# VOLUME II JUDICIAL SYSTEM WORKLOAD AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES

# FY2013



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# **Section I: Introduction**

<u>Overview</u> - Dallas County has made a major commitment to objective measurement of performance of each of its many functions. This report provides comparative information on the costs and workloads associated with each of Dallas County's 71 courts. It is understood that financial efficiency and output are only one of several methods of measuring judicial performance. This report should be taken as only one indicator-and not a determinate-of performance. The report is divided into chapters devoted to individual court families and a chapter which includes information on miscellaneous court-related statistics. Each chapter is organized with current year data first, past year data second, and multi-year trend data third.

<u>Sources of Data</u> - Generally, revenue and expenditure data comes from the official accounting records of the County, as maintained by the County Auditor. Occasionally, this data is altered or augmented to enhance the fairness of the presentation, in which case an explanation of the cost methodology is included in the narrative section of each chapter. Case data (filings, dispositions, etc.) is derived from the court accounting systems maintained by the County's IT Department with case data input by court and clerk personnel.

<u>Cost Allocation</u> - In some cases, costs of support activities are apportioned to individual courts in order to enhance the fairness of the comparison. However, costs that are essentially <u>equal</u> in each court are not apportioned, so that this presentation does not attempt to measure the true and/ or total cost of the judicial activity. For example, if each court has one bailiff or an equal share of staff attorney costs, there is no attempt to assign these costs to each court. Other non-allocated costs of justice are County and District Clerk costs, District Attorney costs and court manager costs.

Jury services costs are also excluded from cost allocations, since these costs are not attributable to a particular court, and are assumed to be equally shared among the courts. Among those ancillary costs that <u>are</u> distributed to courts are: 1) public defenders, 2) visiting judges, 3) jail-stay costs (for the Criminal District Courts) and 4) Constable costs (for the J.P. Courts). The narrative section of each chapter explains the method of cost allocation.

# **Criminal District Courts**

# Analyst: Alejandro Moreno

# Notes on Methodology

Costs associated with the seventeen Criminal District Courts include operating expenses, defense cost, visiting judge cost (if applicable), and the cost of prisoners in jail awaiting adjudication. Operating expenses and visiting judge costs are derived from the Oracle financial accounting system for the county. These include the cost of expert testimony.

Defense costs are shown as either court appointed attorney costs or a cost of public defenders assigned to each court. The public defender cost is calculated by adding the salary and benefits of the public defender assigned to each court and adding an indirect cost that accounts for operational costs of the Public Defender's Office. This report adds 10% cost to the Public Defender's Office (approximately \$1,017,000 annually) salary budget. The \$1,017,000 is divided by the number of public defenders and an indirect cost per Public Defender is obtained. If a Public Defender is re-assigned, added or deleted during the year, the cost increase/decrease to the affected court will be revised to show actual Public Defender costs.

Costs associated with indigent defense in a capital murder case in which the death penalty is sought are subtracted, since these cases are infrequent and could distort the comparative results.

Dispositions for the reporting period are derived from report R12232. Cost per disposition is derived by calculating the total cost minus revenue collected divided by the total number of dispositions and graphed in descending order by court.

The inclusion of "Indigent appointments as a percentage of filings" on page 2.4 is displayed so that the various courts may be compared with respect to their methods of determining which defendants are eligible for court appointments. Ideally, beginning January 1, 2002 all courts would have a similar percentage, implying a uniform determination throughout the courts. This date represents the effective date for Senate Bill 7 (77th Legislature). One component of this bill requires criminal court families to adopt uniform standards for determining indigency. Please note that in those instances where the percentage is greater than 100%, the likely cause is a decrease in filings from one month to another, resulting in more cases from the previous month needing appointments than the month used to determine the number of filings.

Courts listed below operate specialty courts and any costs associated with the operation of the specialty court are reflected in the costs of the court.

Criminal District Court #1 – Divert Criminal District Court #3 – STAC Criminal District Court #7 – Veterans 194<sup>th</sup> Criminal District Court – IIP 204<sup>th</sup> Criminal District Court – STAR 265<sup>th</sup> Criminal District Court – DDC 291<sup>st</sup> Criminal District Court – ATLAS 363<sup>rd</sup> Criminal District Court – DWI

# Highlights

The average net cost per disposition for the Criminal District Courts for FY2013 was \$2,799. The jail cost category is obtained by obtaining the average daily pending jail number for each court and multiplying that figure by the cost of \$62.46 (calculated cost to house an in-mate) and then multiplying that figure by the number of days that are included in the reporting period. No indirect costs related to the operations, maintenance or management of the jail is included in the jail cost calculation.

