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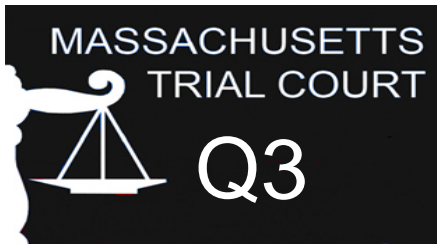


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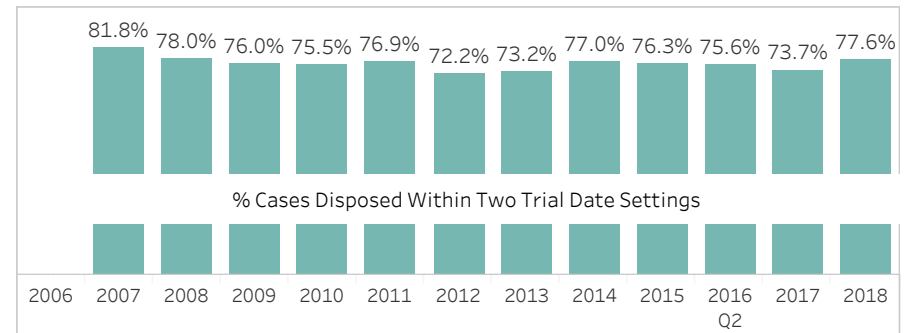
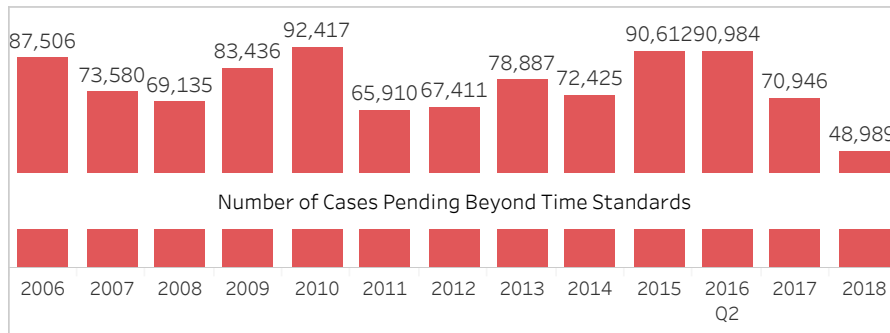
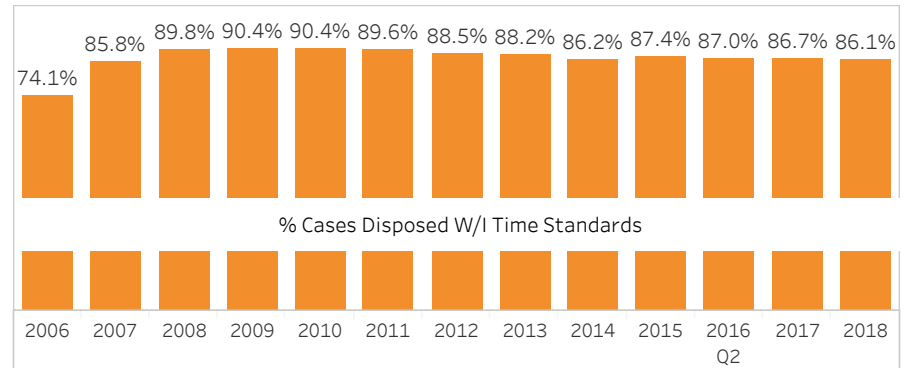
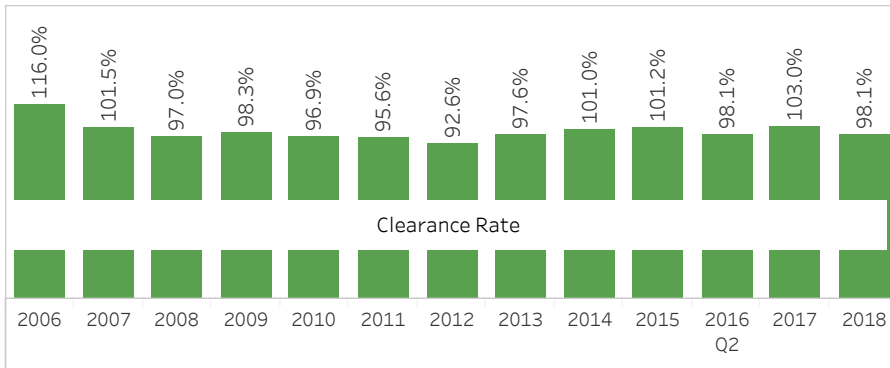
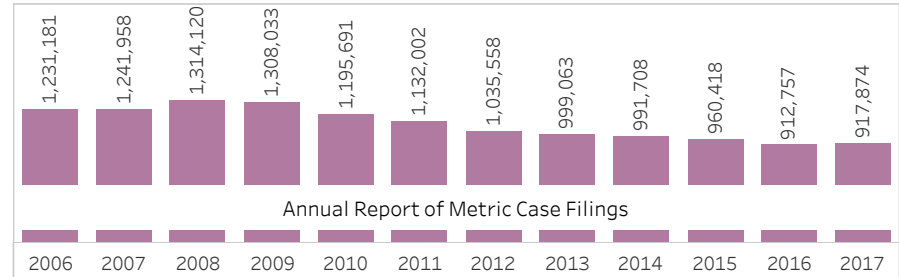
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Case Flow Metrics

