

DATA & RESEARCH UPDATE

TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 2025





ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS

STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024



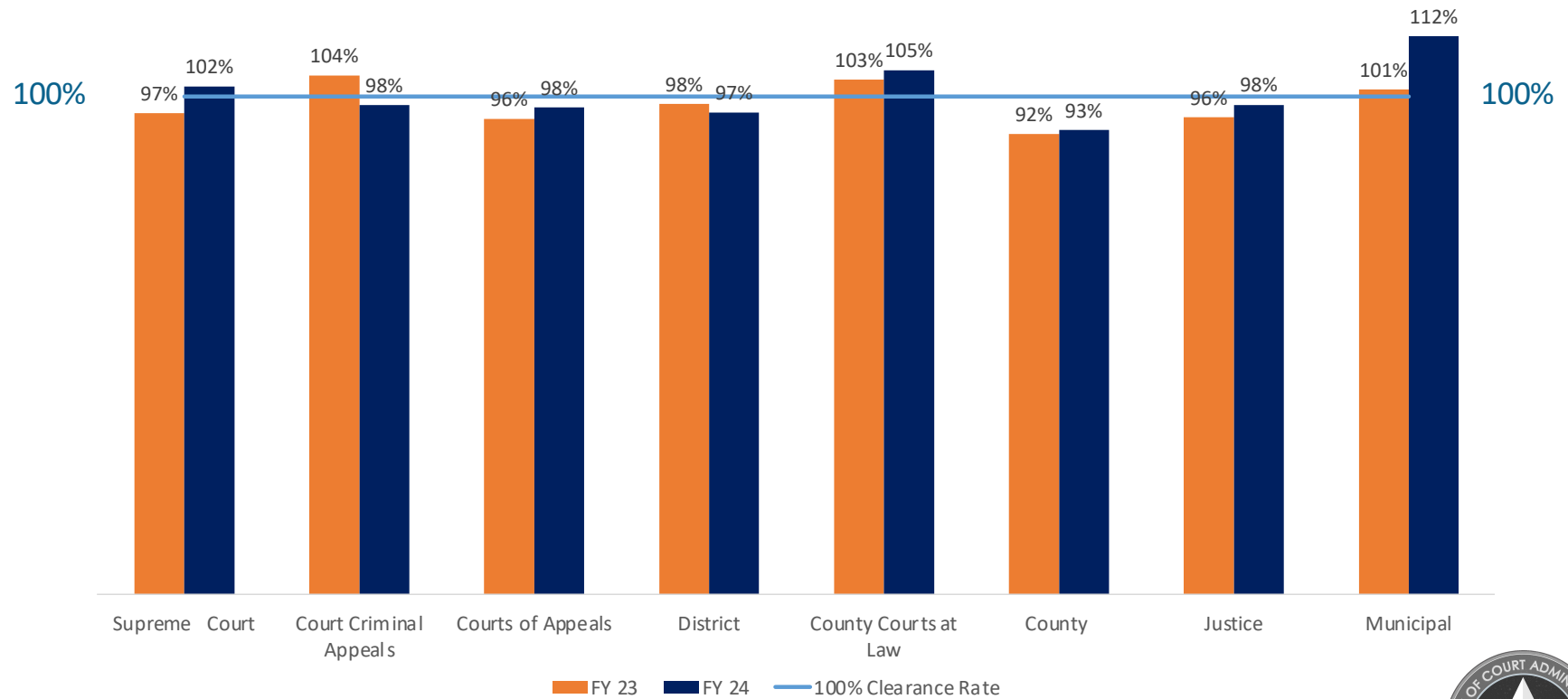
CHANGE IN CASES ADDED, FY 23 TO 24

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| Supreme Court | ↓ | 6 % | Court of Criminal Appeals | ↑ | 4 % |
| Courts of Appeals | ↑ | 4 % | District | ↑ | 0 %* |
| Statutory County | ↑ | 8 % | Constitutional County | ↓ | 10 % |
| Justice | ↑ | 6 % | Municipal | ↑ | 4 % |

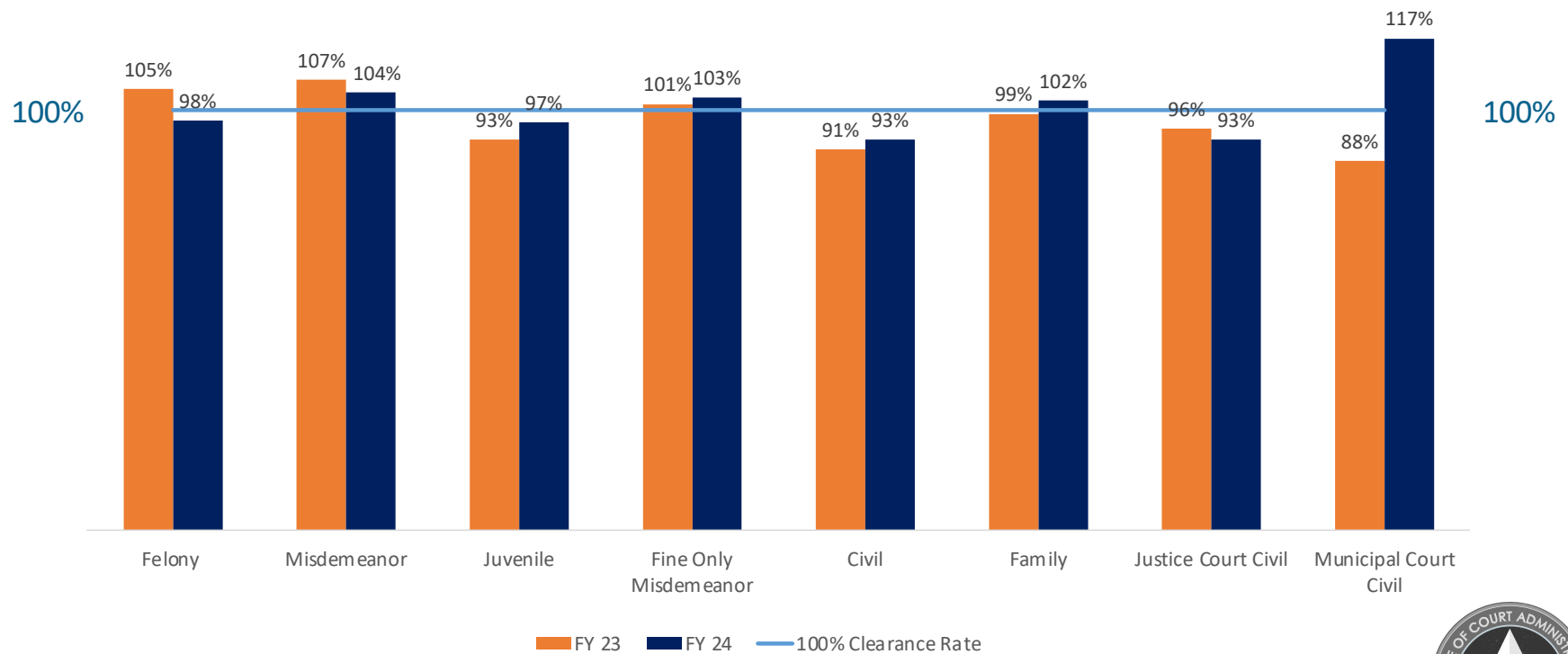
*Missing criminal data for 1 year from Dallas