Page 2.4 shows assignments to public defenders versus court appointed attorneys by court and the cost per case for the use of public defenders, court appointed attorneys, and a combined cost per case. The number of public defenders in a court is not the primary cause of lower overall indigent defense cost. The greater cost factor appears to be the number of cases assigned to each public defender. The overall legal cost per case during FY2013 was \$476. Utilizing public defenders at an average of \$315 per case remains cost effective when compared to paying \$635 per case for a court appointed attorney.

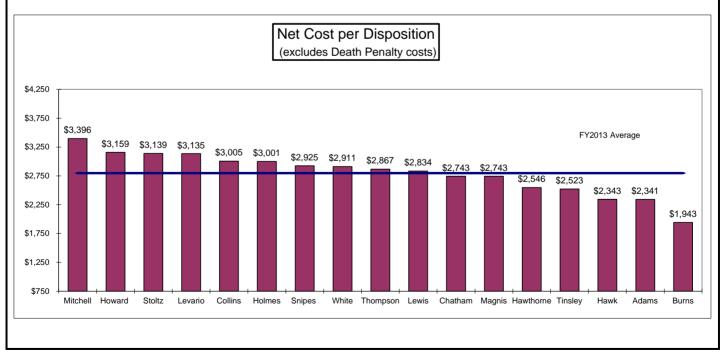
Page 2.5 shows the monthly assignments to public defenders and court appointed attorneys. The average monthly assignment to Public Defenders was 1,228, up from 1,188 in FY2012. Information on the monthly assignment of court appointed attorneys is not available.

For FY2013, filings were .5% higher as compared to FY2012. Dispositions for FY2013 were up 2% from FY2012. As of September 30, 2013 the Criminal District Courts had a pending caseload of 24,560 which is 3,495 lower than the FY2012.

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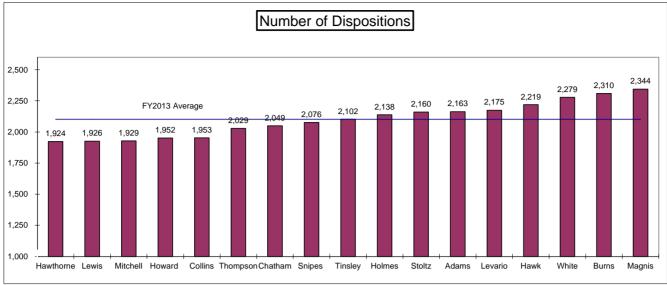
**District Criminal Courts** 

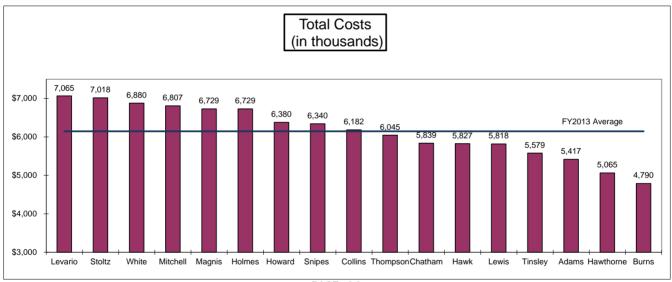
	INDICATOR	:		Court by Court	comparison	of expenditu	ires and disp	ositions			
Court Number	Judge	)	Operating Expenses	Court Appt Attorneys	Public Defender	Visiting Judge	Jail Costs	Total Costs	Number of Dispositions	Total Revenue	FY2013 Net Cost Per Disposition
1	Burns		309,863	578,509	\$125,181	\$0	\$3,776,852	\$4,790,405	2,310	\$303,224	\$1,943
2	Adams		294,118	525,395	\$248,403	\$0	\$4,348,699	5,416,615	2,163	\$353,631	\$2,341
3	Lewis		325,036	520,138	\$255,815	\$0	\$4,717,265	5,818,255	1,926	\$359,655	\$2,834
4	Collins		306,786	363,360	\$380,754	\$0	\$5,131,427	6,182,327	1,953	\$313,436	\$3,005
5	Thompson		304,602	628,978	\$206,401	\$0	\$4,905,348	6,045,329	2,029	\$227,703	\$2,867
6	Howard		282,957	488,373	\$123,690	\$0	\$5,484,795	6,379,814	1,952	\$213,007	\$3,159
7	Snipes		345,197	589,205	\$373,270	\$0	\$5,032,636	6,340,308	2,076	\$268,399	\$2,925
194th	White		302,534	712,281	\$234,485	\$0	\$5,631,081	6,880,381	2,279	\$247,052	\$2,911
195th	Tinsley		304,427	586,204	\$269,707	\$0	\$4,418,993	5,579,331	2,102	\$276,680	\$2,523
203rd	Hawthorne		273,063	609,053	\$250,351	\$0	\$3,932,638	5,065,105	1,924	\$167,346	\$2,546
204th	Levario		281,959	708,744	\$141,896	\$956	\$5,931,254	7,064,809	2,175	\$246,476	\$3,135
265th	Stoltz		303,822	347,191	\$489,177	\$0	\$5,878,059	7,018,248	2,160	\$237,441	\$3,139
282nd	Chatham		271,374	455,806	\$371,649	\$0	\$4,740,063	5,838,893	2,049	\$217,686	\$2,743
283rd	Magnis		276,029	507,732	\$351,909	\$0	\$5,593,085	6,728,755	2,344	\$299,482	\$2,743
291st	Hawk		284,116	574,411	\$210,235	\$0	\$4,821,756	5,890,518	2,335	\$355,015	\$2,371
292nd	Mitchell		312,578	523,595	\$237,615	\$0	\$5,737,472	6,811,259	1,929	\$259,520	\$3,396
363rd	Holmes		296,742	478,734	\$373,578	\$0	\$5,579,786	6,728,840	2,138	\$313,312	\$3,001
		Total	\$5,075,203	\$9,197,709	\$4,644,115	\$956	\$85,661,209	\$104,579,192	35,844	4,659,065	
Court Ave	rage		\$298,541	\$541,042	\$273,183	\$56	\$5,038,895	\$6,151,717	2,108	274,063	\$2,799



