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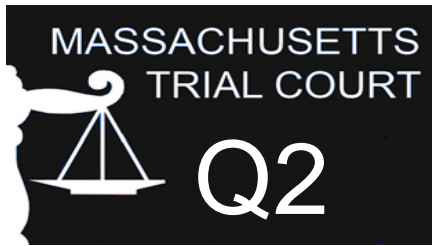


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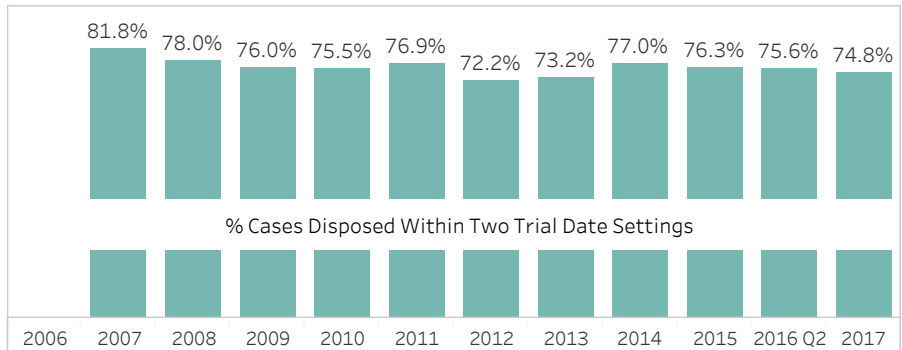
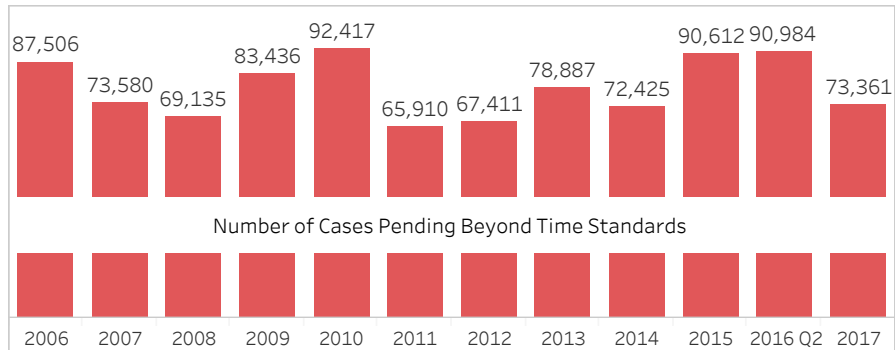
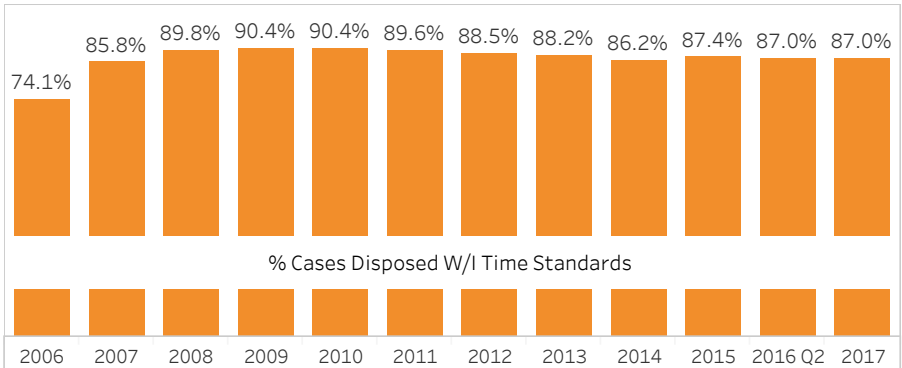
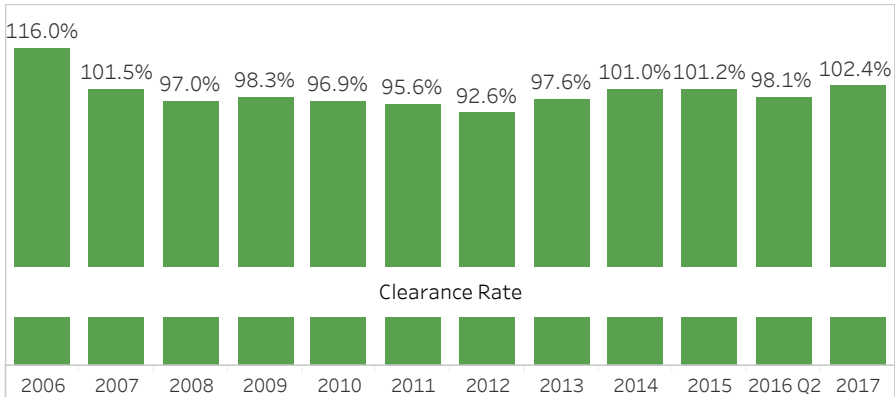
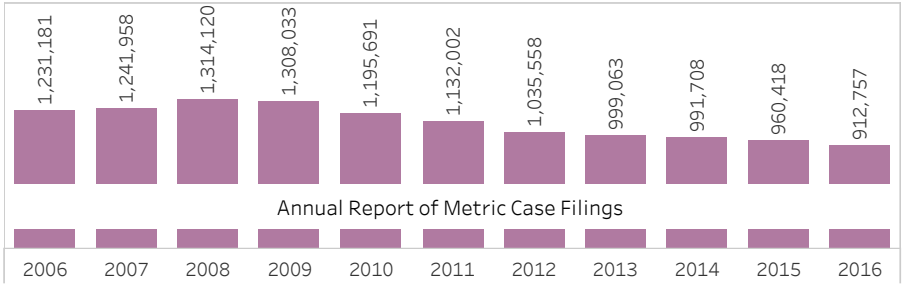
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Case Flow Metrics

