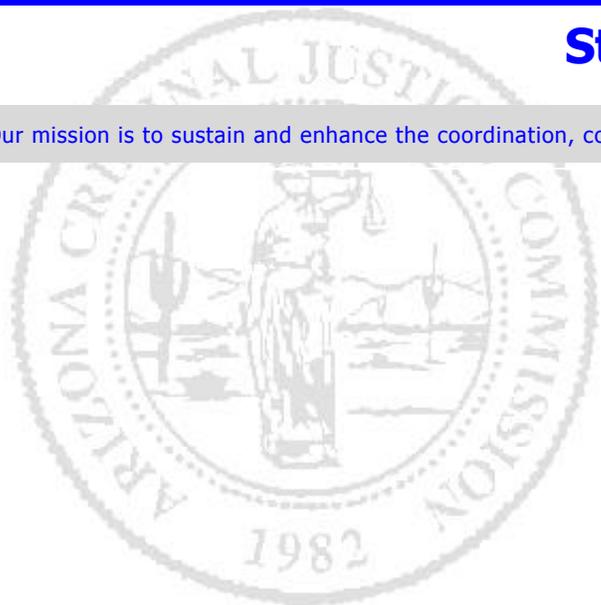


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Executive Summary

During spring 2010, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission's (ACJC) Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) surveyed law enforcement officers in Arizona regarding gangs and gang activity within their respective jurisdictions. The SAC gang threat assessment survey was modeled after the *National Gang Threat Assessment*, conducted by the National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Drug Intelligence Center, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The SAC survey contained questions for law enforcement officials concerning the presence of gangs within their jurisdictions, the level of gang activity, the involvement of gang members in crime and illegal drug distribution, the extent of cross-gang coordination, and law enforcement strategies targeting gang members. The following report provides Maricopa County and statewide results from the 2009 survey administration, including trend data collected during prior administrations of the gang threat assessment survey in 2007 and 2008. Additional state and county reports are available at <http://www.azcjc.gov/ACJC.Web/publications/publications.aspx?ServId=1000>.

Findings

- Gangs were reported to be active in 16 of the 20 law enforcement jurisdictions (80.0 percent) that responded to the survey in 2010. Of the agencies that reported active gangs, 15 agencies provided estimates of the number of gang members in their respective jurisdictions. Together, these agencies estimated a total of 20,768 active gang members within the 15 jurisdictions in Maricopa County.
- More than half (60.0 percent) of the agencies encountering gang activity reported that gangs were expanding their membership and scope of activities. More than half of the agencies reported that gang activity had increased during the six months and the five years prior to taking the survey. When asked about the previous 12 months, more than half of the agencies (57.1 percent) reported gang activity had either stayed the same or decreased.
- Assault/aggravated assault was listed by all agencies in Maricopa County as the primary crime being committed by gangs, followed by burglary (62.5 percent) and drug sales (50.0 percent).
- More than 40 percent of responding agencies reported that gangs had a high level of involvement in the distribution of marijuana and 31.3 percent reported a high level of gang involvement in the distribution of methamphetamine.
- When asked about gang intervention strategies, law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County identified enforcement and identification of gang members as the most effective strategies when responding to gangs and gang activity in their jurisdictions. The least implemented strategies among the agency respondents were school programming and community-based gang programming.

Introduction

During spring 2010, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission's Statistical Analysis Center surveyed law enforcement officers in Arizona regarding their perceptions and experiences with gangs, gang members, and gang activity within their respective jurisdictions. This report examines and summarizes the results from the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment* and fulfills ACJC's statutory requirement to conduct an annual survey that measures the prevalence of gang activity in Arizona using available monies per Arizona Revised Statute §41-2416. Although no funds were specifically appropriated to carry out the Arizona Gang Threat Assessment, effectively addressing gangs and gang activity presented a significant challenge to Arizona's law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system. For this reason, ACJC continues to collect and share information on gangs and gang activity using existing resources.

Research Methods

Since 1990, ACJC has administered a gang survey to state, county, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies throughout Arizona. In 2007, the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment* replaced the original *Arizona Gang Survey* because of feedback from the law enforcement community in Arizona requesting a more in-depth analysis of current threats posed by gangs. The *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment* was modeled after the *National Gang Threat Assessment*. The national assessment is a project of the National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Drug Intelligence Center and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The first national assessment was conducted in 2005 with surveys being sent out to hundreds of gang investigators across the nation.

Twenty-two law enforcement agencies throughout Maricopa County received the *Arizona Gang Threat Assessment*, which asked a series of questions about gangs and gang activity within their respective jurisdictions during 2009. The survey was designed to gather information on gangs, gang members, gang activity, and other pertinent information to better understand the threat gangs pose to public safety. Of the 22 surveys distributed to law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County, 20 (90.9 percent) agencies returned a survey to the SAC.

