

## Probate and Family Court Department, Filings By Fiscal Year and Case Type

CASE TYPE	FY 2014 FILINGS	FY 2015 FILINGS	FY 2016 FILINGS	% CHANGE FROM FY 2015
Guardianship	10,766	10,720	11,109	3.6%
Conservatorship	2,821	2,632	3,089	19.9%
Estate Administration and Other Probate	32,545	31,063	31,274	0.7%
Equity	922	965	1,266	31.2%
Change of Name	3,389	3,568	3,817	7.0%
Adoption and Child Welfare	1,349	1,237	1,259	1.8%
Paternity Complaints	17,330	16,321	15,650	-3.9%
Divorce and other Dom. Rel.	24,982	23,881	23,692	-0.8%
Modification and Contempt	49,195	48,726	47,958	-1.8%
Protection From Abuse	3,470	3,021	3,024	0.1%
Total Probate, Equity, and Change of Name	50,443	48,948	50,555	3.4%
Percentage "Probate"	34.4%	34.4%	35.6%	
Total Adoption, Child Welfare, and "Family"	96,326	93,186	91,583	-1.8%
Percentage "Family"	65.6%	65.6%	64.4%	
*Total	146,769	142,134	142,138	0.0%

\*These totals reflect MassCourts data provided by the Department of Research and Planning, which are lower than those reported by the Probate and Family Court in prior years. The difference reflects activity, primarily connected to Estate Administration, counted through docket entries in prior years. Users are now required to enter all cases into MassCourts as "action codes." For accuracy of comparison, only MassCourts "action code" entries are used for all years.