



# Annual Statistical Report for the Texas Judiciary



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## Office of Court Administration A Message from the Administrative Director

A recent national survey by the National Center for State Courts found that the majority of those surveyed felt that the state courts, despite their traditional role in protecting constitutional rights and serving as a check on the other branches of government, must be innovative in responding to its customer needs.<sup>1</sup> This challenge is one that the Texas courts have fully embraced this year.

After a two year roll out, all of the appellate, district and county courts are accepting electronic filing of documents – over 8.6 million in 2016. In addition, the courts have taken a hard look at the way they assess and collect court costs and fines – totaling over \$1 billion in the justice and municipal courts alone - leading to revisions in collection methods and recommendations for future change.

After much study, the courts initiated the review of over 54,000 guardianship cases and the estimated \$5 billion under guardian control in the state. The findings were significant – additional resources to fully monitor these cases is needed, especially where there is a high risk of abuse and exploitation of adults and children. The needs of those who are mentally ill in the justice system led the judiciary to review how we interact with those individuals and how to best serve their needs. Finally, reeling from the shock after the attempted assassination of Travis County District Judge Julie Kocurek, the Judiciary took a hard look at protecting not only the more than 3,300 judges serving our state, but also all of those individuals seeking access to courts in our communities. All of these innovations pushed Texas to the forefront of the conversation nationally among our sister state courts and promises to improve the administration of our judiciary.

Perhaps the largest potential innovation is in front of us. After an eighteen-month period of study, the judiciary has recommended modernizing our method of determining bail for those accused of crimes. Our system of pretrial bail determination has remained largely unchanged since the formation of our state. Our research shows that Innovations to this practice would increase public safety, decrease costs and minimize the adverse impacts of an extended pretrial detention for those who are a low risk to society. The numbers tell an even bigger story – roughly 75 percent of the Texas jail population is awaiting trial at an annual cost of nearly \$1 billion. The judiciary recognizes the importance of using tools at our disposal to improve our pretrial detention decisions.

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FOR THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
JUDICIAL BRANCH OF TEXAS.



All of this innovation is necessary to address the shifting caseloads occurring in the Texas courts, including:

- The number of civil cases filed in the municipal courts, which account for over half of all civil cases statewide, decreased 11 percent, while the civil caseload in the other levels of court increased slightly;
- The number of traffic and parking cases fell 37 percent from its peak in 2006 and is at the lowest level in more than 30 years – traffic and parking cases make up over 80 percent of the fine-only misdemeanor cases in the state;
- The number of truancy cases fell 91 percent and parent contributing to nonattendance fell 71 percent on the heels of truancy reforms that went into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year;
- The number of new family cases increased to the second highest level ever, driven mostly by post-judgment suits for modification or enforcement;
- The number of new child support cases filed by the Office of the Attorney General and child protection cases were both up 14 percent;
- The number of capital murder convictions (3) and death sentences (3) dropped to an all-time low;
- Despite the fact that new misdemeanor cases have fallen 29 percent in the last ten years and is at the lowest rate since 1992, new misdemeanor drug cases increased 9 percent to a new peak;
- Felony drug possession cases increased 7 percent and is up 28 percent in the last five years;
- The number of misdemeanor and felony theft cases dropped 32 percent and 14 percent, respectively, with the misdemeanor thefts marking the lowest number in at least 30 years;
- The case processing times for the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals fell to the lowest levels in the last decade (Supreme Court) and since 1989 (Court of Appeals); and
- The number of opinions issued by the Court of Criminal Appeals increased 64 percent, pushing the time to process petitions for discretionary review slightly upward.

Texas' first president, Sam Houston, who was sworn into office 180 years ago, once stated that "a leader is someone who helps improve the lives of other people or improve the system they live under." The Texas Judiciary is giving meaning to those words as we seek to continue to lead through innovation.



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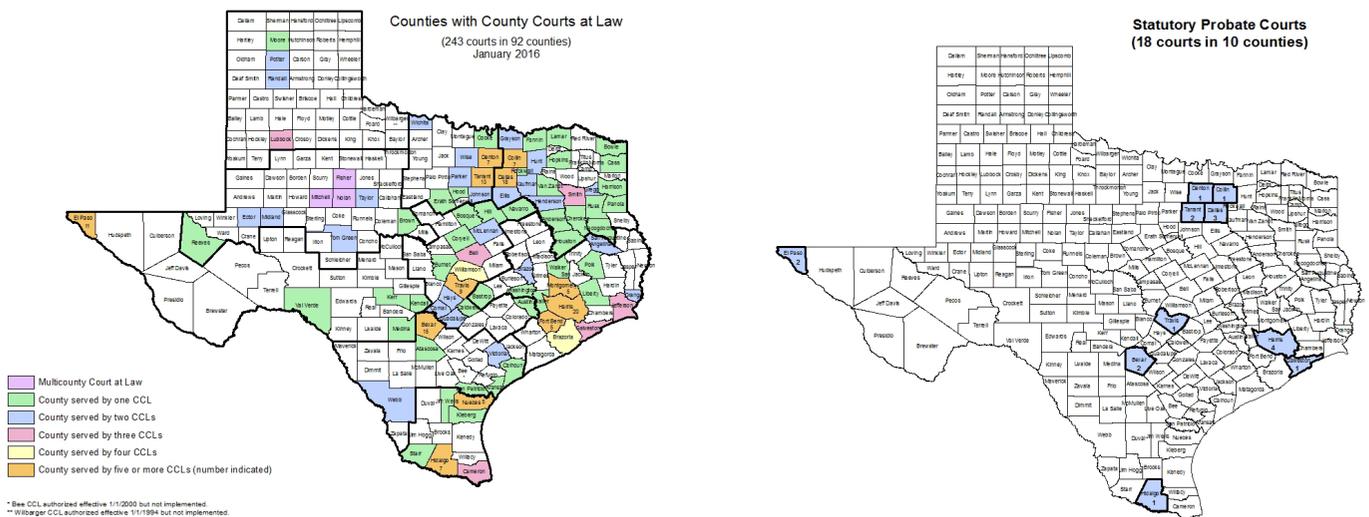
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# Texas Courts: A Descriptive Summary

The basic structure of the present court system of Texas was established by an 1891 amendment to the Texas Constitution of 1876. The amendment established the Supreme Court as the highest state appellate court for civil matters, and the Court of Criminal Appeals as the highest state appellate court in criminal matters. The amendment also established courts of appeals that exercise intermediate appellate jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases.<sup>1</sup>

District courts are the state trial courts of general jurisdiction. The geographical area served by each district court is established by the specific statute creating the court.

In addition to these state courts, the Texas Constitution provides for a county court in each county, presided over by the county judge. The county judge also serves as head of the county commissioners court, the governing body of the county. To aid the constitutional county court with its judicial functions, the Legislature has established statutory county courts, generally designated as county courts at law or statutory probate courts, in the more populous counties.



The Texas Constitution also authorizes not less than one nor more than 16 justices of the peace in each county. The justice courts generally have exclusive jurisdiction of civil matters when the amount in controversy does not exceed \$200 and concurrent jurisdiction with the county courts when the amount in controversy exceeds \$200 but does not exceed \$10,000. They also have jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases where punishment upon conviction may be by fine only.

By statute, the Legislature has created municipal courts in each incorporated city in the state. These courts have original jurisdiction over violations of municipal ordinances and concurrent jurisdiction with the justice courts over misdemeanor state law violations, limited to the geographical confines of the municipality. Municipal courts also have civil jurisdiction limited to a few specific types of cases.

Trials in the justice courts and most municipal courts are not of record, and appeals therefrom are by new trial

1 The courts of appeals were given appellate criminal jurisdiction in 1981.

("trial *de novo*") to the county court, except in certain counties, where the appeal is to a county court at law or to a district court. When an appeal is by trial *de novo*, the case is tried again in the higher court, just as if the original trial had not occurred.

Jurisdiction of the various levels of courts is established by constitutional provision and by statute. Statutory jurisdiction is established by general statutes providing jurisdiction for all courts on a particular level, as well as by the statutes establishing individual courts. Thus, to determine the jurisdiction of a particular court, one must first examine the Constitution, second the general statutes establishing jurisdiction for that level of court, third the specific statute authorizing the establishment of the particular court in question, fourth the statutes creating other courts in the same county (whose jurisdictional provisions may affect the court in question), and fifth the statutes dealing with specific subject matters (such as the Family Code, which requires, for example, that judges who are lawyers hear appeals from cases heard by non-lawyer judges in juvenile cases).



*Texas Capitol*

# Court Structure of Texas

State Highest Appellate Courts

**Supreme Court**

- Final appellate jurisdiction in civil and juvenile cases

**Court of Criminal Appeals**

- Final appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases

State Intermediate Appellate Courts

**Courts of Appeals**

- Regional jurisdiction
- Intermediate appeals from trial courts in their respective courts of appeals districts

State Trial Courts of General and Special Jurisdiction

**District Courts**

- Original jurisdiction in civil actions over \$200\*, divorce, title to land, contested elections
- Original jurisdiction in felony criminal matters
- Juvenile matters
- A few courts are designated *criminal district courts*; some others are directed to give preference to certain specialized areas
- Several districts contain more than one county

County Trial Courts of Limited Jurisdiction

**County-Level Courts**

Constitutional County Courts (1 in each county)	Statutory County Courts (in 89 counties plus 1 multi-county court)	Statutory Probate Courts (in 10 counties)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Original jurisdiction in civil actions between \$200 and \$10,000</li> <li>Probate and guardianship (contested matters may be transferred to District Court)</li> <li>Exclusive original jurisdiction over misdemeanors with fines greater than \$500 or jail sentence</li> <li>Juvenile matters</li> <li>Appeals <i>de novo</i> from lower courts or on the record from municipal courts of record</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All civil, criminal, original and appellate actions prescribed by law for constitutional county courts</li> <li>In addition, jurisdiction over civil matters between \$200 and \$200,000 (some courts may have higher maximum jurisdiction amount)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited primarily to probate and guardianship matters</li> </ul>

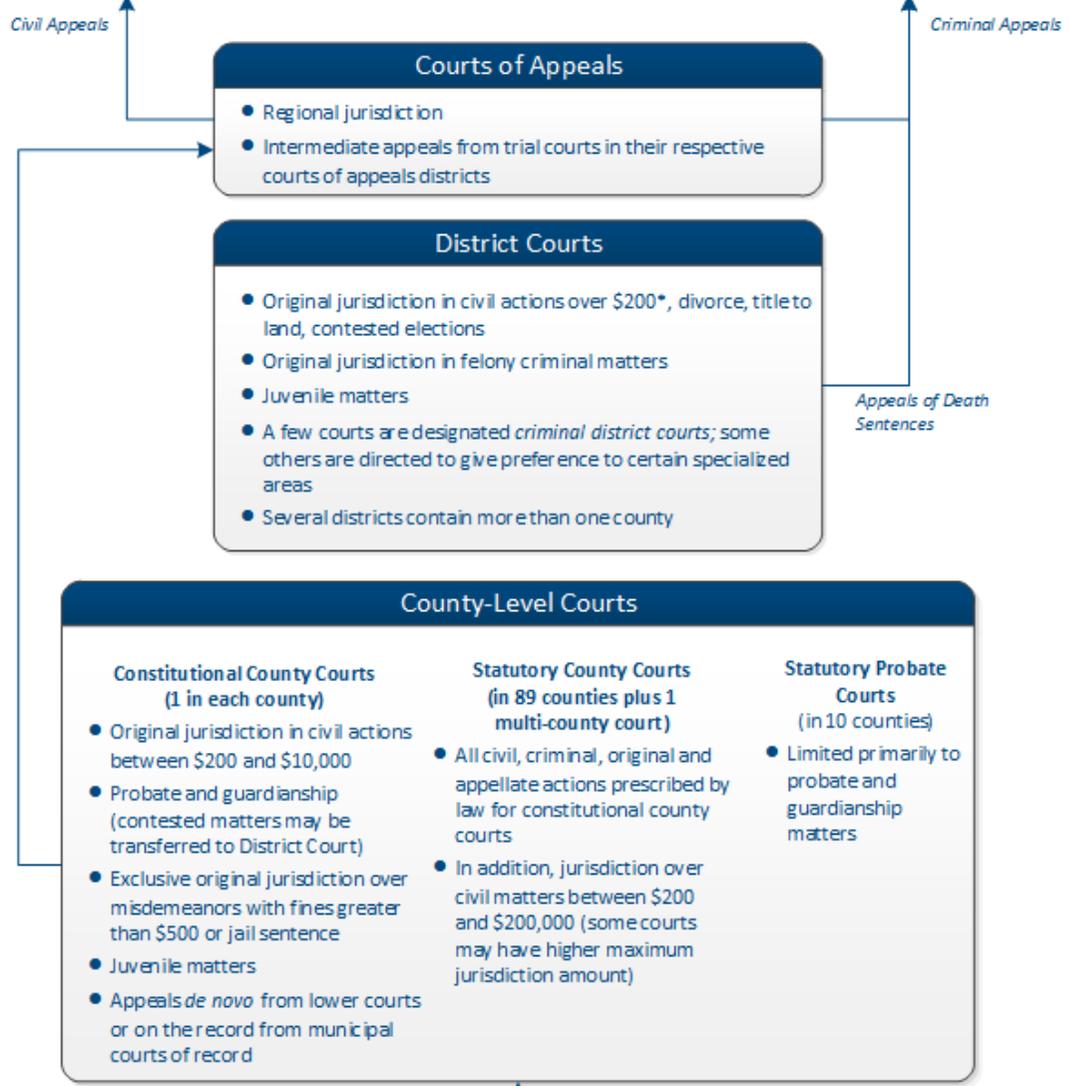
Local Trial Courts of Limited Jurisdiction

**Justice Courts<sup>1</sup>**

- Civil actions of not more than \$10,000
- Small claims
- Criminal misdemeanors punishable by fine only (no confinement)
- Magistrate Functions

**Municipal Courts<sup>1, 2</sup>**

- Criminal misdemeanors punishable by fine only (no confinement)
- Exclusive original jurisdiction over municipal or ordinance criminal cases<sup>3</sup>
- Limited civil jurisdiction
- Magistrate Functions



1. All justice courts and most municipal courts are not courts of record. Appeals from these courts are by trial *de novo* in the county-level courts, and in some instances in the district courts.  
 2. Some municipal courts are courts of record—appeals from the courts are taken on the record to the county-level courts.  
 3. An offense that arises under a municipal ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed: (1) \$2,000 for ordinances that govern fire safety, zoning, and public health or (2) \$500 for all others.

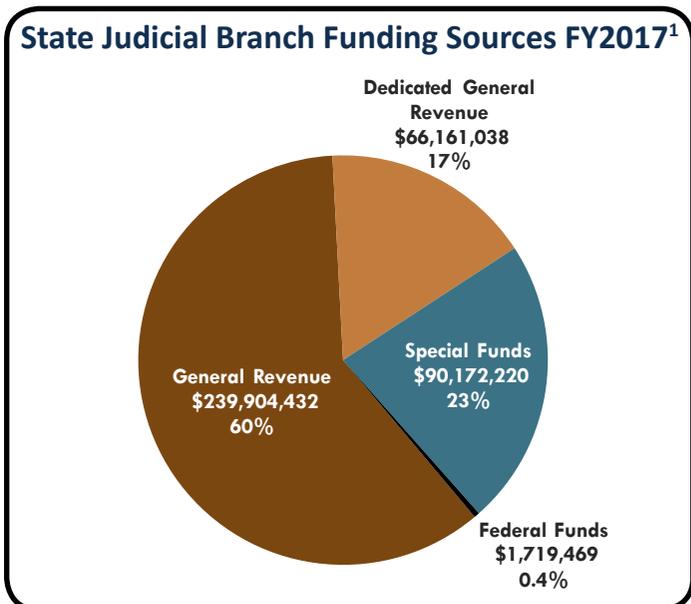
## Funding of the Texas Judicial Branch

The State provides funding for salaries and operating costs of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals and intermediate appellate courts. The State funds a base salary for district judges and salary supplements for certain constitutional and statutory county court judges, as well as salaries, salary supplements, retirement and other payroll-related benefits for certain prosecutors. The State also pays for or supplements some other expenses of the judicial branch, including juror pay, basic civil legal services, indigent defense, electronic filing, and special prosecution units.

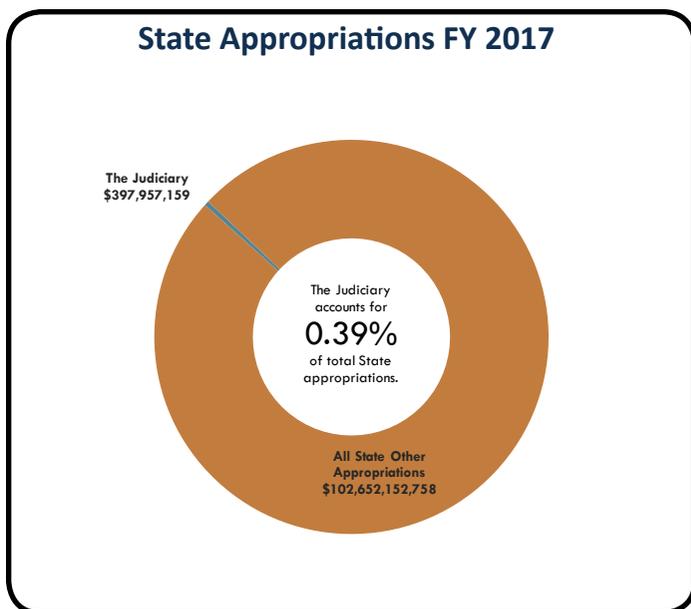
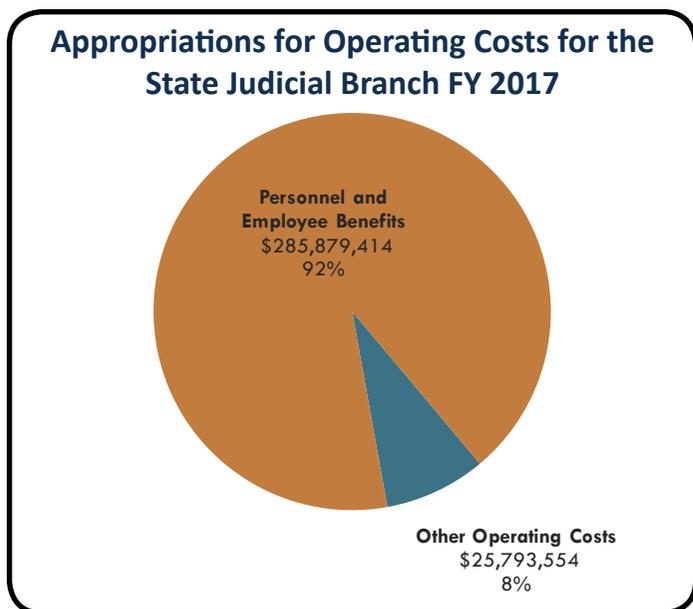
Most counties supplement the base salary of judges of the intermediate appellate courts and district courts. Counties pay the operating costs of district courts, as well as the base salary of judges, full salaries of other staff, and operating costs for constitutional county courts, county courts at law, and justice courts.

Cities finance all costs related to the operation of municipal courts, including judges' salaries.

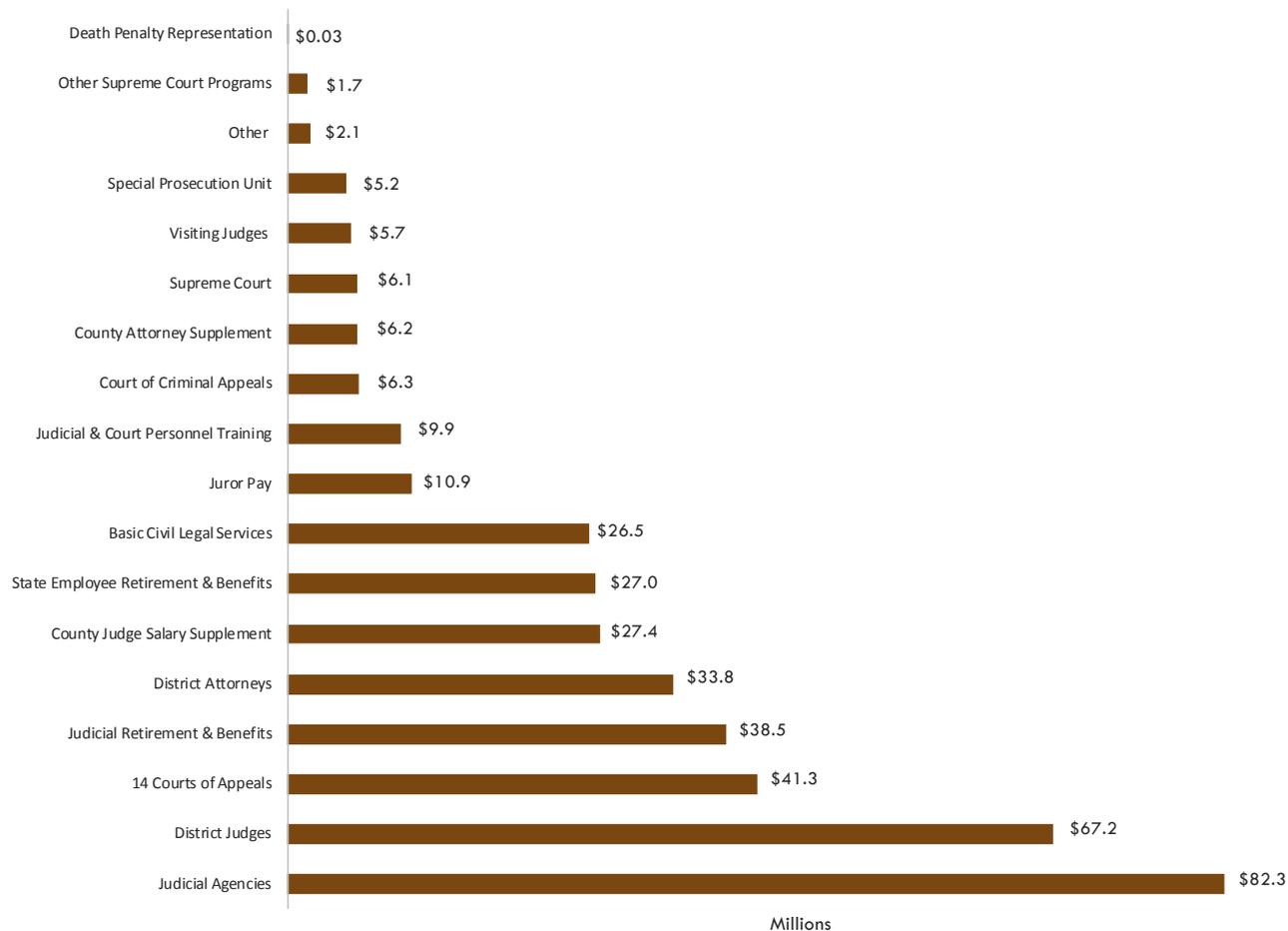
In FY 2017, state appropriations for the Texas judicial system accounted for approximately 0.39 percent of all state appropriations. Sixty percent of the financing for the judicial system came from General Revenue. Almost twenty percent came from dedicated General Revenue funds, such as the Fair Defense Account and the Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund, while the remaining amounts came from other special funds, including the Judicial Fund, and federal funds.



1. Does not include appropriation for 2.5% general state employee salary increase and certain other contingency riders.



## State Judicial Branch Appropriations, FY 2017



**Notes:**

1. "Visiting Judges" includes salaries and per diem expenses.
2. "Other" includes Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay and lease payments.
3. "Judicial Agencies" include the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs, State Law Library, and State Commission on Judicial Conduct. Appropriations for Judicial Agencies include approximately \$7.5 million in interagency contracts.
4. "District Judges" includes salaries, travel, and local administrative judge salary supplement.



Left to Right: Texas Judicial Council members Presiding Judge Sharon Keller, Vice-Chair, David Slayton, Executive Director, Chief Justice Nathan Hecht, Chair, Nina Hess Hsu, Supreme Court of Texas General Counsel, Representative John Smithee, Member, Senator Judith Zaffirini, Member.

# Court Structure and Function

## Appellate Courts

The appellate courts of the Texas Judicial System are:

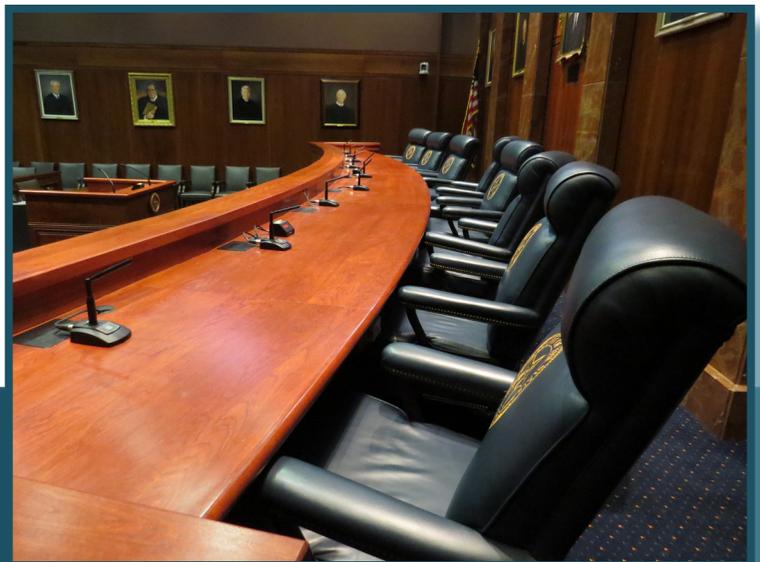
- The Supreme Court, the highest state appellate court for civil and juvenile cases;
- The Court of Criminal Appeals, the highest state appellate court for criminal cases; and
- The courts of appeals, the intermediate appellate courts for civil and criminal appeals from the trial courts.

Appellate courts do not try cases, have juries, or hear witnesses. Rather, they review actions and decisions of the lower courts on questions of law or allegations of procedural error. In carrying out this review, the appellate courts are usually restricted to the evidence and exhibits presented in the trial court.

### *The Supreme Court*

*In most civil and juvenile cases, the Supreme Court has statewide, final appellate jurisdiction*

The Supreme Court of Texas was first established in 1836 by the Constitution of the Republic of Texas, which vested the judicial power of the Republic in “...one Supreme Court and such inferior courts as the Congress may establish.” This court was re-established by each successive constitution adopted throughout the course of Texas history and currently consists of one chief justice and eight justices.<sup>2</sup>



The Supreme Court has statewide, final appellate jurisdiction in most civil and juvenile cases.<sup>3</sup> Its caseload is directly affected by the structure and jurisdiction of Texas’ appellate court system, as the courts of appeals handle most of the state’s criminal and civil appeals from the district and county-level courts, and the Court of Criminal Appeals handles all criminal appeals beyond the intermediate courts of appeals.

<sup>2</sup> The various constitutions and amendments provided for different numbers of judges to sit on the Court and different methods for the selection of the judges. The Constitution of 1845 provided that the Supreme Court consist of a chief justice and two associate justices. The Constitution of 1866 provided for five justices, and the Constitution of 1869 reverted to a three-judge court; the Constitution of 1873 increased the number to five, and the Constitution of 1876 again reduced the membership to three. To aid the three justices in disposing of the ever increasing workload, the Legislature created two “Commissions of Appeals,” each to consist of three judges appointed by the Supreme Court. This system, begun in 1920, continued until the adoption of the constitutional amendment of 1945 which abolished the two Commissions of Appeals and increased the number of justices on the Supreme Court to nine, the present number.

<sup>3</sup> A constitutional amendment adopted in 1980 provides that “The Supreme Court shall exercise the judicial power of the state except as otherwise provided in this Constitution. Its jurisdiction shall be coextensive with the limits of the State and its determinations shall be final except in criminal law matters. Its appellate jurisdiction shall be final and shall extend to all cases except in criminal law matters and as otherwise provided in this Constitution or by law.”

The Supreme Court’s caseload can be broken down into three broad categories:

- Determining whether to grant review of the final judgment of a court of appeals (i.e., to grant or not grant a petition for review);
- Disposition of regular causes<sup>4</sup> (i.e., granted petitions for review, accepted petitions for writs of mandamus or habeas corpus, certified questions, accepted parental notification appeals, and direct appeals); and
- Disposition of numerous motions related to petitions and regular causes.

Much of the Supreme Court’s time is spent determining which petitions for review will be granted, as it must consider all petitions for review that are filed. However, the Court exercises some control over its caseload in deciding which petitions will be granted. The Court usually takes only those cases that present the most significant Texas legal issues in need of clarification.

The Supreme Court also has jurisdiction to answer questions of state law certified from a federal appellate court;<sup>5</sup> has original jurisdiction to issue writs and to conduct proceedings for the involuntary retirement or removal of judges; and reviews cases involving attorney discipline upon appeal from the Board of Disciplinary Appeals of the State Bar of Texas.

In addition, the Court:

- Promulgates all rules of civil trial practice and procedure, evidence, and appellate procedure;
- Promulgates rules of administration to provide for the efficient administration of justice in the state;<sup>6</sup>
- Monitors the caseloads of the courts of appeals and orders the transfer of cases between the courts in order to make the workloads more equal;<sup>7</sup> and
- With the assistance of the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, administers funds for the Basic Civil Legal Services Program, which provides basic civil legal services to the indigent.<sup>8</sup>

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4 “Regular causes” involve cases in which four or more of the justices of the Supreme Court have decided in conference that a petition for review, petition for writ of mandamus or habeas corpus, or parental notification appeal should be reviewed. Regular causes also include direct appeals the court has agreed to review and questions of law certified to it by a federal appellate court that the court has agreed to answer. Most regular causes are set for oral argument in open court and are reported in written opinions. However, a petition may be granted and an unsigned opinion (per curiam) issued without oral argument if at least six members of the court vote accordingly.

5 A constitutional amendment, effective January 1, 1986, gave the Supreme Court, along with the Court of Criminal Appeals, jurisdiction to answer certified questions.

6 A constitutional amendment, adopted in November 1985, gave the Supreme Court responsibility and authority to promulgate rules of administration.

7 The Supreme Court has a rider in its appropriation pattern in the General Appropriations Act (H.B. 1, 85th Leg., R.S., Art. IV, page IV-2, Rider 3) that states, “It is the intent of the Legislature that the Supreme Court use funds appropriated above to equalize the dockets of the 14 Courts of Appeals. For the purposes of this rider equalization shall be considered achieved if the new cases filed each year per justice are equalized by 10 percent or less among all the courts of appeals. Multi-district litigation cases are exempted from this provision.” Although the rider requiring the transfer of cases first appeared in fiscal year 2000 in the General Appropriations Act (H.B. 1, 76th Leg., R.S., Art. IV, page IV-1, Rider 3), the Supreme Court has transferred cases between the courts of appeals since 1895 (24th Leg., R.S., Ch. 53, 1895 Tex. Gen. Laws 79).

8 In 1997, the 75th Legislature enacted Chapter 51, Texas Government Code, Subchapter J, requiring the Supreme Court to administer funds for provision of basic civil legal services to the indigent. (In 1999, this was re-lettered as Subchapter L.)

## The Court of Criminal Appeals

To relieve the Supreme Court of some of its caseload, the Constitution of 1876 created the Court of Appeals, composed of three elected judges, with appellate jurisdiction in all criminal cases and in those civil cases tried by the county courts. In 1891, a constitutional amendment:

- Changed the name of this court to the Court of Criminal Appeals;
- Limited its jurisdiction to appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases only; and
- Increased the number of judges to nine: one presiding judge and eight associate judges.<sup>9</sup>

The Court of Criminal Appeals is the highest state court for criminal appeals.<sup>10</sup> Its caseload consists of both mandatory and discretionary matters. All cases that result in the death penalty are automatically directed to the Court of Criminal Appeals from the trial court level. A significant portion of the Court's workload also involves the mandatory review of applications for post conviction habeas corpus relief in felony cases without a death penalty,<sup>11</sup> over which the Court has sole authority. In addition, decisions made by the intermediate courts of appeals in criminal cases may be appealed to the Court of Criminal Appeals by petition for discretionary review, which may be filed by the State, the defendant, or both. However, the Court may also review a decision on its own motion.

In conjunction with the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals promulgates rules of appellate procedure and rules of evidence for criminal cases. The Court of Criminal Appeals also administers public funds that are appropriated for the education of judges, prosecuting attorneys, criminal defense attorneys who regularly represent indigent defendants, clerks and other personnel of the state's appellate, district, county-level, justice, and municipal courts.<sup>12</sup>



<sup>9</sup> The Court of Criminal Appeals was originally composed of three judges. As the court's workload increased, the Legislature granted it the authority to appoint commissioners to aid in the disposition of pending cases. In 1966, a constitutional amendment increased the number of judges on the court to five, and in 1977, a further amendment to the constitution added another four judges, for the current total of nine judges on the court.

<sup>10</sup> A constitutional amendment adopted in 1980 provides that "The Court of Criminal Appeals shall have final appellate jurisdiction coextensive with the limits of the State, and its determination shall be final, in all criminal cases of whatever grade, with such exceptions and under such regulations as may be provided in this Constitution or as prescribed by law."

<sup>11</sup> Under Article 11.07, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

<sup>12</sup> In accordance with Chapter 56 and Section 74.025, Texas Government Code.

## The Courts of Appeals

The first intermediate appellate court in Texas was created by the Constitution of 1876, which created a Court of Appeals with appellate jurisdiction in all criminal cases and in all civil cases originating in the county courts. In 1891, an amendment was added to the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to establish intermediate courts of civil appeals located at various places throughout the state. The purpose of this amendment was to preclude the large quantity of civil litigation from further congesting the docket of the Supreme Court, while providing for a more convenient and less expensive system of intermediate appellate courts for civil cases. In 1980, a constitutional amendment extended the appellate jurisdiction of the courts of civil appeals to include criminal cases and changed the name of the courts to the “courts of appeals.”

Each court of appeals has jurisdiction over appeals from the trial courts located in its respective district. The appeals heard in these courts are based upon the “record” (a written transcription of the testimony given, exhibits introduced, and the documents filed in the trial court) and the written and oral arguments of the appellate lawyers. The courts of appeals do not receive testimony or hear witnesses in considering the cases on appeal, but they may hear oral argument on the issues under consideration.

The Legislature has divided the state into 14 court of appeals districts and has established a court of appeals in each. One court of appeals is currently located in each of the following cities:

- Amarillo
- Austin
- Beaumont
- Corpus Christi/Edinburg
- Dallas
- Eastland
- El Paso
- Fort Worth
- San Antonio
- Texarkana
- Tyler
- Waco
- Houston (2)

Each of the courts of appeals has at least three justices—a chief justice and two associate justices. While 80 justices currently serve on the courts of appeals, the Legislature is empowered to increase this number whenever the workload of an individual court requires additional justices.

## Trial Courts

In trial courts:

- Witnesses are heard;
- Testimony is received;
- Exhibits are offered into evidence; and
- A verdict is rendered.

The trial court structure in Texas has several different levels, each level handling different types of cases, with some overlap. The state trial court of general jurisdiction is known as the district court. The county-level courts consist of the constitutional county courts, statutory county courts, and statutory probate courts. In addition, there is at least one justice court located in each county, and there are municipal courts located in each incorporated city.



## District Courts

District courts are the primary trial courts in Texas. The Constitution of the Republic provided for not less than three or more than eight district courts, each having a judge elected by a joint ballot of both houses of the Legislature for a term of four years. Most constitutions of the state continued the district courts but provided that the judges were to be elected by the qualified voters. (The exceptions were the Constitutions

of 1845 and 1861 which provided for the appointment of judges by the Governor with confirmation by the Senate). All constitutions have provided that the judges of these courts must be chosen from defined districts (as opposed to statewide election). In many locations, the geographical jurisdiction of two or more district courts is overlapping.

District courts are courts of general jurisdiction. Article V, Section 8 of the Texas Constitution extends a district court's potential jurisdiction to "all actions" but makes such jurisdiction relative by excluding any matters in which exclusive, appellate, or original jurisdiction is conferred by law upon some other court. For this reason, while one can speak of the "general" jurisdiction of a district court, the actual jurisdiction of any specific court will always be limited by the constitutional or statutory provisions that confer exclusive, original, or appellate jurisdiction on other courts serving the same county or counties.

With this caveat, it can be said that district courts generally have the following jurisdiction:

- Original jurisdiction in all criminal cases of the grade of felony and misdemeanors involving official misconduct;
- Cases of divorce or other family law disputes;
- Suits for title to land or enforcement of liens on land;
- Contested elections;
- Suits for slander or defamation; and
- Suits on behalf of the State for penalties, forfeitures and escheat.

Most district courts exercise criminal and civil jurisdiction, but in the metropolitan areas there is a tendency for the courts to specialize in civil, criminal, juvenile or family law matters. Thirteen district courts are designated "criminal district courts" but have general jurisdiction. A limited number of district courts also exercise the subject-matter jurisdiction normally exercised by county courts.

The district courts also have jurisdiction in civil matters with a minimum monetary limit but no maximum limit. The amount of the lower limit has for many years been the subject of controversy, with differing opinions from the courts of appeal. House Bill 79 from the 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session (2011), included a provision in Section 24.007(b) of the Government Code which was intended to resolve the dispute and to set the minimum jurisdiction of district courts at \$500. However, there is still a potential conflict between Article V, Section 8 of the Texas Constitution (which gives the district courts jurisdiction of all actions...except in cases where exclusive) and the amendment. Therefore, there are still differing opinions as to whether the



Statutory  
Probate  
Courts  
18



Constitutional  
County Courts  
254



Justice  
Courts  
806



District  
Courts  
465



Statutory  
County Courts  
243



Municipal  
Courts  
933

minimum monetary jurisdiction of the district courts is \$200.01 or \$500. In counties having statutory county courts, the district courts generally have exclusive jurisdiction in civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$200,000 or more, and concurrent jurisdiction with the statutory county courts in cases where the amount in controversy exceeds \$500 but is less than \$200,000.

The district courts may also hear contested matters in probate and guardianship cases and have general supervisory control over commissioners courts. In addition, district courts have the power to issue writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, injunction, certiorari, sequestration, attachment, garnishment, and all writs necessary to enforce their jurisdiction. Appeals from judgments of the district courts are to the courts of appeals (except appeals of death sentences).

A 1985 constitutional amendment established the Judicial Districts Board to reapportion Texas judicial districts, subject to legislative approval. The same amendment also allows for more than one judge per judicial district.

### ***County-Level Courts***

#### CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURTS

The Texas Constitution provides for a county court in each of the 254 counties of the state, though all such courts do not exercise judicial functions. In populous counties, the “county judge” may devote his or her full attention to the administration of county government.

Generally, the constitutional county courts have:

- Concurrent jurisdiction with justice courts in civil cases where the matter in controversy exceeds \$200 but does not exceed \$10,000;
- Concurrent jurisdiction with the district courts in civil cases where the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$5,000;
- General jurisdiction over probate and guardianship cases;
- Juvenile jurisdiction; and
- Exclusive original jurisdiction over misdemeanors, other than those involving official misconduct, where punishment for the offense is by fine exceeding \$500 or a jail sentence not to exceed one year.

County courts generally have appellate jurisdiction (usually by trial de novo) over cases tried originally in the justice and municipal courts. Original and appellate judgments of the county courts may be appealed to the courts of appeals.

In 36 counties, the county court, by special statute, has been given concurrent jurisdiction with the justice courts in all civil matters over which the justice courts have jurisdiction. In counties with a population of 1.75 million or more, the county court has jurisdiction over truancy cases.

#### STATUTORY COUNTY COURTS AND PROBATE COURTS

Under its constitutional authorization to “...establish such other courts as it may deem necessary... [and to] conform the jurisdiction of the district and other inferior courts thereto,” the Legislature created the first statutory county court in 1907 to relieve the county judge of some or all of the judicial duties of office.

Statutory County Courts include:

County courts at law

County criminal courts

County civil courts at law

County criminal courts of appeal

County criminal courts at law

Section 25.003 of the Texas Government Code provides statutory county courts with jurisdiction over all causes and proceedings prescribed by law for constitutional county courts. In general, statutory county courts that exercise civil jurisdiction concurrent with the constitutional county court also have concurrent civil jurisdiction with the district courts in: 1) civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$200,000, and 2) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission. However, the actual jurisdiction of each statutory county court varies considerably according to the statute under which it was created. A few statutory county courts even hear felony cases. In addition, some of these courts have been established to exercise subject-matter jurisdiction in only limited fields, such as civil, criminal, or appellate cases (from justice or municipal courts).

In general, statutory probate courts have general jurisdiction provided to probate courts by the Texas Estates Code, as well as the jurisdiction provided by law for a county court to hear and determine cases and matters instituted under various sections and chapters of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

### ***Associate Judges***

The Legislature has authorized the appointment of various judicial officers to assist the judges of the district courts and county-level courts. These judicial officers are usually known as associate judges. They have some, but not all, of the powers of the judges they assist.

#### **JUDICIAL OFFICERS APPOINTED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 54 AND CHAPTER 54A**

Chapter 54A of the Government Code authorizes the appointment of criminal associate judges, civil associate judges, statutory probate court associate judges, and associate judges for juvenile matters to assist district and county-level judges with their caseloads. Chapter 54 also contains provisions for the appointment of masters, magistrates, and hearing officers in certain counties identified by population and the following counties: Bexar, Brazoria, Burnet, Cameron, Comal, Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Lubbock, Tarrant, Travis, and Webb.

Cases are not directly filed with judicial officers, but are referred to them by district judges and county-level judges. Rather than rendering final orders, the judicial officers generally make recommendations to the referring court. Generally, judicial officers appointed under Chapter 54 and Chapter 54A of the Government Code are appointed by local judges with the consent of the county commissioners court, and the positions are funded by the county.

#### **ASSOCIATE JUDGES APPOINTED UNDER FAMILY CODE, CHAPTER 201**

Like judicial officers appointed under Chapter 54 and Chapter 54A of the Government Code, district and county-level judges refer certain cases to associate judges appointed under Chapter 201 of the Family Code.



## Justice Courts

As amended in November 1983, the Texas Constitution provides that each county is to be divided, according to population, into at least one, and not more than eight, justice precincts, in each of which is to be elected one or more justices of the peace.

Generally, the justice courts have:

- Original jurisdiction in misdemeanor criminal cases where punishment upon conviction may be by fine only;
- Exclusive jurisdiction over civil matters when the amount in controversy does not exceed \$200;
- Concurrent jurisdiction with the county courts when the amount in controversy exceeds \$200 but does not exceed \$10,000;
- Exclusive jurisdiction over forcible entry and detainer (eviction) cases;
- Concurrent jurisdiction over repair and remedy cases; and
- Concurrent jurisdiction over truancy cases.

Trials in justice courts are not “of record.” Appeals from these courts are by trial de novo in the constitutional county court, the county court at law, or the district court.

The justice of the peace also serves in the capacity of a committing magistrate, with the authority to issue warrants for the apprehension and arrest of persons charged with the commission of felony or misdemeanor offenses. As a magistrate, the justice of the peace may hold preliminary hearings, reduce testimony to writing, discharge the accused, or remand the accused to jail and set bail. In addition, the justice of the peace serves as the coroner in those counties where there is no provision for a medical examiner, serves as an ex officio notary public, and may perform marriage ceremonies for additional compensation.



## ***Municipal Courts***

Under its constitutional authority to create “such other courts as may be provided by law,” the Legislature has created municipal courts in each incorporated municipality in the state. In lieu of a municipal court created by the Legislature, municipalities may choose to establish municipal courts of record.

The jurisdiction of municipal courts is provided in Chapters 29 and 30 of the Texas Government Code. Municipal courts have:

- Original and exclusive jurisdiction over criminal violations of certain municipal ordinances and airport board rules, orders, or resolutions that do not exceed \$2,000 in some instances and \$500 in others;
- Concurrent jurisdiction with the justice courts in certain misdemeanor criminal cases; and
- Concurrent jurisdiction over truancy cases.

In addition to the jurisdiction of a regular municipal court, municipal courts of record also have jurisdiction over criminal cases arising under ordinances authorized by certain provisions of the Local Government Code. The municipality may also provide by ordinance that a municipal court of record have additional jurisdiction in certain civil and criminal matters.

Municipal judges also serve in the capacity of a committing magistrate, with the authority to issue warrants for the apprehension and arrest of persons charged with the commission of felony or misdemeanor offenses. As a magistrate, the municipal judge may hold preliminary hearings, reduce testimony to writing, discharge the accused, or remand the accused to jail and set bail.

Trials in municipal courts are not generally “of record;” many appeals go to the county court, county court at law, or district court by a trial de novo. Appeals from municipal courts of record are generally heard in the county criminal courts, county criminal courts of appeal or municipal courts of appeal. If none of these courts exist in the county or municipality, appeals are to a county court at law.



## Judicial Administration

The Texas Supreme Court has constitutional responsibility for the efficient administration of the judicial system and possesses the authority to make rules of administration applicable to the courts.<sup>14</sup> Under the direction of the chief justice, the Office of Court Administration aids the Supreme Court in carrying out its administrative duties by providing administrative support and technical assistance to all courts in the state.

The Supreme Court and the Texas Legislature also receive recommendations on long-range planning and improvements in the administration of justice from the Texas Judicial Council, a 22-member policy-making body composed of two appointees from each level of court, as well as appointees from the Governor and legislative branches of government.

The chief justice of the Supreme Court, presiding judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, chief justices of each of the courts of appeals, and judges of each of the trial courts are generally responsible for the administration of their respective courts. Furthermore, there is a local administrative district judge in each county, as well as a local administrative statutory county court judge in each county that has a statutory county court. In counties with two or more district courts, a local administrative district judge is elected by the district judges in the county for a term not to exceed two years.<sup>15</sup> Similarly, in counties with two or more statutory county courts, a local administrative statutory county court judge is elected by the statutory county court judges for a term not to exceed two years. The local administrative judge is charged with implementing the local rules of administration, supervising the expeditious movement of court caseloads, and other administrative duties.<sup>16</sup>

To aid in the administration of justice in the trial courts, the state is divided into nine administrative judicial regions. With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor appoints one of the active or retired district judges, or a retired appellate court judge who has district court experience residing in each region, as the presiding judge. The statutory probate court judges also select a presiding judge, who must be an active statutory probate court judge.

The chief justice of the Supreme Court may convene periodic conferences of the chief justices of the courts of appeals, as well as periodic conferences of the nine presiding judges to ensure the efficient administration of justice in the courts of the state.

By statute, the Court has administrative control over judicial branch agencies and issues Administrative Orders to include orders for appointments to judicial boards, commissions, and task forces.

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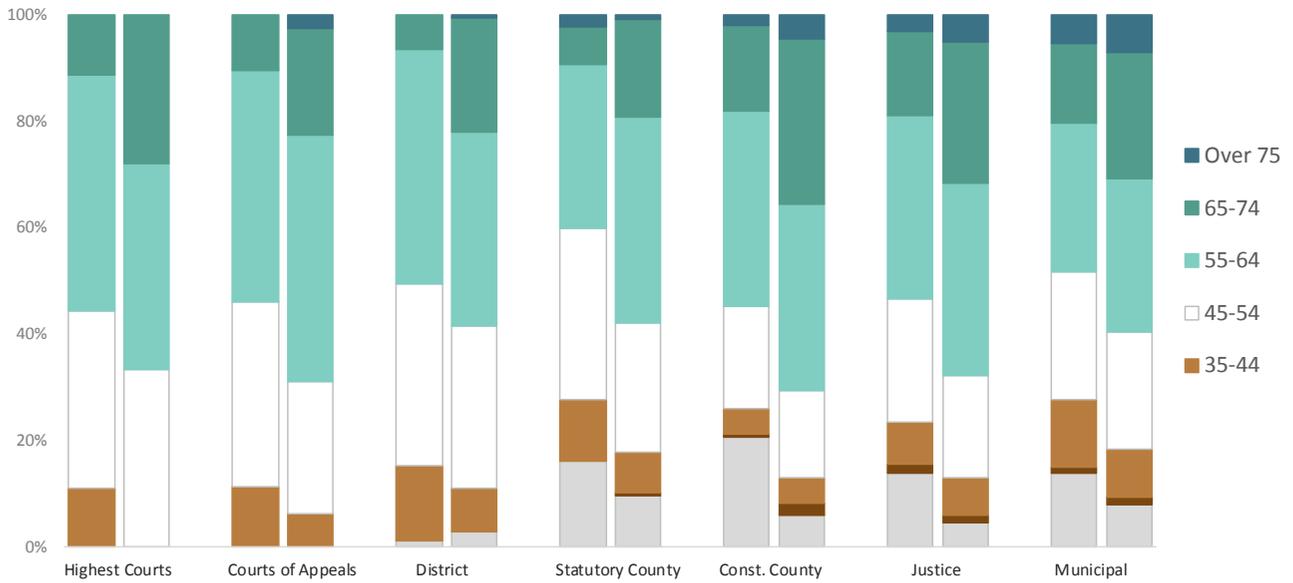
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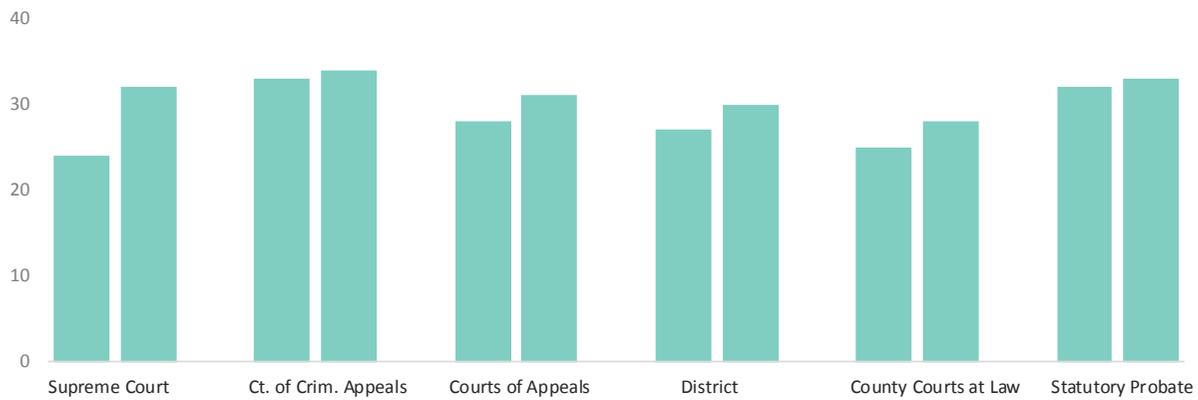
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# Profile of Appellate and Trial Court Judges

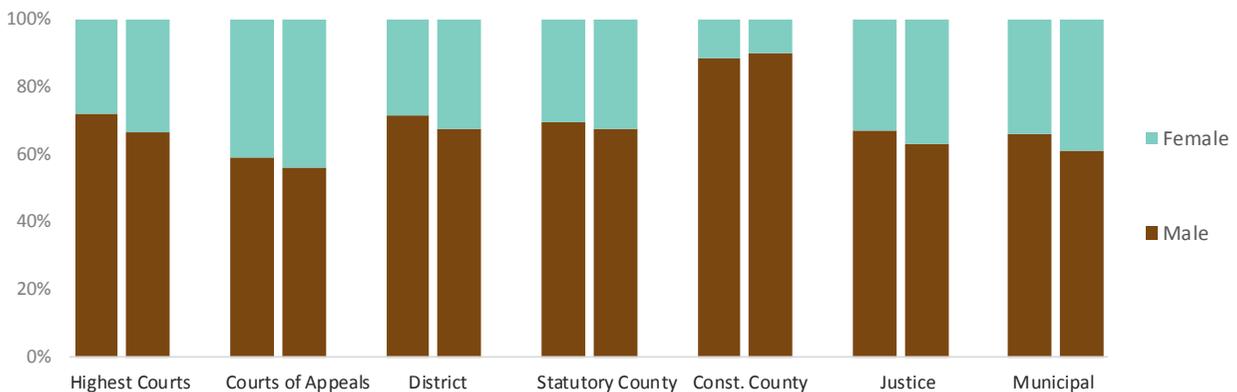
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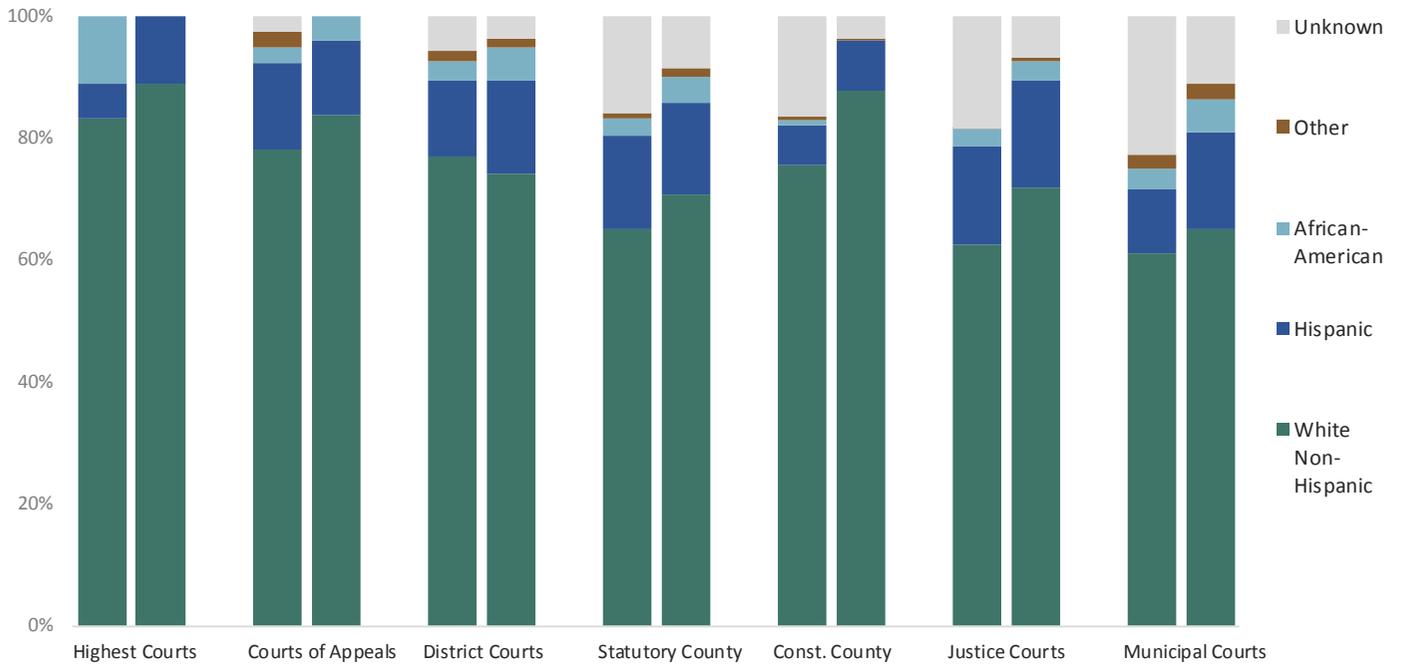
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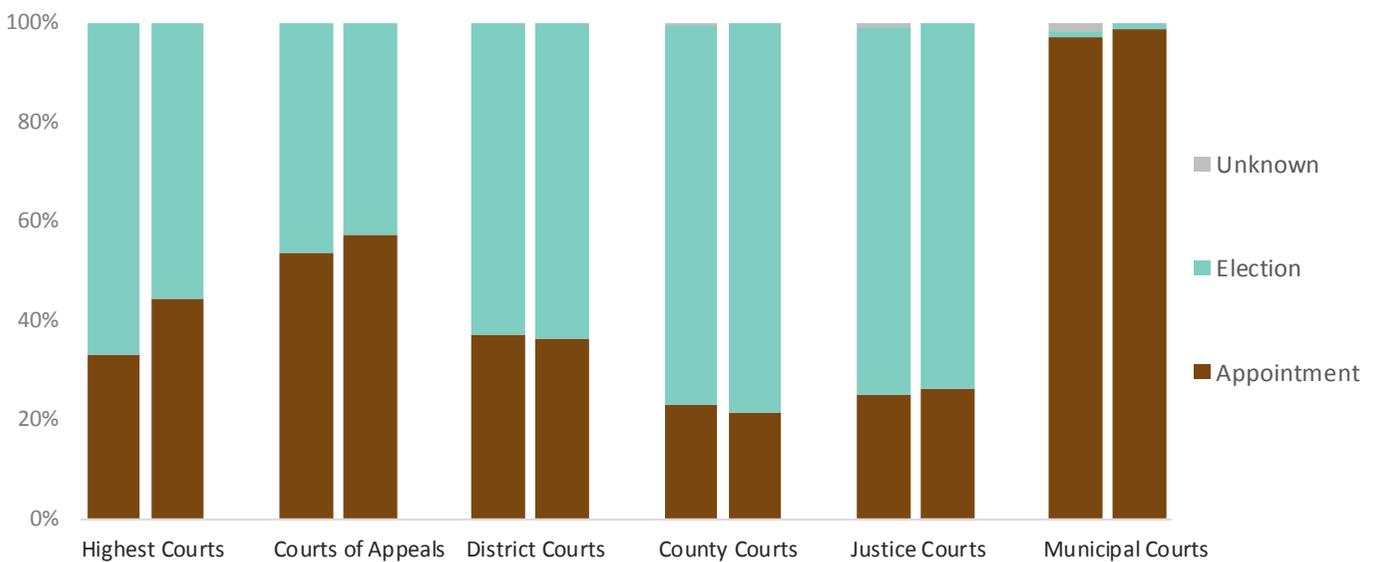
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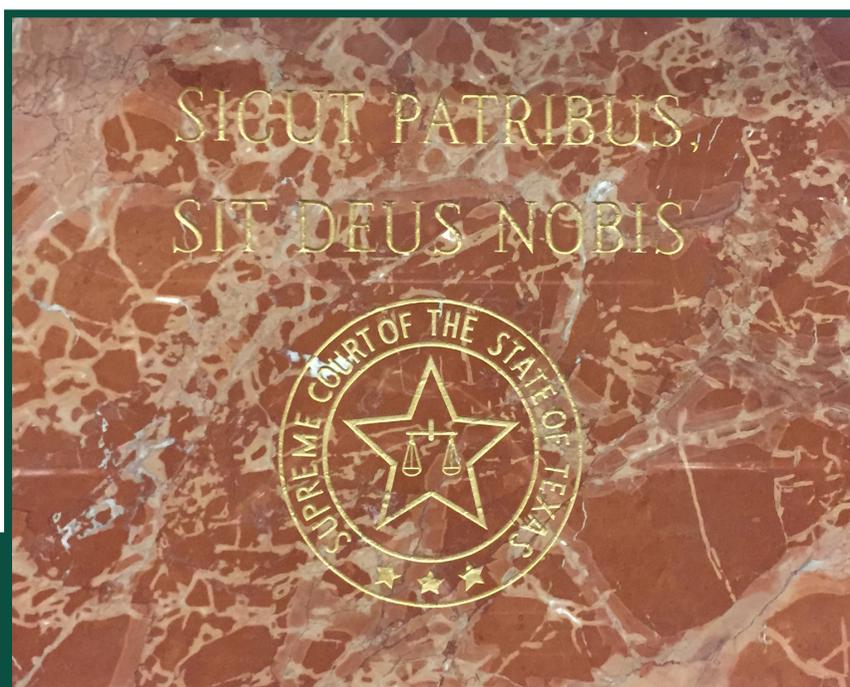


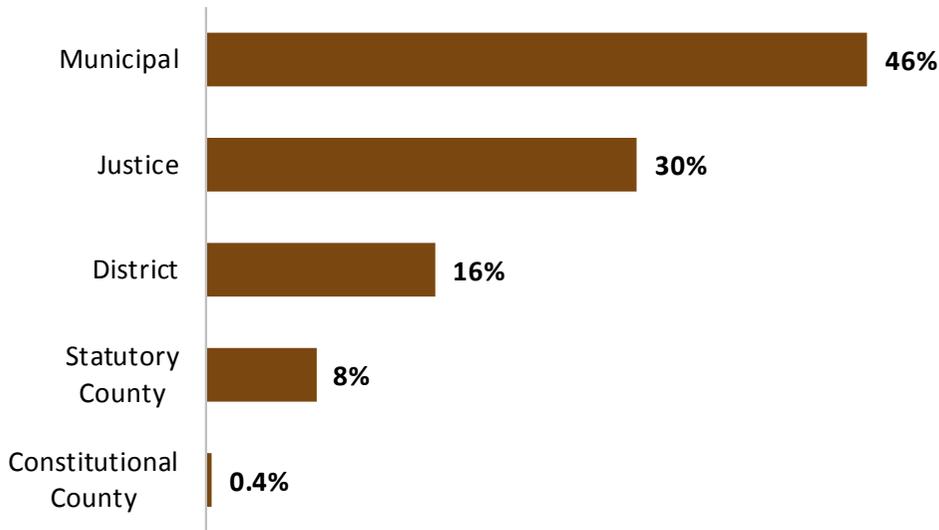
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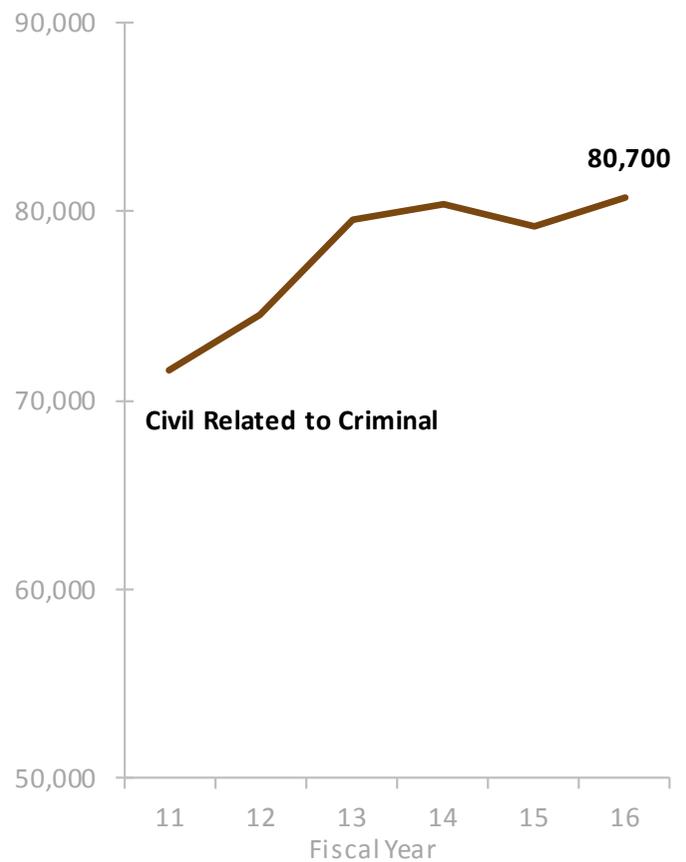
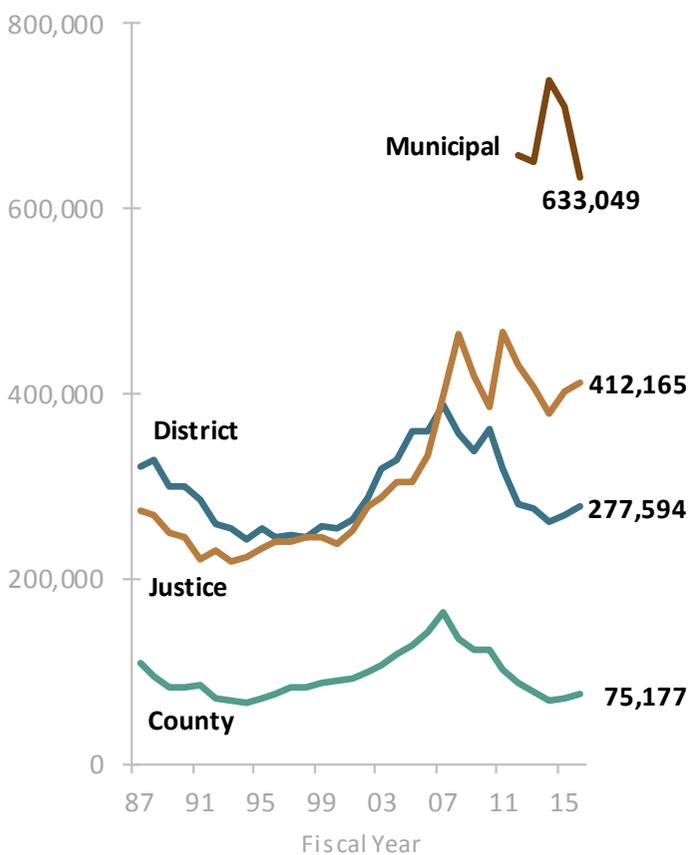
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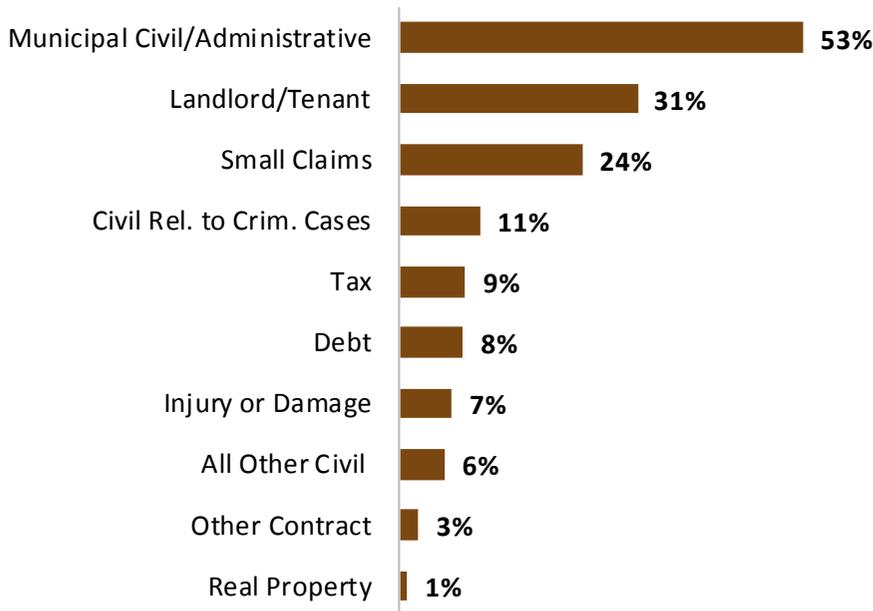


Almost one-half of the 1,374,060 new civil cases filed statewide in 2016 were in **municipal courts**.

