

**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE  
INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE  
2017 - 2018  
PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA**



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# Annual Report on the Investigation of Child Abuse 2017-2018 Pima County, Arizona

According to Statute § 8-817, the Pima County Attorney's Office is responsible for providing an annual report on the investigation of child abuse in the county to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate. In Pima County the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) for Child Abuse Investigation was created to ensure compliance with the protocol by that name. The protocol was developed in 1992-1994 under the leadership of the Pima County Attorney's Office in response to a perceived community need. In 2003 the Arizona State Legislature passed A.R.S. § 8-817 requiring the development of, and adherence to, a multidisciplinary protocol for the investigation of child abuse.

The Pima County Protocols for the Multi-Disciplinary Investigation of Child Abuse include the monitoring of all investigations of **“allegations involving criminal conduct”** defined by A.R.S. § 8-801 to insure that joint investigations are conducted. Statute (§ 8-801) includes the following statutes in its description of child abuse: inflicting or allowing sexual abuse pursuant to section § 13-1404, sexual conduct with a minor pursuant to § 13-1405, sexual assault pursuant to § 13-1406, molestation of a child pursuant to § 13-1410, continuous sexual abuse of a child pursuant to § 13-1417, child prostitution pursuant to § 13-3212, commercial sexual exploitation of a minor pursuant to § 13-3552, sexual exploitation of a minor pursuant to § 13-3553, certain domestic violence offenses that rise to the level of a felony pursuant to § 13-3601, and physical injury pursuant to § 13-3623.

This report is the compilation of information collected from the municipal, county, and state agencies on the number of cases handled and the frequency of joint investigations conducted in Pima County. The report also notes problems identified with the reporting and collection of data.

**Pima County Attorney's Office**

Number of Defendants: 766	Number of Charges: 1749
13-1404: 83 defendants	111 charges
13-1405: 114 defendants	268 charges
13-1406: 114 defendants	228 charges
13-1410: 84 defendants	122 charges
13-1417: 18 defendants	19 charges
13-3212: 3 defendants	5 charges
13-3552: 1 defendant	4 charges
13-3553: 33 defendants	252 charges
13-3601: 168 defendants	288 charges
13-3623: 269 defendants	452 charges

Number of cases presented by Agency:

Counter Narcotics Alliance:	3
Department of Public Safety:	8
Homeland Security:	1
Marana Police:	13
Oro Valley Police:	6
Pascua Law Enforcement:	1
Pima College Police:	1
Pima County Sheriff:	208
Sahuarita Police Department:	15
South Tucson Police Dept:	5
Tohono O'odham Police Dept:	1
Tucson Police Department:	496
University of Arizona PD:	7

Unique Defendant Count by Disposition:

Dismissed With Prejudice:	4
Dismissed Without Prejudice:	96
Guilty-Plea:	319
Guilty-Trial:	27
Not Guilty:	0
Reviewed and Refused:	330
All Defendants:	768
All Charges:	1658