

Executive Office of the Trial Court Case Flow Metrics Report

Fiscal Year 2017
Quarter 1

Honorable Paula M. Carey
Chief Justice of the Trial Court

Harry Spence
Court Administrator

November 2016

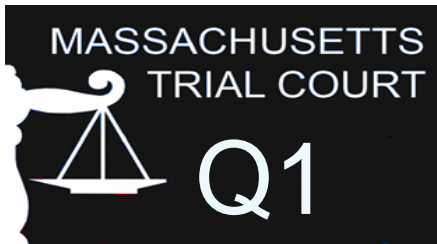
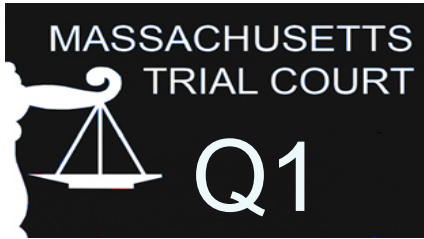


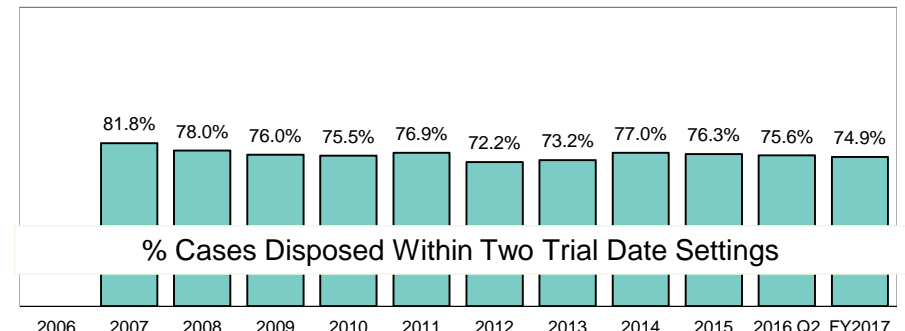
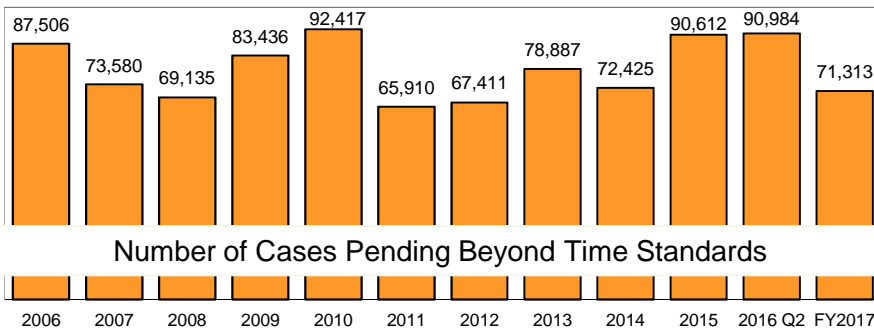
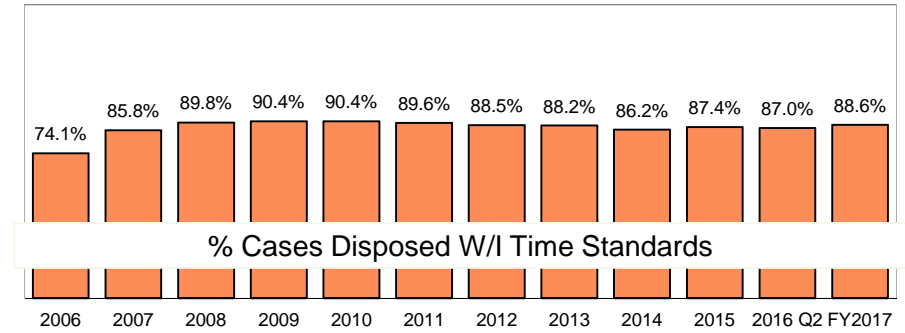
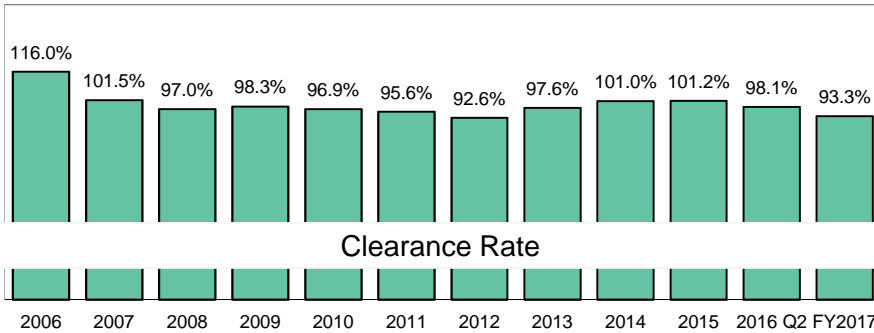
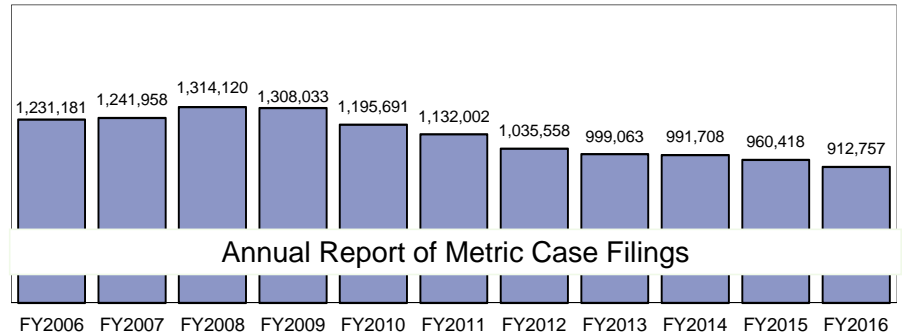
Table of Contents

