

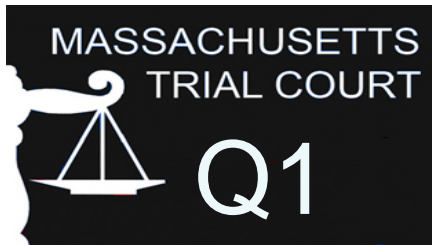
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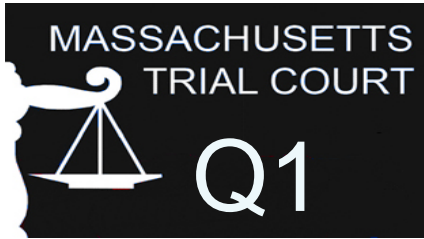
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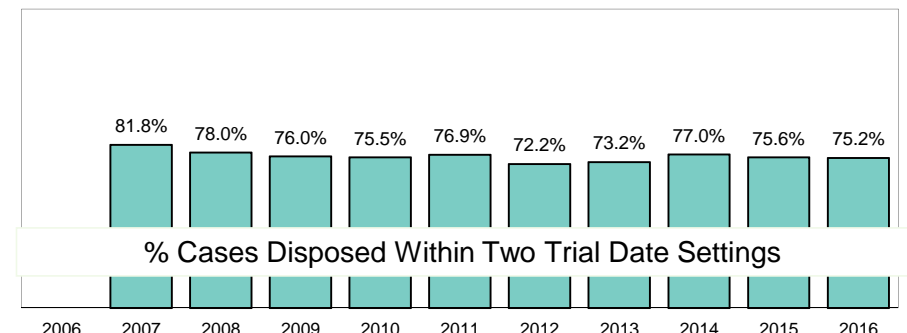
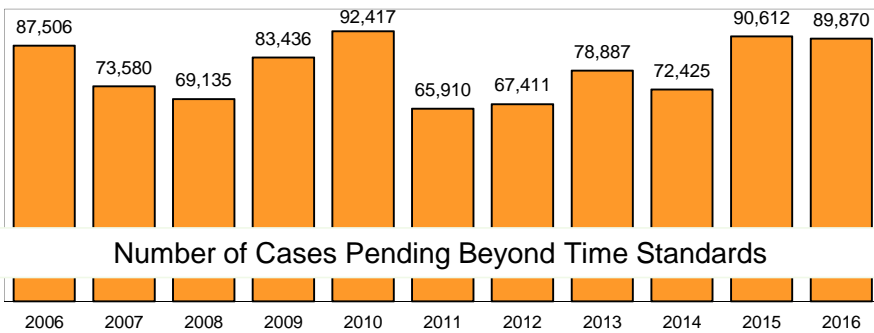
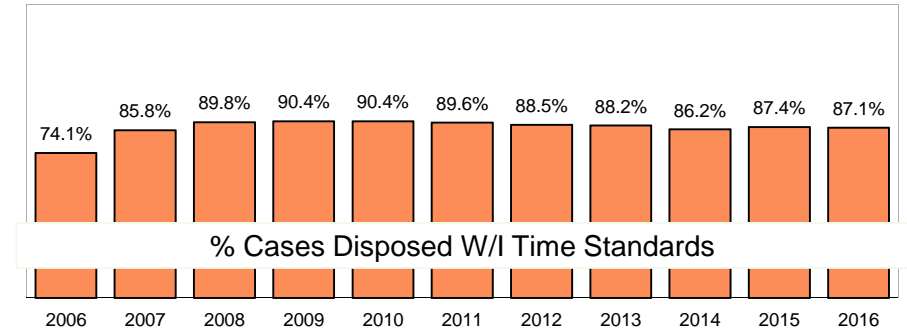
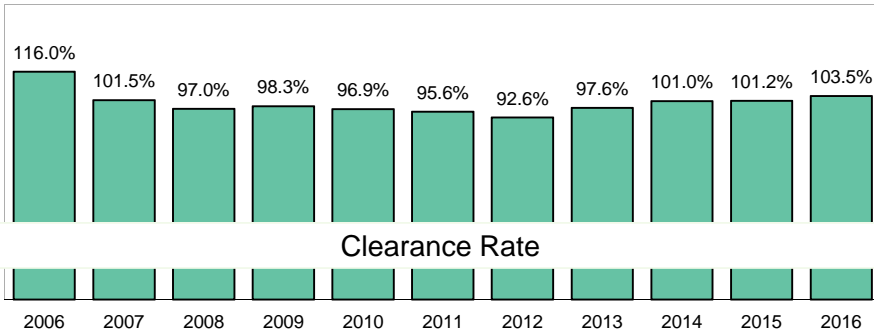
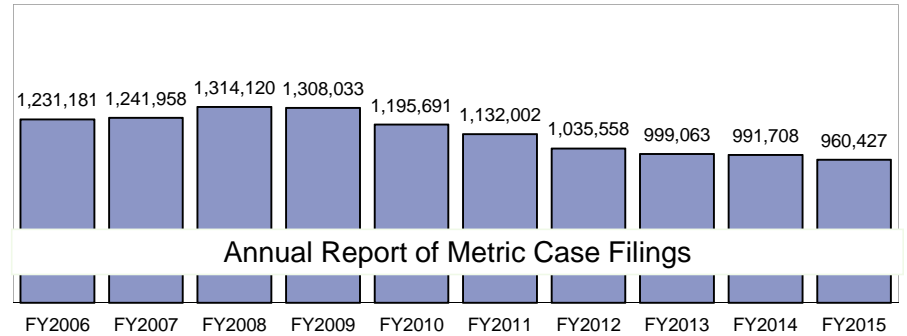
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# Case Flow Metrics

