

Annual Statistical Report for the Texas Judiciary



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Office of Court Administration A message from the Administrative Director



Since 1929, the Texas Judicial Council, the statutorily-created policy-making body for the Judicial Branch, has released a report recounting a statistical description of the work accomplished by the Texas courts. The over 3,300 judges across our great state, aided by clerks, court coordinators and other court personnel, deliver justice every day to individuals and entities seeking to have their issues or disputes resolved. While it is impossible to describe the impact these dedicated judges, clerks and court staff have upon the lives of individuals and entities, the *Annual Statistical Report for the Texas Judiciary* seeks to provide a glimpse of the work accomplished during Fiscal Year 2015 (September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015).

You might notice that the report has changed from its previous versions. We have sought to tell the picture in a clearer way by highlighting the key issues revealed by the statistical data. While the detailed information previously presented is still available, we hope that the trend analysis will be helpful.

Some of the highlights from the 2015 Annual Statistical Report are:

- There were approximately **9.97 million cases disposed** in the Texas courts, with **less 0.5% disposed by jury trial**.
- The Supreme Court ended the fiscal year with **no argued cases awaiting an opinion**, meeting that goal for the first time in measured history. The time between oral argument and disposition fell to an **all-time low of 173 days, down from over 400 days in 2008**.
- Mandatory matters comprised 80 percent of the Court of Criminal Appeals' caseload, and the Court granted **discretionary review less than 8 percent of the time**. When the Court granted petitions for discretionary review, **almost 60 percent were resulted in reversals**.
- The number of cases added at the Courts of Appeals was the lowest since 1995, and the courts ended the year with the **lowest number of pending cases since 1990**. Over 80 percent of the criminal and civil docket had been pending under one year.
- The number of filings in the district courts has **dropped by 6 percent in the last five years**, with the primary drop occurring in family and juvenile cases. **Family cases now make up almost 40 percent** of the district court civil caseload, and **drug offenses make up 30 percent** of the district court criminal caseload. Almost three-fourths of the criminal cases disposed resulted in conviction or deferred adjudication.
- The number of **divorce cases filed has dropped to the lowest number since 1989**, and the number of all other family cases has declined 7 percent since the peak in 2013. **Child protection case filings have increased by almost 10 percent** in the past five years.
- The number of **misdemeanor cases filed has fallen 26 percent** from the peak in 2007 and is the lowest since 1996, and the number of **felony cases filed is 11 percent lower** than the peak in 2007. **Drug offenses make up 31 percent of the felony cases filed**, with drug possession comprising over 80 percent of the drug offenses.
- While the overall number of filings in the statutory county courts has dropped by 10 percent in the last five years, **the number of mental health filings has increased by 18 percent**. Drug offenses make up 20 percent of the criminal docket, **with over three-fourths of those cases representing possession of marijuana cases**.
- The majority of the cases filed in the 210 constitutional county courts with judicial functions were criminal cases, with **dismissals accounting for 40 percent of the dispositions** of those cases.
- There was a 10 percent drop in the number of filings in justice courts in the past fiscal year, driven primarily by an **11 percent drop in traffic filings and a 20 percent drop in non-traffic filings**. **Three-quarters of convictions in traffic cases and 81 percent of convictions** in non-traffic cases were the result of an uncontested plea prior to a court appearance.
- Similar to a trend in the justice courts, the number of cases filed in the **municipal courts dropped by 10 percent in the past fiscal year**, driven by a 15 percent drop in civil cases and a 10 percent drop in traffic cases. The municipal courts reported **collecting almost \$700 million** in fines, court costs and other amounts.

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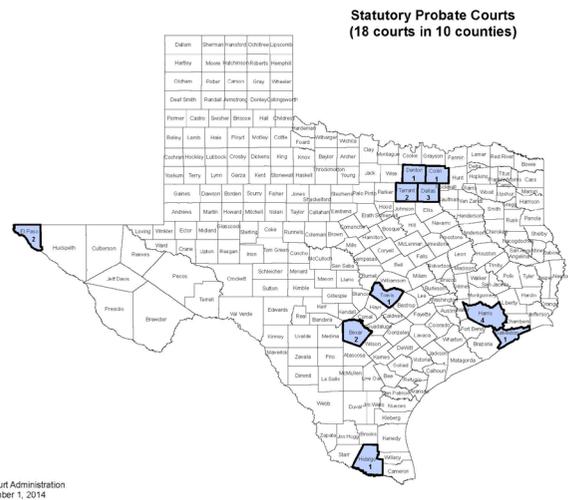
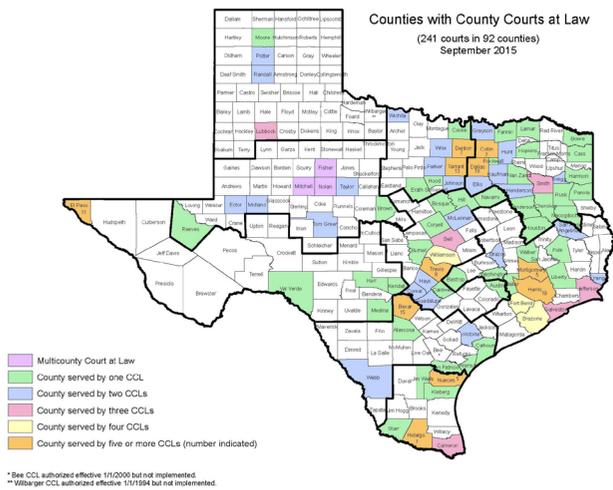


Texas Courts: A Descriptive Summary

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.¹

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.

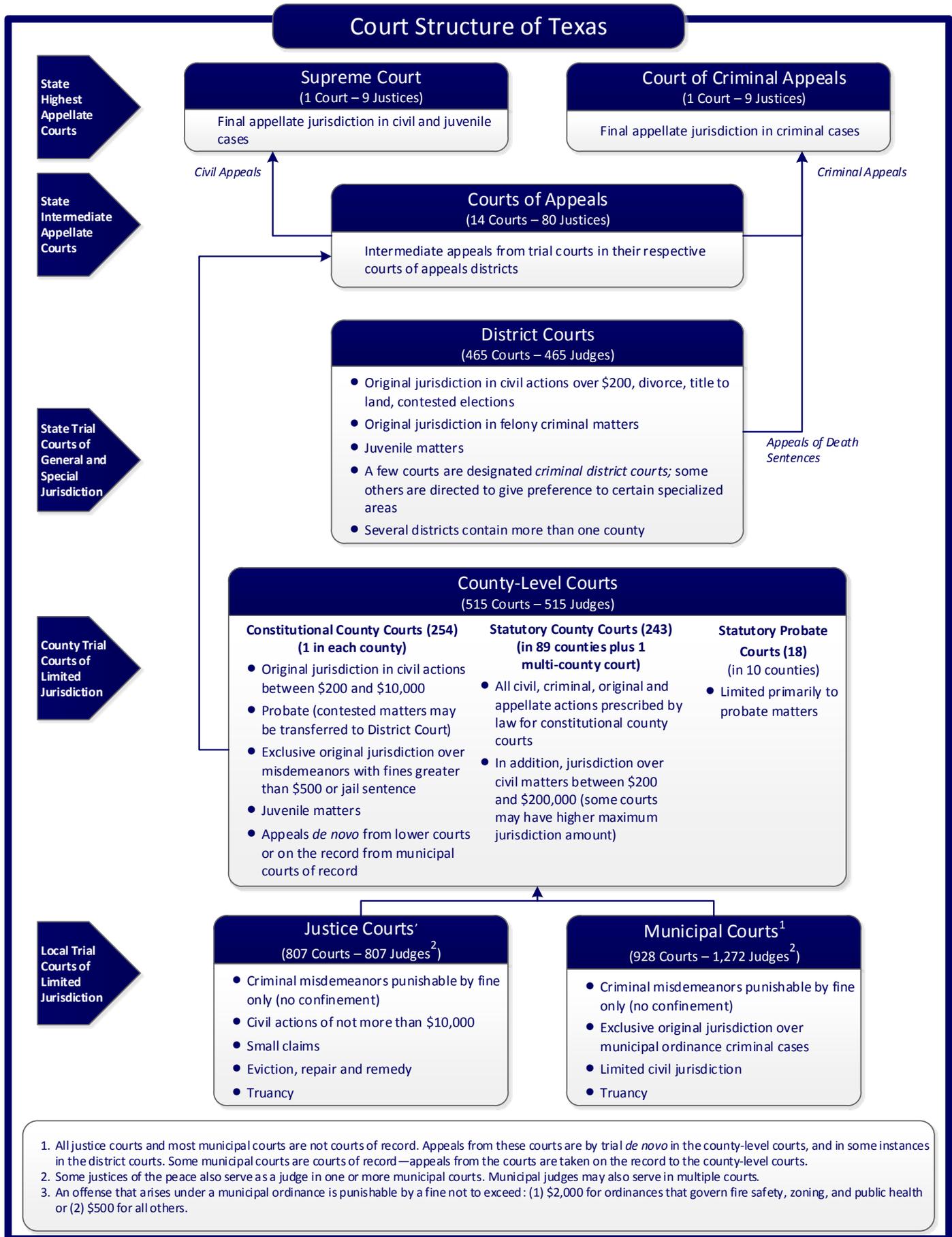
Trials in the justice courts and most municipal courts are not of record, and appeals therefrom are by new trial (“trial *de novo*”) to the county court, except in certain counties, where the appeal is to a county court at law

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

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, recourse must be had first to the Constitution, second to the general statutes establishing jurisdiction for that level of court, third to the specific statute authorizing the establishment of the particular court in question, fourth to statutes creating other courts in the same county (whose jurisdictional provisions may affect the court in question), and fifth to 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).





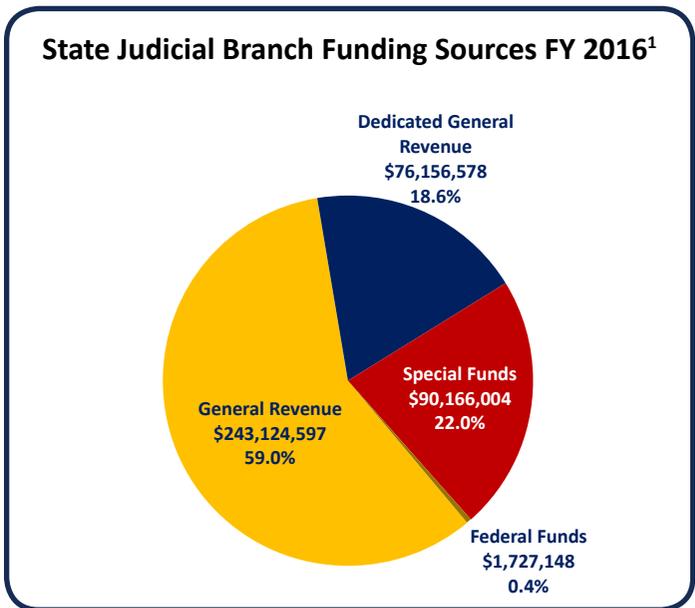
Funding of the Texas Judicial Branch

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.

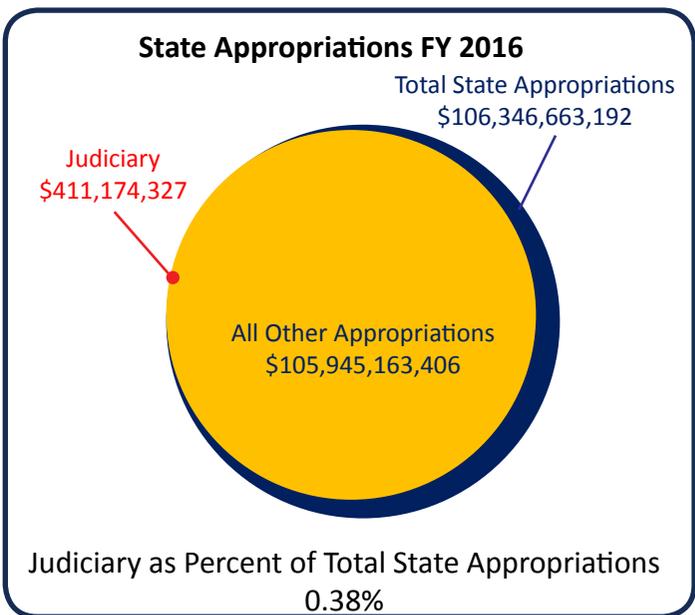
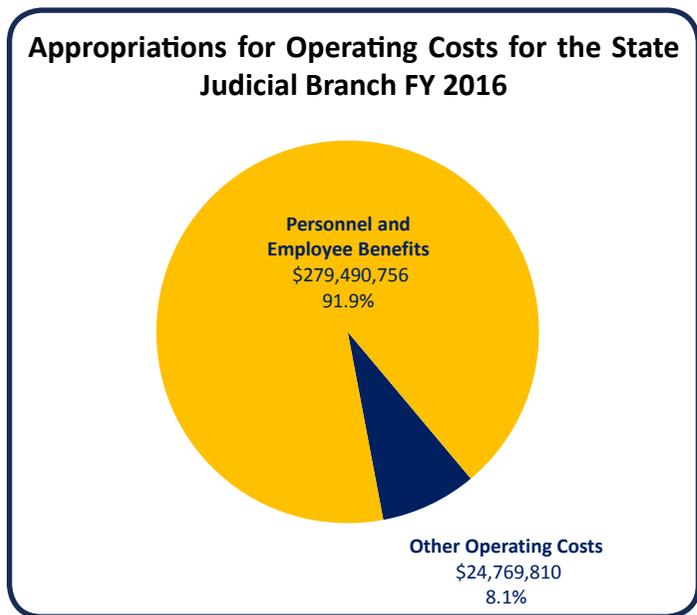
Most counties supplement the base salary of judges of the intermediate appellate courts and district courts. Counties pay the operating costs of district courts, as well as the base salary of judges, full salaries of other staff, and operating costs for constitutional county courts, county courts at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

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

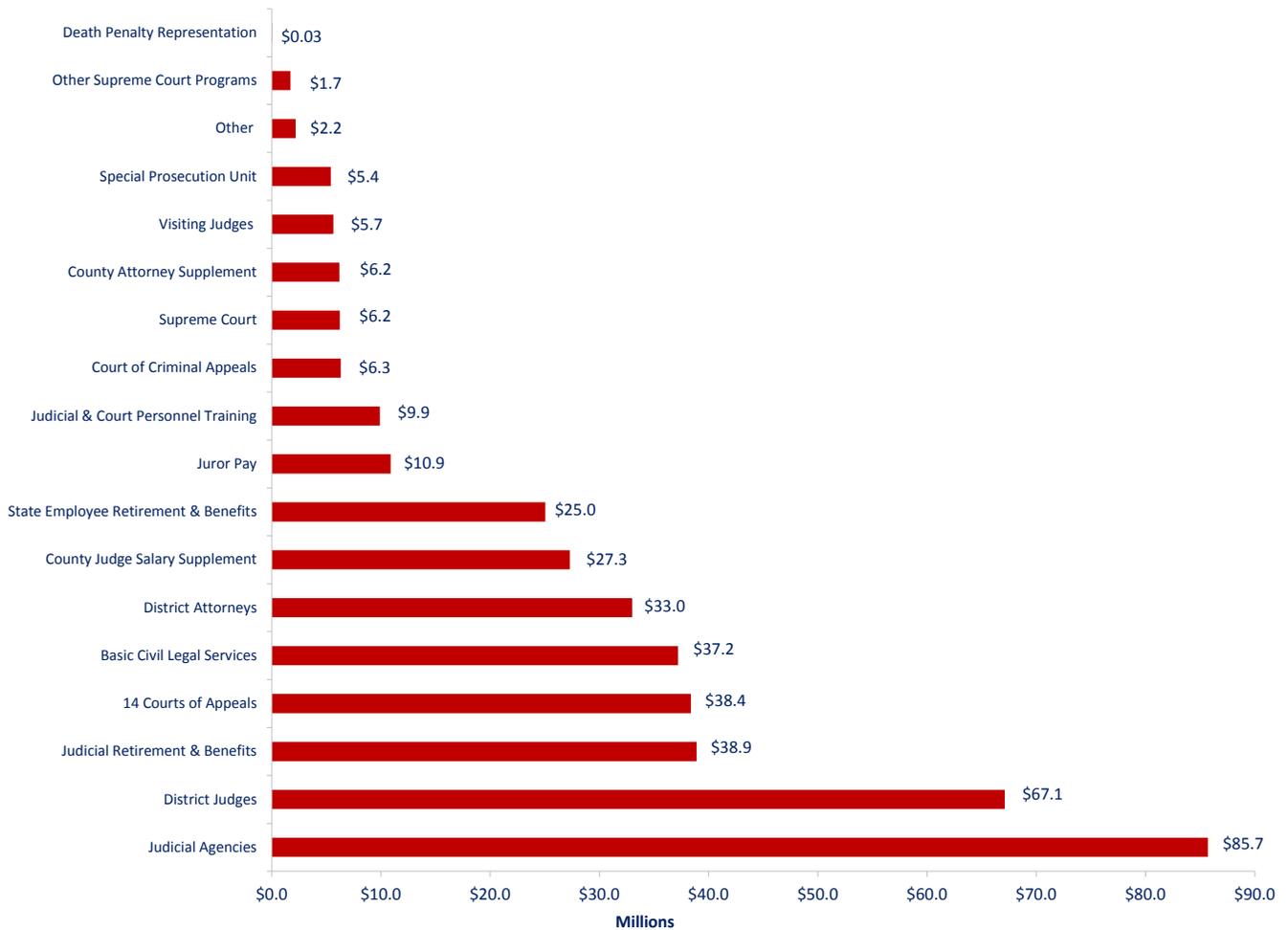
In FY 2016, state appropriations for the Texas judicial system accounted for approximately 0.38 percent of all state appropriations. Slightly more than half of the financing for the judicial system came from General Revenue. Another fifth percent came from dedicated General Revenue funds, such as the 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 2016



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 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.

Court Structure and Function

APPELLATE COURTS

The appellate courts of the Texas Judicial System are:

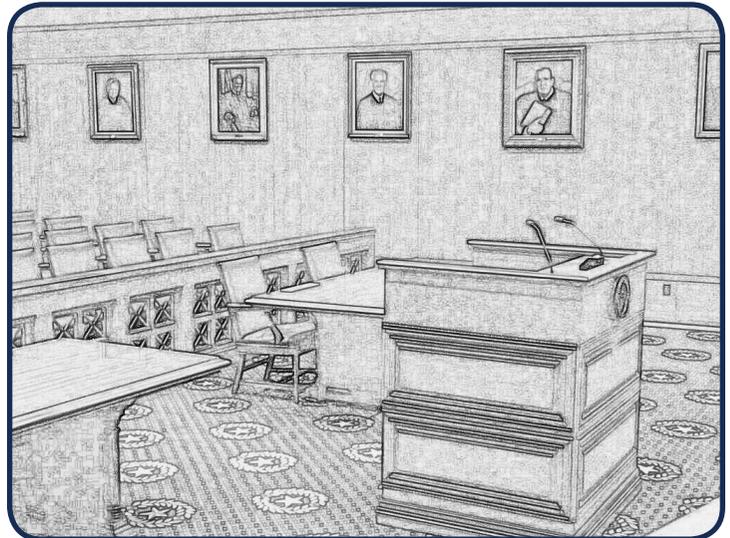
- The Supreme Court, the highest state appellate court for civil and juvenile cases
- The Court of Criminal Appeals, the highest state appellate court for criminal cases
- The courts of appeals, the intermediate appellate courts for civil and criminal appeals from the trial courts

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.²



The Supreme Court has statewide, final appellate jurisdiction in most civil and juvenile cases.³ 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.

² 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.

³ 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 causes⁴ (i.e., granted petitions for review, accepted petitions for writs of mandamus or habeas corpus, certified questions, accepted parental notification appeals, and direct appeals)
- 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;⁵ 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;
- 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;⁶ 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.⁷

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 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).

7 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.⁸

The Court of Criminal Appeals is the highest state court for criminal appeals.⁹ 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,¹⁰ 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.¹¹

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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."

¹⁰ Under Article 11.07, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

¹¹ 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:

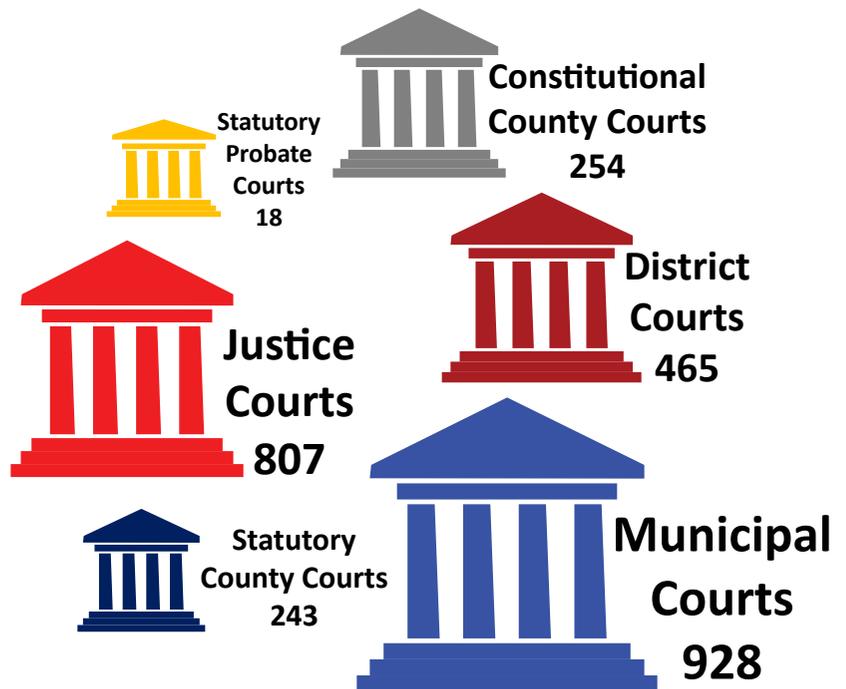
- Witnesses are heard;
- Testimony is received;
- Exhibits are offered into evidence; and
- A verdict is rendered.

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;
- 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 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 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 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 civil courts at law
- County criminal courts at law
- County criminal courts
- County criminal courts of appeal

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.

Three types of associate judges are appointed under Chapter 201. Associate judges authorized by Subchapter A of Chapter 201 are appointed by local judges with the consent of the commissioners court and are county employees. They are authorized to hear cases brought under Titles 1, 4 and 5 of the Family Code.

Associate judges authorized by Subchapters B and C of Chapter 201 are appointed by the presiding judge of the respective administrative judicial regions and are generally state employees.¹² The associate judges appointed under Subchapter B are authorized to hear child support cases. Those appointed under Subchapter C are authorized to hear child protection cases.

¹² The Harris County associate judge appointed under Subchapter C is a county employee.

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.¹³ 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 appointees of the judicial, executive, 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.¹⁴ 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.¹⁵

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 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.



¹³ Article V, Section 31 of the Texas Constitution.

¹⁴ In accordance with Section 74.091 or Section 74.0911, Texas Government Code.

¹⁵ The administrative responsibilities of the local administrative judge are detailed in Section 74.092, Texas Government Code.

Profile of Appellate and Trial Court Judges

Part One

	Supreme Court	Court of Criminal Appeals	Court of Appeals	District Courts	Criminal District Courts	County Courts at Law	Probate Courts	County Courts	Justice Courts	Municipal Courts
NUMBER OF JUDGES:										
Number of Judge Positions	9	9	80	451	13	241	18	254	807	1,272
Number of Judges	9	9	80	449	13	238	18	254	804	1,255
Number of Vacant Positions	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	2	17
Number of Municipalities w/ Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	928
Cities with No Courts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	248
AGE OF JUDGES:	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=80)	(n=427)	(n=13)	(n=214)	(n=17)	(n=238)	(n=765)	(n=1,158)
Mean	58	59	58	55	58	54	58	54	58	49
Oldest	70	73	75	74	71	75	71	78	89	97
Youngest	45	44	40	36	44	32	44	29	26	0
RANGE OF AGE:										
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
25 through 34	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	13	23
35 through 44	0	1	6	43	1	21	2	13	64	118
45 through 54	4	2	20	131	5	69	1	44	175	268
55 through 64	3	3	41	172	4	89	7	93	286	356
65 through 74	2	3	11	81	3	32	7	72	192	298
Over 75	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	9	35	93
GENDER OF JUDGES:	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=80)	(n=449)	(n=13)	(n=238)	(n=18)	(n=254)	(n=804)	(n=1,255)
Males	7	5	45	306	7	167	10	228	511	781
Females	2	4	35	143	6	71	8	26	293	474
ETHNICITY OF JUDGES:	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=80)	(n=423)	(n=13)	(n=217)	(n=16)	(n=242)	(n=750)	(n=1,110)
African-American	0	0	3	23	4	7	2	0	26	67
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	8
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	1	0	10
Hispanic/Latino	1	1	10	70	1	36	2	20	143	197
White (Non-Hispanic)	8	8	67	324	8	170	12	221	577	815
Other	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	13
LENGTH OF SERVICE:	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=80)	(n=449)	(n=13)	(n=238)	(n=18)	(n=254)	(n=805)	(n=1,553)
Average	8 Yr 5 Mo	10 Yr 10 Mo	8 Yr 6 Mo	8 Yr 0 Mo	6 Yr 6 Mo	8 Yr 0 Mo	11 Yr 5 Mo	6 Yr 2 Mo	8 Yr 4 Mo	9 Yr 11 Mo
Longest	26 Yr 8 Mo	22 Yr 8 Mo	21 Yr 9 Mo	34 Yr 8 Mo	20 Yr 6 Mo	28 Yr 8 Mo	34 Yr 0 Mo	28 Yr 8 Mo	52 Yr 5 Mo	50 Yr 10 Mo
RANGE OF SERVICE ON THIS COURT IN YEARS:										
Under 1 Year	0	3	9	63	1	47	3	72	155	99
1 through 4	3	1	25	112	4	55	6	73	188	453
5 through 9	2	0	13	113	5	42	1	40	154	398
10 through 14	3	1	20	71	2	42	1	32	121	264
15 through 19	0	2	6	44	0	32	2	16	84	160
20 through 24	0	2	7	31	1	17	2	17	74	82
25 through 29	1	0	0	9	0	5	1	4	14	47
30 through 34	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	9	31
35 through 39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	15
Over 40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10
FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE BY:	(n=9)	(n=9)	(n=80)	(n=449)	(n=13)	(n=241)	(n=18)	(n=254)	(n=804)	(n=1,253)
Appointment	7 (78%)	1 (11%)	46 (58%)	162 (36%)	2 (15%)	54 (22%)	4 (22%)	44 (17%)	204 (25%)	1,560 (125%)
Election	2 (22%)	8 (89%)	34 (43%)	287 (64%)	11 (85%)	188 (78%)	14 (78%)	210 (83%)	600 (75%)	17 (1%)

Profile of Appellate and Trial Court Judges

Part Two

	Supreme Court	Court of Criminal Appeals	Court of Appeals	District Courts	Criminal District Courts	County Courts at Law	Probate Courts	County Courts	Justice Courts	Municipal Courts
EDUCATION:	(n = 9)	(n = 9)	(n = 80)	(n = 446)	(n = 13)	(n = 235)	(n = 19)	(n = 245)	(n = 755)	(n = 1,199)
HIGH SCHOOL:										
Attended	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	34 (5%)	24 (2%)
Graduated	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	715 (95%)	1,123 (94%)
COLLEGE:										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	4 (1%)	1 (8%)	2 (1%)	2 (11%)	42 (17%)	176 (23%)	143 (12%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	76 (95%)	416 (93%)	11 (85%)	207 (88%)	17 (89%)	158 (64%)	258 (34%)	809 (67%)
LAW SCHOOL:										
Attended	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (1%)	1 (0%)	2 (0%)
Graduated	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	446 (100%)	13 (100%)	234 (100%)	19 (100%)	42 (17%)	66 (9%)	697 (58%)
LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW:										
Number Licensed	9 (100%)	9 (100%)	80 (100%)	449 (100%)	13 (100%)	238 (100%)	18 (100%)	40 (16%)	64 (8%)	705 (56%)
Mean Year Licensed	1984	1982	1985	1986	1985	1988	1983	1988	1988	1987
YEARS LICENSED:										
4 Years or Less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6
5 to 9 Years	0	0	0	10	0	5	0	1	6	45
10 to 14 Years	0	0	1	18	1	22	1	0	5	56
15 to 19 Years	0	1	5	56	2	28	3	7	8	92
20 to 24 Years	3	1	14	86	1	39	2	10	12	117
25 to 29 Years	2	2	19	71	3	53	0	5	5	99
30 or More Years	4	5	41	208	6	91	12	15	28	290
ORIGINALLY CAME TO THIS COURT FROM:										
Attorney Private Practice	1 (11%)	1 (11%)	50 (63%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	6 (67%)	4 (44%)	22 (28%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Legislative Service	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Governmental Service	2 (22%)	3 (33%)	6 (8%)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:										
Prosecutor	1 (11%)	6 (67%)	16 (20%)	175 (39%)	5 (38%)	108 (45%)	5 (28%)	13 (5%)	--	--
Attorney Private Practice	9 (100%)	6 (67%)	27 (34%)	347 (77%)	9 (69%)	154 (65%)	16 (89%)	30 (12%)	--	--
Judge of Lower Court	6 (67%)	1 (11%)	19 (24%)	54 (12%)	3 (23%)	28 (12%)	3 (17%)	14 (6%)	--	--
County Commissioner	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	27 (11%)	--	--

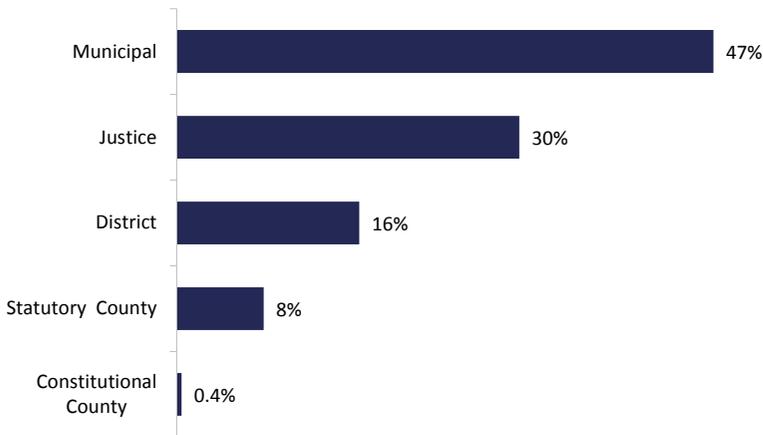
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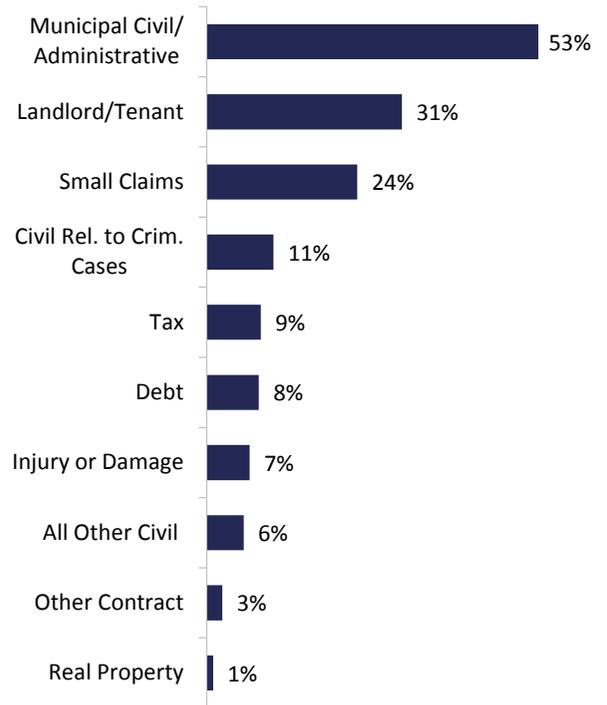
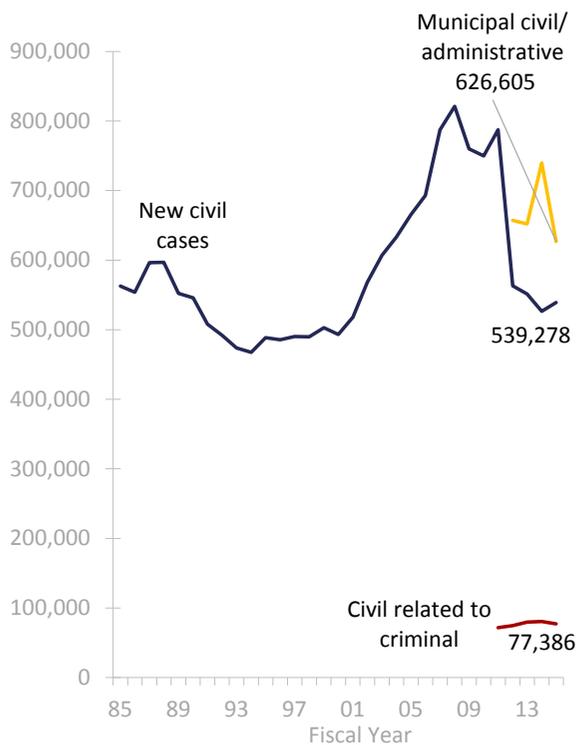


Statewide Trends¹

Civil Cases



More than half of new civil cases statewide were filed in **municipal courts**.



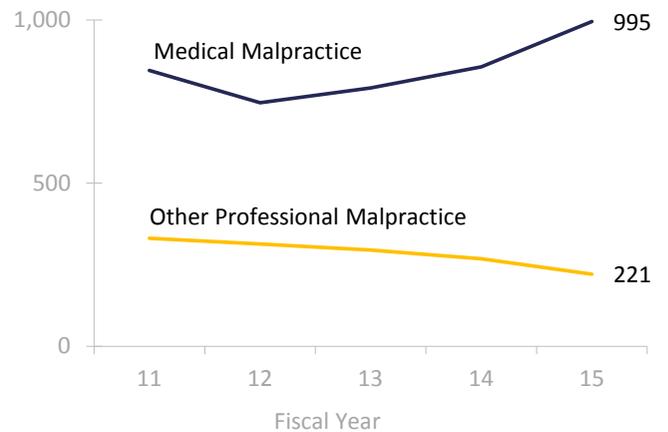
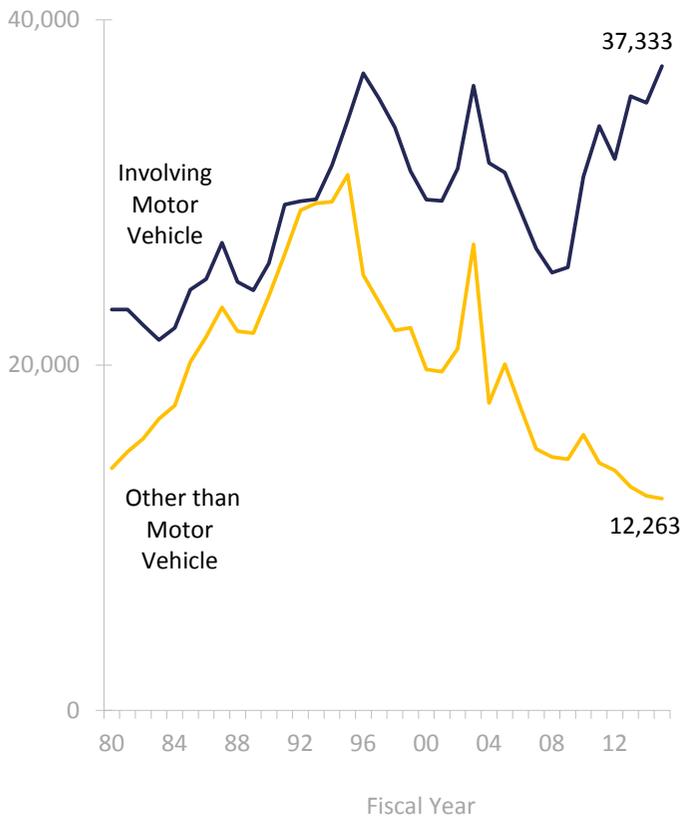
The number of **new civil** cases filed in the district, county and justice courts **increased** for the first time since 2011. The number of new civil cases **related to criminal matters declined** slightly from the previous year.

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

¹ Six months of data were missing from Houston Municipal Court.

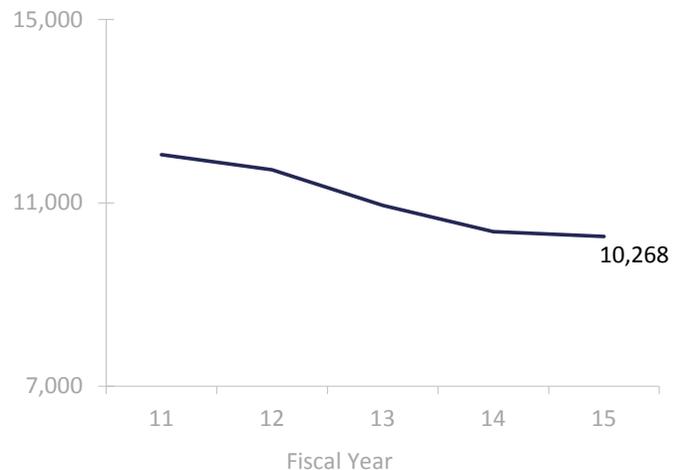
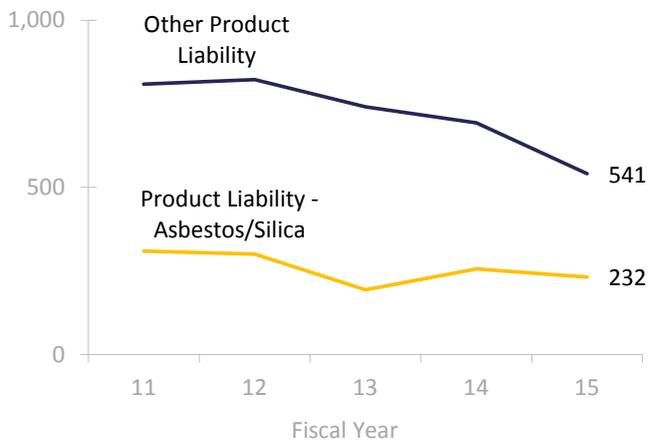
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Civil Cases



The number of new injury or damage cases involving a **motor vehicle** reached an **all-time high** in 2015, while cases **not involving a motor vehicle** fell to their **lowest level** in at least 35 years.

