

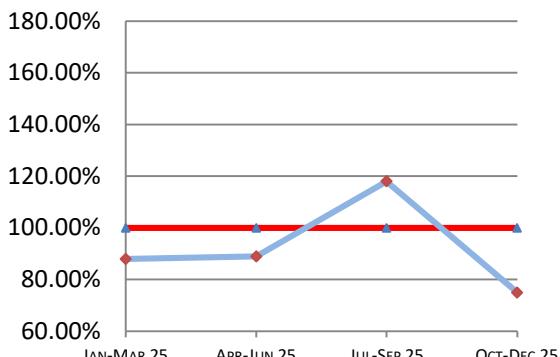
Montana Supreme Court

Case Processing Measures

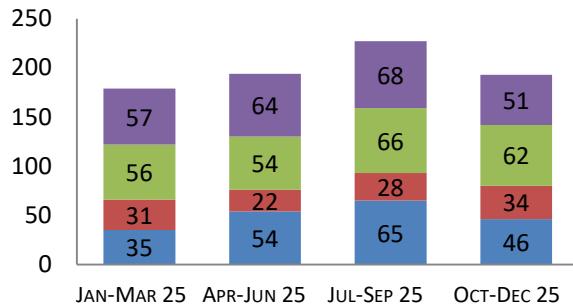
Quarterly Report

Oct-Dec 2025

Case Clearance



Manner of Disposition



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

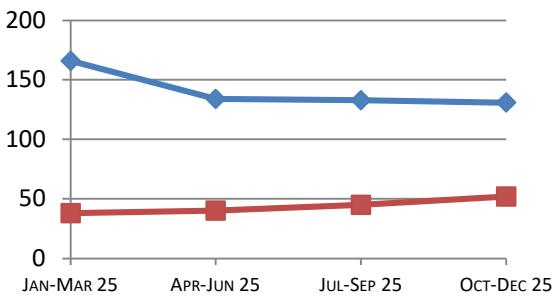
Age of Pending Cases as of: 01/01/26

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Time to Disposition



Direct Appeals

Original Proceedings

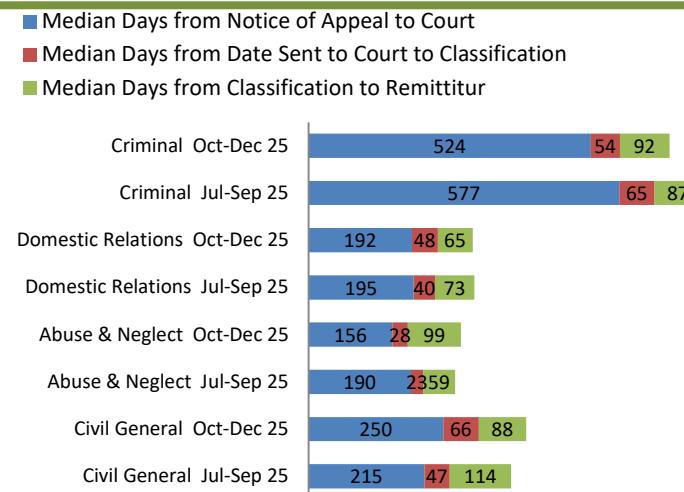
4th Quarter 2025 Highlights

* Median days from Notice of Appeal to Court in Criminal cases dropped by 53 days between Q3 2025 and Q4 2025.

* Case Clearance rates decreased from 118% in Q3 to 75% in Q4.

* Time to Disposition rates in Direct Appeal Cases decreased from 133 days to 131 days and increased in Original Proceeding cases from 45 days to 52 days.

Direct Appeal Lifecycle - Median Days by Case Type



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