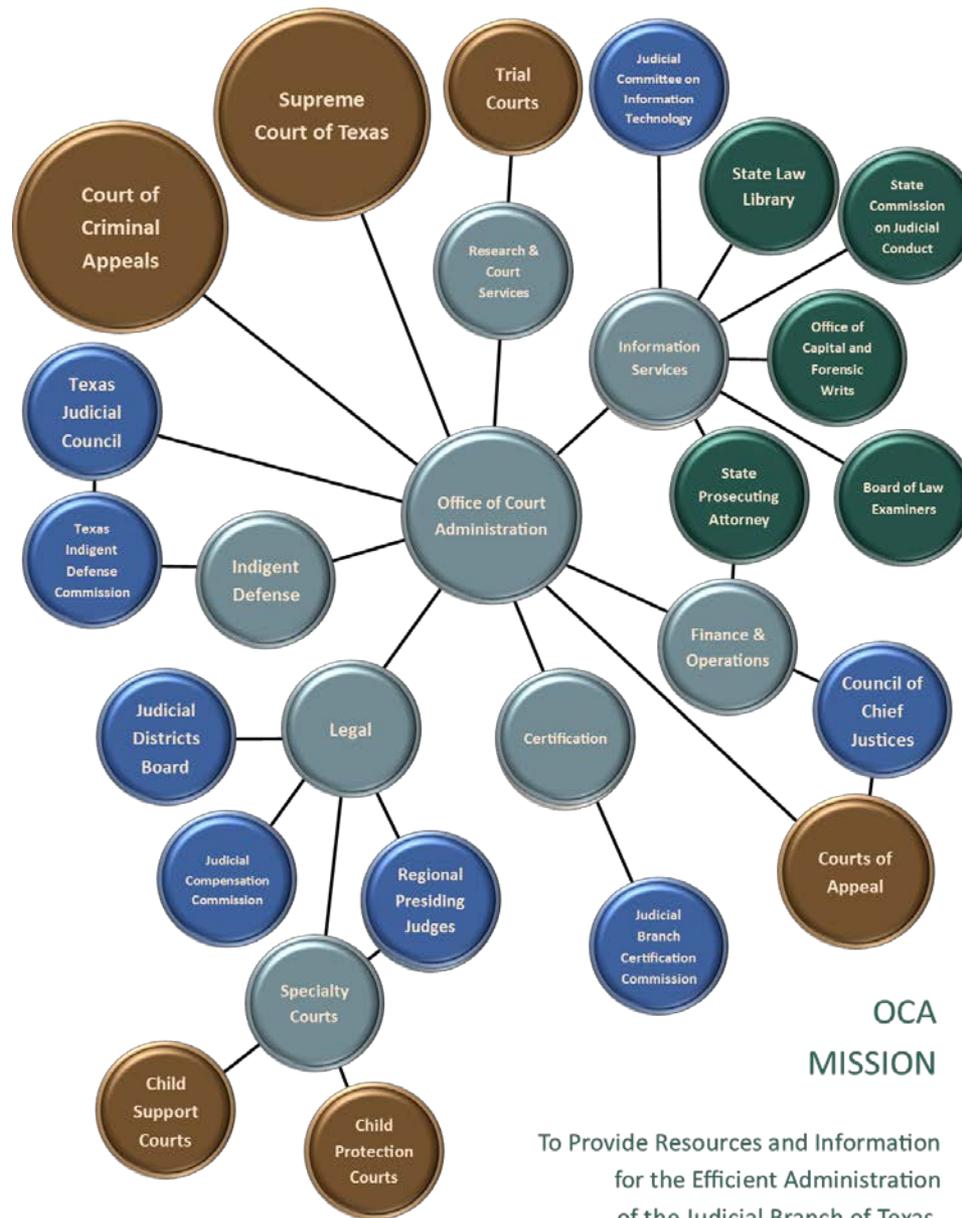


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Texas Judicial Council

- Policy-making body for the Judicial Branch
- 22 members – Judicial, Legislative, Executive Appointees
 - Chief Justice, Chair
 - Presiding Judge, CCA – Vice Chair
 - 2 appellate justices
 - 2 district court judges
 - 2 county court judges
 - 2 justices of the peace
 - 2 municipal court judges
 - 2 senators
 - 2 representatives
 - 6 public members appointed by Governor
- Executive Director – statutorily Administrative Director, OCA
- OCA provides staff support



