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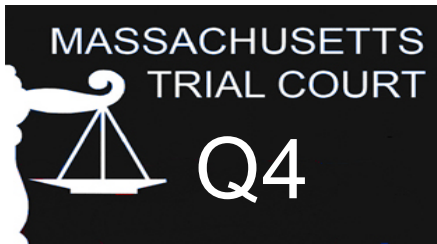


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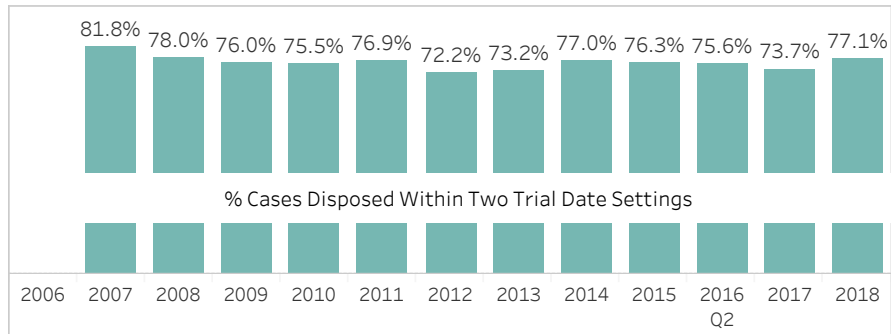
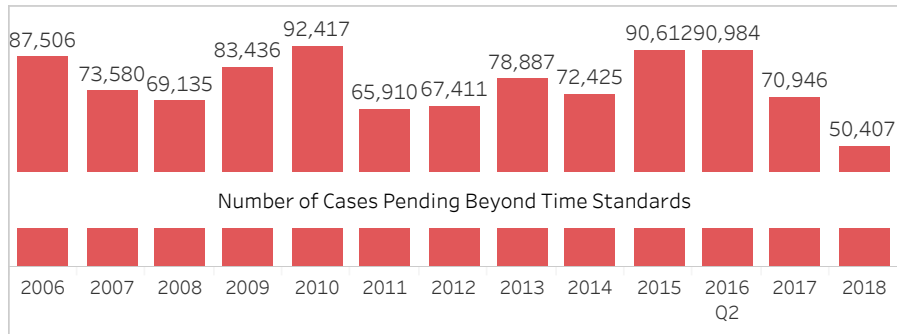
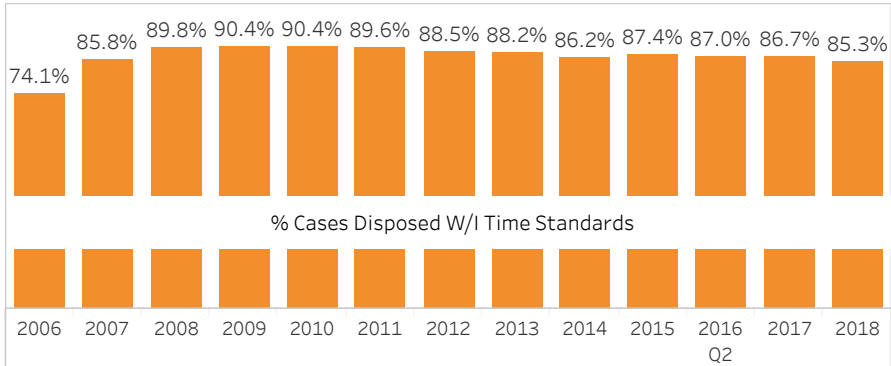
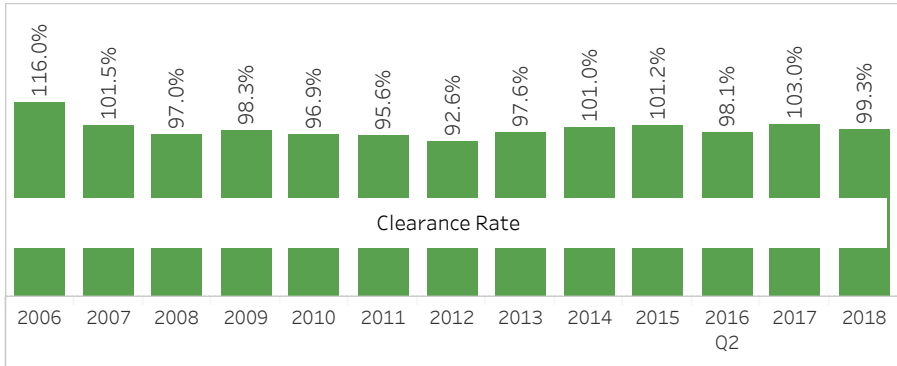
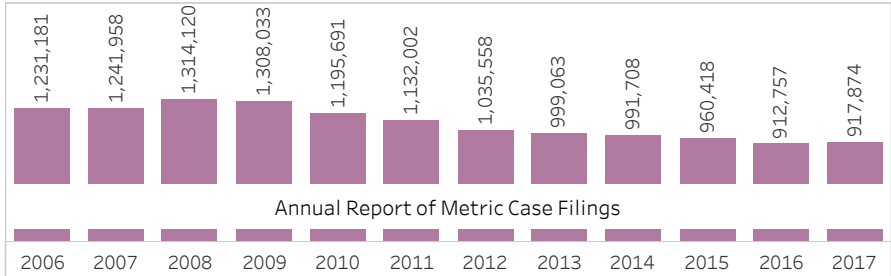
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Case Flow Metrics

