

**Montana Courts of Limited Jurisdiction  
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**Background**

In 2006 the Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction formed a subcommittee to standardize and improve the presentation of case statistics on case filings in Montana’s courts of limited jurisdiction. Civil cases are counted as a case filing; traffic, local ordinances and criminal cases are counted at a charge level.

The following statistics were generated from the Court Central Repository based on case filings and violation/charge counts in Montana’s Courts of Limited Jurisdiction for calendar year 2007.

**Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Civil Cases Filed</b>	<b>39,872</b>	<b>38,150</b>	<b>1,722</b>
<b>Violations (criminal, traffic, local)</b>	<b>279,036</b>	<b>285,531</b>	<b>-6,495</b>

**Table 1: 2007 Civil Case Filings by Type**

<b>Civil Case Type</b>	<b>Civil Case Filings 2007 Count</b>	<b>Civil Case Filings 2006 Count</b>
<b>Credit Agency/Debt</b>	<b>28,174</b>	<b>25,612</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>3,953</b>
<b>Order of Protection</b>	<b>3,601</b>	<b>3,347</b>
<b>Landlord/Tenant</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>2,259</b>
<b>Contract</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>1,745</b>
<b>Small Claims</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,145</b>
<b>Search Warrants</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,872</b>	<b>38,150</b>

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**Table 2: 2007 Violations by Category**

Category	2007 Violation Counts	2006 Violation Counts
Traffic (State & Federal)	202,301	207,401
Local Ordinance	25,439	26,239
Crimes against Persons	17,467	17,524
Crimes against Property	9,869	9,473
Other	5,177	5,301
Regulatory (Hunting, Gaming, Taxation, Recreation, etc.)	4,776	5,170
Crimes against Public Administration	4,335	4,632
Crimes against Public Order	4,503	4,364
Dangerous Drugs	2,836	2,916
Drug Paraphernalia	2,333	2,511
<b>Total</b>	<b>279,036</b>	<b>285,531</b>

**Table 3: 2007 Top Ten Criminal Violations**

2007 Rank	Statute	Count	Description	2006 Rank
1	45-8-101(2)	3,727	Disorderly Conduct	2
2	45-5-624(3)(a)	3,364	Minor in Possession, Over 18, 1 <sup>st</sup> offense	3
3	45-5-624(2)(a)	3,114	Minor in Possession, Under 18, 1 <sup>st</sup> offense	1
4	45-6-301(1)	3,016	Theft	6
5	45-5-206	2,662	Partner Family Member Assault, 1 <sup>st</sup> offense	5
6	45-10-103	2,329	Criminal Possession Drug Paraphernalia	4
7	45-7-302(3)	2,255	Obstructing a Peace Officer	7
8	45-9-102(1)	1,628	Criminal Possession Dangerous Drugs	8
9	45-5-201	1,624	Assault – Misdemeanor	10
10	45-6-203	1,444	Criminal Trespass to Property	9

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**Table 4: 2007 Top Ten Traffic Violations (State)**

<b>2007 Rank</b>	<b>Statute</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2006 Rank</b>
1	61-13-103	17,539	Seatbelt Violation	1
2	61-6-301(4)	16,632	Operating w/o Liability Insurance	2
3	61-8-303(1)(a)	15,131	Speeding on Interstate	3
4	61-6-301(2)	14,917	Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance	6
5	61-8-303(1)(b)	13,265	Speeding non-Interstate, Excess of 70 MPH	4
6	61-5-212(1)(i)	9,976	Driving while Suspended or Revoked	5
7	61-3-312	9,923	Operating w/ Expired Registration	N/A
8	61-8-401 (all)	8,320	Driving under the Influence (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> )	7
9	61-8-309 (1)	7,037	Speeding in a Restricted Zone est. by Dept.	8
10	61-8-310(1)	6,336	Speeding in a Restricted Zone est. by local authority	9

**Important Caveats:**

- The limited jurisdiction courts in Sanders and Teton counties do not use FullCourt, therefore, statistics for these courts are not included.
- For most courts of limited jurisdiction these counts do not include post conviction activity for failure to comply with the terms of the sentence imposed.

