



E-Filing Automation Committee Meeting

DECEMBER 11, 2024

Installs and Schedule

Recently Installed – District

Powell County District Court – 8/12/24

Butte-Silver Bow County District Court – 8/12/24

Lincoln County District Court – 9/5/24

Deer Lodge County District Court – 10/8/24

Recently Installed – Limited

Jefferson County Justice Court – 8/12/24

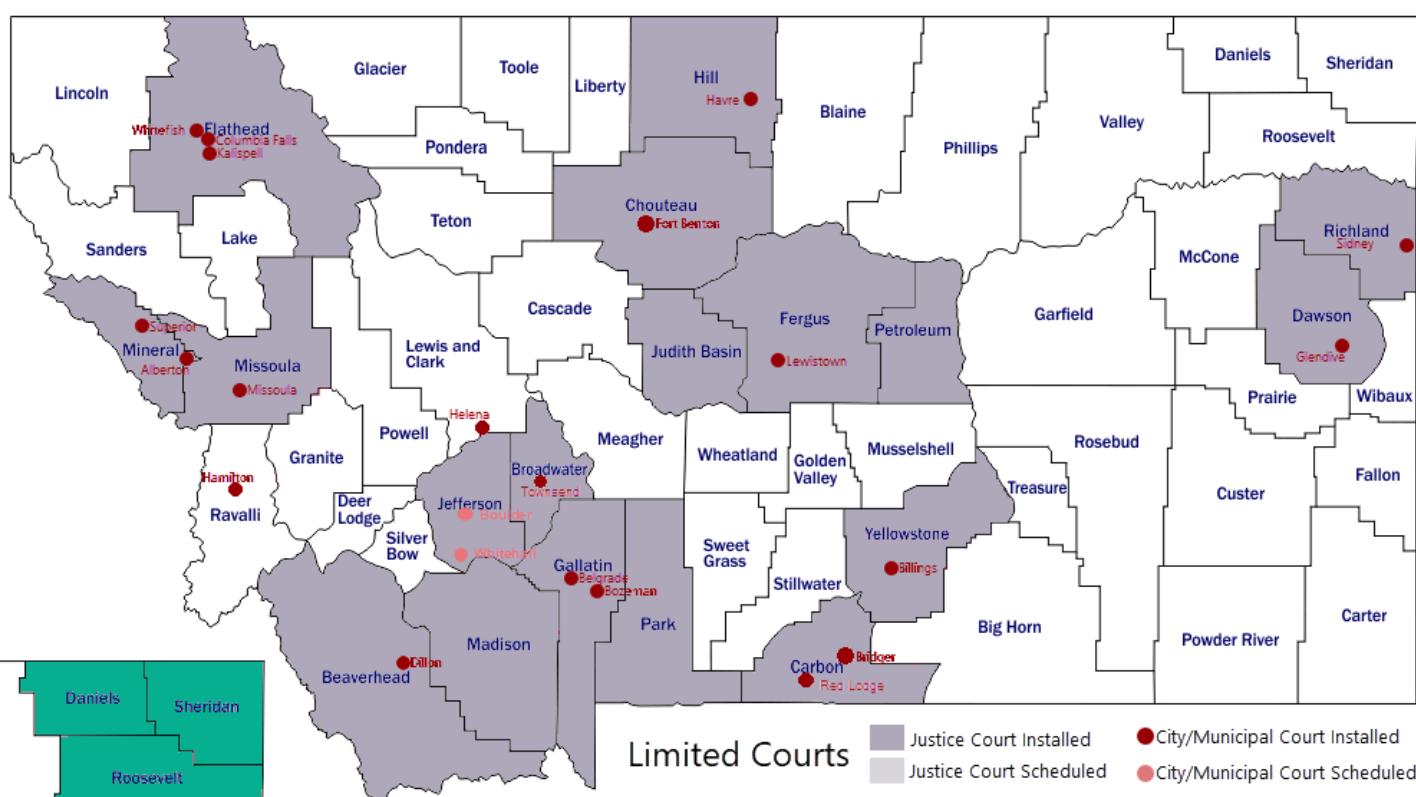
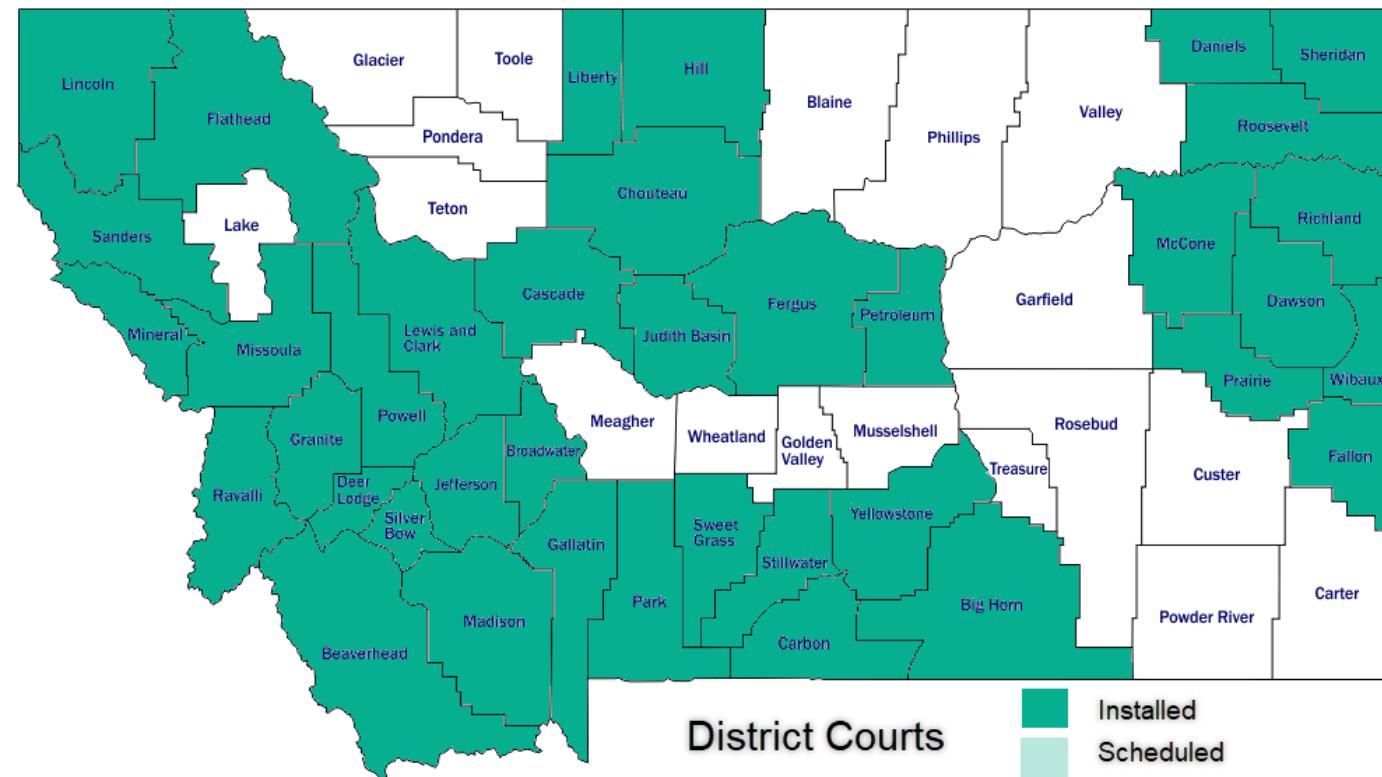
Future Installs