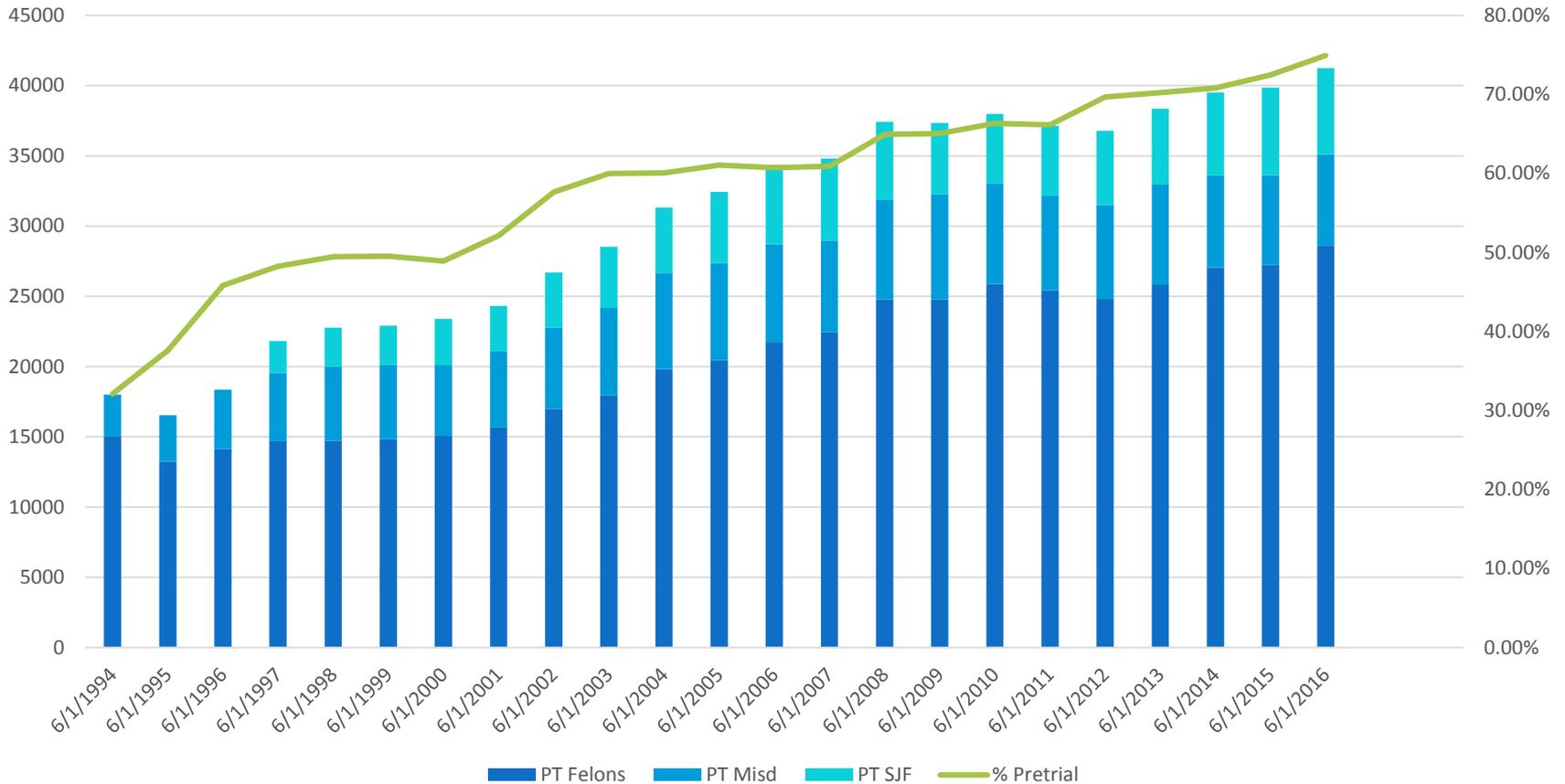
Texas Judicial Council Efforts & Accomplishments

- Data Collection Improvements
- Juvenile Justice
 - School Ticketing Reform
 - Decriminalization of failure to attend school
- Guardianship
 - Strengthened guardianship alternatives and procedures in guardianship cases
- Pretrial Detention Reform (Current)
- Mental Health Improvements (Current)
- Elder and Incapacitated Adult Exploitation Reforms (Current)
- Courthouse Security Improvements (Current)
- Criminal Court Cost Assessment Improvements (Current)



