

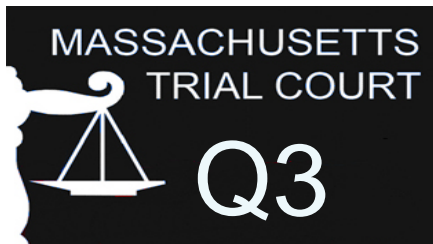
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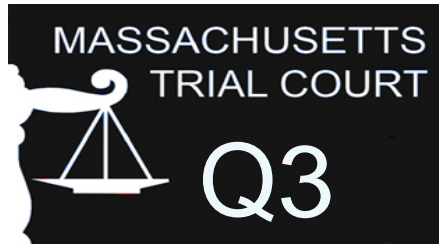
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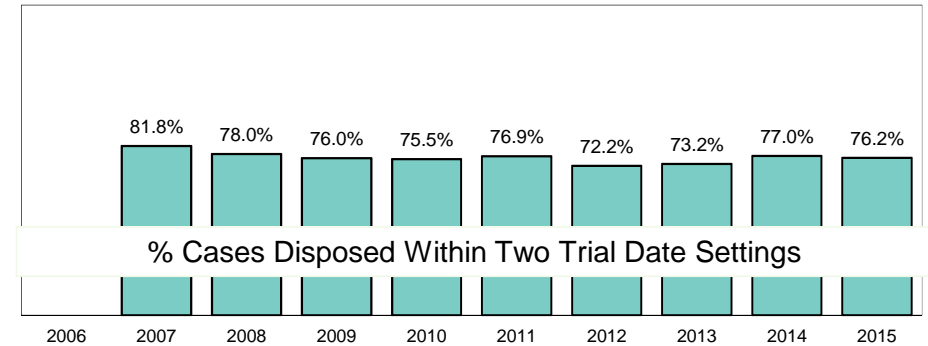
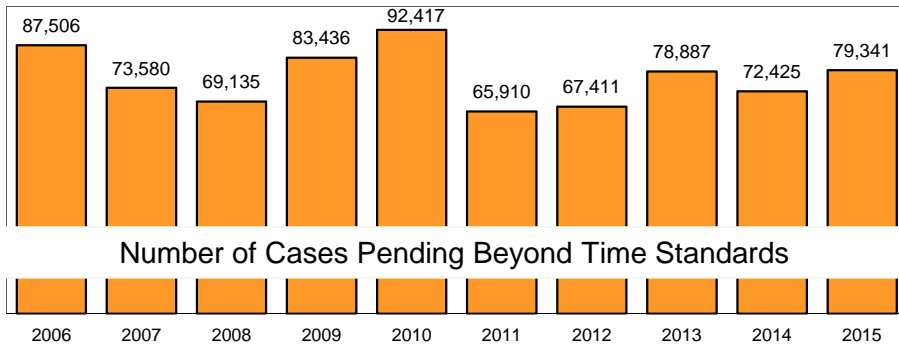
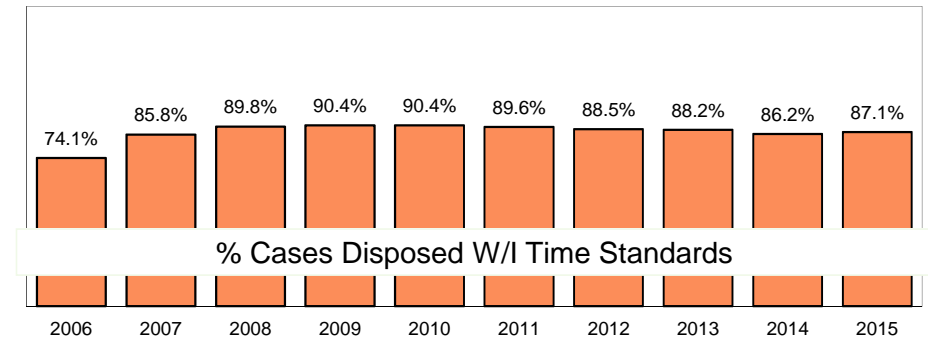
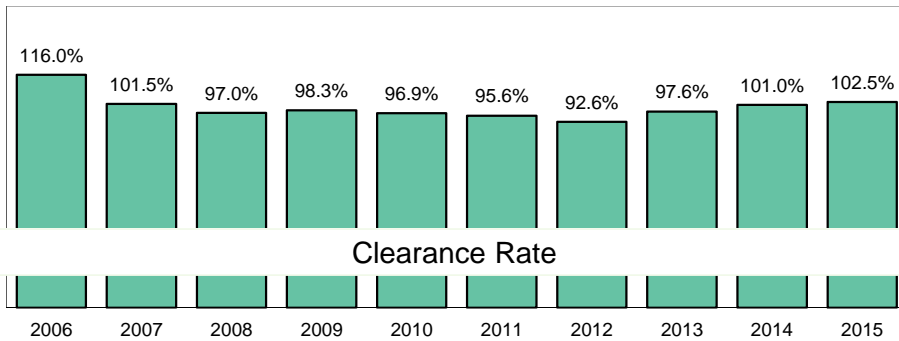
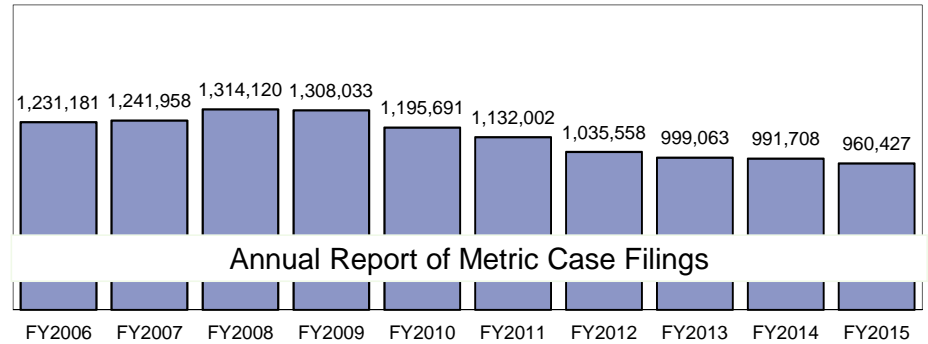
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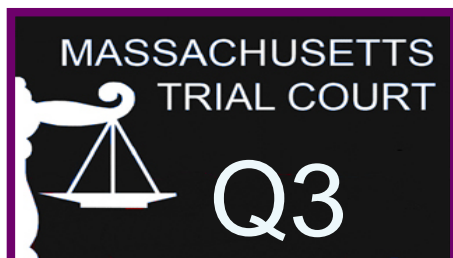
# Case Flow Metrics