Gangs in Maricopa County and Arizona

Total Gang Membership

Of the 20 agencies that responded to SAC's request for information on gangs and gang activity in Maricopa County, 80.0 percent (16 agencies) reported the presence of gangs and gang activity in their respective jurisdictions. This is a decrease from the 18 agencies that reported gangs in their jurisdictions during 2008 (Table 1). Of the 16 agencies that reported gangs within their jurisdictions, 15 of the agencies estimated that 20,768 active gang members were present across their jurisdictions. One agency reporting gang activity was not able to provide an estimated number of gang members within its jurisdiction. Thus, the number of gang members reported is a conservative estimate of the total number of gang members in Maricopa County. Other potential causes for the underestimation in the total number of gang members throughout the county include the inability of the remaining agency to provide estimates, other agencies not responding to the survey at all, and the likelihood that some gang members have not yet come to the attention of law enforcement.

Table 1: Number of Law Enforcement Agencies that Reported Gangs, 2007-2009								
	2007		2008		2009		2009 Arizona	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Yes	17	81.0%	18	81.8%	16	80.0%	59	75.6%
No	4	19.0%	4	18.2%	4	20.0%	19	24.4%
Unsure/Don't know	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Level of Gang Activity Over Time

Agencies that reported gangs or gang members in their respective jurisdictions were asked to rate the level of gang activity and whether gang membership and gang activities were expanding. When

Table 2: Percentage of Jurisdictions Reporting Gangs Expanding their Scope of Activities (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)				
	2007	2008	2009	2009 Arizona
Yes	70.6%	76.5%	60.0%	50.0%
No	29.4%	17.6%	40.0%	46.4%
Unsure/Don't Know	0.0%	5.9%	0.0%	3.6%
Total Responses	17	17	15	56

asked whether gangs in the area were expanding in membership and scope of activities, 60 percent of the Maricopa County agencies reporting a gang presence responded that gangs within their respective jurisdictions were expanding their membership

and scope of activities, compared to half of the agencies reporting expanded gang activities at the state level (Table 2). This is a decrease from 76.5 percent of the agencies reporting expansion during 2008.

When given the opportunity to provide further explanation of their responses, many agencies with expanding gang membership and activity reported that gangs were becoming more involved in identity theft and fraud.

When considering the six months prior to the 2009 assessment, more than half of the agencies with a gang presence reported that gang activity had increased slightly or significantly (Figure 1). Slightly more than 14 percent of agencies reported that gang activity had increased significantly over the

preceding 12 months and 28.6 percent reported that activity increased slightly. When asked to assess the level of gang activity over the past five years, 15.4 percent reported that activity had increased significantly and an additional 46.2 percent reported that activity had increased slightly over the past five years.

