

Performance Measures for District and County Courts

HB 2384 (88th Legislature)

Section 72.083(b) of the Texas Government Code requires the Office of Court Administration to annually collect and publish a report including performance measures for each district court, statutory county court, statutory probate court, and county court.

The report must include:

- (1) the court's clearance rate;
- (2) the average time a case is before the court from filing to disposition; and
- (3) the age of the court's active pending caseload.

For this report, the year is defined as **September 1 through August 31**.

Reports must be submitted on an annual basis by **November 1**. The first report, covering March 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024, is due by November 1, 2024.

Reporting Instructions

District Courts

For each district court in the county, the clerk shall report **by case type** relevant to the court:

1. **The number of active pending cases as of September 1** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.
2. **The number of cases filed during the year** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports in addition to any cases transferred in from another district court in the county.

Criminal: Sum of new cases filed, motions to revoke, all other cases added, and transfers from another district court.

Civil: Sum of new cases filed, all other cases added, and transfers from another district court.

Family: Sum of new cases filed, all other cases added, and transfers from another district court.

Juvenile: Sum of new cases filed, petitions to transfer to adult criminal court, motions to modify/enforce, all other cases added, and transfers from another district court.

3. **The number of cases reactivated during the year** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

4. **The number of cases disposed or adjudicated (juvenile) during the year** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports in addition to any cases transferred to another district court in the county.
5. **The number of cases placed on Inactive Status during the year** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.
6. **The number of active pending cases as of August 31** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.
7. **The age of cases disposed during the year** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

Number of cases disposed within each timeframe by case type:

Criminal: 90 Days or Less, 91 to 180 Days, 181 to 365 Days, Over 365 Days, Total Cases.

Civil: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Family: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Juvenile: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 90 Days, 91 to 180 Days, Over 180 Days, Total Cases.

8. **The age of the court's active pending caseload of August 31.**

The age of the active cases that are pending before the court, as measured by the time from date of filing or reopening to the reporting date (August 31).

Criminal: 90 Days or Less, 91 to 180 Days, 181 to 365 Days, Over 365 Days, Total Cases.

Civil: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Family: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Juvenile: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 90 Days, 91 to 180 Days, Over 180 Days, Total Cases.

Statutory County Courts

For each statutory county court in the county, the clerk shall report **by case type** relevant to the court:

1. **The number of active pending cases as of September 1**

Felony, misdemeanor, civil, family and juvenile cases: as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

Probate and guardianship: The number of cases that were active and awaiting disposition or a judgment or order at the beginning of the month.

Mental health commitments: The number of applications that were active and awaiting disposition at the beginning of the month.

- 2. The number of cases filed during the year** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports in addition to any cases transferred in from another statutory county or statutory probate court in the county.

Felony: Sum of new cases filed, motions to revoke, all other cases added, and transfers from another statutory county or statutory probate court.

Misdemeanor: Sum of new cases filed, cases appealed from lower courts, motions to revoke, all other cases added, and transfers from another statutory county or statutory probate court.

Civil: Sum of new cases filed, **cases appealed from lower courts**, all other cases added, and transfers from another statutory county or statutory probate court.

Family: Sum of new cases filed, all other cases added, and transfers from another statutory county or statutory probate court.

Juvenile: Sum of new cases filed, petitions to transfer to adult criminal court, motions to modify/enforce, all other cases added, and transfers from another statutory county or statutory probate court.

Probate and guardianship: New cases filed, ancillary cases, all other matters, and transfers from another statutory county or statutory probate court. See Excel file for detailed information on counting All Other Matters.

Mental health commitments: Applications filed for involuntary commitment, applications filed for order to authorize psychoactive medications, and transfers from another statutory county or statutory probate court.

- 3. The number of cases reactivated during the year** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.
- 4. The number of cases disposed or adjudicated (juvenile) during the year** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports in addition to transfers to another statutory county or statutory probate court.

Probate and guardianship: The number of cases that were disposed, in which a judgment or order was entered, and transfers to another statutory county or statutory probate court.

- Count each order or judgment entered as a disposition for each new case or subsequent action filed. See Excel file for detailed information on counting dispositions in probate and guardianship cases.

- Ancillary cases should follow the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Report instructions for Civil cases.

Mental health commitments: The number of applications that were disposed and transfers to another statutory county or statutory probate court. See Excel file for detailed information on counting dispositions in mental health commitment cases.

5. **The number of cases placed on Inactive Status during the year** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

6. **The number of active pending cases as of August 31**

Felony, misdemeanor, civil, family and juvenile cases: as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

Probate and guardianship: The number of cases that were active and awaiting disposition or a judgment or order at the end of the month.

Mental health commitments: The number of applications that were active and awaiting disposition at the end of the month.

7. **The age of cases disposed during the year** as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

Number of cases disposed within each timeframe by case type:

Felony: 90 Days or Less, 91 to 180 Days, 181 to 365 Days, Over 365 Days, Total Cases.

Misdemeanor: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 60 Days, 61 to 90 Days, Over 90 Days, Total Cases.

Civil: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Family: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Juvenile: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 90 Days, 91 to 180 Days, Over 180 Days, Total Cases.

Probate and guardianship and ancillary cases: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Mental health commitments: 7 Days or Less, 8 to 14 Days, 15 to 21 Days, 22 to 28 Days, Over 28 Days, Total Cases.

8. **The age of the court's active pending caseload of August 31.**

The age of the active cases that are pending before the court, as measured by the time from date of filing or reopening to the reporting date (August 31).