**SUMMARY OF  
TRIAL COURT FILINGS  
(FY2006 THROUGH FY2015)  
TRIAL COURT CASE FLOW METRICS  
(CY2006 THROUGH CY2016 YTD)**



Figures for CY2012 through CY2014 exclude Juvenile Court and figures for CY2015 Q4 through CY2016 Q1 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 – CY2016) and Superior Court (CY2016). Figures exclude criminal cases in District courts, Barnstable and Brockton.



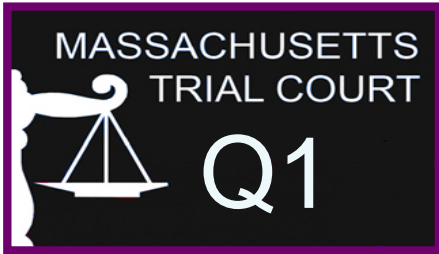
# Metrics Case Filings

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

By Department:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings
	Q4	Q1	% Change	2015 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change	2016 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	10,777	9,401	-12.8%	13,855	9,401	-32.1%	8.5%
District Court	61,301	58,054	-5.3%	59,240	58,054	-2.0%	52.3%
Housing Court	10,608	9,352	-11.8%	9,701	9,352	-3.6%	8.4%
Juvenile Court	9,879	9,522	-3.6%	0	9,522		8.6%
Land Court	4,046	4,263	5.4%	3,587	4,263	18.8%	3.8%
Probate & Family Court	14,736	14,639	-0.7%	14,528	14,639	0.8%	13.2%
Superior Court	5,847	5,811	-0.6%	3,161	5,811	83.8%	5.2%
Total	117,194	111,042	-5.2%	104,072	111,042	6.7%	100.0%

By Case Type:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings
	Q4	Q1	% Change	2015 YTD	2016 YTD	% Change	2016 YTD
Civil	48,748	47,667	-2.2%	46,397	47,667	2.7%	42.9%
Criminal	49,451	45,344	-8.3%	48,072	45,344	-5.7%	40.8%
Domestic Relations	9,286	9,010	-3.0%	9,098	9,010	-1.0%	8.1%
Juvenile	9,169	8,708	-5.0%	0	8,708		7.8%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	540	313	-42.0%	505	313	-38.0%	0.3%
Total	117,194	111,042	-5.2%	104,072	111,042	6.7%	100.0%

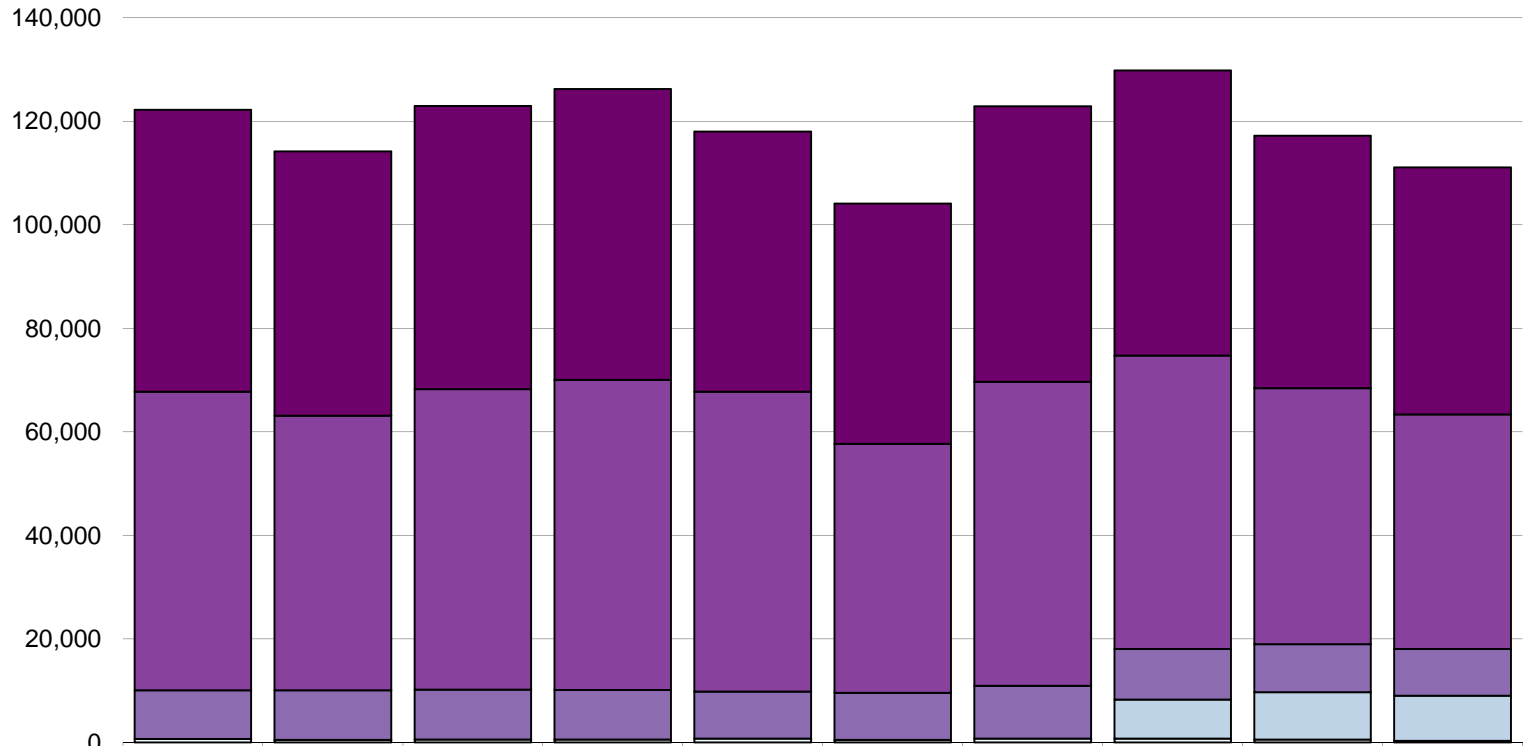
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# Metrics Case Filings by Case Type