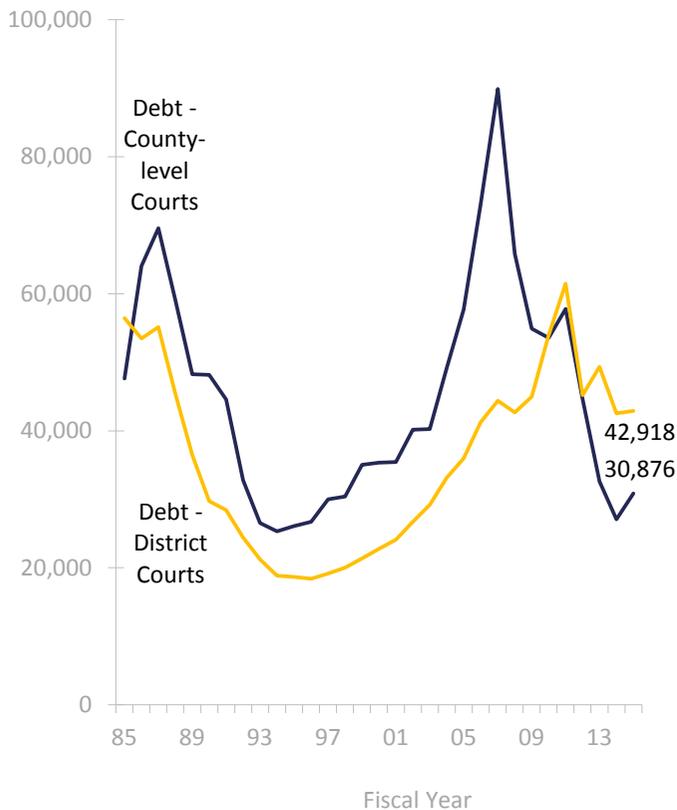
The number of new **medical malpractice** cases filed has been **increasing**, while the number of **other professional malpractice** cases has been **declining**.



The number of new **product liability** cases filed has generally been **decreasing**.

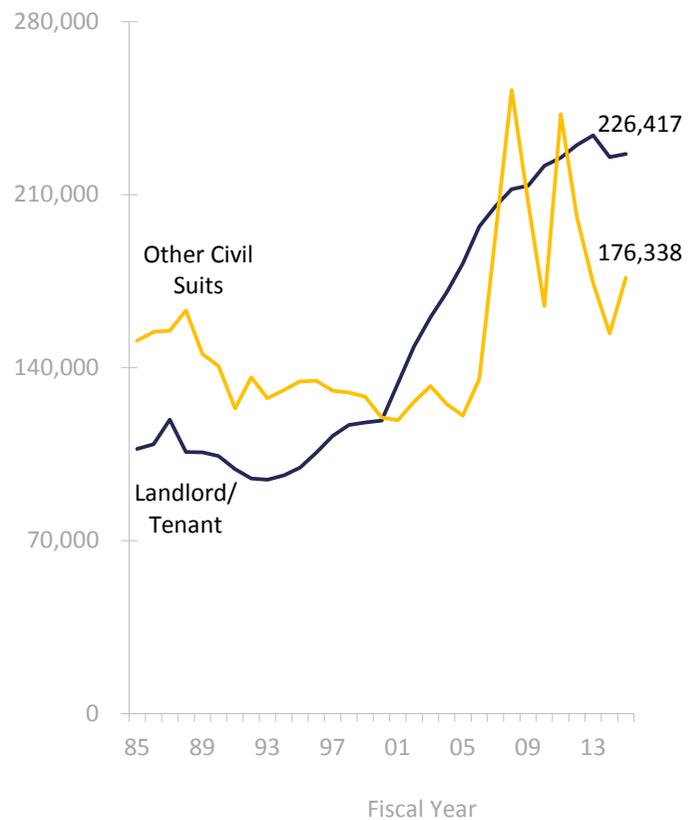
The number of new **other injury or damage** cases **decreased 15 percent** over the last 5 years.

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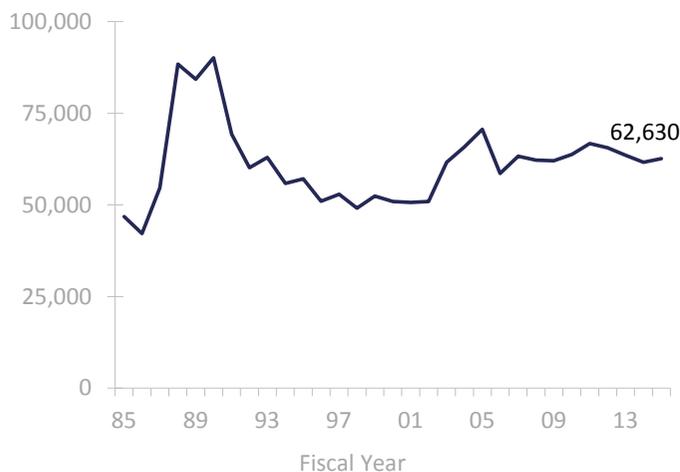


The number of new **debt** cases filed **increased slightly** from the previous year. The number of new debt cases filed in the county courts, however, was the **second lowest** since 1998.

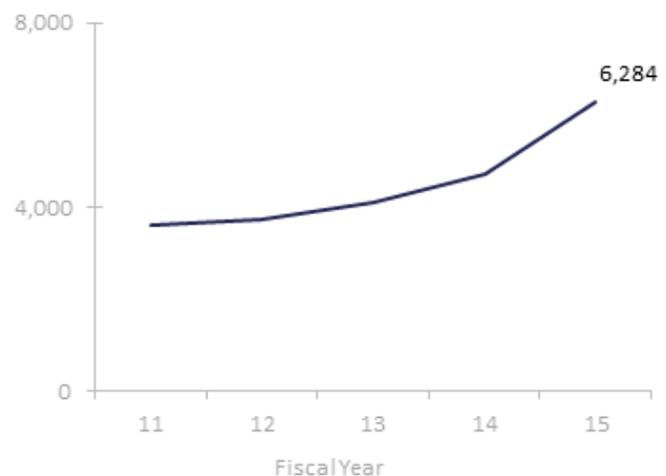
Civil Cases



The number of new **landlord/tenant** cases filed in justice courts remained **steady** the last 2 years, while **other civil suits** filed in justice courts **increased**.



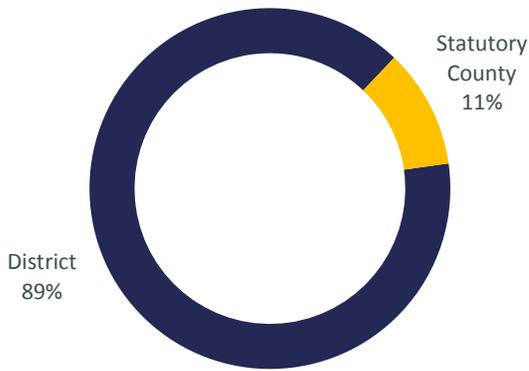
The number of new **tax** cases filed also **increased slightly** from the previous year.



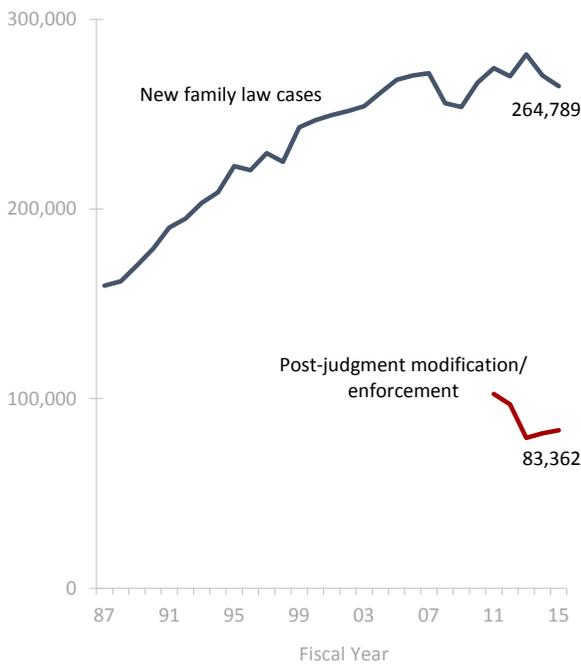
The number of new **real property** cases **increased 73 percent** over the last 5 years.

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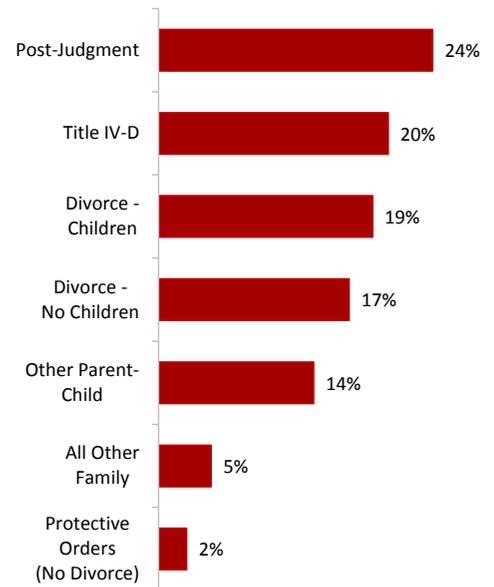
Family Cases



Most family cases were handled in the **district courts**.



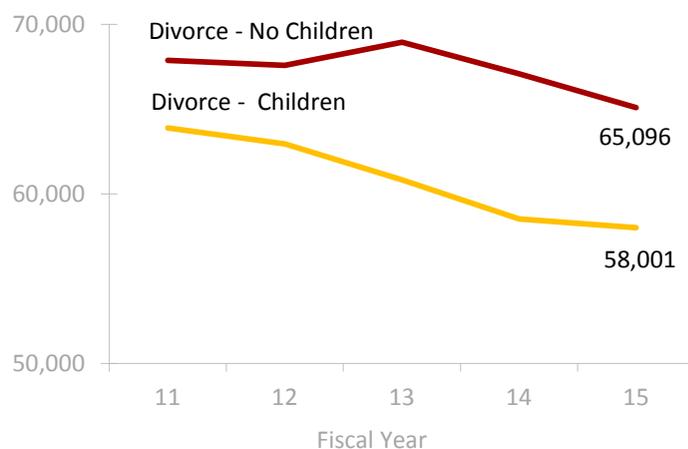
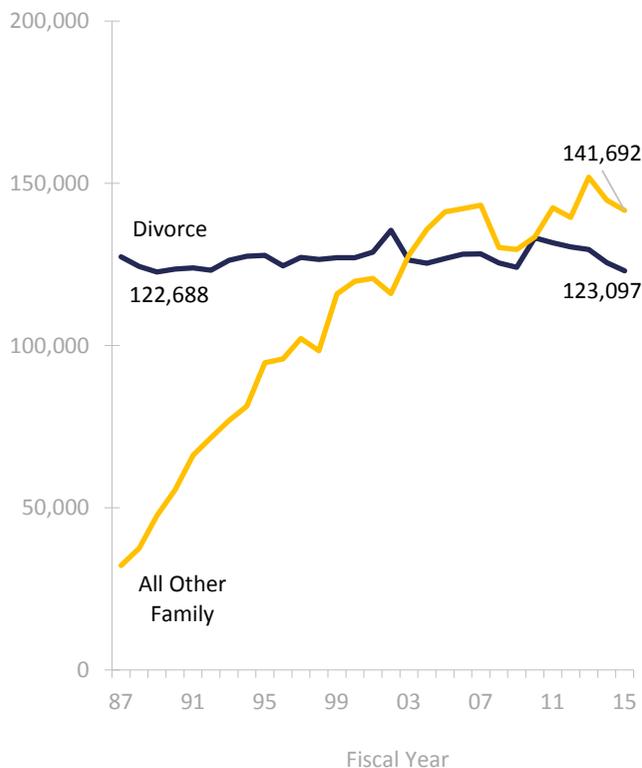
The number of **new family** cases filed **fell** each of the last 2 years. After declining for 3 years, the number of **post-judgment** cases filed **increased** from the previous year.



Almost **25 percent** of the new 348,151 cases filed were **post-judgment suits for modification or enforcement**, and another **20 percent** involved **Title IV-D** (child support) cases.

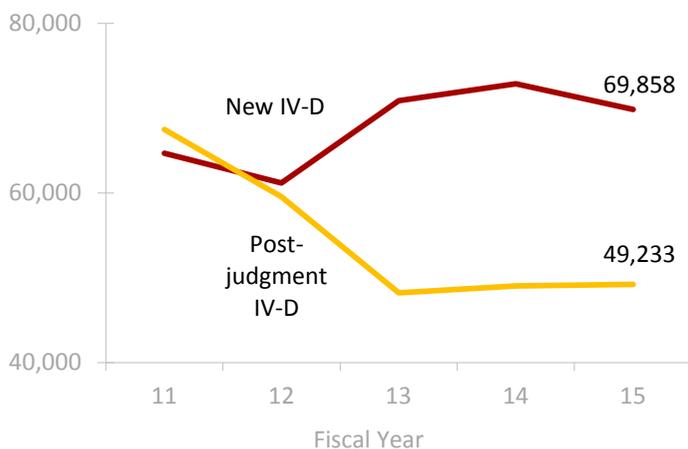
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Family Cases



The number of new **divorce** cases filed **fell** to the lowest number since 1989. **All other family** cases (not including new post-judgment suits) **declined** 7 percent from the peak in 2013.

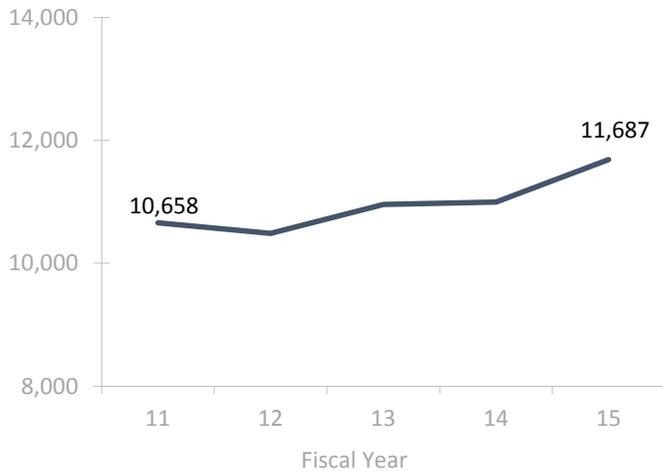
Divorce cases **involving children declined** 9 percent, and **divorce** cases **not involving children declined** 4 percent over the last 5 years.



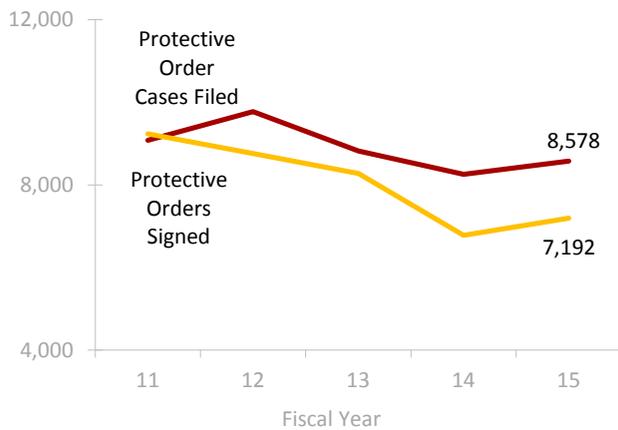
New IV-D cases **declined** by 4 percent from the previous year while **post-judgment IV-D** cases remained **stable**.

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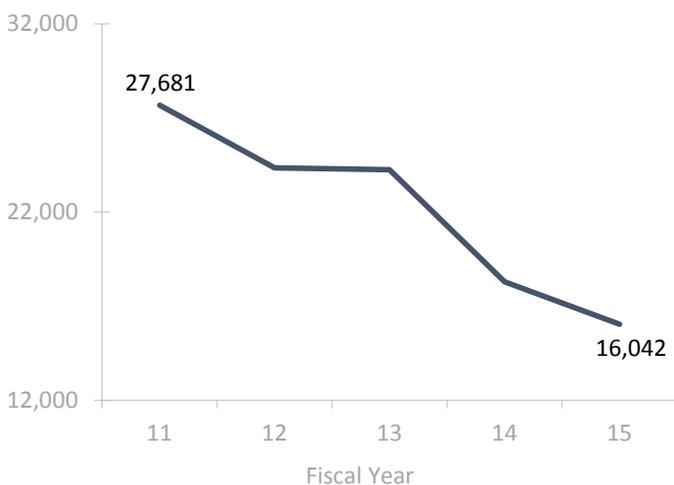
Family Cases



New **child protection** cases have **increased** over the last 4 years.



After declining for 3 years, **protective order** cases filed and orders issued **increased**.



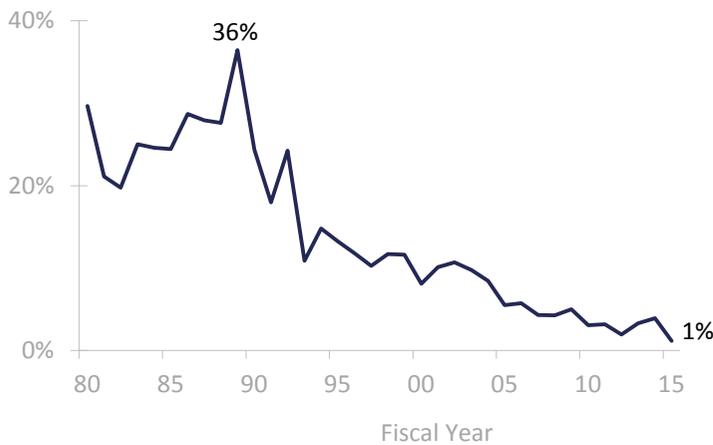
"**All other family law**" cases have **declined** by 42 percent over the last 5 years.

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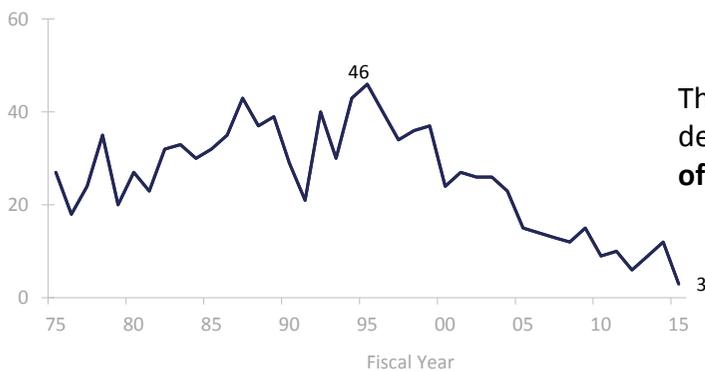
Criminal Cases



The number of new **capital murder cases** filed fell 34 percent from the peak in 1995.



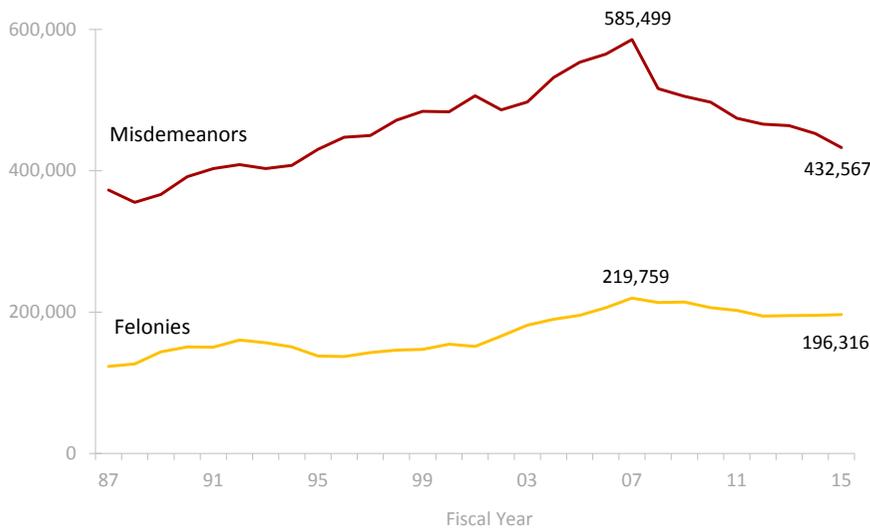
The percentage of capital murder convictions resulting in the **death penalty** generally declined from a high of 36 percent in 1989 to an **all-time low of 1 percent**.



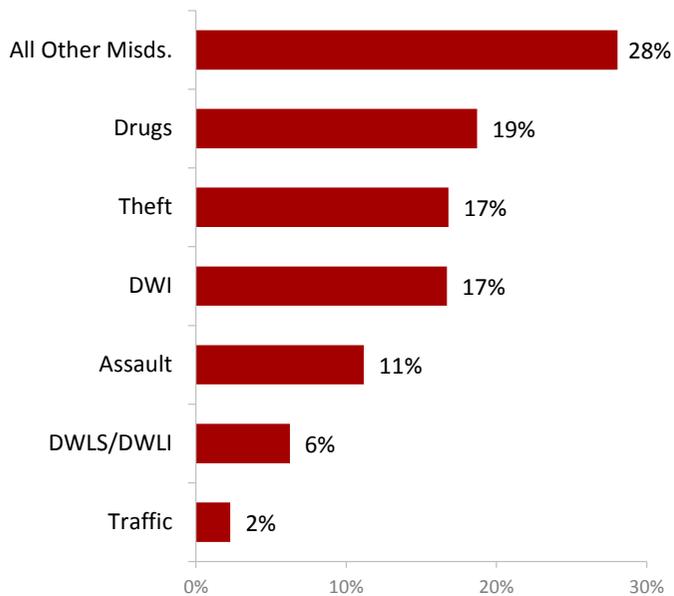
The number of **death sentences** also generally declined from a high of 46 in 1995 to an **all-time low of 3**.

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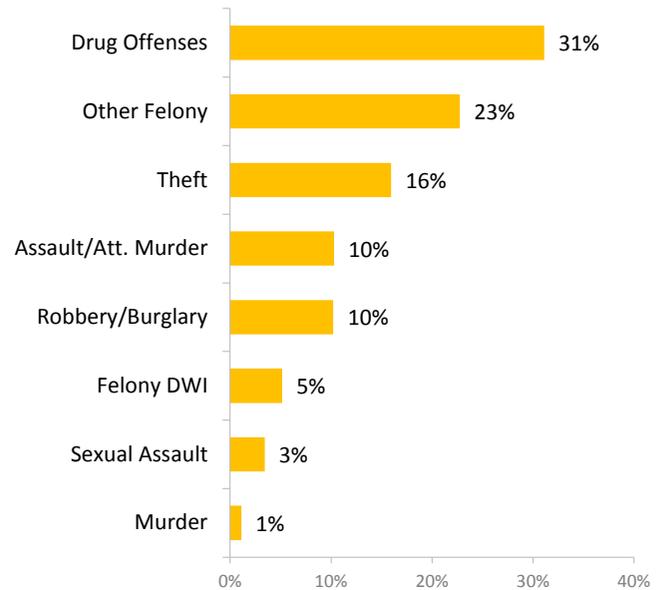
Criminal Cases



The number of new **misdemeanor** cases filed has **fallen 26 percent** from the peak in 2007 and is the lowest number since 1996. The number of new **felony** cases filed was **11 percent lower** than the peak in 2007, but had increased slightly each of the last 3 years.



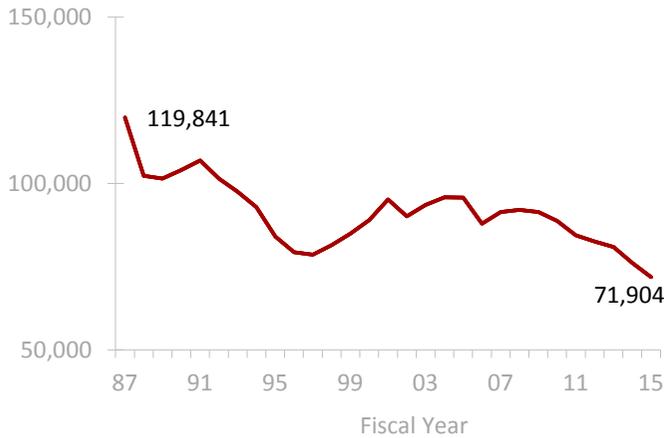
"All other misdemeanor" cases accounted for **28 percent** of the 430,360 new misdemeanor cases filed.



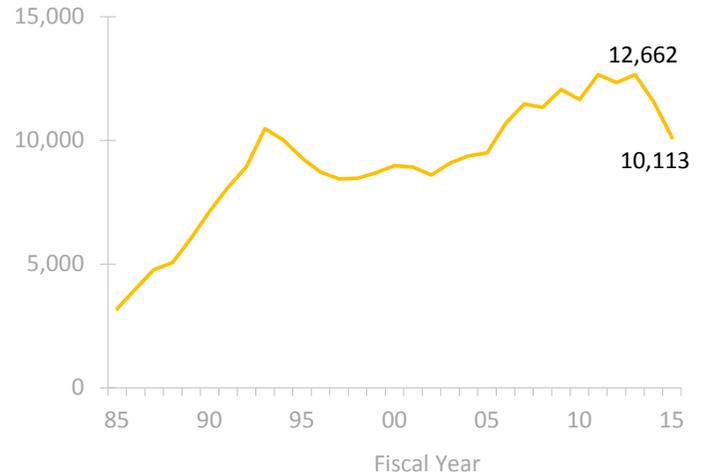
Drug cases accounted for **31 percent** of the 196,316 new felony cases filed.

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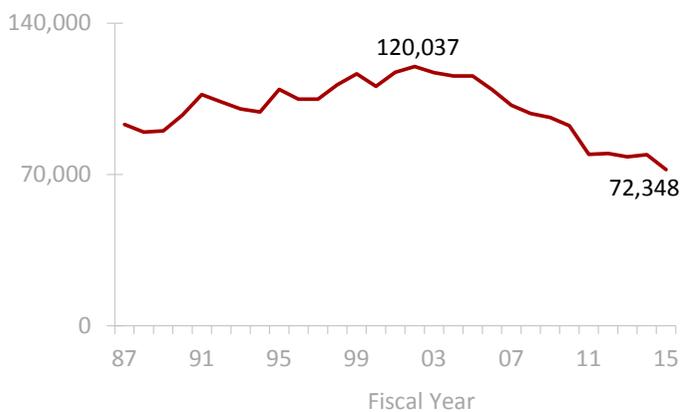
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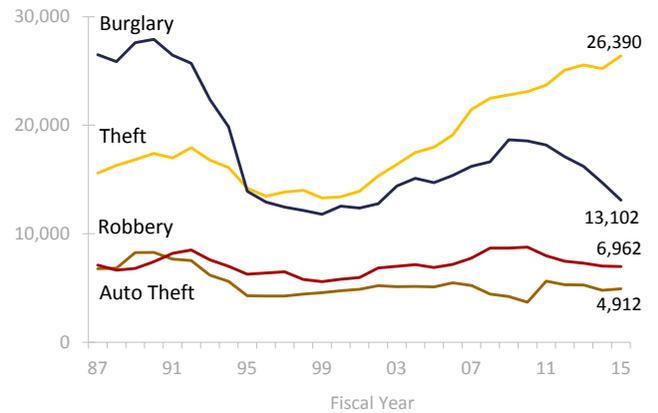
The number of **misdemeanor DWI** cases filed was the **lowest** number in at least 30 years and was nearly half of the number filed in 1985.



The number of **felony DWI** cases filed **fell 20 percent** from the peak in 2013.



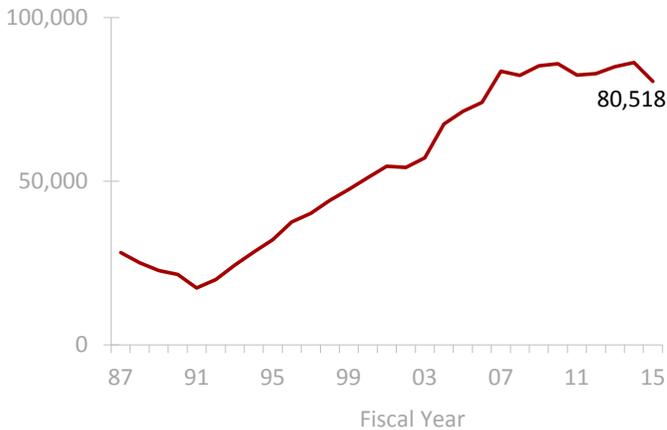
The number of new **misdemeanor theft** cases filed was the **lowest** number in at least 30 years, due to significant declines in theft by check/sight order cases.



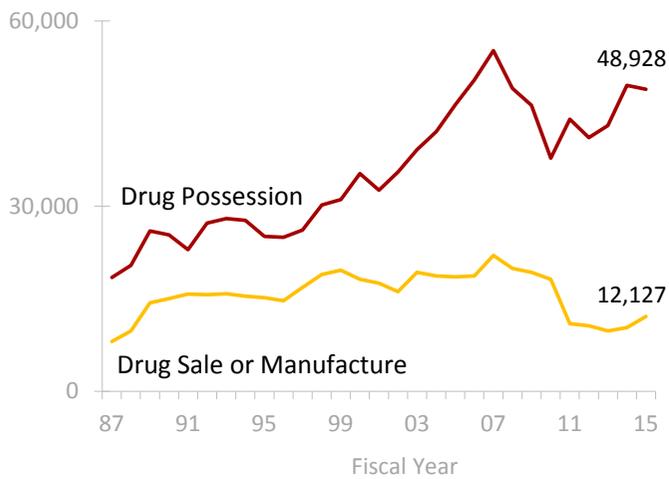
The number of new **felony theft** cases filed **increased to an all time high**, while felony robbery, burglary and auto theft decreased over the last few years.

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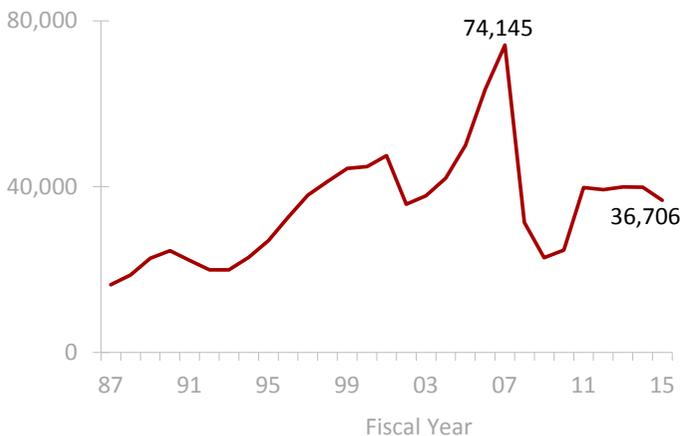
Criminal Cases



After peaking in 2014, the number of new **misdemeanor drug possession** cases filed **fell 4** percent to the **lowest** level since 2006.



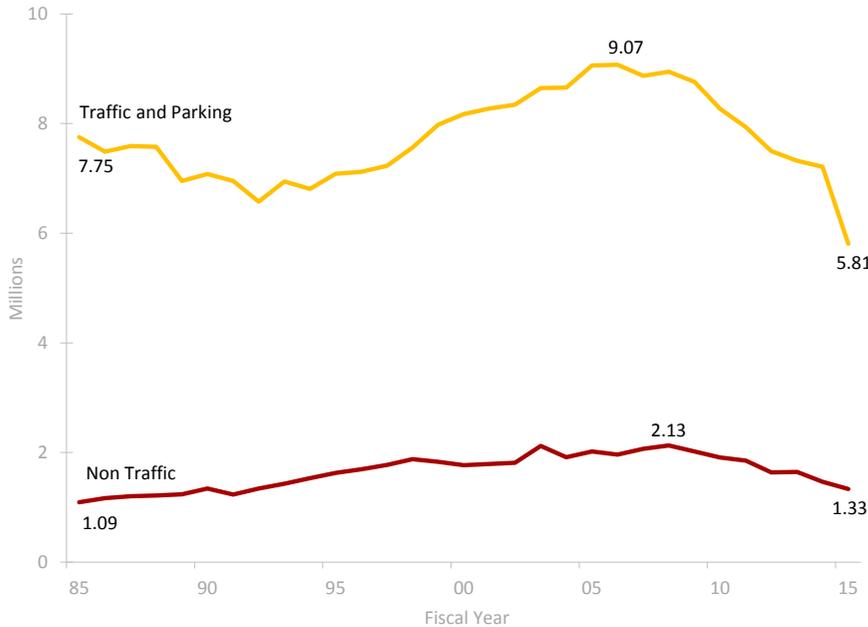
The number of new **felony drug possession** cases filed **decreased** from the previous year, while **drug sale/manufacture** cases **increased** over the last 2 years.



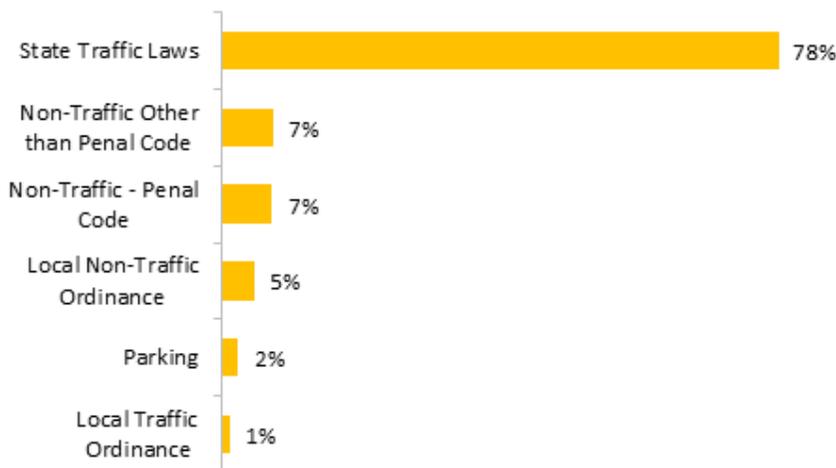
After remaining relatively level over the past 4 years, the number of new **traffic** cases filed **fell 8** percent from the previous year.

Statewide Trends

Fine Only Criminal Cases



The number of new Class C misdemeanor **traffic and parking** cases filed **fell 36 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 **37 percent lower** than its peak in 2008 and was the lowest since 1991.

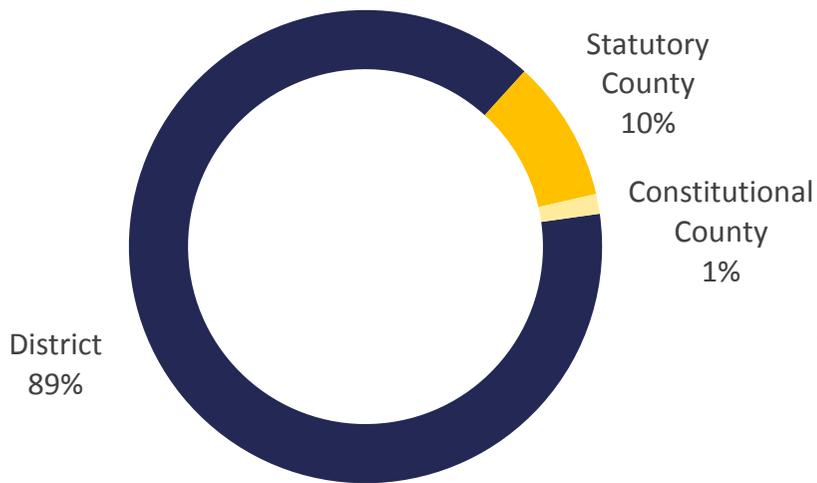


The vast majority of the 7,139,947 criminal cases filed involved violations of **state traffic laws**.

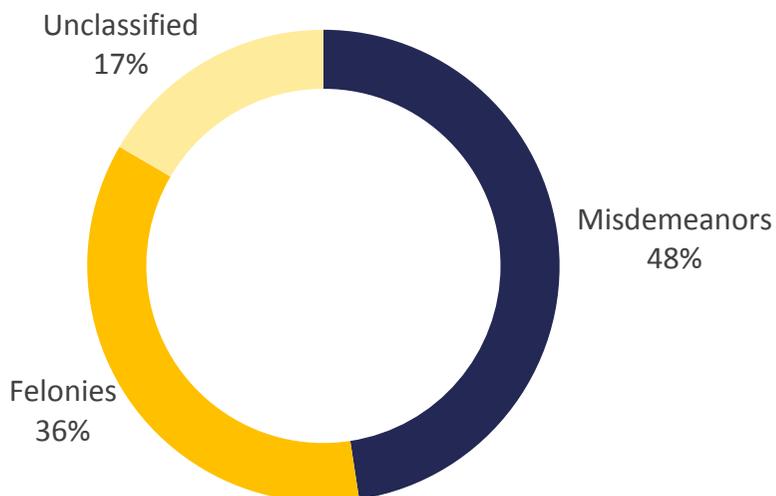
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Juvenile Cases

Felony and Class A & B Misdemeanors



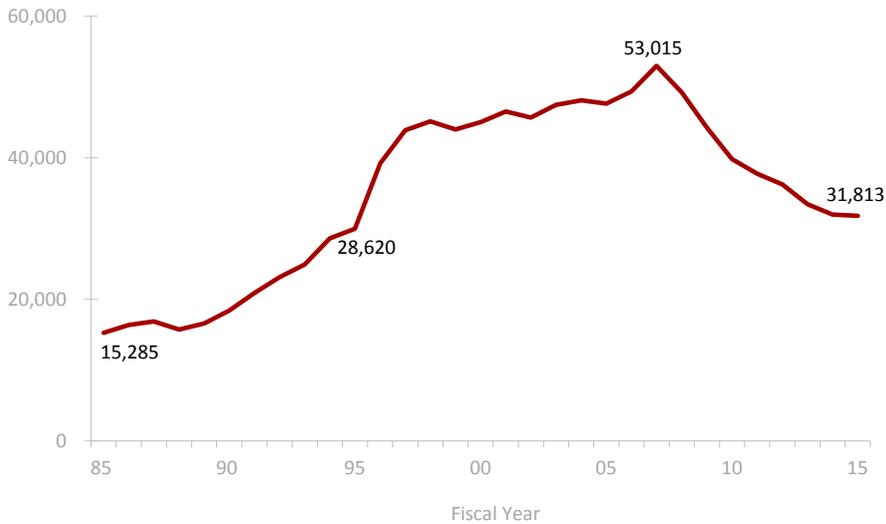
The **large majority** of juvenile cases were filed in **district courts**.



