

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

CASE TYPE	FY 2016 FILINGS	FY 2017 FILINGS	FY 2018 FILINGS	% CHANGE FROM FY 2017
Guardianship	11,109	11,580	11,596	0.1%
Conservatorship	3,156	3,366	3,265	-3.0%
Estate Administration and Other Probate	31,279	30,546	30,565	0.1%
Equity	1,266	1,541	1,508	-2.1%
Change of Name	3,817	4,181	4,244	1.5%
Adoption and Child Welfare	1,259	1,293	1,215	-6.0%
Paternity Complaints	15,686	15,011	12,852	-14.4%
Divorce and other Dom. Rel.	23,692	23,500	22,171	-5.7%
Modification and Contempt	47,851	44,842	40,578	-9.5%
Protection From Abuse	3,023	3,013	3,044	1.0%
Total Probate, Equity, and Change of Name	50,627	51,214	51,178	-0.1%
Percentage "Probate"	34.4%	34.4%	39.1%	
Total Adoption, Child Welfare, and "Family"	91,511	87,659	79,860	-8.9%
Percentage "Family"	65.6%	65.6%	60.9%	
*Total	142,138	138,873	131,038	-5.6%

\*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.