DATA & RESEARCH REPORTING UPDATED

STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024



## HB 2384 PERFORMANCE MEASURES REPORT UPDATES



## HB 2384 - PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Section <u>72.083(b)</u> of the Texas Government Code requires the Office of Court Administration to annually collect and publish a report including performance measures for **each** district court, statutory county court, statutory probate court, and county court.

Clerks are required to submit the following information for <u>each</u> district, statutory county, statutory probate, and county court annually:

- 1. the court's clearance rate;
- 2. the average time a case is before the court from filing to disposition; and
- 3. the age of the court's active pending caseload.



## HB 2384 CURRENT SUBMISSIONS OVERVIEW

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Due Date: November 1<sup>st</sup>



Submissions continue to come in as clerks are working through their data and verifying updates that were necessary in their case management systems.



Data team continues to perform data checks and validation and reach out to clerks to confirm data. Currently, OCA has received reports from 230 counties.



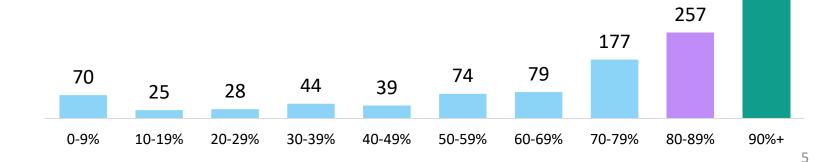
Dashboards to display the data are in final reviews. Dashboards will allow several sorting and filter functions.



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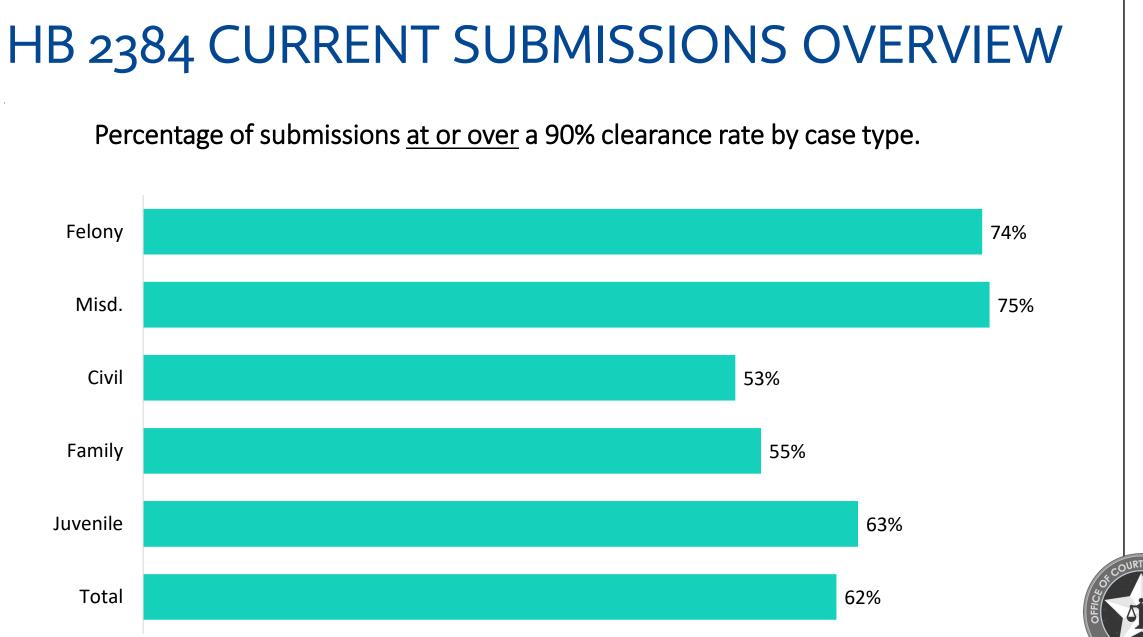
Though data checks are still being performed, an initial review of the data shows that 62% of submissions across all case types (excluding probate and mental health cases) are at or above a 90% clearance rate.

This is followed by **12%** of submissions with clearance rates between **80-89%**.



