

# MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

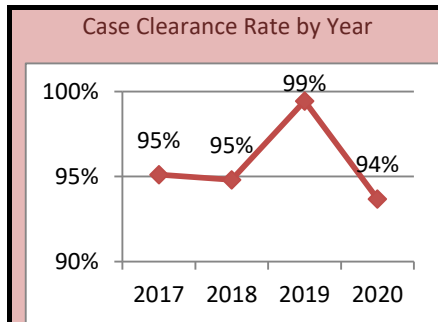
## STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Jan-Dec 2020

### Annual Report

#### CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

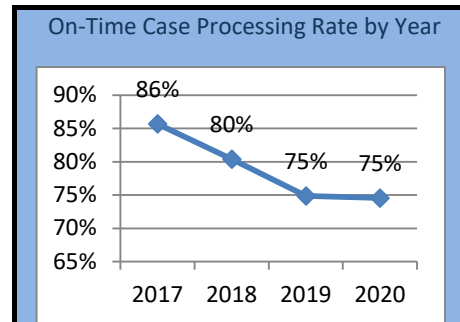
**Case Clearance Rate:** The case clearance rate measures whether a court is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The rate is the number of outgoing cases as a percentage of incoming cases. A clearance rate under 100% means the courts are disposing of fewer cases than are being filed.



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jan-Dec 2020)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	2106	2201	105%
Civil	13679	12910	94%
Criminal	12270	11761	96%
Family	10036	9470	94%
Involuntary Commitment	1214	1054	87%
Juvenile	840	832	99%
Probate/Guardianship	5079	4142	82%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>45224</b>	<b>42370</b>	<b>94%</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 2020)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	1349	852	61%
Civil	11391	1519	88%
Criminal	7526	4235	64%
Family	6976	2494	74%
Involuntary Commitment	772	282	73%
Juvenile	612	220	74%
Probate/Guardianship	2964	1178	72%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>31590</b>	<b>10780</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>.