

**Web Tool:**

# PROBATION LANDSCAPE

Approximately 3.75 million U.S. residents are under some form of community supervision, 79 percent of whom are serving a term of probation. Responsibility for this population varies by state, according to authority granted by state statute. NACo's Probation Landscape Web Tool is a first-of-its-kind resource that maps and categorizes operational authority of probation and provides examples of policies and practices counties are using to improve outcomes for this population.

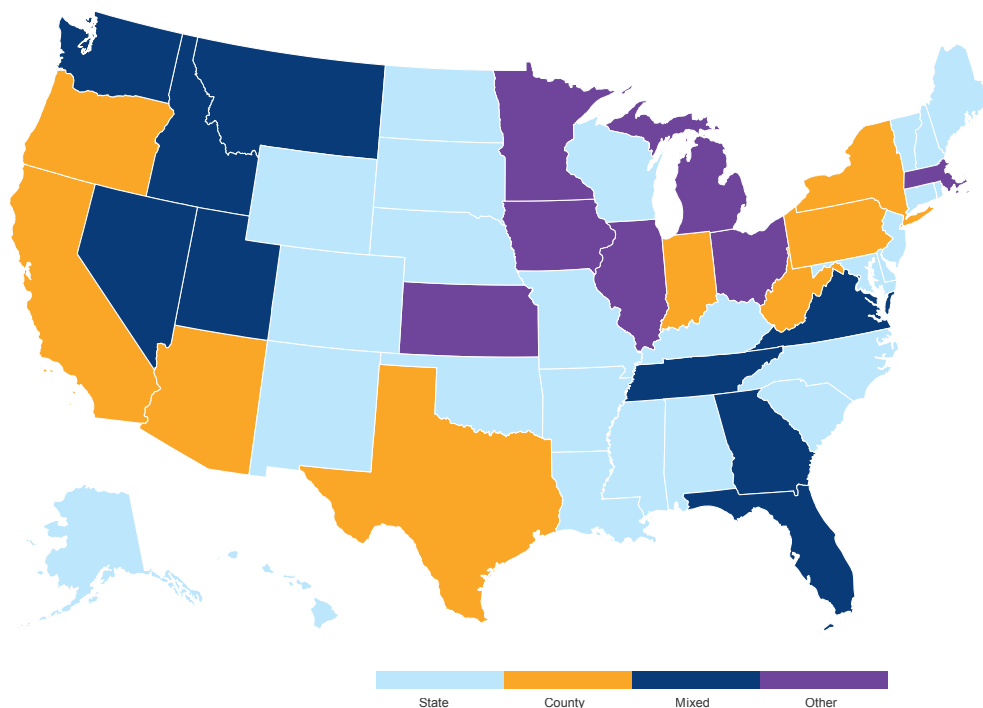
## Category Key

**State:** Probation/community supervision is operated or managed at the state level.

**County:** Probation/community supervision is operated or managed at the county level.

**Mixed:** Probation/community supervision is operated under a mixed-responsibility management system; generally, the state manages felony supervision and counties manage misdemeanor supervision.

**Other:** Probation/community supervision is operated under a model not accurately represented by the previous categories. For example, a state may have probation that is managed by judicial districts or multi-county regions.



## Policy Considerations

In 2020, The Pew Charitable Trusts and Arnold Ventures convened an expert advisory council to assess the evidence and published a seven-part policy framework of best practices for strengthening community supervision. The Probation Landscape Web Tool provides an overview of the policy framework with examples of implementation at the county or state level. County leaders can use the examples as models of the various policies or practices for consideration in their own jurisdiction.



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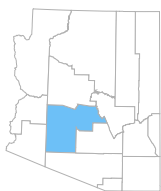
## Community Supervision Policy Objectives

- » Enact Alternatives To Arrest, Incarceration, And Supervision
- » Implement Evidence-Based Policies Centered On Risks And Needs
- » Develop Individualized Conditions For Payment Of Legal Financial Obligations
- » Adopt Shorter Supervision Sentences And Focus On Goals And Incentives
- » Reduce Use Of And Pathways To Incarceration
- » Establish Effective And Appropriate Supervision Conditions
- » Support Community Supervision Agencies

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### Excerpt from Policy Consideration Table

Visit the web tool page to view the full table



**Maricopa County**  
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#### OBJECTIVE

Implement evidence-based policies centered on risks and needs.

#### SUMMARY

The Maricopa County Probation Department's Justice-Involved Women Initiative aims to reduce recidivism by providing resources and assistance for female-centric needs to justice-involved women. The Initiative collaborates with treatment providers and community partners to offer gender-specific resources. Additionally, the department utilizes the Women's Risk Need Assessment used to develop gender-specific supervision plans.



**Marin County**  
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#### OBJECTIVE

Develop individualized conditions for payment of legal financial obligations.

#### SUMMARY

The Marin County Probation Department charges fees for service based on an income scale. Fees may be reduced based upon the individual's gross household income. For example, a household making less than \$1,980 in monthly income would be eligible for a 50% fee reduction.



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