

Executive Office of the Trial Court Case Flow Metrics Report

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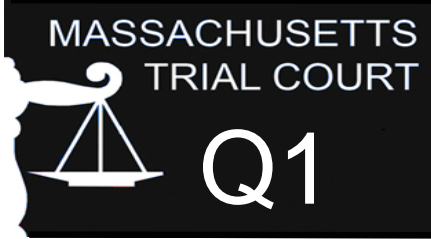
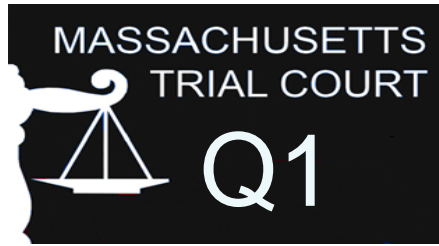


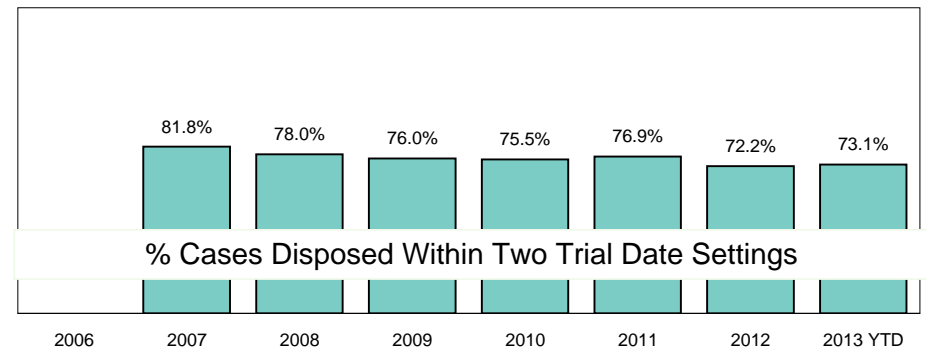
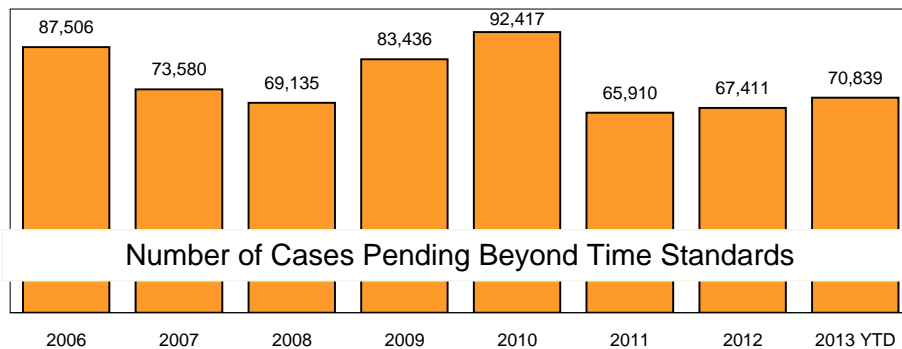
