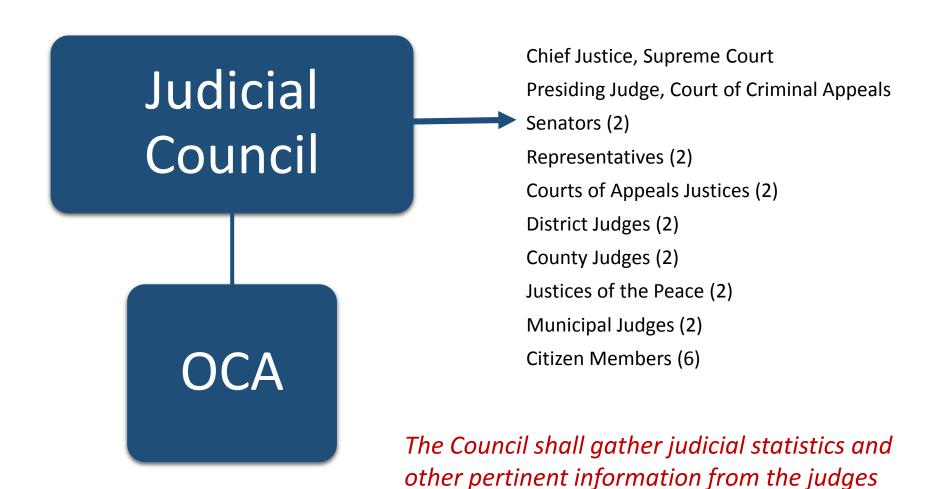
# Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports

aka "The OCA Reports"





#### Texas Judicial Council - Ch. 71, Government Code



and other court officials of this state.

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The Council shall gather judicial statistics and other pertinent information from the judges and other court officials of this state



Judge or clerk must submit monthly reports as duty of office



May be enforced by writ of mandamus

#### **Reporting Requirements**

Ch. 171 Administrative Code

Report forms approved by Judicial Council

Sec. 574.104, Health & Safety Code

Applications for Involuntary Mental Health Services

Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports

Sec. 71.035, Government Code Art. 2.211, Code of Crim.

Procedure

Hate Crime Findings

Sec. 71.0353, Gov't Code

Cases Related to Human Trafficking

#### **Reporting Requirements**



Indigent Defense grant rules: District Clerk & County Clerk must submit all reports for fiscal year for county to be eligible for grant funds

If reports not complete, must submit Reporting Action Plan acceptable to OCA



Grant funds from Texas Indigent Defense
Commission will be withheld for non-compliance

#### **District Courts**

#### Activity Detail from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

#### County: El Paso

#### 100.0 Percent Reporting Rate

12 Reports Received Out of a Possible 12

CRIMINAL CASES								
Cases on Docket:	Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicide	Agg. Assault or Attempted Murder	Sexual Assault of Adult	Indecency With or Sexual Assault of Child	Family Violence Assault	Aggravated Robbery or Robbery
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:								
Active Cases	38	52	14	1,811	102	716	29	623
Inactive Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Docket Adjustments	1	(7)	(1)	(232)	(20)	(176)	(2)	(232)
Cases Added: Filed by Indictment or Information	2	19	1	903	15	108	0	208
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
Motions to Revoke Filed	0	0	0	131	2	18	0	51
Cases Reactivated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Cases Added	0	3	0	8	1	4	0	2
Total Cases on Docket:	41	67	14	2,621	100	670	27	652

#### **Statutory County Courts**

#### Activity Detail from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

County: El Paso

#### 100.0 Percent Reporting Rate

12 Reports Received Out of a Possible 12

MISDEMEANOR CASES												
Cases on Docket:	DWI - First Offense	DWI - Second Offense	Theft	Theft by Check	Drug Possession - Marijuana	Drug Offenses - Other	Family Violence Assault	Assault - Other	Traffic	DWLS /	All Other Misdemea -nor Cases	Total Cases
Cases Pending 9/1/2014:												
Active Cases	8,164	508	3,715	2,153	2,789	296	3,334	2,026	191	163	5,866	29,205
Inactive Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Docket Adjustments	(1,702)	(60)	(424)	237	(221)	(11)	(55)	(564)	(10)	(21)	(525)	(3,356)
Cases Added:												
New Cases Filed	2,674	286	1,616	96	2,453	337	1,602	441	117	2	2,607	12,231
Appealed from Lower Courts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Other Cases Reaching Docket:												
Motions to Revoke Filed	304	38	92	7	85	12	102	19	3	1	178	841
Cases Reactivated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Cases Added	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Total Cases on Docket	9,440	772	5,000	2,493	5,107	634	4,984	1,922	303	145	8,126	38,926

#### **Counting Criminal & Juvenile Cases**



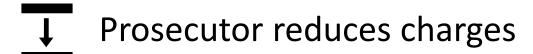
If more than one charge in charging document, case classified under the most serious offense

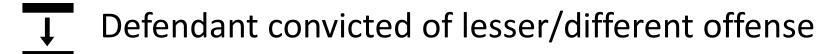


If charges equal, pick one (e.g., first listed in charging document)

## Counting Criminal & Juvenile Cases: Reduction in Charge after Case Filed

Case stays in **original case category** (reflecting most serious charge) when





And disposition reported under **original offense** (must keep 1 to 1 relationship between filings and dispositions)

## Counting Criminal & Juvenile Cases: Higher Charge after Case Filed

Change case category to more serious charge

#### Civil Cases - Related to Criminal Matters

Writ of habeas corpus, bond forfeiture, expunction, nondisclosure, occupational license, seizure/forfeiture, contempt, extradition, etc.)

