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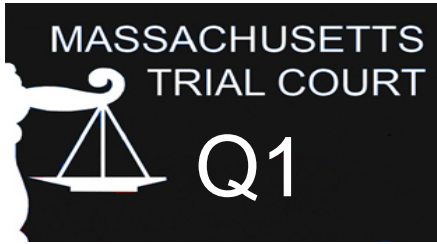


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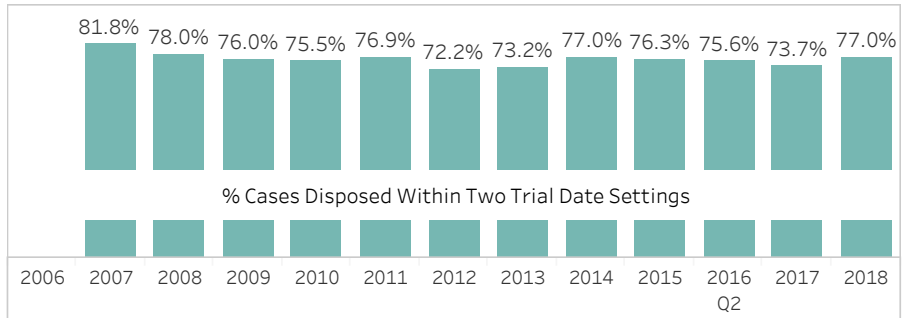
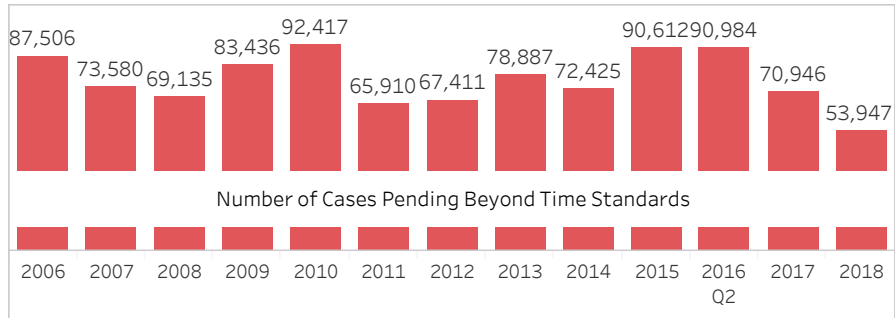
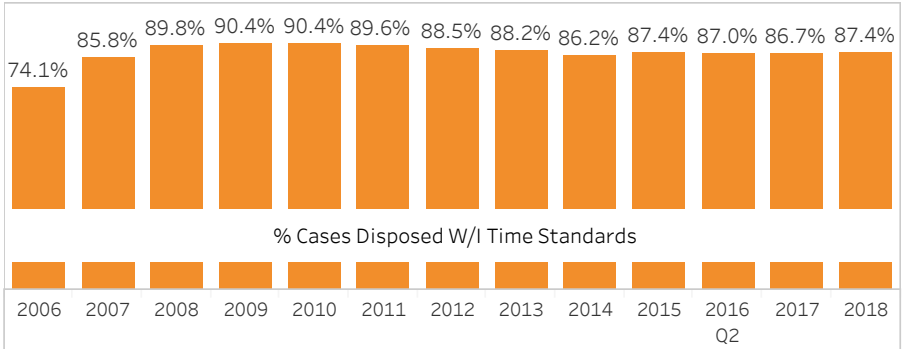
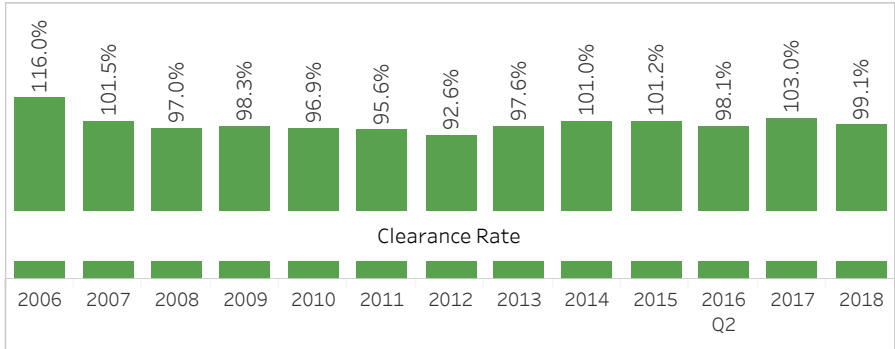
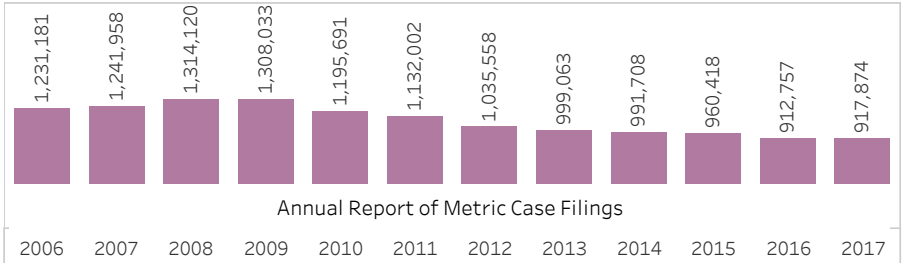
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Case Flow Metrics