1,267



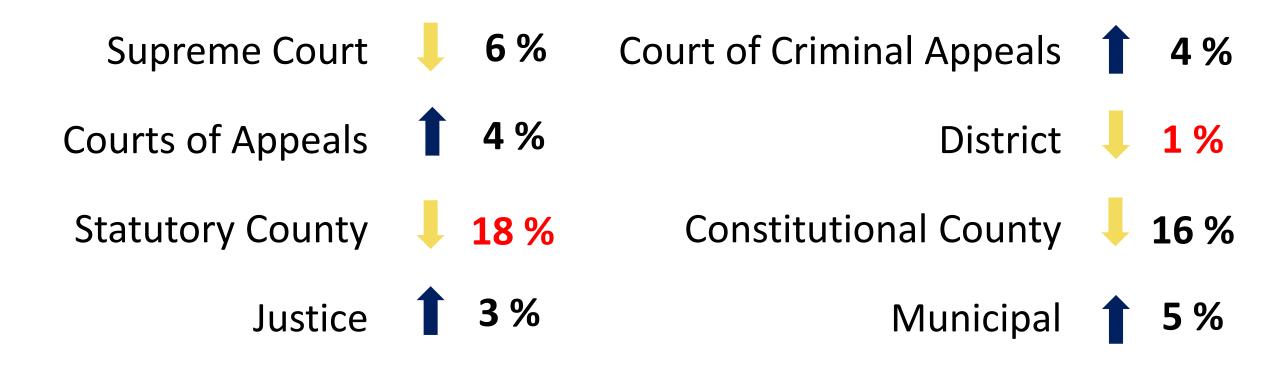


ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

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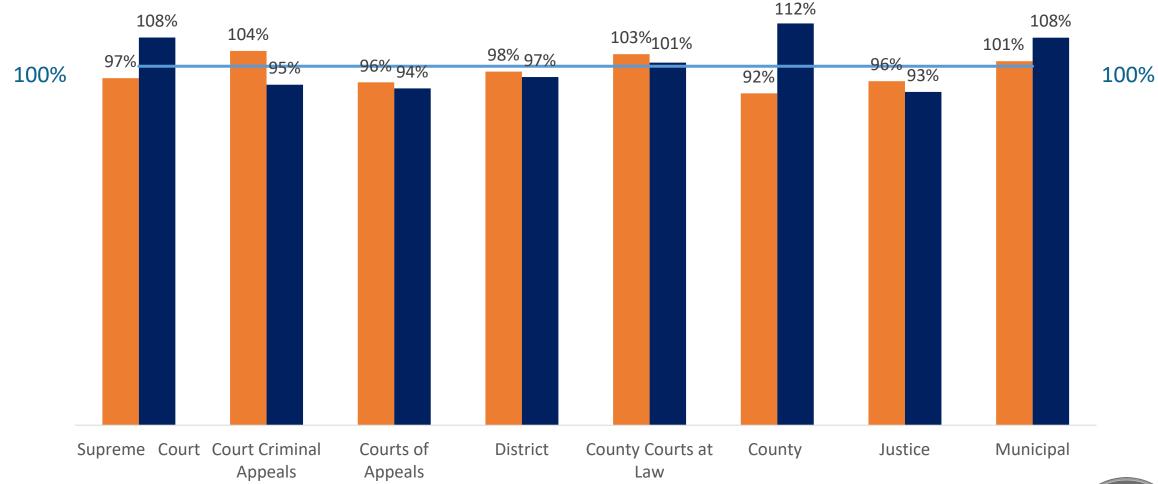
### CHANGE IN CASES ADDED, FY 23 TO 24





Missing criminal data for 1 year from Dallas and for 3 months from Bexar.

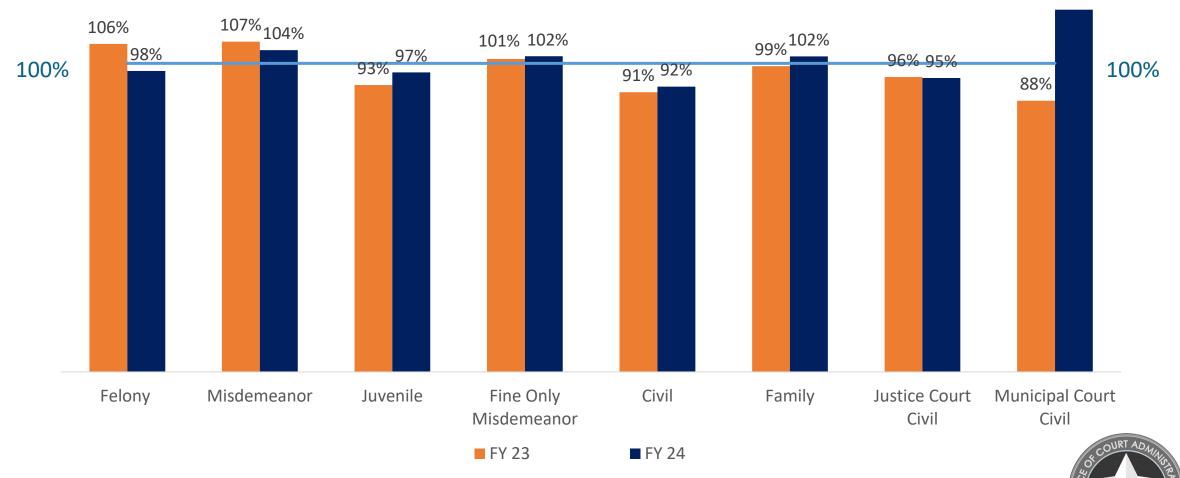
### CLEARANCE RATES BY TRIAL COURT CASE TYPE





■ FY 23 ■ FY 24

#### CLEARANCE RATES BY TRIAL COURT CASE TYPE



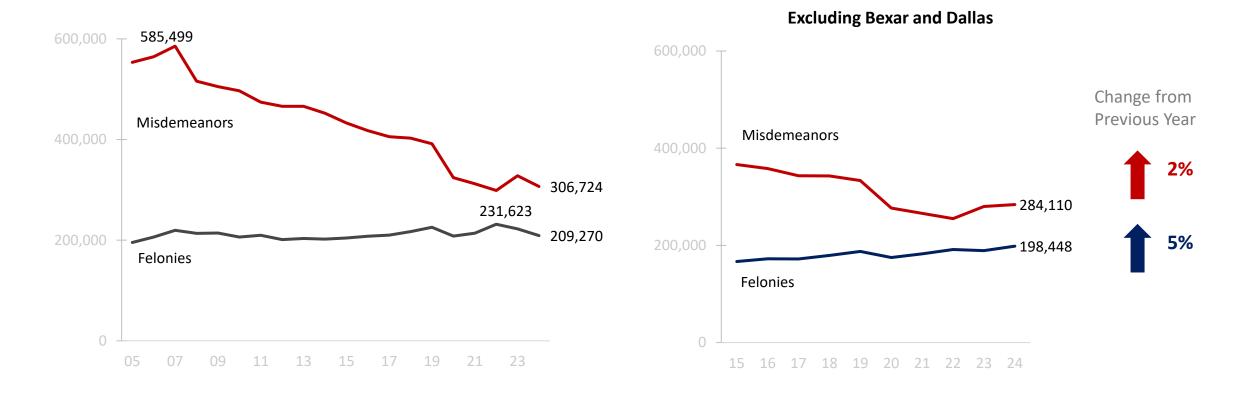
117%

### CRIMINAL CASES

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The number of new **misdemeanor** cases increased by 10% in FY 23 and (excluding Bexar and Dallas) increased by 2% in FY 24. **Felony** cases continued to grow.