Case Flow Metrics CY2006 to FY2017 YTD	1
Case Flow Metrics FY2017 Q1 by Department & Case Type	
Metric Case Filings	2
Metric 1: Clearance Rate	5
Metric 2: Time to Disposition	7
Metric 3: Age of Pending Cases	9
Metric 4: Trial Date Certainty	11



Case Flow Metrics

**SUMMARY OF
TRIAL COURT FILINGS
(FY2006 THROUGH FY2016)
TRIAL COURT CASE FLOW METRICS
(CY2006 THROUGH FY2017 YTD)**



Figures for CY2012 through CY2014 Q4 exclude Juvenile Court and figures for CY 2015 Q4 through FY2017 YTD excludes Boston Municipal Court Central division. Pending beyond time standards figures for CY2015 Q3 excludes Superior Court. Figures for Trial Date Certainty excludes Juvenile Court (CY2012 – FY2017 YTD) and Superior Court (CY2015 Q3 - CY2016 Q1). Figures exclude criminal cases in District courts, Barnstable and Brockton.



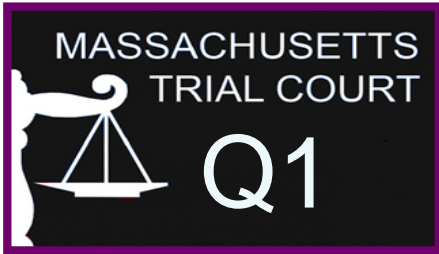
Metrics Case Filings

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

By Department:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings
	Q4	Q1	% Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	% Change	2017 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	10,001	10,459	4.6%	15,194	10,459	-31.2%	7.7%
District Court	64,442	65,970	2.4%	69,550	65,970	-5.1%	48.7%
Housing Court	10,113	10,940	8.2%	11,458	10,940	-4.5%	8.1%
Juvenile Court	9,536	7,597	-20.3%	8,158	7,597	-6.9%	5.6%
Land Court	4,184	3,930	-6.1%	4,131	3,930	-4.9%	2.9%
Probate & Family Court	15,112	30,284	100.4%	15,438	30,284	96.2%	22.4%
Superior Court	5,848	6,203	6.1%	5,844	6,203	6.1%	4.6%
Total	119,236	135,383	13.5%	129,773	135,383	4.3%	100.0%

By Case Type:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings
	Q4	Q1	% Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	% Change	2017 YTD
Civil	50,720	60,009	18.3%	55,068	60,009	9.0%	44.3%
Criminal	49,322	49,008	-0.6%	56,641	49,008	-13.5%	36.2%
Domestic Relations	9,738	18,862	93.7%	9,757	18,862	93.3%	13.9%
Juvenile	8,712	6,958	-20.1%	7,565	6,958	-8.0%	5.1%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	744	546	-26.6%	742	546	-26.4%	0.4%
Total	119,236	135,383	13.5%	129,773	135,383	4.3%	100.0%