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 Q3 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 2018 Q1 excludes criminal cases in 36 District Court divisions. FY 2018 Q2 - Q4 excludes criminal cases in Boston Municipal Court and District Court. FY 2018 Q3-Q4 excludes District Court. 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	
	Q3	Q4	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	4,910	4,235	-13.7%	23,892	20,909	-12.5%	10.1%	9.2%
District Court				44,139	43,990	-0.3%	18.7%	19.5%
Housing Court	9,486	9,629	1.5%	40,378	40,025	-0.9%	17.1%	17.7%
Juvenile Court	8,533	7,953	-6.8%	34,405	32,760	-4.8%	14.6%	14.5%
Land Court	3,584	3,904	8.9%	15,226	14,978	-1.6%	6.5%	6.6%
Probate & Family Court	12,037	12,913	7.3%	54,835	50,581	-7.8%	23.2%	22.4%
Superior Court	5,779	5,740	-0.7%	23,154	22,864	-1.3%	9.8%	10.1%
Total	44,329	44,374	0.1%	236,029	226,107	-4.2%	100.0%	100.0%

By Case Type:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings	
	Q3	Q4	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD
Civil	26,957	26,864	-0.3%	158,793	155,221	-2.2%	67.3%	68.6%
Criminal	1,903	1,822	-4.3%	8,209	7,476	-8.9%	3.5%	3.3%
Domestic Relations	7,724	8,509	10.2%	36,076	33,365	-7.5%	15.3%	14.8%
Juvenile	7,583	6,942	-8.5%	31,243	29,225	-6.5%	13.2%	12.9%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	162	237	46.3%	1,708	820	-52.0%	0.7%	0.4%
Total	44,329	44,374	0.1%	236,029	226,107	-4.2%	100.0%	100.0%

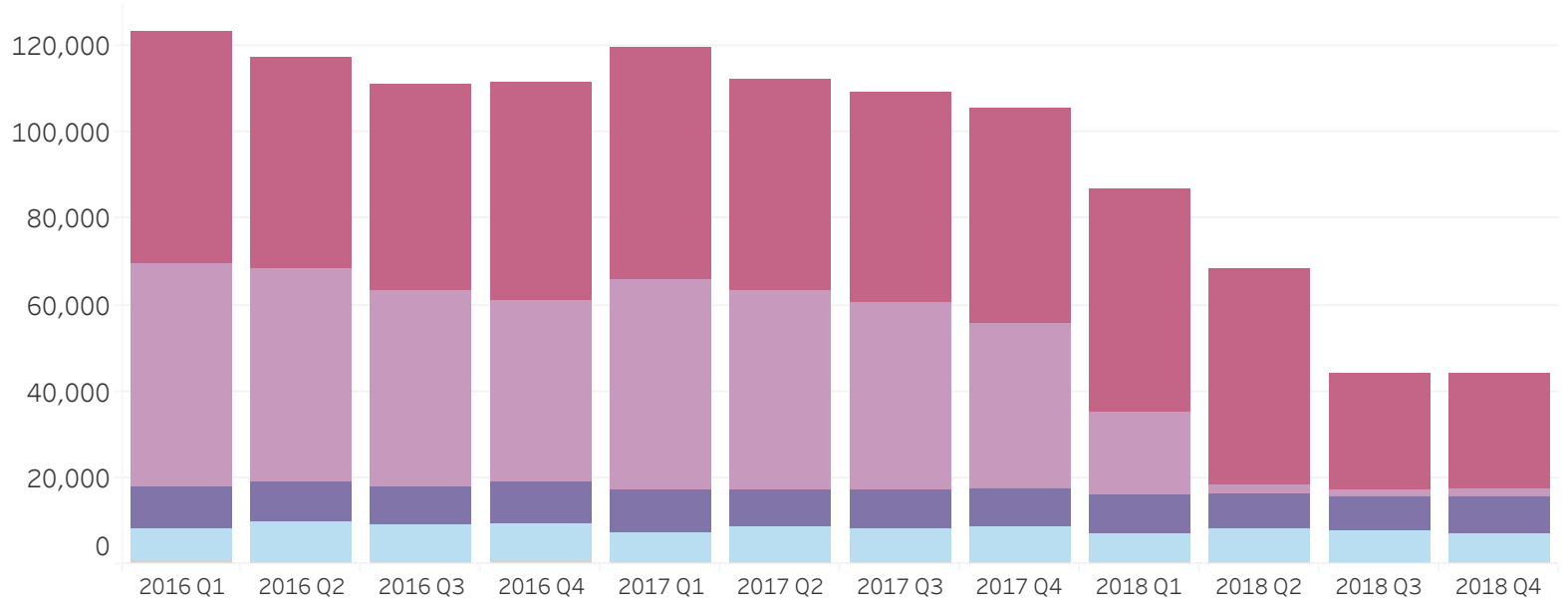
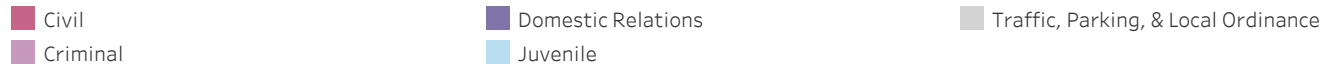
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Metrics Case Filings By Case Type

