

Executive Office of the Trial Court Case Flow Metrics Report

Fiscal Year 2017
Quarter 4

Honorable Paula M. Carey
Chief Justice of the Trial Court

Jonathan S. Williams
Court Administrator

September 2017

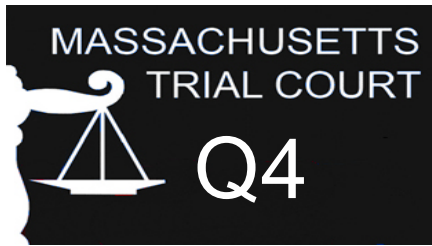


Table of Contents

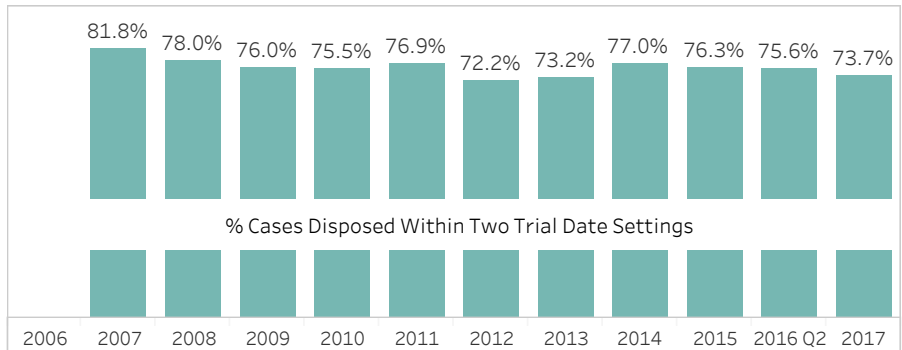
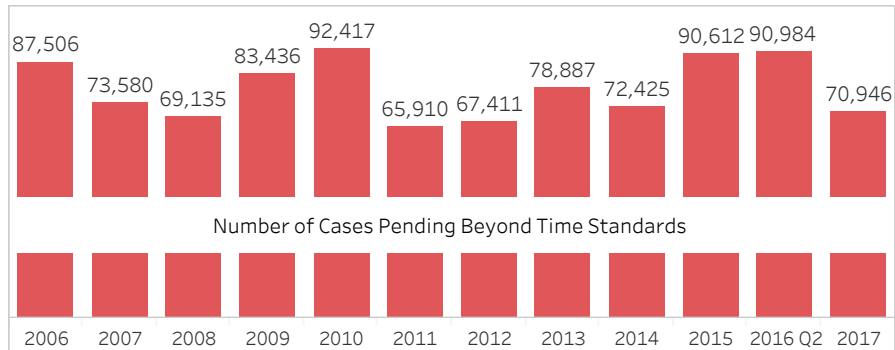
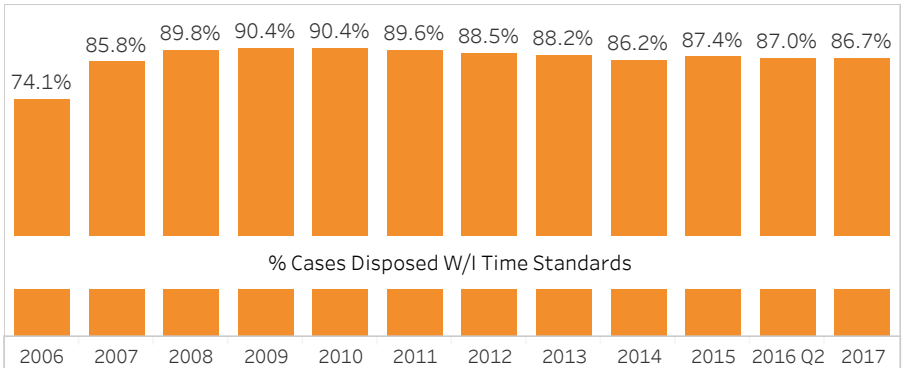
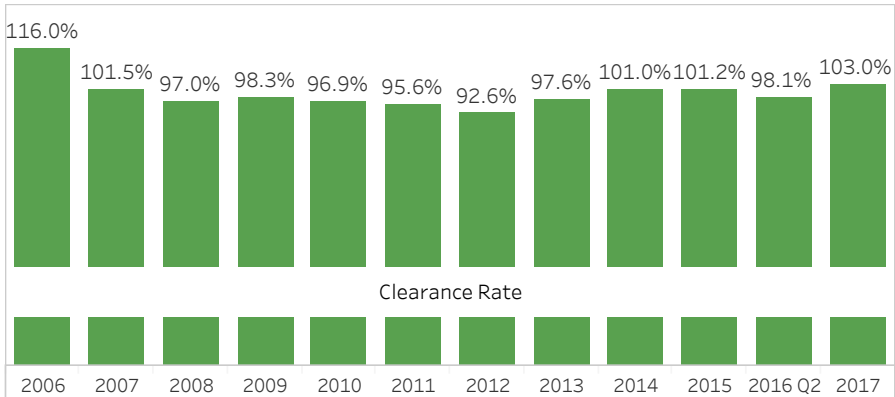
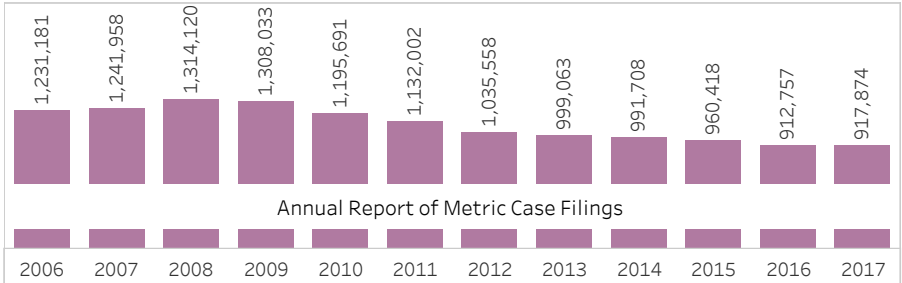
Case Flow Metrics CY2006 to FY2017 YTD	1
Case Flow Metrics FY2017 Q4 by Department & Case Type	
Metric Case Filings	2
Metric 1: Clearance Rate	5
Metric 2: Time to Disposition	7
Metric 3: Age of Pending Cases	9
Metric 4: Trial Date Certainty	11



