

Montana Supreme Court

Case Processing Measures

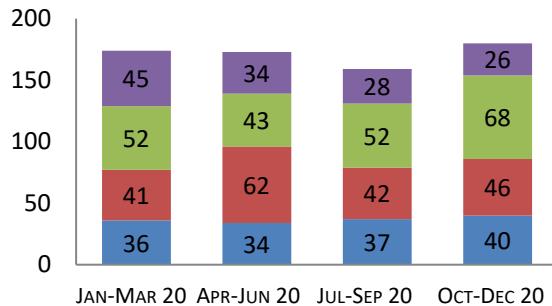
Quarterly Report

Oct-Dec 2020

Case Clearance



Manner of Disposition



Published Opinion Non-Cite Opinion or Memorandum
 Closed Other Original Proceeding Dispositive Order

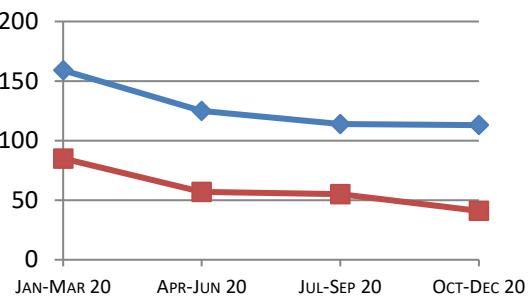
Age of Pending Cases as of: 01/01/21

Age in Days from Date Sent to Court	# Cases Less than 180 Days Old	# Cases More than 180 Days Old	Percent Current (less than 180 days old)
Old	41	8	84%

Direct Appeal

	# Cases Less than 180 Days Old	# Cases More than 180 Days Old	Percent Current (less than 180 days old)
Civil General	41	8	84%
Domestic Relations	9	0	100%
Abuse & Neglect	11	0	100%
Criminal	41	4	91%
Direct Appeal All	102	12	89%
Original Proceedings	13	3	81%

Time to Disposition



Direct Appeals Original Proceedings

4th Quarter 2020 Highlights

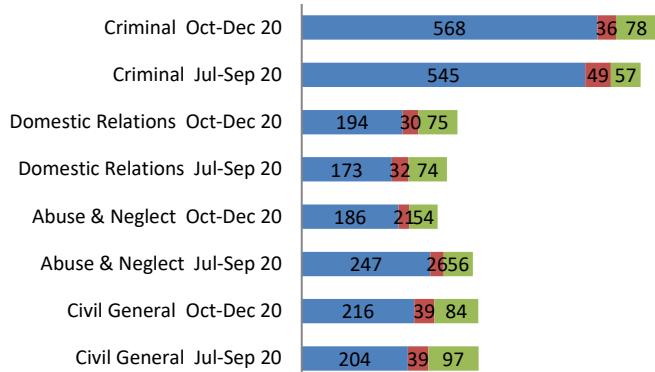
* Case Clearance rates declined in Q4 of 2020 over Q3 of 2020. Rates in Q3 were 127% and in Q4 were 96%.

* Time to Disposition rates for both Direct Appeals and Original Proceedings declined slightly in Q4 of 2020 over Q3 of 2020.

* Median Days in Abuse & Neglect cases decreased from 247 days in Q3 of 2020 to 186 days in Q4 of 2020.

Direct Appeal Lifecycle - Median Days by Case Type

- Median Days from Notice of Appeal to Court
- Median Days from Date Sent to Court to Classification
- Median Days from Classification to Remittitur



Case Clearance: The ratio between the number of cases closed (outgoing) and the number of cases filed (incoming).

Manner of Disposition: The manner by which the Court disposes of its cases.

Age of Pending Cases: The age of the Court's active cases (does not include stayed cases).

Time to Disposition: The length of time (median days) it takes the Court to dispose of cases.

Baseline information and a description of the methodology used is available at www.courts.mt.gov

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