

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

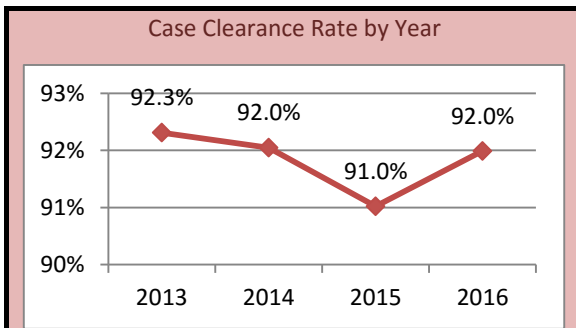
STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Jan - Dec 2016

Year-to-Date Report

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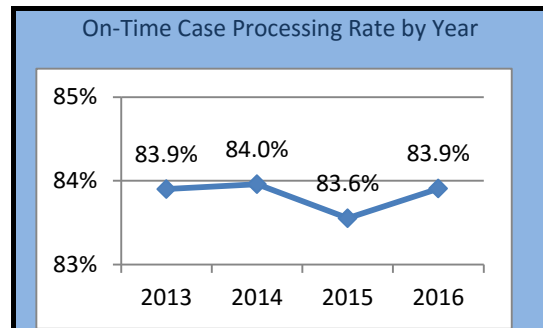
Case Clearance Rate: The case clearance rate measures whether a court is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The rate is the number of outgoing cases as a percentage of incoming cases. A clearance rate under 100% means the courts are disposing of fewer cases than are being filed.



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jan - Dec 2016)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	2430	2002	82%
Civil	12026	11065	92%
Criminal	11669	10719	92%
Family	11620	10864	93%
Involuntary Commitment	1371	1321	96%
Juvenile	1259	1193	95%
Probate/Guardianship	4530	4144	91%
Grand Total	44905	41308	92%

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 2016)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	1543	459	77%
Civil	9460	1605	85%
Criminal	9441	1278	88%
Family	8963	1901	83%
Involuntary Commitment	1288	33	98%
Juvenile	980	213	82%
Probate/Guardianship	2985	1159	72%
Grand Total	34660	6648	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>.