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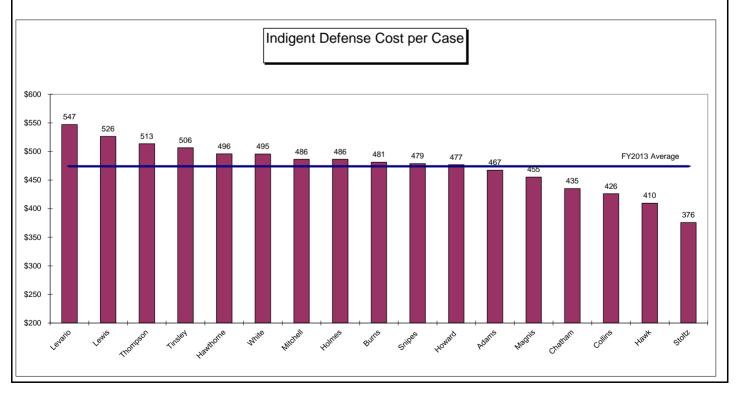
#### **District Criminal Courts**

INDICATOR:

#### Court by court comparison of legal costs

			Public Defender	r	 Court	Appointed Attor	neys*	-	Overall	Indigent
Number	Judge	PDs Assigned	Cases Assigned	Cost Per Case	Cases Assigned	Attorney Fees Paid	Cost Per Case	_	Cost Per Case	Appointments as a percentage of filings
1	Burns	1	446	281	1,016	578,509	569		481	110%
2	Adams	2	762	326	894	525,395	588		467	122%
3	Lewis	2	773	331	701	520,138	742		526	111%
4	Collins	3	1,173	325	574	363,360	633		426	136%
5	Thompson	2	634	326	993	628,978	633		513	118%
6	Howard	1	423	292	861	488,373	567		477	98%
7	Snipes	3	1,153	324	857	589,205	688		479	151%
194th	White	2	800	293	1,111	712,281	641		495	142%
195th	Tinsley	2	778	347	912	586,204	643		506	119%
203rd	Hawthorne	2	793	316	940	609,053	648		496	131%
204th	Levario	1	488	291	1,067	708,744	664		547	108%
265th	Stoltz	4	1,526	321	701	347,191	495		376	161%
282nd	Chatham	3	1,125	330	777	455,806	587		435	142%
283rd	Magnis	3	1,234	285	655	507,732	775		455	121%
291st	Hawk	2	828	254	932	574,411	616		446	129%
292nd	Mitchell	2	739	322	769	495,677	645		486	111%
363rd	Holmes	3	1,063	351	690	478,734	694		486	135%
	Total/AVG	36	14,738	\$315	14,450	9,169,791	\$635		\$476	126%