**SUMMARY OF  
TRIAL COURT FILINGS  
(FY2006 THROUGH FY2015)**

**TRIAL COURT CASE FLOW METRICS  
(CY2006 THROUGH CY2015 YTD)**



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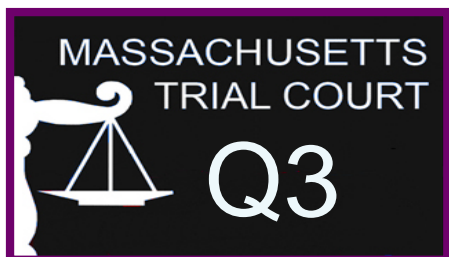
# Metrics Case Filings

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

By Department:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings
	Q2	Q3	% Change	2014 YTD	2015 YTD	% Change	2015 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	16,458	15,194	-7.7%	47,089	45,507	-3.4%	12.8%
District Court	69,424	69,550	0.2%	211,120	198,214	-6.1%	55.6%
Housing Court	10,055	11,458	14.0%	31,796	31,214	-1.8%	8.8%
Juvenile Court		8,158			8,158		
Land Court	3,597	4,131	14.8%	8,181	11,315	38.3%	3.2%
Probate & Family Court	16,525	15,438	-6.6%	46,075	46,491	0.9%	13.0%
Superior Court	6,780	5,844	-13.8%	19,067	15,785	-17.2%	4.4%
Total	122,839	129,773	5.6%	363,328	356,684	-1.8%	100.0%

By Case Type:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings
	Q2	Q3	% Change	2014 YTD	2015 YTD	% Change	2015 YTD
Civil	53,165	55,068	3.6%	161,986	154,630	-4.5%	43.4%
Criminal	58,737	56,641	-3.6%	170,856	163,450	-4.3%	45.8%
Domestic Relations	10,178	9,757	-4.1%	28,916	29,033	0.4%	8.1%
Juvenile		7,565			7,565		2.1%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	759	742	-2.2%	1,570	2,006	27.8%	0.6%
Total	122,839	129,773	5.6%	363,328	356,684	-1.8%	100.0%

