

Executive Office of the Trial Court Case Flow Metrics Report

Calendar Year 2013 Quarter 4

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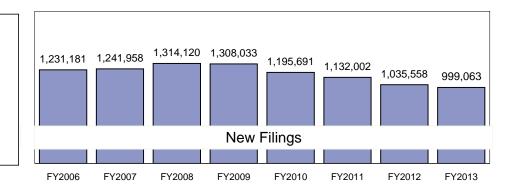


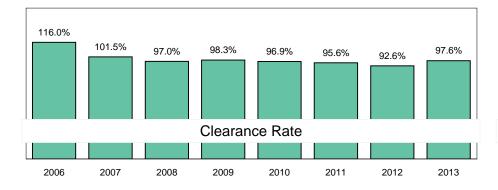
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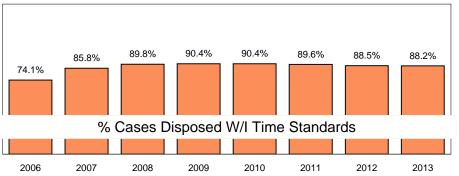
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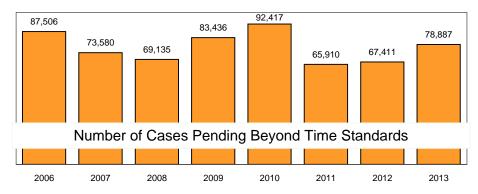
TRIAL COURT FILINGS (FY2006 THROUGH FY2013)

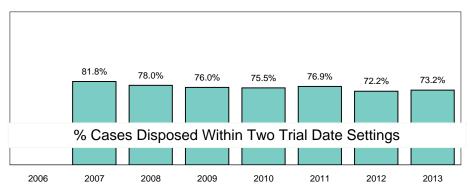
TRIAL COURT CASE FLOW METRICS (CY2006 THROUGH CY2013-Q4)













New Filings

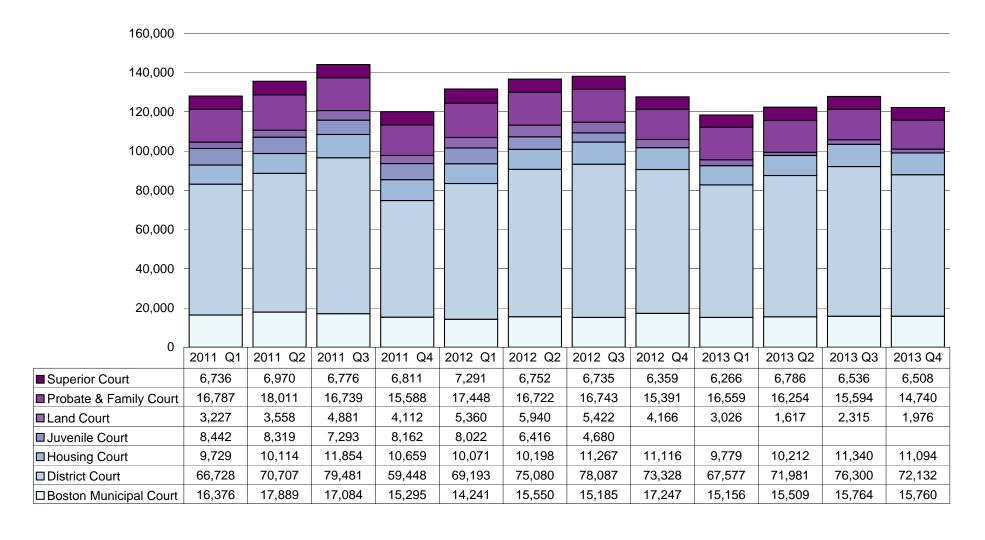
By Department:	New Filings			New	/ Filings `	% All Filings	
	Q3	Q4	% Change	2012 YTD	2013 YTD	% Change	2013 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	15,764	15,760	0.0%	62,223	62,189	-0.1%	12.9%
District Court	76,300	72,132	-5.5%	295,688	287,990	-2.6%	59.0%
Housing Court	11,340	11,094	-2.2%	42,652	42,425	-0.5%	9.1%
Juvenile Court							
Land Court	2,315	1,976	-14.6%	20,888	8,934	-57.2%	1.6%
Probate & Family Court	15,594	14,740	-5.5%	66,304	63,147	-4.8%	12.1%
Superior Court	6,536	6,508	-0.4%	27,137	26,096	-3.8%	5.3%
Total	127,849	122,210	-4.4%	514,892	490,781	-4.7%	100.0%