Judicial Council has proposed pretrial bail reform

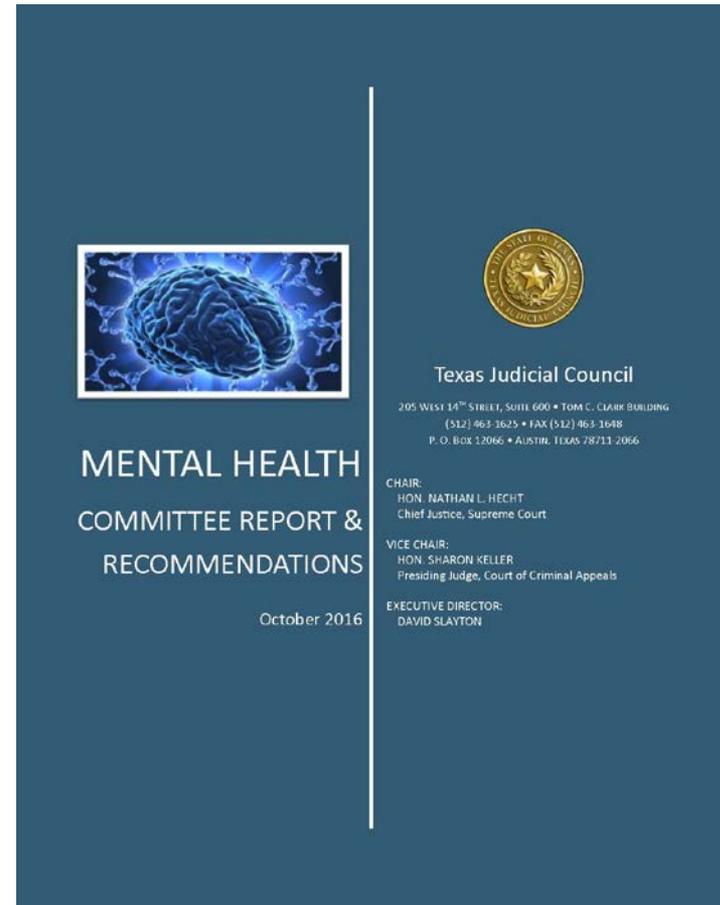
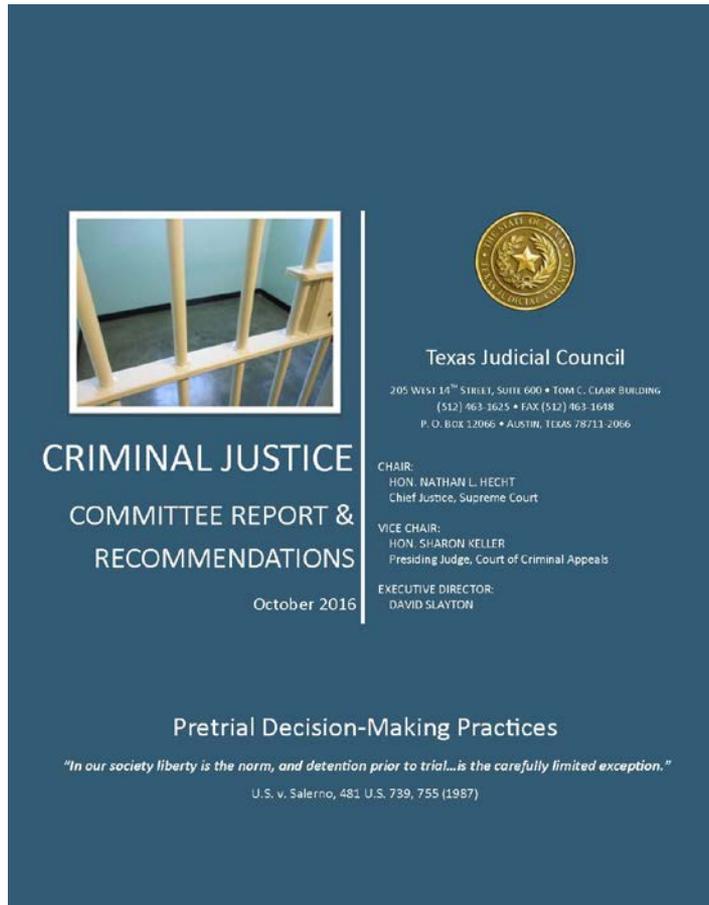
Pretrial Population in Texas Jails by Year



Annual cost to house pretrial inmates = **\$908 million**



Texas Judicial Council Reports on Mental Health and Pretrial Reform





Annual Statistical Report for the Texas Judiciary

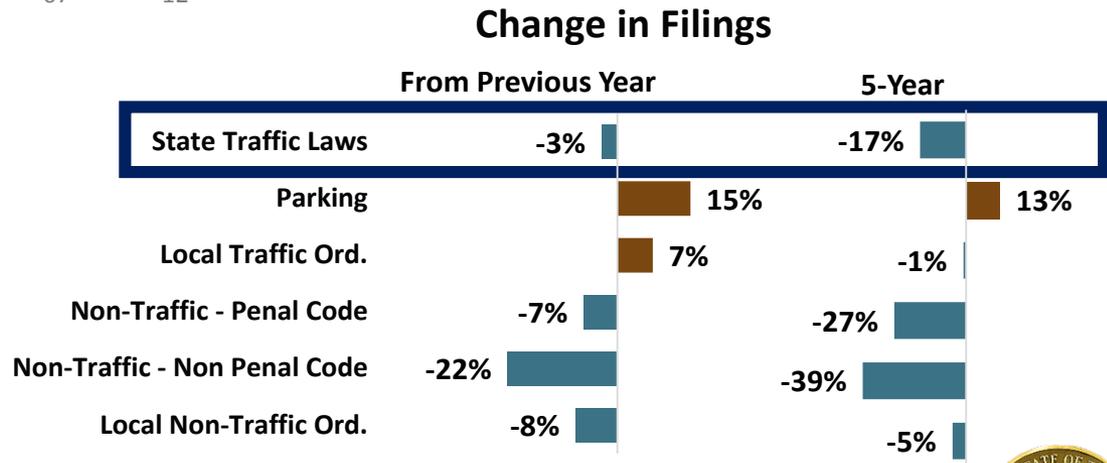
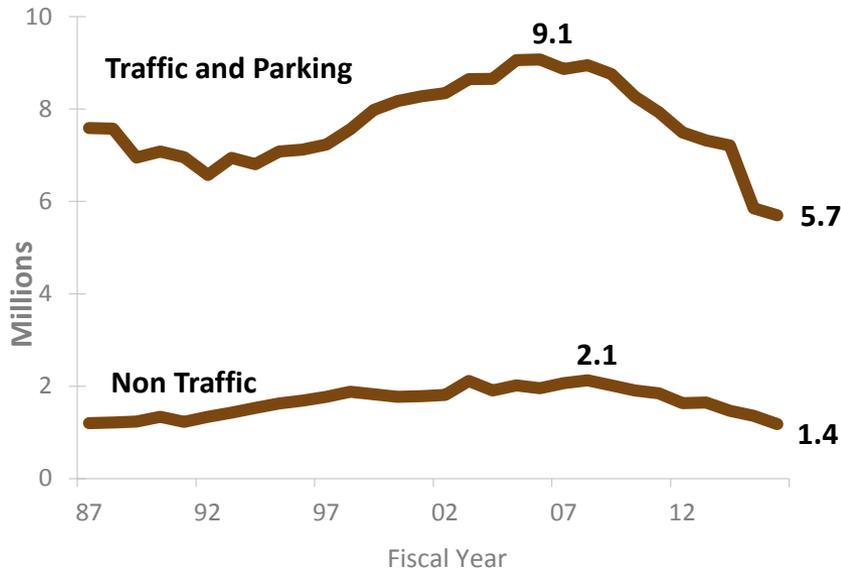