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**Table 5: 2007 Civil Case Filing Statistics**

<b>Court</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Credit Agy/Debt</b>	<b>Landlord/Tenant</b>	<b>Protection Order</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>Small Claims</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alberton City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baker City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beavehead County Justice Court	9	246	3	24	0	0	22	304
Belgrade City Court	0	0	4	21	1	0	0	26
Big Horn County Justice Court	0	134	1	73	1	0	22	231
Big Timber City Court	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Billings Municipal Court	0	0	0	298	0	0	0	298
Blaine County Justice Court	11	21	5	6	29	0	0	72
Boulder City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bozeman Municipal	0	0	0	40	592	0	0	632
Broadwater County Justice Court	6	132	1	11	0	0	4	154
Butte City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon County Justice Court	3	210	6	21	2	0	7	249
Carter County Justice Court	2	8	0	4	1	0	4	19
Cascade City Court	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3
Cascade County Justice Court	28	3228	237	133	90	0	154	3870
Chinook City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chouteau County Justice Court	1	68	0	5	1	0	9	84
Colstrip City Court	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Columbia Falls City Court	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	9
Columbus City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conrad City Court	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Culbertson City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Custer County Justice Court	42	361	8	18	41	0	45	515
Cut Bank City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniels County Justice Court	4	16	0	1	0	0	13	34
Darby City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Dawson County Justice Court	18	267	11	10	0	0	44	350
Deer Lodge City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Lodge County Justice Court	40	424	22	53	7	0	10	556
Dillon City Court	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13
Ennis City Court	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	7
Eureka City Court	0	0	2	8	2	0	0	12
Fairview City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fallon County Justice Court	1	70	0	4	0	0	31	106
Fergus County Justice Court	76	221	17	70	2	0	40	426
Flathead County Justice Court	20	3239	208	376	381	1	66	4291
Forsyth City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fromberg City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gallatin County Justice Court	93	2473	24	35	232	0	2	2859
Garfield County Justice Court	0	17	0	4	1	0	2	24
Glacier County Justice Court	8	129	13	9	1	0	12	172
Glasgow City Court	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13
Glendive City Court	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	31
Golden Valley County Justice Court	0	6	0	0	1	0	1	8
Great Falls Municipal Court	0	0	3	111	4	0	0	118
Hamilton City Court	0	0	0	28	0	1	0	29
Hardin City Court	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Harlowton City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Helena City Court	0	5	0	42	1	0	0	48
Hill County Justice Court	2	353	17	20	11	0	9	412
Hysham City Court	0	8	0	1	2	0	2	13
Jefferson County Justice Court	26	0	16	28	221	0	5	296
Joliet City Court	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Judith Basin County Justice Court	3	15	0	2	0	0	3	23
Kalispell Municipal Court	1	0	0	83	31	0	0	115
Lake County Justice Court	4	603	53	94	127	1	27	909