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 10 Quarters



	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
■ Civil	54,481	51,054	54,727	56,205	50,275	46,397	53,165	55,068	48,748	47,667
■ Criminal	57,639	53,005	57,991	59,860	57,920	48,072	58,737	56,641	49,451	45,344
■ Domestic Relations	9,378	9,617	9,685	9,614	9,053	9,098	10,178	9,757	9,286	9,010
□ Juvenile								7,565	9,169	8,708
□ Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	712	488	534	548	751	505	759	742	540	313
<b>Total</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>	<b>117,194</b>	<b>111,042</b>

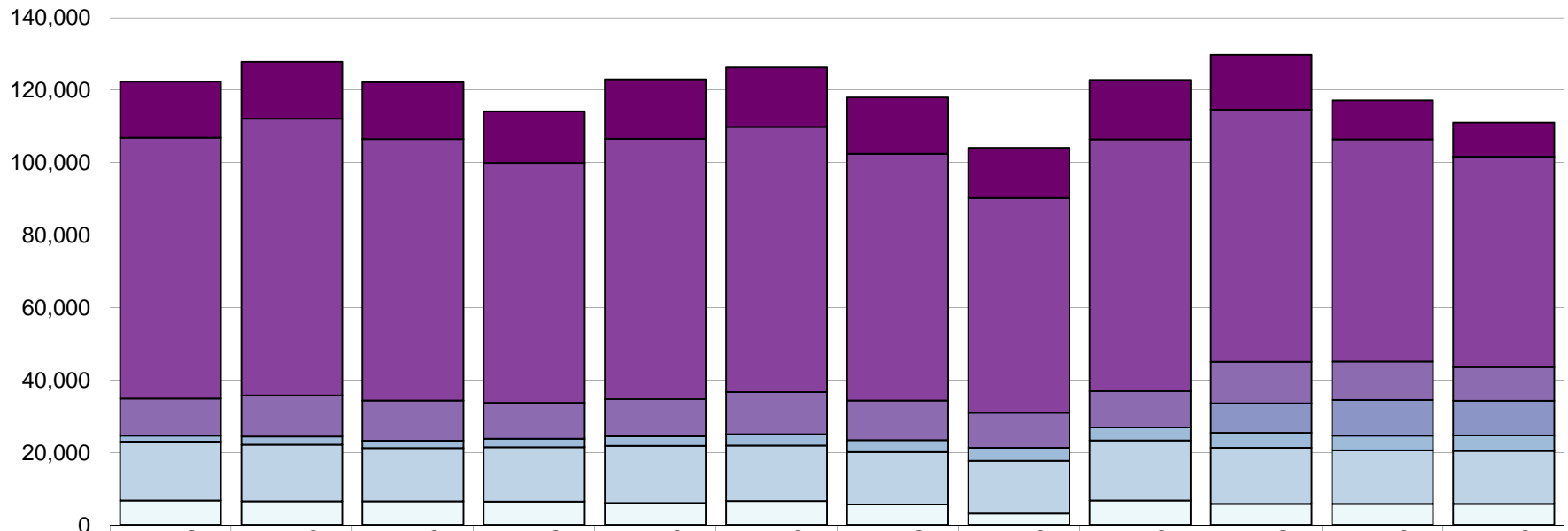
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# Metrics Case Filings By Department

