

# MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

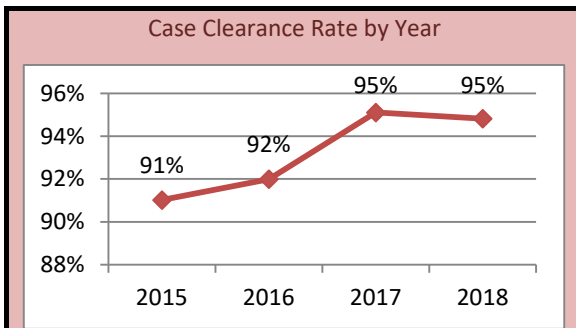
## STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Jan - Dec 2018

### Annual Report

#### CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

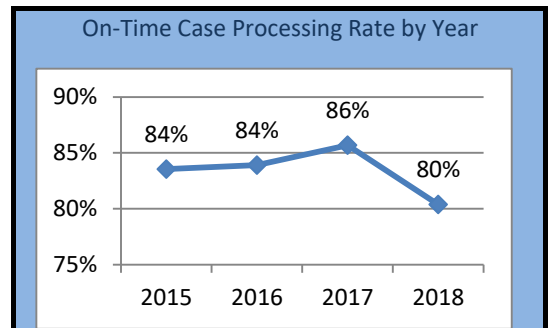
**Case Clearance Rate:** The case clearance rate measures whether a court is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The rate is the number of outgoing cases as a percentage of incoming cases. A clearance rate under 100% means the courts are disposing of fewer cases than are being filed.



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jan - Dec 2018)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	2561	2510	98%
Civil	14640	13307	91%
Criminal	12806	12614	99%
Family	12245	11688	95%
Involuntary Commitment	1208	1154	96%
Juvenile	1069	1076	101%
Probate/Guardianship	4735	4361	92%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>49264</b>	<b>46710</b>	<b>95%</b>

**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.



Processing Rate Detail (Jan - Dec 2018)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	1807	703	72%
Civil	11841	1466	89%
Criminal	9749	2865	77%
Family	9189	2499	79%
Involuntary Commitment	1018	136	88%
Juvenile	820	256	76%
Probate/Guardianship	3122	1239	72%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>37546</b>	<b>9164</b>	<b>80%</b>

#### 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>.