

Massachusetts Trial Courts
Summary of Case Filings by Type: FY2005 to FY2013

	All Court Departments								
	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
All Case Types	1,184,508	1,231,181	1,241,958	1,314,120	1,308,033	1,195,691	1,132,002	1,035,558	999,063
Criminal Matters									
Criminal	256,827	266,505	276,987	279,783	264,843	243,188	235,874	236,217	233,614
Criminal Show Cause Hearings	104,811	107,412	96,488	113,851	102,704	93,561	102,625	84,670	78,940
Criminal Warrants			773	2,206	5,658	5,639	5,834	6,572	6,828
Sub-Total	361,638	373,917	374,248	395,840	373,205	342,388	344,333	327,459	319,382
Civil - Regular	102,053	114,807	137,670	157,746	162,743	157,449	123,447	104,379	90,511
Civil - Specialized Matters									
Small Claims	123,476	129,129	122,833	123,544	137,763	101,385	94,858	101,975	99,726
Supplementary Proceedings	20,830	24,403	28,212	32,816	46,279	43,318	37,777	28,387	20,987
Summary Process	31,598	32,825	35,981	40,360	38,685	37,051	39,056	41,559	40,871
Restraining Orders	35,656	35,396	35,246	34,960	31,628	38,365	46,931	46,141	44,153
Harassment Orders							1,304	1,888	1,441
Mental Health	9,327	10,638	10,728	10,146	9,328	11,623	10,692	12,717	12,534
CMVI Appeals	4,242	4,716	4,697	27,191	23,676	15,466	12,208	9,763	12,960
Administrative Warrants	4,014	4,006	5,696	4,656	6,647	9,637	10,857	15,729	15,916
Other Specialized Civil	1,799	1,928	2,572	2,202	2,102	1,984	1,028	2,115	2,716
Sub-Total	230,942	243,041	245,965	275,875	296,108	258,829	254,711	260,274	251,304
CMVI Hearings	279,779	280,226	260,880	255,519	245,846	218,940	197,443	151,073	148,264
Other Hearings									
Show Cause Hearings (Applications)	13,985	15,038	15,813	14,808	12,672	11,238	9,643	7,135	9,347
Non-MV Infraction Civil Hearings	2,663	3,167	3,861	11,781	16,088	18,123	17,425	4,529	5,475
Sub-Total	16,648	18,205	19,674	26,589	28,760	29,361	27,068	11,664	14,822
Juvenile Matters									
Juvenile Delinquency	33,302	35,502	35,046	31,622	26,147	22,640	20,194	17,612	7,800
Youthful Offender	448	433	386	439	334	323	274	333	84
CRA/CHINS Applications	9,251	9,354	9,293	8,873	8,088	7,905	7,266	6,973	5,624
Care & Protection Petitions	2,953	2,979	3,032	3,531	3,357	2,799	2,636	2,470	2,669
Sub-Total	45,954	48,268	47,757	44,465	37,926	33,667	30,370	27,388	16,177
Probate	52,683	51,608	50,719	50,019	48,427	48,818	47,946	40,076	47,006
Guardianship	5,203	5,513	5,594	5,583	5,430	4,595	4,699	10,897	11,920
Child Welfare and Adoption	2,867	2,645	2,779	2,697	2,647	2,289	2,293	2,157	2,194
Domestic Relations									
Paternity	17,494	19,748	20,467	22,335	24,144	19,919	20,164	20,459	19,101
Divorce	21,216	22,155	22,878	22,913	23,115	26,177	26,165	26,313	26,736
Modification/Contempt	45,003	47,813	49,762	51,116	55,886	50,708	51,052	51,661	50,191
Other Domestic Relations	1,930	2,064	2,291	2,282	2,430	1,003	1,280	759	442
Sub-Total	85,643	91,780	95,398	98,646	105,575	97,807	98,661	99,192	96,470
Appeals	1,098	1,171	1,274	1,141	1,366	1,548	1,031	999	1,013

Housing: In FY2005, *criminal show cause hearings* were not reported separately.

Juvenile: Due to the conversion from Juris to Masscourts, FY2012 figures for Essex and Norfolk Counties were not reported for CHINS petitions, *Permanency Hearings*, *Show Cause Hearings*, and *Jury Cases*. In FY2013, the reporting unit for juvenile delinquency and youthful offender cases was changed from charges to cases.

Probate & Family: From 2005 to FY2011, *Probate* included *guardianship-incapacitated* case types. Beginning in FY2012, *Guardianship* includes all guardianship case types. Prior to FY2012, *Guardianship* included guardianship-minor case types, only.

Child Welfare and Adoption includes: Child welfare cases in the Probate and Family Court and adoption cases in the Juvenile Court.

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