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 12 Quarters



	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1
■ Boston Municipal Court	15,509	15,764	15,760	14,262	16,402	16,425	15,585	13,855	16,458	15,194	10,777	9,401
■ District Court	71,981	76,300	72,132	66,189	71,775	73,156	68,035	59,240	69,424	69,550	61,301	58,054
■ Housing Court	10,212	11,340	11,094	9,930	10,240	11,626	11,010	9,701	10,055	11,458	10,608	9,352
■ Juvenile Court										8,158	9,879	9,522
■ Land Court	1,617	2,315	1,976	2,332	2,710	3,139	3,242	3,587	3,597	4,131	4,046	4,263
■ Probate & Family Court	16,254	15,594	14,740	15,006	15,759	15,310	14,457	14,528	16,525	15,438	14,736	14,639
□ Superior Court	6,786	6,536	6,508	6,445	6,051	6,571	5,670	3,161	6,780	5,844	5,847	5,811
<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>	<b>117,194</b>	<b>111,042</b>

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# Clearance Rate

By Department:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Boston Municipal Court	10,777	10,967	101.8%	9,401	11,703	124.5%	9,401	11,703	124.5%
District Court	61,301	61,770	100.8%	58,054	62,766	108.1%	58,054	62,766	108.1%
Housing Court	10,608	10,767	101.5%	9,352	9,759	104.4%	9,352	9,759	104.4%
Juvenile Court	9,879	8,735	88.4%	9,522	8,754	91.9%	9,522	8,754	91.9%
Land Court	4,046	3,247	80.3%	4,263	3,481	81.7%	4,263	3,481	81.7%
Probate & Family Court	14,736	14,186	96.3%	14,639	13,300	90.9%	14,639	13,300	90.9%
Superior Court	5,847	4,313	73.8%	5,811	5,177	89.1%	5,811	5,177	89.1%
Total	117,194	113,985	97.3%	111,042	114,940	103.5%	111,042	114,940	103.5%

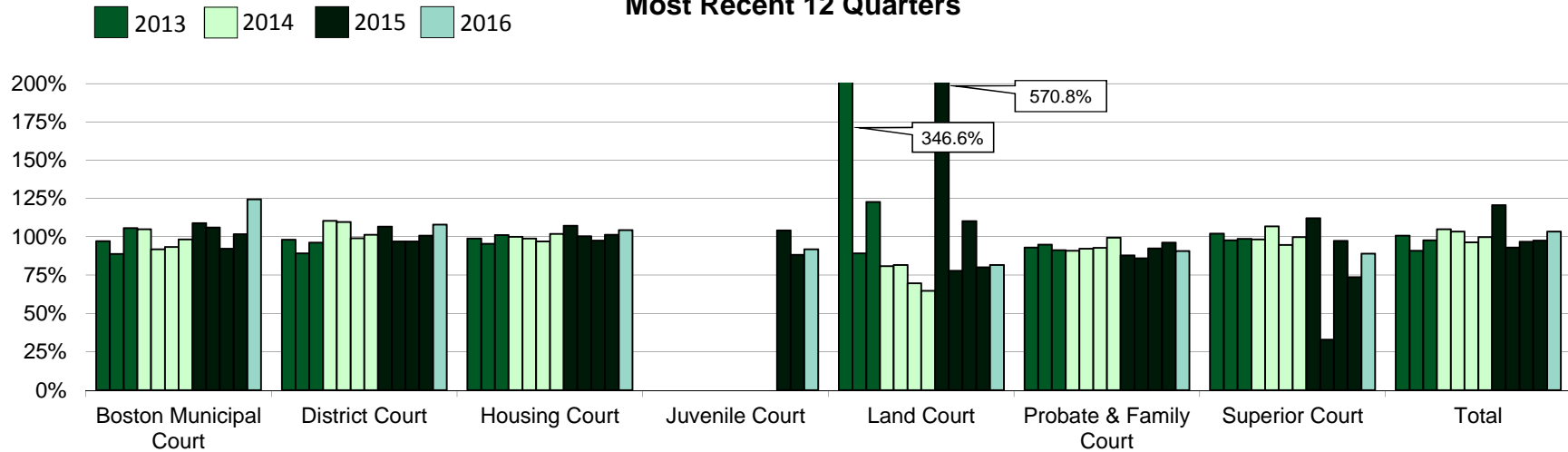
By Case Type:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed Cases	Clearance Rate
Civil	48,748	46,980	96.4%	47,667	47,226	99.1%	47,667	47,226	99.1%
Criminal	49,451	49,773	100.7%	45,344	50,724	111.9%	45,344	50,724	111.9%
Domestic Relations	9,286	9,007	97.0%	9,010	8,459	93.9%	9,010	8,459	93.9%
Juvenile	9,169	7,954	86.7%	8,708	8,109	93.1%	8,708	8,109	93.1%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	540	271	50.2%	313	422	134.8%	313	422	134.8%
Total	117,194	113,985	97.3%	111,042	114,940	103.5%	111,042	114,940	103.5%

