

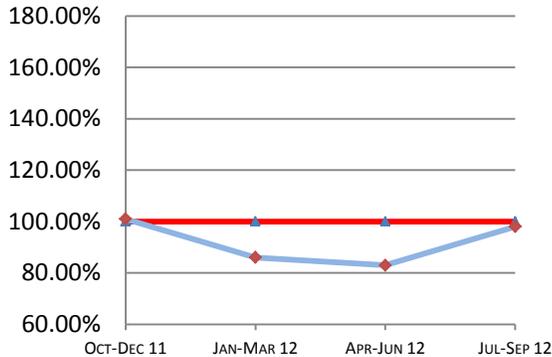
Montana Supreme Court

Case Processing Measures

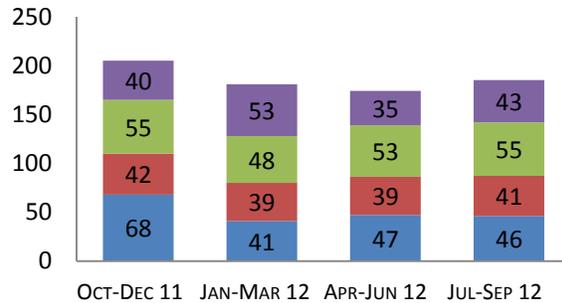
Quarterly Report

Jul-Sep 2012

Case Clearance



Manner of Disposition



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

Age of Pending Cases as of: 10/01/12

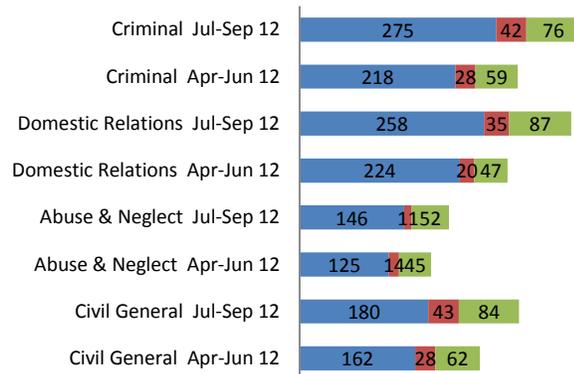
Age in Days from Date Sent to Court	# Cases Less than 180 Days Old	# Cases More than 180 Days old	Percent Current (less than 180 days old)
Direct Appeal			
Civil General	68	4	94%
Domestic Relations	15	0	100%
Abuse & Neglect	8	0	100%
Criminal	38	3	93%
Direct Appeal All	129	7	95%
Original Proceedings			
	24	3	89%

3rd Quarter 2012 Highlights

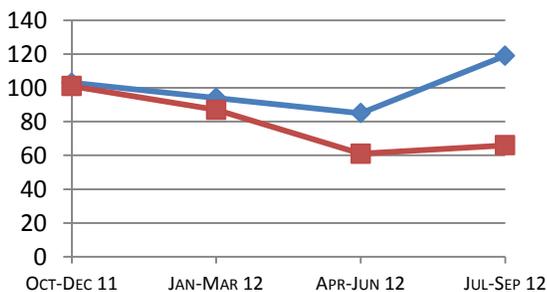
- *The Age of Pending Cases timeframes have been changed from 365 days to 180 days.
- * 175 cases were filed and 171 cases closed in the 3rd Quarter 2012, 13 fewer filed and 15 more closed than in the 2nd Quarter 2012.
- * Case clearance rates increased 15% between 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2012. Clearance rates were 82% in 2nd Quarter and 97% in 3rd Quarter.
- * Direct Appeal disposition days increased by 35 days between 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2012. * Original Proceeding disposition days increased by 5 days between 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2012.

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



Time to Disposition



Direct Appeals Original Proceedings

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