

# Executive Office of the Trial Court Case Flow Metrics Report

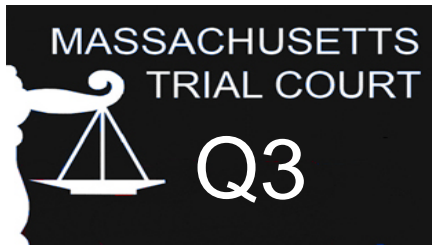
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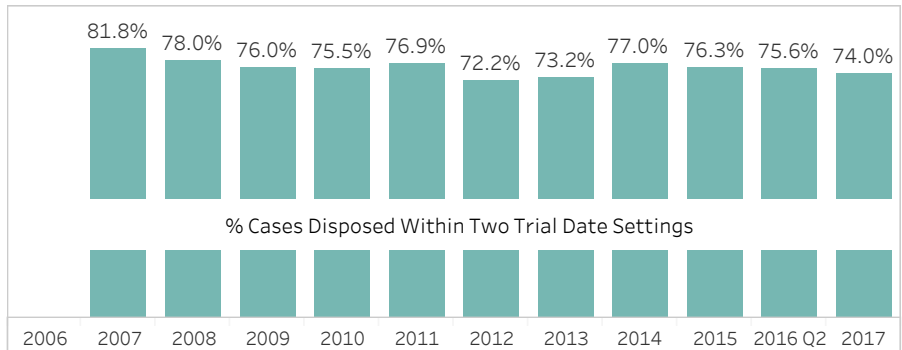
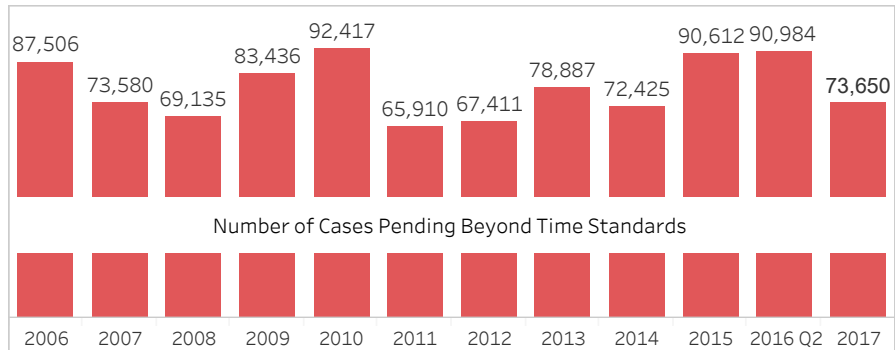
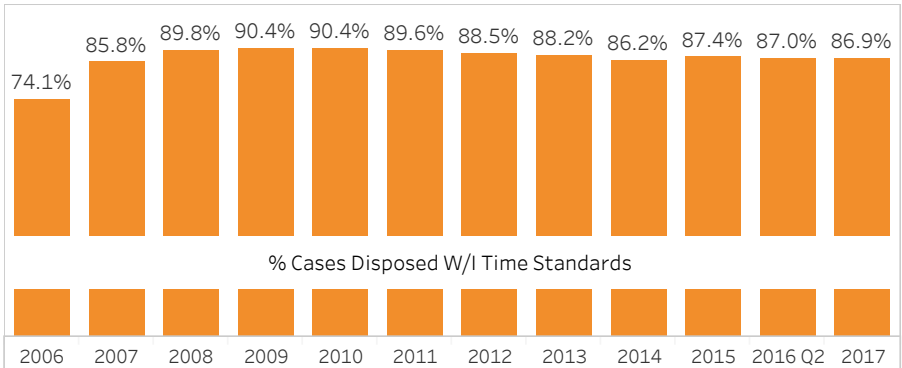
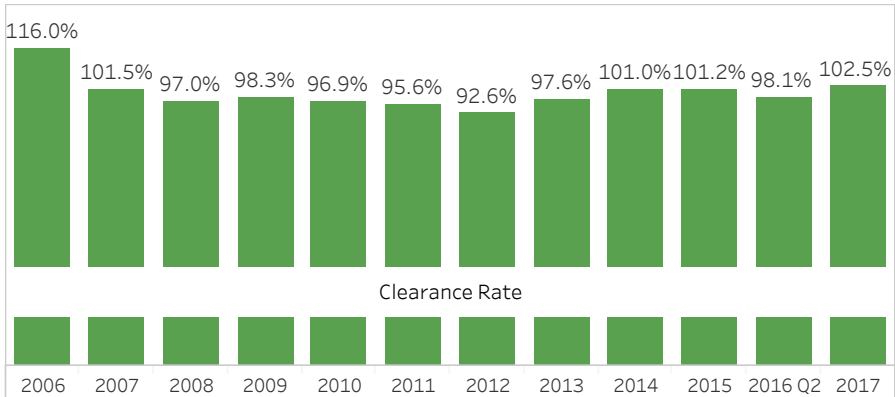
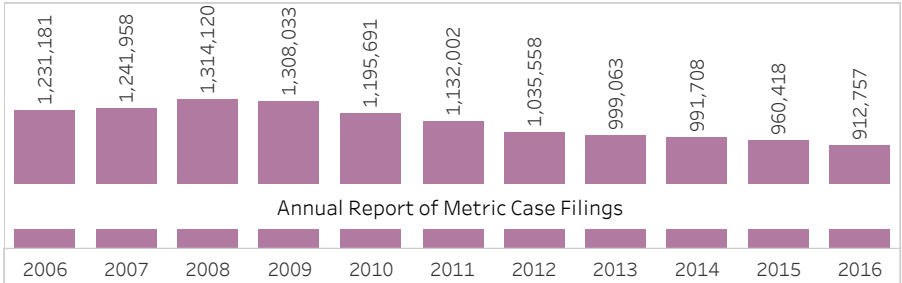