SUMMARY OF TRIAL COURT FILINGS (FY2006 THROUGH FY2017)

TRIAL COURT CASE FLOW METRICS (CY2006 THROUGH FY2018 YTD)



Figures for CY2012 through CY2014 Q4 exclude Juvenile Court and figures for CY 2015 Q3 through FY2018 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 – FY2018 YTD) and Superior Court (CY2015 Q3 - CY2016 Q1). Figures exclude criminal cases in District courts, Barnstable and Brockton. FY 2018 Q1 excludes criminal cases in 36 District Court divisions. FY 2018 Q2 - Q3 excludes criminal cases in Boston Municipal Court and District Court. FY 2018 Q3 excludes District Court. Beginning in 2018, figures for clearance rate include all Land Court cases. Figures for total cases disposed within time standards and total cases pending beyond time standards exclude Land Court Registration cases filed prior to the 2004 implementation of time standards.



Metrics Case Filings

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

By Department:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings	
	Q2	Q3	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	5,982	4,910	-17.9%	17,954	16,674	-7.1%	9.5%	9.2%
District Court	21,811			44,139	43,990	-0.3%	23.4%	24.2%
Housing Court	10,135	9,486	-6.4%	30,973	30,396	-1.9%	16.4%	16.7%
Juvenile Court	8,737	8,533	-2.3%	25,401	24,807	-2.3%	13.5%	13.7%
Land Court	3,585	3,584	0.0%	11,411	11,074	-3.0%	6.1%	6.1%
Probate & Family Court	12,251	12,037	-1.7%	41,222	37,668	-8.6%	21.9%	20.7%
Superior Court	5,774	5,779	0.1%	17,220	17,124	-0.6%	9.1%	9.4%
Total	68,275	44,329	-35.1%	188,320	181,733	-3.5%	100.0%	100.0%

By Case Type:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings	
	Q2	Q3	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD	Change	2017 YTD	2018 YTD
Civil	50,028	26,957	-46.1%	130,668	128,357	-1.8%	69.4%	70.6%
Criminal	1,962	1,903	-3.0%	6,194	5,654	-8.7%	3.3%	3.1%
Domestic Relations	8,188	7,724	-5.7%	26,923	24,856	-7.7%	14.3%	13.7%
Juvenile	7,884	7,583	-3.8%	23,140	22,283	-3.7%	12.3%	12.3%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	213	162	-23.9%	1,395	583	-58.2%	0.7%	0.3%
Total	68,275	44,329	-35.1%	188,320	181,733	-3.5%	100.0%	100.0%

