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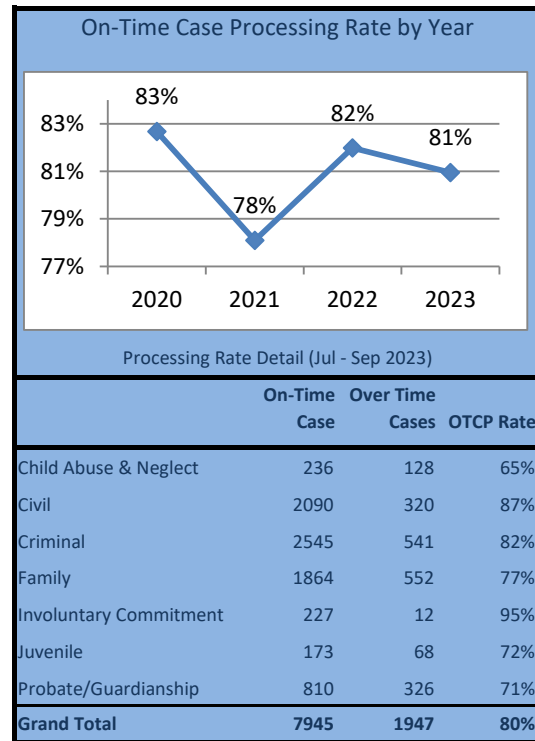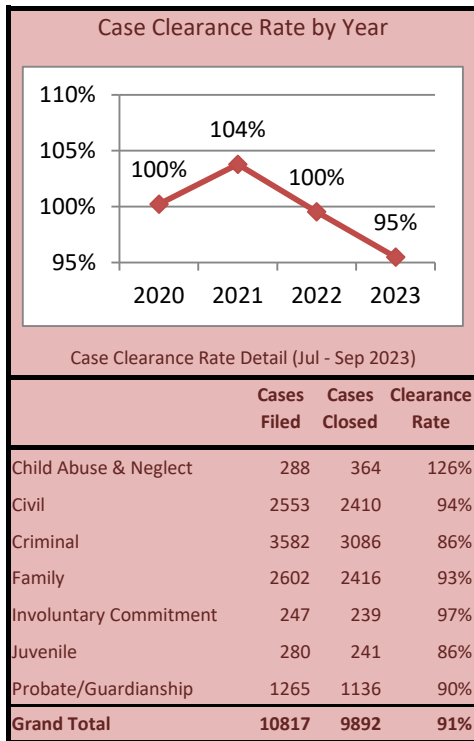
Case Clearance Rate: The case clearance rate measures whether a court is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The rate is the number of outgoing cases as a percentage of incoming cases. A clearance rate under 100% means the courts are disposing of fewer cases than are being filed.

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 (Jul - Sep 2023)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	288	364	126%
Civil	2553	2410	94%
Criminal	3582	3086	86%
Family	2602	2416	93%
Involuntary Commitment	247	239	97%
Juvenile	280	241	86%
Probate/Guardianship	1265	1136	90%
Grand Total	**10817**	**9892**	**91%**

On-Time Case Processing Rate by Year

Processing Rate Detail (Jul - Sep 2023)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	236	128	65%
Civil	2090	320	87%
Criminal	2545	541	82%
Family	1864	552	77%
Involuntary Commitment	227	12	95%
Juvenile	173	68	72%
Probate/Guardianship	810	326	71%
Grand Total	**7945**	**1947**	**80%**

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.