

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

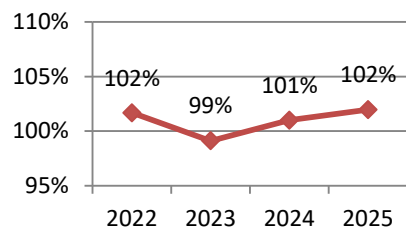
July-Sept 2025

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.

Case Clearance Rate by Year

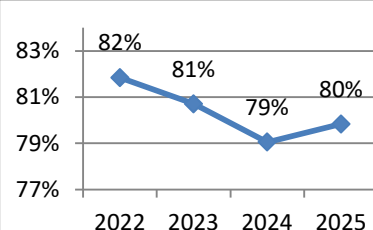


Case Clearance Rate Detail (July-Sept 2025)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	272	264	97%
Civil	3137	3179	101%
Criminal	2970	3250	109%
Family	2694	2628	98%
Involuntary Commitment	148	164	111%
Juvenile	281	238	85%
Probate/Guardianship	1279	1272	99%
Grand Total	10781	10995	102%

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.

On-Time Case Processing Rate by Year



Processing Rate Detail (July-Sept 2025)

	On- Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	196	68	74%
Civil	2791	388	88%
Criminal	2687	563	83%
Family	1876	752	71%
Involuntary Commitment	131	33	80%
Juvenile	179	59	75%
Probate/Guardianship	783	489	62%
Grand Total	8643	2352	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>.