Figure 1

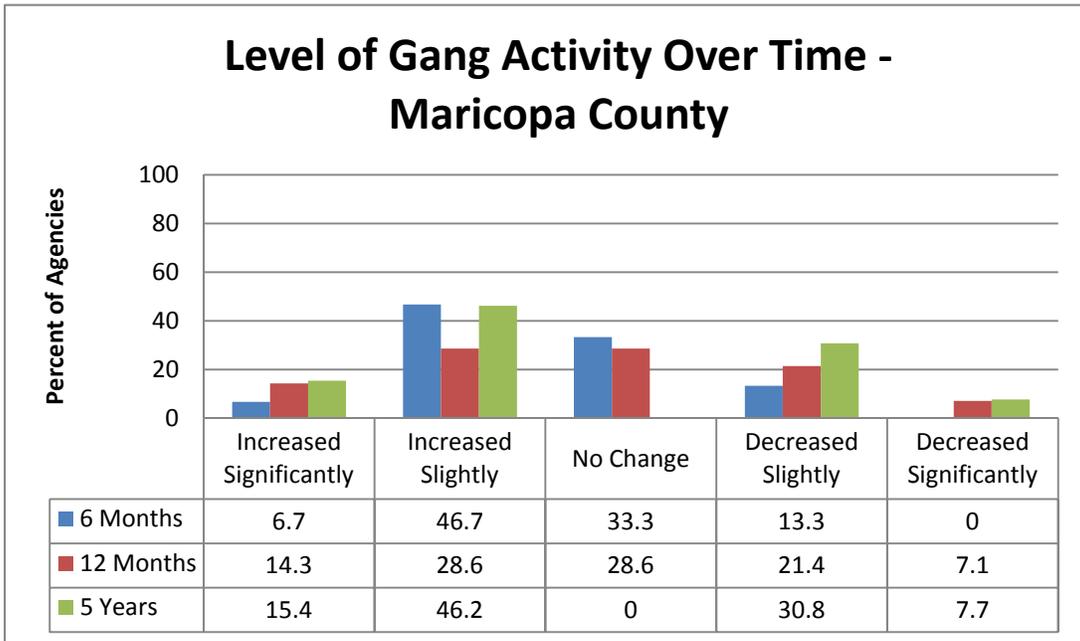
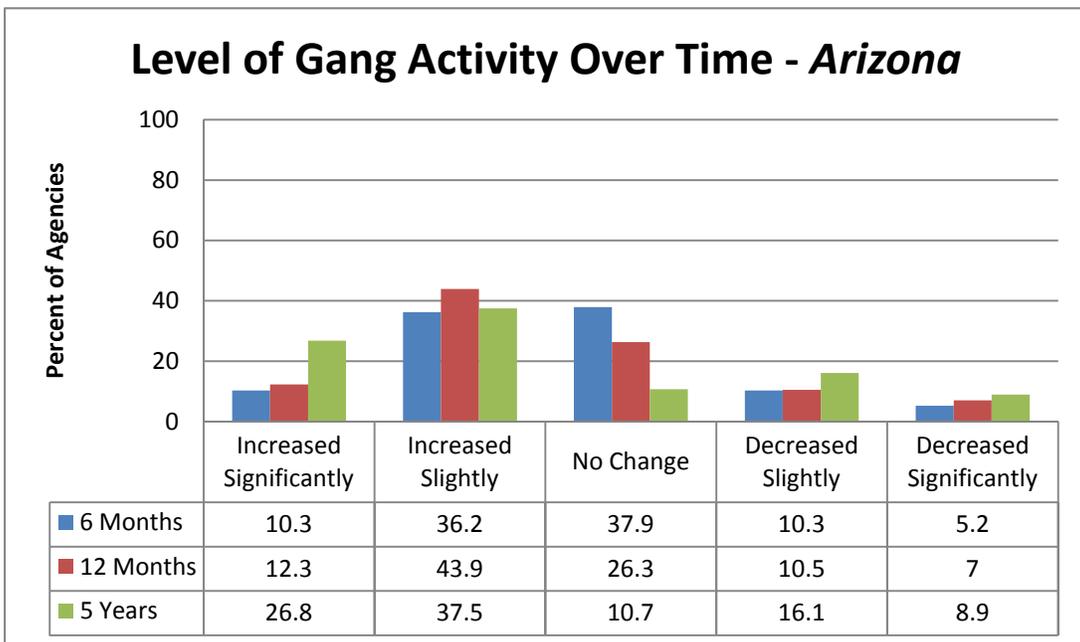


Figure 2



Gang Involvement in Crimes and Drugs

**Table 3: Primary Crimes Committed by Gangs
(Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)**

Crime	Maricopa County		Arizona	
	Number of Agencies	Percent of Agencies	Number of Agencies	Percent of Agencies
Assault/Aggravated Assault	16	100.0%	43	78.2%
Burglary	10	62.5%	23	41.8%
Drug Sales	8	50.0%	13	23.6%
Robbery/Armed Robbery	5	31.3%	9	16.4%
Threatening and Intimidation	5	31.3%	13	23.6%
Criminal Damage	4	25.0%	17	30.9%
Drive-by Shootings	4	25.0%	8	14.5%
Drug Offenses	3	18.8%	15	27.3%
Fraud/Identity Theft	3	18.8%	5	9.1%
Theft	3	18.8%	10	18.2%
Vandalism/Graffiti/Tagging	3	18.8%	13	23.6%
Alcohol Crimes/Minor in Consumption/DUI	2	12.5%	3	5.5%
Drug Possession	2	12.5%	4	7.3%
Homicide	2	12.5%	4	7.3%
Auto Theft	1	6.3%	7	12.7%
Kidnapping	1	6.3%	1	1.8%
Money Laundering	1	6.3%	1	1.8%
Property Crimes	1	6.3%	3	5.5%
Public Disorder Crimes	1	6.3%	1	1.8%
Shoplifting	1	6.3%	1	1.8%
Trafficking of Stolen Property	1	6.3%	1	1.8%
Number of Agencies Responding	16		55	

Agencies were also asked to report the primary crimes committed by gangs within their respective jurisdictions (Table 3). This question was open-ended, and respondents were asked to list the crimes that were being committed by gangs in their jurisdictions with no limit to the number and types of crimes they could

report. Table 3 also provides the number of agencies at the state level who reported the same crimes identified by law enforcement in Maricopa County.

All 16 agencies reported assault/aggravated assault as a primary crime being committed by gangs, followed by burglary (62.5 percent), drug sales (50.0 percent), robbery/armed robbery (31.3 percent), threatening and intimidation (31.3 percent), criminal damage (25.0 percent), and drive-by shootings (25.0 percent). Additionally, 18.8 percent of agencies reported drug offenses, fraud/identity theft, theft, and vandalism/graffiti/tagging as primary crimes being committed by gangs in their jurisdictions.