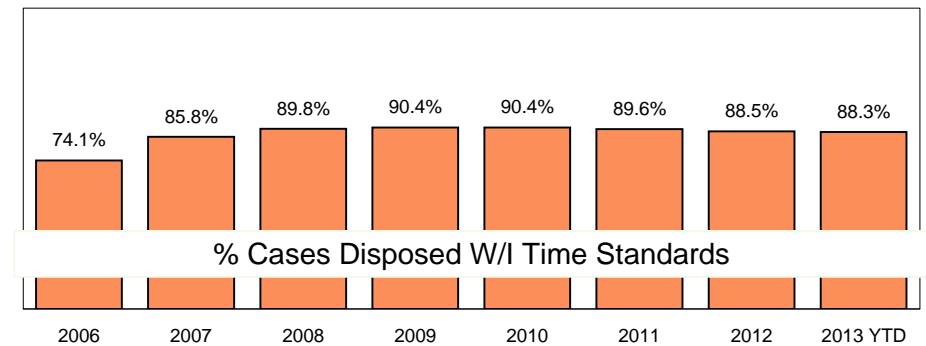
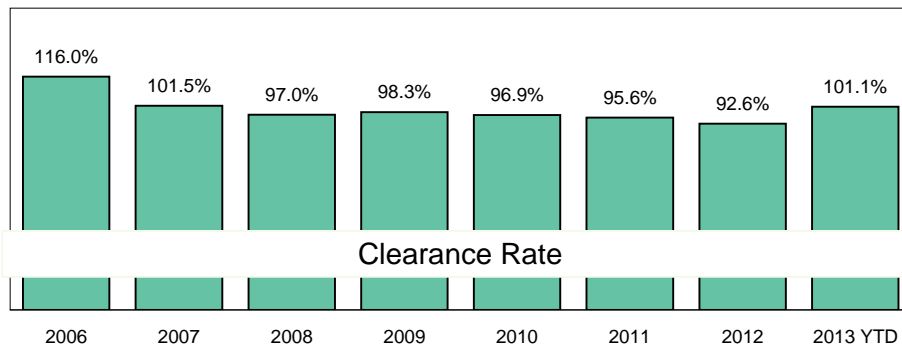
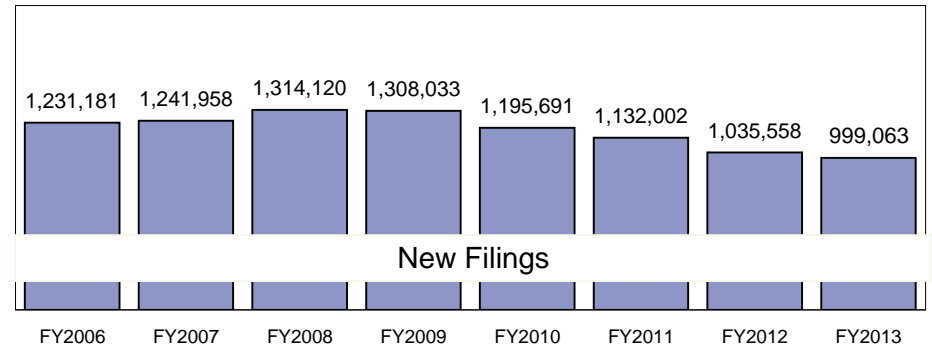
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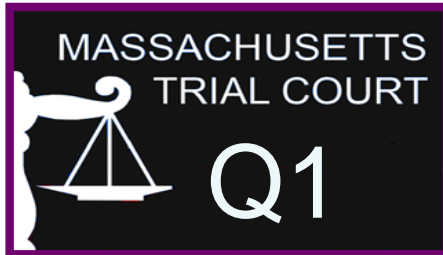
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Case Flow Metrics

