

JUVENILE COURT AND PROBATION

Narrative Statewide Summary for FY 2023

In total, there are sixteen tables: one for the state and one for each of the fifteen counties. Each table spans three pages and is subdivided into three sections: Juvenile Referral Summary; Juvenile Petition Summary; and Probation, Detention & Community Service Activities.

Juvenile Referrals

In the Juvenile Referral Summary section, there are two types of referrals: delinquent and corrigible. Referral types are mutually exclusive for referrals, but not for juveniles. A juvenile can have both a delinquent and a corrigible referral. Because the total number of juveniles is merely a summation across the referral types, the total number may contain duplicate counts of persons. Unduplicated counts of juveniles can be found in the Arizona Juvenile Court Counts report which published by the Juvenile Justice Services Division, AOC.

Statewide, there were 21,346 referrals filed involving 16,534 juveniles during fiscal year (FY) 2023, compared to 18,783 referrals of 14,530 youths from the previous FY. This represents a 13.6% increase in filed referrals and a 13.8% increase of referred juveniles. Subtracting the 2,314 referrals for "incurability" (i.e., those involving "status" offenses such as truancy, curfew, or being "beyond control" of parents), there were 19,032 delinquent referrals. Among these remaining delinquent referrals, 9,082 (47.7%) were for (a) offenses against property (2,106 misdemeanors, 1,313 felonies) and (b) violations of the "peace" (5,663, e.g., disturbing by disorderly conduct or loitering).

Juvenile courts in FY 2023 disposed of 20,164 referrals, compared to 16,888 referrals in FY 2022, an increase of 19.4%.

Juvenile Petitions

The Juvenile Petition Summary, which represents the intervention by the criminal justice system, includes counts of petitions filed and juveniles petitioned (the latter figures also appear on Superior Court tables as part of their caseload). The total number of juveniles petitioned may reflect a duplicated count because a juvenile can have both a delinquent and an incorrigible petition in the same time period. An unduplicated count can be found in juveniles processed in the Arizona Juvenile Court system.

Statewide, there were 7,528 petitions filed involving 5,172 juveniles during FY 2023, an increase of 10.0%, contrasted with 6,846 petitions on 4,765 youths in FY 2022. This year, juvenile court disposed of 6,908 petitions compared to 6,218 petitions last year, an increase of 11.1%. Adjudication is the primary disposition of juvenile court petitions (68.1% of petitions, 64.7% of youths this year).

Probation, Detention & Community Service Activities

This year, 4,253 new probationers were added to the caseload (slightly down 0.4% from the 4,271 added during FY 2022) and 2,279 juveniles had their probations terminated (down 9.2% from the 2,510 terminated last year), resulting in a 12.1% increase in juvenile probationers by the end of FY 2023 (1,761 to 1,974). The total days youths spent in detention increased 17.4% from 78,627 in FY 2022 to 92,284 in FY 2023. Community service hours performed during the fiscal year by the youths increased from 46,980 in FY 2022 to 67,794 in FY 2023, an increase of 44.3%.

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ABBREVIATIONS
(Juvenile Court/Probation)

ADJC..... Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections

DYTR..... Department of Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation

JIPSJuvenile Intensive Probation Supervision

Prob. Probation

Term. / TERM..... Terminated

JUVENILE COURT/PROBATION CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2023
JUVENILE REFERRAL SUMMARY

STATEWIDE TOTALS

TYPE OF REFERRAL			FISCAL YEAR 2022	
	REFERRALS FILED	JUVENILES REFERRED[1]	REFERRALS FILED	JUVENILES REFERRED[1]
DELINQUENT	19,032	14,571	16,370	12,505
INCORRIGIBLE	2,314	1,963	2,413	2,025
TOTAL	21,346	16,534	18,783	14,530

[1] JUVENILES REFERRED IS AN UNDUPLICATED COUNT ONLY WITHIN EACH CATEGORY OF DELINQUENT AND INCORRIGIBLE. THE TOTAL MAY BE DUPLICATED BECAUSE ONE JUVENILE CAN HAVE BOTH DELINQUENT AND INCORRIGIBLE REFERRALS.

OFFENSE TYPE[2]			FISCAL YEAR 2022	
	REFERRALS FILED		REFERRALS FILED	
VIOLENT (FELONY AGAINST PERSON)		1,748		1,451
GRAND THEFT (FELONY AGAINST PROPERTY)		1,313		1,064
OBSTRUCTION (HINDERING JUSTICE)		1,738		1,654
FIGHT (MISDEMEANOR AGAINST PERSON)		3,503		3,232
DRUGS		2,488		2,038
PEACE (DISTURBING, ETC.)		5,663		4,859
THEFT (MISDEMEANOR AGAINST PROPERTY)		2,106		1,772
STATUS (INCORRIGIBLE, RUNAWAY, ETC.)		2,314		2,413
CITATIONS/ADMINISTRATIVE		473		300
TOTAL		21,346		18,783

[2] A REFERRAL MAY CONTAIN MORE THAN ONE OFFENSE. THE OFFENSE TYPE COUNTED IS THE MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE ON THE REFERRAL.