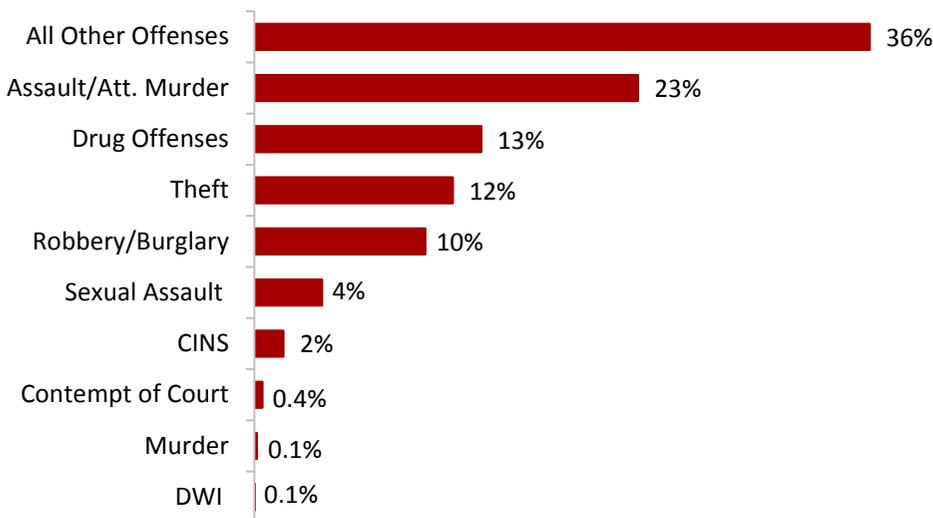
Nearly **half** of juvenile cases involved **misdemeanor** offenses.

Statewide Trends

Juvenile Cases



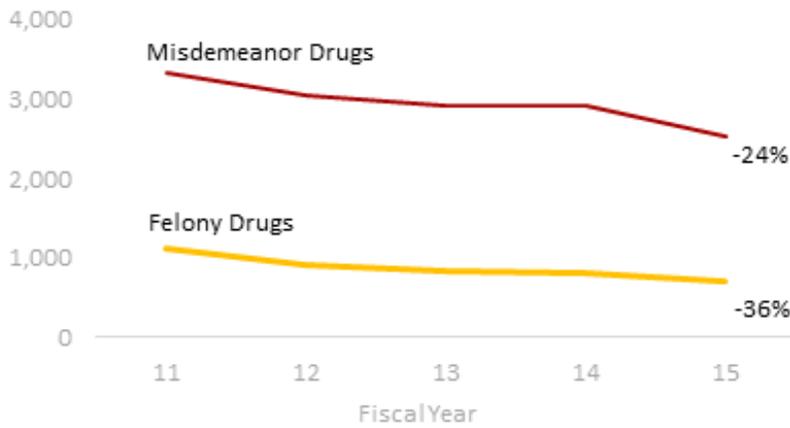
The number of new juvenile cases filed **fell 40 percent** from a peak in 2007 and is the lowest level since 1996.



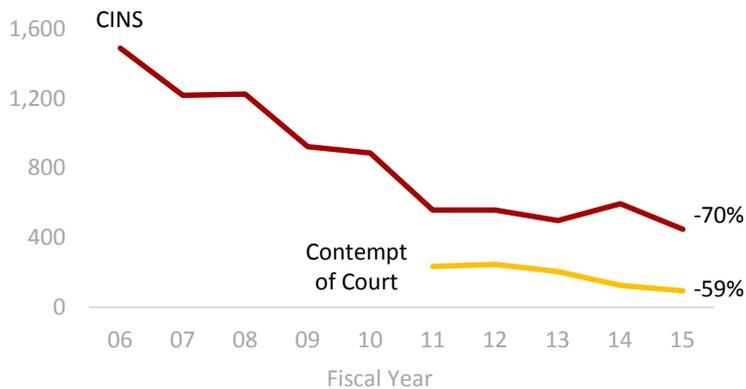
"All other offenses" accounted for the largest share of cases of the new 31,813 juvenile cases filed.

Statewide Trends

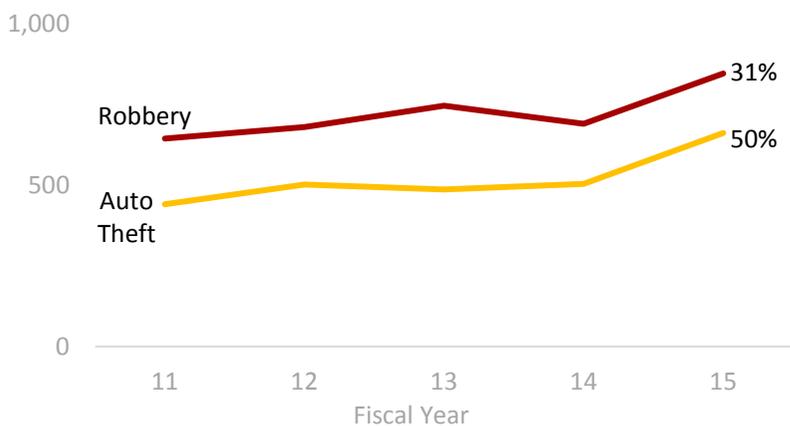
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New case filings involving **drugs declined** over the last 5 years.



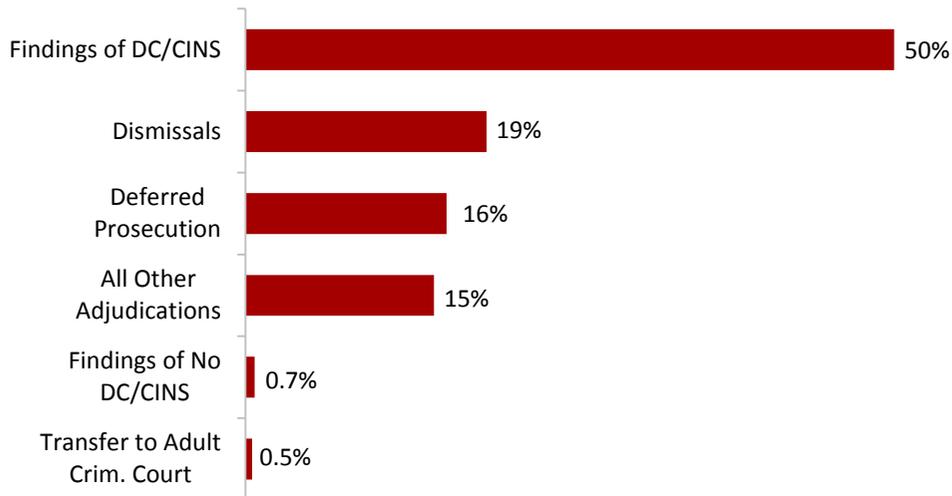
Cases involving **Conduct Indicating a Need for Supervision (CINS)** and **contempt of court declined** in recent years.



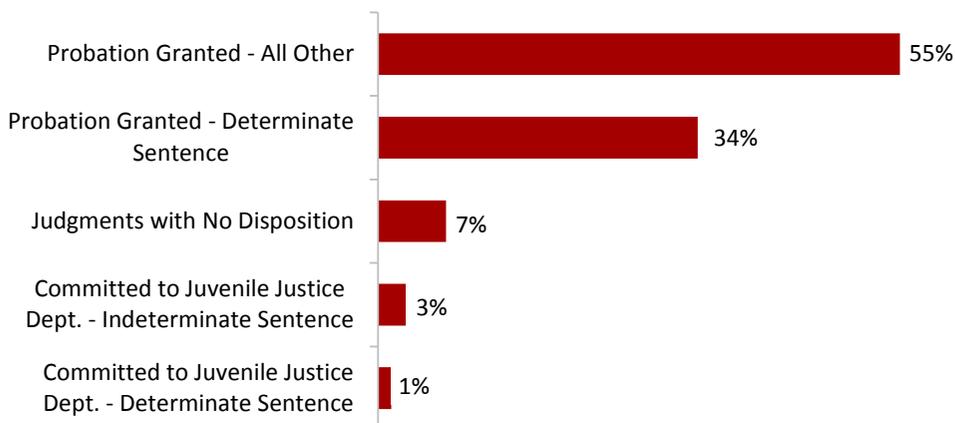
Cases involving **robbery** and **auto theft increased** in recent years.

Statewide Trends

Juvenile Cases



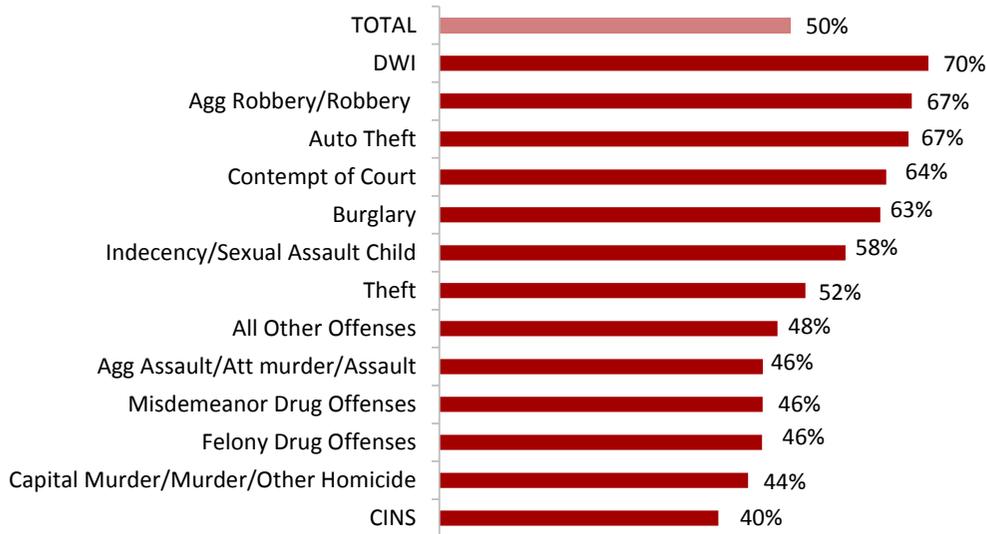
Half of juvenile case adjudications resulted in **findings of delinquent conduct/conduct indicating a need for supervision.**



In cases with a finding of delinquent conduct/conduct indicating a need for supervision, most juveniles were **placed on probation.**

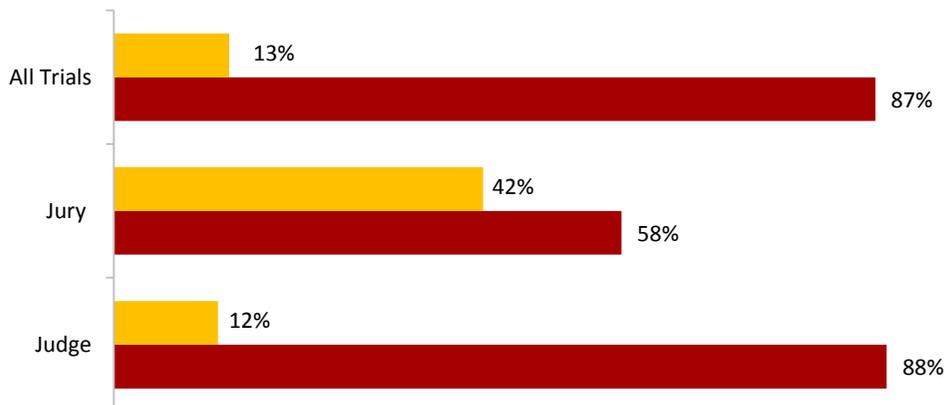
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Juvenile Cases



Findings of delinquent conduct/CINS were most often made in **DWI, robbery, and auto theft** cases.

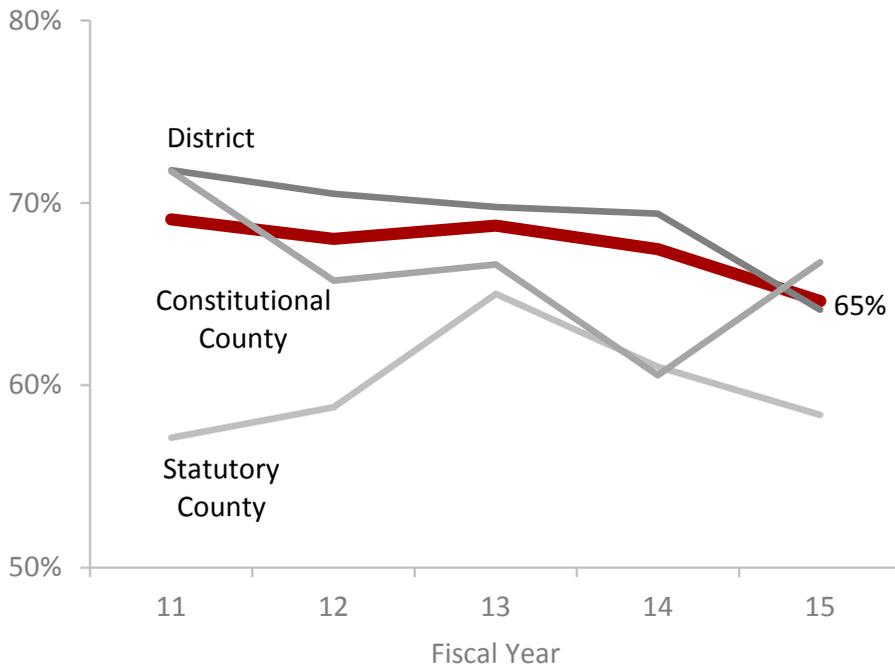
5 percent of cases were disposed of by trial by judge, and 0.2 percent were disposed of jury trial.



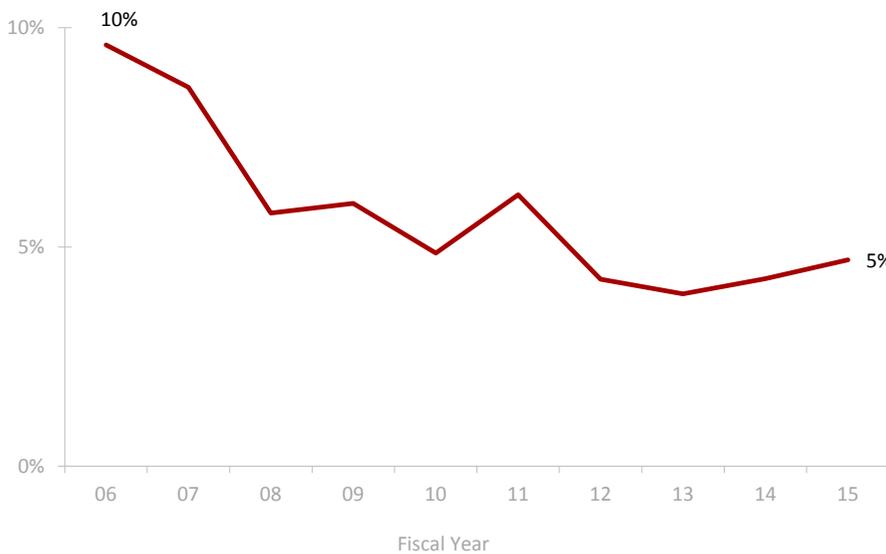
Most **trials by judge** resulted in **findings of delinquent conduct/CINS**. Approximately 40 percent of **trials by jury** resulted in findings of **no delinquent conduct/CINS**.

Statewide Trends

Juvenile Cases



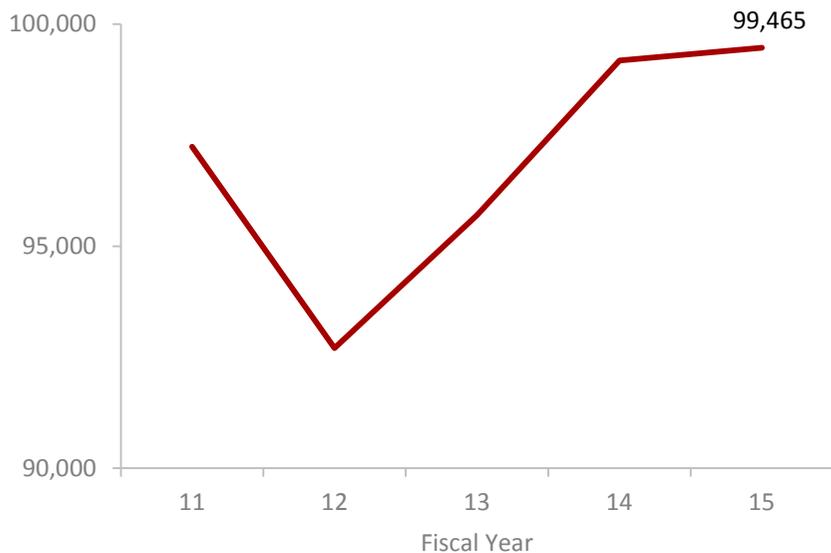
Statewide, the percentage of juvenile cases disposed of within 90 days **decreased** over the last 2 years.



The percentage of cases in which the juvenile was committed to the Juvenile Justice Department **increased** over the **last 2 years**.

Statewide Trends

Probate and Guardianship Cases



Nearly **100,000** probate and guardianship cases were filed in 2015.

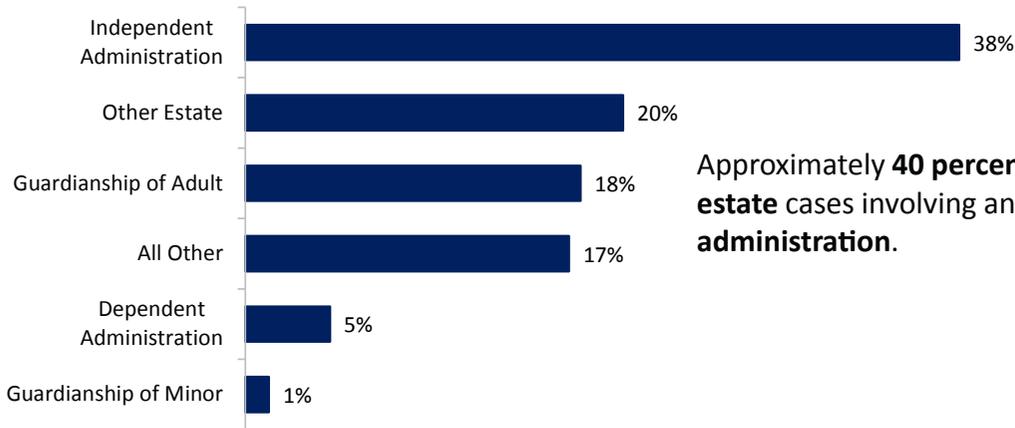
Filings

	Change from Previous Year	5-Year Change
Independent Administration	▼ 0.4%	▲ 17%
Dependent Administration	▼ 3%	▲ 17%
Other Estate	▼ 3%	▼ 11%
Guardianship - Adult	▲ 2%	▼ 4%
Guardianship - Minor*	▼ 15%	▼ 47%
Other Probate	▲ 6%	▲ 2%

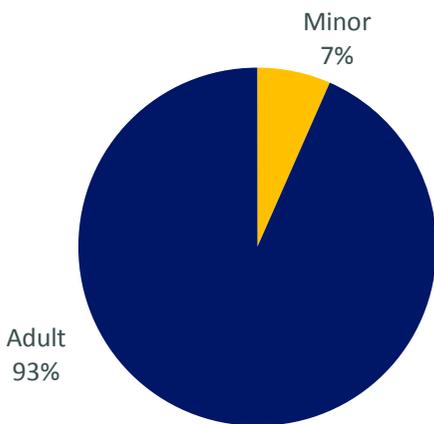
* Significant 5-year decrease likely due to incorrect reporting in previous years.

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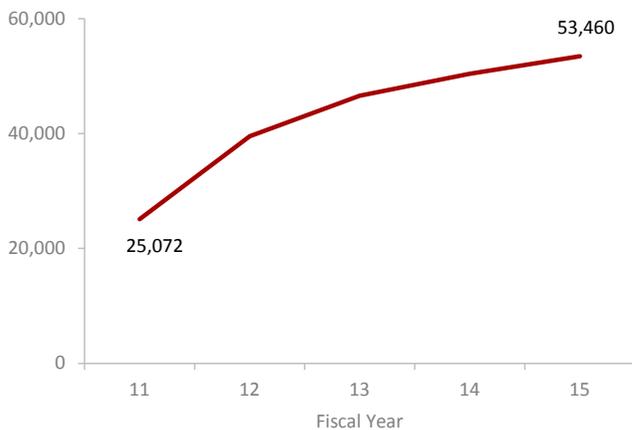
Probate and Guardianship Cases



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



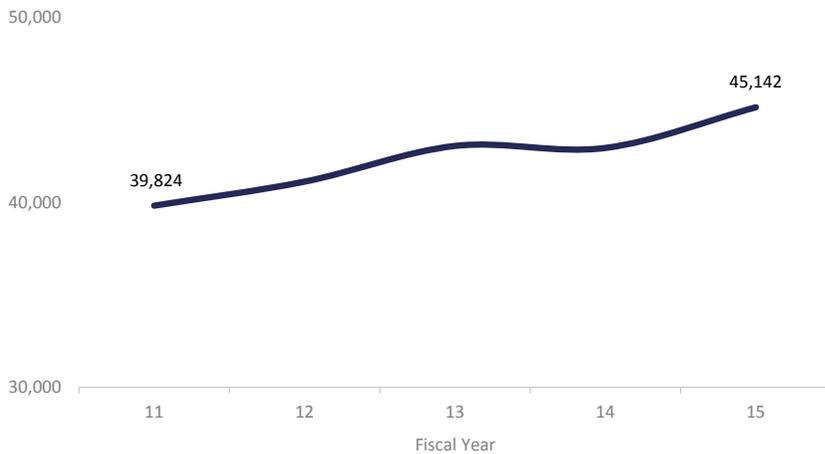
Most guardianship cases filed involved an **adult** ward/proposed ward.



More than **53 thousand guardianships** were reported active as of the end of the fiscal year.

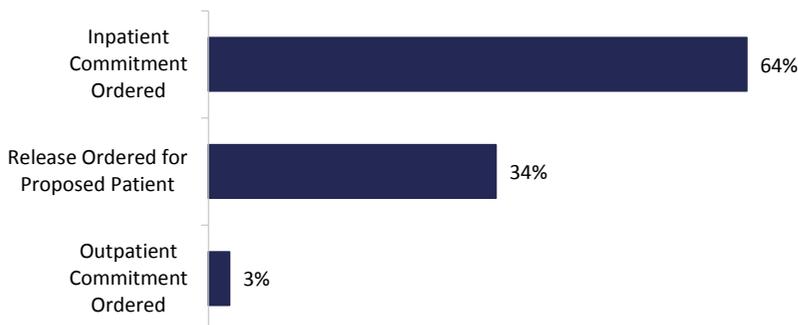
Statewide Trends

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 45 thousand cases**.

Applications Filed	Change from Previous Year	5-Year Change
Temporary Mental Health Services	▲ 5%	▲ 13%
Extended Mental Health Services	▲ 31%	▲ 39%
Orders for Psychoactive Medications	▲ 8%	▲ 34%

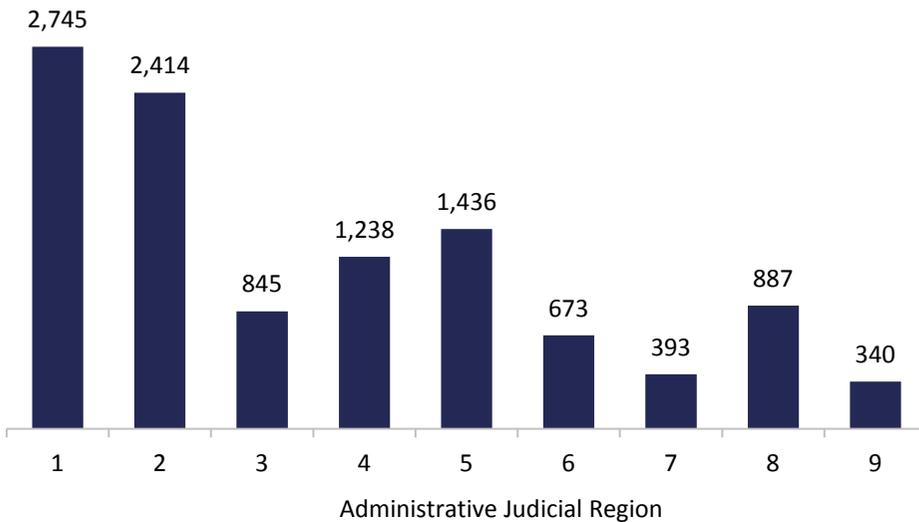


Inpatient commitment was ordered in **nearly two-thirds** of cases that reached a final hearing.

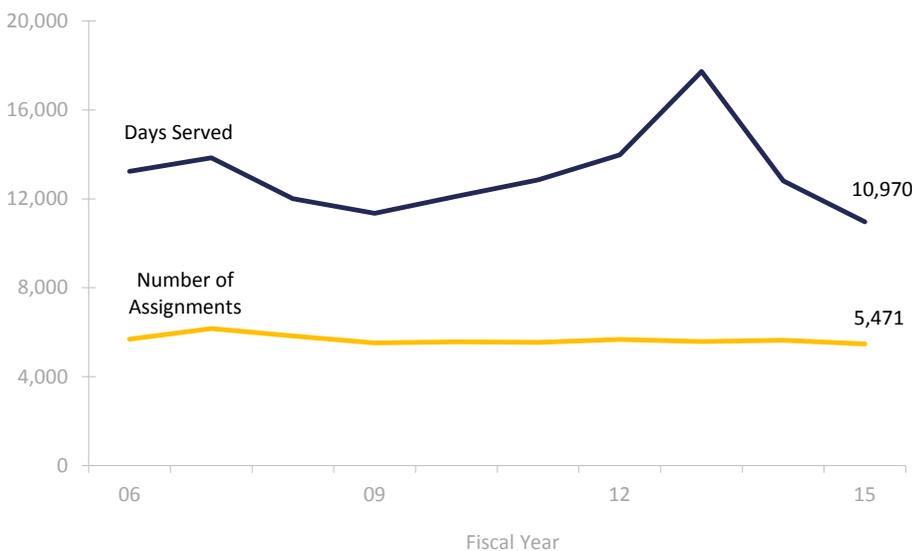
Statewide Trends

Assigned Judges

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.¹



Assigned judges served **10,970 days** on 5,471 assignments during the fiscal year.



The number of days served by assigned judges was the **lowest** number in the **last decade**.

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.

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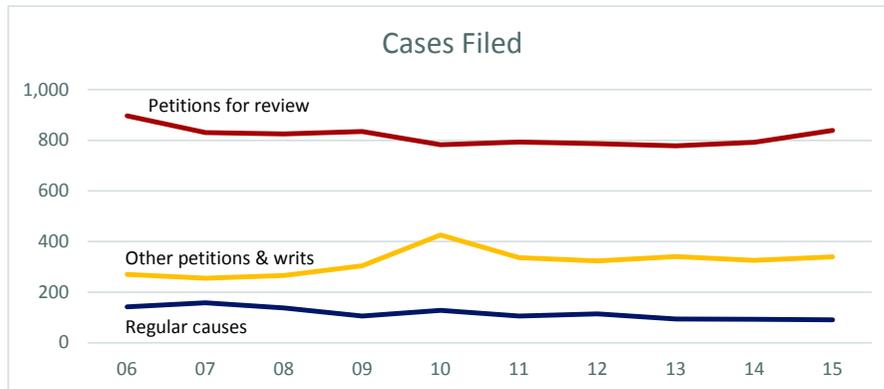
Supreme Court of Texas

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 causes¹ (i.e., granted petitions for review, accepted petitions for writs of mandamus or habeas corpus, certified questions, accepted parental notification appeals, and direct appeals)
- 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 in 2015 was the lowest number since 1983.

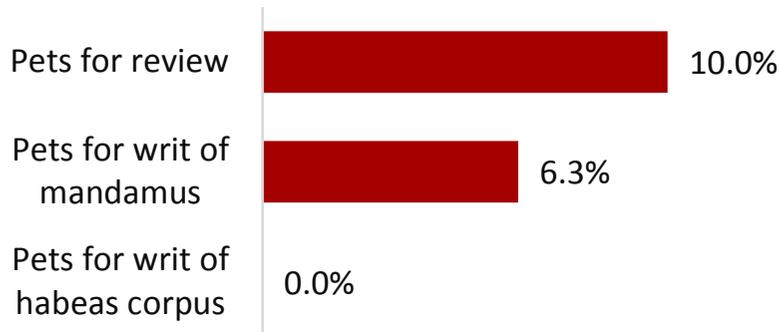
	Filings		Dispositions	
	Change from Previous Year	10-Year Change	Change from Previous Year	2015 Clearance Rate
Regular causes	▼ 2.2%	▼ 35.9%	▲ 17.7%	124.2%
Petitions for review	▲ 5.9%	▼ 6.5%	▼ 2.0%	91.8%
Other petitions and writs	▲ 4.0%	▲ 25.6%	▲ 1.8%	100.6%

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.

Court-Level Trends

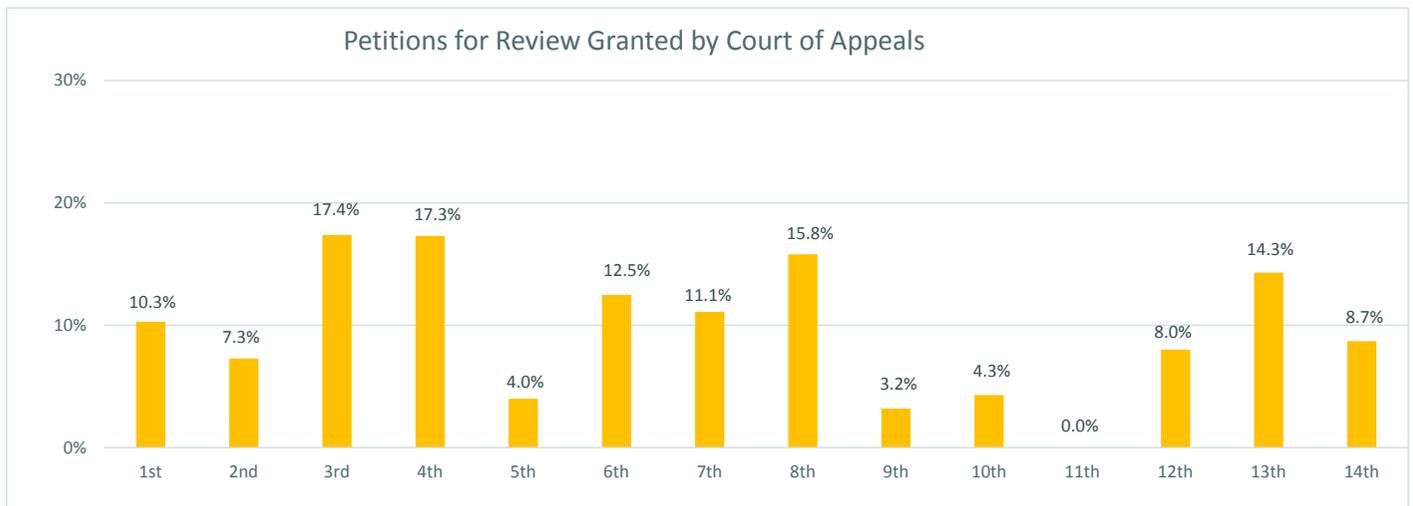
Supreme Court of Texas

Review Granted



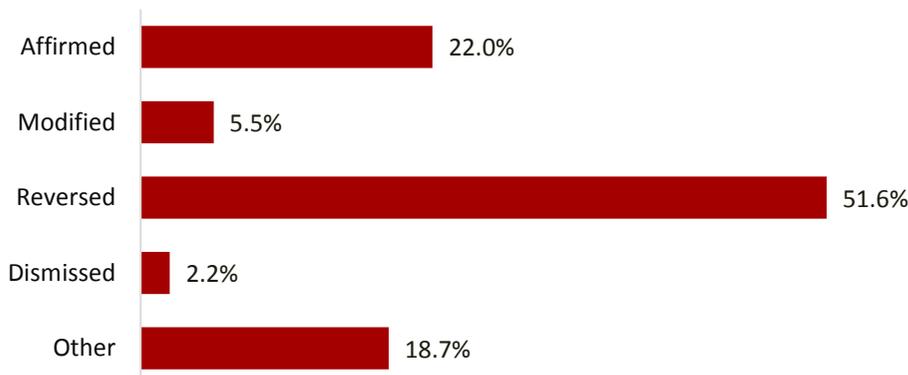
Review was granted in only 10 percent of petitions for review and was granted less frequently in other petitions.

Petitions for Review Granted by Court of Appeals



Review was granted most often for cases from the 3rd and 4th Courts of Appeals and least often from the 11th Court of Appeals.

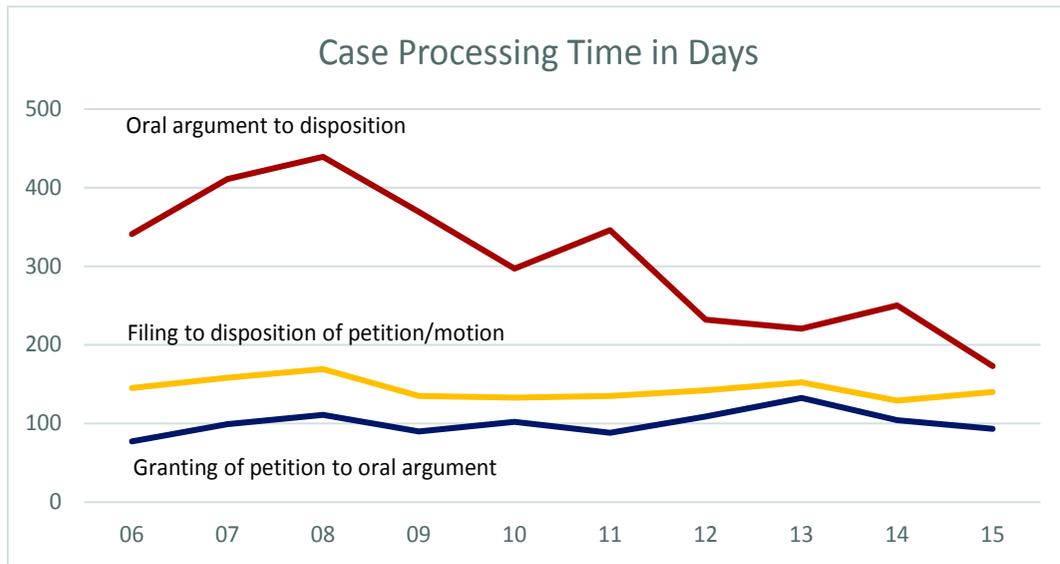
Disposition of Granted Petitions for Review



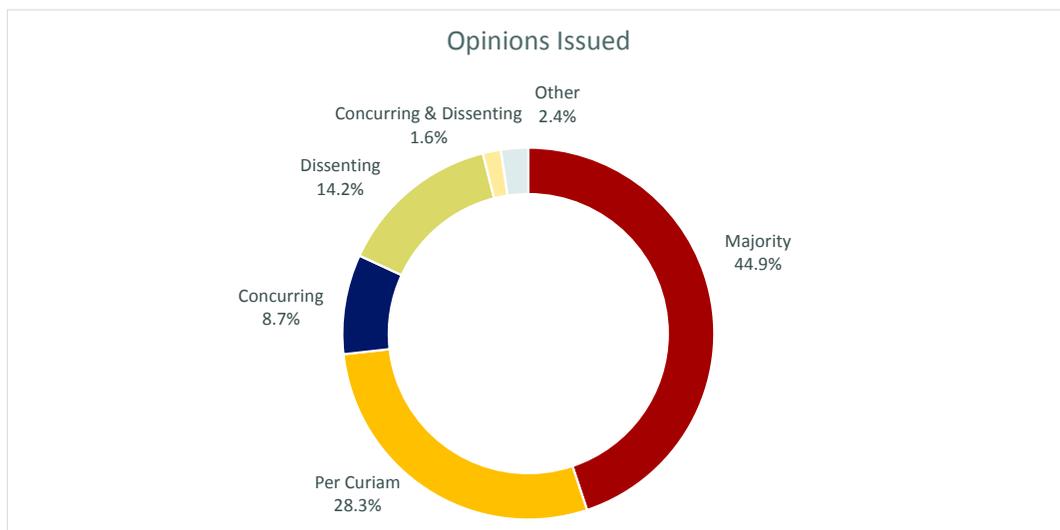
Slightly more than half of granted petitions for review were reversed.

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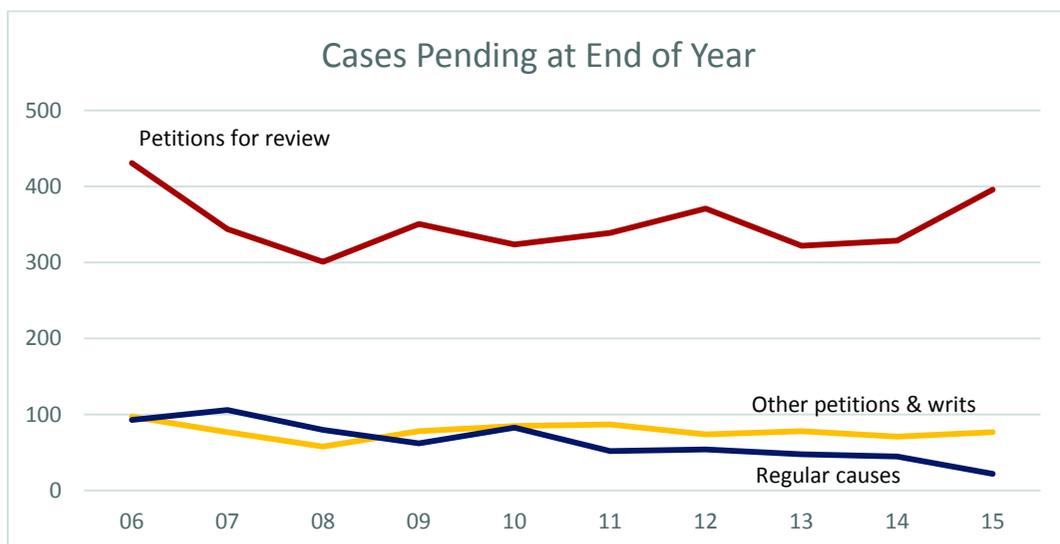
Supreme Court of Texas



The average number of days from oral argument to disposition fell to a low of 173 days.



127 opinions were issued in FY 2015, with almost three-fourths of them majority or per curiam opinions.