Case Flow Metrics

SUMMARY OF TRIAL COURT FILINGS (FY2006 THROUGH FY2017)

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. FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Edgartown, Ipswich, Nantucket, Newburyport, Quincy, Salem, Stoughton, Taunton, and Wrentham.



Metrics Case Filings

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

By Department:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings	
	Q3	Q4	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD
Boston Municipal Court	9,644	9,800	1.6%	41,817	39,596	-5.3%	9.0%	8.9%
District Court	57,756	53,875	-6.7%	242,838	239,099	-1.5%	52.4%	53.5%
Housing Court	9,797	9,405	-4.0%	41,531	40,378	-2.8%	9.0%	9.0%
Juvenile Court	8,819	9,004	2.1%	37,095	34,405	-7.3%	8.0%	7.7%
Land Court	3,918	3,815	-2.6%	16,624	15,226	-8.4%	3.6%	3.4%
Probate & Family Court	13,659	13,613	-0.3%	59,925	54,835	-8.5%	12.9%	12.3%
Superior Court	5,663	5,934	4.8%	23,350	23,154	-0.8%	5.0%	5.2%
Total	109,256	105,446	-3.5%	463,180	446,693	-3.6%	100.0%	100.0%

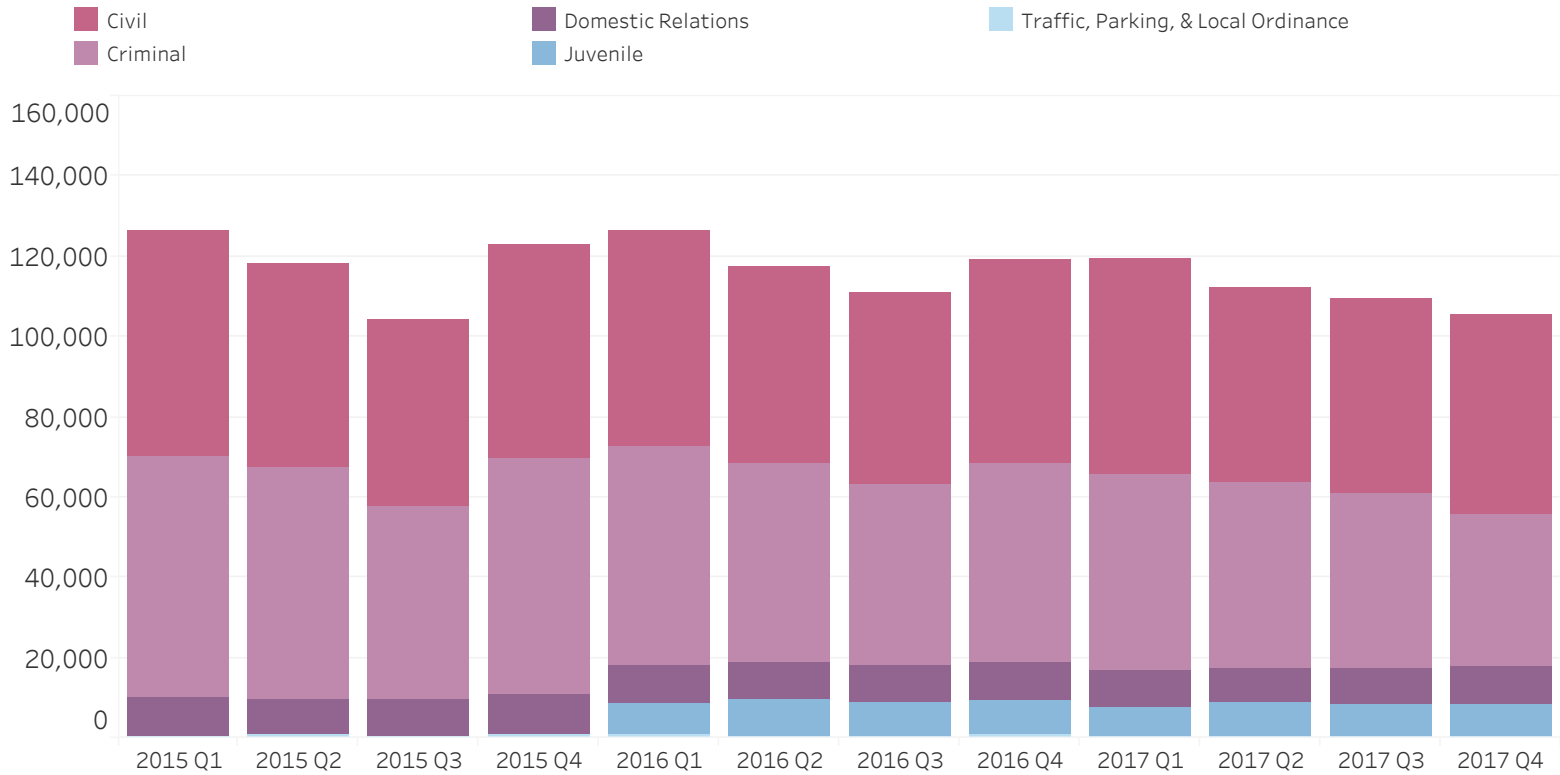
By Case Type:	Case Filings			Case Filings YTD			% All Filings	
	Q3	Q4	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD	Change	2016 YTD	2017 YTD
Civil	48,603	49,625	2.1%	200,642	200,613	0.0%	43.3%	44.9%
Criminal	43,430	38,252	-11.9%	188,254	177,053	-5.9%	40.6%	39.6%
Domestic Relations	8,880	9,153	3.1%	37,791	36,076	-4.5%	8.2%	8.1%
Juvenile	7,940	8,103	2.1%	34,154	31,243	-8.5%	7.4%	7.0%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	403	313	-22.3%	2,339	1,708	-27.0%	0.5%	0.4%
Total	109,256	105,446	-3.5%	463,180	446,693	-3.6%	100.0%	100.0%



