# District of Columbia Courts

Statistical Summary





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# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS' BUDGET

	A	FY 2015 ppropriation	FY 2016 Appropriation		
Court of Appeals	\$	13,622,000	\$	14,192,000	
Superior Court	\$	116,443,000	\$	123,638,000	
Court System	\$	71,155,000	\$	73,981,000	
Total	\$	201,220,000	\$	211,811,000	
Capital Budget	\$	43,890,000	\$	62,590,000	
Defender Services	\$	49,890,000	\$	49,890,000	
Total	\$	295,000,000	\$	324,291,000	

# **COURT OF APPEALS CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2011-2015**

#### FILINGS BY CATEGORY & RATIO TO DISPOSITIONS

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Mandatory Appeal & Bar Cases					
Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	2,051	1,868	2,214	1,801	1,532
Filings					
Agency	266	347	245	241	277
Bar Cases	92	99	107	91	75
Civil	400	605 <sup>c</sup>	352 °	379 °	371
Criminal	784	856	682 <sup>c</sup>	636 °	573
Family	178	163	140 <sup>c</sup>	142 <sup>c</sup>	127
Special Proceedings	3	4	3	3	0
Total Filings	1,723	2,074	1,529	1,492	1,423
Reinstated	47	37	14	23	22
Dispositions	1,952	1,771	1,866	1,787	1,567
Original Jurisdiction Matters					
Pending Jan 1	1	4	4	0	4
Filings	45	50	58	38	48
Dispositions	43	50	62	35	47
Discretionary Jurisdiction Matters					
Pending Jan 1	1	0 °	5	5	0
Filings	24	35 <sup>c</sup>	31	19	11
Dispositions	25	34	31	24	11
Appeal Court Total					
Filings	1,792	2,159	1,618	1,549	1,482
Dispositions	2,020	1,855	1,959	1,846	1,625
Clearance Rate <sup>b</sup>	110%	84%	120%	117%	108%
Pending Dec 31	1,872	2,213	1,896	1,532	1,415

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Pending figures were adjusted in January to reflect case activity from Superior Court not previously reported.

<sup>c</sup> Figure adjusted.					
DISPOSITIONS BY METHOD					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Opinion	290	221	249	269	233
Memorandum Opinion & Judgment	589	571	589	448	464
Judgment	316	231	369	239	218
Order	825	832	752	890	710
Total	2,020	1,855	1,959	1,846	1,625
MOTIONS & PETITIONS					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Procedural Motions	4,877	5,300	5,333	4,886	4,356
Substantive Motions	956	1,040	966	843	696
Petitions for Rehearing/Rehearing En Banc	194	183	230	212	229

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed divided by the total number of cases added to the caseload (i.e. new filings and reinstated) during a given time period. Rates of over 100% indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.

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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Overall Time On Appeal <sup>a</sup>					
Average	468	427	418	476	423
Median	370	352	357	423	387
Time from Notice of Appeal to Filing of Trial Court or Agency Record					
Average	173	124	116	135	111
Median	95	81	91	97	90
Time from Filing of Trial Court or Agency Record to Completed Briefing by the Parties					
Average	254	232	232	256	241
Median	185	167	173	202	200
Time from Completed Briefing to Argument or Submission					
Average	167	181	173	169	167
Median	148	174	147	154	153
Time from Argument or Submission to Court Decision					
Average	116	136	116	153	132
Median	57	56	78	102	86
Overall Time On Appeal for Certain Matters					
Mandatory Appeal & Bar Cases					
Average	230	246	166	213	237
Median	96	115	106	108	114
Original Jurisdiction Matters					
Average	22	29	19	25	28
Median	14	22	16	20	21
Discretionary Jurisdiction Matters					
Average	49	38	40	38	51
Median	52	34	41	34	50

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Time on appeal includes periods when cases are not under active processing by the Court of Appeals. For example, figures include periods when some appeals are stayed for reasons such as bankruptcy or further trial court proceedings. In reciprocal bar matters, the Court opens a case file upon notification that another jurisdiction has disciplined a member of the D.C. Bar, but will not commence active processing of the matter until it receives a Report and Recommendation from the Board on Professional Responsibility.

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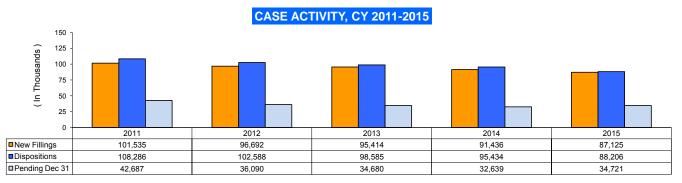
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Admission to Bar by Examination		ZUIZ	2013	2014	2013
Applications Filed	487	527	549	606	647
Applications Withheld	69	80	80	42	77
Applications Rejected	11	9	6	2	1
Unsuccessful Applicants	214	220	257	320	337
Successful Applicants	204	227	212	242	232
Applicants Admitted	194	204	216	253	200
Admission to Bar by Motion					
Applications Filed	2,807	2,887	2,816	2,459	2,475
Applications Admitted	2,970	2,932	3,046	2,670	2,189
Applications Rejected	9	3	4	10	5
Certificates of Good Standing	10,498	11,359	10,423	7,812	9,377
Certification for Law Student in Court Program	364	342	314	326	729
Certification as Special Legal Consultant	8	11	18	12	5
BAR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Disbarments	32	27	25	27	40
Suspensions	12	29	38	27	35
Public Censure	1	0	0	1	1
Petitions for Reinstatement	1	2	4	5	5
Petitions for Formal Hearings	25	23	34	29	37
Miscellaneous Petitions	9	13	17	14	6

