

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

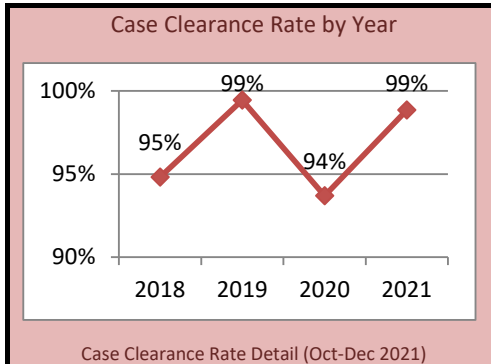
STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

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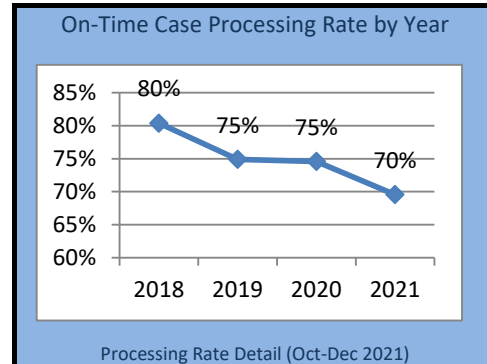
CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

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.



	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	1690	1888	112%
Civil	12336	12613	102%
Criminal	12502	12654	101%
Family	9459	9313	98%
Involuntary Commitment	1045	976	93%
Juvenile	754	682	90%
Probate/Guardianship	5208	4374	84%
Grand Total	42994	42500	99%

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 of or otherwise resolved within each timeframe.



	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	1094	794	58%
Civil	9908	2705	79%
Criminal	7952	4702	63%
Family	6491	2822	70%
Involuntary Commitment	730	246	75%
Juvenile	486	196	71%
Probate/Guardianship	2898	1476	66%
Grand Total	29559	12941	70%

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>.