Metrics Case Filings By Case Type

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 12 Quarters



Civil	56,205	50,275	46,397	53,165	53,507	48,748	47,667	50,720	53,534	48,851	48,603	49,625
Criminal	59,860	57,920	48,072	58,737	54,646	49,451	45,344	49,322	49,008	46,363	43,430	38,252
Domestic Relations	9,614	9,053	9,098	10,178	9,757	9,286	9,010	9,738	9,551	8,492	8,880	9,153
Juvenile					7,565	9,169	8,708	8,712	6,958	8,242	7,940	8,103
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	548	751	505	759	742	540	313	744	546	446	403	313
Total	126,227	117,999	104,072	122,839	126,217	117,194	111,042	119,236	119,597	112,394	109,256	105,446

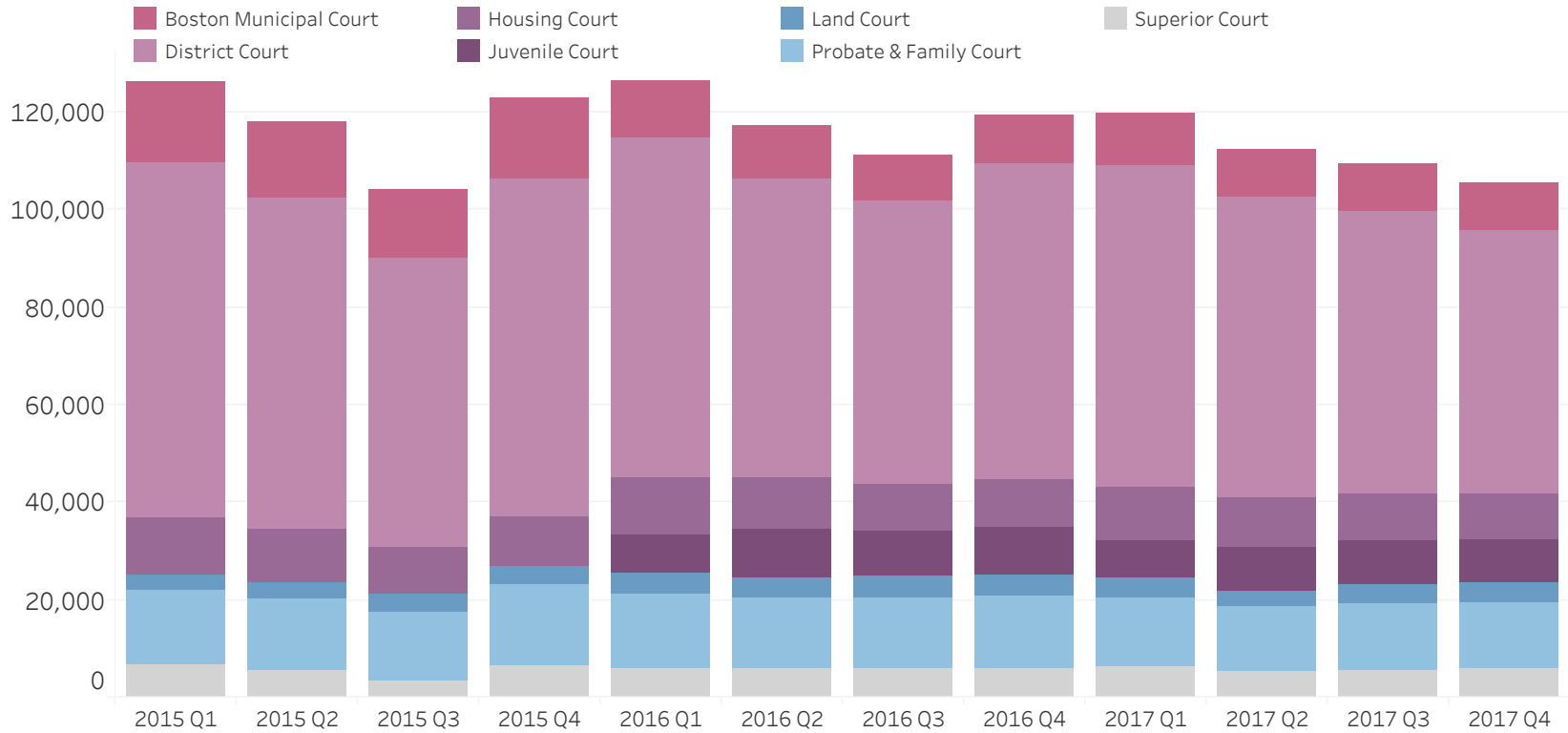
FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court. FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Edgartown, Ipswich, Nantucket, Newburyport, Quincy, Salem, Stoughton, Taunton, and Wrentham.