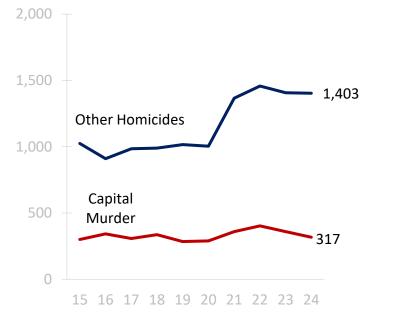


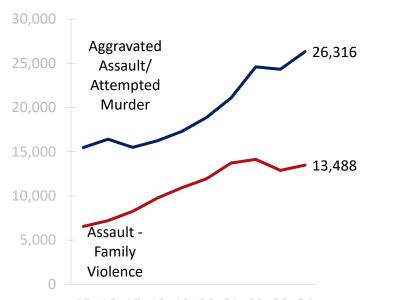
Felonies: Three months of reports are missing from Dallas for FY 23 and 12 months for FY 24. Three months of reports are missing from Bexar for FY 24.

Misdemeanors: Ten months of reports missing from Dallas, and 3 months missing from Bexar for FY 24.



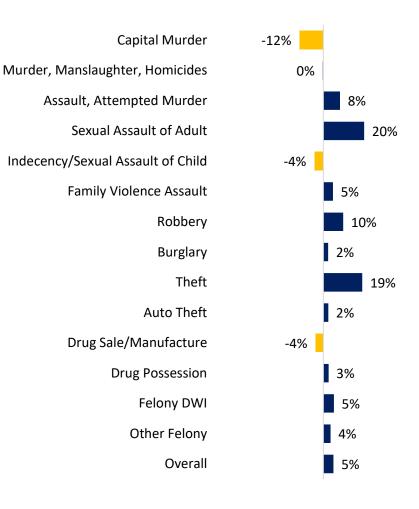
Filings increased in every **felony** case category except homicides, sexual assault of a child, and drug sale or manufacture. Assaultive offenses continued to increase especially aggravated assault/attempted murder.





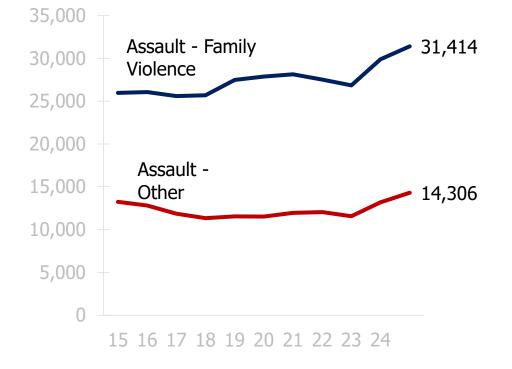
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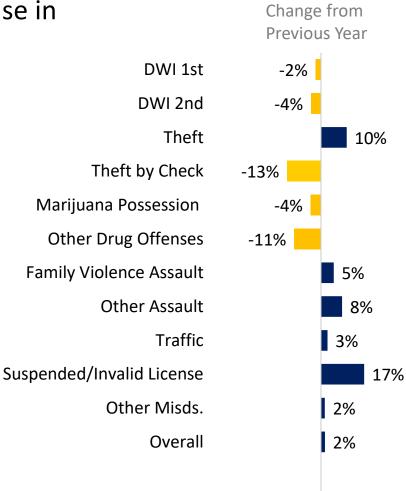
Change from Previous Year





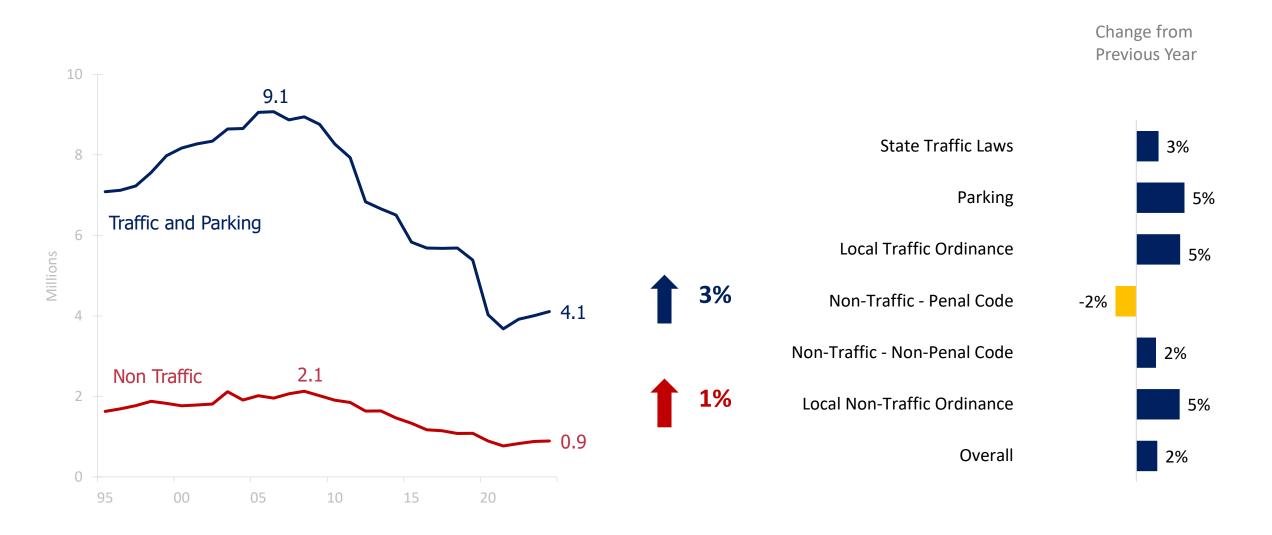
Over the previous 5 years, the only **misdemeanor** case types that consistently increased were assault cases. Those continued to rise in 2024, in addition to theft, traffic and other misdemeanor cases.







