



MUNICIPAL COURT BRIEFING

DS-23-110

November 28, 2023

Overview

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- August - September 2023 Number of Defendants
- National Center for State Courts CourtTool Metrics
 - ▣ Clearance Rate
 - ▣ Time to Disposition
 - ▣ Age of Pending Caseload
 - ▣ Trial Date Certainty

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Number of Defendants

August - September 2023

August 2023 Defendants

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- 1,652 defendants serviced by clerks in lobby
- 990 defendants set for court dockets
- 423 defendants who appeared for court dockets

September 2023 Defendants

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- 1,560 defendants serviced by clerks in lobby
- 987 defendants set for court dockets
- 341 defendants appeared for court dockets

National Center for State Courts CourtTool Metrics

August 2023 – September 2023

Clearance Rate

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- The number of outgoing cases as a percentage of the number of incoming cases
- The clearance rate measures whether the court is keeping up with its incoming caseload

Clearance Rate

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Month/Year	Actual	Clearance Rate	Comments
		National Time Standards	
July-23	62.82%	100% or higher	The number of cases placed in Inactive Status have significantly increased. Prosecutor is reviewing cases 10 years and older for dismissal consideration.
August-23	129.57%	100% or higher	
September-23	183.51%	100% or higher	

Time to Disposition

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- The percentage of cases disposed or otherwise resolved within established time frames
- This measure, used along with the Clearance Rate and Age of Active of Pending Caseload, is an essential management tool that assesses the length of time it takes a court to process cases

Time to Disposition

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Actual (10% of Sample Cases)					
Month/Year	% of Cases Disposed Within 60 Days	% of Cases Disposed Within 90 Days	% of Cases Disposed Within 180 Days	National Time Standards	Comments
July-23	29.34%	37.72%	66.47%	75% of cases disposed within 60 days	Court did not issue many warrants between 2018 - 2022. Therefore, the number of days between the file date and the time of disposition is significantly large and the cases never went into an inactive state. As a result, the number of days to disposition is significantly large.
August-23	47.81%	59.49%	47%	90% within 90 days;	
September-23	37.80%	48.80%	59.79%	98% within 180 days	

Age of Pending Caseload

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- The age of the active cases that are pending before the court, measured as the number of days from filing until the time of measurement
- Cases that are filed but are not yet disposed are what make up the court's pending caseload

Age of Pending Caseload

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Month/Year	% of Pending Cases 1-60 Days Old	% of Pending Cases 61-90 Days Old	Actual Data		National Time Standards	Comments
			% of Pending Cases 91-180 Days Old	% of Pending Cases Older than 180 Days		
July-23	3.54%	1.93%	4.19%	90.34%	75% of cases disposed within 60 days; 90% within 90 days; 98% within 180 days	The court is addressing a significant backlog. The court is conducting a docket clean up and it has resumed processing warrants.
August-23	3.00%	2.06%	4.27%	90.67%		
September-23	2.96%	1.65%	4.55%	90.84%		

Time Date Certainty

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- The number of times cases disposed by trial are scheduled for trial
- This metric provides a tool for management to evaluate the effectiveness of calendaring and continuance practices

Trial Date Certainty

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Actual Data						
Month/Year	% of Cases Disposed - Bench Trials	Average Number of Trial Settings - Bench Trials	% of Cases Disposed - Jury Trials	Average Number of Trial Settings - Jury Trials	National Time Standards	Comments
July-23					90% of cases disposed with 2 or fewer trial settings	No Bench or Jury Trials Held
August-23						No Bench or Jury Trials Held
September-23			100%	2		Both cases were disposed of prior to trial

Summary

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