CLEARANCE RATES BY COURT TYPE



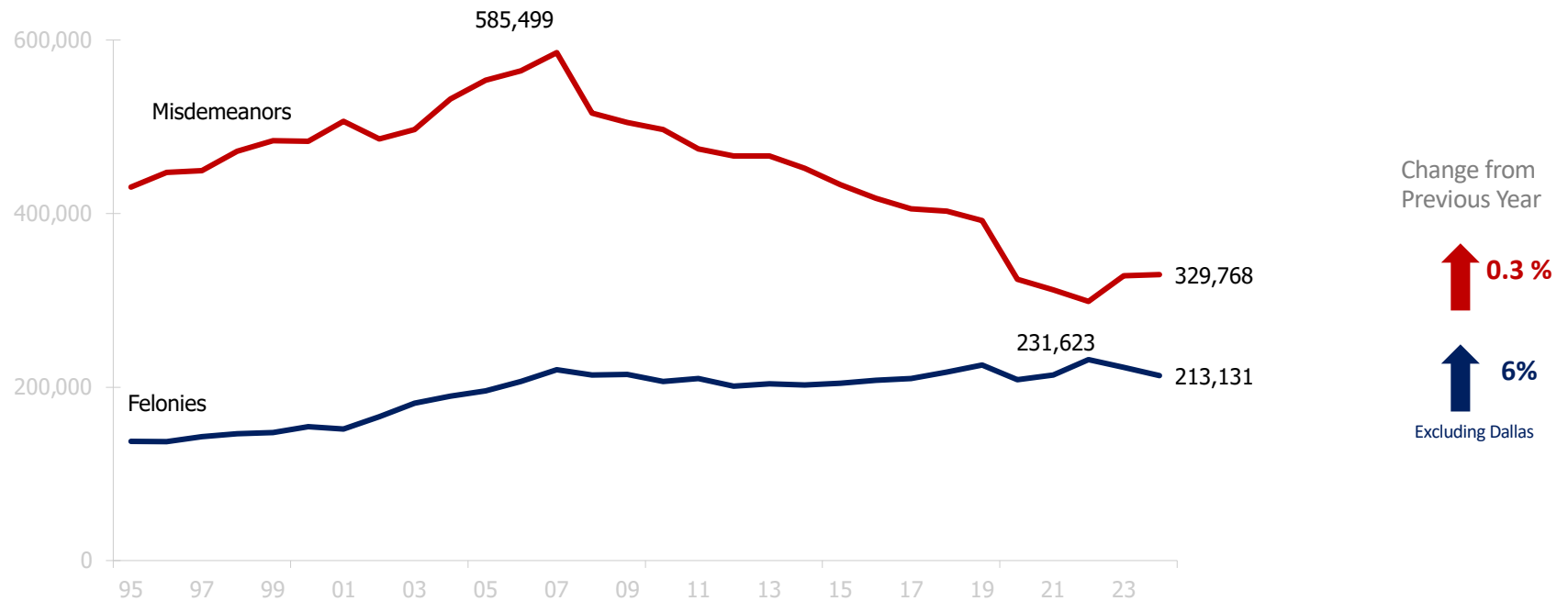
CLEARANCE RATES BY TRIAL COURT CASE TYPE



CRIMINAL CASES



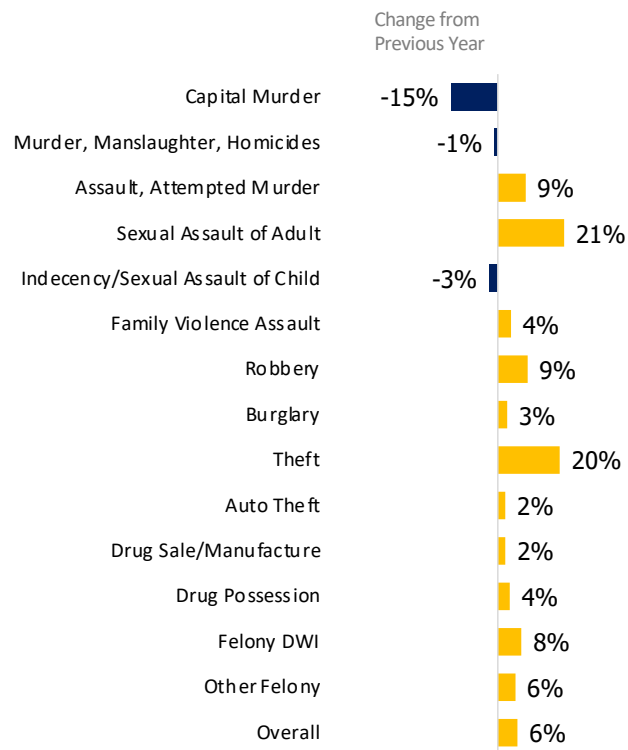
After continuous declines since 2007, new **misdemeanor** cases increased for the second consecutive year. Excluding Dallas, new **felony** cases grew by 6 percent, reaching another all time high.



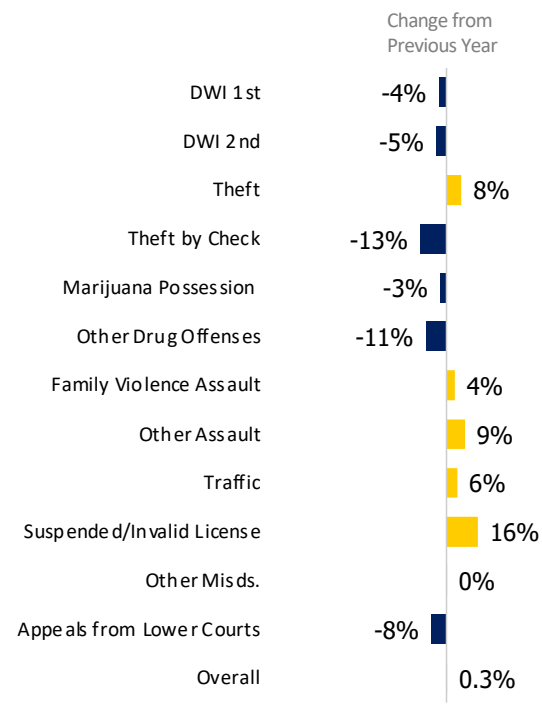
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Filings increased in every **felony** case category except for capital murder, other homicides, and indecency/sexual assault of a child.