Includes similar matters related to juvenile cases

Does not mean that these cases need to be filed under civil case numbers, just counted under Civil Related to Criminal Matters category on report

#### **Pending Cases**



### Cases awaiting entry of judgment



1. CASES PENDING FIRST OF MONTH (Adjusted)	29	151	649
a. Active Cases	26	89	381
b. Inactive Cases	3	62	268

#### **Pending Cases**



**Active:** cases awaiting entry of judgment that court is <u>able</u> to move to disposition



Inactive: cases awaiting judgment that court is <u>unable</u> to move to disposition and cannot take further action until an event restores case to court's active pending caseload

#### **Inactive Pending Cases - Examples**



Defendant absconded and arrest warrant or directive to apprehend has been issued



Defendant committed to mental health facility



Defendant is being held elsewhere on state or federal charges

#### **Inactive Pending Cases - Examples**



Civil cases ordered to arbitration (in which there are no further proceedings in the court until the case is returned from arbitration)



Notice or suggestion of bankruptcy



Suggestion of death filed



Civil and family cases stayed due to the Soldiers' & Sailors' Civil Relief Act

See instructions for additional examples

#### **Reactivated Cases**



Cases placed in inactive pending status



Event occurs that allows court to proceed towards entering judgment in the case





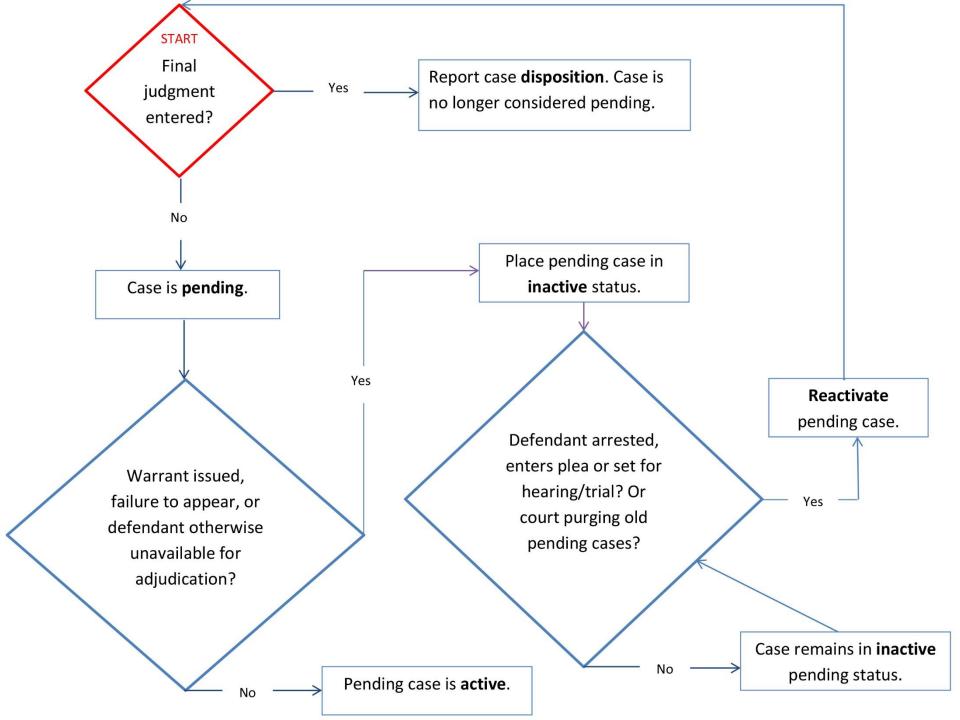
Restoration of competency



Lifting of stay



Return from arbitration



### **Pending Cases – Why Active/Inactive?**



Makes statistics more reflective of actual court workload

Provides valuable tool for caseflow management, giving courts better information to:



