

# MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

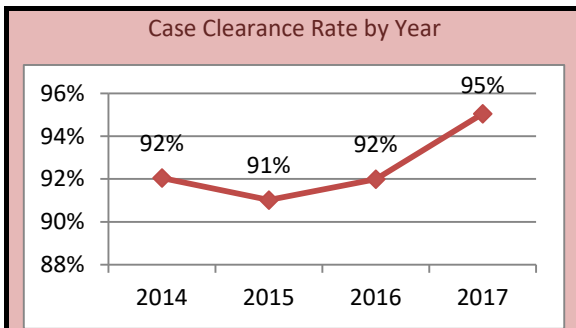
## STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Oct - Dec 2017

### Year-to-Date Report

#### CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

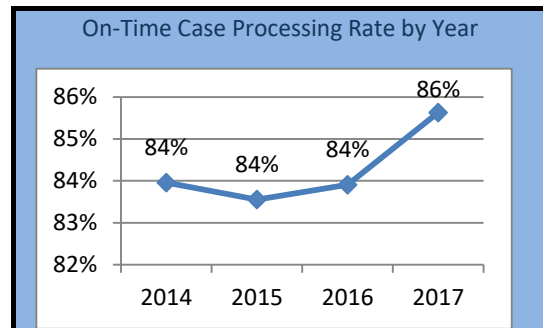
**Case Clearance Rate:** The case clearance rate measures whether a court is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The rate is the number of outgoing cases as a percentage of incoming cases. A clearance rate under 100% means the courts are disposing of fewer cases than are being filed.



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Oct - Dec 2017)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	598	611	102%
Civil	3273	3211	98%
Criminal	3140	2775	88%
Family	2742	2936	107%
Involuntary Commitment	292	328	112%
Juvenile	338	253	75%
Probate/Guardianship	1170	1217	104%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11553</b>	<b>11331</b>	<b>98%</b>

**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 (Oct - Dec 2017)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	458	153	75%
Civil	2833	378	88%
Criminal	2490	285	90%
Family	2381	555	81%
Involuntary Commitment	299	29	91%
Juvenile	229	24	91%
Probate/Guardianship	887	330	73%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9577</b>	<b>1754</b>	<b>85%</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>.