#### **SUPERIOR COURT**

<b>CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2</b>	2015							
DIVISION/OPERATION OF SUPERIOR COURT	Pending Jan 1	New Filings	Reactivated/ Reopened	Available for Disposition	Disposed	Pending Dec 31	% Change in Pending 2014 - 2015	Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>
Civil Division								
Civil Actions	5,408	10,106	417	15,931	8,847	7,084	31.0%	84%
Landlord & Tenant	4,649	32,590	282	37,521	32,209	5,312	14.3%	98%
Small Claims	1,194	5,420	148	6,762	5,483	1,279	7.1%	98%
Total	11,251	48,116	847	60,214	46,539	13,675	21.5%	95%
Criminal Division <sup>b</sup>								
Felony	1,585 ҫ	3,469	588	5,642	2,995	2,056	29.7%	86%
Misdemeanors U.S.	3,241 ∘	8,178	3,510	14,929	8,252	3,238	-0.1%	99%
Misdemeanors D.C.	328 °	1,075	579	1,982	1,325	281	-14.3%	108%
Traffic	1,818 ़ ≎	3,622	1,792	7,232	4,794	1,397	-23.2%	112%
Total	6,972	16,344	6,469	29,785	17,366	6,972	0.0%	100%
Domestic Violence Unit								
Intrafamily	309	5,505	313	6,127	5,800	327	5.8%	100%
Misdemeanors U.S.	847	2,458	17	3,322	2,551	771	-9.0%	103%
Total	1,156	7,963	330	9,449	8,351	1,098	-5.0%	101%
Family Court Operations								
Abuse & Neglect	103	494	15	612	450	162	57.3%	88%
Adoption	198 ▫	209	4	411	234	177	-10.6%	110%
Divorce/Custody/Miscellaneous	1,702 ҫ	4,502	52	6,256	4,711	1,545	-9.2%	103%
Juvenile	747	1,815	25	2,587	1,803	784	5.0%	98%
Mental Health	238 ℃	2,498	126	2,862	2,683	179	-24.8%	102%
Mental Habilitation	1	1	0	2	1	1	0.0%	100%
Paternity & Child Support	1,425 °	1,765	31	3,221	2,508	713	-50.0%	140%
Total	4,414	11,284	253	15,951	12,390	3,561	-19.3%	107%
Probate Division								
Conservatorships	22	0	0	22	1	21	-4.5%	na
Decedent's Estates	4,235	1,534	434	6,203	1,697	4,506	6.4%	86%
Foreign Proceedings	189	158	0	347	177	170	-10.1%	112%
Guardianship of Minors	191	21	2	214	43	171	-10.5%	187%
Intervention Proceedings	2,485	546	36	3,067	388	2,679	7.8%	67%
Small Estates	115	582	61	758	667	91	-20.9%	104%
Trusts	103	19	1	123	23	100	-2.9%	115%
Total	7,340	2,860	534	10,734	2,996	7,738	5.4%	88%
Tax Division								
Civil Cases	1,681	558	0	2,239	564	1,675	-0.4%	101%
Criminal Cases		0	0	2	0	2	0.0%	na
Total	1,683	558	0	2,241	564	1,677	-0.4%	101%
Superior Court Total	32,816	87,125	8,433	128,374	88,206	34,721	5.8%	92%

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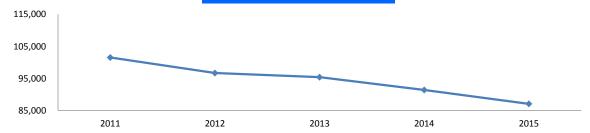
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>Figure adjusted after an audit of the caseload.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>The beginning pending figures (i.e., "Cases Pending January 1") include cases that previously had been inactive while pending grand jury, or in a diversion or other excludable time status. Also, outstanding bench warrants are included in "Cases Available for Disposition" and excluded from the calculation of Clearance Rate and, once resolved, are removed from the pending caseload.

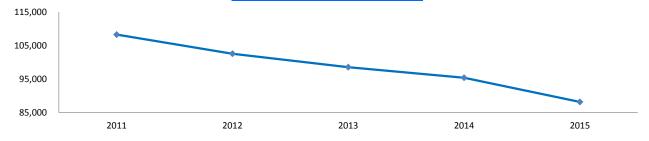
<b>NEW CASE FILINGS, C</b>	Y 2011-20	15				
						% Change
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2014 - 2015
Civil Division						
Civil Actions	10,304	9,581	8,546	8,337	10,106	21.2%
Landlord & Tenant	36,898	36,217	35,543	34,220	32,590	-4.8%
Small Claims	9,070	7,930	6,148	4,741	5,420	14.3%
Total	56,272	53,728	50,237	47,298	48,116	1.7%
Criminal Division						
Felony	4,305	3,618	3,440	3,151	3,469	10.1%
Misdemeanors U.S.	12,217	10,494	10,470	9,800	8,178	-16.6%
Misdemeanors D.C.	1,355	1,155	1,439	1,334	1,075	-19.4%
Traffic	5,146	5,041	5,587	6,001	3,622	-39.6%
Total	23,023	20,308	20,936	20,286	16,344	-19.4%
Domestic Violence Unit						
Intrafamily	4,363	4,676	5,005	5,039	5,505	9.2%
Misdemeanors U.S.	2,797	2,739	2,938	2,965	2,458	-17.1%
Total	7,160	7,415	7,943	8,004	7,963	-0.5%
Family Court Operations						
Abuse & Neglect	593	392	406	411	494	20.2%
Adoption	218	233	255	252	209	-17.1%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	4,040	4,264	4,318	4,239	4,502	6.2%
Juvenile	3,419	2,800	3,194	2,594	1,815	-30.0%
Mental Health	1,798	2,214	2,581	2,699	2,498	-7.4%
Mental Habilitation	7	6	3	1	1	0.0%
Paternity & Child Support	1,928	2,429	2,407	2,458	1,765	-28.2%
Total	12,003	12,338	13,164	12,654	11,284	-10.8%
Probate Division						
Decedent's Estates	1,287	1,305	1,345	1,389	1,534	10.4%
Foreign Proceedings	166	154	155	177	158	-10.7%
Guardianship of Minors	17	29	27	16	21	31.3%
Intervention Proceedings	456	517	481	537	546	1.7%
Small Estates	610	574	620	535	582	8.8%
Trusts	21	25	23	13	19	46.2%
Total	2,557	2,604	2,651	2,667	2,860	7.2%
Tax Division						
Civil Cases	515	298	481	527	558	5.9%
Criminal Cases	5	1	2	0	0	na
Total	520	299	483	527	558	5.9%
Superior Court Total	101,535	96,692	95,414	91,436	87,125	-4.7%
Monthly Average	8,461	8,058	7,951	7,620	7,260	-4.7%