Measure the age of their pending caseload accurately

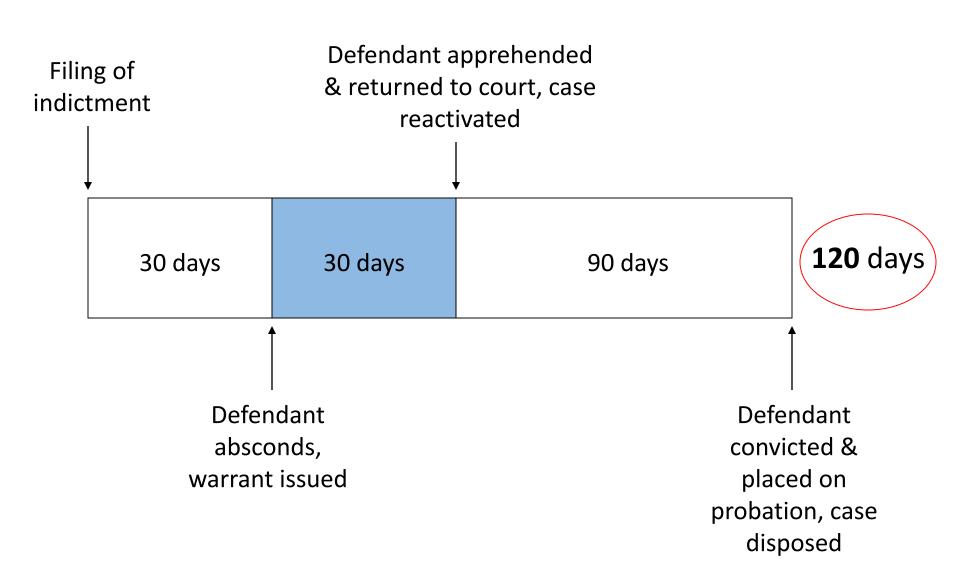


Determine meaningful case-processing times



Manage court resources, focusing attention on cases that can be processed

### **Age of Cases Disposed**



#### **Docket Adjustments**



Cases pending end of month should equal cases pending beginning of following month



If cases pending from one month to the next are not equal, adjustments must be entered in report to account for difference

### **Docket Adjustments**

CASES ON DOCKET	Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Agg. Assault or Attempted Murder	Sexual Assault of an Adult	Indecency or Sexual Assault of a Child	Family Violence Assault
CASES PENDING (Should equal total criminal cases) FIRST OF pending end of previous month.)	0	0	2	19	9	10	0
DOCKET ADJUSTMENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1. CASES PENDING FIRST OF MONTH (Adjusted)	0	0	2	19	9	10	0

Automatically calculated and entered into report by Odyssey

#### **Causes of Minor Docket Adjustments**

#### Before report was run:



Cases not processed/updated in system in timely manner

#### After report was run:



Changes, corrections made to case information in case management system

### **To Minimize Minor Adjustments**



Set time frame when all cases must be updated in case management system so more accurate report can be run

e.g., all updates to March cases must be completed by April 10



Improve data quality processes

### Why?

### **Filings**

If not entered in timely manner counted as positive docket adjustment



Cases added to pending caseload but court/county gets no credit for case filed

#### Closures

If not entered in timely manner counted as negative docket adjustment



Cases removed from pending caseload but court/county gets no credit for disposition

### **Example**

Issue: Significant delays in entering judgments/dispositions into case management system

Typical monthly report:

Typical monthly report:

-125 docket adjustment

350 cases filed

200 disposed

-15 docket adjustment

350 cases filed

310 disposed



Clearance rate = 57%



Clearance rate = 89%

Clearance rate = cases disposed divided by cases added

#### **Causes of Large Docket Adjustments**



Purging cases in which statute of limitations expired



Audit/validation of case inventory

Conversion to new case management system

Dispositions had to be entered on old closed cases that had judgments but had not been updated in case management system

#### **Large Docket Adjustments**

## Must be accounted for in the Notes Section at bottom of report

Criminal	Hat	e Crimes		Civil		Family		Juveni	le								
		District Cler	k Office:	Office: November 2015													
Report was Entere	d Succes	sfully															
CASES ON DOCKET	Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Agg. Assault or Attempted Murder	Sexual Assault of an Adult	Indecency or Sexual Assault of a Child	Family Violence Assault	Aggravated Robbery or Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Automobile Theft	Drug Sale or Manufacture	Drug Possession	Felony D.W.I.	Other Felonies	All Misdemeanors	Total Cases
CASES PENDING FIRST OF MONTH (Should equal total criminal cases pending end of previous month.)	29	55	6	1408	61	469	22	312	1258	1604	256	828	2514	627	3255	952	13656
DOCKET ADJUSTMENTS	-1	1	-1	-90	1	3	-1	-16	-150	-155	-4	-47	-176	-38	-199	-203	-1076

	The are a great amount of adjustments due to the on-going data cleanup.
Notes:	

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### **What Does Disposition Mean?**

Case has been adjudicated and judgment has been entered

Odyssey: "Statistical closure" = event counted as disposition on monthly report

For court's purposes, does necessarily not mean final closure of case....



