

**Massachusetts Trial Courts  
Summary of Case Filings by Type: FY2005 to FY2016**

	All Court Departments											
	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016
<b>All Case Types</b>	1,184,508	1,231,181	1,241,958	1,314,120	1,308,033	1,195,691	1,132,002	1,035,558	999,063	991,708	960,418	912,757
<b>Criminal Matters</b>												
Criminal	256,827	266,505	276,987	279,783	264,843	243,188	235,874	236,217	233,614	233,143	219,740	209,791
Criminal Show Cause Hearings	104,811	107,412	96,488	113,851	102,704	93,561	102,625	84,670	78,940	90,963	81,057	94,607
Criminal Warrants			773	2,206	5,658	5,639	5,834	6,572	6,828	8,928	8,158	8,995
Sub-Total	361,638	373,917	374,248	395,840	373,205	342,388	344,333	327,459	319,382	333,034	308,955	313,393
<b>Civil - Regular</b>												
Civil	102,053	114,807	137,670	157,746	162,743	157,449	123,447	104,379	79,861	79,102	70,254	61,290
Servicemembers								0	10,650	5,665	9,739	13,041
Sub-Total	102,053	114,807	137,670	157,746	162,743	157,449	123,447	104,379	90,511	84,767	79,993	74,331
<b>Civil - Specialized Matters</b>												
Small Claims	123,476	129,129	122,833	123,544	137,763	101,385	94,858	101,975	99,726	103,004	106,071	84,579
Supplementary Proceedings	20,830	24,403	28,212	32,816	46,279	43,318	37,777	28,387	20,987	16,970	16,679	9,736
Summary Process	31,598	32,825	35,981	40,360	38,685	37,051	39,056	41,559	40,871	41,812	40,946	40,140
Restraining Orders	35,656	35,396	35,246	34,960	31,628	38,365	46,931	46,141	44,153	42,907	31,155	43,092
Harassment Orders							1,304	1,888	1,441	1,467	12,505	1,476
Mental Health	9,327	10,638	10,728	10,146	9,328	11,623	10,692	12,717	12,534	13,069	13,903	15,541
CMVI Appeals	4,242	4,716	4,697	27,191	23,676	15,466	12,208	9,763	12,960	12,862	12,969	14,632
Administrative Warrants	4,014	4,006	5,696	4,656	6,647	9,637	10,857	15,729	15,916	10,743	13,395	11,903
Other Specialized Civil	1,799	1,928	2,572	2,202	2,102	1,984	1,028	2,115	2,716	3,521	3,602	4,469
Sub-Total	230,942	243,041	245,965	275,875	296,108	258,829	254,711	260,274	251,304	246,355	251,225	225,568
<b>CMVI Hearings</b>	279,779	280,226	260,880	255,519	245,846	218,940	197,443	151,073	148,264	132,192	130,254	117,565
<b>Other Hearings</b>												
Show Cause Hearings (Applications)	13,985	15,038	15,813	14,808	12,672	11,238	9,643	7,135	9,347	14,206	15,042	14,419
Non-MV Infraction Civil Hearings	2,663	3,167	3,861	11,781	16,088	18,123	17,425	4,529	5,475	4,951	5,232	5,869
Sub-Total	16,648	18,205	19,674	26,589	28,760	29,361	27,068	11,664	14,822	19,157	20,274	20,288
<b>Juvenile Matters</b>												
Juvenile Delinquency	33,302	35,502	35,046	31,622	26,147	22,640	20,194	17,612	7,800	10,055	10,362	9,694
Youthful Offender	448	433	386	439	334	323	274	333	84	151	216	218
CRA/CHINS Applications	9,251	9,354	9,293	8,873	8,088	7,905	7,266	6,973	5,624	5,843	6,160	5,712
Care & Protection Petitions	2,953	2,979	3,032	3,531	3,357	2,799	2,636	2,470	2,669	3,663	3,384	3,855
Sub-Total	45,954	48,268	47,757	44,465	37,926	33,667	30,370	27,388	16,177	19,712	20,122	19,479
<b>Probate</b>	52,683	51,608	50,719	50,019	48,427	48,818	47,946	40,076	47,006	48,593	42,942	39,461
<b>Guardianship</b>	5,203	5,513	5,594	5,583	5,430	4,595	4,699	10,897	11,920	11,174	13,229	11,891
<b>Child Welfare and Adoption</b>	2,867	2,645	2,779	2,697	2,647	2,289	2,293	2,157	2,194	2,894	2,621	2,346
<b>Domestic Relations</b>												
Paternity	17,494	19,748	20,467	22,335	24,144	19,919	20,164	20,459	19,101	17,560	16,650	16,010
Divorce	21,216	22,155	22,878	22,913	23,115	26,177	26,165	26,313	26,736	24,918	23,954	23,692
Modification/Contempt	45,003	47,813	49,762	51,116	55,886	50,708	51,052	51,661	50,191	50,079	49,271	47,958
Other Domestic Relations	1,930	2,064	2,291	2,282	2,430	1,003	1,280	759	442	398	0	0
Sub-Total	85,643	91,780	95,398	98,646	105,575	97,807	98,661	99,192	96,470	92,955	89,875	87,660
<b>Appeals</b>	1,098	1,171	1,274	1,141	1,366	1,548	1,031	999	1,013	875	928	775

**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 were not reported for CHINS petitions, *Permanency Hearings*, *Show Cause Hearings*, and *Jury Cases*. In FY2013, the reporting unit for juvenile delinquency and youthful offender cases was changed from charges to 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.

**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.

**Restraining Orders:** From FY2011 to FY2014 this category included *harrasment orders* in the District Court.