Metrics Case Filings By Department

(Quarterly Metrics Reporting System)

Last 12 Quarters



	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4	2017 Q1	2017 Q2	2017 Q3	2017 Q4
Boston Municipal Court	16,425	15,585	13,855	16,458	11,638	10,777	9,401	10,001	10,459	9,693	9,644	9,800
District Court	73,156	68,035	59,240	69,424	69,550	61,301	58,054	64,442	65,970	61,498	57,756	53,875
Housing Court	11,626	11,010	9,701	10,055	11,458	10,608	9,352	10,113	10,940	10,236	9,797	9,405
Juvenile Court					8,158	9,879	9,522	9,536	7,597	8,985	8,819	9,004
Land Court	3,139	3,242	3,587	3,597	4,131	4,046	4,263	4,184	3,930	3,563	3,918	3,815
Probate & Family Court	15,310	14,457	14,528	16,525	15,438	14,736	14,639	15,112	14,498	13,065	13,659	13,613
Superior Court	6,571	5,670	3,161	6,780	5,844	5,847	5,811	5,848	6,203	5,354	5,663	5,934
Total	126,227	117,999	104,072	122,839	126,217	117,194	111,042	119,236	119,597	112,394	109,256	105,446

FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court. FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Edgartown, Ipswich, Nantucket, Newburyport, Quincy, Salem, Stoughton, Taunton, and Wrentham.



Clearance Rate

By Department:	Q3			Q4			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate
Boston Municipal Court	9,644	9,340	96.8%	9,800	10,284	104.9%	39,596	39,333	99.3%
District Court	57,756	62,662	108.5%	53,875	56,765	105.4%	239,099	241,924	101.2%
Housing Court	9,797	10,171	103.8%	9,405	9,415	100.1%	40,378	40,493	100.3%
Juvenile Court	8,819	8,012	90.8%	9,004	9,234	102.6%	34,405	33,890	98.5%
Land Court	3,918	2,837	72.4%	3,815	3,817	100.1%	15,226	27,411	180.0%
Probate & Family Court	13,659	13,870	101.5%	13,613	13,458	98.9%	54,835	53,291	97.2%
Superior Court	5,663	5,473	96.6%	5,934	7,106	119.8%	23,154	23,568	101.8%
Total	109,256	112,365	102.8%	105,446	110,079	104.4%	446,693	459,910	103.0%

