

MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS

STATEWIDE CASE PROCESSING MEASURES

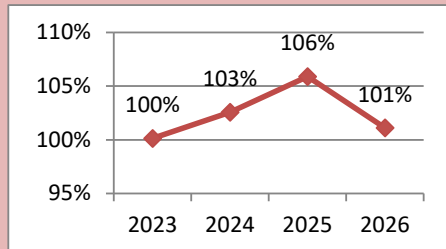
Jul-Sept 2026

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.

Case Clearance Rate by Year

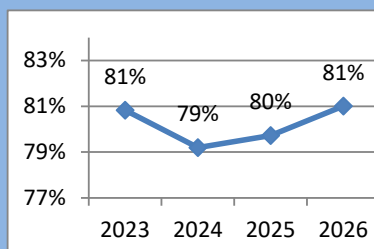


Case Clearance Rate Detail (Jul-Sept 2026)

	Cases Filed	Cases Closed	Clearance Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	247	184	74%
Civil	3410	3370	99%
Criminal	2773	2878	104%
Family	2642	2358	89%
Involuntary Commitment	177	127	72%
Juvenile	219	198	90%
Probate/Guardianship	1415	1364	96%
Grand Total	10883	10479	96%

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 (Jul-Sept 2026)

	On-Time Case	Over Time Cases	OTCP Rate
Child Abuse & Neglect	109	75	59%
Civil	3065	305	91%
Criminal	2398	480	83%
Family	1884	474	80%
Involuntary Commitment	123	4	97%
Juvenile	156	42	79%
Probate/Guardianship	933	431	68%
Grand Total	8668	1811	83%

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>.