

Massachusetts Trial Courts
Summary of Case Filings by Type: FY2005 to FY2012

	All Court Departments							
	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
All Case Types	1,184,508	1,231,181	1,241,958	1,314,120	1,308,033	1,195,691	1,132,002	1,035,558
Criminal Matters								
Criminal	256,439	266,013	276,346	279,247	264,371	242,689	235,531	235,808
Criminal Show Cause Hearings	104,811	107,412	96,488	113,851	102,704	93,561	102,625	84,670
Criminal Warrants			773	2,206	5,658	5,639	5,834	6,572
Sub-Total	361,250	373,425	373,607	395,304	372,733	341,889	343,990	327,050
Civil - Regular	102,053	114,807	137,670	157,746	162,743	157,449	123,447	104,379
Civil - Specialized Matters								
Small Claims	123,476	129,129	122,833	123,544	137,763	101,385	94,858	101,975
Supplementary Proceedings	20,830	24,403	28,212	32,816	46,279	43,318	37,777	28,387
Summary Process	31,598	32,825	35,981	40,360	38,685	37,051	39,056	41,559
Restraining Orders	35,656	35,396	35,246	34,960	31,628	38,365	46,931	46,141
Harassment Orders							800	1,460
Mental Health	9,327	10,638	10,728	10,146	9,328	11,623	10,692	12,717
CMVI Appeals	4,242	4,716	4,697	27,191	23,676	15,466	12,208	9,763
Administrative Warrants	4,014	4,006	5,696	4,656	6,647	9,637	10,857	15,729
Other Specialized Civil	1,799	1,928	2,572	2,202	2,102	1,984	1,028	2,115
Sub-Total	230,942	243,041	245,965	275,875	296,108	258,829	254,207	259,846
CMVI Hearings	279,650	280,123	260,781	255,440	245,812	218,919	197,426	151,063
Other Hearings								
Show Cause Hearings (Applications)	13,985	15,038	15,813	14,808	12,672	11,238	9,643	7,135
Non-MV Infraction Civil Hearings	2,663	3,167	3,861	11,781	16,088	18,123	17,425	4,529
Sub-Total	16,648	18,205	19,674	26,589	28,760	29,361	27,068	11,664
Juvenile Matters								
Juvenile Delinquency	33,302	35,502	35,046	31,622	26,147	22,640	20,194	17,612
Youthful Offender	448	433	386	439	334	323	274	333
CHINS Applications	9,251	9,354	9,293	8,873	8,088	7,905	7,266	6,973
Care & Protection Petitions	2,953	2,979	3,032	3,531	3,357	2,799	2,636	2,470
Adult complaints	388	492	641	536	472	499	343	409
Adoption	767	823	787	731	800	737	695	719
Guardianship	740	742	766	814	778	639	623	642
Paternity		238	320	310	294	330	301	295
Harassment							504	428
Motor Vehicle Citations	129	103	99	79	34	21	17	10
Sub-Total	47,978	50,666	50,370	46,935	40,304	35,893	32,853	29,891
Probate	52,683	51,608	50,719	50,019	48,427	48,818	47,946	40,076
Guardianship	4,463	4,771	4,828	4,769	4,652	3,956	4,076	10,255
Child Welfare	2,100	1,822	1,992	1,966	1,847	1,552	1,598	1,438
Paternity	17,494	19,510	20,147	22,025	23,850	19,589	19,863	20,164
Divorce	21,216	22,155	22,878	22,913	23,115	26,177	26,165	26,313
Modification/Contempt	45,003	47,813	49,762	51,116	55,886	50,708	51,052	51,661
Other Domestic Relations	1,930	2,064	2,291	2,282	2,430	1,003	1,280	759
Appeals	1,098	1,171	1,274	1,141	1,366	1,548	1,031	999

Housing: In FY2005, *criminal show cause hearings* were not reported separately.

Juvenile: Due to the conversion from Juris to Masscourts, FY2012 figures for Essex and Norfolk Counties are not available at this time for CHINS petitions, *Permanency Hearings*, *Show Cause Hearings*, and *Jury Cases*.

Probate & Family: From 2005 to FY2011, *Probate* included *guardianship-incapacitated* case types. Beginning in FY2012, *Guardianship* includes all guardianship case types. Prior to FY2012, *Guardianship* included guardianship-minor case types, only.