Defendant placed on deferred or pretrial program, must await outcome before entering final judgment

#### **Convictions**



Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere – defendant pleaded guilty/nolo, including after start of trial



Conviction by the Court – defendant pleaded not guilty, was tried & found guilty by judge



Conviction by the Jury – defendant pleaded not guilty, was tried and found guilty by jury

#### **Acquittals**



Acquittal by the Court – defendant found not guilty by judge



Acquittal by the Jury – defendant found not guilty by jury

#### **Number of Trials**

Add these Dispositions:



Conviction by the Court



Conviction by the Jury



Acquittal by the Court



Acquittal by the Jury

Also (in Additional Court Activity section):



X Cases in Which Mistrial Declared

## Deferred Adjudication, Probation, Community Supervision or Pre-trial Diversion



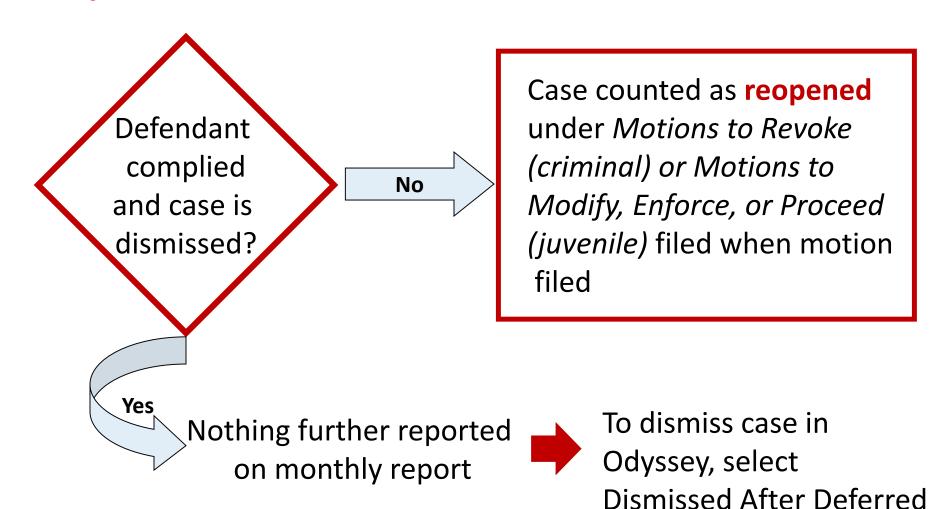
Defendant placed on deferred or pre-trial program

Reported as disposition at time defendant placed on program



For statistical purposes, these cases considered closed (case has been adjudicated, judgment entered)

## Deferred Adjudication, Probation, Community Supervision or Pre-trial Diversion



Disposition (DD)

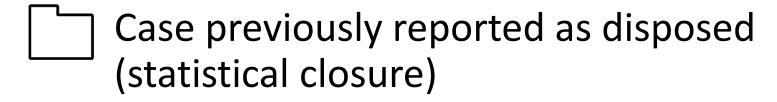
#### **Dismissals**

Judgment has not yet been entered in case

#### Dismissal reasons:

- x insufficient evidence
- x convicted in another case
- × Speedy Trial Act limitations
- × dismissed in order to be refiled
- x granted immunity for testimony
- × unapprehended defendant
- × combination, unknown, unspecified

## Motions Revoke Probation/Community Supervision, Deferred Adjudication







Counted as reopened

## Motions Revoke Probation/Community Supervision, Deferred Adjudication

Outcome of motion counted as disposition (statistical closure):

Motion to revoke granted

#### Motion to revoke denied:

Motion to Revoke

Denied

Held in abeyance

Probation, Comm. Supervision, Deferred Adjudication Continued, Modified or Extended

### **All Other Dispositions**

Transfers – another county, another court level

Admissions of unadjudicated offense (Sec. 12.45, Penal Code)

All other dispositions not fitting into other categories

## **Sentencing Information**

# Only cases reported as **Convictions** should be reported in the Sentencing Information section

#### Convictions:

Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere
By the Court

By the Court

By the Jury





- a. Committed Directly to Prison (TDCJCID)
- b. Committed Directly to State Jail
- c. Committed Directly to Local Jail
- d. Sentenced to Probation/Community Supervision with or without Jail as a Condition
- e. Sentenced to Shock Probation
- f. Fine Only
- g. Other

### **Sentencing Information**

Each case should be reported in the same case category as the original charge

Report only 1 sentence per case disposed by conviction

Report the sentence that the defendant was given, not what the defendant actually served

### **Additional Court Activity**



Cases in which jury was selected: report when sworn evidence presented



**Mistrials** 



Motion to suppress hearings: number of motions to suppress that were granted or denied



Competency hearings – counted when judge signs order of commitment/release on bail or date judge/jury decides defendant competent for trial

### **Additional Court Activity**



Cases set for review - Cases in which initial judgment has been entered, or defendant participating in diversion program

- ✓ <u>Regularly scheduled</u> hearings in drug courts, mental health courts, DUI courts, family violence courts, pre-trial diversion programs, etc.
- ✓ Compliance hearings to monitor whether defendants paying costs/satisfying other conditions
- ✓ Judicial summons on community supervision

### **Additional Court Activity - Counsel**



Cases where attorney appointed as counsel

• Report only 1 appointment per case, reported in month that indictment/information filed