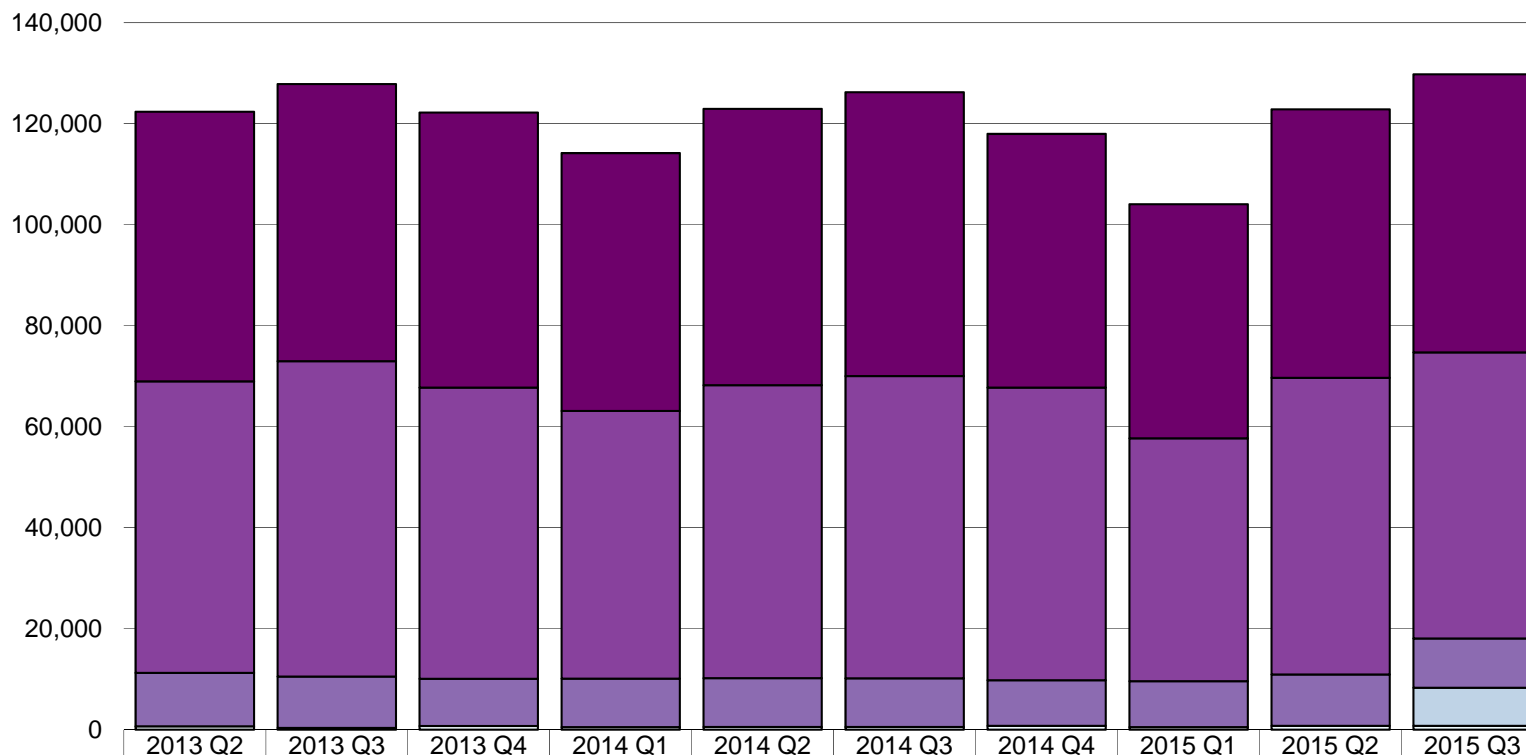
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# Metrics Case Filings by Case Type

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 10 Quarters



Case Type	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
■ Civil	53,388	54,879	54,481	51,054	54,727	56,205	50,275	46,397	53,165	55,068
■ Criminal	57,712	62,434	57,639	53,005	57,991	59,860	57,920	48,072	58,737	56,641
■ Domestic Relations	10,600	10,191	9,378	9,617	9,685	9,614	9,053	9,098	10,178	9,757
□ Juvenile										7,565
□ Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	659	345	712	488	534	548	751	505	759	742
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,359</b>	<b>127,849</b>	<b>122,210</b>	<b>114,164</b>	<b>122,937</b>	<b>126,227</b>	<b>117,999</b>	<b>104,072</b>	<b>122,839</b>	<b>129,773</b>

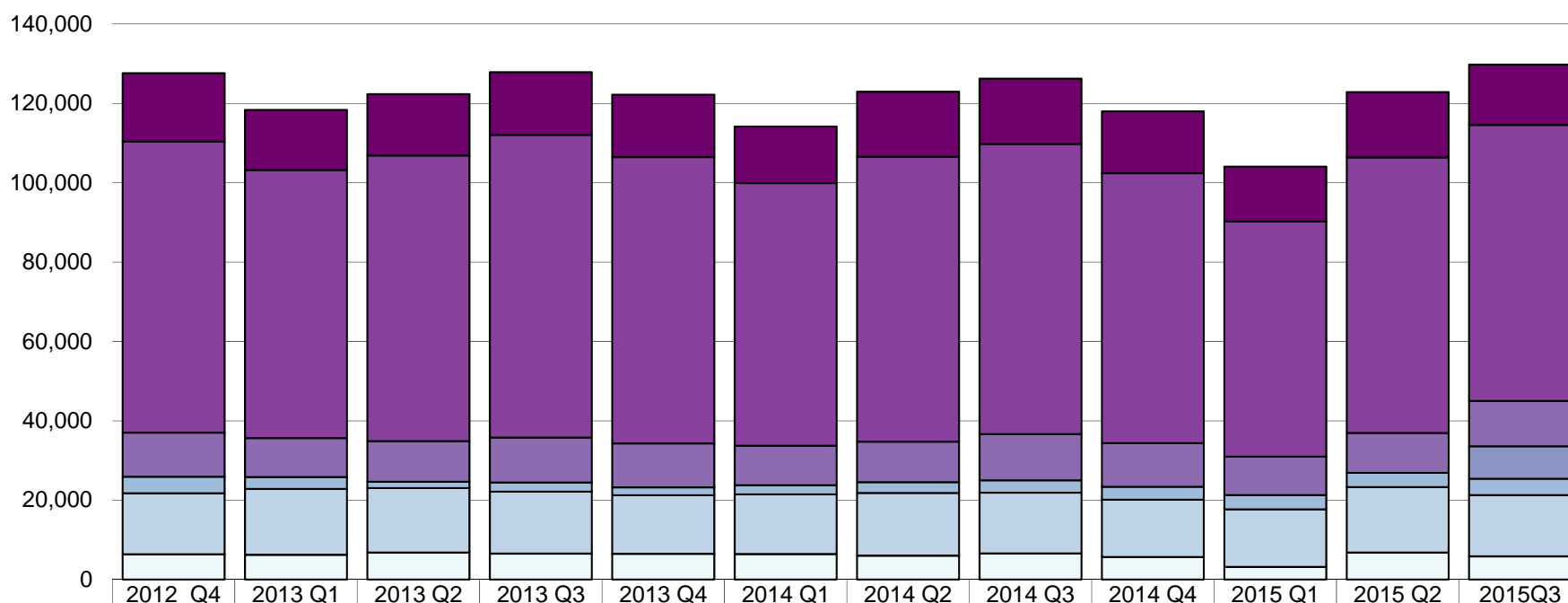
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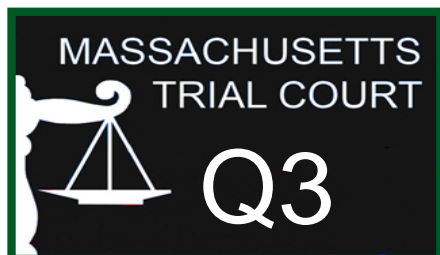
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Last 12 Quarters