By Case Type:	N	ew Filing	s	New	/ Filings `	% All Filings	
	Q3	Q4	% Change	2012 YTD	2013 YTD	% Change	2013 YTD
Civil	54,879	54,481	-0.7%	N/A	216,592	N/A	44.6%
Criminal	62,434	57,639	-7.7%	N/A	232,074	N/A	47.2%
Domestic Relations	10,191	9,378	-8.0%	N/A	39,892	N/A	7.7%
Juvenile							
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	345	712	106.4%	N/A	2,223	N/A	0.6%
Total	127,849	122,210	-4.4%	N/A	490,781	N/A	100.0%



New Filings By Department

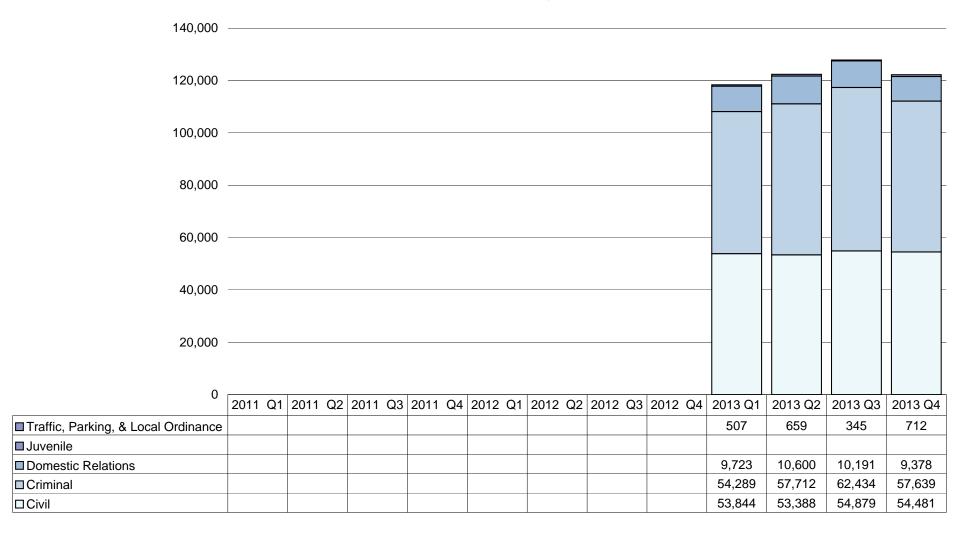
Last 12 Quarters





New Filings by Case Type

Last 12 Quarters





Clearance Rate

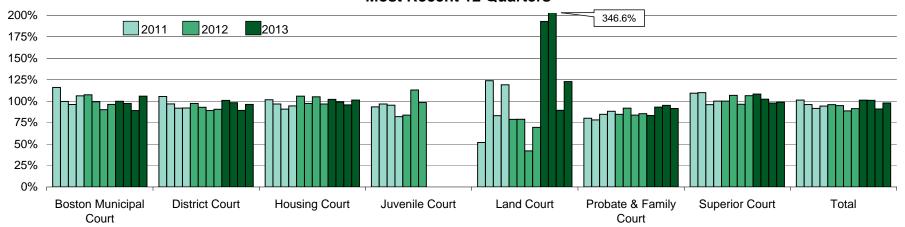
By Department:		Q3			Q4		YTD			
	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	
Boston Municipal Court	15,764	14,027	89.0%	15,760	16,677	105.8%	62,189	60,919	98.0%	
District Court	76,300	68,078	89.2%	72,132	69,405	96.2%	287,990	276,230	95.9%	
Housing Court	11,340	10,841	95.6%	11,094	11,231	101.2%	42,425	42,163	99.4%	
Juvenile Court										
Land Court	2,315	2,067	89.3%	1,976	2,426	122.8%	8,934	15,933	178.3%	
Probate & Family Court	15,594	14,822	95.0%	14,740	13,470	91.4%	63,147	57,205	90.6%	
Superior Court	6,536	6,392	97.8%	6,508	6,422	98.7%	26,096	26,530	101.7%	
Total	127,849	116,227	90.9%	122,210	119,631	97.9%	490,781	478,980	97.6%	

By Case Type:	Q3			Q4			YTD			
	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	
Civil	54,879	51,855	94.5%	54,481	54,389	99.8%	216,592	215,975	99.7%	
Criminal	62,434	54,298	87.0%	57,639	55,956	97.1%	232,074	223,989	96.5%	
Domestic Relations	10,191	9,524	93.5%	9,378	8,538	91.0%	39,892	36,711	92.0%	
Juvenile										
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	345	550	159.4%	712	748	105.1%	2,223	2,305	103.7%	
Total	127,849	116,227	90.9%	122,210	119,631	97.9%	490,781	478,980	97.6%	