#### Fine only misdemeanor case filings increased for the third consecutive year.

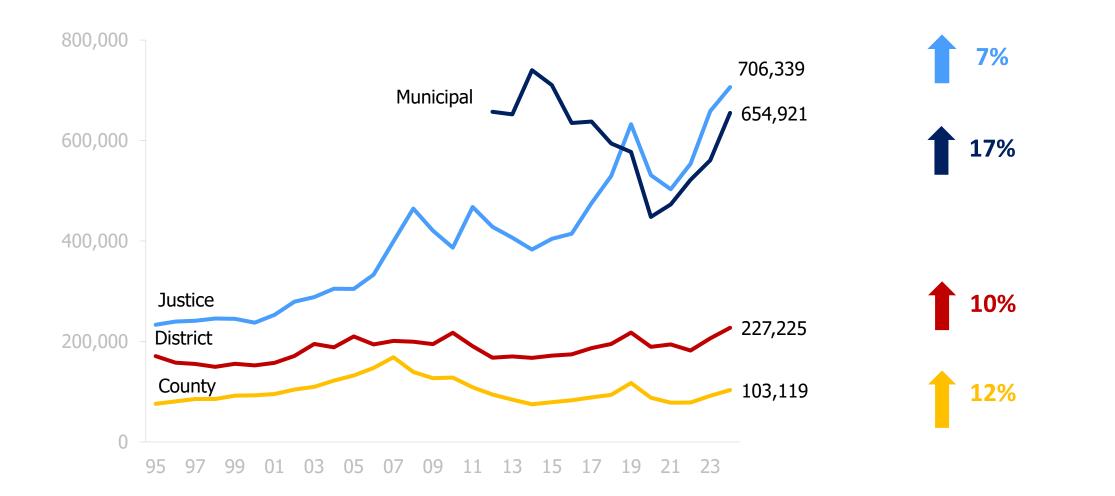


### CIVIL CASES

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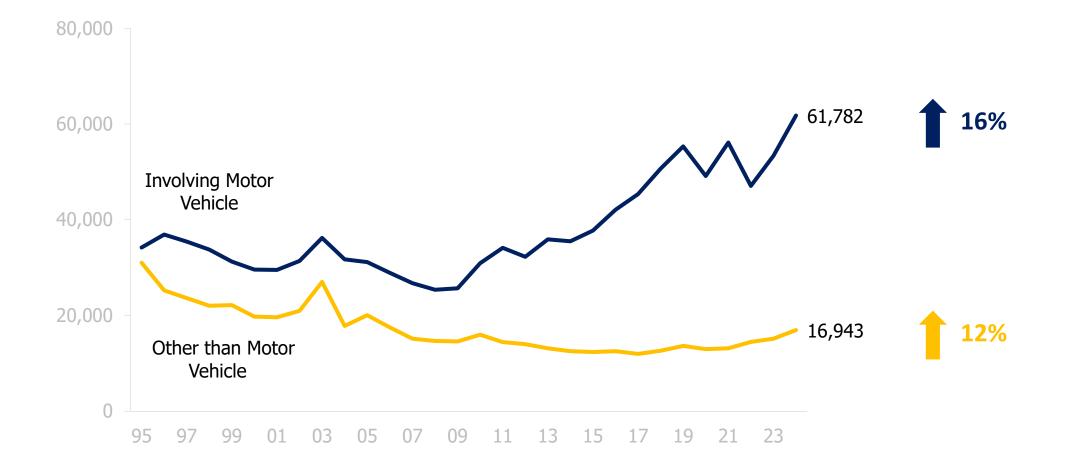


New civil case filings increased in all trial court levels.