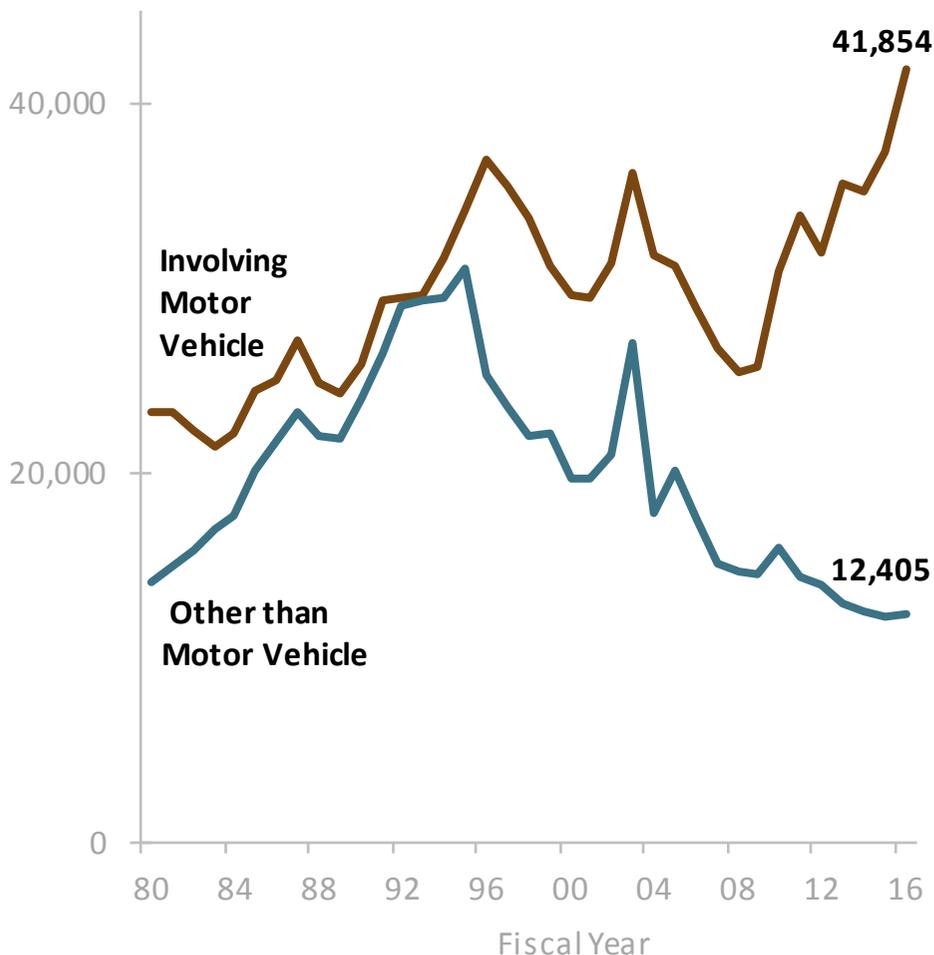


The number of new civil cases filed in the **district, county and justice courts** increased by three percent from 2015 to 2016. The number of civil/administrative cases filed in **municipal courts** declined 11 percent during the same period.

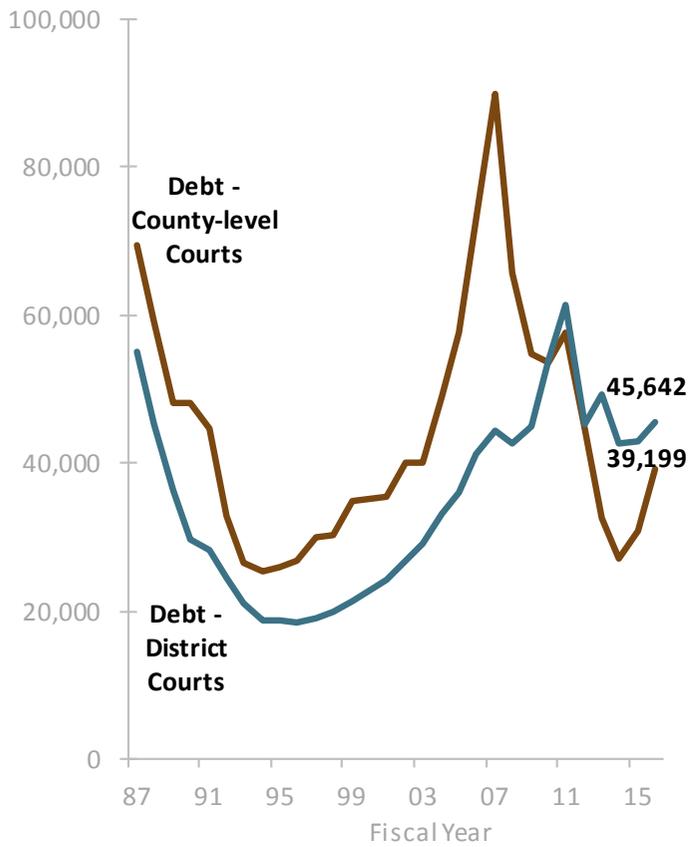
In the district and county courts, the number of new **civil cases related to criminal matters** (i.e., bond forfeiture, occupational license, nondisclosure and other matters) increased two percent from the number filed in 2015.



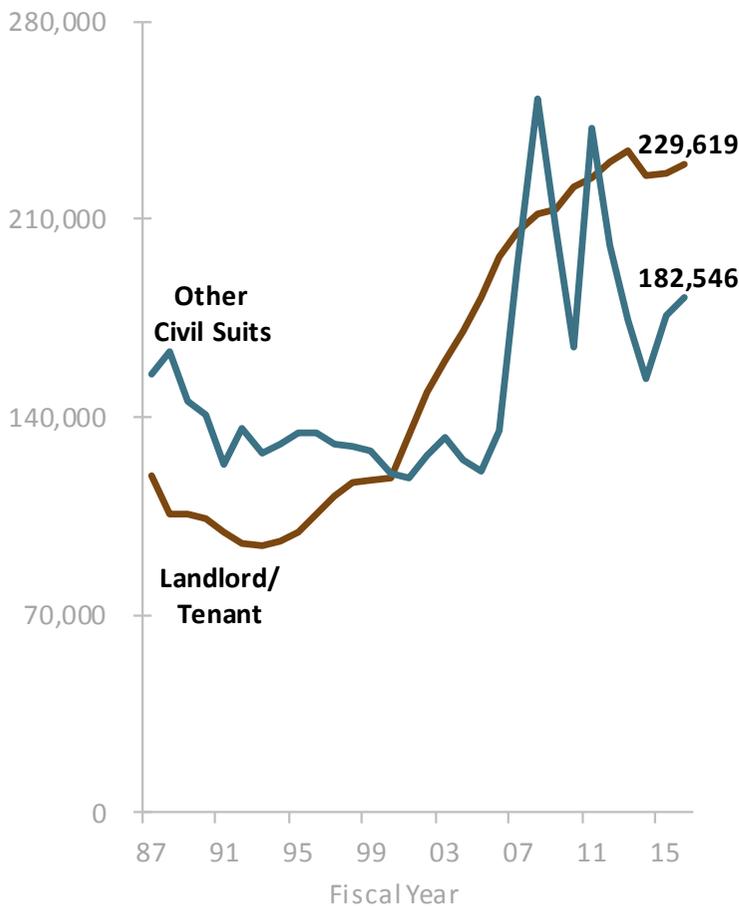
*Civil/administrative cases filed in the **municipal courts** accounted for more than half of civil cases filed statewide in 2016.*



*The number of new injury or damage cases filed involving a **motor vehicle** increased 12 percent from the previous year, reaching another all-time high. After five years of decline, the number of injury or damage cases **not involving a motor vehicle** increased by 1 percent from the number filed in 2015.*

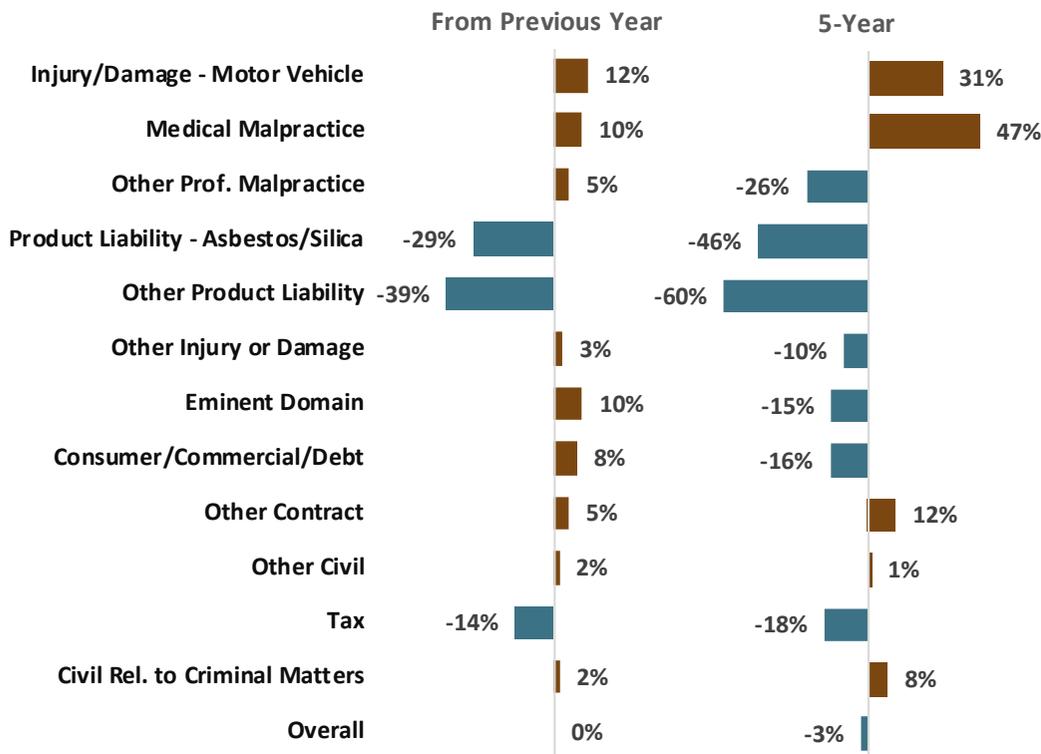


The number of new **debt** cases filed increased over the last two years by 45 percent in the county-level courts and by 7 percent in the district courts.

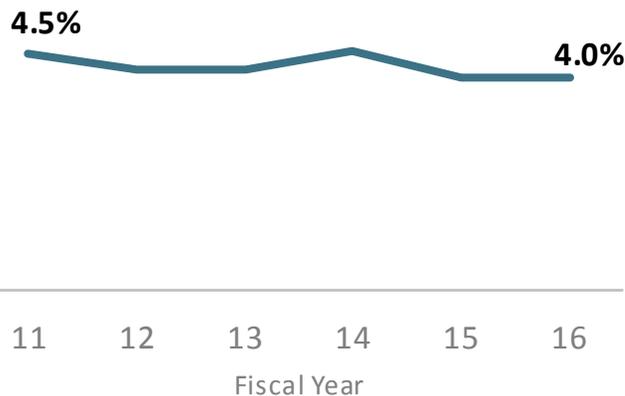


The number of new **landlord/tenant** cases filed in justice courts increased by two percent over the last 2 years, while other civil suits (debt claims and small claims) filed in justice courts increased by 19 percent.

Change in New Cases Filed - District and County Courts



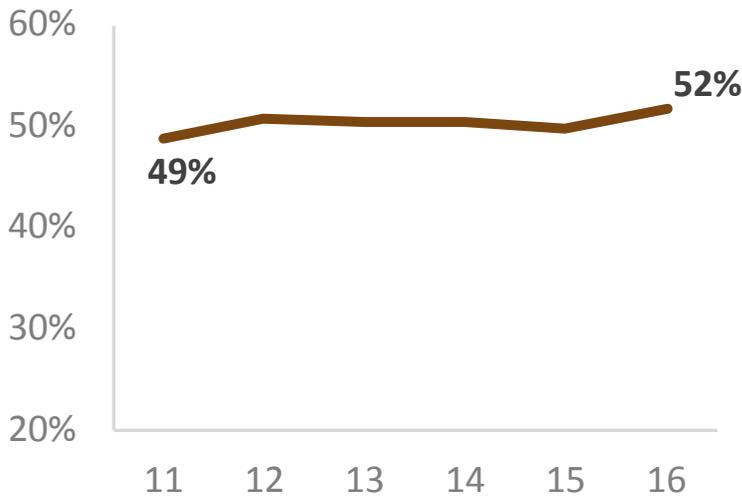
The number of new civil cases filed in district and county-level courts increased from the previous year in every category except for **product liability and tax** cases.



The plaintiff or petitioner was **self-represented** at the time of filing in four percent of civil cases filed in 2016.

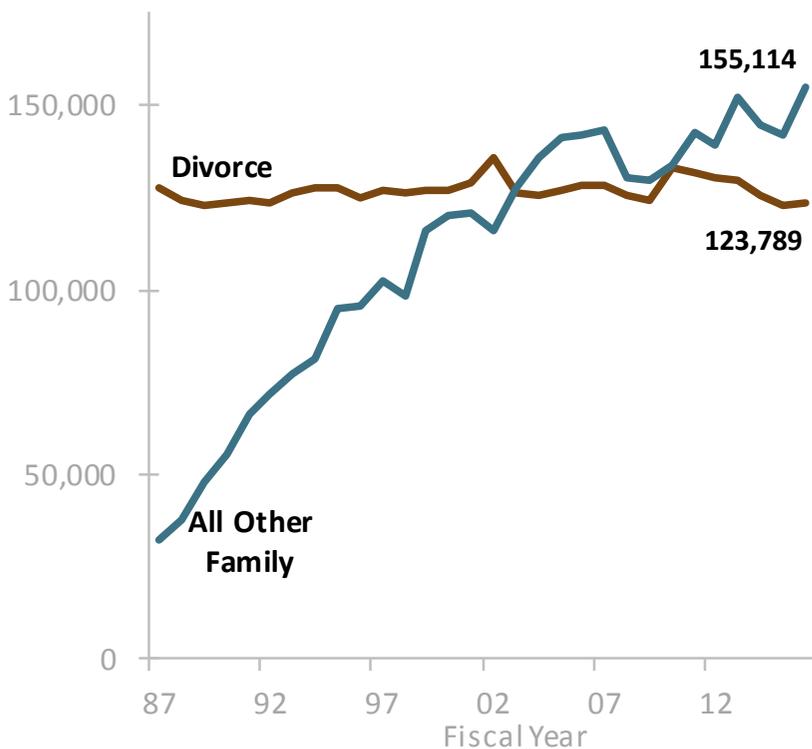
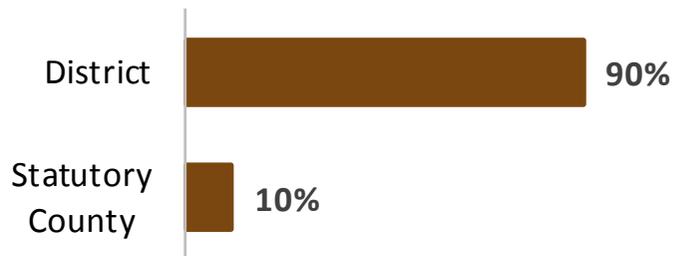
# Statewide Trends

## Family Cases

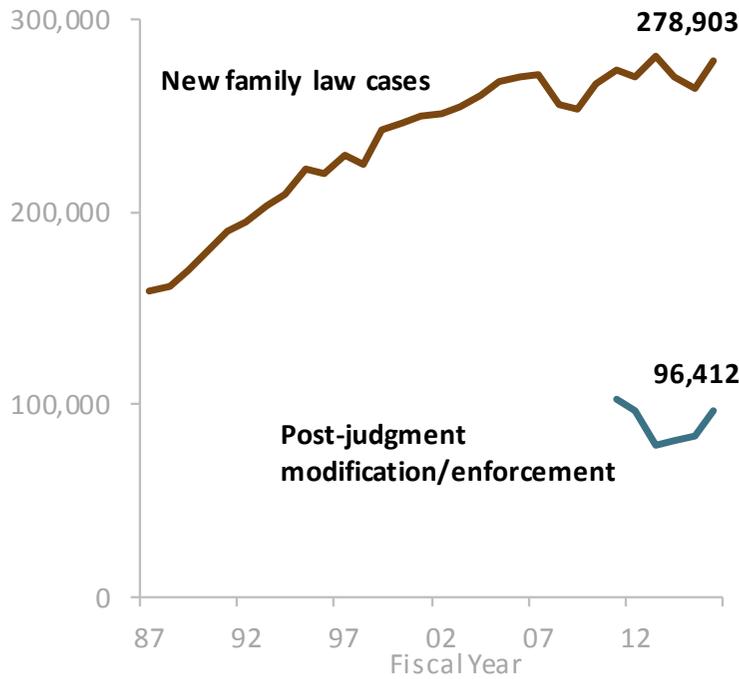


The number of new family cases filed slightly increased as a percentage of the district courts' and county courts' civil caseload (family, probate, mental health, and other civil cases).

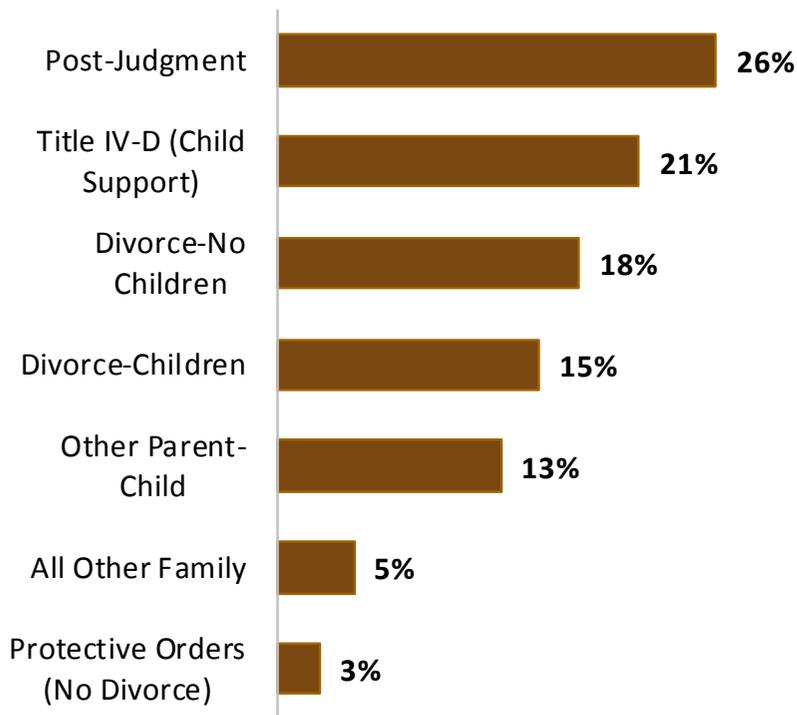
Most family cases were handled in the district courts.



After falling to the lowest number since 1989, new **divorce** cases filed **increased** slightly in 2016. **All other family** cases (not including new post-judgment suits), however, increased by 9 percent to an all-time high.

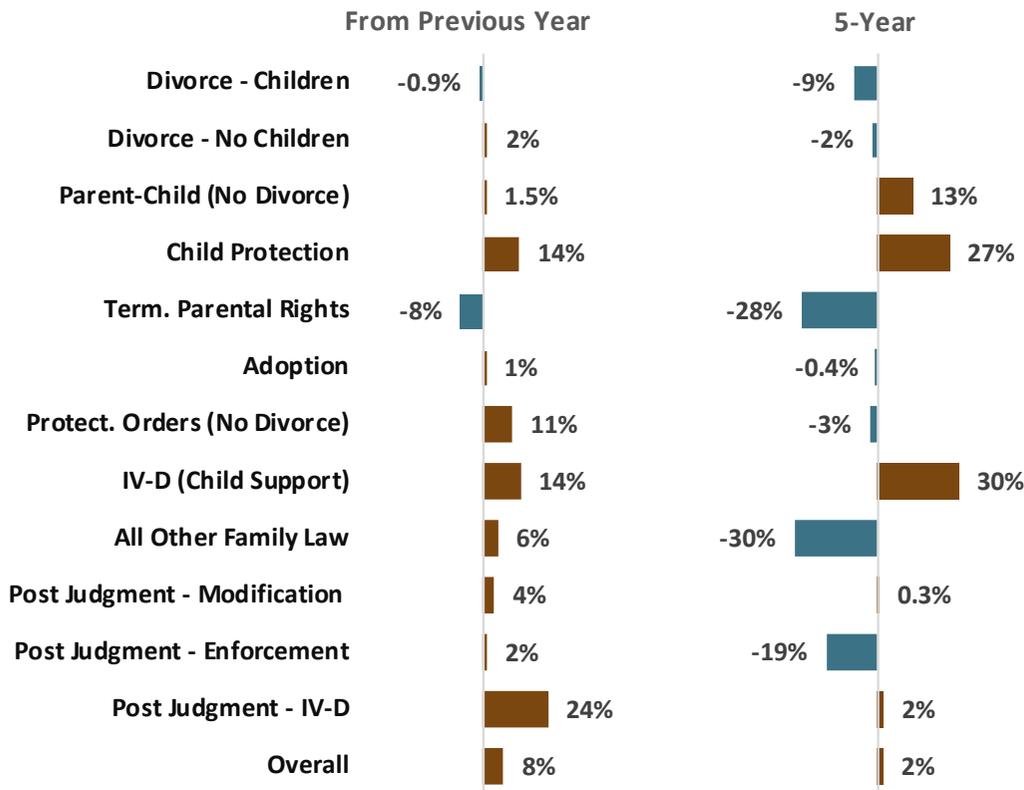


After a two-year decline, the number of **new** family cases filed increased 5 percent to the second highest level ever. The number of **post-judgment** cases filed also increased 16 percent from the previous year.

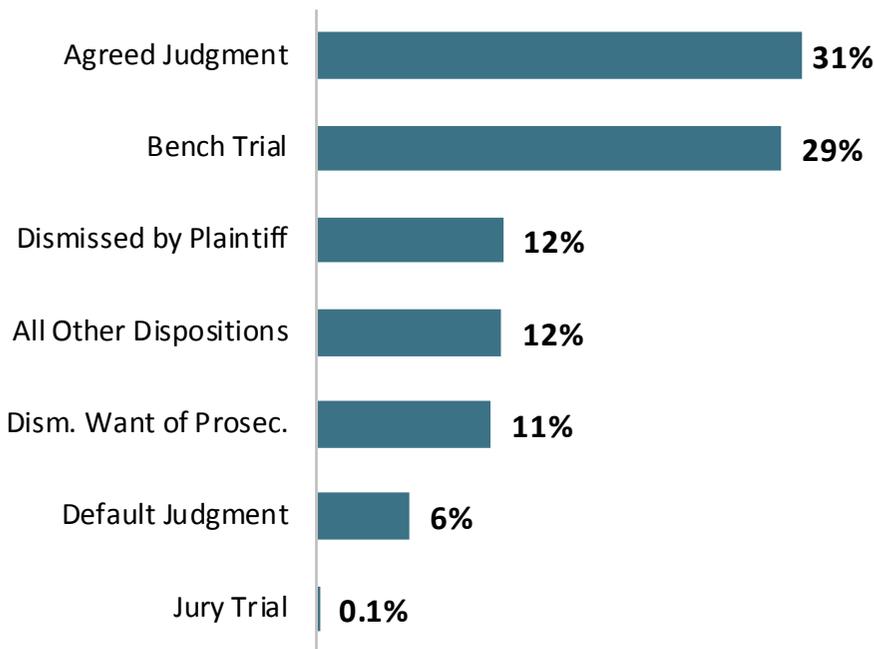


More than one-quarter of the 375,315 new family cases filed were **post-judgment suits for modification or enforcement**, and another 21 percent involved **Title IV-D** (child support) cases.

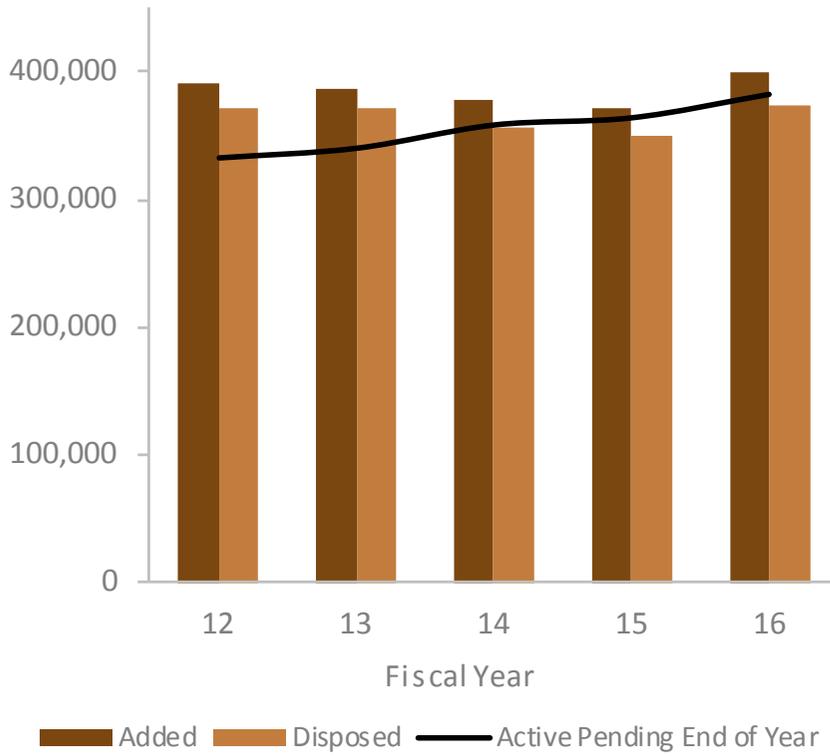
Change in New Cases Filed



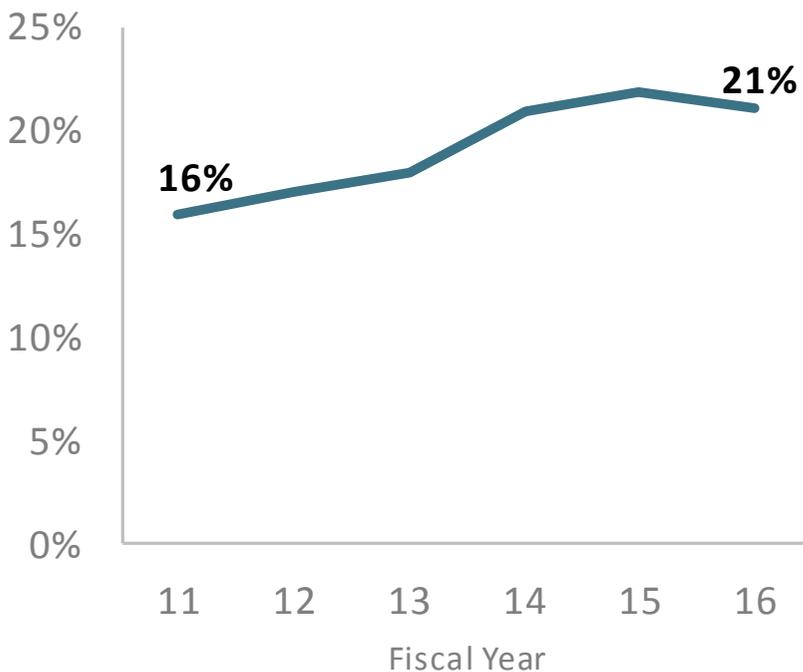
*The number of new cases filed increased in every category except divorce cases involving children and termination of parental rights. The greatest percentage increases occurred in child protection cases, protective order cases not involving a divorce, and child support cases.*



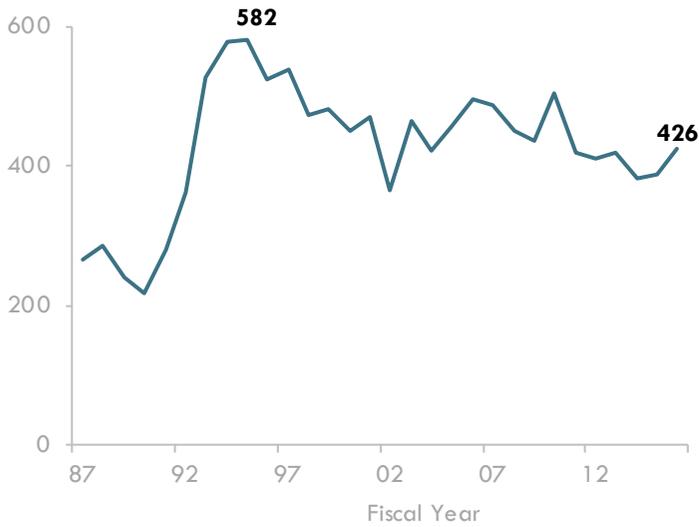
*Nearly one-third of family cases were disposed of by agreed judgment in 2016. Only 0.1 percent of cases were decided by jury trial. A similar number were disposed by bench trial.*



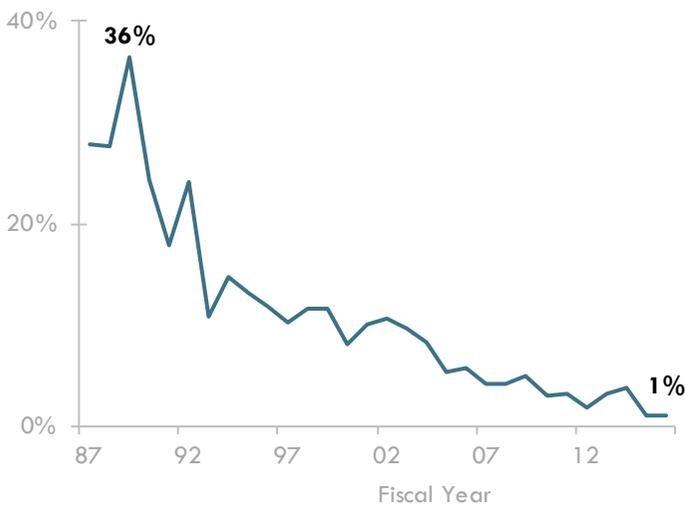
*As the number of cases filed has exceeded the number of cases disposed, the number of pending cases has risen.*



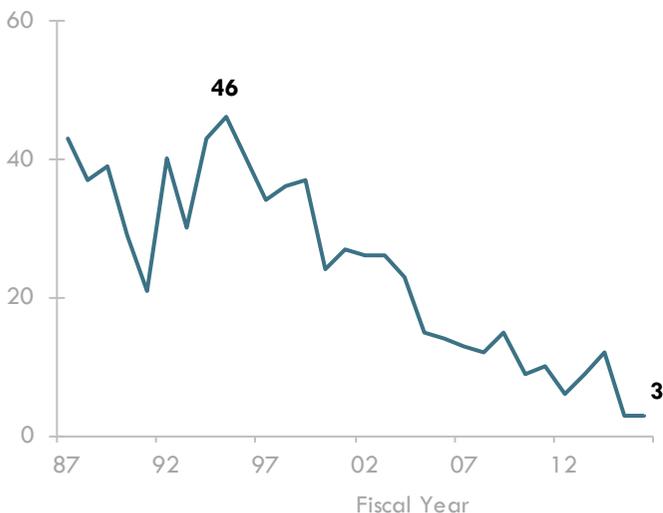
*In approximately one-fifth of family cases, the plaintiff or petitioner was **self-represented** at the time of filing.*



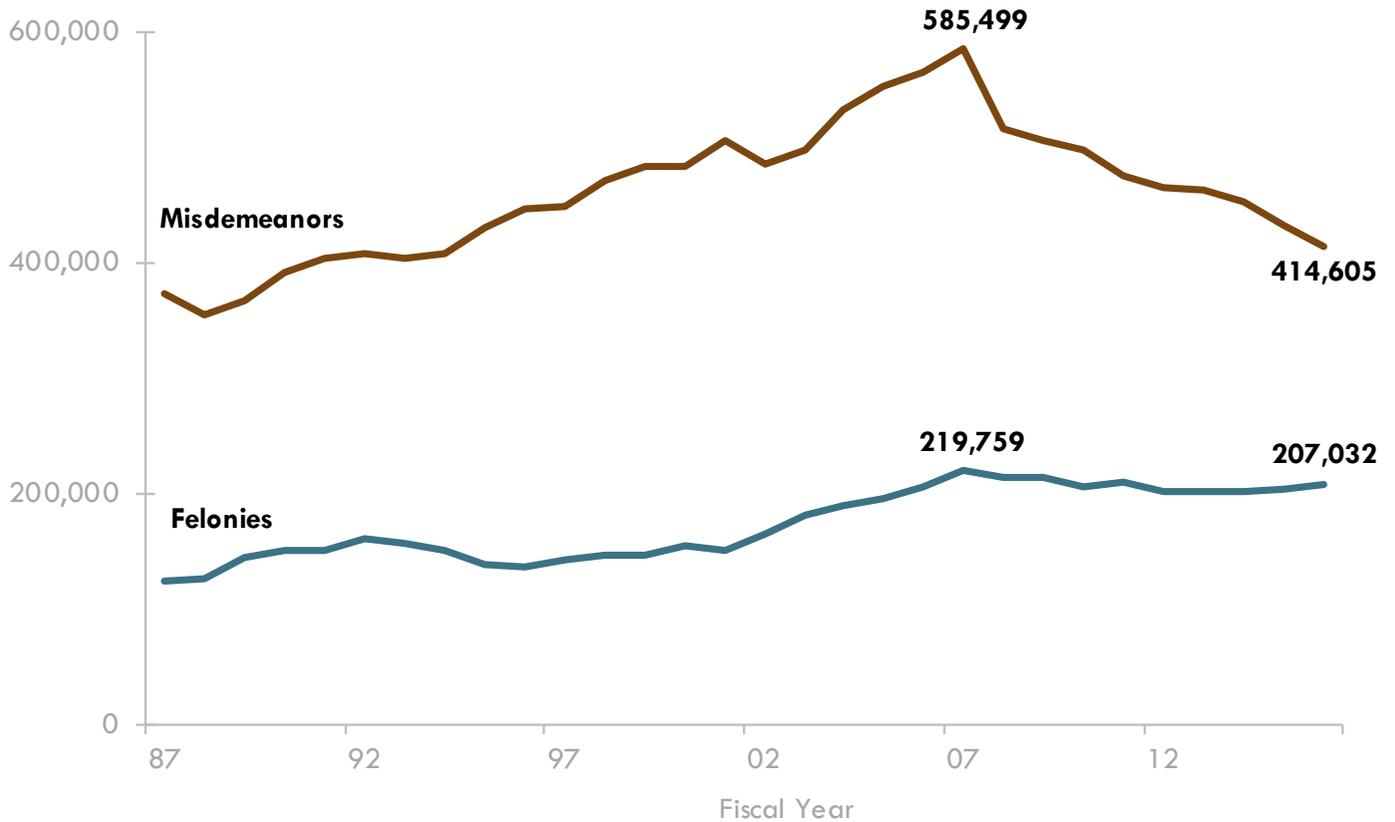
The number of new **capital murder cases filed** increased 10 percent from the number filed in the previous year.



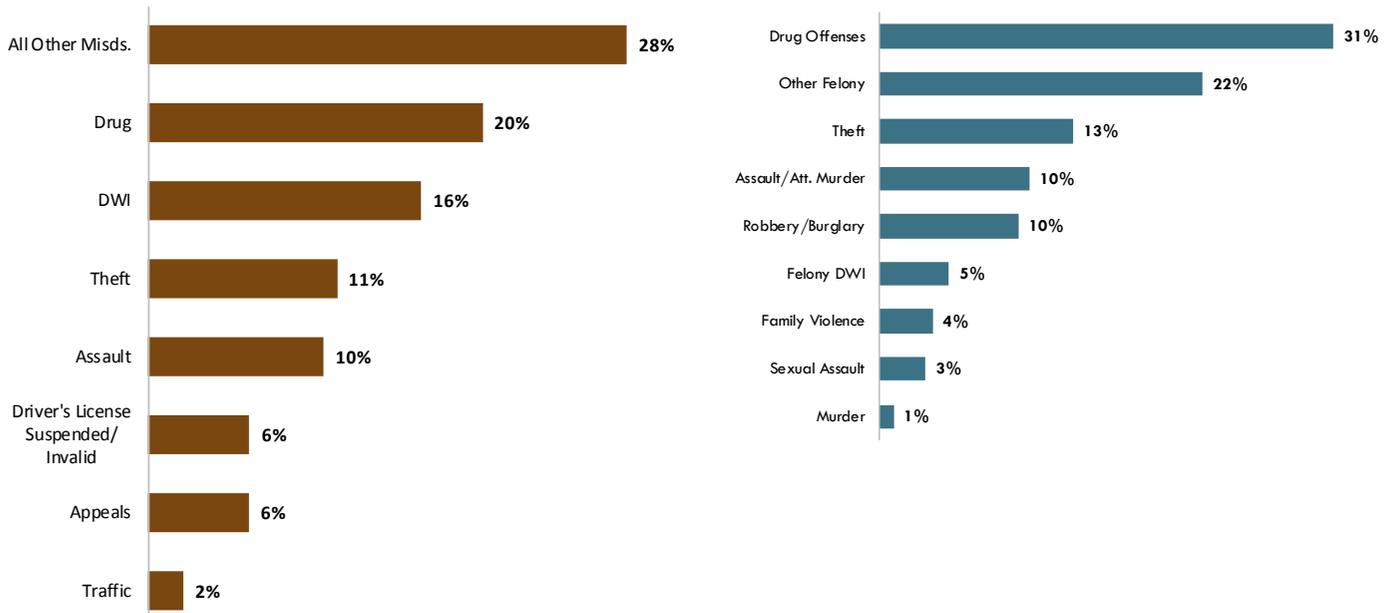
The percentage of **capital murder convictions resulting in the death penalty** generally declined from a high of 36 percent in 1989 (39 cases) to an all-time low of 1 percent (3 cases) in 2015 and in 2016.



The number of **death sentences** declined from a high of 46 in 1995 to an all-time low of 3 in 2015 and in 2016.

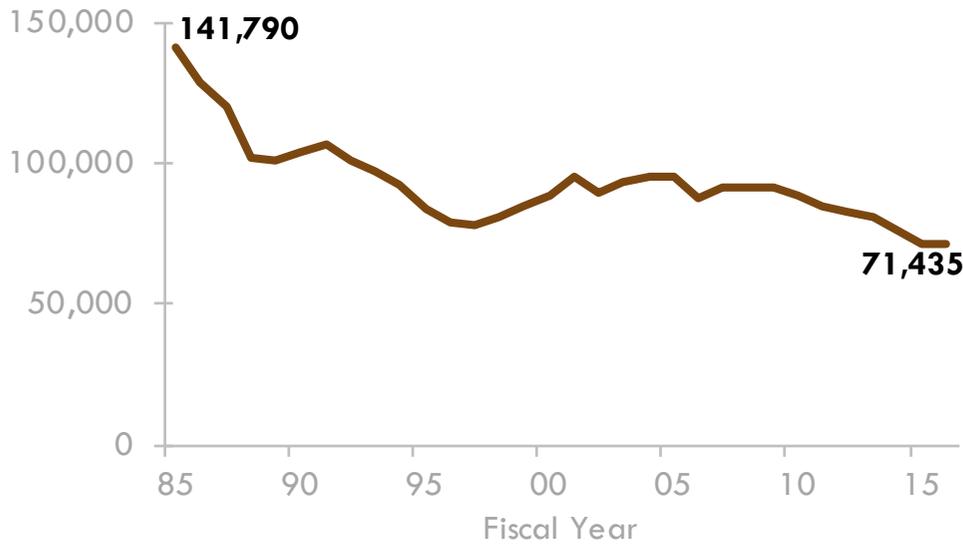


The number of new misdemeanor cases filed has fallen 29 percent from the peak in 2007 and is at its lowest rate since 1994. The number of new felony cases filed was 6 percent lower than the peak rate in 2007, but it has increased slightly each of the last four years.

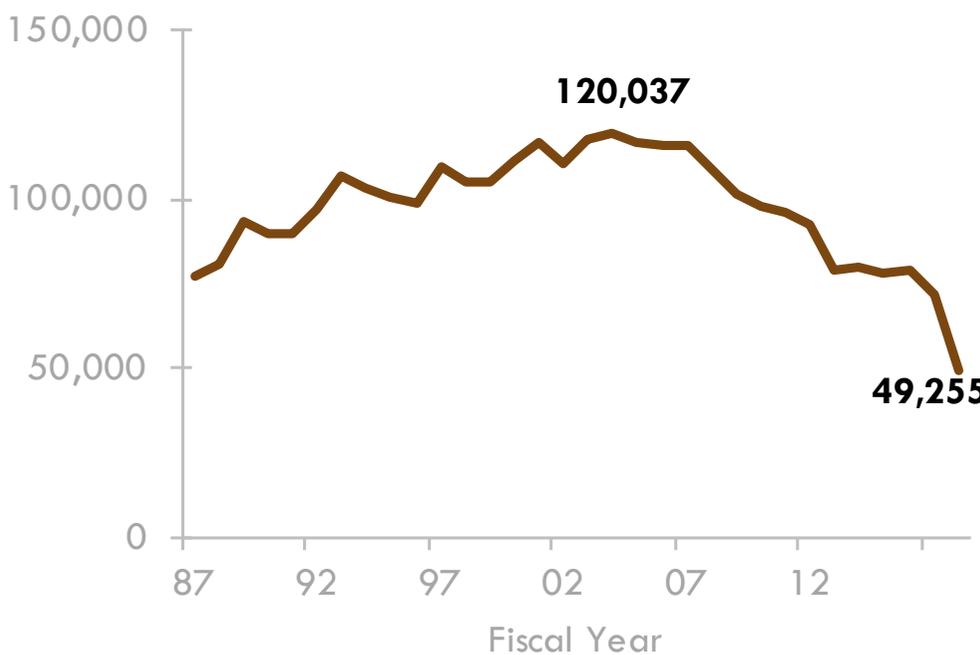


**“All Other Misdemeanors”** accounted for 28 percent of the new misdemeanor cases filed in 2016.

**Drug cases** accounted for nearly a third of new felony cases filed in 2016.



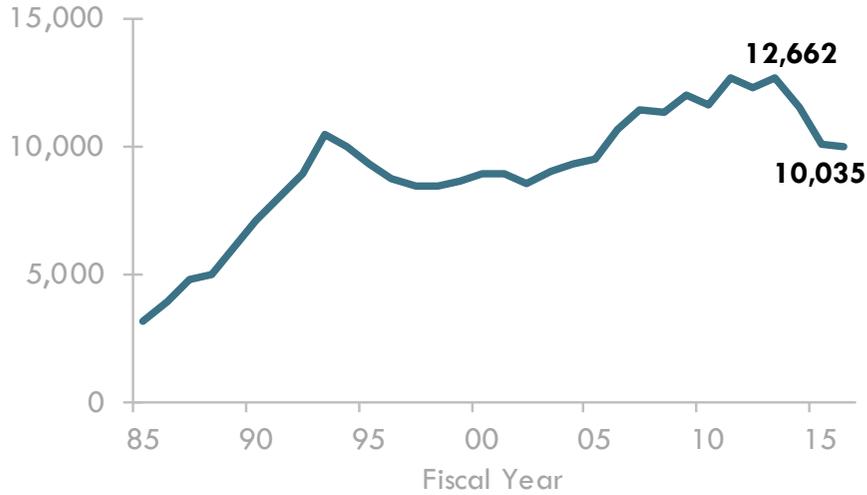
The number of new **misdemeanor DWI** cases filed declined by less than one percent from the previous year but was the lowest number in at least 30 years and was nearly half of the number filed in 1985.



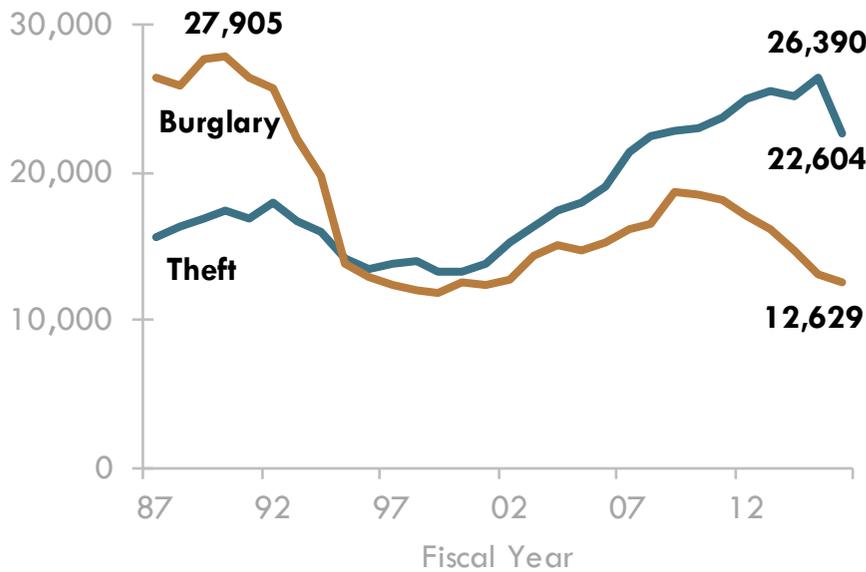
The number of new **misdemeanor theft** cases filed plunged 32 percent from the previous year and was the lowest number filed in at least 30 years.

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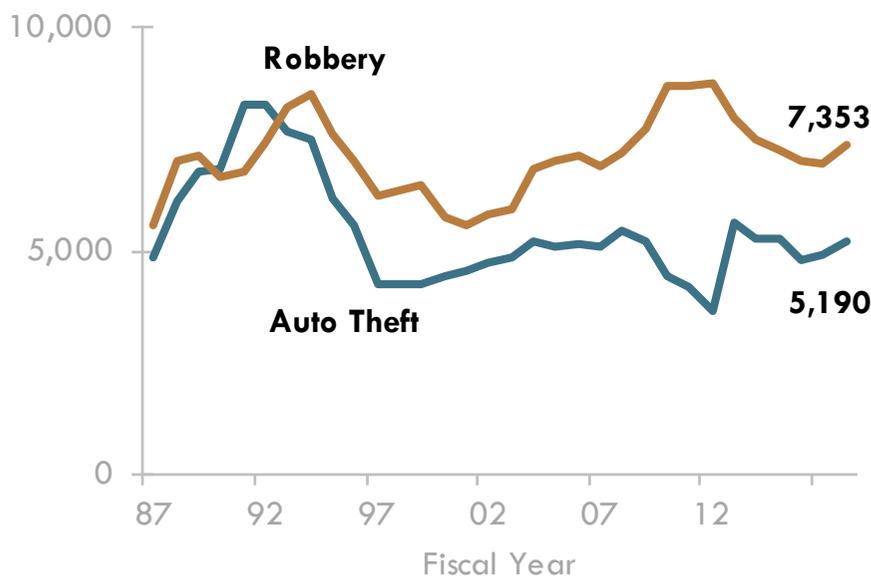
## Criminal Cases



The number of new **felony DWI** cases filed also declined by less than one percent from the previous year but was 21 percent lower than the peak rate in 2013.



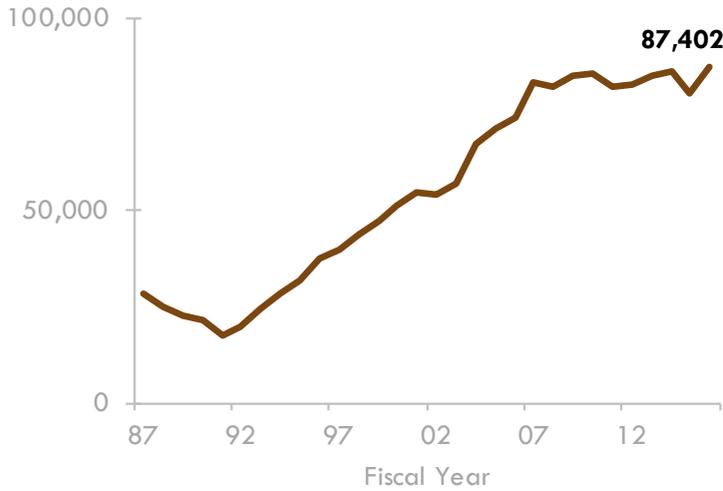
The number of new **felony theft** cases filed dropped 14 percent from the previous year, and **burglary** cases continued to decline.



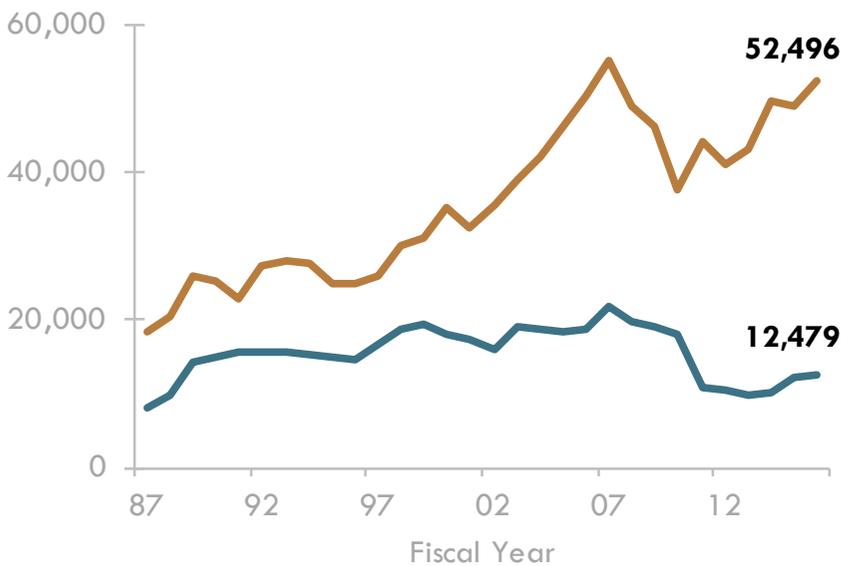
The number of new **robbery and auto theft** cases filed increased from the previous year.