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 12 Quarters



Civil	53,507	48,748	47,667	50,720	53,534	48,851	48,603	49,625	51,372	50,028	26,957	26,864
Criminal	51,739	49,451	45,344	41,720	49,008	46,363	43,430	38,252	19,316	1,962	1,903	1,822
Domestic Relations	9,757	9,286	9,010	9,738	9,551	8,492	8,880	9,153	8,944	8,188	7,724	8,509
Juvenile	7,565	9,169	8,708	8,712	6,958	8,242	7,940	8,103	6,816	7,884	7,583	6,942
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordin..	742	540	313	744	546	446	403	313	208	213	162	237
Total	123,310	117,194	111,042	111,634	119,597	112,394	109,256	105,446	86,656	68,275	44,329	44,374

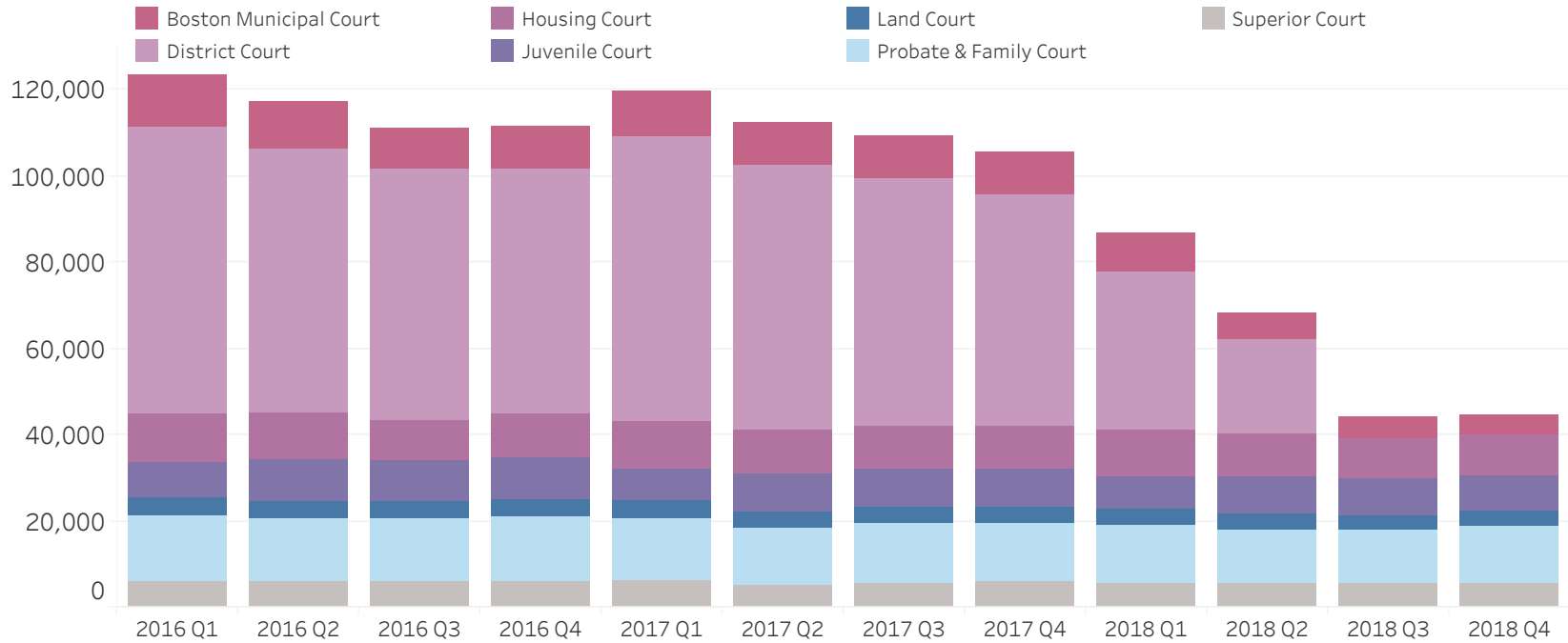
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Metrics Case Filings By Department