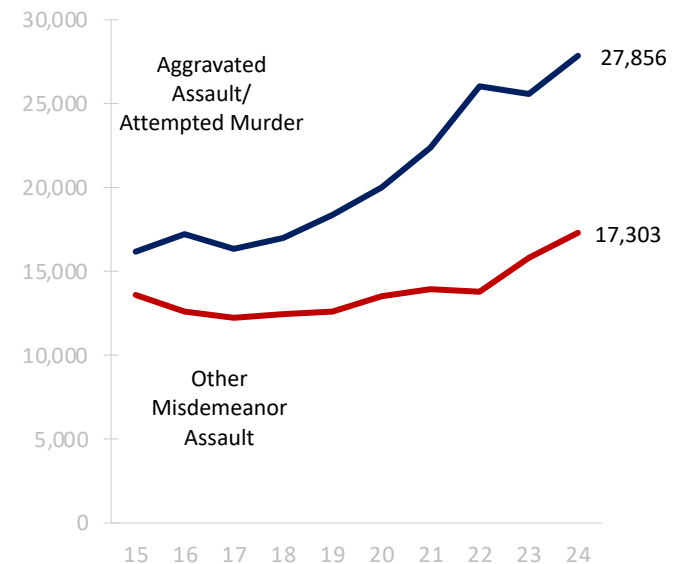
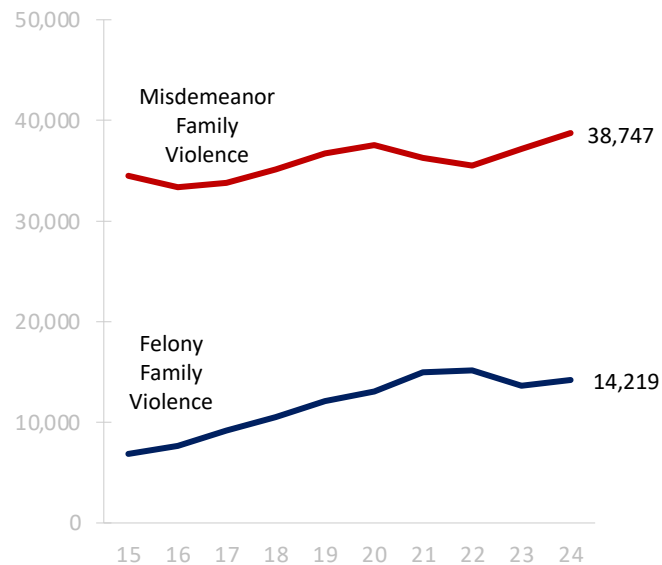


Overall, the number of new **misdemeanor** cases increased very slightly from the previous year. Drug and DWI cases declined while filings increased in most of the remaining case categories.

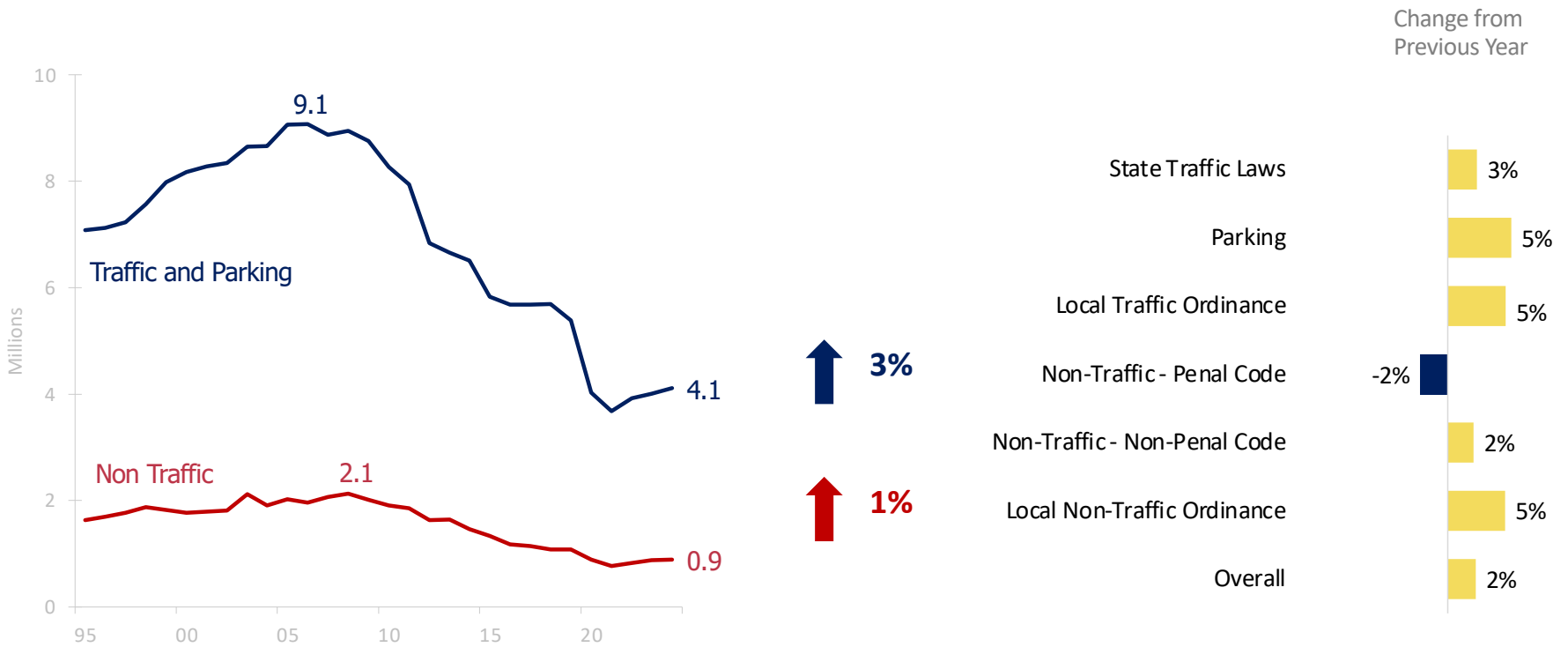


Over the previous 5 years, the only **misdemeanor** case types that consistently increased were assault cases.

Most new felony and misdemeanor cases involving assaultive offenses continued to increase in number.



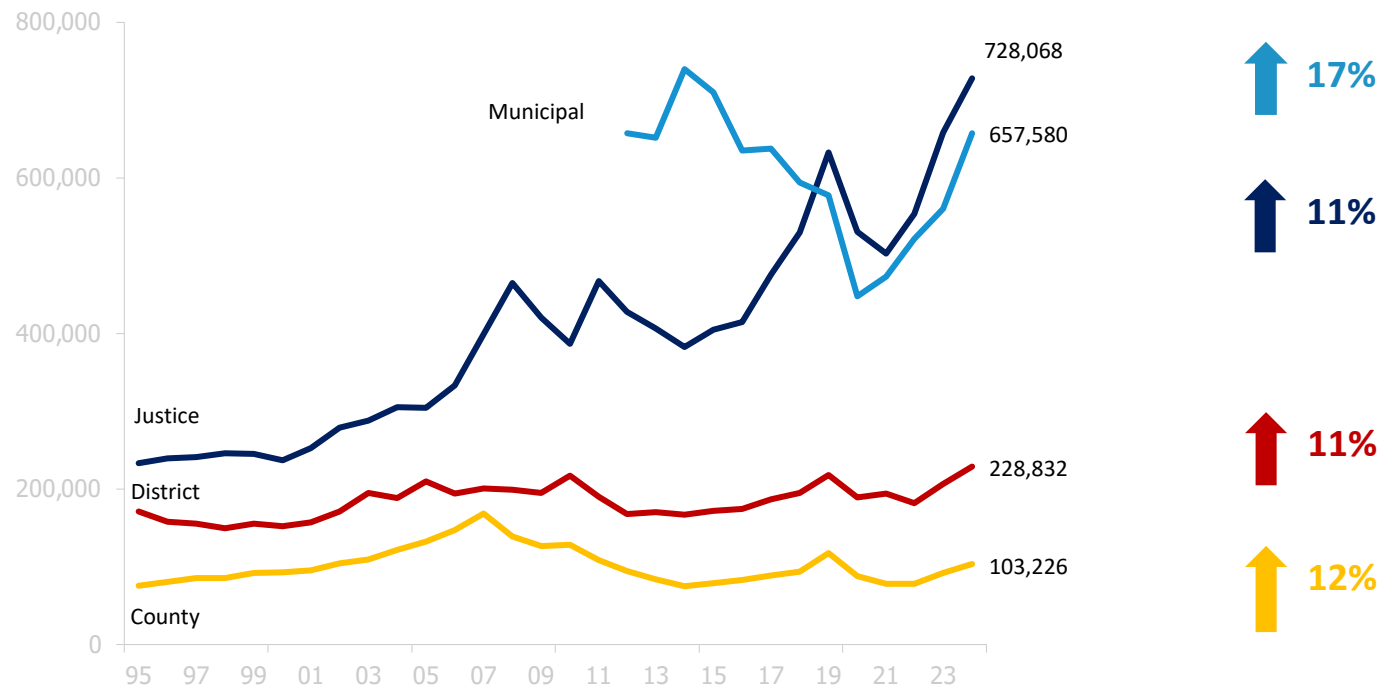
Fine only misdemeanor case filings increased for the third consecutive year.