# **NEW CASE FILINGS TREND**



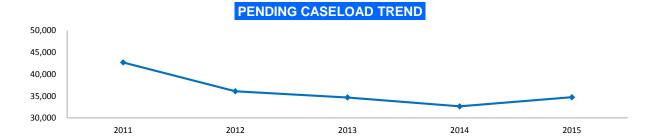
<b>CASE DISPOSITIONS, CY 2</b>	2011-201 <u>5</u>					
,						% Change
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2014 - 2015
Civil Division						
Civil Actions	10,749	10,475	9,704	9,730	8,847	-9.1%
Landlord & Tenant	37,549	36,569	36,699	35,314	32,209	-8.8%
Small Claims	9,397	8,321	7,027	5,200	5,483	5.4%
Total	57,695	55,365	53,430	50,244	46,539	-7.4%
Criminal Division						
Felony	4,648	4,053	3,325	3,388	2,995	-11.6%
Misdemeanors U.S.	12,779	11,299	10,350	10,362	8,252	-20.4%
Misdemeanors D.C.	1,498	1,281	1,344	1,259	1,325	5.2%
Traffic	6,019	5,650	5,222	5,902	4,794	-18.8%
Total	24,944	22,283	20,241	20,911	17,366	-17.0%
Domestic Violence Unit						
Intrafamily	4,413	4,779	5,358	5,201	5,800	11.5%
Misdemeanors U.S.	2,932	2,938	3,112	3,179	2,551	-19.8%
Total	7,345	7,717	8,470	8,380	8,351	-0.3%
Family Court Operations						
Abuse & Neglect	604	408	368	412	450	9.2%
Adoption	240	268	235	239	234	-2.1%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	4,265	4,288	4,389	4,046	4,711	16.4%
Juvenile	3,351	2,851	3,054	2,557	1,803	-29.5%
Mental Health	2.036	2,396	2.658	2,820	2,683	-4.9%
Mental Habilitation	14	7	7	2	1	-50.0%
Paternity & Child Support	4,591	3,618	2,493	2,492	2,508	0.6%
Total	15,101	13,836	13,204	12,568	12,390	-1.4%
Probate Division						
Conservatorships	20	5	3	4	1	-75.0%
Decedent's Estates	1.739	1.720	1.655	1,641	1,697	3.4%
Foreign Proceedings	118	180	136	173	177	2.3%
Guardianship of Minors	76	55	26	48	43	-10.4%
Intervention Proceedings	321	514	367	463	388	-16.2%
Small Estates	659	627	700	574	667	16.2%
Trusts	19	23	47	17	23	35.3%
Total	2,952	3,124	2,934	2,920	2,996	2.6%
Tax Division						
Civil Cases	245	259	302	407	564	38.6%
Criminal Cases	4	4	4	4	0	-100.0%
Total	249	263	306	411	564	37.2%
Superior Court Total	108,286	102,588	98,585	95,434	88,206	-7.6%
Monthly Average	9,024	8,549	8,215	7,953	7,351	-7.6%

# **CASE DISPOSITION TREND**



						% Change
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2014 - 2015
Civil Division						
Civil Actions	7,566	7,103	6,364	5,408	7,084	31.0%
Landlord & Tenant	6,062	6,034	5,312	4,649	5,312	14.3%
Small Claims	2,309	2,189	1,491	1,194	1,279	7.1%
Total	15,937	15,326	13,167	11,251	13,675	21.5%
Criminal Division						
Felony	1,848	1,595	1,746	1,565	2,056	31.4%
Misdemeanors U.S.	4,015	3,650	3,991	3,203	3,238	1.1%
Misdemeanors D.C.	317	232	272	326	281	-13.8%
Traffic	1,884	1,559	1,853	1,809	1,397	-22.8%
Total	8,064	7,036	7,862	6,903	6,972	1.0%
Domestic Violence Unit						
Intrafamily	267	308	227	309	327	5.8%
Misdemeanors U.S.	600	581	659	847	771	-9.0%
Total	867	889	886	1,156	1,098	-5.0%
Family Court Operations						
Abuse & Neglect	82	66	102	103	162	57.3%
Adoption	267	232	189	202	177	-12.4%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	3,241	1,887	1,463	1,695	1,545	-8.8%
Juvenile	573	542	720	747	784	5.0%
Mental Health	200	143	168	167	179	7.2%
Mental Habilitation	7	6	2	1	_ 1	0.0%
Paternity & Child Support	5,064	1,624	1,401	1,393	713	-48.8%
Total	9,434	4,500	4,045	4,308	3,561	-17.3%
Probate Division						
Conservatorships	33	28	26	22	21	-4.5%
Decedent's Estates	4,075	4,031	4,100	4,235	4,506	6.4%
Foreign Proceedings	192	166	185	189	170	-10.1%
Guardianship of Minors	235	211	216	191	171	-10.5%
Intervention Proceedings	2,193	2,225	2,371	2,485	2,679	7.8%
Small Estates	70	89	89	115	91	-20.9%
Trusts	125	130	106	103	100	-2.9%
Total	6,923	6,880	7,093	7,340	7,738	5.4%
Tax Division						
Civil Cases	1,456	1,459	1,627	1,681	1,675	-0.4%
Criminal Cases	6	0	0	0	2	na
Total	1,462	1,459	1,627	1,681	1,677	-0.2%
Superior Court Total	42,687	36,090	34,680	32,639	34,721	6.4%
Monthly Average	3,557	3,008	2,890	2,720	2,893	6.4%

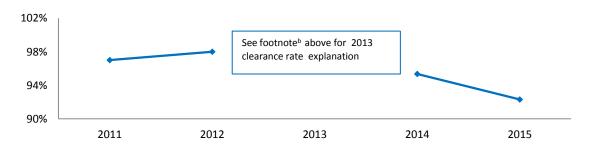
 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm a}\textsc{Pending}$  figures reflect the caseload count as of December 31st.