	2012 Q4	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
■ Boston Municipal Court	17,247	15,156	15,509	15,764	15,760	14,262	16,402	16,425	15,585	13,855	16,458	15,194
■ District Court	73,328	67,577	71,981	76,300	72,132	66,189	71,775	73,156	68,035	59,240	69,424	69,550
■ Housing Court	11,116	9,779	10,212	11,340	11,094	9,930	10,240	11,626	11,010	9,701	10,055	11,458
■ Juvenile Court												8,158
■ Land Court	4,166	3,026	1,617	2,315	1,976	2,332	2,710	3,139	3,242	3,587	3,597	4,131
■ Probate & Family Court	15,391	16,559	16,254	15,594	14,740	15,006	15,759	15,310	14,457	14,528	16,525	15,438
■ Superior Court	6,359	6,266	6,786	6,536	6,508	6,445	6,051	6,571	5,670	3,161	6,780	5,844
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,607</b>	<b>118,363</b>	<b>122,359</b>	<b>127,849</b>	<b>122,210</b>	<b>114,164</b>	<b>122,937</b>	<b>126,227</b>	<b>117,999</b>	<b>104,072</b>	<b>122,839</b>	<b>129,773</b>

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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	16,458	17,473	106.2%	15,194	14,038	92.4%	45,507	46,609	102.4%
District Court	69,424	67,411	97.1%	69,550	67,457	97.0%	198,214	198,121	100.0%
Housing Court	10,055	10,110	100.5%	11,458	11,193	97.7%	31,214	31,713	101.6%
Juvenile Court				8,158	8,512	104.3%	8,158	8,512	104.3%
Land Court	3,597	2,803	77.9%	4,131	4,561	110.4%	11,315	27,839	246.0%
Probate & Family Court	16,525	14,218	86.0%	15,438	14,279	92.5%	46,491	41,270	88.8%
Superior Court	6,780	2,232	32.9%	5,844	5,693	97.4%	15,785	11,474	72.7%
Total	122,839	114,247	93.0%	129,773	125,733	96.9%	356,684	365,538	102.5%

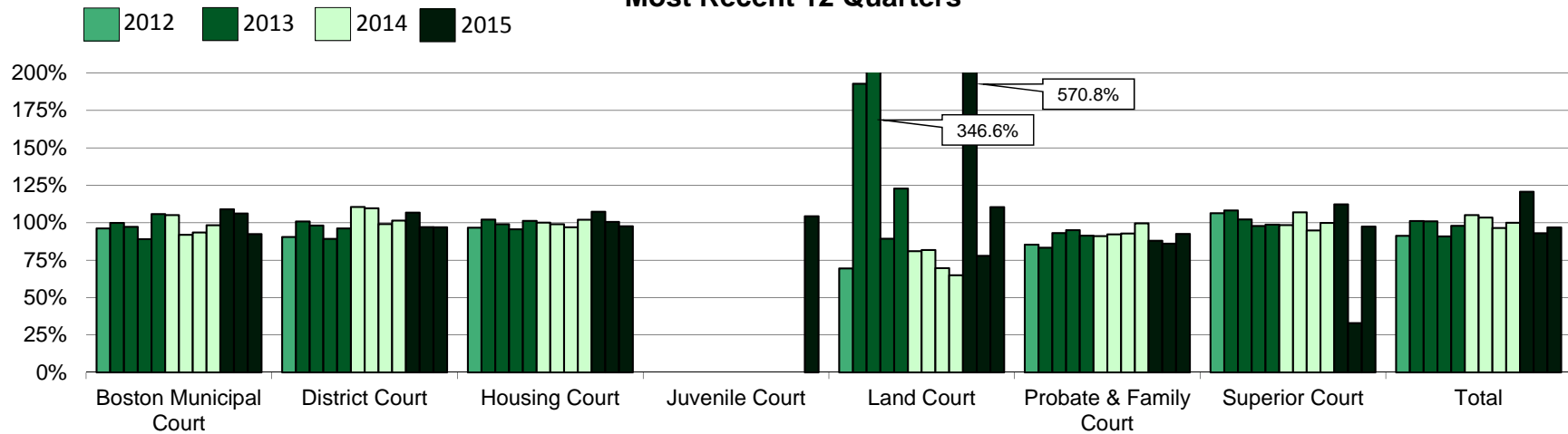
By Case Type:	Q2			Q3			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Civil	53,165	48,402	91.0%	55,068	53,961	98.0%	154,630	166,488	107.7%
Criminal	58,737	56,632	96.4%	56,641	54,019	95.4%	163,450	163,771	100.2%
Domestic Relations	10,178	8,534	83.8%	9,757	9,043	92.7%	29,033	25,367	87.4%
Juvenile				7,565	7,879	104.2%	7,565	7,879	104.2%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	759	679	89.5%	742	831	112.0%	2,006	2,033	101.3%
Total	122,839	114,247	93.0%	129,773	125,733	96.9%	356,684	365,538	102.5%