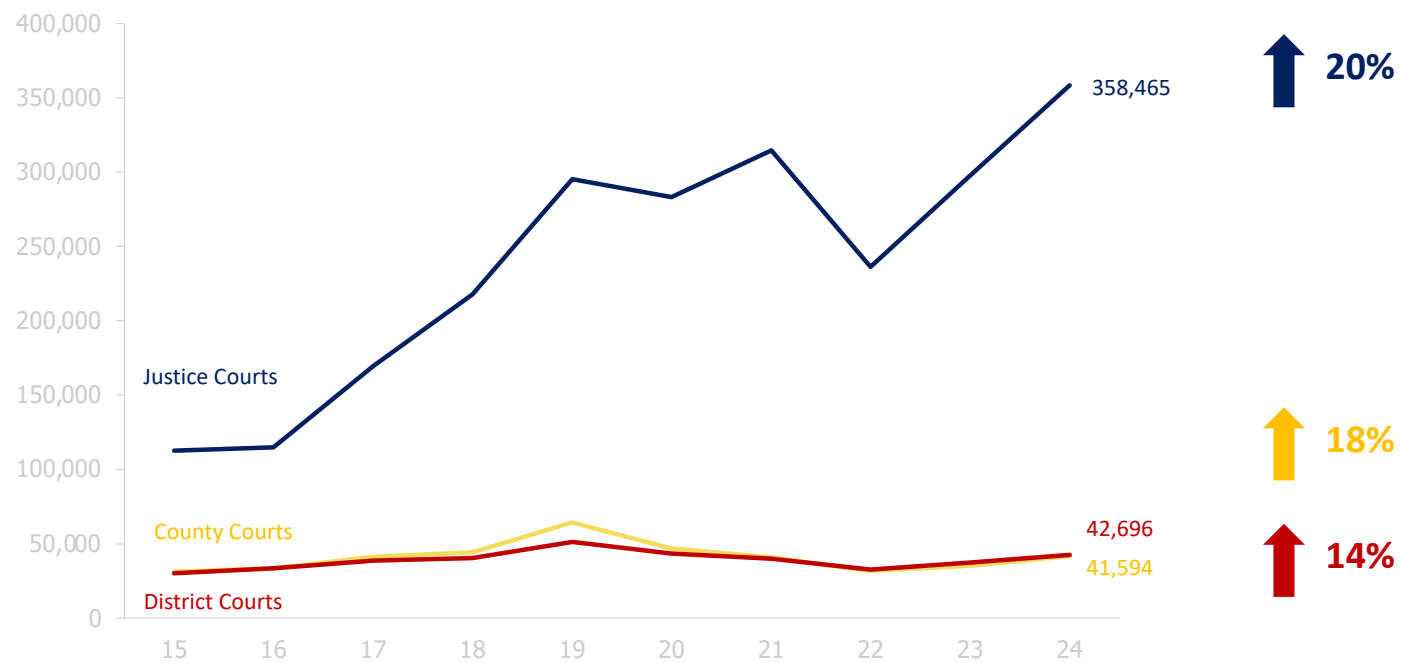
CIVIL CASES



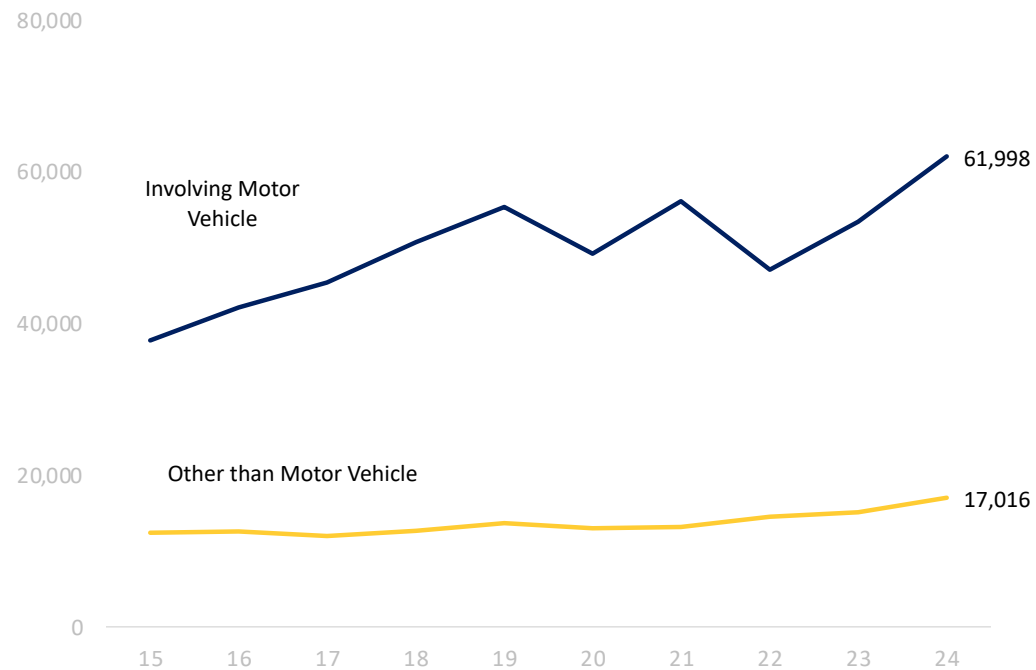
New civil case filings increased in all trial court levels.



Substantial increases occurred in **debt** cases, particularly in justice courts.



Substantial increases occurred in **injury/damage** cases.