Agencies also rated the level of gang involvement within their jurisdictions for 15 specific crime categories. Agencies ranked the level of gang involvement for each type of crime based on the following five categories: high, moderate, low, none, and unknown gang involvement. This categorical question provides consistent measurement over time for the level of gang involvement across a predetermined set of violent and property crimes.

The crime type with the largest percentage of agencies in Maricopa County reporting a high level of gang involvement during 2009 was vandalism/graffiti/tagging (62.5 percent), followed by fraud (33.3 percent), burglary (31.3 percent), and identity theft (31.3 percent) (Table 4). While the previous table revealed that all agencies reported assault as the primary crime committed by gangs, Table 4

shows that only 25.0 percent of agencies reported that gangs had a high level of involvement in felonious assaults. This difference between the assault categories is likely attributed to the variation in definitions for "assault/aggravated assault" and "felonious assault."

Table 4: Level of Gang Involvement in Crime (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)						
	Year	High	Moderate	Low	None	Unknown
Vandalism/Graffiti/Tagging	2007	52.9%	41.2%	5.9%	-	-
	2008	61.1%	33.3%	5.6%	-	-
	2009	62.5%	37.5%	-	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>57.1%</i>	<i>28.6%</i>	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5.4%</i>
Fraud	2007	5.9%	23.5%	41.2%	17.6%	11.8%
	2008	5.9%	11.8%	23.5%	35.3%	23.5%
	2009	33.3%	20.0%	26.7%	13.3%	6.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>13.0%</i>	<i>14.8%</i>	<i>27.8%</i>	<i>20.4%</i>	<i>24.1%</i>
Burglary	2007	23.5%	58.8%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%
	2008	5.6%	61.1%	27.8%	-	5.6%
	2009	31.3%	50.0%	12.5%	6.3%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>22.4%</i>	<i>41.4%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>10.3%</i>
Identity Theft	2007	23.5%	23.5%	23.5%	17.6%	11.8%
	2008	16.7%	16.7%	33.3%	27.8%	5.6%
	2009	31.3%	31.3%	18.8%	12.5%	6.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>
Auto Theft	2007	35.3%	35.3%	17.6%	5.9%	5.9%
	2008	22.2%	33.3%	33.3%	5.6%	5.6%
	2009	25.0%	37.5%	18.8%	6.3%	12.5%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.1%</i>	<i>39.7%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>8.6%</i>
Felonious Assault	2007	17.6%	52.9%	23.5%	5.9%	-
	2008	29.4%	35.3%	23.5%	5.9%	5.9%
	2009	25.0%	43.8%	25.0%	6.3%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>17.5%</i>	<i>35.1%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>
Intimidation/Extortion	2007	11.8%	47.1%	23.5%	5.9%	11.8%
	2008	22.2%	22.2%	27.8%	11.1%	16.7%
	2009	25.0%	12.5%	31.3%	-	31.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>15.5%</i>	<i>31.0%</i>	<i>31.0%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>
Robbery	2007	17.6%	29.4%	35.3%	11.8%	5.9%
	2008	33.3%	16.7%	44.4%	5.6%	-
	2009	25.0%	37.5%	31.3%	6.3%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.1%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>12.1%</i>
Firearms Trafficking	2007	11.8%	17.6%	52.9%	5.9%	11.8%
	2008	5.6%	11.1%	38.9%	22.2%	22.2%
	2009	13.3%	13.3%	33.3%	26.7%	13.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>	<i>24.6%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>
Murder	2007	11.8%	11.8%	58.8%	17.6%	-
	2008	11.1%	16.7%	27.8%	27.8%	16.7%
	2009	13.3%	6.7%	33.3%	40.0%	6.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>14.3%</i>	<i>28.6%</i>	<i>44.6%</i>	<i>8.9%</i>
Kidnapping	2007	-	5.9%	70.6%	23.5%	-
	2008	5.6%	11.1%	16.7%	61.1%	5.6%
	2009	12.5%	6.3%	31.3%	31.3%	18.8%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>42.1%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>
Sexual Assault/Rape	2007	-	-	70.6%	17.6%	11.8%
	2008	-	22.2%	11.1%	55.6%	11.1%
	2009	6.7%	6.7%	26.7%	40.0%	20.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>36.8%</i>	<i>24.6%</i>

