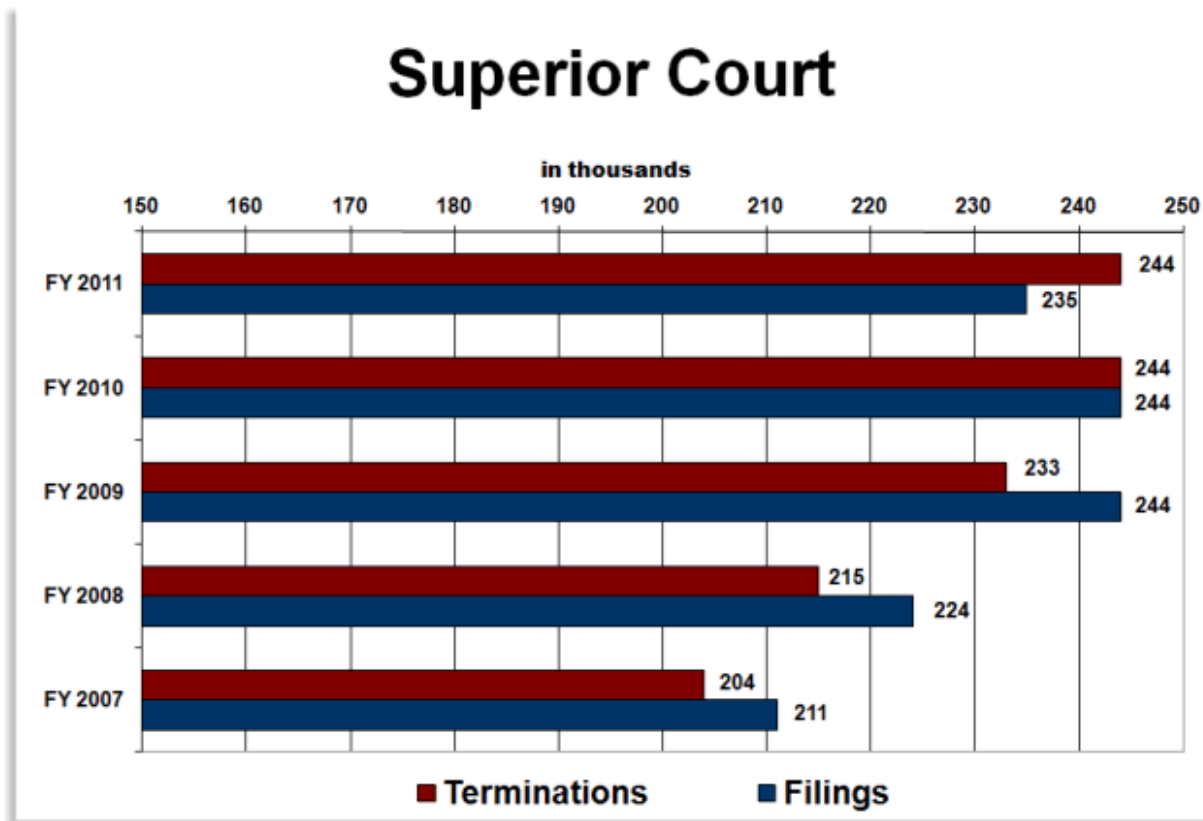
Arizona Tax Court Case Filings Chart



The Arizona Tax Court serves as the statewide venue for all civil actions involving a tax, impost, or assessment.