SUMMARY OF
TRIAL COURT FILINGS
 (FY2006 THROUGH FY2013)
TRIAL COURT CASE FLOW METRICS
 (CY2006 THROUGH CY2013-Q1)





New Filings

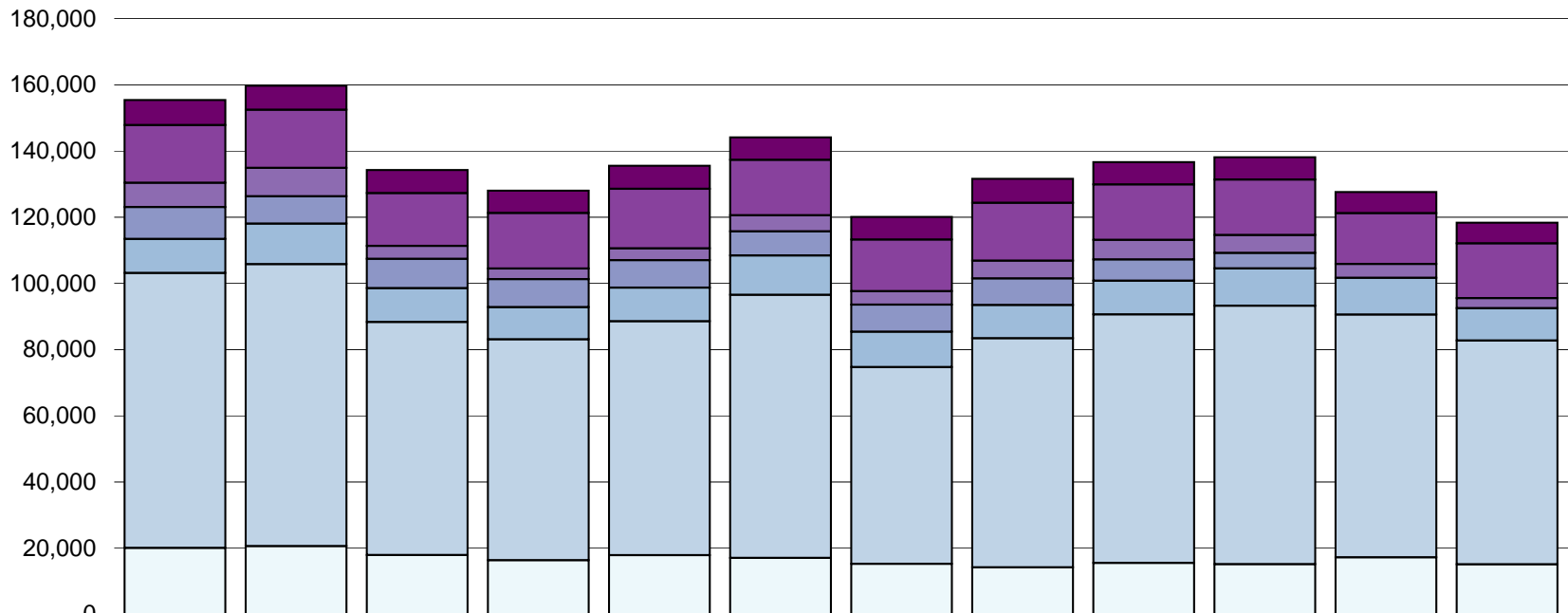
By Department:	New Filings			New Filings YTD			% All Filings
	Q4	Q1	% Change	2012 YTD	2013 YTD	% Change	2013 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	17,247	15,156	-12.1%	14,241	15,156	6.4%	12.8%
District Court	73,328	67,577	-7.8%	69,193	67,577	-2.3%	57.1%
Housing Court	11,116	9,779	-12.0%	10,071	9,779	-2.9%	8.3%
Juvenile Court				8,022			
Land Court	4,166	3,026	-27.4%	5,360	3,026	-43.5%	2.6%
Probate & Family Court	15,391	16,559	7.6%	17,448	16,559	-5.1%	14.0%
Superior Court	6,359	6,266	-1.5%	7,291	6,266	-14.1%	5.3%
Total	127,607	118,363	-7.2%	131,626	118,363	-10.1%	100.0%

By Case Type:	New Filings			New Filings YTD			% All Filings
	Q4	Q1	% Change	2012 YTD	2013 YTD	% Change	2013 YTD
Civil	N/A	53,844		N/A	53,844		45.5%
Criminal	N/A	54,289		N/A	54,289		45.9%
Domestic Relations	N/A	9,723		N/A	9,723		8.2%
Juvenile							
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	N/A	507		N/A	507		0.4%
Total	N/A	118,363		N/A	118,363		100.0%



New Filings By Department

Last 12 Quarters



	2010 Q2	2010 Q3	2010 Q4	2011 Q1	2011 Q2	2011 Q3	2011 Q4	2012 Q1	2012 Q2	2012 Q3	2012 Q4	2013 Q1
■ Superior Court	7,564	7,255	6,954	6,736	6,970	6,776	6,811	7,291	6,752	6,735	6,359	6,266
■ Probate & Family Court	17,435	17,548	15,961	16,787	18,011	16,739	15,588	17,448	16,722	16,743	15,391	16,559
■ Land Court	7,330	8,572	3,911	3,227	3,558	4,881	4,112	5,360	5,940	5,422	4,166	3,026
■ Juvenile Court	9,661	8,265	8,875	8,442	8,319	7,293	8,162	8,022	6,416	4,680		
■ Housing Court	10,260	12,227	10,211	9,729	10,114	11,854	10,659	10,071	10,198	11,267	11,116	9,779
■ District Court	83,096	85,188	70,409	66,728	70,707	79,481	59,448	69,193	75,080	78,087	73,328	67,577
□ Boston Municipal Court	20,071	20,657	17,936	16,376	17,889	17,084	15,295	14,241	15,550	15,185	17,247	15,156