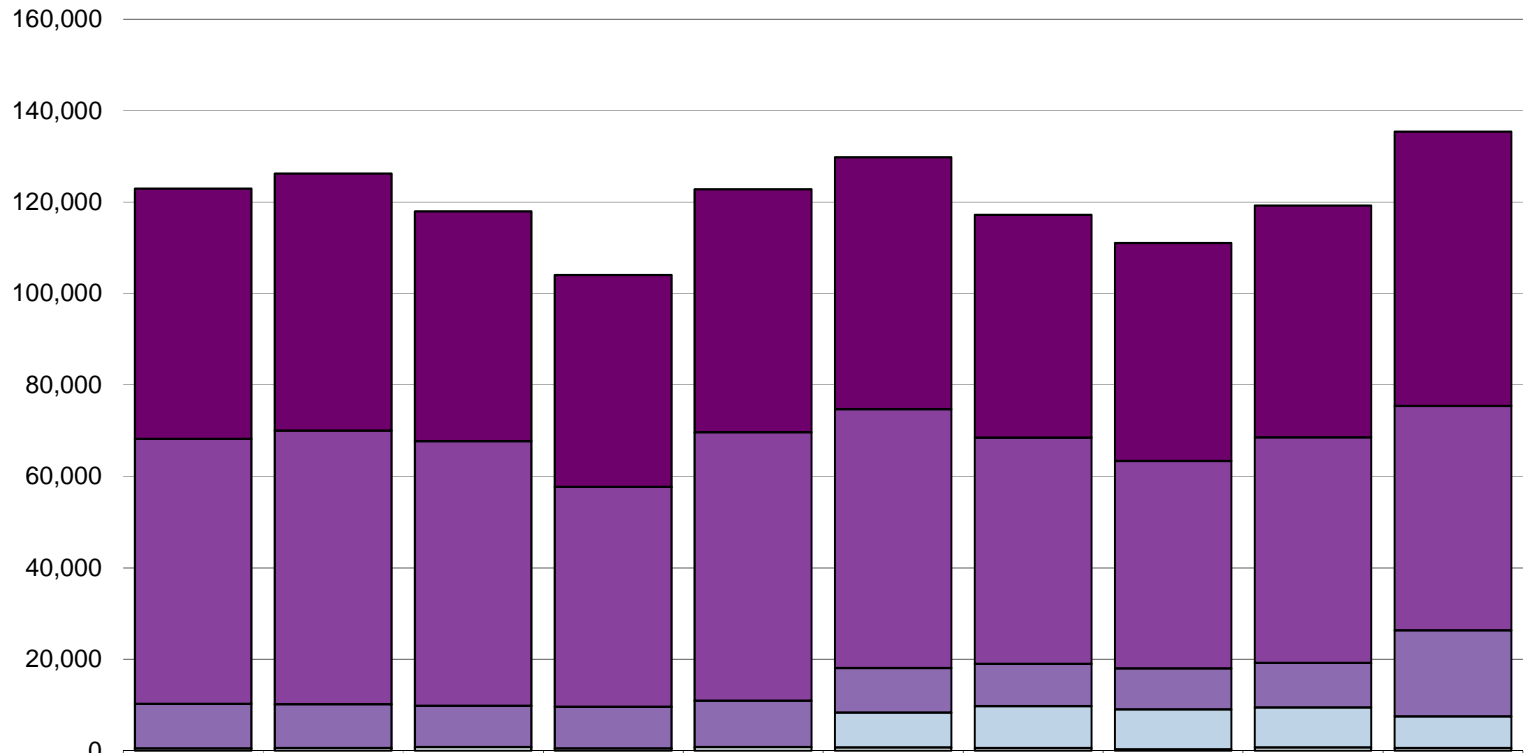
FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court.



Metrics Case Filings by Case Type

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 10 Quarters



	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1
■ Civil	54,727	56,205	50,275	46,397	53,165	55,068	48,748	47,667	50,720	60,009
■ Criminal	57,991	59,860	57,920	48,072	58,737	56,641	49,451	45,344	49,322	49,008
■ Domestic Relations	9,685	9,614	9,053	9,098	10,178	9,757	9,286	9,010	9,738	18,862
■ Juvenile						7,565	9,169	8,708	8,712	6,958
□ Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	534	548	751	505	759	742	540	313	744	546
Total	122,937	126,227	117,999	104,072	122,839	129,773	117,194	111,042	119,236	135,383

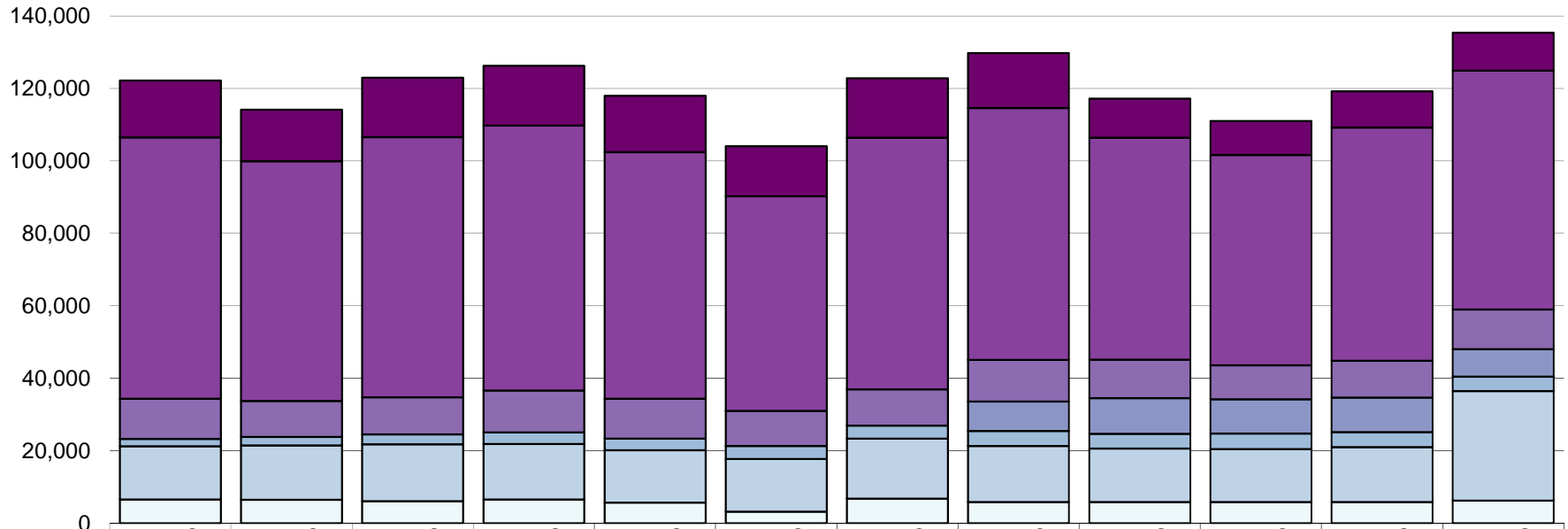
FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court.