SUMMARY OF TRIAL COURT FILINGS (FY2006 THROUGH FY2017)

TRIAL COURT CASE FLOW METRICS (CY2006 THROUGH 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	
	Q1	Q2	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	10,459	9,693	-7.3%	25,971	20,152	-22.4%	10.5%	8.7%
District Court	65,970	61,498	-6.8%	130,851	127,468	-2.6%	53.0%	54.9%
Housing Court	10,940	10,236	-6.4%	22,066	21,176	-4.0%	8.9%	9.1%
Juvenile Court	7,597	8,985	18.3%	18,037	16,582	-8.1%	7.3%	7.1%
Land Court	3,930	3,563	-9.3%	8,177	7,493	-8.4%	3.3%	3.2%
Probate & Family Court	14,498	13,065	-9.9%	30,174	27,563	-8.7%	12.2%	11.9%
Superior Court	6,203	5,354	-13.7%	11,691	11,557	-1.1%	4.7%	5.0%
Total	119,597	112,394	-6.0%	246,967	231,991	-6.1%	100.0%	100.0%

By Department:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings	
	Q1	Q2	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD
Civil	53,534	48,851	-8.7%	103,816	102,385	-1.4%	42.0%	44.1%
Criminal	49,008	46,363	-5.4%	106,092	95,371	-10.1%	43.0%	41.1%
Domestic Relations	9,551	8,492	-11.1%	19,043	18,043	-5.3%	7.7%	7.8%
Juvenile	6,958	8,242	18.5%	16,734	15,200	-9.2%	6.8%	6.6%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	546	446	-18.3%	1,282	992	-22.6%	0.5%	0.4%
Total	119,597	112,394	-6.0%	246,967	231,991	-6.1%	100.0%	100.0%

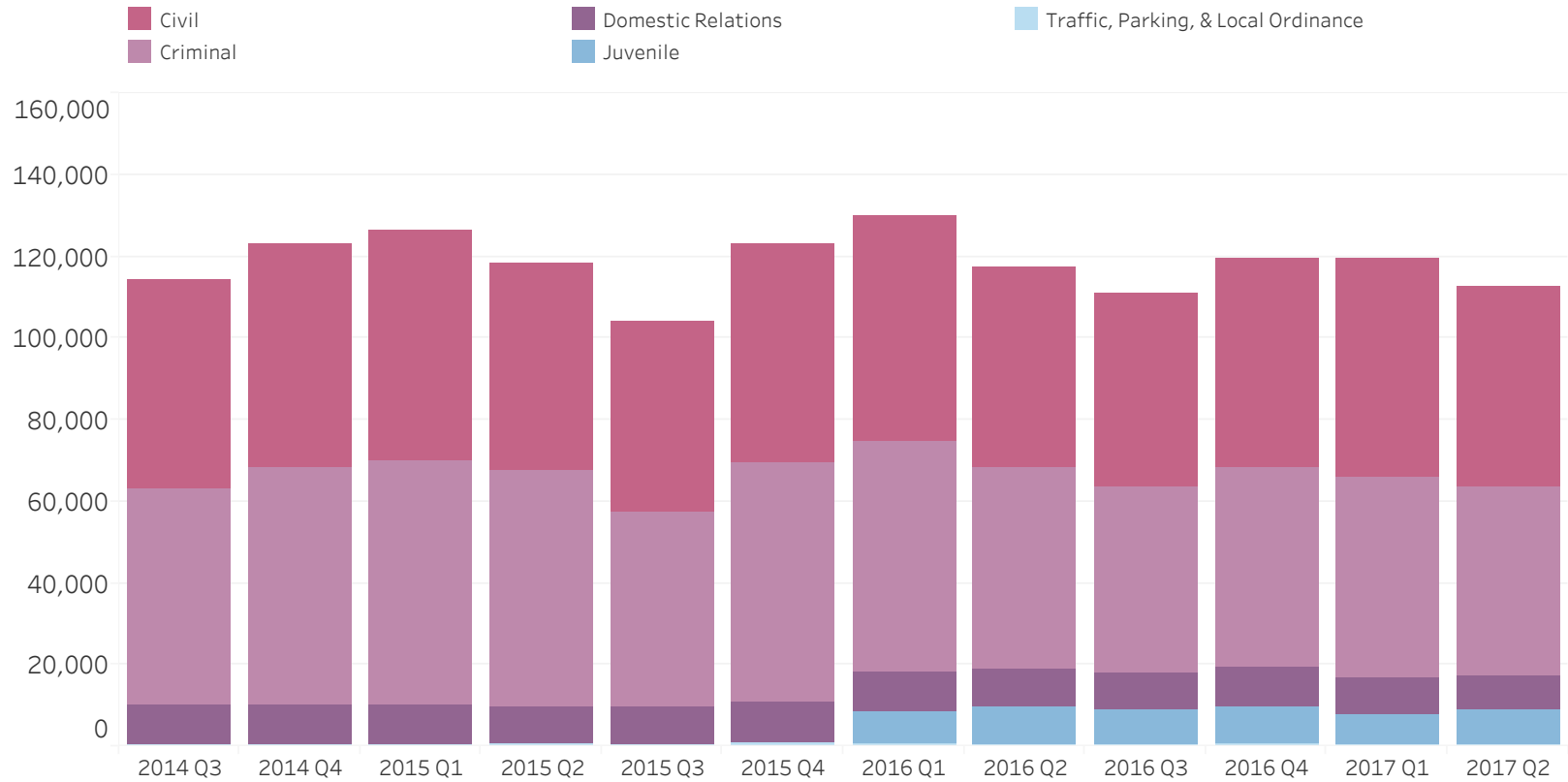
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Metrics Case Filings By Case Type