Clearance Rate

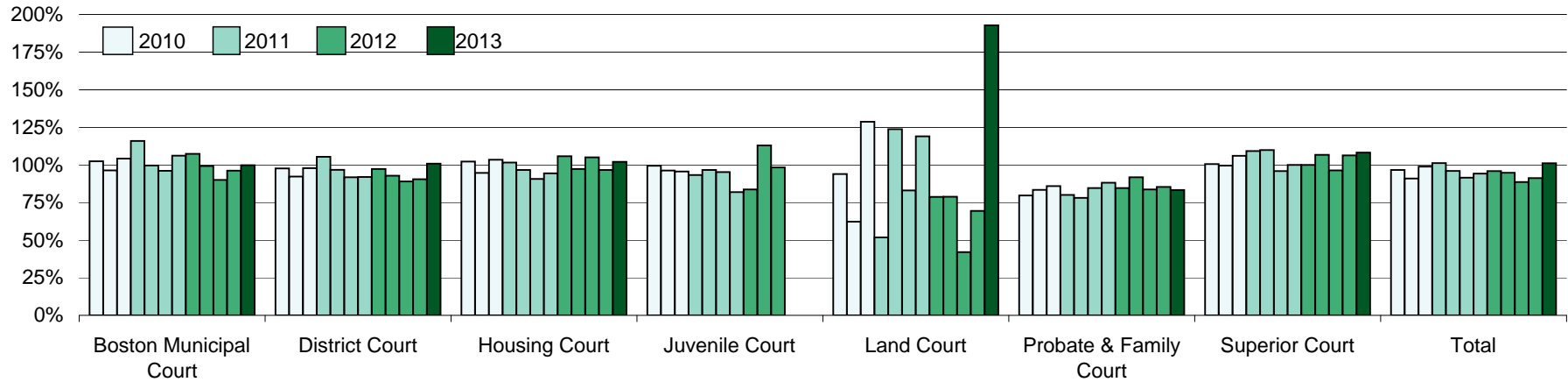
By Department:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Boston Municipal Court	17,247	16,585	89.0%	15,156	15,131	99.8%	15,156	15,131	99.8%
District Court	73,328	66,338	89.2%	67,577	68,131	100.8%	67,577	68,131	100.8%
Housing Court	11,116	10,742	95.6%	9,779	9,981	102.1%	9,779	9,981	102.1%
Juvenile Court							0	0	
Land Court	4,166	2,893	89.3%	3,026	5,835	192.8%	3,026	5,835	192.8%
Probate & Family Court	15,391	13,142	95.0%	16,559	13,789	83.3%	16,559	13,789	83.3%
Superior Court	6,359	6,763	97.8%	6,266	6,781	108.2%	6,266	6,781	108.2%
Total	127,607	116,463	91.3%	118,363	119,648	101.1%	118,363	119,648	101.1%

By Case Type:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Civil	N/A	N/A		53,844	53,177	98.8%	53,844	53,177	98.8%
Criminal	N/A	N/A		54,289	57,125	105.2%	54,289	57,125	105.2%
Domestic Relations	N/A	N/A		9,723	8,898	91.5%	9,723	8,898	91.5%
Juvenile									
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	N/A	N/A		507	448	88.4%	507	448	88.4%
Total	N/A	N/A		118,363	119,648	101.1%	118,363	119,648	101.1%

