

# MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

## STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Oct - Dec 2022

### Year-to-Date Report

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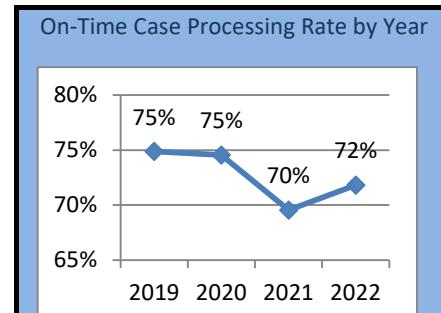
**Case Clearance Rate:** The case clearance rate measures whether a court is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The rate is the number of outgoing cases as a percentage of incoming cases. A clearance rate under 100% means the courts are disposing of fewer cases than are being filed.



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Oct - Dec 2022)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	354	372	105%
Civil	2750	2510	91%
Criminal	3133	2963	95%
Family	2671	2573	96%
Involuntary Commitment	262	223	85%
Juvenile	277	184	66%
Probate/Guardianship	1137	1168	103%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10584</b>	<b>9993</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 (Oct - Dec 2022)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	202	170	54%
Civil	2244	266	89%
Criminal	1792	1171	60%
Family	2002	571	78%
Involuntary Commitment	147	76	66%
Juvenile	132	52	72%
Probate/Guardianship	857	311	73%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7376</b>	<b>2617</b>	<b>74%</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>.