\* Does not include Appeal assignments



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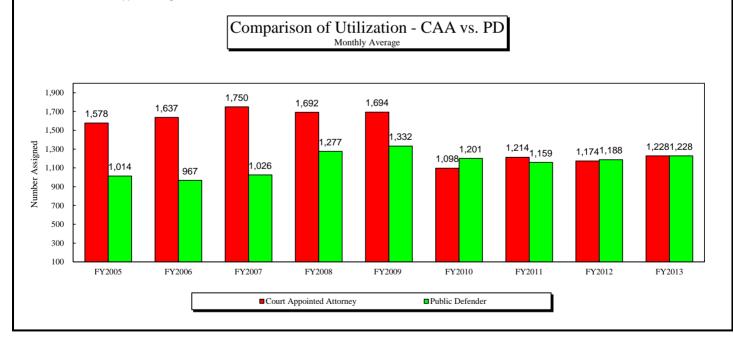
## Assignments to Court Appointed Attorneys and Public Defenders

			HLY ASSIGN			-	
		COURT A	PPOINTED A	TTORNEYS	CHANGE		
 MONTH	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FROM FY12		FY2010
ОСТ							1,295
NOV							1,223
DEC							1,127
JAN							1,250
FEB							1,145
MAR							1,256
APR							1,218
MAY							1,180
JUN							1,185
JUL							1,143
AUG							1,222
SEP							1,169
TOTAL	13,174	14,572	14,082	14,738	4.7%		14,413
AVG	1,098	1,214	1,174	1,228			1,201

	PUI	BLIC DEFENI	DERS	
				CHANGE
FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FROM FY12
1 005				
1,295	1,130	1,156	1,243	7.5%
1,223	1,124	1,197	1,199	0.2%
1,127	1,009	1,107	1,166	5.3%
1,250	1,051	1,161	1,222	5.3%
1,145	999	1,185	1,250	5.5%
1,256	1,241	1,126	1,211	7.5%
1,218	1,207	1,233	1,255	1.8%
1,180	1,146	1,187	1,290	8.7%
1,185	1,276	1,232	1,240	0.6%
1,143	1,224	1,233	1,258	2.0%
1,222	1,222	1,220	1,225	0.4%
1,169	1,278	1,219	1,175	-3.6%
14,413	13,907	14,256	14,734	3.4%
1,201	1,159	1,188	1,228	

MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

\* Does not include Appeals assignments



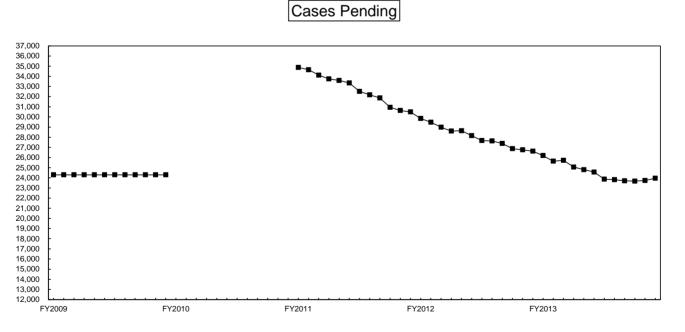
#### **District Criminal Courts**

INDICATOR:

#### Filings, Dispositions, and Cases Pending.

		`	Y-T-D Filin	gs			Y-T-	D Disposi	tions		_		Ca	ases Pendi	ing	
MONTH	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	_	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
OCT	3,476		1,692	1,746	1,952	3,552		3,239	3,261	3,234		22,917		34,878	29,844	26,190
NOV	6,579		3,788	3,514	3,691	6,233		6,257	6,064	6,296		23,339		34,653	29,479	25,636
DEC	9,377		5,418	4,997	5,427	8,937		9,155	8,563	8,581		23,433		34,117	28,989	25,722
JAN	11,943		7,230	6,643	7,025	11,718		12,055	11,307	11,801		23,218		33,744	28,603	25,056
FEB	15,736		8,951	8,947	9,015	14,926		14,463	14,071	14,907		23,803		33,594	28,640	24,803
MAR	19,766		11,248	10,914	10,993	18,527		17,784	17,225	17,892		24,232		33,341	28,155	24,569
APR	22,672		12,720	12,907	12,784	21,751		21,016	20,376	20,993		24,012		32,516	27,674	23,863
MAY	24,668		14,850	15,156	14,985	23,721		24,274	23,360	24,077		23,940		32,174	27,636	23,815
JUN	27,764		17,472	17,344	16,821	27,039		27,995	26,455	26,909		23,507		31,866	27,389	23,700
JUL	30,782		19,062	18,772	18,643	30,326		31,329	29,146	29,637		23,238		30,948	26,870	23,675
AUG	34,238		21,417	21,214	20,927	33,315		34,818	32,391	33,007		23,705		30,641	26,757	23,735
SEP	37,792		23,584	23,047	23,164	36,299		37,815	35,070	35,847		24,275		30,494	26,629	23,961
AVG	3,149	0	1,965	1,921	1,930	3,025	0	3,151	2,923	2,987		23,635	0	34,055	28,055	24,560

Source/Explanation: District Criminal Court Monthly Term Reports R12232 and R12259



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# Section III Civil District Courts

# Analyst: Alejandro Moreno

# Notes on Methodology

Operating costs associated with the 13 Civil District Courts are mostly attributed to salaries of the support staff, which Judges have minimal control over. Unlike other courts, the Civil District Courts do not rely heavily on county funded appointments.