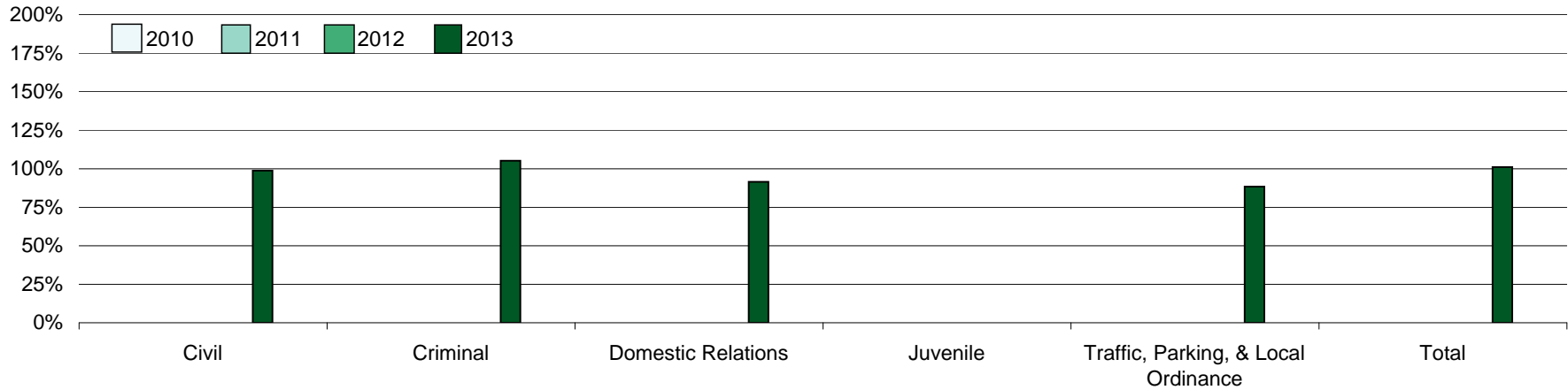


Clearance Rate

**Clearance Rate by Court Department
Most Recent 12 Quarters**



**Clearance Rate by Case Type
Most Recent 12 Quarters**





Time to Disposition

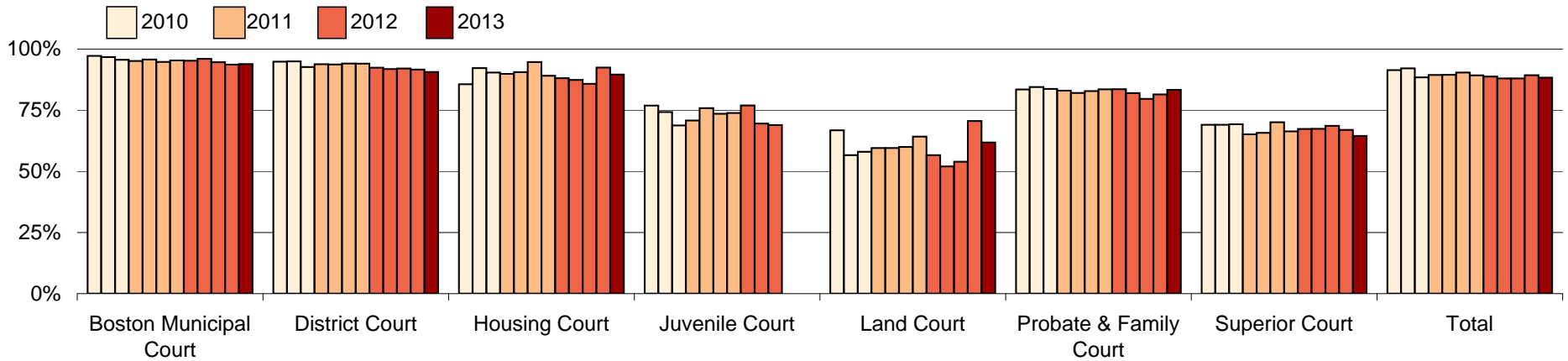
By Department:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS
Boston Municipal Court	16,585	15,527	91.0%	15,131	14,199	93.8%	15,131	14,199	93.8%
District Court	64,019	58,656	91.0%	65,396	59,264	90.6%	65,396	59,264	90.6%
Housing Court	10,742	9,930	90.2%	9,981	8,939	89.6%	9,981	8,939	89.6%
Juvenile Court									
Land Court	214	151	63.3%	782	483	61.8%	782	483	61.8%
Probate & Family Court	13,142	10,707	79.7%	13,789	11,492	83.3%	13,789	11,492	83.3%
Superior Court	6,645	4,448	67.4%	6,677	4,304	64.5%	6,677	4,304	64.5%
Total	111,347	99,419	89.3%	111,756	98,681	88.3%	111,756	98,681	88.3%