Prostitution	2007	-	11.8%	29.4%	29.4%	29.4%
	2008	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	61.1%	22.2%
	2009	-	18.8%	6.3%	56.3%	18.8%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>40.4%</i>	<i>38.6%</i>
Arson	2007	-	-	35.3%	35.3%	29.4%
	2008	-	-	16.7%	61.1%	22.2%
	2009	-	12.5%	6.3%	56.3%	25.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.4%</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>46.6%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>
Human Trafficking	2007	-	6.3%	31.3%	18.8%	43.8%
	2008	-	5.6%	16.7%	44.4%	33.3%
	2009	-	12.5%	25.0%	25.0%	37.5%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>17.5%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>

In addition to the level of gang involvement by crime type, agencies were asked to rate the level of gang involvement in the distribution of various illegal drugs. In Maricopa County, 31.3 percent of agencies reported that gangs had a high level of involvement in street drug sales and 12.5 percent reported a high level of involvement in the wholesale of drugs (Table 5). The greatest percentage of responding agencies reported a high level of gang involvement in the distribution of marijuana (43.8 percent), similar to the overall state results (44.8 percent).

Table 5: Gang Involvement in the Distribution of Drugs (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)						
		High	Moderate	Low	None	Unknown
Drugs – Street Sales	2007	29.4%	41.2%	29.4%	-	-
	2008	11.1%	50.0%	22.2%	-	16.7%
	2009	31.3%	37.5%	31.3%	-	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>36.2%</i>	<i>27.6%</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>6.9%</i>
Drugs – Wholesale	2007	17.6%	11.8%	52.9%	5.9%	11.8%
	2008	11.1%	11.1%	27.8%	27.8%	22.2%
	2009	12.5%	18.8%	31.3%	6.3%	31.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>31.0%</i>	<i>8.6%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>
Drugs – Manufacture	2007	5.9%	-	47.1%	23.5%	23.5%
	2008	5.6%	5.6%	16.7%	38.9%	33.3%
	2009	-	18.8%	25.0%	25.0%	31.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>36.8%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>
Marijuana Grows	2007	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2008	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2009	-	12.5%	37.5%	25.0%	25.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5.2%</i>	<i>41.4%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>
Marijuana	2007	41.2%	41.2%	17.6%	-	-
	2008	38.9%	27.8%	22.2%	5.6%	5.6%
	2009	43.8%	37.5%	-	6.3%	12.5%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>44.8%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>	<i>3.4%</i>	<i>6.9%</i>
Methamphetamine	2007	29.4%	41.2%	29.4%	-	-
	2008	27.8%	27.8%	27.8%	-	16.7%
	2009	31.3%	43.8%	6.3%	12.5%	6.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>36.8%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>
Heroin	2007	11.8%	35.3%	29.4%	5.9%	17.6%
	2008	5.6%	27.8%	27.8%	11.1%	27.8%
	2009	25.0%	31.3%	-	25.0%	18.8%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>24.1%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>17.2%</i>

Crack Cocaine	2007	11.8%	17.6%	52.9%	5.9%	11.8%
	2008	16.7%	16.7%	38.9%	11.1%	16.7%
	2009	6.3%	18.8%	43.8%	31.3%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>12.1%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>
Pharmaceuticals	2007	5.9%	5.9%	47.1%	17.6%	23.5%
	2008	-	5.9%	5.9%	35.3%	52.9%
	2009	6.3%	25.0%	18.8%	18.8%	31.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>24.1%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>
Powdered Cocaine	2007	-	18.8%	68.8%	6.3%	6.3%
	2008	5.6%	16.7%	50.0%	11.1%	16.7%
	2009	6.3%	18.8%	37.5%	25.0%	12.5%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>6.9%</i>	<i>13.8%</i>	<i>43.1%</i>	<i>20.7%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>
MDMA (Ecstasy) and analogs	2007	5.9%	-	58.8%	11.8%	23.5%
	2008	5.6%	11.1%	16.7%	27.8%	38.9%
	2009	-	12.5%	31.3%	31.3%	25.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>17.2%</i>	<i>27.6%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>25.9%</i>

Level of Activity by Gang

Law enforcement agencies reported the level of activity within their respective jurisdictions for 26 specific gangs. The list of gangs in the Arizona Gang Threat Assessment was selected based on the gangs listed in the National Gang Threat Assessment, allowing for a state and national comparison.

According to the responses from agencies with a gang presence in 2009, 12 of the 26 gangs listed were identified by at least one agency as having high levels of activity in their jurisdiction (Table 6). The most prevalent gangs reportedly having high levels of activity in 2009 were the Hispanic Sureños/SUR 13 with a presence in 43.8 percent of jurisdictions dealing with gang activity, Mexican Mafia/La Eme (25.0 percent), Aryan Brotherhood (18.8 percent), and the Skinheads (18.8 percent).