## Highlights

For FY2013, the Civil District Courts disposed of a total of 19,251 cases, for an average of 1,481 per court. The FY2013 average cost per disposition is \$239, which is \$85 per disposition higher than the FY2009 figure of \$154. During FY2013, the 134th Civil District Court disposed of 1,323 cases (page 3.2), the most of the thirteen courts. The 134<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court also had the lowest cost per disposition at \$203.

An average bailiff cost (page 3.1) was added to the total expenses of a court when applicable. This attributed to the jump in cost per disposition from FY2009 to FY2013.

The pending caseloads as of September 30, 2013 ranged from 1,035 cases in the 298th Civil District Court to 704 cases in the 14th Civil District Court (page 3.3).

Filings (page 3.4) in the Civil District Courts during FY2013 were 15,330, for a monthly average of 1,278. Dispositions averaged 1,604 per month in FY2013 and there were 10,888 cases pending at the end of September 2013, up from 10,693 at the end of FY2012. Filings and Dispositions for FY2010-FY2012 are not available as a result of the Judicial Management Report not being produced during those years.

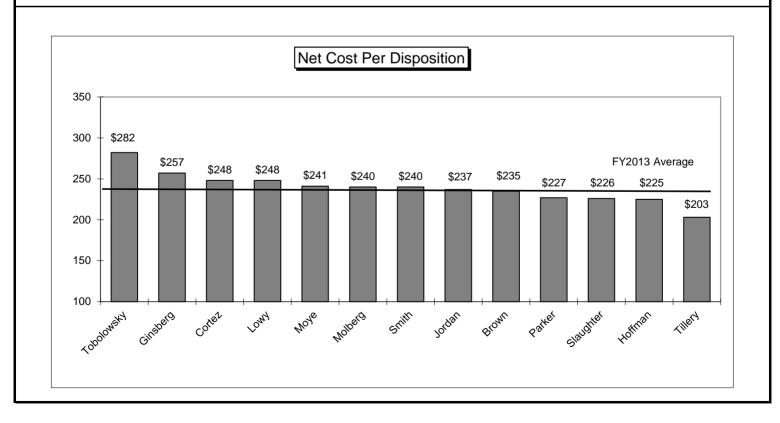
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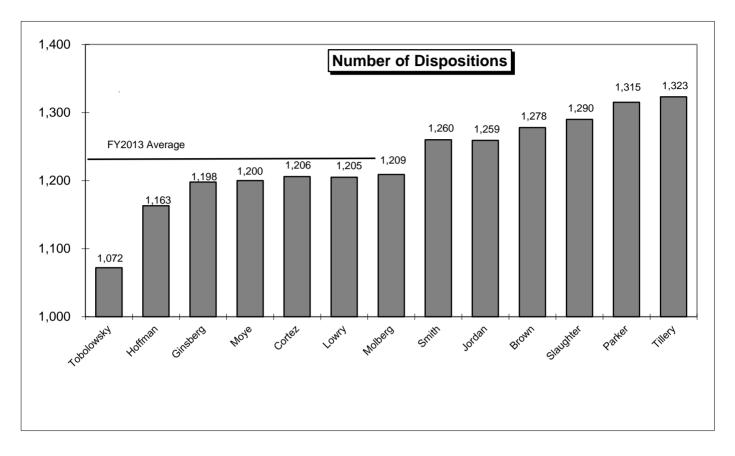
## INDICATOR: Court by Court comparison of expenditures and dispositions