By Case Type:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS
Civil	N/A	N/A		48,098	44,359	92.2%	48,098	44,359	92.2%
Criminal	N/A	N/A		54,312	47,014	86.6%	54,312	47,014	86.6%
Domestic Relations	N/A	N/A		8,898	7,076	79.5%	8,898	7,076	79.5%
Juvenile									
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	N/A	N/A		448	232	51.8%	448	232	51.8%
Total	N/A	N/A		111,756	98,681	88.3%	111,756	98,681	88.3%

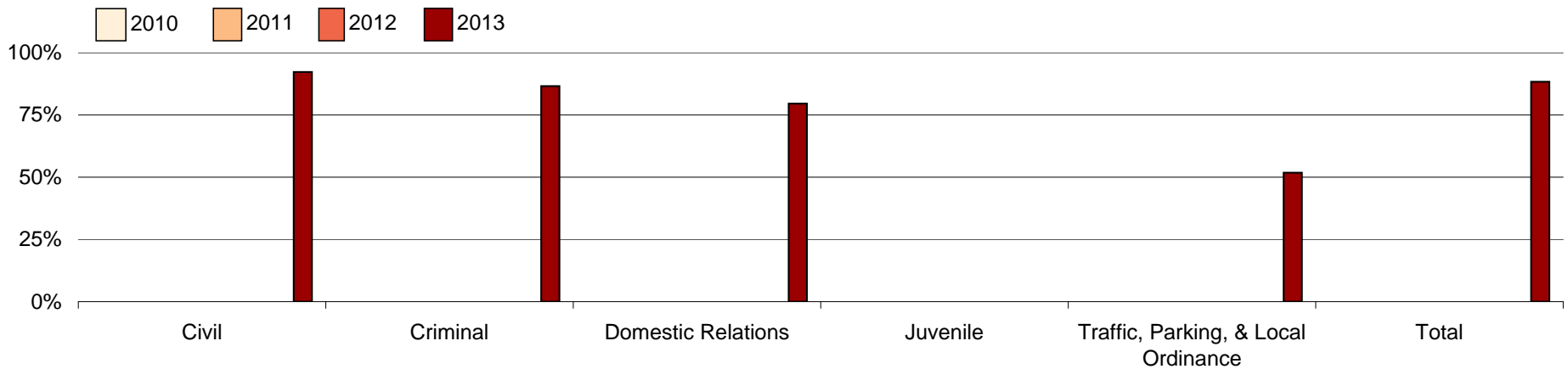


Time to Disposition

**% Cases Disposed Within Time Standards by Court Department
Most Recent 12 Quarters**



**% Cases Disposed Within Time Standards by Case Type
Most Recent 12 Quarters**





Cases Pending Beyond Time Standards

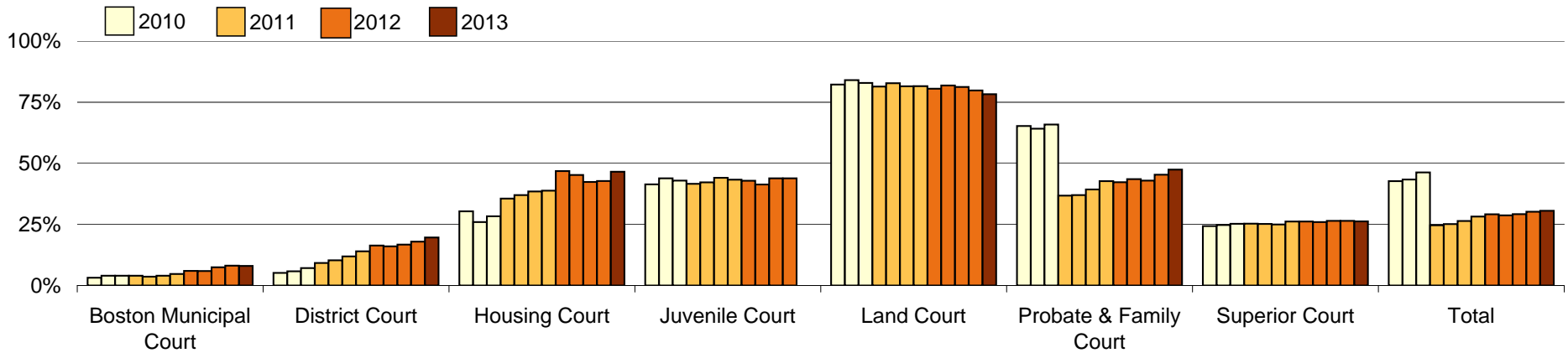
By Department:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change
Boston Municipal Court	13,677	14,601	6.8%	1,108	1,167	5.3%	8.1%	8.0%	-0.1%
District Court	112,105	110,950	-1.0%	20,150	21,829	8.3%	18.0%	19.7%	1.7%
