

**Massachusetts Trial Courts
Summary of Case Filings by Type: FY2014 to FY2018**

	All Court Departments				
	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
All Case Types	991,708	960,418	912,757	887,207	846,833
Criminal Matters					
Criminal	233,143	219,740	209,791	197,900	190,661
Criminal Show Cause Hearings	90,963	81,057	94,607	91,376	103,975
Criminal Warrants	8,928	8,158	8,995	8,226	8,390
Sub-Total	333,034	308,955	313,393	297,502	303,026
Civil - Regular					
Civil	79,102	70,254	61,290	65,240	66,345
Servicemembers	5,665	9,739	13,041	11,448	8,637
Sub-Total	84,767	79,993	74,331	76,688	74,982
Civil - Specialized Matters					
Small Claims	103,004	106,071	84,579	98,439	90,031
Supplementary Proceedings	16,970	16,679	9,736	7,748	7,664
Summary Process	41,812	40,946	40,140	40,503	40,968
Restraining/Harassment Orders*	44,374	43,660	44,568	44,522	44,737
Mental Health	13,069	13,903	15,541	16,598	16,675
CMVI Appeals	12,862	12,969	14,632	13,826	8,763
Administrative Warrants	10,743	13,395	11,903	13,482	11,515
Other Specialized Civil	3,521	3,602	4,469	3,995	3,817
Sub-Total	246,355	251,225	225,568	239,113	224,170
CMVI Hearings	132,192	130,254	117,565	99,246	80,814
Other Hearings					
Show Cause Hearings (Applications)	14,206	15,042	14,419	13,175	12,226
Non-MV Infraction Civil Hearings	4,951	5,232	5,869	5,008	3,791
Sub-Total	19,157	20,274	20,288	18,183	16,017
Juvenile Matters					
Juvenile Delinquency	10,055	10,362	9,694	8,674	7,887
Youthful Offender	151	216	218	151	138
CRA/CHINS Applications	5,843	6,160	5,712	5,388	5,227
Care & Protection Petitions	3,663	3,384	3,855	3,462	3,375
Sub-Total	19,712	20,122	19,479	17,675	16,627
Probate	48,593	42,942	39,461	39,653	39,601
Guardianship	11,174	13,229	11,891	12,594	12,653
Child Welfare and Adoption	2,894	2,621	2,346	2,423	2,434
Domestic Relations					
Paternity	17,560	16,650	16,010	15,392	13,292
Divorce	24,918	23,954	23,692	23,500	21,816
Modification/Contempt	50,079	49,271	47,958	44,842	40,578
Other Domestic Relations	398	0	0	0	355
Sub-Total	92,955	89,875	87,660	83,734	76,041
Appeals	875	928	775	396	468

Not all court departments report *Restraining and Harassment Orders* separately. For reporting purposes they have been combined.

Probate & Family: *Guardianship* includes all guardianship case types.

Child Welfare and Adoption includes: *Child welfare* cases in the Probate and Family Court and *young adult permanency hearings* and *adoption* cases in the Juvenile Court.

Boston Municipal Court: In FY2018 the Boston Municipal Court changed the method by which it compiles year-end case filings.