Metrics Case Filings By Department

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 12 Quarters



	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1
■ Boston Municipal Court	15,760	14,262	16,402	16,425	15,585	13,855	16,458	15,194	10,777	9,401	10,001	10,459
■ District Court	72,132	66,189	71,775	73,156	68,035	59,240	69,424	69,550	61,301	58,054	64,442	65,970
■ Housing Court	11,094	9,930	10,240	11,626	11,010	9,701	10,055	11,458	10,608	9,352	10,113	10,940
■ Juvenile Court								8,158	9,879	9,522	9,536	7,597
■ Land Court	1,976	2,332	2,710	3,139	3,242	3,587	3,597	4,131	4,046	4,263	4,184	3,930
■ Probate & Family Court	14,740	15,006	15,759	15,310	14,457	14,528	16,525	15,438	14,736	14,639	15,112	30,284
■ Superior Court	6,508	6,445	6,051	6,571	5,670	3,161	6,780	5,844	5,847	5,811	5,848	6,203
Total	122,210	114,164	122,937	126,227	117,999	104,072	122,839	129,773	117,194	111,042	119,236	135,383

FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court.



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	10,001	10,858	108.6%	10,459	9,748	93.2%	10,459	9,748	93.2%
District Court	64,442	61,201	95.0%	65,970	62,065	94.1%	65,970	62,065	94.1%
Housing Court	10,113	9,848	97.4%	10,940	10,664	97.5%	10,940	10,664	97.5%
Juvenile Court	9,536	9,788	102.6%	7,597	8,299	109.2%	7,597	8,299	109.2%
Land Court	4,184	3,442	82.3%	3,930	2,746	69.9%	3,930	2,746	69.9%
Probate & Family Court	15,112	13,747	91.0%	30,284	27,293	90.1%	30,284	27,293	90.1%
Superior Court	5,848	4,695	80.3%	6,203	5,487	88.5%	6,203	5,487	88.5%
Total	119,236	113,579	95.3%	135,383	126,302	93.3%	135,383	126,302	93.3%

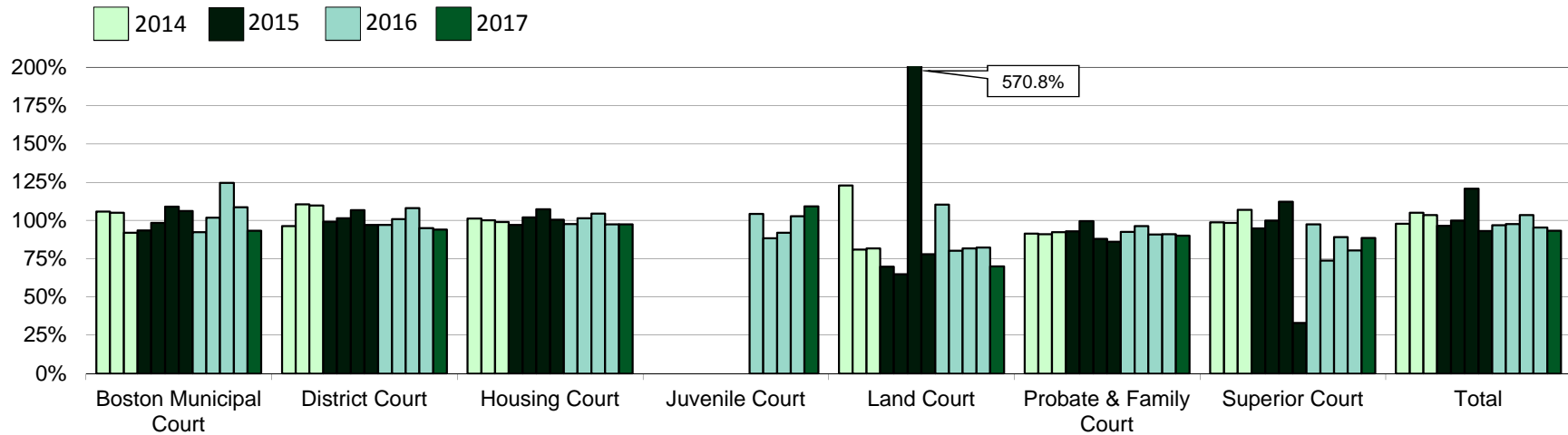
By Case Type:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Civil	50,720	47,879	94.4%	60,009	54,329	90.5%	60,009	54,329	90.5%
Criminal	49,322	47,276	95.9%	49,008	46,446	94.8%	49,008	46,446	94.8%
Domestic Relations	9,738	8,851	90.9%	18,862	17,239	91.4%	18,862	17,239	91.4%
Juvenile	8,712	9,017	103.5%	6,958	7,649	109.9%	6,958	7,649	109.9%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	744	556	74.7%	546	639	117.0%	546	639	117.0%
Total	119,236	113,579	95.3%	135,383	126,302	93.3%	135,383	126,302	93.3%

FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court.