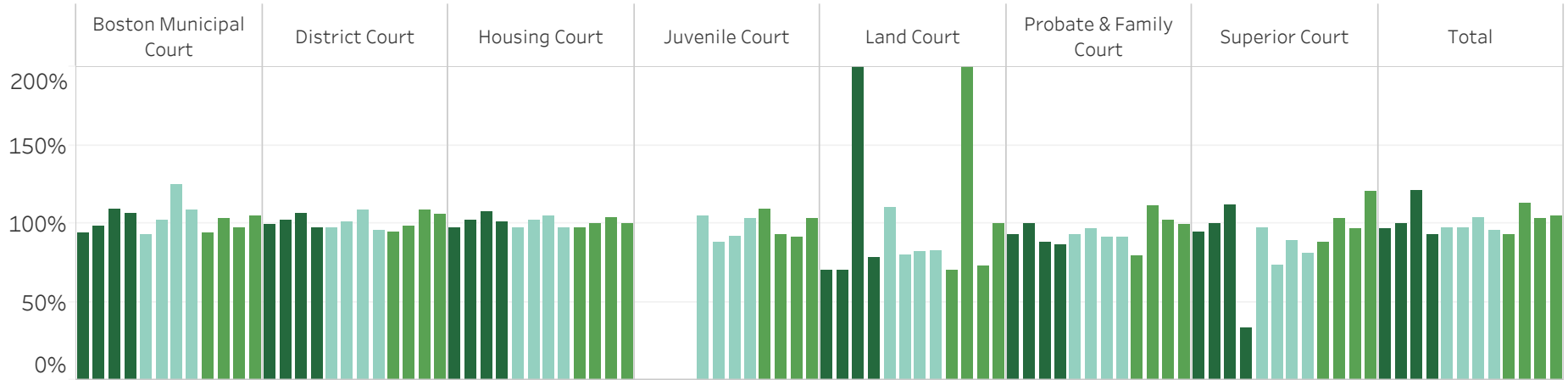
By Case Type:	Q3			Q4			YTD		
	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate	New Cases	Disposed	Clearance Rate
Civil	48,603	47,886	98.5%	49,625	52,631	106.1%	200,613	212,516	105.9%
Criminal	43,430	47,880	110.2%	38,252	40,683	106.4%	177,053	182,007	102.8%
Domestic Relations	8,880	8,785	98.9%	9,153	8,036	87.8%	36,076	32,505	90.1%
Juvenile	7,940	7,386	93.0%	8,103	8,377	103.4%	31,243	30,994	99.2%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	403	428	106.2%	313	352	112.5%	1,708	1,888	110.5%
Total	109,256	112,365	102.8%	105,446	110,079	104.4%	446,693	459,910	103.0%



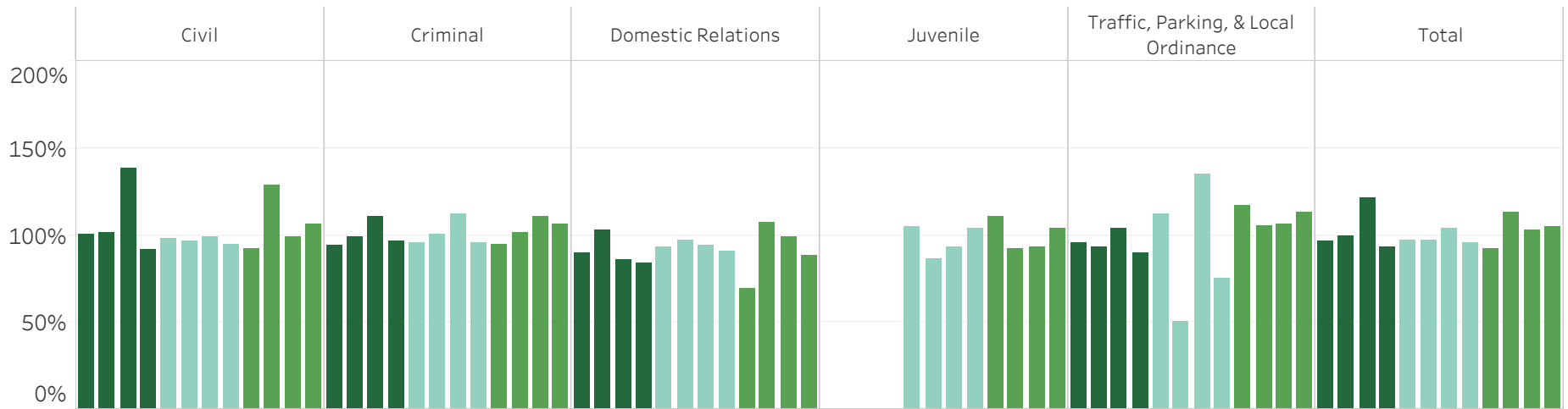
Clearance Rate

Clearance Rate by Department
Most Recent 12 Quarters

2015 2016 2017



Clearance Rate by Case Type
Most Recent 12 Quarters



FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court. FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Edgartown, Ipswich, Nantucket, Newburyport, Quincy, Salem, Stoughton, Taunton, and Wrentham.



Time to Disposition

By Department:	Q3			Q4			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	9,313	8,665	93.0%	10,284	9,522	92.6%	39,306	36,503	92.9%
District Court	62,664	56,774	90.6%	56,774	51,582	90.9%	241,950	221,477	91.5%
Housing Court	10,171	9,419	92.6%	9,415	8,652	91.9%	40,493	37,692	93.1%
Juvenile Court	4,810	2,943	61.2%	5,608	3,621	64.6%	20,460	12,597	61.6%
Land Court	591	321	54.3%	529	287	54.3%	5,626	1,494	26.6%
Probate & Family Court	13,870	11,028	79.5%	13,458	11,228	83.4%	53,291	43,275	81.2%
Superior Court	5,334	3,431	64.3%	6,948	3,907	56.2%	22,535	14,474	64.2%
Total	106,753	92,581	86.7%	103,016	88,799	86.2%	423,661	367,512	86.7%