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 12 Quarters



	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1	2017 Q2	2017 Q3	2017 Q4	2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3	2018 Q4
Boston Municipal Court	11,638	10,777	9,401	10,001	10,459	9,693	9,644	9,800	8,782	5,982	4,910	4,235
District Court	66,643	61,301	58,054	56,840	65,970	61,498	57,756	53,875	36,706	21,811		
Housing Court	11,458	10,608	9,352	10,113	10,940	10,236	9,797	9,405	10,775	10,135	9,486	9,629
Juvenile Court	8,158	9,879	9,522	9,536	7,597	8,985	8,819	9,004	7,537	8,737	8,533	7,953
Land Court	4,131	4,046	4,263	4,184	3,930	3,563	3,918	3,815	3,905	3,585	3,584	3,904
Probate & Family Court	15,438	14,736	14,639	15,112	14,498	13,065	13,659	13,613	13,380	12,251	12,037	12,913
Superior Court	5,844	5,847	5,811	5,848	6,203	5,354	5,663	5,934	5,571	5,774	5,779	5,740
Total	123,310	117,194	111,042	111,634	119,597	112,394	109,256	105,446	86,656	68,275	44,329	44,374

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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	4,910	4,913	100.1%	4,235	4,451	105.1%	23,909	23,657	98.9%			
District Court							58,517	55,861	95.5%			
Housing Court	9,486	9,732	102.6%	9,629	9,172	95.3%	40,025	38,977	97.4%			
Juvenile Court	8,533	7,774	91.1%	7,953	8,686	109.2%	32,760	32,745	100.0%			
Land Court	3,584	4,114	114.8%	3,904	5,102	130.7%	14,978	17,779	118.7%			
Probate & Family Court	12,037	12,797	106.3%	12,913	13,472	104.3%	50,581	51,691	102.2%			
Superior Court	5,779	5,462	94.5%	5,740	5,491	95.7%	22,864	21,209	92.8%			
Total	44,329	44,792	101.0%	44,374	46,374	104.5%	243,634	241,919	99.3%			

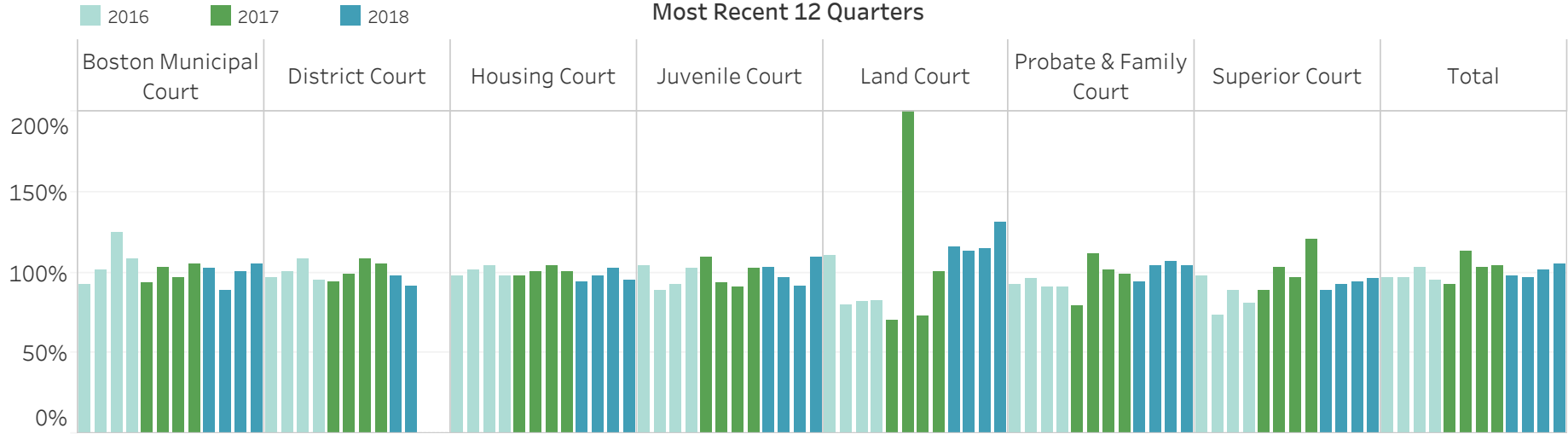
By Case Type:				Q3			Q4			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate			
Civil	26,957	28,211	104.7%	26,864	28,800	107.2%	155,221	157,052	101.2%			
Criminal	1,903	1,689	88.8%	1,822	1,715	94.1%	25,003	23,368	93.5%			
Domestic Relations	7,724	7,699	99.7%	8,509	7,995	94.0%	33,365	31,413	94.1%			
Juvenile	7,583	7,033	92.7%	6,942	7,655	110.3%	29,225	29,314	100.3%			
Traffic, Parking, & Local ..	162	160	98.8%	237	209	88.2%	820	772	94.1%			
Total	44,329	44,792	101.0%	44,374	46,374	104.5%	243,634	241,919	99.3%			

