



Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership

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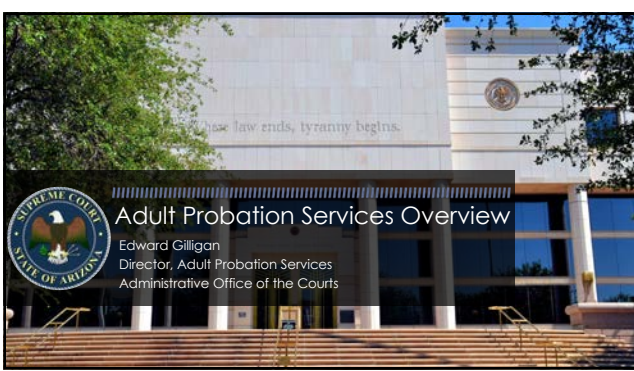
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**Adult Probation Services Overview**

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The Basics of Adult Probation Work

- Purpose
  - Assist in reducing the incidence and impact of crime by probationers in the community
- Duties
  - Conduct presentence investigations of individuals to be sentenced in the Superior Court
  - Exercise general supervision and observation over persons under suspended sentence, subject to control and direction by the court
  - Serve warrants, make arrests and bring persons before the court who are under suspended sentence




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### Arizona's Adult Probation Population FY20

- 50,739 persons under direct supervision
  - 2,846 IPS (Supervised at 25:2 or 15:1)
  - 47,892 Standard (Supervised at an average of 65:1)
- 34,449 additional persons
  - 15,359 awaiting release from prison
  - 11,919 on warrant status
  - 3091 unsupervised
- Population has been increasing steadily for more than a decade




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### Arizona is among the top 20 states with the largest supervision population.

Rank	State	Supervision population (2016)
1	Texas	482,900
2	Georgia	430,800
3	California	331,700
4	Pennsylvania	293,600
5	Ohio	256,400
6	Florida	218,600
7	Michigan	192,200
8	New Jersey	155,700
9	Illinois	143,400
10	New York	142,400
11	Indiana	116,700
12	Minnesota	103,900
13	Washington	100,600
14	North Carolina	95,300
15	Colorado	90,900
16	Arizona	84,800
17	Maryland	82,800
18	Tennessee	74,700
19	Louisiana	71,000
20	Wisconsin	64,900

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics - Probation and Parole in the United States, 2016




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### Arizona is in the top 3 for average time on probation.

Rank	State	Exit rate Exits/Population (2015)	Average months on probation (2015) $\frac{1}{\text{Exit rate}} \times 12$
1	New Jersey	20.76	57.81
2	New York	20.18	60.84
3	Arizona	31.33	38.28
4	Louisiana	31.39	38.23
5	Tennessee	38.33	31.31
6	Texas	40.66	29.51
7	Illinois	45.76	26.22
8	Minnesota	48.77	24.60
9	Maryland	52.85	22.70
10	Washington	52.98	22.65
11	National Avg.	53.29	22.52
12	Pennsylvania	53.21	22.73
13	Ohio	56.40	21.28
14	California	58.69	20.45
15	Michigan	60.25	19.92
16	North Carolina	60.58	19.81
17	Georgia	68.39	17.55
18	Indiana	69.04	17.38
19	Colorado	69.42	17.29
20	Florida	71.74	16.73