Fiscal Year
2016

Statistical
Information from
approximately 2800
courts across Texas

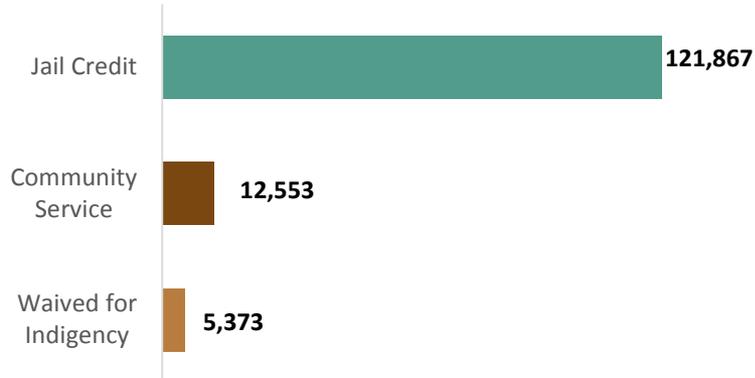


The number of new **misdemeanors cases punishable by fine only** continue to decline. Filings **fell by 5%** overall from the previous year.

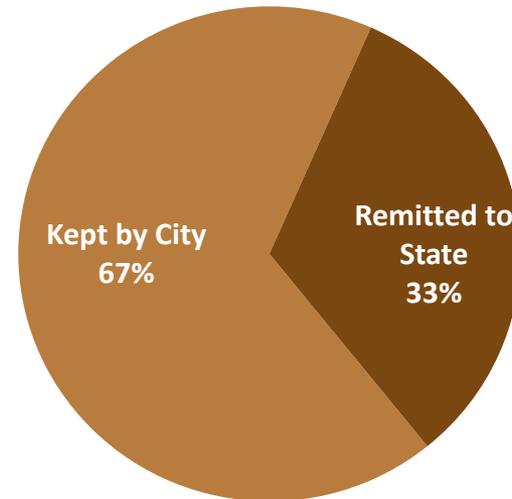
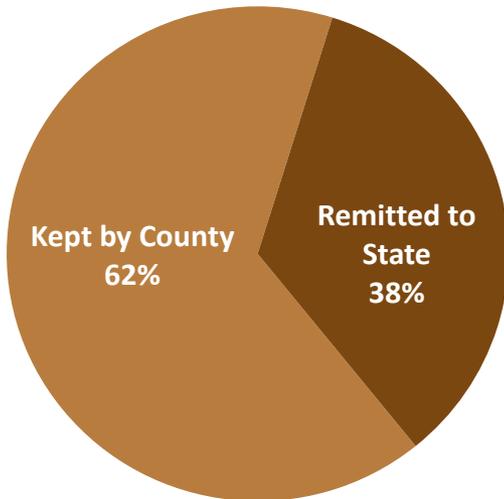
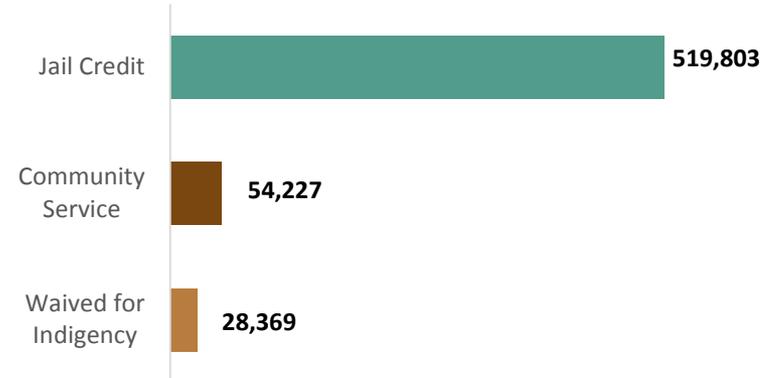


The amount of court costs and fines **assessed** in totaled **over \$1 billion**.