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Laurel City Court	0	0	2	19	0	1	0	22
Lewis & Clark County Justice Court	5	2099	168	118	7	0	12	2409
Lewistown City Court	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
Libby City Court	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Liberty County Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln County Justice Court - Eureka	10	68	17	51	7	3	27	183
Lincoln County Justice Court - Libby	33	279	36	153	5	0	54	560
Livingston City Court	0	0	0	17	0	4	0	21
Madison County Justice Court	18	62	3	11	37	1	11	143
Malta City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McCone County Justice Court	2	28	0	1	1	1	5	38
Meagher County Justice Court	9	16	2	4	10	0	4	45
Miles City City Court	0	17	0	20	0	0	0	37
Mineral County Justice Court	2	137	15	18	3	0	21	196
Missoula County Justice Court	326	3986	366	134	190	1	104	5107
Missoula Municipal Court	0	0	0	430	38	0	0	468
Musselshell County Justice Court	2	129	7	25	8	2	6	179
Park County Justice Court	78	288	52	22	10	22	0	472
Petroleum County Justice Court	2	4	0	2	0	0	4	12
Phillips County Justice Court	0	41	1	10	32	0	0	84
Pondera County Justice Court	2	126	1	11	5	1	15	161
Powder River County Justice Court	1	13	0	1	0	0	3	18
Powell County Justice Court	0	241	10	34	9	1	0	295
Prairie County Justice Court	0	13	2	2	0	0	1	18
Ravalli County Justice Court	0	1300	72	98	58	40	43	1611
Red Lodge City Court	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13
Richland County Justice Court	1	326	6	30	4	8	40	415
Ronan City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roosevelt County Justice Court, Wolf Point	26	150	0	3	0	19	0	198
Rosebud County Justice Court, Colstrip	0	1	0	0	0		0	1

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Rosebud County Justice Court, Forsyth	1	133	5	20	2	0	10	171
Roundup City Court	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Scobey City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelby City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheridan County Justice Court	0	49	0	12	2	1	37	101
Sidney City Court	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Silver Bow County Justice Court, Dept 1	236	613	67	53	16	0	42	1027
Silver Bow County Justice Court, Dept 2	101	764	57	55	8	0	42	1027
St. Ignatius City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stillwater County Justice Court	12	147	7	41	2	2	17	228
Superior City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweet Grass County Justice Court	13	21	4	11	36	1	4	90
Terry City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toole County Justice Court	41	121	11	38	2	0	24	237
Townsend City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Treasure County Justice Court	0	12	0	0	2	0	2	16
Troy City Court	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	6
Valley County Justice Court	9	166	4	20	3	0	22	224
West Yellowstone City Court	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	5
Wheatland County Justice Court	3	24	2	8	0	0	16	53
White Sulphur Springs City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitefish City Court	0	0	11	28	7		0	46
Wibaux City Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wibaux County Justice Court	0	26	0	2	0	0	2	30
Wolf Point City Court	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Yellowstone County Justice Court	528	4515	509	368	505	2	140	6567
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1861</b>	<b>28174</b>	<b>2077</b>	<b>3601</b>	<b>2800</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1243</b>	<b>39872</b>

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**Table 6: 2007 Violation/Charge Counts**

Court	Crimes Against:										
			Public	Public	Dangerous	Drug	Local		State	State & Fed	Total
	Persons	Property	Admin	Order	Drugs	Para		Other	Regulatory	Traffic	
Alberton City Court	10	1	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	108	131
Baker City Court	57	4	1	4	1	2	23	0	1	82	175
Beaverhead County Justice Court	74	33	17	19	27	21	3	1	151	1272	1618
Belgrade City Court	146	56	25	67	10	19	137	1	1	1394	1856
Big Horn County Justice Court	54	23	25	11	7	14	0	0	108	2529	2771
Big Timber City Court	30	3	15	18	2	3	7	0	2	77	157
Billings Municipal Court	1271	1027	510	404	174	198	4172	1234	40	13567	22597
Blaine County Justice Court	63	15	13	14	6	5	0	0	29	664	809
Boulder City Court	45	7	11	16	6	5	32	0	0	127	249
Bozeman Municipal Court	710	423	363	220	91	118	1602	31	8	7419	10985
Broadwater County Justice Court	43	28	14	20	16	13	0	6	40	2662	2842
Butte City Court	584	270	108	357	48	93	643		11	4967	7081
Carbon County Justice Court	97	27	27	14	15	15	0	1	106	2238	2540
Carter County Justice Court	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	51	94
Cascade City Court	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	19	24
Cascade County Justice Court	555	560	141	144	186	103	196	83	183	6132	8283
Chinook City Court	35	6	1	17	0	1	4	0	0	43	107
Chouteau County Justice Court	20	24	9	6	9	7	3	0	28	1384	1490
Colstrip City Court	41	19	8	12	1	6	41	22	0	194	344
Columbia Falls City Court	178	59	59	29	21	28	28	17	1	2692	3112
Columbus City Court	29	9	6	9	2	0	33	0	0	279	367
Conrad City Court	61	21	9	12	4	6	28		3	289	433
Culbertson City Court	12	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	7	26
Custer County Justice Court	72	44	12	19	6	5	16	54	33	1742	2003