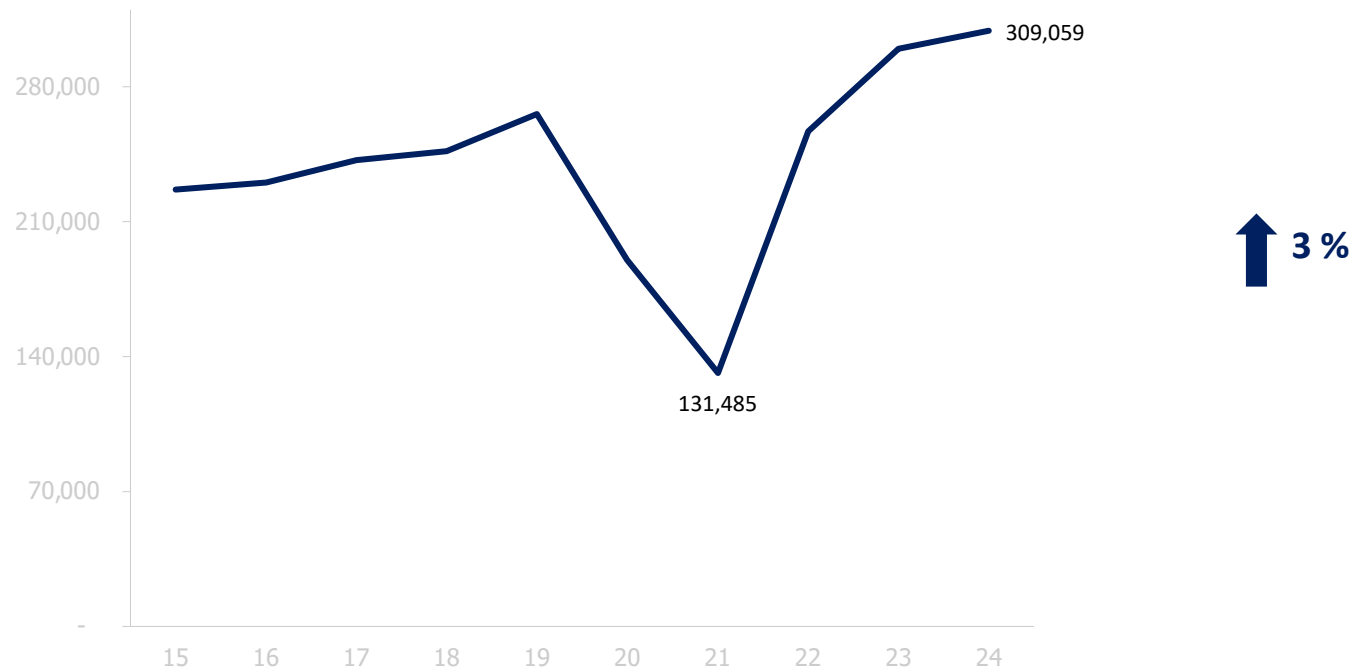


↑ 16%

↑ 12%



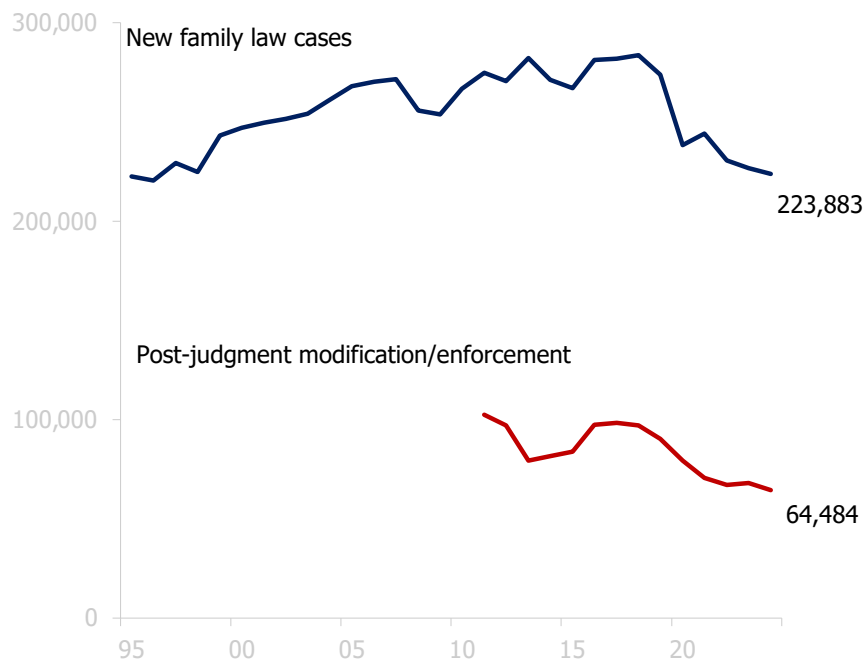
Landlord/tenant cases broke the previous year's all-time high.



FAMILY CASES

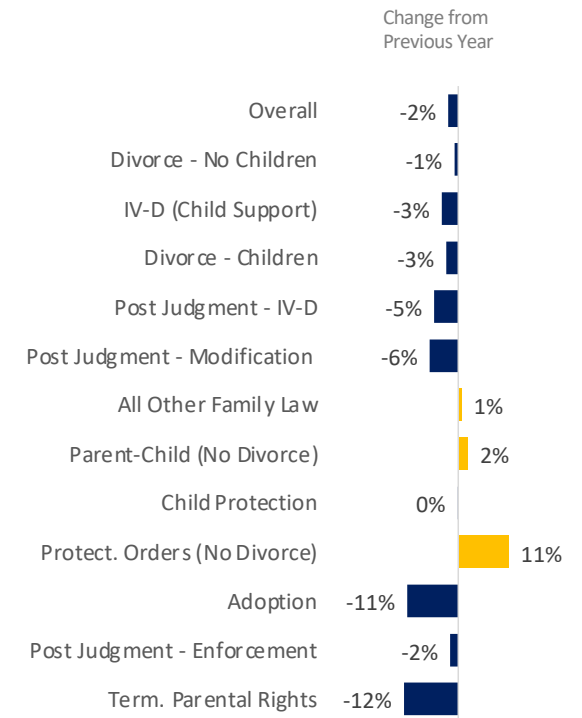


New family cases dropped to the lowest level since 1996, and **post-judgment** matters dropped to an all-time low. Filings decreased in almost every category.