Housing Court	5,720	5,274	-7.8%	2,446	2,456	0.4%	42.8%	46.6%	3.8%
Juvenile Court									
Land Court	13,026	13,098	0.6%	10,397	10,256	-1.4%	79.8%	78.3%	-1.5%
Probate & Family Court	55,089	56,929	3.3%	24,965	27,017	8.2%	45.3%	47.5%	2.1%
Superior Court	31,561	30,938	-2.0%	8,345	8,114	-2.8%	26.4%	26.2%	-0.2%
Total	231,178	231,790	0.3%	67,411	70,839	5.1%	29.2%	30.6%	1.4%

By Case Type:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change
Civil	N/A	116,269		N/A	47,229		N/A	40.6%	
Criminal	N/A	85,006		N/A	12,170		N/A	14.3%	
Domestic Relations	N/A	30,198		N/A	11,343		N/A	37.6%	
Juvenile									
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	N/A	317		N/A	97		N/A	30.6%	
Total	N/A	231,790		N/A	70,839		N/A	30.6%	

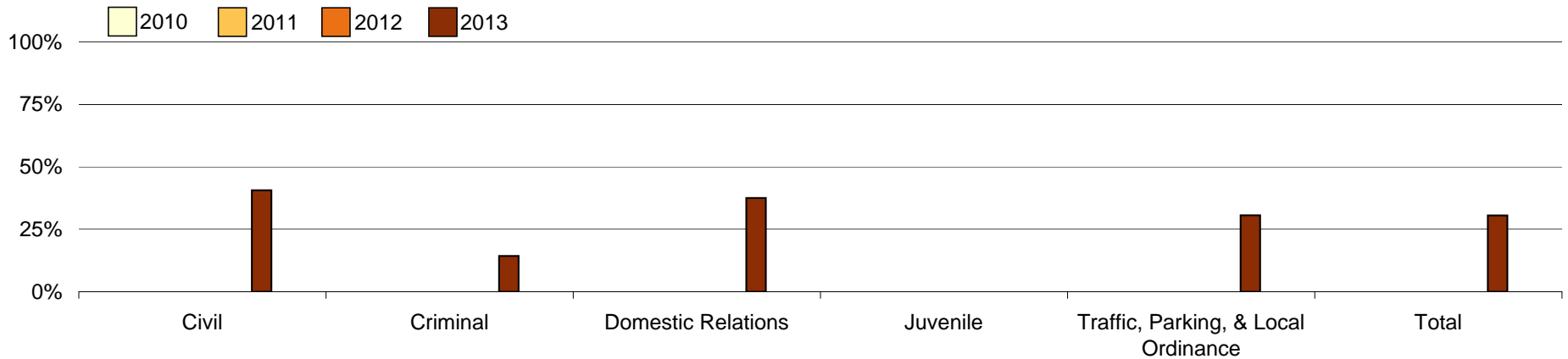


Cases Pending Beyond Time Standards

Percent of Pending Cases Beyond Time Standards by Court Department Most Recent 12 Quarters