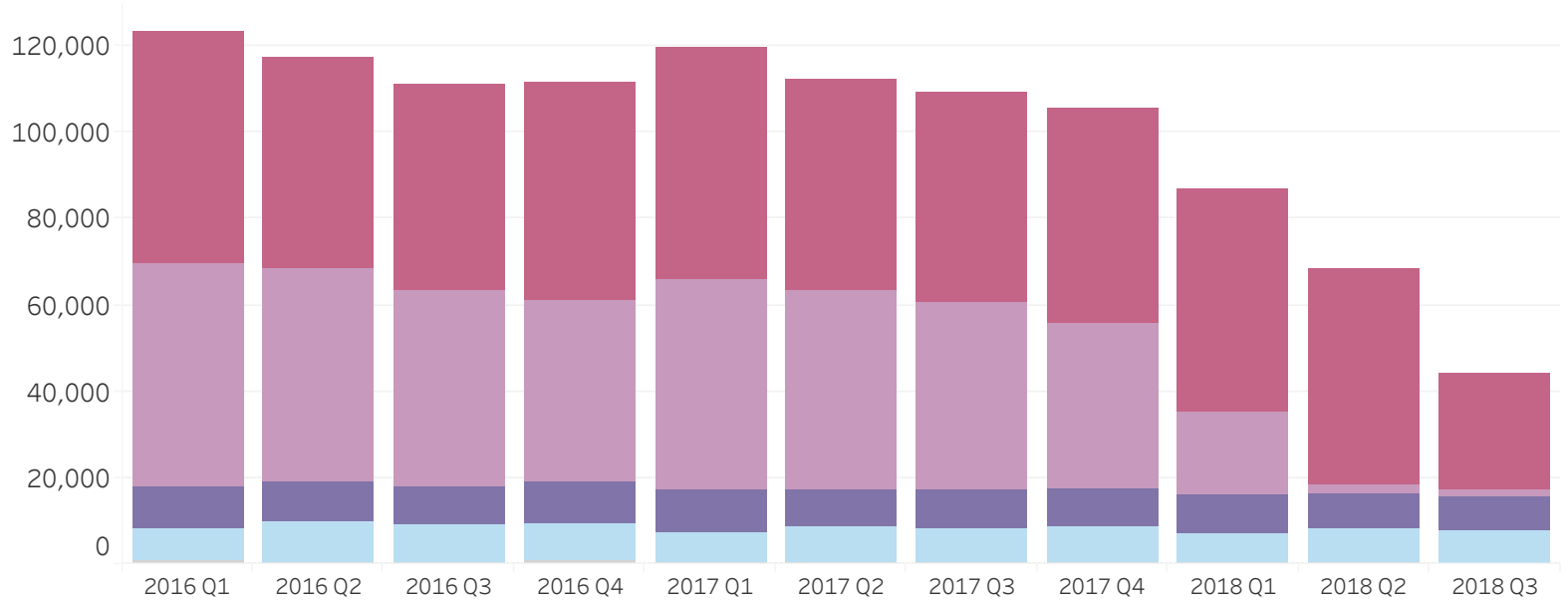
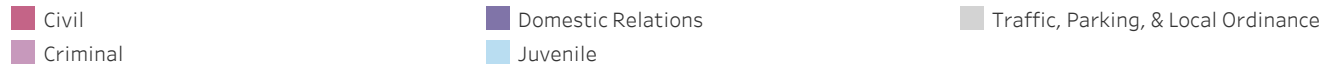
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Metrics Case Filings By Case Type

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 12 Quarters



	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1	2017 Q2	2017 Q3	2017 Q4	2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3
Civil	53,507	48,748	47,667	50,720	53,534	48,851	48,603	49,625	51,372	50,028	26,957
Criminal	51,739	49,451	45,344	41,720	49,008	46,363	43,430	38,252	19,316	1,962	1,903
Domestic Relations	9,757	9,286	9,010	9,738	9,551	8,492	8,880	9,153	8,944	8,188	7,724
Juvenile	7,565	9,169	8,708	8,712	6,958	8,242	7,940	8,103	6,816	7,884	7,583
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordin..	742	540	313	744	546	446	403	313	208	213	162
Total	123,310	117,194	111,042	111,634	119,597	112,394	109,256	105,446	86,656	68,275	44,329

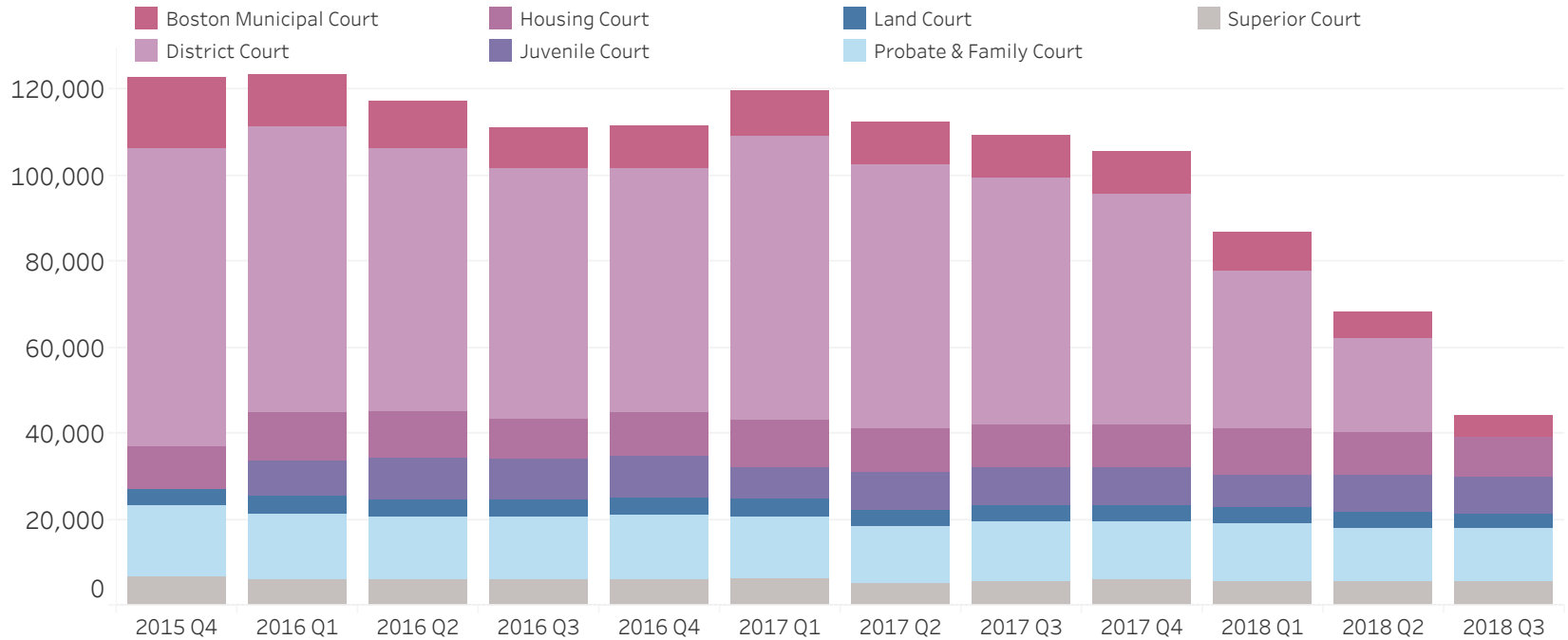
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Metrics Case Filings By Department