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

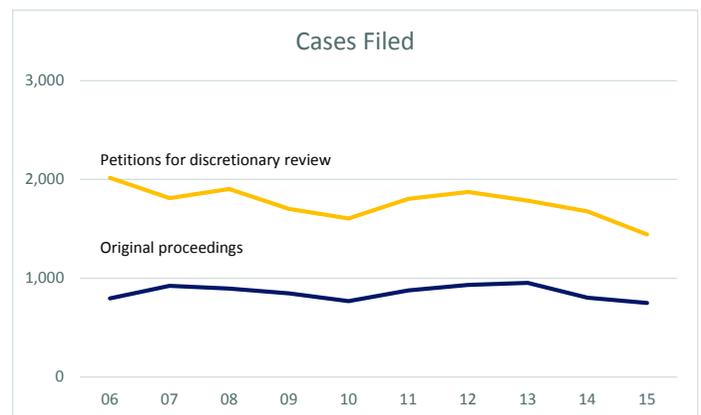
Court-Level Trends



Court of Criminal Appeals

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



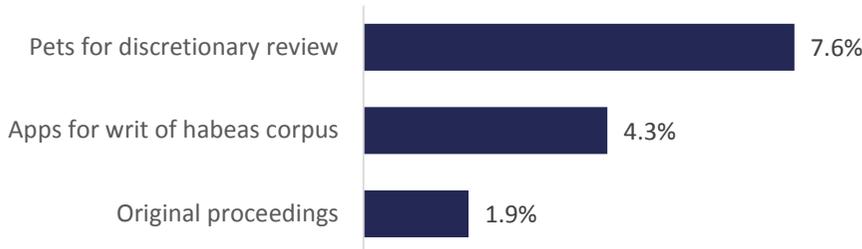
In 2015, mandatory matters comprised 80 percent of all cases added to the court’s docket.

Mandatory Caseload	Filings		Dispositions		2015 Clearance Rate
	Change from Previous Year	10-Year Change	Change from Previous Year		
Applications for writ of habeas corpus	▼ 1.0%	▼ 24.5%	▼ 0.5%	100.2%	
Original proceedings	▼ 6.5%	▼ 5.8%	▼ 2.0%	91.8%	
Direct appeals	▼ 27.3%	▼ 11.1%	▼ 56.7%	81.3%	
Discretionary Caseload					
Petitions for discretionary review	▼ 13.1%	▼ 27.0%	▼ 18.0%	96.9%	

Court-Level Trends

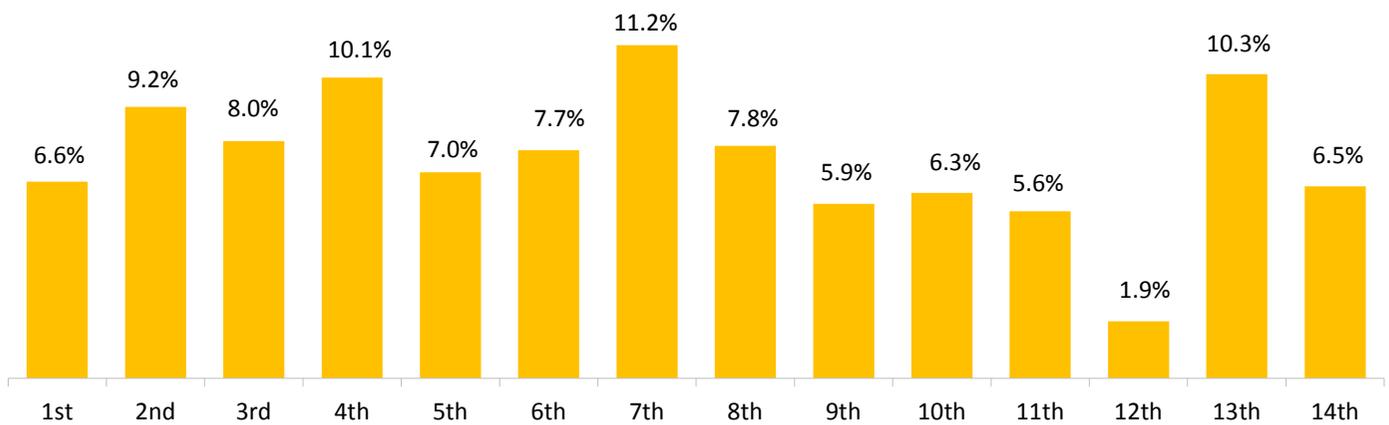
Court of Criminal Appeals

Review Granted



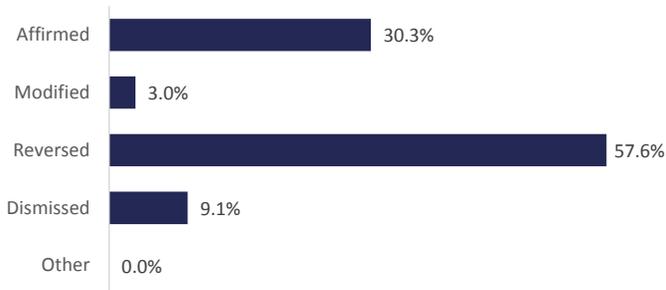
Review was granted in less than 8 percent of petitions for discretionary review and was granted less frequently in other matters.

Petitions for Review Granted by Court of Appeals



Review Courts of Appeals granted most often for cases appealed from the 7th Court of Appeals and least often from the 12th Court of Appeals.

Disposition of Granted Petitions for Discretionary Review



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

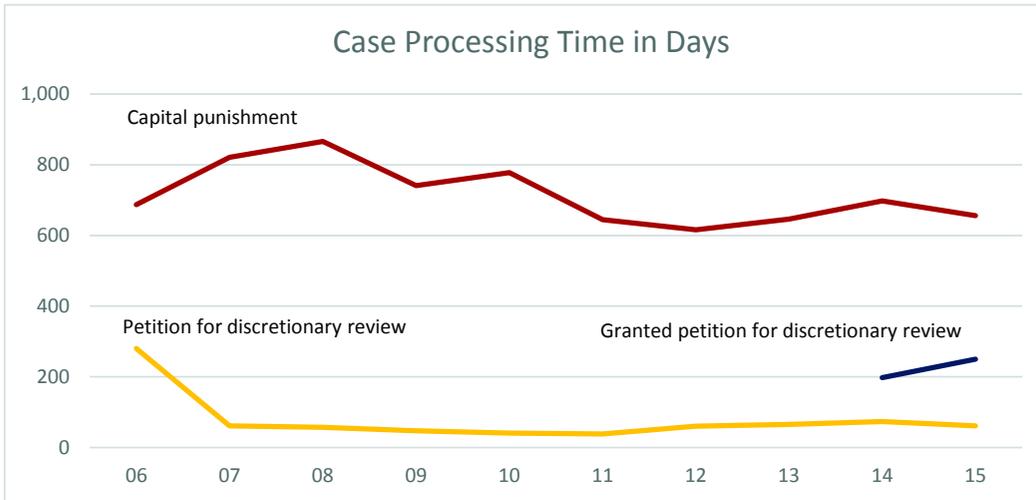


More than half of granted petitions for discretionary review were reversed.

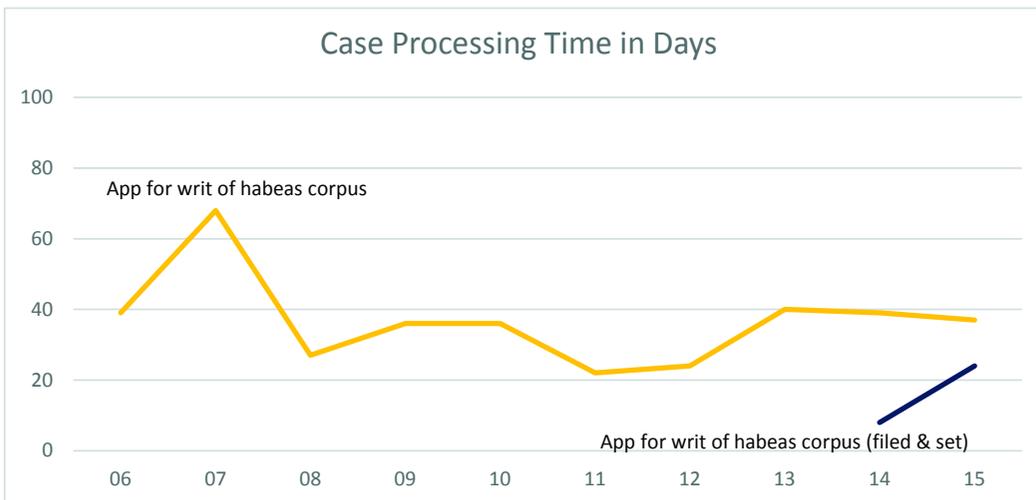
Most habeas corpus and extraordinary matters that were filed and set were eventually granted.

Court-Level Trends

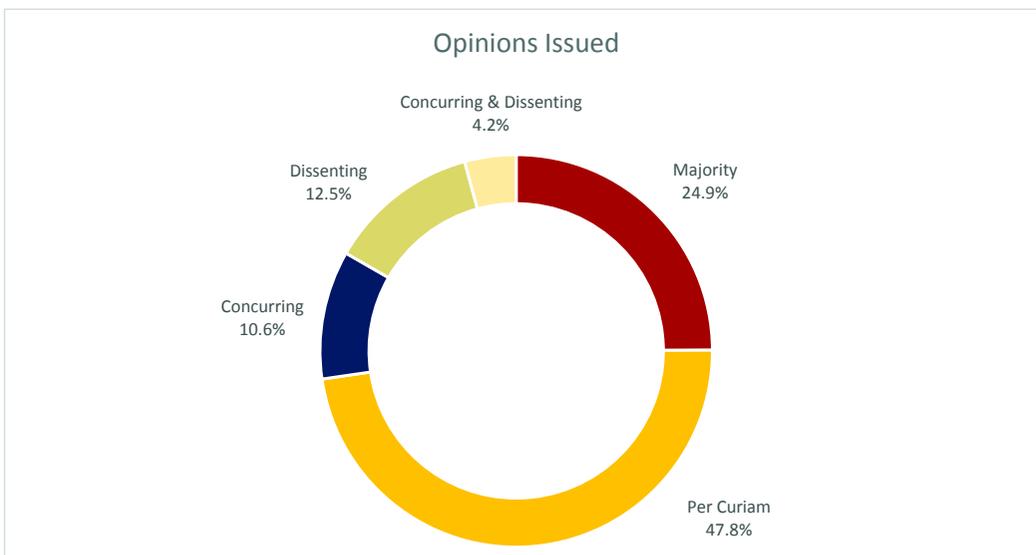
Court of Criminal Appeals



Over the last 5 years, the average time to disposition for capital cases was 652 days.



Opinions



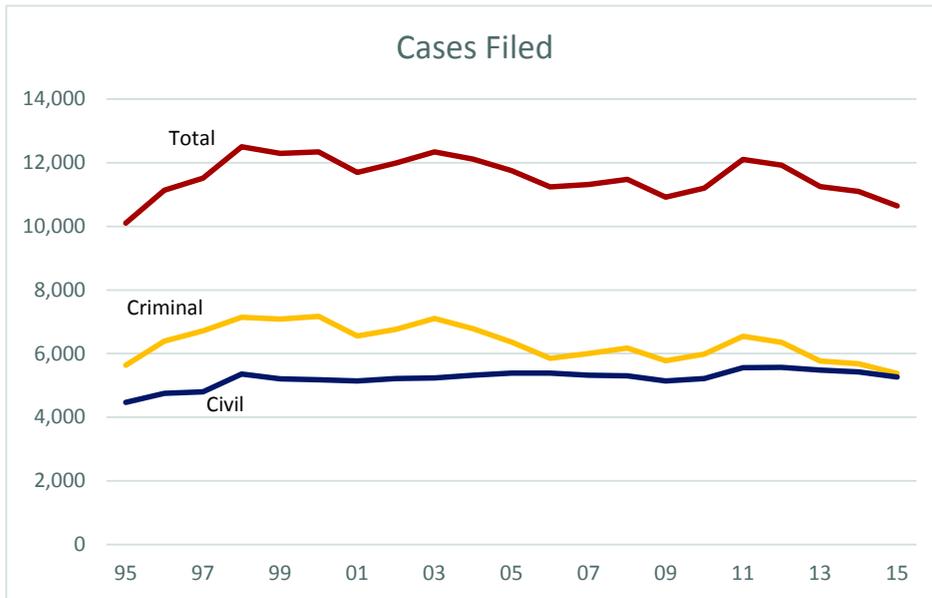
425 opinions were issued in 2015, with almost three-fourths of them majority or per curiam opinions.

Court-Level Trends

Courts of Appeals

Each of the 14 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 appellate lawyers or litigants. 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.

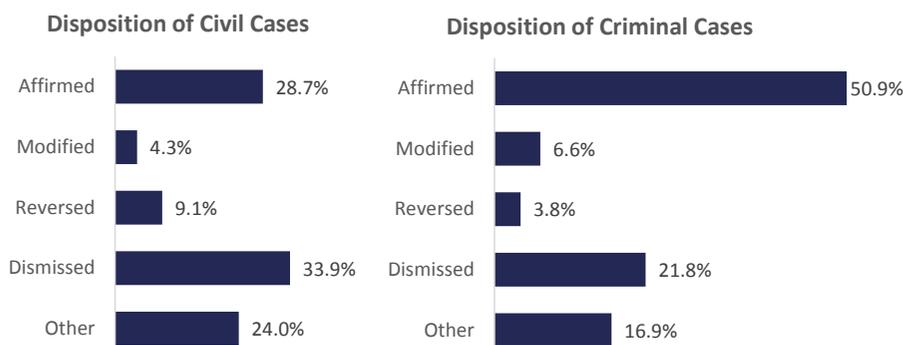
Caseload and Outcomes



The number of cases added in 2015 was the lowest number since 1995, with civil and criminal cases making up an equal share of the docket.

	Filings		Dispositions	
	Change from Previous Year	10-Year Change	Change from Previous Year	2015 Clearance Rate
Civil	▼ 3.0%	▼ 2.4%	▲ 0.5%	106.6%
Criminal	▼ 5.3%	▼ 8.0%	▼ 6.5%	103.8%
Overall	▼ 4.2%	▼ 5.3%	▼ 3.1%	105.2%

The number of cases filed declined by 4 percent from the previous year.



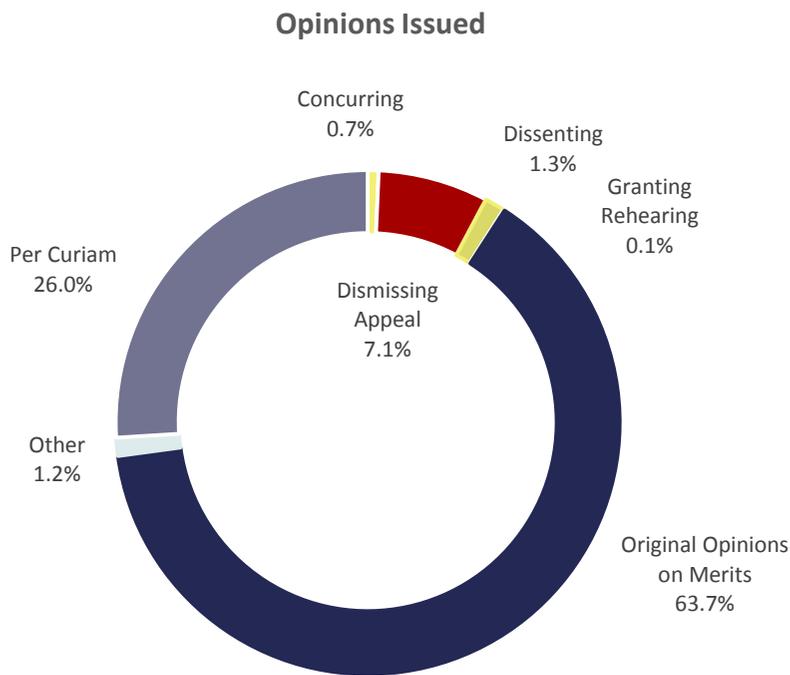
The largest share of civil cases were dismissed, while the largest share of criminal cases were affirmed.

Court-Level Trends

Courts of Appeals

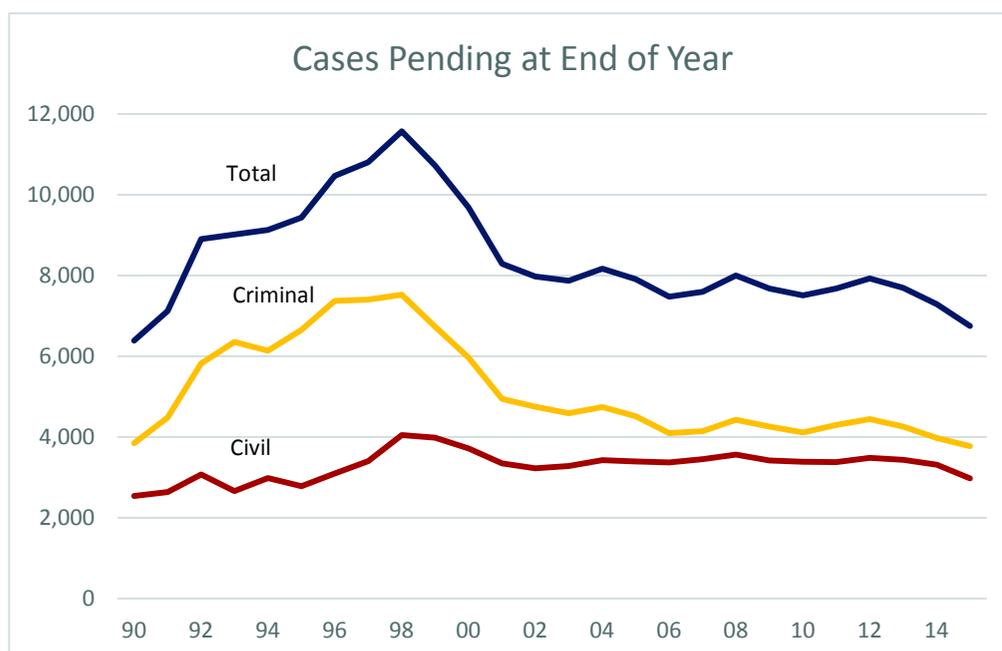
The average time between filing and disposition for civil cases decreased to 7.6 months—the lowest level since 1989, while the time to disposition for criminal cases remained unchanged at 9.2 months. The average time between submission and disposition decreased slightly for both civil and criminal cases.

Opinions



10,560 opinions were issued in 2015.

Pending Cases



The number of cases pending at the end of the year was the lowest number since 1990.

% of Cases Pending for Less than 1 Year	
Civil	81.7%
Criminal	83.4%

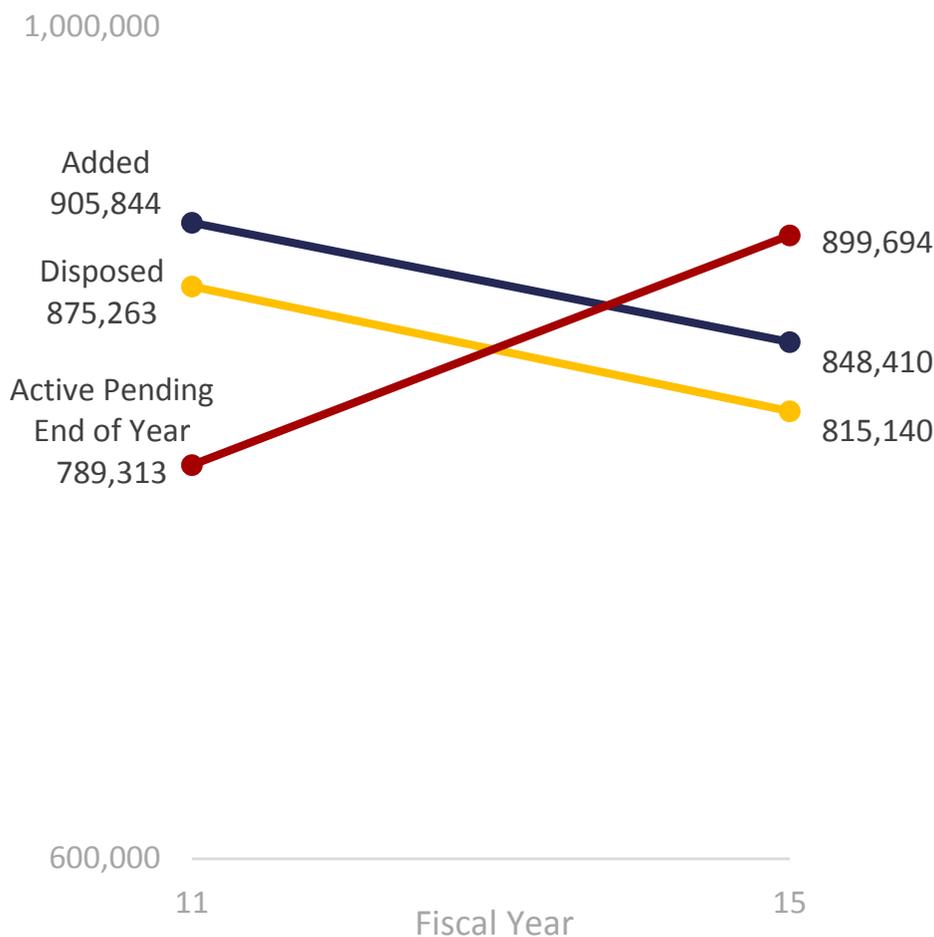
Court-Level Trends

District Courts

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 cases in the state.

Caseload and Outcomes

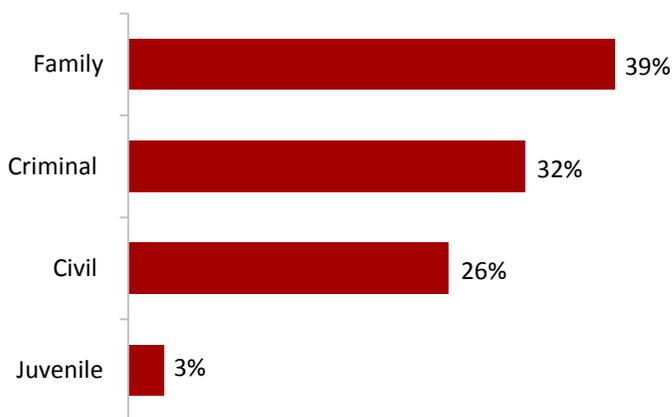


The numbers of filings and dispositions declined over the last 5 years, while the **number of pending cases increased** due to more cases being added than disposed.

Court-Level Trends

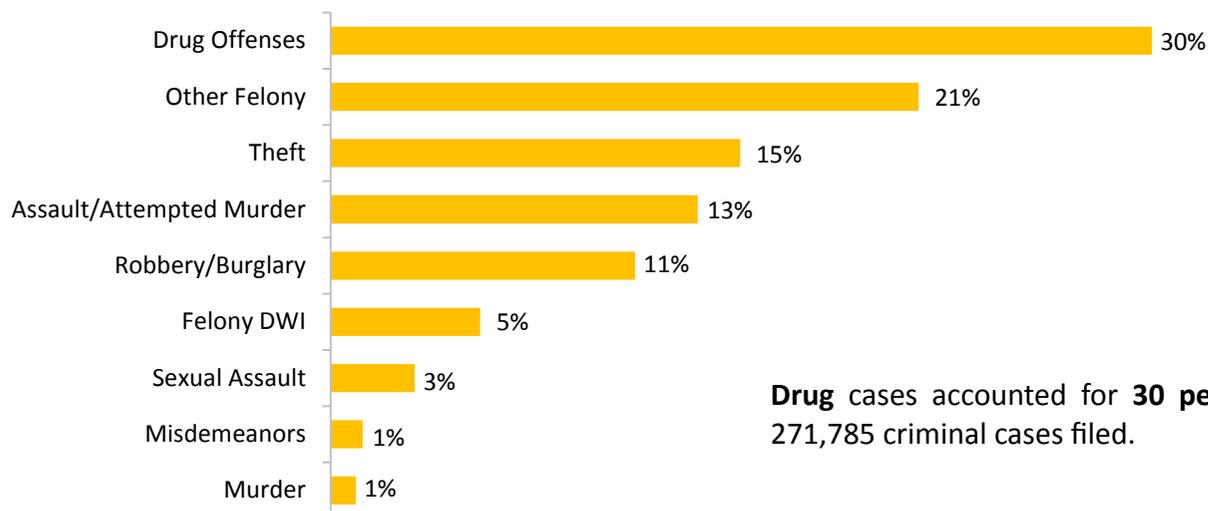
District Courts

	Filings		Dispositions	
	Change from Previous Year	5-Year Change	Change from Previous Year	2015 Clearance Rate
Criminal	▲ 0.5%	▼ 2%	▲ 2%	98%
Civil	▲ 2%	▼ 5%	▲ 5%	96%
Family	▼ 1%	▼ 10%	▼ 2%	95%
Juvenile	▼ 1%	▼ 17%	▼ 4%	92%
Overall	▲ 0.2%	▼ 6%	▲ 1%	96%



Nearly **40 percent** of the 848,410 cases filed in district courts were **family** cases.

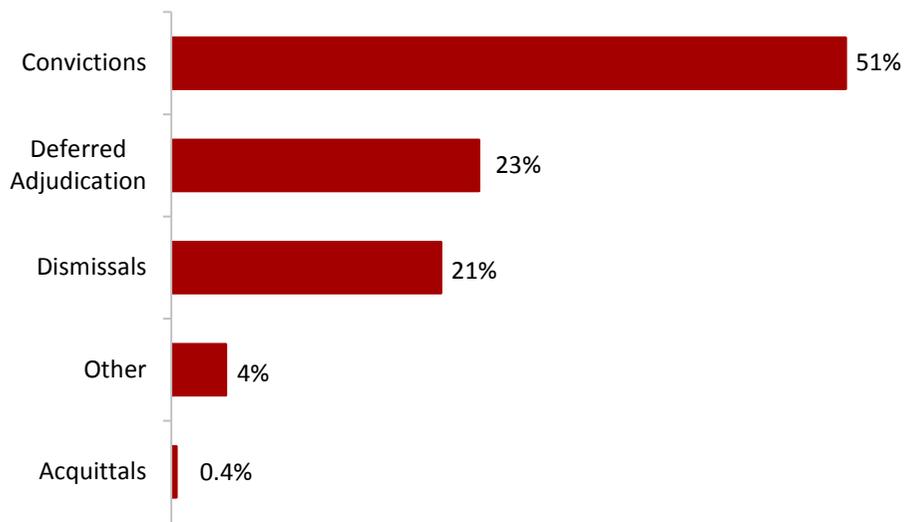
Criminal Cases



Drug cases accounted for **30 percent** of the 271,785 criminal cases filed.

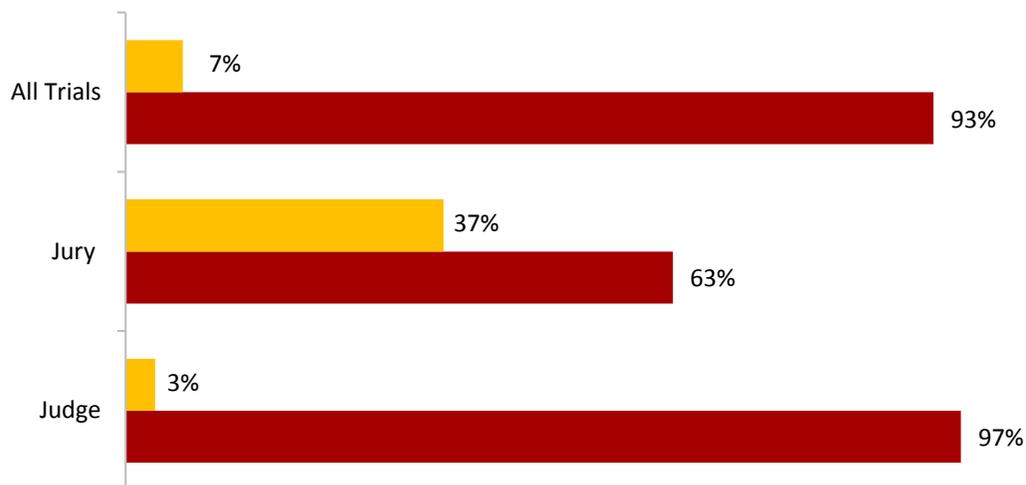
Court-Level Trends

District Courts



Almost three-fourths of the criminal cases disposed resulted in conviction, or deferred adjudication.

1.2 percent of cases were disposed of by jury trial, and 1.8 percent were disposed of by trial by judge.

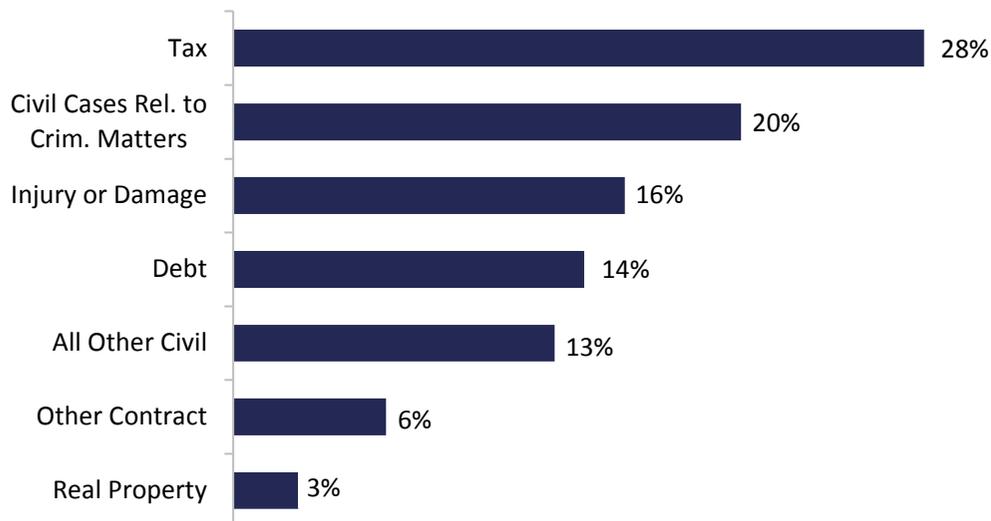


Most trials by judge resulted in conviction. More than one-third of trials by jury resulted in acquittal.

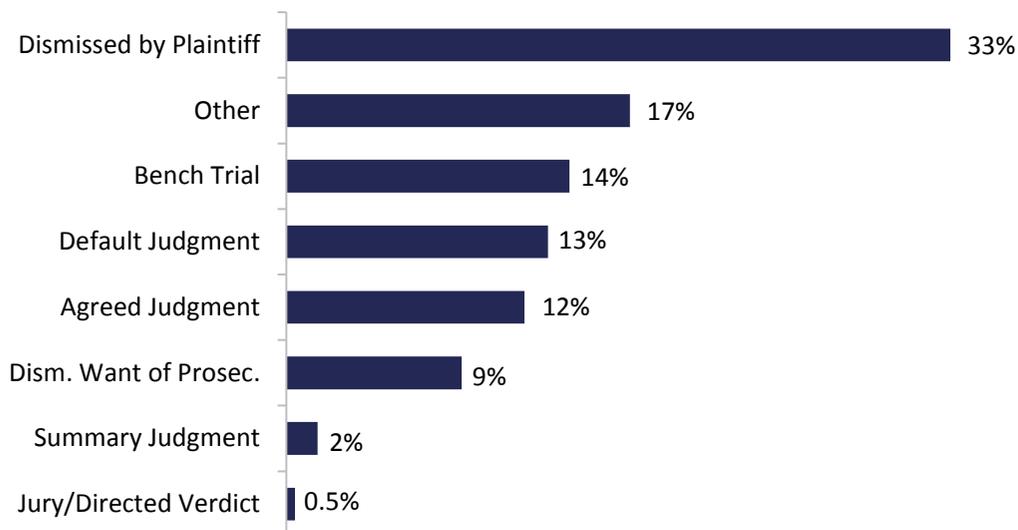
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District Courts

Civil Cases



Tax cases accounted for the **largest share** of the 219,364 civil cases filed.

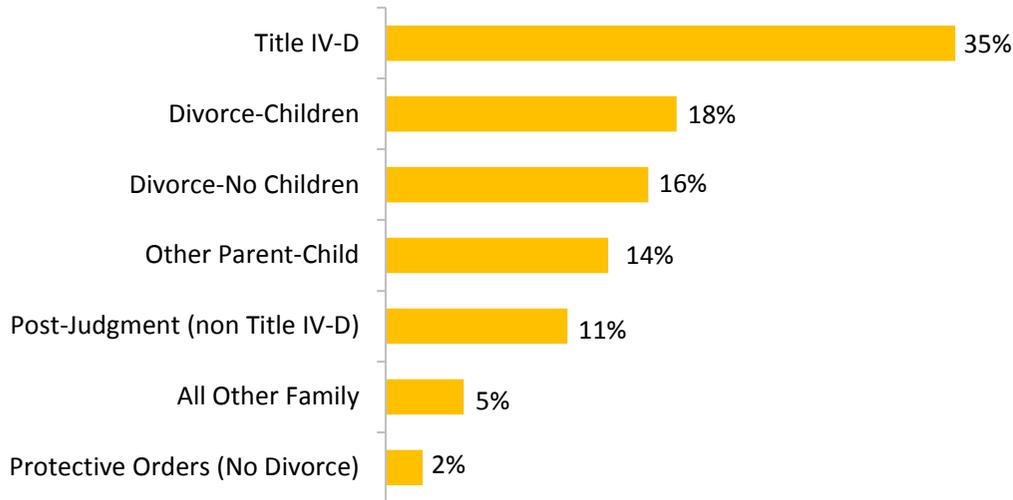


One-third of cases disposed were **dismissed by the plaintiff**.

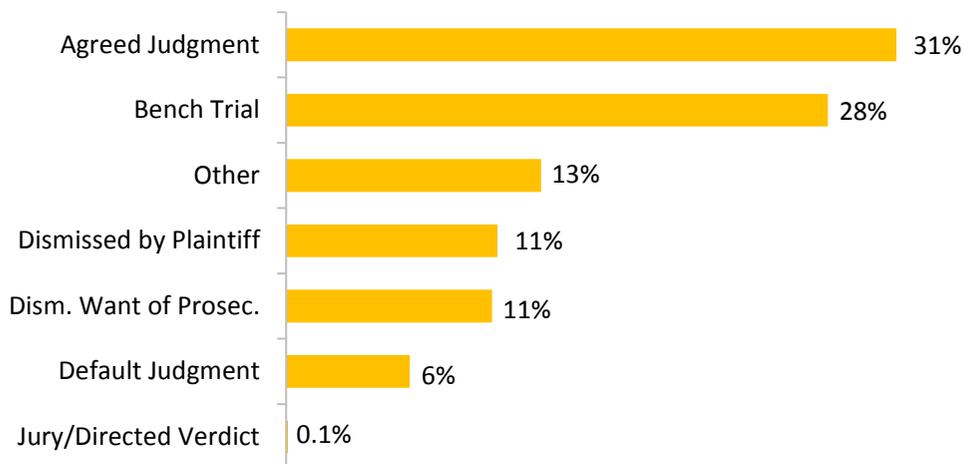
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District Courts

Family Cases



Title IV-D (child support) cases accounted for more than **one-third** of the 332,894 family cases filed.

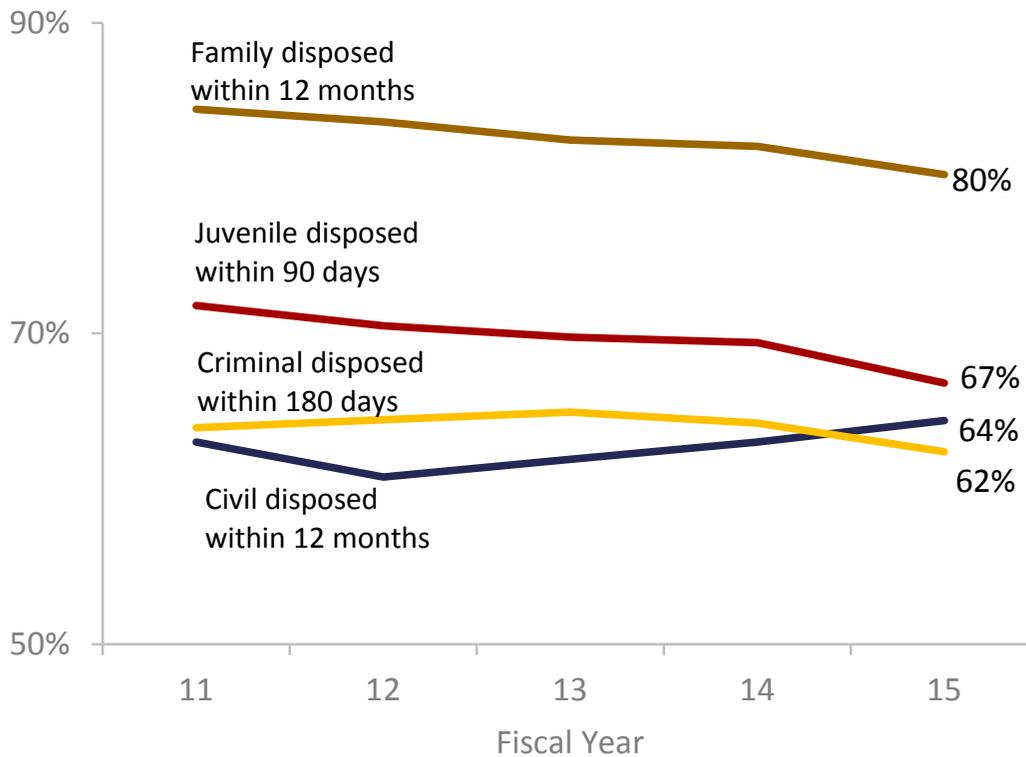


The **largest share** of family cases were disposed of by **agreed judgment**.

Court-Level Trends

District Courts

Case Processing Times



The percentage of **juvenile** and **criminal** cases disposed within 90 days **declined**, as did the percentage of **family** cases disposed within 12 months.