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Cut Bank City Court	183	75	23	32	17	13	98	0	1	520	962
Daniels County Justice Court	2	5	0	0	2	1	0	0	7	252	269
Dawson County Justice Court	110	27	22	30	20	19	19	1	85	2793	3126
Deer Lodge City Court	86	25	13	26	3	6	39	0	7	389	594
Deer Lodge County Justice Court	154	72	29	52	19	23	166	218	86	1994	2813
Dillon City Court	213	43	23	67	11	15	518	4	10	711	1615
Ennis City Court	7	8	0	8	0	1	22	0	0	93	139
Eureka City Court	32	6	4	12	4	7	8	0	1	116	190
Fairview City Court	17	6	8	3	0	1	38	0	2	493	568
Fallon County Justice Court	45	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	211	268
Fergus County Justice Court	79	30	18	10	20	6	4	56	75	928	1226
Flathead County Justice Court	721	393	99	69	159	109	438	431	373	8764	11556
Forsyth City Court	12	10	6	13	0	0	9	0	2	131	183
Fromberg City Court	1	1	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	75	92
Gallatin County Justice Court	373	269	110	73	114	82	444	681	130	6840	9116
Garfield County Justice Court	6	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	33	548	595
Glacier County Justice Court	48	79	11	12	24	21	0	0	3	565	763
Glasgow City Court	66	44	3	27	3	1	19	5	9	251	428
Glendive City Court	112	52	26	30	7	11	166	0	3	473	880
Golden Valley Justice Court	11	4		1	1	1	0	0	17	219	254
Great Falls Municipal Court	1108	712	180	398	57	82	649	676	28	14216	18106
Hamilton City Court	151	76	20	72	13	18	84	7	4	1717	2162
Hardin City Court	351	310	126	83	15	19	348	3	5	1188	2448
Harlowton City Court	21	3	3	15	2	5	31	1	3	50	134
Helena City Court	843	391	151	121	66	79	413	1	7	7022	9094
Hill County Justice Court	185	100	51	43	13	14	13	1	49	2528	2997
Hysham City Court	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	8
Jefferson County Justice Court	106	39	25	24	7	10	60	0	92	2955	3318
Joliet City Court	4	3	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	119	132
Judith Basin County Justice	13	11	6	1	5	0	0	0	37	1354	1427

