# MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

## STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES   Jan - Dec 2023
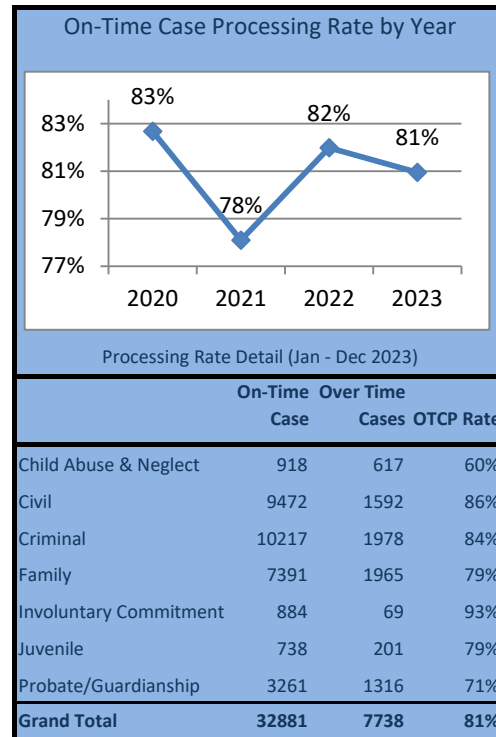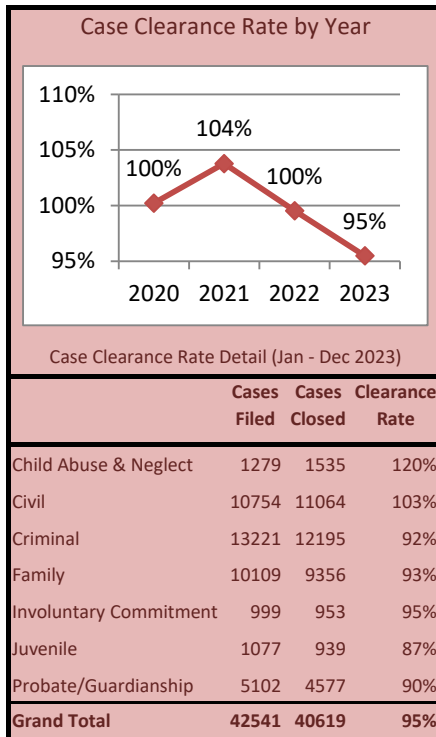### Year-to-Date Report

## 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 - Dec 2023)

|  | Cases Filed | Cases Closed | Clearance Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| Child Abuse & Neglect | 1279 | 1535 | 120% |
| Civil | 10754 | 11064 | 103% |
| Criminal | 13221 | 12195 | 92% |
| Family | 10109 | 9356 | 93% |
| Involuntary Commitment | 999 | 953 | 95% |
| Juvenile | 1077 | 939 | 87% |
| Probate/Guardianship | 5102 | 4577 | 90% |
| **Grand Total** | **42541** | **40619** | **95%** |

### On-Time Case Processing Rate by Year



### Processing Rate Detail (Jan - Dec 2023)

|  | On-Time Case | Over Time Cases | OTCP Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| Child Abuse & Neglect | 918 | 617 | 60% |
| Civil | 9472 | 1592 | 86% |
| Criminal | 10217 | 1978 | 84% |
| Family | 7391 | 1965 | 79% |
| Involuntary Commitment | 884 | 69 | 93% |
| Juvenile | 738 | 201 | 79% |
| Probate/Guardianship | 3261 | 1316 | 71% |
| **Grand Total** | **32881** | **7738** | **81%** |

## 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.