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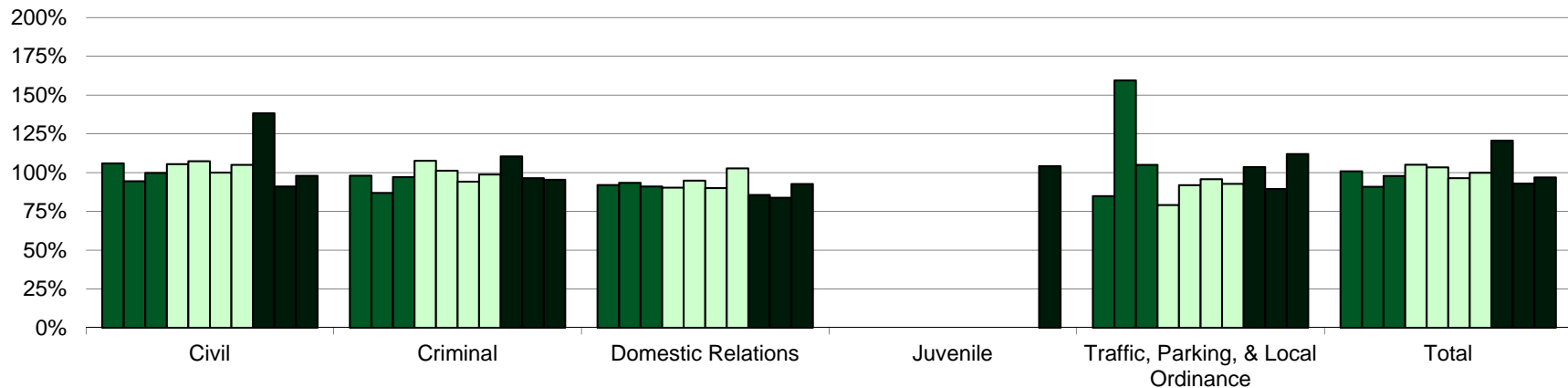


# Clearance Rate

**Clearance Rate by Court Department  
Most Recent 12 Quarters**

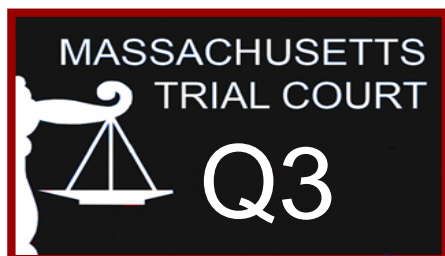


**Clearance Rate by Case Type  
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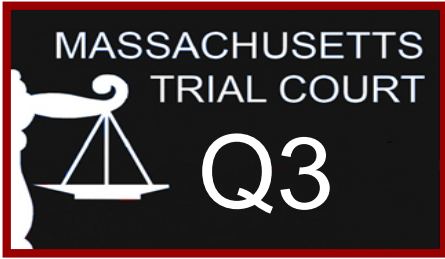


# Time to Disposition

By Department:	Q2			Q3			YTD		
	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS
Boston Municipal Court	17,473	15,360	87.9%	14,038	12,637	90.0%	46,609	41,553	89.2%
District Court	64,816	59,088	91.2%	64,676	59,024	91.3%	190,211	173,455	91.2%
Housing Court	10,110	8,678	85.8%	11,193	9,984	89.2%	31,713	27,778	87.6%
Juvenile Court				5,043	3,167	62.8%	5,043	3,167	62.8%
Land Court	765	443	57.9%	822	495	60.2%	2,359	1,474	62.5%
Probate & Family Court	14,218	12,005	84.4%	14,279	8,752	61.3%	41,270	31,526	76.4%
Superior Court	2,149	1,455	67.7%	5,539	3,500	63.2%	11,112	7,160	64.4%
Total	109,531	97,029	88.6%	115,590	97,559	84.4%	328,317	286,113	87.1%