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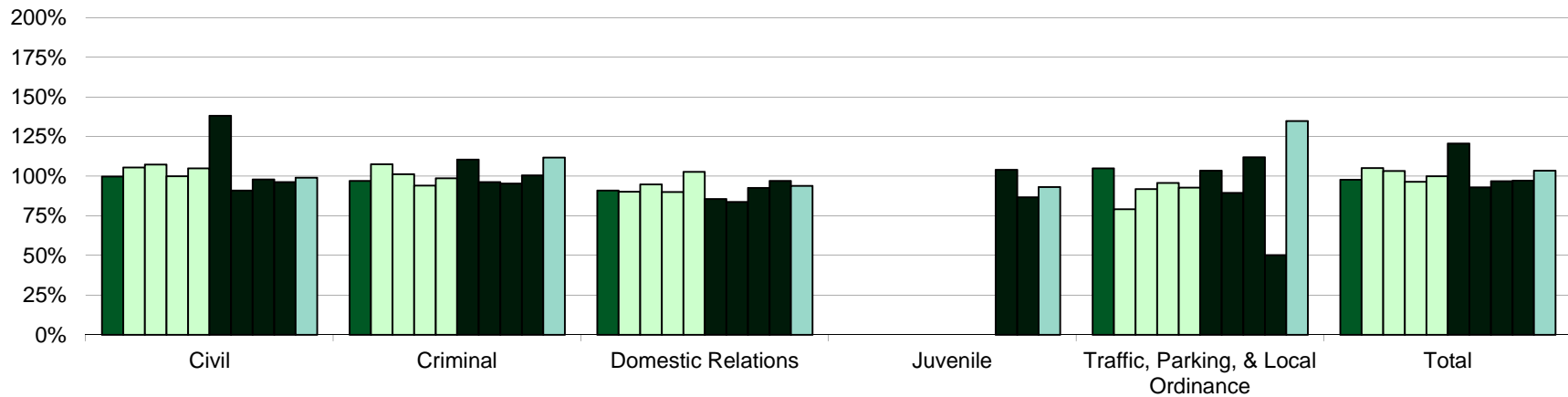


# Clearance Rate

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



**Clearance Rate by Case Type  
Most Recent 10 Quarters**



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# Time to Disposition

By Department:	Q4			Q1			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	10,967	10,148	92.5%	11,703	10,545	90.1%	11,703	10,545	90.1%
District Court	61,770	56,449	91.4%	62,766	56,919	90.7%	62,766	56,919	90.7%
Housing Court	10,767	9,968	92.6%	9,759	8,778	89.9%	9,759	8,778	89.9%
Juvenile Court	5,144	2,982	58.0%	5,270	3,127	59.3%	5,270	3,127	59.3%
Land Court	723	425	58.8%	857	494	57.6%	857	494	57.6%
Probate & Family Court	14,186	12,051	84.9%	13,300	11,204	84.2%	13,300	11,204	84.2%
Superior Court	4,188	3,126	74.6%	5,121	3,709	72.4%	5,121	3,709	72.4%
Total	107,745	95,149	88.3%	108,776	94,776	87.1%	108,776	94,776	87.1%

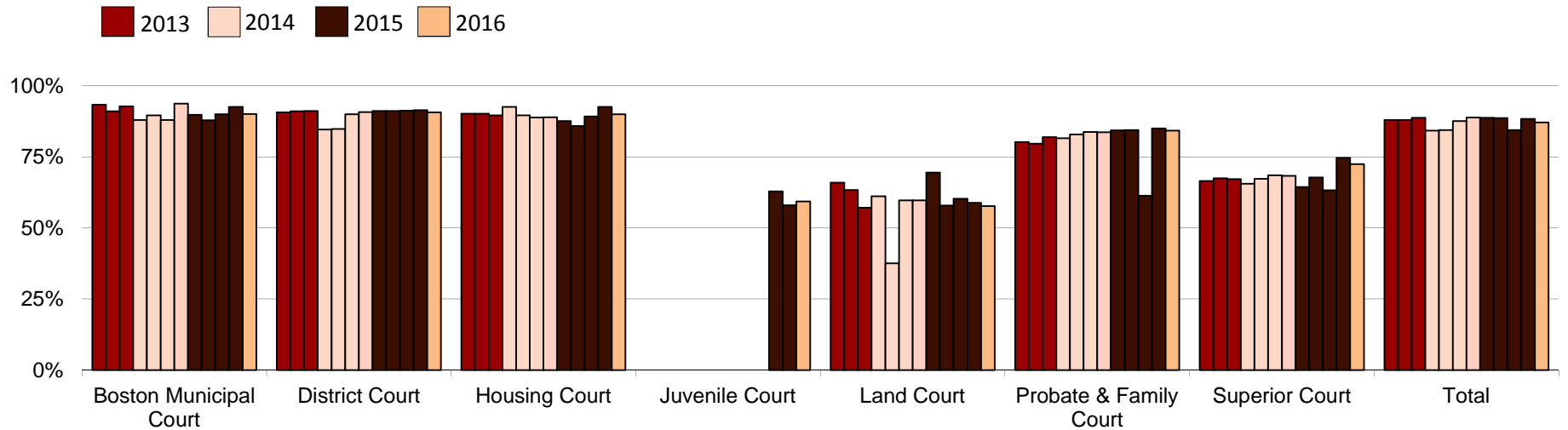
By Case Type:	Q4			Q1			YTD		
	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS
Civil	44,438	41,822	94.1%	44,630	41,268	92.5%	44,630	41,268	92.5%
Criminal	49,666	43,465	87.5%	50,640	43,895	86.7%	50,640	43,895	86.7%
Domestic Relations	9,007	7,379	81.9%	8,459	6,772	80.1%	8,459	6,772	80.1%
Juvenile	4,363	2,359	54.1%	4,625	2,626	56.8%	4,625	2,626	56.8%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	271	124	45.8%	422	215	50.9%	422	215	50.9%
Total	107,745	95,149	88.3%	108,776	94,776	87.1%	108,776	94,776	87.1%