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 12 Quarters



	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1	2017 Q2
Civil	51,054	54,727	56,205	50,275	46,397	53,165	55,068	48,748	47,667	50,720	53,534	48,851
Criminal	53,005	57,991	59,860	57,920	48,072	58,737	56,641	49,451	45,344	49,322	49,008	46,363
Domestic Relations	9,617	9,685	9,614	9,053	9,098	10,178	9,757	9,286	9,010	9,738	9,551	8,492
Juvenile							7,565	9,169	8,708	8,712	6,958	8,242
Traffic, Parking, & Local O..	488	534	548	751	505	759	742	540	313	744	546	446
Total	114,164	122,937	126,227	117,999	104,072	122,839	129,773	117,194	111,042	119,236	119,597	112,394

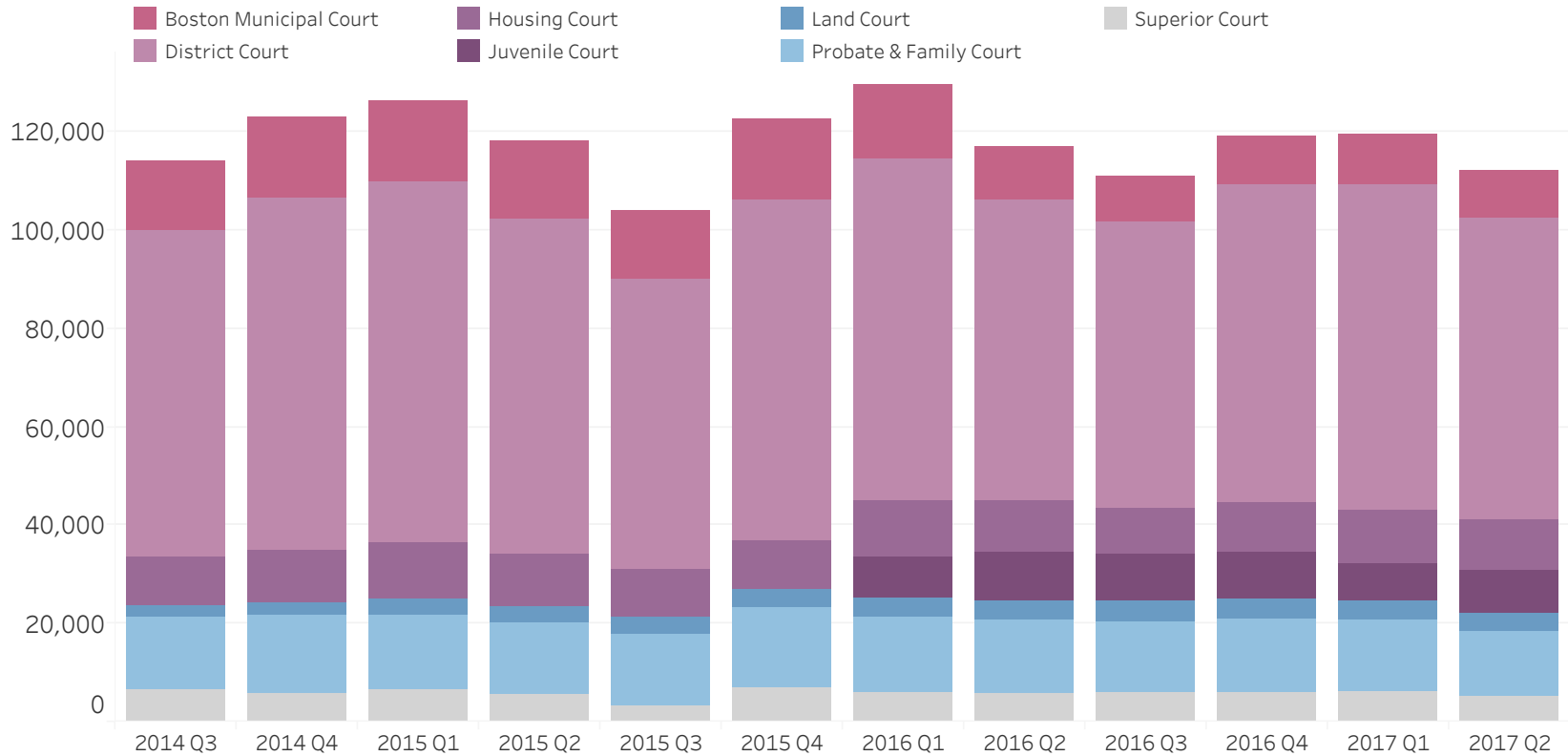
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Metrics Case Filings By Department

