



Arapahoe County Criminal Justice System Quick Facts

The criminal justice system in Arapahoe County is composed of municipal, county and state-level agencies. The municipalities are represented by local police departments, municipal courts and municipal jails. The County is represented by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and Judicial Services. The State is represented through the 18th Judicial District by the Courts, District Attorney, Public Defender and Probation.

Arapahoe County Detention Facility

- The Patrick J. Sullivan, Jr. Detention Facility opened its doors in 1987 and can house 1,192 inmates.
- Sheriff J. Grayson Robinson is the chief law enforcement official in Arapahoe County, overseeing both the Detention Center and the Public Safety Bureau. Bureau Chief David Walcher is responsible for the Detention Center and Court Services. Vincent Sauter is the Captain of the Detention Center.
- The Detention Center is certified by the [American Correctional Association](#) and the [National Commission on Correctional Health Care](#).
- In 2009, there were 17,830 bookings, 17,905 releases and an average daily population of 1,227 inmates. This represents an increase of 79 (+.04 percent) bookings and an increase in the average daily population of 29 inmates (+2 percent) since 2008.
- The Detention Center employs 255 Sheriff's deputies and 145.8 civilian personnel.
- The 2010 budget for the Detention Center is \$37.2 million.

18th Judicial District Courts

- The 18th Judicial District includes Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties.
- The 18th Judicial District in Arapahoe County has 14 district court judges, four county court judges, and 5.5 magistrates located in Centennial. There are three judges in the Aurora County Court, and one judge and 2 magistrates in the Littleton County Court.
- The Chief Judge is William B. Sylvester and the Court Administrator is Laurie McKager
- In fiscal year 2009, the Arapahoe County District Courts had 19,828 total filings, 3,094 criminal filings and 8,720 civil filings. This represents a decrease of 261 (-1 percent) total filings, 44 (-1 percent) criminal filings and 313 civil filings (-4 percent) compared to fiscal year 2008.
- The number of filings for home foreclosures in fiscal year 2009 was 4,978, a decrease of 559 (-10 percent) filings compared to fiscal year 2008.
- In fiscal year 2009, the Littleton County Courts had 31,323 total filings, 19,695 civil filings and 6,107 traffic filings. This represents a decrease of 2,285 (-7 percent) total filings, a decrease of 1,550 civil filings (-7 percent) and a decrease of 545 (-8 percent) traffic filings compared to fiscal year 2008.
- In fiscal year 2009, the Aurora County Courts had 35,412 total filings, 14,800 civil filings, and 11,837 traffic filings. This represents an increase of 54 (+0.2 percent) total

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District Attorney's Office

- The District Attorney's Office prosecutes all state and county criminal violations in the 18th Judicial District. These include all crimes, from traffic offenses up to first degree murder. There are 22 different law enforcement agencies in the District that file cases for prosecution.
- There are three offices in Arapahoe County and one each in Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties.
- The District Attorney is Carol Chambers, who took office in January 2005.
- The District Attorney's Office employs 72 Deputy District Attorneys, 100 support staff and 20 Investigators that are certified peace officers.
- The divisions of the office include appeals, criminal investigations, economic crime unit, felony prosecution, juvenile prosecution, misdemeanor prosecution, special victims unit, victim advocate, victim's compensation and community outreach.
- The Special Victims Unit prosecutes crimes that involve children, the elderly and individuals with physical or mental disabilities.

Judicial Services

- The Judicial Services Division oversees Pretrial Release, Alternative Services/Useful Public Service, and Community Corrections for Arapahoe County.
- The Manager of Judicial Services is Brad Kamby, the Supervisor of Pretrial Release Services is Kim Verdoorn, and the Supervisor of Alternative Services/Useful Public Service is Amy Copley.
- The Pretrial Release program is responsible for interviewing detainees in the jail to assess their risk of failing to appear after release and for supervising defendant's whose cases have not been adjudicated. The program has 7 officers that interviewed 3,239 defendants and supervised an average of 333 clients per month in 2009. Defendants under pretrial supervision attended 3,438 out of 3,590 scheduled court appearances for an overall failure to appear rate of 4.2%
- The Alternative Services/Useful Public Service program provides a meaningful and positive work experience that allows for constructive use of skills and manpower to public service agencies for offenders in lieu of jail time. The program has 6 officers that had 5,164 intakes, 4,981 successful terminations and 582 non-compliant terminations in 2008. A total of 196,459 hours of community service was completed by offenders in 2009, valued at approximately \$4 million dollars.
- In 2009, Judicial Services' Toyland Project donated 5,943 items, made by community service workers, to non-profit and charitable organizations. The kinds of toys include wooden doll cradles, hand puppets, crayon caddies, wooden cars and buses and stuffed lambs
- There are three community corrections facilities (half-way houses) located in Arapahoe County that house transition offenders coming out of prison and diversion offenders that have been sentenced to community corrections instead of prison. The Arapahoe County Community Corrections Board is currently budgeted for 423 beds.

Public Defender's Office

- The Public Defender's Office is responsible for defending all indigent defendants in the 18th Judicial District.
- The Head Public Defender is James O'Connor.

Probation

- The Probation Department is responsible for supervising all offenders sentenced to probation as well as completing pre-sentence investigation reports for the Court. There are many levels of probation that a judge may order, including Intensive Supervision Probation and Sex Offender Intensive Supervision Probation. The Probation Department is a state entity that serves the entire 18th Judicial District, which includes Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert, and Lincoln Counties.
- The Probation Department in the 18th Judicial District took in 5,215 new clients in 2009; terminated 1,227 clients successfully and 997 clients unsuccessfully; and were supervising 6,947 clients on June 30, 2009.
- The Chief Probation Officer is Robin Leaf.

Law Enforcement

There are nine law enforcement agencies in Arapahoe County. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office provides patrol service for unincorporated Arapahoe County, the City of Centennial and the towns of Foxfield, Bennett and Deer Trail.

- [Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office](#)
- [Aurora Police Department](#)
- [Cherry Hills Village Police Department](#)
- [Columbine Valley Police Department](#)
- [Englewood Police Department](#)
- [Glendale Police Department](#)
- [Greenwood Village Police Department](#)
- [Littleton Police Department](#)
- [Sheridan Police Department](#)