Court-Level Trends

Statutory County Courts

County Courts at Law

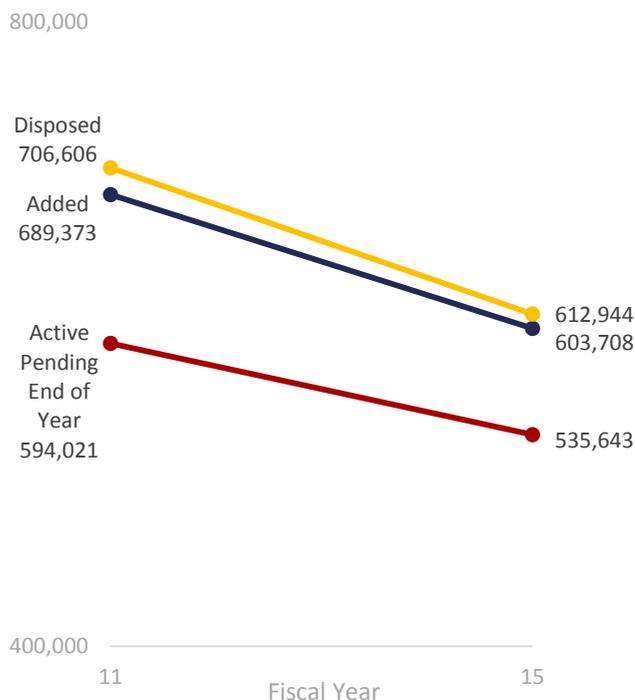
Because the Constitution provides for each county to have only a single county court, the Legislature has created statutory county courts at law in more populous counties to aid the single county court in its judicial functions. Statutory county courts have jurisdiction over all causes and proceedings prescribed by law for constitutional county courts but may have different jurisdiction based upon the enabling statute for the court.

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. Statutory county courts generally have jurisdiction of jailable misdemeanor offenses (Class A & B). They also have probate jurisdiction. A few statutory county courts even hear felony cases.

Statutory Probate Courts

In the more populous counties, the Legislature has created specialized probate courts 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



Probate and mental health cases not included.

In 2015, 89 of the state's 254 counties had at least one county court at law in operation. There was also one court that served 3 counties.

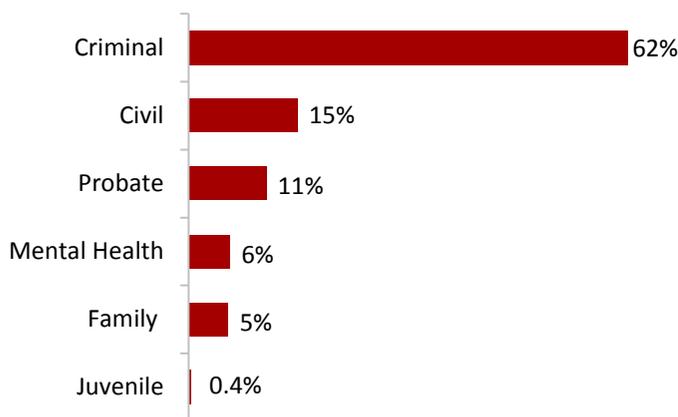
Statutory probate courts are located in 10 of the state's 15 largest metropolitan areas.

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

Court-Level Trends

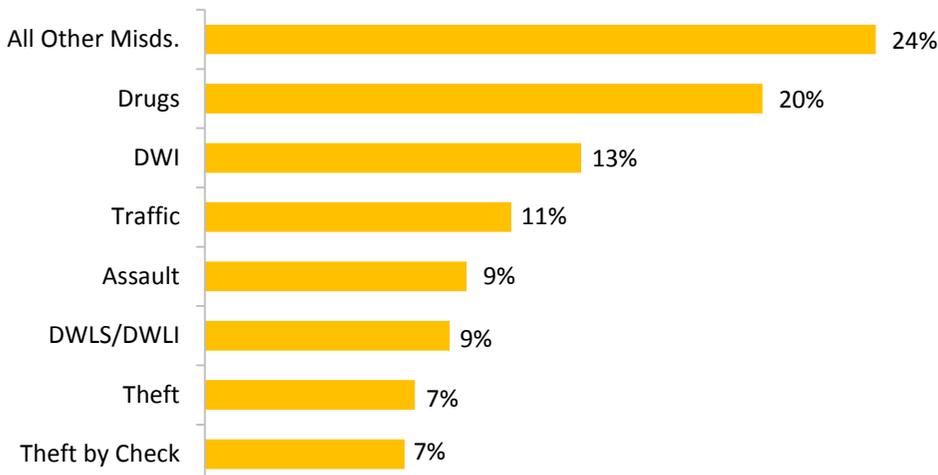
Statutory County Courts

	Filings		Dispositions	
	Change from Previous Year	5-Year Change	Change from Previous Year	2015 Clearance Rate
Criminal	▼ 5%	▼ 10%	▼ 2%	102%
Civil	▲ 0.1%	▼ 23%	▲ 4%	101%
Family	▼ 1%	▲ 4%	▼ 3%	89%
Juvenile	▼ 59%	▼ 64%	▲ 3%	241%
Probate	▼ 0.2%	▲ 2%	n/a	n/a
Mental Health	▲ 6%	▲ 18%	▲ 5%	n/a
Overall	▼ 3%	▼ 10%	▼ 1%	102%



The **majority** of the 726,172 cases filed in statutory county courts were **criminal** cases.

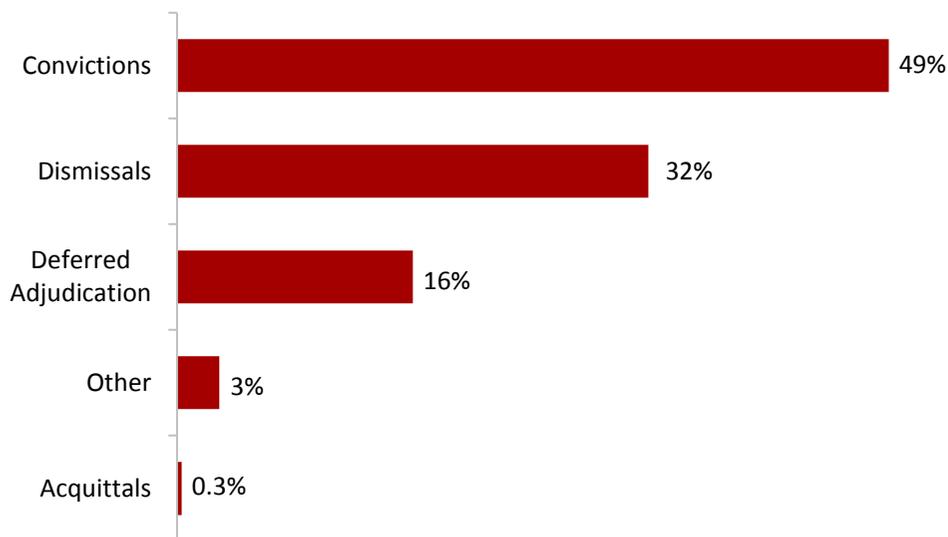
Criminal Cases



"**All other misdemeanor**" cases accounted for nearly **one-quarter** of the 451,290 misdemeanor cases filed.

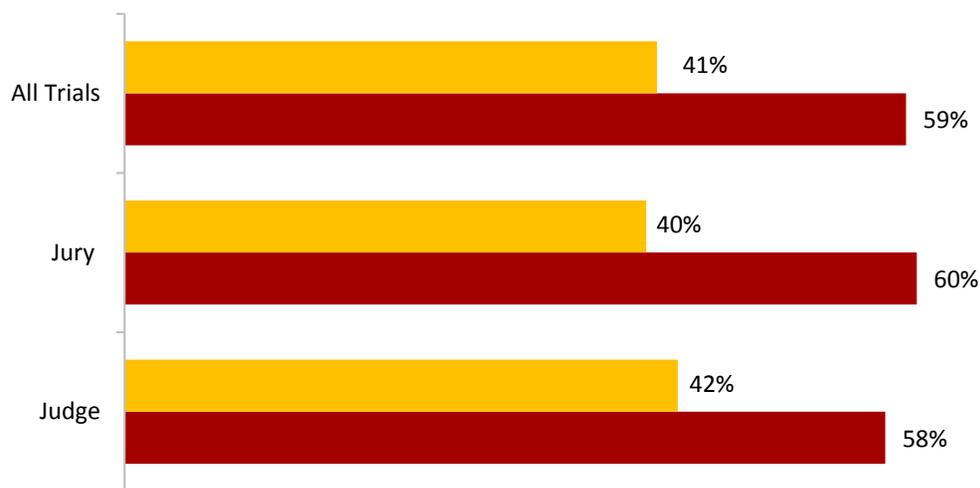
Court-Level Trends

Statutory County Courts



Convictions accounted for **nearly half** of criminal cases disposed.

One-half percent of cases were disposed of by jury trial, and 0.2 percent were disposed of by trial by judge.

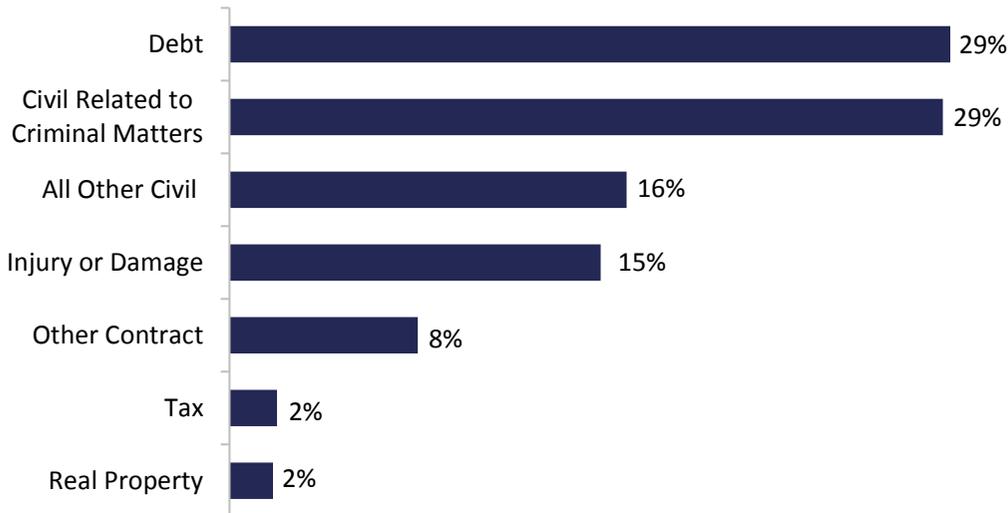


A **majority** of **trials**, whether by judge or by jury, resulted in **conviction**. Approximately 40 percent of trials resulted in **acquittal**.

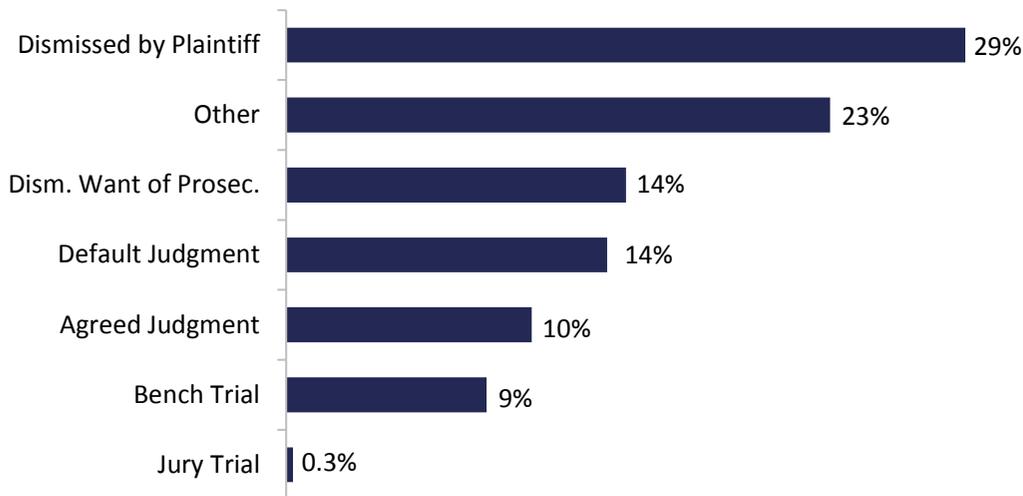
Court-Level Trends

Statutory County Courts

Civil Cases



Debt cases and **civil cases related to criminal matters** (i.e. bond forfeiture, occupational license, nondisclosure) accounted for nearly **60 percent** of the 111,329 civil cases filed.

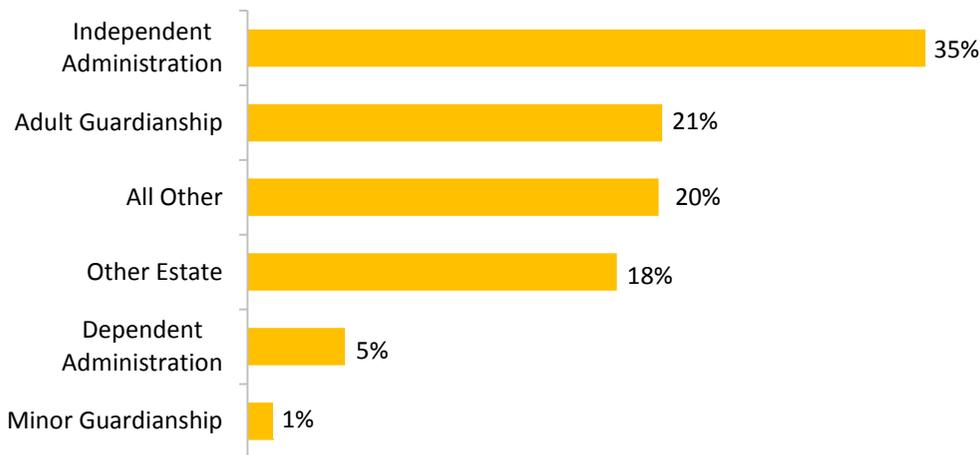


Approximately **two-thirds** of the cases disposed were **dismissed** or **had some other non-judgment type of disposition**.

Court-Level Trends

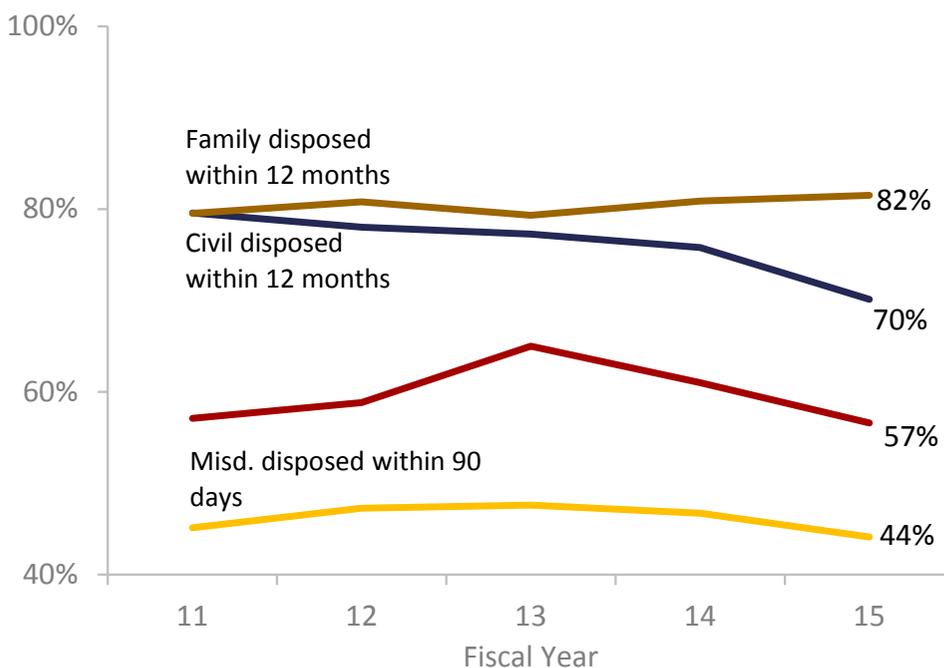
Statutory County Courts

Probate and Guardianship Cases



More than **one-third** of the 80,475 probate cases filed were **estate** cases involving an application for **independent administration**.

Case Processing Times



The percentage of **juvenile** and **misdemeanor** cases disposed within 90 days **declined**, as did the percentage of **civil** cases disposed within 12 months.

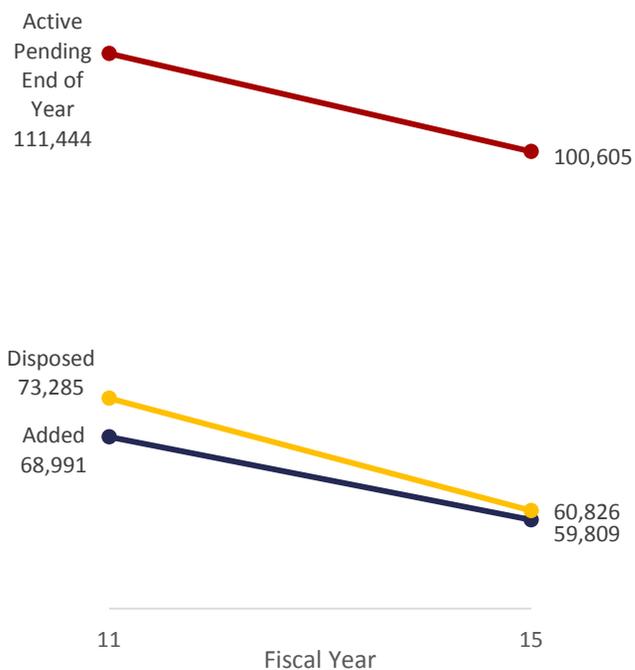
Court-Level Trends

Constitutional County Courts

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 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 2015, 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.

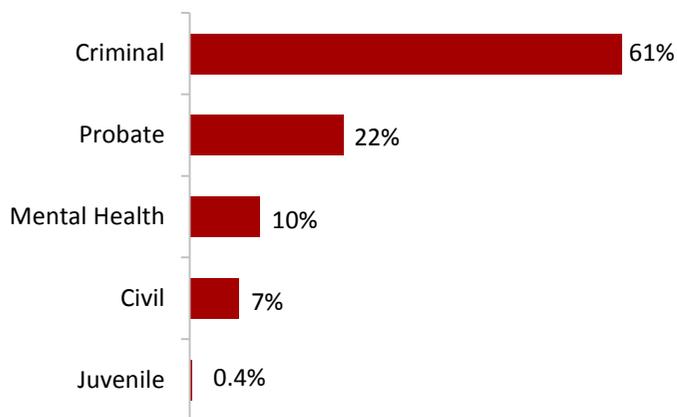
Probate and mental health cases not included.

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

Court-Level Trends

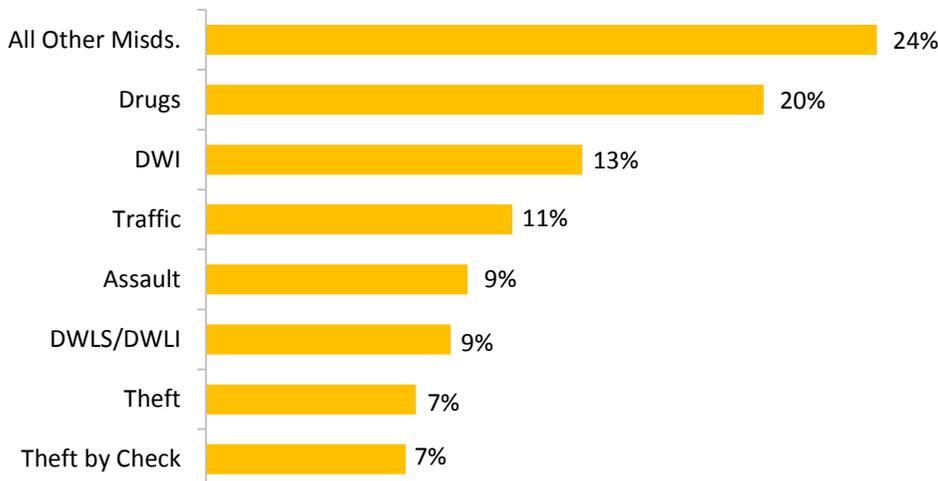
Constitutional County Courts

	Filings		Dispositions	
	Change from Previous Year	5-Year Change	Change from Previous Year	2015 Clearance Rate
Criminal	▼ 7%	▼ 13%	▼ 4%	104%
Civil	▼ 2%	▼ 9%	▼ 6%	76%
Juvenile	▼ 7%	▼ 66%	■ 0%	213%
Probate	▲ 2%	▼ 0%	n/a	n/a
Mental Health	▲ 5%	▲ 4%	▲ 14%	n/a
Overall	▼ 4%	▼ 9%	▼ 4%	102%



The **majority** of the 87,503 cases filed in constitutional county courts were **criminal** cases.

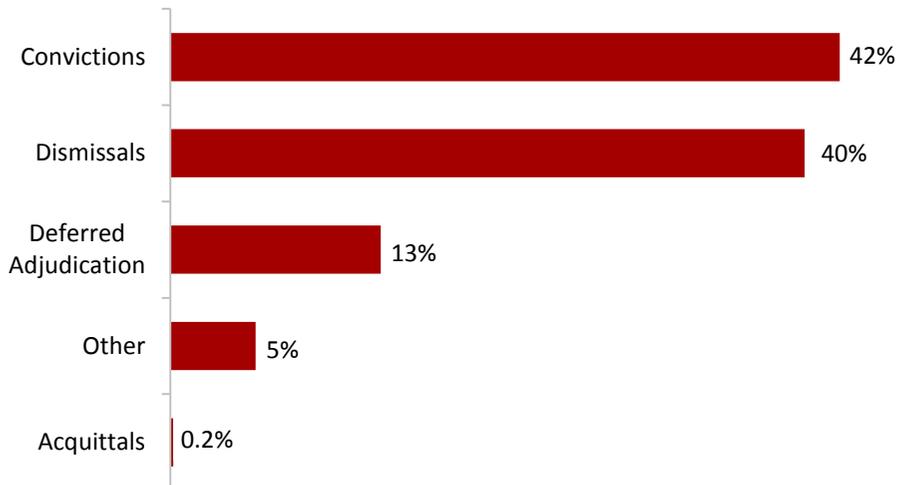
Criminal Cases



"All other misdemeanor" cases accounted for approximately **one-quarter** of the 53,361 misdemeanor cases filed.

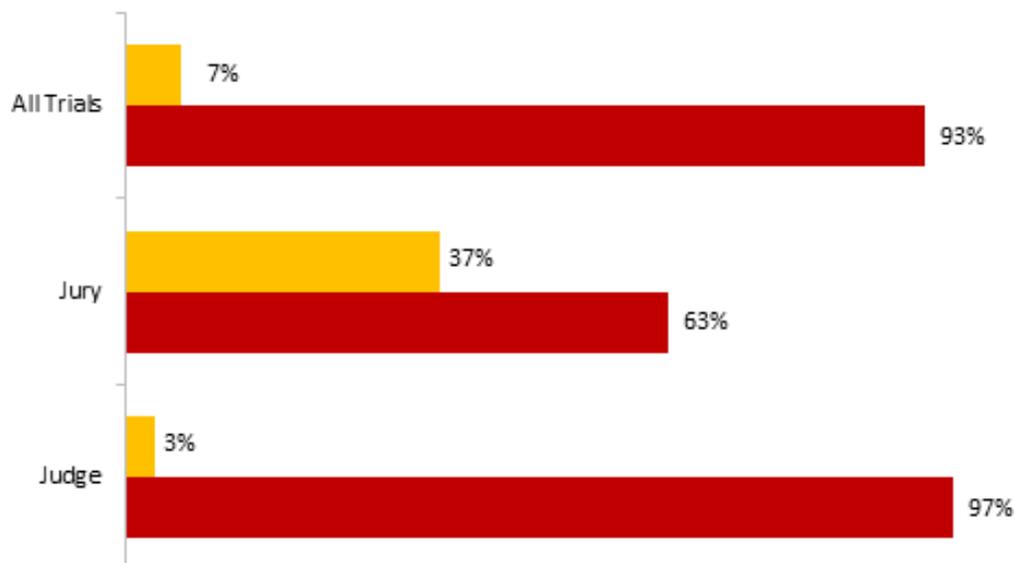
Court-Level Trends

Constitutional County Courts



Convictions were the most common outcome in criminal cases disposed, but **dismissals** accounted for almost as large a share as convictions.

Less than 3 percent of cases were disposed of by trial by judge, and 0.3 percent were disposed of by jury trial.

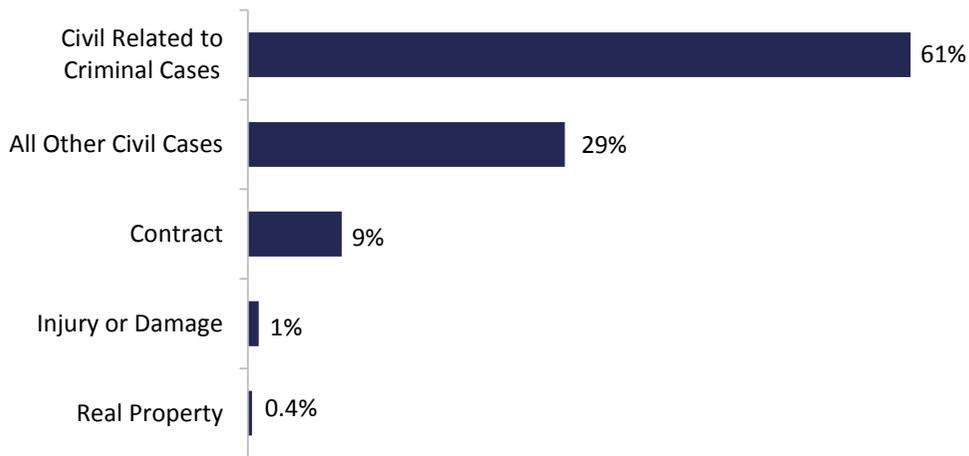


Most trials by judge and more than 60 percent of trials by jury resulted in conviction.

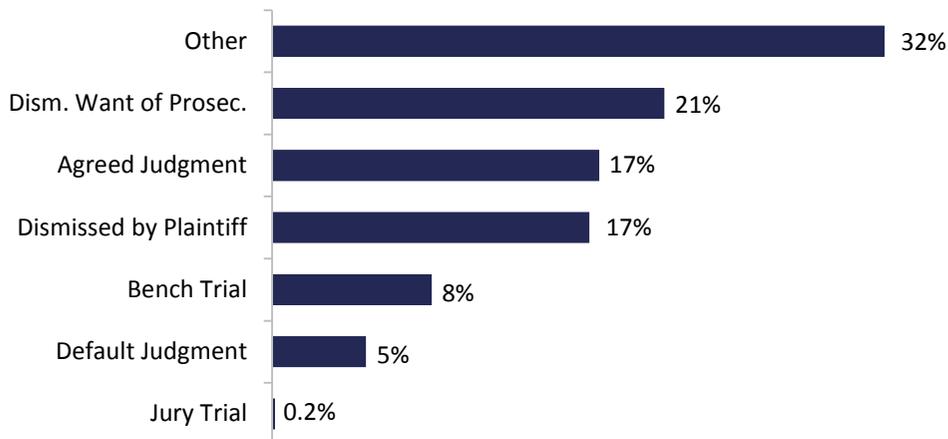
Court-Level Trends

Constitutional County Courts

Civil Cases



The **majority** of the 6,076 civil cases filed were **related to criminal** cases (i.e. bond forfeitures, occupational licenses, nondisclosure).

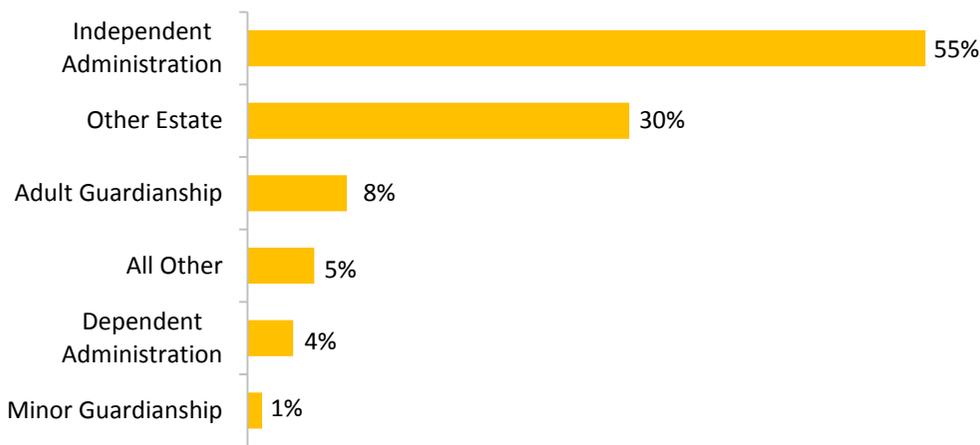


More than one-fifth of cases disposed were **dismissed for want of prosecution**. The large percentage of "Other" dispositions were generally dispositions in civil cases related to criminal cases.

Court-Level Trends

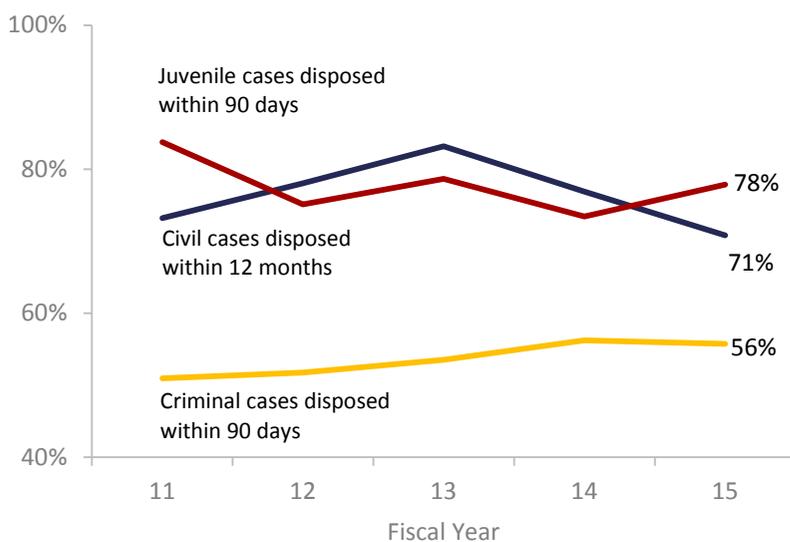
Constitutional County Courts

Probate and Guardianship Cases



The **majority** of the 18,990 probate cases filed were **estate** cases involving an application for **independent administration**.

Case Processing Times



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

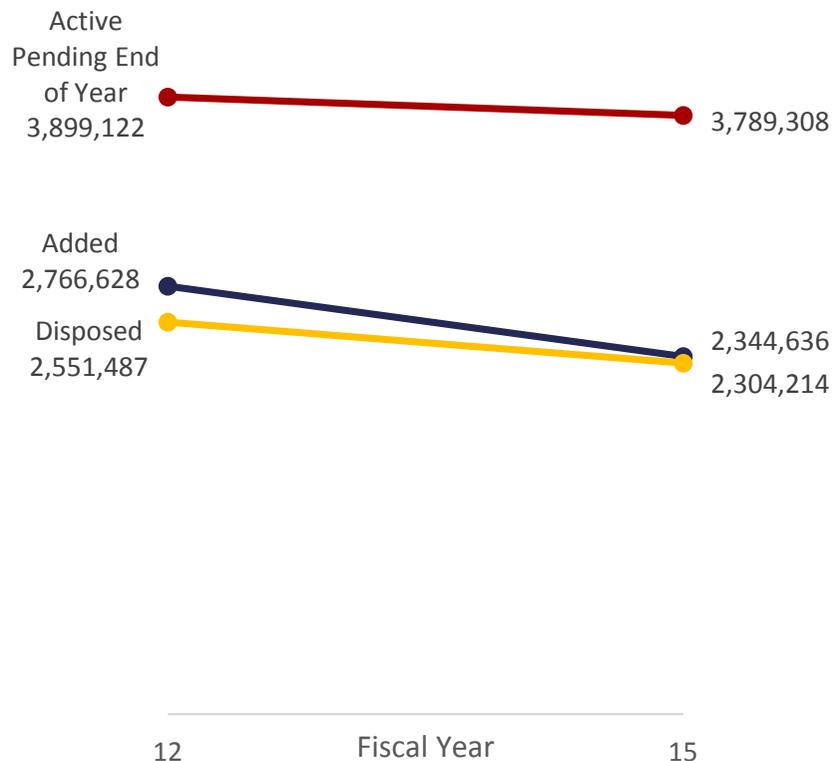
Court-Level Trends

Justice Courts

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 courts are established in each precinct.

Justice courts have original jurisdiction in Class C misdemeanor (fine-only) 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, repair and remedy, and truancy (failure to attend school) cases.

Caseload and Outcomes

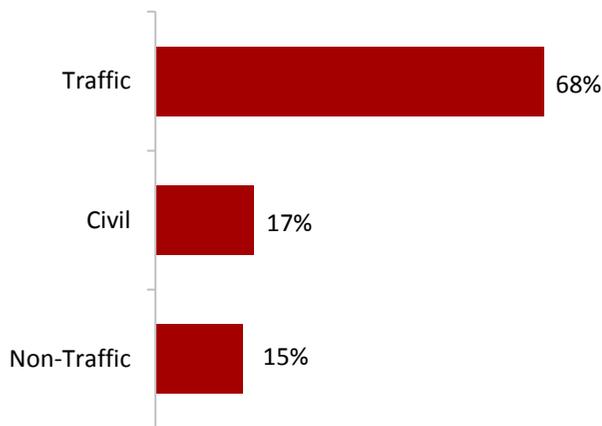


The number of filings, dispositions and pending cases have **all declined** over the last 4 years.

Court-Level Trends

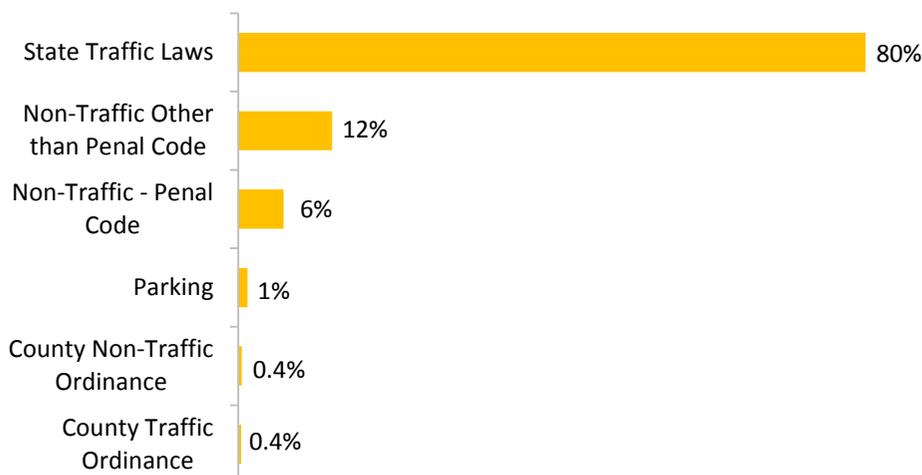
Justice Courts

	Filings		Dispositions	
	Change from Previous Year	5-Year Change	Change from Previous Year	2015 Clearance Rate
Traffic	▼ 11%	▼ 25%	▼ 6%	94%
Non-Traffic	▼ 20%	▼ 41%	▲ 6%	122%
Civil	▲ 5%	▼ 14%	▲ 1%	94%
Overall	▼ 10%	▼ 26%	▼ 3%	98%



The **majority** of the 2,344,636 cases filed in justice courts were **traffic** cases.

Criminal Cases

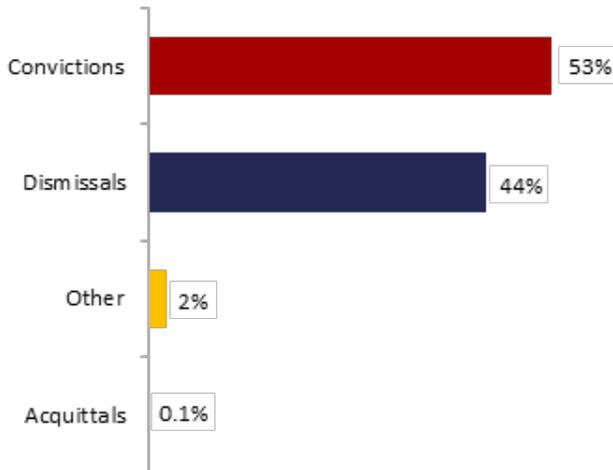


The vast majority of the 1,941,881 criminal cases filed involved violations of **state traffic laws**.

Court-Level Trends

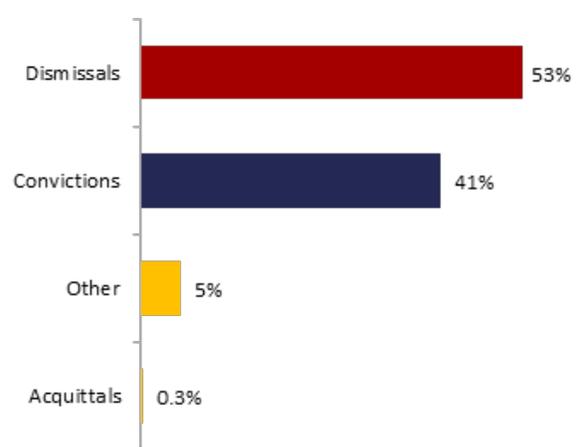
Justice Courts

Traffic Cases

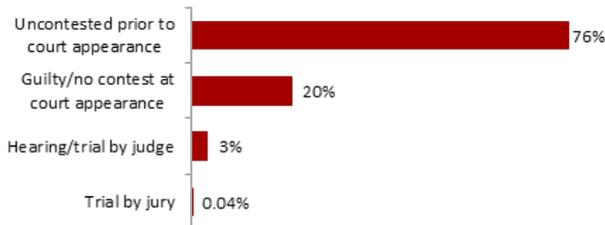


More than half of traffic cases resulted in a conviction. A large percentage of cases were dismissed.

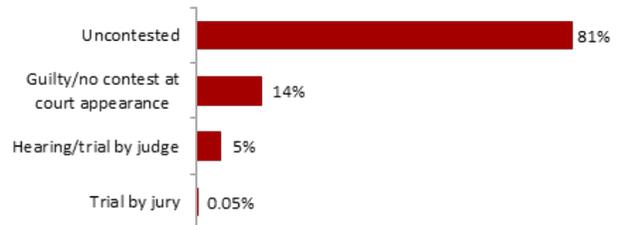
Non-Traffic Cases



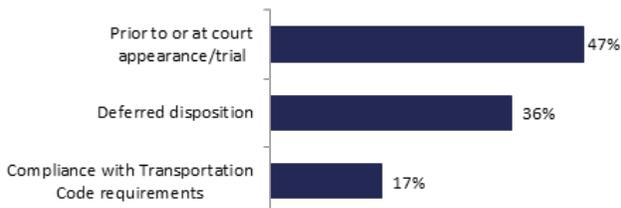
More than half of non-traffic cases were dismissed.