Justice Courts

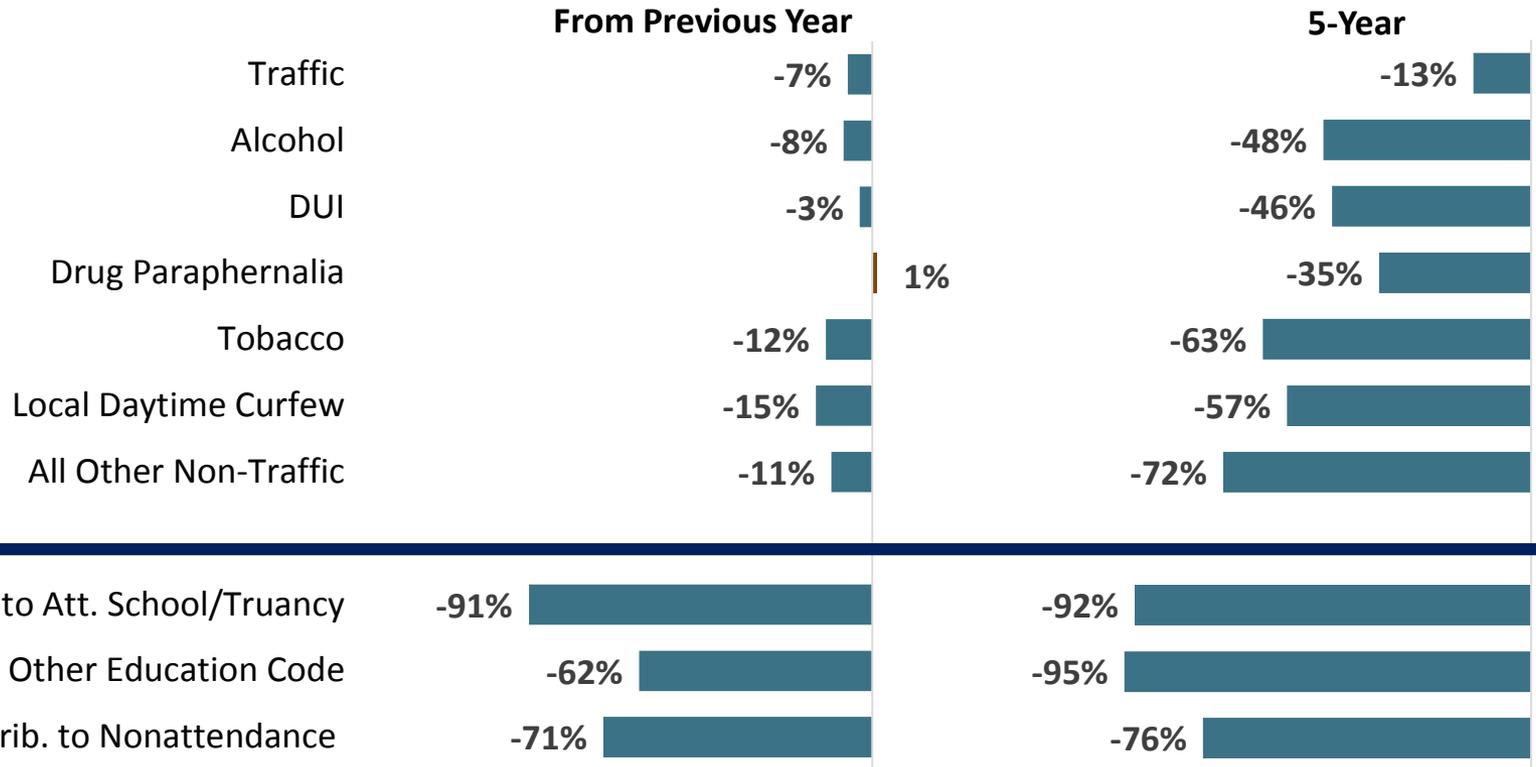


Municipal Courts

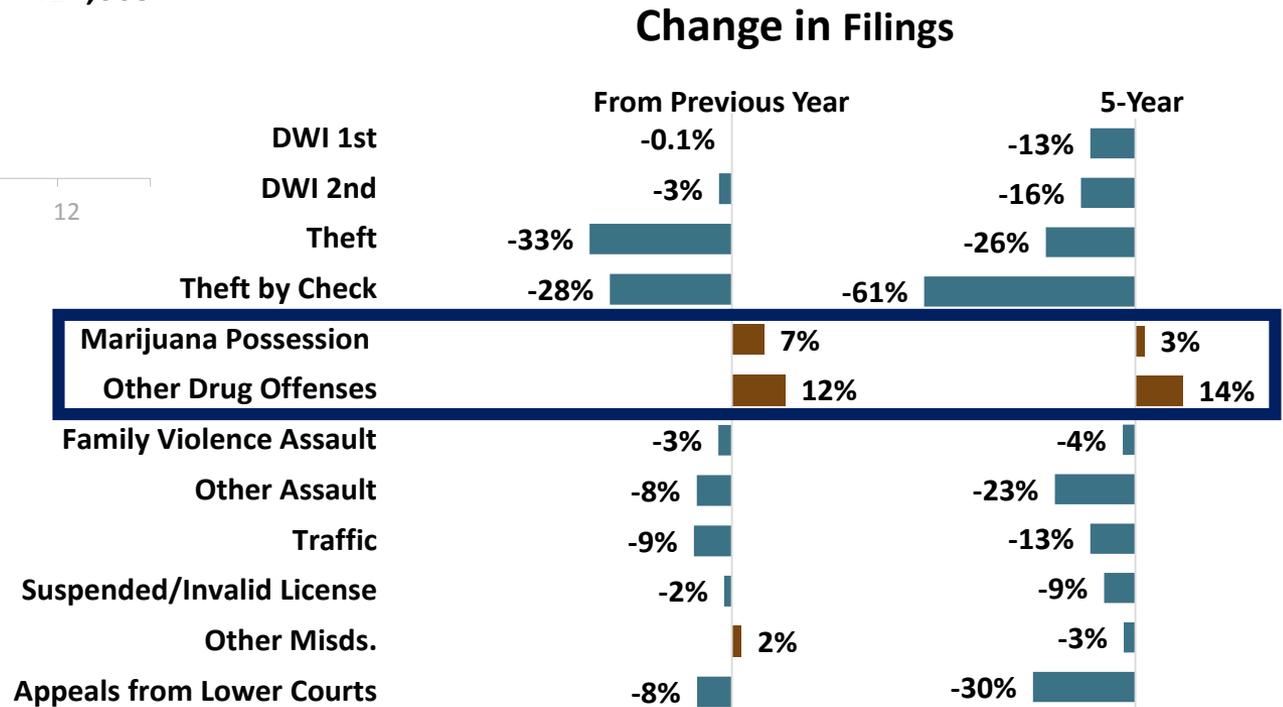
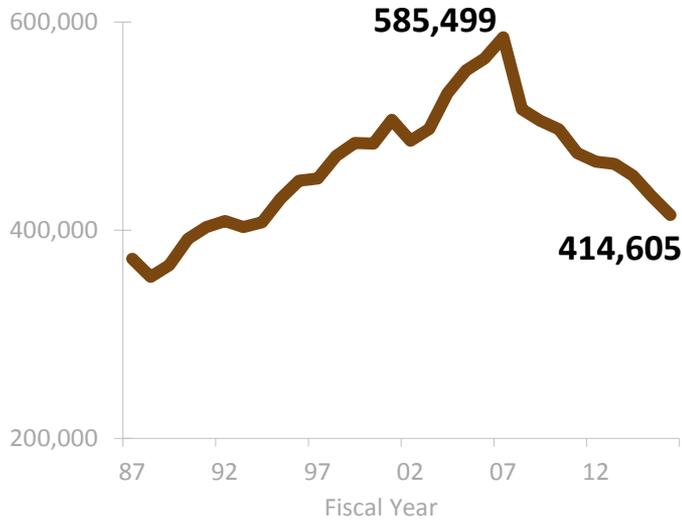


The number of Class C cases involving **juveniles or minors declined** by **36%** overall from the previous year and by 60% over the last 5 years.

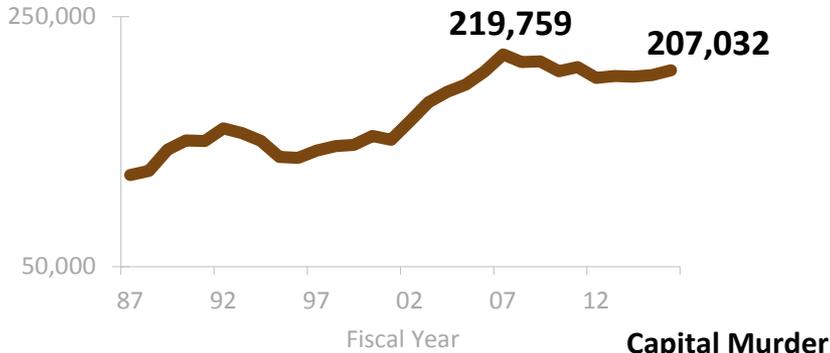
Change in Filings



The number of new **Class A and B Misdemeanors** continue to decline. Filings have fallen by **29%** since 2007.