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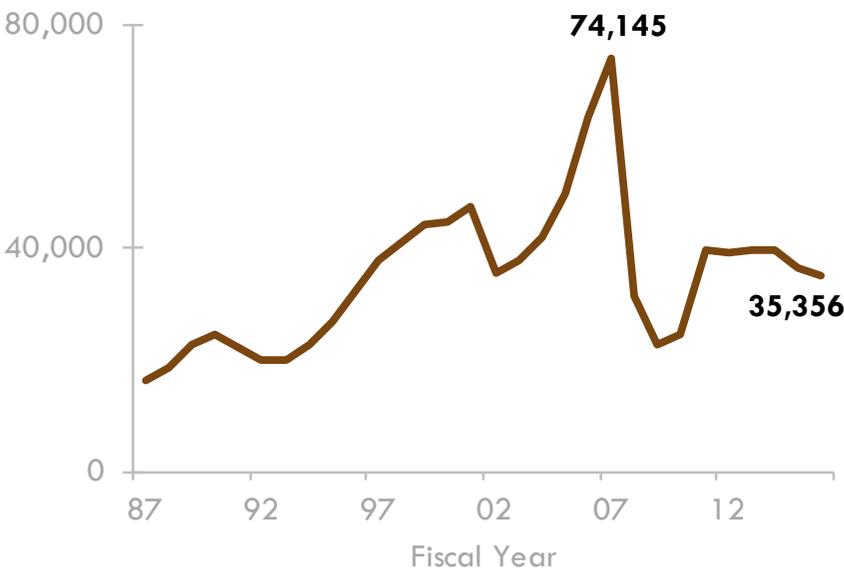
## Criminal Cases



*The number of new **misdemeanor drug** cases filed increased 9 percent from the previous year, reaching a new peak in filings in this category.*

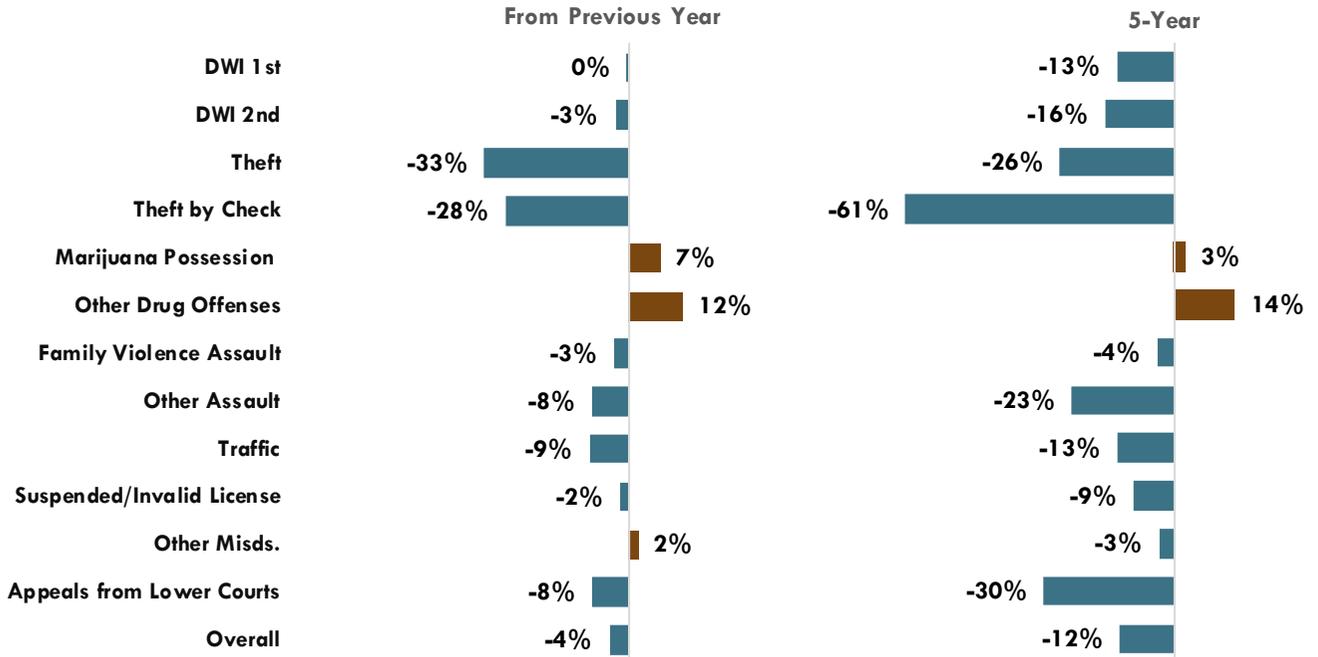


*The number of new **felony drug possession** and **drug/sale manufacture** cases filed also increased from the previous year.*

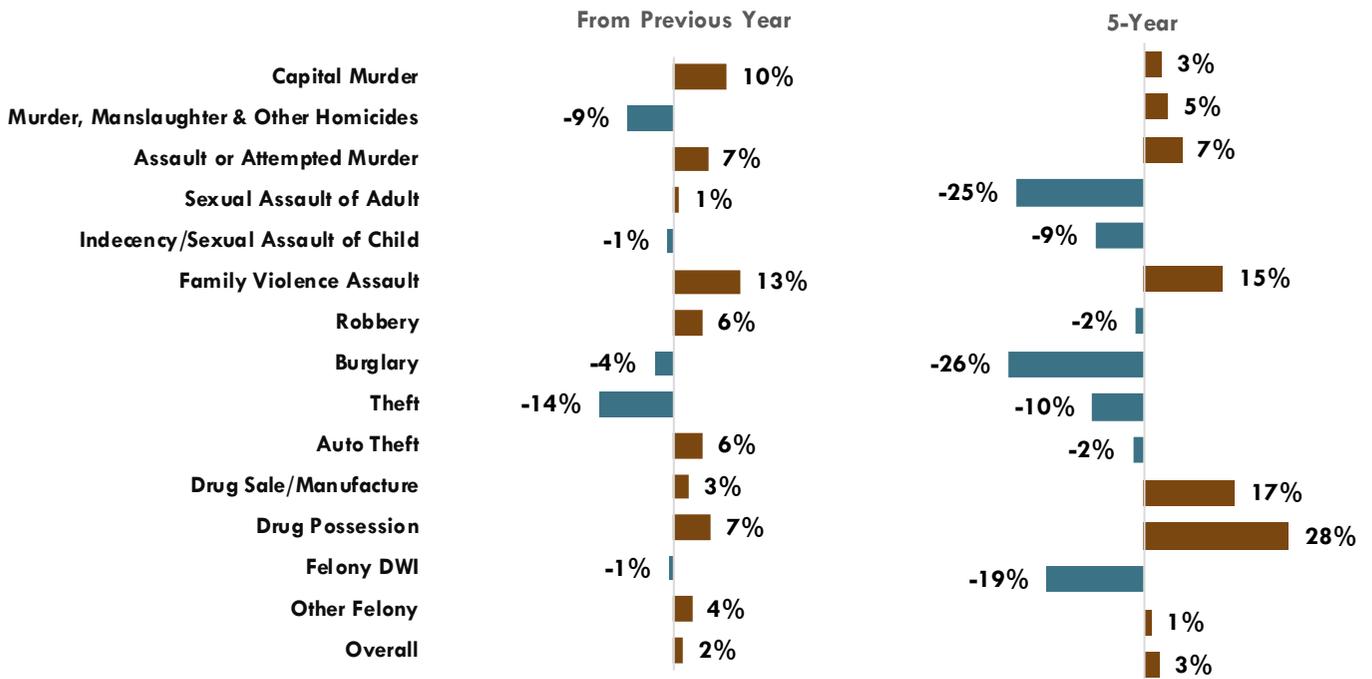


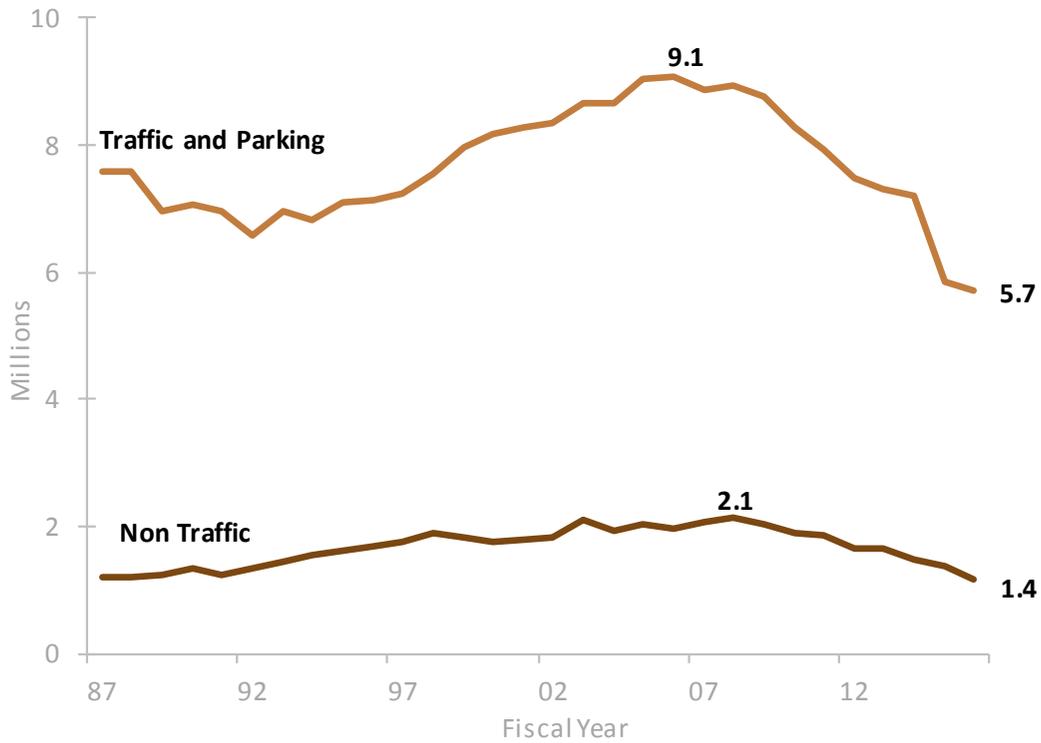
*After remaining relatively level from 2011 to 2014, the number of new **traffic** cases filed declined in each of the last two years.*

Change in New Misdemeanor Cases Filed

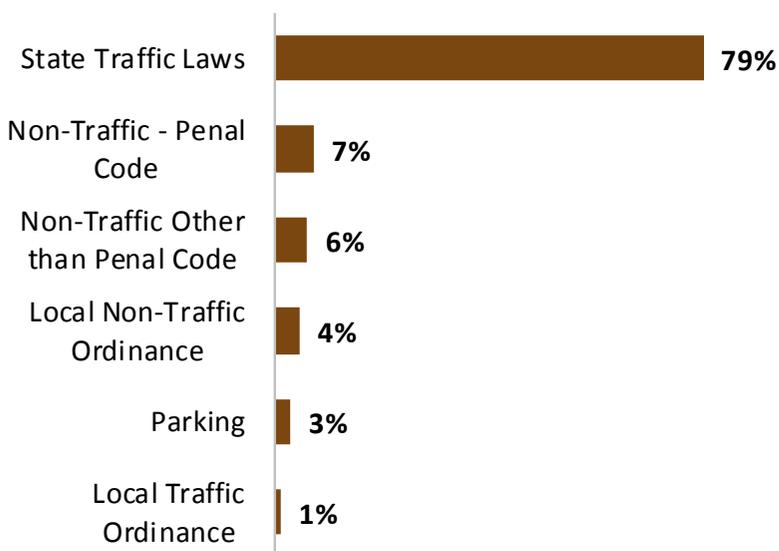


Change in New Felony Cases Filed



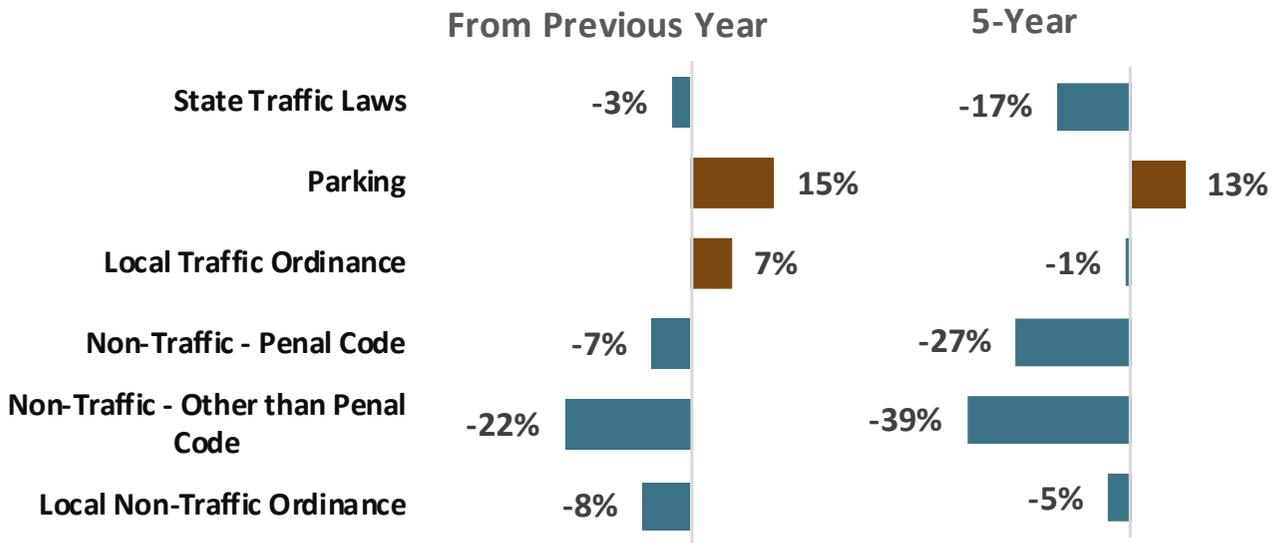


The number of new Class C misdemeanor **traffic and parking** cases filed fell 37 percent from its peak in 2006 and was its lowest in more than 30 years. The number of new **non-traffic** Class C misdemeanor cases filed was 45 percent lower than its peak in 2008 and was the lowest since 1991.



The vast majority of the 6,878,675 criminal cases filed in 2016 involved violations of **state traffic laws**.

### Change in Filings



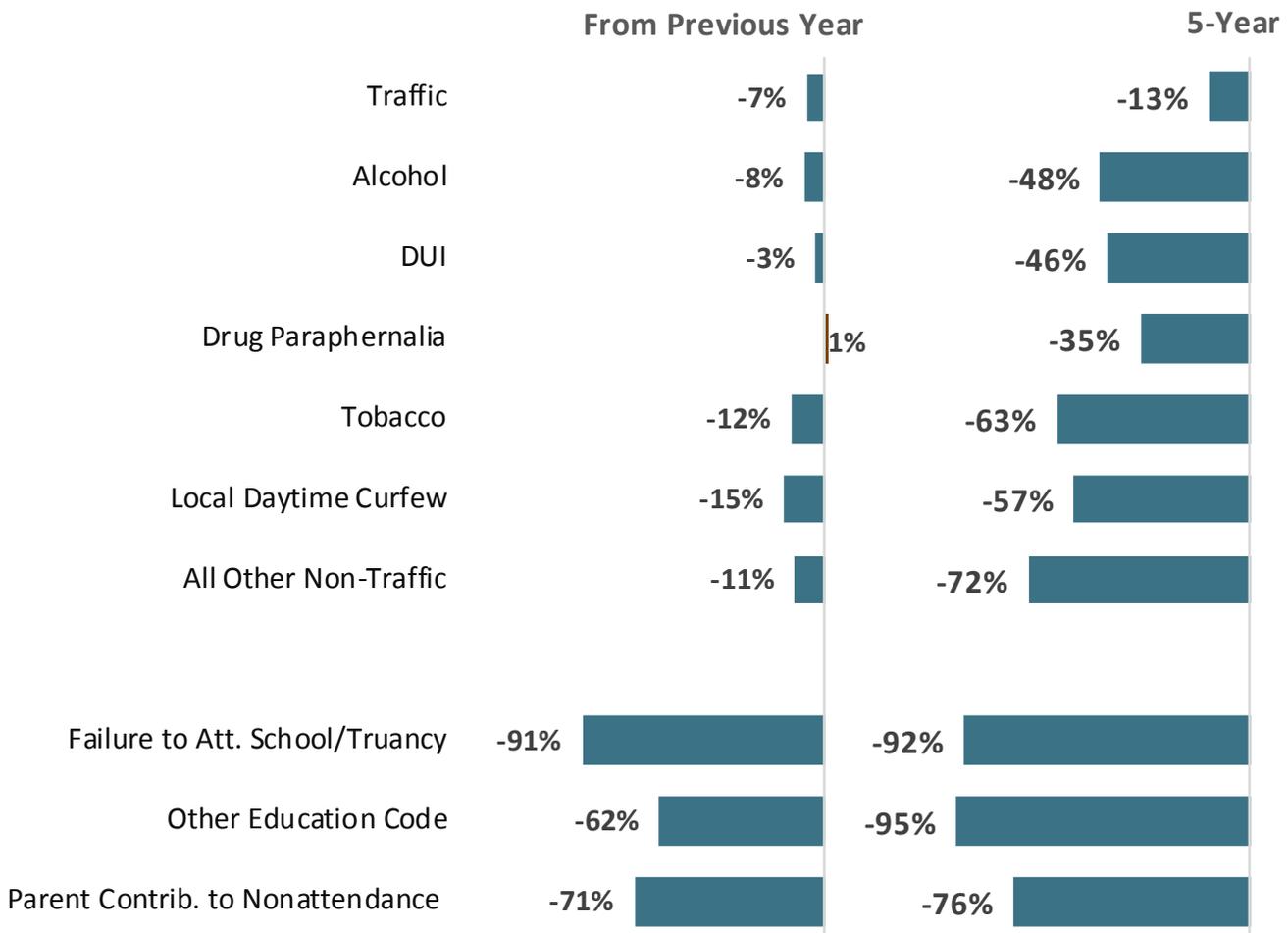
*In 2016, the number of new Class C misdemeanor cases continued to decline in every category except in the **parking and local traffic ordinance** categories.*

**Class C Misdemeanors and Truancy**

Class C misdemeanor cases involving juveniles or minors declined in every category over the past five years and continued to decline in 2016, except in the drug paraphernalia category, where the filing rate increased very slightly. In fiscal year 2014, changes to laws modifying how school police officers deal with students for misbehavior at school led to the virtual elimination of citations issued under the Education Code and likely contributed to declines in citations issued under other case categories.

*Changes to truancy laws that went into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year led to a more than 90 percent decline in truancy cases filed in the courts.*

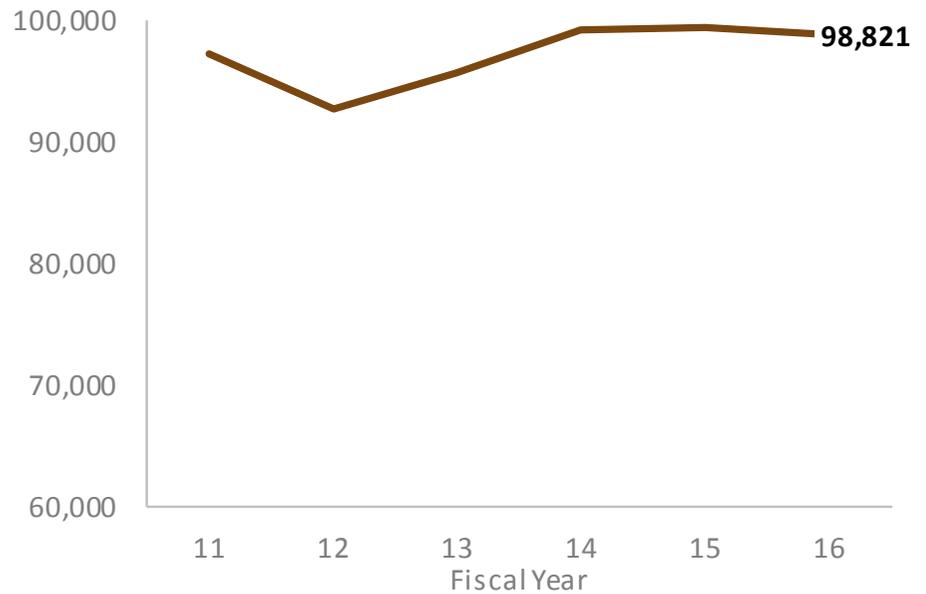
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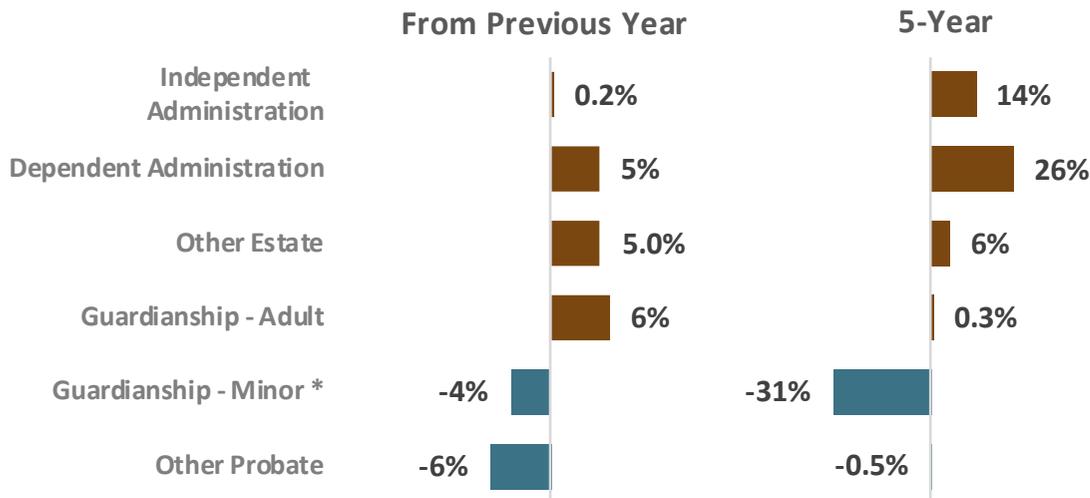
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## Probate and Guardianship Cases

*The number of probate and guardianship cases filed remained steady from 2014 to 2016.*

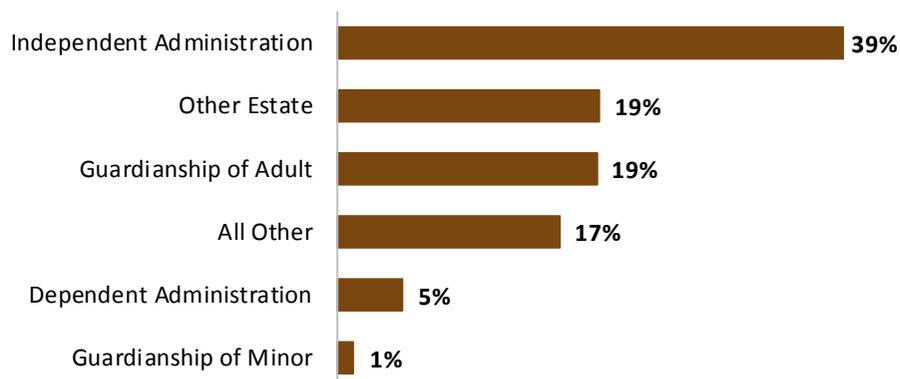


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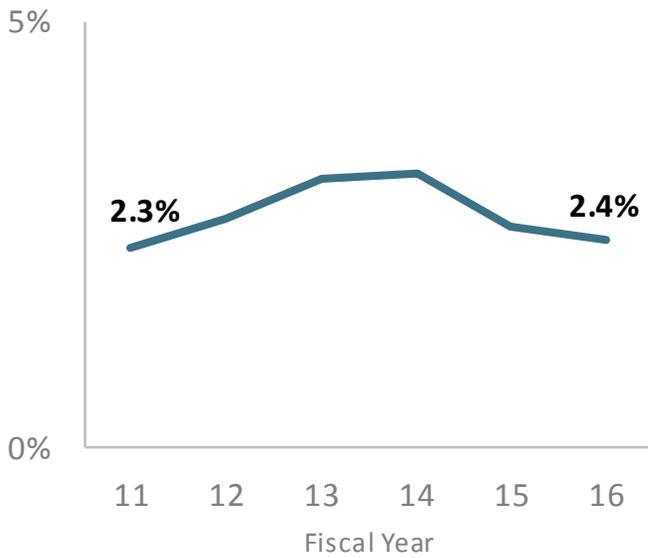
\*Significant 5-year decrease likely due to incorrect reporting in previous years.

*Approximately 40 percent of probate cases filed were estate cases involving an application for independent administration.*



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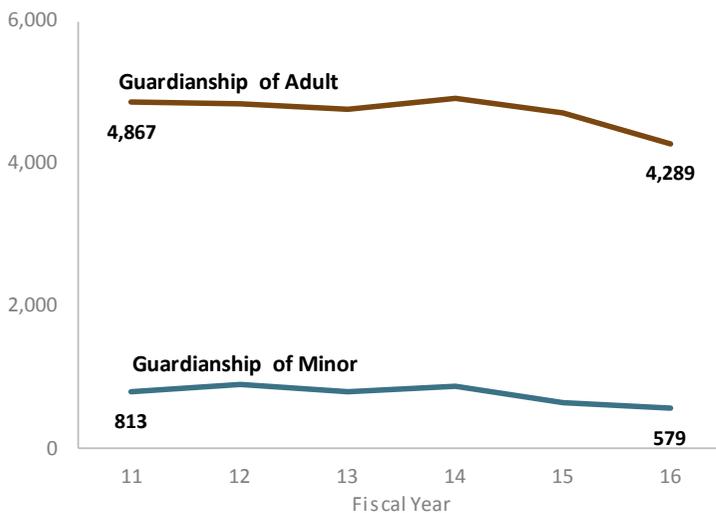
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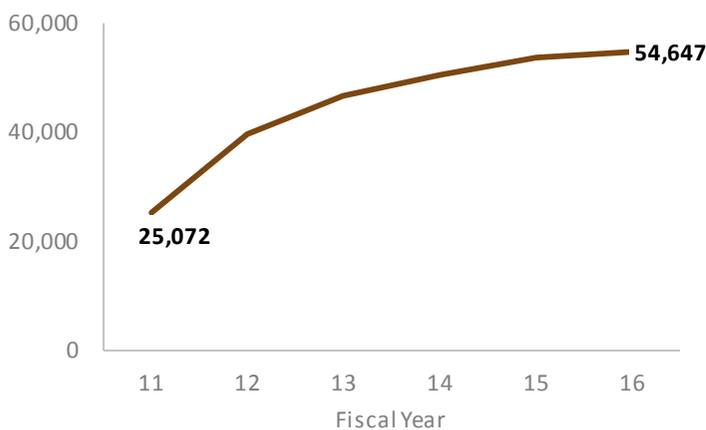
*In less than three percent of cases, the plaintiff or petitioner was **self-represented** at the time of filing.*



*Most **guardianship** cases filed involved an adult ward/proposed ward.*



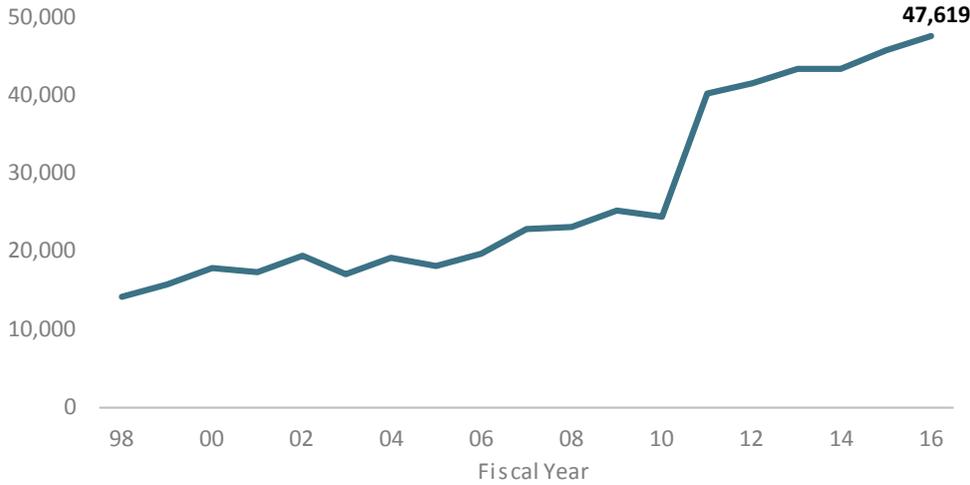
*While total filings in adult guardianship cases increased from the previous year, the number of **new** cases filed decreased by 13 percent since 2014. New minor guardianship cases declined by 34 percent in the same period.*



*More than 54,000 guardianship cases were reported **active** as of the end of the fiscal year.*

## Statewide Trends

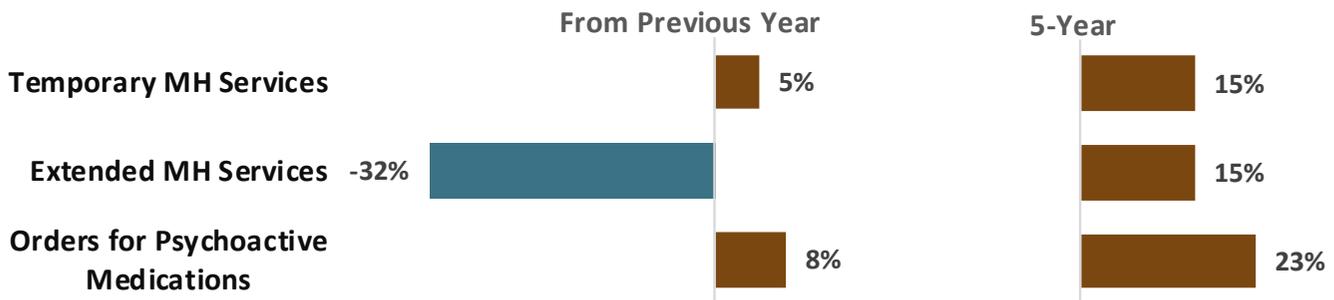
## Applications for Involuntary Mental Health Services



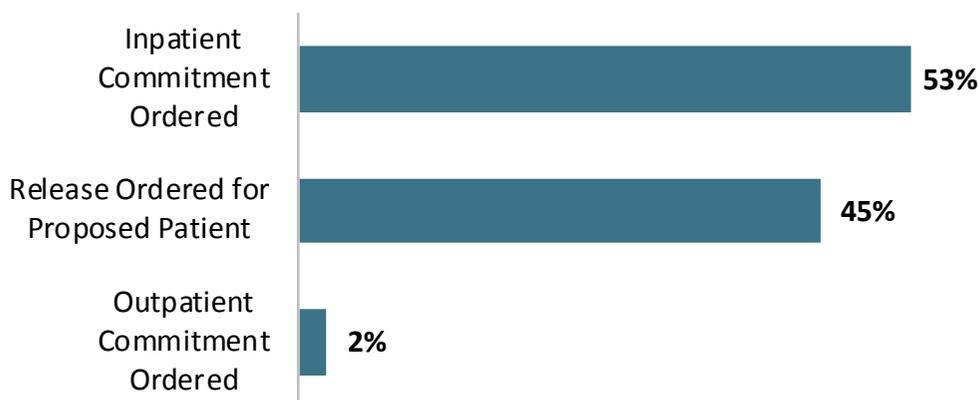
*The number of applications filed for involuntary mental health commitment rose to an all-time high of more than 47,000 cases.*

Large increase from 2010 to 2011 primarily due to Dallas County beginning to report

### Change in Filings

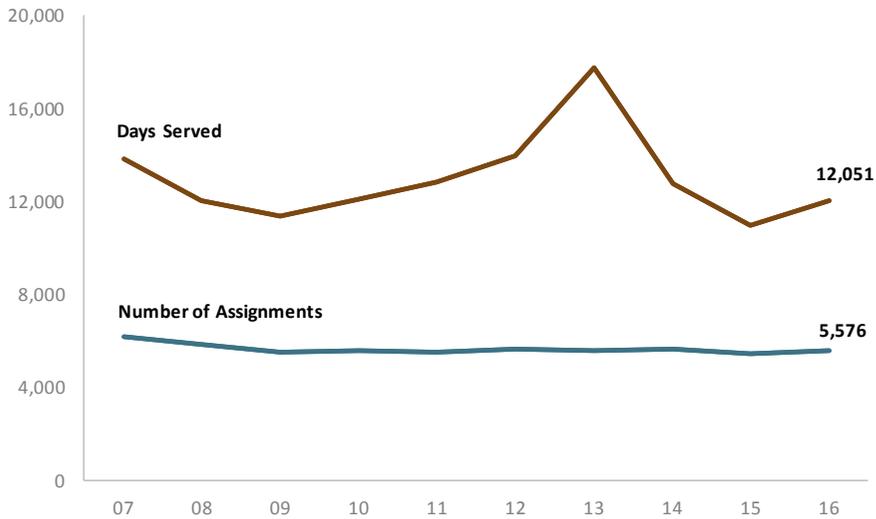


*Applications for **temporary** mental health services, which account for 99 percent of applications filed, increased 15 percent over the last 5 years. Applications to authorize psychoactive medications rose by nearly 25 percent over that same period.*



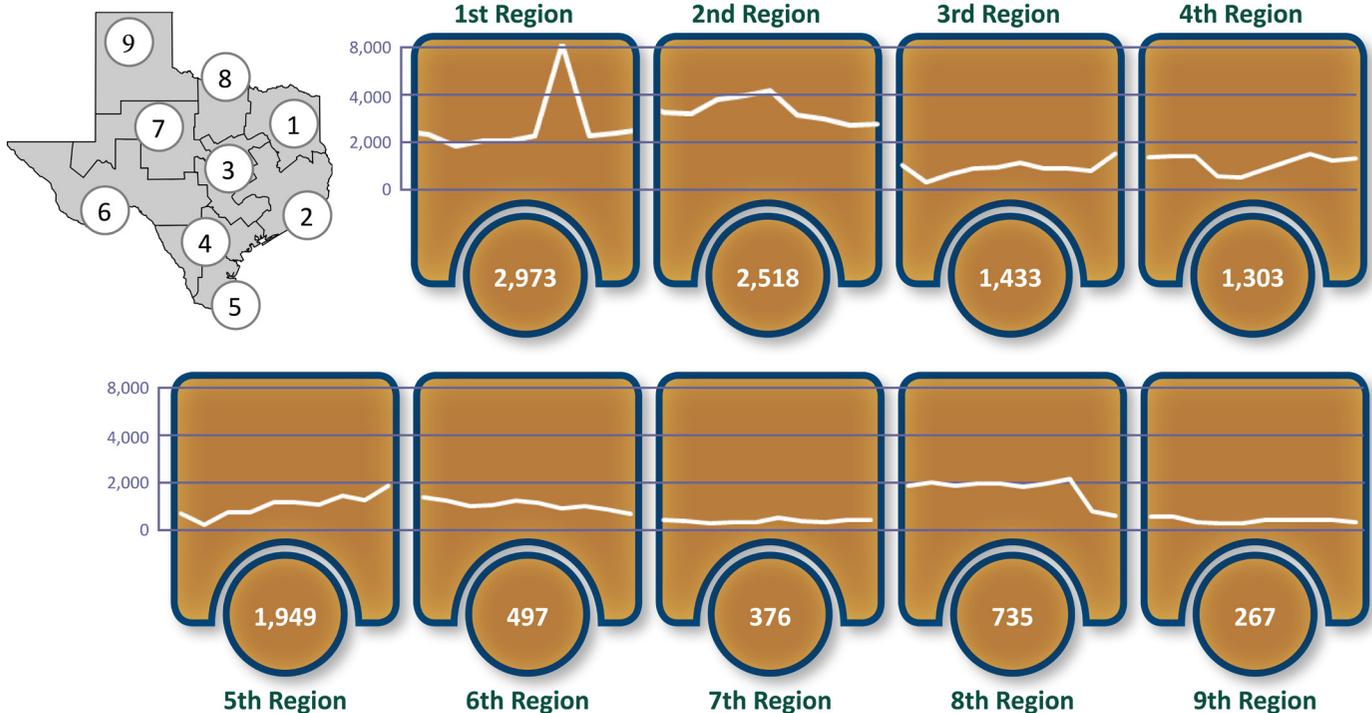
***Inpatient commitment** was ordered in more than half of cases that reached a final hearing.*

The presiding judge of an administrative judicial region may assign a judge to handle a case or docket of an active judge in the region who is unable to preside (due to recusal, illness, vacation, etc.) or who needs assistance with a heavy docket or docket backlog. These “assigned judges” may be active judges of other courts in the region or may be individuals residing in the region who used to serve as active judges.<sup>1</sup>



*The number of days served by assigned judges increased by 10 percent compared to the number served during the previous year.*

Days Served by Region, 2007 to 2016



*Assigned judges served 12,051 days on 5,576 assignments during the fiscal year.*

1. Sections 74.054, 74.056, and 74.057 of the Government Code discuss the assignment of judges by the presiding judges and the chief justice of the Supreme Court.

## Court-Level

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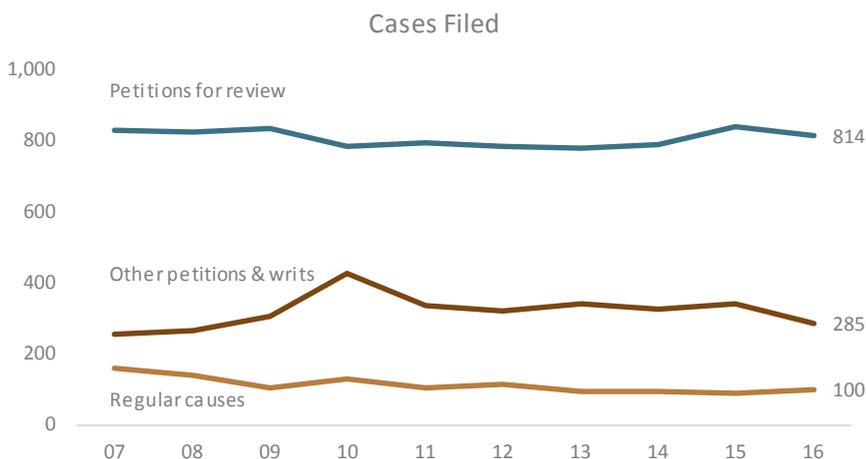
The Supreme Court has statewide, final appellate jurisdiction in most civil and juvenile cases. The Supreme Court’s caseload can be broken down into three broad categories:

- Determining whether to grant review of the final judgment of a court of appeals (i.e., to grant or not grant a petition for review);
- Disposition of regular causes<sup>1</sup> (i.e., granted petitions for review, accepted petitions for writs of mandamus or habeas corpus, certified questions, accepted parental notification appeals, and direct appeals); and
- Disposition of numerous motions related to petitions and regular causes.

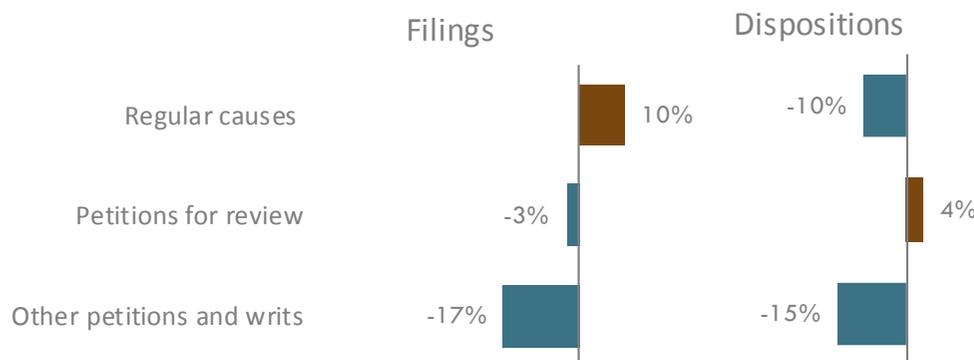
Much of the Supreme Court’s time is spent determining which petitions for review will be granted, as it must consider all petitions for review that are filed. However, the Court exercises some control over its caseload in deciding which petitions will be granted. The Court usually takes only those cases that present the most significant Texas legal issues in need of clarification.

## Caseload and Outcomes

*The number of regular causes added to the court’s docket increased slightly from the previous year, while the number of petitions for review and other petitions and writs declined.*



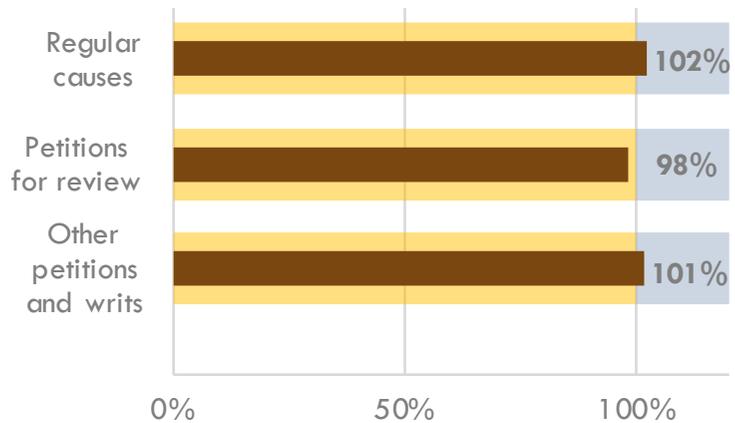
## Change from Previous Year



1. “Regular causes” involve cases in which four or more of the justices of the Supreme Court have decided in conference that a petition for review, petition for writ of mandamus or habeas corpus, or parental notification appeal should be reviewed. Regular causes also include direct appeals the court has agreed to review and questions of law certified to it by a federal appellate court that the court has agreed to answer. Most regular causes are set for oral argument in open court and are reported in written opinions. However, a petition may be granted and an unsigned opinion (per curiam) issued without oral argument if at least six members of the court vote accordingly.

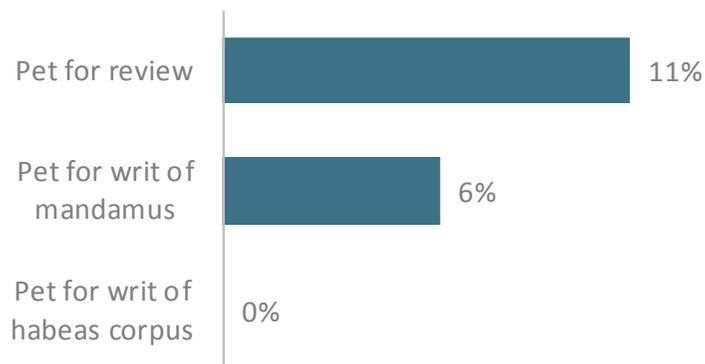
*The Supreme Court’s case clearance rates were near or above 100 percent.*

Clearance Rates

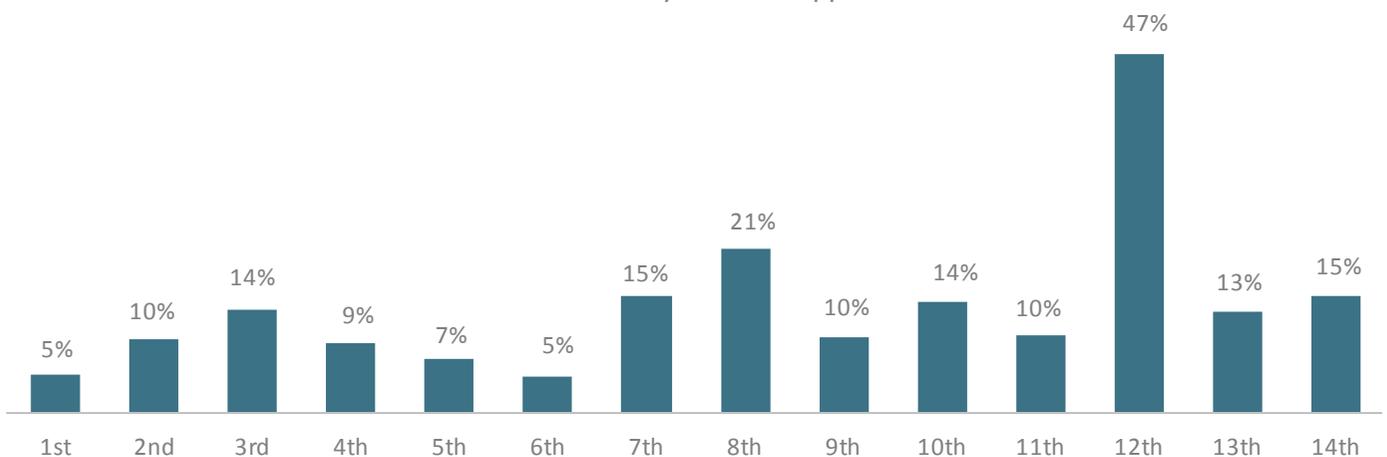


*Review was granted in only 11 percent of petitions for review and was granted less frequently in other petitions.*

Review Granted



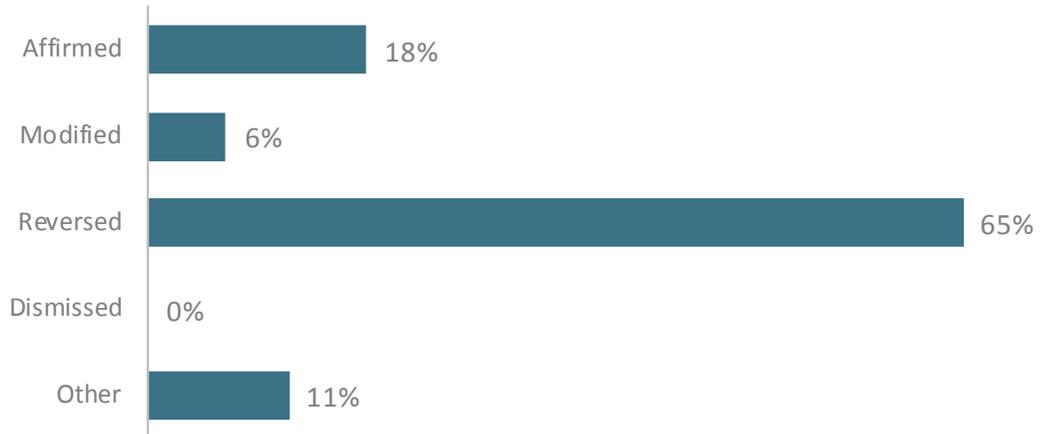
Petitions for Review Granted by Court of Appeals



*Review was granted in the largest percentage of cases appealed from the 12<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals in Tyler. However, the 12<sup>th</sup> Court had the lowest number of appeals statewide.*

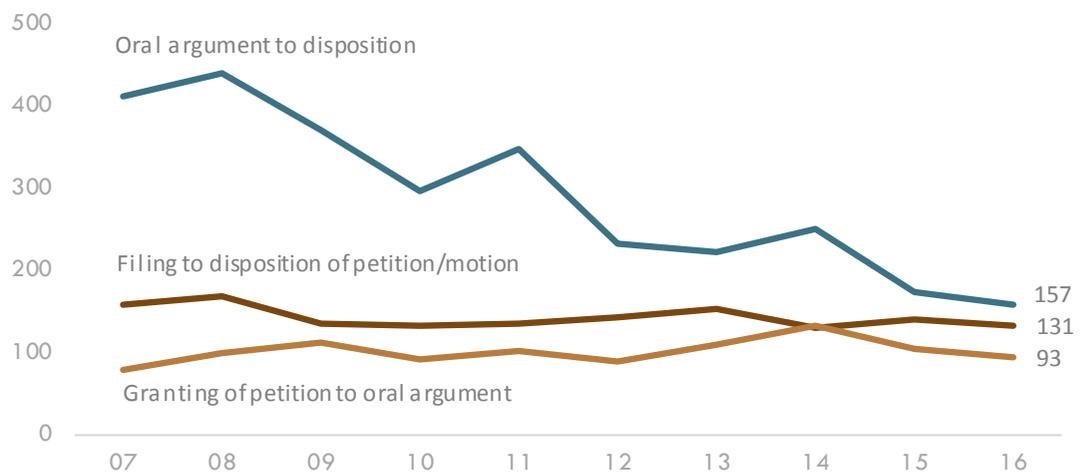
*Approximately two-thirds of granted petitions for review were reversed.*

Disposition of Granted Petitions for Review

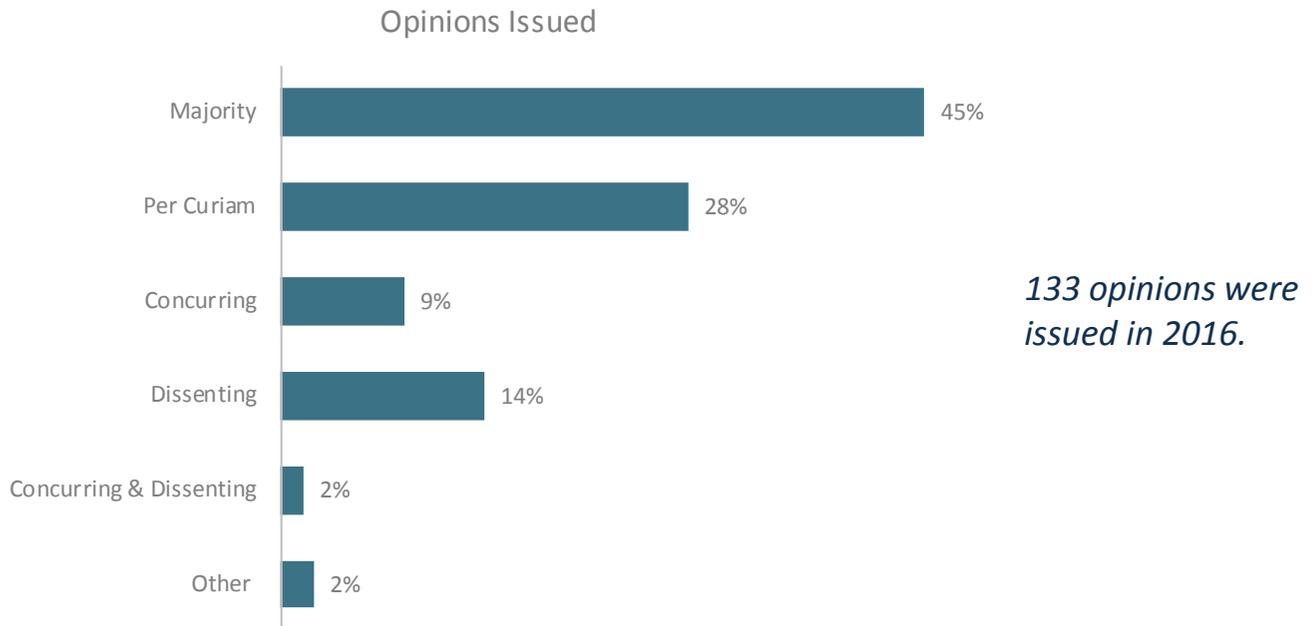


*All 3 case processing times fell to the lowest level since data collection began in 2005.*

Case Processing Time in Days

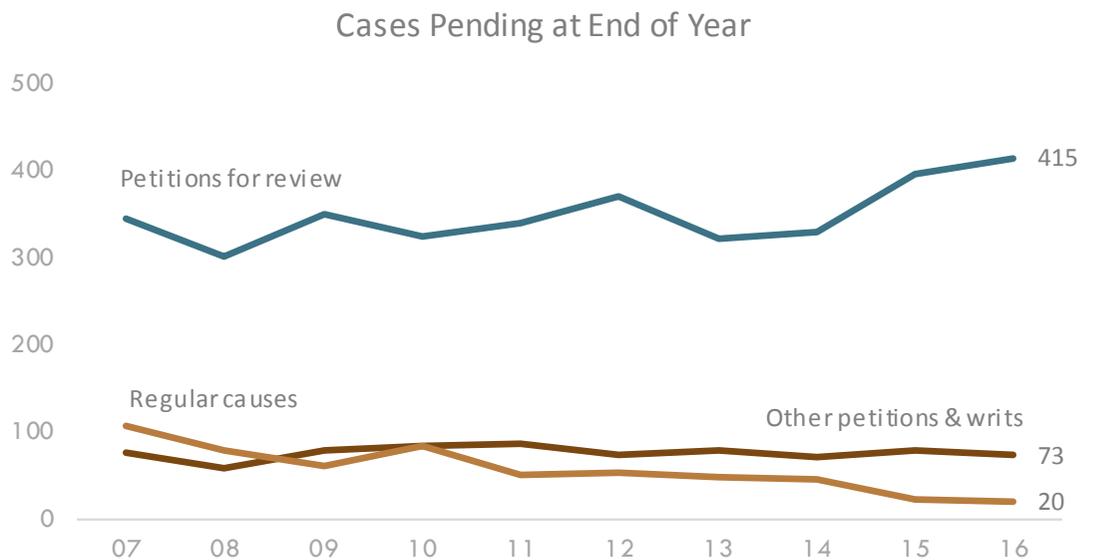


Opinions



Pending Cases

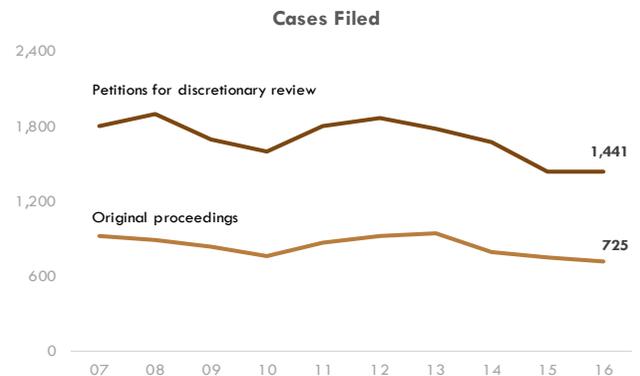
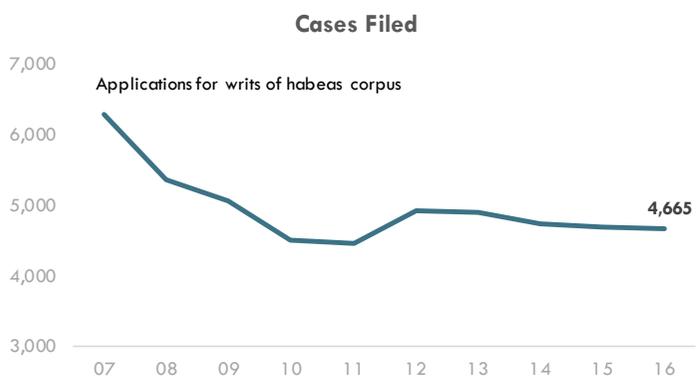
*The number of regular causes pending at the end of the year was the lowest number since at least 1984.*



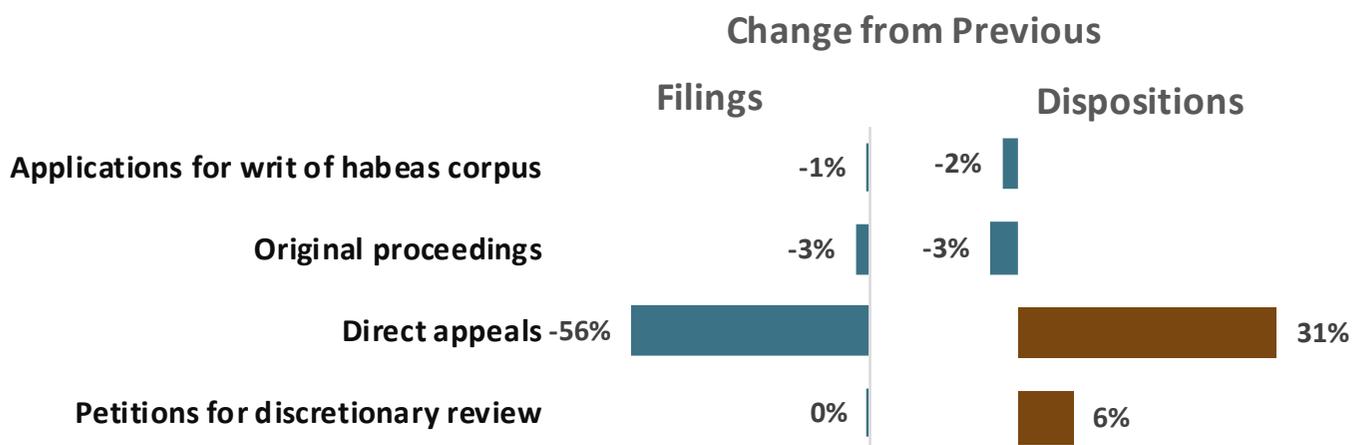


The Court of Criminal Appeals is the highest state court for criminal appeals. Its caseload consists of both mandatory and discretionary matters. Appeals of all cases that result in the death penalty are automatically directed to the Court of Criminal Appeals from the trial court level. A significant portion of the Court’s workload also involves the mandatory review of applications for post-conviction habeas corpus relief in felony cases without a death penalty, over which the Court has sole authority. In addition, decisions made by the intermediate courts of appeals in criminal cases may be appealed to the Court of Criminal Appeals by petition for discretionary review, which may be filed by the State, the defendant, or both. However, the Court may also review a decision on its own motion.