CLEARANCE RATES <sup>a</sup> ,	CY 2011-2015				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Civil Division					
Civil Actions	99%	105%	108%	111%	84%
Landlord & Tenant	100%	100%	102%	102%	98%
Small Claims	100%	101%	111%	106%	98%
Total	100%	101%	104%	104%	95%
Criminal Division					
Felony	107%	105%	95%	104%	86%
Misdemeanors U.S.	102%	103%	97%	104%	99%
Misdemeanors D.C. <sup>b</sup>	109%	112%	na	97%	108%
Traffic	101%	109%	98%	100%	112%
Total <sup>b</sup>	103%	106%	na	102%	100%
Domestic Violence Unit	.00,0	.0070		.0270	.0070
Intrafamily	99%	99%	101%	99%	100%
Misdemeanors U.S.	98%	101%	98%	105%	103%
Total	98%	100%	100%	101%	101%
Family Court Operations					
Abuse & Neglect	101%	104%	91%	100%	88%
Adoption	110%	115%	91%	94%	110%
Divorce/Custody/Misc.	103%	98%	100%	94%	103%
Juvenile	97%	100%	94%	97%	98%
Mental Health	101%	102%	99%	100%	102%
Mental Habilitation	200%	117%	233%	200%	100%
Paternity & Child Support	229%	147%	102%	100%	140%
Total	122%	109%	99%	97%	107%
Probate Division					
Decedent's Estates	108%	103%	96%	92%	86%
Foreign Proceedings	71%	117%	88%	98%	112%
Guardianship of Minors	400%	177%	84%	209%	187%
Intervention Proceedings	67%	94%	72%	80%	67%
Small Estates	99%	97%	100%	96%	104%
Trusts	83%	82%	204%	121%	115%
Total	100%	101%	93%	92%	88%
Tax Division					
Civil Cases	47%	86%	63%	76%	101%
Criminal Cases	80%	400%	200%	na	na
Total	48%	87%	63%	77%	101%
Superior Court Total <sup>b</sup>	97%	98%	na	95%	92%

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#### **CLEARANCE RATE TREND**

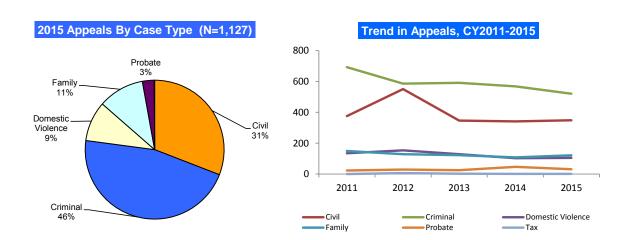


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>The D.C. Misdemeanor clearance rate was not calculated in CY2013 due to a pending audit and changes in the method of counting this caseload. Accordingly, it was not possible to provide a CY 2013 clearance rate for the Criminal Division nor for the Superior Court's overall caseload.

# SUPERIOR COURT CASES ON APPEAL, CY 2011-2015

Case Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 2014 - 2015
Civil	375	551	346	341	348	2.1%
Criminal	693	586	591	568	521	-8.3%
Domestic Violence	135	153	129	103	105	1.9%
Family	149	129	122	108	121	12.0%
Probate	23	29	25	47	31	-34.0%
Tax	0	6	2 <sup>a</sup>	1	1	0.0%
Total	1,375	1,454	1,215	1,168	1,127	-3.5%

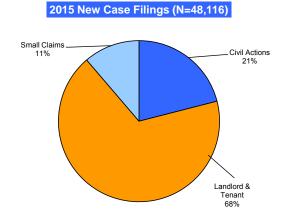
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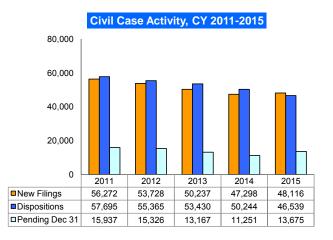


# **CIVIL DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2015**

	Civil Actions	Landlord & Tenant	Small Claims	Total
Pending Jan 1	5,408	4,649	1,194	11,251
New Filings/Assignments	10,106	32,590	5,420	48,116
Reactivated/Reopened	417	282	148	847
Total Available for Disposition	15,931	37,521	6,762	60,214
Methods of Disposition				
Agency Review/Appeal	71	0	0	71
Default Judgment	226	3,905	404	4,535
Dismissed by Court	1,692	1,321	316	3,329
Dismissed by Plaintiff/Parties	0	4,120	0	4,120
Dismissed re: Bulk Filing by FAX/email	0	12,230	0	12,230
Dismissed Rule 4(m)/4(o)	1,004	0	1,546	2,550
Dismissed Rule 41/14i	165	3,232	43	3,440
Dispositive Motions	572	8	108	688
Ex parte Proof-Affidavit	202	0	348	550
Judgment for Possession	0	68	0	68
Judgment from Jury Trial	98	5	1	104
Judgment from Non-Jury Trial	67	100	259	426
Judicial Arbitration Awards	0	0	39	39
Judgments/Consents/Confessions	147	5,321	340	5,808
Mediation Agreement Approved	0	210	0	210
Non-Redeemable Judg./PIntf for Poss.	0	68	0	68
Other	75	49	20	145
Plea of Title	0	2	0	2
Removed to Federal Court	172	0	2	174
Settled During Trial	9	8	4	21
Settled/Dismissed	3,179	1,562	2,053	6,794
Summary Proceedings	1,168	0	0	1,168
Total Dispositions	8,847	32,209	5,483	46,539
Pending Dec 31	7,084	5,312	1,279	13,675
Percent Change in Pending	31.0%	14.3%	7.1%	21.5%
Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>	84%	98%	98%	95%

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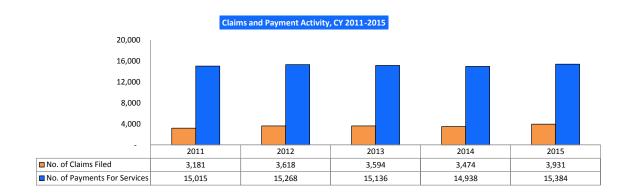


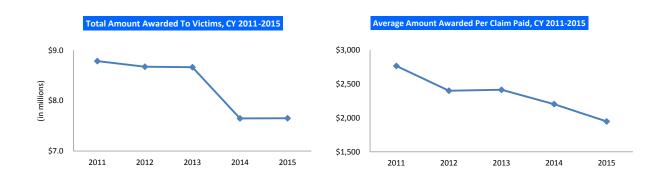


# CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM, CY 2011-2015

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 2014 - 2015	
No. of Claims Filed	3,181	3,618	3,594	3,474	3,931	13.2%	
No. of Payments For Services <sup>a</sup>	15,015	15,268	15,136	14,938	15,384	3.0%	
Total Amount Awarded To Victims	\$ 8,785,040	\$ 8,673,842	\$ 8,663,729	\$ 7,646,717	\$ 7,650,103	0.0%	
Average Amount Awarded Per Claim Paid	\$2,762	\$2,397	\$2,411	\$2,201	\$1,946	-11.6%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Figure includes payments processed during the calendar year, which may also include payments for claims filed in prior calendar years.