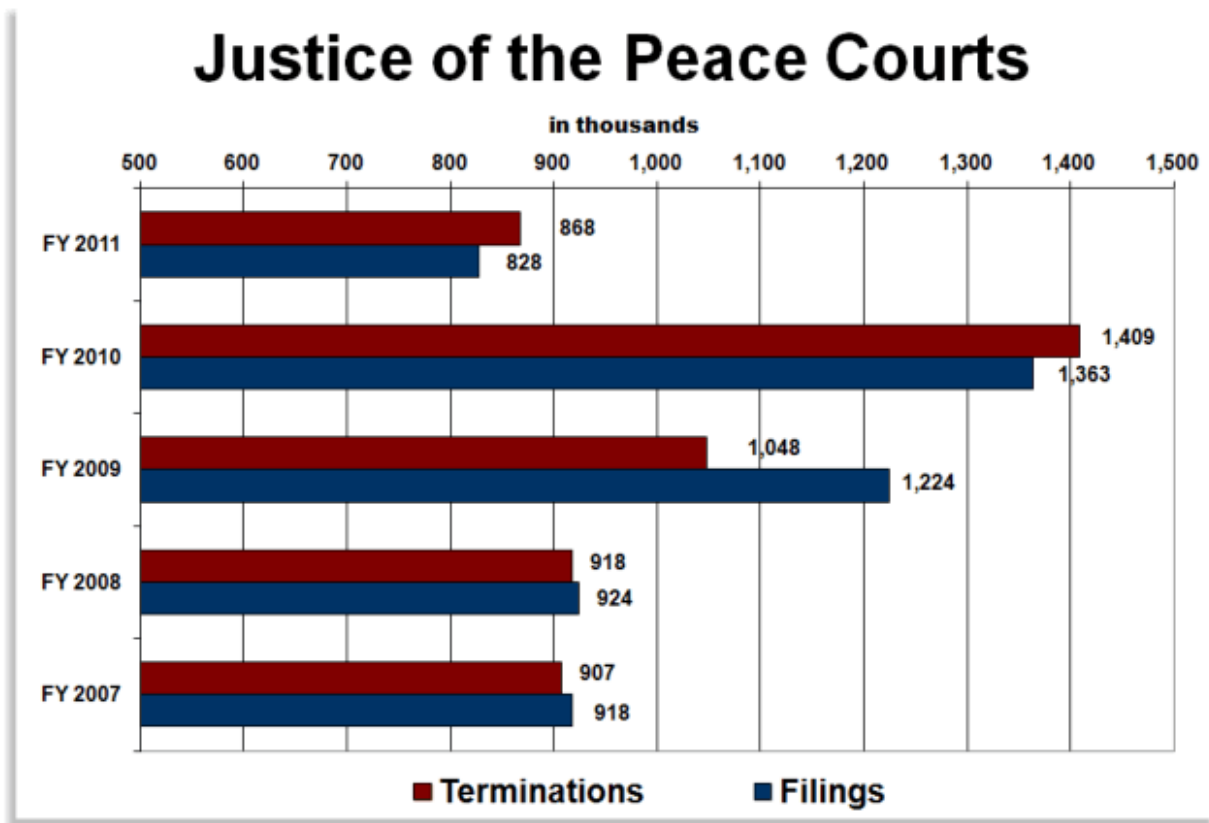
- A total of 2,279 original cases were filed in the court during FY 2011, a decrease of 31.2% from the 3,311 cases filed in FY 2010.
- Of the FY 2011 cases filed, 2,144 were property tax actions, accounting for 94.1% of the total.
- A total of 2,630 cases were terminated, 698 or 26.5% by judgment.
- As of June 30, 2011, there were 2,100 cases pending in the tax court.