# Case Flow Metrics

SUMMARY OF TRIAL COURT FILINGS (FY2006 THROUGH FY2016)

TRIAL COURT CASE FLOW METRICS (CY2006 THROUGH FY2017 YTD)



Figures for CY2012 through CY2014 Q4 exclude Juvenile Court and figures for CY 2015 Q4 through FY2017 YTD 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 - FY2017 YTD) and Superior Court (CY2015 Q3 - CY2016 Q1). 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	
	Q2	Q3	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	9,693	9,644	-0.5%	31,816	29,796	-6.3%	9.0%	8.7%
District Court	61,498	57,756	-6.1%	188,905	185,224	-1.9%	53.3%	54.3%
Housing Court	10,236	9,797	-4.3%	31,418	30,973	-1.4%	8.9%	9.1%
Juvenile Court	8,985	8,819	-1.8%	27,559	25,401	-7.8%	7.8%	7.4%
Land Court	3,563	3,918	10.0%	12,440	11,411	-8.3%	3.5%	3.3%
Probate & Family Court	13,065	13,659	4.5%	44,813	41,222	-8.0%	12.6%	12.1%
Superior Court	5,354	5,663	5.8%	17,502	17,220	-1.6%	4.9%	5.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,394</b>	<b>109,256</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>	<b>354,453</b>	<b>341,247</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

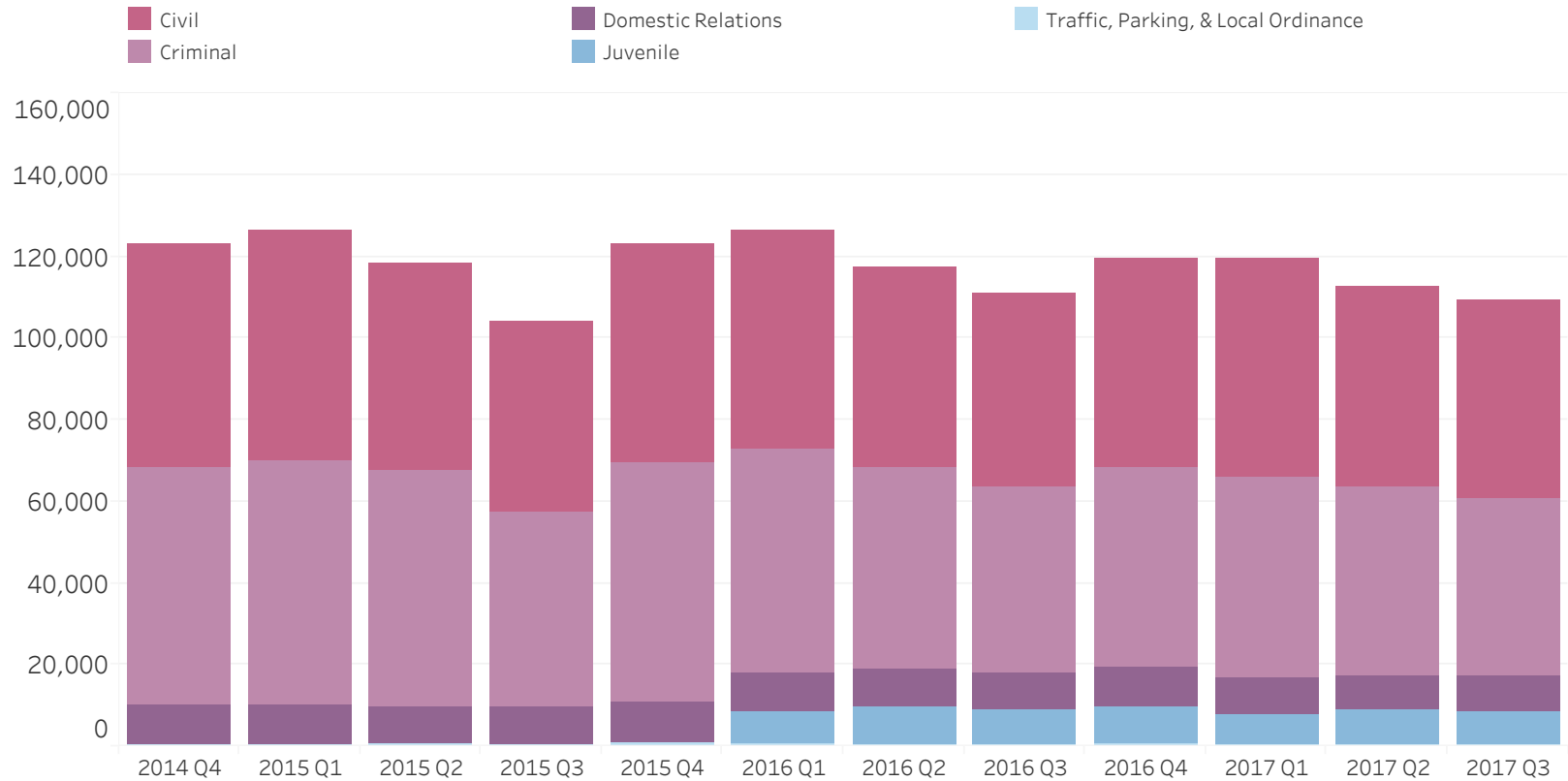
By Case Type:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings	
	Q2	Q3	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD
Civil	48,851	48,603	-0.5%	149,922	150,988	0.7%	42.3%	44.2%
Criminal	46,363	43,430	-6.3%	149,441	138,801	-7.1%	42.2%	40.7%
Domestic Relations	8,492	8,880	4.6%	28,053	26,923	-4.0%	7.9%	7.9%
Juvenile	8,242	7,940	-3.7%	25,442	23,140	-9.0%	7.2%	6.8%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	446	403	-9.6%	1,595	1,395	-12.5%	0.4%	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,394</b>	<b>109,256</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>	<b>354,453</b>	<b>341,247</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



