

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

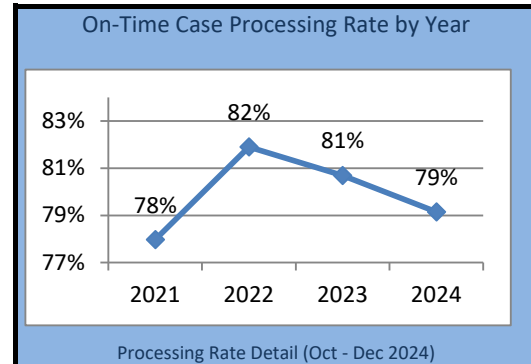
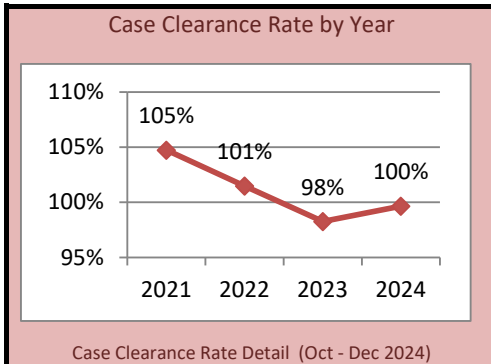
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CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

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	296	271	92%
Civil	2930	3044	104%
Criminal	3224	3297	102%
Family	2299	2447	106%
Involuntary Commitment	213	203	95%
Juvenile	225	232	103%
Probate/Guardianship	1178	1204	102%
Grand Total	10365	10698	103%

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	182	89	67%
Civil	2613	431	86%
Criminal	2754	543	84%
Family	1792	655	73%
Involuntary Commitment	197	6	97%
Juvenile	168	64	72%
Probate/Guardianship	786	418	65%
Grand Total	8492	2206	79%

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>.