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 12 Quarters



	2015 Q4	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1	2017 Q2	2017 Q3	2017 Q4	2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3
Boston Municipal Court	16,458	11,638	10,777	9,401	10,001	10,459	9,693	9,644	9,800	8,782	5,982	4,910
District Court	69,424	66,643	61,301	58,054	56,840	65,970	61,498	57,756	53,875	36,706	21,811	
Housing Court	10,055	11,458	10,608	9,352	10,113	10,940	10,236	9,797	9,405	10,775	10,135	9,486
Juvenile Court		8,158	9,879	9,522	9,536	7,597	8,985	8,819	9,004	7,537	8,737	8,533
Land Court	3,597	4,131	4,046	4,263	4,184	3,930	3,563	3,918	3,815	3,905	3,585	3,584
Probate & Family Court	16,525	15,438	14,736	14,639	15,112	14,498	13,065	13,659	13,613	13,380	12,251	12,037
Superior Court	6,780	5,844	5,847	5,811	5,848	6,203	5,354	5,663	5,934	5,571	5,774	5,779
Total	122,839	123,310	117,194	111,042	111,634	119,597	112,394	109,256	105,446	86,656	68,275	44,329

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Clearance Rate

By Department:	Q2			Q3			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Boston Municipal Court	5,982	5,336	89.2%	4,910	4,913	100.1%	19,674	19,206	97.6%
District Court	21,811	19,944	91.4%				58,517	55,861	95.5%
Housing Court	10,135	9,901	97.7%	9,486	9,732	102.6%	30,396	29,805	98.1%
Juvenile Court	8,737	8,490	97.2%	8,533	7,774	91.1%	24,807	24,059	97.0%
Land Court	3,585	4,043	112.8%	3,584	4,114	114.8%	11,074	12,677	114.5%
Probate & Family Court	12,251	12,800	104.5%	12,037	12,797	106.3%	37,668	38,219	101.5%
Superior Court	5,774	5,321	92.2%	5,779	5,462	94.5%	17,124	15,718	91.8%
Total	68,275	65,835	96.4%	44,329	44,792	101.0%	199,260	195,545	98.1%

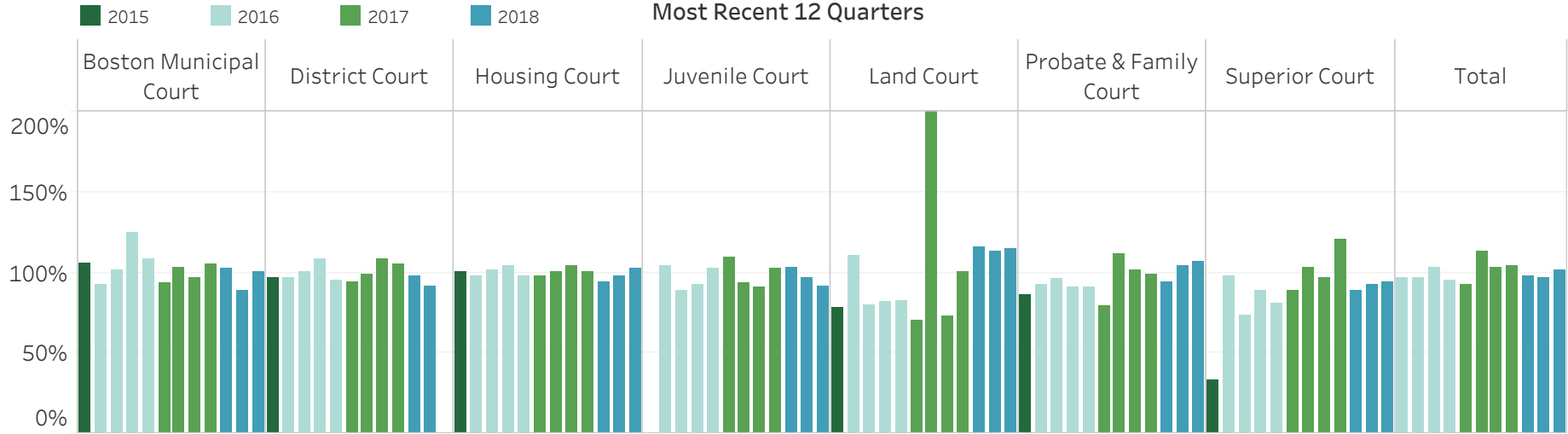
By Case Type:	Q2			Q3			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Civil	50,028	48,264	96.5%	26,957	28,211	104.7%	128,357	128,252	99.9%
Criminal	1,962	1,936	98.7%	1,903	1,689	88.8%	23,181	21,653	93.4%
Domestic Relations	8,188	7,923	96.8%	7,724	7,699	99.7%	24,856	23,418	94.2%
Juvenile	7,884	7,571	96.0%	7,583	7,033	92.7%	22,283	21,659	97.2%
Traffic, Parking, & Local ..	213	141	66.2%	162	160	98.8%	583	563	96.6%
Total	68,275	65,835	96.4%	44,329	44,792	101.0%	199,260	195,545	98.1%