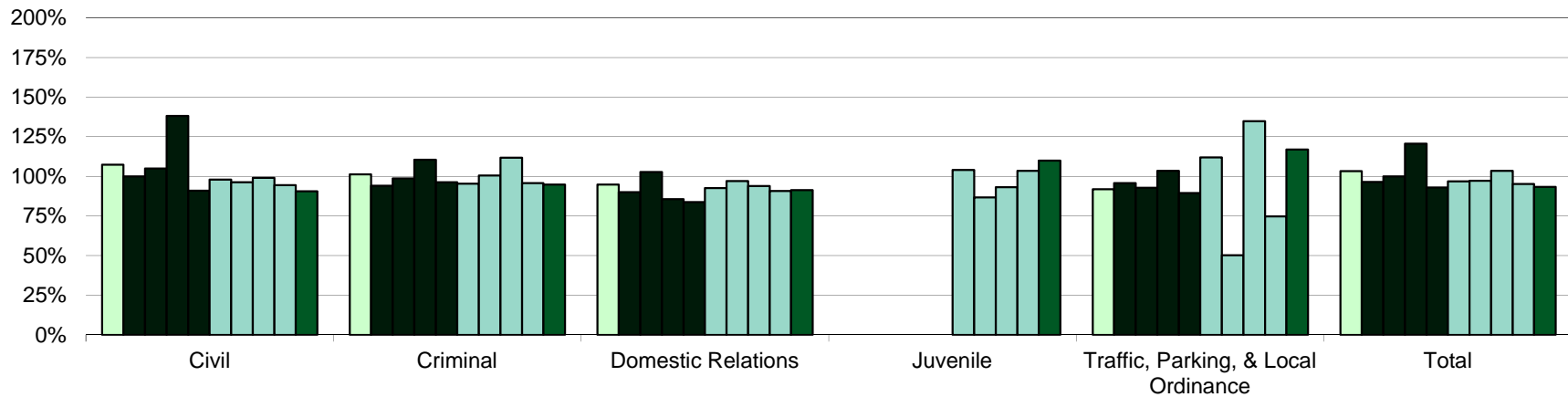


Clearance Rate

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



**Clearance Rate by Case Type
Most Recent 10 Quarters**



FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court.



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	10,858	10,044	92.5%	9,748	9,051	92.8%	9,748	9,051	92.8%
District Court	61,206	56,253	91.9%	62,069	57,538	92.7%	62,069	57,538	92.7%
Housing Court	9,848	9,044	91.8%	10,664	9,936	93.2%	10,664	9,936	93.2%
Juvenile Court	5,828	3,740	64.2%	5,090	3,076	60.4%	5,090	3,076	60.4%
Land Court	719	416	57.9%	871	467	53.6%	871	467	53.6%
Probate & Family Court	13,747	11,431	83.2%	11,439	9,131	79.8%	11,439	9,131	79.8%
Superior Court	4,589	3,337	72.7%	4,827	3,601	74.6%	4,827	3,601	74.6%
Total	106,795	94,265	88.3%	104,708	92,800	88.6%	104,708	92,800	88.6%

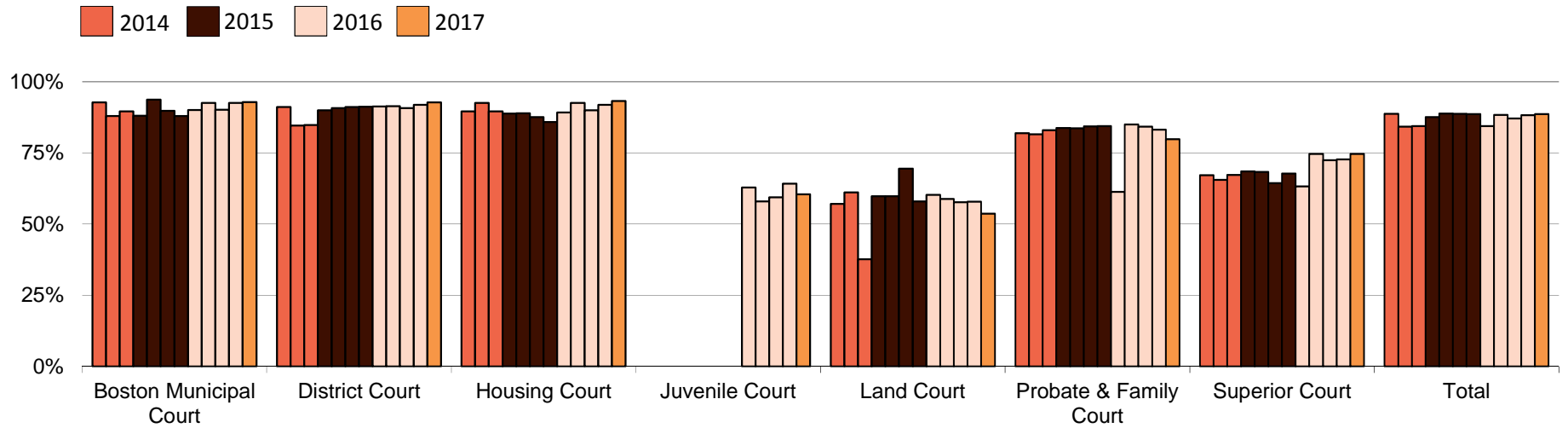
By Case Type:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS
Civil	45,163	42,013	93.0%	46,736	44,025	94.2%	46,736	44,025	94.2%
Criminal	47,168	41,570	88.1%	46,327	41,113	88.7%	46,327	41,113	88.7%
Domestic Relations	8,851	7,065	79.8%	6,566	4,755	72.4%	6,566	4,755	72.4%
Juvenile	5,057	3,120	61.7%	4,440	2,529	57.0%	4,440	2,529	57.0%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	556	497	89.4%	639	378	59.2%	639	378	59.2%
Total	106,795	94,265	88.3%	104,708	92,800	88.6%	104,708	92,800	88.6%

FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court.

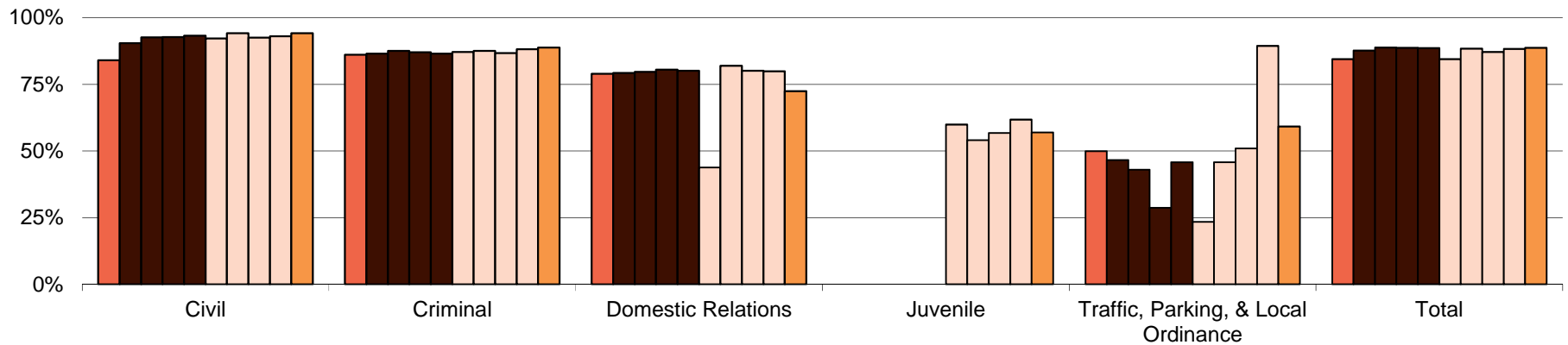


Time to Disposition

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



**% Cases Disposed Within Time Standards by Case Type
Most Recent 10 Quarters**



FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court.

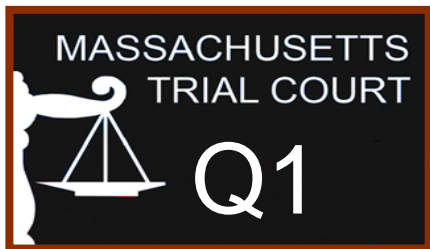


Cases Pending Beyond

By Department:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change
Boston Municipal Court	12,193	12,555	3.0%	1,140	1,440	26.3%	9.3%	11.5%	2.1%
District Court	84,681	88,557	4.6%	12,365	15,442	24.9%	14.6%	17.4%	2.8%
Housing Court	3,663	3,787	3.4%	1,027	1,023	-0.4%	28.0%	27.0%	-1.0%
Juvenile Court	14,684	14,021	-4.5%	4,429	4,436	0.2%	30.2%	31.6%	1.5%
Land Court	12,937	12,862	-0.6%	10,521	10,367	-1.5%	81.3%	80.6%	-0.7%
Probate & Family Court	79,455	53,132	-33.1%	54,339	30,955	-43.0%	68.4%	58.3%	-10.1%
Superior Court	41,303	41,358	0.1%	7,163	7,650	6.8%	17.3%	18.5%	1.2%
Total	248,916	226,272	-9.1%	90,984	71,313	-21.6%	36.6%	31.5%	-5.0%