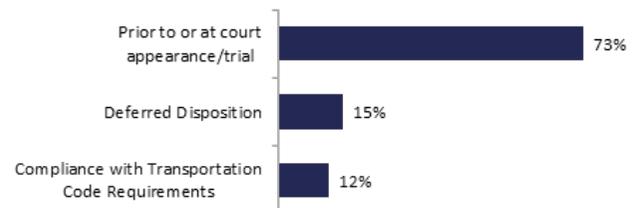
Three-quarters of convictions in traffic cases were the result of the submission of a guilty or no contest plea (or payment of a fine without a plea being entered) prior to a court appearance or trial.



More than 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 half of dismissals in traffic cases were cases dismissed prior to or at the defendant's court appearance or trial.

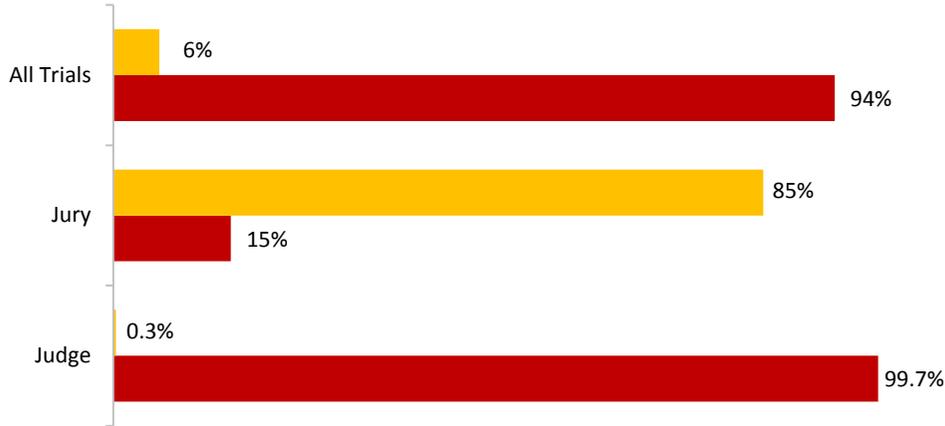


Nearly three-quarters of dismissals in non-traffic cases were cases dismissed prior to or at the defendant's court appearance or trial.

Court-Level Trends

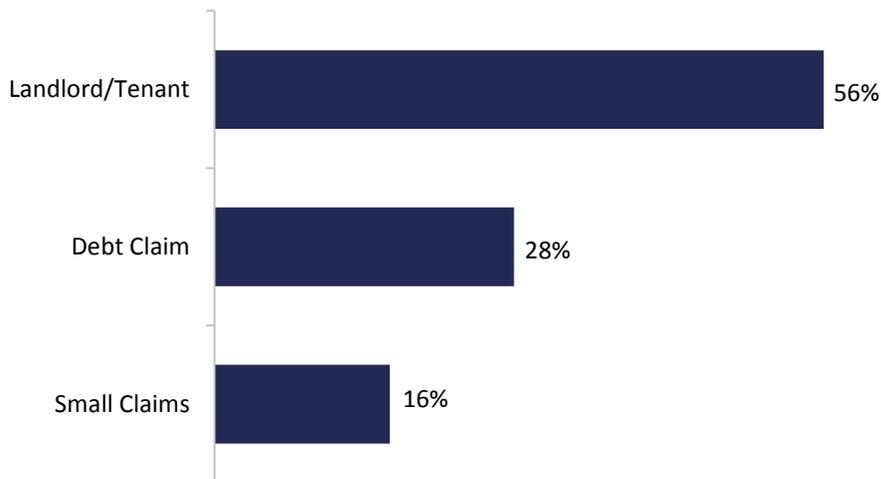
Justice Courts

Less than 3 percent of cases were disposed of by trial by judge, and 0.1 percent were disposed of by jury trial.



Most **trials by judge** resulted in **conviction** while most **trials by jury** resulted in **acquittal**.

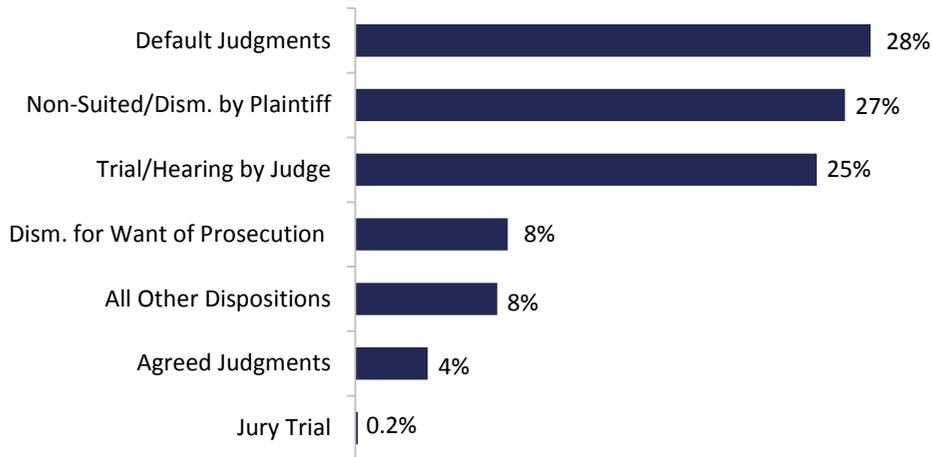
Civil Cases



The **majority** of the 402,755 civil cases filed involved **landlord/tenant** matters.

Court-Level Trends

Justice Courts



Default judgments accounted for **nearly 30 percent** of cases disposed, and nearly as many cases were **dismissed by the plaintiff**.

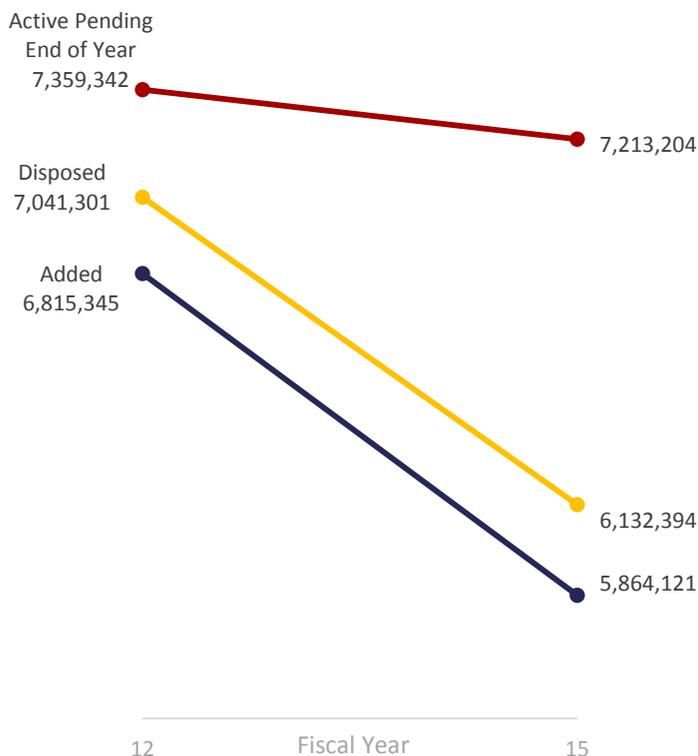
Court-Level Trends¹

Municipal Courts

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 (fine-only) 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



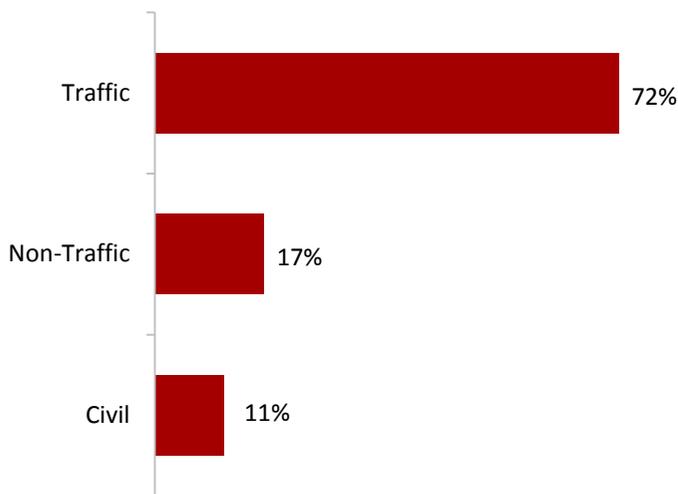
The number of filings, dispositions and pending cases have **all declined** over the last 4 years.

¹ Six months of civil data were missing from Houston.

Court-Level Trends¹

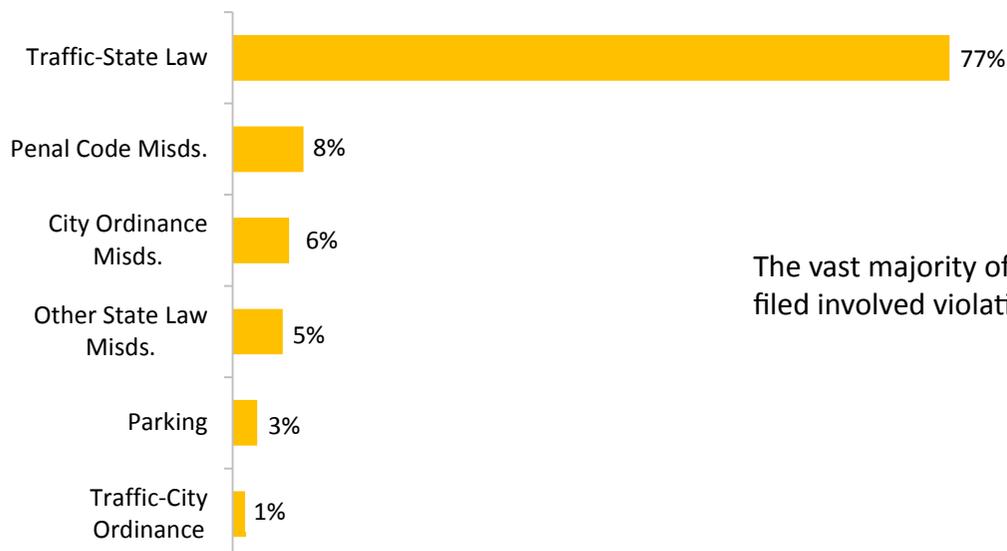
Municipal Courts

	Filings		Dispositions	
	Change from Previous Year	5-Year Change	Change from Previous Year	2015 Clearance Rate
Traffic	▼ 10%	▼ 27%	▼ 5%	103%
Non-Traffic	▼ 3%	▼ 20%	▲ 5%	103%
Civil	▼ 15%	n/a	▲ 17%	117%
Overall	▼ 10%	▼ 17%	▼ 1%	105%



The **majority** of the 5,864,121 cases filed in municipal courts were **traffic** cases.

Criminal Cases



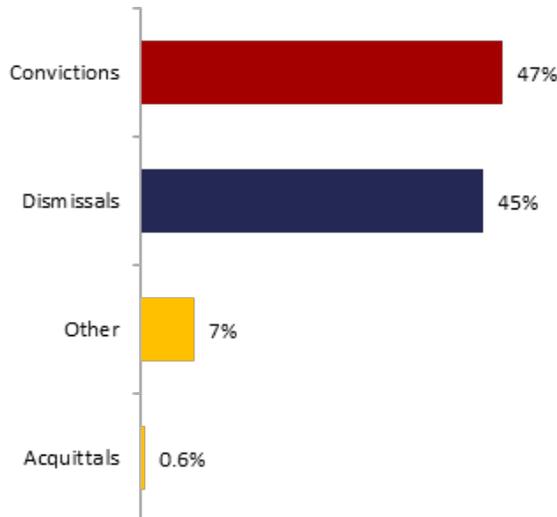
The vast majority of the 5,237,007 criminal cases filed involved violations of **state traffic** laws.

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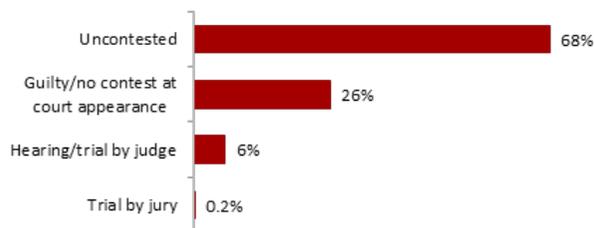
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Municipal Courts

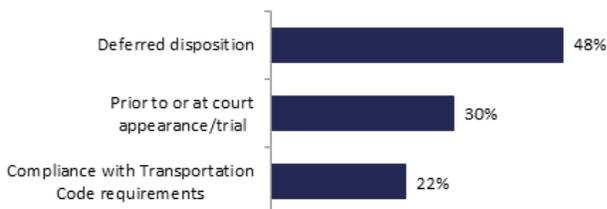
Traffic Cases



Nearly **half** of traffic cases resulted in a **conviction**. A large percentage of cases were dismissed.

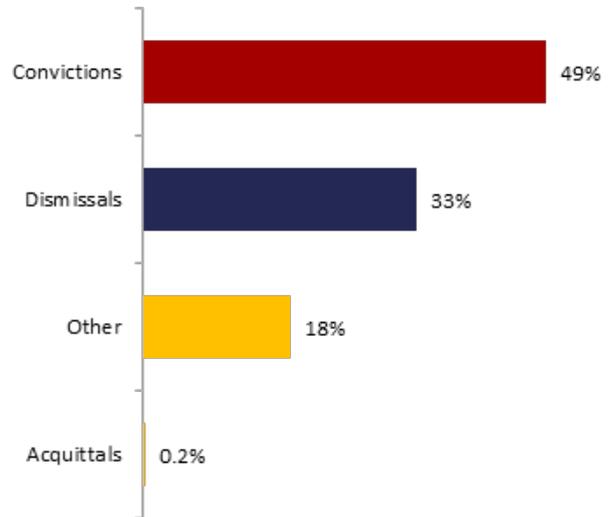


Nearly **70 percent** of convictions in traffic cases were the result of the submission of a **guilty or no contest plea** (or payment of a fine without a plea being entered) **prior to a court appearance or trial**.

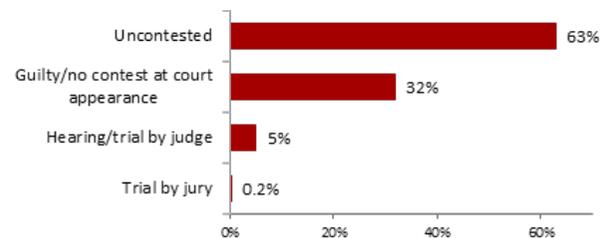


Nearly **half** of dismissals in traffic cases were the result of complying with driver safety or other deferred disposition requirements.

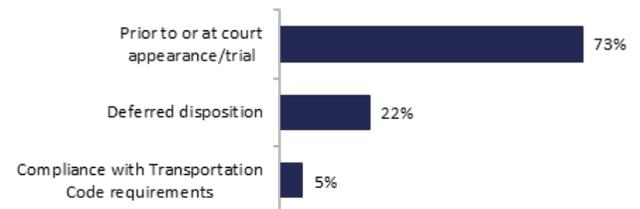
Non-Traffic Cases



Defendants were also convicted in **nearly half** of non-traffic cases.



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**.

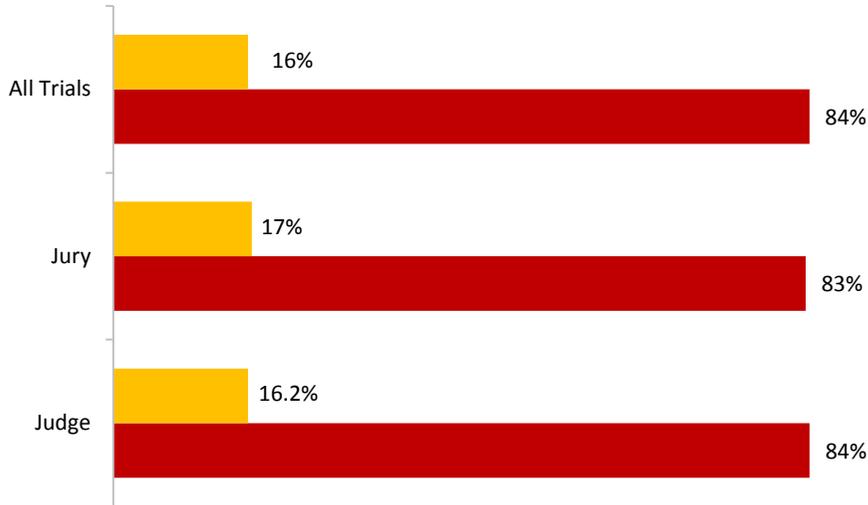


Nearly **three-quarters** of dismissals in non-traffic cases were cases dismissed prior to or at the defendant's court appearance or trial.

Court-Level Trends

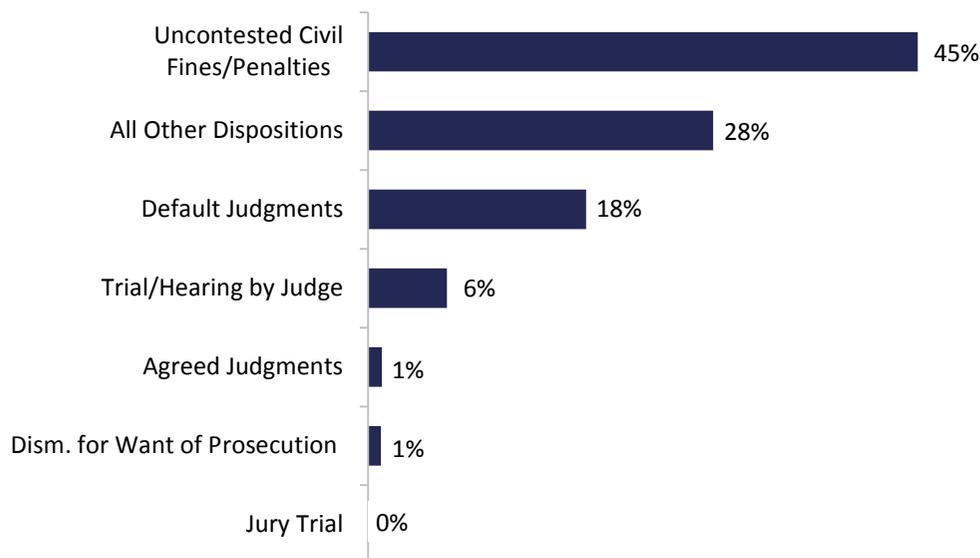
Municipal Courts

Less than 32 percent of cases were disposed of by trial by judge, and 0.5 percent were disposed of by jury trial.



Most **trials** resulted in **conviction**.

Civil/Administrative Cases



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

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Supreme Court

Activity Report

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	10-Yr. Avg
Regular Causes											
Added to docket	142	158	138	106	128	106	114	94	93	91	117
Disposed	133	144	164	125	110	137	112	100	96	113	123
Pending at end of year	93	106	80	62	83	52	54	48	45	22	65
Clearance rate	93.7%	91.1%	118.8%	117.9%	85.9%	129.2%	98.2%	106.4%	103.2%	124.2%	105.5%
Petitions for Review											
Filed	897	831	825	835	783	793	787	778	792	839	816
Disposed	822	919	874	787	806	778	761	827	786	770	813
% Granted	14.5%	15.0%	12.8%	10.8%	12.0%	13.0%	13.0%	11.2%	10.3%	10.0%	12.3%
Pending at end of year	431	344	301	351	324	339	371	322	329	396	351
Clearance rate	91.6%	110.6%	105.9%	94.3%	102.9%	98.1%	96.7%	106.3%	99.2%	91.8%	99.6%
Other Petitions and Writs											
Filed	270	255	266	304	426	336	323	340	326	339	319
Disposed	274	274	283	284	423	332	336	328	335	341	321
Pending at end of year	97	77	58	78	85	87	74	78	71	77	78
Clearance rate	101.5%	107.5%	106.4%	93.4%	99.3%	98.8%	104.0%	96.5%	102.8%	100.6%	100.8%
Opinions Written	145	170	212	165	118	162	128	111	115	127	145



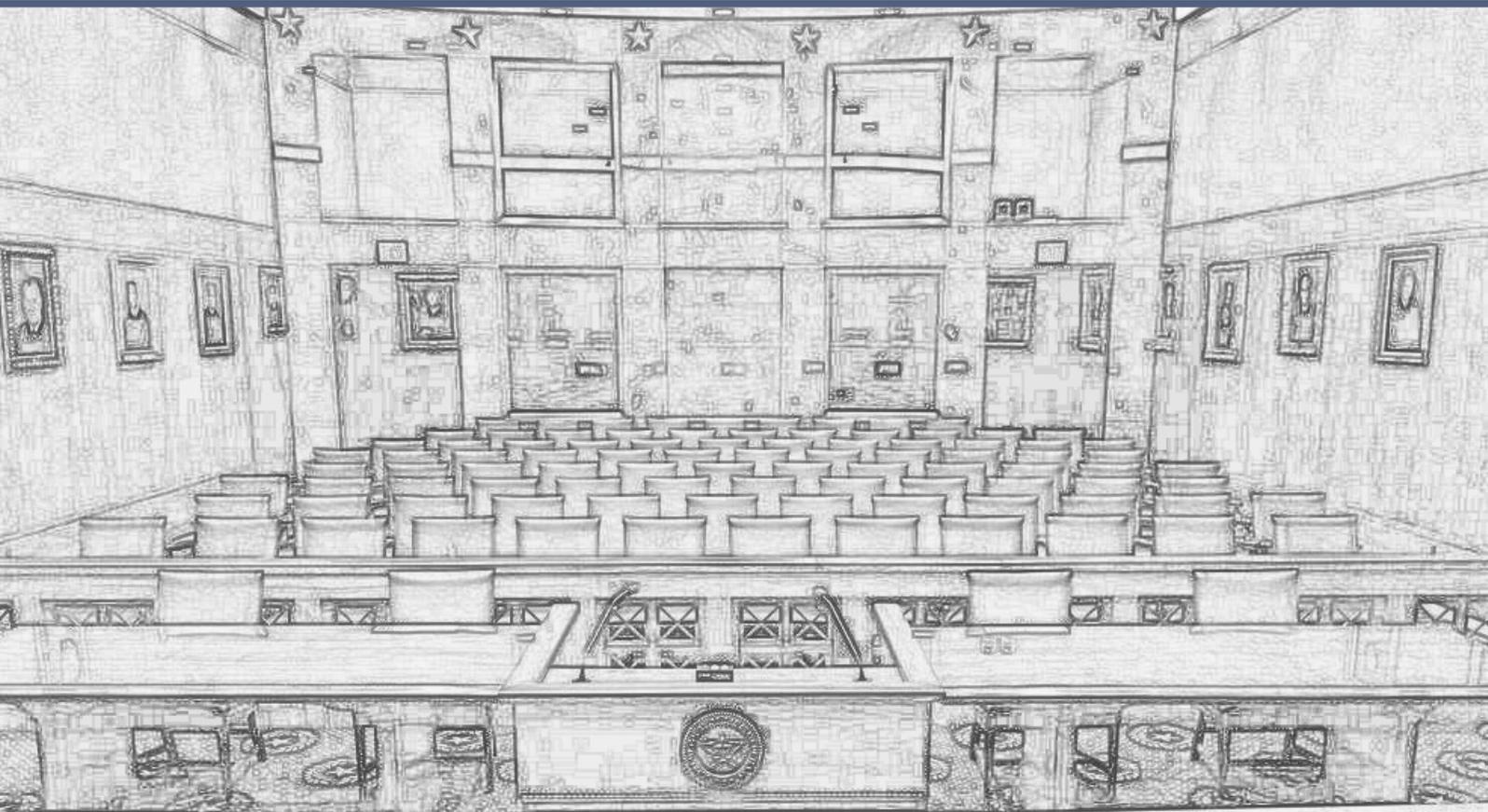
NOTE:

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
Granted Petitions for Review	20	5	47	2	17	91
<i>% of Total Granted Petitions for Review</i>	22.0%	5.5%	51.6%	2.2%	18.7%	100.0%

	Initial Review Granted	Review Denied	Dismissed	Abated	Struck	Total
Petitions for Review	77	654	24	9	6	770
<i>% of Total Petitions for Review</i>	10.0%	84.9%	3.1%	1.2%	0.8%	100.0%
Petitions for Writ of Mandamus	13	157	27	7	2	206
<i>% of Petitions for Writ of Mandamus</i>	6.3%	76.2%	13.1%	3.4%	1.0%	100.0%
Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus	0	5	2	0	1	8
<i>% of Petitions for Writ of Habeas Corpus</i>	0.0%	62.5%	25.0%	0.0%	12.5%	100.0%



Court of Criminal Appeals

Activity Report

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	10-Yr. Avg.
Mandatory Caseload											
Direct Appeals ¹											
Added to docket	18	18	15	17	20	15	16	15	22	16	17
Disposed	30	19	18	22	24	20	22	14	18	13	20
Pending at end of year	40	40	38	33	30	25	19	20	24	27	30
Clearance rate	166.7%	105.6%	120.0%	129.4%	120.0%	133.3%	137.5%	93.3%	81.8%	81.3%	116.3%
Applications for Writ of Habeas Corpus ²											
Filed	6,225	6,297	5,376	5,078	4,510	4,474	4,941	4,907	4,746	4,698	5,125
Disposed	6,620	6,407	5,512	5,224	4,402	4,498	4,809	5,083	4,733	4,707	5,200
Pending at end of year	885	782	648	501	611	584	721	547	571	558	641
Clearance rate	106.3%	101.7%	102.5%	102.9%	97.6%	100.5%	97.3%	103.6%	99.7%	100.2%	101.4%
Original Proceedings ³											
Filed	796	922	894	846	768	877	931	953	802	750	854
Disposed	812	924	918	868	747	867	912	974	819	754	860
Pending at end of year	101	98	78	60	80	89	107	88	70	69	84
Clearance rate	102.0%	100.2%	102.7%	102.6%	97.3%	98.9%	98.0%	102.2%	102.1%	100.5%	100.7%
Discretionary Caseload											
Petitions for Discretionary Review ⁴											
Filed	2,017	1,810	1,904	1,703	1,605	1,803	1,872	1,786	1,676	1,444	1,762
Disposed	2,009	1,872	1,968	1,800	1,650	1,762	1,759	1,784	1,729	1,402	1,774
Pending at end of year	516	450	391	291	246	288	401	403	351	394	373
Clearance rate	99.6%	103.4%	103.4%	105.7%	102.8%	97.7%	94.0%	99.9%	103.2%	97.1%	100.7%
Motions Considered	1,576	1,707	1,463	1,789	1,434	1,573	1,715	1,636	2,144	2,947	1,798
Opinions Written	486	575	500	447	433	428	480	441	457	425	467

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	Reversed & Remanded to Trial Court	Remanded to Trial Court	Dismissed	Total
Habeas Corpus & Extraordinary Matters	192 92.8%	12 5.8%	1 0.5%	1 0.5%	1 0.5%	207 100.0%

	Granted	Refused	Dismissed	Struck	Untimely	Total
Petitions for Discretionary Review¹	97 7.6%	1,133 88.9%	2 0.2%	35 2.7%	36 2.8%	1,274 100.0%

	Affirmed	Reversed	Reversed & Remanded	Mixed	Dismissed	Total
Granted Petitions for Discretionary Review	30 30.3%	11 11.1%	46 46.5%	3 3.0%	9 9.1%	99 100.0%

	Granted	Filed & Set	Denied	Remanded	Dismissed	Returned	Abated	Total
Applications for Writ of Habeas Corpus	0 0.0%	194 4.3%	2,202 48.9%	399 8.9%	1,703 37.8%	2 0.0%	0 0.0%	4,500 100.0%
Original Proceedings	0 0.0%	14 1.9%	531 70.4%	0 0.0%	62 8.2%	0 0.0%	147 19.5%	754 100.0%

	Granted	Denied	Dismissed	Filed & Set	Remanded	Other	Total
Motions for Stay of Execution	8 38.1%	13 61.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	21 100.0%

Average time from filing to disposition for cases involving:

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Capital punishment	687	821	866	741	778	645	616	646	698	656
Application for writ of habeas corpus	39	68	27	36	36	22	24	40	39	37
Application for writ of habeas corpus (filed & set)									8	24
Petition for discretionary review	280	61	57	47	41	38	60	65	73	61
Granted petition for discretionary review									198	250

NOTES:

1. Includes redrawn petitions for discretionary review.

Courts of Appeals

10-Year Activity Report

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	10-yr Avg
Civil Cases											
Cases added											
<i>New filings</i>	4,971	4,940	4,949	4,733	4,811	5,070	5,107	5,050	4,946	4,764	4,934
<i>Other cases</i>	419	378	353	408	401	490	458	436	477	496	432
Total cases added	5,390	5,318	5,302	5,141	5,212	5,560	5,565	5,486	5,423	5,260	5,366
Cases disposed	5,440	5,286	5,136	5,279	5,274	5,568	5,487	5,549	5,581	5,608	5,421
Cases pending at end of year	3,376	3,457	3,569	3,425	3,391	3,380	3,484	3,439	3,316	2,976	3,381
Clearance rate	100.9%	99.4%	96.9%	102.7%	101.2%	100.1%	98.6%	101.1%	102.9%	106.6%	101.0%
Avg. time between filing & disposition (months)	8.0	8.1	8.8	8.9	9.0	8.3	7.9	8.3	7.9	7.6	8.3
Avg. time between submission & disposition (months)	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0
Criminal Cases											
Cases added											
<i>New filings</i>	4,939	5,039	5,163	4,737	4,926	5,366	5,309	4,913	4,651	4,513	4,956
<i>Other cases</i>	908	960	1,008	1,043	1,063	1,178	1,049	853	1,027	865	995
Total cases added	5,847	5,999	6,171	5,780	5,989	6,544	6,358	5,766	5,678	5,378	5,951
Cases disposed	6,344	6,000	5,869	5,975	6,179	6,368	6,222	5,949	5,968	5,581	6,046
Cases pending at end of year	4,100	4,144	4,429	4,256	4,118	4,301	4,445	4,259	3,978	3,773	4,180
Clearance rate	108.5%	100.0%	95.1%	103.4%	103.2%	97.3%	97.9%	103.2%	105.1%	103.8%	101.8%
Avg. time between filing & disposition (months)	9.3	8.8	8.9	9.1	9.2	8.4	8.6	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.0
Avg. time between submission & disposition (months)	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.4	2.5	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.6
All Cases											
Cases added											
<i>New filings</i>	9,910	9,979	10,112	9,470	9,737	10,436	10,416	9,963	9,597	9,277	9,890
<i>Other cases</i>	1,327	1,338	1,361	1,451	1,464	1,668	1,507	1,289	1,504	1,361	1,427
Total cases added	11,237	11,317	11,473	10,921	11,201	12,104	11,923	11,252	11,101	10,638	11,317
Cases disposed	11,784	11,286	11,005	11,254	11,453	11,936	11,709	11,498	11,549	11,189	11,466
Cases pending at end of year	7,476	7,601	7,998	7,681	7,509	7,681	7,929	7,698	7,294	6,749	7,562
Clearance rate	104.9%	99.7%	95.9%	103.0%	102.2%	98.6%	98.2%	102.2%	104.0%	105.2%	101.4%
Avg. time between filing & disposition (months)	8.7	8.5	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.4	8.2	8.7	8.6	8.4	8.7
Avg. time between submission & disposition (months)	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.8
Opinions Written	11,408	10,921	10,348	10,765	10,742	11,061	10,975	10,921	10,797	10,560	10,850



Courts of Appeals

Individual COA Activity Report

	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
Number of Justices	9	7	6	7	13	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	6	9
Civil Cases														
Total Cases Added	621	430	553	479	921	98	218	199	204	134	135	121	442	705
Total Cases Disposed	672	484	574	539	964	113	231	209	242	142	153	113	456	716
Cases Pending August 31, 2015	402	180	338	205	474	40	128	195	128	72	110	70	248	386
Clearance Rate	108.2%	112.6%	103.8%	112.5%	104.7%	115.3%	106.0%	105.0%	118.6%	106.0%	113.3%	93.4%	103.2%	101.6%
Average time between filing & disposition (in months)	8.9	6.5	8.3	6.1	7.6	5.7	6.9	11.9	8.0	6.1	12.0	5.5	6.5	7.2
Average percent of cases filed but not yet disposed for < 2 years	99.3%	96.7%	96.9%	99.6%	98.8%	100.0%	100.0%	97.6%	99.5%	99.0%	97.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Average time between submission & disposition (in months)	1.7	2.5	1.8	1.0	1.3	0.9	2.0	3.8	2.3	0.6	3.1	2.8	1.4	2.5
Average percent of cases under submission for less than 1 year	98.1%	92.7%	90.2%	100.0%	98.8%	100.0%	100.0%	96.0%	98.8%	100.0%	94.9%	100.0%	99.8%	99.9%
Criminal Cases														
Total Cases Added	567	459	307	374	985	248	270	155	302	266	231	223	409	582
Total Cases Disposed	549	561	295	378	1,112	248	284	182	261	273	227	236	396	579
Cases Pending August 31, 2015	448	300	277	208	513	132	211	242	239	138	256	147	289	373
Clearance Rate	96.8%	122.2%	96.1%	101.1%	112.9%	100.0%	105.2%	117.4%	86.4%	102.6%	98.3%	105.8%	96.8%	99.5%
Average time between filing & disposition (in months)	9.4	10.2	11.5	7.3	7.5	6.8	9.2	18.5	9.1	6.9	14.9	9.0	8.7	8.6
Average percent of cases filed but not yet disposed for < 2 years	99.8%	99.2%	98.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.9%	95.9%	100.0%	100.0%	98.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Average time between submission & disposition (in months)	1.3	2.1	0.7	1.0	1.4	0.8	2.2	4.1	1.7	0.4	1.6	1.9	1.2	1.8
Average percent of cases under submission for less than 1 year	98.9%	97.2%	96.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.4%	99.5%	100.0%	97.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total Cases														
Total Cases Added	1,188	889	860	853	1,906	346	488	354	506	400	366	344	851	1,287
Total Cases Disposed	1,221	1,045	869	917	2,076	361	515	391	503	415	380	349	852	1,295
Cases Pending August 31, 2015	850	480	615	413	987	172	339	437	367	210	366	217	537	759
Clearance Rate	102.8%	117.6%	101.1%	107.5%	108.9%	104.3%	105.5%	110.5%	99.4%	103.8%	103.8%	101.5%	100.1%	100.6%
Average time between filing & disposition (in months)	9.1	8.5	9.4	6.6	7.5	6.5	8.1	14.9	8.6	6.6	13.8	7.9	7.6	7.8
Average percent of cases filed but not yet disposed for < 2 years	99.5%	98.3%	97.7%	99.8%	99.4%	100.0%	100.0%	96.7%	99.8%	99.7%	98.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Average time between submission & disposition (in months)	1.5	2.3	1.4	1.0	1.3	0.8	2.1	3.9	2.0	0.5	2.2	2.1	1.3	2.2
Average percent of cases under submission for less than 1 year	98.4%	95.0%	91.3%	100.0%	99.4%	100.0%	100.0%	97.8%	99.1%	100.0%	96.3%	100.0%	99.9%	100.0%

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
By the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court¹										
Assignments to the Administrative Regions										
Number of Assignments										
Senior/Former Appellate Judges	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Active District Judges	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
Senior/Former District Judges	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	8
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Assignments	0	0	1	0	16	1	0	0	0	18
Days Served										
Senior/Former Appellate Judges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0
Active District Judges	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0
Senior/Former District Judges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL Days Served	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	45.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	47.0
By Presiding Judges of Administrative Regions¹										
Assignments within the Administrative Regions										
Number of Assignments										
Active Appellate Judges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Senior/Former Appellate Judges	120	147	44	33	126	78	6	17	13	584
Active District Judges	5	89	3	12	43	32	23	336	49	592
Senior/Former District Judges	436	727	419	326	181	124	217	578	138	3,146
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0	43	1	0	4	2	17	13	9	89
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	85	235	63	52	19	34	42	63	55	648
TOTAL Assignments	646	1,241	530	423	373	270	305	1,007	264	5,059
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	278.0	321.0	60.0	64.0	439.0	106.0	7.0	17.0	11.0	1,303.0
Active District Judges	34.0	0.0	3.0	12.0	88.0	124.0	8.0	5.5	0.0	274.5
Senior/Former District Judges	1,786.0	1,560.0	612.0	820.5	786.0	285.5	252.0	722.0	209.0	7,033.0
Active Statutory County Court Judges	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	8.0	71.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	81.0
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	306.0	503.0	150.0	247.5	48.0	48.0	44.0	75.0	74.0	1,495.5
TOTAL Days Served	2,404.0	2,385.0	826.0	1,144.0	1,369.0	634.5	311.0	819.5	294.0	10,187.0
Assignments from Other Administrative Regions										
Number of Assignments										
Senior/Former Appellate Judges	0	0	1	0	1	1	5	0	0	8
Active District Judges	2	1	2	2	1	0	4	0	1	13
Senior/Former District Judges	44	18	8	19	5	15	56	57	51	273
Active Statutory County Court Judges	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	0	0	1	20	0	7	0	19	0	47
TOTAL Assignments	47	22	14	41	7	23	65	76	52	347
Days Served										
Senior/Former Appellate Judges	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
Active District Judges	3.0	1.0	0.0	9.0	2.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	16.0
Senior/Former District Judges	331.0	20.0	16.0	26.5	13.0	31.5	78.0	48.0	46.0	610.0
Active Statutory County Court Judges	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
Retired/Former Statutory County Court Judges	0.0	0.0	1.0	57.0	0.0	5.5	0.0	19.0	0.0	82.5
TOTAL Days Served	337.0	21.0	18.0	92.5	16.0	37.0	82.0	67.0	46.0	716.5
By the Supreme Court for Disciplinary Proceedings²										
Number of Assignments--Active District Judges	17	13	4	10	3	0	0	0	0	47
Days Served--Active District Judges	4.0	8.0	0.0	1.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.0
Total ---Trial Court Assignments										
Number of Assignments	710	1,276	549	474	399	294	370	1,083	316	5,471
Days Served	2,745.0	2,414.0	845.0	1,237.5	1,436.0	672.5	393.0	886.5	340.0	10,969.5
Assignments to Other Administrative Regions	17	5	22	8	3	7	5	7	0	74

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.