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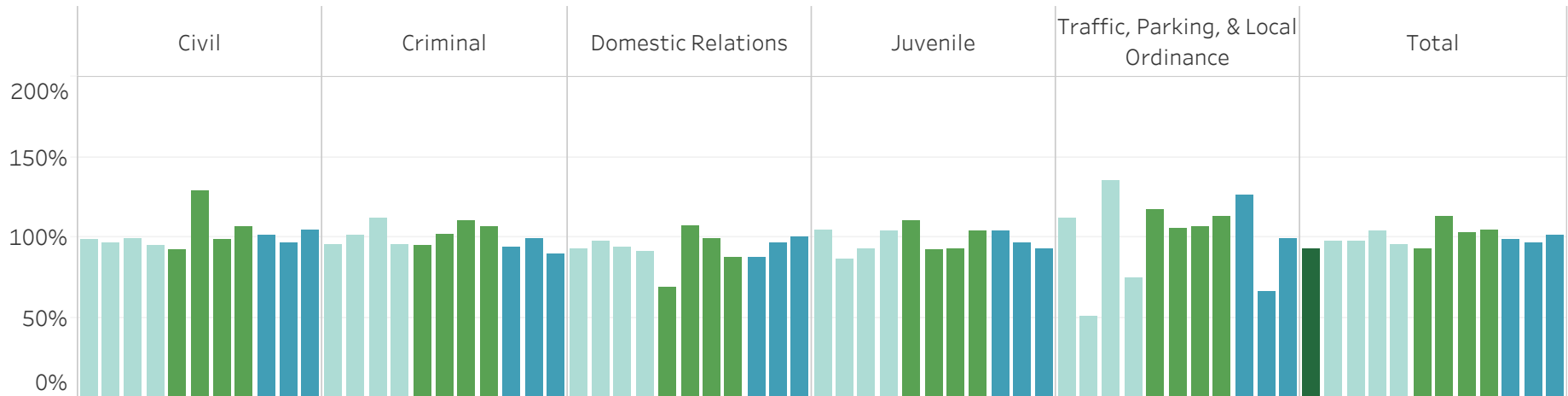


Clearance Rate

Clearance Rate by Department
Most Recent 12 Quarters



Clearance Rate by Case Type
Most Recent 12 Quarters



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Time to Disposition

By Department:				Q2			Q3			YTD		
	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard			
Boston Municipal Court	5,281	5,131	97.2%	4,913	4,760	96.9%	19,151	18,171	94.9%			
District Court	19,952	19,305	96.8%				55,879	52,701	94.3%			
Housing Court	9,901	9,366	94.6%	9,732	9,104	93.5%	29,805	28,123	94.4%			
Juvenile Court	5,340	3,285	61.5%	4,750	2,934	61.8%	14,770	9,122	61.8%			
Land Court	1,073	552	51.4%	680	429	63.1%	2,413	1,325	54.9%			
Probate & Family Court	12,800	10,791	84.3%	12,797	10,667	83.4%	38,219	32,072	83.9%			
Superior Court	5,163	3,420	66.2%	5,295	3,243	61.2%	15,393	9,791	63.6%			
Total	59,510	51,850	87.1%	38,167	31,137	81.6%	175,630	151,305	86.1%			