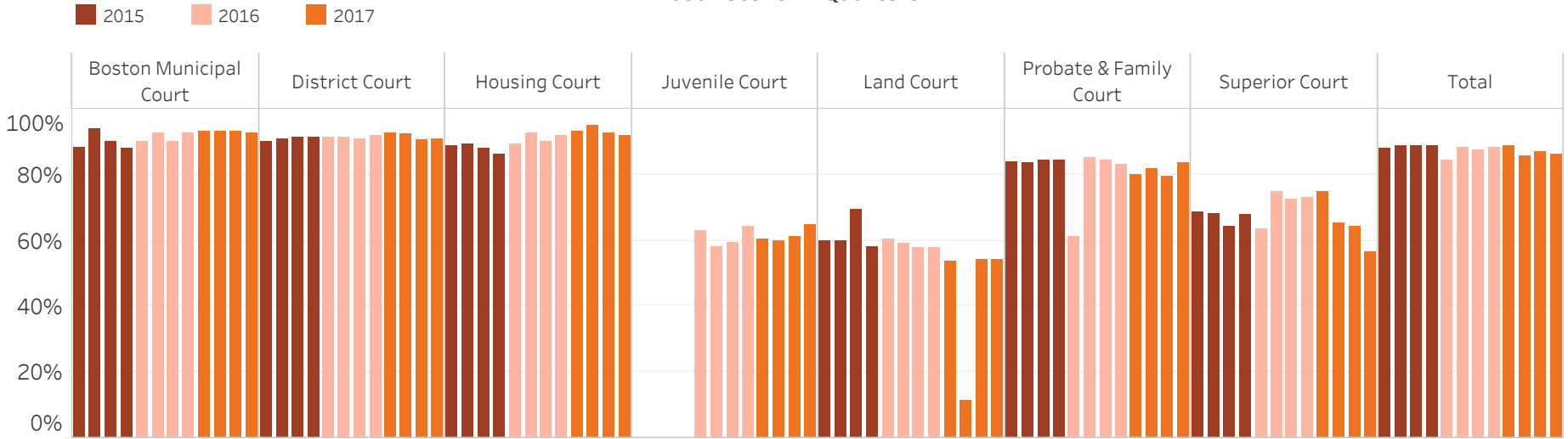
By Case Type:	Q3			Q4			YTD		
	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS	Disposed Cases	Disposed Within TS	% Disposed WI TS
Civil	45,622	41,741	91.5%	49,294	44,818	90.9%	190,138	173,018	91.0%
Criminal	47,734	41,551	87.0%	40,583	34,413	84.8%	181,566	158,198	87.1%
Domestic Relations	8,785	6,490	73.9%	8,036	6,377	79.4%	32,505	24,669	75.9%
Juvenile	4,184	2,425	58.0%	4,751	2,929	61.7%	17,564	10,248	58.3%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Or..	428	374	87.4%	352	262	74.4%	1,888	1,379	73.0%
Total	106,753	92,581	86.7%	103,016	88,799	86.2%	423,661	367,512	86.7%

FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court. FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Edgartown, Ipswich, Nantucket, Newburyport, Quincy, Salem, Stoughton, Taunton, and Wrentham.

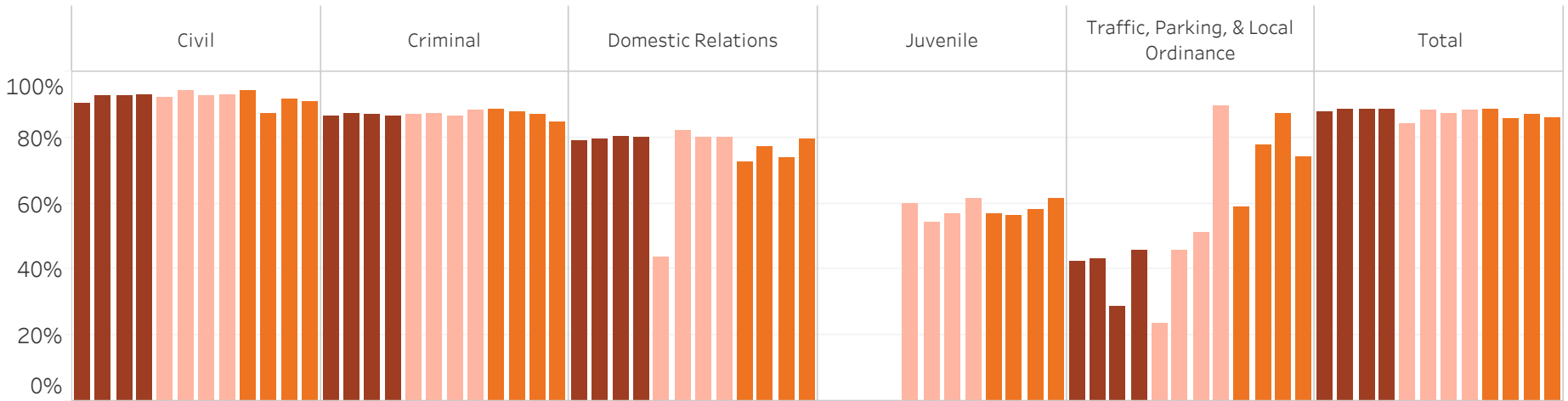


Time to Disposition

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



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



FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court. FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Edgartown, Ipswich, Nantucket, Newburyport, Quincy, Salem, Stoughton, Taunton, and Wrentham.