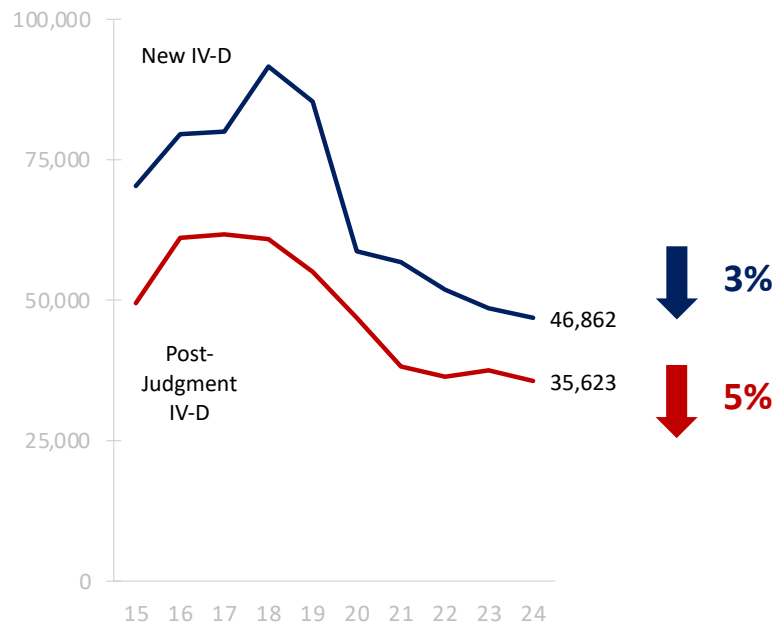


↓ 2%

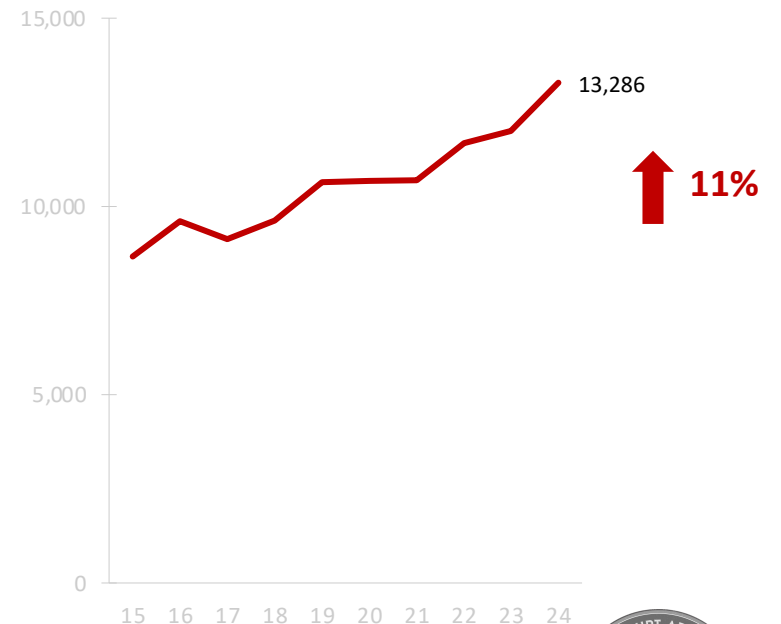
↓ 5%



The most significant declines occurred in **child support** cases which have fallen every year since 2018.



Applications for a **protective order** not associated with a divorce has been the only category with consistently increasing activity.



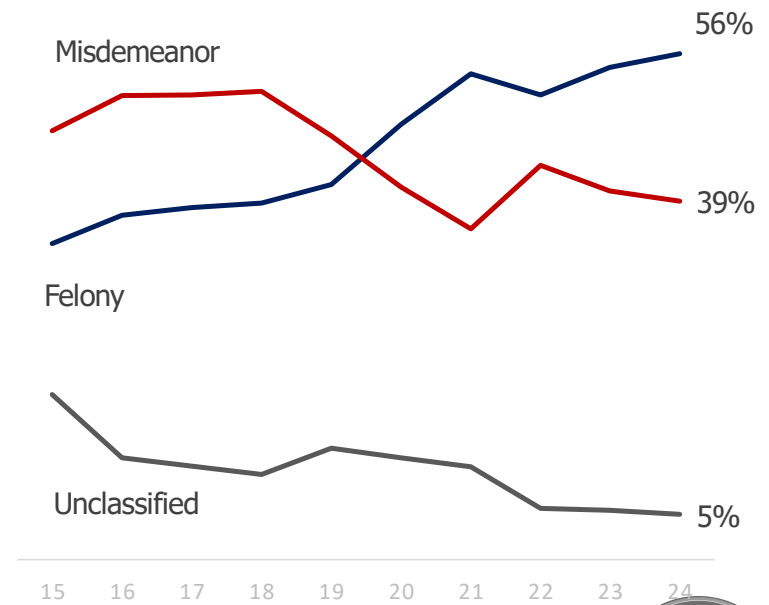
JUVENILE CASES



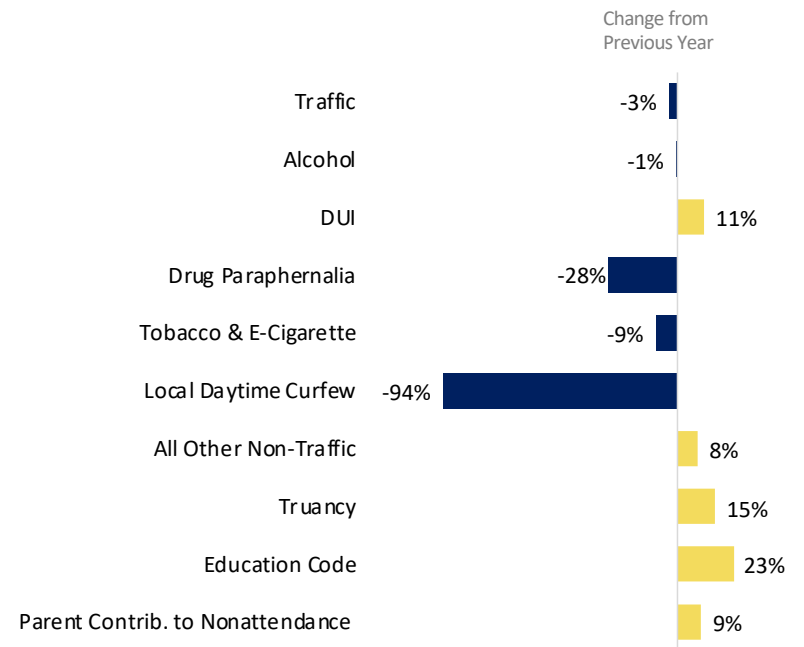
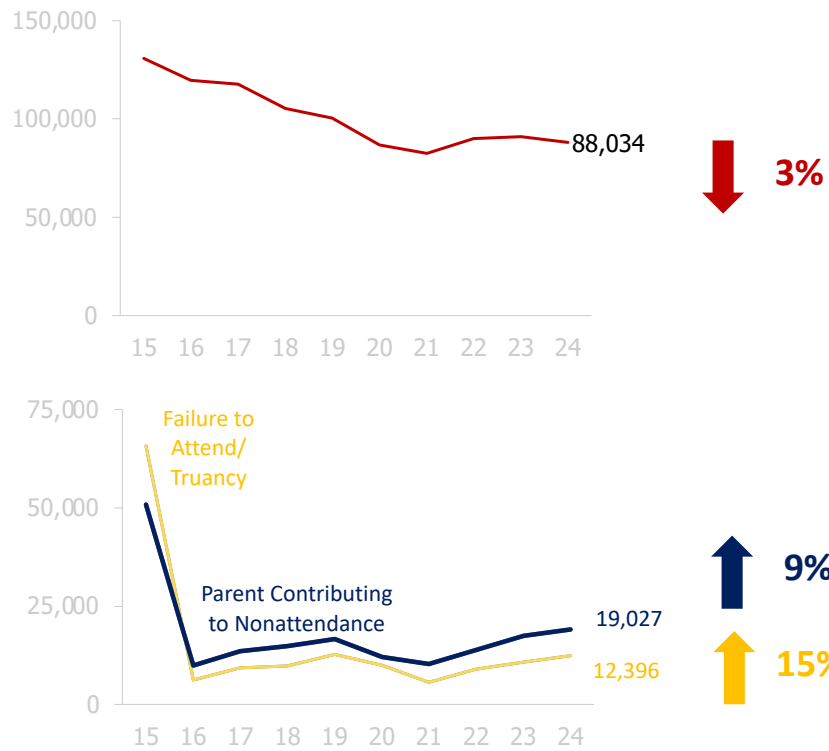
Filing of new juvenile cases continued to increase from the 2021 low but were still only three-quarters of 2019's pre-pandemic case filings.



The percentage of delinquent conduct cases involving felony offenses has exceeded those involving misdemeanors since 2020.