SUMMARY OF
TRIAL COURT FILINGS
(FY2006 THROUGH FY2017)

TRIAL COURT CASE FLOW METRICS
(CY2006 THROUGH FY2018 YTD)



Figures for CY2012 through CY2014 Q4 exclude Juvenile Court and figures for CY 2015 Q4 through FY2018 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 – FY2018 YTD) and Superior Court (CY2015 Q3 - CY2016 Q1). Figures exclude criminal cases in District courts, Barnstable and Brockton. FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Edgartown, Ipswich, Nantucket, Newburyport, Quincy, Salem, Stoughton, Taunton, and Wrentham. FY 2018 YTD excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Ayer, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Dudley, East Boston, East Brookfield, Eastern Hampshire, Edgartown, Fall River, Gloucester, Greenfield, Hingham, Holyoke, Ipswich, Lawrence, Malden, Marlborough, Milford, Nantucket, New Bedford, Newburyport, Northampton, Orange, Peabody, Plymouth, Quincy, Salem, South Boston, Stoughton, Taunton, Uxbridge, Wareham, Westborough, Woburn, Worcester and Wrentham. Beginning in 2018, figures for clearance rate include all Land Court cases. Figures for total cases disposed within time standards and total cases pending beyond time standards exclude Land Court Registration cases filed prior to the 2004 implementation of time standards.



Metrics Case Filings

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

By Department:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings	
	Q4	Q1	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	9,800	8,782	-10.4%	9,556	8,782	-8.1%	8.7%	10.1%
District Court	53,875	36,706	-31.9%	39,133	36,706	-6.2%	55.2%	42.4%
Housing Court	9,405	10,775	14.6%	10,940	10,775	-1.5%	9.1%	12.4%
Juvenile Court	9,004	7,537	-16.3%	7,597	7,537	-0.8%	6.4%	8.7%
Land Court	3,815	3,905	2.4%	3,930	3,905	-0.6%	3.3%	4.5%
Probate & Family Court	13,613	13,380	-1.7%	14,498	13,380	-7.7%	12.1%	15.4%
Superior Court	5,934	5,571	-6.1%	6,203	5,571	-10.2%	5.2%	6.4%
Total	105,446	86,656	-17.8%	91,857	86,656	-5.7%	100.0%	100.0%

By Case Type:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings	
	Q4	Q1	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD
Civil	49,625	51,372	3.5%	53,534	51,372	-4.0%	44.8%	59.3%
Criminal	38,252	19,316	-49.5%	21,268	19,316	-9.2%	41.0%	22.3%
Domestic Relations	9,153	8,944	-2.3%	9,551	8,944	-6.4%	8.0%	10.3%
Juvenile	8,103	6,816	-15.9%	6,958	6,816	-2.0%	5.8%	7.9%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	313	208	-33.5%	546	208	-61.9%	0.5%	0.2%
Total	105,446	86,656	-17.8%	91,857	86,656	-5.7%	100.0%	100.0%

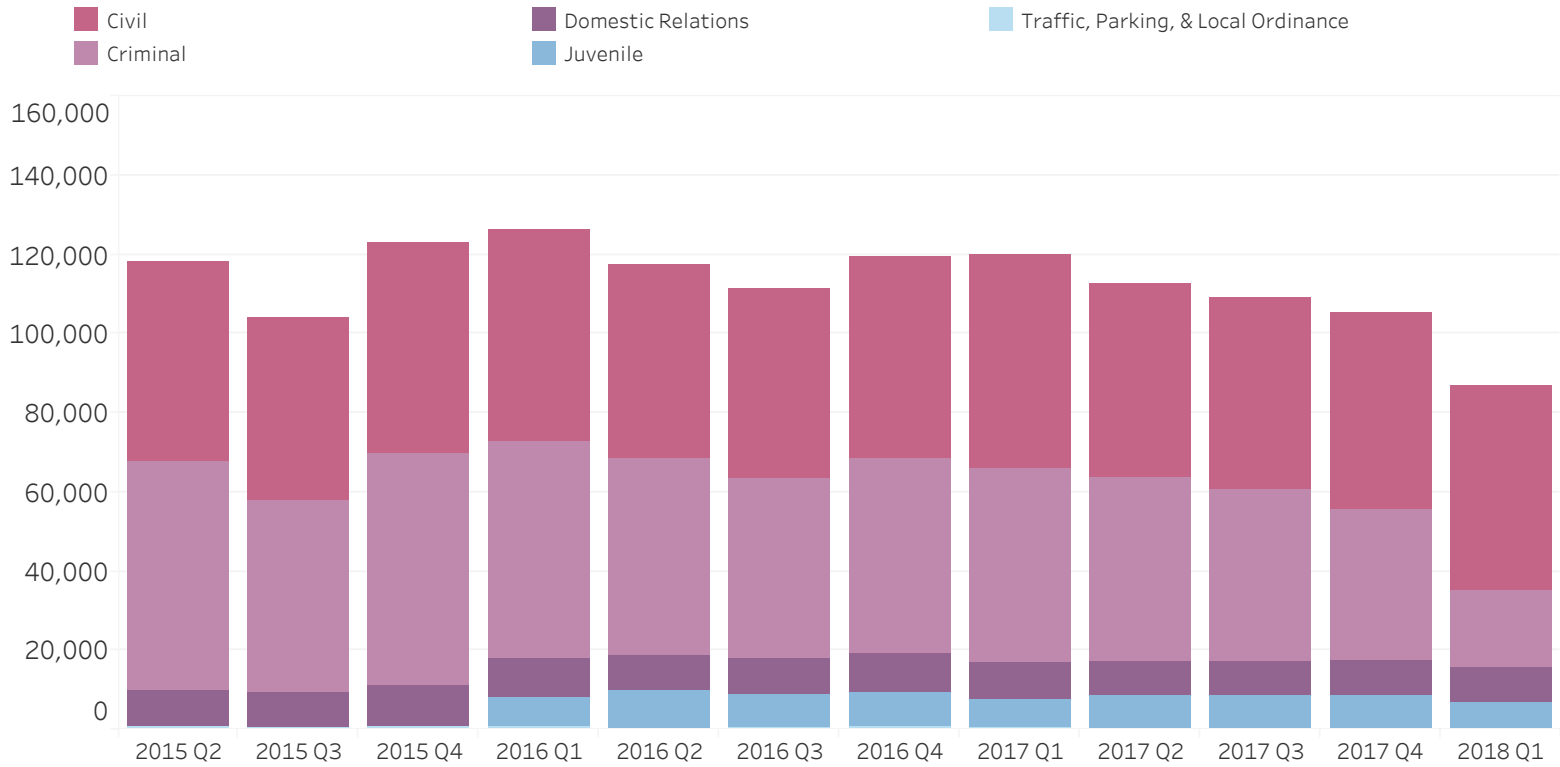
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Metrics Case Filings By Case Type