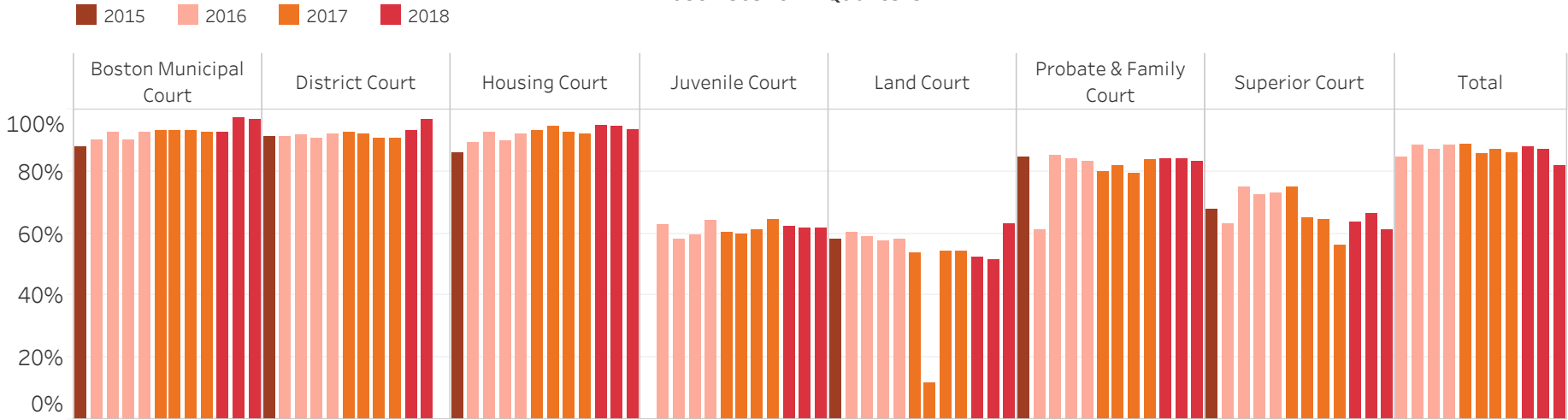
By Case Type:				Q2			Q3			YTD		
	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard	Disposed	Disposed Within TS	% W/I Time Standard			
Civil	45,186	41,859	92.6%	24,707	21,963	88.9%	117,820	108,105	91.8%			
Criminal	1,839	897	48.8%	1,592	619	38.9%	21,459	16,734	78.0%			
Domestic Relations	7,923	6,428	81.1%	7,699	6,109	79.3%	23,418	18,868	80.6%			
Juvenile	4,421	2,540	57.5%	4,009	2,338	58.3%	12,370	7,179	58.0%			
Traffic, Parking, & Local ..	141	126	89.4%	160	108	67.5%	563	419	74.4%			
Total	59,510	51,850	87.1%	38,167	31,137	81.6%	175,630	151,305	86.1%			

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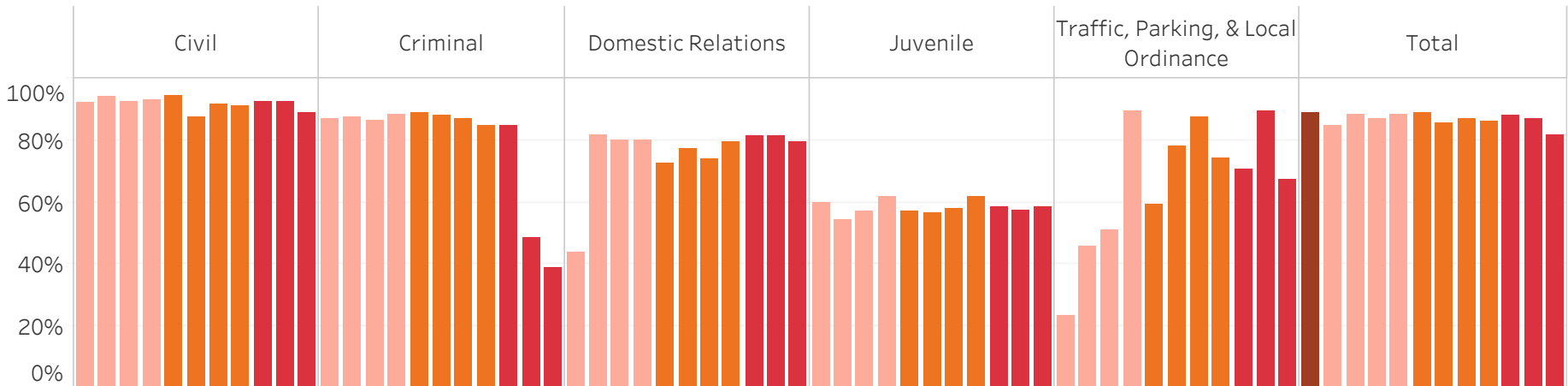


Time to Disposition

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



Percent of Cases Disposed Within Time Standard by Case Type
Most Recent 12 Quarters



