

# MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

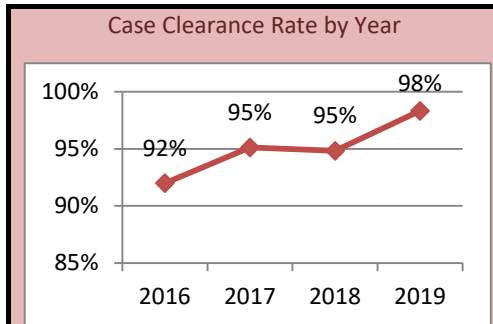
## STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Jan - Dec 2019

### Annual Report

#### CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

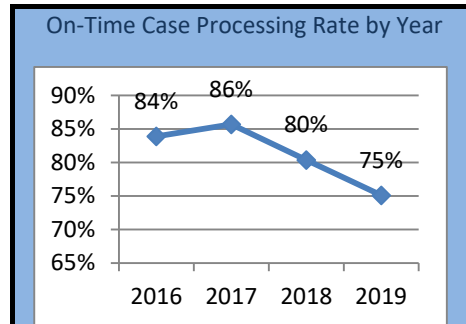
**Case Clearance Rate:** The case clearance rate measures whether a court is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The rate is the number of outgoing cases as a percentage of incoming cases. A clearance rate under 100% means the courts are disposing of fewer cases than are being filed.



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jan - Dec 2019)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	2377	2645	111%
Civil	14069	13258	94%
Criminal	12278	13099	107%
Family	11183	10632	95%
Involuntary Commitment	1080	979	91%
Juvenile	1006	1170	116%
Probate/Guardianship	5152	4575	89%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>47145</b>	<b>46358</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 (Jan-Dec 2019)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	1684	961	64%
Civil	11689	1569	88%
Criminal	8740	4359	67%
Family	7846	2786	74%
Involuntary Commitment	754	225	77%
Juvenile	788	382	67%
Probate/Guardianship	3321	1254	73%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>34822</b>	<b>11536</b>	<b>75%</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>.