

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS REPORT: 2017– 2022

Based on the United States Department of Justice - Annual Survey of Sexual Victimization

This report is provided to satisfy the PREA Standard § 115.387 Data Collection requirements.

The Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) is committed to creating a safe environment and protecting juveniles against sexual victimization. ADJC has zero tolerance for sexual contact of any kind with juveniles, including sexual conduct, assault/abuse, and/or harassment, by juveniles, staff, contractors, volunteers or others. The agency's efforts to prevent such acts include an effective and reliable offender grievance system, comprehensive prevention and awareness training for staff and juveniles that outlines expectations on reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and extensive quality assurance inspections and vulnerability assessments. ADJC also screens juveniles to identify potential victims and perpetrators, ensures services are provided for the victims of such abuse, provides continuous education to employees, contractors, and volunteers, offers a comprehensive PREA orientation to juveniles, and assesses potential environmental factors.

ADJC follows the child abuse reporting requirements in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 13-3620, and is committed to the safety and security of every juvenile in its care. Every allegation that a juvenile has been physically, sexually, or emotionally abused while in ADJC custody is thoroughly investigated. These allegations can come to the attention of ADJC investigators in a variety of ways: reports made by a juvenile(s), juvenile grievance(s), report by a parent or guardian, reports made by an employee, contractor, volunteer and or mentor, or through the Project Zero Tolerance email or phone. The Zero Tolerance contact information is a reporting mechanism available on the agency's website for parents, guardians, and members of the public.

[https://intranet8rpt.azdjc.gov/PortalV3/communications/PREA/zero tolerance.pdf](https://intranet8rpt.azdjc.gov/PortalV3/communications/PREA/zero%20tolerance.pdf)

YEARLY COLLECTION DATA

TARGET YEAR	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
On December 31 st of the target year, how many males were held in the facility?	167	182	194	161	135	120
On December 31 st of the target year, how many females were held in the facility?	13	11	20	21	15	18
On December 31 st of the target year, how many total juveniles were held in the facility?	180	193	214	182	150	138
On December 31 st of the target year, how many persons held in the facility were Age 17 or younger?			206	172	135	113
On December 31 st of the target year, how many persons held in the facility were age 18?			8	10	15	25
Between January 1 st and December 31 st of the target year, how many juveniles were admitted to the facility?	312	274	199	184	110	230

Between January 1 st and December 31 st of the target year, how many non-consensual youth-on-youth sexual acts were reported?	0	0	2	1	0	0
Of those acts, how many were substantiated?	0	0	1	0	0	0
Of those acts, how many were unsubstantiated?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Of those acts, how many were unfounded?	0	0	1	1	0	0
Of those acts, how many are still under investigation?	0	0	0	0	0	0

Between January 1 st and December 31 st of the target year, how many allegations of youth-on-youth abusive sexual contacts were reported?	15	14	14	8	1	2
Of those acts, how many were substantiated?	11	10	12	6	0	2
Of those acts, how many were unsubstantiated?	1	1	1	1	0	0
Of those acts, how many were unfounded?	3	3	1	1	1	0
Of those acts, how many are still under investigation?	0	0	0	0	0	0

TARGET YEAR	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Between January 1 st and December 31 st of the target year, how many allegations of youth-on-youth sexual harassment were reported?	7	4	6	10	4	1
Of those acts, how many were substantiated?	2	2	3	6	3	0
Of those acts, how many were unsubstantiated?	5	1	0	2	1	0
Of those acts, how many were unfounded?	0	1	3	2	0	1
Of those acts, how many are still under investigation?	0	0	0	0	0	0

Between January 1 st and December 31 st of the target year, how many allegations of staff sexual misconduct were reported?	2	1	5	6	4	11
Of those acts, how many were substantiated?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Of those acts, how many were unsubstantiated?	0	1	0	1	0	3
Of those acts, how many were unfounded?	2	0	5	5	4	8
Of those acts, how many are still under investigation?	0	0	0	0	0	0

Between January 1 st and December 31 st of the target year, how many allegations of staff sexual harassment were reported?	0	1	1	1	0	0
Of those acts, how many were substantiated?	0	0	0	0	0	0
Of those acts, how many were unsubstantiated?	0	1	1	0	0	0
Of those acts, how many were unfounded?	0	0	0	1	0	0
Of those acts, how many are still under investigation?	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEFINITIONS:

YOUTH ON YOUTH ABUSIVE SEXUAL ACTS: Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse (*children under the age of 15 cannot legally consent to any sexual activity*);

- AND Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person.
- EXCLUDE incidents in which the contact was incidental to a physical altercation.

YOUTH ON YOUTH NON-CONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS: Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse (*children under the age of 15 cannot legally consent to any sexual activity*);

- AND Sexual contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight;
- OR Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- OR Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

YOUTH ON YOUTH SEXUAL HARASSMENT: Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one youth directed toward another.

STAFF ON YOUTH SEXUAL ASSAULT: Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor or other agency representative (*exclude family, friend or other visitors*). Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and youths are included in this definition. Consensual or nonconsensual sexual acts include:

- Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;
- OR Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts;
- OR Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.

STAFF ON YOUTH SEXUAL HARASSMENT: Repeated verbal statements, comments or gestures of a sexual nature to a youth by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (*exclude family, friends, or other visitors*). Include:

- Demeaning references to gender; or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing;
- OR Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.