DISPOSITION TYPE[4]			FISCAL YEAR 2022	
	REFERRALS DISPOSED	JUVENILES DISPOSED[3]	REFERRALS DISPOSED	JUVENILES DISPOSED[3]
ADJUSTED	9,270	8,389	7,795	6,957
PROBATION (PLACED AND CONTINUED)	3,191	2,305	2,415	1,798
JIPS (PLACED AND CONTINUED)	638	353	722	399
PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	94	78	103	90
ADJC	165	119	187	143
PENALTY ONLY	577	530	570	529
OTHER DISPOSITION	5,939	4,868	4,853	4,009
TRANSFER TO ADULT COURT (AFTER PETITION)	290	249	243	199
TOTAL	20,164	16,891	16,888	14,124

[3] JUVENILES DISPOSED IS AN UNDUPLICATED COUNT ONLY WITHIN EACH DISPOSITION CATEGORY. THE TOTAL MAY BE DUPLICATED BECAUSE ONE JUVENILE CAN HAVE MORE THAN ONE REFERRAL DISPOSITION, EACH IN A DIFFERENT CATEGORY, DURING A TIME PERIOD.

[4] DISPOSITIONS EXCLUDE JUVENILES AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED TO ADULT COURT.

JUVENILE COURT/PROBATION CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2023

JUVENILE PETITION SUMMARY

STATEWIDE TOTALS (CONTINUED)

TYPE OF PETITION			FISCAL YEAR 2022	
	PETITIONS FILED	JUVENILES PETITIONED[1]	PETITIONS FILED	JUVENILES PETITIONED[1]
DELINQUENT	7,290	4,957	6,546	4,490
INCORRIGIBLE [2]	238	215	300	275
TOTAL	7,528	5,172	6,846	4,765

[1] JUVENILES PETITIONED IS AN UNDUPLICATED COUNT ONLY WITHIN EACH CATEGORY OF DELINQUENT AND INCORRIGIBLE. THE TOTAL MAY BE DUPLICATED BECAUSE ONE JUVENILE CAN HAVE BOTH DELINQUENT AND INCORRIGIBLE PETITIONS.

[2] STARTING WITH FY 2017, INCORRIGIBLE PETITIONS ARE COMBINED WITH DELINQUENT PETITIONS.

MOST SERIOUS COURT RESULTS PER PETITION			FISCAL YEAR 2022	
	PETITIONS DISPOSED	JUVENILES DISPOSED[2]	PETITIONS DISPOSED	JUVENILES DISPOSED[2]
DISMISSED (MOTION OF PROSECUTOR)	861	--	695	--
DISMISSED BY COURT	1,334	--	1,528	--
TOTAL DISMISSED	2,195	1,831	2,223	1,885
TRANSFERRED TO OTHER JURISDICTION	5	5	14	13
ADJUDICATED BY ADMISSION OF GUILT	4,563	--	3,855	--
ADJUDICATED BY FINDING OF GUILT	144	--	125	--
TOTAL ADJUDICATED	4,707	3,367	3,980	2,921
TRANSFERRED TO ADULT COURT	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	6,908	5,204	6,218	4,820

[2] JUVENILES DISPOSED IS AN UNDUPLICATED COUNT ONLY WITHIN EACH COURT RESULT CATEGORY. THE TOTAL MAY BE DUPLICATED BECAUSE ONE JUVENILE CAN HAVE A PETITION IN MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY.

JUVENILE COURT/PROBATION CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2023

STATEWIDE TOTALS (CONTINUED)

PROBATION ACTIVITY
PROBATIONERS ADDED

PENDING 7-1-21	TOTAL ADDED	TOTAL ON PROB.	FISCAL YEAR 2022	
			PENDING 7-1-20	TOTAL ADDED
1,746	2,507	4,253	2,292	1,979

PROBATION ACTIVITY
PROBATIONERS TERMINATED

COMPLETED PROBATION	TO ADJC	OTHER TERM.	TOTAL TERM.	FISCAL YEAR 2022		
				PENDING 6-30-22	TOTAL TERM.	PENDING 6-30-21
1,712	81	486	2,279	1,974	2,510	1,761

DETENTION ACTIVITY

	FISCAL YEAR 2022	
ADMISSIONS[1]	3,333	2,941
RELEASES[1]	3,308	2,940
TOTAL DAYS OF DETENTION	92,284	78,627

[1] ADMISSIONS AND RELEASES ARE TOTAL NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES
AND DO NOT REPRESENT A COUNT OF JUVENILES.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY

	FISCAL YEAR 2022	
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS[2]	67,794	46,980

[2] HOURS COMPLETED IN THE FISCAL YEAR.