

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Jan-Mar 2026

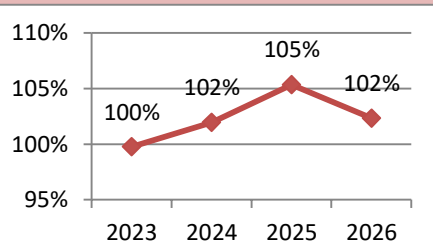
Year-to-Date Report

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.

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.

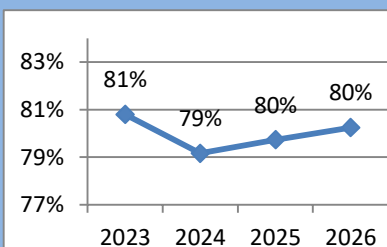
Case Clearance Rate by Year



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jan-Mar 2026)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	249	292	117%
Civil	3556	3530	99%
Criminal	2736	3227	118%
Family	2552	2339	92%
Involuntary Commitment	167	153	92%
Juvenile	229	242	106%
Probate/Guardianship	1361	1323	97%
Grand Total	10850	11106	102%

On-Time Case Processing Rate by Year



Processing Rate Detail (Jan-Mar 2026)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	171	121	59%
Civil	3102	428	88%
Criminal	2610	617	81%
Family	1807	532	77%
Involuntary Commitment	137	16	90%
Juvenile	188	54	78%
Probate/Guardianship	897	426	68%
Grand Total	8912	2194	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>.