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 12 Quarters



Civil	50,275	46,397	53,165	53,507	48,748	47,667	50,720	53,534	48,851	48,603	49,625	51,372
Criminal	57,920	48,072	58,737	54,646	49,451	45,344	49,322	49,008	46,363	43,430	38,252	19,316
Domestic Relations	9,053	9,098	10,178	9,757	9,286	9,010	9,738	9,551	8,492	8,880	9,153	8,944
Juvenile				7,565	9,169	8,708	8,712	6,958	8,242	7,940	8,103	6,816
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	751	505	759	742	540	313	744	546	446	403	313	208
Total	117,999	104,072	122,839	126,217	117,194	111,042	119,236	119,597	112,394	109,256	105,446	86,656

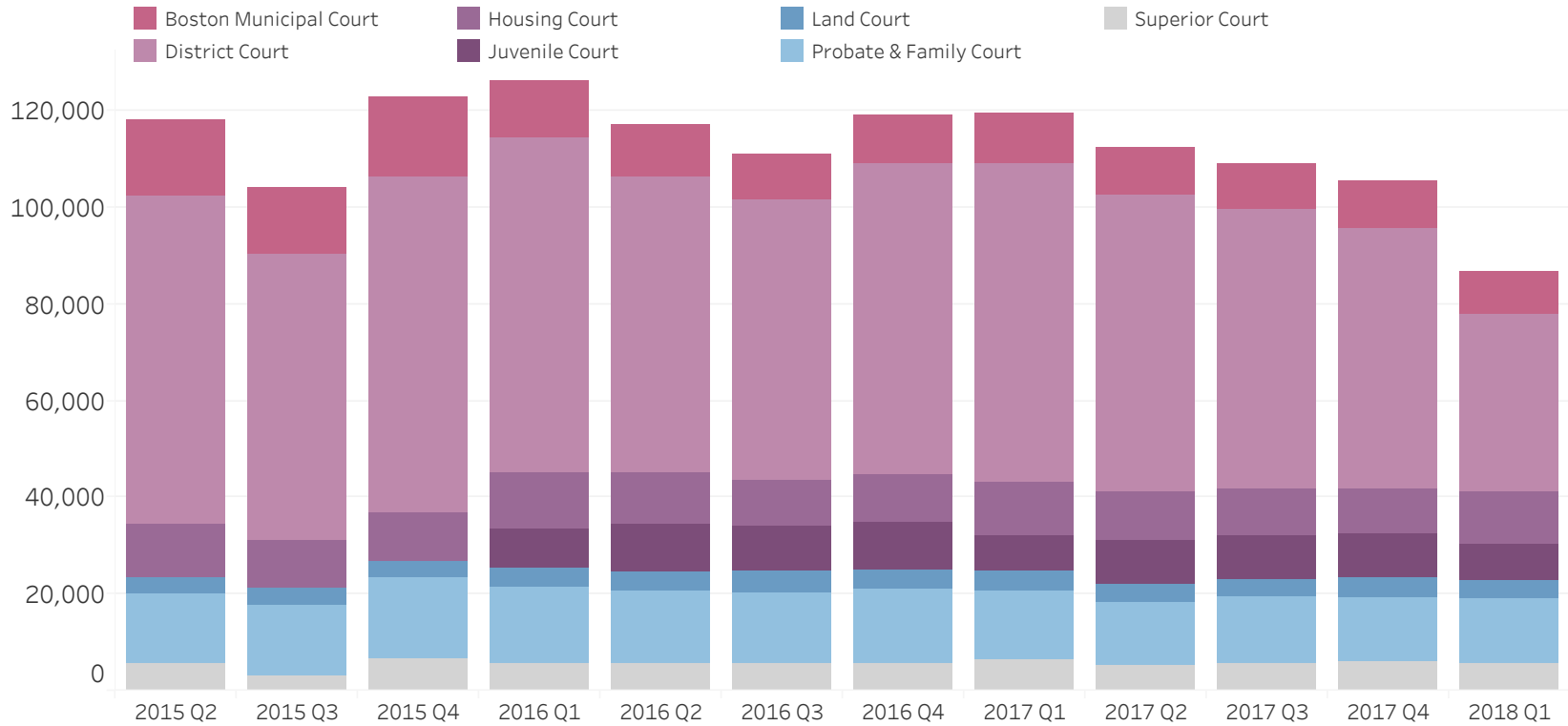
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Metrics Case Filings By Department