# Metrics Case Filings By Case Type

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 12 Quarters



	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1	2017 Q2	2017 Q3
Civil	54,727	56,205	50,275	46,397	53,165	53,507	48,748	47,667	50,720	53,534	48,851	48,603
Criminal	57,991	59,860	57,920	48,072	58,737	54,646	49,451	45,344	49,322	49,008	46,363	43,430
Domestic Relations	9,685	9,614	9,053	9,098	10,178	9,757	9,286	9,010	9,738	9,551	8,492	8,880
Juvenile						7,565	9,169	8,708	8,712	6,958	8,242	7,940
Traffic, Parking, & Local O..	534	548	751	505	759	742	540	313	744	546	446	403
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,937</b>	<b>126,227</b>	<b>117,999</b>	<b>104,072</b>	<b>122,839</b>	<b>126,217</b>	<b>117,194</b>	<b>111,042</b>	<b>119,236</b>	<b>119,597</b>	<b>112,394</b>	<b>109,256</b>

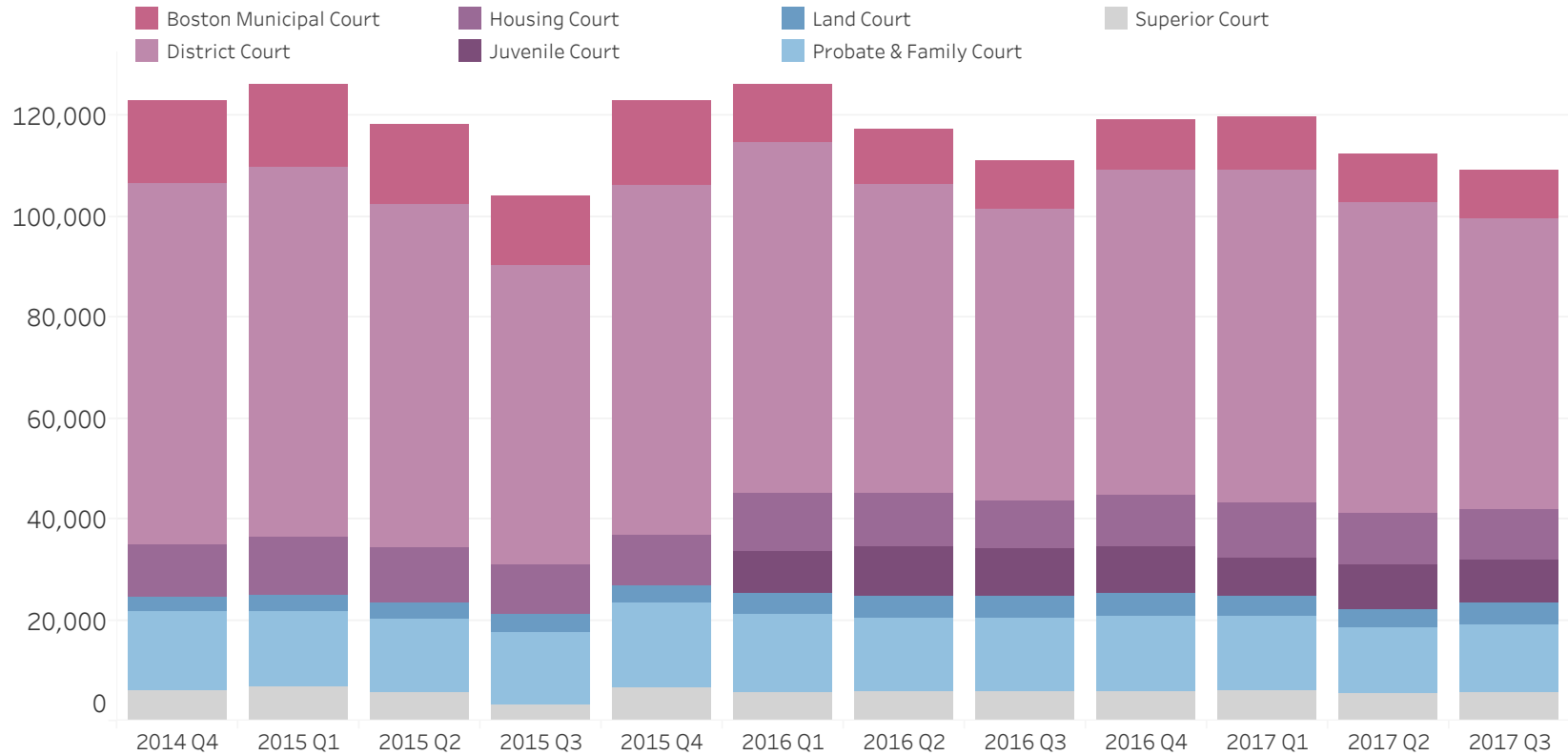
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# Metrics Case Filings By Department