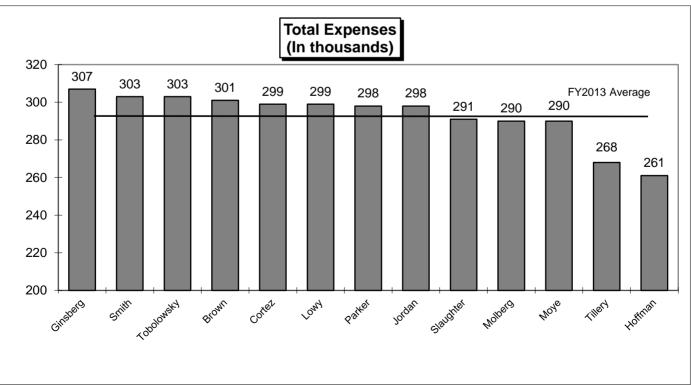
		- ·					FY2013	FY2009
Court		Operating	Average Bailiff	Visiting	Total	Number of	Cost per	Cost per
Number	· Judge	Expenses	Cost	Judge	Expenses	Dispositions	Disposition	Disposition
14th	Moye	214,499	74,793	366	289,658	1,200	\$241	152
44th	Cortez	224,163	74,793	0	298,956	1,206	248	159
68th	Hoffman	186,480	74,793	0	261,273	1,163	225	147
95th	Molberg	215,457	74,793	0	290,250	1,209	240	145
101st	Lowy	223,638	74,793	468	298,899	1,205	248	147
116th	Parker	223,176	74,793	0	297,969	1,315	227	154
134th	Tillery	219,348	48,875	0	268,223	1,323	203	156
160th	Jordan	222,986	74,793	0	297,779	1,259	237	161
162nd	Brown	224,429	74,793	1,289	300,511	1,278	235	155
191st	Slaughter	214,196	74,793	2,063	291,052	1,290	226	156
192nd	Smith	227,893	74,793	138	302,824	1,260	240	156
193rd	Ginsberg	232,682	74,793	0	307,475	1,198	257	151
298th	Tobolowsky	227,825	74,793	0	302,618	1,072	282	162
	TOTAL	\$2,856,772		\$4,324	\$3,807,487	15,978		
	Average	\$219,752		\$333	\$292,884	1,229	\$239	\$154
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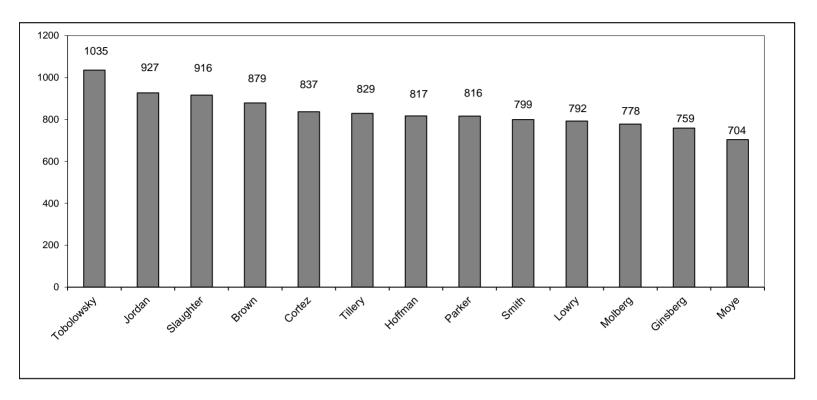
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# **District Civil Courts**

Pending Caseload by Court As of September 30, 2013



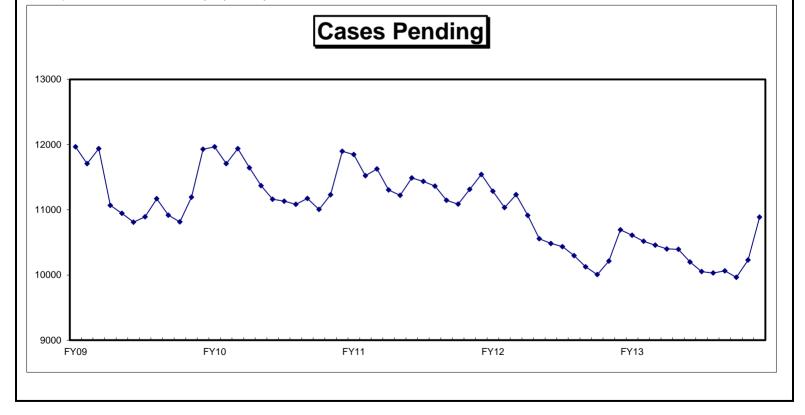
## District Civil Courts As of September 30, 2013

INDICATOR:

