



# PIMA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

## REPORT TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS FOR 2009

### COMMUNITY SAFETY



**LAW-ABIDING BEHAVIOR:** Many youth offenses are handled in 'diversion' programs, which give youth an opportunity to resolve their legal issues without being prosecuted in court. These positive programs also give the court an opportunity to intervene early enough in the youth's life to have an impact on their future behavior. For the **3,698** youth who completed a diversion program in 2008, **75.8%** of them had no additional criminal charges within 1 year.

**JUVENILE CRIME:** Youth who are prosecuted and found guilty of delinquent activity in the juvenile system are said to be "adjudicated delinquent" by the court. Table A illustrates the number of youth who were adjudicated delinquent in 2004 through 2009, revealing a downward trend in juvenile crime the last six calendar years. Table B is the percentage of all youth in Pima County who were adjudicated delinquent in 2009 and the previous five years. In 2009, **1.2%** of Pima County youth were adjudicated delinquent. This continued reduction in juvenile crime rate has occurred even though youth population in Pima County has risen **9%** during the same six-year period.

**JUVENILES PROSECUTED AS ADULTS:** Arizona law provides that youth who commit certain very serious crimes may be prosecuted in the adult criminal system. In order to further promote community safety, other youth are transferred to the adult system at the discretion of the County Attorney's (CA) Office or the court. In 2009, **60** youth were prosecuted as adults in Adult Court. Of these, **1** was transferred by the juvenile court. The other **59** went to adult court either automatically or at the discretion of the CA.

**ADULT CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS:** In gauging recidivism, we considered juveniles who previously completed a diversion or probation program at juvenile court and reached age 21 in 2009. Of this population, **90.3%** had no adult criminal convictions in Pima County .

### No Charges Filed for New Criminal Offense

Youth completing diversion in 2008: 3,698  
No new charges within 1 year: 75.8 %

### Delinquent Adjudications per Year

Table A

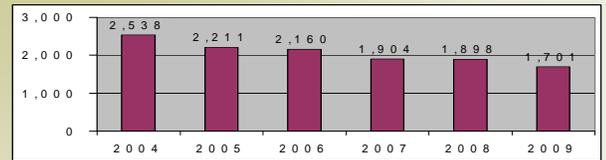
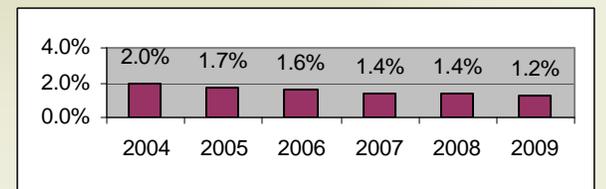
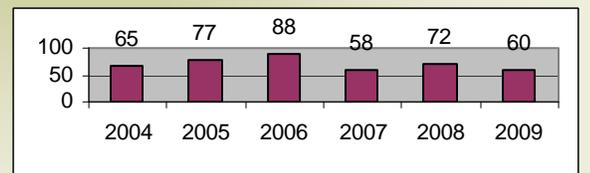


Table B



### Adult Prosecutions per Year

Table C



### Adult Criminal Convictions

Youth with no adult criminal convictions  
by Age 21: 90.3%



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### YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY

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#### FINANCIAL RESTITUTION TO VICTIMS:

In 2009, youth in the juvenile system in Pima County paid financial restitution in the amount of **\$202,797**.

In **cases closed** in 2009, **91%** of the youth paid some of their restitution and **62%** had paid the entire amount by their date of closure. Many youth continue to pay restitution after their case is closed. Some youth reach age 18 before they pay the full amount. Enforceable restitution orders are filed and go into effect at this point.

#### COMMUNITY RESTITUTION WORK:

In 2009, youth repaid the community by performing **53,432 hours** of community restitution work. At minimum wage, these hours equate to a value to the community of **\$387,382**.

Among cases closed in 2009, **69.4%** of youth had completed all their assigned restitution work hours.

#### VICTIM PARTICIPATION:

A victim of a felony crime, or a crime that brought actual or threatened physical harm can choose to be notified by court staff when a youth's case has a major milestone, such as a scheduled hearing, a release from the detention facility, etc. When a victim elects to receive these notifications, it is called "opting in" for victim's rights. In cases that were closed in 2009, there were **1153** total victims eligible to opt in for victim's rights in Pima County. Of these, **72.5%** actually opted in for victim's rights, which allowed them to receive notification of court proceedings in the case. Another service offered to all victims of juvenile crime is the Victim Offender Mediation Program (V.O.M.P.), which allows the victim and the offender to meet with the assistance of a trained mediator. For cases closed in 2009, **2.6%** of victims chose to participate in the V.O.M.P. mediation.

#### Financial Restitution to Victims

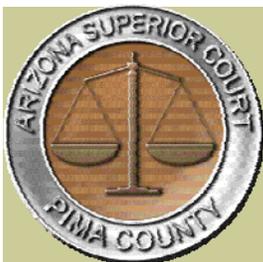
<b>Paid:</b>	<b>\$202,797</b>
<b>Some restitution paid:</b>	<b>90.7%</b>
<b>All restitution paid:</b>	<b>62.1%</b>

#### Community Restitution Work

<b>Hours Worked:</b>	<b>53,432</b>
<b>\$ Value:</b>	<b>\$387,382</b>
<b>All work completed at case closure:</b>	<b>69.4%</b>

#### Victim Participation

<b>Total victims of juvenile crime:</b>	<b>1153</b>
<b>% victims opted In:</b>	<b>72.5%</b>
<b>Participated in victim/offender mediation:</b>	<b>2.6%</b>



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### YOUTH COMPETENCY

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#### DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE:

For cases closed in 2009, **60.8%** of *all* adjudicated youth offenders were found to have not used drugs or alcohol during their term of supervision. When looking only at juveniles who were **adjudicated for crimes involving drugs or alcohol**, we find that **56.4%** of these youth did not use drugs or alcohol during their term of supervision. Some youth have drug problems so serious that they need to attend substance abuse treatment. Of those attending treatment, **67.2%** completed their treatment successfully. After successful treatment, **78.0%** of these youth remained drug- and alcohol-free in the 60 days prior to case closure.

#### EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT:

Almost all youth are ordered to participate in some kind of educational program while being supervised by the court. This might be school, alternative education, vocational training, etc. For those who are *not* ordered to attend school or another educational program, they are often ordered instead to find and maintain employment if they are old enough. In 2009, **74.2%** of youth were involved in some type of educational program. Of those youth ordered to maintain a job, **42.1%** did so. **77.7%** of youth were **either** enrolled in an educational program **or** gainfully employed at the time their cases were closed.

#### Drug & Alcohol Abuse

Adjudicated offenders who tested drug/alcohol-free while on Probation:	60.8%
Drug/alcohol offenders who tested drug/alcohol-free while on Probation:	56.4%
Number ordered into substance abuse treatment:	500
Successfully completed treatment:	67.2%
Treatment participants who tested drug/alcohol-free 60 days prior to case closure:	78.0%

#### Education and Employment

Either in educational program or employed:	77.7 %
Youth in educational program at case closure:	74.2%
Youth employed at case closure:	17.1%