

Massachusetts Probate and Family Court: Cases Filed FY 2010-FY 2014

CASE TYPE	FY 2010 Filings	FY 2011 Filings	FY 2012 Filings	FY 2013 Filings	FY 2014 Filings	% change from last year	% change from FY 10
Probate Estates	23,318	23,427	20,851	23,512	25,460	8.3%	9.2%
Trustee Petitions	249	281	277	278	597		
All Guardianship	7,391	9,776	10,255	11,357	10,491	-7.6%	41.9%
Conservatorship	2,448	1,719	1,505	1,521	1,428		
Estate Closing and Other Probate	13,606	13,135	12,263	17,547	16,872	-3.8%	24.0%
All other	1,669	1,315	966	n/a	n/a		
Equity	965	1,032	976	830	861	3.7%	-10.8%
Change of Name	3,128	3,170	3,238	3,318	3,390	2.2%	8.4%
Proxy Guardianships	0	0	0	0	0		
Adoption and Child Welfare	1,552	1,598	1,438	1,379	1,334	-3.3%	-14.0%
Paternity Complaints	19,589	19,863	20,164	18,782	17,264	-8.1%	-11.9%
Divorce and other Dom. Rel.	23,863	23,896	24,048	24,678	23,457	-4.9%	-1.7%
Separate Support	2,314	2,269	2,265	2,058	1,461	-29.0%	-36.9%
Modification	29,627	30,749	31,697	31,113	31,788	2.2%	7.3%
Contempt	21,081	20,303	19,964	19,078	18,291	-4.1%	-13.2%
Protection From Abuse	4,453	3,988	3,997	3,793	3,439	-9.3%	-22.8%
Minors/w/o Delay	902	826	711	442	398		
All Other Dom. Rel.	101	454	48	n/a	n/a		
Total Probate, Equity, and Change of Name	52,774	53,855	50,331	58,363	59,099	1.3%	12.0%
<i>Percentage "Probate"</i>	<i>33.8%</i>	<i>34.1%</i>	<i>32.5%</i>	<i>36.5%</i>	<i>37.8%</i>		
Total Adoption, Child Welfare, and "Family"	103,482	103,946	104,332	101,323	97,432	-3.8%	-5.8%
<i>Percentage "Family"</i>	<i>66.2%</i>	<i>65.9%</i>	<i>67.5%</i>	<i>63.5%</i>	<i>62.2%</i>		
Total All	156,256	157,801	154,663	159,686	156,531	-2.0%	0.2%