

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

Apr-Jun 2026

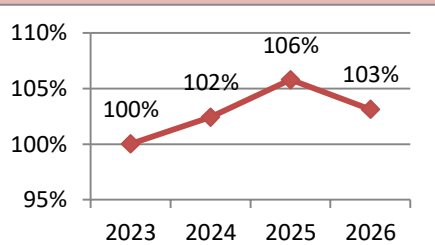
Year-to-Date Report

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.

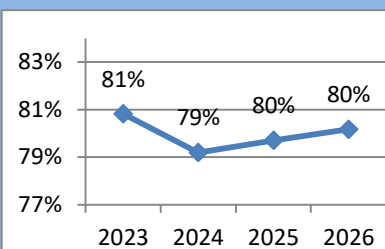
Case Clearance Rate by Year



Case Clearance Rate Detail (Apr-Jun 2026)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	235	266	113%
Civil	3373	3466	103%
Criminal	2704	3000	111%
Family	2647	2588	98%
Involuntary Commitment	163	141	87%
Juvenile	240	218	91%
Probate/Guardianship	1392	1341	96%
Grand Total	10754	11020	102%

On-Time Case Processing Rate by Year



Processing Rate Detail (Apr-Jun 2026)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	163	103	61%
Civil	3010	456	87%
Criminal	2462	538	82%
Family	1940	648	75%
Involuntary Commitment	131	10	93%
Juvenile	185	33	85%
Probate/Guardianship	933	408	70%
Grand Total	8824	2196	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>.