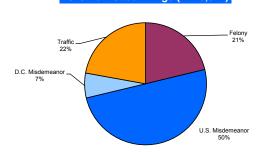
## CRIMINAL DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2015

	Felony	U.S. Misdemeanor	D.C. Misdemeanor	Traffic	Total
Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	1,585	3,241	328	1,818	6,972
New Filings	3,469	8,178	1,075	3,622	16,344
Reopened	127	58	12	47	244
Reactivated <sup>b</sup>	461	3,452	567	1,745	6,225
Total Available for Disposition	5,642	14,929	1,982	7,232	29,785
Method of Disposition Non-Trial					
Guilty Plea	1,742	2,425	262	1,800	6,229
Nolle Prosequi	38	1,042	350	1,098	2,528
Nolle Diversion	16	1,696	264	761	2,737
Dismissed for Want of Prosecution	134	1,083	205	758	2,180
Dismissal	704 93	237	57 63	67 150	1,065
Dismissal Plea Agreement		1,063	0		1,369 14
Other/Abatement Security Forfeited	5 0	8 0	94	1 14	108
Total Non-Trial	2,732	7,554	1,295	4,649	16,230
	2,702	7,554	1,233	4,043	10,230
Jury Trials	101	_	•		444
Guilty Verdict	134	5	0	2	141
Not Guilty Verdict	101	5	3	2	111
Acquittal	7 0	2	0 0	0 0	9 0
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity Mistrial/Hung Jury	38	4	0	1	43
Total Jury Trial	280	16	3	<u></u>	304
,	200	10	3	3	304
Bench Trials	13	391	4.4	00	507
Guilty Judgment	7	233	14	89 37	507 285
Not Guilty Judgment Acquittal	1	233 62	8 5	37 15	265 83
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity	0	0	0	0	0
Mistrial	0	2	0	0	2
Total Bench Trial	21	688	27	141	877
Total Dispositions	2,995	8,252	1,325	4,794	17,366
Moved to Inactive Status <sup>b</sup>	495	3,291	455	1,272	5,513
		•	281	•	
Pending Dec 31	2,056	3,238		1,397	6,972
Percent Change in Pending	29.7%	-0.1%	-14.3%	-23.2%	0.0%
Clearance Rate <sup>c</sup>	86%	99%	108%	112%	100%

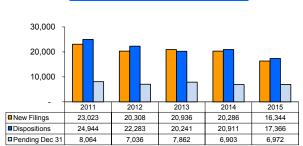
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#### **Criminal Case Activity, CY 2011-2015**

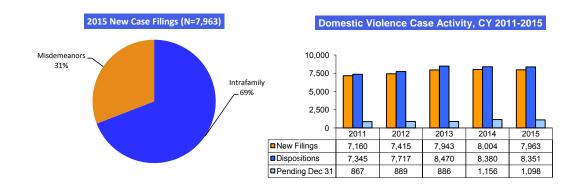


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Includes bench warrants.

#### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2015**

	Intrafamily	U.S. Misdemeanors	Total
Pending Jan 1	309	847	1,156
New Filings	5,505	2,458	7,963
Reactivated/Reopened	313	17	330
Total Available for Disposition	6,127	3,322	9,449
Total Dispositions	5,800	2,551	8,351
Pending Dec 31	327	771	1,098
Percent Change in Pending	5.8%	-9.0%	-5.0%
Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>	100%	103%	101%

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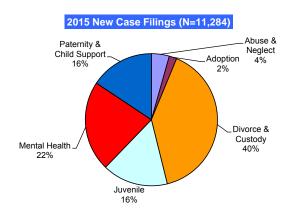
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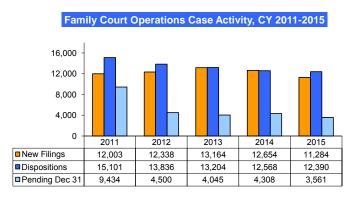
FAMILY COURT OPERATIONS CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2015
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			Divorce				Paternity &	
	Abuse & Neglect	Adoption	& Custody	Juvenile <sup>a</sup>	Mental Health	Mental Habilitation	Child Support	Total
Pending Jan 1 <sup>b</sup>	103	198	1,702	747	238	1	1,425	4,414
New Filings	494	209	4,502	1,815	2,498	1	1,765	11,284
Reopened	15	4	52	25	126	0	31	253
Total Available for Disposition	612	411	6,256	2,587	2,862	2	3,221	15,951
Dispositions <sup>c</sup>	450	234	4,711	1,803	2,683	1	2,508	12,390
Pending Dec 31	162	177	1,545	784	179	1	713	3,561
Percent Change in Pending	57.3%	-10.6%	-9.2%	5.0%	-24.8%	0.0%	-50.0%	-19.3%
Clearance Rate <sup>d</sup>	88%	110%	103%	98%	102%	100%	140%	107%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Includes cases involving Delinquency, PINS (Persons In Need of Supervision), and Interstate Compact.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Figures for Adoption, Divorce & Custody, Mental Health, and Paternity & Support were adjusted after an audit of these caseloads.

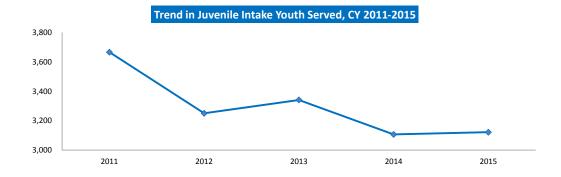
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>A Family Court case is considered disposed when a permanent order is entered except for Paternity and Child Support (P&S) cases. A P&S case is disposed when a temporary order is entered.