Cases Pending Beyond

By Department:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change
Boston Municipal Court	13,050	13,147	0.7%	948	1,136	19.8%	7.3%	8.6%	1.4%
District Court	83,362	70,003	-16.0%	14,303	12,253	-14.3%	17.2%	17.5%	0.3%
Housing Court	3,685	3,226	-12.5%	1,049	775	-26.1%	28.5%	24.0%	-4.4%
Juvenile Court	14,176	13,877	-2.1%	4,112	3,983	-3.1%	29.0%	28.7%	-0.3%
Land Court	10,202	10,424	2.2%	7,452	7,490	0.5%	73.0%	71.9%	-1.2%
Probate & Family Court	57,196	56,369	-1.4%	32,116	31,140	-3.0%	56.2%	55.2%	-0.9%
Superior Court	41,017	40,016	-2.4%	13,670	14,169	3.7%	33.3%	35.4%	2.1%
Total	222,688	207,062	-7.0%	73,650	70,946	-3.7%	33.1%	34.3%	1.2%

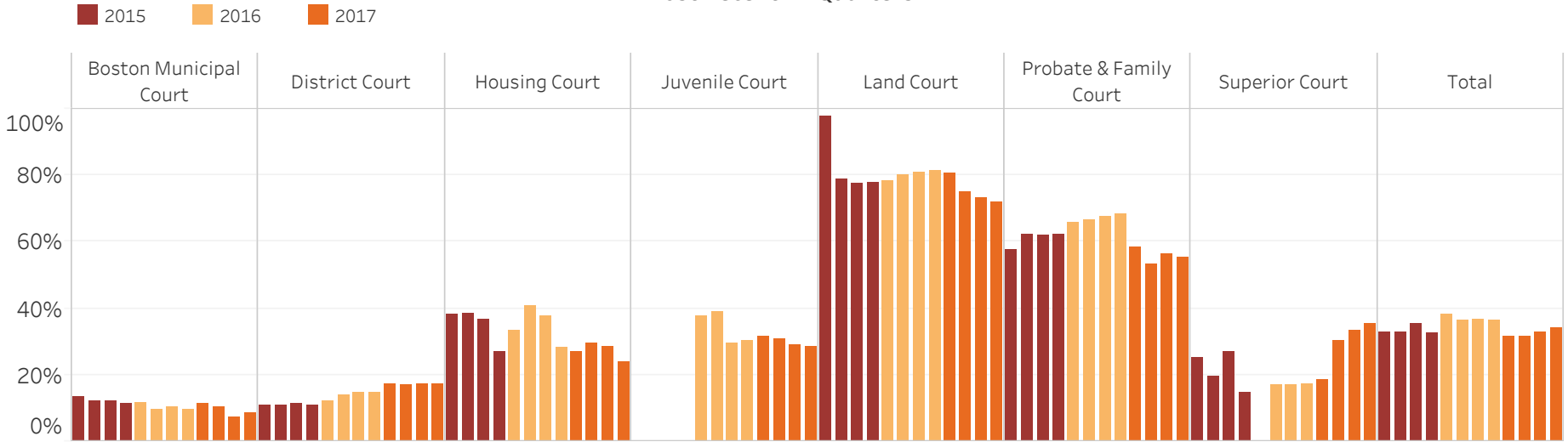
By Case Type:	Pending			Pending Beyond TS			Pending Beyond Rate		
	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change	Q3	Q4	Change
Civil	102,752	100,286	-2.4%	44,455	44,974	1.2%	43.3%	44.8%	1.6%
Criminal	72,733	60,944	-16.2%	11,107	9,420	-15.2%	15.3%	15.5%	0.2%
Domestic Relations	34,501	33,582	-2.7%	14,460	13,083	-9.5%	41.9%	39.0%	-3.0%
Juvenile	12,535	12,166	-2.9%	3,522	3,404	-3.4%	28.1%	28.0%	-0.1%
Traffic, Parking, & Local Ordinance	167	84	-49.7%	106	65	-38.7%	63.5%	77.4%	13.9%
Total	222,688	207,062	-7.0%	73,650	70,946	-3.7%	33.1%	34.3%	1.2%

FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court. FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Edgartown, Ipswich, Nantucket, Newburyport, Quincy, Salem, Stoughton, Taunton, and Wrentham.

