

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

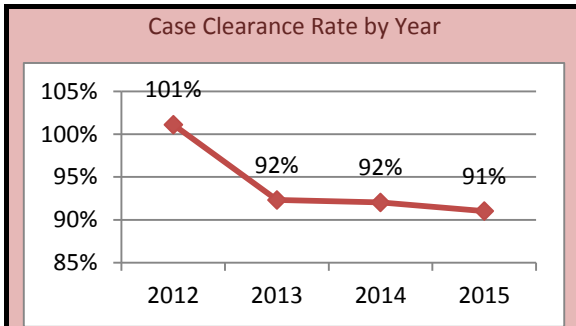
STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Jan - Dec 2015

Annual Report

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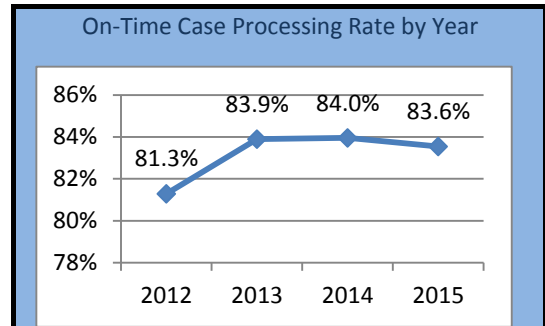
Case Clearance Rate: The case clearance rate measures whether a court is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The rate is the number of outgoing cases as a percentage of incoming cases. A clearance rate under 100% means the courts are disposing of fewer cases than are being filed.



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jan - Dec 2015)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	2311	1552	67%
Civil	12349	11626	94%
Criminal	10589	9481	90%
Family	11476	11064	96%
Involuntary Commitment	1323	1263	95%
Juvenile	1296	1223	94%
Probate/Guardianship	4743	3920	83%
Grand Total	44087	40129	91%

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 2015)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	1223	329	79%
Civil	9994	1632	86%
Criminal	8275	1206	87%
Family	8869	2195	80%
Involuntary Commitment	1234	29	98%
Juvenile	1031	192	84%
Probate/Guardianship	2903	1017	74%
Grand Total	33529	6600	84%

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>.