

# A few things about the Sentencing Grid and Guidelines

## Arkansas Sentencing Standards Grid

Effective for Offenses committed on or after January 1, 2018

Criminal History Score						
Offense Seriousness	0	1	2	3	4	5+
10+	ADC 300-480 (25-40 yrs)	ADC 360-480 (30-40 yrs)	ADC 420-540 (35-45 yrs)	ADC 480-600 (40-50 yrs)	ADC 480-720 (40-60 yrs)	ADC 480-840 (40-70 yrs)
9+	ADC 180-300 (15-25 yrs)	ADC 240-360 (20-30 yrs)	ADC 264-420 (22-35 yrs)	ADC 336-540 (28-45 yrs)	ADC 420-600 (35-50 yrs)	ADC 480-720 (40-60 yrs)
8+ <sup>1</sup>	ADC 96-180 (8-15 yrs)	ADC 120-240 (10-20 yrs)	ADC 120-300 (10-25 yrs)	ADC 180-360 (15-30 yrs)	ADC 180-420 (15-35 yrs)	ADC 240-600 (20-50 yrs)
7 <sup>1</sup>	ADC 60-120 (5-10 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 72-144 (6-12 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 84-180 (7-15 yrs) CCC	ADC 96-240 (8-20 yrs)	ADC 120-300 (10-25 yrs)	ADC 180-480 (15-40 yrs)
6 <sup>2</sup>	ADC 24-60 (2-5 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 36-84 (3-7 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 48-96 (4-8 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 60-120 (5-10 yrs) CCC	ADC 84-180 (7-15 yrs)	ADC 120-240 (10-20 yrs)
5	CCC AS	ADC 24-60 (2-5 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 36-72 (3-6 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 48-96 (4-8 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 60-144 (5-12 yrs) CCC	ADC 84-180 (7-15 yrs)
4	CCC AS	ADC 18-36 (1.5-3 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 24-60 (2-5 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 36-72 (3-6 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 48-96 (4-8 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 60-120 (5-10 yrs) CCC
3	CCC AS	CCC AS	ADC 18-36 (1.5-3 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 24-48 (2-4 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 36-60 (3-5 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 48-72 (4-6 yrs) CCC AS
2	CCC AS	CCC AS	CCC AS	ADC 12-24 (1-2 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 18-36 (1.5-3 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 24-48 (2-4 yrs) CCC AS
1	AS	AS	AS	CCC AS	ADC 12-24 (1-2 yrs) CCC AS	ADC 24-36 (2-3 yrs) CCC AS

## Original Arkansas Sentencing Standards Grid

Effective Date - For Offenses Committed January 1, 1994 – December 31, 2017

Criminal History Score						
Offense Seriousness	0	1	2	3	4	5+
10+	ADC 360	ADC 384	ADC 432	ADC 528	ADC 660	ADC 780
9+	ADC 240	ADC 312	ADC 396	ADC 480	ADC 600	ADC 720
8+ <sup>1</sup>	ADC 120	ADC 168	ADC 264	ADC 360	ADC 432	ADC 600
7 <sup>1</sup>	ADC 42 CCC AS	ADC 54 CCC AS	ADC 84 CCC AS	ADC 120	ADC 160	ADC 300
6 <sup>2</sup>	ADC 24 CCC AS	ADC 42 CCC AS	ADC 66 CCC AS	ADC 108 CCC AS	ADC 156	ADC 240
5	CCC AS	ADC 36 CCC AS	ADC 54 CCC AS	ADC 72 CCC AS	ADC 120	ADC 180
4	CCC AS	ADC 18 CCC AS	ADC 30 CCC AS	ADC 54 CCC AS	ADC 72 CCC AS	ADC 96
3	CCC AS	CCC AS	ADC 18 CCC AS	ADC 30 CCC AS	ADC 42 CCC AS	ADC 60 CCC AS
2	CCC AS	CCC AS	CCC AS	ADC 18 CCC AS	ADC 24 CCC AS	ADC 42 CCC AS
1	AS	AS	AS	ADC 9 CCC AS	ADC 24 CCC AS	ADC 30 CCC AS

- ♦ If an offense is committed on or after January 1, 2018, the new Sentencing Guidelines apply. Use the colored grid to calculate the presumptive sentence.
- ♦ The Presumptive sentence represents a typical case. If the case is atypical, determine if it is an aggravating or mitigating sentence.

*Contact the Arkansas Sentencing Commission with any questions.*

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- ◆ The Guidelines do not apply in the following circumstances: (a) when a jury recommends a sentence, (b) when the statutory minimum or maximum is below or above the range, (c) in capital murder cases, and (d) in revocation proceedings.
- ◆ Transfer eligibility line: Above the line (7-10) – offenders must serve ½ their sentence less any good time (max reduction to ¼) before becoming transfer eligible; Below the line (1-6) – offenders must serve 1/3 of their sentence less any good time (max reduction to ½) before becoming transfer eligible.
- ◆ Criminal History Computation:

Type of History	Score	Limits	Special Considerations
Felonies – Levels 6–10	1.0	None	Multiple offense policy
Felonies – Levels 1–5	0.5	None	Multiple offense policy 15 yr. lapse from discharge of sanction
Misdemeanors–Class A	0.25	1	10 yr. lapse from date of offense
Juvenile Adjudications			Adult offense
Serious seven	1.0	2	Relevance to proceeding
Others	0.25	1	10 yr. lapse from offense
Custody status	1	1	None

- ◆ Target Offenses: Designations in the Seriousness Reference Table are **advisory only**. Refer to A.C.A. §§ 16-93-1201 et seq. for legal definitions or contact the court referral coordinator at the Department of Community Correction at 501-682-9563.
- ◆ Departure Reasons: Please refer to the departure reasons on the Sentencing Order for the specific numbers to cite. For aggravating reasons, “Other” is now number 17 and for mitigating reasons, “Other” is now number 9. Act 423 of 2017 requires a “thorough recitation of the facts” in the event of a departure. Using one of the enumerated departure reasons satisfies this requirement. However, if you use “other” please indicate the actual reason for departure.

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