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

## Last 12 Quarters



Boston Municipal Court	16,402	16,425	15,585	13,855	16,458	11,638	10,777	9,401	10,001	10,459	9,693	9,644
District Court	71,775	73,156	68,035	59,240	69,424	69,550	61,301	58,054	64,442	65,970	61,498	57,756
Housing Court	10,240	11,626	11,010	9,701	10,055	11,458	10,608	9,352	10,113	10,940	10,236	9,797
Juvenile Court						8,158	9,879	9,522	9,536	7,597	8,985	8,819
Land Court	2,710	3,139	3,242	3,587	3,597	4,131	4,046	4,263	4,184	3,930	3,563	3,918
Probate & Family Court	15,759	15,310	14,457	14,528	16,525	15,438	14,736	14,639	15,112	14,498	13,065	13,659
Superior Court	6,051	6,571	5,670	3,161	6,780	5,844	5,847	5,811	5,848	6,203	5,354	5,663
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,937</b>	<b>126,227</b>	<b>117,999</b>	<b>104,072</b>	<b>122,839</b>	<b>126,217</b>	<b>117,194</b>	<b>111,042</b>	<b>119,236</b>	<b>119,597</b>	<b>112,394</b>	<b>109,256</b>

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# Clearance Rate

By Department:				Q2			Q3			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate			
Boston Municipal Court	9,693	9,961	102.8%	9,644	9,340	96.8%	29,796	29,049	97.5%			
District Court	61,498	60,432	98.3%	57,756	62,662	108.5%	185,224	185,159	100.0%			
Housing Court	10,236	10,243	100.1%	9,797	10,171	103.8%	30,973	31,078	100.3%			
Juvenile Court	8,985	8,345	92.9%	8,819	8,012	90.8%	25,401	24,656	97.1%			
Land Court	3,563	18,011	505.5%	3,918	2,837	72.4%	11,411	23,594	206.8%			
Probate & Family Court	13,065	14,524	111.2%	13,659	13,870	101.5%	41,222	39,833	96.6%			
Superior Court	5,354	5,502	102.8%	5,663	5,473	96.6%	17,220	16,462	95.6%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,394</b>	<b>127,018</b>	<b>113.0%</b>	<b>109,256</b>	<b>112,365</b>	<b>102.8%</b>	<b>341,247</b>	<b>349,831</b>	<b>102.5%</b>			

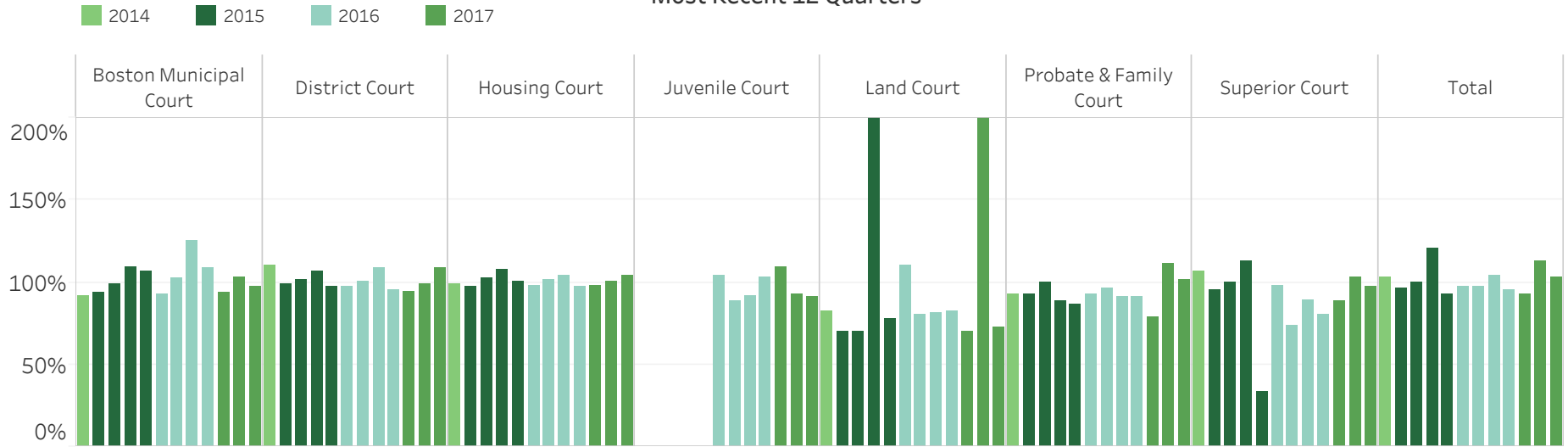
By Case Type:				Q2			Q3			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate			
Civil	48,851	62,851	128.7%	48,603	47,886	98.5%	150,988	159,885	105.9%			
Criminal	46,363	46,998	101.4%	43,430	47,880	110.2%	138,801	141,324	101.8%			
Domestic Relations	8,492	9,118	107.4%	8,880	8,785	98.9%	26,923	24,469	90.9%			
Juvenile	8,242	7,582	92.0%	7,940	7,386	93.0%	23,140	22,617	97.7%			
Traffic, Parking, & Loc..	446	469	105.2%	403	428	106.2%	1,395	1,536	110.1%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,394</b>	<b>127,018</b>	<b>113.0%</b>	<b>109,256</b>	<b>112,365</b>	<b>102.8%</b>	<b>341,247</b>	<b>349,831</b>	<b>102.5%</b>			