Table 6: Level of Activity by Gang (Of the Jurisdictions Reporting Gang Activity)						
	Year	High	Moderate	Low	Not Applicable	Unknown
Hispanic Sureños (SUR 13)	2007	41.2%	17.6%	17.6%	23.5%	-
	2008	27.8%	38.9%	27.8%	5.6%	-
	2009	43.8%	31.3%	18.8%	-	6.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>24.6%</i>	<i>33.3%</i>	<i>24.6%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>
Mexican Mafia/La Eme	2007	17.6%	11.8%	52.9%	11.8%	5.9%
	2008	22.2%	22.2%	38.9%	11.1%	5.6%
	2009	25.0%	12.5%	43.8%	12.5%	6.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>12.3%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>38.6%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Aryan Brotherhood	2007	Not Included in 2007 Survey				
	2008	11.1%	11.1%	38.9%	38.9%	-
	2009	18.8%	18.8%	50.0%	12.5%	-
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>45.6%</i>	<i>22.8%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
Skinheads	2007	5.9%	17.6%	41.2%	35.3%	-
	2008	11.1%	11.1%	44.4%	33.3%	-
	2009	18.8%	18.8%	37.5%	18.8%	6.3%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>42.1%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>
Crips (all sets)	2007	23.5%	29.4%	29.4%	17.6%	-
	2008	16.7%	27.8%	44.4%	5.6%	5.6%
	2009	12.5%	43.8%	31.3%	-	12.5%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>

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Neighborhood-based Drug Trafficking Groups/Crews	2007	17.6%	11.8%	23.5%	35.3%	11.8%
	2008	16.7%	22.2%	33.3%	27.8%	-
	2009	12.5%	31.3%	25.0%	25.0%	6.3%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>8.6%</i>	<i>29.3%</i>	<i>22.4%</i>	<i>32.8%</i>
Black Gangster Disciples	2007	11.8%	-	23.5%	52.9%	11.8%
	2008	-	5.6%	33.3%	61.1%	-
	2009	6.3%	-	25.0%	62.5%	6.3%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>70.2%</i>
Bloods (all sets)	2007	17.6%	23.5%	47.1%	11.8%	-
	2008	22.2%	11.1%	44.4%	22.2%	-
	2009	6.3%	31.3%	50.0%	-	12.5%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>33.3%</i>	<i>26.3%</i>
Gangster Disciples	2007	5.9%	-	35.3%	41.2%	17.6%
	2008	-	5.6%	44.4%	50.0%	-
	2009	6.3%	-	31.3%	56.3%	6.3%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>	<i>64.9%</i>
Hells Angels OMG	2007	11.8%	11.8%	35.3%	41.2%	-
	2008	-	27.8%	27.8%	38.9%	5.6%
	2009	6.3%	31.3%	25.0%	25.0%	12.5%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>29.8%</i>	<i>29.8%</i>
Hispanic Norteños (14)	2007	5.9%	11.8%	35.3%	47.1%	-
	2008	5.6%	11.1%	38.9%	38.9%	5.6%
	2009	6.3%	12.5%	56.3%	18.8%	6.3%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>40.4%</i>	<i>38.6%</i>
La Nuestra Familia	2007	-	-	5.9%	76.5%	17.6%
	2008	-	-	5.9%	76.5%	17.6%
	2009	6.3%	6.3%	12.5%	56.3%	18.8%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>64.9%</i>
18 th Street Gang	2007	-	5.9%	35.3%	47.1%	11.8%
	2008	-	-	27.8%	66.7%	5.6%
	2009	-	6.3%	31.3%	43.8%	18.8%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>28.1%</i>	<i>59.6%</i>
Bandidos OMG	2007	-	-	-	88.2%	11.8%
	2008	-	-	11.1%	83.3%	5.6%
	2009	-	6.3%	12.5%	68.8%	12.5%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>	<i>66.7%</i>
Border Brothers	2007	-	5.9%	29.4%	64.7%	-
	2008	-	11.1%	22.2%	50.0%	16.7%
	2009	-	6.3%	18.8%	62.5%	12.5%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>28.6%</i>	<i>57.1%</i>
Latin Kings	2007	-	5.9%	47.1%	41.2%	5.9%
	2008	-	-	50.0%	44.4%	5.6%
	2009	-	6.3%	43.8%	37.5%	12.5%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>31.6%</i>	<i>54.4%</i>
Outlaws OMG	2007	-	-	5.9%	82.4%	11.8%
	2008	-	-	16.7%	72.2%	11.1%
	2009	-	6.3%	12.5%	68.8%	12.5%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3.6%</i>	<i>12.5%</i>	<i>69.6%</i>
UBN	2007	-	-	6.7%	66.7%	26.7%
	2008	-	-	6.3%	56.3%	37.5%
	2009	-	6.3%	18.8%	37.5%	37.5%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>66.1%</i>
Vice Lords	2007	-	-	11.8%	76.5%	11.8%
	2008	-	-	22.2%	61.1%	16.7%
	2009	-	6.3%	12.5%	56.3%	25.0%
	<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>10.5%</i>	<i>68.4%</i>