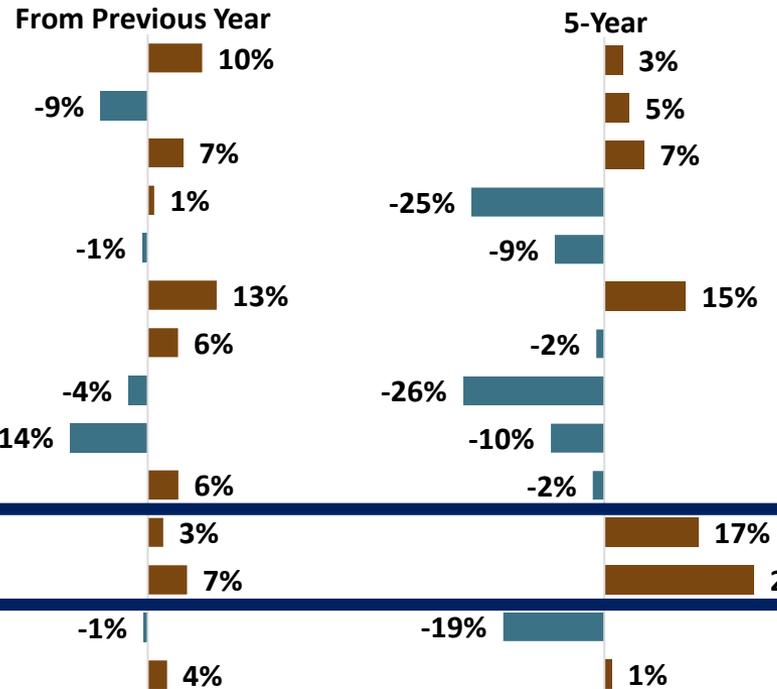


The number of new **Felony** cases continue to increase slightly. Filings **increased** by **2%** overall from the previous year, but have **fallen by 6%** since 2007.



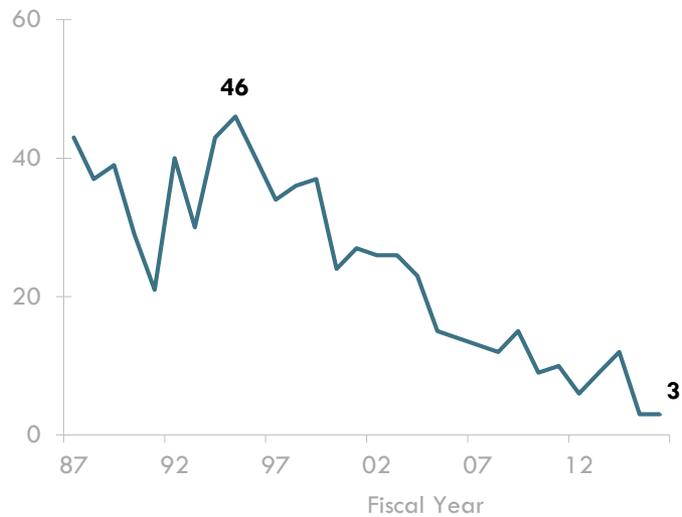
Capital Murder
Murder, Manslaughter, Homicides
Assault or Attempted Murder
Sexual Assault of Adult
Indecency/Sexual Assault of Child
Family Violence Assault
Robbery
Burglary
Theft
Auto Theft
Drug Sale/Manufacture
Drug Possession
Felony DWI
Other Felony

Change in Filings

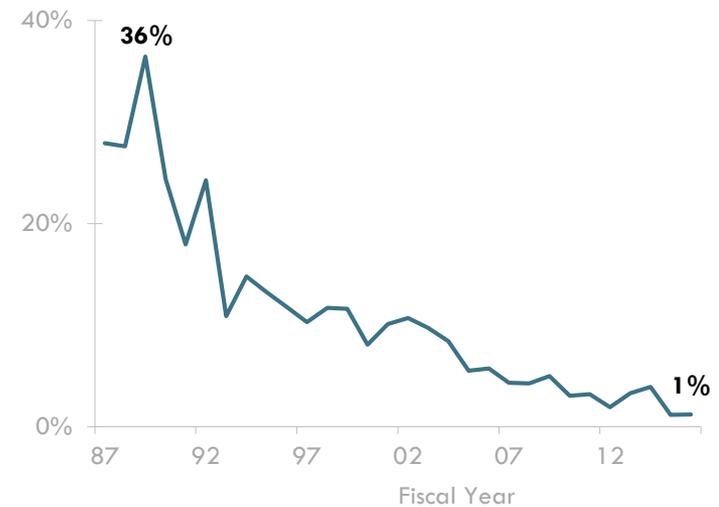


The number of new **Capital Murder** cases continue to decrease.