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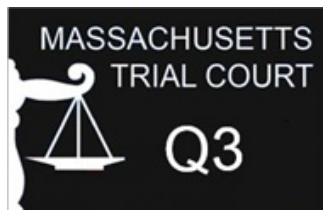


Cases Pending Beyond

By Department:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q2	Q3	Change	Q2	Q3	Change	Q2	Q3	Change
Boston Municipal Court	3,890	3,420	-12.1%	288	412	43.1%	7.4%	12.0%	4.6%
District Court	25,747			7,506			29.2%		
Housing Court	4,112	3,400	-17.3%	1,057	998	-5.6%	25.7%	29.4%	3.6%
Juvenile Court	13,147	13,334	1.4%	3,847	3,566	-7.3%	29.3%	26.7%	-2.5%
Land Court	11,125	10,158	-8.7%	7,474	7,462	-0.2%	67.2%	73.5%	6.3%
Probate & Family Court	43,984	44,227	0.6%	18,846	19,654	4.3%	42.8%	44.4%	1.6%
Superior Court	40,439	40,674	0.6%	15,085	16,897	12.0%	37.3%	41.5%	4.2%
Total	142,444	115,213	-19.1%	54,103	48,989	-9.5%	38.0%	42.5%	4.5%

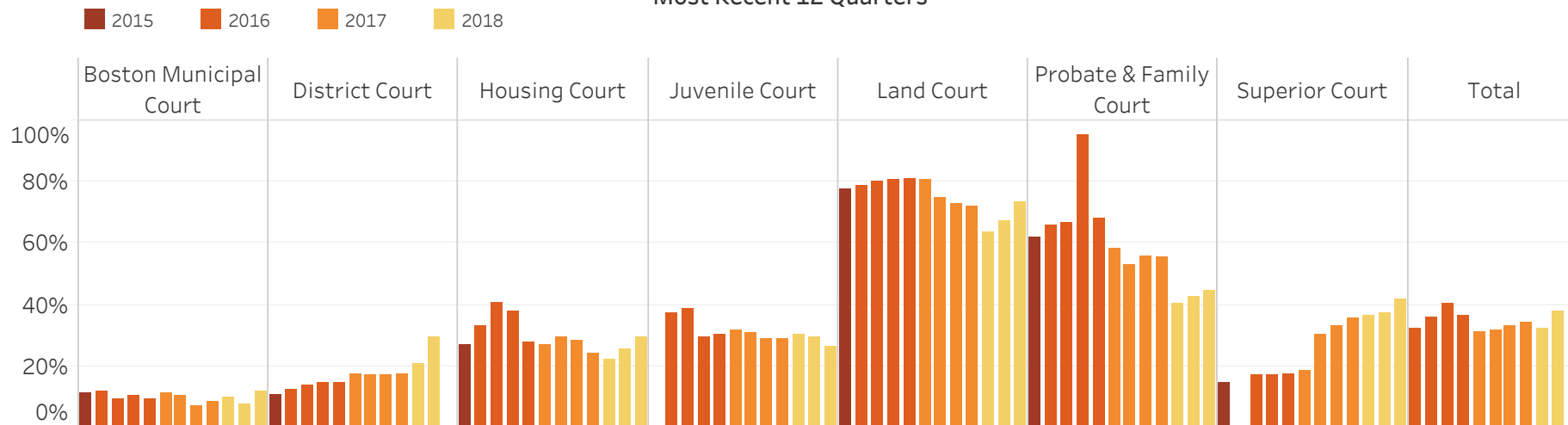
By Case Type:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q2	Q3	Change	Q2	Q3	Change	Q2	Q3	Change
Civil	93,931	66,593	-29.1%	36,638	31,177	-14.9%	39.0%	46.8%	7.8%
Criminal	5,980	6,153	2.9%	3,447	3,519	2.1%	57.6%	57.2%	-0.5%
Domestic Relations	30,816	30,729	-0.3%	10,650	11,233	5.5%	34.6%	36.6%	2.0%
Juvenile	11,581	11,605	0.2%	3,261	2,974	-8.8%	28.2%	25.6%	-2.5%
Traffic, Parking, & Local ..	136	133	-2.2%	107	86	-19.6%	78.7%	64.7%	-14.0%
Total	142,444	115,213	-19.1%	54,103	48,989	-9.5%	38.0%	42.5%	4.5%