Class C cases involving **juveniles or minors** declined slightly. Truancy and parent contributing to nonattendance increased for the 3rd consecutive year.





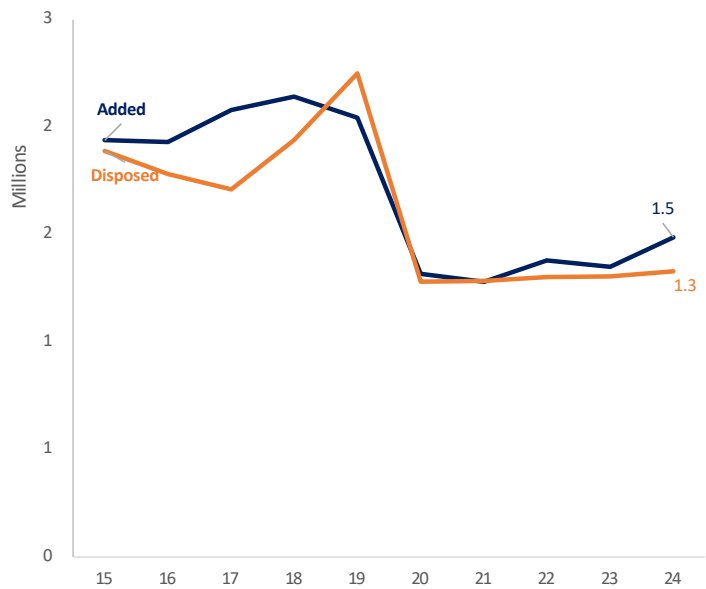
MUNICIPAL & JUSTICE COURTS CLEARANCE RATES

CALENDAR YEAR 2024



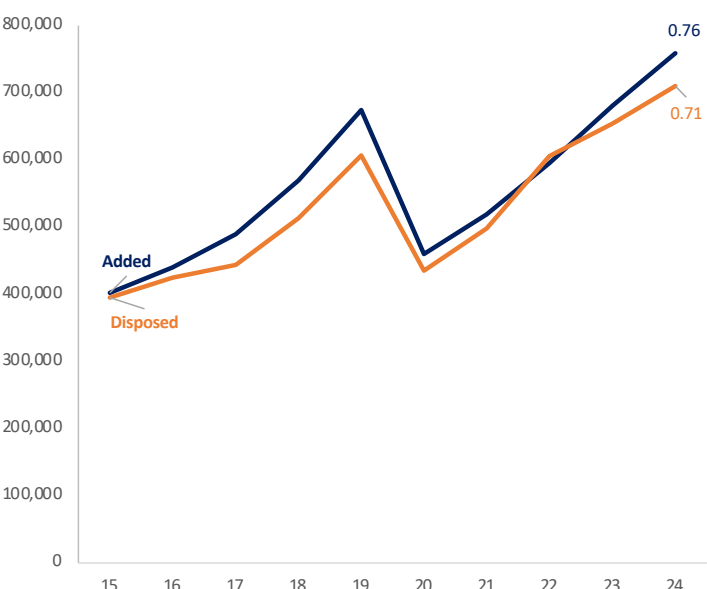
JUSTICE

Criminal



Clearance Rate: 89%

Civil

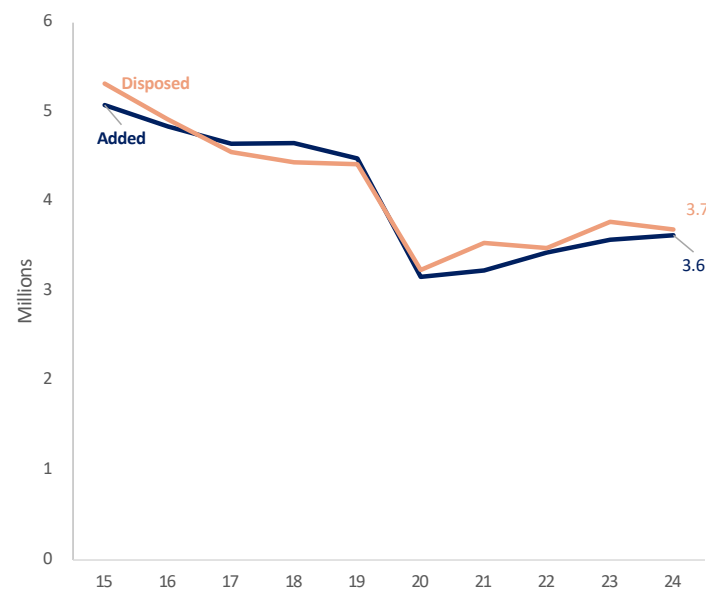


Clearance Rate: 94%



MUNICIPAL

Criminal



Clearance Rate: 102%

Civil



Clearance Rate: 121%





PERFORMANCE MEASURES

DISTRICT & COUNTY

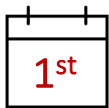
**FY 2024 (MARCH-
AUGUST 2024)**

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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

Clerks are required to submit the following information for each district, statutory county, statutory probate, and county court annually:

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



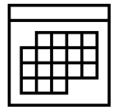
Due Date: November 1st



HB 2384 SUBMISSIONS OVERVIEW

FY 2024

FY 2025



6 month timeframe (Mar-Aug 2024)

Full fiscal year (Sep 2024 – Aug 2025)



Focus on clearance rates measures

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Focus on age of cases data clean up



Final data published June 4th 2025

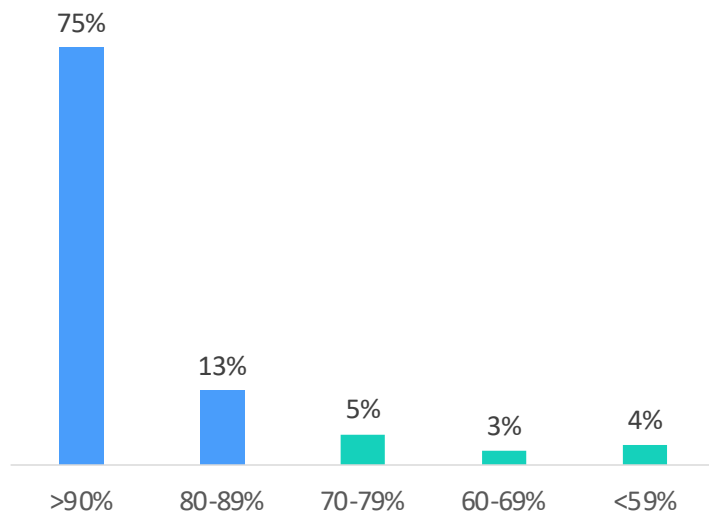
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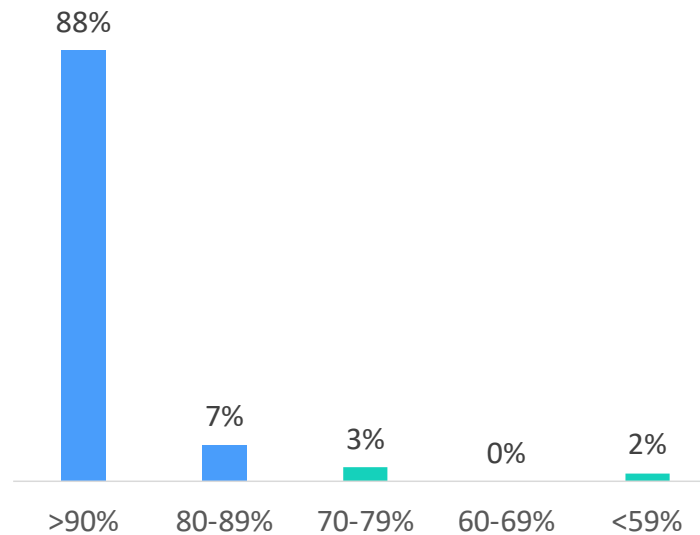
FY 2024 SUBMISSIONS OVERVIEW

The final data shows that **88%** of **District** submissions, and **95%** of SCC submissions across all case types (excluding probate and mental health cases) are at or above a **90% clearance rate**.