Percent of Pending Cases Beyond Time Standards by Case Type Most Recent 12 Quarters

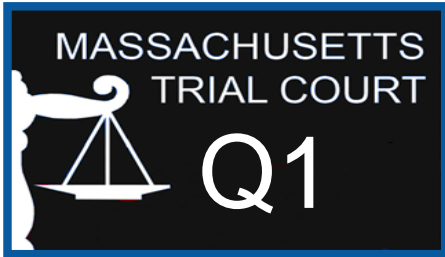




Trial Date Certainty

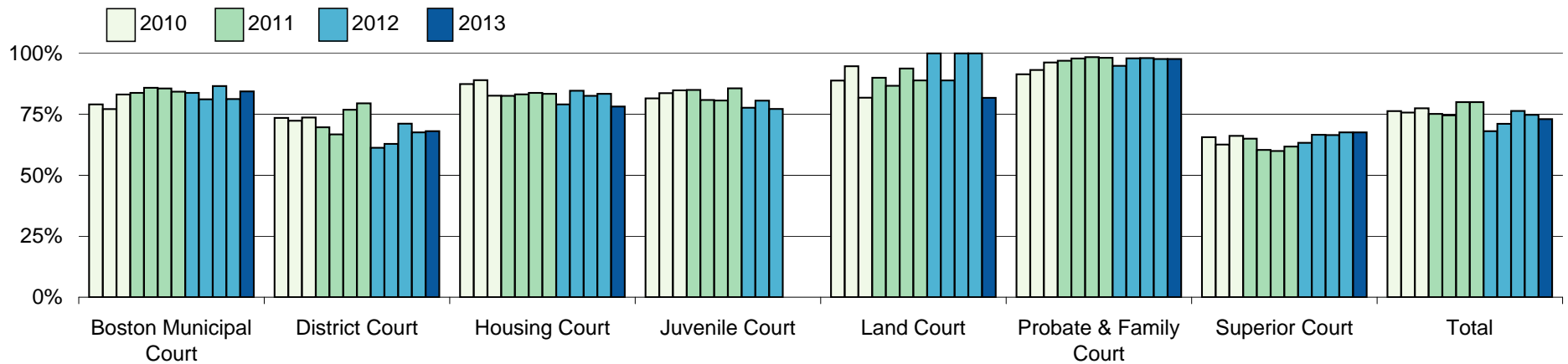
By Department:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates
Boston Municipal Court	240	195	82.6%	237	200	84.4%	237	200	84.4%
District Court	1,561	1,055	68.4%	1,817	1,237	68.1%	1,817	1,237	68.1%
Housing Court	416	347	81.3%	354	277	78.2%	354	277	78.2%
Juvenile Court									
Land Court	10	10	100.0%	11	9	81.8%	11	9	81.8%
Probate & Family Court	349	341	99.0%	263	257	97.7%	263	257	97.7%
Superior Court	299	202	64.4%	376	254	67.6%	376	254	67.6%
Total	2,875	2,150	74.8%	3,058	2,234	73.1%	3,058	2,234	73.1%

By Case Type:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates
Civil	N/A	N/A		605	499	82.5%	605	499	82.5%
Criminal	N/A	N/A		2,099	1,458	69.5%	2,099	1,458	69.5%
Domestic Relations	N/A	N/A							
Juvenile									
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	N/A	N/A							
Total	N/A	N/A		2,704	1,957	72.4%	2,704	1,957	72.4%



Trial Date Certainty

**Percent of Trial Cases Disposed Within 2 Trial Date Settings by Court Department
Most Recent 12 Quarters**



**Percent of Trial Cases Disposed Within 2 Trial Date Settings by Case Type
Most Recent 12 Quarters**