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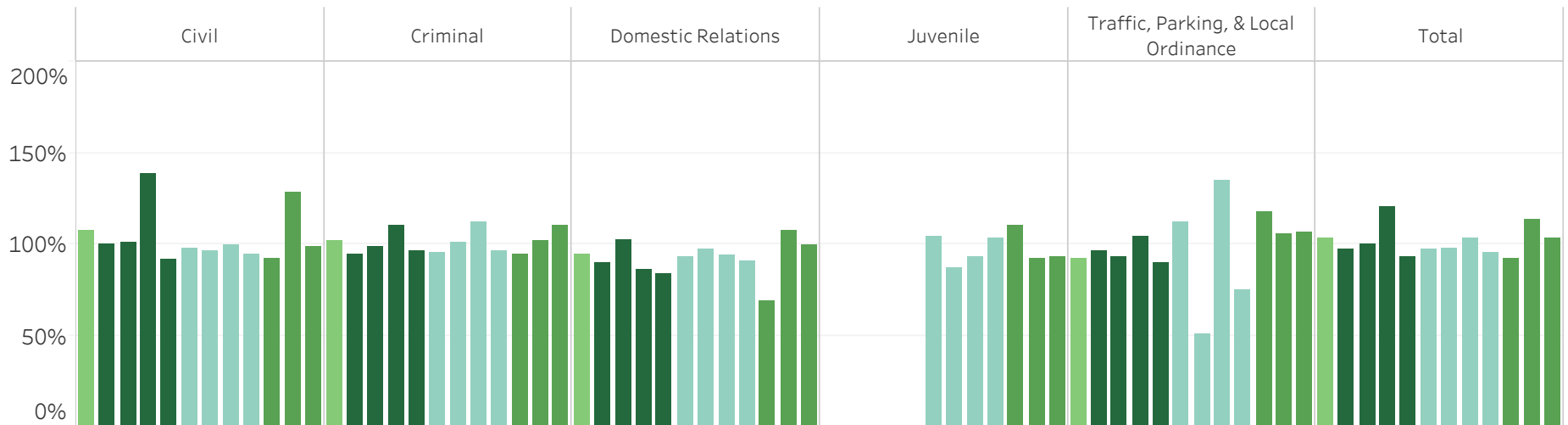


# Clearance Rate

Clearance Rate by Department  
Most Recent 12 Quarters



Clearance Rate by Case Type  
Most Recent 12 Quarters



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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	9,961	9,265	93.0%	9,313	8,665	93.0%	29,022	26,981	93.0%
District Court	60,443	55,583	92.0%	62,664	56,774	90.6%	185,176	169,895	91.7%
Housing Court	10,243	9,685	94.6%	10,171	9,419	92.6%	31,078	29,040	93.4%
Juvenile Court	4,952	2,957	59.7%	4,810	2,943	61.2%	14,852	8,976	60.4%
Land Court	3,635	419	11.5%	591	321	54.3%	5,097	1,207	23.7%
Probate & Family Court	14,524	11,888	81.9%	13,870	11,028	79.5%	39,833	32,047	80.5%
Superior Court	5,426	3,535	65.1%	5,334	3,431	64.3%	15,587	10,567	67.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,184</b>	<b>93,332</b>	<b>85.5%</b>	<b>106,753</b>	<b>92,581</b>	<b>86.7%</b>	<b>320,645</b>	<b>278,713</b>	<b>86.9%</b>

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	48,486	42,434	87.5%	45,622	41,741	91.5%	140,844	128,200	91.0%
Criminal	46,922	41,121	87.6%	47,734	41,551	87.0%	140,983	123,785	87.8%
Domestic Relations	9,118	7,047	77.3%	8,785	6,490	73.9%	24,469	18,292	74.8%
Juvenile	4,189	2,365	56.5%	4,184	2,425	58.0%	12,813	7,319	57.1%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Or..	469	365	77.8%	428	374	87.4%	1,536	1,117	72.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,184</b>	<b>93,332</b>	<b>85.5%</b>	<b>106,753</b>	<b>92,581</b>	<b>86.7%</b>	<b>320,645</b>	<b>278,713</b>	<b>86.9%</b>