Boulder City Court – 12/13/24

Whitehall City Court – 12/13/24

Lake County District Court – Pending until after the first of the year

Courts installed with E-Filing



Other Courts:

- Montana Supreme Court
 - Asbestos Claims District Court
 - Montana Water Court

Statistics

Courts:

1 Supreme Court
38 District Courts
18 Justice Courts
20 Municipal/City Courts
Plus Water Court & Asbestos Court

Active Registered E-Filers:

7 Supreme Court Justices
1 Clerk of Supreme Court
75 District Court Judges
39 Limited Court Judges
25 Clerks of District Court
3,072 Govt Attorneys/Attorneys
175 Court Reporters
1,725 Case Participants
3,087 Authorized Staff
8,207 total users (7,611 total active users
7/2024)

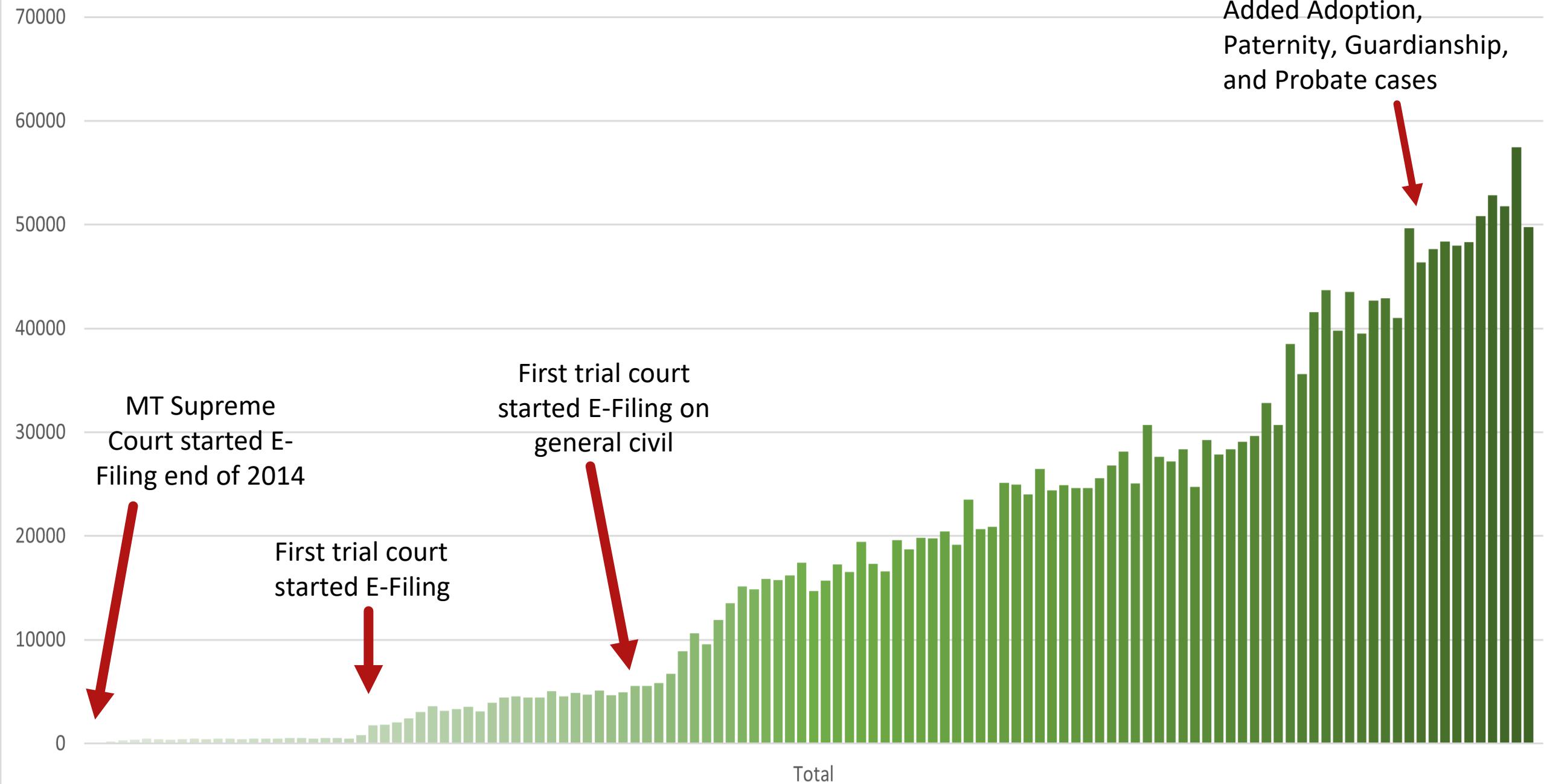
of Tickets from last 12 months:

3,188 tickets

All Time		Last 12 Months	
E-Filings	Cases	E-Filings	Cases
2,217,473	312,949	604,078	131,199

Stats recorded on 12/2/2024

Number of Filings by Month



Software Version Updates

E-File Version Updates: Installed August 21, 2024

- **V7.7.0** – Enhancement for SL and IS cases. Update to attorney registration process

FCE Version Updates: Installed February 12, 2024

- **V8.4** – Validation was missing from the Last Name Field on page one of clerk review. Corrected issue where refresh button would remove search results
- **V9.0** – Fixed mailing address missing state abbreviation on Certificate of Service. The filer received of, last name, first name fields are auto-populated. Fixed issue withdrawing prosecutors on DC and DJ cases when processing filings. Corrected an issue causing the clerk review to sometimes timeout when processing filings with fees