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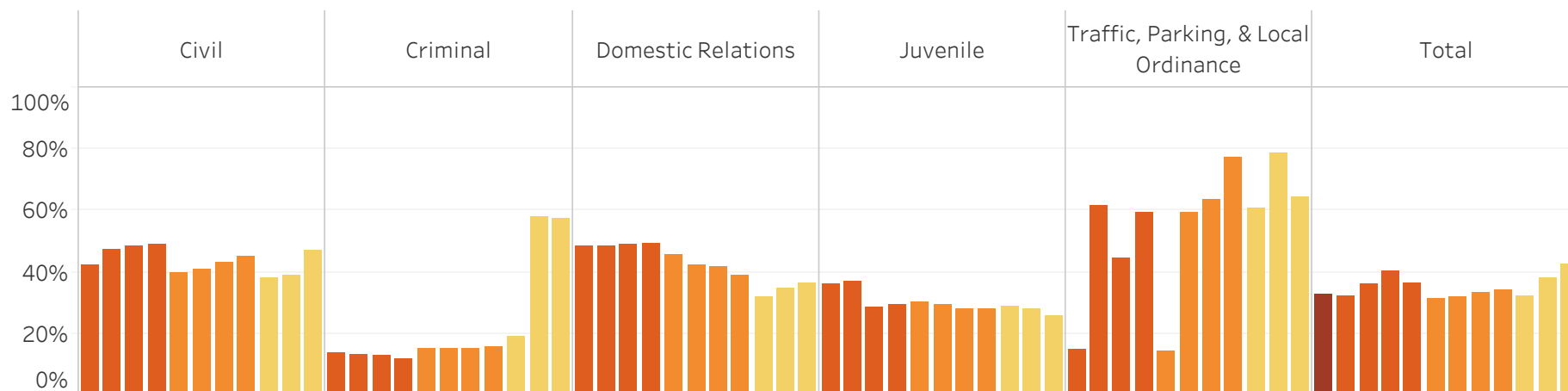


Cases Pending Beyond

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**



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Trial Date Certainty

By Department:				Q2			Q3			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	19	16	84.2%	22	17	77.3%	187	147	78.6%			
District Court	51	35	68.6%				624	456	73.1%			
Housing Court	436	345	79.1%	452	345	76.3%	1,291	1,026	79.5%			
Juvenile Court												
Land Court	4	4	100.0%	7	6	85.7%	20	19	95.0%			
Probate & Family Court	214	206	96.3%	280	277	98.9%	699	679	97.1%			
Superior Court	224	123	54.9%	214	127	59.3%	589	319	54.2%			
Total	948	729	76.9%	975	772	79.2%	3,410	2,646	77.6%			

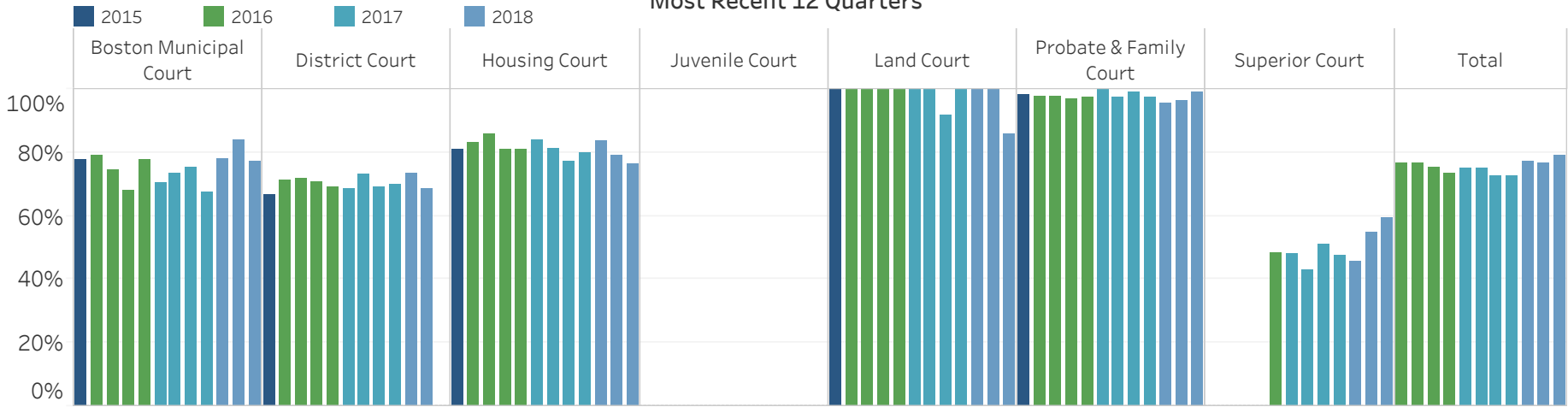
By Case Type:				Q2			Q3			YTD		
	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	% Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	% Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	% Disposed W/I 2 Dates			
Civil	161	122	75.8%	130	91	70.0%	430	307	71.4%			
Criminal	137	56	40.9%	113	59	52.2%	990	634	64.0%			
Domestic Relations												
Juvenile												
Traffic, Parking, & Local ..												
Total	298	178	59.7%	243	150	61.7%	1,420	941	66.3%			

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Trial Date 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
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