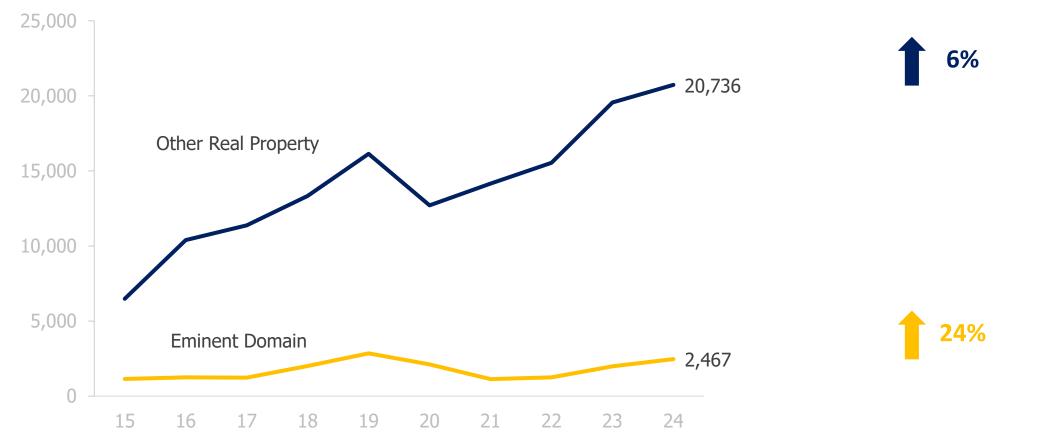


#### Substantial increases occurred in injury/damage cases.



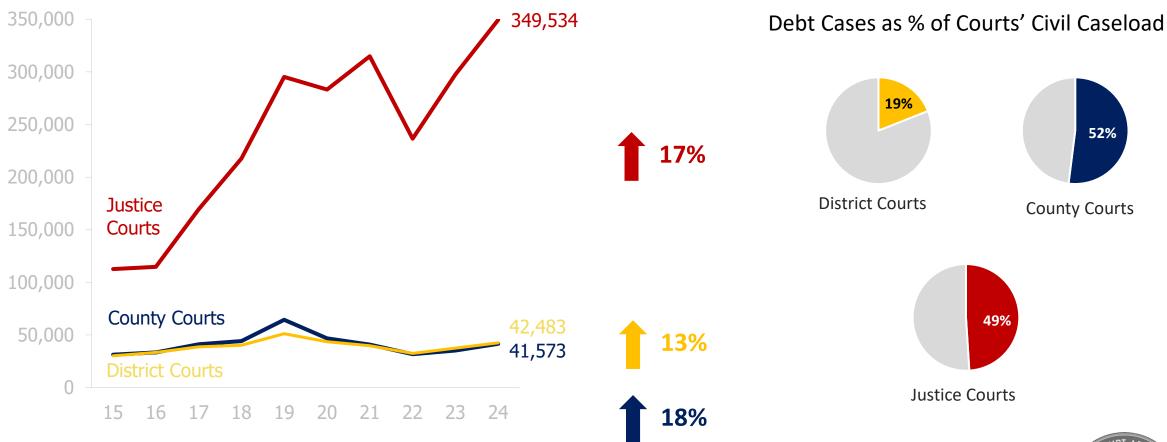


**Eminent Domain** cases rose to the second highest level on record, and **Other Real Property** cases rose to an all-time high.



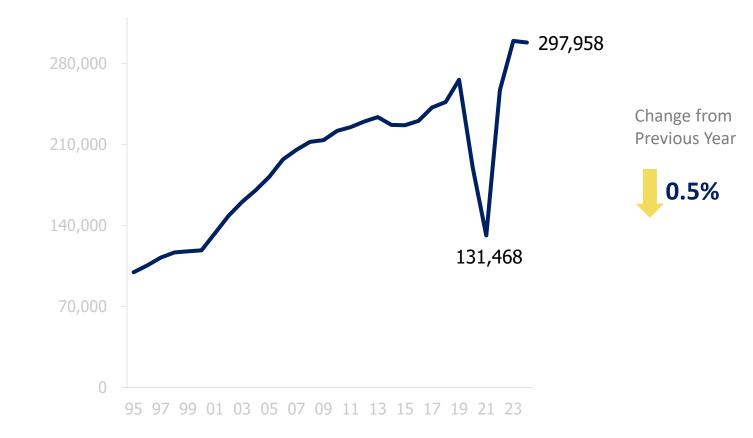


Substantial increases occurred in **debt** cases, particularly in justice courts.

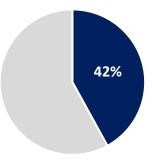




#### New landlord/tenant cases levelled off in 2024 but remained historically high.



Landlord/Tenant Cases as % of Justice Courts' Civil Caseload



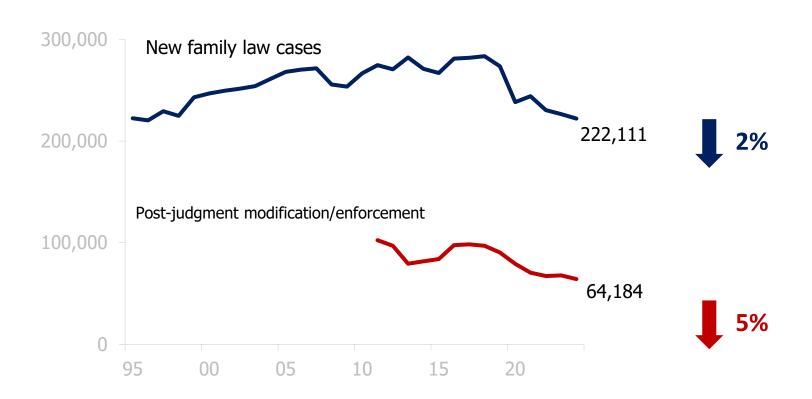


### FAMILY CASES

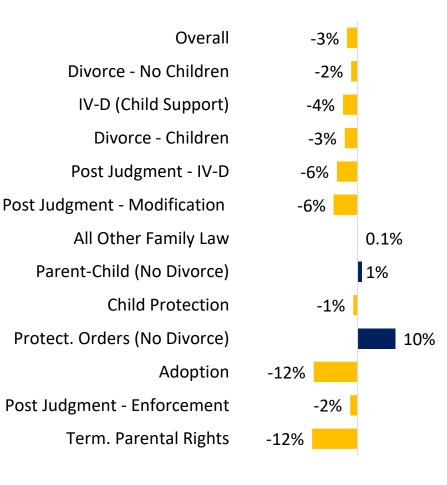
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**New family cases** dropped to the lowest level since 1996, and **post-judgment** matters dropped to an all-time low. Filings decreased in almost every category.