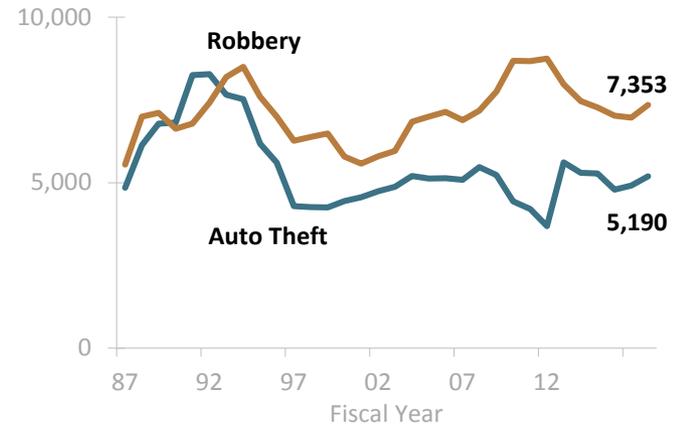
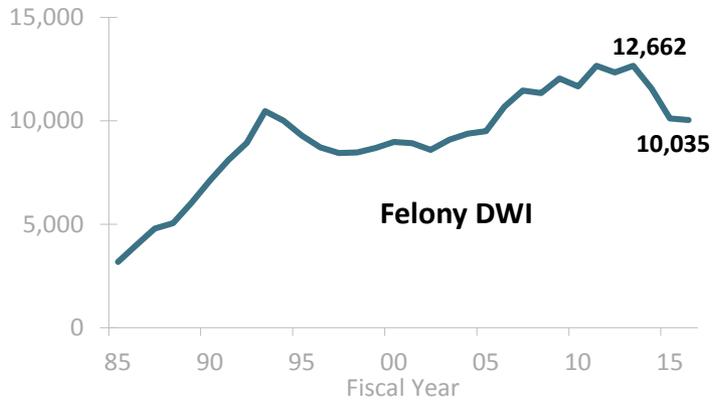
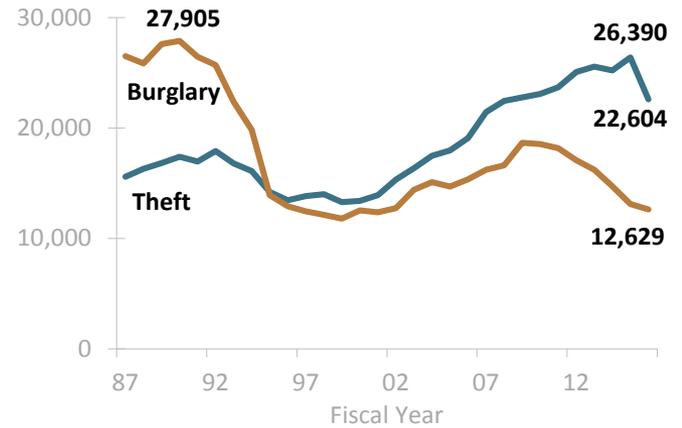
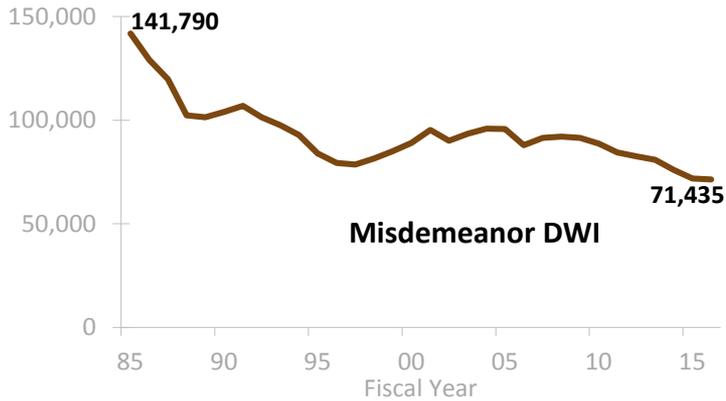
The number of **death sentences** declined from 46 in 1995 to an **all-time low of 3** in 2016.



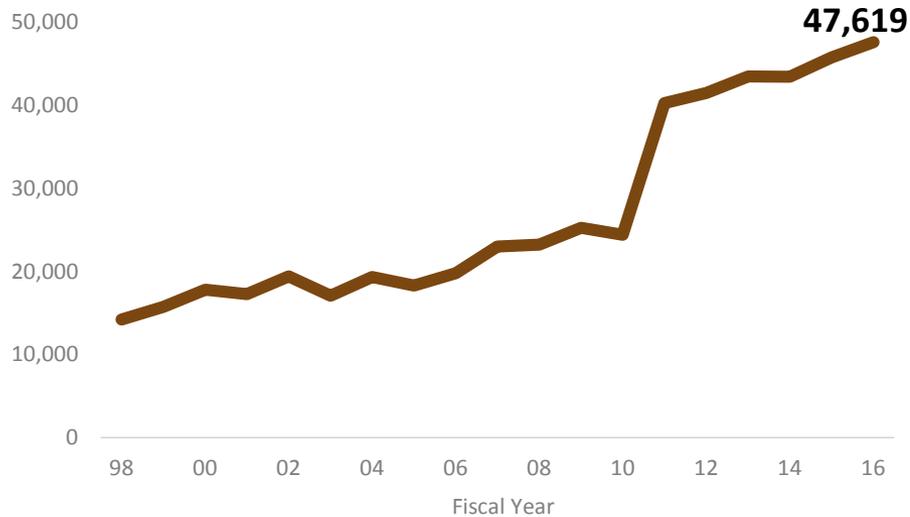
Convictions resulting in the **death penalty** declined from 36% in 1989 to **1%** in 2016.



Most categories of felony and misdemeanor cases have **fallen significantly**.



The number of new applications for involuntary mental health commitments increased by 5% overall from the previous year.



Change in Filings