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Last 12 Quarters



Boston Municipal Court	15,585	13,855	16,458	11,638	10,777	9,401	10,001	10,459	9,693	9,644	9,800	8,782
District Court	68,035	59,240	69,424	69,550	61,301	58,054	64,442	65,970	61,498	57,756	53,875	36,706
Housing Court	11,010	9,701	10,055	11,458	10,608	9,352	10,113	10,940	10,236	9,797	9,405	10,775
Juvenile Court				8,158	9,879	9,522	9,536	7,597	8,985	8,819	9,004	7,537
Land Court	3,242	3,587	3,597	4,131	4,046	4,263	4,184	3,930	3,563	3,918	3,815	3,905
Probate & Family Court	14,457	14,528	16,525	15,438	14,736	14,639	15,112	14,498	13,065	13,659	13,613	13,380
Superior Court	5,670	3,161	6,780	5,844	5,847	5,811	5,848	6,203	5,354	5,663	5,934	5,571
Total	117,999	104,072	122,839	126,217	117,194	111,042	119,236	119,597	112,394	109,256	105,446	86,656

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Clearance Rate

By Department:				Q4			Q1			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate			
Boston Municipal Court	9,800	10,284	104.9%	8,782	8,957	102.0%	8,782	8,957	102.0%			
District Court	53,875	56,765	105.4%	36,706	35,917	97.9%	36,706	35,917	97.9%			
Housing Court	9,405	9,415	100.1%	10,775	10,172	94.4%	10,775	10,172	94.4%			
Juvenile Court	9,004	9,234	102.6%	7,537	7,795	103.4%	7,537	7,795	103.4%			
Land Court	3,815	3,817	100.1%	3,905	4,520	115.7%	3,905	4,520	115.7%			
Probate & Family Court	13,613	13,458	98.9%	13,380	13,585	101.5%	13,380	13,585	101.5%			
Superior Court	5,934	7,106	119.8%	5,571	4,935	88.6%	5,571	4,935	88.6%			
Total	105,446	110,079	104.4%	86,656	85,881	99.1%	86,656	85,881	99.1%			

By Case Type:				Q4			Q1			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate			
Civil	49,625	52,631	106.1%	51,372	51,817	100.9%	51,372	51,817	100.9%			
Criminal	38,252	40,683	106.4%	19,316	18,028	93.3%	19,316	18,028	93.3%			
Domestic Relations	9,153	8,036	87.8%	8,944	8,719	97.5%	8,944	8,719	97.5%			
Juvenile	8,103	8,377	103.4%	6,816	7,055	103.5%	6,816	7,055	103.5%			
Traffic, Parking, & Loca..	313	352	112.5%	208	262	126.0%	208	262	126.0%			
Total	105,446	110,079	104.4%	86,656	85,881	99.1%	86,656	85,881	99.1%			