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Last 12 Quarters



Boston Municipal Court	14,262	16,402	16,425	15,585	13,855	16,458	15,194	10,777	9,401	10,001	10,459	9,693
District Court	66,189	71,775	73,156	68,035	59,240	69,424	69,550	61,301	58,054	64,442	65,970	61,498
Housing Court	9,930	10,240	11,626	11,010	9,701	10,055	11,458	10,608	9,352	10,113	10,940	10,236
Juvenile Court							8,158	9,879	9,522	9,536	7,597	8,985
Land Court	2,332	2,710	3,139	3,242	3,587	3,597	4,131	4,046	4,263	4,184	3,930	3,563
Probate & Family Court	15,006	15,759	15,310	14,457	14,528	16,525	15,438	14,736	14,639	15,112	14,498	13,065
Superior Court	6,445	6,051	6,571	5,670	3,161	6,780	5,844	5,847	5,811	5,848	6,203	5,354
Total	114,164	122,937	126,227	117,999	104,072	122,839	129,773	117,194	111,042	119,236	119,597	112,394

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Clearance Rate

By Department:				Q1			Q2			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate			
Boston Municipal Court	10,459	9,748	93.2%	9,693	9,961	102.8%	20,152	19,709	97.8%			
District Court	65,970	62,065	94.1%	61,498	60,432	98.3%	127,468	122,497	96.1%			
Housing Court	10,940	10,664	97.5%	10,236	10,243	100.1%	21,176	20,907	98.7%			
Juvenile Court	7,597	8,299	109.2%	8,985	8,345	92.9%	16,582	16,644	100.4%			
Land Court	3,930	2,746	69.9%	3,563	18,011	505.5%	7,493	20,757	277.0%			
Probate & Family Court	14,498	11,439	78.9%	13,065	14,524	111.2%	27,563	25,963	94.2%			
Superior Court	6,203	5,487	88.5%	5,354	5,502	102.8%	11,557	10,989	95.1%			
Total	119,597	110,448	92.4%	112,394	127,018	113.0%	231,991	237,466	102.4%			

By Case Type:				Q1			Q2			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate			
Civil	53,534	49,148	91.8%	48,851	62,851	128.7%	102,385	111,999	109.4%			
Criminal	49,008	46,446	94.8%	46,363	46,998	101.4%	95,371	93,444	98.0%			
Domestic Relations	9,551	6,566	68.7%	8,492	9,118	107.4%	18,043	15,684	86.9%			
Juvenile	6,958	7,649	109.9%	8,242	7,582	92.0%	15,200	15,231	100.2%			
Traffic, Parking, & Local Or..	546	639	117.0%	446	469	105.2%	992	1,108	111.7%			
Total	119,597	110,448	92.4%	112,394	127,018	113.0%	231,991	237,466	102.4%			