Cases with retained counsel

• at time of disposition

## **Additional Court Activity – Human Trafficking**



Reporting mandated by Sec. 71.0353, Government Code

- ✓ Cases filed for trafficking of persons
- ✓ Cases filed for prostitution
- ✓ Cases filed for compelling prostitution

# Resources





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DPS Offense Codes Categorized by OCA Case Category III (Version 14 - updated 10/27/14)

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### XML Specifications and Tester

District Court XML Specifications 🔼

Statutory County Court XML Specifications 🗖

Constitutional County Court XML Specifications 킻

XML Tester: Validate XML file format

Frequently Asked Questions 🔼

### Resources/Assistance – Not Available from OCA



Codes used to track information in your case management system



Programming your case management system, development of reports from your case management system, creation of an XML file to report to OCA



Contact your vendor/local IT staff for assistance

# Where Do the Data Go?





### http://www.txcourts.gov/statistics/annual-statistical-reports.aspx



## **OCA's Reporting Requirements**



**Section 72.082, Government Code**: The office shall annually collect and publish a performance report of information regarding the efficiency of the courts of this state.



**Section 72.083, Government Code**: The office shall report the aggregate clearance rate of cases for the district courts.



84<sup>th</sup> Legislature, H.B. 1, OCA Rider 5: From funds appropriated, Office of Court Administration shall report data for the district courts on a countywide basis. The data shall measure countywide clearance rates for criminal, civil, and juvenile cases and measure age of cases disposed and the backlog index for criminal and civil cases.

# District Court Performance Measures Clearance Rate and Backlog Index from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015 (Counties Listed in Alphabetical Order)

	2014	CIVIL	CASES	FAMILY	CASES	CRIMINA	L CASES	JUVENILE CASES		
County	Population	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index							
Edwards	1,879	95.2%	2.4	133.3%	1.0	104.0%	0.7	* %	0.0	
El Paso	833,487	84.1%	6.7	92.0%	1.1	122.5%	2.1	91.3%	0.0	
Ellis	159,317	105.0%	2.9	93.0%	1.3	95.1%	0.6	83.9%	0.0	
Erath	40,147	107.4%	1.9	94.0%	1.0	97.5%	0.5	* %	0.0	
Falls	16,989	20.5%	11.2	33.1%	10.9	37.5%	2.0	5.7%	97.0	
Fannin	33,752	61.7%	4.8	91.0%	1.8	83.2%	0.7	* %	0.0	
Fayette	24,833	105.8%	2.8	84.9%	2.2	93.1%	1,2	42.9%	9.3	

# District Courts Age of Cases Disposed During September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015 (Counties Listed in Population Order)

				CIVIL	CASES					FAMILY	CASES				CRIM	INAL CAS	SES			JUVE	NILE CAS	SES	
l			3	Over 3	Over 6	Over 12	Over		3	Over 3	Over 6	Over 12	Over		90 Days	91 Days	181 Days	Over		30 Days	31 Days	91 Days	Over
	2014	Total	Months	to 6	to 12	to 18	18	Total	Months	to 6	to 12	to 18	18	Total	or	to 180	to 365	365	Total	or	to 90	to 180	180
County	Population	Cases	or Less	Months	Months	Months	Months	Cases	or Less	Months	Months	Months	Months	Cases	Less	Days	Days	Days	Cases	Less	Days	Days	Days
Harris	4,441,370	50,256	14%	15%	24%	17%	31%	52,356	24%	28%	33%	9%	6%	39,146	44%	24%	22%	10%	7,912	32%	31%	20%	16%
Dallas	2,518,638	20,281	33%	20%	25%	13%	9%	34,024	34%	20%	31%	10%	5%	36,704	55%	6%	5%	34%	1,646	1%	24%	26%	49%
Tarrant	1,945,360	13,607	25%	15%	21%	11%	27%	29,017	36%	21%	29%	10%	5%	18,263	61%	20%	13%	6%	1,327	65%	25%	7%	3%
Bexar	1,855,866	13,770	20%	21%	18%	12%	28%	28,338	42%	17%	15%	11%	15%	16,901	41%	20%	21%	18%	2,477	48%	36%	10%	6%
Travis	1,151,145	7,100	33%	11%	14%	8%	34%	12,659	45%	17%	15%	8%	15%	11,637	42%	22%	23%	14%	1,422	21%	49%	17%	14%
Collin	885,241	4,935	46%	17%	19%	9%	9%	9,308	41%	23%	21%	9%	7%	4,177	31%	26%	24%	19%	813	25%	43%	19%	13%
El Paso	833,487	2,742	25%	15%	23%	9%	28%	11,774	55%	23%	10%	4%	8%	8,426	18%	19%	22%	42%	1,239	33%	31%	15%	21%
Hidalgo	831,073	9,027	17%	13%	31%	18%	21%	5,068	33%	26%	25%	8%	9%	7,003	61%	17%	10%	13%	819	35%	36%	13%	16%

