

# The Reporting of Sexual Assault in Arizona: Calendar Years 2002-2011

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## Background & Purpose

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission is required to provide an annual report based on disposition reporting forms submitted to the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) on sexual assault. This report includes the total number of police reports, charges, convictions, and sentences for sexual assault. It also includes the number of police reports, charges, convictions and sentences for sexual assault involving a spouse.

The data were based on the information included on the arrest and disposition reporting forms submitted to DPS by local law enforcement, prosecutors, and the courts. Data for the report was gathered from the Arizona Computerized Criminal History (ACCH) record system provided by Department of Public Safety in January 2013. The report included data from calendar years (CY) 2002 to 2011 and updates to data reported in *The Reporting of Sexual Assault in Arizona: 2001-2010*.

The following is a brief summary of data reported by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission on sexual assault in Arizona. The full report is available at

<http://www.azcjc.gov/ACJC.Web/Pubs/Home/2013%20ARS%2041-2406%20Report.pdf>

## Findings

The total number of arrests in Arizona involving sexual assault increased from 265 arrests in 2002 to 275 arrests in 2011, which represents an increase of 3.8%. In 2011, 275 individuals were arrested for 544 sexual assault charges. The average number of charges per arrestee increased from 1.7 charges in 2002 to 2.0 charges in 2011. Over the ten-year period, the total number of sexual assault arrest charges increased by 23.1%.

**Table 1. Number of Sexual Assault Arrests from 2002 to 2011**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Sexual assault arrests	265	316	297	316	306	271	280	328	279	275
Sexual assault arrest charges	442	612	509	684	571	537	512	753	646	544
Sexual assault arrest counts that lead to convictions for sexual assault	97	144	112	156	139	171	122	194	179	87

In 2011, 87 of the 544 sexual assault charges led to convictions for the original charge of sexual assault (16%). In 2011, 25 arrest counts (4.6%) led to convictions for sexual abuse (6), aggravated assault (5), child or vulnerable adult abuse (4), sexual conduct with a minor (3), kidnapping (2), unlawful imprisonment, molestation of a child, stalking, a prescription-only drug offense, and a narcotic drug offense.

**Table 2. Number of Sexual Assault Case Disposition in 2010 and 2011**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Case dispositions submitted to ACCH	560	510
Charges dismissed by the Court	286	197
Charges not filed/not referred	85	73
Acquittals/not guilty	12	15
Charges resulting in pleas to other charges	3	1
Charges resulting in conviction**	174	224

\*Sentencing categories are not mutually exclusive.

\*\*Two convictions were reversed and remanded in 2011

**Table 3. Number of Sexual Assault Convictions by Sentence Types in 2010 and 2011**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Fines	16	19
Probation	139	185
Prison or Jail	86	127
Community service	3	1
Restitution	3	1
Suspended sentence	81	96
Other Sentence	56	68
Total Convictions**	174	224

\* Percentages in original report have been changed to raw numbers for continuity of report.

\*\*All overturned and reversed and remanded convictions noted in Table 2 are included in the total convictions count.

## **Limitations**

The data provided to Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was extracted from the Arizona Computerized Criminal History (ACCH) in January 2013; however there was a large amount of case disposition information that was missing. During 2011, 40% of sexual assault related charges were missing disposition information in the ACCH.