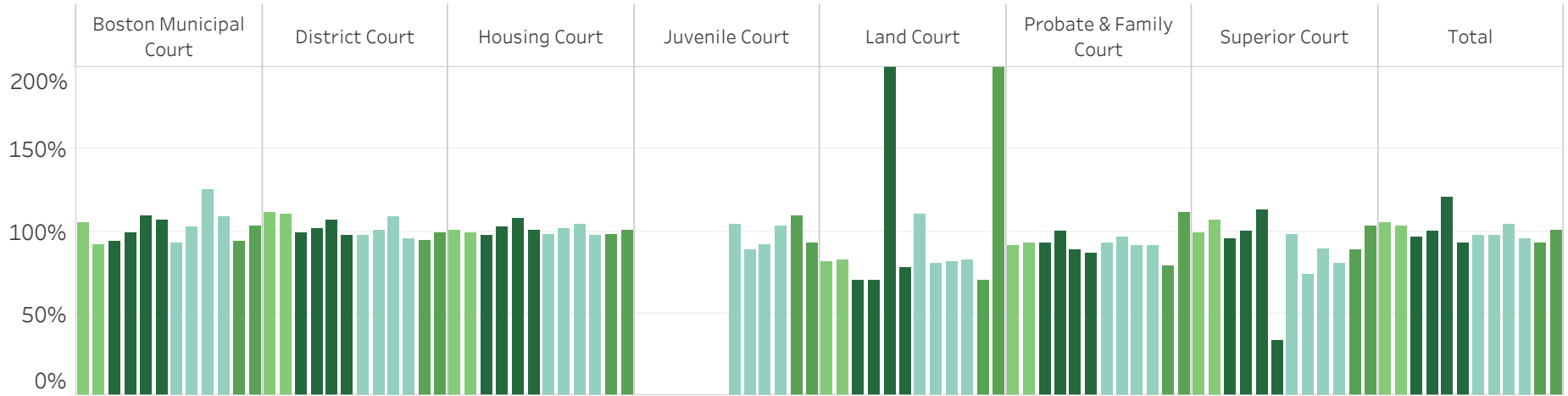
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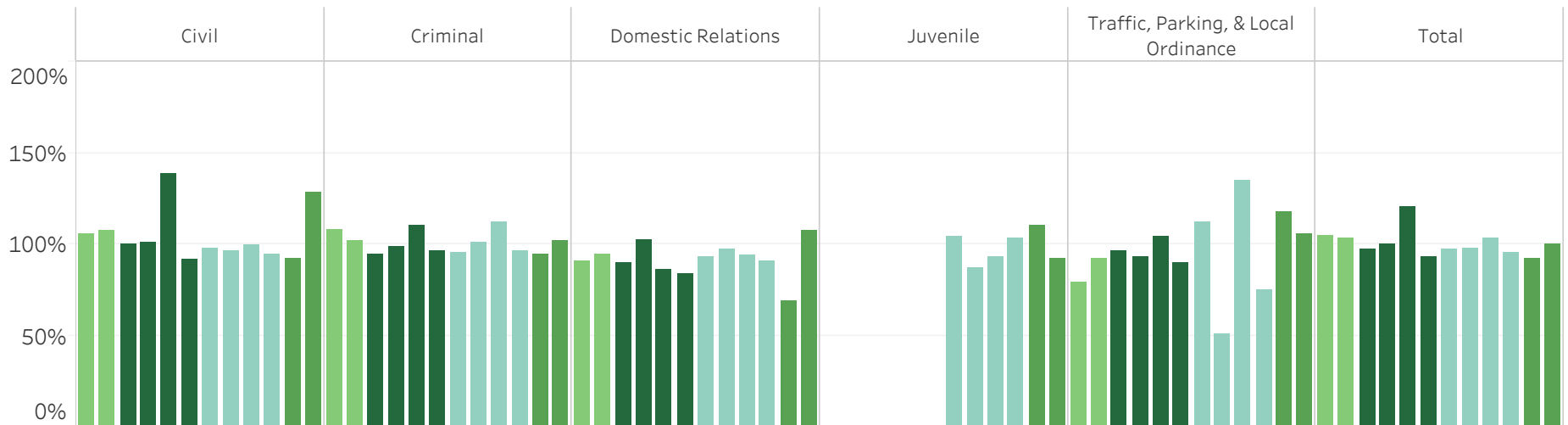
Clearance Rate

Clearance Rate by Department
Most Recent 12 Quarters

2014 2015 2016 2017



Clearance Rate by Case Type
Most Recent 12 Quarters



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Time to Disposition

By Department:				Q1			Q2			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	9,748	9,051	92.8%	9,961	9,265	93.0%	19,709	18,316	92.9%			
District Court	62,069	57,538	92.7%	60,443	55,583	92.0%	122,512	113,121	92.3%			
Housing Court	10,664	9,936	93.2%	10,243	9,685	94.6%	20,907	19,621	93.8%			
Juvenile Court	5,090	3,076	60.4%	4,952	2,957	59.7%	10,042	6,033	60.1%			
Land Court	871	467	53.6%	3,635	419	11.5%	4,506	886	19.7%			
Probate & Family Court	11,439	9,131	79.8%	14,524	11,888	81.9%	25,963	21,019	81.0%			
Superior Court	4,827	3,601	74.6%	5,426	3,535	65.1%	10,253	7,136	69.6%			
Total	104,708	92,800	88.6%	109,184	93,332	85.5%	213,892	186,132	87.0%			

By Case Type:				Q1			Q2			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	46,736	44,025	94.2%	48,486	42,434	87.5%	95,222	86,459	90.8%			
Criminal	46,327	41,113	88.7%	46,922	41,121	87.6%	93,249	82,234	88.2%			
Domestic Relations	6,566	4,755	72.4%	9,118	7,047	77.3%	15,684	11,802	75.2%			
Juvenile	4,440	2,529	57.0%	4,189	2,365	56.5%	8,629	4,894	56.7%			
Traffic, Parking, & Local Or..	639	378	59.2%	469	365	77.8%	1,108	743	67.1%			
Grand Total	104,708	92,800	88.6%	109,184	93,332	85.5%	213,892	186,132	87.0%			

