

# MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

## STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Jul - Sept 2013

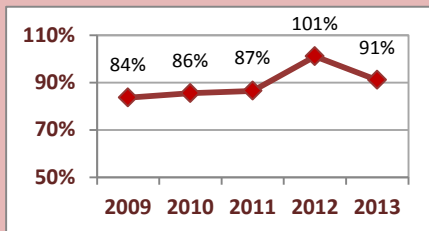
### Year-to-Date Report

#### 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.

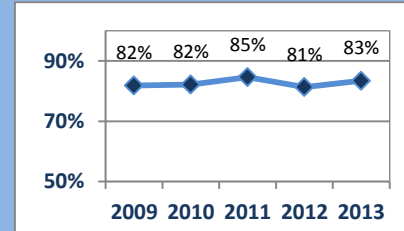
Case Clearance Rate by Year



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jul-Sept 2013)

Case Category	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	380	366	96%
Civil	3259	2877	88%
Criminal	2438	2007	82%
Family	2880	2431	84%
Involuntary Commitment	338	291	86%
Juvenile	373	281	75%
Probate/Guardianship	1179	1027	87%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10847</b>	<b>9280</b>	<b>86%</b>

On-Time Case Processing Rate by Year



On-Time Case Processing Rate Detail (Jul-Sept 2013)

Case Category	On-Time Cases	Over-Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	269	97	73%
Civil	2582	295	90%
Criminal	1774	233	88%
Family	2067	364	85%
Involuntary Commitment	289	2	99%
Juvenile	237	44	84%
Probate/Guardianship	760	267	74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7978</b>	<b>1302</b>	<b>86%</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>.