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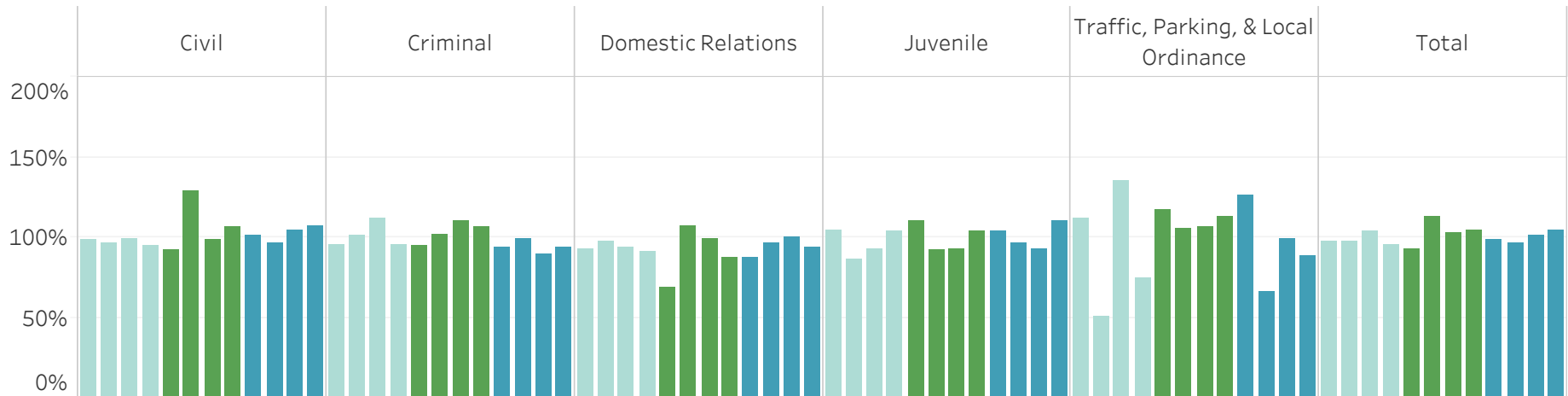


Clearance Rate

Clearance Rate by Department
Most Recent 12 Quarters



Clearance Rate by Case Type
Most Recent 12 Quarters



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Time to Disposition

By Department:				Q3			Q4			YTD		
	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard			
Boston Municipal Court	4,913	4,760	96.9%	4,451	4,330	97.3%	23,602	22,501	95.3%			
District Court							55,879	52,701	94.3%			
Housing Court	9,732	9,104	93.5%	9,172	8,523	92.9%	38,977	36,646	94.0%			
Juvenile Court	4,750	2,934	61.8%	5,520	3,444	62.4%	20,290	12,566	61.9%			
Land Court	680	429	63.1%	980	594	60.6%	3,393	1,919	56.6%			
Probate & Family Court	12,797	10,667	83.4%	13,472	11,296	83.8%	51,691	43,368	83.9%			
Superior Court	5,295	3,243	61.2%	5,307	3,551	66.9%	20,700	13,342	64.5%			
Total	38,167	31,137	81.6%	38,902	31,738	81.6%	214,532	183,043	85.3%			