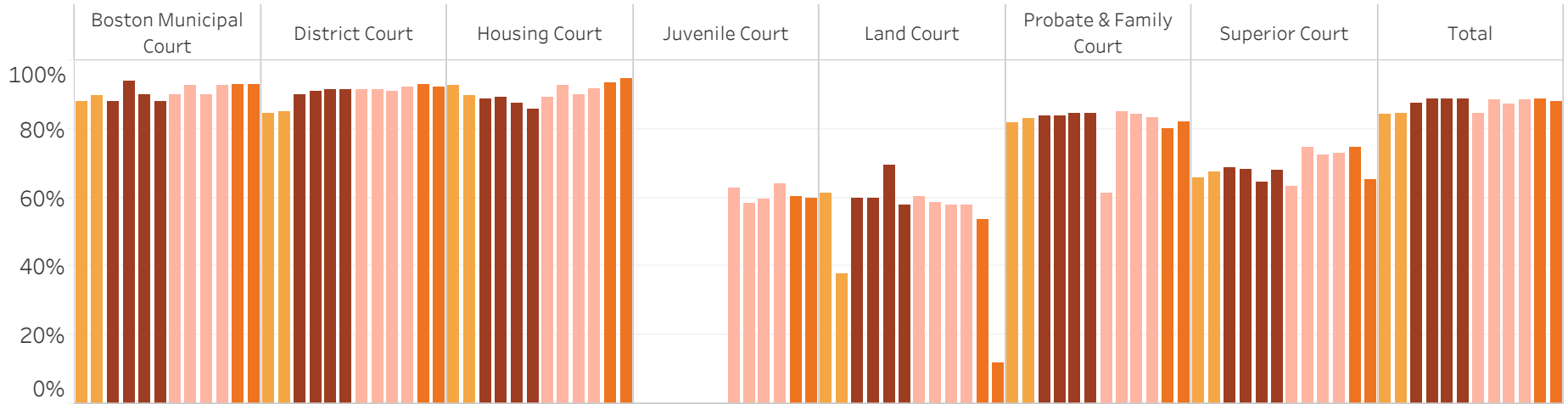
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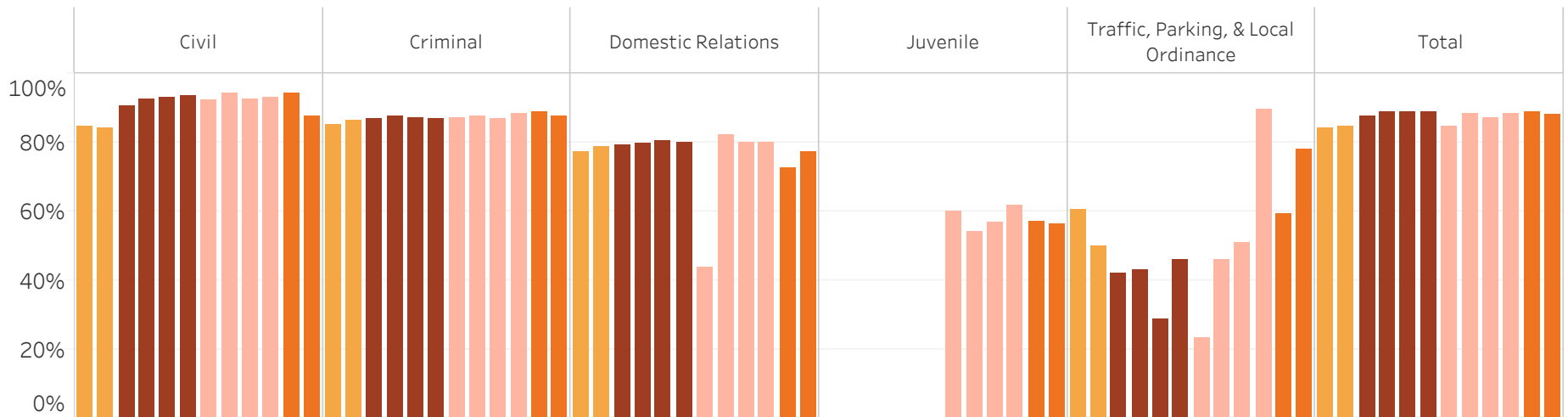
Time to Disposition

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

2014 2015 2016 2017



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		
	Q1	Q2	Change	Q1	Q2	Change	Q1	Q2	Change
Boston Municipal Court	12,555	13,235	5.4%	1,440	1,361	-5.5%	11.5%	10.3%	-1.2%
District Court	88,557	88,152	-0.5%	15,442	15,058	-2.5%	17.4%	17.1%	-0.4%
Housing Court	3,787	4,001	5.7%	1,023	1,177	15.1%	27.0%	29.4%	2.4%
Juvenile Court	14,021	13,966	-0.4%	4,436	4,273	-3.7%	31.6%	30.6%	-1.0%
Land Court	12,862	9,972	-22.5%	10,367	7,489	-27.8%	80.6%	75.1%	-5.5%
Probate & Family Court	53,132	58,640	10.4%	30,955	31,125	0.5%	58.3%	53.1%	-5.2%
Superior Court	41,358	42,763	3.4%	7,650	12,878	68.3%	18.5%	30.1%	11.6%
Total	226,272	230,729	2.0%	71,313	73,361	2.9%	31.5%	31.8%	0.3%