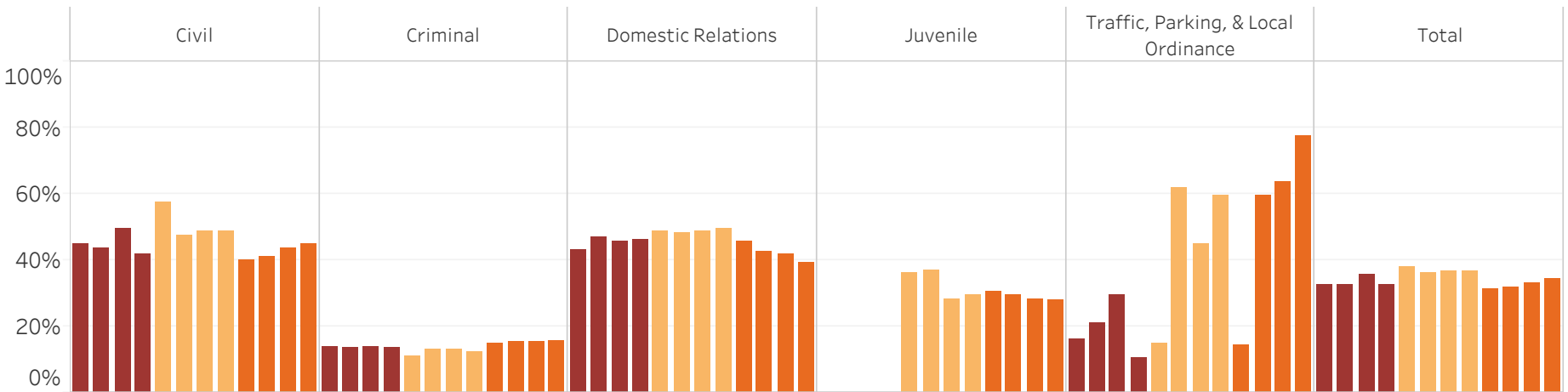


Cases Pending Beyond

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 Q4 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton and District Court. FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Edgartown, Ipswich, Nantucket, Newburyport, Quincy, Salem, Stoughton, Taunton, and Wrentham.



Trial Date Certainty

By Department:	Q3			Q4			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	121	91	75.2%	123	83	67.5%	516	370	71.7%
District Court	1,482	1,024	69.1%	1,345	942	70.0%	5,401	3,794	70.2%
Housing Court	412	317	76.9%	402	321	79.9%	1,679	1,354	80.6%
Juvenile Court									
Land Court	12	11	91.7%	18	18	100.0%	50	49	98.0%
Probate & Family Court	273	271	99.3%	264	257	97.3%	1,133	1,116	98.5%
Superior Court	205	105	51.2%	223	106	47.5%	802	379	47.3%
Total	2,505	1,819	72.6%	2,375	1,727	72.7%	9,581	7,062	73.7%

By Case Type:	Q3			Q4			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	188	139	73.9%	194	138	71.1%	716	505	70.5%
Criminal	1,632	1,092	66.9%	1,515	1,011	66.7%	6,053	4,087	67.5%
Domestic Relations									
Juvenile									
Traffic, Parking, & Local Or..									
Total	1,820	1,231	67.6%	1,709	1,149	67.2%	6,769	4,592	67.8%

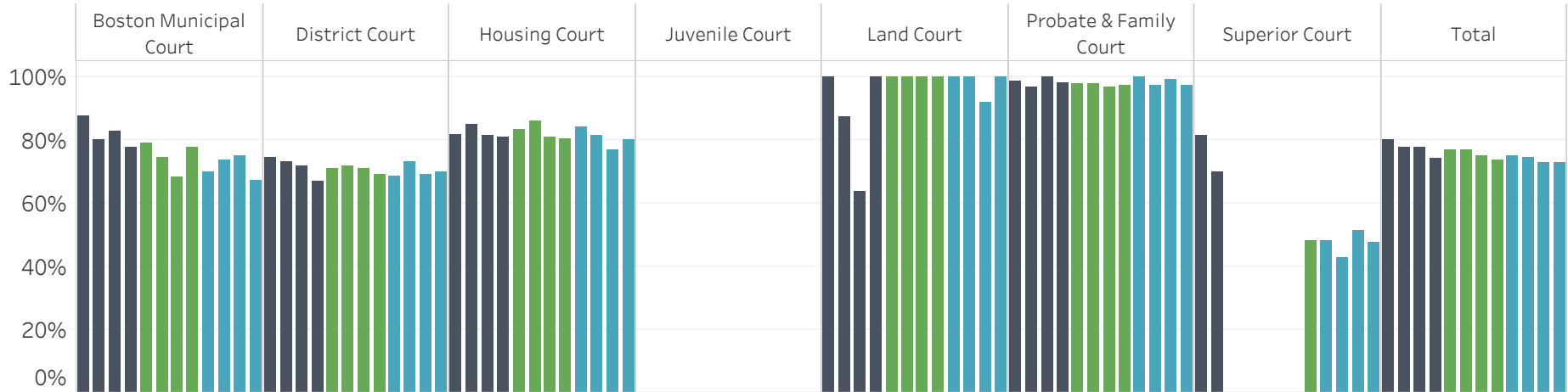
FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court. FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Edgartown, Ipswich, Nantucket, Newburyport, Quincy, Salem, Stoughton, Taunton, and Wrentham.



Trial Date Certainty

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

2015 2016 2017



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



FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes Boston Municipal Court Central Division. FY 2016 Q2 through FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Barnstable District Court and Brockton District Court. FY 2017 Q4 excludes criminal cases in Attleboro, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham, Edgartown, Ipswich, Nantucket, Newburyport, Quincy, Salem, Stoughton, Taunton, and Wrentham.