District Court

Criminal Case Activity Report

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
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	749	1,634	1,046	16,765	1,975	7,704	4,194	6,520
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	110	739	411	4,652	749	3,978	1,074	1,731
Docket Adjustments	-9	-107	-10	-448	-170	-191	61	-403
Cases Added:								
Filed by Indictment or Information	387	819	985	20,173	1,488	5,206	6,812	6,960
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	8	38	359	5,974	274	976	2,026	2,157
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	39	116	497	4,770	327	1,611	2,169	1,769
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	24	41	23	633	56	166	174	378
Total Active Cases on Docket	1,198	2,541	2,900	47,867	3,950	15,472	15,436	17,381
Dispositions								
Convictions:								
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	158	328	500	7,590	474	1,847	3,346	3,827
<i>By the Court</i>	4	13	9	153	10	59	55	35
<i>By the Jury</i>	94	154	30	306	77	282	56	148
Total Convictions	256	495	539	8,049	561	2,188	3,457	4,010
Deferred Adjudication	5	20	187	6,394	251	1,029	1,600	1,630
Acquittals								
<i>By the Court</i>	2	2	0	72	4	20	2	6
<i>By the Jury</i>	1	21	6	135	28	92	20	18
Total Acquittals	3	23	6	207	32	112	22	24
Dismissals	99	166	277	5,048	490	1,660	1,459	1,178
Motions to Revoke								
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	5	19	333	5,372	259	836	1,761	2,049
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	1	8	143	2,568	114	442	1,005	960
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	4	11	190	2,804	145	394	756	1,089
All Other Dispositions	21	33	15	937	37	172	117	336
Total Cases Disposed	389	756	1,357	26,007	1,630	5,997	8,416	9,227
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	47	158	526	5,449	360	1,793	2,295	1,905
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	759	1,610	1,003	16,246	1,928	7,517	4,538	6,200
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	115	771	446	5,119	780	4,189	1,298	1,847
Cases in Which								
<i>Death Penalty Sought</i>	10							
<i>Death Penalty Not Sought</i>	115							
Sentencing Information:								
Prison	213	437	320	3,698	452	1,947	1,365	3,156
State Jail	7	16	17	413	9	58	75	292
Local Jail	4	4	39	2,829	41	63	1,513	390
Probation/Community Supervision	3	11	165	1,859	61	306	632	377
Shock Probation	0	1	4	23	1	3	0	30
Fine Only	0	0	0	18	0	1	9	4
Other	3	6	6	71	4	14	18	22

District Court Criminal Cases

Cases on Docket:	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Drug Sale or Manufacture	Drug Possession	Felony DWI	Other Felony	Misdemeanors All	Total Cases
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:									
<i>Active Cases</i>	12,968	18,103	4,386	13,205	33,188	11,336	40,564	3,929	178,266
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	4,117	9,378	1,351	3,147	11,425	3,814	15,221	229	62,126
Docket Adjustments	-763	387	-589	-215	10	-524	139	845	-1,987
Cases Added:									
Filed by Indictment or Information	13,066	26,342	4,895	12,103	48,820	9,950	44,610	2,207	204,823
Other Cases Reaching Docket:									
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	6,678	6,688	1,304	3,433	14,399	3,990	11,351	819	60,474
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	5,296	8,634	1,396	3,818	13,799	3,290	14,357	505	62,393
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	433	603	82	477	1,356	604	1,374	64	6,488
Total Active Cases on Docket	37,678	60,757	11,474	32,821	111,572	28,646	112,395	8,369	510,457
Dispositions									
Convictions:									
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	7,597	15,253	2,658	6,373	23,973	9,126	21,467	1,083	105,600
<i>By the Court</i>	159	218	38	97	387	200	489	23	1,949
<i>By the Jury</i>	79	81	16	116	138	76	309	7	1,969
Total Convictions	7,835	15,552	2,712	6,586	24,498	9,402	22,265	1,113	109,518
Deferred Adjudication	3,643	5,810	913	2,928	14,952	207	10,096	268	49,933
Acquittals									
<i>By the Court</i>	17	12	2	12	39	9	67	3	269
<i>By the Jury</i>	30	22	6	16	36	13	96	6	546
Total Acquittals	47	34	8	28	75	22	163	9	815
Dismissals	2,429	4,286	1,160	2,643	8,944	1,097	12,027	831	43,794
Motions to Revoke									
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	6,157	6,150	1,124	3,163	12,827	3,556	10,212	664	54,487
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	3,424	3,751	747	1,439	7,476	1,762	5,748	466	30,054
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	2,733	2,399	377	1,724	5,351	1,794	4,464	198	24,433
All Other Dispositions	620	832	144	549	1,547	641	1,859	990	8,850
Total Cases Disposed	20,731	32,664	6,061	15,897	62,843	14,925	56,622	3,875	267,397
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	5,469	9,405	1,556	4,151	15,421	3,352	15,248	528	67,663
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:									
<i>Active Cases</i>	11,452	18,744	3,706	12,792	33,185	10,351	40,171	3,725	173,927
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	4,214	10,008	1,445	3,391	12,791	3,650	16,060	493	66,617
Cases in Which									
<i>Death Penalty Sought</i>									10
<i>Death Penalty Not Sought</i>									115
Sentencing Information:									
Prison	3,780	1,782	328	4,094	5,088	3,378	9,409	32	39,479
State Jail	2,052	7,734	1,551	1,163	8,305	526	5,027	27	27,272
Local Jail	1,037	4,218	628	574	7,201	608	4,396	834	24,379
Probation/Community Supervision	1,690	2,398	404	1,157	5,605	4,580	4,712	228	24,188
Shock Probation	55	17	1	30	15	19	41	0	240
Fine Only	9	35	2	6	89	6	60	46	285
Other	62	148	10	126	239	359	322	4	1,414

Age of Cases Disposed:	90 Days or Less	91 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	Over 365 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	113,910	52,931	48,834	51,722	267,397

Information on Trafficking of Persons:	Total Filed
Cases for Trafficking of Persons	88
Cases for Prostitution	956
Cases for Compelling Prostitution	80

Additional Court Activity:	Total
Cases in Which Jury Selected	2,630
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	97
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	2,239
Competency Hearings Held	3,033
Cases Set for Review	20,106
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	156,076
Cases with Retained Counsel	68,497

District Courts

Civil Case Activity Report

	Injury or Damage					
	Motor Vehicle	Medical Malpractice	Other Professional Malpractice	Product Liability - Asbestos/Silica	Other Product Liability	Other Injury or Damage
Cases on Docket:						
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	34,769	1,428	511	10,715	1,033	17,680
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	681	43	23	588	68	652
Docket Adjustments	-3,426	-101	-16	-154	-36	-3,066
Cases Added:						
New Cases Filed	23,923	951	214	223	452	7,618
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	2,304	78	30	183	140	805
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	665	34	25	27	98	403
Total Active Cases on Docket	58,235	2,390	764	10,994	1,687	23,440
Dispositions:						
Change of Venue Transfers	150	11	5	14	16	136
Default Judgments	633	1	6	0	15	207
Agreed Judgments	2,770	99	40	20	105	1,039
Summary Judgments	241	29	24	2	20	281
Final Judgments:						
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	1,054	44	14	1	19	508
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	445	22	4	1	6	142
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	6	1	0	0	0	2
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	2,751	62	46	545	114	1,238
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	11,801	462	96	307	273	3,788
All Other Dispositions	1,035	53	23	5,214	76	877
Total Cases Disposed	20,886	784	258	6,104	644	8,218
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	2,492	87	44	9	143	836
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	34,507	1,520	456	4,886	894	14,122
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	886	51	38	409	73	659

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				
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	784	4,862	42,808	15,763	39,252	39,771	106,302	315,678
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	4	86	1,745	869	391	1,352	1,140	7,642
Docket Adjustments	0	49	-1,745	-815	-1,451	-5,458	-995	-17,214
Cases Added:								
New Cases Filed	307	5,313	29,949	12,969	44,057	26,810	60,510	213,296
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	9	74	1,595	444	1,154	869	5,097	12,782
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	7	140	1,083	551	844	1,623	568	6,068
Total Active Cases on Docket	1,107	10,438	73,690	28,912	83,856	63,615	171,482	530,610
Dispositions:								
Change of Venue Transfers	0	76	299	154	15	244	34	1,154
Default Judgments	13	539	5,544	3,299	4,281	2,164	10,630	27,332
Agreed Judgments	86	824	3,084	1,245	6,572	4,673	4,332	24,889
Summary Judgments	1	114	1,060	336	434	523	183	3,248
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	40	419	1,468	896	9,768	2,930	12,419	29,580
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	2	15	128	49	36	119	21	990
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	0	9	0	4	3	6	31
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	31	460	3,816	1,488	1,238	3,046	3,467	18,302
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	181	1,257	10,753	4,167	3,826	7,139	25,335	69,385
All Other Dispositions	42	396	4,739	943	15,839	4,482	1,029	34,748
Total Cases Disposed	396	4,100	30,900	12,577	42,013	25,323	57,456	209,659
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	8	122	1,704	516	1,137	946	5,288	13,332
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	661	6,200	40,707	15,384	40,641	37,167	107,695	304,840
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	9	136	1,817	986	407	1,323	1,426	8,220

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	51,446	32,753	44,664	27,188	53,608	209,659

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	1,237
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	100
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	3,863
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	5,961

District Courts

Family Case Activity Report

	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						
Cases on Docket:								
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	48,565	52,132	29,352	15,348	1,914	5,158	4,086	22,210
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	530	333	299	123	23	25	31	221
Docket Adjustments	-628	-1,056	-961	-294	-8	-106	-137	-526
Cases Added:								
New Cases Filed	51,192	57,882	23,199	10,324	1,875	7,832	7,428	14,300
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	2,277	1,591	378	456	31	116	56	375
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	1,989	1,024	1,336	336	53	102	192	1,543
Total Active Cases on Docket	103,395	111,573	53,304	26,170	3,865	13,102	11,625	37,902
Dispositions:								
Change of Venue Transfers	220	103	161	145	19	93	22	286
Default Judgments	3,296	5,076	1,957	232	96	106	517	258
Agreed Judgments	18,505	20,063	6,408	551	201	855	605	2,633
Summary Judgments	11	4	27	1	0	4	0	27
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	16,257	20,147	4,689	3,825	1,294	4,525	1,548	6,250
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	31	18	12	10	2	0	1	10
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	8	7	1	3	0	0	4	2
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	7,519	6,142	2,900	209	268	451	1,112	1,929
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	3,164	2,391	4,452	2,674	94	147	1,545	993
All Other Dispositions	2,510	2,544	1,153	1,551	139	1,337	1,938	3,745
Total Cases Disposed	51,521	56,495	21,760	9,201	2,113	7,518	7,292	16,133
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	2,156	1,569	330	376	33	117	32	329
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	49,239	53,090	31,019	16,315	1,719	5,424	4,206	21,201
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	485	292	198	114	24	27	24	163

District Court Family Cases

Cases on Docket:	Title IV-D			Post-Judgment Actions				Total Cases
	Paternity	Support Order	UIFSA	Modification - Custody	Modification - Other	Enforcement	Title IV-D	
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	18,671	20,179	2,377	13,544	24,422	13,990	41,853	313,801
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	160	192	36	91	322	305	2,566	5,257
Docket Adjustments	-849	-536	602	180	-11	-132	-785	-5,247
Cases Added:								
New Cases Filed	27,900	32,382	2,262	8,364	14,804	8,065	44,888	312,697
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	173	104	25	159	703	269	2,449	9,162
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	512	1,036	57	2,204	2,009	1,389	6,415	20,197
Total Active Cases on Docket	46,407	53,165	5,323	24,451	41,927	23,581	94,820	650,610
Dispositions:								
Change of Venue Transfers	83	149	11	464	733	173	1,233	3,895
Default Judgments	2,684	1,907	216	514	735	200	1,941	19,735
Agreed Judgments	6,060	9,865	477	2,742	5,468	2,551	20,250	97,234
Summary Judgments	4	3	1	3	3	3	4	95
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	5,326	6,480	641	2,400	2,533	1,799	11,561	89,275
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	2	3	2	4	12	5	5	117
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	1	0	0	3	2	2	7	40
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	2,518	1,902	307	1,090	2,060	1,406	2,654	32,467
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	6,144	5,722	567	505	1,151	1,284	6,227	37,060
All Other Dispositions	3,689	5,894	223	694	2,718	940	6,605	35,680
Total Cases Disposed	26,511	31,925	2,445	8,419	15,415	8,363	50,487	315,598
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	168	122	22	165	729	263	2,434	8,845
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	19,603	21,172	2,676	15,850	24,487	14,411	41,502	321,914
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	122	126	27	109	314	296	2,466	4,787

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	118,757	69,072	69,594	26,646	31,529	315,598

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	147
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	5
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	34,736
Protective Orders Signed	6,536
Cases Set for Review	18,511
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	68,371

District Courts

Juvenile Case Activity Report

	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
Cases on Docket:									
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:									
<i>Active Cases</i>	364	15	19	4	653	1,347	666	404	874
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	20	1	3	1	100	250	75	96	145
Docket Adjustments	-55	-3	-1	0	-8	-116	22	-14	6
Cases Added:									
New Petitions Filed	142	12	6	3	1,303	2,876	594	753	1,108
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court		1	2	0	9	0	18	18	2
Other Cases Reaching Docket:									
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	16	1	1	0	434	786	188	216	408
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	9	3	1	0	214	405	91	179	167
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	56	0	1	0	9	8	12	10	8
Total Active Cases on Docket	532	29	29	7	2,614	5,306	1,591	1,566	2,573
Adjudications:									
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:									
<i>Plea of True</i>	54	3	2	1	658	982	367	422	580
<i>By the Court</i>	17	0	0	0	43	91	33	21	57
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	3	4	3	1	0
Total Findings of DC/CINS	71	3	2	1	704	1,077	403	444	637
Deferred Prosecution	44	0	0	0	187	782	59	25	132
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	0	2	1	0	6	1	16	39	4
Findings of No DC or No CINS:									
<i>By the Court</i>	7	0	0	0	34	12	9	5	31
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	3	2	4	1	1
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	7	0	0	0	37	14	13	6	32
Dismissals	48	1	2	0	195	498	126	46	180
Motions to Modify Disposition:									
<i>Denied</i>	5	0	0	0	27	70	11	28	39
<i>Granted</i>	9	0	1	0	282	362	140	145	302
All Other Adjudications/Findings	12	0	1	2	124	519	95	101	59
Total Cases Adjudicated	196	6	7	3	1,562	3,323	863	834	1,385
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	10	3	3	0	232	347	95	182	205
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:									
<i>Active Cases</i>	328	18	20	4	817	1,577	660	531	996
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	19	3	4	1	120	259	68	138	174
Dispositions:									
Cases with Finding of DC/CINS									
Probation Granted									
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	0	4	1	0	221	368	83	170	65
<i>All Other Probation</i>	57	3	1	0	409	632	282	155	539
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.									
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	0	2	1	1	14	3	17	64	7
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	0	0	0	0	45	9	24	18	29
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	2	0	0	0	35	60	14	32	20
Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.									
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	0	0	0	0	7	1	17	10	15
All Other Dispositions	21	0	1	0	184	365	91	123	209

Age of Cases Adjudicated:	30 Days or Less	31 to 90 Days	91 to 180 Days	Over 180 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	8,072	6,953	3,584	3,877	22,486

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
Cases on Docket:										
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:										
<i>Active Cases</i>	744	213	372	702	23	158	11,987	18,545	4,222	4,231
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	215	33	48	179	4	37	410	1,617	682	900
Docket Adjustments	31	45	6	-27	3	-14	-2,595	-2,720	-431	-171
Cases Added:										
New Petitions Filed	1,480	501	490	1,701	16	38	6,506	17,529	6,305	8,713
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	1	0	3	1	0	0	48	103	85	13
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	526	184	164	615	0	40	2,977	6,556	2,600	3,333
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	310	88	59	308	3	12	712	2,561	1,110	1,445
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	7	6	2	11	0	0	49	179	49	49
Total Active Cases on Docket	3,099	1,037	1,096	3,311	45	234	19,684	42,753	13,940	17,613
Adjudications:										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
<i>Plea of True</i>	751	285	217	728	7	38	2,896	7,991	3,470	3,671
<i>By the Court</i>	76	20	16	50	2	0	322	748	244	304
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	19	4	1
Total Findings of DC/CINS	827	305	234	778	9	38	3,225	8,758	3,718	3,976
Deferred Prosecution	319	31	158	468	0	1	1,103	3,309	921	2,159
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	1	0	2	0	0	0	7	79	71	3
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
<i>By the Court</i>	6	8	4	1	0	0	23	140	98	28
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	1	1	0	0	1	5	19	11	2
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	6	9	5	1	0	1	28	159	109	30
Dismissals	167	56	60	259	4	16	1,331	2,989	711	1,322
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
<i>Denied</i>	54	12	20	56	0	1	217	540	251	285
<i>Granted</i>	244	141	76	234	0	9	1,562	3,507	1,739	1,597
All Other Adjudications/Findings	348	65	93	422	4	12	1,288	3,145	835	1,977
Total Cases Adjudicated	1,966	619	648	2,218	17	78	8,761	22,486	8,355	11,349
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	237	72	47	242	4	12	555	2,246	1,085	1,163
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:										
<i>Active Cases</i>	835	328	391	808	24	147	10,219	17,703	4,356	4,799
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	206	35	50	156	5	34	414	1,686	848	940
Dispositions:										
Cases with Finding of DC/CINS										
Probation Granted										
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	365	151	92	336	1	2	1,348	3,207	1,331	1,705
<i>All Other Probation</i>	378	125	117	360	5	46	1,626	4,735	1,972	1,971
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	4	1	2	0	0	0	15	131	99	10
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	11	3	7	5	0	2	66	219	166	22
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	66	32	16	57	1	1	194	530	211	289
Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	8	2	0	1	0	0	68	129	105	16
All Other Dispositions	235	96	65	258	0	22	1,090	2,760	1,130	1,365

Additional Court Activity:	CINS	DC	Total Cases
Grand Jury Approvals		573	573
Release or Transfer Hearings		116	116
Detention Hearings	4,530	23,225	27,755
Cases Set for Review	352	6,623	6,975
Competency Hearings	0	52	52
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	0	67	67
Applications for Sealing Records	37	663	700
Motions for Sex Offender Un- or Deregistration	0	61	61
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	685	18,757	19,442
Cases with Retained Counsel	88	2,497	2,585

Statutory County Courts

Felony Case Activity Report

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
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	0	0	4	39	5	22	5	3
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	0	0	3	5	1	12	0	3
Docket Adjustments	0	0	-3	-2	-1	-8	-1	0
Cases Added:								
Filed by Indictment or Information	0	1	4	22	3	22	6	2
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	0	0	0	11	0	2	3	4
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	0	0	0	5	1	15	0	0
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Active Cases on Docket	0	1	5	75	8	53	13	9
Dispositions:								
Convictions:								
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	0	0	3	6	0	3	3	0
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total Convictions	0	0	3	6	1	3	3	0
Placed on Deferred Adjudication	0	0	0	21	0	5	1	2
Acquittals:								
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total Acquittals	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dismissals	0	0	0	6	1	4	3	0
Motions to Revoke:								
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	0	0	0	6	1	2	2	1
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
All Other Dispositions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cases Disposed	0	0	3	42	3	15	10	3
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	0	0	3	9	0	6	0	0
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	0	1	2	27	5	32	3	6
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	0	0	3	6	0	3	0	3
Cases in Which								
<i>Death Penalty Sought</i>	0							
<i>Death Penalty Not Sought</i>	0							
Sentencing Information:								
Prison	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
State Jail	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Local Jail	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0
Probation/Community Supervision	0	0	3	10	0	2	5	2
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

Age of Cases Disposed:	90 Days or Less	91 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	Over 365 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	150	162	205	141	658

Statutory County Courts Felony Cases

Cases on Docket:	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Drug Sale or Manufacture	Drug Possession	Felony DWI	Other Felony	Total Cases
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	28	51	22	11	89	242	64	585
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	5	19	14	0	22	73	32	189
Docket Adjustments	9	-22	-1	-3	-8	14	-33	-59
Cases Added:								
Filed by Indictment or Information	36	48	17	24	108	163	62	518
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	25	12	8	4	27	27	57	180
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	12	17	7	7	6	77	16	163
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	6
Total Active Cases on Docket	110	106	53	43	224	523	170	1,393
Dispositions:								
Convictions:								
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	22	14	6	8	51	208	35	359
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	4
Total Convictions	22	14	6	8	55	210	35	366
Placed on Deferred Adjudication	8	15	3	5	14	2	23	99
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	1
Total Acquittals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dismissals	8	14	5	3	6	1	10	61
Motions to Revoke:								
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	20	8	3	1	15	16	11	86
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	7	1	2	1	5	7	4	31
All Other Dispositions	0	5	0	1	2	4	2	14
Total Cases Disposed	65	57	19	19	97	240	85	658
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	16	18	12	10	8	88	54	224
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	28	33	23	15	118	199	74	566
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	10	18	17	2	25	80	27	194
Cases in Which								
<i>Death Penalty Sought</i>								0
<i>Death Penalty Not Sought</i>								0
Sentencing Information:								
Prison	3	0	0	5	14	58	10	93
State Jail	1	9	1	1	13	29	10	66
Local Jail	1	2	2	0	1	4	2	19
Probation/Community Supervision	19	5	3	3	29	138	15	234
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

Additional Court Activity:	Felony
Cases in Which Jury Selected	3
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	0
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	24
Competency Hearings Held	0
Cases Set for Review	6
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	151
Cases with Retained Counsel	175

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Misdemeanor Case Activity Report

Cases on Docket:	DWI - First Offense	DWI - Second Offense	Theft	Theft by Check	Drug Possession - Marijuana	Drug Offenses - Other
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	60,909	9,046	38,881	25,177	33,503	12,879
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	29,579	3,463	38,404	27,189	11,440	3,630
Docket Adjustments	-2,143	-201	-374	-405	-654	-74
Cases Added:						
New Cases Filed	54,031	11,659	53,892	11,519	54,568	16,636
Appealed from Lower Courts	48	15	63	16	29	88
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	6,817	1,813	6,459	1,239	5,629	1,755
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	10,480	2,493	20,368	9,590	10,713	2,856
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	258	132	314	45	172	94
Total Active Cases on Docket	130,400	24,957	119,603	47,181	103,960	34,234
Dispositions:						
Convictions:						
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	38,319	9,979	24,865	4,050	24,363	7,381
<i>By the Court</i>	111	11	58	1	145	29
<i>By the Jury</i>	592	112	53	8	43	10
Total Convictions	39,022	10,102	24,976	4,059	24,551	7,420
Deferred Adjudication	2,562	271	13,486	2,003	11,738	2,573
Acquittals						
<i>By the Court</i>	178	19	15	16	8	2
<i>By the Jury</i>	259	51	27	3	24	5
Total Acquittals	437	70	42	19	32	7
Dismissals	12,585	1,493	16,774	9,153	17,522	6,349
Motions to Revoke						
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	3,737	981	3,728	738	3,501	1,119
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	3,024	807	1,924	348	1,367	375
All Other Dispositions	808	147	1,117	148	1,805	784
Total Cases Disposed	62,175	13,871	62,047	16,468	60,516	18,627
Placed on Inactive Status	9,543	2,558	17,867	7,970	11,717	3,314
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	58,433	8,516	38,033	22,033	31,622	12,441
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	28,891	3,540	37,559	26,279	12,549	3,940
Sentencing Information:						
Local Jail	19,449	5,179	20,670	3,146	20,165	5,448
Probation/Comm. Supervision	20,902	4,805	5,986	1,706	5,600	1,508
Fine Only	954	258	1,127	539	2,374	312
Other	765	230	622	455	780	391

Statutory County Court Misdemeanor Cases

Cases on Docket:	Family Violence Assault	Assault - Other	Traffic	DWLS/DWLI	Other Misdemeanor Cases	Total Cases
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	21,432	14,219	14,423	14,006	65,620	310,095
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	10,009	7,858	8,766	7,178	37,686	185,202
Docket Adjustments	-279	-283	924	-328	233	-3,584
Cases Added:						
New Cases Filed	31,738	11,922	7,094	22,755	109,583	385,397
Appealed from Lower Courts	39	57	20,333	149	4,110	24,947
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	2,476	1,169	603	932	7,649	36,541
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	8,176	2,877	1,930	6,191	22,055	97,729
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	340	240	94	24	595	2,308
Total Active Cases on Docket	63,922	30,201	45,401	43,729	209,845	853,433
Dispositions:						
Convictions:						
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	10,327	5,068	7,009	12,804	60,021	204,186
<i>By the Court</i>	37	24	17	10	165	608
<i>By the Jury</i>	121	68	20	22	205	1,254
Total Convictions	10,485	5,160	7,046	12,836	60,391	206,048
Deferred Adjudication	5,051	2,008	10,461	2,291	15,816	68,260
Acquittals						
<i>By the Court</i>	85	33	15	6	65	442
<i>By the Jury</i>	186	102	6	3	160	826
Total Acquittals	271	135	21	9	225	1,268
Dismissals	13,481	4,819	12,048	7,990	34,446	136,660
Motions to Revoke						
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	1,574	748	346	572	4,692	21,736
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	769	375	221	227	2,529	11,966
All Other Dispositions	1,050	313	1,331	1,326	3,354	12,183
Total Cases Disposed	32,681	13,558	31,474	25,251	121,453	458,121
Placed on Inactive Status	8,806	3,053	1,923	6,734	24,668	98,153
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	22,494	13,505	11,967	11,499	64,066	294,609
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	10,580	8,119	8,796	7,966	39,957	188,176
Sentencing Information:						
Local Jail	8,662	4,194	2,044	10,235	50,655	149,847
Probation/Comm. Supervision	2,932	1,146	5,478	1,391	9,108	60,562
Fine Only	547	283	4,170	1,391	1,909	13,864
Other	461	235	409	585	1,697	6,630

Age of Cases Disposed:	30 Days or Less	31 to 60 Days	61 to 90 Days	Over 90 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	110,335	47,076	44,640	256,070	458,121

Information on Trafficking of Persons:	Total
Cases for Trafficking of Persons	0
Cases for Prostitution	3,190
Cases for Compelling Prostitution	7

Additional Court Activity:	Misdemeanor
Cases in Which Jury Selected	1,726
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	75
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	2,304
Competency Hearings Held	1,721
Cases Set for Review	24,810
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	185,912
Cases with Retained Counsel	162,293

Statutory County Courts

Civil Case Activity Report

Cases on Docket:	Injury or Damage					
	Motor Vehicle	Medical Malpractice	Other Professional Malpractice	Product Liability - Asbestos/Silica	Other Product Liability	Other Injury or Damage
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	19,892	92	19	33	140	5,773
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	882	1	1	3	5	405
Docket Adjustments	268	-6	0	-6	-18	145
Cases Added:						
New Cases Filed	13,361	44	7	9	89	2,650
Cases Appealed from Lower Courts	14	0	0	0	0	53
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	367	4	0	0	3	68
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	310	1	0	0	1	63
Total Active Cases on Docket	34,212	135	26	36	215	8,752
Dispositions:						
Change of Venue Transfers	97	0	0	0	0	35
Default Judgments	1,239	1	1	0	1	127
Agreed Judgments	672	3	0	0	4	161
Summary Judgments	146	4	1	0	1	79
Final Judgments:						
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	583	1	1	0	4	173
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	187	0	0	0	0	26
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	8	0	0	0	0	3
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	2,473	9	2	4	2	908
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	6,440	16	4	5	63	1,276
All Other Dispositions	2,084	5	0	0	15	505
Total Cases Disposed	13,929	39	9	9	90	3,293
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	670	3	1	0	5	127
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	19,699	93	16	27	121	5,321
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	988	0	2	3	6	416

Statutory County 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				
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	3,822	1,300	98,526	9,031	36,818	21,141	4,316	200,903
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	23	14	5,985	1,602	166	361	1	9,449
Docket Adjustments	45	-170	3,210	-2,110	-7,634	-1,504	122	-7,658
Cases Added:								
New Cases Filed	825	971	30,454	5,081	31,616	14,303	2,120	101,530
Cases Appealed from Lower Courts	2	164	256	3,161	35	2,865	0	6,550
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	47	5	873	139	4	49	0	1,559
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	15	10	1,812	179	260	597	1	3,249
Total Active Cases on Docket	4,756	2,280	135,131	15,481	61,099	37,451	6,559	306,133
Dispositions:								
Change of Venue Transfers	1	8	70	12	12	98	0	333
Default Judgments	3	32	8,045	828	4,102	587	386	15,352
Agreed Judgments	237	58	2,924	839	5,839	962	48	11,747
Summary Judgments	3	9	1,014	151	106	172	183	1,869
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	222	179	1,166	2,052	2,435	2,391	385	9,592
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	5	1	38	15	1	20	0	293
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	0	17	2	3	26	0	59
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	24	311	5,729	2,782	1,331	2,679	4	16,258
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	250	107	11,657	1,706	7,633	2,943	894	32,994
All Other Dispositions	73	263	2,622	766	9,785	7,514	193	23,825
Total Cases Disposed	818	968	33,282	9,153	31,247	17,392	2,093	112,322
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	68	12	2,221	290	45	97	1	3,540
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	3,882	1,300	99,903	6,020	29,824	19,916	4,046	190,168
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	18	16	6,803	1,635	190	361	1	10,439

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	38,115	18,221	22,447	8,571	24,968	112,322

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	425
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	39
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	817
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	5,888

Statutory County Courts

Family Case Activity Report

	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						
Cases on Docket:								
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	8,590	5,325	2,579	2,156	205	601	1,496	3,545
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	21	15	6	8	1	0	6	9
Docket Adjustments	-101	-52	-40	30	-2	-15	-21	-119
Cases Added:								
New Cases Filed	6,809	7,214	1,640	1,363	206	775	1,150	1,742
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	6	9	1	6	0	1	0	11
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	340	147	180	59	13	20	37	890
Total Active Cases on Docket	15,644	12,643	4,360	3,614	422	1,382	2,662	6,069
Dispositions:								
Change of Venue Transfers	33	10	20	24	1	5	10	38
Default Judgments	124	201	55	6	7	4	21	17
Agreed Judgments	1,589	1,693	224	53	9	86	90	308
Summary Judgments	5	12	1	3	0	0	1	3
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	3,510	3,947	740	467	102	451	444	868
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	27	28	6	9	1	7	1	3
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	538	551	201	21	10	33	145	172
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	443	323	130	287	9	23	222	158
All Other Dispositions	228	252	183	128	37	124	164	661
Total Cases Disposed	6,497	7,018	1,560	998	176	733	1,098	2,229
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	598	56	31	9	18	17	6	215
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	8,728	5,227	2,651	2,480	243	613	1,555	3,773
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	30	23	8	11	1	0	7	10

Statutory County Court Family Cases

Cases on Docket:	Title IV-D			Post-Judgment Actions				Total Cases
	Paternity	Support Order	UIFSA	Modification - Custody	Modification - Other	Enforcement	Title IV-D	
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
Active Cases	2,296	2,059	337	1,820	3,109	1,846	5,229	41,193
Inactive Cases	1	1	1	1	6	14	236	326
Docket Adjustments	-39	-31	-8	50	-89	19	1	-417
Cases Added:								
New Cases Filed	4,277	2,783	254	894	1,250	752	4,345	35,454
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	1	2	1	0	2	2	159	201
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	212	230	20	377	339	287	1,221	4,372
Total Active Cases on Docket	6,747	5,043	604	3,141	4,611	2,906	10,955	80,803
Dispositions:								
Change of Venue Transfers	9	9	4	63	83	25	111	445
Default Judgments	210	65	8	23	25	17	121	904
Agreed Judgments	913	596	25	248	254	160	1,000	7,248
Summary Judgments	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	31
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	1,663	1,502	84	425	559	306	1,954	17,022
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	11	12	3	7	3	5	22	145
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	20	14	2	90	95	65	18	1,975
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	781	586	86	57	84	119	416	3,724
All Other Dispositions	274	376	50	176	168	171	954	3,946
Total Cases Disposed	3,881	3,160	262	1,091	1,273	869	4,599	35,444
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	58	102	5	1	6	3	159	1,284
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:								
Active Cases	2,656	1,781	246	2,049	2,934	1,923	6,059	42,918
Inactive Cases	1	6	2	2	9	14	228	352

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	14,765	7,714	6,412	2,369	4,184	35,444

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	27
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	3
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	1,895
Protective Orders Signed	656
Cases Set for Review	771
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	7,859

Statutory County Courts

Juvenile Case Activity Report

	CINS	Delinquent Conduct							
		Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Aggravated Assault or Attempted Murder	Assault	Indecency with or Sexual Assault of Child	Aggravated Robbery or Robbery	Burglary
Cases on Docket:									
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:									
<i>Active Cases</i>	547	3	5	3	350	944	291	92	386
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	6	2	0	0	68	157	6	6	28
Docket Adjustments	-24	0	-1	-1	5	43	-26	2	-6
Cases Added:									
New Petitions Filed	271	3	2	4	359	1,005	316	86	343
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court		0	1	0	4	8	18	7	8
Other Cases Reaching Docket:									
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	14	1	0	0	53	136	63	8	95
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	3	0	0	0	11	52	1	1	8
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	1	0	0	0	4	19	12	1	5
Total Active Cases on Docket	812	7	7	6	786	2,207	675	197	839
Adjudications:									
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:									
<i>Plea of True</i>	85	3	1	1	174	486	159	53	203
<i>By the Court</i>	36	0	0	0	16	43	22	4	19
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	2
Total Findings of DC/CINS	121	3	1	1	190	534	186	57	224
Deferred Prosecution	19	0	0	0	26	76	6	0	20
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	0	1	0	0	4	1	14	6	2
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	132	0	2	0	88	281	65	12	55
Motions to Modify Disposition:									
<i>Denied</i>	3	1	0	0	14	20	11	3	16
<i>Granted</i>	8	0	0	0	36	96	56	4	80
All Other Adjudications/Findings	16	0	0	1	22	58	22	5	25
Total Cases Adjudicated	299	5	3	2	380	1,067	361	87	422
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	29	0	0	0	13	79	2	4	6
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:									
<i>Active Cases</i>	484	2	4	4	393	1,066	313	106	411
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	32	2	0	0	70	179	6	9	26
Dispositions:									
Cases with Finding of DC/CINS									
Probation Granted									
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	0	1	0	0	52	104	48	23	69
<i>All Other Probation</i>	84	1	0	1	111	295	97	16	114
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.									
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	0	1	1	0	1	1	3	10	3
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	0	0	0	0	11	13	7	5	14
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	14	1	0	0	30	54	15	4	20
Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.									
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	0	0	0	0	7	11	22	3	14
All Other Dispositions	27	0	0	0	24	81	22	4	52

Age of Cases Adjudicated:	30 Days or Less	31 to 90 Days	91 to 180 Days	Over 180 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	1,317	2,305	1,285	1,492	6,399

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
Cases on Docket:										
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:										
Active Cases	535	101	183	850	14	20	2,986	7,310	1,081	2,140
Inactive Cases	34	7	17	85	0	0	130	546	34	62
Docket Adjustments	-3	-7	0	31	-1	-3	-26	-17	46	64
Cases Added:										
New Petitions Filed	608	140	211	754	13	49	1,273	5,437	1,647	2,194
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	2	0	4	3	0	1	19	75	8	10
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed	111	30	27	114	1	6	282	941	400	392
Cases Reactivated	6	2	2	9	0	0	44	139	7	21
All Other Cases Added	7	1	3	15	0	0	72	140	27	60
Total Active Cases on Docket	1,266	267	430	1,776	27	73	4,650	14,025	3,216	4,881
Adjudications:										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
Plea of True	313	72	108	450	13	31	785	2,937	900	1,197
By the Court	30	15	8	28	0	1	82	304	117	128
By the Jury	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14	8	3
Total Findings of DC/CINS	343	87	116	478	13	32	869	3,255	1,025	1,328
Deferred Prosecution	65	4	21	104	0	2	94	437	79	233
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	31	20	1
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
By the Court	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	4	1
By the Jury	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	4	1	3
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	9	5	4
Dismissals	122	18	59	171	0	13	417	1,435	352	469
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
Denied	13	2	4	24	0	1	42	154	69	61
Granted	89	15	23	83	0	3	206	699	306	298
All Other Adjudications/Findings	51	7	10	43	1	0	118	379	107	185
Total Cases Adjudicated	684	133	235	905	14	51	1,751	6,399	1,963	2,579
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	8	8	2	34	0	0	71	256	5	20
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:										
Active Cases	575	127	194	842	13	22	2,826	7,382	1,249	2,288
Inactive Cases	35	12	16	105	0	0	159	651	31	55
Dispositions:										
Cases with Finding of DC/CINS										
Probation Granted										
Determinate Sentence Probation	71	22	32	100	4	9	164	699	282	366
All Other Probation	213	40	72	307	10	20	455	1,836	565	797
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
Determinate Sentence	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	26	16	8
Indeterminate Sentence	10	4	3	7	0	0	38	112	62	12
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	46	10	6	36	1	0	86	323	123	182
Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	8	5	7	9	0	0	32	118	77	34
All Other Dispositions	73	12	16	73	1	1	135	521	190	243

Additional Court Activity:	CINS	DC	Total Cases
Grand Jury Approvals		38	38
Release or Transfer Hearings		22	22
Detention Hearings	87	6,038	6,125
Cases Set for Review	12	584	596
Competency Hearings	1	42	43
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	0	5	5
Applications for Sealing Records	5	187	192
Motions for Sex Offender Un- or Deregistration	0	18	18
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	90	4,280	4,370
Cases with Retained Counsel	78	1,038	1,116

Statutory 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	23,872	1,667	12,905	465	3,791	4,844	47,544
Other Cases Added:							
<i>Ancillary Cases</i>	464	131	44	1	92	30	762
<i>All Other Matters</i>	3,650	2,076	1,750	584	12,624	11,485	32,169
Inventories Filed	16,181	974		133	1,021		18,309
Guardianship of Person Reports Filed				618	21,343		21,961
Annual or Final Accounts Filed		1,649		1,060	4,928		7,637

Additional Activity:	Total
Guardianships	
Dismissed or Denied	165
Granted	3,606
Closed	1,635
Active	43,796
Chapter 1102 Investigations	4,544
Chapter 48 Removals	80
Hearings Held	54,459
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	1,578



Statutory County Courts

Mental Health Case Activity Report

Cases on Docket:	Temporary Mental Health Services	Extended Mental Health Services	Modification	
			Inpatient to Outpatient	Outpatient to Inpatient
Intake				
New Applications Filed	37,866	537	82	75
Orders for Protective Custody Signed	36,184			
Hearings				
Probable Cause Hearings Held	26,313			
Release/Dismissal Prior to Final Hearing	24,980	17	3	2
Final Commitment Hearings Held	9,194	230	11	15
Other Information				
Disposition at Final Hearing				
<i>Denied (Release)</i>	3,197	17	2	0
<i>Granted (Commit)</i>				
<i>Inpatient</i>	6,739	193	5	
<i>Outpatient</i>	235	30		10

