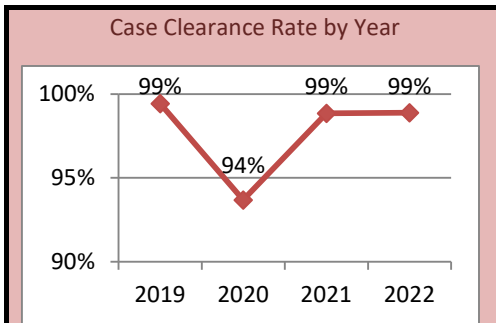# MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES **Jan-Mar 2022**

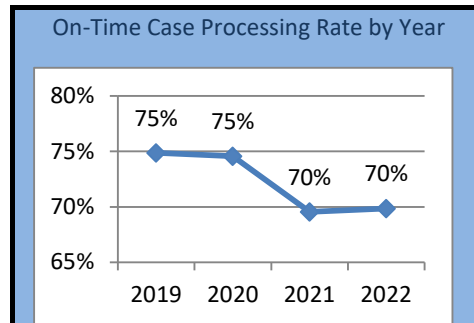**Year-to-Date Report**

CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Case Clearance Rate: The case clearance rate measures whether a court is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The rate is the number of outgoing cases as a percentage of incoming cases. A clearance rate under 100% means the courts are disposing of fewer cases than are being filed.

On-Time Case Processing Rate: The on-time case processing rate measures the extent a District Court is processing its cases within established timeframes. The rate is the percentage of cases that are disposed or otherwise resolved within each timeframe.

Case Clearance Rate by Year

On-Time Case Processing Rate by Year

Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jan-Mar 2022)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	367	426	116%
Civil	2795	3022	108%
Criminal	3101	3403	110%
Family	2250	1986	88%
Involuntary Commitment	263	261	99%
Juvenile	212	238	112%
Probate/Guardianship	1472	1008	68%
Grand Total	**10460**	**10344**	**99%**

Processing Rate Detail (Jan-Mar 2022)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	236	190	55%
Civil	2481	541	82%
Criminal	2031	1372	60%
Family	1410	576	71%
Involuntary Commitment	188	73	72%
Juvenile	175	63	74%
Probate/Guardianship	705	303	70%
Grand Total	**7226**	**3118**	**70%**

Established Timeframes for On-Time Case Processing Rate

Case Category	Timeframes (Days)
Child Abuse & Neglect	457
Civil	730
Criminal	270
Family	270
Involuntary Commitment	180
Juvenile	180
Probate/Guardianship	730

Implementing case processing measures requires significant clean-up in the District Court case management system. The Clerks of District Court throughout the 56 counties are working diligently to update cases in compliance with the District Court Uniform Caseload Filing Standards. The case clearance and on-time case processing rates in this report reflect this on-going clean-up work. However, until the work is completed, it is not possible to report on the age of active cases, which is a case processing measure indicating whether active (open) cases are within established timeframes.

A full report describing the District Court case processing measures is available at http://courts.mt.gov.