

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Jan-Mar 2021

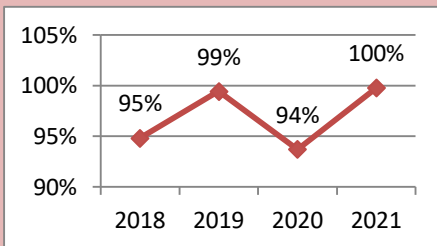
Year-to-Date Report

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.

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.

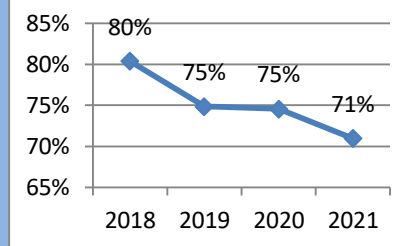
Case Clearance Rate by Year



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jan-Mar 2021)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	426	512	120%
Civil	3019	3226	107%
Criminal	3121	3141	101%
Family	2517	2531	101%
Involuntary Commitment	279	257	92%
Juvenile	174	182	105%
Probate/Guardianship	1357	1017	75%
Grand Total	10893	10866	100%

On-Time Case Processing Rate by Year



Processing Rate Detail (Jan-Mar 2021)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	284	228	55%
Civil	2662	564	83%
Criminal	2004	1137	64%
Family	1724	807	68%
Involuntary Commitment	201	56	78%
Juvenile	123	59	68%
Probate/Guardianship	713	304	70%
Grand Total	7711	3155	71%

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>.