#### **FAMILY COURT SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION ACTIVITY FOR CY 2015**

	Youth Served in CY 2014	Youth Pending Services or Placement on Jan. 1	Youth Referred	Youth Served	Youth With Services Completed	Youth Pending Services or Placement on Dec. 31	% Change Number of Youth Served 2014-2015
Juvenile Intake	3,106	1	3,120	3,121	3,120	1	0.5%
Pre-and Post Disposition Supervision <sup>a</sup>							
Interstate Compact	357	135	182	317	217	100	-11.2%
Leaders of Today in Solidarity (LOTS) <sup>b</sup>	776	179	448	627	480	147	-19.2%
Satellite Offices <sup>c</sup>							
Northeast	627	155	338	493	379	114	-21.4%
Northwest	228	36	207	253	191	62	11.0%
Southeast	545	118	299	417	314	103	-23.5%
Southwest	401	89	258	347	268	79	-13.5%
Juvenile Behavior Diversion Program (JBDP) <sup>d</sup>	192	34	63	97	67	30	-49.5%
Status Offenders	708	206	408	614	349	265	-13.3%
Ultimate Transitions Ultimate Responsibilities Now (UTURN) <sup>e</sup>	249	69	169	238	152	86	-4.4%
Special Program Services							
Child Guidance Clinic <sup>f</sup>	723	8	589	597	214	383	-17.4%
Domestic Relations <sup>9</sup>	164	33	148	181	145	36	10.4%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Youth may move from intake to supervision status within a reporting period; therefore, to avoid double counting, no totals are provided.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Judicial referrals to a probation officer to conduct a home study to determine custody matters.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Pre-and post disposition service/supervision unit for females.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>Community-based pre-and post disposition satellite offices designed to serve/supervise youth close to his/her residence; figures include youth in diversion, consent decree and probation statuses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup>JBDP began serving youth on January 2, 2011 and incorporates the activities of the former Juvenile Drug Court.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup>Intensive supervision unit designed for males.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>f</sup>Assessment and evaluation services provided to youth through the Child Guidance Clinic.

#### **MULTI-DOOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION DIVISION**

CIVIL ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACTIVITY, CY 2011-2015										
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 2014 - 2015				
Arbitration Cases										
Scheduled	6	2	1	0	1	na				
Arbitrated	2	0	1	0	1	na				
Settled	2	0	1	0	1	na				
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	100%	na	100.0%	na	100.0%					
Civil Mediation Cases										
Scheduled	3,446	3,381	3,303	3,401	3,623	6.5%				
Mediated	1,146	1,093	1,040	1,082	1,193	10.3%				
Cases Held & Continued	113	108	113	122	102	-16.4%				
Settled	275	235	236	247	289	17.0%				
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	27%	24%	25%	26%	26%					
Civil Complex Mediation Cases										
Scheduled	43	18	7	6	1	-83.3%				
Mediated	24	12	4	4	1	-75.0%				
Cases Held & Continued	10	7	1	1	0	-100.0%				
Settled	4	2	1	3	0	-100.0%				
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	29%	40%	33%	100%	0%					
Landlord and Tenant Cases										
Scheduled	1,197	1,153	1,308	1,222	1,163	-4.8%				
Mediated	967	940	1,046	972	884	-9.1%				
Cases Held & Continued	107	93	94	108	82	-24.1%				
Settled	557	545	641	573	548	-4.4%				
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	65%	64%	67%	66%	68%					
Probate Cases										
Scheduled	61	76	76	65	67	3.1%				
Mediated	38	34	44	40	50	25.0%				
Cases Held & Continued	9	5	9	9	8	-11.1%				
Settled	16	13	15	17	20	17.6%				
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	55%	45%	43%	55%	48%					
Small Claims Cases	0.070	0.050	4 000	4.550	4.04=	40.00/				
Scheduled	2,978	2,356	1,882	1,579	1,317	-16.6%				
Mediated	2,841	2,348	1,850	1,520	1,287	-15.3%				
Cases Held & Continued	167	266	220	154	125	-18.8%				
Settled	1,868	1,524	1,122	838	678	-19.1%				
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	70%	73%	69%	61%	58%					
Tax Cases	222		=00	400		10.001				
Scheduled	682	835	596	489	567	16.0%				
Mediated	563	523	463	349	462	32.4%				
Cases Held & Continued	28	7	3	5	3	-40.0%				
Settled	218	269	261	183	234	27.9%				
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	41%	52%	57%	53%	51%	-4.2%				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>The Settlement Rate is the number of settlements (full and partial) divided by the number of completed mediations/arbitrations minus cases held/continued.

#### FAMILY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACTIVITY, CY 2011-2015

						% Change
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2014 - 2015
Child Protection Cases						
Scheduled	395	277	353	358	335	-6.4%
Mediated	300	198	255	249	247	-0.8%
Cases Held & Continued	19	12	21	15	14	-6.7%
Fully Settled	129	93	127	107	98	-8.4%
Partially Settled	134	79	92	104	123	18.3%
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	94%	92%	94%	90%	95%	
Family Mediation Cases						
Scheduled	704	834	850	818	1,063	30.0%
Mediated	592	674	672	664	837	26.1%
Cases Held & Continued	316	347	331	353	443	25.5%
Fully Settled	63	65	76	81	115	42.0%
Partially Settled	43	66	59	61	69	13.1%
Settlement Rate <sup>a</sup>	38%	40%	40%	46%	47%	

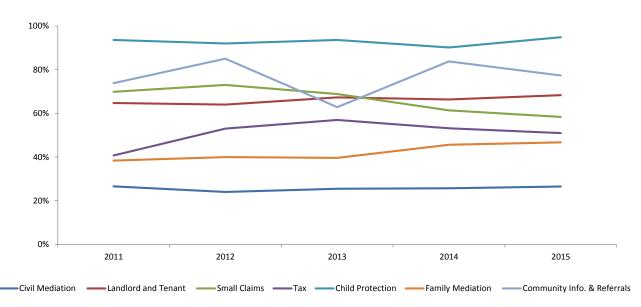
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#### COMMUNITY INFORMATION & REFERRALS BY TYPE OF DISPUTE, CY 2011-2015

	0044	0040	0040	2014	2045	% Change
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2014 - 2015
Number of Clients Assisted	1,525	1,600	1,695	1,754	1,989	13.4%
Type of Dispute						
Civil	298	288	267	161	142	-11.8%
Domestic Relations	741	892	867	852	902	5.9%
Landlord & Tenant	53	31	21	45	24	-46.7%
Small Claims	49	65	76	129	154	19.4%
Total Number of Disputes	1,141	1,276	1,231	1,187	1,222	2.9%
Cases Mediated/Conciliated <sup>a</sup>	38	39	35	37	53	43.2%
Cases Settled	28	33	22	31	41	32.3%
Settlement Rate <sup>b</sup>	74%	85%	63%	84%	77%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Conciliated cases are typically resolved by telephone.