## Filings, dispositions, and cases pending (13 courts)

		Y-T-D	Filings			Y-T-D Di	spositions		-		Cases P	ending	
MONTH	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013		FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
OCT	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,291	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,762		11,966	11,848	11,285	10,609
NOV	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,416	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,315		11,707	11,522	11,034	10,517
DEC	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,549	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,630		11,937	11,627	11,232	10,458
JAN	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,835	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,426		11,644	11,304	10,914	10,400
FEB	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,043	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,982		11,370	11,221	10,556	10,394
MAR	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,129	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,549		11,162	11,488	10,483	10,200
APR	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,314	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,200		11,132	11,435	10,435	10,053
MAY	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,586	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,854		11,084	11,363	10,297	10,031
JUN	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,775	N/A	N/A	N/A	16,295		11,174	11,145	10,126	10,064
JUL	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,966	N/A	N/A	N/A	17,932		11,005	11,087	10,006	9,964
AUG	N/A	N/A	N/A	13,541	N/A	N/A	N/A	19,563		11,231	11,314	10,214	10,229
SEP	N/A	N/A	N/A	15,330	N/A	N/A	N/A	21,133		11,897	11,542	10,693	10,888
AVG	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,278	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,761		11,442	11,408	10,606	10,317

Source/Explanation: All data is from the Odyssey Court System



# Section IV Family District Courts

# Analyst: Alejandro Moreno

## Notes on Methodology

The Family District Court's operating expenses include the cost of each court's associate judge. Public Defender expenses are attributed to each court based on the salary, benefits and an indirect cost of the Public Defender assigned to each specific court.

# Highlights

The total amount of contempt fines collected for the Family District Courts during the FY2013 was \$43,559 for an average of \$6,223 per court.

For FY2013, the Family District Courts disposed of a total of 34,387 cases, for an average of 2,866 per court. The FY2013 average cost per disposition is \$128, which is \$26 per disposition higher than the FY2009 figure of \$102. During FY2013, the 256th Family District Court disposed of 5,159 cases (page 4.2), the most of the thirteen courts. The 301<sup>st</sup> Family District Court had the lowest cost per disposition at \$100.

An average bailiff cost (page 4.1) was added to the total expenses of a court when applicable. This attributed to the jump in cost per disposition from FY2009 to FY2013.

Payments to private attorneys in child welfare cases totaled \$4,067,180 for FY2013 (page 4.3). This represents an increase of \$626,151 from the FY2012 total. These payments also include expenses for the two Juvenile courts (see Section 5).

Filings in the Family District Courts during FY2013 were 35,316, for a monthly average of 2,943. Dispositions averaged 2,866 per month in FY2013 and there were 18,479 cases pending at the end of September 2013, up from 18,388 at the end of FY2012. Dispositions for FY2009-FY2012 are not available.

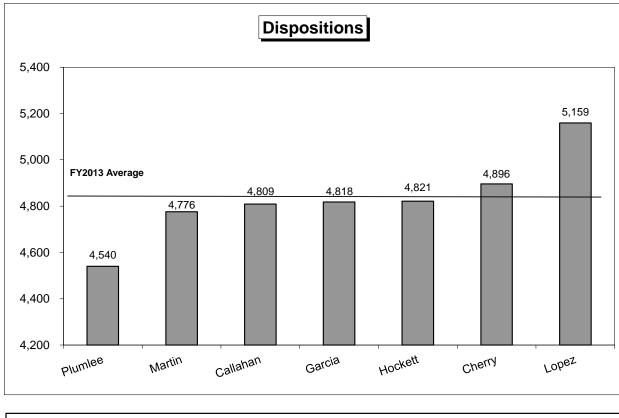
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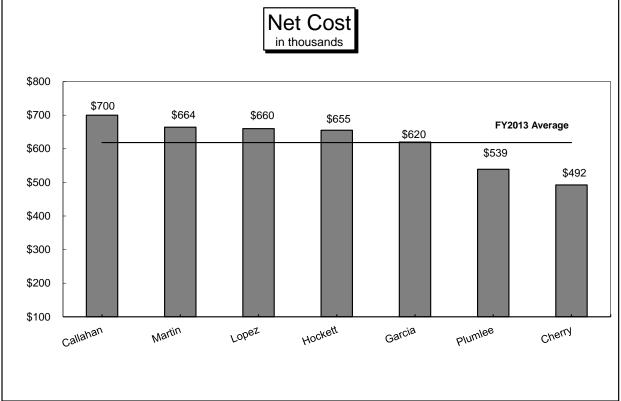
**District Family Courts** 