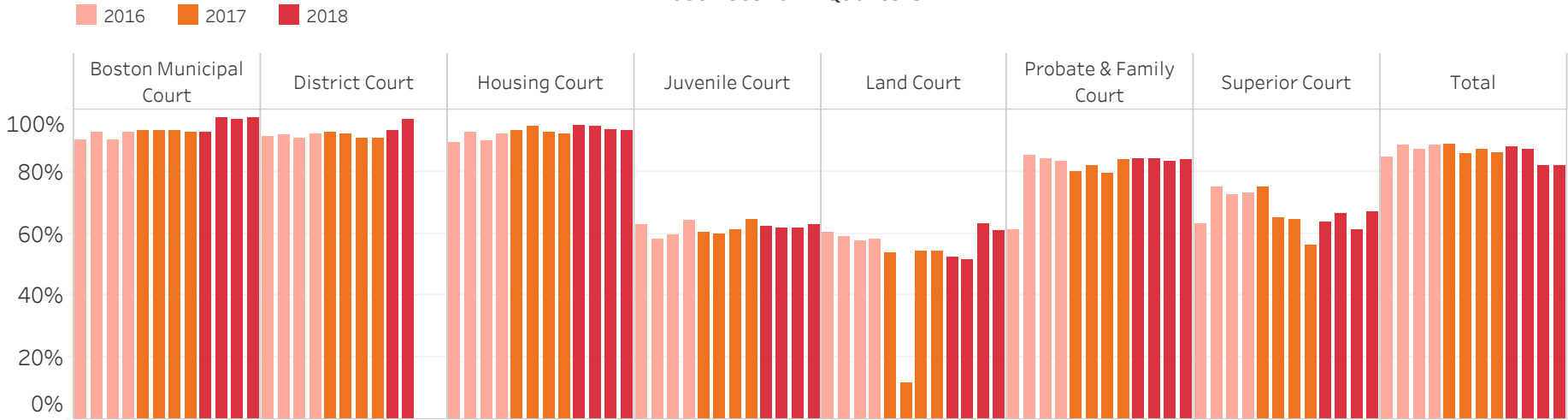
By Case Type:				Q3			Q4			YTD		
	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard			
Civil	24,707	21,963	88.9%	24,622	21,918	89.0%	142,442	130,023	91.3%			
Criminal	1,592	619	38.9%	1,587	727	45.8%	23,046	17,461	75.8%			
Domestic Relations	7,699	6,109	79.3%	7,995	6,352	79.4%	31,413	25,220	80.3%			
Juvenile	4,009	2,338	58.3%	4,489	2,605	58.0%	16,859	9,784	58.0%			
Traffic, Parking, & Local ..	160	108	67.5%	209	136	65.1%	772	555	71.9%			
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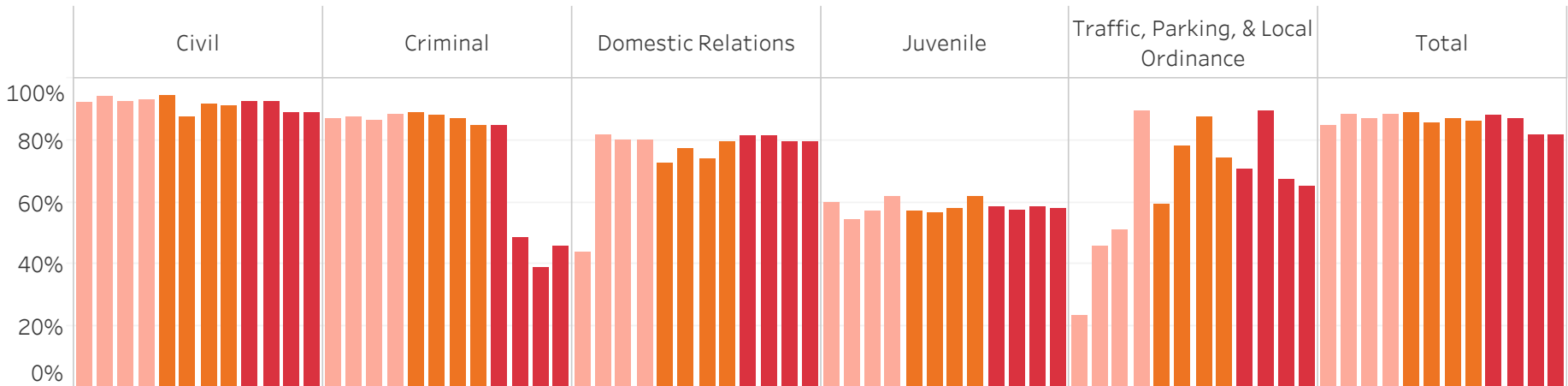