#### Settlement Rate of Select Mediation Case Type, CY 2011-2015



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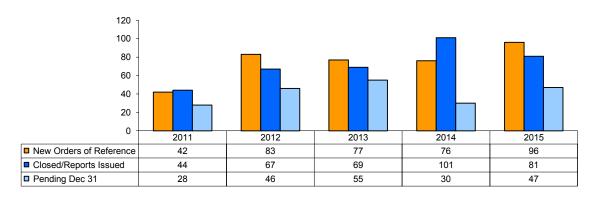
#### **OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR MASTER**

## **AUDITOR MASTER CASE ACTIVITY, CY 2011-2015**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 2014 - 2015
Pending Jan 1	30	28	46	55	30	-45%
New Orders of Reference	42	83	77	76	96	26%
Requirement for Supplemental Reports	0	2	1	0	2	na
Available for Disposition	72	113	124	131	128	-2%
Closed/Reports Issued	44	67	69	101 <sup>b</sup>	81	-20%
Pending Dec 31	28	46	55	30	47	57%
Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>	105%	79%	88%	133%	83%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases closed/reports issued divided by the total number of cases added to the caseload (i.e., new orders of reference and requirements for supplemental reports) during a given time period. Rates of over 100% indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.

## **Auditor Master Case Activity, CY 2011-2015**



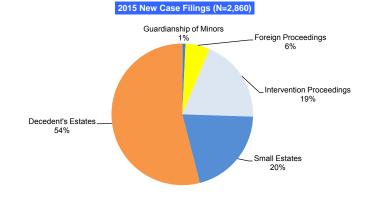
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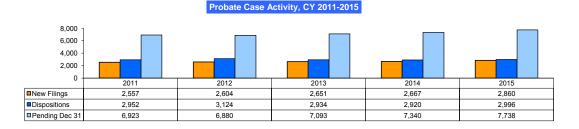
PROBATE DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY FOR CY 2015										
	Cases Pending Jan 1	New Cases Filed	Cases Reactivated/ Reopened	Available for Disposition	Cases Disposed	Cases Pending Dec 31	% Change in Pending 2014 - 2015	Clearance Rate <sup>a</sup>		
Cases Involving the Deceased										
Formal Probate (Decedent's Estates)	4,235	1,534	434	6,203	1,697	4,506	6.4%	86%		
Foreign Proceedings	189	158	0	347	177	170	-10.1%	112%		
Small Estates	115	582	61	758	667	91	-20.9%	104%		
Cases Involving the Incapacitated										
Conservatorships (Old Law) <sup>b</sup>	22	0	0	22	1	21	-4.5%	na		
Guardianship of Minors	191	21	2	214	43	171	-10.5%	187% °		
Intervention Proceedings (Adult										
Guardianships/ Conservatorships)	2,485	546	36	3,067	388	2,679	7.8%	67% <sup>d</sup>		
Trusts	103	19	1	123	23	100	-2.9%	115% °		
Total	7,340	2,860	534	10,734	2,996	7,738	5.4%	88%		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup>The lower clearance rate for Intervention Proceedings reflects the expected activity of holding these cases open for many years until the death of the ward.

<b>ACCOUNT AND FEE ACTIVITY, CY 2011-2015</b>						
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 2014 - 2015
Accounts Filed	1,203	1,084	1,128	1,171	1,213	3.6%
Accounts Resolved	1,098	1,070	801	1,276	1,136	-11.0%
Petition for Compensation Request Filed	2,265	2,902	2,660	2,676	2,701	0.9%
Petition for Compensation Request Resolved	2,136	2,950	2,251	2,782	2,710	-2.6%





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Conservatorships (Old Law) refers to conservatorships created prior to 1989, which provided for only the management of assets of the ward. Beginning September 30, 1989, intervention proceedings filed were governed by the 300 rule series and D.C. Code 21-2001 through 2085 and termed "Intervention Proceedings" or "Adult Guardianships/Conservatorships."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>The higher clearance rate for Guardianship of Minors (where cases are held open until the minor reaches 18) and Trusts reflects a decrease over time in the number of new filings.

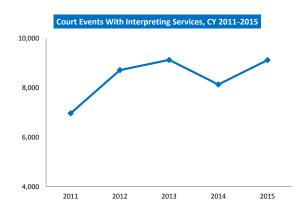
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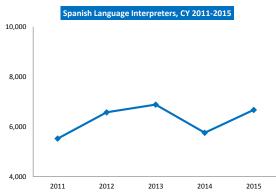
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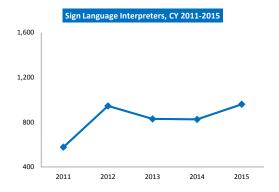
#### Court Events<sup>a</sup> With Interpreting Services, CY 2011-2015

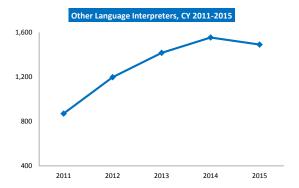
_	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 2014 - 2015
Sign Language	577	945	829	825	960	16.4%
Spanish Language	5,526	6,577	6,885	5,758	6,673	15.9%
Other Languages	870	1,197	1,416	1,554	1,490	-4.1%
Total	6,973	8,719	9,130	8,137	9,123	12.1%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Foreign and sign language services are provided for all in-court proceedings, or as a directive from the judge.