### Statutory County Court Performance Measures Clearance Rate and Backlog Index from September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

(Counties Listed in Alphabetical Order)

		CIVIL C	CASES	FAMILY	CASES	CRIMINAI	L CASES	JUVENILE CASES		
_	Population	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	Clearance Rate	Backlog Index	
Harris	4,441,370	111.5%	0.4			99.5%	0.2			
Dallas	2,518,638	97.2%	0.7			104.3%	0.4			
Tarrant	1,945,360	91.7%	0.5			100.1%	0.3			
Bexar	1,855,866	124.5%	2.3			100.3%	0.4			
Travis	1,151,145	124.4%	5.8			95.1%	0.4			
Collin	885,241	93.9%	0.2			103.5%	0.8			
El Paso	833,487	98.5%	1.8			97.2%	2.3			
Hidalgo	831,073	90.6%	2.0	65.1%	1.9	119.4%	0.8			
Denton	753,363	106.4%	0.9			109.2%	1.1	85.5%	0.4	
Fort Bend	685,345	88.1%	3.1			95.6%	0.8	90.5%	1.5	

## Statutory County Courts Age of Cases Disposed During September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

(Counties Listed in Population Order)

			(	CIVIL C	ASES				I	AMILY	CASES				FELO	ONY CA	SES		M	IISDEMI	EANOR (	CASES	
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1	2014	Total	or	3 to 6	to 12	12 to 18	18	Total	or	to 6	to 12	12 to 18	18	Total	90 Days	to 180	Days to	365	Total	30 Days	to 60	to 90	90
County	Population	Cases	Less	Months	Months	Months	Months	Cases	Less	Months	Months	Months	Months	Cases	or Less	Days	365	Days	Cases	or Less	Days	Days	Days
Harris	4,441,370	16,750	31%	23%	33%	8%	5%												67,164	41%	9%	9%	41%
Dallas	2,518,638	6,301	27%	24%	25%	12%	12%								0%	0%	0%	0%	49,936	15%	6%	10%	69%
Tarrant	1,945,360	9,265	45%	17%	21%	9%	8%												33,006	25%	13%	12%	51%
Bexar	1,855,866	11,092	13%	10%	13%	7%	57%												38,125	15%	16%	10%	59%
Travis	1,151,145	13,350	36%	10%	9%	5%	39%							0	0%	0%	0%	0%	35,243	29%	7%	6%	58%
Collin	885,241	3,684	67%	20%	11%	1%	1%												9,820	9%	13%	10%	68%
El Paso	833,487	2,887	29%	17%	15%	10%	29%												12,715	10%	5%	6%	79%
Hidalgo	831,073	5,371	30%	10%	17%	12%	31%	2,3	312 32%	30%	23%	7%	8%	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	15,785	23%	10%	8%	59%
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# THE TEXAS OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION Court Activity Reporting and Directory System

### **Court Activity Data**

Run one of our standard reports or your own query from our court activity database.

#### **District & County Courts**

Run reports for September 2010 to present Run reports for September 1992 to August 2010

Run query for September 2010 to present Run query for September 1992 to August 2010

#### Justice & Municipal Courts

Run reports for September 2011 to present Run reports for September 1992 to August 2011

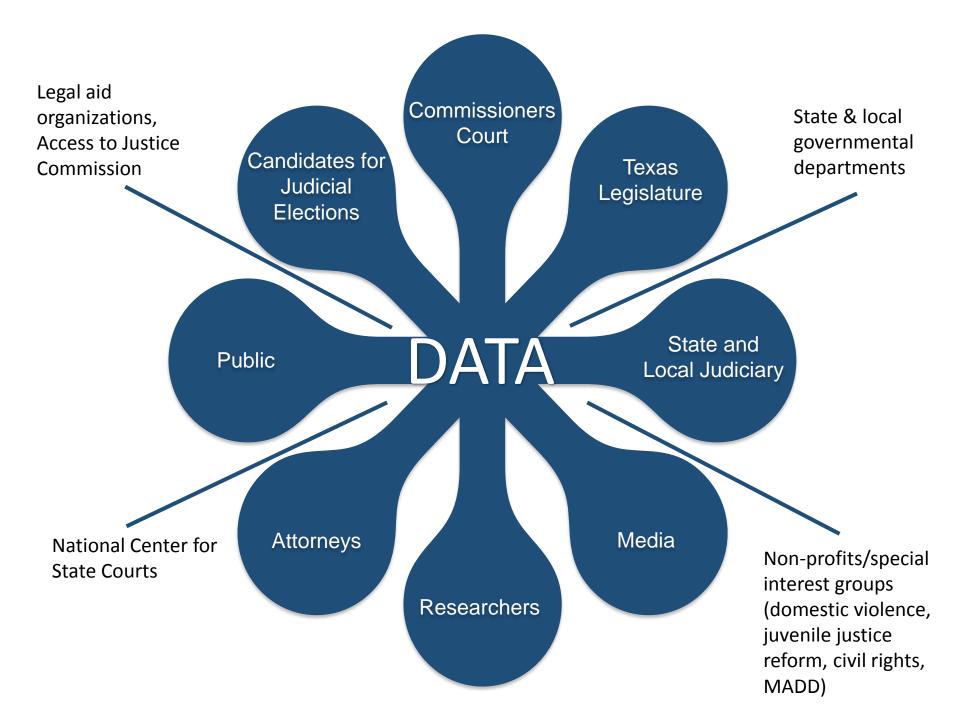
Run query for September 2011 to present Run query for September 1992 to August 2011

### **Judicial Directory**

Search our judicial directory database.