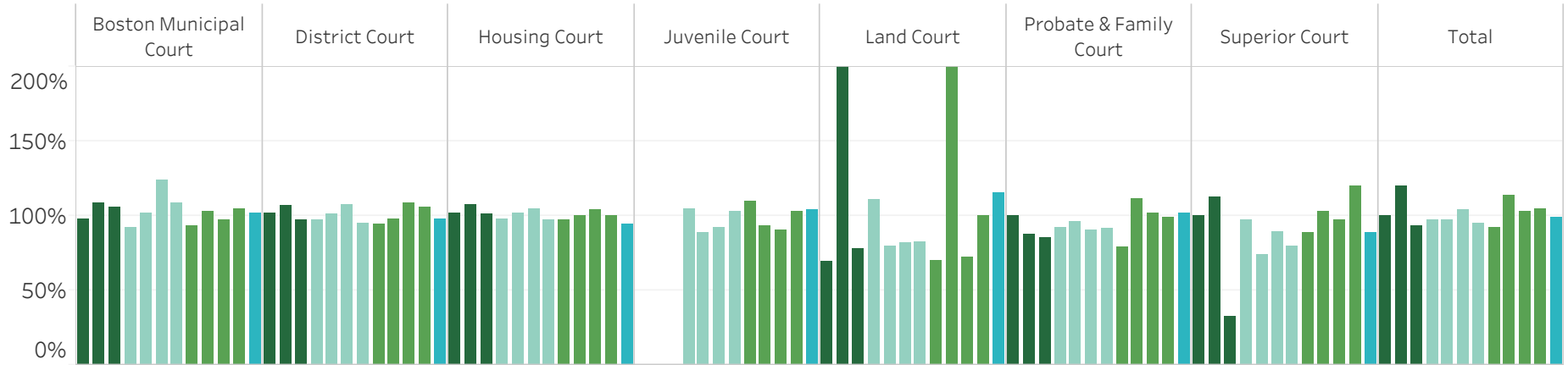
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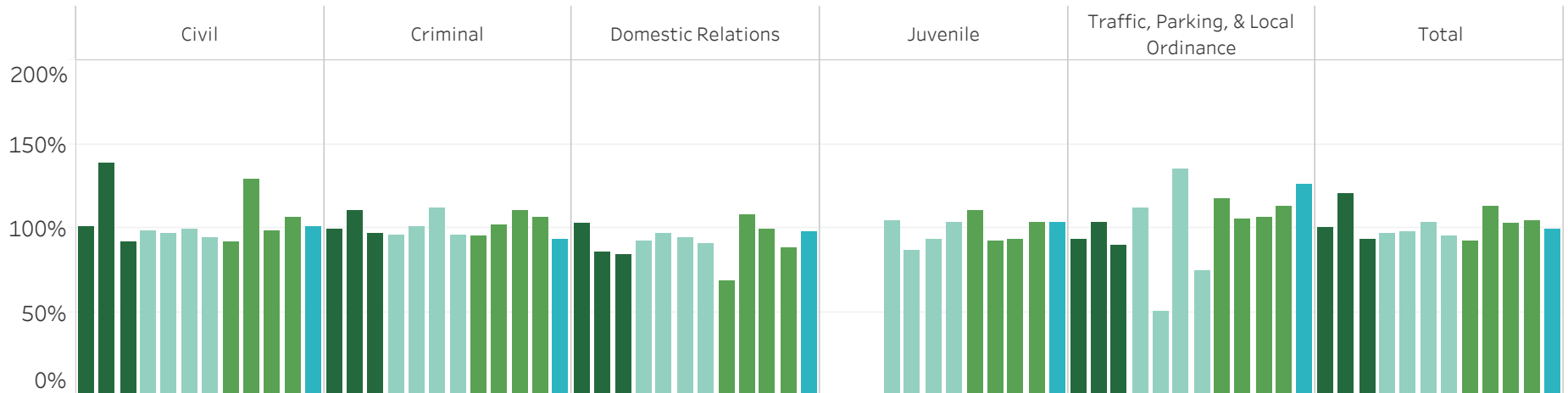
Clearance Rate

Clearance Rate by Department
Most Recent 12 Quarters

2015 2016 2017 2018



Clearance Rate by Case Type
Most Recent 12 Quarters



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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	10,284	9,522	92.6%	8,957	8,280	92.4%	8,957	8,280	92.4%
District Court	56,774	51,582	90.9%	35,927	33,396	93.0%	35,927	33,396	93.0%
Housing Court	9,415	8,652	91.9%	10,172	9,653	94.9%	10,172	9,653	94.9%
Juvenile Court	5,608	3,621	64.6%	4,680	2,903	62.0%	4,680	2,903	62.0%
Land Court	529	287	54.3%	660	344	52.1%	660	344	52.1%
Probate & Family Court	13,458	11,228	83.4%	13,585	11,276	83.0%	13,585	11,276	83.0%
Superior Court	6,948	3,907	56.2%	4,935	3,128	63.4%	4,935	3,128	63.4%
Total	103,016	88,799	86.2%	78,916	68,980	87.4%	78,916	68,980	87.4%