Asian Gangs (all sets)	2007	-	-	23.5%	70.6%	5.9%
	2008	-	-	11.1%	66.7%	22.2%
	2009	-	-	33.3%	40.0%	26.7%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>12.5%</i>	<i>66.1%</i>	<i>21.4%</i>
Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13)	2007	-	-	41.2%	47.1%	11.8%
	2008	-	5.6%	33.3%	55.6%	5.6%
	2009	-	-	25.0%	62.5%	12.5%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>42.1%</i>	<i>40.4%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
La Raza	2007	-	-	11.8%	70.6%	17.6%
	2008	-	-	17.6%	70.6%	11.8%
	2009	-	-	18.8%	68.8%	12.5%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>14.0%</i>	<i>73.7%</i>	<i>12.3%</i>
Almighty P Stone Nation	2007	-	-	11.8%	76.5%	11.8%
	2008	-	-	5.6%	94.4%	-
	2009	-	-	12.5%	75.0%	12.5%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>7.0%</i>	<i>75.4%</i>	<i>17.5%</i>
Pagans OMG	2007	-	-	5.9%	82.4%	11.8%
	2008	-	-	5.9%	94.1%	-
	2009	-	-	12.5%	75.0%	12.5%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>8.9%</i>	<i>78.6%</i>	<i>12.5%</i>
Mexikanemi (Texas Mexican Mafia)	2007	-	-	11.8%	82.4%	5.9%
	2008	-	-	-	88.9%	11.1%
	2009	-	-	6.3%	75.0%	18.8%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>78.6%</i>	<i>19.6%</i>
Texas Syndicate	2007	-	-	5.9%	88.2%	5.9%
	2008	-	-	-	88.9%	11.1%
	2009	-	-	6.3%	68.8%	25.0%
<i>Arizona</i>	<i>2009</i>	-	-	<i>3.5%</i>	<i>75.4%</i>	<i>21.1%</i>

Level of Gang Coordination

The survey also contained questions regarding gangs coordinating their activity with other gangs. Three-fourths of the responding agencies with a gang presence reported that gangs were coordinating with other gangs within their respective jurisdictions (Table 7). Agency responses indicated that gangs were coordinating with other gangs to deal drugs and commit property crimes. In addition, multiple agencies reported coordination between rival gangs in jails and prison.

	2007	2008	2009	2009 Arizona
Yes	52.9%	70.6%	75.0%	44.6%
No	29.4%	29.4%	25.0%	42.9%
Unsure/Don't Know	17.6%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%
Total Responses	17	17	12	56

Most Effective Gang Responses

Agency respondents provided information pertaining to which strategies have been the most effective in their respective jurisdictions when responding to gangs. Prior to 2009, agencies were asked to simply list any strategies that were effective within their jurisdictions. In an effort to standardize the responses, researchers changed the question in the 2009 Arizona Gang Threat Assessment by instructing agency representatives to select from a number of response categories. The new response categories provide a range of activities that may not have been previously considered by

the respondents during prior survey administrations. For this reason, the change in the structure of the question is a likely explanation for the large increases in some categories of interdiction, intervention, and suppression strategies.

Enforcement and identification of gang members were the strategies identified by the largest percentage of agencies as effective gang responses within their jurisdictions (Table 8). This data is consistent with what was reported across the state.

Table 8: Effective Gang Interdiction, Intervention, or Suppression Strategies

	2007		2008		2009		2009 Arizona	
	Number of Agencies	Percent of Agencies						
Enforcement	8	47.1%	8	44.4%	12	75.0%	46	78.0%
Identification of Gang Members	3	17.6%	3	16.7%	12	75.0%	39	66.1%
Law Enforcement Gang Units	0	0.0%	1	5.6%	11	68.8%	19	32.2%
Gang Crime/Intelligence Data Analyses	4	23.5%	5	27.8%	9	56.3%	22	37.3%
Joint Efforts with Other Agencies	1	5.9%	4	22.2%	9	56.3%	29	49.2%
Special Prosecution Programs	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	50.0%	13	22.0%
GIITEM	2	11.8%	1	5.6%	7	43.8%	34	57.6%
School Programs	4	23.5%	2	11.1%	3	18.8%	17	28.8%
Community Programs	2	11.8%	5	27.8%	1	6.3%	8	13.6%