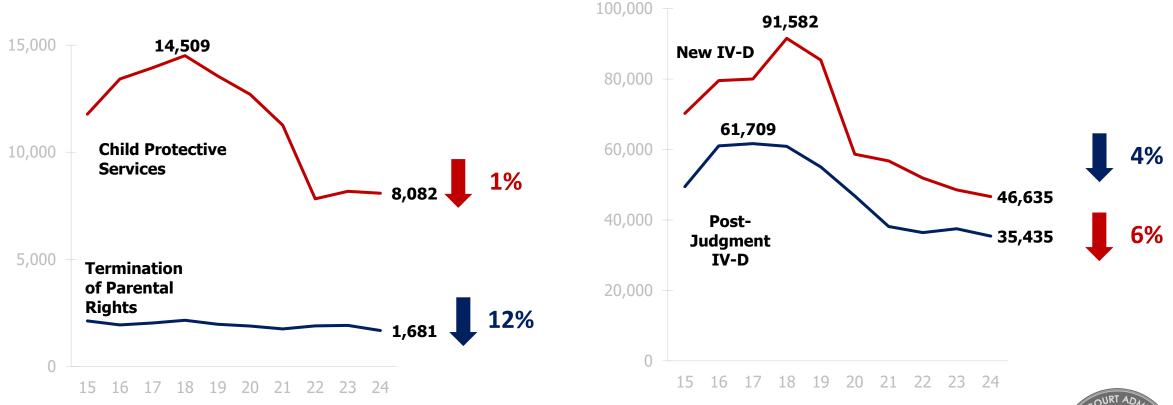
Change from Previous Year





New child protection cases continued to drop from the 2018 peak, though the rate slowed significantly since 2022. Termination of parental rights cases decreased after 2 years of growth.

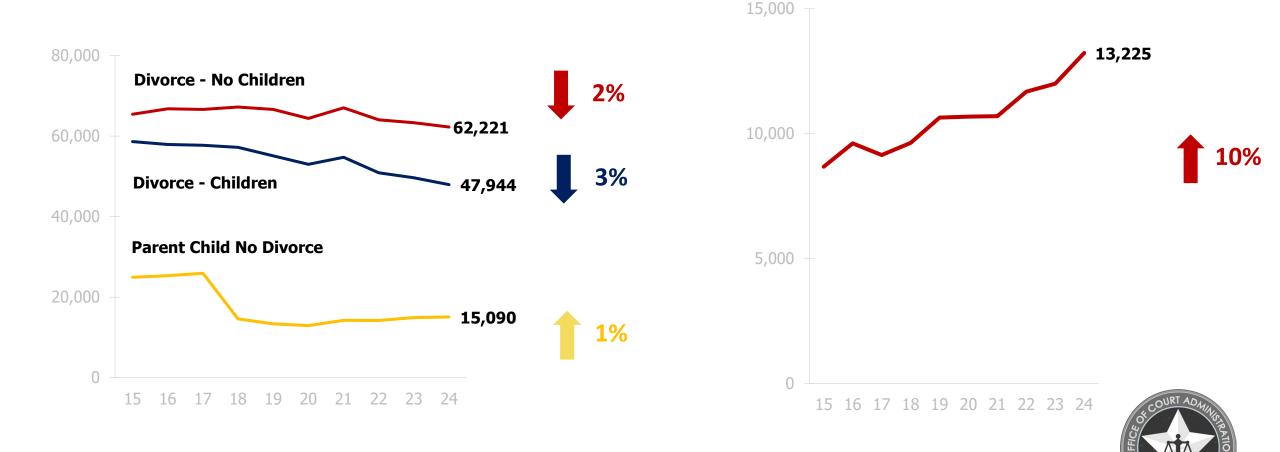
# **Child support** cases also continued to decline from the peak in 2018.





**Divorce** cases continued to decline to the lowest number in 40 years. **Parent-child cases not involving divorce** increased slightly over the last 2 years.

Applications for a **protective order** not associated with a divorce reached an all-time high.

