

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Jan-Mar 2014

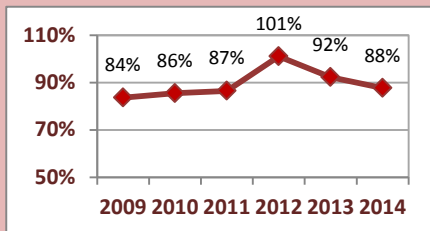
Year-to-Date Report

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.

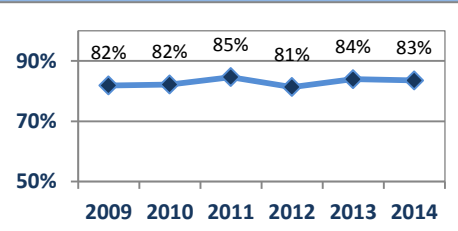
Case Clearance Rate by Year



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jan-Mar 2014)

Case Category	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	458	274	60%
Civil	3781	3176	84%
Criminal	2358	2317	98%
Family	2654	2361	89%
Involuntary Commitment	264	272	103%
Juvenile	401	319	80%
Probate/Guardianship	1182	1015	86%
Total	11098	9734	88%

On-Time Case Processing Rate by Year



On-Time Case Processing Rate Detail (Jan-Mar 2014)

Case Category	On-Time Cases	Over-Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	187	87	68%
Civil	2780	396	88%
Criminal	1968	349	85%
Family	1965	396	83%
Involuntary Commitment	263	9	97%
Juvenile	277	42	87%
Probate/Guardianship	687	328	68%
Total	8127	1607	83%

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>.