



MUNICIPAL COURT BRIEFING

DS-23-080

August 15, 2023

Overview

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- Number of June and July 2023 Defendants
- Funds Collected
- 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

June 2023 & July 2023

June 2023 Defendants

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

July 2023 Defendants

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- 1,526 defendants serviced by clerks in lobby
- 380 defendants appeared for court dockets

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Funds Collected

June-July 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
Jun-23	\$241,381	\$117,362	\$358,743	
Jul-23	\$214,262	\$101,017	\$315,279	

July 2023 – August 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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		Clearance Rate	
Month/Year	Actual	National Time Standards	Comments
Jun-23	58.80%	100% or higher	
Jul-23	62.82%	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
Jun-23	29.34%	37.72%	66.47%	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.
Jul-23	51.25%	59.38%	77.50%	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		
Jun-23	3.84%	1.53%	4.29%	90.34%	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.
Jul-23	3.54%	1.93%	4.19%	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		
Jun-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90% of cases disposed with 2 or fewer trial settings	No Bench or Jury Trials Held
Jul-23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		No Bench or Jury Trials Held

Summary

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- ❑ Municipal Court Challenges
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☐ Questions