Superior Court Case Filings Chart



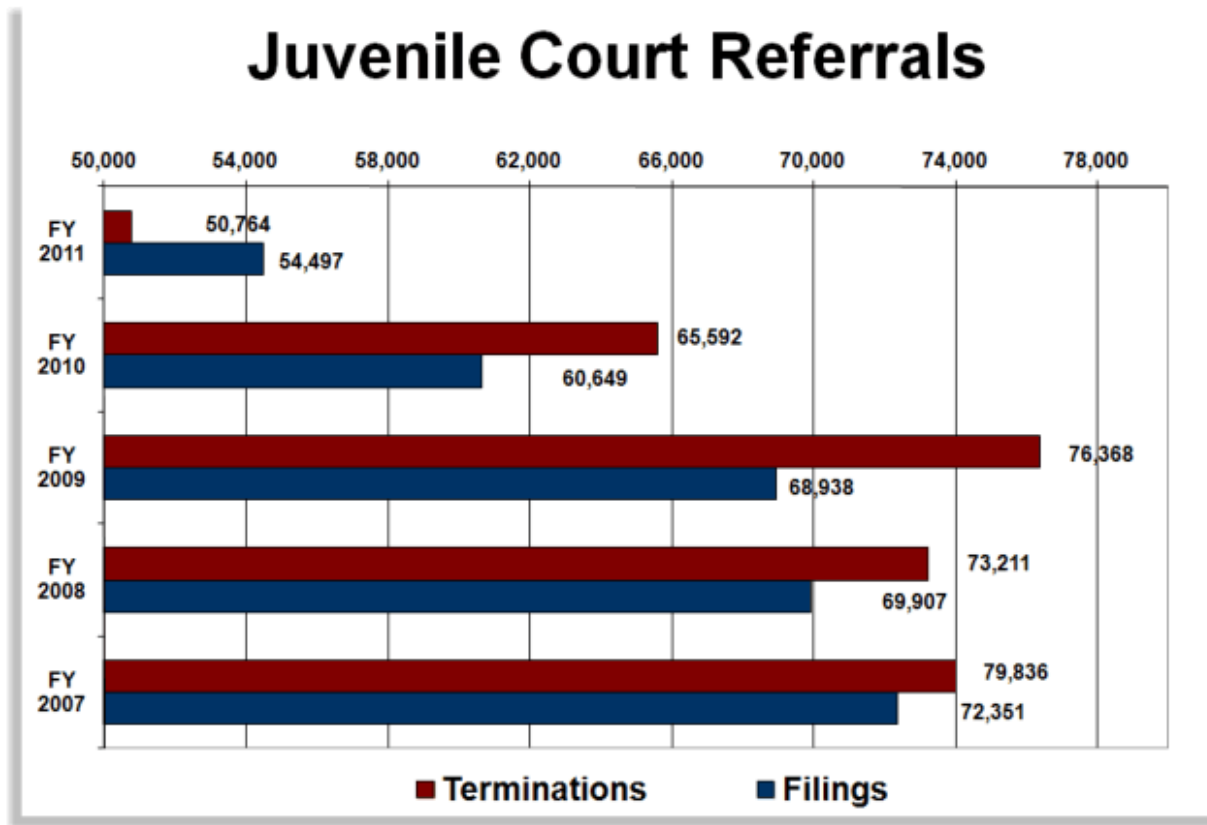
- In FY 2011, total case filings decreased by 3.6% from FY 2010.
- Total case terminations decreased by .01% during the same period.
- Civil case filings decreased 3.7% from 101,591 in FY 2010 to 97,844 in FY 2011. In the same period, civil case terminations were up 2.4% from 100,390 to 102,782.
- Criminal case filings decreased 5.0% from 53,271 in FY 2010 to 50,608 in FY 2011. Criminal case terminations increased by 1.1% during the same period from 53,558 to 54,160.
- Domestic relations cases decreased 1.8% from 50,388 in FY 2010 to 49,502 in FY 2011, and domestic relations case terminations increased 2.1% from 48,637 to 49,641. Domestic violence petition filings increased 6.6% in Superior Court from 11,726 to 12,497 in FY 2011.
- There were 220,313 total cases pending on July 1, 2010, compared with 212,382 cases pending on June 30, 2011, a decrease of 3.6%.
- Juveniles with direct filings to adult court decreased 13.5%, from 393 in FY 2010 to 340 in FY 2011. Juvenile cases transferred to adult court decreased 27.8%, from 36 in FY 2010 to 26 in FY 2011. A total of 366 juvenile cases were either transferred or directly filed in adult court in FY 2011 compared to 429 in FY 2010, a decrease of 14.7%.