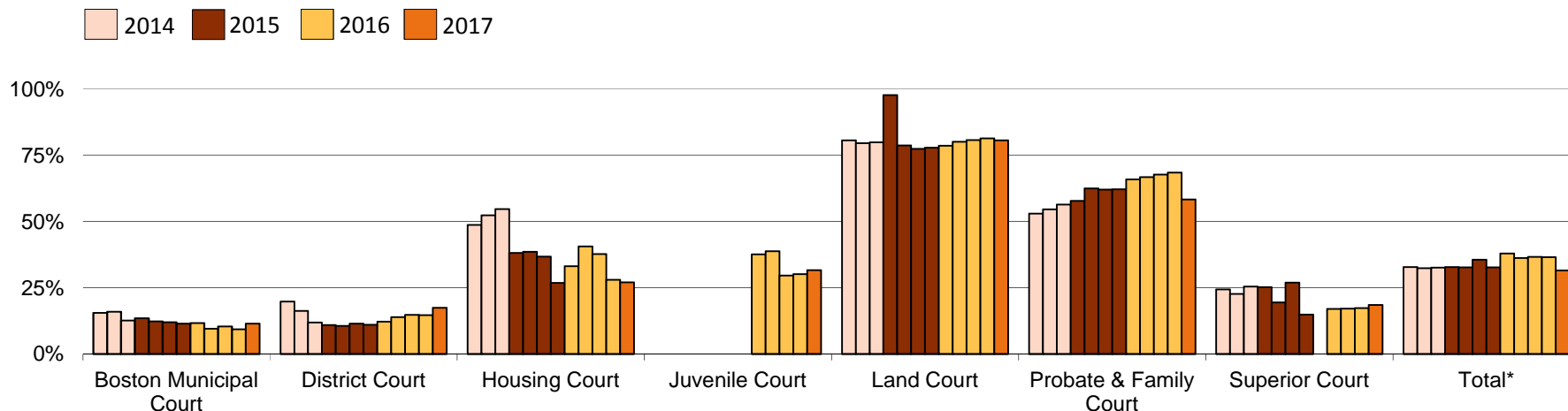
By Case Type:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change
Civil	127,413	103,384	-18.9%	62,066	41,337	-33.4%	48.7%	40.0%	-8.7%
Criminal	76,334	78,706	3.1%	9,225	11,760	27.5%	12.1%	14.9%	2.9%
Domestic Relations	31,967	31,446	-1.6%	15,802	14,362	-9.1%	49.4%	45.7%	-3.8%
Juvenile	13,165	12,526	-4.9%	3,869	3,824	-1.2%	29.4%	30.5%	1.1%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	37	210	467.6%	22	30	36.4%	59.5%	14.3%	-45.2%
Total	248,916	226,272	-9.1%	90,984	71,313	-21.6%	36.6%	31.5%	-5.0%

FY 2016 Q2 through FY2017 Q1 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY2017 Q1 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton and District Court.

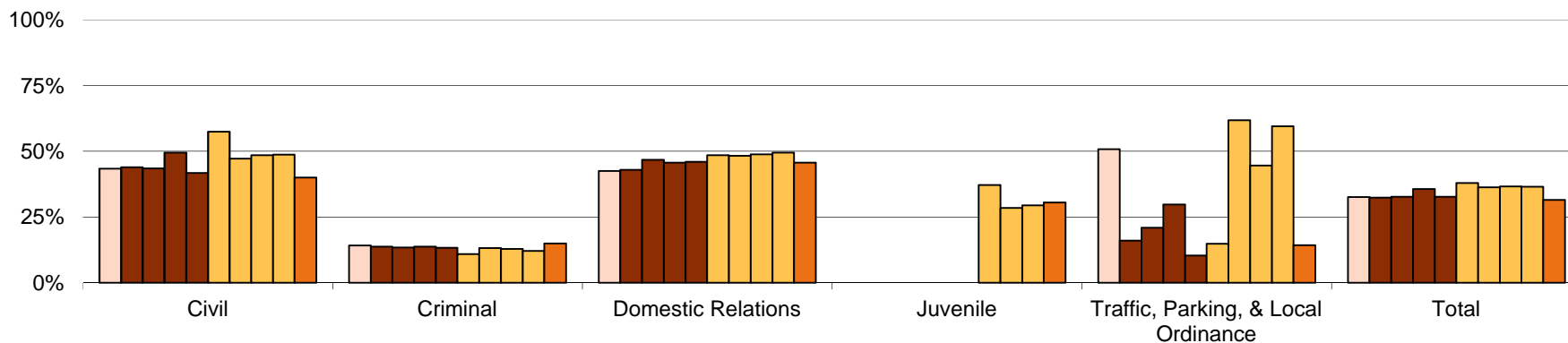


Cases Pending Beyond

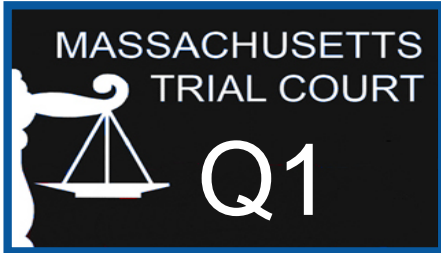
**Percent of Pending Cases Beyond Time Standards by Court Department
Most Recent 12 Quarters**



**Percent of Pending Cases Beyond Time Standards by Case Type
Most Recent 10 Quarters****



*FY 2016 Q1 total excludes Superior Court. **Figures for the FY 2016 Q1 Case Type chart excludes departments with partial reporting (Superior Court and Juvenile Court). FY 2016 Q2 through FY2017 Q1 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY2017 Q1 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton and District Court.