Felony: 90 Days or Less, 91 to 180 Days, 181 to 365 Days, Over 365 Days, Total Cases.

Misdemeanor: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 60 Days, 61 to 90 Days, Over 90 Days, Total Cases.

Civil: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Family: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Juvenile: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 90 Days, 91 to 180 Days, Over 180 Days, Total Cases.

Probate and guardianship and ancillary cases: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Mental health commitments: 7 Days or Less, 8 to 14 Days, 15 to 21 Days, 22 to 28 Days, Over 28 Days, Total Cases.

Statutory Probate Courts

For each statutory probate court in the county, the clerk shall report by case type relevant to the court:

1. The number of active pending cases as of September 1

Probate and guardianship: The number of cases that were active and awaiting disposition or a judgment or order at the beginning of the month.

Mental health commitments: The number of applications that were active and awaiting disposition at the beginning of the month.

2. The number of cases filed during the year as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports in addition to transfers in from another statutory county or statutory probate court.

Probate and guardianship: New cases filed, ancillary cases, all other matters, and transfers from another statutory county or statutory probate court. See Excel file for detailed information on counting All Other Matters.

Mental health commitments: Applications filed for involuntary commitment, applications filed for order to authorize psychoactive medications, and transfers from another statutory county or statutory probate court.

3. The number of cases disposed during the year in addition to transfers to another statutory county or statutory probate court.

Probate and guardianship: The number of cases that were disposed, in which a judgment or order was entered, and transfers to another statutory county or statutory probate court.

- Count each order or judgment entered as a disposition for each new case or subsequent action filed. See Excel file for detailed information on counting dispositions in probate and guardianship cases.
- Ancillary cases should follow the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Report instructions for Civil cases.

Mental health commitments: The number of applications that were disposed and transfers to another statutory county or statutory probate court. See Excel file for detailed information on counting dispositions in mental health commitment cases.

4. The number of active pending cases as of August 31

Probate and guardianship: The number of cases that were active and awaiting disposition or a judgment or order at the end of the month.

5. Mental health commitments: The number of applications that were active and awaiting disposition at the end of the month.

6. The age of cases disposed during the year as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

Probate and guardianship and ancillary cases: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Mental health commitments: 7 Days or Less, 8 to 14 Days, 15 to 21 Days, 22 to 28 Days, Over 28 Days, Total Cases.

7. The age of the court's active pending caseload of August 31.

The age of the active cases that are pending before the court, as measured by the time from date of filing or reopening to the reporting date (August 31).

Probate and guardianship and ancillary cases: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Mental health commitments: 7 Days or Less, 8 to 14 Days, 15 to 21 Days, 22 to 28 Days, Over 28 Days, Total Cases.

Constitutional County Courts

For each constitutional county court in the county, the clerk shall report by case type relevant to the court:

1. The number of active pending cases as of September 1

Criminal, civil, and juvenile cases: as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

Probate and guardianship: The number of cases that were active and awaiting disposition or a judgment or order at the beginning of the month.

Mental health commitments: The number of applications that were active and awaiting disposition at the beginning of the month.

2. The number of cases filed during the year as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

Criminal: Sum of new cases filed, cases appealed from lower courts, motions to revoke, and all other cases added.

Civil: Sum of new cases filed, **cases appealed from lower courts**, and all other cases added.

Juvenile: Sum of new cases filed, petitions to transfer to adult criminal court, motions to modify/enforce, and all other cases added.

Probate and guardianship: New cases filed, ancillary cases, and all other matters. See Excel file for detailed information on counting All Other Matters.

Mental health commitments: Applications filed for involuntary commitment and applications filed for order to authorize psychoactive medications.

3. The number of cases reactivated during the year as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

4. The number of cases disposed or adjudicated (juvenile) during the year as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

Probate and guardianship: The number of cases that were disposed or in which a judgment or order was entered. Count each order or judgment entered as a disposition for each new case or subsequent action filed. See Excel file for detailed information on counting dispositions in probate and guardianship cases.

Mental health commitments: The number of applications that were disposed. See Excel file for detailed information on counting dispositions in mental health commitment cases.

5. The number of cases placed on Inactive Status during the year as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

6. The number of active pending cases as of August 31

Criminal, civil, and juvenile cases: as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

Probate and guardianship: The number of cases that were active and awaiting disposition or a judgment or order at the end of the month.

Mental health commitments: The number of applications that were active and awaiting disposition at the end of the month.

7. Age of cases disposed during the year as reported on the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

Number of cases disposed within each timeframe by case type:

Criminal: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 60 Days, 61 to 90 Days, Over 90 Days, Total Cases.

Civil: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Juvenile: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 90 Days, 91 to 180 Days, Over 180 Days, Total Cases.

Probate and guardianship: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Mental health commitments: 7 Days or Less, 8 to 14 Days, 15 to 21 Days, 22 to 28 Days, Over 28 Days, Total Cases.

8. The age of the court's active pending caseload of August 31.

The age of the active cases that are pending before the court, as measured by the time from date of filing or reopening to the reporting date (August 31).

Criminal: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 60 Days, 61 to 90 Days, Over 90 Days, Total Cases.

Civil: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Juvenile: 30 Days or Less, 31 to 90 Days, 91 to 180 Days, Over 180 Days, Total Cases.

Probate and guardianship and ancillary cases: 3 Months or Less, Over 3 to 6 Months, Over 6 to 12 Months, Over 12 to 18 Months, Over 18 Months, Total Cases.

Mental health commitments: 7 Days or Less, 8 to 14 Days, 15 to 21 Days, 22 to 28 Days, Over 28 Days, Total Cases.