

**Massachusetts Trial Courts  
Summary of Case Filings by Type: FY2015 to FY2019**

	All Court Departments				
	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
<b>All Case Types</b>	960,418	912,757	887,207	846,833	807,244
<b>Criminal Matters</b>					
Criminal	219,740	209,791	197,900	190,661	187,817
Criminal Show Cause Hearings/ Applications for Complaint	81,057	94,607	91,376	103,975	110,524
Criminal Warrants	8,158	8,995	8,226	8,390	8,461
Sub-Total	308,955	313,393	297,502	303,026	306,802
<b>Civil - Regular</b>					
Civil	70,254	61,290	65,240	66,345	57,980
Servicemembers	9,739	13,041	11,448	8,637	6,865
Sub-Total	79,993	74,331	76,688	74,982	64,845
<b>Civil - Specialized Matters</b>					
Small Claims	106,071	84,579	98,439	90,031	80,380
Supplementary Proceedings	16,679	9,736	7,748	7,664	5,522
Summary Process	40,946	40,140	40,503	40,968	39,594
Restraining/Harassment Orders*	43,660	44,568	44,522	44,737	43,013
Mental Health	13,903	15,541	16,598	16,675	15,874
CMVI Appeals	12,969	14,632	13,826	8,763	6,948
Administrative Warrants	13,395	11,903	13,482	11,515	5,847
Other Specialized Civil	3,602	4,469	3,995	3,817	5,106
Sub-Total	251,225	225,568	239,113	224,170	202,284
<b>CMVI Hearings</b>	130,254	117,565	99,246	80,814	77,367
<b>Other Hearings</b>					
Show Cause Hearings (Applications)	15,042	14,419	13,175	12,226	9,363
Non-MV Infraction Civil Hearings	5,232	5,869	5,008	3,791	3,484
Sub-Total	20,274	20,288	18,183	16,017	12,847
<b>Juvenile Matters</b>					
Juvenile Delinquency	10,362	9,694	8,674	7,887	5,303
Youthful Offender	216	218	151	138	289
CRA/CHINS Applications	6,160	5,712	5,388	5,227	5,215
Care & Protection Petitions	3,384	3,855	3,462	3,375	3,014
Sub-Total	20,122	19,479	17,675	16,627	13,821
<b>Probate</b>	42,942	39,461	39,653	39,601	38,940
<b>Guardianship</b>	13,229	11,891	12,594	12,653	12,345
<b>Child Welfare and Adoption</b>	2,621	2,346	2,423	2,434	2,661
<b>Domestic Relations</b>					
Paternity	16,650	16,010	15,392	13,292	13,948
Divorce	23,954	23,692	23,500	21,816	21,778
Modification/Contempt	49,271	47,958	44,842	40,578	38,540
Other Domestic Relations	0	0	0	355	61
Sub-Total	89,875	87,660	83,734	76,041	74,327
<b>Appeals</b>	928	775	396	468	1,005

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. FY2019 modification/contempts are approximate, and are estimated to be 1-2% higher than reported.

**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.

**Superior Court:** Prior to FY2019, the "Criminal Case" category included only criminal indictments. In FY2019, this category was expanded to also include: bail petitions, criminal complaints, grand jury matters, SDP appeals, and youthful offender cases.

**Appeals:** Beginning in FY2019, this category reflects *administrative appeals* in the Boston Municipal and District Court Departments, and *appeal to review sentence* in Superior Court. District Court Appellate Division filings are not included.