# Uses of Court Activity Data





### http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/



### Financing the Judiciary in Texas

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#### DISTRICT COURT PERFORMANCE

The Office of Court Administration is required to report clearance rates on a countywide basis for the district courts pursuant to Rider 5 of the General Appropriations Act (GAA), 2014–15 Biennium, in the agency's bill pattern. A clearance rate measures, at the end of a reporting period, the number of cases disposed during that time period as a percent of filings. A clearance rate of 100 percent indicates that the court disposed of the same number of cases during the year as were added during the year, resulting in no change to the court's case backlog.

According to the National Center for State Courts, "a backlog index is the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year divided by the total number of cases disposed during the year. For example, if a court had 1,000 pending felony cases at the beginning of the year and disposed of 2,000 felony cases that year, it would have a backlog index of 0.5, which is a good backlog index for most courts. This [means] that the court 'turned over' or disposed the equivalent of the pending caseload within six months. A backlog index of 1.0 means that the court disposed of the equivalent of the pending caseload in one year. A court should have a minimum goal of achieving a civil backlog index of 1.0 or less. On average, criminal cases should be disposed more quickly than civil cases, so courts should maintain a lower backlog index for criminal cases than civil cases." The clearance rates and backlog indices for the state's

district courts are listed by county in Appendix A.

# Key Data Used to Assess Requests for Additional District Courts

County	Estimated	% Current	2014-2015	2011 - 2015	2015	2011 - 2015	Date Last
	FTEs	FTEs State	Filings	Filings	Clearance	Clearance	Court
	Needed <sup>1</sup>	Funded <sup>2</sup>	Growth	Growth	Rate <sup>3</sup>	Rate	Created
Denton	10.4	100.0%	9.8%	8.9%	95.5%	97.4%	2015

The estimated total FTEs needed for this county is 10.4. The reported actual FTEs is 8.6.

I. Based on 2015 filings as reported to the Office of Court Administration, applied to case weights in "Measuring Current Judicial Workload in Texas, 2007," National Center for State Courts, available at: <a href="http://www.courts.state.tx.us/oca/jnas/pdf/WeightedCaseloadStudy.pdf">http://www.courts.state.tx.us/oca/jnas/pdf/WeightedCaseloadStudy.pdf</a>. CPS filings applied to preliminary case weights from 2016 Child Protective Services Workload Assessment.

<sup>2.</sup> Based on survey responses from county auditors/treasurers. This information should be updated regularly as county use of associate judges, etc. may change periodically.

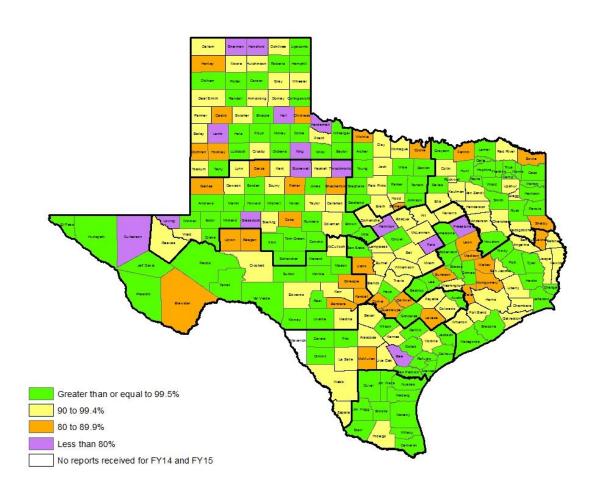
<sup>3.</sup> The 2015 Statewide Clearance Rate is 97.0%.

# Council of Presiding Judges Annual Data Analysis

### Rule 3, Texas Rules of Judicial Administration

- (1) study the condition of the dockets of the courts of the State to determine the existence of:
  - (a) a significant increase in the number of new cases filed;
  - (b) a disposition rate below the state average;
  - (c) fewer cases disposed of than new cases filed;
  - (d) an excessive number of cases pending on the docket for a lengthy period of time;

# Criminal Clearance Rate – District Courts FY 2014 – FY 2015



# **Data Quality**





### **Common Issues**

Filings, docket adjustments, dispositions, or pending case numbers that are



too low



or otherwise do not make any sense

Causes								
Numbers entered in wrong line or column	Recent update to case management system							
Typos	Incorrect or non-existent mapping of case categories, events, statistical closures to report							
Use of incorrect codes	No codes/processes exist to capture information							