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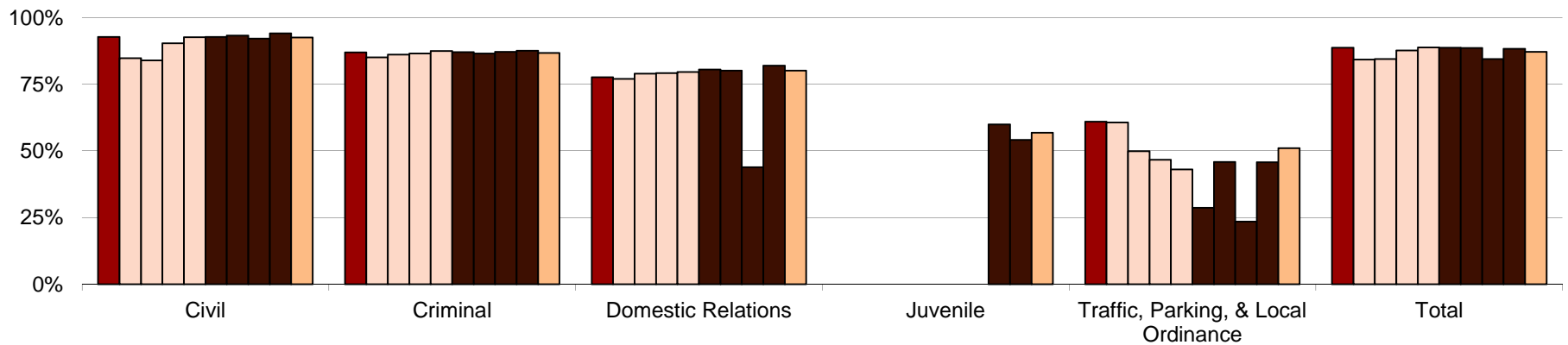


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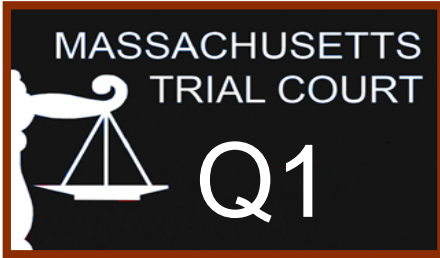
**% Cases Disposed Within Time Standards by Court Department  
Most Recent 12 Quarters**



**% Cases Disposed Within Time Standards by Case Type  
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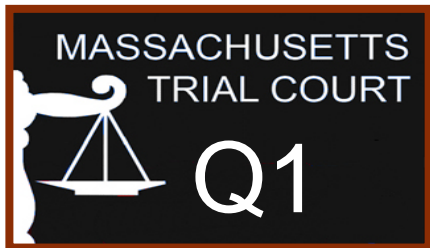


# Cases Pending Beyond

By Department:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change
Boston Municipal Court	14,036	12,935	-7.8%	1,333	1,337	0.3%	9.5%	10.3%	0.8%
District Court	83,094	81,315	-2.1%	11,558	11,961	3.5%	13.9%	14.7%	0.8%
Housing Court	4,707	2,999	-36.3%	1,908	1,132	-40.7%	40.5%	37.7%	-2.8%
Juvenile Court	16,991	14,609	-14.0%	6,588	4,317	-34.5%	38.8%	29.6%	-9.2%
Land Court	13,069	12,948	-0.9%	10,459	10,455	0.0%	80.0%	80.7%	0.7%
Probate & Family Court	77,762	79,300	2.0%	51,931	53,674	3.4%	66.8%	67.7%	0.9%
Superior Court	40,268	41,005	1.8%	6,835	6,994	2.3%	17.0%	17.1%	0.1%
Total*	249,927	245,111	-1.9%	90,612	89,870	-0.8%	36.3%	36.7%	0.4%