## Caseload and Outcomes

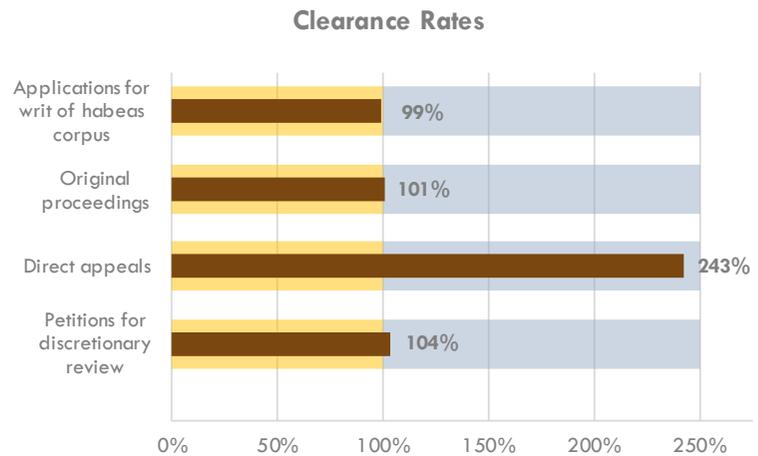


*In 2016, mandatory matters (applications for writs of habeas corpus, original proceedings, and direct appeals) comprised 79 percent of all cases added to the court’s docket.*

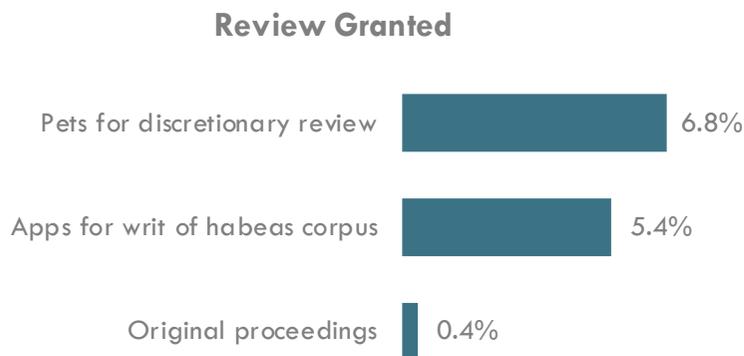


*Filings declined slightly in every category, except direct appeals, which dropped by more than half from 16 cases in 2015 to 7 cases 2016.*

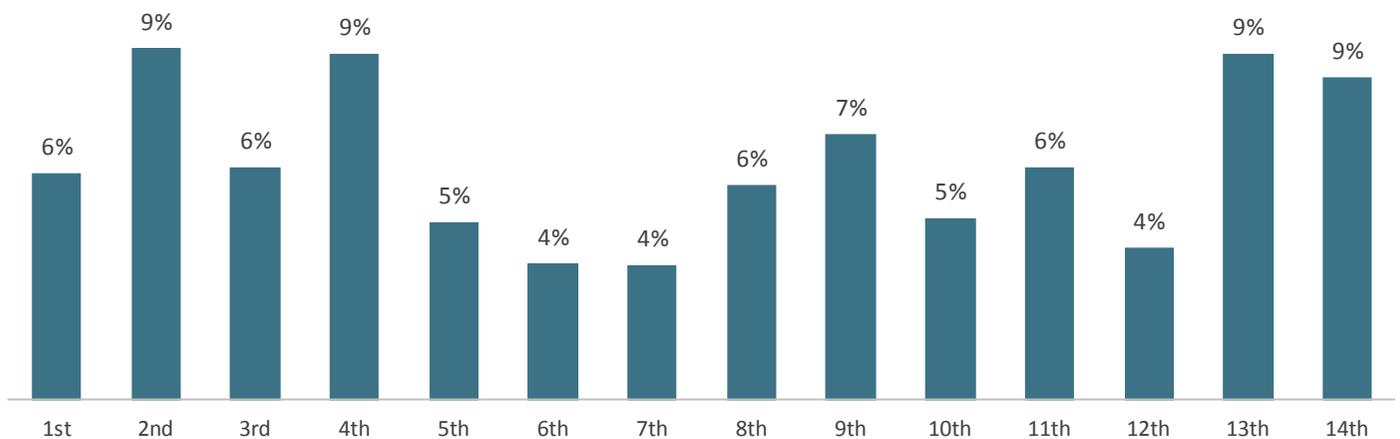
*The Court of Criminal Appeals' case clearance rates were near or above 100 percent.*



*Review was granted in less than 7 percent of petitions for discretionary review and was granted less frequently in other matters.*

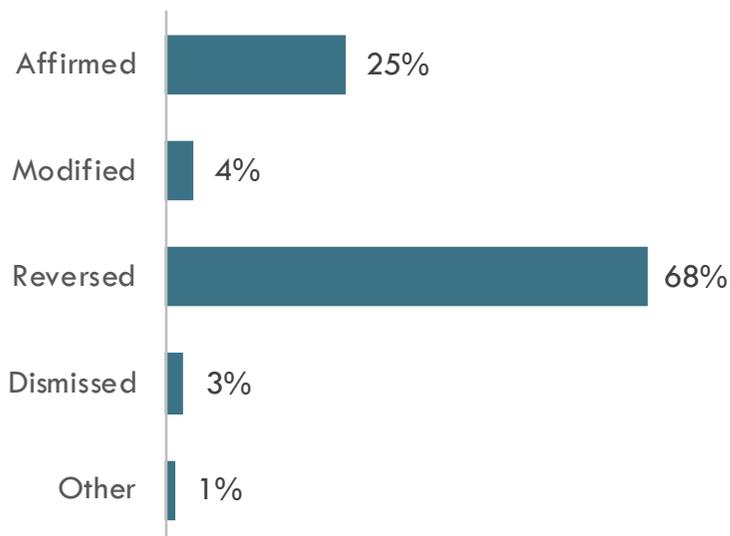


**Petitions for Discretionary Review Granted by Court of Appeals**



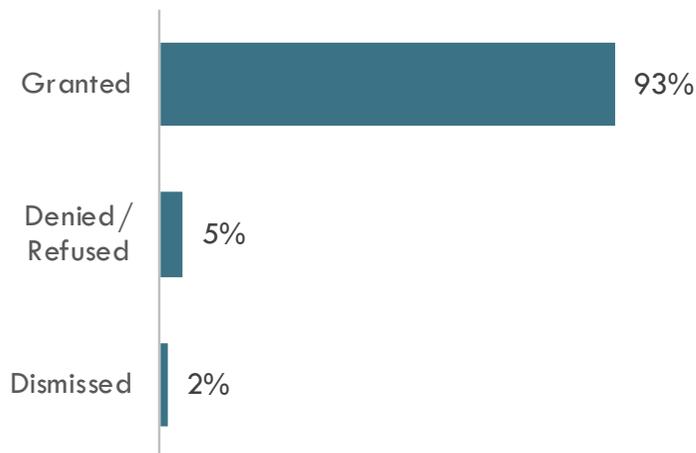
*The percentage of petitions granted review from each court of appeals varied from 4 to 9 percent.*

**Disposition of Granted Petitions for Discretionary Review**

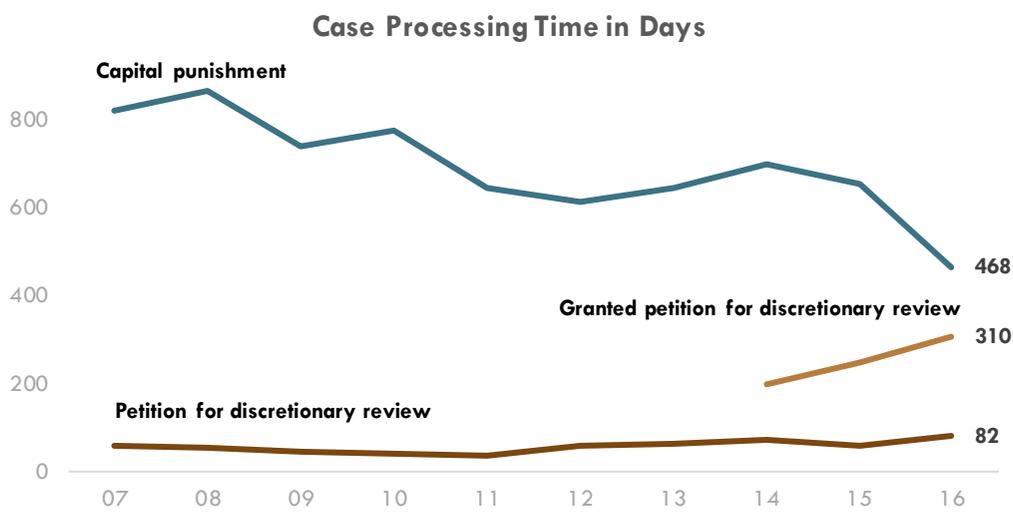
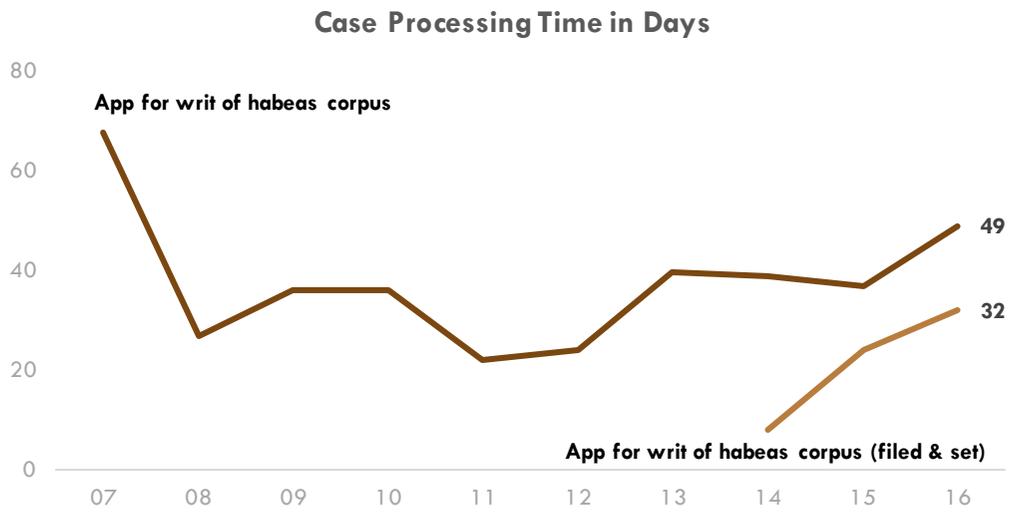


*Nearly 70 percent of granted petitions for discretionary review were reversed.*

**Disposition of Habeas Corpus & Extraordinary Matters (Filed & Set)**



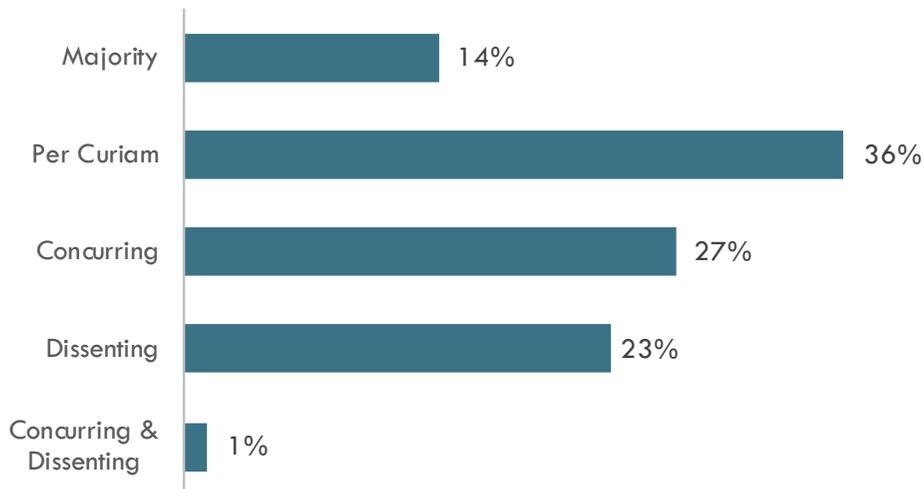
*Habeas Corpus relief was granted in most of the cases that were filed and set (granted review).*



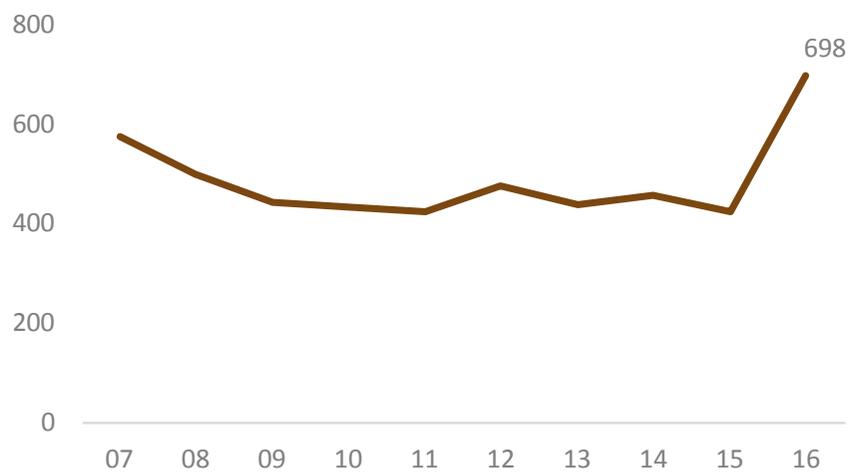
*In 2016, the time from filing to disposition for cases involving capital punishment fell to 468 days.*

Opinions

Opinions Issued



Opinions Delivered



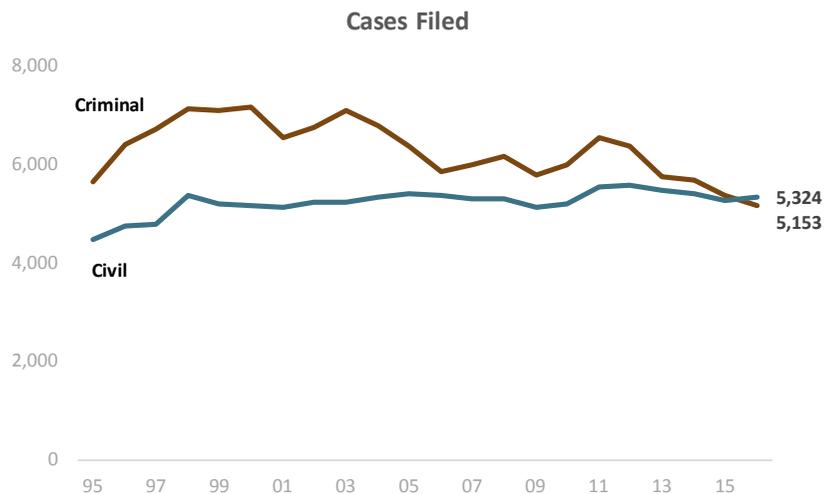
*The number of opinions delivered by judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals increased by 64 percent over the previous year and was the highest number since 2000.*

Each of the 14 courts of appeals has jurisdiction over appeals from the trial courts located in its respective district. The appeals heard in these courts are based upon the “record” (a written transcription of the testimony given, exhibits introduced, and the documents filed in the trial court) and the written and oral arguments of the appellate lawyers. The courts of appeals do not receive testimony or hear witnesses in considering the cases on appeal, but they may hear oral argument on the issues under consideration.

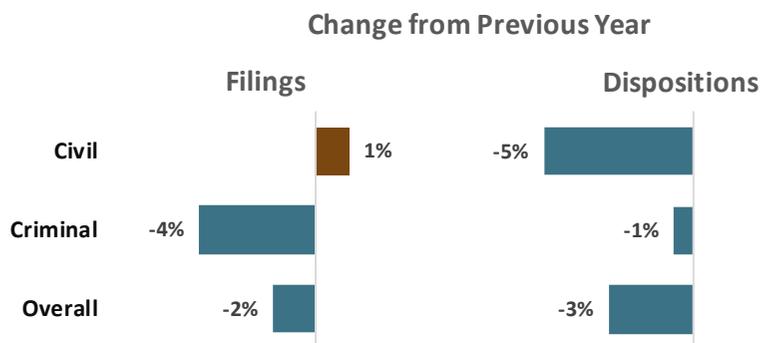
## Caseload and Outcomes

*The number of cases filed in 2016 was the lowest number since 1995.*

*The number of civil cases added in 2016 surpassed the number of criminal cases added for the first time since 1981, when the courts of appeals started hearing criminal cases.*



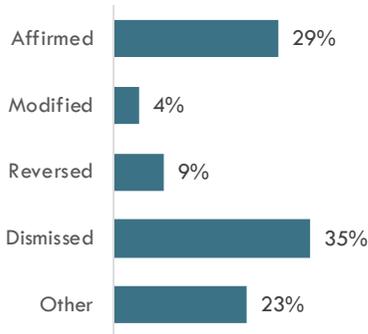
*The number of civil cases filed increased for the first time since 2012, while the number of criminal cases filed continued to decline.*



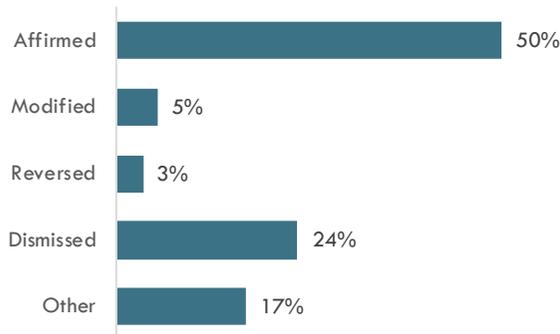
*The courts' case clearance rates were near or above 100 percent for both civil and criminal cases.*



### Disposition of Civil Cases

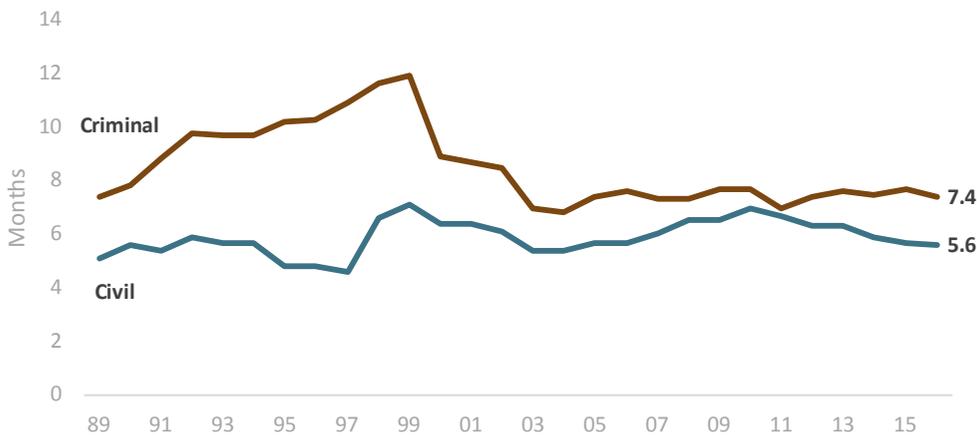


### Disposition of Criminal Cases



*The largest share of civil cases was dismissed, while the largest share of criminal cases was affirmed.*

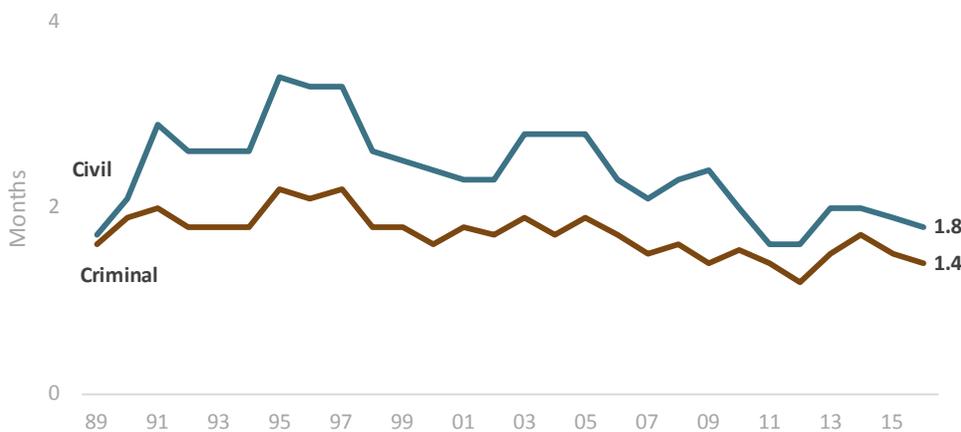
### Average Time Between Filing and Submission



*The average time in months between filing and disposition for civil cases decreased to the lowest level since 1989.*

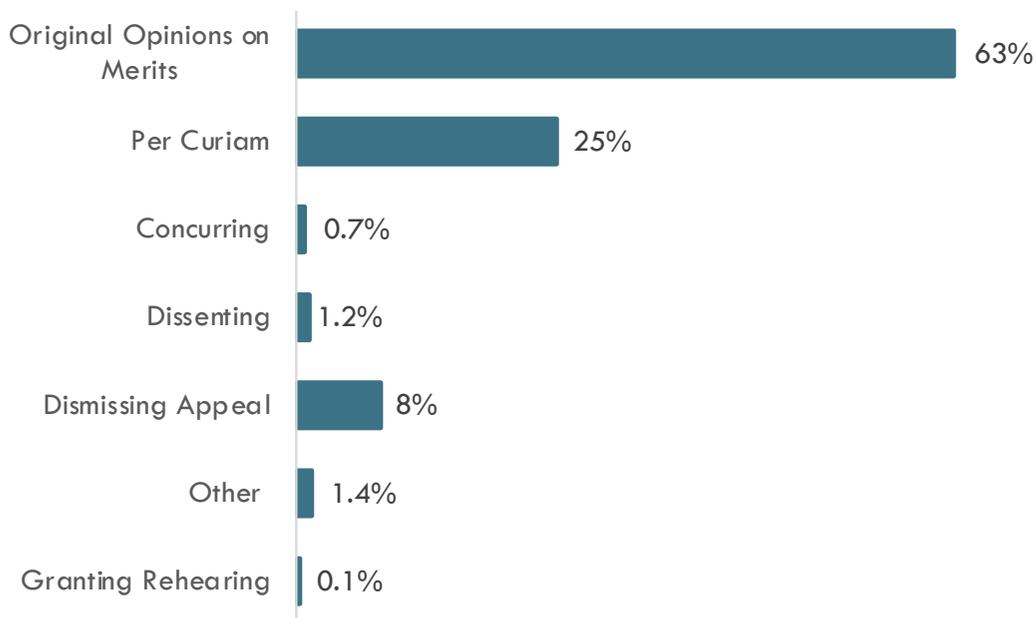
*The time from filing to submission is the time between the receipt of a notice of appeal or petition by the clerk's office and the point at which the complete record and all required briefings are filed in the case. Once complete, the case is set for submission, which is the period during which the court has the most control to move the case to disposition.*

### Average Time Between Submission and Disposition



*The average time in months between submission and disposition continued to decrease in civil and criminal cases.*

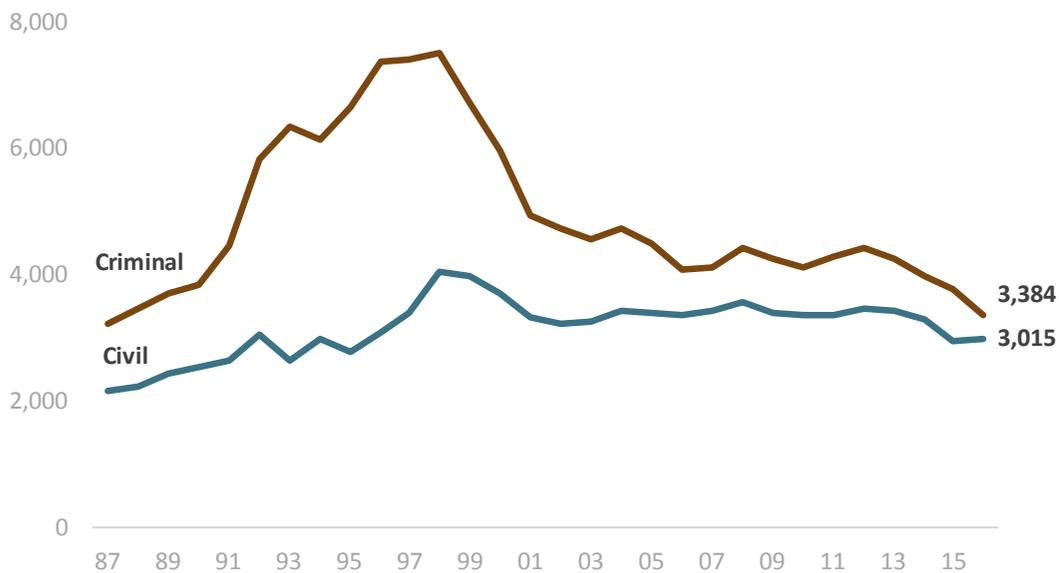
Opinions Issued



Does not total to 100 percent due to rounding.

10,227 opinions were issued in 2016.

Cases Pending at End of Year

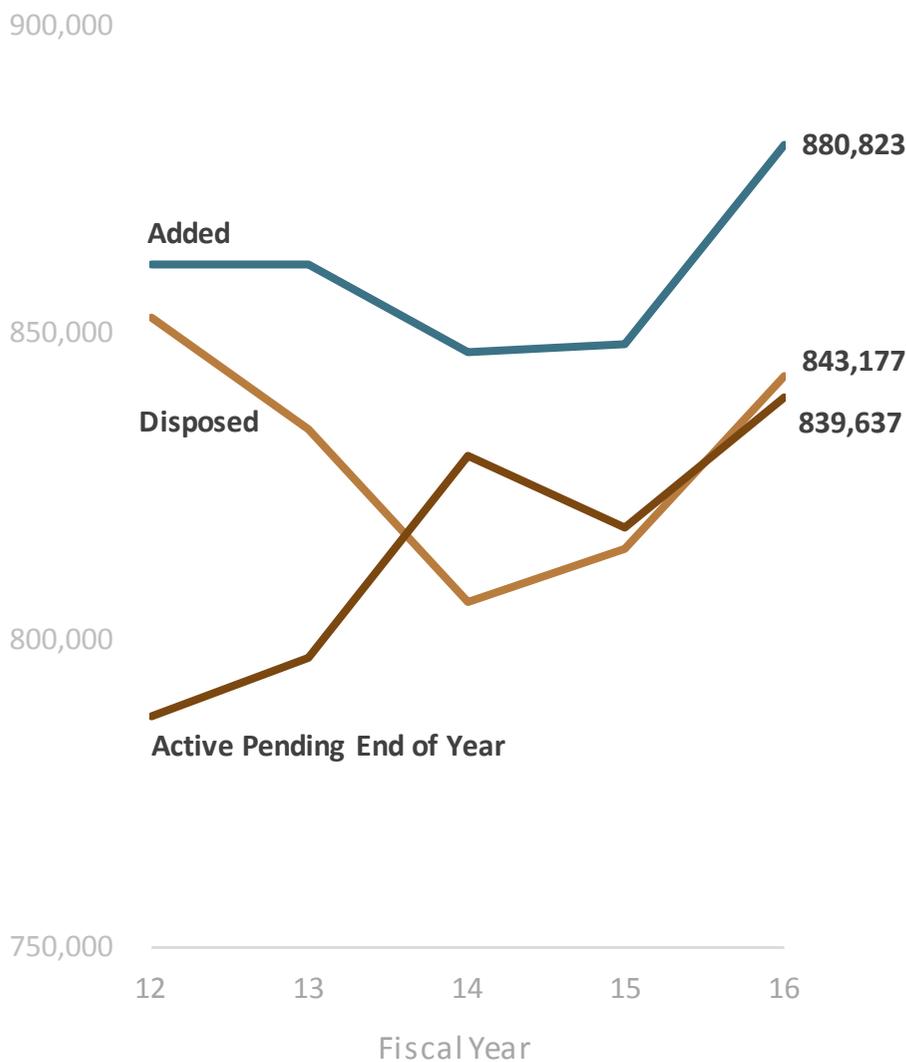


The number of criminal cases pending statewide dropped significantly since 2011 and was at its lowest point since 1987. The number of civil cases pending statewide increased slightly after three years of decline.

The district courts are the trial courts of general jurisdiction of Texas. The geographical area served by each court is established by the Legislature, but each county must be served by at least one district court. In sparsely populated areas of the State, several counties may be served by a single district court, while an urban county may be served by many district courts.

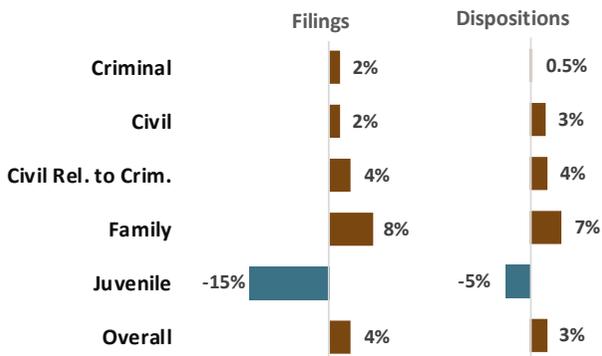
District courts have original jurisdiction in felony criminal cases, divorce cases, cases involving title to land, election contest cases, civil matters in which the amount of money or damages involved is \$200 or more, and any matters in which jurisdiction is not placed in another trial court. District courts also hear most of the juvenile delinquency cases in the state.

**Caseload and Outcomes**

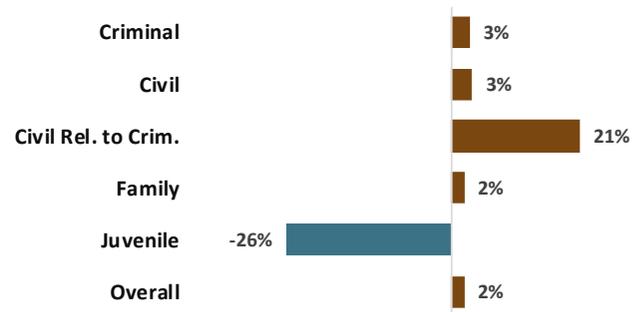


*The number of cases filed, disposed and pending all increased over the past 2 years.*

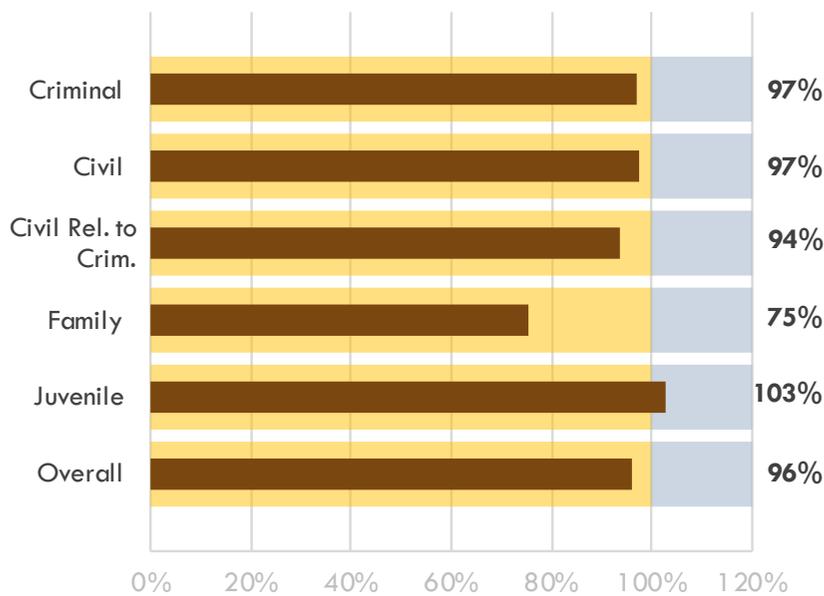
Change from Previous Year



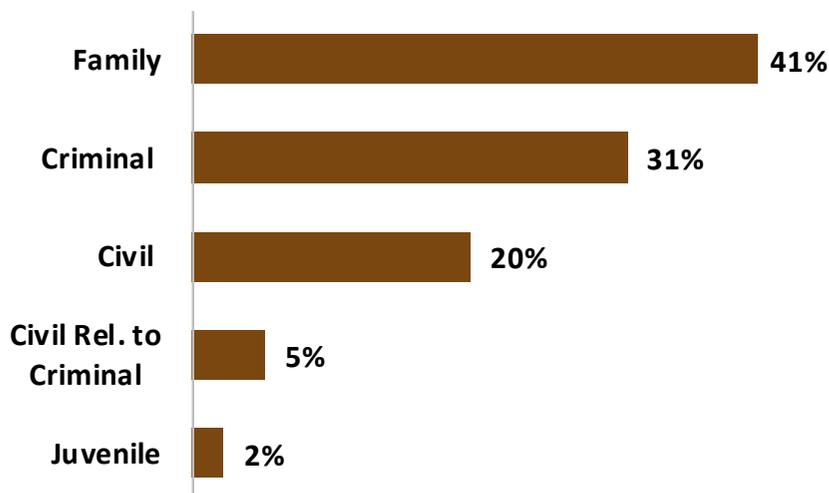
5-Year Change in Filings



Clearance Rates

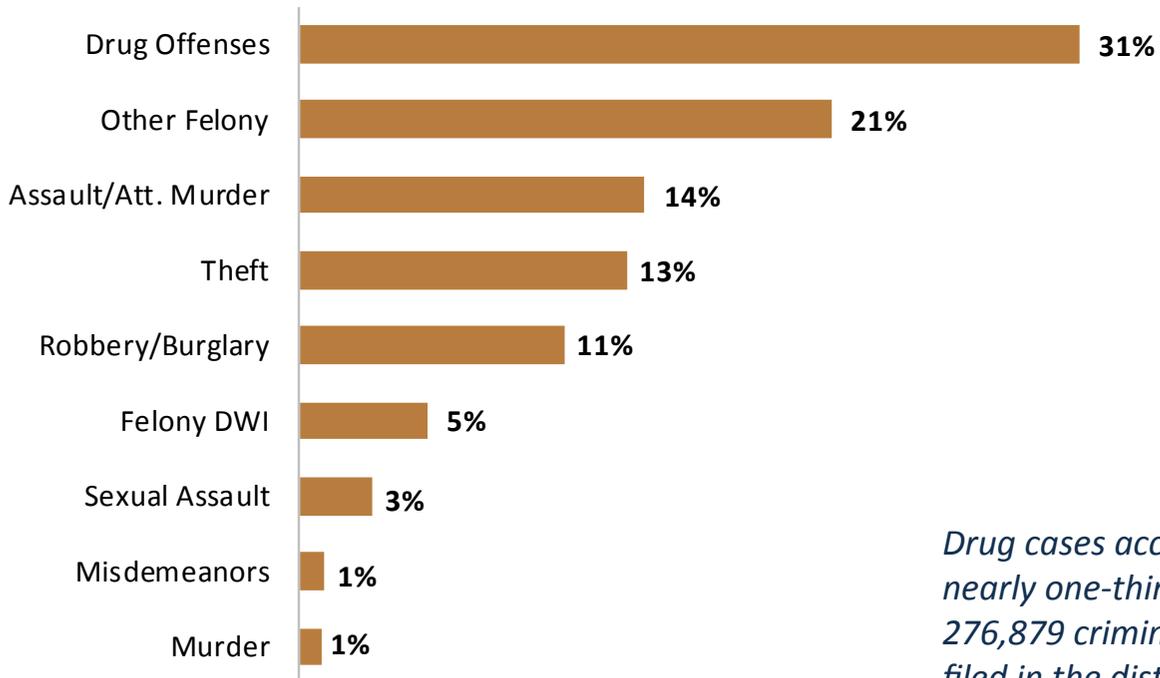


*The clearance rates for cases in the district courts were near or exceeded 100 percent, except in family law cases.*

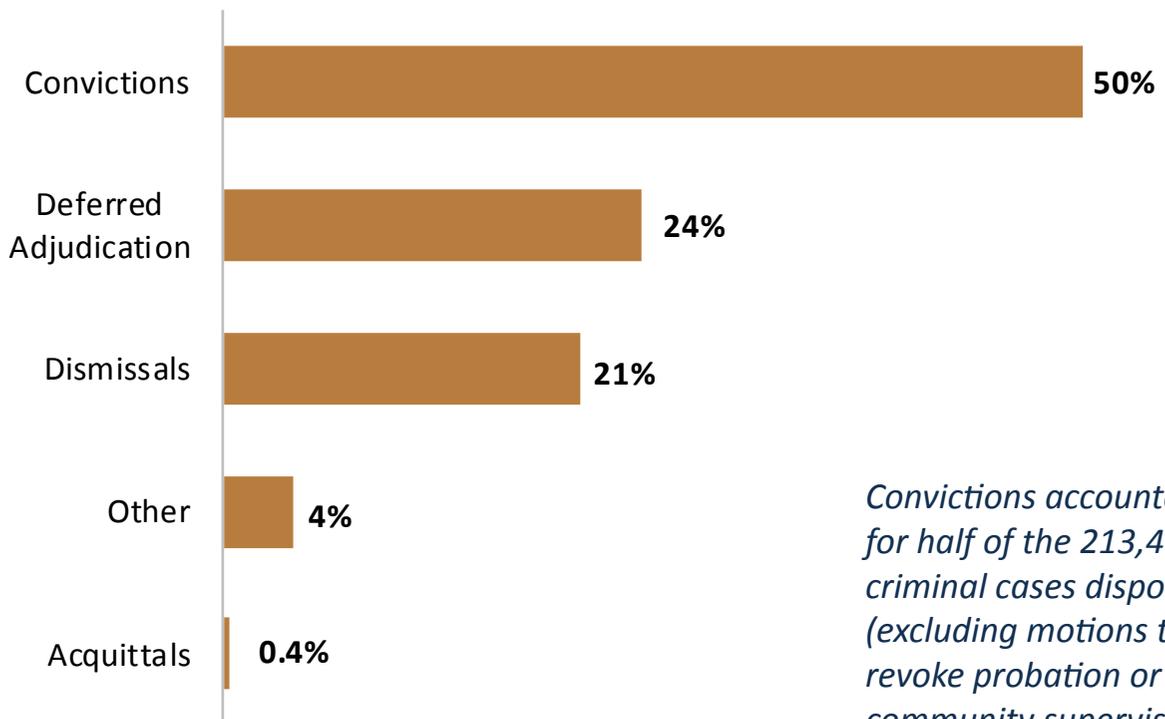


*More than 40 percent of the 880,823 cases filed in district courts were family cases.*

*Criminal Cases*

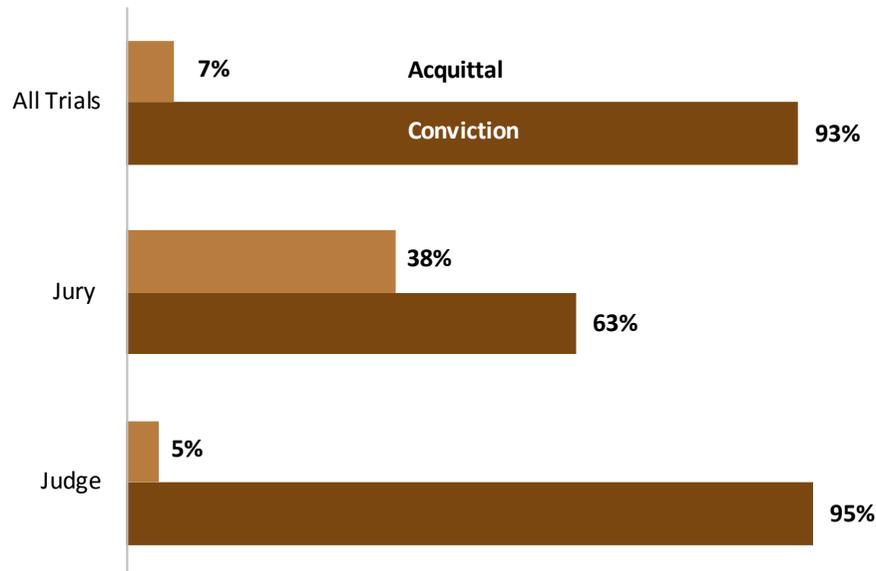


*Drug cases accounted for nearly one-third of the 276,879 criminal cases filed in the district courts.*



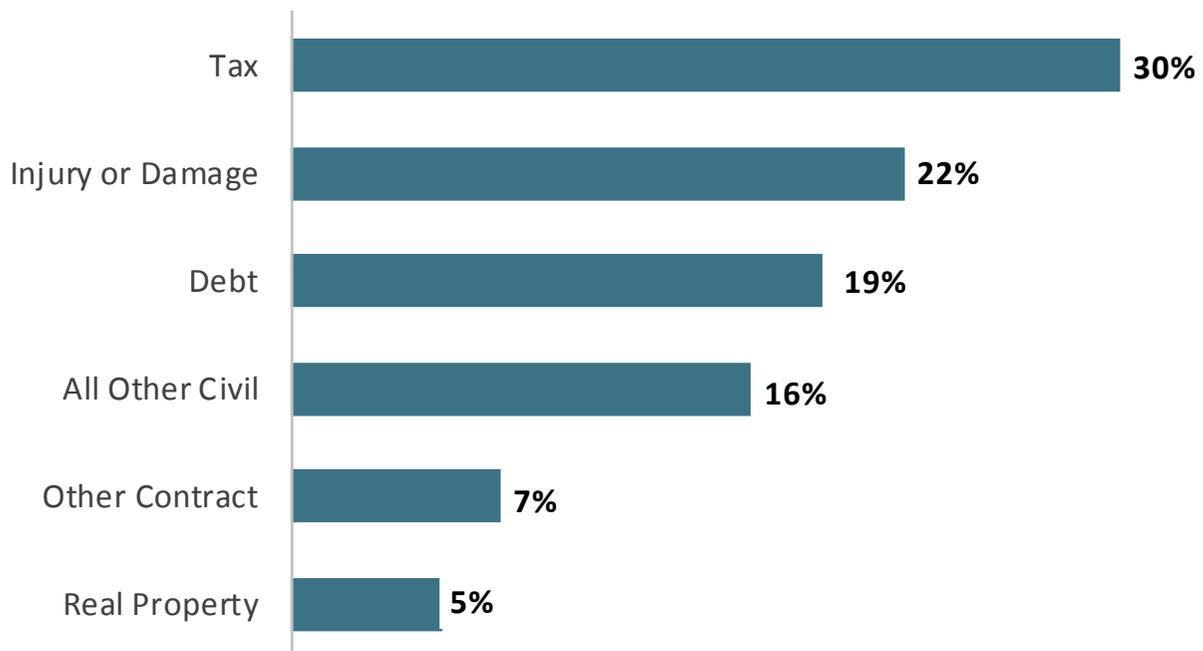
*Convictions accounted for half of the 213,479 criminal cases disposed (excluding motions to revoke probation or community supervision).*

*1.2 percent of cases were disposed of by jury trial, and 1.9 percent were disposed of by trial by judge.*

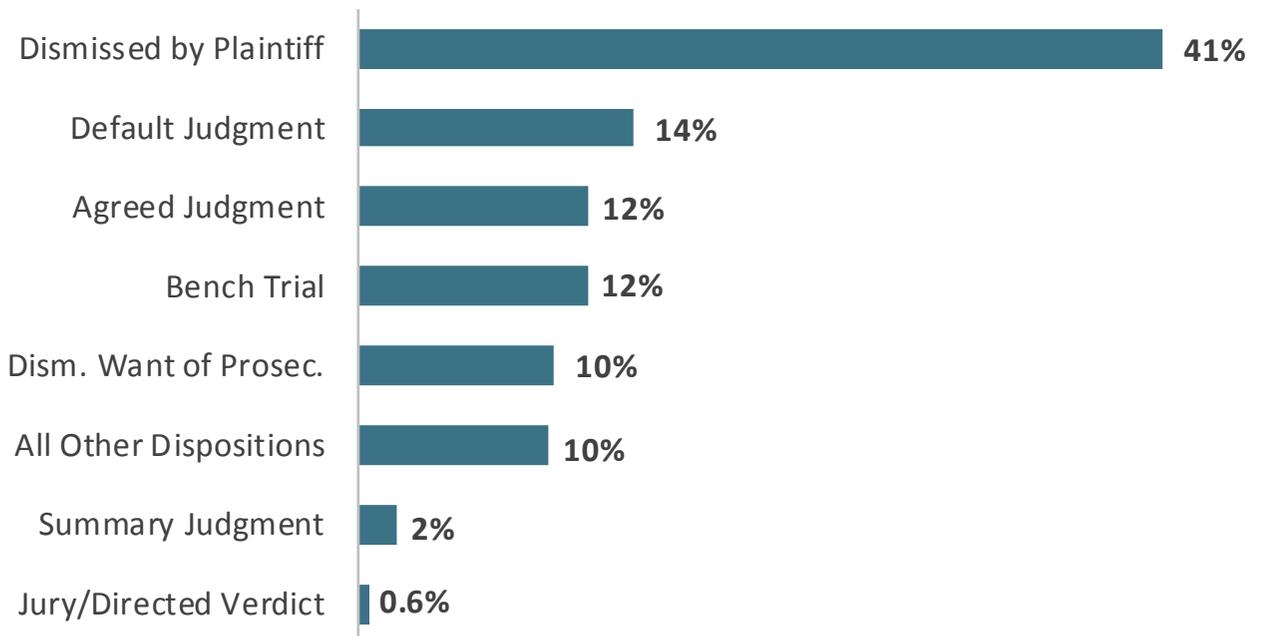


*Most trials by judge resulted in conviction. More than one-third of trials by jury resulted in acquittal.*

**Civil Cases**

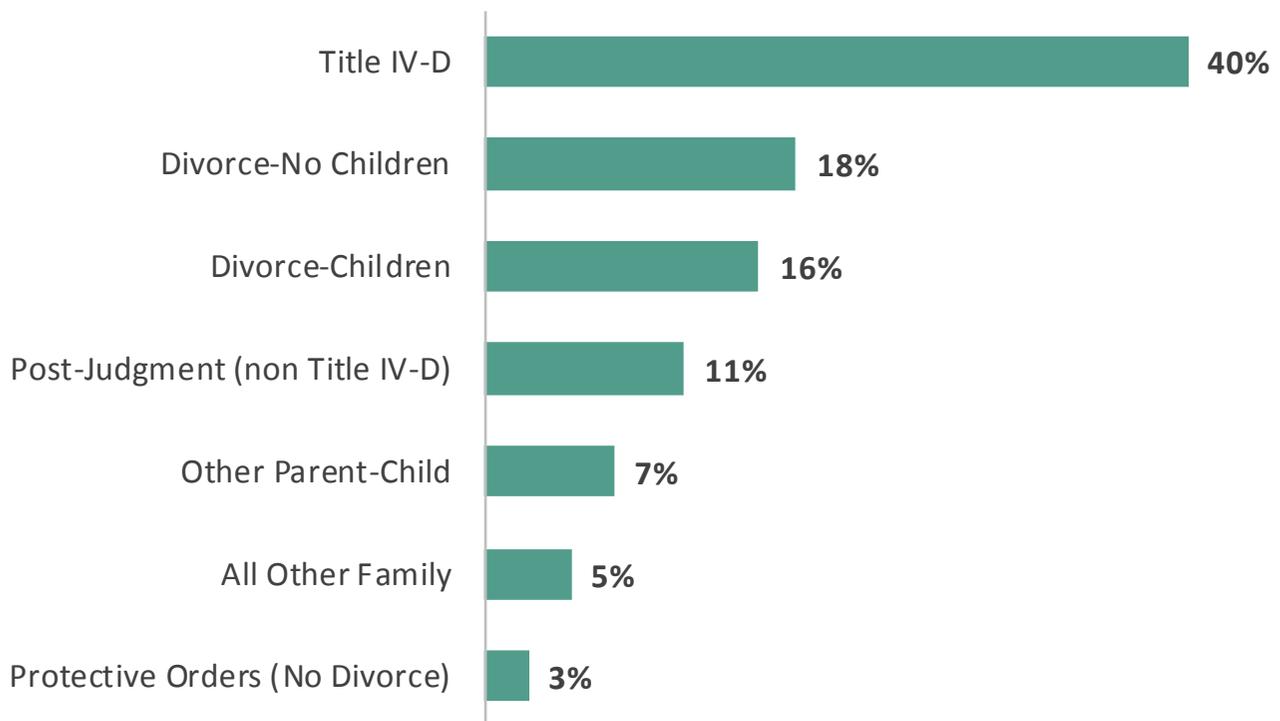


*Excluding the nearly 47,000 civil cases related to criminal matters, tax cases accounted for the largest share of the other 177,684 civil cases filed.*

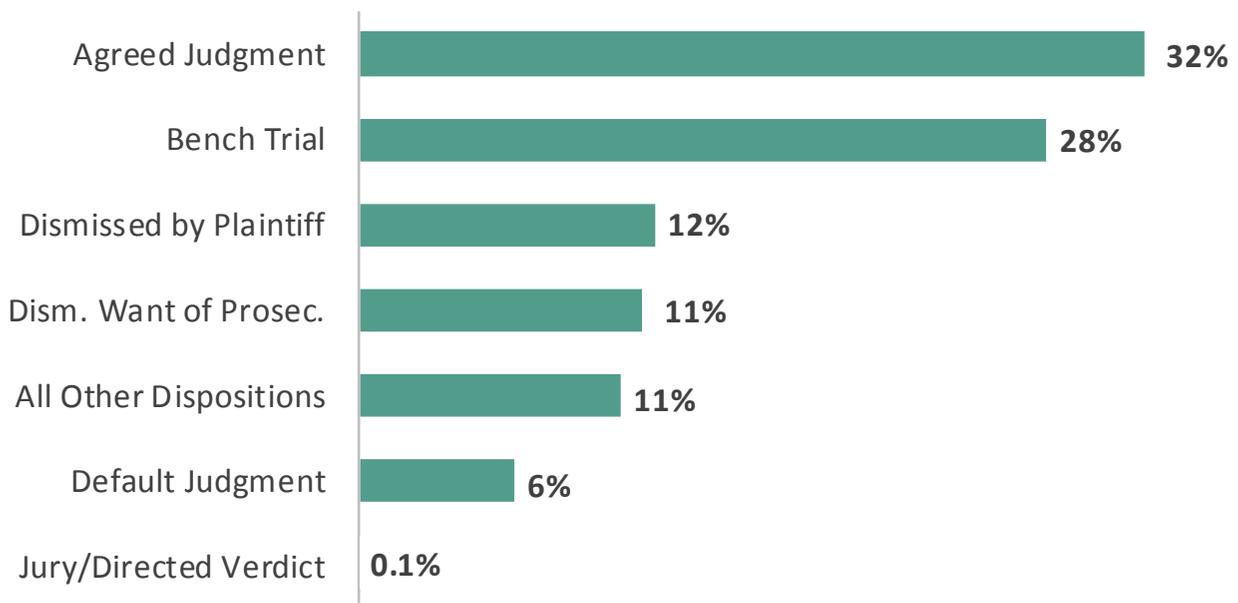


*Excluding civil cases related to criminal matters, more than 40 percent of the 173,058 cases disposed were dismissed by the plaintiff.*

**Family Cases**

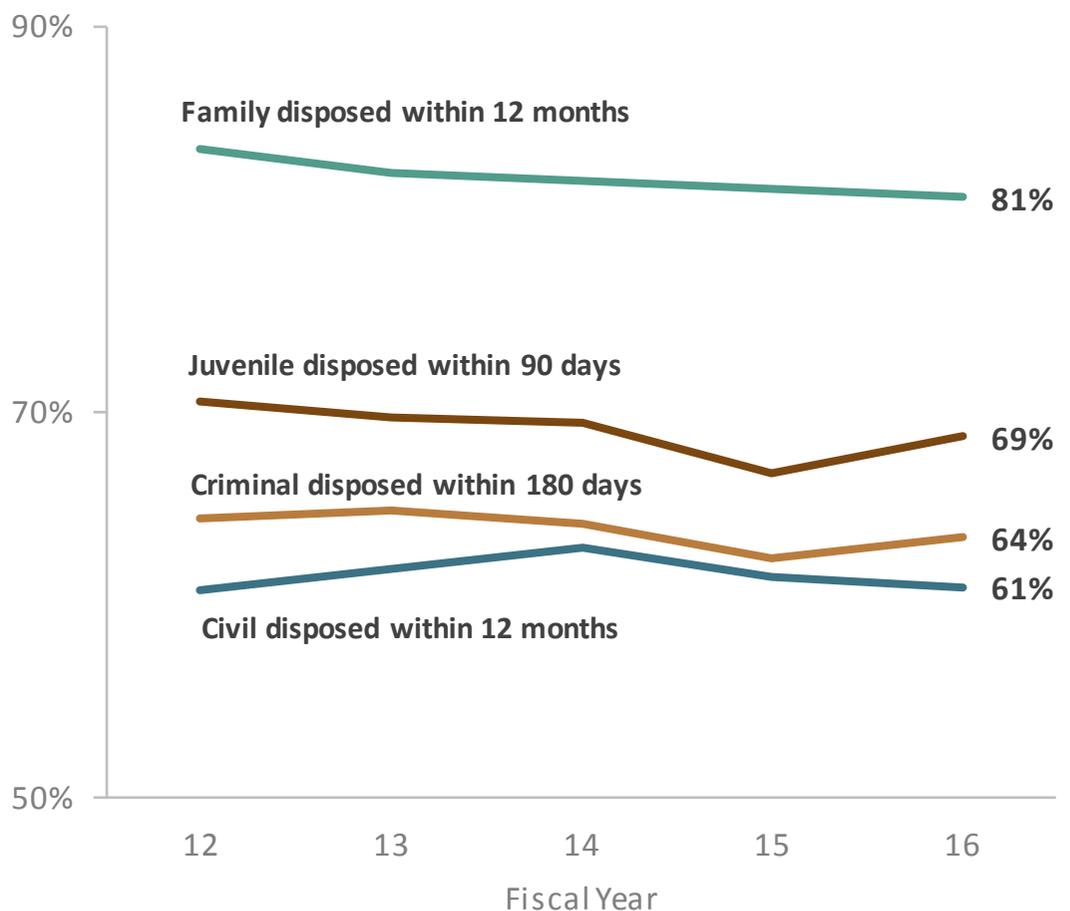


*Title IV-D (child support) cases accounted for 40 percent of the 337,387 family cases filed.*



*Agreed judgments accounted for the largest share of the 332,801 family cases disposed.*

*The percentage of juvenile cases disposed within 90 days and the percentage of criminal cases disposed within 180 days increased, while the percentage of civil cases and family cases disposed within 12 months decreased.*



## County Courts at Law

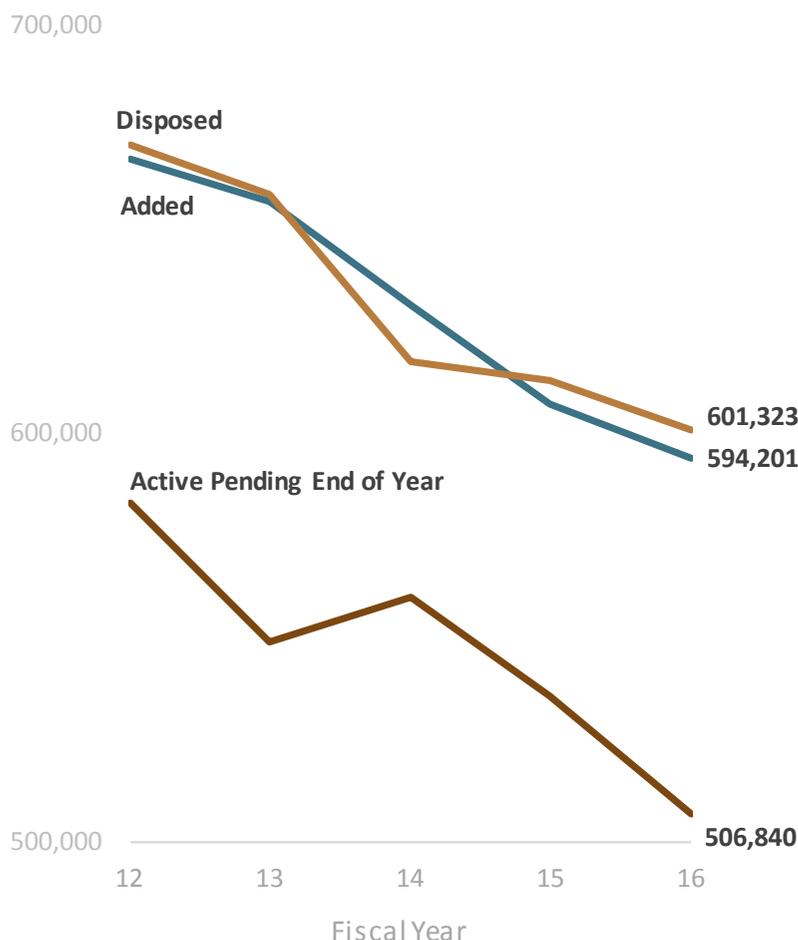
Because the Constitution limits each county to a single county court, the Legislature has created statutory county courts at law in more populous counties to aid the single county court in its judicial functions. Statutory county courts have jurisdiction over all causes and proceedings prescribed by law for constitutional county courts.

In general, statutory county courts that exercise civil jurisdiction concurrent with the constitutional county court also have concurrent civil jurisdiction with the district courts in: 1) civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$200,000 and 2) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission. However, the actual jurisdiction of each statutory county court varies considerably according to the statute under which it was created. A few statutory county courts even hear felony cases.

## Statutory Probate Courts

The Legislature has created specialized probate courts in the more populous counties to hear probate matters exclusively. Statutory probate courts have original and exclusive jurisdiction over their counties' probate matters, guardianship cases, and mental health commitments.

