

# MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

## STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Apr - Jun 2013

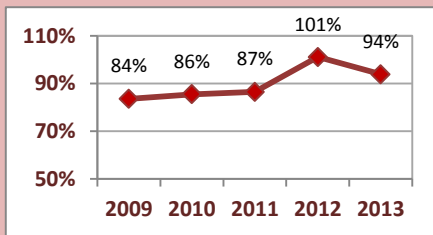
### Year-to-Date Report

#### 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.

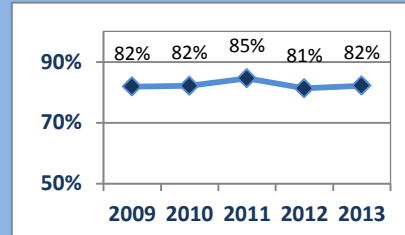
Case Clearance Rate by Year



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Apr-Jun 2013)

Case Category	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	337	334	99%
Civil	3044	3210	105%
Criminal	2172	1999	92%
Family	2939	2778	95%
Involuntary Commitment	320	303	95%
Juvenile	395	381	96%
Probate/Guardianship	1281	950	74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10488</b>	<b>9955</b>	<b>95%</b>

On-Time Case Processing Rate by Year



On-Time Case Processing Rate Detail (Apr-Jun 2013)

Case Category	On-Time Cases	Over-Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	254	80	76%
Civil	2725	485	85%
Criminal	1745	254	87%
Family	2188	590	79%
Involuntary Commitment	293	10	97%
Juvenile	314	67	82%
Probate/Guardianship	692	258	73%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8211</b>	<b>1744</b>	<b>82%</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>.