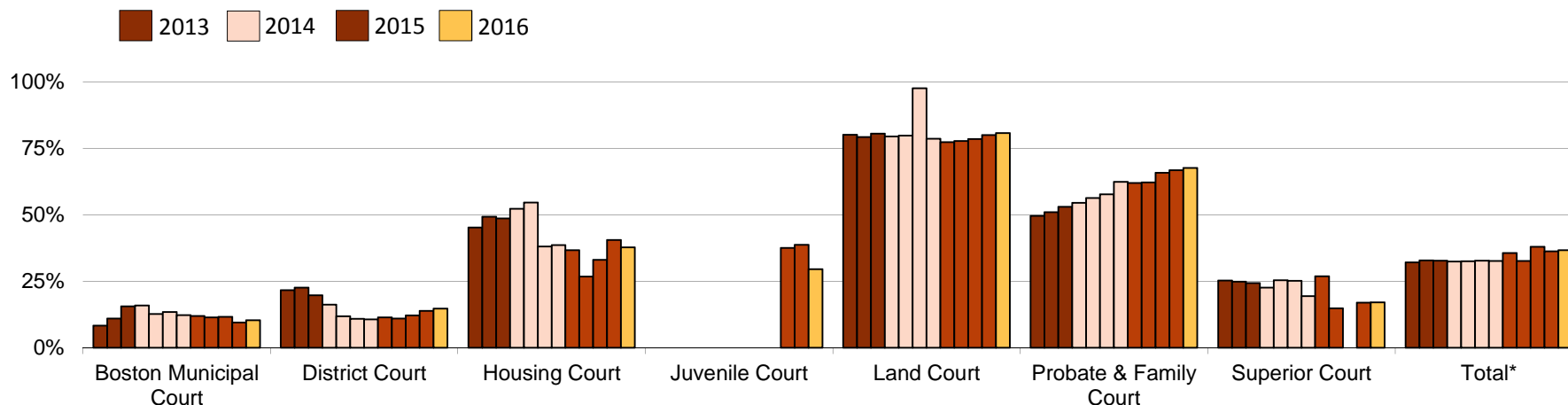
By Case Type**:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q4	Q1	Change	Q4	Q1	Change	Q3	Q4	Change
Civil	125,107	125,665	0.4%	59,026	60,933	3.2%	47.2%	48.5%	1.3%
Criminal	77,123	74,111	-3.9%	10,162	9,506	-6.5%	13.2%	12.8%	-0.3%
Domestic Relations	31,930	32,089	0.5%	15,418	15,657	1.5%	48.3%	48.8%	0.5%
Juvenile	15,167	13,172	-13.2%	5,635	3,741	-33.6%	37.2%	28.4%	-8.8%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	600	74	-87.7%	371	33	-91.1%	61.8%	44.6%	-17.2%
Total	249,927	245,111	-1.9%	90,612	89,870	-0.8%	36.3%	36.7%	0.4%

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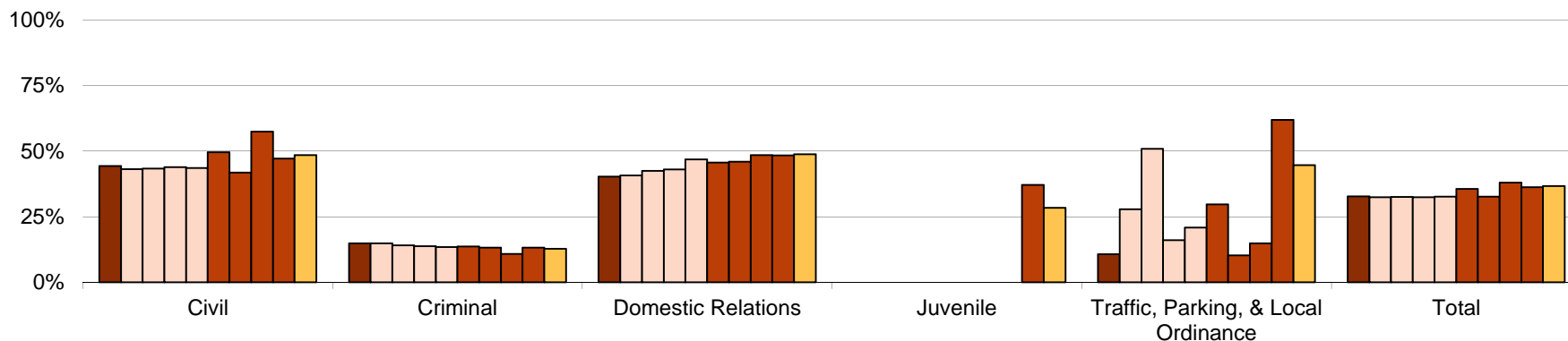


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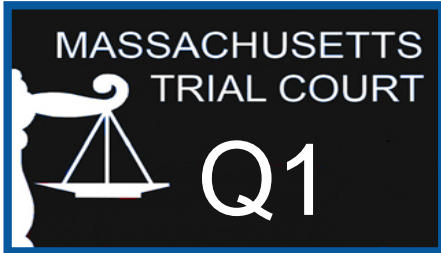
**Percent of Pending Cases Beyond Time Standards by Court Department  
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**Percent of Pending Cases Beyond Time Standards by Case Type  
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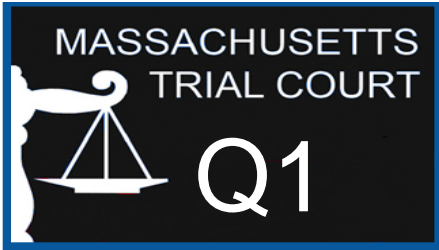


