

Repeat Felony Offenders vs. First-Time Felony Offenders

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When someone commits a felony in Arizona, they are classified as either a first-time felony offender or a repeat felony offender. Because felonies are, by definition, more serious crimes than [misdemeanors](#) and other non-felony crimes, repeat felony offenders are given very harsh punishments in AZ.

Below are the likely prison sentences that a first-time felony offender will face in Arizona:

<u>Felony</u>	<u>Presumptive Sentence</u>
Class 2	5 years
Class 3	3.5 years
Class 4	2.5 years
Class 5	1.5 years
Class 6	1 year

For a second felony, the likely prison sentence is the same as a first felony. However, a third-time felony offender will probably face the following increased time in prison:

<u>Felony</u>	<u>Presumptive Sentence</u>
Class 2	9.25 years
Class 3	6.5 years
Class 4	4.5 years
Class 5	2.25 years
Class 6	1.75 years

Finally, for an offender who has committed four or more felonies, they will likely face the following prison sentences:

<u>Felony</u>	<u>Presumptive Sentence</u>
Class 2	15.75 years
Class 3	11.25 years
Class 4	10 years
Class 5	5 years
Class 6	3.75 years

First-time felony offenders face strict consequences, and the penalties will only increase with additional [felony convictions](#).

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