## Caseload and Outcomes

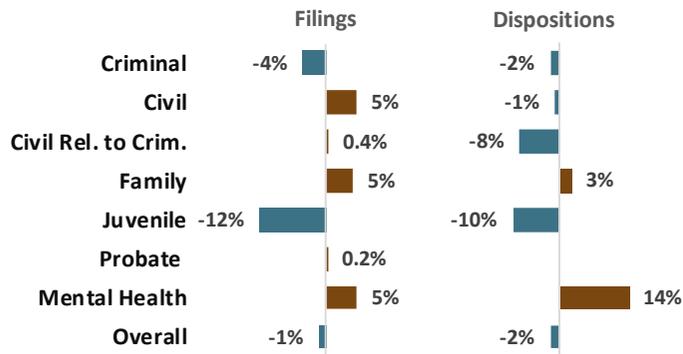


*In 2016, 89 of the state's 254 counties had at least one county court at law in operation. There was also one court that served three counties.*

*Statutory probate courts are located in 10 of the state's 15 largest metropolitan areas.*

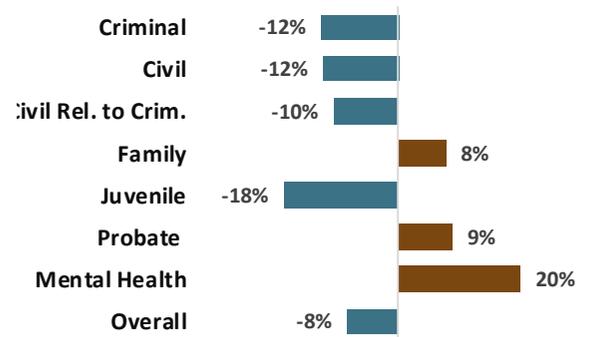
*The numbers of filings, dispositions, and pending cases have all declined over the last 5 years.*

## Change from Previous Year

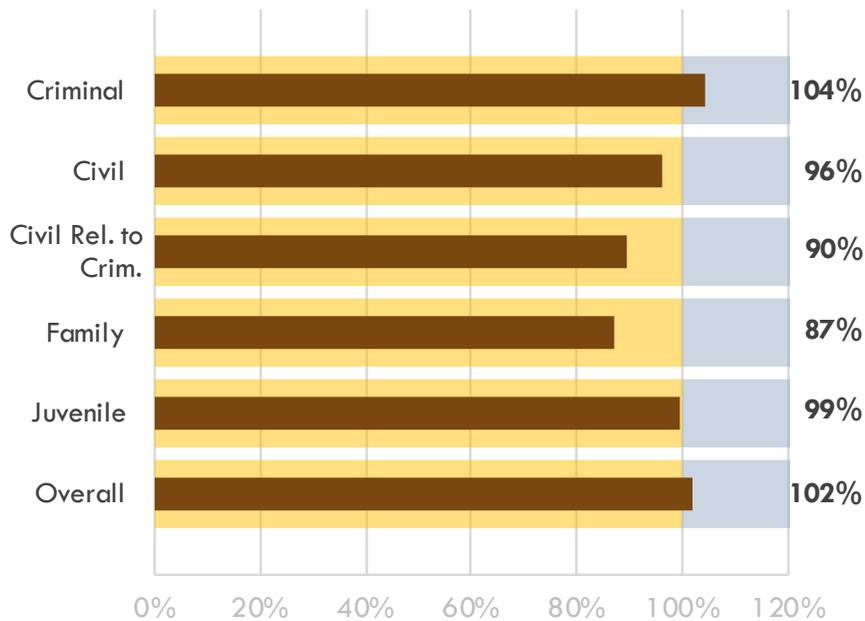


Data on probate case dispositions are not collected

## 5-Year Change in Filings



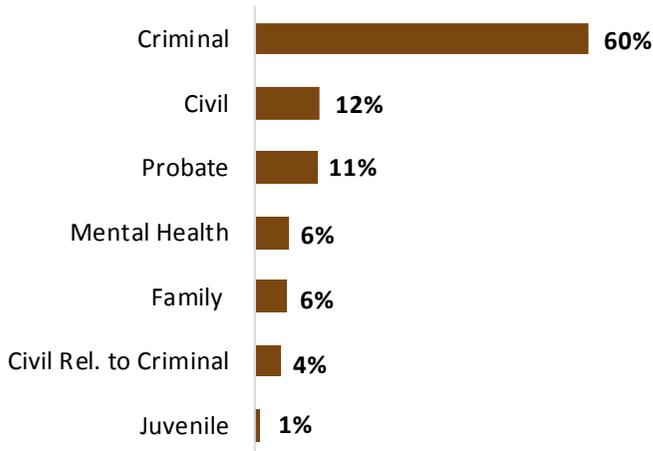
## Clearance Rates



*The clearance rates for cases in the statutory county courts were near or exceeded 100 percent, except in family law cases and cases related to criminal matters.*

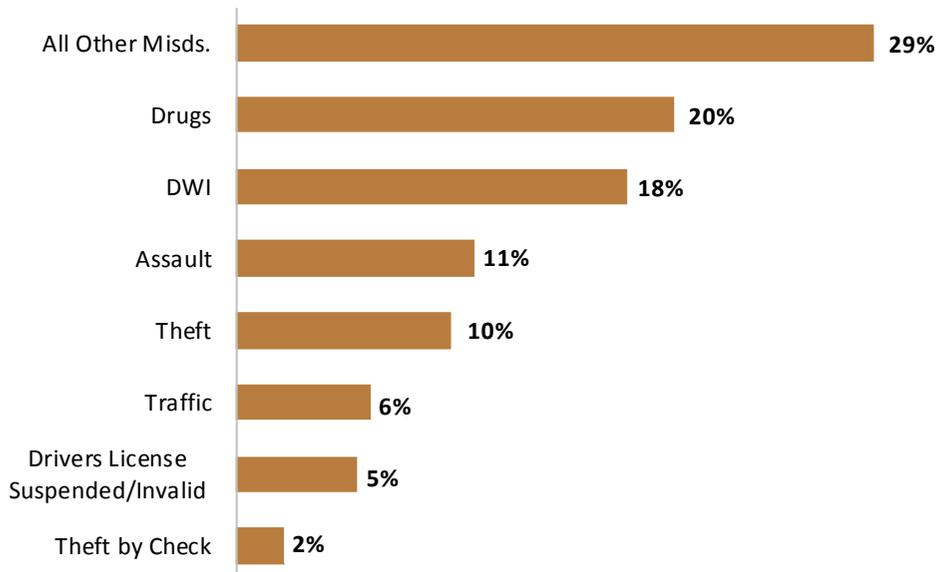
## Court-Level Trends

## Statutory County Courts

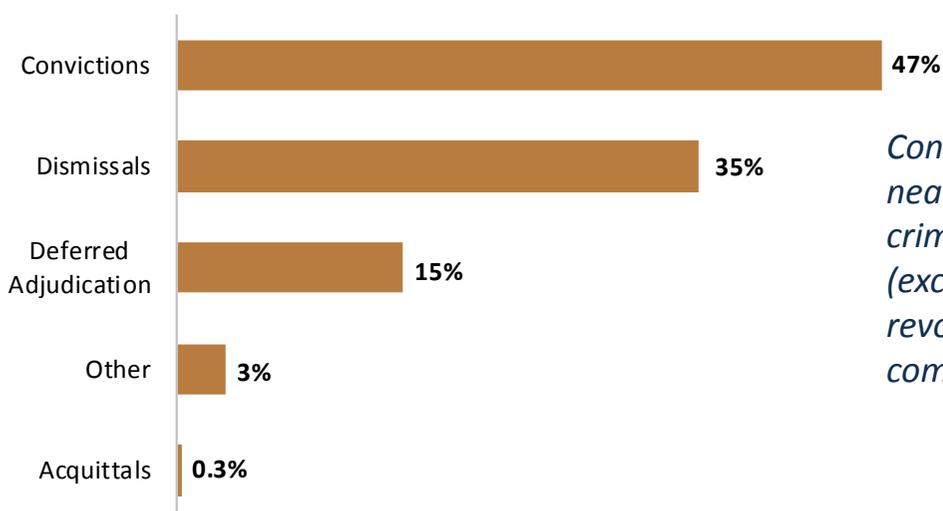


*The majority of the 715,704 cases filed in statutory county courts were criminal cases.*

## Criminal Cases



*"All other misdemeanor" cases accounted for nearly 30 percent of the 431,226 misdemeanor cases filed.*



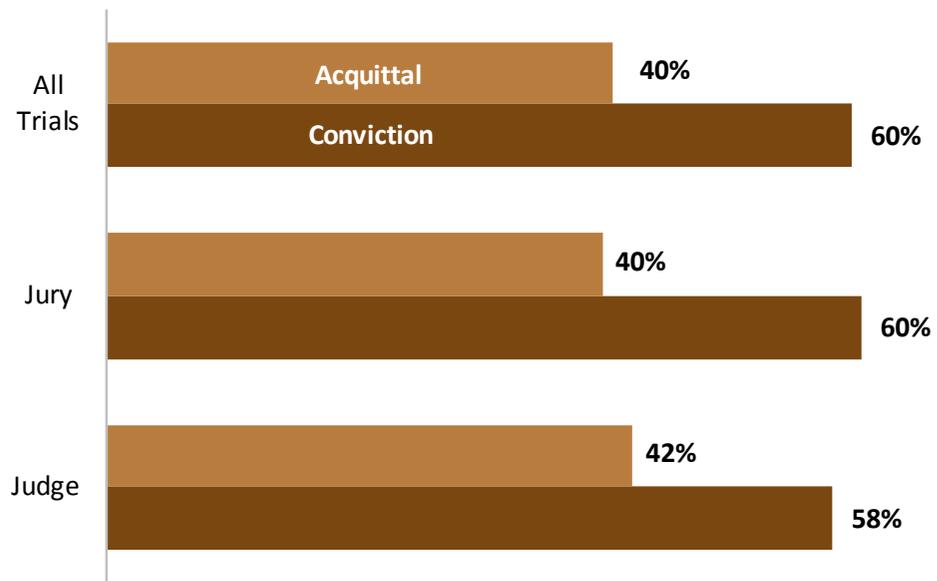
*Convictions accounted for nearly half of the 416,426 criminal cases disposed (excluding motions to revoke probation or community supervision).*

## Court-Level Trends

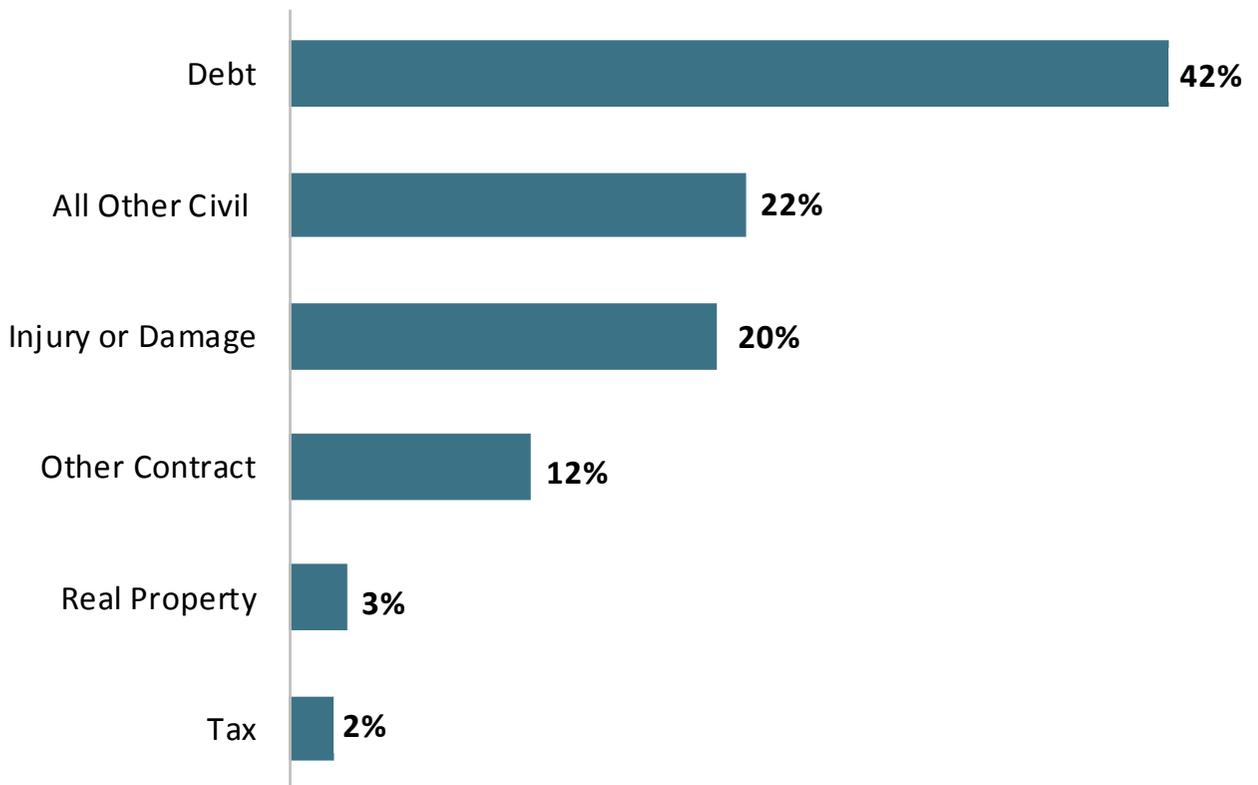
## Statutory County Courts

*0.6 percent of cases were disposed of by jury trial, and 0.2 percent were disposed of by trial by judge.*

*A majority of trials, whether by judge or by jury, resulted in conviction. Forty percent of all trials resulted in acquittal.*



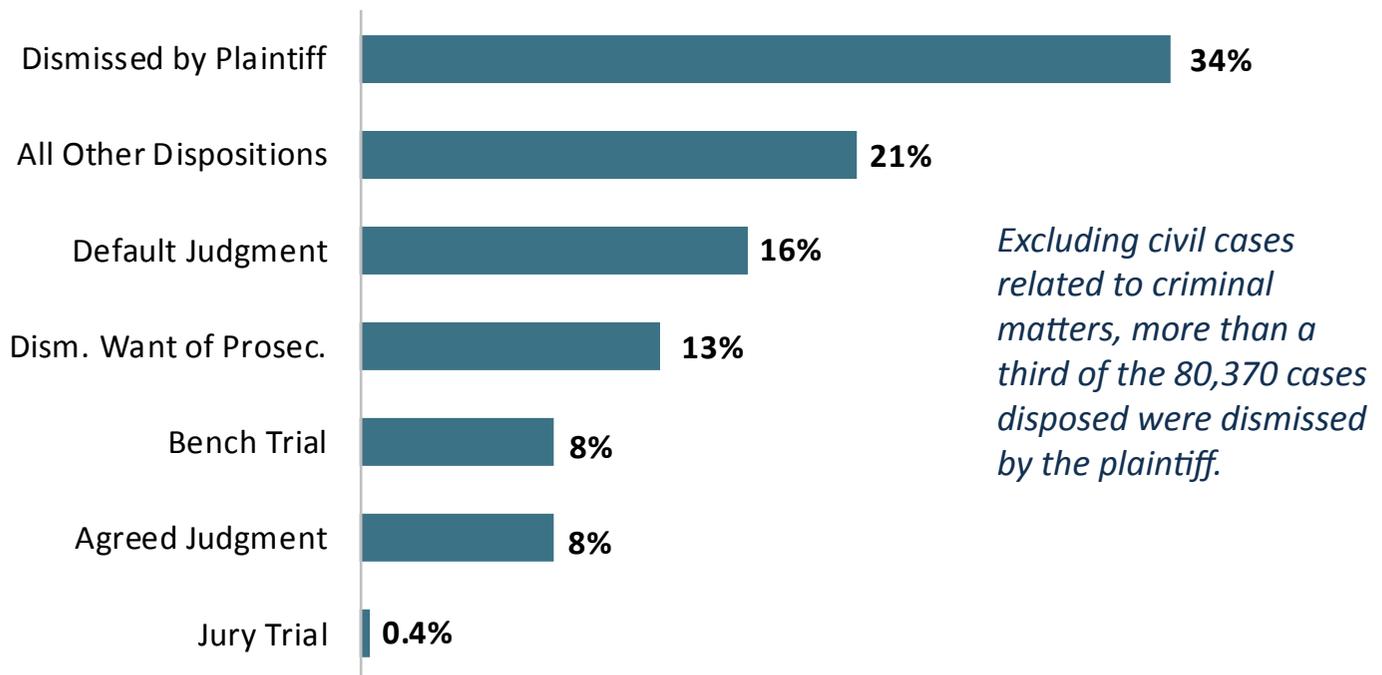
## Civil Cases



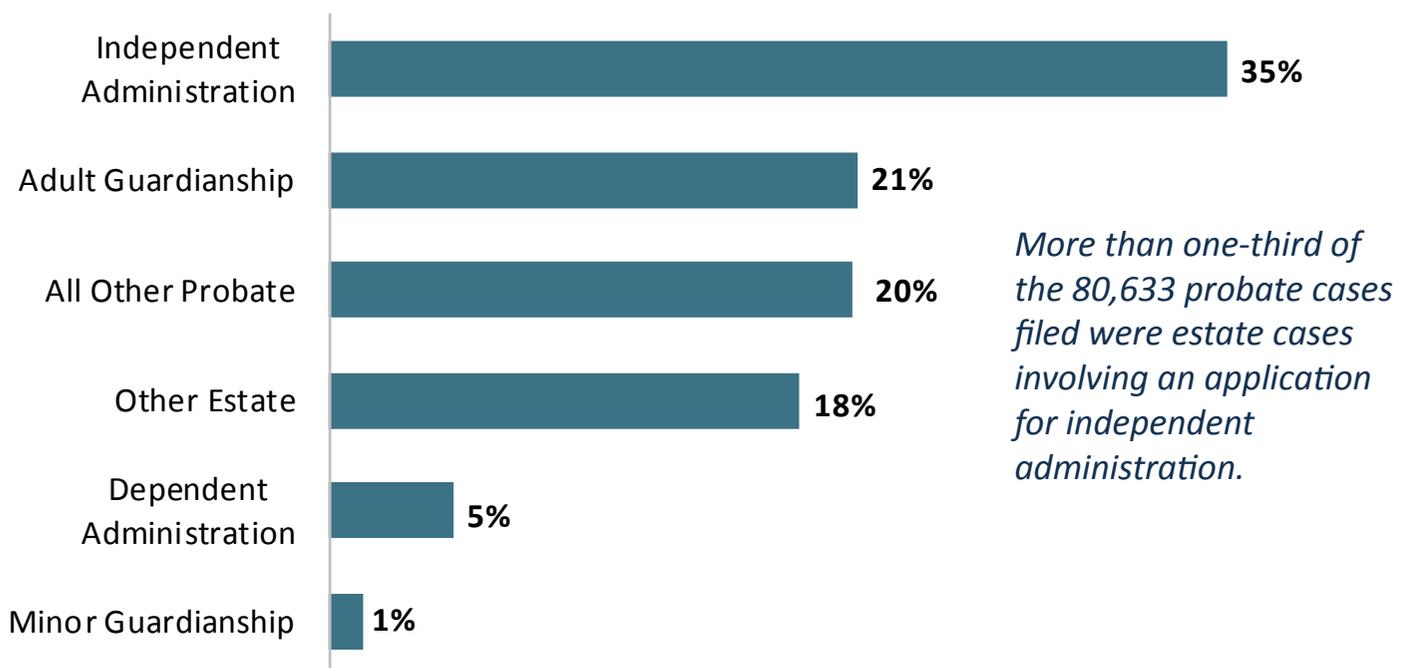
*Excluding the more than 32,000 civil cases related to criminal matters (i.e., bond forfeiture, occupational license, nondisclosure, and other matters), debt cases accounted for more than 40 percent of the 83,501 other civil cases filed.*

## Court-Level Trends

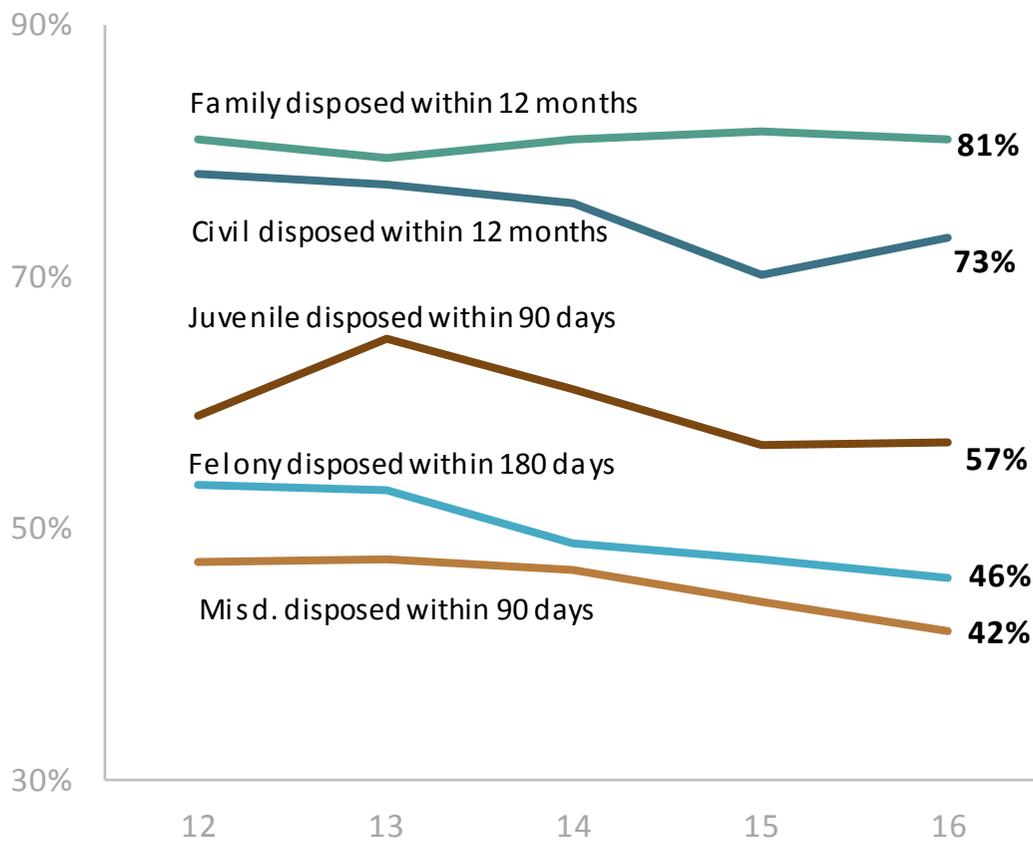
## Statutory County Courts



## Probate and Guardianship Cases



Case Processing Times

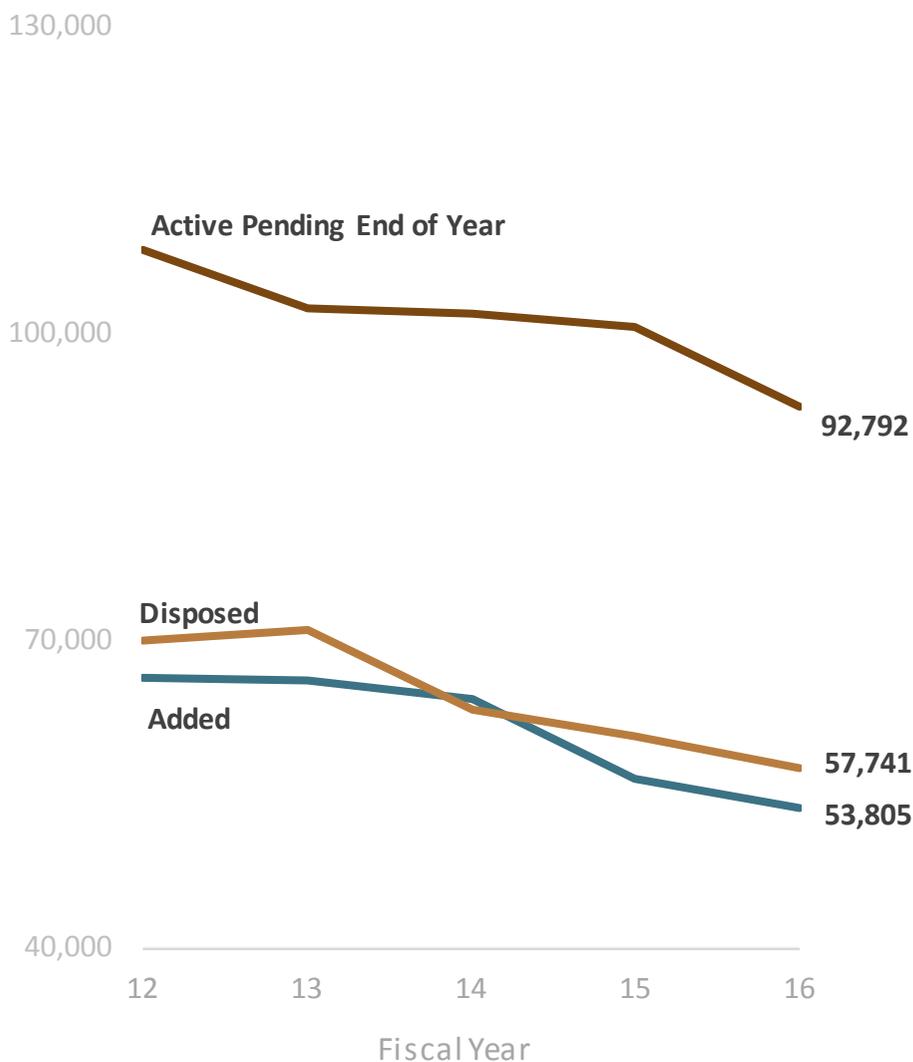


*The percentage of misdemeanor cases disposed within 90 days and the percentage of felony cases disposed within 180 days declined, while the percentage of civil cases disposed within 12 months increased. The percentage of family cases disposed within 12 months and the percentage of juvenile cases disposed within 90 days remained steady.*

The Texas Constitution provides for a county court in each of the 254 counties of the state, though not all of these courts have judicial functions. In the more populous counties, the county judge may devote his or her full attention to the administration of county government.

The constitutional county courts have original jurisdiction over all criminal cases involving Class A and Class B misdemeanors, which are the more serious minor offenses. They have jurisdiction in civil cases where the matter in controversy is between \$200 and \$10,000, as well as in juvenile, probate, and mental health cases. The courts typically also have appellate jurisdiction in cases appealed from justice of the peace and municipal courts.

## Caseload and Outcomes



*In 2016, 210 of the state’s 254 constitutional county courts heard court cases. The county judge in the other 44 counties either had no judicial functions or assisted in an as-needed basis with cases filed in another court.*

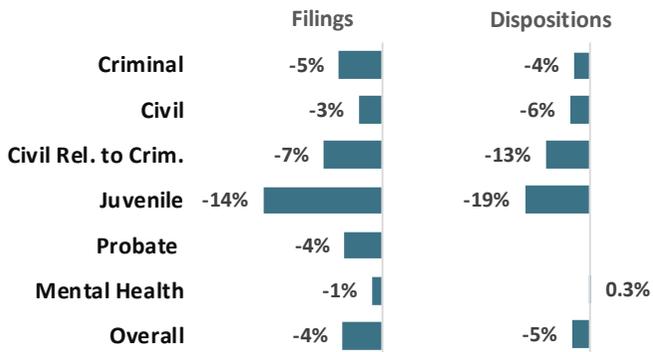
*The numbers of filings, dispositions, and pending cases have all declined over the last 5 years.*

Probate and mental health cases not included.

# Court-Level Trends

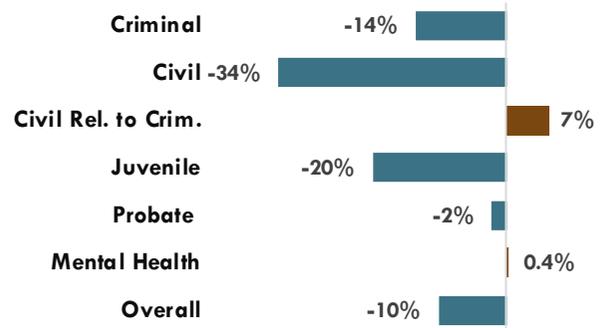
# Constitutional County Courts

Change from Previous Year

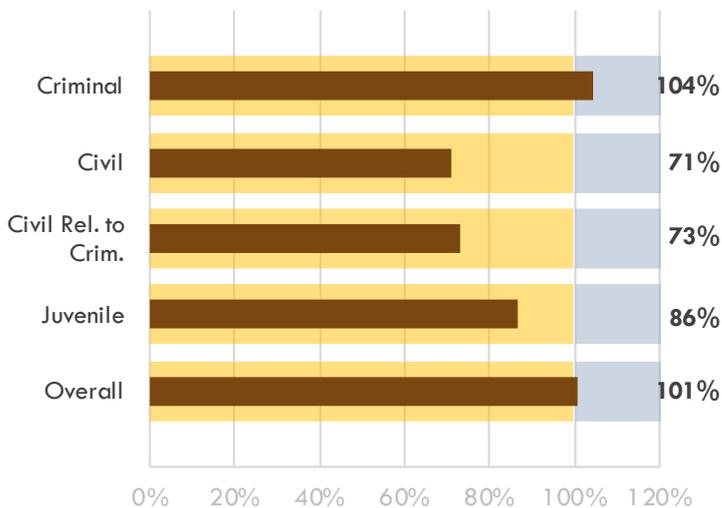


\* Data on probate case dispositions are not collected.

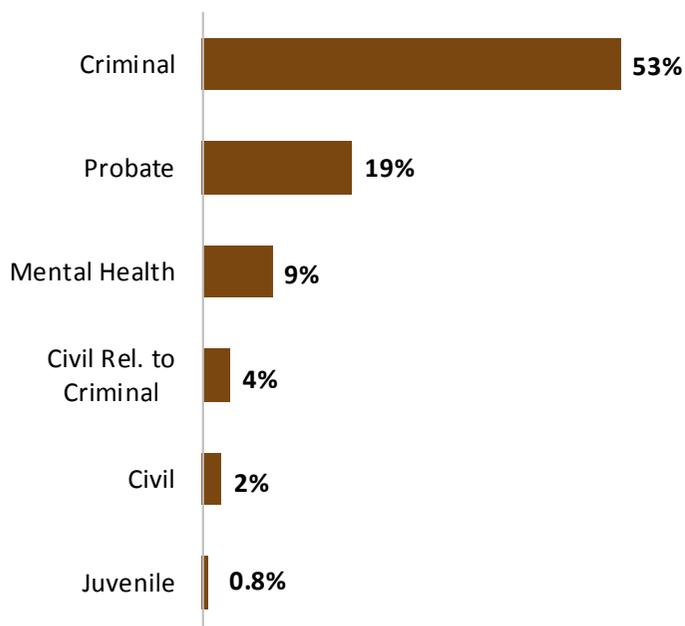
5-Year Change in Filings



Clearance Rates

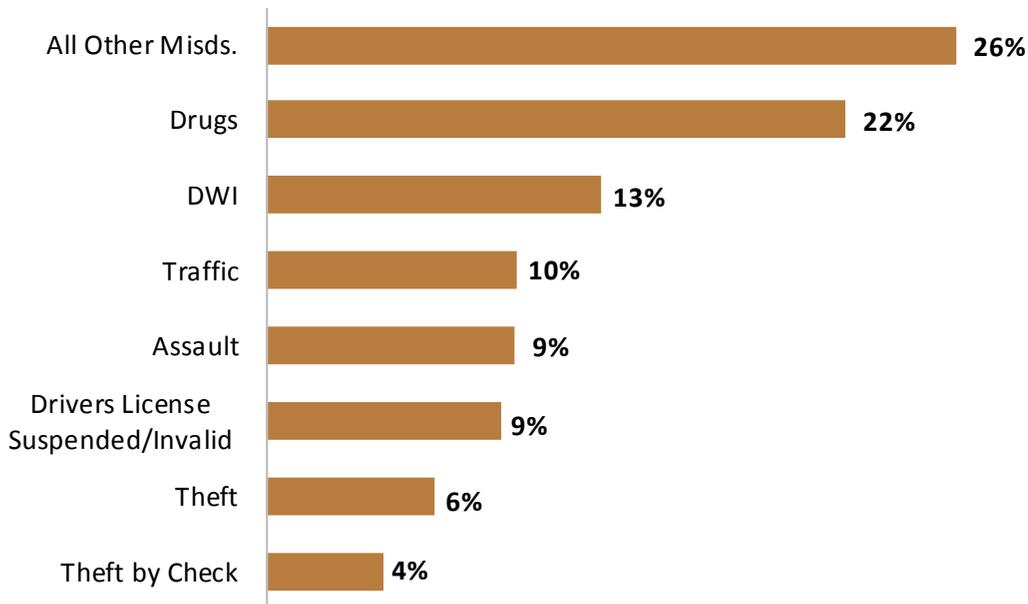


*The clearance rates for cases in the constitutional county courts exceeded 100 percent in criminal cases, but were significantly lower in the other case types.*

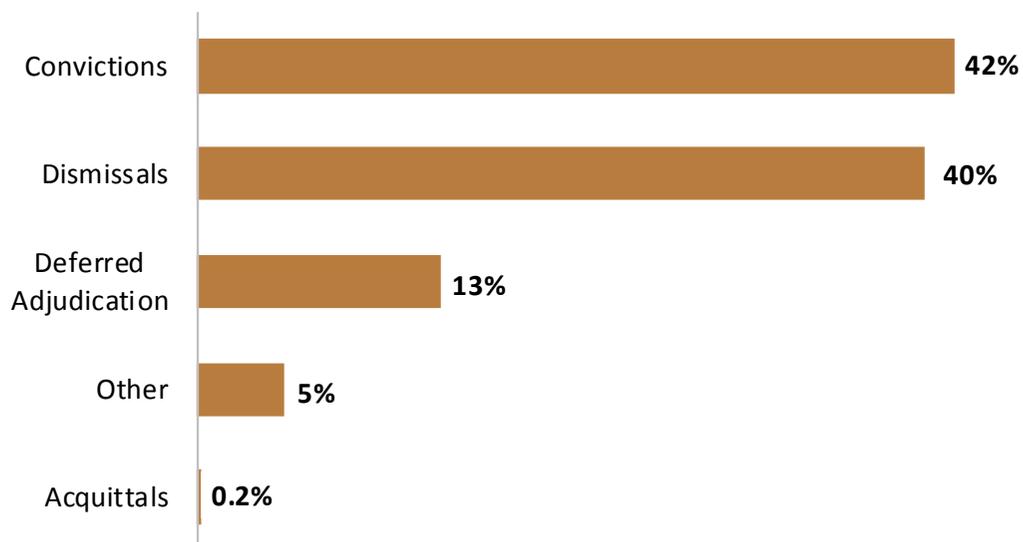


*The majority of the 84,058 cases filed in constitutional county courts were criminal cases.*

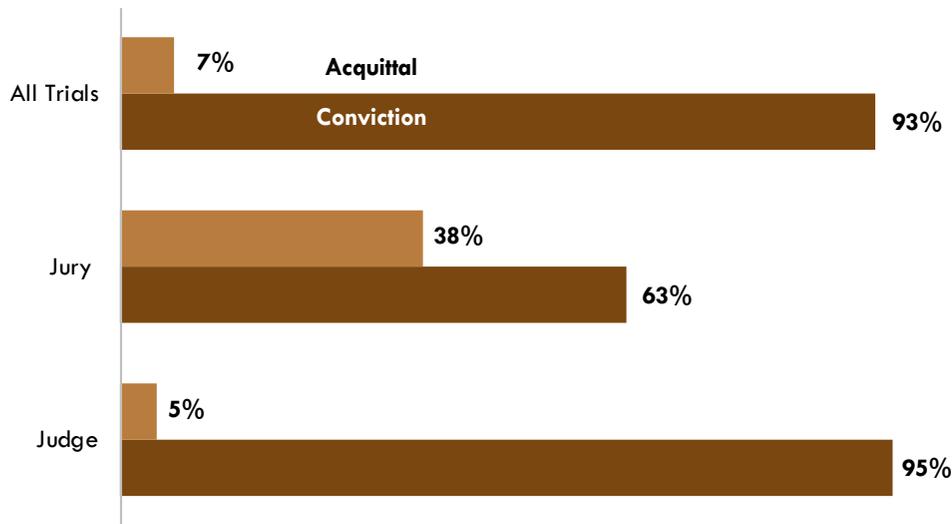
Criminal Cases



*"All other misdemeanor" cases accounted for more than one-quarter of the 50,754 misdemeanor cases filed, and drug cases accounted for nearly another quarter of incoming cases.*



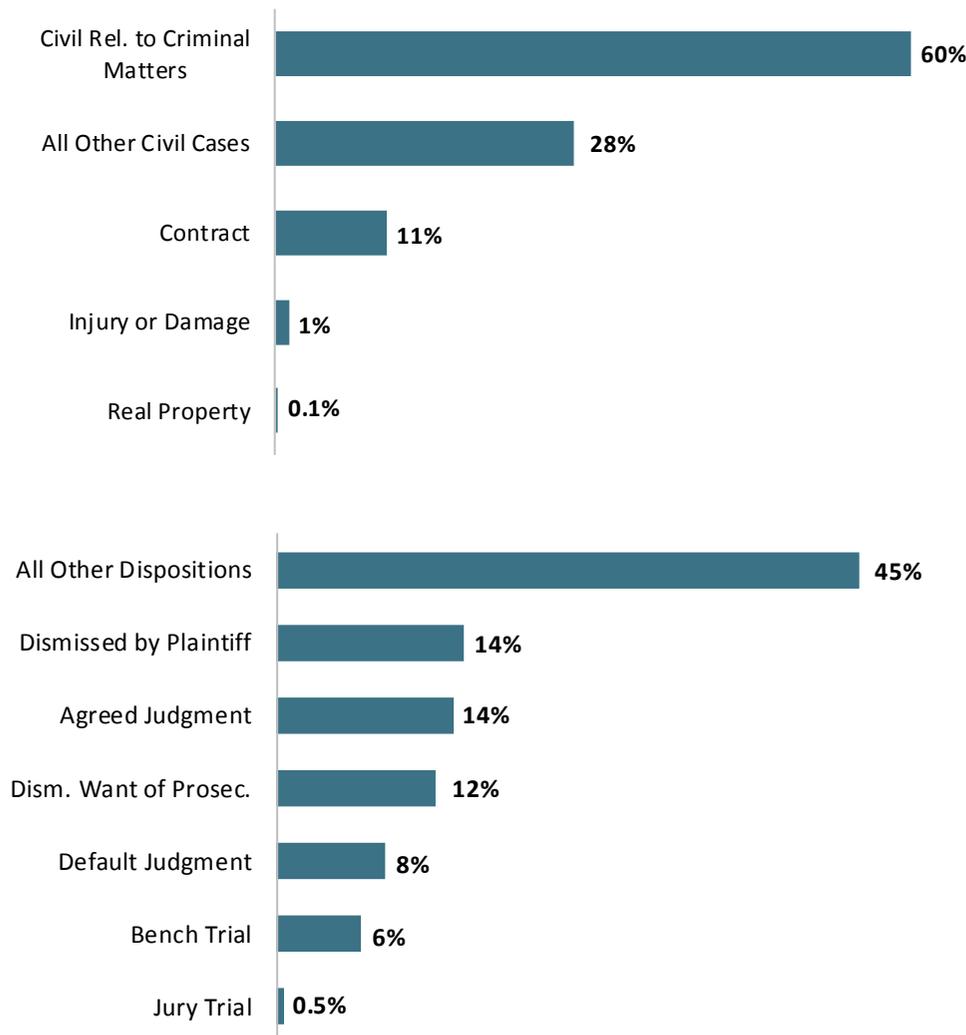
*Convictions were the most common outcome in the 49,644 criminal cases disposed (excluding motions to revoke probation or community supervision), but dismissals accounted for almost as large a share as convictions.*



*3 percent of cases were disposed of by trial by judge, and 0.2 percent were disposed of by jury trial.*

*Most trials by judge and more than 60 percent of trials by jury resulted in conviction.*

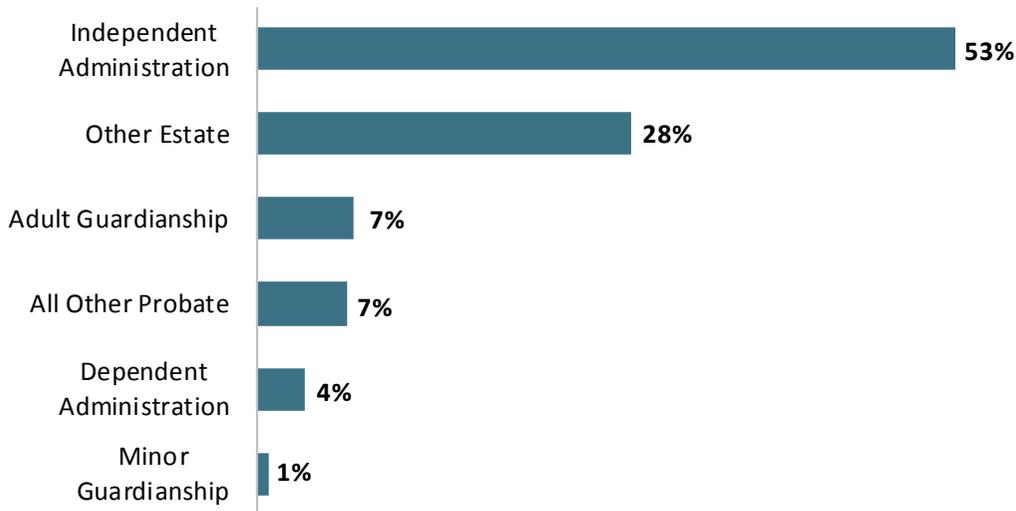
## Civil Cases



*The majority of the 5,769 civil cases filed were related to criminal cases (i.e., bond forfeiture, occupational license, nondisclosure, and other matters).*

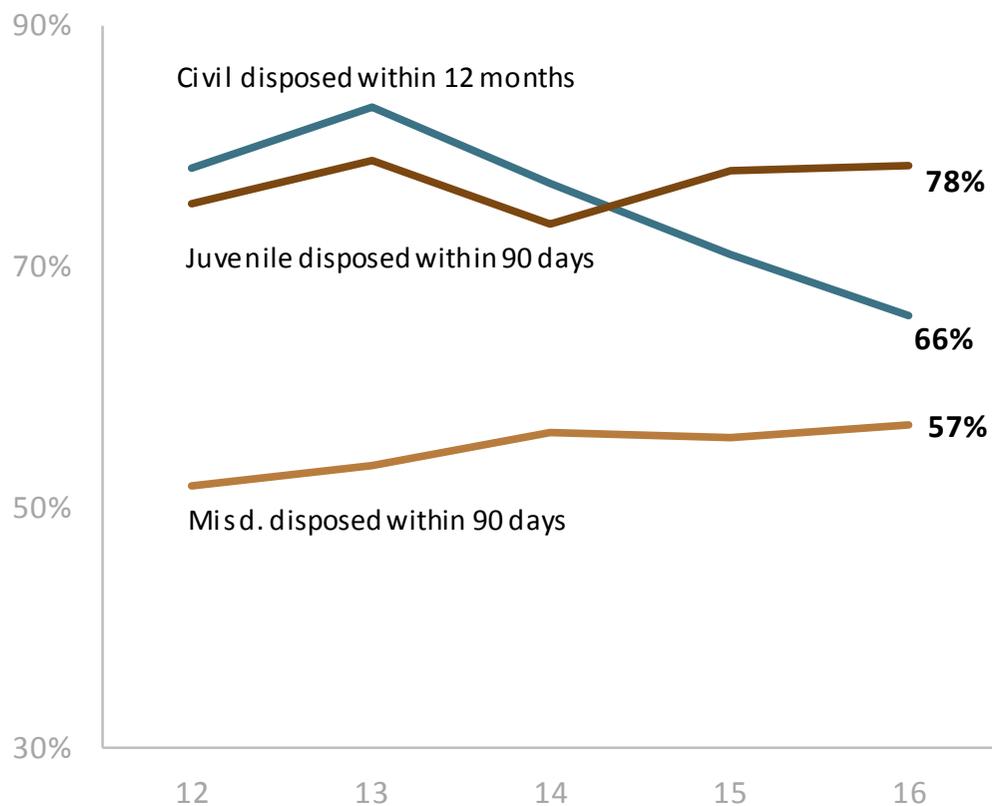
*Excluding civil cases related to criminal matters, nearly half of the 1,637 cases disposed of were reported under "all other dispositions," a catchall category.*

## Probate and Guardianship Cases



*More than half of the 18,188 probate cases filed were estate cases involving an application for independent administration.*

## Case Processing Times

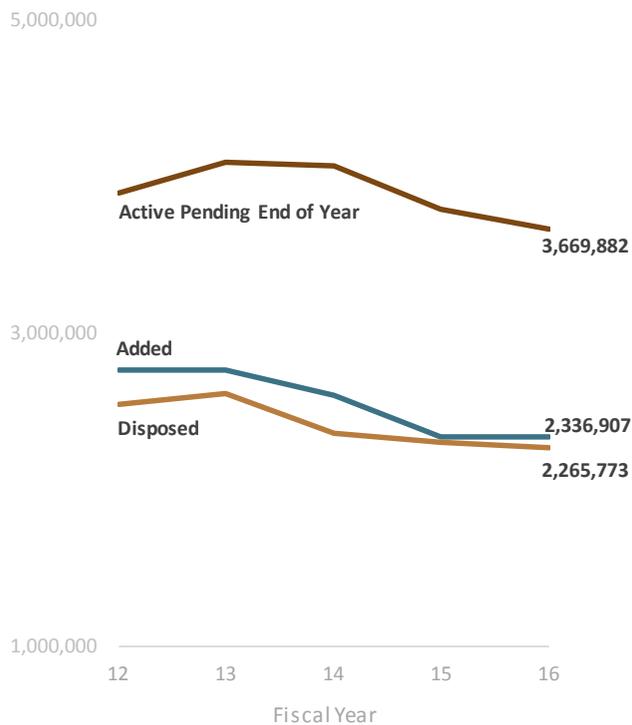


*The percentages of misdemeanor cases and juvenile cases disposed within 90 days increased, while the percentage of civil cases disposed within 12 months declined.*

The Texas Constitution requires that each county in the State establish between one and eight justice of the peace precincts. The number of precincts is dictated by the population of the county. The population of the precinct determines whether one or two justice of the peace courts are established in each precinct.

Justice of the peace courts have original jurisdiction in Class C misdemeanor criminal cases, which are less serious minor offenses. These courts also have jurisdiction in civil actions of not more than \$10,000, small claims, eviction, and repair and remedy.

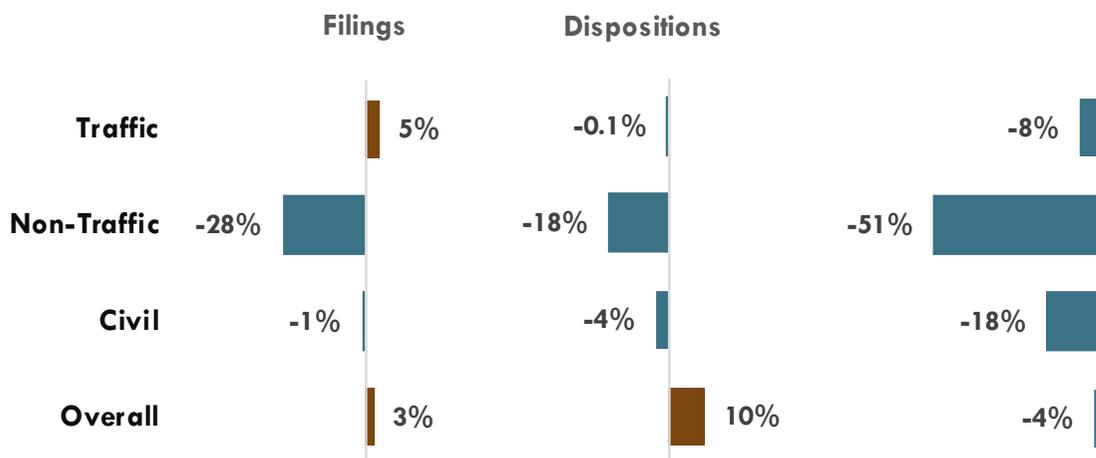
## Caseload and Outcomes



*The number of filings, dispositions and pending cases have all declined over the last 5 years.*

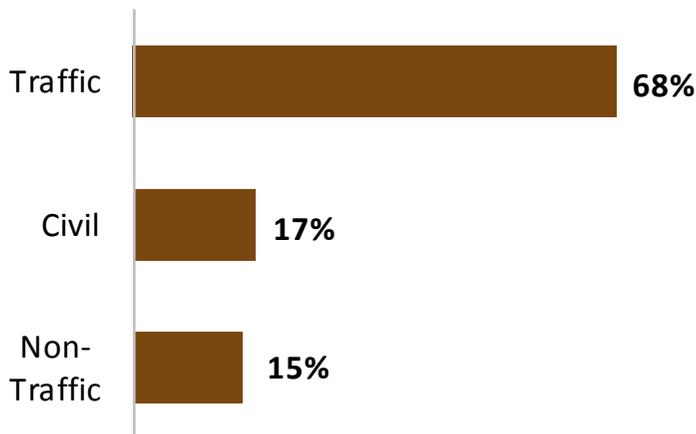
### Change from Previous Year

### 5-Year Change in Filings



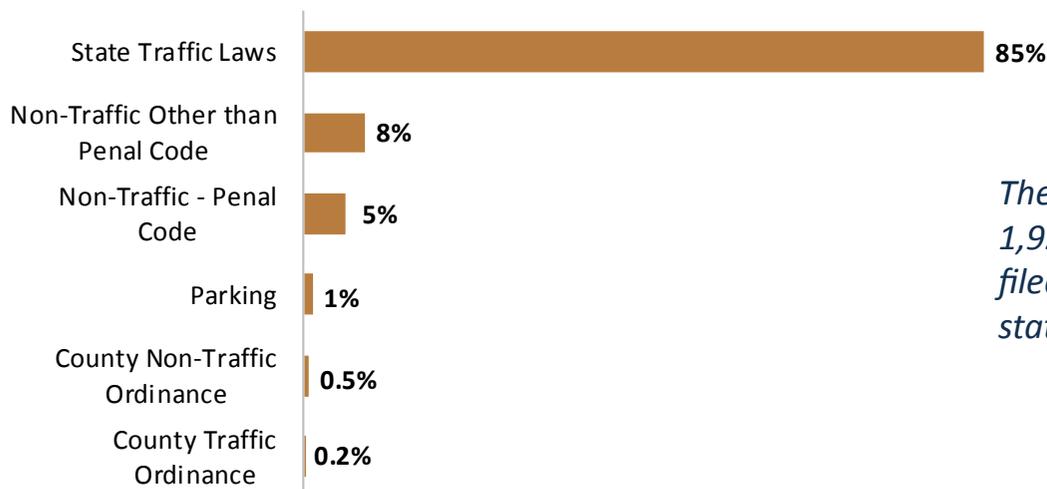


*The clearance rates for cases in the justice courts exceeded 100 percent in criminal cases, except in the category of traffic cases.*



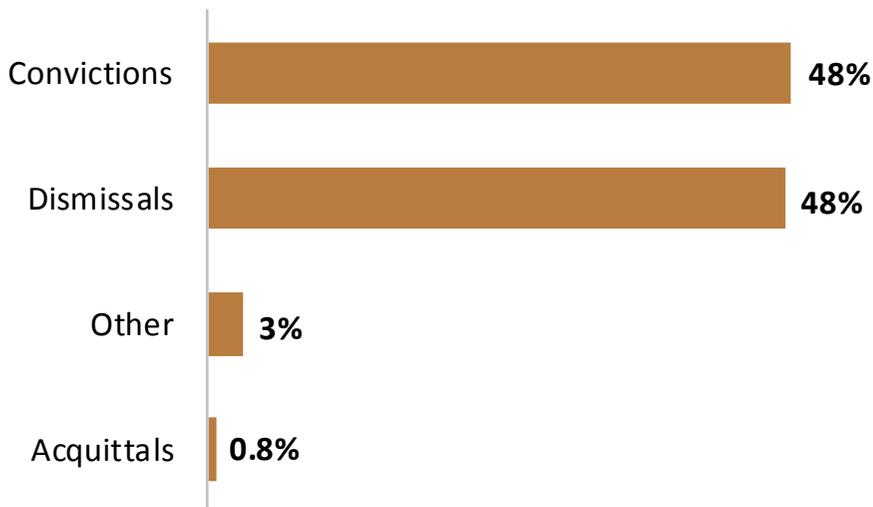
*The majority of the 2,336,907 cases filed in justice courts were traffic cases.*

**Criminal Cases**

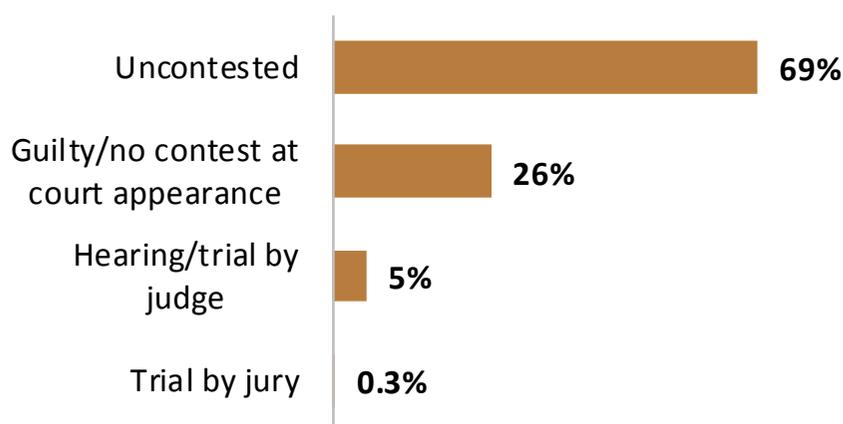


*The vast majority of the 1,922,312 criminal cases filed involved violations of state traffic laws.*

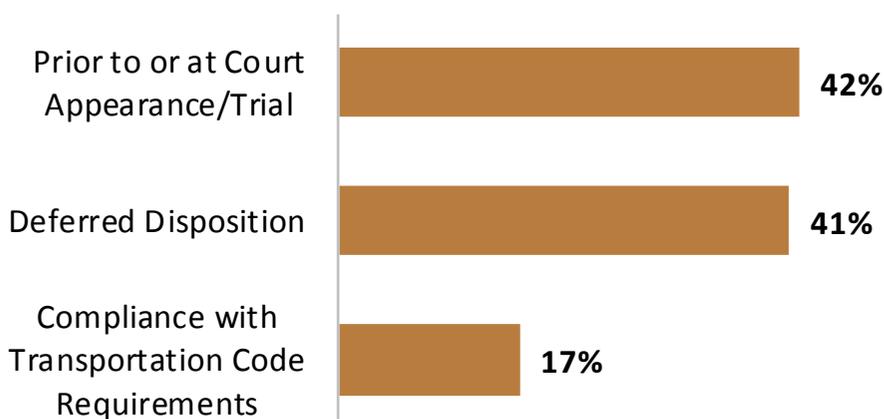
## TRAFFIC CASES



*More than half of traffic cases resulted in a conviction. More than 40 percent of cases resulted in dismissal.*

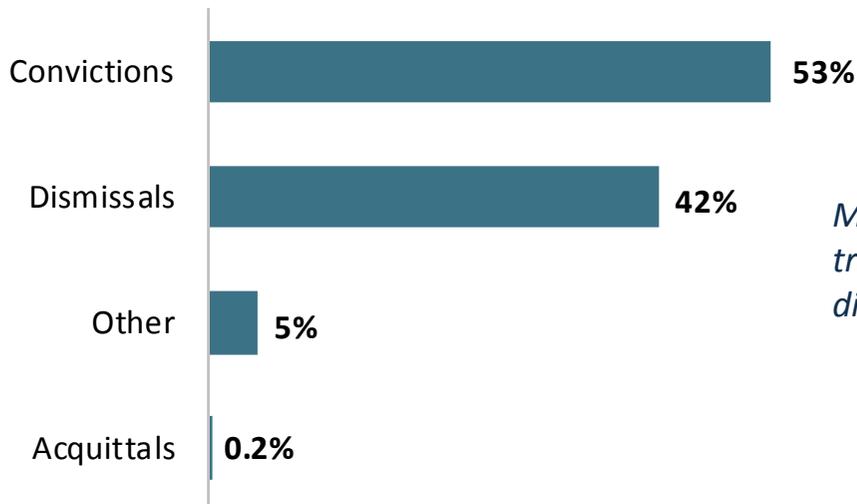


*More than three-quarters of convictions in traffic cases were the result of the submission of a guilty or no contest plea (or payment of a fine without a plea being entered) prior to a court appearance or trial.*

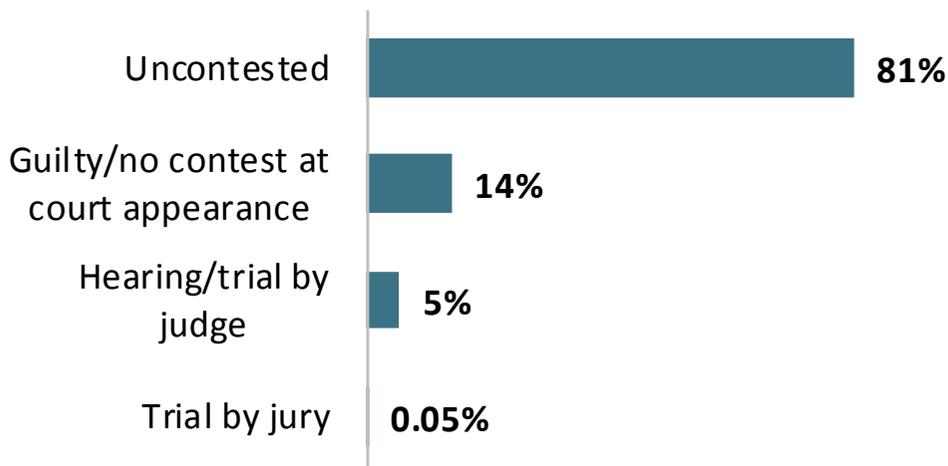


*More than 40 percent of dismissals in traffic cases were cases dismissed prior to or at the defendant's court appearance or trial. A nearly equal percentage of dismissals occurred after the defendant completed the requirements of a deferred disposition.*

