



MUNICIPAL COURT BRIEFING

DS-23-069

July 18, 2023

- ❑ Number of June 2023 Defendants
- ❑ Funds Collected
- ❑ National Center for State Courts CourtTool Metrics
 - ▣ Clearance Rate
 - ▣ Time to Disposition
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 - ▣ Trial Date Certainty

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Municipal Court Challenges

June 2023

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Number of Defendants

June 2023

June 2023 Defendants

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- 1,441 defendants serviced by clerks in lobby
- 341 defendants appeared for court dockets

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Funds Collected

May-June 2023

Funds Collected

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- ❑ Total funds collected by the court for fines, fees, and court costs
- ❑ This metric shows how much money was retained by the City and how much money was remitted to the State
- ❑ Determines the total amount of funds collected by the court

Funds Collected

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| | | Funds Collected | | |
|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Month/Year | Kept By City | Remitted to State | Total Collected | Comments |
| May-23 | \$249,389 | \$108,191 | \$357,580 | |
| Jun-23 | \$241,381 | \$117,362 | \$358,743 | |

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National Center for State Courts CourtTool Metrics

May 2023 – June 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 | |
|------------|--------|-------------------------|--|
| | | National Time Standards | Comments |
| May-23 | 99.59% | 100% or higher | |
| Jun-23 | 58.80% | 100% or higher | The number of case filings increased, and the number of cases disposed decreased compared to previous month. |

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 |
| May-23 | 27.52% | 34.90% | 47.65% | 75% of cases disposed within 60 days 90% within 90 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. For cases in which there is a warrant, they go into an inactive state. Once the warrant is recalled the case is reactivated and the clock starts over when calculating the number days to disposition. As a result, the number of days to disposition is significantly large. |
| Jun-23 | 29.34% | 37.72% | 66.47% | 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 | | |
| May-23 | 3.06% | 1.68% | 3.89% | 91.37% | 75% of cases disposed within 60 days; 90% within 90 days; 98% within 180 days | The court still has a significant backlog that it is trying to address. The court is preparing to conduct a docket clean up and it has resumed processing warrants. |
| Jun-23 | 3.84% | 1.53% | 4.29% | 90.34% | | |

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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| Month/ Year | % of Cases Disposed - Bench Trials | Average Number of Trial Settings - Bench Trials | Actual Data | | National Time Standards | Comments |
|----------------|--|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
| | | | % of Cases Disposed - Jury Trials | Average Number of Trial Settings - Jury Trials | | |
| May-23 | | | | | 90% of cases disposed with 2 or fewer trial settings | No Bench or Jury Trials Held |
| Jun-23 | | | | | | No Bench or Jury Trials Held |

Summary

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☐ Questions