# Trial Date Certainty

By Department:	Q4			Q1			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	137	102	74.5%	163	111	68.1%	163	111	68.1%
District Court	2,152	1,542	71.7%	1,808	1,279	70.7%	1,808	1,279	70.7%
Housing Court	406	348	85.7%	360	291	80.8%	360	291	80.8%
Juvenile Court									
Land Court	8	8	100.0%	7	7	100.0%	7	7	100.0%
Probate & Family Court	339	331	97.6%	325	315	96.9%	325	315	96.9%
Superior Court									
Total	3,042	2,331	76.6%	2,663	2,003	75.2%	2,663	2,003	75.2%

By Case Type:	Q4			Q1			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	278	174	62.6%	115	89	77.4%	115	89	77.4%
Criminal	2,019	1,478	73.2%	1,863	1,308	70.2%	1,863	1,308	70.2%
Domestic Relations									
Juvenile									
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance									
Total	2,297	1,652	71.9%	1,978	1,397	70.6%	1,978	1,397	70.6%

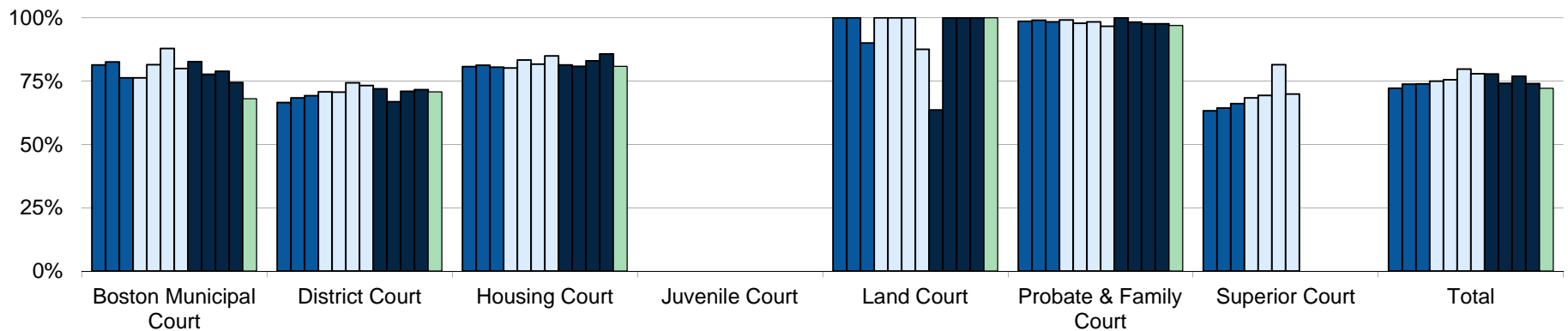
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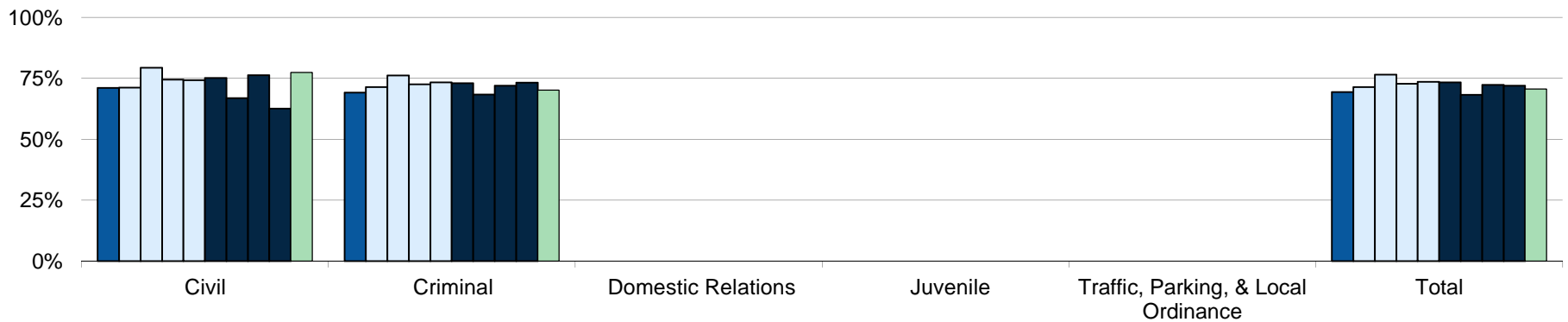
# Trial Date Certainty

**Percent of Trial Cases Disposed Within 2 Trial Date Settings by Court Department  
Most Recent 12 Quarters**

2013 2014 2015 2016



**Percent of Trial Cases Disposed Within 2 Trial Date Settings by Case Type  
Most Recent 10 Quarters**



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