

Executive Office of the Trial Court Case Flow Metrics Report

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Case Flow Metrics









Figures for CY2012 through CY2014 Q4 exclude Juvenile Court and figures for CY 2015 Q4 through CY2016 Q2 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 – CY2016 Q2) 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:	Ca	Case Filings			e Filings	% All Filings	
	Q3	Q4	% Change	2015 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change	2016 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	9,401	10,001	6.4%	62,323	45,373	-27.2%	9.5%
District Court	58,054	64,442	11.0%	269,855	253,347	-6.1%	53.1%
Housing Court	9,352	10,113	8.1%	42,392	41,531	-2.0%	8.7%
Juvenile Court	9,522	9,536	0.1%		37,095		7.8%
Land Court	4,263	4,184	-1.9%	13,565	16,624	22.6%	3.5%
Probate & Family Court	14,639	15,112	3.2%	60,820	59,925	-1.5%	12.6%
Superior Court	5,811	5,848	0.6%	22,182	23,350	5.3%	4.9%
Total	111,042	119,236	7.4%	471,137	477,245	1.3%	100.0%

By Case Type:	Ca	ase Filing	js	Case	e Filings	% All Filings	
	Q3	Q4	% Change	2015 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change	2016 YTD
Civil	47,667	50,720	6.4%	206,042	202,203	-1.9%	42.4%
Criminal	45,344	49,322	8.8%	224,589	200,758	-10.6%	42.1%
Domestic Relations	9,010	9,738	8.1%	37,943	37,791	-0.4%	7.9%
Juvenile	8,708	8,712	0.0%		34,154		7.2%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	313	744	137.7%	2,563	2,339	-8.7%	0.5%
Total	111,042	119,236	7.4%	471,137	477,245	1.3%	100.0%



Metrics Case Filings by Case Type

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 10 Quarters





Metrics Case Filings By Department

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

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	9,401	11,703	124.5%	10,001	10,858	108.6%	45,373	47,566	104.8%	
District Court	58,054	62,766	108.1%	64,442	61,201	95.0%	253,347	253,188	99.9%	
Housing Court	9,352	9,759	104.4%	10,113	9,848	97.4%	41,531	41,567	100.1%	
Juvenile Court	9,522	8,754	91.9%	9,536	9,788	102.6%	37,095	35,789	96.5%	
Land Court	4,263	3,481	81.7%	4,184	3,442	82.3%	16,624	14,731	88.6%	
Probate & Family Court	14,639	13,300	90.9%	15,112	13,747	91.0%	59,925	55,512	92.6%	
Superior Court	5,811	5,177	89.1%	5,848	4,695	80.3%	23,350	19,878	85.1%	
Total	111,042	114,940	103.5%	119,236	113,579	95.3%	477,245	468,231	98.1%	

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	47,667	47,226	99.1%	50,720	47,879	94.4%	202,203	196,040	97.0%		
Criminal	45,344	50,724	111.9%	49,322	47,276	95.9%	200,758	201,792	100.5%		
Domestic Relations	9,010	8,459	93.9%	9,738	8,851	90.9%	37,791	35,360	93.6%		
Juvenile	8,708	8,109	93.1%	8,712	9,017	103.5%	34,154	32,959	96.5%		
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	313	422	134.8%	744	556	74.7%	2,339	2,080	88.9%		
Total	111,042	114,940	103.5%	119,236	113,579	95.3%	477,245	468,231	98.1%		



Clearance Rate

Clearance Rate by Court Department Most Recent 12 Quarters



Clearance Rate by Case Type Most Recent 10 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	11,703	10,545	90.1%	10,858	10,044	92.5%	47,566	43,374	91.2%	
District Court	62,766	56,919	90.7%	61,206	56,253	91.9%	250,424	228,645	91.3%	
Housing Court	9,759	8,778	89.9%	9,848	9,044	91.8%	41,567	37,774	90.9%	
Juvenile Court	5,270	3,127	59.3%	5,828	3,740	64.2%	21,285	13,016	61.2%	
Land Court	857	494	57.6%	719	416	57.9%	3,121	1,830	58.6%	
Probate & Family Court	13,300	11,204	84.2%	13,747	11,431	83.2%	55,512	43,438	78.2%	
Superior Court	5,121	3,709	72.4%	4,589	3,337	72.7%	19,437	13,672	70.3%	
Total	108,776	94,776	87.1%	106,795	94,265	88.3%	438,906	381,749	87.0%	