Justice of the Peace Courts Case Filings Chart



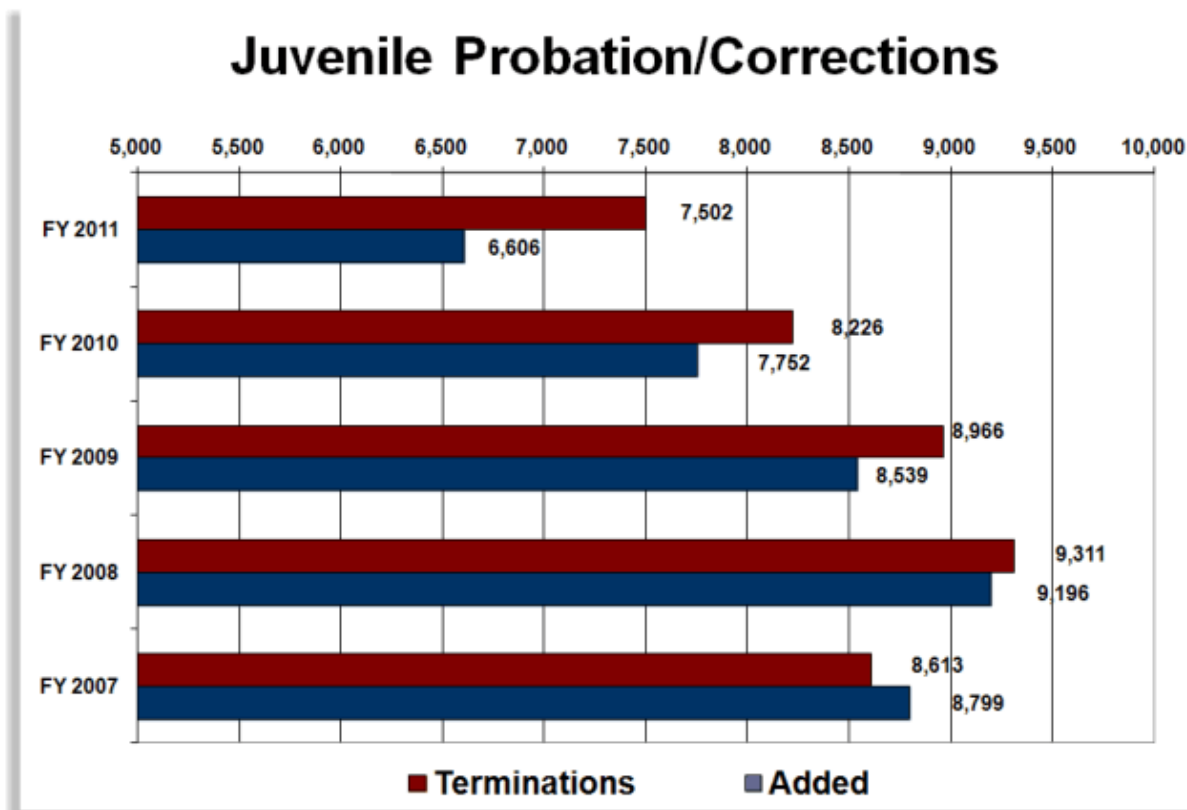
- Total filings in FY 2011 decreased 9.8% from FY 2010 and decreased 34.0% when State DPS photo enforcement civil traffic cases are included.
- Total case terminations decreased 9.6% and decreased 23.6% when State DPS photo enforcement civil traffic cases are included.
- Civil and criminal traffic filings, which comprise almost two-thirds of all justice court filings, decreased 14.5% from FY2010 and decreased 45.2%, from 1,006,529 in FY 2010 to 551,647 in FY 2011 when State DPS photo enforcement civil traffic cases are included.
- Criminal (misdemeanor and felony) case filings decreased 7.8% from 124,623 in FY 2010 to 114,953 in FY 2011. Criminal case terminations decreased 6.8% from 131,099 in FY 2010 to 122,240 in FY 2011.
- Domestic Violence petition filings increased 0.4% in justice courts, from 9,460 to 9,495. Petitions for Injunctions Against Harassment decreased 4.5% from 8,061 to 7,696.
- Total cases pending dropped by 2.9% from 648,380 on July 1, 2010 to 629,686 on June 30, 2011.

Juvenile Court Referrals Chart



- There were 54,497 referrals to juvenile court in FY 2011, a 10.1% decrease compared to 60,649 in the previous year.
- 50,764 referrals were terminated in FY 2011, a 22.6% decrease compared to the 65,592 referrals terminated in FY 2010.

Juvenile Probation/Corrections Case Filings Chart



- The number of juveniles on probation at the end of FY 2011 decreased 14.0% from 7,368 on July 1, 2010 to 6,336 on June 30, 2011.
- A total of 6,606 adjudicated juveniles were placed on probation in FY 2011, a 14.8% decrease from the 7,752 youths placed on probation in FY 2010.
- 7,502 juveniles were released from probation, a decrease of 8.8% from the 8,226 terminated last year.
- 700 juveniles were committed to the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections during FY 2011, a decrease of 5.9% from the 744 committed last year.

Adult Probation

- The number of individuals under the jurisdiction of Arizona adult probation departments at the end of FY2011 decreased 0.5% from 84,395 on July 1, 2010 to 83,972 on June 30, 2011.
- Of the 83,972 under the jurisdiction of adult probation, 41,759 were on standard probation (35,947 were under direct supervision in the state and 5,812 were under indirect supervision as they were out going interstate compact or in long term residential treatment), 2,317 on intensive probation (2,152 were direct supervision and 165 were on indirect supervision), and 39,896 were on administrative supervision (unsupervised, report only, deported, etc.).

Juvenile Court Petitions

- A total of 22,243 petitions were filed in FY 2011, a 10.4% decrease from the 24,822 petitions filed in FY 2010.
- A total of 21,287 petitions were terminated in FY 2011, a 11.3% decrease from the 23,991 terminated in FY 2010.