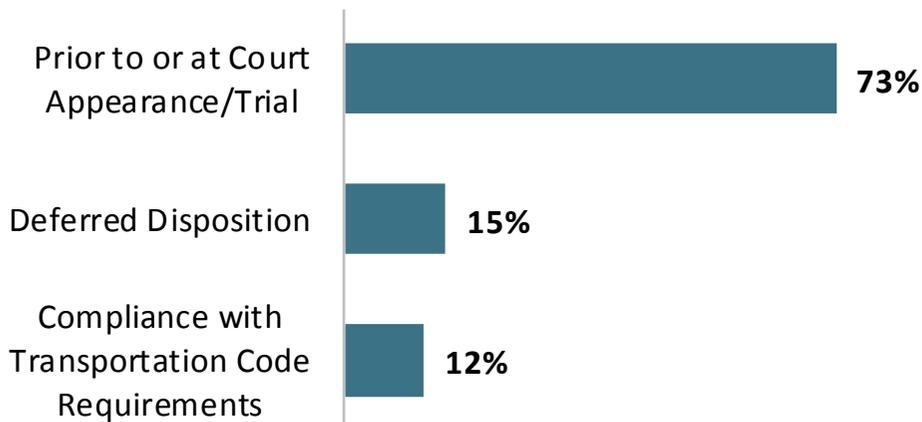
## NON-TRAFFIC CASES



*More than half of non-traffic cases resulted in dismissal.*



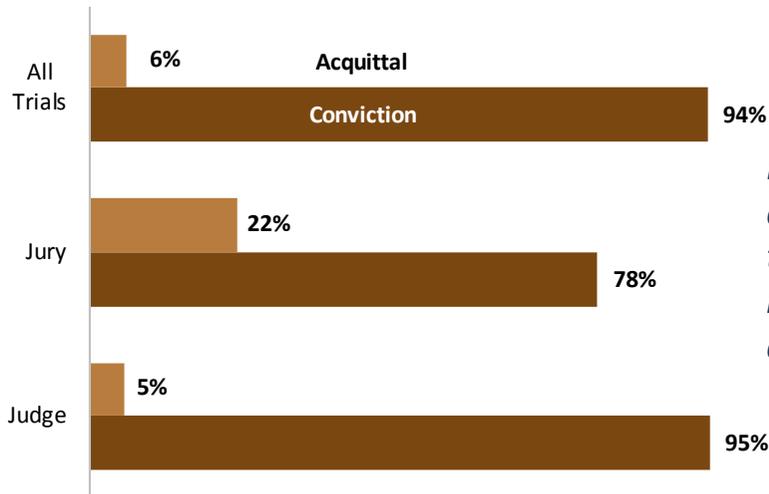
*More than 80 percent of convictions in non-traffic cases were the result of the submission of a guilty or no contest plea (or payment of a fine without a plea being entered) prior to a court appearance or trial.*



*Nearly three-quarters of dismissals in non-traffic cases were cases dismissed prior to or at the defendant's court appearance or trial.*

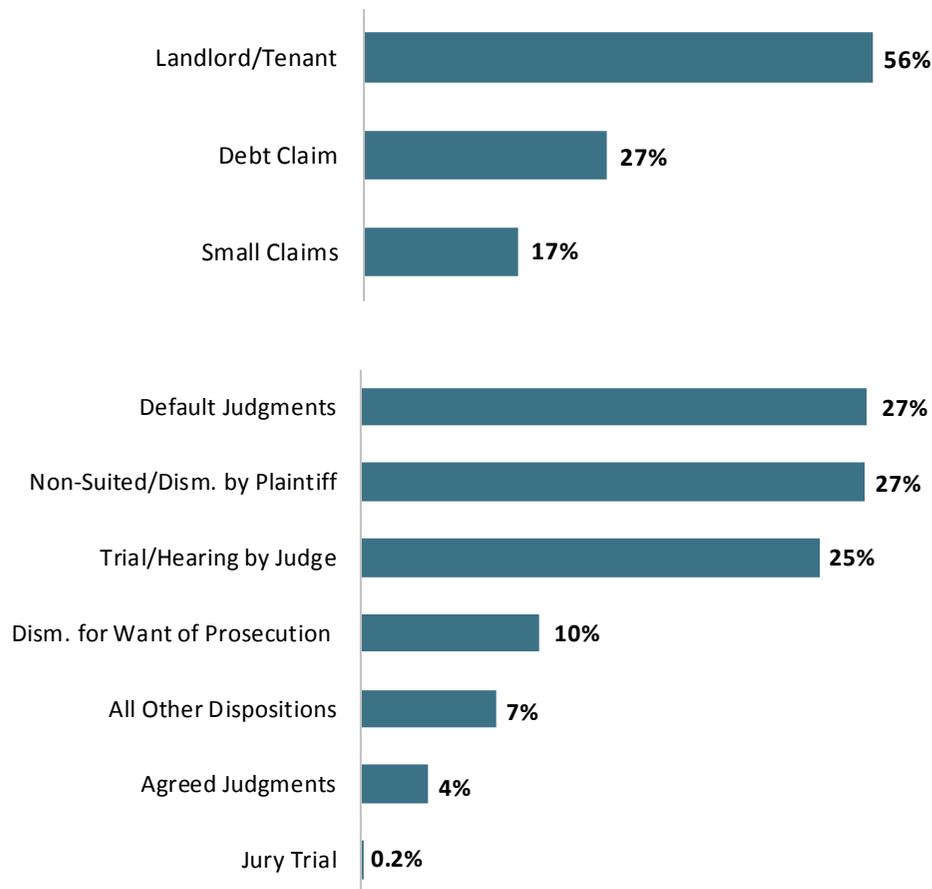
**Trials**

*Less than 2 percent of cases were disposed of by trial by judge, and 0.03 percent were disposed of by jury trial.*



*Most trials resulted in a conviction, though the acquittal rate was higher in cases tried by a jury.*

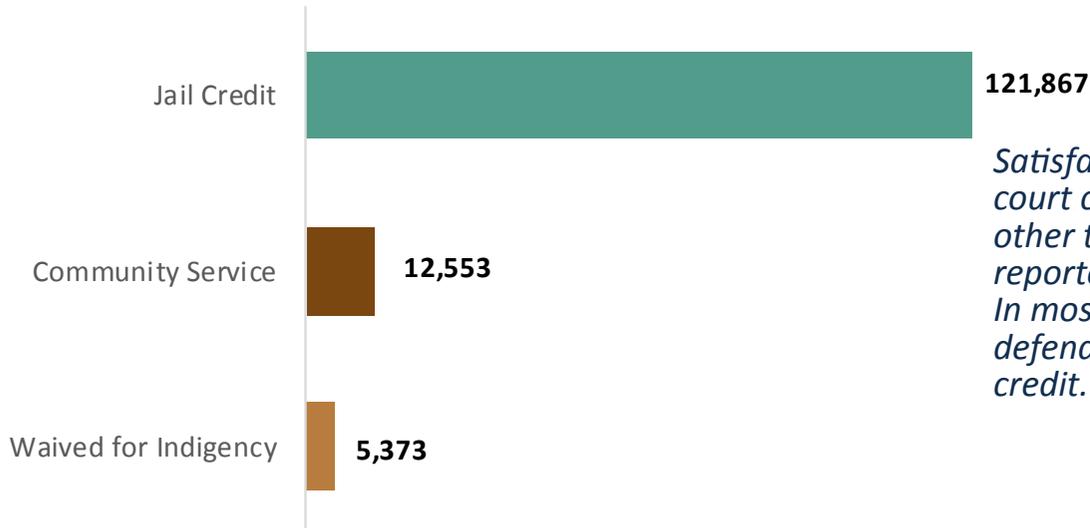
**Civil Cases**



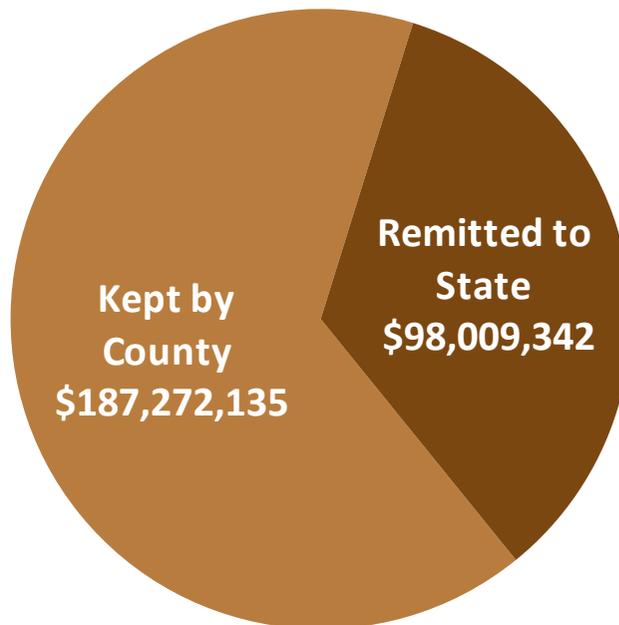
*The majority of the 414,595 civil cases filed involved landlord/tenant matters.*

*Cases were most frequently disposed of by a default judgment or a dismissal of the case by the plaintiff.*

Satisfaction of Legal Financial Obligations



*Satisfaction of fines and court costs by methods other than payment were reported in 139,793 cases. In most of those cases, the defendant received jail credit.*

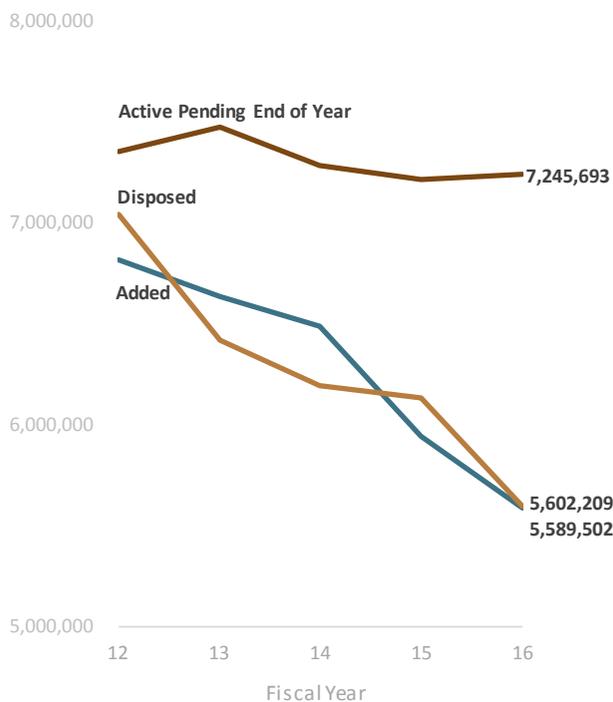


*More than \$300 million in fines and court costs was collected by justice courts. Two-thirds of that amount was retained by the cities, and the rest was remitted to the State.*

Under its authority to create such other courts as may be necessary, the Texas Legislature has created municipal courts in each of the incorporated cities of the State. In lieu of a municipal court created by the Legislature, municipalities may choose to establish municipal courts of record.

Municipal courts have concurrent jurisdiction with the justice courts in Class C misdemeanor criminal cases. They also have original and exclusive jurisdiction over criminal violations of certain municipal ordinances and airport board rules, orders, or resolutions that do not exceed \$2,000 in some instances and \$500 in others. Some courts may also handle limited civil or administrative cases such as civil parking, red light camera, and dangerous dog cases.

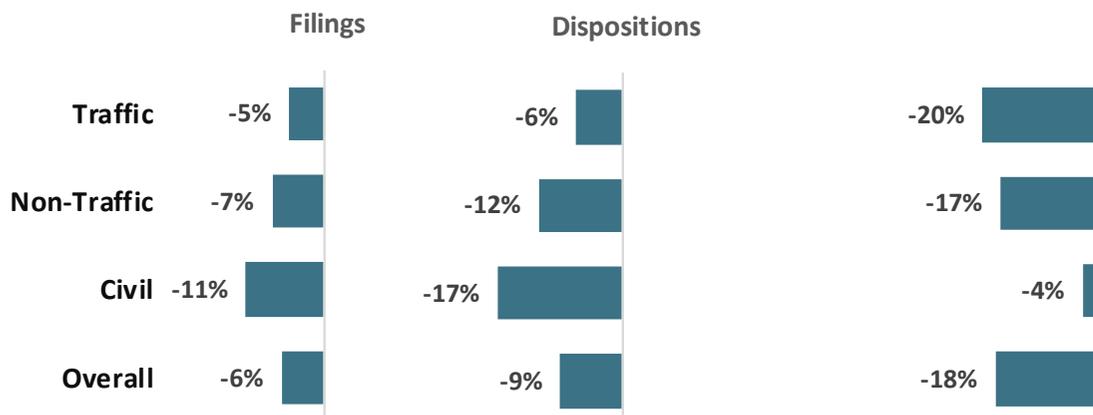
## Caseload and Outcomes



*The number of filings and dispositions have declined over the last 5 years, while the number of pending cases remained relatively stable.*

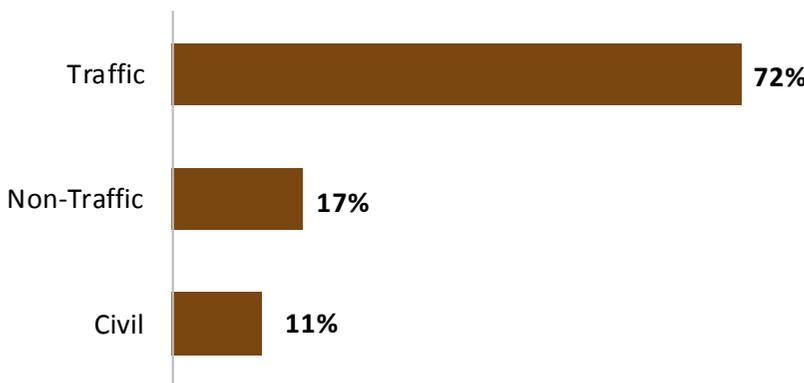
### Change from Previous Year

### 5-Year Change in Filings



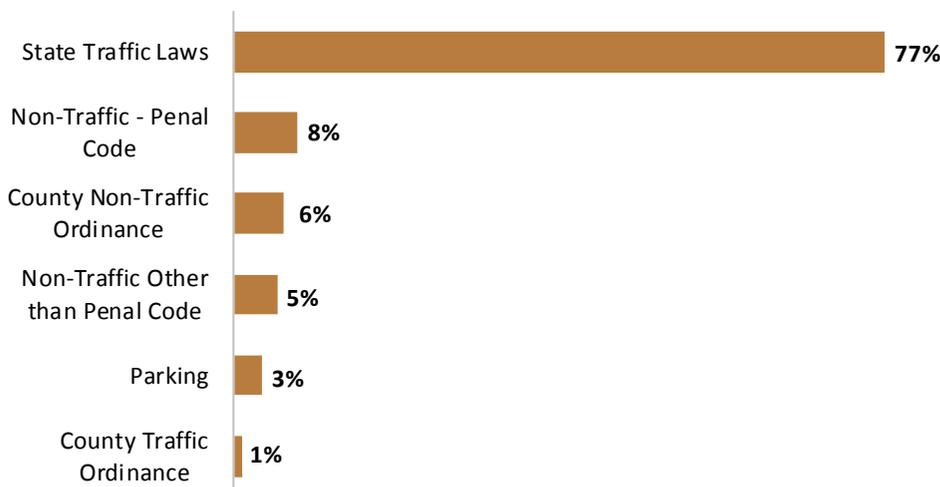


*The clearance rates for cases in the municipal courts were near or exceeded 100 percent in all case types.*



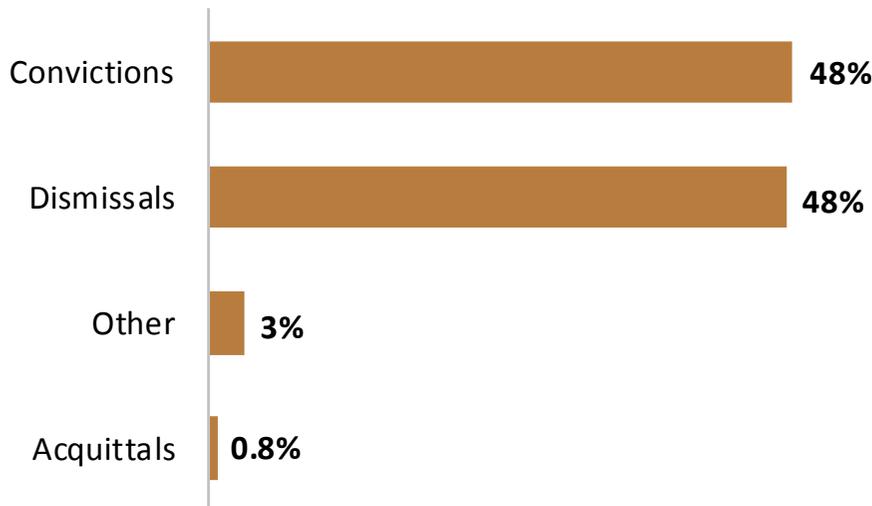
*The majority of the 5,589,502 cases filed in municipal courts were traffic cases.*

**Criminal Cases**

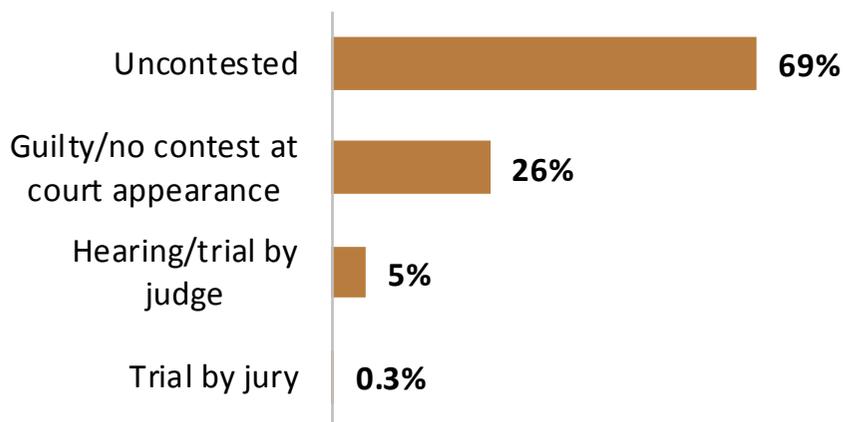


*The vast majority of the 4,956,363 criminal cases filed involved violations of state traffic laws.*

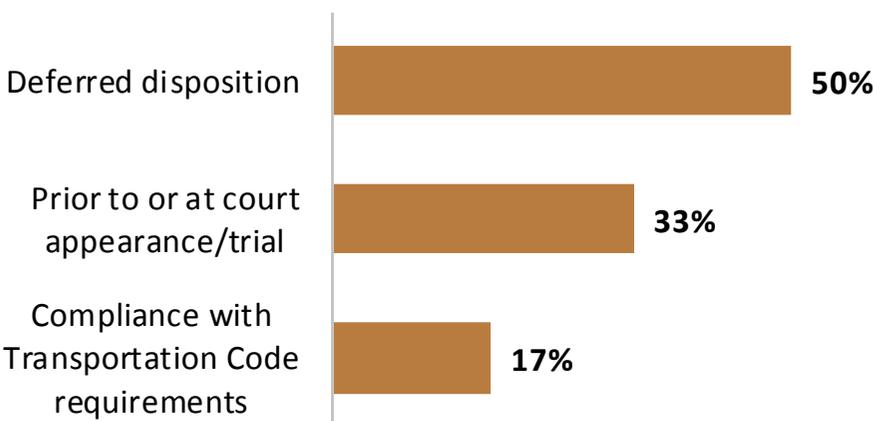
## TRAFFIC CASES



*Nearly one-half of traffic cases resulted in a conviction, but an equal share resulted in dismissal.*



*Nearly 70 percent of convictions in traffic cases were the result of the submission of a guilty or no contest plea (or payment of a fine without a plea being entered) prior to a court appearance or trial.*

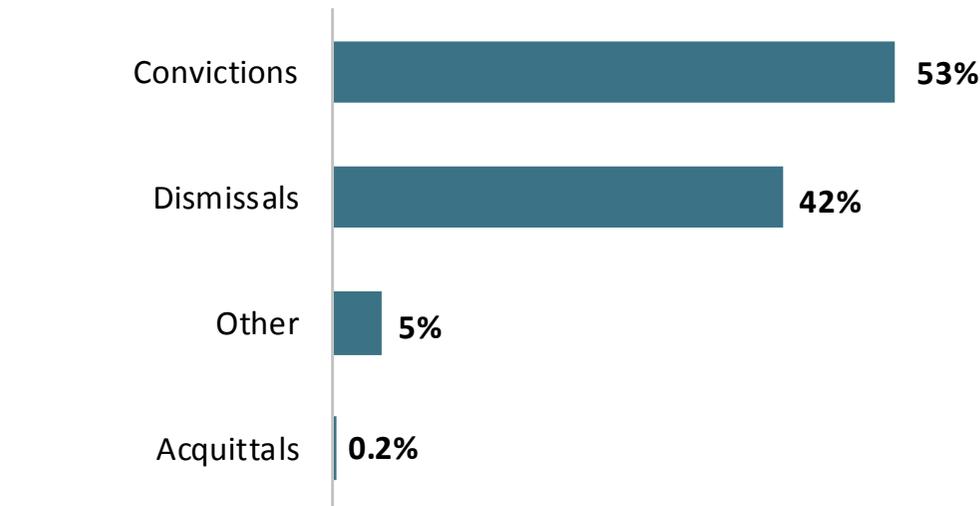


*Half of dismissals in traffic cases occurred after the defendant completed the requirements of a deferred disposition, while another third were cases dismissed prior to or at the defendant's court appearance or trial.*

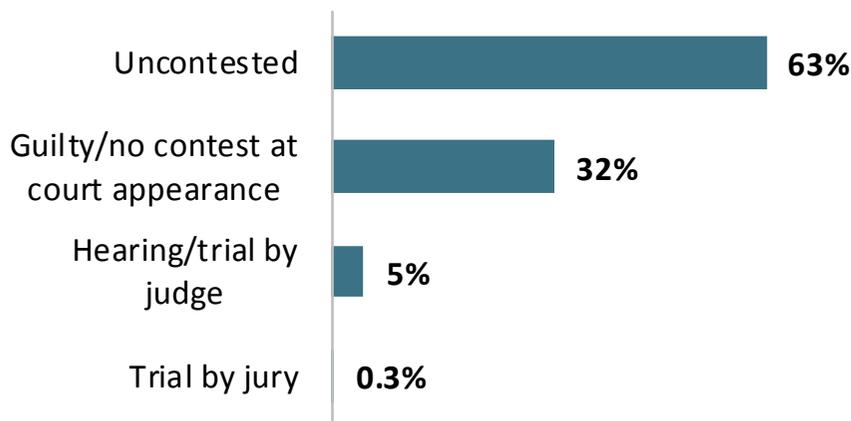
# Court-Level Trends

## Municipal Courts

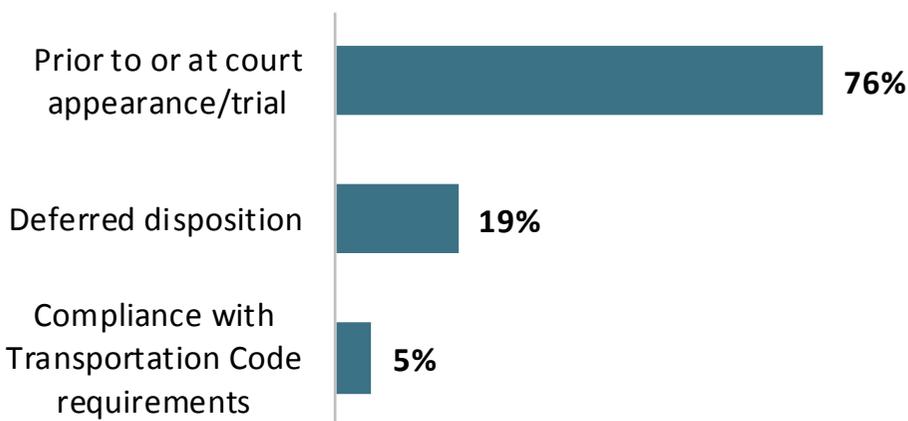
### NON-TRAFFIC CASES



*More than one-half of non-traffic cases resulted in a conviction, while more than 40 percent resulted in dismissal.*



*More than 60 percent of convictions in non-traffic cases were the result of the submission of a guilty or no contest plea (or payment of a fine without a plea being entered) prior to a court appearance or trial.*

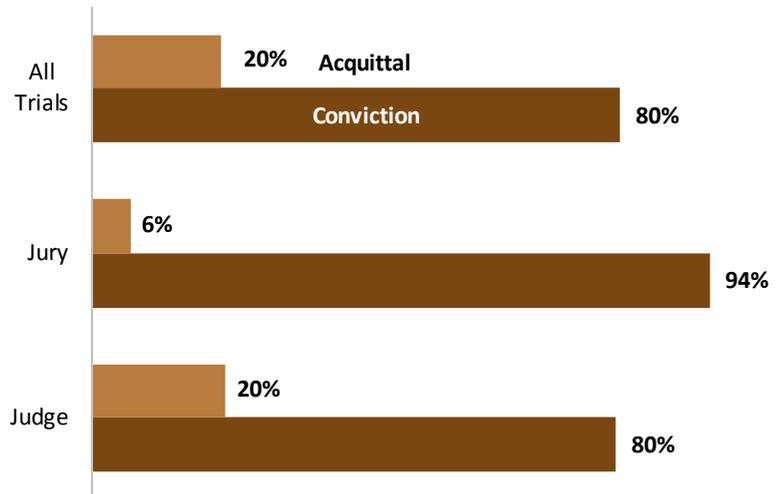


*More than three-quarters of dismissals in non-traffic cases were cases dismissed prior to or at the defendant's court appearance or trial.*

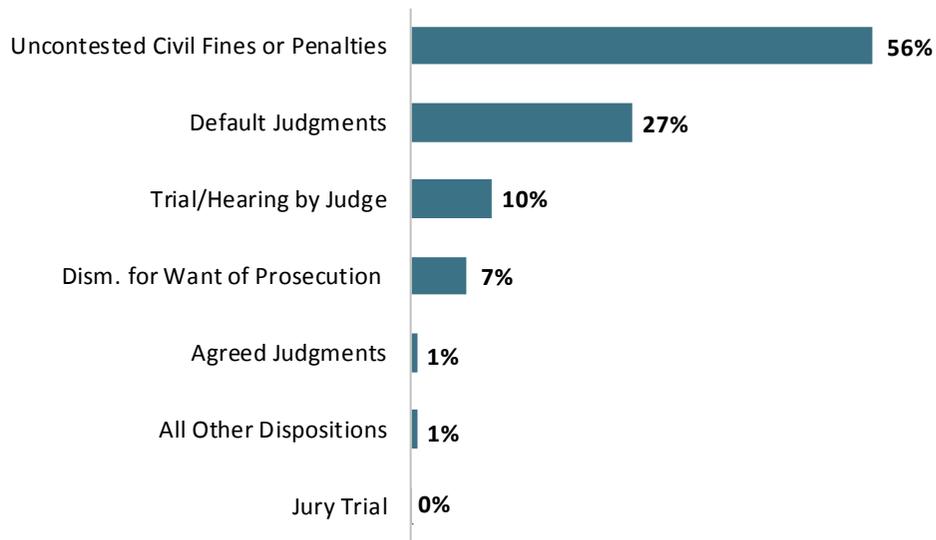
**Trials**

*Less than 3.5 percent of criminal cases were disposed of by trial by judge, and 0.2 percent were disposed of by jury trial.*

*Most trials resulted in a conviction, though the acquittal rate was higher in cases tried by a judge.*

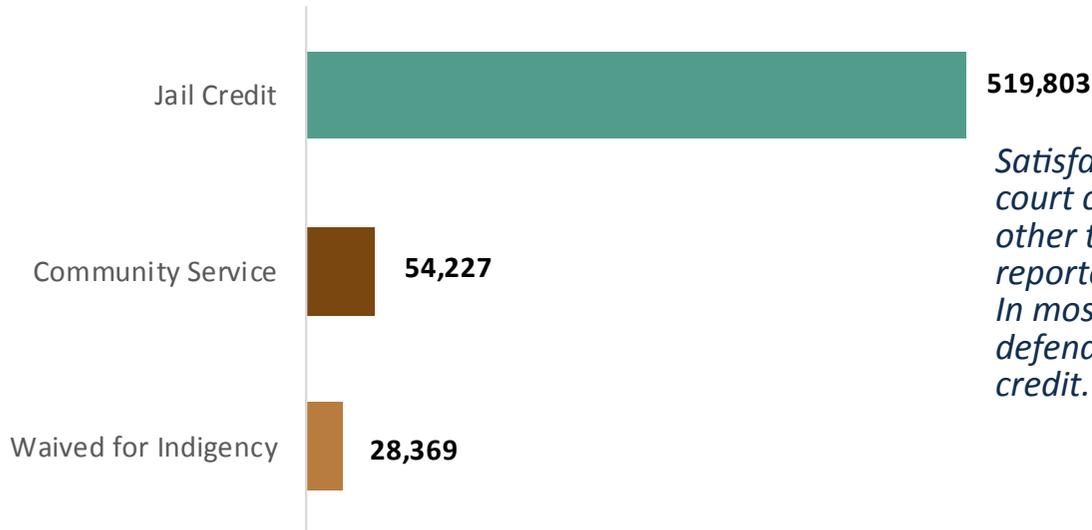


**Civil/Administrative Cases**

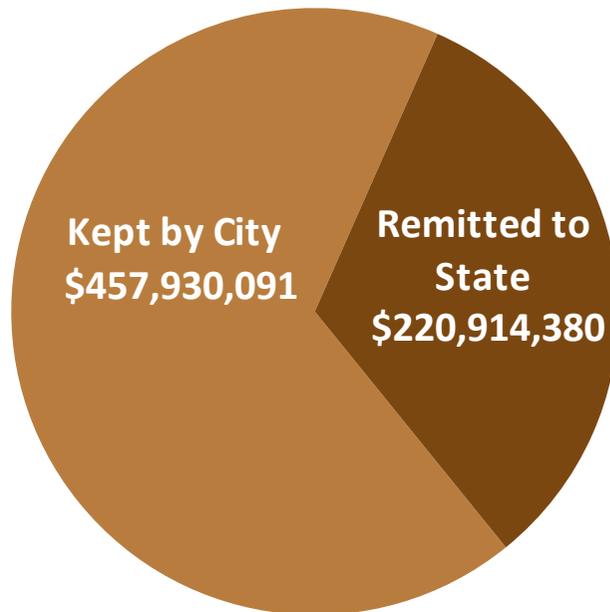


*The majority of civil/administrative cases were disposed of by uncontested payment of a civil fine or penalty before a hearing or trial.*

Satisfaction of Legal Financial Obligations



*Satisfaction of fines and court costs by methods other than payment were reported in 602,399 cases. In most of those cases, the defendant received jail credit.*



*Approximately \$680 million in fines and court costs was collected by municipal courts. Two-thirds of that amount was retained by the cities, and the rest was remitted to the State.*

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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	10-Yr. Avg
<b>Regular Causes<sup>1</sup></b>											
Added to docket	158	138	106	128	106	114	94	93	91	100	113
Disposed	144	164	125	110	137	112	100	96	113	102	120
Pending at end of year	106	80	62	83	52	54	48	45	22	20	57
Clearance rate	91%	119%	118%	86%	129%	98%	106%	103%	124%	102%	107%
<b>Petitions for Review</b>											
Filed	831	825	835	783	793	787	778	792	839	814	808
Disposed	919	874	787	806	778	761	827	786	770	799	811
% Granted	15%	13%	11%	12%	13%	13%	11%	10%	10%	11%	12%
Pending at end of year	344	301	351	324	339	371	322	329	396	415	349
Clearance rate	111%	106%	94%	103%	98%	97%	106%	99%	92%	98%	100%
<b>Other Petitions and Writs</b>											
Filed	255	266	304	426	336	323	340	326	339	285	320
Disposed	274	283	284	423	332	336	328	335	341	289	323
Pending at end of year	77	58	78	85	87	74	78	71	77	73	76
Clearance rate	108%	106%	93%	99%	99%	104%	96%	103%	100%	101%	101%
<b>Opinions Written</b>	170	212	165	118	162	128	111	115	127	133	144

## NOTE:

1. "Regular causes" involve cases in which four or more of the justices have decided in conference that a petition for review, petition for writ of mandamus or habeas corpus, or parental notification appeal should be reviewed. Regular causes also include direct appeals the court has agreed to review and questions of law certified to it by a federal appellate court that the court has agreed to answer. Most regular causes are set for oral argument in open court and are reported in written opinions. However, a petition may be granted and an unsigned opinion (per curiam) issued without oral argument if at least six members of the court vote accordingly.

## Disposition of Petitions for Review by the Supreme Court

	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Dismissed	Other Disposition	Total
<b>Granted Petitions for Review</b>	14	5	52	0	9	80
<i>% of Total Granted Petitions for Review</i>	18%	6%	65%	0%	11%	100%

	Initial Review Granted	Review Denied	Dismissed	Abated	Struck	Total
<b>Petitions for Review<sup>1</sup></b>	91	638	39	11	19	799
<i>% of Total Petitions for Review</i>	11%	80%	5%	1%	2%	99%
<b>Petitions for Writ of Mandamus</b>	11	154	12	1	4	182
<i>% of Petitions for Writ of Mandamus</i>	6%	85%	7%	1%	2%	100%
<b>Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus</b>	0	7	1	0	1	9
<i>% of Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus</i>	0%	78%	11%	0%	11%	100%



[Texas Children](#) monument outside the Supreme Court building

NOTE:

1. 1 case consolidated

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	10-Yr. Avg.
<b>Mandatory Caseload</b>											
Direct Appeals <sup>1</sup>											
Added to docket	18	15	17	20	15	16	15	22	16	7	16
Disposed	19	18	22	24	20	22	14	18	13	17	19
Pending at end of year	40	38	33	30	25	19	20	24	27	17	28
Clearance rate	106%	120%	129%	120%	133%	138%	93%	82%	81%	243%	117%
Applications for Writ of Habeas Corpus <sup>2</sup>											
Filed	6,297	5,376	5,078	4,510	4,474	4,941	4,907	4,746	4,698	4,665	4,969
Disposed	6,407	5,512	5,224	4,402	4,498	4,809	5,083	4,733	4,707	4,612	5,042
Pending at end of year	782	648	501	611	584	721	547	571	558	614	614
Clearance rate	102%	103%	103%	98%	101%	97%	104%	100%	100%	99%	101%
Original Proceedings <sup>3</sup>											
Filed	922	894	846	768	877	931	953	802	750	725	847
Disposed	924	918	868	747	867	912	974	819	754	728	865
Pending at end of year	98	78	60	80	89	107	88	70	69	70	82
Clearance rate	100%	103%	103%	97%	99%	98%	102%	102%	101%	100%	102%
<b>Discretionary Caseload</b>											
Petitions for Discretionary Review <sup>4</sup>											
Filed	1,810	1,904	1,703	1,605	1,803	1,872	1,786	1,676	1,444	1,441	1,704
Disposed	1,872	1,968	1,800	1,650	1,762	1,759	1,784	1,729	1,402	1,492	1,747
Pending at end of year	450	391	291	246	288	401	403	351	394	340	357
Clearance rate	103%	103%	106%	103%	98%	94%	100%	103%	97%	104%	103%
<b>Motions Considered</b>	1,707	1,463	1,789	1,434	1,573	1,715	1,636	2,144	2,947	3,177	1,959
<b>Opinions Written</b>	575	500	447	433	428	480	441	457	425	698	488

NOTES:

1. Direct appeals include death penalty appeals and DNA appeals.
2. Applications for writ of habeas corpus, though seeking relief from the Court of Criminal Appeals, must be filed in the trial court, which has 35 days in which to submit findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation to the Court of Criminal Appeals.
3. Original proceedings are filed directly with the Court of Criminal Appeals. They include writs of certiorari, writs of habeas corpus, writs of mandamus, and writs of prohibition.
4. Petitions for Discretionary Review include petitions for discretionary review, granted petitions for discretionary review, and redrawn petitions for discretionary review.

## Disposition of Cases by the Court of Criminal Appeals

	Granted	Denied/ Refused			Dismissed	Total	
<b>Habeas Corpus &amp; Extraordinary Matters</b>	227 93%	12 5%			4 2%	243	
	Granted	Refused	Struck	Untimely	Dismissed	Total	
<b>Petitions for Discretionary Review<sup>1</sup></b>	96 7%	1,282 91%	18 1%	10 1%	6 0%	1,412	
	Affirmed	Reversed	Reversed & Remanded	Mixed	Other	Dismissed	Total
<b>Granted Petitions for Discretionary Review</b>	20 25%	23 29%	31 39%	3 4%	1 1%	2 3%	80
	Granted	Filed & Set	Denied	Remanded	Abated	Dismissed	Total
<b>Applications for Writ of Habeas Corpus</b>	0 0%	236 5%	2,025 46%	356 8%	1,752 40%	1,752 40%	4,369
<b>Original Proceedings</b>	1 0%	3 0%	560 77%	0 0%	65 9%	65 9%	728
	Granted	Filed & Set	Denied	Remanded		Dismissed	Total
<b>Motions for Stay of Execution</b>	6 50%	0 0%	6 50%	0 0%		0 0%	12

Average time from filing to disposition for cases involving:

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Capital punishment	821	866	741	778	645	616	646	698	656	468
Application for writ of habeas corpus	68	27	36	36	22	24	40	39	37	49
Application for writ of habeas corpus (filed & set)								8	24	32
Petition for discretionary review	61	57	47	41	38	60	65	73	61	82
Granted petition for discretionary review								198	250	310

**NOTES:**

1. Includes redrawn petitions for discretionary review.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	10-yr Avg
<b>Civil Cases</b>											
Cases added											
<i>New filings</i>	4,940	4,949	4,733	4,811	5,070	5,107	5,050	4,946	4,764	4,879	4,925
<i>Other cases</i>	378	353	408	401	490	458	436	477	496	445	434
Total cases added	5,318	5,302	5,141	5,212	5,560	5,565	5,486	5,423	5,260	5,324	5,359
Cases disposed	5,286	5,136	5,279	5,274	5,568	5,487	5,549	5,581	5,608	5,305	5,407
Cases pending at end of year	3,457	3,569	3,425	3,391	3,380	3,484	3,439	3,316	2,976	3,015	3,345
Clearance rate	99%	97%	103%	101%	100%	99%	101%	103%	107%	100%	101%
Avg. time between filing & disposition (months)	8.1	8.8	8.9	9.0	8.3	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.6	7.4	8.2
Avg. time between submission & disposition (months)	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	2.0
<b>Criminal Cases</b>											
Cases added											
<i>New filings</i>	5,039	5,163	4,737	4,926	5,366	5,309	4,913	4,651	4,513	4,454	4,907
<i>Other cases</i>	960	1,008	1,043	1,063	1,178	1,049	853	1,027	865	699	975
Total cases added	5,999	6,171	5,780	5,989	6,544	6,358	5,766	5,678	5,378	5,153	5,882
Cases disposed	6,000	5,869	5,975	6,179	6,368	6,222	5,949	5,968	5,581	5,543	5,965
Cases pending at end of year	4,144	4,429	4,256	4,118	4,301	4,445	4,259	3,978	3,773	3,384	4,109
Clearance rate	100%	95%	103%	103%	97%	98%	103%	105%	104%	108%	101%
Avg. time between filing & disposition (months)	8.8	8.9	9.1	9.2	8.4	8.6	9.1	9.2	9.2	8.8	8.9
Avg. time between submission & disposition (months)	1.5	1.6	1.4	2.5	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.6
<b>All Cases</b>											
Cases added											
<i>New filings</i>	9,979	10,112	9,470	9,737	10,436	10,416	9,963	9,597	9,277	9,333	9,832
<i>Other cases</i>	1,338	1,361	1,451	1,464	1,668	1,507	1,289	1,504	1,361	1,144	1,409
Total cases added	11,317	11,473	10,921	11,201	12,104	11,923	11,252	11,101	10,638	10,477	11,241
Cases disposed	11,286	11,005	11,254	11,453	11,936	11,709	11,498	11,549	11,189	10,848	11,373
Cases pending at end of year	7,601	7,998	7,681	7,509	7,681	7,929	7,698	7,294	6,749	6,399	7,454
Clearance rate	100%	96%	103%	102%	99%	98%	102%	104%	105%	104%	101%
Avg. time between filing & disposition (months)	8.5	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.4	8.2	8.7	8.6	8.4	8.1	9
Avg. time between submission & disposition (months)	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.6	2
<b>Opinions Written</b>	10,921	10,348	10,765	10,742	11,061	10,975	10,921	10,797	10,560	10,227	10,732

	1st Houston	2nd Fort Worth	3rd Austin	4th San Antonio	5th Dallas	6th Texarkana	7th Amarillo	8th El Paso	9th Beaumont	10th Waco	11th Eastland	12th Tyler	13th Corpus/Edinburg	14th Houston
<b>Number of Justices</b>	9	7	6	7	13	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	6	9
<b>Civil Cases</b>														
Total Cases Added	632	422	521	519	966	112	225	201	222	142	140	146	420	656
Total Cases Disposed	656	391	617	469	974	110	225	187	204	132	134	139	418	649
Cases Pending August 31, 2015	381	213	242	253	474	42	128	209	147	82	117	77	252	398
Clearance Rate	104%	93%	118%	90%	101%	98%	100%	93%	92%	93%	96%	95%	100%	99%
Average time between filing & disposition (in months)	8.5	6.4	8.2	5.5	7.1	5.4	7.6	11.4	8.1	6.8	10.2	6.8	6.9	7.2
Average percent of cases filed but not yet disposed for < 2 years	100%	99%	97%	100%	99%	100%	100%	95%	99%	98%	98%	100%	100%	100%
Average time between submission & disposition (in months)	1.5	2.0	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.2	2.0	4.1	3.3	0.7	2.6	3.3	1.5	2.5
Average percent of cases under submission for less than 1 year	99%	93%	89%	100%	99%	100%	100%	94%	96%	96%	92%	100%	99%	100%
<b>Criminal Cases</b>														
Total Cases Added	560	492	253	363	870	265	277	140	223	244	243	218	422	583
Total Cases Disposed	642	492	349	372	969	251	298	149	241	256	254	231	444	595
Cases Pending August 31, 2015	366	300	181	200	415	146	191	233	221	126	246	134	267	358
Clearance Rate	115%	100%	138%	103%	111%	95%	108%	106%	108%	105%	105%	106%	105%	102%
Average time between filing & disposition (in months)	9.2	8.2	11.3	7.0	6.9	6.2	8.8	16.3	10.9	6.9	13.6	10.0	8.6	8.0
Average percent of cases filed but not yet disposed for < 2 years	100%	100%	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	90%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average time between submission & disposition (in months)	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.8	1.3	0.9	1.5	5.0	3.3	0.5	1.6	1.6	1.0	2.0
Average percent of cases under submission for less than 1 year	100%	98%	96%	100%	100%	100%	100%	94%	96%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Total Cases</b>														
Total Cases Added	1,192	914	774	882	1,836	377	502	341	445	386	383	364	842	1,239
Total Cases Disposed	1,298	883	966	841	1,943	361	523	336	445	388	388	370	862	1,244
Cases Pending August 31, 2015	747	513	423	453	889	188	319	442	368	208	363	211	519	756
Clearance Rate	109%	97%	125%	95%	106%	96%	104%	99%	100%	101%	101%	102%	102%	100%
Average time between filing & disposition (in months)	8.8	7.4	9.3	6.2	7.0	6.0	8.2	13.6	9.6	6.8	12.4	8.8	7.8	7.6
Average percent of cases filed but not yet disposed for < 2 years	100%	99%	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	92%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Average time between submission & disposition (in months)	1.4	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.0	1.7	4.5	3.3	0.6	1.9	2.0	1.3	2.3
Average percent of cases under submission for less than 1 year	99%	95%	90%	100%	100%	100%	100%	94%	96%	98%	96%	100%	99%	100%

# Assigned Judges in the Trial Courts

	1st Region	2nd Region	3rd Region	4th Region	5th Region	6th Region	7th Region	8th Region	9th Region	Total
<b>By the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court<sup>1</sup></b>										
<b>Assignments to the Administrative Regions</b>										
Number of Assignments										
Senior/Former Appellate Judges	0	0	0	2	15	0	0	0	0	17
Active District Judges	5	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	15
Senior/Former District Judges	1	0	1	0	29	1	0	0	0	32
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
<b>TOTAL Assignments</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72</b>
Days Served										
Senior/Former Appellate Judges	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	53.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	55.0
Active District Judges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0
Senior/Former District Judges	4.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	88.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	101.0
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
<b>TOTAL Days Served</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>
<b>By Presiding Judges of Administrative Regions<sup>1</sup></b>										
<b>Assignments within the Administrative Regions</b>										
Number of Assignments										
Active Appellate Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior/Former Appellate Judges	105	75	72	31	131	94	12	6	6	532
Active District Judges	34	58	18	8	70	36	48	157	38	467
Senior/Former District Judges	431	607	506	414	202	108	218	603	133	3,222
Active Statutory County Court Judges	28	33	8	0	6	5	18	29	5	132
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	90	146	124	143	56	39	44	130	37	809
<b>TOTAL Assignments</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>5,162</b>
Days Served										
Active Appellate Judges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Senior/Former Appellate Judges	327.0	392.0	163.0	58.0	414.0	112.0	1.0	12.0	7.0	1,486.0
Active District Judges	1.0	24.0	20.0	8.0	154.0	67.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	278.0
Senior/Former District Judges	1,865.0	1,682.0	1,000.0	935.0	882.0	185.5	267.0	527.0	150.0	7,493.5
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0.0	17.0	13.0	0.0	12.0	32.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	74.0
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	358.0	356.0	200.0	240.0	239.0	43.5	50.0	132.0	69.0	1,687.5
<b>TOTAL Days Served</b>	<b>2,551.0</b>	<b>2,471.0</b>	<b>1,396.0</b>	<b>1,241.0</b>	<b>1,701.0</b>	<b>440.0</b>	<b>322.0</b>	<b>671.0</b>	<b>226.0</b>	<b>11,019.0</b>
<b>Assignments from Other Administrative Regions</b>										
Number of Assignments										
Senior/Former Appellate Judges	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Active District Judges	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Senior/Former District Judges	42	4	15	7	18	27	52	65	16	246
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	6	12	1	10	0	17	0	7	1	54
<b>TOTAL Assignments</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>312</b>
Days Served										
Senior/Former Appellate Judges	0.0	16.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	30.0
Active District Judges	3.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.0
Senior/Former District Judges	403.0	3.0	32.0	15.5	36.0	19.5	46.0	55.0	38.0	648.0
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	1.0	28.0	1.0	25.5	0.0	26.0	0.0	9.0	3.0	93.5
<b>TOTAL Days Served</b>	<b>407.0</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>777.5</b>
<b>By the Supreme Court for Disciplinary Proceedings<sup>2</sup></b>										
Number of Assignments--Active District Judges										
	13	8	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	30
Days Served--Active District Judges										
	11.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.0
<b>Total ---Trial Court Assignments</b>										
<b>Number of Assignments</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>5,576</b>
<b>Days Served</b>	<b>2,973.0</b>	<b>2,518.0</b>	<b>1,433.0</b>	<b>1,303.0</b>	<b>1,949.0</b>	<b>496.5</b>	<b>376.0</b>	<b>735.0</b>	<b>267.0</b>	<b>12,050.5</b>
<b>Assignments to Other Administrative Regions</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65</b>

**Notes:**

1. Assignment authorized by Sections 74.056 and 75.002, Texas Government Code.
2. Assignment authorized by Rule 3.02, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Information provided by the Presiding Judges of the Administrative Judicial Regions

Cases on Docket:	Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Aggravated Assault or Attempted Murder	Sexual Assault of Adult	Indecency with or Sexual Assault of Child	Family Violence Assault	Aggravated Robbery or Ransomware
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	766	1,649	1,016	16,562	1,960	7,664	4,606	6,261
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	107	770	445	5,094	783	4,171	1,307	1,834
Docket Adjustments	4	-50	-564	-316	-78	-105	520	-164
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
Filed by Indictment or Information	426	778	872	21,510	1,508	5,165	7,672	7,347
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	3	20	286	6,252	275	982	2,092	2,397
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	54	162	423	5,174	324	1,467	2,611	2,042
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	30	32	15	595	72	164	142	322
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>1,283</b>	<b>2,591</b>	<b>2,048</b>	<b>49,777</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>15,337</b>	<b>17,643</b>	<b>18,205</b>
<b>Dispositions</b>								
Convictions:								
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	162	294	373	7,330	484	1,725	3,474	3,759
<i>By the Court</i>	18	9	17	314	23	129	143	89
<i>By the Jury</i>	75	147	31	298	72	293	72	154
Total Convictions	255	450	421	7,942	579	2,147	3,689	4,002
Deferred Adjudication	4	12	156	6,755	303	930	1,850	1,625
Acquittals								
<i>By the Court</i>	1	4	2	74	7	20	6	4
<i>By the Jury</i>	5	26	10	112	37	97	38	21
Total Acquittals	6	30	12	186	44	117	44	25
Dismissals	111	175	211	5,152	513	1,601	1,599	1,347
Motions to Revoke								
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	0	10	121	2,566	98	422	1,010	1,007
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	3	16	163	3,090	140	400	795	1,163
All Other Dispositions	16	31	17	995	57	141	158	308
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>26,686</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>5,758</b>	<b>9,145</b>	<b>9,477</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>6,125</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>2,219</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	785	1,680	667	17,001	1,920	7,760	5,322	6,486
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	124	760	296	5,727	838	4,395	1,801	1,964
<b>Cases in Which</b>								
<i>Death Penalty Sought</i>	17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>Death Penalty Not Sought</i>	146	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>								
Prison	218	410	235	3,615	473	1,858	1,457	3,078
State Jail	11	17	21	417	13	86	91	293
Local Jail	3	1	25	2,827	45	39	1,577	405
Probation/Community Supervision	6	5	142	1,494	45	210	738	313
Shock Probation	0	1	3	12	0	1	4	30
Fine Only	1	0	0	19	0	0	6	3
Other	8	8	6	124	21	35	40	28

## District Court Criminal Cases

<b>Cases on Docket:</b>	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Drug Sale or Manufacture	Drug Possession	Felony DWI	Other Felony	Miscellaneous All	Total Cases
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>									
<i>Active Cases</i>	11,511	18,886	3,894	12,850	33,515	10,472	40,666	3,771	176,049
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	4,190	9,975	1,442	3,379	12,667	3,682	15,964	505	66,315
Docket Adjustments	-378	-242	-551	-154	-194	-2	-942	475	-2,741
<b>Cases Added:</b>									
Filed by Indictment or Information	12,598	22,552	5,172	12,470	52,373	9,889	46,199	1,894	208,425
Other Cases Reaching Docket:									
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	6,288	6,637	1,239	3,680	16,234	3,655	11,413	818	62,271
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	5,356	8,730	1,655	3,781	15,459	2,978	14,724	694	65,634
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	433	563	88	445	1,283	600	1,346	53	6,183
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>35,808</b>	<b>57,126</b>	<b>11,497</b>	<b>33,072</b>	<b>118,670</b>	<b>27,592</b>	<b>113,406</b>	<b>7,705</b>	<b>515,821</b>
<b>Dispositions</b>									
Convictions:									
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	6,678	13,944	2,637	6,223	24,026	8,345	21,021	1,123	101,598
<i>By the Court</i>	361	397	76	168	835	405	804	35	3,823
<i>By the Jury</i>	85	82	11	86	145	63	348	3	1,965
Total Convictions	7,124	14,423	2,724	6,477	25,006	8,813	22,173	1,161	107,386
Deferred Adjudication	3,411	5,582	966	3,524	16,028	218	10,715	222	52,301
Acquittals									
<i>By the Court</i>	11	8	2	5	63	4	66	0	277
<i>By the Jury</i>	22	22	1	18	38	7	71	0	525
Total Acquittals	33	30	3	23	101	11	137	0	802
Dismissals	2,333	4,441	1,175	2,540	9,677	914	12,112	584	44,485
Motions to Revoke									
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	3,087	3,553	682	1,445	7,652	1,584	5,506	554	29,297
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	2,631	2,492	380	1,949	6,144	1,739	4,646	200	25,951
All Other Dispositions	572	778	128	478	1,567	590	1,704	965	8,505
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>19,191</b>	<b>31,299</b>	<b>6,058</b>	<b>16,436</b>	<b>66,175</b>	<b>13,869</b>	<b>56,993</b>	<b>3,686</b>	<b>268,727</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>5,763</b>	<b>9,430</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>4,353</b>	<b>17,835</b>	<b>3,422</b>	<b>16,723</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>74,115</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>									
<i>Active Cases</i>	10,905	16,782	3,452	12,375	35,001	10,239	40,147	3,275	173,797
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	4,448	10,220	1,574	3,792	14,294	3,997	17,131	555	71,916
<b>Cases in Which</b>									
<i>Death Penalty Sought</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>Death Penalty Not Sought</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>									
Prison	3,286	1,991	396	4,078	5,499	3,162	10,013	24	39,793
State Jail	1,815	6,777	1,497	1,065	7,845	504	4,378	19	24,849
Local Jail	1,019	4,018	660	626	8,121	555	4,365	905	25,191
Probation/Community Supervision	1,235	2,003	307	992	5,121	4,279	4,023	172	21,085
Shock Probation	46	17	2	24	42	20	38	0	240
Fine Only	9	34	2	1	81	5	87	22	270
Other	99	188	8	148	446	329	354	6	1,848

Age of Cases Disposed:	90 Days or Less	91 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	Over 365 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	111,782	53,884	49,373	53,688	268,727

Information on Trafficking of Persons:	Total Filed
Cases for Trafficking of Persons	78
Cases for Prostitution	726
Cases for Compelling Prostitution	93

Additional Court Activity:	Total
Cases in Which Jury Selected	2,453
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	128
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	1,996
Competency Hearings Held	2,948
Cases Set for Review	21,000
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	147,130
Cases with Retained Counsel	68,773

Cases on Docket:	Injury or Damage					
	Motor Vehicle	Medical Malpractice	Other Professional Malpractice	Product Liability - Asbestos/ Silica	Other Product Liability	Other Injury or Damage
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	34,882	1,518	454	4,929	901	14,107
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	907	50	38	409	73	648
Docket Adjustments	-158	2	0	-292	-14	-177
<b>Cases Added:</b>						
New Cases Filed	27,903	1,061	221	160	267	8,236
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	3,501	117	41	135	114	1,001
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	695	36	16	57	17	366
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>66,823</b>	<b>2,734</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>4,989</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>23,533</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>						
Change of Venue Transfers	187	23	7	11	13	169
Default Judgments	774	7	5	1	10	232
Agreed Judgments	3,192	112	36	25	80	1,190
Summary Judgments	219	22	16	0	12	269
Final Judgments:						
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	1,145	46	23	2	15	537
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	491	22	1	0	13	124
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	9	0	0	0	0	9
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	3,145	85	35	10	72	1,079
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	13,356	520	121	898	204	3,615
All Other Dispositions	1,024	69	27	1,582	37	730
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>23,542</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>2,529</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>7,954</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,065</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	39,328	1,709	427	2,454	743	14,481
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1,348	52	31	280	44	727

## District Court Civil Cases

Cases on Docket:	Real Property		Contract		Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters	All Other Civil Cases	Tax	Total Cases
	Eminent Domain	Other Real Property	Consumer/ Commercial/ Debt	Other Contract				
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	691	6,252	40,610	16,158	40,524	37,312	108,461	306,799
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	9	135	1,825	994	440	1,375	1,495	8,398
Docket Adjustments	-15	306	-306	-137	-1,340	1,748	-1,466	-1,849
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
New Cases Filed	311	9,049	32,726	12,916	45,725	27,881	52,220	218,676
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	3	323	1,758	673	1,298	1,467	6,650	17,081
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	7	147	1,092	376	767	1,402	522	5,500
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	997	16,077	75,880	29,986	86,974	69,810	166,387	546,207
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Change of Venue Transfers	3	68	281	126	28	277	30	1,223
Default Judgments	7	574	6,028	2,970	4,345	2,261	11,235	28,449
Agreed Judgments	35	2,424	3,276	1,442	7,010	4,712	3,614	27,148
Summary Judgments	0	167	1,057	340	365	1,128	208	3,803
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	40	508	1,556	1,016	10,166	3,144	12,080	30,278
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	1	23	117	45	26	98	24	985
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	2	13	5	1	8	26	73
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	14	538	3,820	1,715	1,556	3,194	3,388	18,651
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	158	1,650	11,367	5,131	3,649	8,240	25,144	74,053
All Other Dispositions	22	454	3,496	1,012	16,365	5,829	1,259	31,906
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	280	6,408	31,011	13,802	43,511	28,891	57,008	216,569
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	3	483	2,021	625	1,369	1,183	5,784	16,679
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	683	9,178	42,898	15,402	42,160	39,284	102,827	311,574
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	13	292	1,992	1,090	382	1,535	1,227	9,013

Age of Cases Disposed:	3 Months or Less	Over 3 to 6 Months	Over 6 to 12 Months	12 to 18 Months	Over 18 Months	Total Cases
Number of Cases	54,651	31,999	45,362	29,395	55,162	216,569

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	2,453
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	128
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	34,688
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	71,300

Cases on Docket:	Divorce		Parent-Child - No Divorce	Child Protective Services	Termination of Parental Rights	Adoption	Protective Orders - No Divorce	All Other Family Law Cases
	Children	No Children						
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	49,438	53,043	30,992	16,255	1,720	5,393	4,173	21,605
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	510	293	194	114	26	28	24	190
Docket Adjustments	-162	-578	-173	-287	-16	-117	-299	-361
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
New Cases Filed	50,835	59,030	23,606	11,649	1,670	7,777	8,213	15,158
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	2,095	1,168	314	406	20	154	94	488
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	2,133	1,036	1,498	382	70	94	258	1,549
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>104,339</b>	<b>113,699</b>	<b>56,237</b>	<b>28,405</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>13,301</b>	<b>12,439</b>	<b>38,439</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Change of Venue Transfers	168	64	160	140	7	51	7	202
Default Judgments	3,452	5,509	1,801	210	65	76	595	252
Agreed Judgments	20,076	22,423	5,832	623	121	852	786	2,438
Summary Judgments	8	12	98	4	1	3	0	30
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	15,794	19,993	5,375	3,973	1,082	4,630	1,676	7,226
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	19	30	9	26	2	0	4	7
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	30	34	1	2	1	1	2	1
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	8,653	7,524	3,667	371	178	428	1,293	2,088
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	3,362	2,566	4,628	3,169	92	150	1,681	945
All Other Dispositions	2,682	2,491	1,175	1,567	134	1,272	2,109	4,007
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>54,244</b>	<b>60,646</b>	<b>22,746</b>	<b>10,085</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>7,463</b>	<b>8,153</b>	<b>17,196</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	47,943	51,831	33,152	17,862	1,762	5,684	4,180	20,752
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	503	286	193	123	23	24	35	186

