

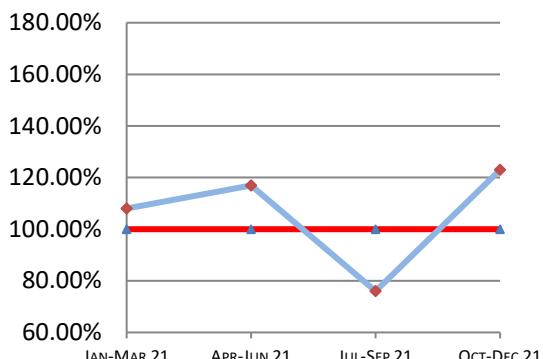
Montana Supreme Court

Case Processing Measures

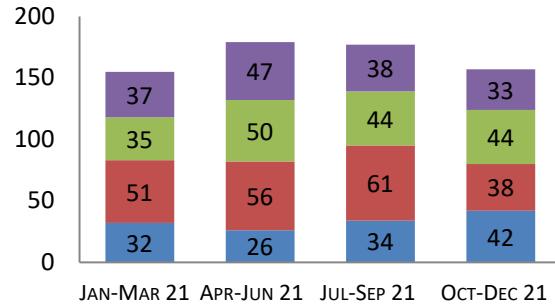
Quarterly Report

Oct-Dec 2021

Case Clearance



Manner of Disposition



Age of Pending Cases as of: 01/01/22

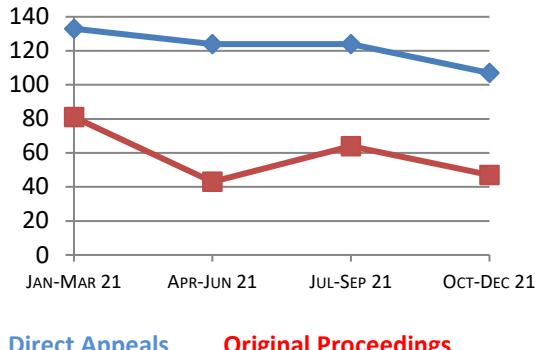
Age in Days from Date Sent to Court	# Cases Less than 180 Days Old	# Cases More than 180 Days Old	Percent Current (less than 180 days old)
	Old	old	
Direct Appeal			
Civil General	31	3	91%
Domestic Relations	6	0	100%
Abuse & Neglect	9	0	100%
Criminal	34	1	97%
Direct Appeal All	80	4	95%
Original Proceedings			
	17	0	100%

4th Quarter 2021 Highlights

* Case Clearance rates increased significantly in Q4 of 2021. Q3 Case Clearance rates were at 76%, Q4 Case Clearance rates were at 122%, an increase of 46%.

* Time to Disposition decreased in both Direct Appeals and Original Proceedings. Both Direct Appeals and Original Proceedings decreased by 17 days in Q4 of 2021.

Time to Disposition



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

Criminal Oct-Dec 21	549	36	81
Criminal Jul-Sep 21	569	43	84
Domestic Relations Oct-Dec 21	192	25	52
Domestic Relations Jul-Sep 21	191	39	60
Abuse & Neglect Oct-Dec 21	163	10	33
Abuse & Neglect Jul-Sep 21	166	21	67
Civil General Oct-Dec 21	223	32	82
Civil General Jul-Sep 21	274	37	85

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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