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**Domestic Violence Convictions Vary by County**

*New Briefing Series by ASU's Morrison Institute for Public Policy Addresses Criminal Justice Issues*

*Same Rules, Different Results: Arizona Domestic Violence Convictions by County* is the first in Morrison Institute for Public Policy's new briefing series *Criminal Justice Issues for Arizona*. The briefs are designed to provide new insights into the issues facing Arizona's law enforcement, court, and corrections systems.

*Same Rules, Different Results* explores the county-by-county variations in domestic violence (DV) convictions through further analysis of information first presented in Morrison Institute's *Layers of Meaning: Domestic Violence and Law Enforcement Attitudes in Arizona* (released in December 2005).

The data analyzed in *Same Rules, Different Results* were tracked by individuals arrested for DV, arrests of DV that created disposed cases, and DV charges that received a court disposition. The brief further discusses:

- types of DV charges
- conviction rates by county
- misdemeanor and felony distribution
- severity of charge at arrest and conviction
- average time from arrest to dispositions, and
- offender age and gender comparisons.

Morrison Institute for Public Policy is an Arizona State University resource for objective public policy research and analysis. A part of the School of Public Affairs (College of Public Programs), Morrison Institute brings university scholarship and public policy development together for the benefit of all Arizonans.

Domestic violence continues to be a major issue in all Arizona communities. Morrison Institute will pursue further research in this area along with other criminal justice issues through this new series. *Same Rules, Different Results* and *Layers of Meaning* are available at [www.morrisoninstitute.org](http://www.morrisoninstitute.org).

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