## District Court Family Cases

	Title IV-D			Post-Judgment Actions				Total Cases
	Paternity	Support Order	UIFSA	Modification - Custody	Modification - Other	Enforcement	Title IV-D	
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>								
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	19,258	21,061	2,640	15,849	24,464	14,289	41,008	321,188
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	153	127	28	106	305	283	2,425	4,806
Docket Adjustments	-1,458	-846	-95	-291	-779	-589	-645	-6,696
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
New Cases Filed	32,098	36,135	3,305	8,623	15,688	8,191	55,400	337,378
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	372	67	10	152	787	237	1,836	8,200
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	524	1,384	77	2,235	2,163	1,491	6,752	21,646
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	50,794	57,801	5,937	26,568	42,323	23,619	104,351	681,716
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Change of Venue Transfers	62	70	18	473	746	215	1,331	3,714
Default Judgments	2,996	2,208	255	592	880	192	1,780	20,863
Agreed Judgments	6,890	10,634	633	3,001	5,931	2,515	23,142	105,897
Summary Judgments	6	6	3	1	6	7	6	191
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	5,431	6,334	827	2,583	2,561	1,881	12,963	92,329
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	9	5	1	11	8	7	30	168
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	4	0	1	7	7	5	96
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	2,771	2,768	308	1,479	2,398	1,473	2,830	38,229
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	6,734	6,846	674	629	1,299	1,385	5,671	39,831
All Other Dispositions	3,016	5,308	435	791	2,940	951	6,319	35,197
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	27,915	34,183	3,154	9,561	16,776	8,633	54,077	336,515
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	112	89	25	185	767	273	2,056	7,662
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	22,522	23,576	2,765	16,797	24,746	14,719	48,580	336,871
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	125	89	33	136	291	292	2,263	4,602

Age of Cases Disposed:	3 Months or Less	Over 3 to 6 Months	Over 6 to 12 Months	12 to 18 Months	Over 18 Months	Total Cases
Number of Cases	124,569	73,278	75,122	27,274	36,272	336,515

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	173
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	5
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	34,688
Protective Orders Signed	7,688
Cases Set for Review	17,220
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	71,300

	CINS	Delinquent Conduct								
		Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Murder Attempted	Aggravated Assault or Murder	Assault	Assault of Child or Sexual Indecency with Robbery	Aggravated Robbery or Robbery	Burglary
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>										
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	397	18	20	4	805	1,553	654	524	993	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	74	3	4	1	122	270	69	142	172	
Docket Adjustments	-97	-1	15	-1	7	68	214	6	82	
<b>Cases Added:</b>										
New Petitions Filed	129	13	5	5	1,303	2,634	641	753	976	
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	---	3	3	0	16	1	27	16	5	
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	9	3	0	0	459	729	164	221	468	
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	465	4	4	0	235	423	122	238	190	
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	31	0	0	0	14	16	18	4	15	
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>5,424</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>2,729</b>	
<b>Adjudications:</b>										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
<i>Plea of True</i>	40	4	2	3	744	972	321	531	659	
<i>By the Court</i>	17	0	0	0	33	78	33	27	42	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	
Total Findings of DC/CINS	57	4	2	3	777	1,051	356	559	702	
Deferred Prosecution	17	0	0	0	241	941	64	20	150	
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	---	7	6	0	11	0	19	49	6	
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
<i>By the Court</i>	3	0	0	0	3	2	1	3	2	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	3	0	0	0	6	5	3	3	2	
Dismissals	45	0	1	0	241	581	121	56	225	
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
<i>Denied</i>	0	0	0	0	44	57	11	30	41	
<i>Granted</i>	12	3	0	0	315	291	105	161	327	
All Other Adjudications/Findings	11	2	0	0	155	511	110	91	63	
<b>Total Cases Adjudicated</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>3,437</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>1,516</b>	
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>201</b>	
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	405	20	33	5	812	1,557	914	573	1,027	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	80	3	5	1	124	275	82	124	167	
<b>Dispositions:</b>										
<b>Cases with Finding of DC/CINS</b>										
Probation Granted										
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	---	1	0	0	247	454	77	193	100	
<i>All Other Probation</i>	35	0	0	2	453	530	221	203	549	
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	---	3	0	0	26	3	7	89	3	
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	---	0	1	0	62	11	23	15	44	
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	1	0	0	1	47	45	22	45	27	
<b>Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.</b>										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	---	0	0	0	17	2	12	11	18	
All Other Dispositions	14	3	0	0	198	281	70	138	199	

Age of Cases Adjudicated:	30 Days or Less	31 to 90 Days	91 to 180 Days	Over 180 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	7,020	6,932	3,513	4,535	22,000

## District Court Juvenile Cases

	Delinquent Conduct							Total Cases	Total DC Cases	
	Theft	Auto Theft	Felony Drug Offenses	Misdemeanor Drug Offenses	DWI	Contempt of Court	All Other Offenses		Felonies	Misdemeanors
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>										
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	825	324	387	797	23	147	10,165	17,636	4,477	4,864
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	212	35	53	159	5	34	456	1,811	868	1,049
Docket Adjustments	1	-10	-14	-17	-1	-1	60	311	25	62
<b>Cases Added:</b>										
New Petitions Filed	712	477	459	1,202	24	2	5,067	14,402	5,845	7,566
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	3	1	0	0	0	0	4	79	73	4
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	489	215	153	506	2	13	2,632	6,063	2,463	3,149
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	263	92	46	268	9	7	818	3,184	1,236	1,932
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	11	5	4	11	0	0	71	200	71	75
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>2,767</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>18,817</b>	<b>41,875</b>	<b>14,190</b>	<b>17,652</b>
<b>Adjudications:</b>										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
<i>Plea of True</i>	531	359	190	621	18	4	2,499	7,498	3,602	3,607
<i>By the Court</i>	42	18	19	50	1	0	320	680	184	259
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	10	4	4
<b>Total Findings of DC/CINS</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,822</b>	<b>8,188</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>3,870</b>
Deferred Prosecution	220	31	163	372	1	0	1,174	3,394	989	2,239
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	1	1	10	0	0	0	10	120	112	3
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
<i>By the Court</i>	1	0	0	2	0	0	4	21	9	7
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	11	6	5
<b>Total Findings of No DC/No CINS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>
Dismissals	157	53	72	196	4	3	1,180	2,935	905	1,708
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
<i>Denied</i>	43	21	15	37	0	2	237	538	266	270
<i>Granted</i>	236	150	56	189	1	4	1,465	3,315	1,582	1,583
All Other Adjudications/Findings	269	46	86	336	3	1	1,160	2,844	800	1,779
<b>Total Cases Adjudicated</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8,054</b>	<b>21,366</b>	<b>8,459</b>	<b>11,464</b>
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	169	84	34	230	4	3	709	2,344	1,074	1,527
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	580	324	379	684	25	151	9,906	17,395	4,537	3,995
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	171	44	48	171	0	30	486	1,811	821	1,310
<b>Dispositions:</b>										
<b>Cases with Finding of DC/CINS</b>										
Probation Granted										
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	265	157	62	262	5	2	1,248	3,073	1,235	1,597
<i>All Other Probation</i>	265	180	120	360	16	2	1,371	4,307	2,071	1,985
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	0	3	1	0	0	0	24	159	131	6
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	16	13	13	1	0	0	71	270	235	13
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	34	31	23	50	0	2	214	542	265	265
<b>Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.</b>										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	10	6	0	1	0	0	22	99	86	7
All Other Dispositions	205	102	56	220	1	8	1,007	2,502	1,128	1,294

Additional Court Activity:	CINS	DC	Total Cases
Grand Jury Approvals	---	702	702
Release or Transfer Hearings	---	144	144
Detention Hearings	1,836	26,078	27,914
Cases Set for Review	51	7,645	7,696
Competency Hearings	0	40	40
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	1	60	61
Applications for Sealing Records	2	639	641
Motions for Sex Offender Un- or Deregistration	0	27	27
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	63	18,516	18,579
Cases with Retained Counsel	18	2,866	2,884

Cases on Docket:	Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Aggravated Assault or Attempted Murder	Sexual Assault of Adult	Indecency with or Sexual Assault of Child	Family Violence Assault	Aggravated Robbery or Robbery
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	0	1	2	29	4	32	3	6
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	0	0	3	6	0	3	0	3
Docket Adjustments	0	0	0	3	0	5	0	1
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
Filed by Indictment or Information	0	0	2	30	1	10	15	6
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	0	0	1	7	0	4	4	4
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	0	0	4	4	0	1	0	0
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	0	1	9	73	5	52	22	17
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Convictions:								
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	0	0	0	10	1	18	4	0
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Total Convictions	0	0	0	11	1	19	5	0
Placed on Deferred Adjudication	0	0	1	16	0	4	3	1
Acquittals:								
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acquittals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissals	0	0	0	1	2	9	2	1
Motions to Revoke:								
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	4
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2
All Other Dispositions	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	0	0	1	35	3	37	11	8
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	0	0	4	5	0	1	1	1
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	0	1	4	33	2	14	10	9
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	0	0	3	7	0	3	1	3
Cases in Which								
<i>Death Penalty Sought</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>Death Penalty Not Sought</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>								
Prison	0	0	0	4	0	9	11	0
State Jail	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Local Jail	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Probation/Community Supervision	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0
Shock Probation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fine Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Statutory County Courts Felony Cases

Cases on Docket:	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Drug Sale or Manufacture	Drug Possession	Felony DWI	Other Felony	Total Cases
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	29	33	23	16	117	202	75	572
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	10	18	17	2	25	80	24	191
Docket Adjustments	5	14	9	2	6	19	9	73
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
Filed by Indictment or Information	31	54	19	11	148	148	80	555
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	19	12	13	8	36	35	28	171
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	4	9	11	2	6	59	5	105
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>1,477</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Convictions:								
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	22	32	21	4	72	194	40	418
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	1	0	8	1	2	13
<i>By the Jury</i>	1	0	1	0	2	3	0	9
Total Convictions	23	32	23	4	82	198	42	440
Placed on Deferred Adjudication	10	12	1	8	45	1	16	118
Acquittals:								
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Acquittals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissals	0	8	6	2	12	9	13	65
Motions to Revoke:								
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	8	4	12	5	17	18	21	98
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	7	3	0	4	6	4	6	35
All Other Dispositions	0	2	0	0	4	5	2	14
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>770</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>183</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	31	40	28	16	139	153	85	565
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	15	30	11	0	27	97	31	228
Cases in Which								
<i>Death Penalty Sought</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>Death Penalty Not Sought</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>								
Prison	4	1	1	1	16	68	15	130
State Jail	12	10	10	0	18	11	3	65
Local Jail	0	3	1	0	0	8	2	15
Probation/Community Supervision	7	19	9	2	50	110	21	226
Shock Probation	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Fine Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Age of Cases Disposed:	90 Days or Less	91 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	Over 365 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	196	159	219	196	770

Cases on Docket:	DWI - First Offense	DWI - Second Offense	Theft	Theft by Check	Drug Possession - Marijuana	Drug Offenses - Other
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	55,419	8,476	37,710	22,867	31,296	12,390
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	28,923	3,536	37,489	26,297	12,532	3,889
Docket Adjustments	-1,731	-275	-1,931	1,041	-306	-161
<b>Cases Added:</b>						
New Cases Filed	54,298	11,409	35,693	8,700	58,088	19,285
Appealed from Lower Courts	40	18	55	5	27	104
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	7,961	1,793	5,795	844	5,179	1,761
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	9,705	2,484	15,975	7,657	11,299	3,198
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	158	118	204	21	150	91
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>125,850</b>	<b>24,023</b>	<b>93,501</b>	<b>41,135</b>	<b>105,733</b>	<b>36,668</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>						
Convictions:						
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	39,464	9,674	18,641	2,943	23,727	7,588
<i>By the Court</i>	157	36	48	43	77	18
<i>By the Jury</i>	677	115	40	6	28	11
Total Convictions	40,298	9,825	18,729	2,992	23,832	7,617
Deferred Adjudication	2,422	288	10,085	1,230	11,040	2,469
Acquittals						
<i>By the Court</i>	116	11	11	7	8	1
<i>By the Jury</i>	273	54	42	8	25	9
Total Acquittals	389	65	53	15	33	10
Dismissals	13,352	1,365	15,190	10,418	19,119	6,735
Motions to Revoke						
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	3,861	939	3,608	670	3,334	1,124
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	3,181	760	1,777	365	1,394	347
All Other Dispositions	1,218	183	1,220	169	1,967	911
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>64,721</b>	<b>13,425</b>	<b>50,662</b>	<b>15,859</b>	<b>60,719</b>	<b>19,213</b>
Placed on Inactive Status	10,019	2,693	16,066	6,069	12,540	3,462
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	53,190	7,845	27,123	18,608	32,353	13,983
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	26,954	3,627	37,223	24,858	13,619	4,084
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>						
Local Jail	19,527	4,791	14,977	2,143	19,003	5,493
Probation/Comm. Supervision	21,190	4,792	3,816	1,310	4,212	1,232
Fine Only	706	102	853	385	2,409	295
Other	412	119	382	252	567	204

Age of Cases Disposed:	30 Days or Less	31 to 60 Days	61 to 90 Days	Over 90 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	102,115	44,904	41,054	261,255	449,328

Information on Trafficking of Persons:	Total
Cases for Trafficking of Persons	0
Cases for Prostitution	2,849
Cases for Compelling Prostitution	0

## Statutory County Court Misdemeanor Cases

Cases on Docket:	Family Violence Assault	Assault - Other	Traffic	DWLS/DWLI	Other Misdemeanor Cases	Total Cases
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	22,444	12,999	12,118	11,479	64,014	291,212
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	10,587	8,083	8,770	7,946	39,839	187,891
Docket Adjustments	-31	-103	493	-63	888	-2,179
<b>Cases Added:</b>						
New Cases Filed	30,659	10,878	6,465	22,273	111,295	369,043
Appealed from Lower Courts	24	58	18,647	162	4,224	23,364
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	2,673	1,244	715	867	7,503	36,335
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	8,720	3,166	1,926	6,168	24,234	94,532
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	312	182	74	23	424	1,757
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>64,801</b>	<b>28,424</b>	<b>40,438</b>	<b>40,909</b>	<b>212,582</b>	<b>814,064</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>						
Convictions:						
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	10,321	4,583	6,027	10,933	58,683	192,584
<i>By the Court</i>	30	17	37	14	164	641
<i>By the Jury</i>	151	50	12	9	194	1,293
Total Convictions	10,502	4,650	6,076	10,956	59,041	194,518
Deferred Adjudication	5,332	2,008	9,272	1,969	16,376	62,491
Acquittals						
<i>By the Court</i>	60	24	10	4	46	298
<i>By the Jury</i>	243	90	16	14	227	1,001
Total Acquittals	303	114	26	18	273	1,299
Dismissals	14,927	4,960	9,545	8,474	39,865	143,950
Motions to Revoke						
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	1,632	774	385	613	4,562	21,502
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	768	429	302	239	2,475	12,037
All Other Dispositions	967	411	1,144	1,255	4,086	13,531
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>34,431</b>	<b>13,346</b>	<b>26,750</b>	<b>23,524</b>	<b>126,678</b>	<b>449,328</b>
<b>Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>8,907</b>	<b>3,099</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>6,238</b>	<b>25,631</b>	<b>96,744</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	21,285	11,907	11,453	11,773	60,159	269,679
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	10,842	8,038	8,897	7,283	40,911	186,336
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>						
Local Jail	8,186	3,848	1,918	8,855	49,528	138,269
Probation/Comm. Supervision	2,597	983	4,331	1,019	7,342	52,824
Fine Only	562	239	3,352	1,252	1,703	11,858
Other	232	128	261	295	1,133	3,985

Additional Court Activity:	Misdemeanor	Felony	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	1,745	5	1,750
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	99	1	100
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	1,695	7	1,702
Competency Hearings Held	2,059	0	2,059
Cases Set for Review	22,843	3	22,846
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	178,063	311	178,374
Cases with Retained Counsel	155,263	248	155,511

Cases on Docket:	Injury or Damage					
	Motor Vehicle	Medical Malpractice	Other Professional Malpractice	Product Liability - Asbestos/Silica	Other Product Liability	Other Injury or Damage
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	19,731	93	17	27	121	5,326
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	959	0	2	3	6	416
Docket Adjustments	27	3	-1	-1	2	-135
<b>Cases Added:</b>						
New Cases Filed	13,888	33	12	4	64	2,336
Cases Appealed from Lower Courts	23	1	0	0	0	48
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	279	0	1	0	2	62
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	402	2	0	0	1	81
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>34,350</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>7,718</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>						
Change of Venue Transfers	77	0	0	0	0	32
Default Judgments	1,476	1	0	0	3	158
Agreed Judgments	666	2	0	0	4	163
Summary Judgments	140	0	0	0	2	76
Final Judgments:						
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	661	2	0	0	4	159
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	153	3	0	0	0	27
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	15	0	0	0	1	6
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	2,051	3	4	19	14	366
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	7,312	25	5	0	43	1,305
All Other Dispositions	2,519	4	2	0	19	479
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>15,070</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2,771</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	18,913	92	19	13	99	4,918
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1,052	0	0	1	5	383

## Statutory County Court Civil Cases

	Real Property		Contract		Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters	All Other Civil Cases	Tax	Total Cases
	Eminent Domain	Other Real Property	Commercial/ Debt	Other Contract				
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>								
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	3,894	1,301	100,259	6,015	29,746	20,054	4,052	190,636
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	15	17	7,063	1,633	199	395	1	10,709
Docket Adjustments	-312	-52	-63,336	75	52,656	-3,151	-222	-14,447
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
New Cases Filed	936	1,178	32,540	6,115	31,803	14,144	1,724	104,777
Cases Appealed from Lower Courts	1	146	230	3,336	22	3,301	0	7,108
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	31	5	782	165	19	76	0	1,422
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	10	31	2,063	160	201	691	0	3,642
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	4,560	2,609	72,538	15,866	114,447	35,115	5,554	293,138
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Change of Venue Transfers	3	4	86	22	15	67	0	306
Default Judgments	1	34	9,184	970	4,119	901	280	17,127
Agreed Judgments	272	39	2,998	1,007	5,579	1,081	230	12,041
Summary Judgments	3	13	1,027	195	64	195	70	1,785
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	178	146	1,383	1,835	2,548	2,022	148	9,086
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	9	1	29	9	1	23	0	255
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	1	0	5	3	5	49	0	85
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	20	310	4,030	1,592	1,283	1,666	27	11,385
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	205	124	12,128	1,878	5,878	3,384	828	33,115
All Other Dispositions	186	348	3,144	971	9,239	6,841	164	23,916
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	878	1,019	34,014	8,482	28,731	16,229	1,747	109,101
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	57	4	1,885	304	86	165	0	3,228
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	3,654	1,586	38,128	7,204	85,817	18,888	3,807	183,138
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	12	16	6,680	1,648	79	318	1	10,195

Age of Cases Disposed:	3 Months or Less	Over 3 to 6 Months	Over 6 to 12 Months	12 to 18 Months	Over 18 Months	Total Cases
Number of Cases	37,507	19,717	22,432	9,182	20,263	109,101

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	407
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	16
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	1,239
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	5,934

Cases on Docket:	Divorce		Parent-Child - No Divorce	Child Protective Services	Termination of Parental Rights	Adoption	Protective Orders - No Divorce	All Other Family Law Cases
	Children	No Children						
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	8,725	5,224	2,649	2,475	243	619	1,549	3,770
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	29	22	9	9	1	0	7	10
Docket Adjustments	-141	-30	-65	-54	-13	10	-25	-66
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
New Cases Filed	6,656	7,291	1,613	1,627	239	931	1,294	1,775
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	9	5	6	2	0	0	7	6
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	222	71	167	33	17	9	22	521
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>15,471</b>	<b>12,561</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>4,083</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>2,847</b>	<b>6,006</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Change of Venue Transfers	22	11	21	18	3	3	7	22
Default Judgments	138	203	68	9	6	5	18	21
Agreed Judgments	1,678	1,844	236	76	21	101	71	237
Summary Judgments	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	1
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	3,523	4,047	714	511	101	588	477	816
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	28	19	6	5	1	1	6	6
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	671	593	302	39	13	37	160	184
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	479	318	162	404	9	16	177	117
All Other Dispositions	235	163	212	140	54	169	154	591
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>6,777</b>	<b>7,201</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>1,995</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	8,688	5,351	2,644	2,878	278	648	1,773	4,007
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	26	26	7	7	0	0	4	8

## Statutory County Court Family Cases

	Title IV-D			Post-Judgment Actions				Total Cases
	Paternity	Support Order	UIFSA	Modification - Custody	Modification - Other	Enforcement	Title IV-D	
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>								
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	2,610	1,780	251	2,044	2,929	1,908	6,048	42,824
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1	6	2	2	10	15	227	350
Docket Adjustments	-300	-264	-24	-13	-118	-93	-270	-1,466
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
New Cases Filed	5,008	2,573	459	878	1,229	766	5,640	37,979
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	0	1	0	0	4	4	148	192
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	185	70	10	275	308	245	1,488	3,643
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>7,503</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>3,184</b>	<b>4,352</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>13,054</b>	<b>83,172</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Change of Venue Transfers	5	7	0	52	66	19	141	397
Default Judgments	246	85	10	24	31	11	118	993
Agreed Judgments	1,017	538	41	228	241	151	1,671	8,151
Summary Judgments	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	15
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	1,617	1,158	109	350	477	213	1,844	16,545
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	23	6	1	0	8	10	15	135
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	6
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	52	50	10	155	149	98	49	2,562
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	786	342	69	51	59	107	594	3,690
All Other Dispositions	243	221	118	153	200	160	1,027	3,840
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>3,989</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>5,459</b>	<b>36,334</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	3,515	1,748	338	2,171	3,120	2,057	7,421	46,637
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	0	7	2	2	6	11	253	359

Age of Cases Disposed:	3 Months or Less	Over 3 to 6 Months	Over 6 to 12 Months	12 to 18 Months	Over 18 Months	Total Cases
Number of Cases	15,234	7,615	6,537	2,295	4,653	36,334

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	26
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	1
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	2,389
Protective Orders Signed	753
Cases Set for Review	637
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	7,891

	CINS	Delinquent Conduct								
		Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Attempted Murder	Aggravated Assault or Murder	Assault	Assault of Child or Sexual Indecency with Robbery	Aggravated Robbery or Robbery	Burglary
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>										
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	551	2	4	4	391	1,060	310	107	410	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	69	2	0	0	70	177	6	9	25	
Docket Adjustments	-132	-2	4	-2	-19	-273	-17	6	-10	
<b>Cases Added:</b>										
New Petitions Filed	99	5	6	0	306	898	293	97	353	
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	---	2	2	0	2	1	11	13	0	
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	7	0	0	0	63	129	56	16	101	
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	0	0	0	0	4	46	1	1	8	
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	1	0	0	0	4	7	13	3	8	
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>870</b>	
<b>Adjudications:</b>										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
<i>Plea of True</i>	<b>53</b>	0	5	0	168	442	172	69	219	
<i>By the Court</i>	5	0	0	0	22	51	22	6	28	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	
Total Findings of DC/CINS	58	0	5	0	191	494	195	75	247	
Deferred Prosecution	5	0	0	0	16	56	4	3	17	
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	---	2	1	0	1	1	10	7	2	
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
<i>By the Court</i>	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	1	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	2	
Dismissals	94	0	0	0	79	334	63	15	57	
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
<i>Denied</i>	3	0	0	0	7	17	7	2	6	
<i>Granted</i>	3	0	0	0	45	83	36	7	72	
All Other Adjudications/Findings	12	0	0	0	25	48	17	6	28	
<b>Total Cases Adjudicated</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>431</b>	
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	416	6	10	1	369	767	325	124	427	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	3	0	0	1	70	178	7	12	27	
<b>Dispositions:</b>										
<b>Cases with Finding of DC/CINS</b>										
Probation Granted										
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	---	0	1	0	31	81	44	13	49	
<i>All Other Probation</i>	45	0	0	0	112	333	112	35	150	
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	---	0	2	0	4	2	3	6	5	
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	---	0	0	0	10	4	19	6	10	
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	8	0	1	0	21	53	9	4	31	
<b>Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.</b>										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	---	0	0	0	17	14	11	2	17	
All Other Dispositions	2	0	1	0	34	65	20	5	47	

Age of Cases Adjudicated:	30 Days or Less	31 to 90 Days	91 to 180 Days	Over 180 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	1,201	2,086	1,269	1,234	5,790

## Statutory County Court Juvenile Cases

	Delinquent Conduct							Total Cases	Total DC Cases	
	Theft	Auto Theft	Felony Drug Offenses	Misdemeanor Drug Offenses	DWI	Contempt of Court	All Other Offenses		Felonies	Misdemeanors
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>										
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	574	128	194	839	13	22	2,803	7,412	1,247	2,275
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	35	12	16	108	0	0	424	953	31	53
Docket Adjustments	3	-3	-24	2	-1	-6	-415	-889	-68	-120
<b>Cases Added:</b>										
New Petitions Filed	454	124	165	632	9	6	1,220	4,667	1,601	2,014
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	1	0	1	0	0	0	9	42	25	5
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	113	29	34	110	2	18	252	930	401	463
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	7	0	3	21	0	0	56	147	5	22
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	11	3	1	12	1	0	123	187	42	45
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>1,616</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4,048</b>	<b>12,496</b>	<b>3,253</b>	<b>4,704</b>
<b>Adjudications:</b>										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
<i>Plea of True</i>	287	88	94	349	6	5	725	2,682	982	1,007
<i>By the Court</i>	24	11	5	17	0	0	72	263	137	100
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	2
Total Findings of DC/CINS	311	99	99	366	6	5	798	2,949	1,121	1,109
Deferred Prosecution	49	2	17	66	0	0	98	333	83	219
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	27	19	1
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
<i>By the Court</i>	15	0	2	1	0	0	5	32	0	0
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	1
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	15	0	2	1	0	0	5	36	3	1
Dismissals	149	21	53	139	0	11	386	1,401	340	556
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
<i>Denied</i>	13	1	1	19	1	0	27	104	29	53
<i>Granted</i>	67	23	23	75	4	4	165	607	274	271
All Other Adjudications/Findings	46	5	13	44	1	0	88	333	125	148
<b>Total Cases Adjudicated</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>1,994</b>	<b>2,358</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	504	127	156	891	12	20	2,666	6,821	1,232	2,311
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	34	11	16	95	0	0	146	600	11	17
<b>Dispositions:</b>										
<b>Cases with Finding of DC/CINS</b>										
Probation Granted										
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	70	38	28	73	2	7	175	612	260	291
<i>All Other Probation</i>	189	43	67	257	21	7	450	1,821	663	744
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	2	0	0	1	0	0	8	33	20	4
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	9	3	2	2	0	0	30	95	58	9
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	28	4	7	21	2	2	37	228	95	124
<b>Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.</b>										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	20	5	5	9	0	1	29	130	84	38
All Other Dispositions	61	11	21	65	4	2	119	457	180	235

Additional Court Activity:	CINS	DC	Total Cases
Grand Jury Approvals	---	31	31
Release or Transfer Hearings	---	11	11
Detention Hearings	156	6,310	6,466
Cases Set for Review	7	785	792
Competency Hearings	0	14	14
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	0	6	6
Applications for Sealing Records	1	189	190
Motions for Sex Offender Un- or Deregistration	0	78	78
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	120	4,141	4,261
Cases with Retained Counsel	37	1,042	1,079

Cases on Docket:	Decedents' Estates			Guardianships		All Other Cases	Total Cases
	Independent Administration	Dependent Administration	All Other Estate Proceedings	Minor	Adult		
New Cases, Applications or Contests Filed	24,524	1,759	12,509	434	3,413	4,662	47,301
Other Cases Added:							
<i>Ancillary Cases</i>	404	129	60	6	71	40	710
<i>All Other Matters</i>	3,679	2,200	1,550	602	14,213	10,378	32,622
Inventories Filed	17,391	1,081	---	137	1,055	---	19,664
Guardianship of Person Reports Filed	---	---	---	654	22,994	---	23,648
Annual or Final Accounts Filed	---	1,708	---	1,092	5,099	---	7,899

Additional Activity:	Total
<b>Guardianships</b>	
Dismissed or Denied	211
Granted	3,360
Closed	1,578
Active	44,871
Chapter 1102 Investigations	4,170
Chapter 48 Removals	87
Hearings Held	58,386
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	1,575

Cases on Docket:	Temporary Mental Health Services	Extended Mental Health Services	Modification	
			Inpatient to Outpatient	Outpatient to Inpatient
<b>Intake</b>				
New Applications Filed	40,046	243	86	85
Orders for Protective Custody Signed	36,699	---	---	---
<b>Hearings</b>				
Probable Cause Hearings Held	27,389	---	---	---
Release/Dismissal Prior to Final Hearing	28,131	7	4	7
Final Commitment Hearings Held	9,739	208	3	3
<b>Other Information</b>				
Disposition at Final Hearing				
<i>Denied (Release)</i>	5,398	13	1	0
<i>Granted (Commit)</i>				
<i>Inpatient</i>	6,367	178	3	---
<i>Outpatient</i>	257	33	---	11

Order to Authorize Psychoactive Medications	Total
New Applications Filed	3,709
Dismissal Prior to Hearing	573
Hearings Held	2,598
Disposition at Hearing	
<i>Denied</i>	82
<i>Granted</i>	2,605

Cases on Docket:	DWI - First Offense	DWI - Second Offense	Theft	Theft by Check	Drug Possession - Marijuana	Drug Offenses - Other
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	11,938	1,529	6,554	12,960	6,349	3,967
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	2,089	336	2,109	4,009	1,529	548
Docket Adjustments	-878	-5	-459	-10	175	-821
<b>Cases Added:</b>						
New Cases Filed	4,495	1,203	2,760	2,082	7,441	2,503
Appealed from Lower Courts	1	1	4	0	6	55
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	554	207	484	178	812	298
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	715	218	857	1,214	1,151	419
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	14	6	7	20	50	37
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>16,839</b>	<b>3,159</b>	<b>10,207</b>	<b>16,444</b>	<b>15,984</b>	<b>6,458</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>						
Convictions:						
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	2,803	954	1,397	851	2,775	1,023
<i>By the Court</i>	233	48	94	37	196	76
<i>By the Jury</i>	10	4	1	2	1	0
Total Convictions	3,046	1,006	1,492	890	2,972	1,099
Deferred Adjudication	253	29	392	158	1,598	300
Acquittals						
<i>By the Court</i>	13	4	14	4	4	2
<i>By the Jury</i>	7	3	1	1	0	2
Total Acquittals	20	7	15	5	4	4
Dismissals	1,547	198	1,350	2,430	1,954	1,198
Motions to Revoke						
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	330	110	329	122	464	167
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	105	32	73	48	144	39
All Other Dispositions	286	56	133	92	397	90
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>5,587</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>3,784</b>	<b>3,745</b>	<b>7,533</b>	<b>2,897</b>
<b>Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>519</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	10,497	1,454	5,551	11,765	7,212	3,062
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	2,074	332	2,113	3,613	1,539	606
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>						
Local Jail	709	249	771	426	1,444	589
Probation/Comm. Supervision	1,788	595	553	281	1,095	308
Fine Only	137	34	70	172	360	62
Other	266	67	168	178	319	78

## Constitutional County Court Criminal Cases

Cases on Docket:	Family Violence Assault	Assault - Other	Traffic	DWLS/DWLI	Other Misdemeanor Cases	Total Cases
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	2,061	3,602	7,375	3,826	18,860	79,021
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	422	390	563	673	2,536	15,204
Docket Adjustments	96	-744	-977	294	-1,322	-4,651
<b>Cases Added:</b>						
New Cases Filed	2,632	1,692	2,480	4,093	12,015	43,396
Appealed from Lower Courts	2	7	2,229	36	463	2,804
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	320	149	106	378	814	4,300
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	405	261	218	850	2,078	8,386
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	7	6	39	23	45	254
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>4,973</b>	<b>11,470</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>32,953</b>	<b>133,510</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>						
Convictions:						
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	964	671	808	1,943	5,034	19,223
<i>By the Court</i>	109	47	56	58	435	1,389
<i>By the Jury</i>	3	3	8	5	23	60
Total Convictions	1,076	721	872	2,006	5,492	20,672
Deferred Adjudication	318	235	1,707	545	1,107	6,642
Acquittals						
<i>By the Court</i>	1	1	3	6	14	66
<i>By the Jury</i>	12	5	2	0	3	36
Total Acquittals	13	6	5	6	17	102
Dismissals	1,086	851	2,648	1,391	5,223	19,876
Motions to Revoke						
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	203	86	47	175	524	2,557
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	54	14	29	82	127	747
All Other Dispositions	147	70	330	178	573	2,352
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>2,897</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>5,638</b>	<b>4,383</b>	<b>13,063</b>	<b>52,948</b>
<b>Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>2,509</b>	<b>9,397</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	2,172	2,724	5,614	4,198	17,648	71,897
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	439	378	511	708	2,573	14,886
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>						
Local Jail	532	343	185	733	3,088	9,069
Probation/Comm. Supervision	466	241	375	487	1,282	7,471
Fine Only	68	56	286	489	480	2,214
Other	120	106	172	203	567	2,244

Age of Cases Disposed:	30 Days or Less	31 to 60 Days	61 to 90 Days	Over 90 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	15,385	7,743	6,964	22,856	52,948

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	29
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	0
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	82
Competency Hearings Held	2
Cases Set for Review	680
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	7,507
Cases with Retained Counsel	7,294

	Injury or Damage			Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters
	Motor Vehicle	Other Injury or Damage	Real Property	
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>				
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>				
<i>Active Cases</i>	301	110	32	8,248
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	30	6	0	302
Docket Adjustments	-8	-2	-5	-359
<b>Cases Added:</b>				
New Cases Filed	63	11	5	3,190
Appealed from Lower Courts	0	1	1	3
Other Cases Reaching Docket:				
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	4	0	0	59
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	0	0	1	262
<b>Total Active Cases On Docket</b>	360	120	34	11,403
<b>Dispositions:</b>				
Change of Venue Transfers	0	0	0	4
Default Judgments	6	0	0	105
Agreed Judgments	8	1	0	675
Summary Judgments	1	0	1	2
Final Judgments:				
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	0	0	1	157
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	0	0	0	1
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	5	0	0	599
<i>Non-Suited or Dism. by Plaintiff</i>	21	3	5	463
All Other Dispositions	5	1	3	513
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	46	5	10	2,519
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	4	0	0	65
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>				
<i>Active Cases</i>	309	116	24	8,810
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	30	5	0	310

## Constitutional County Court Civil Cases

Cases on Docket:	Contract			All Other Civil Cases	Total Cases
	Consumer/Commercial/Debt	Landlord/Tenant	Other Contract		
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>					
<i>Active Cases</i>	2,017	74	232	7,775	18,789
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	150	1	8	672	1,169
Docket Adjustments	-16	-3	-23	-538	-954
<b>Cases Added:</b>					
New Cases Filed	510	34	34	1,546	5,393
Appealed from Lower Courts	5	15	6	66	97
Other Cases Reaching Docket:					
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	4	2	0	14	83
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	3	0	0	13	279
<b>Total Active Cases On Docket</b>	<b>2,523</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>8,876</b>	<b>23,687</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>					
Change of Venue Transfers	3	3	0	8	18
Default Judgments	68	7	2	53	241
Agreed Judgments	43	6	1	162	896
Summary Judgments	9	4	0	8	25
Final Judgments:					
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	11	13	5	75	262
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	0	4	0	1	6
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	2	1	1	0	4
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	36	3	1	155	799
<i>Non-Suited or Dism. by Plaintiff</i>	89	2	4	111	698
All Other Dispositions	22	3	1	659	1,207
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>4,156</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>					
<i>Active Cases</i>	2,232	73	235	7,919	19,718
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	153	2	7	381	888

Age of Cases Disposed:	3 Months or Less	Over 3 to 6 Months	Over 6 to 12 Months	12 to 18 Months	Over 18 Months	Total Cases
Number of Cases	2,082	504	645	675	250	4,156

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	2
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	0
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	10
Protective Orders Signed	130
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	1,361

	CINS	Delinquent Conduct								
		Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Murder Attempted	Aggravated Assault or Attempted Murder	Assault	Indecency with or Sexual Assault of Child	Aggravated Robbery or Robbery	Burglary
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>										
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	160	2	3	1	34	115	72	9	81	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	
Docket Adjustments	-17	0	0	0	13	17	4	-4	-5	
<b>Cases Added:</b>										
New Petitions Filed	22	0	0	0	29	70	32	7	82	
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	---	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	2	0	0	0	4	13	3	1	14	
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	3	
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>175</b>	
<b>Adjudications:</b>										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
<i>Plea of True</i>	6	0	0	0	18	25	9	1	42	
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	0	0	2	6	11	0	14	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Findings of DC/CINS	6	0	0	0	20	31	20	1	56	
Deferred Prosecution	9	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	6	
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
Dismissals	6	1	0	0	6	27	12	2	11	
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
<i>Denied</i>	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	3	
<i>Granted</i>	1	0	0	0	1	7	2	1	8	
All Other Adjudications/Findings	1	0	0	0	6	11	8	1	11	
<b>Total Cases Adjudicated</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>95</b>	
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	144	1	1	1	47	127	70	11	79	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	1	
<b>Dispositions:</b>										
<b>Cases with Finding of DC/CINS</b>										
Probation Granted										
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	---	0	0	0	8	11	10	1	27	
<i>All Other Probation</i>	5	0	0	0	2	9	4	0	17	
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	---	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	---	0	0	0	9	3	3	0	3	
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	
<b>Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.</b>										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	
All Other Dispositions	1	0	0	0	3	9	4	0	16	

Age of Cases Adjudicated:	30 Days or Less	31 to 90 Days	91 to 180 Days	Over 180 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	198	232	69	138	637

## Constitutional County Court Juvenile Cases

	Delinquent Conduct							Total Cases	Total DC Cases	
	Theft	Auto Theft	Felony Drug Offenses	Misdemeanor Drug Offenses	DWI	Contempt of Court	All Other Offenses		Felonies	Misdemeanors
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>										
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	60	17	16	75	1	3	538	1,187	345	503
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	9	19	9	7
Docket Adjustments	-2	-1	-2	-2	-1	-2	-97	-99	17	-40
<b>Cases Added:</b>										
New Petitions Filed	65	13	14	66	0	2	199	601	194	236
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	13	3	3
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	2	3	5	12	1	3	34	97	28	47
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	0	0	0	0	0	3	13	26	4	8
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>1,826</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>757</b>
<b>Adjudications:</b>										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
<i>Plea of True</i>	19	9	8	17	0	0	56	210	92	74
<i>By the Court</i>	6	2	1	4	0	0	34	80	33	23
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Total Findings of DC/CINS	25	11	9	21	0	0	91	291	125	98
Deferred Prosecution	12	0	1	10	0	0	9	57	11	13
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	1	5
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	2
Dismissals	13	4	2	19	0	1	32	136	40	56
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
<i>Denied</i>	2	0	0	6	0	1	15	32	10	19
<i>Granted</i>	0	4	2	4	0	4	12	46	13	21
All Other Adjudications/Findings	1	1	0	1	0	0	22	63	32	17
<b>Total Cases Adjudicated</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>	72	12	20	89	1	3	499	1,177	359	525
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	23	8	8
<b>Dispositions:</b>										
<b>Cases with Finding of DC/CINS</b>										
Probation Granted										
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	11	3	4	6	1	1	42	125	46	49
<i>All Other Probation</i>	4	6	4	7	1	0	20	79	46	31
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	11	6	2
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	1	1	1	1	0	0	10	32	22	5
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	13	0	13
<b>Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.</b>										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	8	5	1
All Other Dispositions	4	1	1	12	0	3	24	78	30	43

Additional Court Activity:	CINS	DC	Total Cases
Grand Jury Approvals	---	1	1
Release or Transfer Hearings	---	3	3
Detention Hearings	13	346	359
Cases Set for Review	0	1	1
Competency Hearings	9	9	18
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	0	0	0
Applications for Sealing Records	1	2	3
Motions for Sex Offender Un- or Deregistration	0	1	1
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	7	285	292
Cases with Retained Counsel	5	117	122

## Constitutional County Courts Probate and Guardianship Case Activity Report

Cases on Docket:	Decedents' Estates			Guardianships		All Other Cases	Total Cases
	Independent Administration	Dependent Administration	All Other Estate Proceedings	Minor	Adult		
New Cases, Applications or Contests Filed	9,280	491	4,981	145	876	1,176	16,949
Other Cases Added:							
<i>Ancillary Cases</i>	15	3	26	0	6	1	51
<i>All Other Matters</i>	366	179	122	24	436	61	1,188
Inventories Filed	5,424	257	---	35	297	---	6,013
Guardianship of Person Reports Filed	---	---	---	177	3,032	---	3,209
Annual or Final Accounts Filed	---	377	---	211	1,200	---	1,788

Additional Activity:	Total
<b>Guardianships</b>	
Dismissed or Denied	26
Granted	695
Closed	675
Active	9,776
Chapter 1102 Investigations	396
Chapter 48 Removals	16
Hearings Held	14,330
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	839

Cases on Docket:	Temporary Mental Health Services	Extended Mental Health Services	Modification	
			Inpatient to Outpatient	Outpatient to Inpatient
<b>Intake</b>				
New Applications Filed	7,130	200	4	2
Orders for Protective Custody Signed	6,038	---	---	---
<b>Hearings</b>				
Probable Cause Hearings Held	4,436	---	---	---
Release/Dismissal Prior to Final Hearing	2,886	7	0	0
Final Commitment Hearings Held	2,404	71	0	0
<b>Other Information</b>				
Disposition at Final Hearing				
<i>Denied (Release)</i>	1,236	0	0	0
<i>Granted (Commit)</i>				
<i>Inpatient</i>	1,442	92	0	---
<i>Outpatient</i>	92	3	---	0

Order to Authorize Psychoactive Medications	Total
New Applications Filed	1,274
Dismissal Prior to Hearing	46
Hearings Held	1,038
Disposition at Hearing	
<i>Denied</i>	28
<i>Granted</i>	1,144

Cases on Docket:	Injury or Damage					
	Motor Vehicle	Medical Malpractice	Other Professional Malpractice	Product Liability - Asbestos/Silica	Other Product Liability	Other Injury or Damage
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	54,613	1,611	471	4,956	1,022	19,433
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1,866	50	40	412	79	1,064
Docket Adjustments	-137	5	-1	-293	-12	-323
<b>Cases Added:</b>						
New Cases Filed	41,791	1,094	233	164	331	10,570
Cases Appealed from Lower Courts	23	1	0	0	0	48
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	3,780	117	42	135	116	1,063
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	1,096	38	16	57	18	447
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>719,404</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>5,871</b>	<b>44,932</b>	<b>11,583</b>	<b>243,084</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>						
Change of Venue Transfers	264	23	7	11	13	201
Default Judgments	2,249	8	5	1	13	390
Agreed Judgments	3,857	114	36	25	84	1,353
Summary Judgments	359	22	16	0	14	345
Final Judgments:						
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	1,806	48	23	2	19	696
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	644	25	1	0	13	151
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	24	0	0	0	1	15
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	5,196	88	39	29	86	1,444
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	20,668	545	126	898	247	4,920
All Other Dispositions	3,543	73	29	1,582	56	1,209
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>38,610</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>10,724</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>4,491</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1,179</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	58,236	1,801	446	2,467	842	19,387
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	2,400	52	31	281	49	1,110

## District and Statutory County Court Civil Cases

	Real Property		Contract		Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters	All Other Civil Cases	Tax	Total Cases
	Eminent Domain	Other Real Property	Commercial/ Debt	Other Contract				
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>								
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	4,585	7,553	140,869	22,173	70,270	57,366	112,513	497,435
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	24	152	8,888	2,627	639	1,770	1,496	19,107
Docket Adjustments	-327	250	-63,673	-59	51,259	-1,407	-1,781	-16,499
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
New Cases Filed	1,247	10,225	65,263	19,010	77,510	42,010	53,944	323,392
Cases Appealed from Lower Courts	1	146	230	3,336	22	3,301	0	7,108
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	34	328	2,540	838	1,317	1,543	6,650	18,503
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	17	178	3,155	536	968	2,093	522	9,141
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>55,178</b>	<b>136,094</b>	<b>1,333,948</b>	<b>294,737</b>	<b>1,319,800</b>	<b>747,751</b>	<b>1,364,997</b>	<b>6,298,979</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Change of Venue Transfers	6	72	367	148	43	344	30	1,529
Default Judgments	8	608	15,210	3,937	8,455	3,162	11,515	45,561
Agreed Judgments	307	2,463	6,274	2,449	12,574	5,791	3,844	39,171
Summary Judgments	3	180	2,084	535	429	1,323	278	5,588
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	218	654	2,939	2,851	12,714	5,166	12,228	39,364
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	10	24	146	54	27	121	24	1,240
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	1	2	18	8	6	57	26	158
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	34	847	7,849	3,307	2,838	4,859	3,412	30,028
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	363	1,773	23,492	7,008	9,524	11,624	25,972	107,160
All Other Dispositions	208	802	6,640	1,983	25,604	12,670	1,423	55,822
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>7,425</b>	<b>65,019</b>	<b>22,280</b>	<b>72,214</b>	<b>45,117</b>	<b>58,752</b>	<b>325,621</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>3,906</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>5,784</b>	<b>19,907</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	4,337	10,760	80,998	22,592	127,930	58,156	106,544	494,496
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	25	308	8,672	2,738	461	1,853	1,228	19,208

Age of Cases Disposed:	3 Months or Less	Over 3 to 6 Months	Over 6 to 12 Months	12 to 18 Months	Over 18 Months	Total Cases
Number of Cases	92,140	51,705	67,784	38,573	75,419	325,621

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	1,719
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	59
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	5,153
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	12,118

Cases on Docket:	Divorce		Parent-Child - No Divorce	Child Protective Services	Termination of Parental Rights	Adoption	Protective Orders - No Divorce	All Other Family Law Cases
	Children	No Children						
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	58,163	58,267	33,641	18,730	1,963	6,012	5,722	25,375
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	539	315	203	123	27	28	31	200
Docket Adjustments	-366	-649	-261	-371	-31	-111	-324	-430
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
New Cases Filed	57,479	66,310	25,215	13,271	1,909	8,706	9,507	16,931
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	2,104	1,173	320	408	20	154	101	494
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	2,355	1,107	1,665	415	87	103	280	2,070
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>120,101</b>	<b>126,857</b>	<b>60,841</b>	<b>32,824</b>	<b>3,979</b>	<b>14,975</b>	<b>15,610</b>	<b>44,870</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Change of Venue Transfers	190	75	181	158	10	54	14	224
Default Judgments	3,590	5,711	1,869	219	71	81	613	273
Agreed Judgments	21,748	24,260	6,064	698	142	953	857	2,673
Summary Judgments	10	15	99	6	1	4	0	31
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	19,317	24,040	6,089	4,484	1,183	5,218	2,153	8,042
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	47	49	15	31	3	1	10	13
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	31	34	1	3	2	1	2	1
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	9,324	8,117	3,969	410	191	465	1,453	2,272
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	3,841	2,884	4,790	3,573	101	166	1,858	1,062
All Other Dispositions	2,917	2,654	1,387	1,707	188	1,441	2,263	4,598
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>61,015</b>	<b>67,839</b>	<b>24,464</b>	<b>11,289</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>8,384</b>	<b>9,223</b>	<b>19,189</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	56,562	57,138	35,773	20,706	2,038	6,326	5,953	24,756
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	529	312	200	130	23	24	39	194

## District and Statutory County Court Family Cases

	Title IV-D			Post-Judgment Actions				Total Cases
	Paternity	Support Order	UIFSA	Modification - Custody	Modification - Other	Enforcement	Title IV-D	
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>								
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	21,868	22,841	2,891	17,893	27,393	16,197	47,056	364,012
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	154	133	30	108	315	298	2,652	5,156
Docket Adjustments	-1,763	-1,128	-120	-329	-928	-688	-937	-8,436
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
New Cases Filed	37,105	38,706	3,764	9,501	16,916	8,956	61,039	375,315
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	372	68	10	152	791	241	1,984	8,392
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	709	1,454	87	2,509	2,461	1,736	8,239	25,277
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	60,054	63,069	6,752	30,055	47,561	27,130	118,318	772,996
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Change of Venue Transfers	67	77	18	525	812	234	1,472	4,111
Default Judgments	3,242	2,293	265	616	911	203	1,898	21,855
Agreed Judgments	7,906	11,169	674	3,227	6,170	2,666	24,811	114,018
Summary Judgments	6	9	3	1	6	9	6	206
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	7,048	7,492	936	2,933	3,038	2,094	14,807	108,874
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	32	11	2	11	16	17	45	303
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	4	0	1	8	9	5	102
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	2,823	2,815	318	1,634	2,547	1,571	2,878	40,787
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	7,520	7,188	743	680	1,357	1,492	6,265	43,520
All Other Dispositions	3,258	5,529	553	944	3,140	1,111	7,346	39,036
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	31,902	36,587	3,512	10,572	18,005	9,406	59,533	372,812
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	112	91	25	185	771	274	2,239	7,876
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	26,033	25,310	3,102	18,944	27,827	16,769	55,980	383,217
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	125	96	35	138	297	303	2,516	4,961

Age of Cases Disposed:	3 Months or Less	Over 3 to 6 Months	Over 6 to 12 Months	12 to 18 Months	Over 18 Months	Total Cases
Number of Cases	139,787	80,888	81,652	29,567	40,918	372,812

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	199
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	6
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	37,077
Protective Orders Signed	8,441
Cases Set for Review	17,857
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	79,191

Cases on Docket:	Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Aggravated Assault or Attempted Murder	Sexual Assault of Adult	Indecency with or Sexual Assault of Child	Family Violence Assault	Aggravated Robbery or Robbery
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	766	1,650	1,018	16,591	1,964	7,696	4,609	6,267
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	107	770	448	5,100	783	4,174	1,307	1,837
Docket Adjustments	4	-50	-564	-315	-78	-101	520	-161
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
Filed by Indictment or Information	426	777	874	21,534	1,509	5,173	7,687	7,353
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	3	20	287	6,258	275	985	2,096	2,400
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	54	162	427	5,178	324	1,468	2,611	2,042
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	30	32	15	595	72	164	142	322
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>50,156</b>	<b>4,144</b>	<b>15,486</b>	<b>17,145</b>	<b>18,384</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Convictions:								
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	162	294	373	7,340	485	1,743	3,478	3,759
<i>By the Court</i>	18	9	17	313	23	129	144	89
<i>By the Jury</i>	75	147	31	299	72	294	72	154
Total Convictions	255	450	421	7,952	580	2,166	3,694	4,002
Placed on Deferred Adjudication	4	12	157	6,770	303	934	1,853	1,626
Acquittals:								
<i>By the Court</i>	1	4	2	74	7	20	6	4
<i>By the Jury</i>	5	26	10	112	37	97	38	21
Total Acquittals	6	30	12	186	44	117	44	25
Dismissals	111	175	211	5,153	515	1,610	1,601	1,348
Motions to Revoke:								
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	0	10	121	2,571	98	426	1,010	1,010
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	3	16	163	3,091	140	400	796	1,165
All Other Dispositions	16	31	17	995	57	142	158	308
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>26,718</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>5,795</b>	<b>9,156</b>	<b>9,484</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>6,127</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>2,805</b>	<b>2,220</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	785	1,680	671	17,022	1,922	7,763	5,331	6,495
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	124	760	299	5,734	838	4,398	1,802	1,967
Cases in Which								
<i>Death Penalty Sought</i>	17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>Death Penalty Not Sought</i>	146	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>								
Prison	218	410	235	3,618	473	1,867	1,468	3,078
State Jail	11	17	21	418	13	86	91	293
Local Jail	3	1	25	2,828	45	39	1,577	405
Probation/Community Supervision	6	5	142	1,496	45	210	743	313
Shock Probation	0	1	3	12	0	1	4	30
Fine Only	1	0	0	19	0	0	6	3
Other	8	8	6	123	21	35	40	28

Age of Cases Disposed:	90 Days or Less	91 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	Over 365 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	111,960	54,020	49,580	53,879	269,439

Information on Trafficking of Persons:	Total Filed
Cases for Trafficking of Persons	78
Cases for Prostitution	3,575
Cases for Compelling Prostitution	93

## District and Statutory County Court Felony Cases

Cases on Docket:	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Drug Sale or Manufacture	Drug Possession	Felony DWI	Other Felony	Total Cases
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	11,540	18,919	3,917	12,866	33,632	10,674	40,741	172,850
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	4,200	9,993	1,459	3,381	12,692	3,762	15,988	66,001
Docket Adjustments	-379	-227	-539	-158	-183	16	-926	-3,141
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
Filed by Indictment or Information	12,629	22,604	5,190	12,479	52,496	10,035	46,266	207,032
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	6,304	6,649	1,252	3,688	16,267	3,689	11,435	61,608
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	5,360	8,739	1,666	3,783	15,465	3,037	14,729	65,045
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	433	563	88	445	1,283	601	1,346	6,131
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>36,266</b>	<b>57,474</b>	<b>12,113</b>	<b>33,261</b>	<b>119,143</b>	<b>28,036</b>	<b>114,517</b>	<b>512,666</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
Convictions:								
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	6,699	13,975	2,658	6,227	24,091	8,538	21,055	100,877
<i>By the Court</i>	361	397	77	168	843	404	805	3,797
<i>By the Jury</i>	86	82	12	86	147	66	348	1,971
Total Convictions	7,146	14,454	2,747	6,481	25,081	9,008	22,208	106,645
Placed on Deferred Adjudication	3,417	5,590	967	3,527	16,065	218	10,727	52,170
Acquittals:								
<i>By the Court</i>	11	8	2	5	63	4	66	277
<i>By the Jury</i>	22	22	1	18	38	7	71	525
Total Acquittals	33	30	3	23	101	11	137	802
Dismissals	2,333	4,449	1,181	2,542	9,689	923	12,125	43,966
Motions to Revoke:								
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	3,095	3,557	694	1,450	7,669	1,602	5,526	28,839
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	2,638	2,495	380	1,953	6,146	1,742	4,651	25,779
All Other Dispositions	572	780	128	478	1,571	593	1,706	7,552
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>19,234</b>	<b>31,355</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>16,454</b>	<b>66,322</b>	<b>14,097</b>	<b>57,080</b>	<b>265,753</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>5,776</b>	<b>9,451</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>4,353</b>	<b>17,850</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>16,732</b>	<b>73,582</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	10,924	16,810	3,479	12,382	35,069	10,381	40,182	170,896
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	4,463	10,250	1,585	3,792	14,321	4,094	17,162	71,589
Cases in Which								
<i>Death Penalty Sought</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17
<i>Death Penalty Not Sought</i>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	146
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>								
Prison	3,288	1,992	397	4,079	5,514	3,230	10,025	39,892
State Jail	1,827	6,786	1,507	1,065	7,860	515	4,380	24,890
Local Jail	1,019	4,021	661	626	8,120	563	4,366	24,299
Probation/Community Supervision	1,241	2,015	316	993	5,162	4,385	4,038	21,110
Shock Probation	46	17	2	24	42	20	39	241
Fine Only	9	34	2	1	81	5	87	248
Other	99	188	8	148	446	329	355	1,842

Additional Court Activity:	Felony
Cases in Which Jury Selected	2,458
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	129
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	2,003
Competency Hearings Held	2,948
Cases Set for Review	21,003
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	147,438
Cases with Retained Counsel	69,021

Cases on Docket:	DWI - First Offense	DWI - Second Offense	Theft	Theft by Check	Drug Possession - Marijuana	Drug Offenses - Other
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	67,357	10,005	44,264	35,827	37,645	16,357
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	31,012	3,872	39,598	30,306	14,061	4,437
Docket Adjustments	-5,808	-360	-2,898	1,722	-531	-1,147
<b>Cases Added:</b>						
New Cases Filed	58,806	12,629	38,474	10,781	65,598	21,804
Appealed from Lower Courts	41	19	59	5	33	159
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	8,527	2,005	6,288	1,019	5,999	2,059
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	10,427	2,710	16,841	8,875	12,465	3,624
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	172	124	211	41	200	128
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>145,330</b>	<b>27,492</b>	<b>106,137</b>	<b>56,548</b>	<b>121,940</b>	<b>44,131</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>						
Convictions:						
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	42,280	10,648	20,062	3,789	26,549	8,628
<i>By the Court</i>	390	84	142	80	273	94
<i>By the Jury</i>	687	120	41	8	29	11
Total Convictions	43,357	10,852	20,245	3,877	26,851	8,733
Deferred Adjudication	2,679	323	10,484	1,387	12,650	2,772
Acquittals						
<i>By the Court</i>	129	15	25	11	12	3
<i>By the Jury</i>	279	57	43	9	25	11
Total Acquittals	408	72	68	20	37	14
Dismissals	14,902	1,567	16,545	12,850	21,078	7,936
Motions to Revoke						
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	4,195	1,053	3,946	789	3,801	1,293
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	3,288	793	1,850	414	1,539	386
All Other Dispositions	1,504	239	1,353	261	2,365	1,001
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>70,333</b>	<b>14,899</b>	<b>54,491</b>	<b>19,598</b>	<b>68,321</b>	<b>22,135</b>
<b>Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>10,831</b>	<b>2,961</b>	<b>17,016</b>	<b>7,063</b>	<b>13,959</b>	<b>3,985</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	63,688	9,299	32,754	30,293	39,564	17,045
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	29,027	3,959	39,339	28,469	15,158	4,690
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>						
Local Jail	20,244	5,052	15,771	2,568	20,494	6,100
Probation/Comm. Supervision	22,988	5,399	4,372	1,591	5,310	1,542
Fine Only	843	136	923	557	2,769	357
Other	678	186	550	430	886	282

