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STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFILE

ARIZONA



HIGHLIGHTS

In Arizona, Byrne JAG state funding has assisted with numerous innovative initiatives and supports:

- Understanding the impact of Byrne JAG-funded multijurisdictional task forces (MJTFs) and drug-related projects, Arizona's implementation of MJTFs includes a tandem prosecutor component, forensic drug analysis support, and adjudication projects. Arizona's approach to funding and monitoring its MJTFs and other drug control projects is consistent with a research-based framework that evaluates performance and effectiveness. As a result of these efforts, 5,282 drug-related arrests were made, which included seizing illicit drugs in excess of \$182 million and 390 weapons. Drug prosecutors secured more than 17,000 convictions, with 51% sentenced to probation and 28% to a term of incarceration.
- Forensic projects analyzed 14,158 samples, providing testimony 168 times in court. Adjudication project efforts resulted in 14,158 probationers served, more than 16,000 drug tests conducted, and legal services provided to more than 1,600 indigent defendants.
- In addition, the Arizona Statistical Analysis Center, which is colocated with the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, will be using Bureau of Justice Statistics funding to build the research and data infrastructure needed to inform data-driven decisionmaking and to implement evidence-based practices and policies.

Source: National Criminal Justice Association

STATE ADMINISTERING AGENCY (SAA)

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
John A. Blackburn, Jr., Executive Director
<http://www.azcjc.gov>

BJA INVESTMENTS

In Fiscal Year 2014, BJA provided more than \$11 million* in state and local funds to Arizona.

Justice Assistance Grant Program—State Formula	\$3,736,439
Justice Assistance Grant Program—14 Local Awards	\$2,100,962
Other Direct Discretionary Funds	\$6,011,190

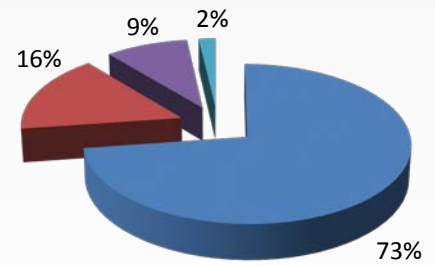
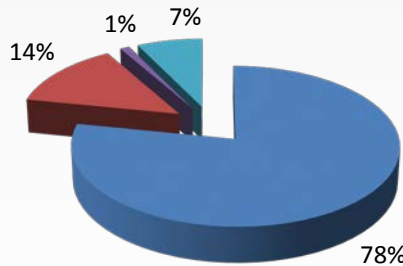
Source: Bureau of Justice Assistance

*This amount does not include funding for national training and technical assistance programs that benefit all states and territories.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICERS

Law Enforcement Agencies: 96

Sworn Officers: 11,955



■ City ■ County ■ Tribal ■ State ■ Other

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Report \(2013\)](#)

- More than 62% of the 96 law enforcement agencies in Arizona have 50 or fewer sworn officers.
- Nearly 81% of sworn officers work for agencies with 100 or more officers.

OFFICER FATALITIES AND ASSAULTS

Between 2004 and 2013, 18 officers were feloniously killed (0 in 2013) and 20 officers were accidentally killed in the line of duty. In 2013, 2,295 officers were assaulted (4.60% of all officers assaulted in the United States).

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

Total Population: 6,626,624
Population Under 18: 1,616,814
Population Over 65: 1,018,862
 Source: [U.S. Census \(2013 est.\)](#)

State Investigative Agency:
 Arizona Department of Public Safety
 Frank L. Milstead, Director

Local Governments: 674
 Source: [U.S. Census \(2012\)](#)

Federally Recognized Tribes: 21
 Source: [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

U.S. Attorney's Office:
 John S. Leonardo—*District of Arizona,*
Phoenix
 Source: [U.S. Department of Justice](#)

Homeland Security Agency:
 Arizona Department of Homeland
 Security
 Gilbert M. Orrantia, Director
<http://www.azdohs.gov/>

Drug Courts: 59
 Source: [National Drug Court Resource Center](#)

CRIME TRENDS

According to the FBI Annual Report, nationwide violent crime in 2013 decreased more than 4% from the 2012 estimates. Below are the current crime trends for Arizona*:

Crime	2012	2013
Violent Crime	28,108	27,599
Murder and Manslaughter	358	357
Forcible Rape**	2,277	5,393
Robbery	7,386	6,702
Aggravated Assault	18,087	17,490
Property Crime	231,930	225,243
Burglary	52,934	48,533
Larceny-Theft	159,838	159,272
Motor Vehicle Theft	19,158	17,438

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

*Because of changes in the state/local agency's reporting practices, figures are not comparable to previous years' data.

**Agencies within this state submitted rape data according to both the revised Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) definition of rape and the legacy UCR definition of rape.

ARREST DATA

In 2013, total arrests (279,551) increased 8.79% from 2012. Violent-crime arrests increased 17.18% (9,493), and property-related arrests increased 9.27% (42,399).

Source: [FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#)

COURT STRUCTURE

Court of Last Resort: Supreme Court
Intermediate Appellate: Court of Appeals
General Jurisdiction: Superior Court
Limited Jurisdiction: Justice of the Peace Court; Municipal Court

Source: [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(2011\)](#)

CORRECTIONS

Prisoner Admissions: 13,538
Prisoner Releases: 12,931
Total Prisoners: 41,104

Source: [Bureau of Justice Statistics \(2013\)](#)

Major Correctional Facilities: 10
Recidivism Rate*: 42.4%
Top Offenses: Drug offense, assault, burglary/criminal trespass (FY 2014)

Source: [Arizona Department of Corrections](#)

*An offender who returns to the custody of the department for any reason, either with a new criminal commitment or as a technical violator of release conditions.

REGIONAL INFORMATION SHARING SYSTEMS® (RISS)

The Rocky Mountain Information Network (RMIN), a RISS Center, serves Arizona. There are 198 Arizona criminal justice agencies that are members of RMIN.

Source: [Regional Information Sharing Systems](#)