

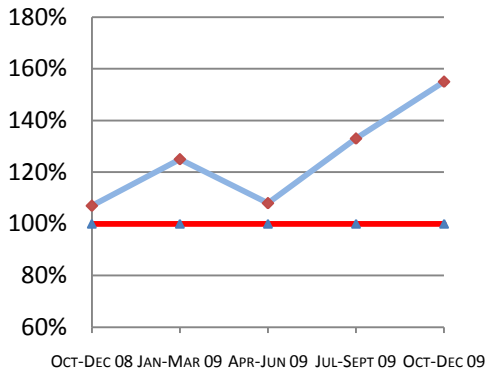
Montana Supreme Court

Case Processing Measures

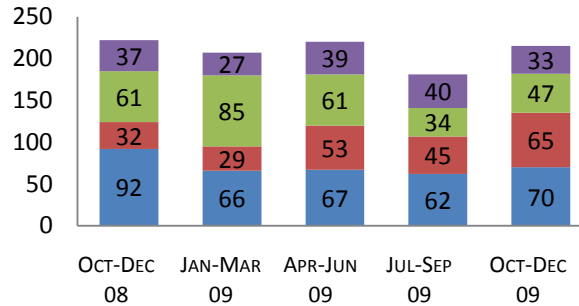
Quarterly Report (Oct 09 - Dec 09)

2009

Case Clearance



Manner of Disposition



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

Age of Pending Cases as of 12/31/2009

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	50	5	91%
Domestic Relations	6	0	100%
Abuse & Neglect	9	0	100%
Criminal	32	0	100%
Direct Appeal All	97	5	95%
Original Proceedings	26	0	100%

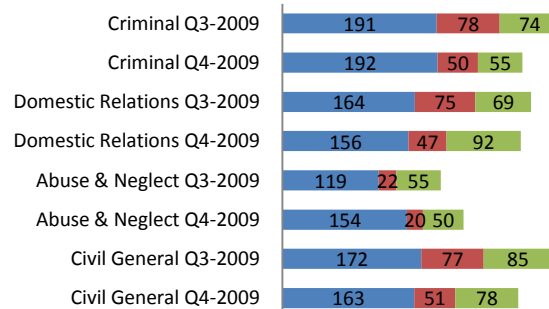
Quarter Highlights

Case clearance remained above 100%.

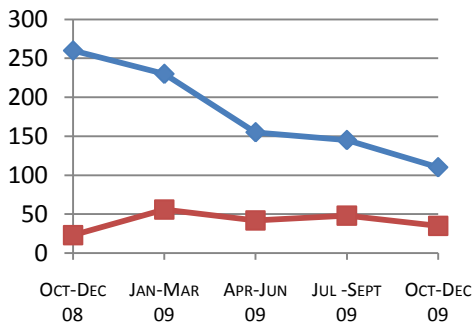
Opinions for all five cases older than 365 days were issued in December 2009 - 1 case remained open in January 2010 on a petition for re-hearing.

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



Time to Disposition



Direct Appeals Original Proceedings

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).

Time to Disposition: The length of time (median days) it takes the Court to dispose of cases.

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