

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

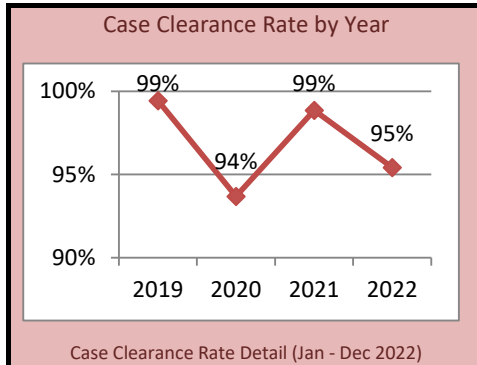
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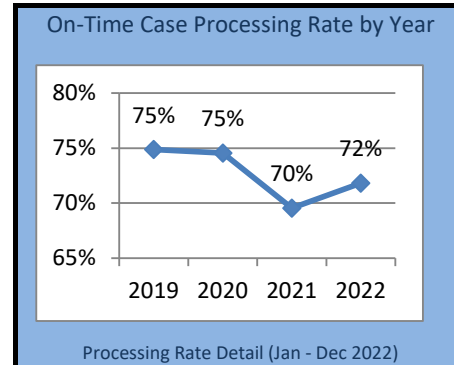
CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

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.

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.



	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	1411	1631	116%
Civil	11738	11426	97%
Criminal	12803	12777	100%
Family	10430	9521	91%
Involuntary Commitment	984	878	89%
Juvenile	972	822	85%
Probate/Guardianship	5194	4482	86%
Grand Total	43532	41537	95%



	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	853	778	52%
Civil	9952	1474	87%
Criminal	7514	5263	59%
Family	7116	2405	75%
Involuntary Commitment	625	253	71%
Juvenile	624	198	76%
Probate/Guardianship	3142	1340	70%
Grand Total	29826	11711	72%

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>.