## **Sentencing Information - District**

Convictions:	200	41.4	22	217	400	262	722	7	2.000
Guilty Plea or Nolo Contendere	308 8	414 8	32 0	217	498	362 4	722 9	0	3,099 36
By the Court	2	0	0	1	2	0	7	0	42
By the Jury	318	422	32	218	504	366	738	7	
Total Convictions	318	422	32	216	304	300	/38	,	
Placed on Deferred Adjudication	147	131	10	59	305	3	393	0	1,473
Acquittals:									/
By the Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	3
By the Jury	3	0	0	1	2	1	2	<b>/</b> 0	16
Total Acquittals	3	0	0	1	2	1	5	0	19
Dismissals	136	254	64	118	441	29	794	82	2,438
Motions to Revoke:								/	
Granted/Revoked	92	84	8	33	105	53	179	/ 31	684
Denied/Continued	48	63	6	29	104	36	132	20	536
All Other Dispositions	8	13	3	4	23	0	18	1	99
Total Cases Disposed	752	967	123	462	1,484	488	2,259	141	8,426
Placed on Inactive Status	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:					The total	numbei	r of cases	3	
Active Cases	1,299	1,726	269	83:	reported	in the S	entencin	g 990	14,227
Inactive Cases	0	0	0		•		ot be moi	- \	0
Cases in Which								\	
Death Penalty Sought					than the			\	
Death Penalty Not Sought					Conviction	ons repo	rted.	↓	5,317
Sentencing Information:									5,511
Prison	157	67	1	99	101	154	322	1	1,242
State Jail	75	224	18	40	130	6	72	1	579
Local Jail	68	106	15	26	213	27	244	1	900
Probation/Community Supervision	250	234	16	147	459	229	665	3	2,585
Shock Probation	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	5
Fine Only	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Other	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

# **Sentencing Information - County**

Convictions:												
Guilty Plea/Nolo Contendere	1,955	298	627	21	950	135	358	144	43	5	1,242	5,778
By the Court	20	0	45	0	125	23	7	4	1	0	77	302
By the Court  By the Jury	8	1	3	0	0	0	11	4	0	0	14	41
Total Convictions	1,983	299	675	21	1,075	158	376	152	44	5	1,333	6,121
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Deferred Adjudication	3	0	218	2	272	36	235	48	7	0	252	1,073
Acquittals:												
By the Court	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	5
By the Jury	3	1	1	0	0	0	17	6	0	0	4	32
Total Acquittals	3	1	2	0	0	0	Tho to	tal num	hor of o	2000	6	37
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Dismissals	557	24	663	255	882	130	reporte	ed in the	e Senter	ncing	1,159	4,692
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Motions to Revoke:							I .			more		
Granted/Revoked	196	24	57	7	50	11	than th	ne numb	er of		138	563
Denied/Continued	78	8	21	7	18	0	Convid	etions re	ported.		63	217
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All Other Dispositions	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	5	12
Total Cases Disposed	2,822	356	1,636	292	2,297	335	1,477	420	110	14	2,956	12,715
Placed on Inactive Status	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cases Pending 8/31/2015:											d.	
Active Cases	6,618	416	3,364	2,201	2,810	299	3,507	1,502	193	131	5,70	26,211
Inactive Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,	581 °
Sentencing Information:												$\vdash$
Local Jail	848	155	570	17	790	145	281	125	22	3	1,219	4,175
Probation/Comm. Supervision	1,216	164	305	13	335	52	369	71	14	0	399	2,938
Fine Only	11	2	73	0	270	4	2	8	17	2	77	466
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2

## **Look for Zeroes on Your Reports**

### Final Judgments:

After Non-Jury Trial	29
By Jury Verdict	0
By Directed Verdict	0
Dismissed for Want of Prosecution	309
Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff	818
All Other Dispositions	479
Total Cases Disposed	2,887

### Additional Court Activity:

		Total
	Cases in Which Jury Selected	0
	Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	0
	Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	1,070
	Protective Orders Signed	0
Ī	Cases Set for Review	49
	Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner	
	Represented Self	1,725

itional Court Activity:	Total
Cases in Which Jury Selected	0
Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	0
Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied	823
Competency Hearings Held	134
Cases Set for Review	11
Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	4,062
Cases with Retained Counsel	3,774

### Motions to Modify Disposition:

Denied 0
Granted 0

### **All Other Dispositions**

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# Should be rarely used, except in Civil Cases Related to Criminal Matters

Dispositions:		
Change of Venue Transfers	57	
Default Judgments	716	
Agreed Judgments	370	
Summary Judgments	49	
Final Judgments:		80% of
After Non-Jury Trial	2	Dianositions
By Jury Verdict	0	Dispositions
By Directed Verdict	0	reported
Dismissed for Want of Prosecution	432	reported
Non-Suited or Dismissed by Plaintiff	778	under All
All Other Dispositions	9,370	O+h o ml
Total Cases Disposed	11,774	Other!