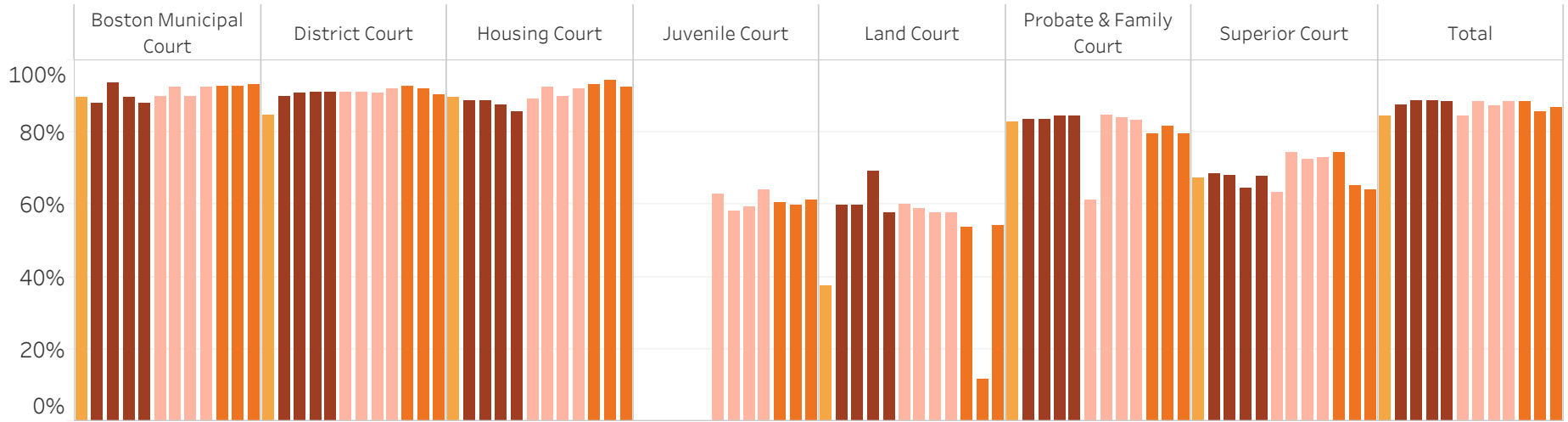
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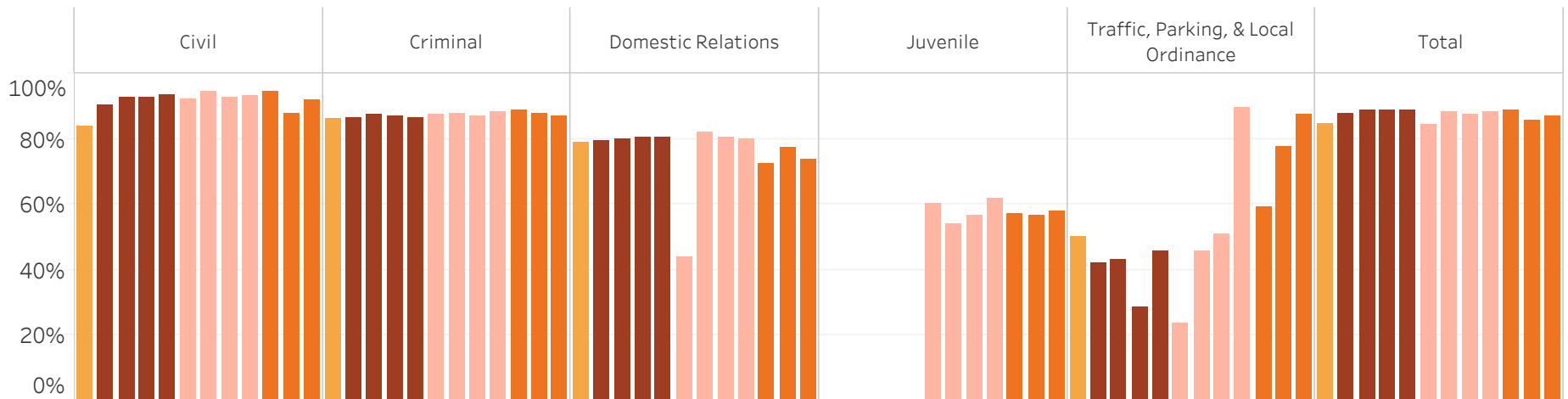
# Time to Disposition

Percent of Cases Disposed Within Time Standards by Court Department  
Most Recent 12 Quarters

2014 2015 2016 2017



Percent of Cases Disposed Within Time Standard by Case Type  
Most Recent 12 Quarters



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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	13,235	13,050	-1.4%	1,361	948	-30.3%	10.3%	7.3%	-3.0%
District Court	88,152	83,362	-5.4%	15,058	14,303	-5.0%	17.1%	17.2%	0.1%
Housing Court	4,001	3,685	-7.9%	1,177	1,049	-10.9%	29.4%	28.5%	-1.0%
Juvenile Court	13,966	14,176	1.5%	4,273	4,112	-3.8%	30.6%	29.0%	-1.6%
Land Court	9,972	10,202	2.3%	7,489	7,452	-0.5%	75.1%	73.0%	-2.1%
Probate & Family Court	58,640	57,196	-2.5%	31,125	32,116	3.2%	53.1%	56.2%	3.1%
Superior Court	42,763	41,017	-4.1%	12,878	13,670	6.2%	30.1%	33.3%	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>230,729</b>	<b>222,688</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>73,361</b>	<b>73,650</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>33.1%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