#### **SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION**

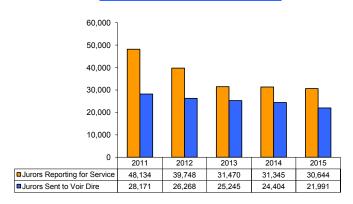
#### **PETIT JUROR OFFICE**

#### Petit Juror Utilization, CY 2011-2015

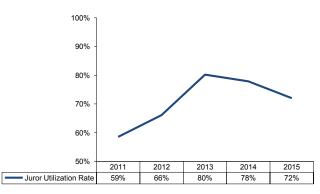
	2011		20	2012 2013		2014		2015			
	Daily		Daily			Daily		Daily		Daily	
	Total	Average	Total	Average	Total	Average	Total	Average	Total	Average	
Jurors Reporting for Service	48,134	263	39,748	215	31,470	167	31,345	169	30,644	165	
Jurors Sent to Voir Dire	28,171	154	26,268	142	25,245	134	24,404	131	21,991	118	
Jurors Selected For Panels	6,256	34	6,102	33	5,741	30	5,657	30	4,928	26	
Juror Utilization Rate <sup>a</sup>	59%		66%		80%		78%		72%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>A measure of efficiency in which the number of prospective jurors who are sent at least once for the *Voir Dire* process is expressed as a percentage of the number of jurors who are qualified and report for service.

#### Petit Juror Activity, CY 2011-2015



#### **Juror Utilization Rate, CY 2011-2015**



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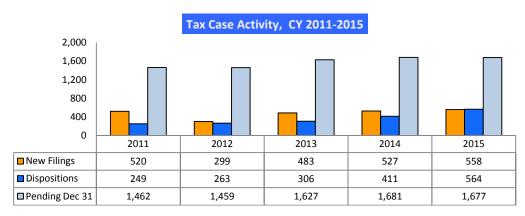
#### **TAX DIVISION**

# **TAX DIVISION CASE ACTIVITY, CY 2011-2015**

Case Type	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 2014 - 2015
Civil	-	-		-		
Cases Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	1,185	1,418	1,446	1,555	1,681	8.1%
New Filings	515	298	481	527	558	5.9%
Reactivated/Reopened	1	2	2	6	0	-100.0%
Total Available for Disposition	1,701	1,718	1,929	2,088	2,239	7.2%
Total Dispositions	245	259	302	407	564	38.6%
Pending Dec 31	1,456	1,459	1,627	1,681	1,675	-0.4%
Clearance Rate <sup>b</sup>	47%	86%	63%	76%	101%	
Criminal						
Cases Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	5	3	2	4	2	-50.0%
New Filings	5	1	2	0	0	na
Reactivated/Reopened	0	0	0	0	0	na
Total Available for Disposition	10	4	4	4	2	-50.0%
Total Dispositions	4	4	4	4	0	-100.0%
Pending Dec 31	6	0	0	0	2	na
Clearance Rate <sup>b</sup>	80%	400%	200%	na	na	
Total						
Cases Pending Jan 1 <sup>a</sup>	1,190	1,421	1,448	1,559	1,683	8.0%
New Filings	520	299	483	527	558	5.9%
Reactivated/Reopened	1	2	2	6	0	-100.0%
Total Available for Disposition	1,711	1,722	1,933	2,092	2,241	7.1%
Total Dispositions	249	263	306	411	564	37.2%
Pending Dec 31	1,462	1,459	1,627	1,681	1,677	-0.2%
Clearance Rate <sup>b</sup>	48%	87%	63%	77%	101%	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Figure adjusted after an audit of the caseload by the division.

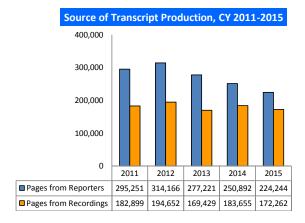
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>The Clearance Rate, a measure of court efficiency, is the total number of cases disposed divided by the total number of cases added (i.e., new filings/reactivated/reopened) during a given time period. Rates of over 100% indicate that the court disposed of more cases than were added, thereby reducing the pending caseload.

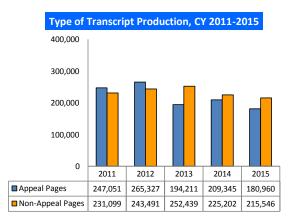


# **COURT SYSTEM**

#### COURT REPORTING AND RECORDING DIVISION TRANSCRIPT ACTIVITY, CY 2011-2015

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	% Change 2014 - 2015
Pages Produced by Court Reporters						
Appeal Pages	188,706	200,260	140,364	139,837	110,462	-21.0%
Non-Appeal Pages	106,545	113,906	136,857	111,055	113,782	2.5%
Total Pages from Reporters	295,251	314,166	277,221	250,892	224,244	-10.6%
Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced	63.9%	63.7%	50.6%	55.7%	49.3%	-11.6%
Transcript Orders Pending December 31	392	323	277	204	235	15.2%
Average Number of Days to Complete	29	29	27	28	25	-10.7%
Appeal	43	46	44	42	42	0.0%
Non-Appeal	11	11	10	13	11	-15.4%
Pages Produced by Recordings						
Pages Produced by Court Transcribers						
Appeal Pages	8,221	9,596	7,563	9,707	8,663	-10.8%
Non-Appeal Pages	22,329	23,696	21,710	23,923	20,980	-12.3%
Total	30,550	33,292	29,273	33,630	29,643	-11.9%
Pages Produced by Contract Transcription Services						
Appeal Pages	50,124	55,471	46,284	59,801	61,835	3.4%
Non-Appeal Pages	102,225	105,889	93,872	90,224	80,784	-10.5%
Total	152,349	161,360	140,156	150,025	142,619	-4.9%
Total Appeal Pages Produced by Recording	58,345	65,067	53,847	69,508	70,498	1.4%
Total Non-Appeal Pages by Recording	124,554	129,585	115,582	114,147	101,764	-10.8%
Total Pages from Recordings	182,899	194,652	169,429	183,655	172,262	-6.2%
Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced	31.9%	33.4%	31.8%	37.8%	40.9%	8.1%
Transcript Orders Pending December 31	107	17	55	106	99	-6.6%
Average Number of Days to Complete	7	8	13	15	10	-33.3%
Appeal	11	11	19	12	17	41.7%
Non-Appeal	6	5	7	5	6	20.0%
Total Pages Produced by Court						
Appeal Pages	247,051	265,327	194,211	209,345	180,960	-13.6%
Non-Appeal Pages	231,099	243,491	252,439	225,202	215,546	-4.3%
Total Pages	478,150	508,818	446,650	434,547	396,506	-8.8%
Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced	51.7%	52.1%	43.5%	48.2%	45.6%	-5.3%





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