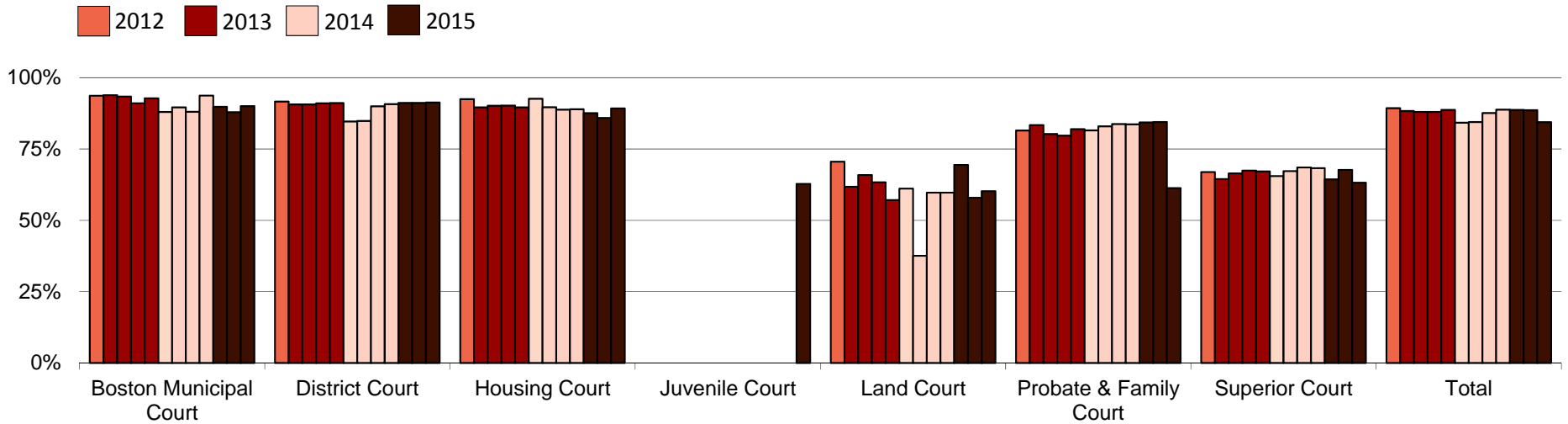
By Case Type:	Q2			Q3			YTD		
	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS
Civil	46,318	43,172	93.2%	50,168	46,220	93.2%	140,877	130,552	92.7%
Criminal	54,000	46,714	86.5%	51,138	44,539	86.5%	155,630	135,200	86.9%
Domestic Relations	8,534	6,832	80.1%	9,043	3,963	80.1%	25,367	17,063	67.3%
Juvenile				4,410	2,642	59.9%	4,410	2,642	59.9%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	679	311	45.8%	831	195	45.8%	2,033	656	32.3%
Total	109,531	97,029	88.6%	115,590	97,559	84.4%	328,317	286,113	87.1%

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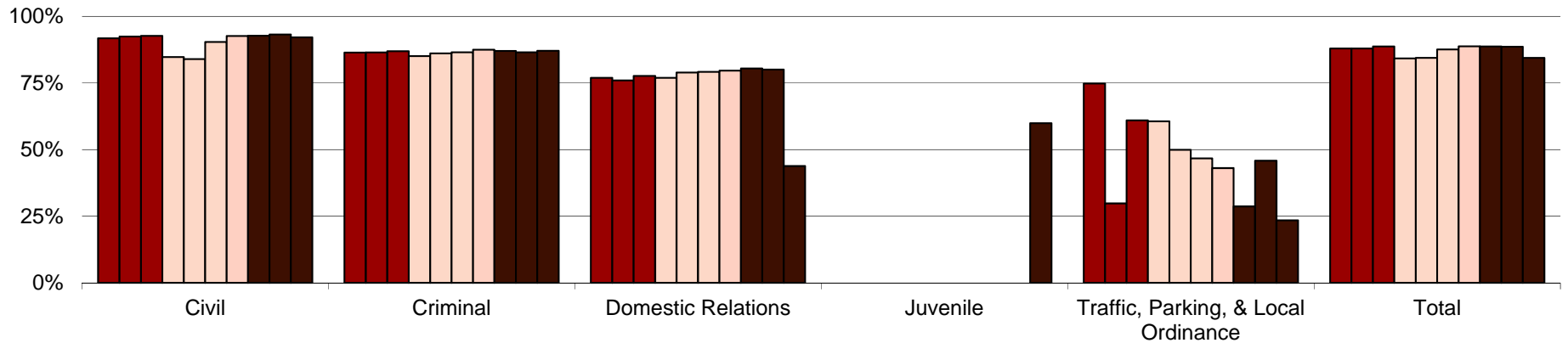


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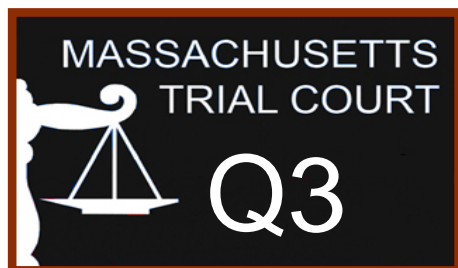
**% Cases Disposed Within Time Standards by Court Department  
Most Recent 12 Quarters**



**% Cases Disposed Within Time Standards by Case Type  
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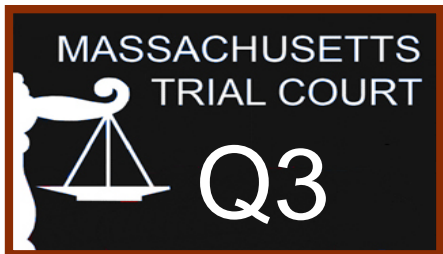
# Cases Pending Beyond

