

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

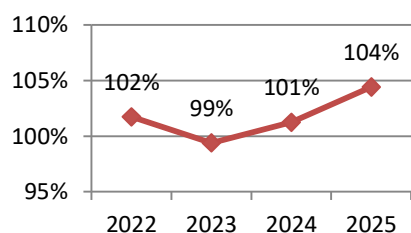
Sep-Dec 2025

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

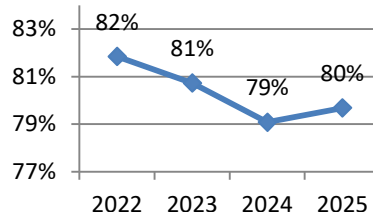


Case Clearance Rate Detail (Sep-Dec 2025)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	225	267	119%
Civil	3177	3540	111%
Criminal	2799	3262	117%
Family	2453	2421	99%
Involuntary Commitment	135	151	112%
Juvenile	300	292	97%
Probate/Guardianship	1155	1354	117%
Grand Total	10244	11287	110%

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 (Sep-Dec 2025)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	166	101	62%
Civil	3059	481	86%
Criminal	2702	560	83%
Family	1881	540	78%
Involuntary Commitment	121	30	80%
Juvenile	211	81	72%
Probate/Guardianship	808	546	60%
Grand Total	8948	2339	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>.