Future Software Version Updates

E-File

We currently do not have any version updates

FCE

- ▶ 9.1
 - ▶ Route to Judge field in clerk review is now a required field
 - ▶ Corrected issue duplicating prosecutors on DJ cases
- ▶ 9.2
 - ▶ Corrected issue removing Date of Death from party detail

Other Updates

- ▶ Fixed a problem with the ESB that was caused by large filing submissions crashing the ESB
- ▶ Enabled Statutory Lien and Investigative Subpoena Case Types
- ▶ Enabled DV Case Subtype Out of State Subpoena
- ▶ In the process of enabling Motion-Unopposed and other new Criminal Filing types
- ▶ Added memory to the database server to attempt to resolve filing errors
- ▶ Turned off OCR to free up resources on the document processor

Outstanding Problems

- ▶ ROA does not always accurately describe who the filer is when payment is present
- ▶ Unable to assign multiple prosecutors to DJ cases
- ▶ Judge review queue sometimes displays the wrong motion
- ▶ Occasional problem auto assigning a judge
- ▶ Occasional “User Not Authorized” error
- ▶ Adlib failures after maintenance weekends
- ▶ Processing an E-Filing on a case removes the “Date of Death” from a deceased person
- ▶ Unable to switch E-File users’ roles – some users unable to register as a result
- ▶ E-Filing eServed the wrong documents
- ▶ **Generic error messages when processing filings**
- ▶ **Pending Electronic Filings sort function not working properly**
- ▶ **Large amount of filing errors**

Enhancement Requests

All enhancement requests are currently tabled

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- ▶ *Automatically fill in the first document filing type and subtype on the upload document page
- ▶ *Make the filing type and subtype fields searchable
- ▶ *Add a comment box on the attorney's filing summary page
- ▶ *Save 'Other Service Recipients'
- ▶ *Judges to change queue sort order

FinVi/JSI

- ▶ ROA shows if filing was routed to the judge – Waiting for SOW
- ▶ Search by 'other party' name – Waiting for SOW

Thomson Reuters – Status Update

- ▶ TR asked us to look for another E-Filing vendor and said they were not going to renew our contract
- ▶ Originally looked to change vendors to JSI/FSX but the estimate came back too high – \$9.5 million
- ▶ Discuss any circumstance in which TR would consider continuing support and maintenance of the Courts Electronic Filing System
- ▶ TR's proposal
 - ▶ ~ \$1.5 million cost (requested in 2025 Legislative HB10)
 - ▶ Update the underlying infrastructure of E-Filing to make it easier to support for the vendor
 - ▶ Work should begin in the next fiscal year (July 2025)

Break

Discussion Topic



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Should Optical Character Recognition (OCR) be removed from E-Filing/Adlib?



Should sealed documents be available through E-Filing?



Replace retiring members.

Service method: Email

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Mary Jones, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Notice
- Notice to the following on 12-09-2024:

Fuzzy Wuzzy Bear (Defendant)
1234 Main Street
Helena MT 59000
Service Method: Email

Electronically signed by Ryan Davies on behalf of Mary Jones
Dated: 12-09-2024

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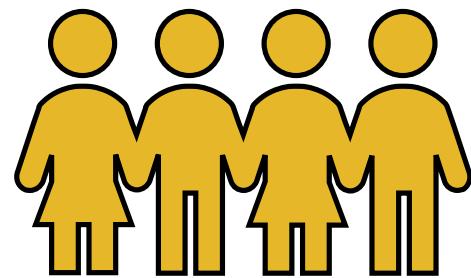
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Subcommittees

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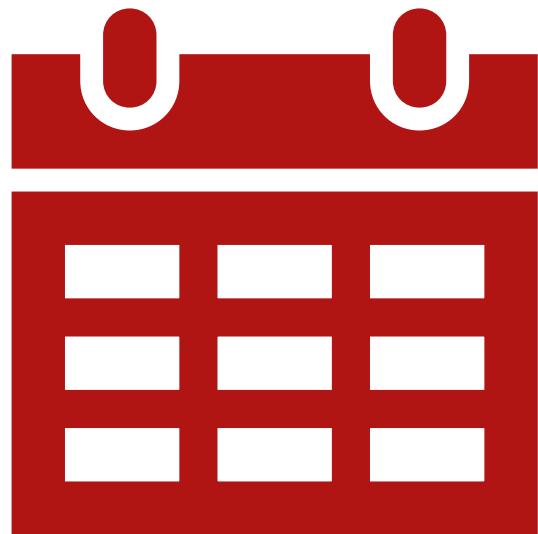


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Schedule Summer of 2025 Meeting

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