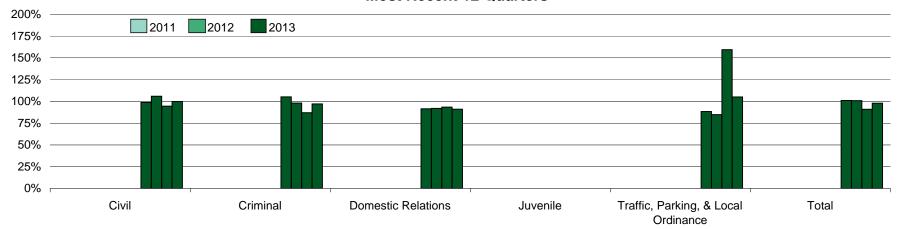


Clearance Rate

Clearance Rate by Court Department Most Recent 12 Quarters



Clearance Rate by Case Type Most Recent 12 Quarters





Time to Disposition

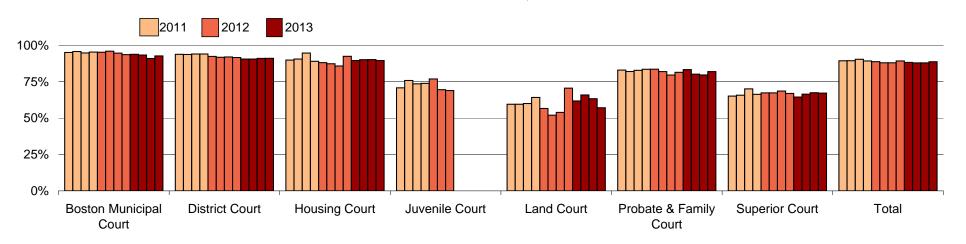
By Department:		Q3			Q4		YTD			
	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	
Boston Municipal Court	14,027	12,763	91.0%	16,677	15,466	92.7%	60,919	56,509	92.8%	
District Court	65,449	59,570	91.0%	66,785	60,842	91.1%	265,530	241,200	90.8%	
Housing Court	10,841	9,778	90.2%	11,231	10,059	89.6%	42,163	37,890	89.9%	
Juvenile Court										
Land Court	608	385	63.3%	352	201	57.1%	2,598	1,633	62.9%	
Probate & Family Court	14,822	11,806	79.7%	13,470	11,037	81.9%	57,205	46,467	81.2%	
Superior Court	6,229	4,201	67.4%	6,310	4,237	67.1%	26,023	17,266	66.3%	
Total	111,976	98,503	88.0%	114,825	101,842	88.7%	454,438	400,965	88.2%	

By Case Type:		Q3			Q4		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	50,366	46,554	92.4%	52,279	48,453	92.7%	202,505	186,877	92.3%	
Criminal	51,536	44,549	86.4%	53,260	46,305	86.9%	212,917	184,378	86.6%	
Domestic Relations	9,524	7,236	76.0%	8,538	6,628	77.6%	36,711	28,440	77.5%	
Juvenile										
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	550	164	29.8%	748	456	61.0%	2,305	1,270	55.1%	
Total	111,976	98,503	88.0%	114,825	101,842	88.7%	454,438	400,965	88.2%	