By Department:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q2	Q3	Change	Q2	Q3	Change	Q2	Q3	Change
Boston Municipal Court	14,707	14,713	0.0%	1,681	1,715	2.0%	11.4%	11.7%	0.2%
District Court	84,158	86,157	2.4%	9,284	10,522	13.3%	11.0%	12.2%	1.2%
Housing Court	4,901	4,014	-18.1%	1,313	1,330	1.3%	26.8%	33.1%	6.3%
Juvenile Court		16,251			6,108			37.6%	
Land Court	13,338	13,211	-1.0%	10,378	10,376	0.0%	77.8%	78.5%	0.7%
Probate & Family Court	77,131	74,877	-2.9%	47,956	49,290	2.8%	62.2%	65.8%	3.7%
Superior Court	40,075	38,530	-3.9%	5,961			14.9%		
Total*	234,310	192,972	-17.6%	76,573	73,233	-4.4%	32.7%	37.9%	5.3%

By Case Type*:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q2	Q3	Change	Q2	Q3	Change	Q2	Q3	Change
Civil	123,423	88,140	-28.6%	51,537	50,621	-1.8%	41.8%	57.4%	15.7%
Criminal	78,874	74,683	-5.3%	10,469	8,096	-22.7%	13.3%	10.8%	-2.4%
Domestic Relations	31,606	29,853	-5.5%	14,525	14,472	-0.4%	46.0%	48.5%	2.5%
Juvenile									
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	407	296	-27.3%	42	44	4.8%	10.3%	14.9%	4.5%
Total	234,310	192,972	-17.6%	76,573	73,233	-4.4%	32.7%	37.9%	5.3%

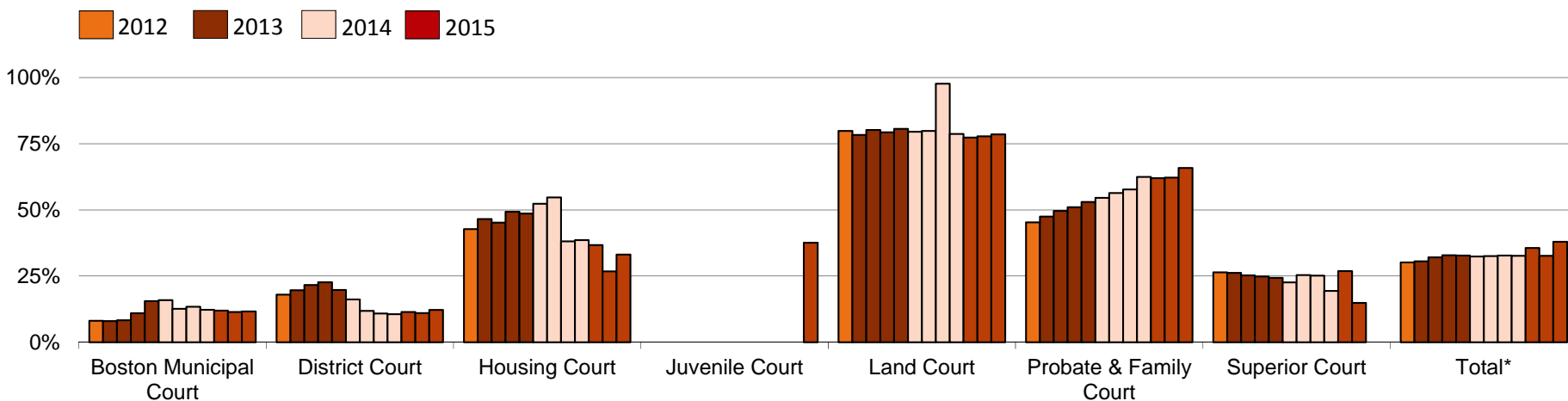
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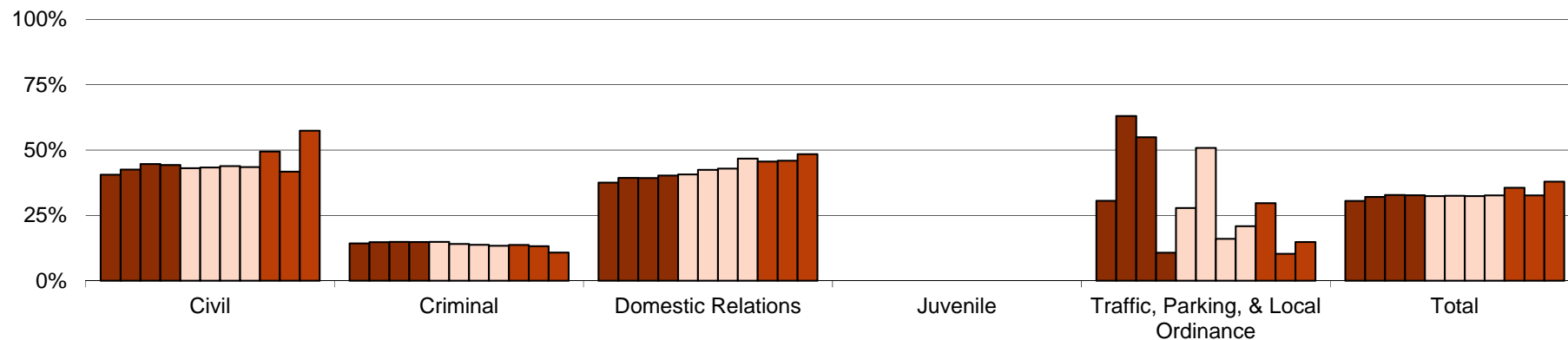


