

| Massachusetts Probate and Family Court: Cases Filed FY 2011-FY 2015 | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CASE TYPE | FY 2011 Filings | FY 2012 Filings | FY 2013 Filings | FY 2014 Filings | FY 2015 Filings | % change from last year | % change from FY 11 |
| Probate Estates | 23,427 | 20,851 | 23,512 | 25,460 | 25,063 | -1.6% | 7.0% |
| Trustee Petitions | 281 | 277 | 278 | 597 | 715 | 19.8% | 154.4% |
| All Guardianship | 9,776 | 10,255 | 11,357 | 10,491 | 11,041 | 5.2% | 12.9% |
| Conservatorship | 1,719 | 1,505 | 1,521 | 1,428 | 1,453 | 1.8% | -15.5% |
| Estate Closing and Other Probate | 13,135 | 12,263 | 17,547 | 16,872 | 12,654 | -25.0% | -3.7% |
| All other | 1,315 | 966 | n/a | n/a | n/a | | |
| Equity | 1,032 | 976 | 830 | 861 | 932 | 8.2% | -9.7% |
| Change of Name | 3,170 | 3,238 | 3,318 | 3,390 | 3,570 | 5.3% | 12.6% |
| Adoption and Child Welfare | 1,598 | 1,438 | 1,379 | 1,334 | 1,221 | -8.5% | -23.6% |
| Paternity Complaints | 19,863 | 20,164 | 18,782 | 17,264 | 16,263 | -5.8% | -18.1% |
| Divorce and other Dom. Rel. | 23,896 | 24,048 | 24,678 | 23,457 | 22,444 | -4.3% | -6.1% |
| Separate Support | 2,269 | 2,265 | 2,058 | 1,461 | 1,211 | -17.1% | -46.6% |
| Modification | 30,749 | 31,697 | 31,113 | 31,788 | 31,675 | -0.4% | 3.0% |
| Contempt | 20,303 | 19,964 | 19,078 | 18,291 | 17,596 | -3.8% | -13.3% |
| Protection From Abuse | 3,988 | 3,997 | 3,793 | 3,439 | 2,997 | -12.9% | -24.8% |
| Minors/w/o Delay | 826 | 711 | 442 | 398 | 299 | -24.9% | -63.8% |
| All Other Dom. Rel. | 454 | 48 | n/a | n/a | n/a | | |
| Total Probate, Equity, and Change of Name | 52,540 | 49,365 | 58,363 | 59,099 | 55,428 | 1.3% | 5.5% |
| <i>Percentage "Probate"</i> | <i>33.6%</i> | <i>32.1%</i> | <i>36.5%</i> | <i>37.8%</i> | <i>37.2%</i> | | |
| Total Adoption, Child Welfare, and "Family" | 103,946 | 104,332 | 101,323 | 97,432 | 93,706 | -3.8% | -9.9% |
| <i>Percentage "Family"</i> | <i>66.4%</i> | <i>67.9%</i> | <i>63.5%</i> | <i>62.2%</i> | <i>62.8%</i> | | |
| Total All | 156,486 | 153,697 | 159,686 | 156,531 | 149,134 | -2.0% | -4.7% |