Task Force Participation

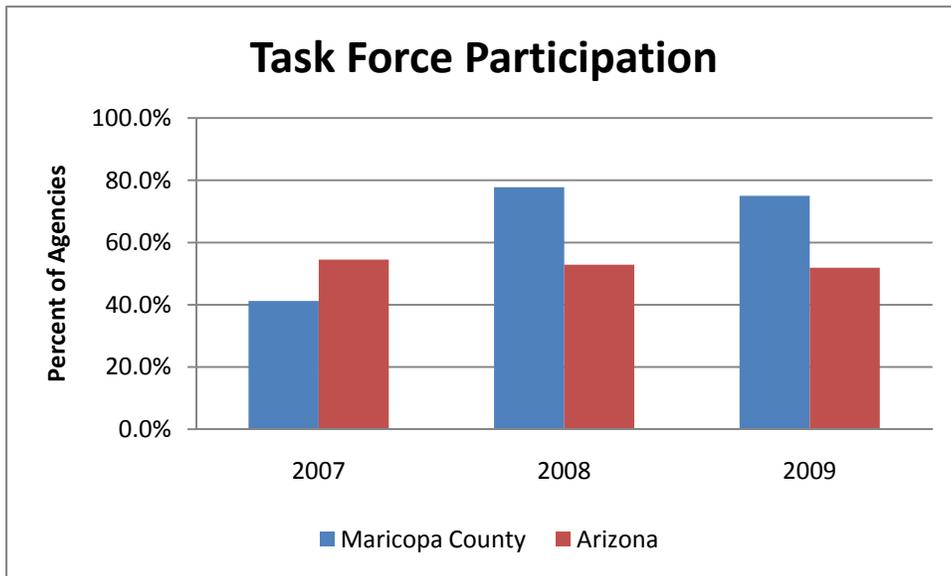
Under the direction of the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Gang Intelligence and Immigration Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) assists criminal justice agencies statewide with multi-agency collaboration for criminal gang enforcement and investigative strategies. GIITEM brings together law enforcement agencies from federal, state, county, municipal, and tribal jurisdictions in a coordinated, intelligence-driven approach to suppress gang presence on a large scale.

In 2006, after several years of declining resources and downsizing operations resulting from state revenue shortfalls, DPS received funding to revitalize GIITEM and enhance its mission to include combating illegal immigration and human smuggling. More specifically, GIITEM is charged with:

- 1) Deterring criminal gang activity through investigations, arrest and prosecution;
- 2) Dismantling gang-related criminal enterprises;
- 3) Deterring border-related crimes;
- 4) Disrupting human smuggling organizations;
- 5) Collecting, analyzing and disseminating gang and illegal immigration intelligence; and
- 6) Providing anti-gang awareness training to communities and schools.

In the 2007 and 2008 Arizona Gang Threat Assessment, agencies were asked if they *participate* or *lead* a multi-agency task force. In 2009, agencies were only asked if they *participate* in a multi-agency gang task force. Three-fourths of agencies in Maricopa County that responded to the survey reported that they participated in a multi-agency task force, which was a slight decline from previous years (Figure 3). Agencies reported participating in GIITEM, the Fusion Center, and the East Valley Gang Task Force.

Figure 3



Conclusion

Gang activity continues to negatively affect many law enforcement jurisdictions in Maricopa County and throughout Arizona. Several agencies reported significant gang involvement in crime and drug distribution within their respective jurisdictions during 2009. Law enforcement agencies continue to report a high level of gang involvement in the distribution of marijuana and methamphetamine, similar to what was reported in 2007 and 2008. Law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County also cited gang involvement in assault/aggravated assault, burglary, drug sales, robbery/armed robbery and threatening/intimidation as major concerns within their jurisdictions.

The most active gangs identified by Maricopa County law enforcement agencies were the Hispanic Sureños/SUR 13, Mexican Mafia/La Eme, Aryan Brotherhood, and the Skinheads. Other gangs reported as having high levels of activity include the Crips, neighborhood-based drug trafficking groups/crews, Black Gangster Disciples, Bloods, Gangster Disciples, Hells Angels OMG, Hispanic Norteños (14), and La Nuestra Familia.

Over the past three years, law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County have reported increases in the problems associated with gangs in their jurisdictions. While the percentage of agencies reporting gangs and gang activity has remained relatively unchanged, gang involvement in many types of crimes have increased since 2007. A larger percentage of agencies reported high levels of gang involvement in vandalism/graffiti/tagging, fraud, burglary, identity theft, and auto theft. Although a lower percentage of agencies reported that gangs are expanding their membership and numbers in 2009, many agencies reported that gang coordination with other gangs in their jurisdiction has increased.

The data collected from local law enforcement agencies illustrates what many working in the criminal justice system already know: Maricopa County communities, communities across the state, and the law enforcement agencies that serve these communities continue to face a significant gang problem. Through the research work of the SAC, ACJC intends for the Maricopa County gang profile and the state gang report to inform policy makers, practitioners, and other stakeholders on gangs and gang activity both at the state and county level.