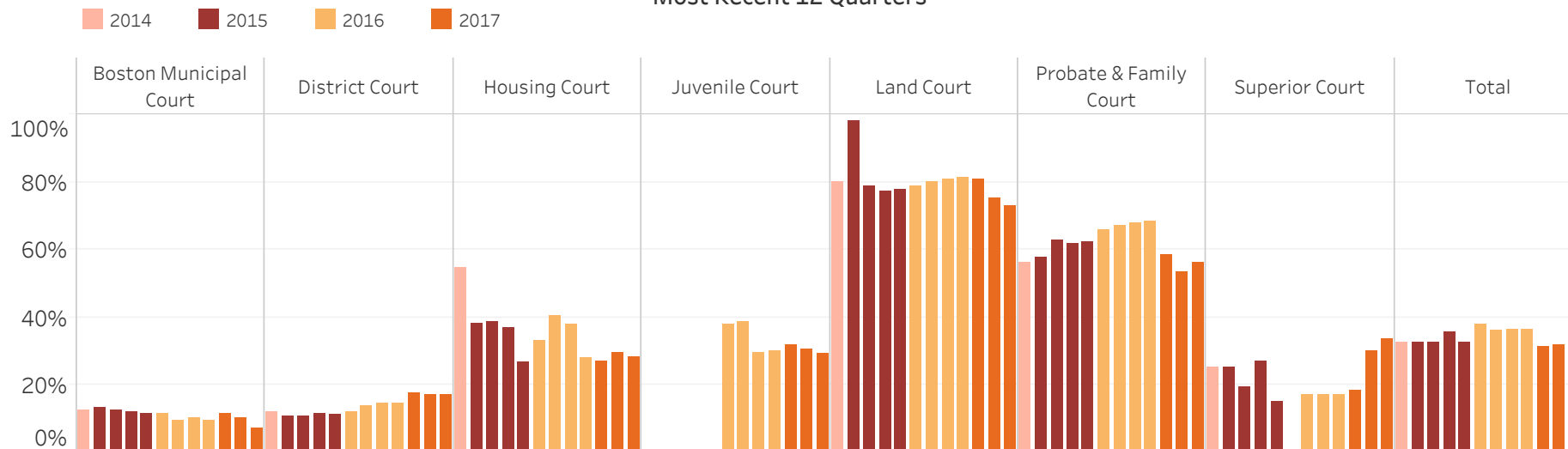
By Case Type:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q2	Q3	Change	Q2	Q3	Change	Q2	Q3	Change
Civil	108,451	102,752	-5.3%	44,152	44,455	0.7%	40.7%	43.3%	2.6%
Criminal	76,896	72,733	-5.4%	11,565	11,107	-4.0%	15.0%	15.3%	0.2%
Domestic Relations	32,672	34,501	5.6%	13,851	14,460	4.4%	42.4%	41.9%	-0.5%
Juvenile	12,550	12,535	-0.1%	3,698	3,522	-4.8%	29.5%	28.1%	-1.4%
Traffic, Parking, & Local ..	160	167	4.4%	95	106	11.6%	59.4%	63.5%	4.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>230,729</b>	<b>222,688</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>73,361</b>	<b>73,650</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>	<b>33.1%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

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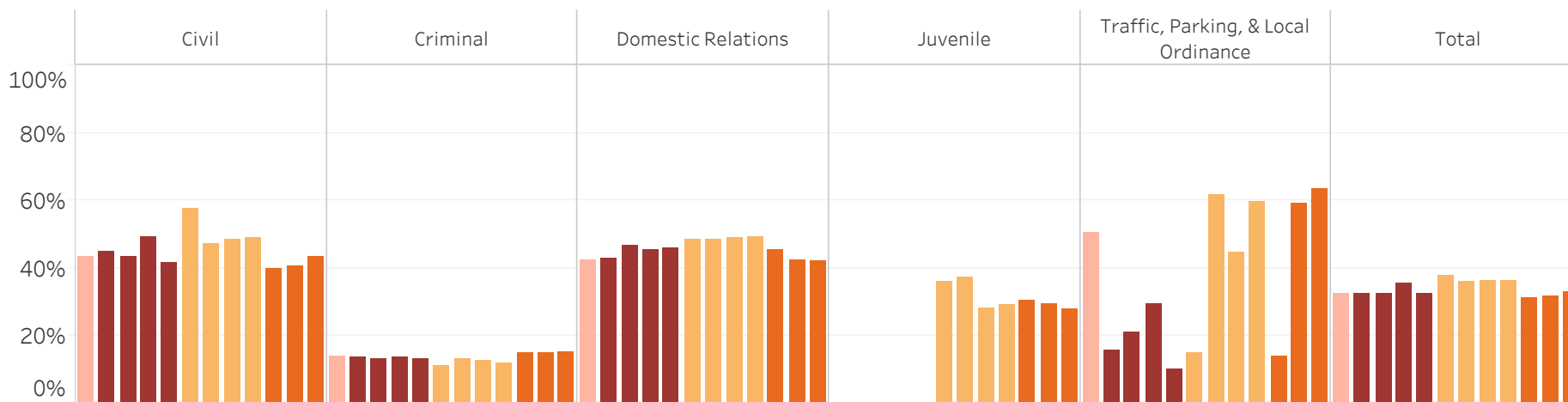


# Cases Pending Beyond

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 12 Quarters\*\*



\*FY 2016 Q1 total excludes Superior Court. \*\*Figures for the FY 2016 Q1 Case Type chart excludes departments with partial reporting (Superior Court and Juvenile Court). FY 2016 Q2 through FY2017 Q3 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY2017 Q3 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton and District Court.