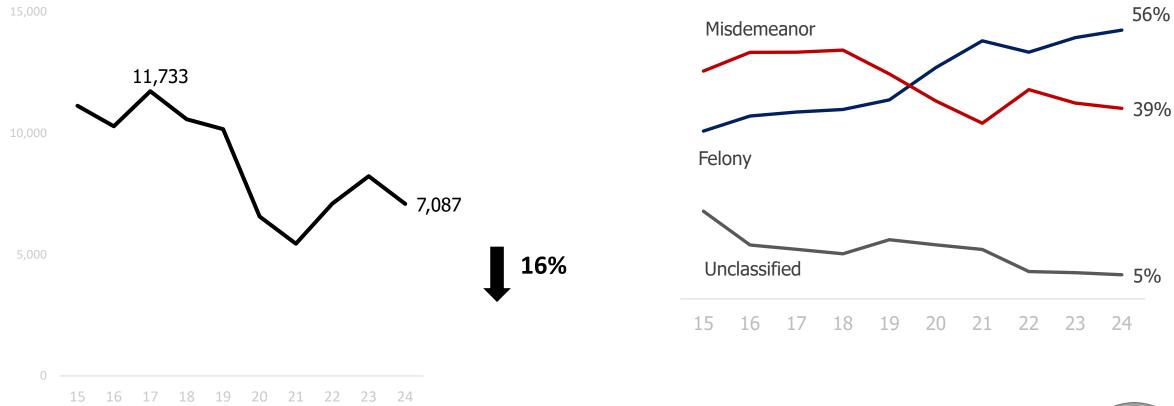


### JUVENILE CASES

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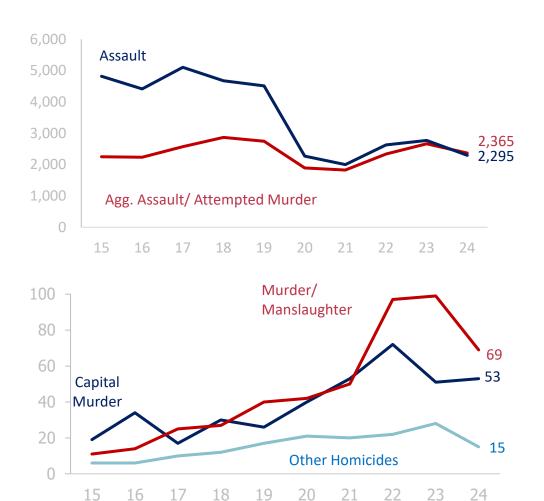


After a post-pandemic rebound, new juvenile cases fell in 2024, but felony offenses increased as a percentage of total new filings.

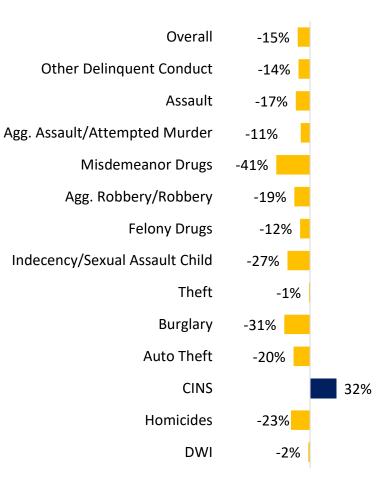




# Filings decreased in all categories except conduct indicating a need for supervision.

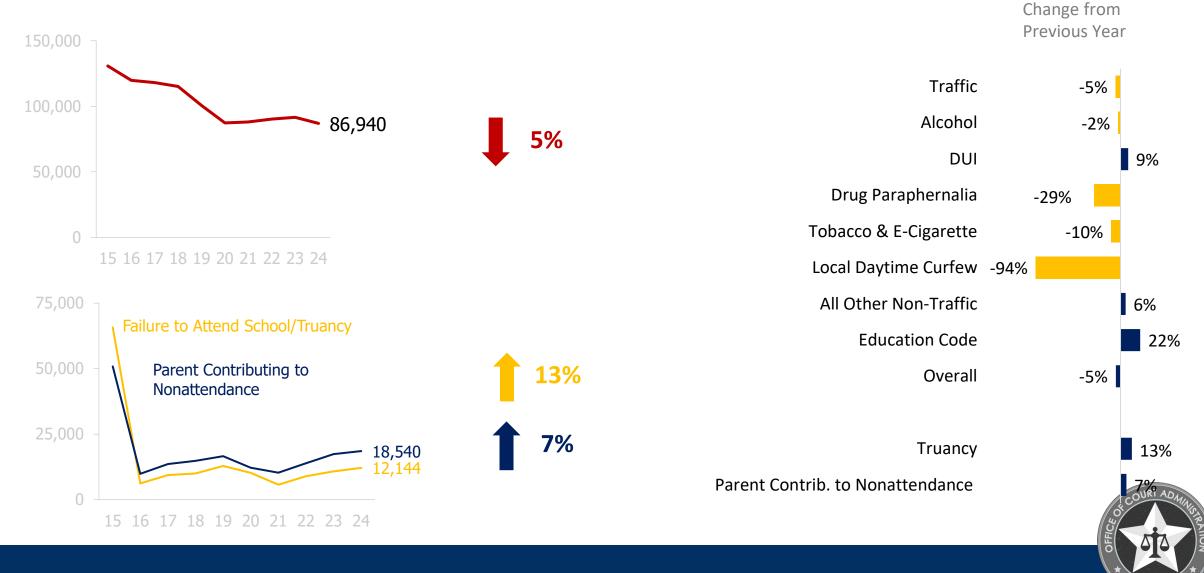


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**Class C** cases involving **juveniles or minors** declined slightly. Truancy and parent contributing to nonattendance increased for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year.