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	44,630	41,268	92.5%	45,163	42,013	93.0%	184,399	171,323	92.9%	
Criminal	50,640	43,895	86.7%	47,168	41,570	88.1%	198,612	173,469	87.3%	
Domestic Relations	8,459	6,772	80.1%	8,851	7,065	79.8%	35,360	25,179	71.2%	
Juvenile	4,625	2,626	56.8%	5,057	3,120	61.7%	18,455	10,747	58.2%	
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	422	215	50.9%	556	497	89.4%	2,080	1,031	49.6%	
Total	108,776	94,776	87.1%	106,795	94,265	88.3%	438,906	381,749	87.0%	



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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**





Cases Pending Beyond

By Department:		Pending	l	Pendir	ng Beyo	nd TS	Pending Beyond Rate			
	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	
Boston Municipal Court	12,935	12,193	-5.7%	1,337	1,140	-14.7%	10.3%	9.3%	-1.0%	
District Court	81,315	84,681	4.1%	11,961	12,365	3.4%	14.7%	14.6%	-0.1%	
Housing Court	2,999	3,663	22.1%	1,132	1,027	-9.3%	37.7%	28.0%	-9.7%	
Juvenile Court	14,609	14,684	0.5%	4,317	4,429	2.6%	29.6%	30.2%	0.6%	
Land Court	12,948	12,937	-0.1%	10,455	10,521	0.6%	80.7%	81.3%	0.6%	
Probate & Family Court	79,300	79,455	0.2%	53,674	54,339	1.2%	67.7%	68.4%	0.7%	
Superior Court	41,005	41,303	0.7%	6,994	7,163	2.4%	17.1%	17.3%	0.3%	
Total	245,111	248,916	1.6%	89,870	90,984	1.2%	36.7%	36.6%	-0.1%	

By Case Type:		Pending	ļ	Pendi	ng Beyo	nd TS	Pending Beyond Rate			
	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	
Civil	125,665	127,413	1.4%	60,933	62,066	1.9%	48.5%	48.7%	0.2%	
Criminal	74,111	76,334	3.0%	9,506	9,225	-3.0%	12.8%	12.1%	-0.7%	
Domestic Relations	32,089	31,967	-0.4%	15,657	15,802	0.9%	48.8%	49.4%	0.6%	
Juvenile	13,172	13,165	-0.1%	3,741	3,869	3.4%	28.4%	29.4%	1.0%	
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	74	37	-50.0%	33	22	-33.3%	44.6%	59.5%	14.9%	
Total	245,111	248,916	1.6%	89,870	90,984	1.2%	36.7%	36.6%	-0.1%	



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 FY2016 Q4 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY2016 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton and District Court.



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	163	111	68.1%	149	116	77.9%	629	471	74.9%		
District Court	1,808	1,279	70.7%	1,636	1,130	69.1%	7,066	4,995	70.7%		
Housing Court	360	291	80.8%	388	313	80.7%	1,565	1,293	82.6%		
Juvenile Court											
Land Court	7	7	100.0%	12	12	100.0%	46	46	100.0%		
Probate & Family Court	325	315	96.9%	343	333	97.1%	1,265	1,231	97.3%		
Superior Court				170	82	48.2%	170	82	48.2%		
Total	2,663	2,003	75.2%	2,698	1,986	73.6%	10,741	8,118	75.6%		

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	115	89	77.4%	166	110	66.3%	660	450	68.2%		
Criminal	1,863	1,308	70.2%	1,801	1,230	68.3%	7,256	5,149	71.0%		
Domestic Relations											
Juvenile											
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance											
Total	1,978	1,397	70.6%	1,967	1,340	68.1%	7,916	5,599	70.7%		



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