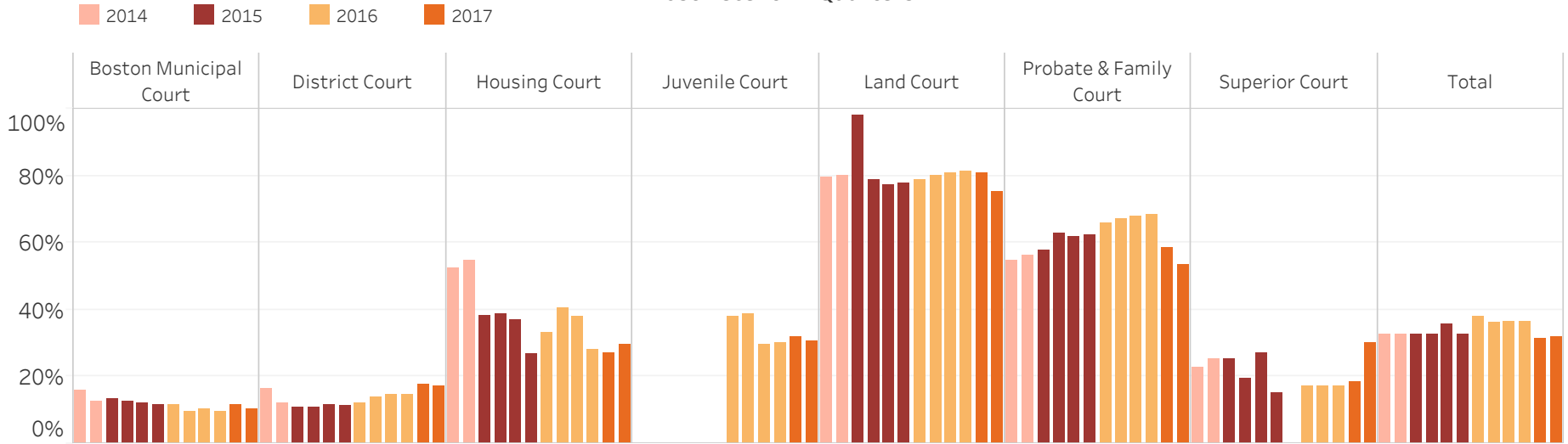
By Case Type:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q1	Q2	Change	Q1	Q2	Change	Q1	Q2	Change
Civil	103,384	108,451	4.9%	41,337	44,152	6.8%	40.0%	40.7%	0.7%
Criminal	78,706	76,896	-2.3%	11,760	11,565	-1.7%	14.9%	15.0%	0.1%
Domestic Relations	31,446	32,672	3.9%	14,362	13,851	-3.6%	45.7%	42.4%	-3.3%
Juvenile	12,526	12,550	0.2%	3,824	3,698	-3.3%	30.5%	29.5%	-1.1%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	210	160	-23.8%	30	95	216.7%	14.3%	59.4%	45.1%
Total	226,272	230,729	2.0%	71,313	73,361	2.9%	31.5%	31.8%	0.3%

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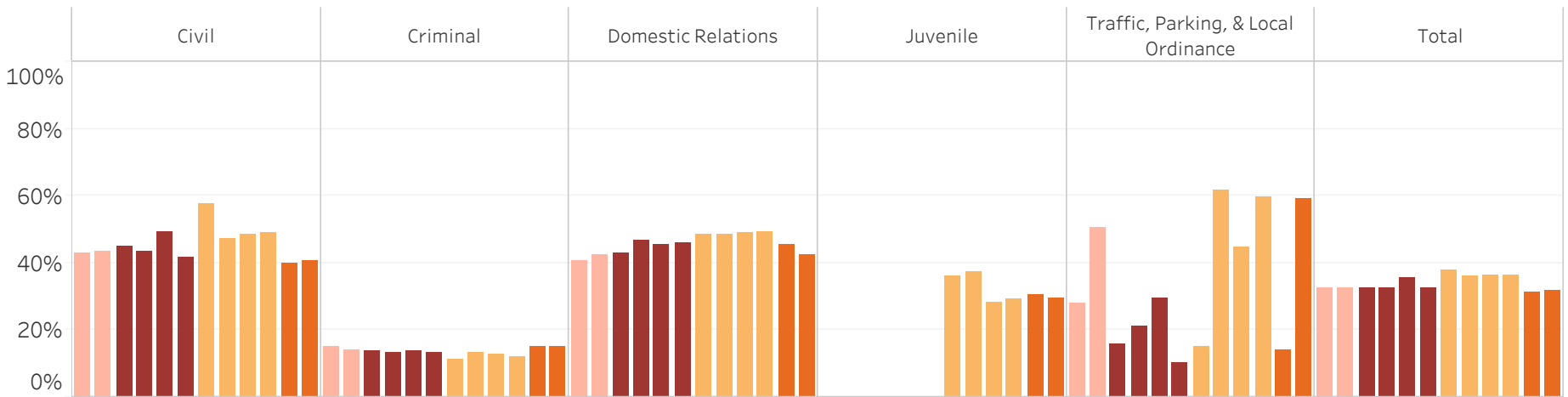


Cases Pending Beyond

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**



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



Trial Date Certainty

By Department:	Q1			Q2			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	114	80	70.2%	158	116	73.4%	272	196	72.1%
District Court	1,238	849	68.6%	1,336	979	73.3%	2,574	1,828	71.0%
Housing Court	474	398	84.0%	391	318	81.3%	865	716	82.8%
Juvenile Court									
Land Court	9	9	100.0%	11	11	100.0%	20	20	100.0%
Probate & Family Court	318	318	100.0%	278	270	97.1%	596	588	98.7%
Superior Court	154	74	48.1%	220	94	42.7%	374	168	44.9%
Total	2,307	1,728	74.9%	2,394	1,788	74.7%	4,701	3,516	74.8%