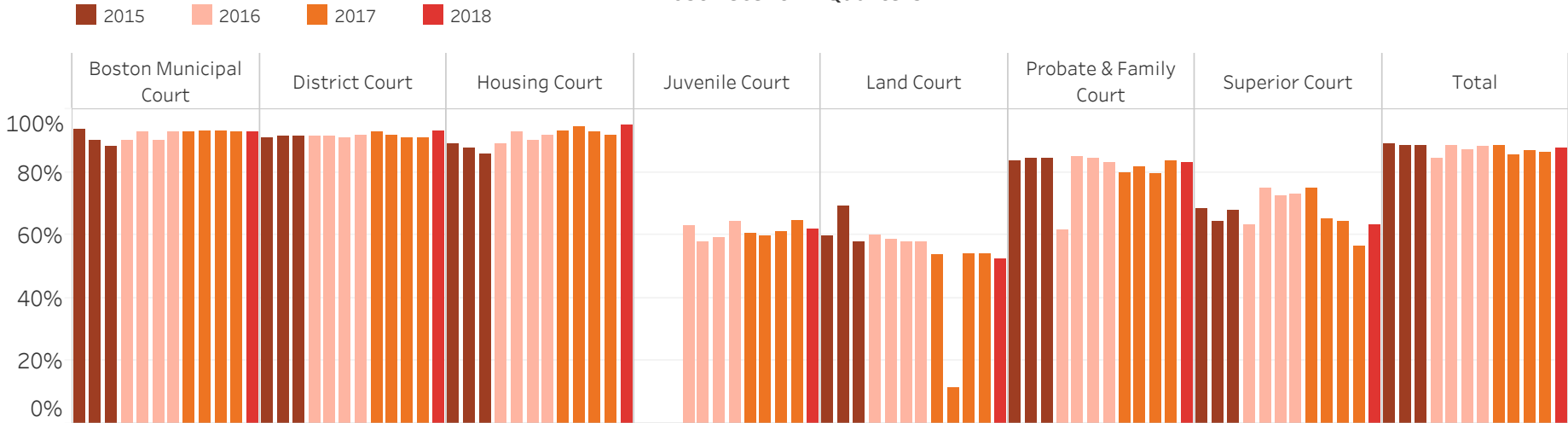
By Case Type:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS
Civil	49,294	44,818	90.9%	47,967	44,369	92.5%	47,967	44,369	92.5%
Criminal	40,583	34,413	84.8%	18,028	15,218	84.4%	18,028	15,218	84.4%
Domestic Relations	8,036	6,377	79.4%	8,719	6,907	79.2%	8,719	6,907	79.2%
Juvenile	4,751	2,929	61.7%	3,940	2,301	58.4%	3,940	2,301	58.4%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Or..	352	262	74.4%	262	185	70.6%	262	185	70.6%
Total	103,016	88,799	86.2%	78,916	68,980	87.4%	78,916	68,980	87.4%

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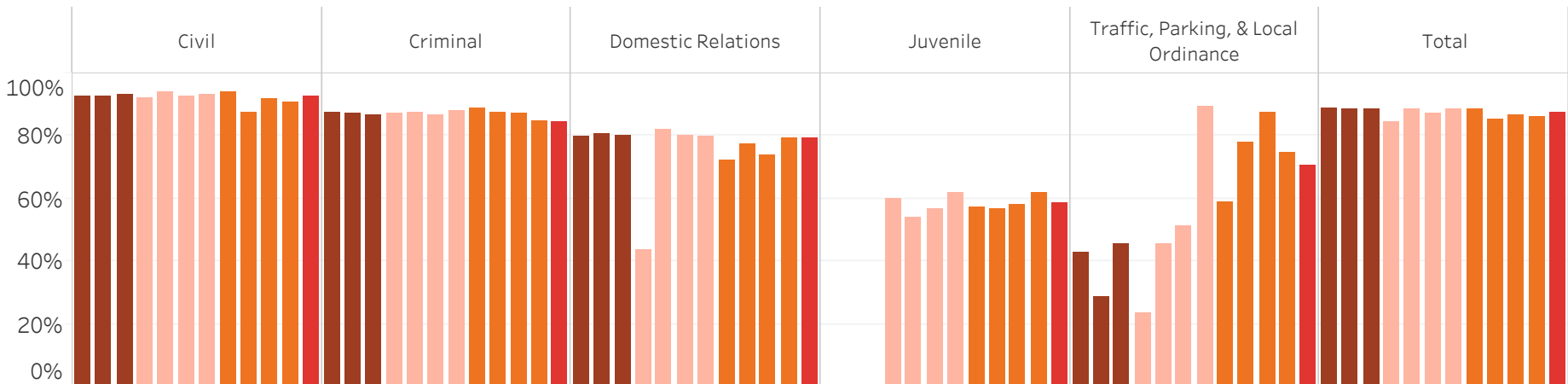


Time to Disposition

Percent of Cases Disposed Within Time Standards by Court Department
Most Recent 12 Quarters



Percent of Cases Disposed Within Time Standard by Case Type
Most Recent 12 Quarters



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Cases Pending Beyond

By Department:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change
Boston Municipal Court	13,147	11,824	-10.1%	1,136	1,158	1.9%	8.6%	9.8%	1.2%
District Court	70,003	44,897	-35.9%	12,253	9,389	-23.4%	17.5%	20.9%	3.4%
Housing Court	3,226	3,739	15.9%	775	840	8.4%	24.0%	22.5%	-1.6%
Juvenile Court	13,877	13,164	-5.1%	3,983	3,969	-0.4%	28.7%	30.2%	1.4%
Land Court	10,424	10,551	1.2%	7,490	6,695	-10.6%	71.9%	63.5%	-8.4%
Probate & Family Court	56,369	42,644	-24.3%	31,140	17,237	-44.6%	55.2%	40.4%	-14.8%
Superior Court	40,016	40,380	0.9%	14,169	14,659	3.5%	35.4%	36.3%	0.9%
Total	207,062	167,199	-19.3%	70,946	53,947	-24.0%	34.3%	32.3%	-2.0%