Cases on Docket:	Family Violence Assault	Assault - Other	Traffic	DWLS/DWLI	Other Misdemeanor Cases	Total Cases
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	24,505	16,601	19,493	15,305	82,874	370,233
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	11,009	8,473	9,333	8,619	42,375	203,095
Docket Adjustments	4	-1,401	-641	212	-652	-11,500
<b>Cases Added:</b>						
New Cases Filed	33,308	12,576	8,976	26,380	123,379	412,711
Appealed from Lower Courts	26	65	20,884	198	4,688	26,177
<b>Other Cases Reaching Docket:</b>						
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	2,994	1,394	822	1,245	8,324	40,676
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	9,129	3,428	2,151	7,023	26,329	103,002
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	319	188	113	46	469	2,011
<b>Total Active Cases on Docket</b>	<b>70,281</b>	<b>34,252</b>	<b>52,439</b>	<b>50,197</b>	<b>246,063</b>	<b>954,810</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>						
<b>Convictions:</b>						
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	11,298	5,261	6,854	12,894	63,789	212,052
<i>By the Court</i>	139	64	93	72	599	2,030
<i>By the Jury</i>	154	53	20	14	218	1,355
<b>Total Convictions</b>	<b>11,591</b>	<b>5,378</b>	<b>6,967</b>	<b>12,980</b>	<b>64,606</b>	<b>215,437</b>
Deferred Adjudication	5,650	2,243	10,981	2,514	17,503	69,186
<b>Acquittals</b>						
<i>By the Court</i>	61	25	13	10	60	364
<i>By the Jury</i>	255	95	18	14	230	1,036
<b>Total Acquittals</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>1,400</b>
Dismissals	16,016	5,812	12,197	9,865	45,104	163,872
<b>Motions to Revoke</b>						
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	1,838	861	432	788	5,093	24,089
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	822	443	331	321	2,602	12,789
All Other Dispositions	1,114	481	1,474	1,433	4,659	15,884
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>37,347</b>	<b>15,338</b>	<b>32,413</b>	<b>27,925</b>	<b>139,857</b>	<b>502,657</b>
<b>Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>9,388</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>7,219</b>	<b>28,155</b>	<b>106,220</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	23,457	14,631	17,067	15,972	77,807	341,577
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	11,281	8,416	9,408	7,990	43,484	201,221
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>						
Local Jail	8,731	4,195	2,115	9,606	52,680	147,556
Probation/Comm. Supervision	3,067	1,228	4,707	1,506	8,640	60,350
Fine Only	630	295	3,643	1,741	2,184	14,078
Other	352	234	433	498	1,700	6,229

Age of Cases Disposed:	30 Days or Less	31 to 60 Days	61 to 90 Days	Over 90 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	117,657	52,714	48,041	284,245	502,657

Additional Court Activity:	Misdemeanor
Cases in Which Jury Selected	1,775
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	99
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	1,778
Competency Hearings Held	2,061
Cases Set for Review	23,523
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	185,610
Cases with Retained Counsel	162,653

Cases on Docket:	Decedents' Estates			Guardianships		All Other Cases	Total Cases
	Independent Administration	Dependent Administration	All Other Estate Proceedings	Minor	Adult		
New Cases, Applications or Contests Filed	33,804	2,250	17,490	579	4,289	5,838	64,250
Other Cases Added:							
<i>Ancillary Cases</i>	419	132	86	6	77	41	761
<i>All Other Matters</i>	4,045	2,379	1,672	626	14,649	10,439	33,810
Inventories Filed	22,815	1,338	---	172	1,352	---	25,677
Guardianship of Person Reports Filed	---	---	---	831	26,026	---	26,857
Annual or Final Accounts Filed	---	2,085	---	1,303	6,299	---	9,687

Additional Activity:	Total
<b>Guardianships</b>	
Dismissed or Denied	237
Granted	4,055
Closed	2,253
Active	54,647
Chapter 1102 Investigations	4,566
Chapter 48 Removals	103
Hearings Held	72,716
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	2,414

Cases on Docket:	Temporary Mental Health Services	Extended Mental Health Services	Modification		Total Cases
			Inpatient to Outpatient	Outpatient to Inpatient	
<b>Intake</b>					
New Applications Filed	47,176	443	90	87	47,796
Orders for Protective Custody Signed	42,737	---	---	---	42,737
<b>Hearings</b>					
Probable Cause Hearings Held	31,725	---	---	---	31,725
Release/Dismissal Prior to Final Hearing	31,017	14	4	7	31,042
Final Commitment Hearings Held	12,143	279	3	3	12,428
<b>Other Information</b>					
Disposition at Final Hearing					
<i>Denied (Release)</i>	6,634	13	1	0	6,648
<i>Granted (Commit)</i>					
<i>Inpatient</i>	7,809	270	3	---	8,082
<i>Outpatient</i>	349	36	---	11	396

Order to Authorize Psychoactive Medications	Total
New Applications Filed	4,983
Dismissal Prior to Hearing	619
Hearings Held	3,636
Disposition at Hearing	
<i>Denied</i>	110
<i>Granted</i>	3,749

Cases on Docket	Non-Traffic - Parking	Traffic - Ordinance	Non-Traffic - Penal Code	Non-Traffic - Other State Law	Non-Traffic - Ordinance	Total
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	6,684,077	384,420	48,667	1,153,439	1,161,657	10,009,576
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	6,056,054	160,742	31,209	1,198,855	838,648	8,672,234
Docket Adjustments	47,587	-6,561	204	9,075	-44,227	11,596
<b>Cases Added</b>						
New Cases Filed	5,434,795	158,008	57,718	469,879	399,676	6,817,336
Cases Reactivated	1,685,021	21,742	10,769	320,725	210,710	2,383,652
All Other Cases Added	20,702	26,498	52	8,005	2,496	61,339
<b>Total Cases On Docket</b>	<b>13,872,182</b>	<b>584,107</b>	<b>117,410</b>	<b>1,961,123</b>	<b>1,730,312</b>	<b>19,283,499</b>
<b>Dispositions</b>						
Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial						
Uncontested Dispositions	1,884,952	63,893	23,088	164,931	178,896	2,400,366
Dismissed by Prosecution	445,824	40,181	4,491	80,401	120,883	748,947
Total Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial	2,330,776	104,074	27,579	245,332	299,779	3,149,313
Dispositions at Court Appearance or Trial						
Convictions						
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	661,992	5,885	5,729	79,119	45,144	845,578
<i>By the Court</i>	126,413	1,593	3,072	9,711	10,320	160,009
<i>By the Jury</i>	6,282	35	19	641	189	7,789
Acquittals						
<i>By the Jury</i>	30,066	248	1,541	811	799	34,720
<i>By the Court</i>	374	7	3	118	31	591
Dismissed by Prosecution	415,872	7,917	1,816	67,997	29,064	575,547
Total Dispositions at Court Appearance or Trial	1,240,999	15,685	12,180	158,397	85,547	1,624,234
Compliance Dismissals						
After Driver Safety Course	545,017	---	---	---	---	545,017
After Deferred Disposition	684,224	4,592	9,621	33,202	35,556	786,635
After Teen Court	3,939	12	12	1,146	532	5,957
After Tobacco Awareness Course	---	---	---	---	588	588
After Treatment for Chemical Dependency	---	---	---	1,457	1,537	2,994
After Proof of Financial Responsibility	141,803	---	---	---	---	141,803
All Other Transportation Code Dismissals	294,814	4,574	3,488	8,690	44,983	368,103
Total Compliance Dismissals	1,669,797	9,178	13,121	44,495	83,196	1,851,097
All Other Dispositions	154,874	5,114	1,185	25,300	28,354	225,417
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>5,396,446</b>	<b>134,051</b>	<b>54,065</b>	<b>473,524</b>	<b>496,876</b>	<b>6,850,061</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>1,839,795</b>	<b>20,668</b>	<b>13,865</b>	<b>260,713</b>	<b>203,644</b>	<b>2,460,847</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>						
<i>Active Cases</i>	6,548,171	424,707	46,002	1,194,223	1,000,362	9,816,945
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	6,105,746	155,777	32,197	1,133,504	816,607	8,602,179
<b>Show Cause Hearings Held</b>	<b>397,584</b>	<b>3,984</b>	<b>3,695</b>	<b>26,640</b>	<b>35,155</b>	<b>483,004</b>
<b>Cases Appealed</b>						
After Trial	15,161	296	22	546	5,473	23,240
Without Trial	26,916	289	248	685	3,225	33,033

## Juvenile/Minor Activity

<b>Beginning of Year through End of Year</b>	<b>Total Cases</b>
Transportation Code Cases Filed	60,105
Non-Driving Alcoholic Beverage Code Cases Filed	22,695
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Cases Filed	1,888
Drug Paraphernalia Cases Filed	5,377
Tobacco Cases Filed	2,830
Failure to Attend School Cases Filed	6,146
Education Code (Except Failure to Attend) Cases Filed	740
Violation of Local Daytime Curfew Ordinance Cases Filed	4,092
All Other Non-Traffic Fine-Only Cases Filed	21,447
Transfer to Juvenile Court	
<i>Mandatory</i>	228
<i>Discretionary</i>	492
Accused of Contempt and Referred to Juvenile Court (Delinquent Conduct)	227
Held in Contempt by Criminal Court (Fined and/or Denied Driving Privileges)	3,677
Juvenile Statement Magistrate Warnings	
<i>Warnings Administered</i>	1,818
<i>Statements Certified</i>	675
Detention Hearings Held	3,078
Orders for Non-Secure Custody Issued	2,261
Parent Contributing to Nonattendance Cases Filed	14,717

Beginning of Year through End of Year	Number Given	Requests for Counsel
Magistrate Warnings		
<i>Class C Misdemeanors</i>	344,294	---
<i>Class A and B Misdemeanors</i>	281,365	75,586
<i>Felonies</i>	180,297	61,589

Beginning of Year through End of Year	Total Cases
Arrest Warrants Issued:	
<i>Class C Misdemeanors</i>	2,042,167
<i>Class A and B Misdemeanors</i>	67,762
<i>Felonies</i>	59,836
Capiases Pro Fine Issued	731,417
Search Warrants Issued	17,408
Warrants for Fire, Health and Code Inspections Filed	3,095
Examining Trials Conducted	2,499
Emergency Mental Health Hearings Held	11,750
Magistrate's Orders	
<i>Emergency Protection Issued</i>	17,296
<i>Ignition Interlock Device Issued</i>	8,912
<i>All Others Issued Requiring Conditions for Release on Bond</i>	36,069
Driver's License Denial, Revocation or Suspension Hearings Held	12,499
Disposition of Stolen Property Hearings Held	3,446
Peace Bond Hearings Held	680
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Community Service	
<i>Partial Satisfaction</i>	9,905
<i>Full Satisfaction</i>	56,875
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Jail Credit	641,670
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Waived for Indigency	33,742
Amount of Fines and Court Costs Waived for Indigency	\$8,496,039
Fines, Court Costs and Other Amounts	
<i>Kept by City or County</i>	\$645,202,226
<i>Remitted to State</i>	\$318,923,722
<i>Total Collected</i>	\$982,293,819

	Non-Traffic - Parking	Traffic - Parking	Traffic - Ordinance	Non-Traffic - Penal Code	Non-Traffic - Other State Law	Non-Traffic - Ordinance	Total
<b>Cases on Docket</b>							
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>							
<i>Active Cases</i>	2,319,459	55,371	9,779	352,169	660,252	11,002	3,408,032
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1,239,874	9,879	542	210,646	337,402	4,146	1,802,489
Docket Adjustments	10,420	-5,033	-205	-3,880	-52,012	4,384	-46,326
<b>Cases Added</b>							
New Cases Filed	1,638,572	21,913	4,335	97,982	148,573	9,358	1,920,733
Cases Reactivated	271,991	1,911	164	41,287	57,689	1,105	374,147
All Other Cases Added	933	3	--	360	280	3	1,579
<b>Total Cases On Docket</b>	<b>4,241,375</b>	<b>74,165</b>	<b>14,073</b>	<b>487,918</b>	<b>814,782</b>	<b>25,852</b>	<b>5,658,165</b>
<b>Dispositions</b>							
Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial							
Uncontested Dispositions	604,029	8,206	2,712	43,902	79,891	3,068	741,808
Dismissed by Prosecution	99,045	1,255	365	14,891	76,088	1,317	192,961
Total Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial	703,074	9,461	3,077	58,793	155,979	4,385	934,769
Dispositions at Court Appearance or Trial							
Convictions							
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	163,524	1,778	71	6,640	9,395	728	182,136
<i>By the Court</i>	23,445	259	43	2,309	3,806	71	29,933
<i>By the Jury</i>	351	6	--	35	31	9	432
Acquittals							
<i>By the Court</i>	859	27	1	213	256	332	1,688
<i>By the Jury</i>	78	--	--	25	18	4	125
Dismissed by Prosecution	169,637	3,717	21	8,060	15,402	1,590	198,427
Total Dispositions at Court Appearance or Trial	357,894	5,787	136	17,282	28,908	2,734	412,741
Compliance Dismissals							
After Driver Safety Course	142,832	--	--	--	--	--	142,832
After Deferred Disposition	123,530	1,201	184	6,383	13,580	434	145,312
After Teen Court	296	2	--	28	91	4	421
After Tobacco Awareness Course	--	--	--	--	114	--	114
After Treatment for Chemical Dependency	--	--	--	22	102	--	124
After Proof of Financial Responsibility	35,341	--	--	--	--	--	35,341
All Other Transportation Code Dismissals	70,104	2,263	32	6,221	37,496	363	116,479
Total Compliance Dismissals	372,103	3,466	216	12,654	51,383	801	440,623
All Other Dispositions	36,723	1,594	88	7,965	12,792	766	59,928
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>1,469,794</b>	<b>20,308</b>	<b>3,517</b>	<b>96,694</b>	<b>249,062</b>	<b>8,686</b>	<b>1,848,061</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	396,879	1,928	151	40,672	47,122	1,562	488,314
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>							
<i>Active Cases</i>	2,357,584	48,976	4,978	342,523	518,878	15,356	3,288,295
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1,318,621	9,695	432	205,646	309,024	4,542	1,847,960
<b>Show Cause Hearings Held</b>	107,507	516	120	5,883	13,073	520	127,619
<b>Cases Appealed</b>							
After Trial	719	2	--	23	97	1	842
Without Trial	16,071	23	224	285	847	9	17,459

	Debt Claim	Landlord/Tenant	Small Claims	Total
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>				
<i>Active Cases</i>	89,146	95,054	217,023	401,223
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	3,225	3,687	4,039	10,951
Docket Adjustments	3,105	-3,612	-8,431	-8,938
<b>Cases Added</b>				
New Cases Filed	113,507	229,621	69,039	412,167
Cases Reactivated	474	174	630	1,278
All Other Cases Added	416	599	1,412	2,427
<b>Total Cases On Docket</b>	<b>206,648</b>	<b>321,836</b>	<b>279,673</b>	<b>808,157</b>
<b>Dispositions</b>				
Default Judgments	34,286	69,414	10,253	113,953
Agreed Judgments	10,986	1,747	2,574	15,307
Trial/Hearing by Judge/Hearing Officer	11,358	68,199	23,830	103,387
Trial by Jury	58	237	424	719
Cases Dismissed for Want of Prosecution	5,565	19,392	15,020	39,977
Cases Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff	41,192	55,265	17,202	113,659
All Other Dispositions	4,807	14,246	11,657	30,710
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>108,252</b>	<b>228,500</b>	<b>80,960</b>	<b>417,712</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	1,151	1,971	1,832	4,954
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>				
<i>Active Cases</i>	96,722	90,086	194,779	381,587
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	3,262	4,590	4,268	12,120
<b>Cases Appealed</b>				
After Trial	266	4,378	1,085	5,729
Without Trial	164	399	250	813

## Juvenile/Minor Activity

Beginning of Year through End of Year	Total Cases
Transportation Code Cases Filed	17,798
Non-Driving Alcoholic Beverage Code Cases Filed	6,900
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Cases Filed	829
Drug Paraphernalia Cases Filed	1,594
Tobacco Cases Filed	674
Failure to Attend School Cases Filed	5,605
Education Code (Except Failure to Attend) Cases Filed	450
Violation of Local Daytime Curfew Ordinance Cases Filed	187
All Other Non-Traffic Fine-Only Cases Filed	4,603
Mandatory Transfer to Juvenile Court	89
Discretionary Transfer to Juvenile Court	55
Accused of Contempt and Referred to Juvenile Court (Delinquent Conduct)	56
Held in Contempt by Criminal Court (Fined and/or Denied Driving Privileges)	334
Juvenile Statement Magistrate Warnings Administered	1,069
Juvenile Statements Certified by Judge	399
Detention Hearings Held	3,042
Orders for Non-Secure Custody Issued	2,109
Parent Contributing to Nonattendance Cases Filed	13,015

Beginning of Year through End of Year	Number Given	Requests for Counsel
Magistrate Warnings		
<i>Class C Misdemeanors</i>	58,391	---
<i>Class A and B Misdemeanors</i>	144,075	41,308
<i>Felonies</i>	107,241	39,693

Beginning of Year through End of Year	Total Cases
Arrest Warrants Issued:	
<i>Class C Misdemeanors</i>	471,327
<i>Class A and B Misdemeanors</i>	24,647
<i>Felonies</i>	28,283
Capiases Pro Fine Issued	61,752
Search Warrants Issued	1,607
Warrants for Fire, Health and Code Inspections Filed	48
Examining Trials Conducted	1,224
Emergency Mental Health Hearings Held	10,424
Magistrate's Orders	
<i>Emergency Protection Issued</i>	7,763
<i>Ignition Interlock Device Issued</i>	5,532
<i>All Others Issued Requiring Conditions for Release on Bond</i>	30,602
Driver's License Denial, Revocation or Suspension Hearings Held	11,819
Handgun License Denial, Revocation or Suspension Hearings Held	224
Disposition of Stolen Property Hearings Held	2,031
Peace Bond Hearings Held	622
Inquests Conducted	21,373
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Community Service	
<i>Partial Satisfaction</i>	2,585
<i>Full Satisfaction</i>	9,968
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Jail Credit	121,867
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Waived for Indigency	5,373
Amount of Fines and Court Costs Waived for Indigency	\$1,208,710
Fines, Court Costs and Other Amounts	
<i>Kept by City</i>	\$187,272,135
<i>Remitted to State</i>	\$98,009,342
<i>Total Collected</i>	\$302,873,028

	Non-Traffic - Parking	Traffic - Parking	Traffic - Ordinance	Non-Traffic - Penal Code	Non-Traffic - Other State Law	Non-Traffic - Ordinance	Total
<b>Cases on Docket</b>							
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>							
<i>Active Cases</i>	4,364,618	329,049	38,888	801,270	501,405	566,314	6,601,544
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	4,816,180	150,863	30,667	988,209	501,246	382,580	6,869,745
Docket Adjustments	37,167	-1,528	409	12,955	7,785	1,134	57,922
<b>Cases Added</b>							
New Cases Filed	3,796,223	136,095	53,383	371,897	251,103	287,902	4,896,603
Cases Reactivated	1,413,030	19,831	10,605	279,438	153,021	133,580	2,009,505
All Other Cases Added	19,769	26,495	52	7,645	2,216	3,583	59,760
<b>Total Cases On Docket</b>	9,630,807	509,942	103,337	1,473,205	915,530	992,513	13,625,334
<b>Dispositions</b>							
Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial							
Uncontested Dispositions	1,280,923	55,687	20,376	121,029	99,005	81,538	1,658,558
Dismissed by Prosecution	346,779	38,926	4,126	65,510	44,795	55,850	555,986
Total Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial	1,627,702	94,613	24,502	186,539	143,800	137,388	2,214,544
Dispositions at Court Appearance or Trial							
Convictions							
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	498,468	4,107	5,658	72,479	35,749	46,981	663,442
<i>By the Court</i>	102,968	1,334	3,029	7,402	6,514	8,829	130,076
<i>By the Jury</i>	5,931	29	19	606	158	614	7,357
Acquittals							
<i>By the Jury</i>	29,207	221	1,540	598	543	923	33,032
<i>By the Court</i>	296	7	3	93	13	54	466
Dismissed by Prosecution	246,235	4,200	1,795	59,937	13,662	51,291	377,120
Total Dispositions at Court Appearance or Trial	883,105	9,898	12,044	141,115	56,639	108,692	1,211,493
Compliance Dismissals							
After Driver Safety Course	402,185	---	---	---	---	---	402,185
After Deferred Disposition	560,694	3,391	9,437	26,819	21,976	19,006	641,323
After Teen Court	3,643	10	12	1,118	441	312	5,536
After Tobacco Awareness Course	---	---	---	0	474	---	474
After Treatment for Chemical Dependency	---	---	---	1,435	1,435	---	2,870
After Proof of Financial Responsibility	106,462	---	---	---	---	---	106,462
All Other Transportation Code Dismissals	224,710	2,311	3,456	2,469	7,487	11,191	251,624
Total Compliance Dismissals	1,297,694	5,712	12,905	31,841	31,813	30,509	1,410,474
All Other Dispositions	118,151	3,520	1,097	17,335	15,562	9,824	165,489
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	3,926,652	113,743	50,548	376,830	247,814	286,413	5,002,000
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	1,442,916	18,740	13,714	220,041	156,522	120,600	1,972,533
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>							
<i>Active Cases</i>	4,190,587	375,731	41,024	851,700	481,484	588,124	6,528,650
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	4,787,125	146,082	31,765	927,858	507,583	353,806	6,754,219
<b>Show Cause Hearings Held</b>	290,077	3,468	3,575	20,757	22,082	15,426	355,385
<b>Cases Appealed</b>							
After Trial	14,442	294	22	523	5,376	1,741	22,398
Without Trial	10,845	266	24	400	2,378	1,661	15,574

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cases Pending beginning of year</b>	
<i>Active Cases</i>	674,126
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	592,699
Docket Adjustments	21,212
<b>Cases Added</b>	
New Cases Filed	633,049
Cases Reactivated	10,195
All Other Cases Added	90
<b>Total Cases On Docket</b>	<b>1,338,672</b>
<b>Dispositions</b>	
Uncontested Civil Fines or Penalties	335,008
Default Judgments	160,830
Agreed Judgments	4,640
Trial/Hearing by Judge/Hearing Officer	58,974
Trial by Jury	1
Cases Dismissed for Want of Prosecution	39,618
All Other Dispositions	4,138
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>603,209</b>
<b>Cases Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>43,154</b>
<b>Cases Pending end of year</b>	
<i>Active Cases</i>	717,043
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	575,884
<b>Cases Appealed</b>	
After Trial	57
Without Trial	101

## Juvenile/Minor Activity

<b>Beginning of Year through End of Year</b>	<b>Total Cases</b>
Transportation Code Cases Filed	42,307
Non-Driving Alcoholic Beverage Code Cases Filed	15,795
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Cases Filed	1,059
Drug Paraphernalia Cases Filed	3,783
Tobacco Cases Filed	2,156
Failure to Attend School Cases Filed	541
Education Code (Except Failure to Attend) Cases Filed	290
Violation of Local Daytime Curfew Ordinance Cases Filed	3,905
All Other Non-Traffic Fine-Only Cases Filed	16,844
Transfer to Juvenile Court	
<i>Mandatory</i>	139
<i>Discretionary</i>	437
Accused of Contempt and Referred to Juvenile Court (Delinquent Conduct)	171
Held in Contempt by Criminal Court (Fined and/or Denied Driving Privileges)	3,343
Juvenile Statement Magistrate Warnings	
<i>Warnings Administered</i>	749
<i>Statements Certified</i>	276
Detention Hearings Held	36
Orders for Non-Secure Custody Issued	152
Parent Contributing to Nonattendance Cases Filed	1,702

Beginning of Year through End of Year	Number Given	Requests for Counsel
Magistrate Warnings		
<i>Class C Misdemeanors</i>	285,903	---
<i>Class A and B Misdemeanors</i>	137,290	34,278
<i>Felonies</i>	73,056	21,896

Beginning of Year through End of Year	Total Cases
Arrest Warrants Issued:	
<i>Class C Misdemeanors</i>	1,570,840
<i>Class A and B Misdemeanors</i>	43,115
<i>Felonies</i>	31,553
Capiases Pro Fine Issued	669,665
Search Warrants Issued	15,801
Warrants for Fire, Health and Code Inspections Filed	3,047
Examining Trials Conducted	1,275
Emergency Mental Health Hearings Held	1,326
Magistrate's Orders for Emergency Protection Issued	9,533
Magistrate's Orders for Ignition Interlock Device Issued	3,380
All Other Magistrate's Orders Issued Requiring Conditions for Release on Bond	5,467
Driver's License Denial, Revocation or Suspension Hearings Held	680
Disposition of Stolen Property Hearings Held	1,415
Peace Bond Hearings Held	58
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Community Service	
<i>Partial Satisfaction</i>	7,320
<i>Full Satisfaction</i>	46,907
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Jail Credit	519,803
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Waived for Indigency	28,369
Amount of Fines and Court Costs Waived for Indigency	\$7,287,329
Fines, Court Costs and Other Amounts	
<i>Kept by City</i>	\$457,930,091
<i>Remitted to State</i>	\$220,914,380
<i>Total Collected</i>	\$679,420,791

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# Case Status and Clearance Rate Definitions

## ALL TRIAL COURTS

### CASE STATUS

For more specific information about the case status categories listed below, as well as definitions of the various disposition types, refer to the reporting instructions posted at <http://www.txcourts.gov/reporting-to-oca/judicial-council-trial-court-activity-reports.aspx>.

**Cases Pending Beginning of Month–Active:** The number of cases that were awaiting disposition at the beginning of the reporting period.

**Cases Pending Beginning of Month–Inactive:** The number of cases that had been classified as inactive at the beginning of the reporting period.

**New Cases Filed:** The number of cases that were filed with the court for the first time during the reporting period.

**Reactivated:** The number of cases that had previously been placed on inactive status, but were restored to the court’s control during the reporting period. Further court proceedings in these cases could be resumed during the reporting period and proceed toward disposition. The rules for reactivating a case are the reverse of those for placing a case on inactive status, (e.g., the lifting of a stay, arrest of a defendant with an outstanding warrant, etc.).

**All Other Cases Added (Reopened):** The number of cases in which a judgment had previously been entered but which were restored to the court’s pending caseload during the reporting period. These cases come back to the court due to the filing of a request to modify or enforce that existing judgment and a hearing before a judicial officer is requested to review the status of the case or initiate further proceedings in the case.

**Total Cases on Docket:** The sum of the number of new cases filed, cases appealed from lower courts, reactivated and reopened cases.

**Total Dispositions:** The number of cases for which an original entry of judgment has been entered during the reporting period. For cases involving multiple parties/issues, the disposition is not to be reported until all parties/issues have been resolved.

**Placed on Inactive Status:** The number of cases whose status was administratively changed to inactive during the reporting period due to events beyond the court’s control. These cases were removed from court control, and the court could take no further action until an event restored the case to the court’s active pending caseload. Examples include cases in which a warrant of arrest was issued, a stay was issued while a defendant undergoes temporary or extended inpatient mental health treatment, or a stay was issued due to bankruptcy.

**Cases Pending End of Month–Active:** The number of cases that were awaiting disposition at the end of the reporting period.

**Cases Pending End of Month–Inactive:** The number of cases that had been classified as inactive at the end of the reporting period.

### CLEARANCE RATE

**Clearance Rate:** The number of cases disposed or placed on inactive status divided by the number of cases added to the docket (including reactivated cases). The clearance rate is a measure of how effectively a court is disposing the cases added to its docket.

A clearance rate of 100 percent indicates that the court disposed of the same number of cases during the year as were added to the docket during the year, resulting in no changes to the court’s case backlog.

**Formula:**

$$\frac{\text{Number of cases disposed + number of cases placed on inactive status}}{\text{number of new cases filed + number of cases reactivated + cases appealed from lower courts + all other cases added}}$$

# Case Type Categories

## DISTRICT COURTS

### CRIMINAL DOCKET

A criminal case is counted as one defendant per indictment or information. For example, if an indictment names more than one defendant, there is more than one case; three defendants named in one indictment equals three cases. If the same defendant is charged in more than one indictment, even if for the same criminal episode, there is more than one case; the same person named in four indictments equals four cases. Finally, if an indictment contains more than one count (Art. 21.24, Code of Criminal Procedure), only one case per person named in the indictment is reported. The case is reported under the classification for the most serious offense alleged.

The case type categories are:

**CAPITAL MURDER:** An offense under Penal Code Sec. 19.03 (Capital Murder).

**MURDER:** An offense under Penal Code Sec. 19.02 (Murder).

**OTHER HOMICIDES:** An offense under Penal Code Sec. 19.04 (Manslaughter), 19.05 (Criminally Negligent Homicide), or 49.08 (Intoxication Manslaughter).

**ASSAULT OR ATTEMPTED MURDER:** A felony offense under Penal Code Sec. 22.01 (Assault), 22.04 (Injury to a Child, Elderly Individual or Disabled Individual), 22.05 (Deadly Conduct), 22.07 (Terroristic Threat), or 22.08 (Aiding Suicide); an offense under Penal Code Sec. 22.015 (Coercing, Soliciting or Inducing Gang Membership), 22.02 (Aggravated Assault), 22.041 (Abandoning or Endangering Child), 22.09 (Tampering with Consumer Product), or 22.11 (Harassment by Persons in Certain Correctional Facilities; Harassment of Public Servant); or an offense of Attempt (as defined in Sec. 15.01) to Commit: Murder (19.02) or Capital Murder (19.03).

**SEXUAL ASSAULT OF AN ADULT:** An offense under Penal Code Sec. 22.011 (Sexual Assault) or 22.021 (Aggravated Sexual Assault) where the victim is an adult (17 years or older).

**INDECENCY OR SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD:** An offense under Penal Code Secs. 22.011 (Sexual Assault) or 22.021 (Aggravated Sexual Assault) where the victim is a child (younger than 17 years); an offense under Sec. 21.02 (Continuous Sexual Abuse of Young Child or Children); an offense under Sec. 21.11 (Indecency with a Child); or an offense under Sec. 21.12 (Improper Relationship Between Educator and Student).

**FAMILY VIOLENCE ASSAULT:** A felony offense under Penal Code Sec. 22.01(b)(2) against a person whose relationship to the defendant is described by Sec. 71.0021(b), 71.003, or 71.005 of the Family Code.

**AGGRAVATED ROBBERY OR ROBBERY:** An offense under Penal Code Sec. 29.03 (Aggravated Robbery) or 29.02 (Robbery).

**BURGLARY:** A felony offense under Penal Code Sec. 30.02 (Burglary) or 30.04 (Burglary of Vehicles).

**THEFT:** A felony offense under Ch. 31 of the Penal Code, **except** when the property involved is a motor vehicle; or a felony offense under Sec. 32.31 (Credit Card Abuse or Debit Card Abuse) or 33A.04 (Theft of

Telecommunications Service).

**AUTOMOBILE THEFT:** A felony offense under Penal Code Sec. 31.03 (Theft) if the property involved is a motor vehicle, or an offense under Sec. 31.07 (Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle).

**DRUG SALE OR MANUFACTURE:** A felony offense under the Texas Controlled Substances Act (Ch. 481, Health and Safety Code), Ch. 482, Health and Safety Code (Simulated Controlled Substances), the Texas Dangerous Drugs Act (Ch. 483, Health and Safety Code), or Ch. 485, Health and Safety Code (Abusable Volatile Chemicals) for the manufacture, delivery, sale, or possession with intent to deliver or sell a drug or controlled substance.

**DRUG POSSESSION:** A felony offense for possession under the Texas Controlled Substances Act (Ch. 481, Health and Safety Code) or the Texas Dangerous Drugs Act (Ch. 483, Health and Safety Code), other than possession with intent to deliver or sell.

**FELONY D.W.I.:** A felony offense under Penal Code Sec. 49.04 (Driving While Intoxicated), 49.045 (Driving While Intoxicated with Child Passenger), or 49.09 (Enhanced Offenses and Penalties). Also include an offense under Penal Code Sec. 49.07 (Intoxication Assault) when the case involves a motor vehicle.

**OTHER FELONIES:** A felony offense not clearly identifiable as belonging in one of the preceding categories, including cases previously categorized as forgery.

**ALL MISDEMEANORS:** Any offense classified as a misdemeanor.

### CIVIL DOCKET

A civil case, unlike a criminal case, does not depend on the number of persons involved. Instead, each separate suit, normally commenced by the filing of the plaintiff's original petition, defines an individual civil case.

The case type categories are:

**INJURY OR DAMAGE—MOTOR VEHICLE:** All cases for damages associated in any way with a motor vehicle (automobile, truck, motorcycle, etc.), with or without accompanying personal injury. Examples include personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death cases that involve motor vehicles.

**INJURY OR DAMAGE—MEDICAL MALPRACTICE:** Cases that allege misconduct or negligence by a person or entity in the medical profession (doctors, nurses, physician assistants, dentists, etc. and their firms: hospitals, nursing homes, etc.) acting in a professional capacity, thereby causing physical or financial harm.

**INJURY OR DAMAGE—OTHER PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE:** Cases that allege misconduct or negligence by a person or entity not in the medical profession (lawyers, accountants, architects, etc. and their firms) acting in a professional capacity, thereby causing physical or financial harm.

**INJURY OR DAMAGE—PRODUCT LIABILITY—ASBESTOS/SILICA:** Cases involving the alleged responsibility of the manufacturer or seller for an injury caused to a person or property by exposure to, or ingestion

of, asbestos or silica or an alleged breach of duty to provide suitable instructions to prevent injury.

**INJURY OR DAMAGE—OTHER PRODUCT LIABILITY:** All other cases, not involving asbestos or silica, involving the alleged responsibility of the manufacturer or seller of an article for an injury caused to a person or property by a defect in, or the condition of, the article sold or an alleged breach of duty to provide suitable instructions to prevent injury.

**OTHER INJURY OR DAMAGE:** All other cases not falling into categories above alleging an injury or wrong committed against a person, their reputation, or their property by a party who either did something that he was obligated not to do or failed to do something that he was obligated to do. Examples include damages on premises, “slip-and-fall” cases, construction damages, assault, battery, animal attack, vandalism, slander/libel/defamation, malicious prosecution, and false imprisonment.

**REAL PROPERTY—EMINENT DOMAIN:** Suits by a unit of government or a corporation with the power of eminent domain for the taking of private land for public use; or cases in which a property owner challenges the amount of remuneration offered by the government for the taking of a parcel of land.

**OTHER REAL PROPERTY:** All other cases involving real property. Examples include disputes over the ownership, use, boundaries, or value of real property, including trespass to try title.

**CONTRACT—CONSUMER/COMMERCIAL/DEBT:** Cases involving a buyer of goods or services bringing a suit against the seller for failure either to deliver said goods or services or to honor a warranty as promised in an expressed or implied contract. Also, cases involving a seller of goods or services bringing a suit against a buyer for failure to pay for said goods or services as promised in an expressed or implied contract (debt collection). Examples include agreements, breach of contract, contracts, fraud, notes, sworn accounts, debts, and assignment of creditors.

**OTHER CONTRACT:** All other cases involving a dispute over an agreement, express or implied, between two parties. Examples include employment cases (including discrimination, retaliation, termination, and other employment cases), landlord/tenant disputes, mortgage foreclosures, homeowners association disputes, etc.

**CIVIL CASES RELATING TO CRIMINAL MATTERS:** All civil cases associated with criminal matters, including bond forfeiture, expunction, non-disclosure, occupational license, seizure and forfeiture, extradition, contempt (in criminal cases only), and writ of habeas corpus (in criminal cases only) cases. Include petitions for relief from a firearms disability related to criminal cases (Sec. 574.088, Health and Safety Code).

**OTHER CIVIL CASES:** All non-tax civil cases not clearly identifiable as belonging in one of the preceding categories. Include occupational license cases in civil and family matters and cases appealing the finding of a lower court, department, or administrative agency (e.g., workers’ compensation, business dissolution, liquor license appeal, etc.).

**TAX CASES:** Suits brought by governmental taxing entities against an individual or business for the collection of taxes.

## FAMILY LAW DOCKET

A family law case is counted and reported when: 1) an original petition is filed (no matter how many parties or children are involved); 2) a show cause motion, motion to modify, or similar motion is filed following entry of original judgment; or 3) some other case is filed.

The case type categories are:

**DIVORCE—CHILDREN:** Suits brought by a party to a marriage to dissolve the marriage pursuant to Ch. 6, Family Code that also include a suit affecting the parent-child relationship due to the existence of children born or adopted of the marriage who are under 18 years of age or who are otherwise entitled to support as provided by Ch. 154, Family Code. Include petitions for annulment and petitions to declare a marriage void.

**DIVORCE—NO CHILDREN:** Suits brought by a party to a marriage to dissolve the marriage pursuant to Ch. 6, Family Code. Include petitions for annulment and petitions to declare a marriage void.

**PARENT-CHILD—NO DIVORCE:** Cases involving issues of custody, support, paternity, visitation (by parents, grandparents or other family members) that do not involve a current or previously decided divorce/marriage dissolution case. Include voluntary legitimation of paternity (Sec. 160.201, Family Code).

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES:** Cases filed under Ch. 262 of the Family Code on behalf of the Department of Family and Protective Services; a motion in aid of investigation filed under Sec. 261.303 of the Family Code; a motion to participate filed under Sec. 264.203 of the Family Code; or a civil action filed by the Department requesting a determination of an at-risk child under Sec. 264.303 of the Family Code.

**TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS:** Cases filed under Ch. 161 of the Family Code requesting that the court extinguish the legal relationship of parent and child.

**ADOPTION:** Cases filed under Ch. 162 of the Family Code requesting the establishment of a new, permanent relationship of parent and child between persons not having that relationship naturally. Include gestation agreements.

**PROTECTIVE ORDERS—NO DIVORCE:** Cases filed under Ch. 82, Family Code, requesting an order designed to limit or eliminate contact between two or more family/household members or individuals involved in a dating relationship.

**TITLE IV-D—PATERNITY:** Cases filed by the Title IV-D Agency (Office of Attorney General) requesting a determination of parentage under Ch. 160, Family Code and the setting of a child support obligation. These cases may also involve custody and visitation issues.

**TITLE IV-D—SUPPORT ORDER:** Cases filed by the Title IV-D Agency (Office of Attorney General) requesting the setting of a child support obligation where the parentage of the child has been established by an Acknowledgment of Paternity or the child was born during the marriage. These cases may also involve custody and visitation issues.

**TITLE IV-D—UIFSA:** Cases filed by the Title IV-D Agency (Office of the Attorney General) seeking to establish a Texas child support order. The issue of paternity may be addressed. UIFSA cases are distinguished by the fact that not all parties reside in Texas. Issues of custody and visitation are not generally involved.

**ALL OTHER FAMILY CASES:** Includes all cases filed under the Family

Code that are not reported elsewhere, including, but not limited to:

- Judicial bypass of parental notification of abortion (Sec. 33.003); Changes of name (Ch. 45);
- Adult adoptions (Sec. 152.502);
- Removal of disability of minority (Ch. 31);
- Removal of disability of minority for marriage (Sec. 2.103);
- Suits for parental liability for damages caused by conduct of child (Ch. 41); and
- Suits for liability for interference with possession of a child (Ch. 42).

**POST-JUDGMENT MODIFICATION—CUSTODY:** Post-judgment suits or motions filed pursuant to Subchapter B, Ch. 156, Family Code, for modification of an order that provides for the conservatorship of, possession of, or determination of residence of a child (e.g., motions to modify conservatorship [custody], motions to modify right to determine primary residence of child, motions for further orders of the court).

**POST-JUDGMENT MODIFICATION—OTHER:** Post-judgment suits or motions requesting modification of orders not involving custody of a child, including, but not limited to:

- Suits filed pursuant to Subchapter B, Ch. 156, Family Code for modification of an order that provides for the access to a child (motions to modify visitation privileges; motions to modify rights, privileges and duties of conservator);
- Suits filed pursuant to Subchapter C, Ch. 156, Family Code for modification of an order that provides for the support of a child (motions to modify or set child support; motions to terminate wage withholding; motions for further orders of the court); and
- Suits filed pursuant to Sec. 8.057, Family Code for modification of an order that provides for spousal maintenance (petition to terminate/modify order/writ of income withholding).

**POST-JUDGMENT ENFORCEMENT:** Post-judgment suits or motions requesting the enforcement of a final order, including, but not limited to:

- Motions filed pursuant to Ch. 157, Family Code to enforce a final order for conservatorship, child support, possession of or access to a child, property provisions, injunctions, or other provisions of a final order (e.g., motions for contempt; motions for enforcement of judgments or prior orders; motions to revoke community supervision/probation for failure to pay child support);
- Suits to enforce a divorce or annulment decree filed pursuant to Ch. 9, Family Code (petition for enforcement of property division; petitions to divide assets not divided on divorce or annulment; post-decree qualified domestic relations orders); and
- Suits to enforce spousal maintenance filed pursuant to Ch. 8, Family Code.

**POST-JUDGMENT TITLE IV-D:** Suits or motions filed by the Title IV-D agency (Office of the Attorney General) pursuant to Chs. 156, 157 or 159, Family Code, to enforce and/or modify a child support obligation.

**TITLE IV-D—PATERNITY:** Cases filed by the Title IV-D Agency (Office of Attorney General) requesting a determination of parentage under Ch. 160, Family Code and the setting of a child support obligation. These cases may also involve custody and visitation issues. The pleading is most often styled *Petition to Establish the Parent-Child Relationship*.

**TITLE IV-D—SUPPORT ORDER:** Cases filed by the Title IV-D Agency (Office of Attorney General) requesting the setting of a child support obligation where the parentage of the child has been established by an Acknowledgment of Paternity or the child was born during the marriage. These cases may also involve custody and visitation issues. The pleading is most often styled *Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship*.

**TITLE IV-D—UIFSA:** Cases filed by the Title IV-D Agency (Office of the Attorney General) seeking to establish a Texas child support order. The issue of paternity may be addressed. UIFSA cases are distinguished by the fact that not all parties reside in Texas. Issues of custody and visitation are not generally involved.

## JUVENILE DOCKET

Juvenile cases are based upon petitions for adjudication of a child alleged to have engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision (C.I.N.S.) as governed by Title 3 of the Texas Family Code.

Delinquent conduct cases are further broken down into case categories similar to the ones used in the Criminal section. See OCA's Required Reporting webpage (<http://www.txcourts.gov/reporting-to-oca/judicial-council-trial-court-activity-reports.aspx>) for full definitions.

## STATUTORY COUNTY COURTS

### MISDEMEANOR CASE DOCKET

A criminal case is counted as one defendant per information or complaint. For example, if an information names more than one defendant, there is more than one case; three defendants named in one information equals three cases. If the same defendant is charged in more than one information, even if for the same criminal episode, there is more than one case; the same person named in four informations equals four cases. Finally, if an information contains more than one count (Art. 21.24, Code of Criminal Procedure) only one case per person named in the information is reported. The case is reported under the classification for the most serious offense alleged.

Case categories are identical to the ones used in the **CRIMINAL SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURT REPORTS**.

### FELONY CASE DOCKET

A criminal case is counted as one defendant per indictment or information. For example, if an indictment names more than one defendant, there is more than one case; three defendants named in one indictment equals three cases. If the same defendant is charged in more than one indictment, even if for the same criminal episode, there is more than one case; the same person named in four indictments equals four cases. Finally, if an indictment contains more than one count (Art. 21.24, Code of Criminal Procedure), only one case per person named in the indictment is reported. The case is reported under the classification for the most serious offense alleged.

Case categories are identical to the ones used in the **CRIMINAL SECTION OF THE DISTRICT COURT REPORTS**.

### CIVIL DOCKET

A civil case, unlike a criminal case, does not depend on the number of persons involved. Instead, each separate suit, normally commenced by the filing of the plaintiff's original petition, defines an individual civil case.

Case categories are identical to the ones used in the **CIVIL SECTION OF THE DISTRICT COURT REPORTS**.

## FAMILY LAW DOCKET

A family law case is counted and reported when: 1) an original petition is filed (no matter how many parties or children are involved); 2) a show cause motion, motion to modify, or similar motion is filed following entry of original judgment; or 3) some other case is filed.

Case categories are identical to the ones used in the **FAMILY SECTION OF THE DISTRICT COURT REPORTS**.

## JUVENILE DOCKET

Juvenile cases are based upon petitions for adjudication of a child alleged to have engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision (C.I.N.S.) as governed by Title 3 of the Texas Family Code.

Delinquent conduct cases are further broken down into case categories similar to the ones used in the Criminal section. See OCA's Required Reporting webpage (<http://www.txcourts.gov/reporting-to-oca/judicial-council-trial-court-activity-reports.aspx>) for full definitions.

## PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP DOCKET

These cases are governed by the Texas Probate Code, and include matters involving the probate of wills, the administration of estates, and guardianships. A single probate case may involve more than one person.

Case categories are identical to the ones used in the **PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURT REPORTS**.

## COURT-ORDERED MENTAL HEALTH CASES

Sec. 574.014 of the Health and Safety Code requires a report to the Office of Court Administration on the number of applications for involuntary mental health commitment orders filed and the disposition of those cases. Information is also collected on applications seeking an order to authorize psychoactive medications.

Case categories are identical to the ones used in the **COURT-ORDERED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURT REPORTS**.

## CONSTITUTIONAL COUNTY COURTS

### CRIMINAL DOCKET

A criminal case is counted as one defendant per information or complaint. For example, if an information names more than one defendant, there is more than one case; three defendants named in one information equals three cases. If the same defendant is charged in more than one information, even if for the same criminal episode, there is more than one case; the same person named in four informations equals four cases. Finally, if an information contains more than one count (Art. 21.24, Code of Criminal Procedure) only one case per person named in the information is reported. The case is reported under the classification for the most serious offense alleged.

The case type categories are:

**D.W.I.—FIRST OFFENSE:** An offense under Sec. 49.04, Penal Code (Driving While Intoxicated).

**D.W.I.—SECOND OFFENSE:** A second offense of driving while intoxicated (Sec. 49.04, Penal Code) under Sec. 49.09, Penal Code (Enhanced Offenses and Penalties).

**THEFT:** A misdemeanor offense under Ch. 31 (Theft) of the Penal Code,

except Sec. 31.06, or an offense under Penal Code Sec. 33A.04 (Theft of Telecommunications Service).

**THEFT BY CHECK:** Any offense of theft or theft of service in which the defendant allegedly obtained property or secured performance of service by issuing or passing a check or similar sight order for the payment of money, when the issuer did not have sufficient funds in or on deposit with the bank or other drawee for the payment in full of the check or order as well as all other checks or orders then outstanding (Sec. 31.06, Penal Code). Also included are appeals of cases brought under Sec. 32.41, Penal Code (Issuance of Bad Checks).

**DRUG POSSESSION—MARIJUANA:** A misdemeanor offense under Sec. 481.120 (Delivery of Marijuana), Sec. 481.121 (Possession of Marijuana) or Sec. 481.134(f) (Drug Free Zones), Health and Safety Code.

**DRUG POSSESSION—OTHER:** Any other misdemeanor offense for possession, manufacture, delivery, sale, or possession with intent to deliver or sell a drug or controlled substance under the Texas Controlled Substances Act (Ch. 481, Health and Safety Code), the Texas Dangerous Drug Act (Ch. 483, Health and Safety Code), or Ch. 485 (Abusable Volatile Chemicals), Health and Safety Code.

**FAMILY VIOLENCE ASSAULT:** A misdemeanor offense under Penal Code Sec. 22.01(a)(1) against a person whose relationship to the defendant is described by Sec. 71.0021(b), 71.003, or 71.005 of the Family Code.

**ASSAULT—OTHER:** Any other **misdemeanor** offense under Ch. 22 of the Penal Code.

**TRAFFIC:** Violations of the provisions of Title 7, Transportation Code and related statutes, **except** D.W.I. Sec. 49.04 (or Sec. 49.09 for a subsequent offense), Penal Code, and Sec. 521.457, Transportation Code (Driving While License Invalid).

**D.W.L.S./D.W.L.I.:** An offense under Sec. 521.457, Transportation Code (Driving While License Invalid).

**OTHER MISDEMEANOR CASES:** A misdemeanor not clearly identifiable as belonging in one of the preceding categories.

### CIVIL DOCKET

A civil case, unlike a criminal case, does not depend on the number of persons involved. Instead, each separate suit, normally commenced by the filing of the plaintiff's original petition, defines an individual civil case.

The case type categories are:

**INJURY OR DAMAGE—MOTOR VEHICLE:** All cases for damages associated in any way with a motor vehicle (automobile, truck, motorcycle, etc.), with or without accompanying personal injury. Examples include personal injury, property damage, and wrongful death cases that involve motor vehicles.

**OTHER INJURY OR DAMAGE:** All other cases alleging an injury or wrong committed against a person, their reputation, or their property by a party who either did something that he was obligated not to do or failed to do something that he was obligated to do. Examples include damages on premises, "slip-and-fall" cases, construction damages, assault, battery, animal attack, vandalism, slander/libel/defamation, malicious prosecution, and false imprisonment.

**REAL PROPERTY:** Cases involving disputes over the ownership, use, boundaries, or value of real property.

**CONTRACT—CONSUMER/COMMERCIAL/DEBT:** Cases involving a buyer of goods or services bringing a suit against the seller for failure either to deliver said goods or services or to honor a warranty as promised in an expressed or implied contract. Also, cases involving a seller of goods or services bringing a suit against a buyer for failure to pay for said goods or services as promised in an expressed or implied contract (debt collection). Examples include agreements, breach of contract, contracts, notes, sworn accounts, debts, and assignment of creditors.

**CONTRACT—LANDLORD/TENANT:** Cases alleging a breach of contract (lease) between a landlord and tenant, including unlawful detainer.

**OTHER CONTRACT:** All other cases involving a dispute over an agreement, express or implied, between two parties. Examples include employment cases (including discrimination, retaliation, termination, and other employment cases), fraud, mortgage foreclosures, homeowners association disputes, etc.

**CIVIL CASES RELATING TO CRIMINAL MATTERS:** All civil cases associated with criminal matters, including bond forfeiture, nondisclosure, occupational license, seizure and forfeiture, contempt (in criminal cases only), and writ of habeas corpus (in criminal cases only) cases. Include petitions for relief from a firearms disability related to a criminal case (Sec. 574.088, Health and Safety Code).

**ALL OTHER CIVIL CASES:** All other civil cases not clearly identifiable as belonging in one of the preceding categories. Include petitions for relief from a firearms disability related to an involuntary mental health commitment case (Sec. 574.088, Health and Safety Code).

## JUVENILE DOCKET

Juvenile cases are based upon petitions for adjudication of a child alleged to have engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision (C.I.N.S.) as governed by Title 3 of the Texas Family Code.

Delinquent conduct cases are further broken down into case categories similar to the ones used in the Criminal section. See OCA's Required Reporting webpage (<http://www.txcourts.gov/reporting-to-oca/judicial-council-trial-court-activity-reports.aspx>) for full definitions.

## PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP DOCKET

These cases are governed by the Texas Probate Code, and include matters involving the probate of wills, the administration of estates, and guardianships. A single probate case may involve more than one person.

The case type categories are:

**INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION:** A proceeding to probate a will and for issuance of letters testamentary under Probate Code Sec. 145(b), or an estate opened under Probate Code Secs. 145(c), 145(d) or 145(e).

**DEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION:** An estate opened under Probate Code Sec. 178. These estate cases require court monitoring. Also include applications to appoint a temporary administrator under Ch. VI, Probate Code.

**ALL OTHER ESTATE PROCEEDINGS:** Other proceedings involving the handling or transfer of property by reason of the death of an individual.

**GUARDIANSHIP:** Cases involving the establishment of, or a controversy over, the relation existing between a person (guardian) lawfully invested with the power and charged with the duty of taking care of the rights of a minor or adult (ward) who is considered by the court as incapable

of caring for himself/herself.

**ALL OTHER CASES:** All other cases not clearly identifiable as belonging in one of the preceding categories. Include petitions for relief from a firearms disability related to a guardianship case (Sec. 574.088, Health and Safety Code).

## COURT-ORDERED MENTAL HEALTH CASES

Sec. 574.014 of the Health and Safety Code requires a report to the Office of Court Administration on the number of applications for involuntary mental health commitment orders filed and the disposition of those cases. Information is also collected on applications seeking an order to authorize psychoactive medications.

The case type categories are:

**TEMPORARY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:** Applications for commitment under Sec. 574.034(a) or 574.034(b), Health and Safety Code for not longer than 90 days. Do not include requests for modification of existing commitment orders.

**EXTENDED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:** Applications for commitment under Sec. 574.035(a) or 574.035(b), Health and Safety Code for greater than 90 days, but not longer than 12 months. Do not include requests for modification of existing commitment orders.

**MODIFICATION—INPATIENT TO OUTPATIENT:** Applications for the modification of an existing order for commitment for inpatient services to provide for commitment for outpatient services (Sec. 574.061, to provide for commitment for outpatient services (Sec. 574.061, Health and Safety Code).

**MODIFICATION—OUTPATIENT TO INPATIENT:** Applications for the modification of an existing order for commitment for outpatient services to provide for commitment for inpatient services (Sec. 574.065(d)(2), Health and Safety Code).

**ORDER TO AUTHORIZE PSYCHOACTIVE MEDICATIONS:** Applications seeking an order authorizing, reauthorizing or modifying the administration of psychoactive medication (Sec. 574.106, Health and Safety Code).

## JUSTICE COURTS

### CRIMINAL DOCKET

A criminal case is reported based on the number of defendants named in a complaint. For example, if one defendant is charged in more than one complaint, it is counted as more than one case; the same person named in four separate complaints equals four cases. When a clerk receives a citation with multiple offenses listed, each offense is a separate charge and must be alleged on separate complaints; each complaint is therefore counted as a separate case.

The case type categories are:

**TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS:** Cases relating to motor vehicle operation or ownership for which the maximum punishment does not involve confinement in jail or prison (i.e., class C misdemeanors).

**Non-Parking.** Cases involving violations of the provisions of Title 7, Transportation Code and related statutes that do not involve parking (e.g., speeding, passing a school bus, driving without a valid inspection sticker, driving with an expired or no driver's license).

**Parking.** Cases involving violations of Secs. 545.301 through 545.304,

Ch. 681 or Ch. 683, Transportation Code and related statutes concerning the improper stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle (e.g., parking in an intersection, parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, parking where an official sign prohibits parking).

**County Ordinance.** Cases involving violations of traffic or parking-related ordinances enacted by the county (e.g., vehicle weight limitations set by the county pursuant to Transportation Code, Sec. 621.301).

**NON-TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS:** Cases not involving traffic or parking violations for which the maximum punishment does not involve confinement in jail or prison.

**Penal Code.** Cases involving laws enacted by the Texas Legislature that are set out in the Penal Code (e.g., disorderly conduct, public intoxication, theft of property valued at less than \$50).

**Other State Law.** Cases involving laws enacted by the Texas Legislature that are set out in statutes other than the Penal Code (e.g., Alcoholic Beverage Code, Education Code, Health and Safety Code, Occupations Code, Parks and Wildlife Code, etc.).

**County Ordinance.** Cases involving ordinances enacted by the county (e.g., building codes, zoning, sanitation, and animal ordinances).

## CIVIL DOCKET

A civil case, unlike a criminal case, does not depend on the number of persons involved. Instead, each separate suit, normally commenced by the filing of the plaintiff's original petition, defines an individual civil case.

The case type categories are:

**SMALL CLAIMS SUITS:** Includes all suits for the recovery of money (damages or debt up to \$10,000) brought to the justice of the peace as judge of the Small Claims Court in accordance with Ch. 28 of the Government Code.

**FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER (EVICTIONS):** Includes all suits for eviction (recovery of possession of premises) brought under the authority of Government Code, Sec. 27.031; Property Code, Secs. 24.001-24.011; and Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules 738-755.

**OTHER CIVIL SUITS:** Includes all other suits within the civil jurisdiction of the justice court, including those for recovery of money (damages or debt up to \$10,000) and for foreclosure of mortgages and enforcement of liens on personal property in cases in which the amount in controversy is otherwise within the justice court's jurisdiction as provided by Sec. 27.031 of the Government Code.

## MUNICIPAL COURTS

### CRIMINAL DOCKET

A criminal case is reported based on the number of defendants named in a complaint. For example, if one defendant is charged in more than one complaint, it is counted as more than one case; the same person named in four separate complaints equals four cases. When a clerk receives a citation with multiple offenses listed, each offense is a separate charge and must be alleged on separate complaints; each complaint is therefore counted as a separate case.

The case type categories are:

**TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS:** Cases relating to motor vehicle operation or ownership for which the maximum punishment does not involve

confinement in jail or prison (i.e., class C misdemeanors).

**Non-Parking.** Cases involving violations of the provisions of Title 7, Transportation Code and related statutes that do not involve parking (e.g., speeding, passing a school bus, driving without a valid inspection sticker, driving with an expired or no driver's license).

**Parking.** Cases involving violations of Sec. 545.301 through 545.304, Ch. 681 or Ch. 683, Transportation Code and related statutes concerning the improper stopping, standing, or parking of a vehicle (e.g., parking in an intersection, parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, parking where an official sign prohibits parking).

**City Ordinance.** Cases involving violations of traffic or parking-related ordinances enacted by municipalities.

**NON-TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS:** Cases not involving traffic or parking violations for which the maximum punishment does not involve confinement in jail or prison.

**Penal Code.** Cases involving laws enacted by the Texas Legislature that are set out in the Penal Code (e.g., disorderly conduct, public intoxication, theft of property valued at less than \$50).

**Other State Law.** Cases involving laws enacted by the Texas Legislature that are set out in statutes other than the Penal Code (e.g., Alcoholic Beverage Code, Education Code, Health and Safety Code, Occupations Code, etc.).

**City Ordinance.** Cases involving ordinances enacted by municipalities (e.g., building codes, zoning laws, dog ordinances). Ordinance violations involving litter, fire safety, zoning, public health, and sanitation are punishable by fines only, up to a maximum of \$2,000. Punishment for violation of other types of city ordinances is limited to fines only, not to exceed \$500.

### CIVIL DOCKET

A civil case, unlike a criminal case, does not depend on the number of persons involved. Instead, each separate suit, normally commenced by the filing of the plaintiff's original petition, defines an individual civil case.

Civil cases are those involving all complaints, citations or suits within the civil or administrative jurisdiction of the municipal court, including red light camera, vehicle parking and stopping (Transportation Code, Ch. 682), dangerous dog, substandard building, and abandoned motor vehicle cases, as well as any other cases involving the enforcement of health and safety and nuisance abatement ordinances. Bond forfeiture (nisi) proceedings conducted pursuant to Code of Criminal Procedure, Art. 22.02 are also included.



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