## CASELOAD BY COURT LEVEL

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#### Supreme Court

**Court of Criminal Appeals** 

8,000

6,000

4,000

2,000

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15

16

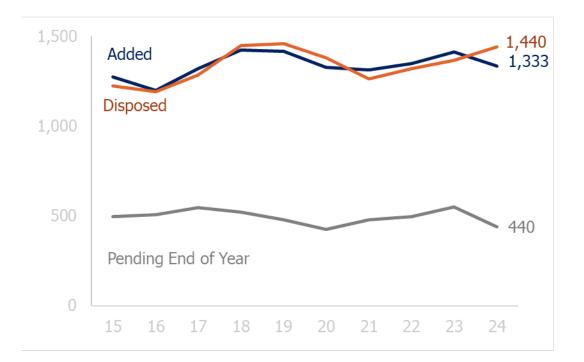
Disposed

Added

Pending End of Year

17

18



108% Clearance Rate

95% Clearance Rate

21

19



3,896

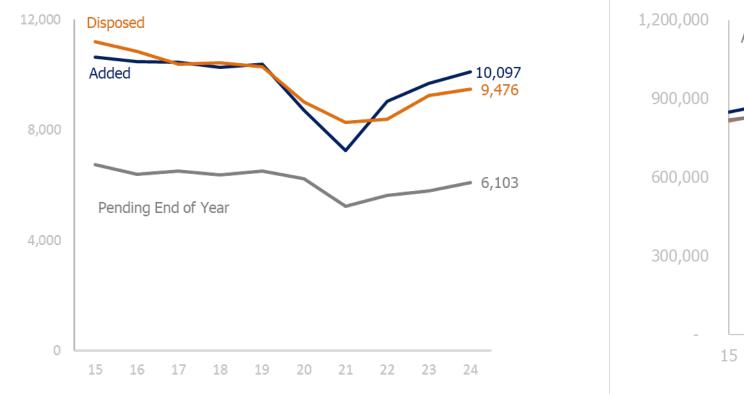
3,696

677

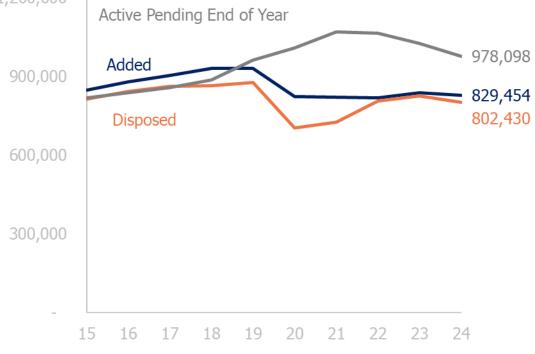
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#### **Courts of Appeals**

**District Courts** 



94% Clearance Rate



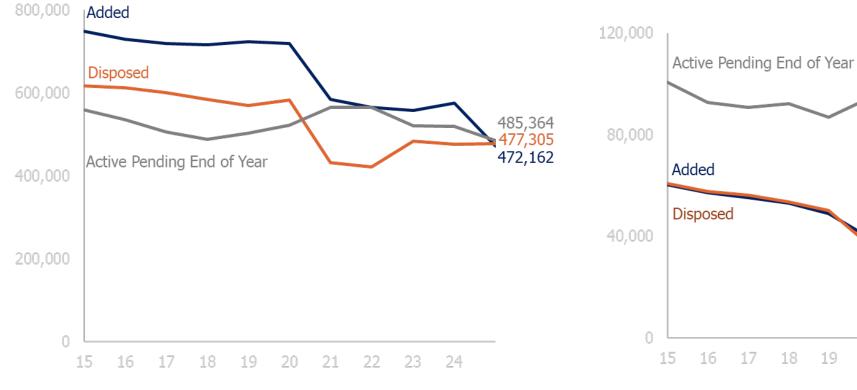
#### **97% Clearance Rate**

Missing criminal data for 1 year from Dallas and for 3 months from Bexar.



#### **Statutory County Courts**

**Constitutional County Courts** 



101% Clearance Rate

112% Clearance Rate

20

21

22

23

24



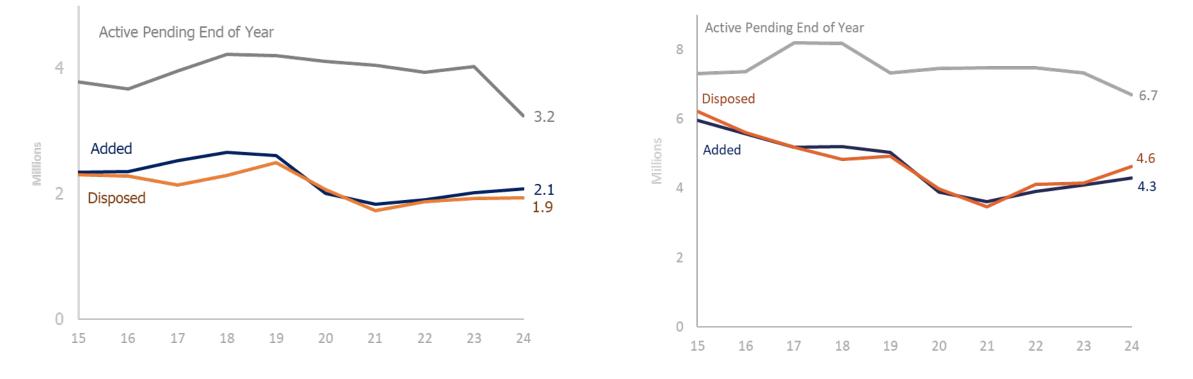
87,694

39,585 35,363

Missing criminal data for 1 year from Dallas and for 3 months from Bexar.

Justice Courts

#### **Municipal Courts**



93% Clearance Rate

108% Clearance Rate





# FUN FACTS!



		Chief Justice Hecht	Presiding Judge Keller	
	Number of Opinions (through FY 2024)	802	1,969	
A B B A B	Number of Justices & Judges	Supreme Court Justices 41	Court of Criminal Appeals Judges <b>25</b>	-
	Number of Courts Created	77District47CCL22Probate6Appellate1Business1	162District87CCL65Probate8Appellate1Business1	JRT AD