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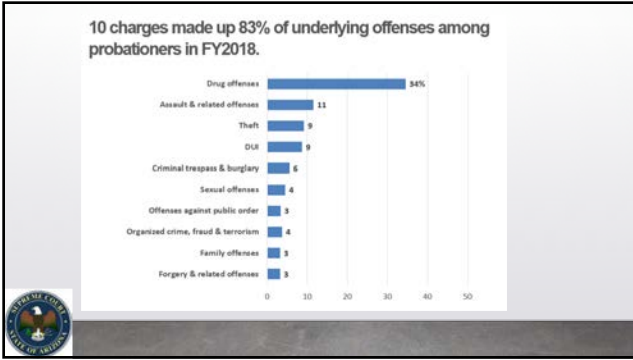
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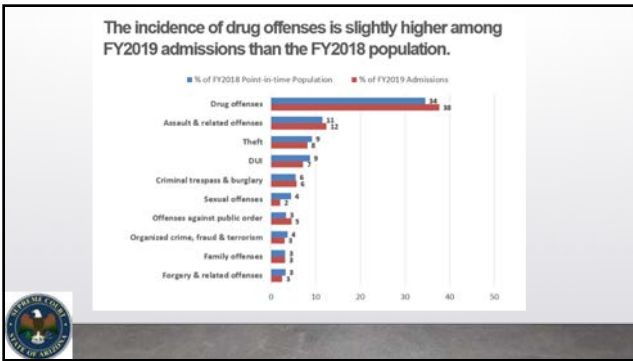
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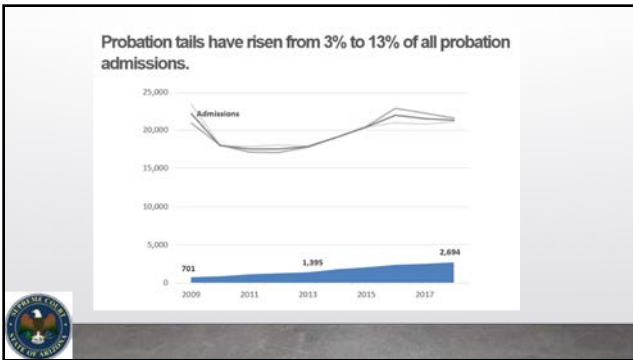
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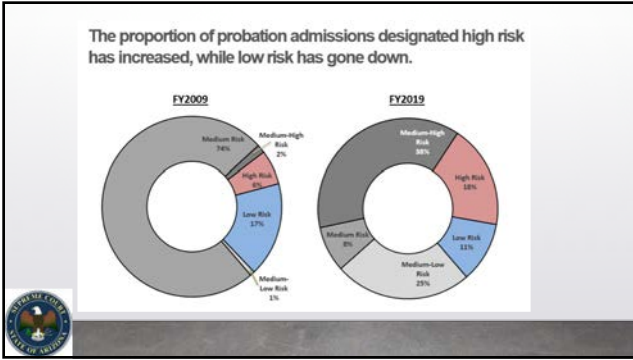
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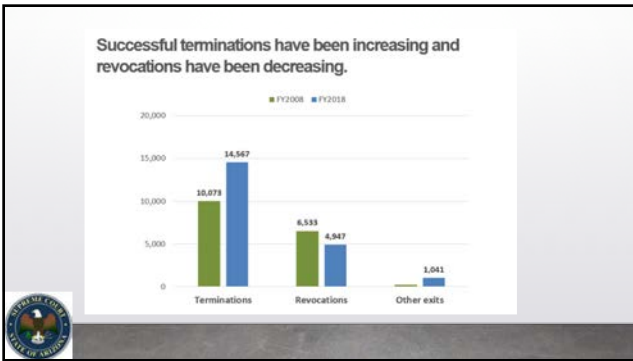
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### Evidence-Based Supervision

- Use validated assessment instruments
- Focus on moderate to high-risk individuals
- Target dynamic risk factors (factors that led to criminality)
- Individualize services
- Use cognitive and behavioral strategies to drive behavior change
- Focus on correction and control

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### Specialized Services Improve Outcomes for Those with Substance Use Disorders

- Problem Solving Courts
  - 12 adult drug court programs in Superior Court
  - Mental health courts, veteran's courts, and DUI courts are also supported
  - Most of the participants reside in urban areas
- Residential treatment caseloads
- Integrated service centers
- Drug Treatment Education Fund (DTEF)
  - More than 4,000 probationers receive financial assistance for treatment each year




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### Monitoring for Drug Use

- Almost all probationers under supervision are drug tested
  - Urinalysis is most common
  - Saliva testing and sweat patches are also used
  - Cost of testing is increasing
- Positivity rate is generally between 8 and 14%
  - Rate varies by caseload and area
  - Methamphetamine, opioids, and marijuana are most frequently detected




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### Shifting Sand

- Recreational Marijuana
  - Increase intrinsic motivation to change
  - Focus on treatment and natural consequences
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Public's need for information
  - Enhance scope of reported statistics
  - Establish performance measures
  - Transparently report outcomes
- Conditions of Probation




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