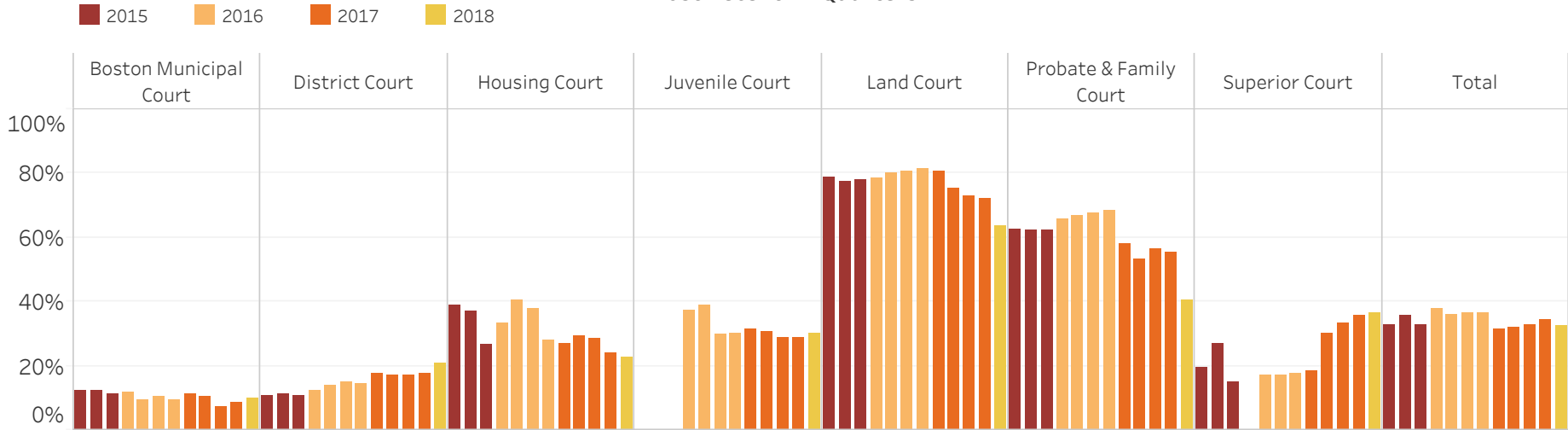
By Case Type:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change
Civil	100,286	90,438	-9.8%	44,974	34,347	-23.6%	44.8%	38.0%	-6.9%
Criminal	60,944	35,110	-42.4%	9,420	6,615	-29.8%	15.5%	18.8%	3.4%
Domestic Relations	33,582	30,081	-10.4%	13,083	9,600	-26.6%	39.0%	31.9%	-7.0%
Juvenile	12,166	11,527	-5.3%	3,404	3,359	-1.3%	28.0%	29.1%	1.2%
Traffic, Parking, & Local ..	84	43	-48.8%	65	26	-60.0%	77.4%	60.5%	-16.9%
Total	207,062	167,199	-19.3%	70,946	53,947	-24.0%	34.3%	32.3%	-2.0%

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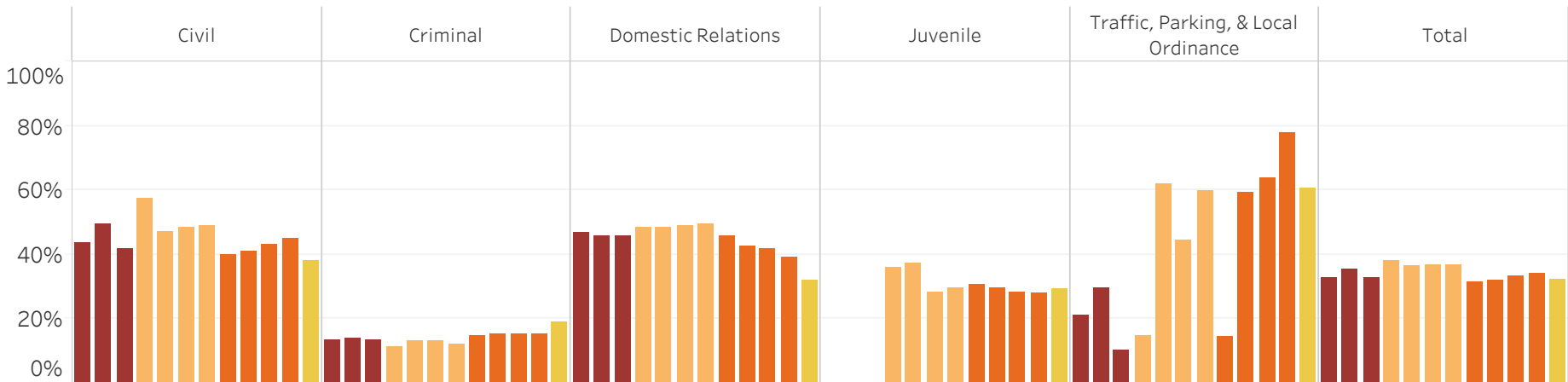


