

Montana Supreme Court

Case Processing Measures

Annual Summary Report

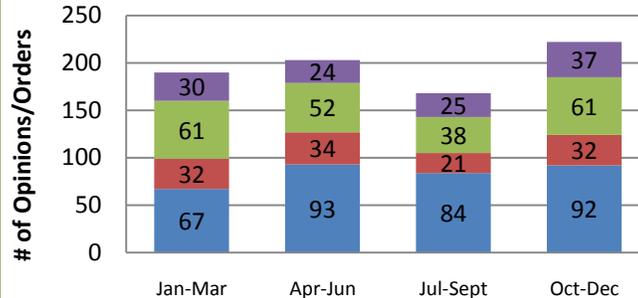
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4th Quarter Highlights

47 Original Proceeding cases were filed in the 4th quarter well above the 30 case quarterly average.

185 Direct Appeal cases were disposed of in 4th quarter well above the 154 case quarterly average.

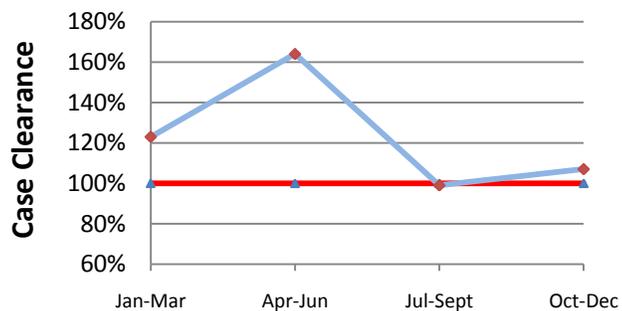
Manner of Disposition



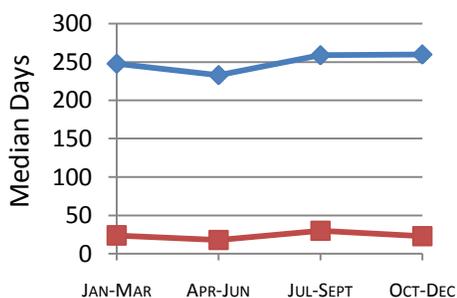
Published Opinion Non-Cite Opinion or Memorandum
Closed Other Original Proceeding Dispositive Order

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2008

Age in Days from Date Sent to Court	# Cases Less than 365 Days Old	# Cases More than 365 Days old	Percent Current (less than 365 days old)
Direct Appeal			
Civil General	113	27	81%
Domestic Relations	12	2	86%
Abuse & Neglect	2		100%
Criminal	83	14	86%
Direct Appeal All	210	43	83%
Original Proceedings			
	32	1	97%



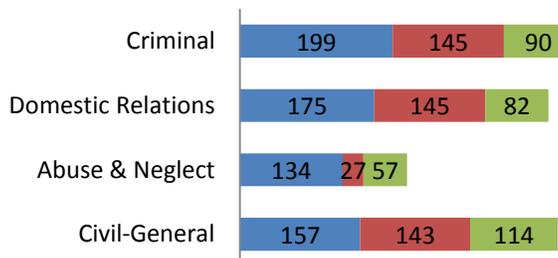
Time to Disposition



Direct Appeals Original Proceedings

Direct Appeal Lifecycle - Median Days by Case Type

- Median Days from Notice of Appeal to Court
- Median Days from Date Sent to Court to Classification
- Median Days from Classification to Remittitur



Case Clearance: The ratio between the number of cases closed (outgoing) and the number of cases filed (incoming).

Manner of Disposition: The manner by which the Court disposes of its cases.

Age of Pending Cases: The age of the Court's active cases (does not include stayed cases or oral argument cases).

Time to Disposition: The length of time (median days) it takes the Court to dispose of cases (does not include oral argument cases).

Baseline information and a description of the methodology used is available at www.courts.mt.gov