District Court Clearance Rates

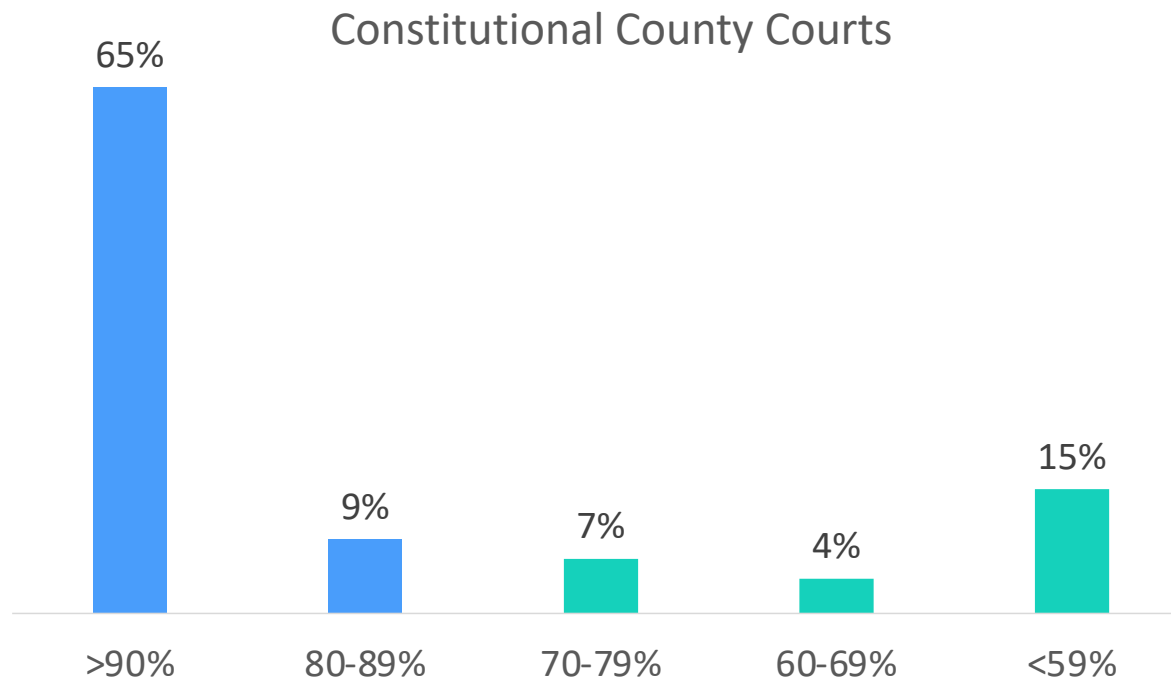


SCC Clearance Rates



FY 2024 SUBMISSIONS OVERVIEW

The final data shows that **74%** of **County Court** submissions across all case types (excluding probate and mental health cases) are at or above a **90% clearance rate**.





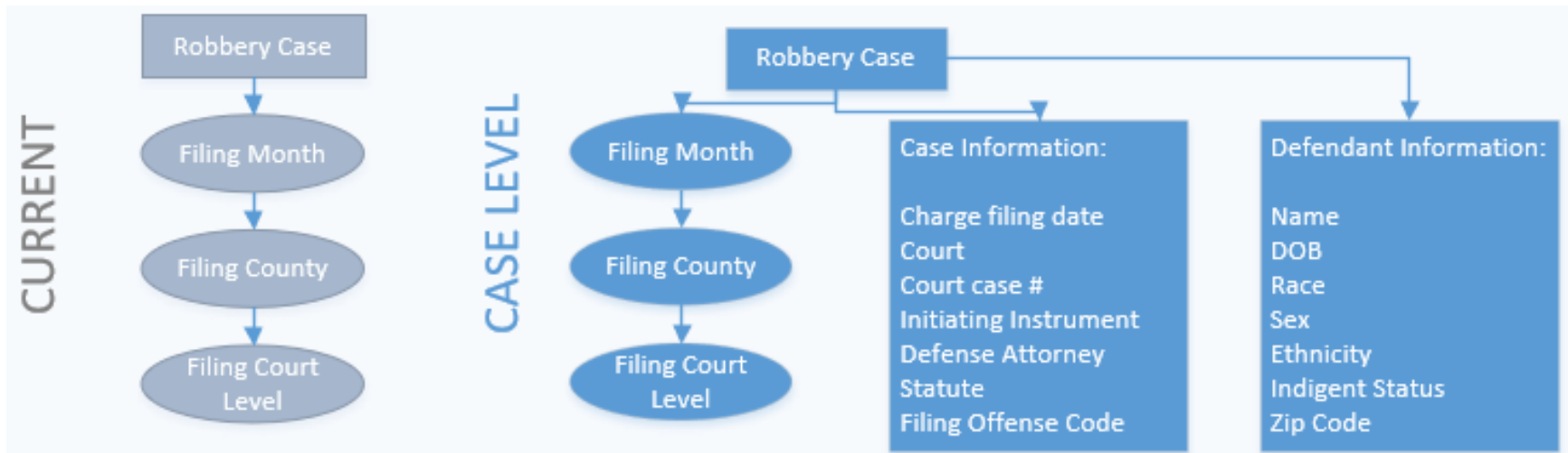
COURT ANALYTICS TEXAS

**CASE-LEVEL DATA
PROJECT**

COURT ANALYTICS TX PROJECT

What is Case Level Data?

- OCA currently collects aggregate level data.
- Over the last few years there has been a noticeable interest for more detailed data.
- Demand has been driven by the need for a more comprehensive insight into court cases and outcomes.
- This project will collect multiple data points for once case rather than general filing and disposition information.



COURT ANALYTICS TX

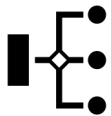
Our goal for this system is to eventually eliminate manual reporting for counties by integrating with local case management systems.



Participation:

Integration participation will be voluntary. The system will provide a User Interface option to submit data manually.

OCA encourages integration to reduce the clerks' time spent on reporting, especially with the additional data elements that will now be collected. Additionally, CARD will be phased out.



Timeline:

Contract was signed with Tyler Technologies in September 2024. Development work has begun.

1. Criminal Data Elements
2. Civil Data
3. Family Data



COURT ANALYTICS TX

Onboarding:

- Tyler UCMS Customers will be integrated first.
- Beginning with Criminal data then Civil and Family.
- After Tyler UCMS, we will proceed with the largest counties.
- Criminal data has begun coming into the system.
- Currently, El Paso County is being considered as a large county pilot.

Additional Info:

- Clerk is still the custodian of the record



SYSTEM FUNCTIONALITY