Time to Disposition

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		
	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change
Boston Municipal Court	3,420	3,246	-5.1%	412	250	-39.3%	12.0%	7.7%	-4.3%
District Court									
Housing Court	3,400	3,873	13.9%	998	992	-0.6%	29.4%	25.6%	-3.7%
Juvenile Court	13,334	12,901	-3.2%	3,566	3,642	2.1%	26.7%	28.2%	1.5%
Land Court	10,158	10,029	-1.3%	7,462	7,483	0.3%	73.5%	74.6%	1.2%
Probate & Family Court	44,227	43,997	-0.5%	19,654	20,810	5.9%	44.4%	47.3%	2.9%
Superior Court	40,674	40,566	-0.3%	16,897	17,230	2.0%	41.5%	42.5%	0.9%
Total	115,213	114,612	-0.5%	48,989	50,407	2.9%	42.5%	44.0%	1.5%

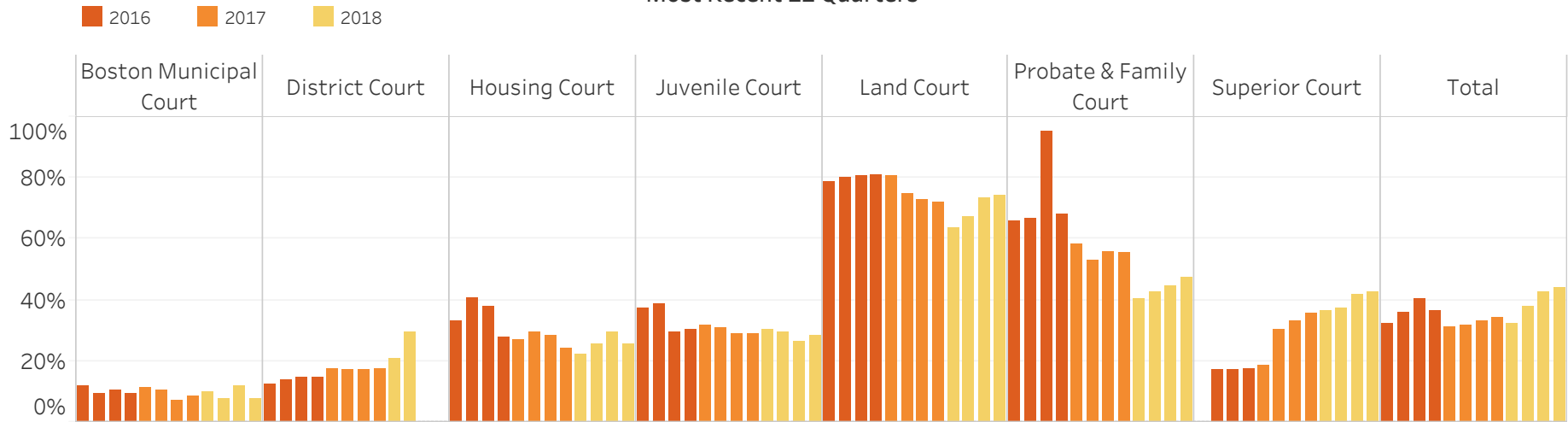
By Case Type:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change
Civil	66,593	66,808	0.3%	31,177	31,911	2.4%	46.8%	47.8%	0.9%
Criminal	6,153	5,995	-2.6%	3,519	3,371	-4.2%	57.2%	56.2%	-1.0%
Domestic Relations	30,729	30,524	-0.7%	11,233	11,987	6.7%	36.6%	39.3%	2.7%
Juvenile	11,605	11,158	-3.9%	2,974	3,050	2.6%	25.6%	27.3%	1.7%
Traffic, Parking, & Local ..	133	127	-4.5%	86	88	2.3%	64.7%	69.3%	4.6%
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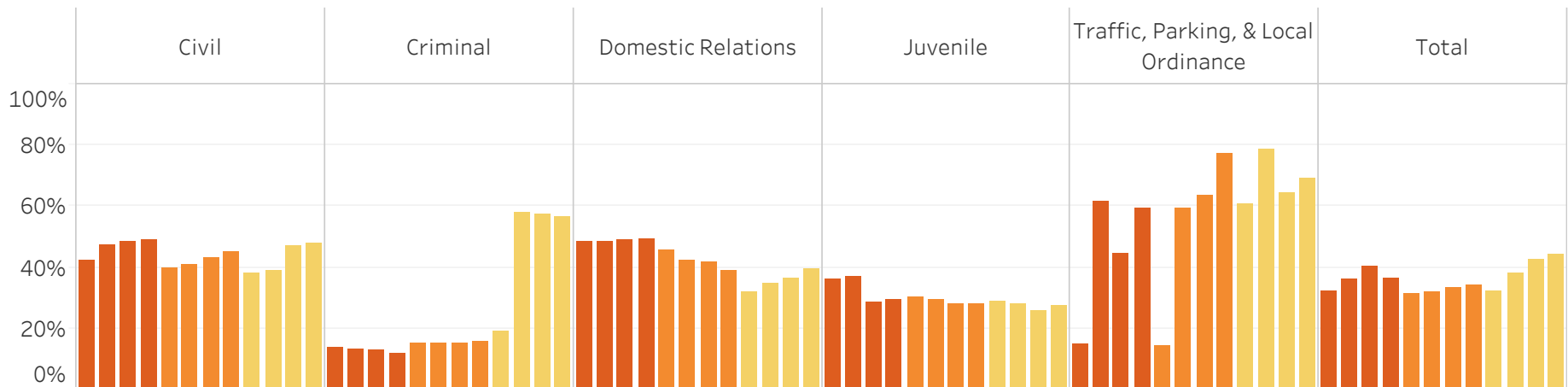