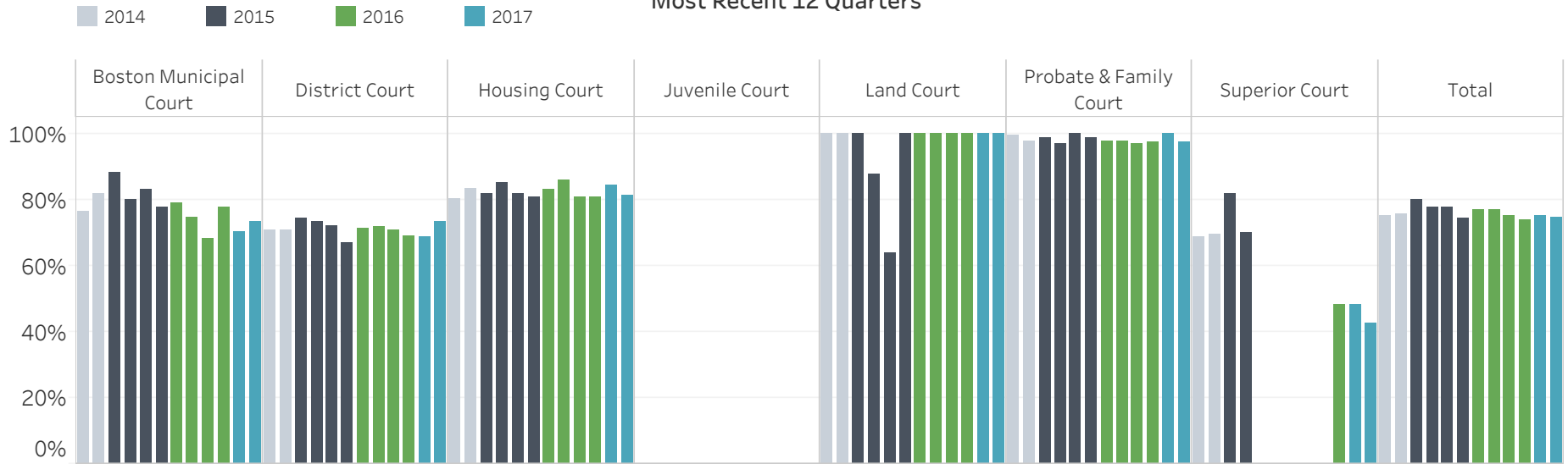
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Civil	134	97	72.4%	200	131	65.5%	334	228	68.3%
Criminal	1,381	915	66.3%	1,525	1,069	70.1%	2,906	1,984	68.3%
Domestic Relations									
Juvenile									
Traffic, Parking, & Local Or..									
Total	1,515	1,012	66.8%	1,725	1,200	69.6%	3,240	2,212	68.3%

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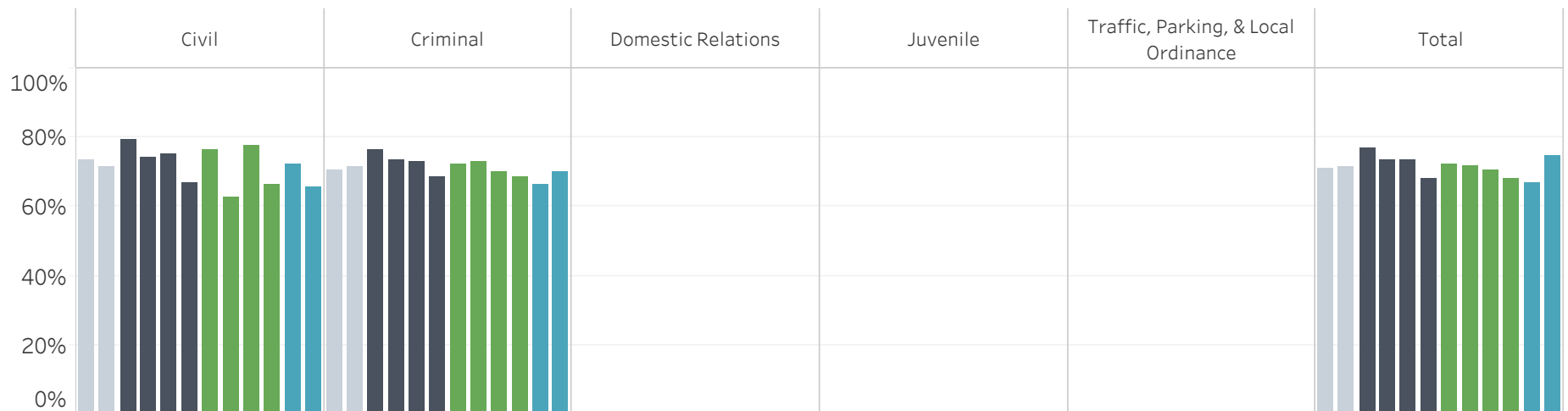


Trial Court Certainty

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



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