Cases Pending Beyond

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



Percent of Pending Cases Beyond Time Standards by Case Type
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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	123	83	67.5%	146	114	78.1%	146	114	78.1%			
District Court	1,345	942	70.0%	573	421	73.5%	573	421	73.5%			
Housing Court	402	321	79.9%	403	336	83.4%	403	336	83.4%			
Juvenile Court												
Land Court	18	18	100.0%	9	9	100.0%	9	9	100.0%			
Probate & Family Court	264	257	97.3%	205	196	95.6%	205	196	95.6%			
Superior Court	223	106	47.5%	151	69	45.7%	151	69	45.7%			
Total	2,375	1,727	72.7%	1,487	1,145	77.0%	1,487	1,145	77.0%			

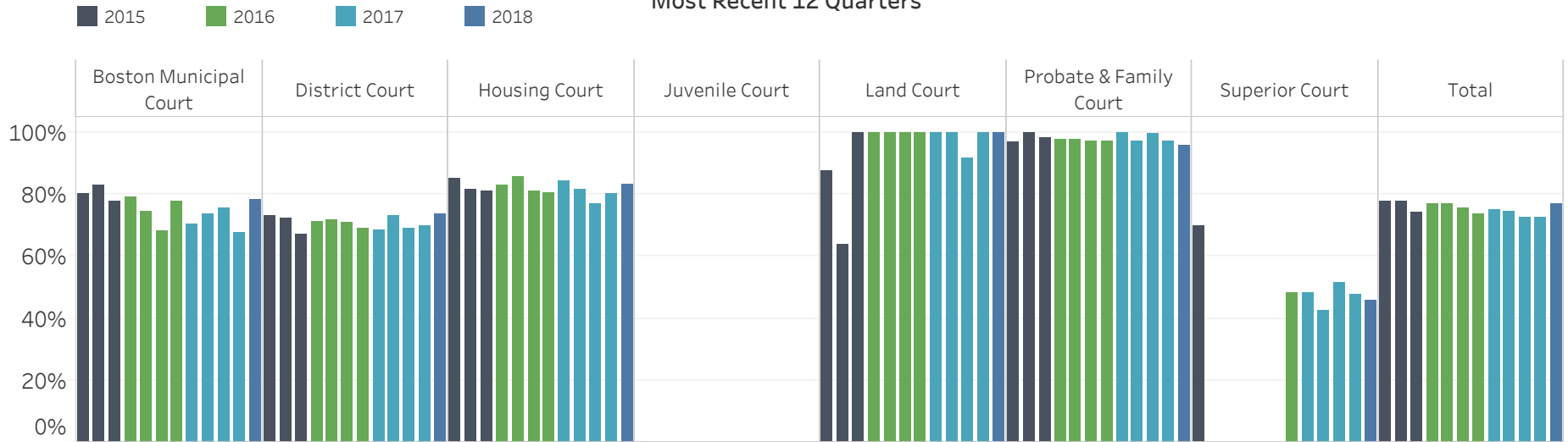
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	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	% Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	% Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	% Disposed W/I 2 Dates			
Civil	194	138	71.1%	139	94	67.6%	139	94	67.6%			
Criminal	1,515	1,011	66.7%	740	519	70.1%	740	519	70.1%			
Domestic Relations												
Juvenile												
Traffic, Parking, & Local Or..												
Total	1,709	1,149	67.2%	879	613	69.7%	879	613	69.7%			

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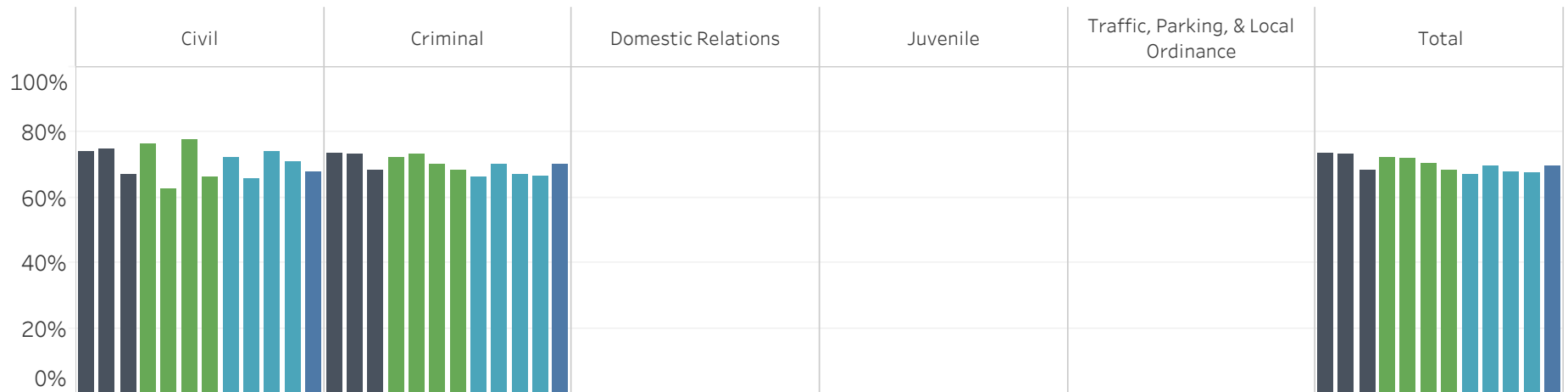


Trial Date Certainty

Percent of Trial Cases Disposed Within 2 Trial Date Settings by Court Department
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