Cases Pending Beyond

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



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



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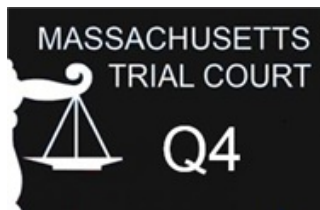


Trial Date Certainty

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	22	17	77.3%	12	10	83.3%	199	157	78.9%			
District Court							624	456	73.1%			
Housing Court	452	345	76.3%	469	348	74.2%	1,760	1,374	78.1%			
Juvenile Court												
Land Court	7	6	85.7%	16	16	100.0%	36	35	97.2%			
Probate & Family Court	280	277	98.9%	255	249	97.6%	954	928	97.3%			
Superior Court	214	127	59.3%	227	116	51.1%	816	435	53.3%			
Total	975	772	79.2%	979	739	75.5%	4,389	3,385	77.1%			

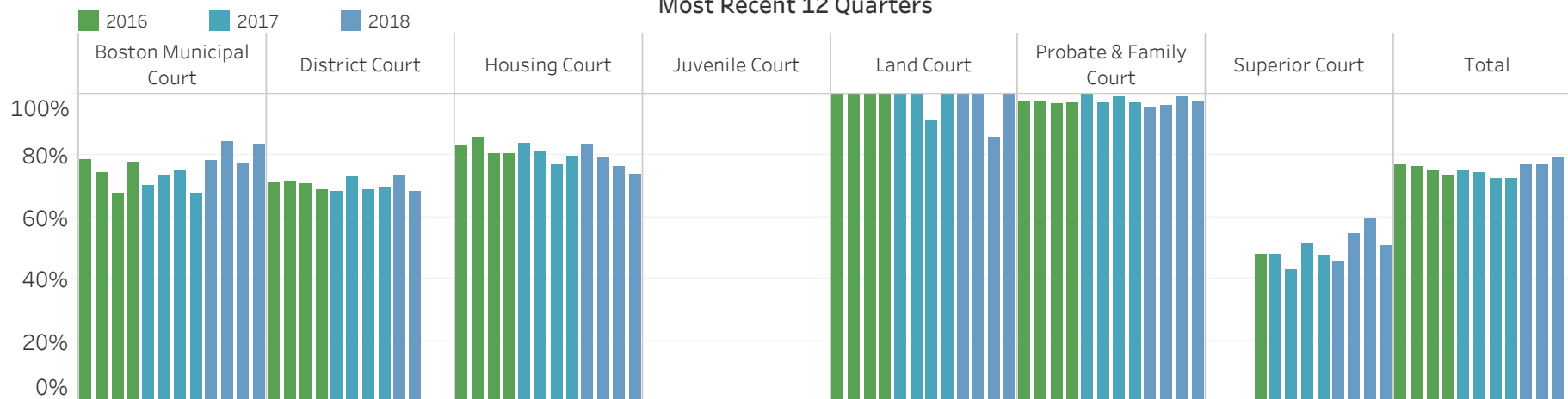
By Case Type:				Q3			Q4			YTD		
	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	% Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	% Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	% Disposed W/I 2 Dates			
Civil	130	91	70.0%	121	91	75.2%	551	398	72.2%			
Criminal	113	59	52.2%	134	51	38.1%	1,124	685	60.9%			
Domestic Relations												
Juvenile												
Traffic, Parking, & Local ..												
Total	243	150	61.7%	255	142	55.7%	1,675	1,083	64.7%			

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Trial Date Certainty

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