

Montana Supreme Court

Case Processing Measures

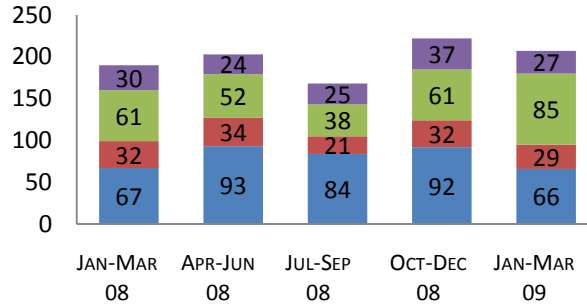
Quarterly Report (Jan-Mar)

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 3/31/2009

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	88	17	84%
Domestic Relations	16	1	94%
Abuse & Neglect	12	0	100%
Criminal	61	9	87%
Direct Appeal All	177	27	87%
Original Proceedings			
	26	1	96%

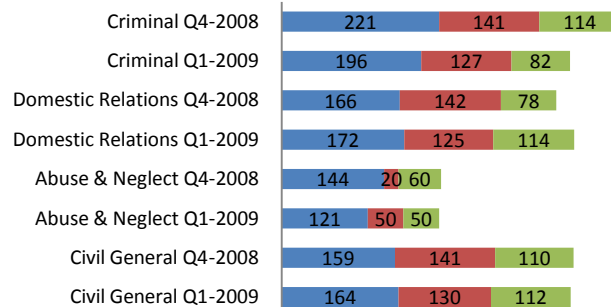
Quarter Highlights

The Case Clearance rate remained above 100% - reducing the number of cases being considered by the court by 20% (55 cases) since the last snapshot on 12/31/2008.

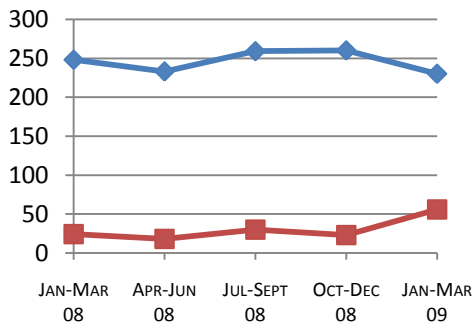
Median days from date sent to court to classification was reduced by 15 days.

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