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Court												
Kalispell Municipal Court	470	251	157	133	84	118	1118	33	48	6717	9129	
Lake County Justice Court	362	311	96	55	123	80	16	37	132	3913	5125	
Laurel City Court	194	40	73	88	23	27	164	0	2	1655	2266	
Lewis & Clark County Justice Court	572	357	104	84	190	81	280	500	382	5012	7562	
Lewistown City Court	90	37	21	47	18	5	211	111	1	518	1059	
Libby City Court	79	42	41	26	3	8	30	0	3	476	708	
Lincoln County Justice Court, Eureka	50	108	8	14	12	9	2	0	30	596	829	
Lincoln County Justice Court, Libby	153	113	47	23	48	32	53	64	87	986	1606	
Livingston City Court	115	50	55	55	10	18	66	0	2	541	912	
Madison County Justice Court	163	53	39	19	34	27	0	6	176	1444	1961	
Malta City Court	44	14	8	18	0	0	26	1		54	165	
McCone County Justice Court	13	4	1	5	0	0	7	1	7	247	285	
Meagher County Justice Court	27	10	3	5	12	8	0	0	70	142	277	
Miles City City Court	171	134	47	102	8	8	198	34	20	1301	2023	
Mineral County Justice Court	70	23	71	27	30	19	0	52	114	2292	2698	
Missoula County Justice Court	798	371	125	56	158	71	189	359	510	9018	11655	
Missoula Municipal	1930	844	332	394	181	179	9043	25	43	20984	33955	
Musselshell County Justice Court	37	16	10	7	6	7	0	2	28	780	893	
Park County Justice Court	115	257	43	26	25	27	1	87	143	1194	1918	
Petroleum County Justice Court	4	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	27	144	182	
Phillips County Justice Court	22	49	3	4	5	2	0	0	24	732	841	
Pondera County Justice Court	94	40	8	22	7	7	2	0	13	787	980	
Powder River County Justice Court	27	1	4	1	1	0	0	2	25	542	603	
Powell County Justice Court	66	71	65	2	17	11	3	0	57	2421	2713	
Prairie County Justice Court	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	586	606	
Ravalli County Justice Court	375	191	55	124	41	31	82	78	163	3573	4713	

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Red Lodge City Court	81	24	52	71	27	20	18	13	2	663	971
Richland County Justice Court	30	12	8	5	7	3	0	0	49	1289	1403
Ronan City Court	25	5	12	11	5	4	3	0	0	372	437
Roosevelt County Justice Court	21	33	8	11	34	1	0	2	0	227	337
Rosebud County Justice Court	93	60	42	33	7	12	4	22	51	2612	2936
Roundup City Court	32	8	1	11	1	1	22	3	1	209	289
Scobey City Court	21	6	2	3	1	1	13	0	2	49	98
Shelby City Court	42	4	2	7	0	0	151	0	3	86	295
Sheridan County Justice Court	16	22	1	2	1	0	0	0	12	412	466
Sidney City Court	86	66	12	34	3	6	72	0	13	547	839
Silver Bow County Justice Court, Dept. 1	49	63	10	2	48	18	0	10	25	1424	1649
Silver Bow County Justice Court, Dept. 2	55	47	9	5	37	13	0	6	12	1416	1600
St. Ignatius City Court	2	4	1	3	1		106	0	0	292	409
Stillwater County Justice Court	56	41	12	8	6	6	1	3	83	1425	1641
Superior City Court	36	5	18	8	2	1	16	0	2	90	178
Sweet Grass County Justice Court	36	13	10	12	20	13	0	11	46	735	896
Terry City Court	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	14	22
Toole County Justice Court	53	45	9	8	39	30	0	19	26	1615	1844
Townsend City Court	60	14	14	19	14	11	33	2	0	204	371
Treasure County Justice Court	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	240	248
Troy City Court	40	18	13	18	5	4	36	1	1	324	460
Valley County Justice Court	27	17	1	7	3	4	0	6	57	860	982
West Yellowstone City Court	25	12	6	17	3	1	11	0	4	154	233
Wheatland County Justice Court	25	14	2	5	5	6	3	5	51	465	581
White Sulphur Springs City Court	47	6	2	8	1	2	14	0	5	42	127
Whitefish City Court	200	114	39	120	25	24	2797	9	9	1229	4566
Wibaux City Court	25	1	1	4	1	0	8	0	0	10	50

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Wibaux County Justice Court	14	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	52	512	582
Wolf Point City Court	57	9	5	29	10	1	40	0	3	125	279
Yellowstone County Justice Court	914	346	280	53	277	165	21	136	285	10549	13026
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>17467</b>	<b>9869</b>	<b>4335</b>	<b>4503</b>	<b>2836</b>	<b>2333</b>	<b>25439</b>	<b>5177</b>	<b>4776</b>	<b>202301</b>	<b>279036</b>