Order to Authorize Psychoactive Medications	Total
New Applications Filed	3,586
Dismissal Prior to Hearing	517
Hearings Held	2,400
Disposition at Hearing	
<i>Denied</i>	97
<i>Granted</i>	2,572



Constitutional County Courts

Criminal Case Activity Report

Cases on Docket:	DWI - First Offense	DWI - Second Offense	Theft	Theft by Check	Drug Possession - Marijuana	Drug Offenses - Other
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	12,724	1,598	6,877	14,465	6,548	4,186
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	2,241	325	2,545	4,256	1,556	504
Docket Adjustments	47	-13	111	205	119	-13
Cases Added:						
New Cases Filed	4,854	1,360	3,437	3,500	6,529	2,785
Appealed from Lower Courts	3	0	1	0	1	31
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	619	221	516	278	795	292
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	735	203	1,060	1,928	1,092	448
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	35	5	11	8	58	30
Total Active Cases on Docket	19,017	3,374	12,013	20,384	15,142	7,759
Dispositions:						
Convictions:						
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	3,099	1,033	1,595	1,163	2,852	1,238
<i>By the Court</i>	194	54	167	68	187	70
<i>By the Jury</i>	15	2	6	4	10	1
Total Convictions	3,308	1,089	1,768	1,235	3,049	1,309
Deferred Adjudication	296	44	582	273	1,416	318
Acquittals						
<i>By the Court</i>	8	1	4	1	2	0
<i>By the Jury</i>	9	2	1	2	4	2
Total Acquittals	17	3	5	3	6	2
Dismissals	1,634	209	1,451	3,418	2,034	1,161
Motions to Revoke						
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	370	122	326	178	482	163
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	122	29	103	72	175	41
All Other Dispositions	234	56	109	158	337	88
Total Cases Disposed	5,981	1,552	4,344	5,337	7,499	3,082
Placed on Inactive Status	861	246	989	1,507	1,365	521
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	12,297	1,572	6,798	13,429	6,343	4,105
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	2,069	331	2,112	3,584	1,537	538
Sentencing Information:						
Local Jail	796	330	980	659	1,522	631
Probation/Comm. Supervision	2,013	645	822	349	1,288	495
Fine Only	152	23	64	263	291	56
Other	186	50	119	146	273	95

Constitutional County Court Criminal Cases

Cases on Docket:	Family Violence Assault	Assault - Other	Traffic	DWLS/DWLI	Other Misdemeanor Cases	Total Cases
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	1,907	3,782	7,589	3,861	18,862	82,399
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	360	428	616	656	2,666	16,153
Docket Adjustments	-9	-104	120	-16	192	639
Cases Added:						
New Cases Filed	2,658	1,771	2,752	4,105	11,212	44,963
Appealed from Lower Courts	1	8	2,869	81	539	3,534
Other Cases Reaching Docket:						
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	323	151	106	418	837	4,556
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	347	285	253	769	1,878	8,998
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	15	13	51	15	67	308
Total Active Cases on Docket	5,242	5,906	13,740	9,233	33,587	145,397
Dispositions:						
Convictions:						
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	1,003	677	859	2,008	4,964	20,491
<i>By the Court</i>	81	42	25	47	401	1,336
<i>By the Jury</i>	6	3	27	0	19	93
Total Convictions	1,090	722	911	2,055	5,384	21,920
Deferred Adjudication	333	196	1,745	554	1,134	6,891
Acquittals						
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	5	2	24	47
<i>By the Jury</i>	10	8	4	1	11	54
Total Acquittals	10	8	9	3	35	101
Dismissals	1,023	851	2,743	1,366	4,882	20,772
Motions to Revoke						
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	187	108	39	225	589	2,789
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	39	29	17	62	148	837
All Other Dispositions	98	60	316	200	437	2,093
Total Cases Disposed	2,780	1,974	5,780	4,465	12,609	55,403
Placed on Inactive Status	425	292	335	920	2,269	9,730
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:						
<i>Active Cases</i>	2,064	3,652	7,707	3,797	18,967	80,731
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	411	388	527	682	2,492	14,671
Sentencing Information:						
Local Jail	575	368	217	794	2,884	9,756
Probation/Comm. Supervision	540	268	410	686	1,476	8,992
Fine Only	46	46	276	392	500	2,109
Other	93	60	166	202	478	1,868

Age of Cases Disposed:	30 Days or Less	31 to 60 Days	61 to 90 Days	Over 90 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	16,320	7,603	6,974	24,506	55,403

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	52
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	0
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	54
Competency Hearings Held	19
Cases Set for Review	728
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	7,769
Cases with Retained Counsel	7,537

Constitutional County Courts

Civil Case Activity Report

	Injury or Damage		Real Property	Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters
	Motor Vehicle	Other Injury or Damage		
Cases on Docket:				
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:				
<i>Active Cases</i>	386	137	22	7,412
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	35	14	0	414
Docket Adjustments	-3	-5	-1	-84
Cases Added:				
New Cases Filed	49	6	19	3,486
Appealed from Lower Courts	1	2	3	8
Other Cases Reaching Docket:				
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	2	0	1	128
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	1	2	0	206
Total Active Cases On Docket	436	142	44	11,156
Dispositions:				
Change of Venue Transfers	0	0	0	14
Default Judgments	9	2	0	100
Agreed Judgments	2	1	1	584
Summary Judgments	0	0	0	2
Final Judgments:				
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	1	1	1	243
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	0	0	1	1
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	0	0	1
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	3	2	0	841
<i>Non-Suited or Dism. by Plaintiff</i>	8	1	2	465
All Other Dispositions	5	1	2	645
Total Cases Disposed	28	8	7	2,896
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	3	1	1	103
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:				
<i>Active Cases</i>	401	134	36	8,188
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	36	14	0	350

Constitutional County Court Civil Cases

Cases on Docket:	Contract			All Other Civil Cases	Total Cases
	Consumer/Commercial/Debt	Landlord/Tenant	Other Contract		
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:					
<i>Active Cases</i>	1,983	60	209	8,191	18,400
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	452	3	11	719	1,648
Docket Adjustments	-47	2	21	-416	-533
Cases Added:					
New Cases Filed	422	37	27	1,713	5,759
Appealed from Lower Courts	5	23	4	44	90
Other Cases Reaching Docket:					
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	9	2	2	10	154
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	6	0	0	12	227
Total Active Cases On Docket	2,378	124	263	9,554	24,097
Dispositions:					
Change of Venue Transfers	2	7	0	12	35
Default Judgments	62	6	8	41	228
Agreed Judgments	33	3	2	169	795
Summary Judgments	6	0	1	5	14
Final Judgments:					
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	9	11	5	117	388
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	1	0	0	3	6
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	0	0	2	3
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	25	5	0	77	953
<i>Non-Suited or Dism. by Plaintiff</i>	70	5	3	217	771
All Other Dispositions	33	3	3	747	1,439
Total Cases Disposed	241	40	22	1,390	4,632
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	7	1	4	12	132
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:					
<i>Active Cases</i>	2,117	83	239	8,176	19,374
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	446	1	11	695	1,553

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	2,404	499	576	213	940	4,632

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	2
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	0
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	13
Protective Orders Signed	169
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	1,205

Constitutional County Courts

Juvenile Case Activity Report

	CINS	Delinquent Conduct								
		Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Aggravated Murder or Attempted Murder	Aggravated Assault or Assault	Assault	Assault of Child or Sexual Indecency with Robbery	Aggravated Robbery or Robbery	Burglary
Cases on Docket:										
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:										
<i>Active Cases</i>	201	1	2	1	26	113	70	9	64	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	66	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	
Docket Adjustments	0	0	0	0	9	0	4	-1	5	
Cases Added:										
New Petitions Filed	36	1	1	0	28	104	39	7	84	
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	3	
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	2	0	0	0	4	10	1	0	19	
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	4	
Total Active Cases on Docket	239	2	4	1	68	234	116	15	179	
Adjudications:										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
<i>Plea of True</i>	8	0	0	0	20	43	15	2	52	
<i>By the Court</i>	2	0	0	0	2	13	2	0	3	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Findings of DC/CINS	10	0	0	0	22	56	17	2	55	
Deferred Prosecution	14	0	0	0	2	6	4	0	6	
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
<i>By the Court</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Dismissals	12	0	0	0	5	35	15	1	20	
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
<i>Denied</i>	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	3	
<i>Granted</i>	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	10	
All Other Adjudications/Findings	1	0	0	0	1	9	3	1	7	
Total Cases Adjudicated	38	0	1	0	34	121	45	6	101	
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:										
<i>Active Cases</i>	201	2	3	1	34	113	71	9	79	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	66	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	
Dispositions:										
Cases with Finding of DC/CINS										
Probation Granted										
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	0	0	0	0	9	33	11	1	26	
<i>All Other Probation</i>	7	0	0	0	6	14	2	0	20	
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	0	0	0	0	6	3	2	0	3	
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	
All Other Dispositions	1	0	0	0	4	12	3	0	9	

Age of Cases Adjudicated:	30 Days or Less	31 to 90 Days	91 to 180 Days	Over 180 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	293	235	88	175	791

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		Felones	Misdemeanors
Cases on Docket:										
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:										
<i>Active Cases</i>	51	7	18	62	1	2	498	1,126	301	456
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	276	353	9	7
Docket Adjustments	-4	8	2	1	1	1	2	28	34	-20
Cases Added:										
New Petitions Filed	68	21	10	79	1	9	229	717	229	318
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	4	0
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	9	2	1	22	0	0	33	103	40	44
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	0	0	0	5	0	0	8	23	7	10
Total Active Cases on Docket	125	38	31	169	3	12	772	2,008	615	808
Adjudications:										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
<i>Plea of True</i>	28	8	6	28	0	7	75	292	115	125
<i>By the Court</i>	5	2	0	10	1	2	21	63	18	26
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Findings of DC/CINS	33	10	6	38	1	9	96	355	133	151
Deferred Prosecution	14	2	1	23	0	0	13	85	16	29
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	15	3	9
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
<i>By the Court</i>	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	5	3	5
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	6	4	5
Dismissals	8	4	5	15	0	0	53	173	61	61
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
<i>Denied</i>	2	1	0	6	0	0	12	36	16	18
<i>Granted</i>	7	1	1	8	0	0	17	53	19	18
All Other Adjudications/Findings	1	2	2	6	1	0	34	68	21	17
Total Cases Adjudicated	65	21	15	97	2	9	236	791	273	308
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	14	0	0
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:										
<i>Active Cases</i>	60	17	16	72	1	3	538	1,220	342	500
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1	0	0	1	0	0	273	349	9	7
Dispositions:										
Cases with Finding of DC/CINS										
Probation Granted										
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	22	6	1	20	0	6	55	190	64	79
<i>All Other Probation</i>	7	2	2	21	1	7	23	112	44	52
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	2	0	0	1	0	0	6	14	4	8
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	1	3	0	0	0	3	4	25	17	6
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	1	1	1	8	0	0	6	19	6	13
Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	8	2	2
All Other Dispositions	5	1	3	11	0	0	34	83	27	36

Additional Court Activity:	CINS	DC	Total Cases
Grand Jury Approvals		3	3
Release or Transfer Hearings		12	12
Detention Hearings	71	612	683
Cases Set for Review	10	25	35
Competency Hearings	2	2	4
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	0	0	0
Applications for Sealing Records	0	2	2
Motions for Sex Offenders Un- or Deregistration	0	0	0
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	24	496	520
Cases with Retained Counsel	11	160	171

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	9,710	482	5,317	181	912	896	17,498
Other Cases Added:							
<i>Ancillary Cases</i>	22	6	50	0	9	1	88
<i>All Other Matters</i>	471	171	149	37	511	65	1,404
Inventories Filed	5,255	270		40	258		5,823
Guardianship of Person Reports Filed				202	3,039		3,241
Annual or Final Accounts Filed		404		229	1,234		1,867

Additional Activity:	Total
Guardianships	
Dismissed or Denied	31
Granted	797
Closed	1,075
Active	9,664
Chapter 1102 Investigations	375
Chapter 48 Removals	21
Hearings Held	15,190
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	991



Constitutional County Courts

Mental Health Case Activity Report

Cases on Docket:	Temporary Mental Health Services	Extended Mental Health Services	Modification	
			Inpatient to Outpatient	Outpatient to Inpatient
Intake				
New Applications Filed	7,276	116	2	15
Orders for Protective Custody Signed	6,619			
Hearings				
Probable Cause Hearings Held	4,071			
Release/Dismissal Prior to Final Hearing	3,211	2	0	0
Final Commitment Hearings Held	2,142	75	0	7
Other Information				
Disposition at Final Hearing				
<i>Denied (Release)</i>	1,095	0	0	0
<i>Granted (Commit)</i>				
<i>Inpatient</i>	1,292	57	0	
<i>Outpatient</i>	84	2		1

Order to Authorize Psychoactive Medications	Total
New Applications Filed	1,295
Dismissal Prior to Hearing	33
Hearings Held	900
Disposition at Hearing	
<i>Denied</i>	27
<i>Granted</i>	1,000



District and Statutory County Courts

Family Case Activity Report

	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						
Cases on Docket:								
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	57,155	57,457	31,931	17,504	2,119	5,759	5,582	25,755
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	551	348	305	131	24	25	37	230
Docket Adjustments	-729	-1,108	-1,001	-264	-10	-121	-158	-645
Cases Added:								
New Cases Filed	58,001	65,096	24,839	11,687	2,081	8,607	8,578	16,042
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	2,283	1,600	379	462	31	117	56	386
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	2,329	1,171	1,516	395	66	122	229	2,433
Total Active Cases on Docket	119,768	125,324	58,665	30,048	4,297	14,605	14,445	44,616
Dispositions:								
Change of Venue Transfers	253	113	181	169	20	98	32	324
Default Judgments	3,420	5,277	2,012	238	103	110	538	275
Agreed Judgments	20,094	21,756	6,632	604	210	941	695	2,941
Summary Judgments	16	16	28	4	0	4	1	30
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	19,767	24,094	5,429	4,292	1,396	4,976	1,992	7,118
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	58	46	18	19	3	7	2	13
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	8	8	1	3	0	0	4	3
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	8,057	6,693	3,101	230	278	484	1,257	2,101
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	3,607	2,714	4,582	2,961	103	170	1,767	1,151
All Other Dispositions	2,738	2,796	1,336	1,679	176	1,461	2,102	4,406
Total Cases Disposed	58,018	63,513	23,320	10,199	2,289	8,251	8,390	18,362
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	2,754	1,625	361	385	51	134	38	544
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	57,967	58,317	33,670	18,795	1,962	6,037	5,761	24,974
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	515	315	206	125	25	27	31	173

District and Statutory County Court Family Cases

Cases on Docket:	Title IV-D			Post-Judgment Actions				Total Cases
	Paternity	Support Order	UIFSA	Modification - Custody	Modification - Other	Enforcement	Title IV-D	
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	20,967	22,238	2,714	15,364	27,531	15,836	47,082	354,994
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	161	193	37	92	328	319	2,802	5,583
Docket Adjustments	-888	-567	594	230	-100	-113	-784	-5,664
Cases Added:								
New Cases Filed	32,177	35,165	2,516	9,258	16,054	8,817	49,233	348,151
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	174	106	26	159	705	271	2,608	9,363
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	724	1,266	77	2,581	2,348	1,676	7,636	24,569
Total Active Cases on Docket	54,042	58,775	5,333	27,362	46,638	26,600	106,559	737,077
Dispositions:								
Change of Venue Transfers	92	158	15	527	816	198	1,344	4,340
Default Judgments	2,894	1,972	224	537	760	217	2,062	20,639
Agreed Judgments	6,973	10,461	502	2,990	5,722	2,711	21,250	104,482
Summary Judgments	4	3	1	5	5	4	5	126
Final Judgments:								
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	6,989	7,982	725	2,825	3,092	2,105	13,515	106,297
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	13	15	5	11	15	10	27	262
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	1	0	0	3	2	2	9	44
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosecution</i>	2,538	1,916	309	1,180	2,155	1,471	2,672	34,442
<i>Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff</i>	6,925	6,308	653	562	1,235	1,403	6,643	40,784
All Other Dispositions	3,963	6,270	273	870	2,886	1,111	7,559	39,626
Total Cases Disposed	30,392	35,085	2,707	9,510	16,688	9,232	55,086	351,042
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	226	224	27	166	735	266	2,593	10,129
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:								
<i>Active Cases</i>	22,259	22,953	2,922	17,899	27,421	16,334	47,561	364,832
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	123	132	29	111	323	310	2,694	5,139

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	133,522	76,786	76,006	29,015	35,713	351,042

Additional Court Activity:	Total Cases
Cases in Which Jury Selected	174
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	8
Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	36,631
Protective Orders Signed	7,192
Cases Set for Review	19,282
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	76,230

District and County-Level Courts

Juvenile Case Activity Report

	CINS	Delinquent Conduct								
		Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Murder Attempted	Aggravated Assault or Murder	Assault	Indecency with or Sexual Assault of Child	Aggravated Robbery or Robbery	Burglary
Cases on Docket:										
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:										
<i>Active Cases</i>	1,112	19	26	8	1,029	2,404	1,027	505	1,324	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	92	3	3	1	168	410	84	102	176	
Docket Adjustments	-79	-3	-2	-1	6	-73	0	-13	5	
Cases Added:										
New Petitions Filed	449	16	9	7	1,690	3,985	949	846	1,535	
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	0	1	4	0	13	11	37	25	13	
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	32	2	1	0	491	932	252	224	522	
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	12	3	1	0	225	457	92	180	175	
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	57	0	1	0	14	31	25	11	17	
Total Active Cases on Docket	1,662	41	42	15	3,462	7,820	2,382	1,791	3,586	
Adjudications:										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
<i>Plea of True</i>	147	6	3	2	852	1,511	541	477	835	
<i>By the Court</i>	55	0	0	0	61	147	57	25	79	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	3	9	8	1	2	
Total Findings of DC/CINS	202	6	3	2	916	1,667	606	503	916	
Deferred Prosecution	77	0	0	0	215	864	69	25	158	
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	0	3	2	0	11	2	32	47	6	
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
<i>By the Court</i>	8	0	0	0	34	14	9	5	31	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	1	1	
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	8	0	0	0	37	16	14	6	32	
Dismissals	192	1	4	0	288	814	206	59	255	
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
<i>Denied</i>	8	1	0	0	41	98	26	31	58	
<i>Granted</i>	17	0	1	0	321	464	196	149	392	
All Other Adjudications/Findings	29	0	1	3	147	586	120	107	91	
Total Cases Adjudicated	533	11	11	5	1,976	4,511	1,269	927	1,908	
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	39	3	3	0	245	427	97	186	211	
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:										
<i>Active Cases</i>	1,013	22	27	9	1,244	2,756	1,044	646	1,486	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	117	5	4	1	190	441	77	147	202	
Dispositions:										
Cases with Finding of DC/CINS										
Probation Granted										
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	0	5	1	0	282	505	142	194	160	
<i>All Other Probation</i>	148	4	1	1	526	941	381	171	673	
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	0	3	2	1	16	5	20	75	12	
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	0	0	0	0	62	25	33	23	46	
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	16	1	0	0	65	114	30	36	41	
Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	0	0	0	0	14	13	39	13	31	
All Other Dispositions	49	0	1	0	212	458	116	127	270	

Age of Cases Adjudicated:	30 Days or Less	31 to 90 Days	91 to 180 Days	Over 180 Days	Total Cases
Number of Cases	9,682	9,493	4,957	5,544	29,676

District and County-Level 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
Cases on Docket:										
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:										
Active Cases	1,330	321	573	1,614	38	180	15,471	26,981	5,604	6,827
Inactive Cases	250	40	65	265	4	37	816	2,516	725	969
Docket Adjustments	24	46	8	5	3	-16	-2,619	-2,709	-351	-127
Cases Added:										
New Petitions Filed	2,156	662	711	2,534	30	96	8,008	23,683	8,181	11,225
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Criminal Court	4	0	7	4	0	1	68	188	97	23
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed	646	216	192	751	1	46	3,292	7,600	3,040	3,769
Cases Reactivated	316	90	61	317	3	12	757	2,701	1,117	1,466
All Other Cases Added	14	7	5	31	0	0	129	342	83	119
Total Active Cases on Docket	4,466	1,296	1,549	5,251	72	335	27,725	61,495	18,122	23,429
Adjudications:										
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:										
Plea of True	1,092	365	331	1,206	20	76	3,756	11,220	4,485	4,993
By the Court	111	37	24	88	3	3	425	1,115	379	458
By the Jury	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	33	12	4
Total Findings of DC/CINS	1,203	402	356	1,294	23	79	4,190	12,368	4,876	5,455
Deferred Prosecution	398	37	180	595	0	3	1,210	3,831	1,016	2,421
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	1	0	3	0	0	0	18	125	94	13
Findings of No DC or No CINS:										
By the Court	7	9	5	2	0	0	26	150	105	34
By the Jury	0	1	1	2	0	1	7	24	13	5
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	7	10	6	4	0	1	33	174	118	39
Dismissals	297	78	124	445	4	29	1,801	4,597	1,124	1,852
Motions to Modify Disposition:										
Denied	69	15	24	86	0	2	271	730	336	364
Granted	340	157	100	325	0	12	1,785	4,259	2,064	1,913
All Other Adjudications/Findings	400	74	105	471	6	12	1,440	3,592	963	2,179
Total Cases Adjudicated	2,715	773	898	3,220	33	138	10,748	29,676	10,591	14,236
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	245	80	49	276	4	12	639	2,516	1,090	1,183
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:										
Active Cases	1,470	472	601	1,722	38	172	13,583	26,305	5,947	7,587
Inactive Cases	242	47	66	262	5	34	846	2,686	888	1,002
Dispositions:										
Cases with Finding of DC/CINS										
Probation Granted										
Determinate Sentence Probation	458	179	125	456	5	17	1,567	4,096	1,677	2,150
All Other Probation	598	167	191	688	16	73	2,104	6,683	2,581	2,820
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.										
Determinate Sentence	7	1	2	2	0	0	25	171	119	26
Indeterminate Sentence	22	10	10	12	0	5	108	356	245	40
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	113	43	23	101	2	1	286	872	340	484
Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.										
Probation Revoked, Child Sent to TJJD	17	8	7	11	0	0	102	255	184	52
All Other Dispositions	313	109	84	342	1	23	1,259	3,364	1,347	1,644

Additional Court Activity:	CINS	DC	Total Cases
Grand Jury Approvals		614	614
Release or Transfer Hearings		150	150
Detention Hearings	4,688	29,875	34,563
Cases Set for Review	374	7,232	7,606
Competency Hearings	3	96	99
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	0	72	72
Applications for Sealing Records	42	852	894
Motions for Sex Offender Un- or Deregistration	0	79	79
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	799	23,533	24,332
Cases with Retained Counsel	177	3,695	3,872

County-Level 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	33,582	2,149	18,222	646	4,703	5,740	65,042
Other Cases Added:							
<i>Ancillary Cases</i>	486	137	94	1	101	31	850
<i>All Other Matters</i>	4,121	2,247	1,899	621	13,135	11,550	33,573
Inventories Filed	21,436	1,244		173	1,279		24,132
Guardianship of Person Reports Filed				820	24,382		25,202
Annual or Final Accounts Filed		2,053		1,289	6,162		9,504

Additional Activity:	Total
Guardianships	
Dismissed or Denied	196
Granted	4,403
Closed	2,710
Active	53,460
Chapter 1102 Investigations	4,919
Chapter 48 Removals	101
Hearings Held	69,649
Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	2,569



County-Level Courts

Mental Health Case Activity Report

Cases on Docket:	Temporary Mental Health Services	Extended Mental Health Services	Modification		Total Cases
			Inpatient to Outpatient	Outpatient to Inpatient	
Intake					
New Applications Filed	45,142	653	84	90	45,969
Orders for Protective Custody Signed	42,803				42,803
Hearings					
Probable Cause Hearings Held	30,384				30,384
Release/Dismissal Prior to Final Hearing	28,191	19	3	2	28,215
Final Commitment Hearings Held	11,336	305	11	22	11,674
Other Information					
Disposition at Final Hearing					
<i>Denied (Release)</i>	4,292	17	2	0	4,311
<i>Granted (Commit)</i>					
<i>Inpatient</i>	8,031	250	5		8,286
<i>Outpatient</i>	319	32		11	362

Order to Authorize Psychoactive Medications	Total
New Applications Filed	4,881
Dismissal Prior to Hearing	550
Hearings Held	3,300
Disposition at Hearing	
<i>Denied</i>	124
<i>Granted</i>	3,572



Justice Courts

Criminal Case Activity Report

Cases on Docket	Traffic - Non-Parking	Traffic - Parking	Traffic - Ordinance	Non-Traffic - Penal Code	Non-Traffic - Other State Law	Non-Traffic - Ordinance	Total
Cases Pending 9/1/2014							
<i>Active Cases</i>	2,424,142	64,804	14,724	393,754	767,298	15,474	3,680,196
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1,041,945	10,422	13,770	246,877	289,546	4,318	1,606,878
Docket Adjustments	39,758	-8,325	905	3,066	59,230	-300	94,334
Cases Added							
New Cases Filed	1,556,673	22,706	6,922	112,298	231,248	7,979	1,937,826
Cases Reactivated	258,486	3,024	1,066	44,655	55,184	1,043	363,458
All Other Cases Added	1,617	5	6	331	1,987	109	4,055
Total Cases On Docket	4,280,676	82,214	23,623	554,104	1,114,947	24,305	6,079,869
Dispositions							
Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial							
Uncontested Dispositions	593,021	9,241	4,118	51,591	89,667	3,104	750,742
Dismissed by Prosecution	115,627	1,718	719	18,585	100,396	1,255	238,300
Total Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial	708,648	10,959	4,837	70,176	190,063	4,359	989,042
Dispositions at Court Appearance or Trial							
Convictions							
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	158,570	1,566	69	8,235	16,059	753	185,252
<i>By the Court</i>	25,205	279	372	3,918	5,385	96	35,255
<i>By the Jury</i>	300	4	1	17	63	4	389
Acquittals							
<i>By the Jury</i>	1,067	17	19	358	423	270	2,154
<i>By the Court</i>	75	1	0	15	23	1	115
Dismissed by Prosecution	191,303	3,443	99	10,368	33,796	1,652	240,661
Total Dispositions at Court Appearance or Trial	376,520	5,310	560	22,911	55,749	2,776	463,826
Compliance Dismissals							
After Driver Safety Course	130,009						130,009
After Deferred Disposition	108,805	1,146	274	7,224	25,917	471	143,837
After Teen Court	340			32	554	8	934
After Tobacco Awareness Course					105		105
After Treatment for Chemical Dependency				28	111		139
After Proof of Financial Responsibility	38,161						38,161
All Other Transportation Code Dismissals	70,704	2,406	22	7,465	18,830	699	100,126
Total Compliance Dismissals	348,019	3,552	296	14,749	45,517	1,178	413,311
All Other Dispositions	33,729	2,165	151	7,829	15,345	485	59,704
Total Cases Disposed	1,466,916	21,986	5,844	115,665	306,674	8,798	1,925,883
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	349,731	2,913	1,814	46,338	62,225	1,383	464,404
Cases Pending 8/31/2015							
<i>Active Cases</i>	2,300,873	57,247	9,614	346,260	664,802	10,773	3,389,569
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	1,211,457	10,207	566	205,880	326,488	4,144	1,758,742
Show Cause Hearings Held	97,526	440	4,213	14,855	24,671	11,455	153,160
Cases Appealed							
After Trial	1,866	17	1	98	237	7,642	9,861
Without Trial	16,032	24	42	528	767	18,161	35,554

Justice Courts

Civil Case Activity Report

	Debt Claim	Landlord/Tenant	Small Claims	Total
Cases Pending 9/1/2014				
<i>Active Cases</i>	75,113	93,411	231,787	400,311
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	9,342	8,779	5,931	24,052
Docket Adjustments	1,090	-3,279	-422	-2,611
Cases Added				
New Cases Filed	110,876	225,586	63,695	400,157
Cases Reactivated	599	213	498	1,310
All Other Cases Added	396	831	1,371	2,598
Total Cases On Docket	188,074	316,762	296,929	801,765
Dispositions				
Default Judgments	28,087	67,221	10,798	106,106
Agreed Judgments	9,910	2,284	2,706	14,900
Trial/Hearing by Judge/Hearing Officer	8,678	66,440	19,918	95,036
Trial by Jury	51	260	438	749
Cases Dismissed for Want of Prosecution	5,092	15,956	10,380	31,428
Cases Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff	33,142	52,558	15,128	100,828
All Other Dispositions	5,434	11,289	12,561	29,284
Total Cases Disposed	90,394	216,008	71,929	378,331
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	1,332	2,492	1,733	5,557
Cases Pending 8/31/2015				
<i>Active Cases</i>	88,020	95,249	216,470	399,739
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	3,250	3,753	4,042	11,045
Cases Appealed				
After Trial	556	4,344	1,253	6,153
Without Trial	48	343	506	897

Juvenile/Minor Activity

September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015	Total Cases
Transportation Code Cases Filed	16,989
Non-Driving Alcoholic Beverage Code Cases Filed	7,048
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Cases Filed	716
Drug Paraphernalia Cases Filed	1,488
Tobacco Cases Filed	799
Failure to Attend School Cases Filed	50,239
Education Code (Except Failure to Attend) Cases Filed	1,407
Violation of Local Daytime Curfew Ordinance Cases Filed	140
All Other Non-Traffic Fine-Only Cases Filed	4,976
Mandatory Transfer to Juvenile Court	620
Discretionary Transfer to Juvenile Court	470
Accused of Contempt and Referred to Juvenile Court (Delinquent Conduct)	216
Held in Contempt by Criminal Court (Fined and/or Denied Driving Privileges)	1,761
Juvenile Statement Magistrate Warnings Administered	1,323
Juvenile Statements Certified by Judge	477
Detention Hearings Held	532
Orders for Non-Secure Custody Issued	20
Parent Contributing to Nonattendance Cases Filed	46,545

Justice Courts

Additional Activity

September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015	Number Given	Requests for Counsel
Magistrate Warnings: Class C Misdemeanors	63,213	
Magistrate Warnings: Class A and B Misdemeanors	149,024	39,866
Magistrate Warnings: Felonies	104,322	37,240



September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015	Total Cases
Arrest Warrants Issued: Class C Misdemeanors	411,273
Arrest Warrants Issued: Class A and B Misdemeanors	26,217
Arrest Warrants Issued: Felonies	28,418
Capiases Pro Fine Issued	65,718
Search Warrants Issued	1,566
Warrants for Fire, Health and Code Inspections Filed	29
Examining Trials Conducted	1,183
Emergency Mental Health Hearings Held	10,891
Magistrate's Orders for Emergency Protection Issued	7,619
Magistrate's Orders for Ignition Interlock Device Issued	4,329
All Other Magistrate's Orders Issued Requiring Conditions for Release on Bond	21,757
Driver's License Denial, Revocation or Suspension Hearings Held	16,005
Handgun License Denial, Revocation or Suspension Hearings Held	179
Disposition of Stolen Property Hearings Held	1,843
Peace Bond Hearings Held	440
Inquests Conducted	20,408
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Community Service: Partial Satisfaction	4,426
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Community Service: Full Satisfaction	11,495
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Jail Credit	129,938
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Waived for Indigency	13,933
Amount of Fines and Court Costs Waived for Indigency	\$ 1,329,584
Fines, Court Costs and Other Amounts: Kept by County	\$ 185,837,573
Fines, Court Costs and Other Amounts: Remitted to State	\$ 96,849,045
Fines, Court Costs and Other Amounts: Total Collected	\$ 302,645,377

Municipal Courts

Criminal Case Activity Report

Cases on Docket	Non-Traffic - Parking	Traffic - Parking	Traffic - Ordinance	Non-Traffic - Penal Code	Non-Traffic - Other State Law	Non-Traffic - Ordinance	Total
Cases Pending 9/1/2014							
<i>Active Cases</i>	4,506,602	271,506	68,249	756,161	480,931	558,188	6,641,637
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	4,707,258	147,307	27,875	1,077,058	491,975	389,012	6,840,485
Docket Adjustments	-2,233	5,681	-3,392	10,473	-3,692	-8,141	-1,304
Cases Added							
New Cases Filed	4,004,765	137,782	75,537	387,572	279,073	312,887	5,197,616
Cases Reactivated	1,597,419	15,628	9,251	358,921	154,593	137,403	2,273,215
All Other Cases Added	20,871	92	64	10,488	2,655	5,221	39,391
Total Cases On Docket	10,127,424	430,689	149,709	1,523,615	913,560	1,005,558	14,150,555
Dispositions							
Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial							
Uncontested Dispositions	1,331,560	51,696	25,703	123,534	109,688	82,415	1,724,596
Dismissed by Prosecution	306,642	17,201	4,554	45,376	32,519	52,384	458,676
Total Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial	1,638,202	68,897	30,257	168,910	142,207	134,799	2,183,272
Dispositions at Court Appearance or Trial							
Convictions							
<i>Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere</i>	530,747	4,415	4,784	73,336	41,336	45,751	700,369
<i>By the Court</i>	116,964	1,477	3,026	8,435	8,157	8,477	146,536
<i>By the Jury</i>	3,368	23	41	374	144	466	4,416
Acquittals							
<i>By the Jury</i>	25,276	110	1,259	379	526	804	28,354
<i>By the Court</i>	387	8	7	92	28	362	884
Dismissed by Prosecution	254,670	3,041	1,326	49,529	11,711	57,088	377,365
Total Dispositions at Court Appearance or Trial	931,412	9,074	10,443	132,145	61,902	112,948	1,257,924
Compliance Dismissals							
After Driver Safety Course	382,368						382,368
After Deferred Disposition	538,052	3,374	14,810	25,883	22,739	20,363	625,221
After Teen Court	3,206	19	82	1,068	482	321	5,178
After Tobacco Awareness Course					445		445
After Treatment for Chemical Dependency				892	1,493		2,385
After Proof of Financial Responsibility	124,025						124,025
All Other Transportation Code Dismissals	304,086	3,125	3,345	1,717	6,381	10,243	328,897
Total Compliance Dismissals	1,351,737	6,518	18,237	29,560	31,540	30,927	1,468,519
All Other Dispositions	303,925	3,591	910	135,836	18,650	28,892	491,804
Total Cases Disposed	4,225,276	88,080	59,847	466,451	254,299	307,566	5,401,519
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	1,548,864	19,178	11,631	251,510	164,221	160,544	2,155,948
Cases Pending 8/31/2015							
<i>Active Cases</i>	4,325,504	324,288	77,966	797,752	491,235	547,655	6,564,400
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	4,671,440	149,787	30,381	977,547	498,958	401,721	6,729,834
Show Cause Hearings Held	251,149	1,457	3,419	16,727	24,418	9,066	306,236
Cases Appealed							
After Trial	8,547	42	48	711	697	595	10,640
Without Trial	9,007	40	17	683	1,165	271	11,183

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Civil/Administrative Case Activity Report

	Total
Cases Pending 9/1/2014	
<i>Active Cases</i>	800,770
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	571,522
Docket Adjustments	9,975
Cases Added	
New Cases Filed	626,605
Cases Reactivated	18,346
All Other Cases Added	509
Total Cases On Docket	1,456,205
Dispositions	
Uncontested Civil Fines or Penalties	329,829
Default Judgments	130,922
Agreed Judgments	8,143
Trial/Hearing by Judge/Hearing Officer	47,226
Trial by Jury	0
Cases Dismissed for Want of Prosecution	7,668
All Other Dispositions	207,087
Total Cases Disposed	730,875
Cases Placed on Inactive Status	40,328
Cases Pending 8/31/2015	
<i>Active Cases</i>	648,804
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	592,689
Cases Appealed	
After Trial	52
Without Trial	50

Juvenile/Minor Activity

September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015	Total Cases
Transportation Code Cases Filed	47,295
Non-Driving Alcoholic Beverage Code Cases Filed	17,494
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Cases Filed	1,236
Drug Paraphernalia Cases Filed	3,825
Tobacco Cases Filed	2,426
Failure to Attend School Cases Filed	15,374
Education Code (Except Failure to Attend) Cases Filed	516
Violation of Local Daytime Curfew Ordinance Cases Filed	4,668
All Other Non-Traffic Fine-Only Cases Filed	19,073
Mandatory Transfer to Juvenile Court	199
Discretionary Transfer to Juvenile Court	763
Accused of Contempt and Referred to Juvenile Court (Delinquent Conduct)	586
Held in Contempt by Criminal Court (Fined and/or Denied Driving Privileges)	4,467
Juvenile Statement Magistrate Warnings Administered	750
Juvenile Statements Certified by Judge	282
Detention Hearings Held	84
Orders for Non-Secure Custody Issued	577
Parent Contributing to Nonattendance Cases Filed	4,145

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Additional Activity

September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015	Number Given	Requests for Counsel
Magistrate Warnings: Class C Misdemeanors	296,134	
Magistrate Warnings: Class A and B Misdemeanors	135,703	35,855
Magistrate Warnings: Felonies	76,042	23,546



September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015	Total Cases
Arrest Warrants Issued: Class C Misdemeanors	1,738,385
Arrest Warrants Issued: Class A and B Misdemeanors	44,195
Arrest Warrants Issued: Felonies	30,508
Capiases Pro Fine Issued	688,328
Search Warrants Issued	33,803
Warrants for Fire, Health and Code Inspections Filed	2,125
Examining Trials Conducted	435
Emergency Mental Health Hearings Held	2,035
Magistrate's Orders for Emergency Protection Issued	9,664
Magistrate's Orders for Ignition Interlock Device Issued	3,184
All Other Magistrate's Orders Issued Requiring Conditions for Release on Bond	4,402
Driver's License Denial, Revocation or Suspension Hearings Held	984
Disposition of Stolen Property Hearings Held	1,438
Peace Bond Hearings Held	42
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Community Service: Partial Satisfaction	7,797
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Community Service: Full Satisfaction	46,916
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Satisfied by Jail Credit	547,244
Cases in Which Fine and Court Costs Waived for Indigency	21,764
Amount of Fines and Court Costs Waived for Indigency	\$4,982,471
Fines, Court Costs and Other Amounts: Kept by City	\$459,684,362
Fines, Court Costs and Other Amounts: Remitted to State	\$236,114,257
Fines, Court Costs and Other Amounts: Total Collected	\$696,535,160

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Case Status and Clearance Rate Definitions

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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

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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.

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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, nondisclosure, 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

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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.

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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**.

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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](#).

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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.

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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 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.

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COURT-ORDERED MENTAL HEALTH CASES

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).

MUNICIPAL COURTS

CRIMINAL DOCKET

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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