# Cases Pending Beyond

**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 10 Quarters**



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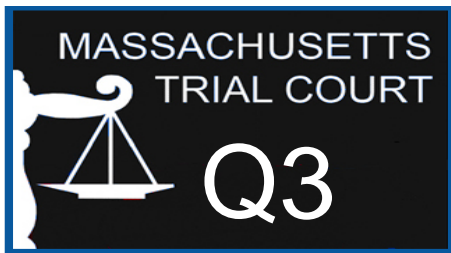


# Trial Date Certainty

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	224	174	77.7%	180	142	78.9%	595	474	79.7%
District Court	1,700	1,137	66.9%	1,470	1,044	71.0%	4,657	3,251	69.8%
Housing Court	439	355	80.9%	411	341	83.0%	1,205	985	81.7%
Juvenile Court									
Land Court	7	7	100.0%	19	19	100.0%	37	33	89.2%
Probate & Family Court	351	345	98.3%	258	252	97.7%	909	897	98.7%
Superior Court									
Total	2,721	2,018	74.2%	2,338	1,798	76.9%	7,403	5,640	76.2%

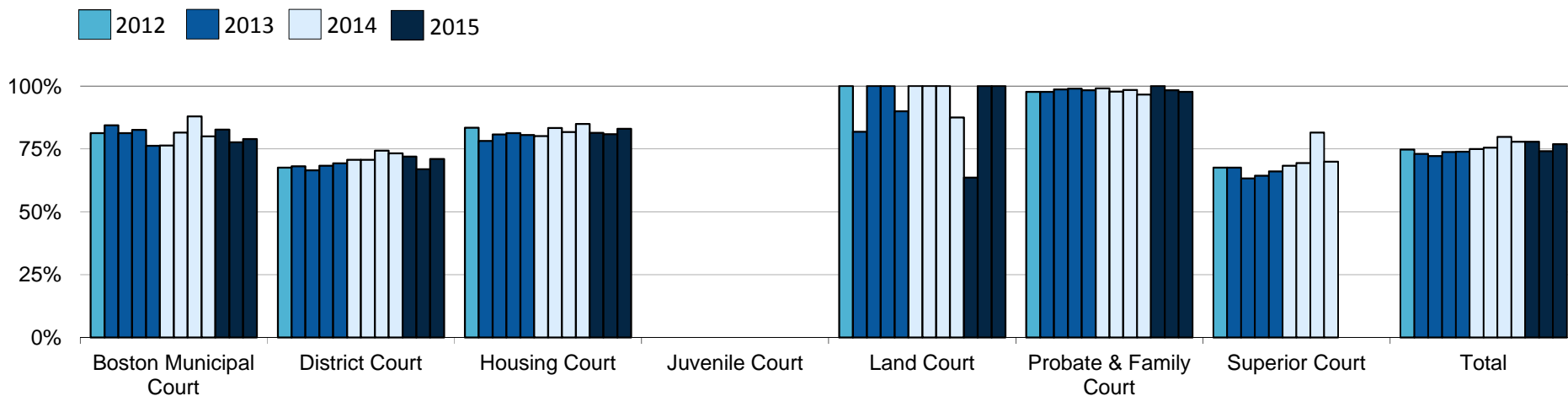
By Case Type:	Q2			Q3			YTD		
	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates	Disposed by Trial	Disposed W/I 2 Dates	%Disposed W/I 2 Dates
Civil	133	89	66.9%	101	77	76.2%	503	368	73.2%
Criminal	1,798	1,229	68.4%	1,573	1,133	72.0%	4,951	3,515	71.0%
Domestic Relations									
Juvenile									
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance									
Total	1,931	1,318	68.3%	1,674	1,210	72.3%	5,454	3,883	71.2%

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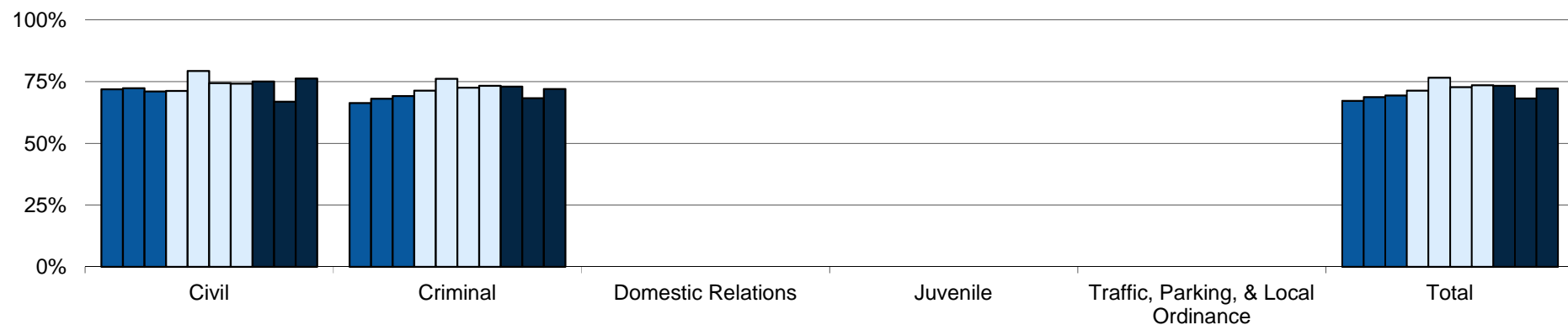


# Trial Date Certainty

**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  
Most Recent 10 Quarters**



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