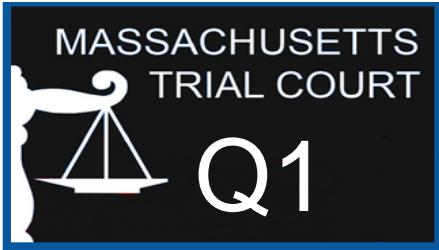


Trial Date Certainty

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	149	116	77.9%	114	80	70.2%	114	80	70.2%
District Court	1,636	1,130	69.1%	1,238	849	68.6%	1,238	849	68.6%
Housing Court	388	313	80.7%	474	398	84.0%	474	398	84.0%
Juvenile Court									
Land Court	12	12	100.0%	9	9	100.0%	9	9	100.0%
Probate & Family Court	343	333	97.1%	318	318	100.0%	318	318	100.0%
Superior Court	170	82		154	74	48.1%	154	74	48.1%
Total	2,698	1,986	73.6%	2,307	1,728	74.9%	2,307	1,728	74.9%

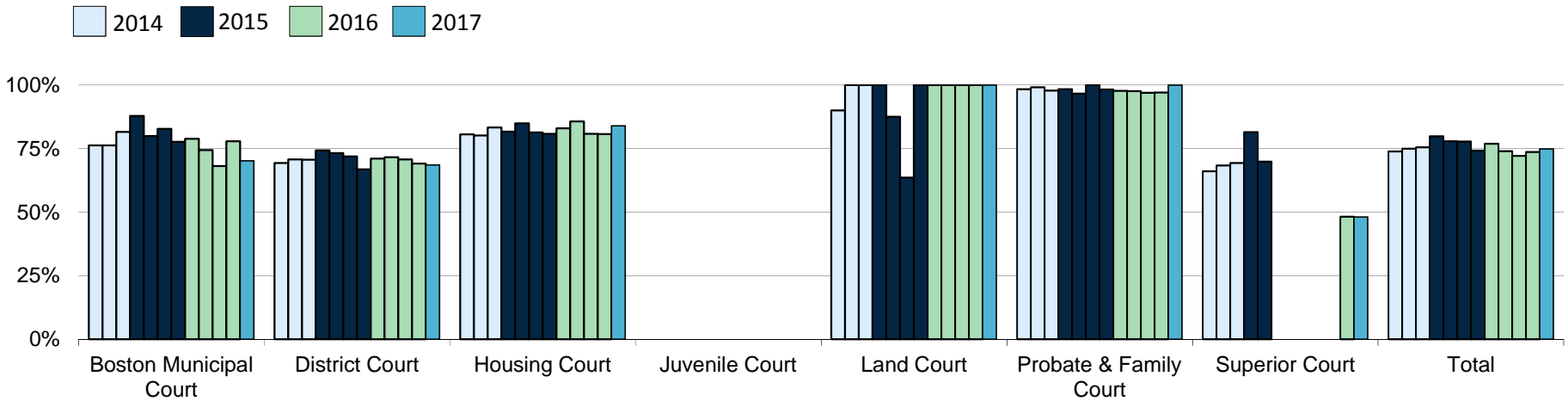
By Case Type:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates
Civil	166	110	66.3%	134	97	72.4%	134	97	72.4%
Criminal	1,801	1,230	68.3%	1,381	915	66.3%	1,381	915	66.3%
Domestic Relations									
Juvenile									
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance									
Total	1,967	1,340	68.1%	1,515	1,012	66.8%	1,515	1,012	66.8%

FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court.

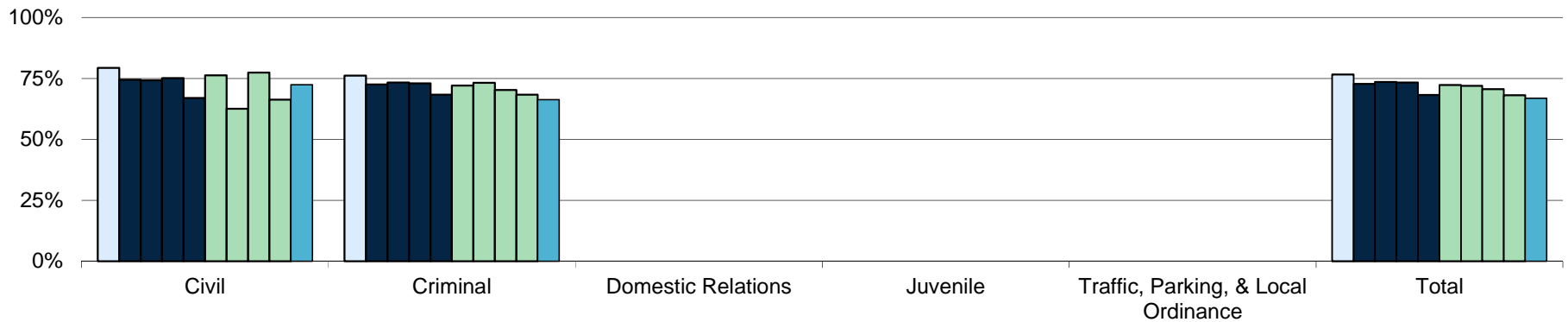


Trial Date Certainty

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 10 Quarters



FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q1 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court.