# 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	158	116	73.4%	121	91	75.2%	393	287	73.0%
District Court	1,336	979	73.3%	1,482	1,024	69.1%	4,056	2,852	70.3%
Housing Court	391	318	81.3%	412	317	76.9%	1,277	1,033	80.9%
Juvenile Court									
Land Court	11	11	100.0%	12	11	91.7%	32	31	96.9%
Probate & Family Court	278	270	97.1%	273	271	99.3%	869	859	98.8%
Superior Court	220	94	42.7%	205	105	51.2%	579	273	47.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,394</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>74.7%</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>1,819</b>	<b>72.6%</b>	<b>7,206</b>	<b>5,335</b>	<b>74.0%</b>

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	200	131	65.5%	188	139	73.9%	522	367	70.3%
Criminal	1,525	1,069	70.1%	1,632	1,092	66.9%	4,538	3,076	67.8%
Domestic Relations									
Juvenile									
Traffic, Parking, & Local Or..									
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>69.6%</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>67.6%</b>	<b>5,060</b>	<b>3,443</b>	<b>68.0%</b>

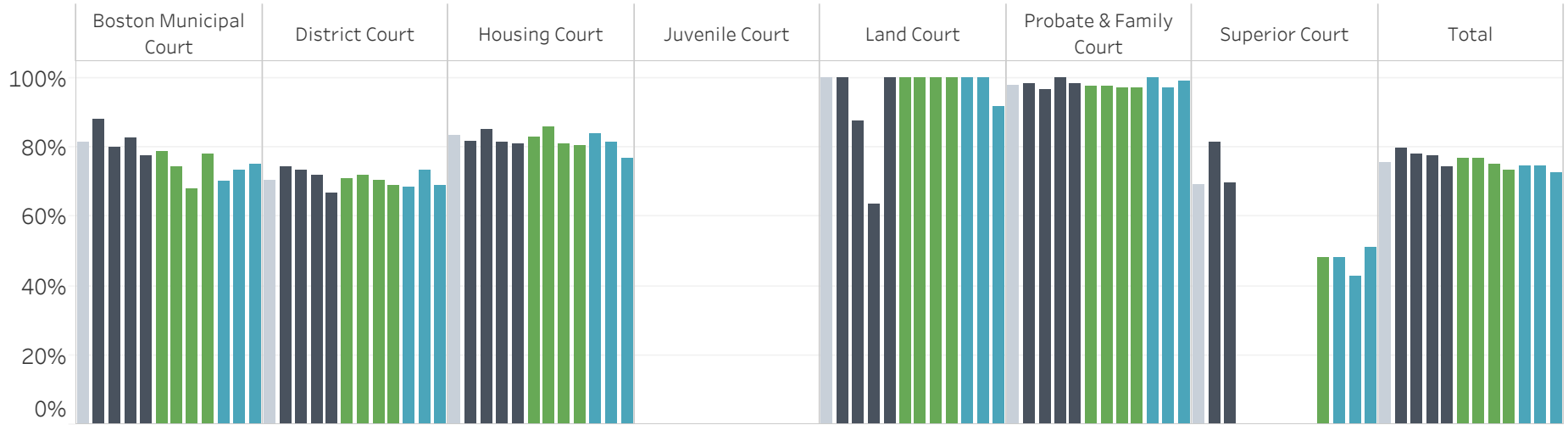
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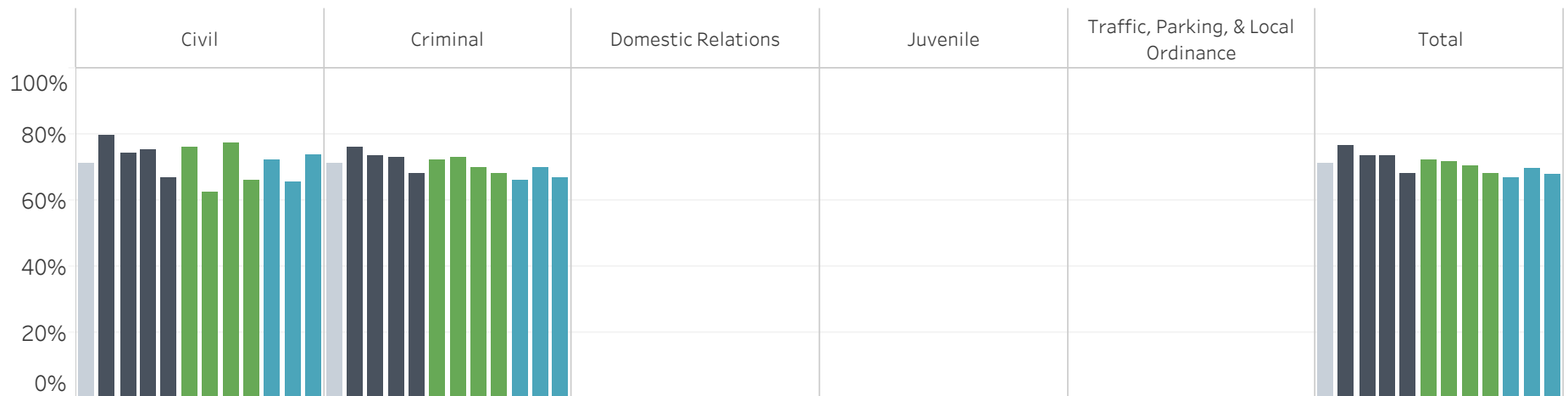
# Trial Court Certainty

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

2014 2015 2016 2017



Percent of Trial Cases Disposed Within 2 Trial Date Settings by Case Type  
Most Recent 12 Quarters



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