

# MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

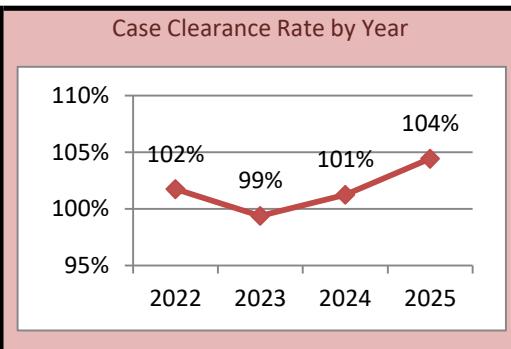
## STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Jan-Dec 2025

### Year-to-Date Report

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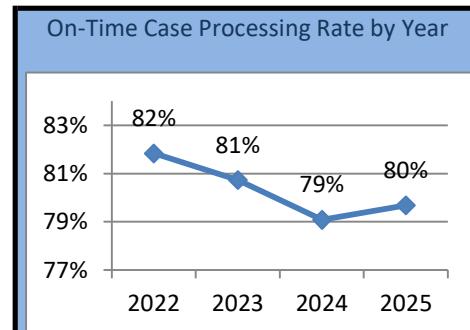
**Case Clearance Rate:** The case clearance rate measures whether a court is keeping up with its incoming caseload. The rate is the number of outgoing cases as a percentage of incoming cases. A clearance rate under 100% means the courts are disposing of fewer cases than are being filed.



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jan-Dec 2025)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	992	1143	115%
Civil	12574	12870	102%
Criminal	11842	13678	116%
Family	10499	9930	95%
Involuntary Commitment	660	676	102%
Juvenile	1082	1082	100%
Probate/Guardianship	5017	5177	103%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>42666</b>	<b>44556</b>	<b>104%</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 (Jan-Dec 2025)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	774	369	68%
Civil	11233	1637	87%
Criminal	11328	2350	83%
Family	7622	2308	77%
Involuntary Commitment	598	78	88%
Juvenile	792	290	73%
Probate/Guardianship	3156	2021	61%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>35503</b>	<b>9053</b>	<b>80%</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.