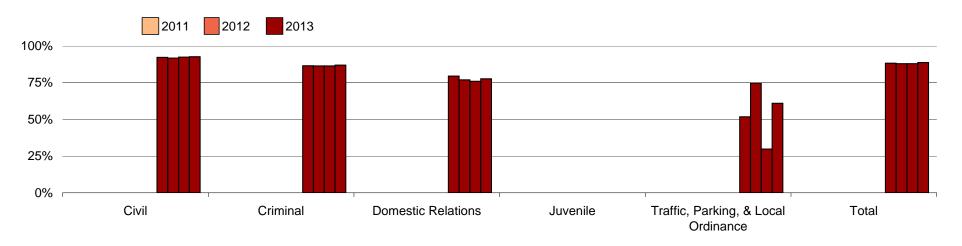


Time to Disposition

% 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

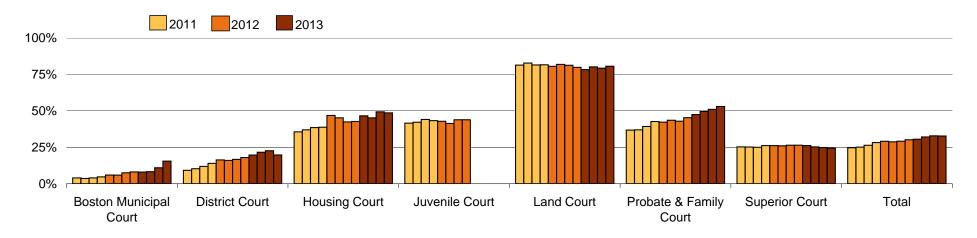
By Department:		Pending	l	Pendi	ng Beyo	nd TS	Pending Beyond Rate			
	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	
Boston Municipal Court	15,267	15,724	3.0%	1,674	2,444	46.0%	11.0%	15.5%	4.6%	
District Court	118,264	112,297	-5.0%	26,810	22,208	-17.2%	22.7%	19.8%	-2.9%	
Housing Court	5,460	5,236	-4.1%	2,693	2,547	-5.4%	49.3%	48.6%	-0.7%	
Juvenile Court										
Land Court	13,026	12,927	-0.8%	10,328	10,420	0.9%	79.3%	80.6%	1.3%	
Probate & Family Court	60,263	63,531	5.4%	30,759	33,683	9.5%	51.0%	53.0%	2.0%	
Superior Court	31,211	31,152	-0.2%	7,752	7,585	-2.2%	24.8%	24.3%	-0.5%	
Total	243,491	240,867	-1.1%	80,016	78,887	-1.4%	32.9%	32.8%	-0.1%	

By Case Type:		Pending		Pendi	ng Beyo	nd TS	Pending Beyond Rate			
	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	
Civil	121,527	119,355	-1.8%	54,333	52,922	-2.6%	44.7%	44.3%	-0.4%	
Criminal	91,497	90,336	-1.3%	13,662	13,435	-1.7%	14.9%	14.9%	-0.1%	
Domestic Relations	30,254	31,055	2.6%	11,904	12,517	5.1%	39.3%	40.3%	1.0%	
Juvenile										
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	213	121	-43.2%	117	13	-88.9%	54.9%	10.7%	-44.2%	
Total	243,491	240,867	-1.1%	80,016	78,887	-1.4%	32.9%	32.8%	-0.1%	

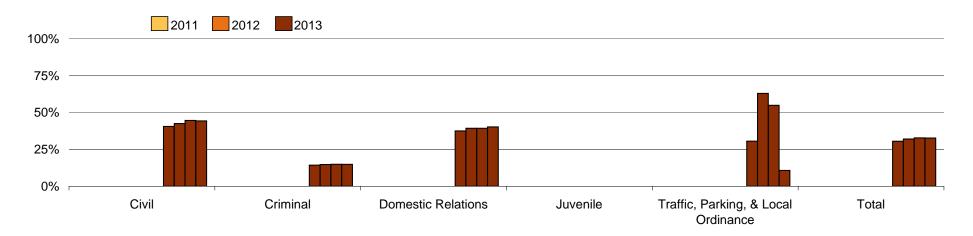


Cases Pending Beyond Time Standards

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

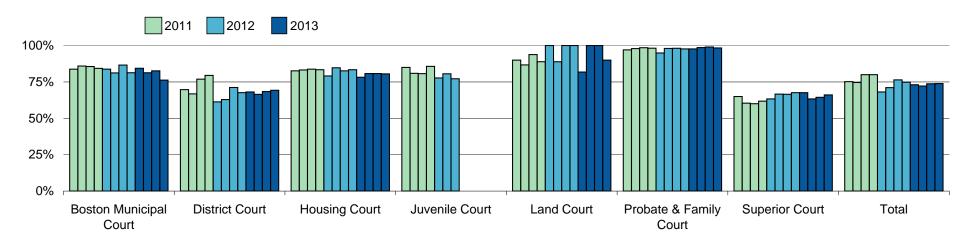
By Department:	Q3				Q4		YTD			
	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates	
Boston Municipal Court	138	114	82.6%	160	122	76.3%	717	584	81.5%	
District Court	1,498	1,024	68.4%	1,807	1,252	69.3%	6,745	4,592	68.1%	
Housing Court	337	274	81.3%	432	348	80.6%	1,466	1,176	80.2%	
Juvenile Court										
Land Court	8	8	100.0%	10	9	90.0%	34	31	91.2%	
Probate & Family Court	297	294	99.0%	303	298	98.3%	1,156	1,138	98.4%	
Superior Court	354	228	64.4%	327	216	66.1%	1,433	936	65.3%	
Total	2,632	1,942	73.8%	3,039	2,245	73.9%	11,551	8,457	73.2%	

By Case Type:	Q3				Q4			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	297	215	72.4%	301	214	71.1%	1,562	1,186	75.9%		
Criminal	1,701	1,159	68.1%	2,003	1,385	69.1%	7,630	5,214	68.3%		
Domestic Relations											
Juvenile											
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance											
Total	1,998	1,374	68.8%	2,304	1,599	69.4%	9,192	6,400	69.6%		



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