								Less			FY2013	FY2009
Court		Operating	Court Appt.	Public	Visiting	Average Bailiff	Total	Contempt	Net	Number of	Net Cost per	Net Cost p
Number	Judge	Expenses	Attorneys	Defender	Judge	Cost	Expenses	Fines	Cost	Dispositions	Disposition	Dispositio
254th	Martin	338,465	124,672	132,109	0	74,793	670,039	6,315	663,724	4,776	\$139	\$111
255th	Hockett	365,968	126,107	93,657	0	74,793	660,525	5,325	655,200	4,821	\$136	107
256th	Lopez	368,906	99,852	123,237	0	74,793	666,788	6,860	659,928	5,159	\$128	97
301st	Cherry	325,534	130,916	0	53	40,289	496,792	5,075	491,717	4,896	\$100	88
302nd	Callahan	365,823	111,207	156,077	0	74,793	707,900	7,520	700,380	4,809	\$146	105
303rd	Garcia	359,608	68,265	123,237	0	74,793	625,903	5,802	620,101	4,818	\$129	106
330th	Plumlee	355,313	115,144	0	0	74,793	545,250	6,662	538,588	4,540	\$119	101
	Total	\$2,479,617	\$776,163	\$628,317	\$53	· · · ·	\$4,373,197		\$4,329,638	33,819		
		\$354,231	\$110,880	\$104,720	\$106		\$624,742	\$6,223	\$618,520	4,831	\$128	\$102
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	\$146	5	\$139		\$136	\$1:	29	\$128			3 Average	
	\$146	5	\$139	-	\$136	\$1:	29	\$128		<b>FY201</b> \$119	3 Average	
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# **District Family Courts**

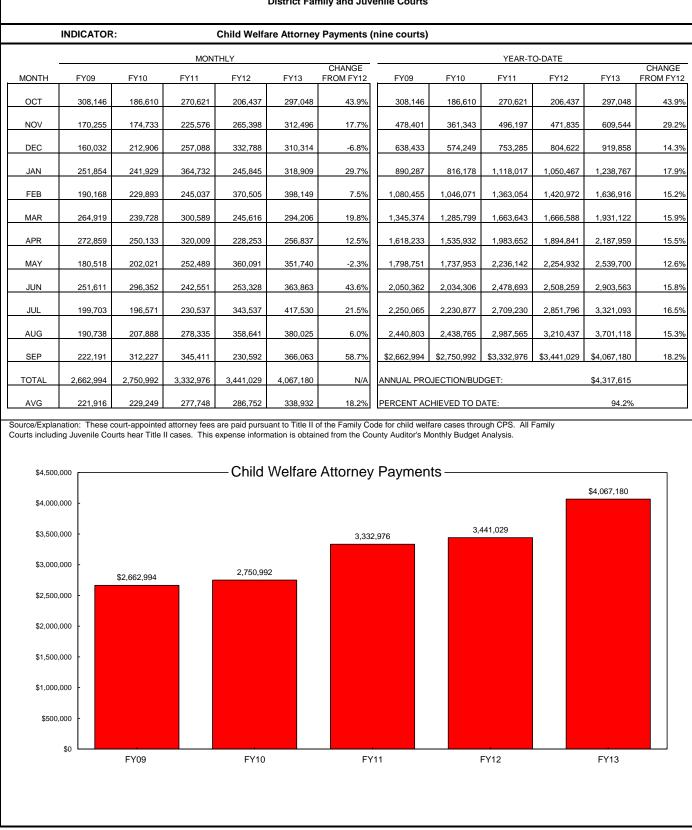
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#### **District Family and Juvenile Courts**

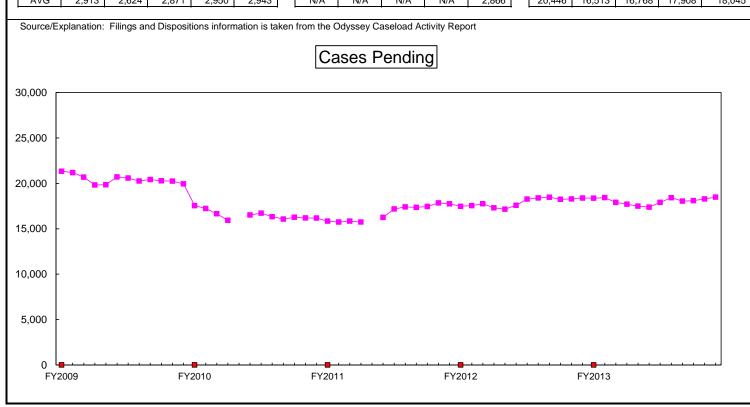


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## **District Family Courts**

## Filings, dispositions, and cases pending (seven courts).

	Y-T-D Filings					Y-T-D Dispositions						Cases Pending				
MONTH	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013		FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
ОСТ	3,027	2,548	2,731	2,911	3,139	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,163		21,336	17,547	15,848	17,474	18,368
NOV	5,615	4,846	5,238	5,708	5,880	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,073		21,191	17,231	15,742	17,547	18,432
DEC	8,329	7,137	8,061	8,004	8,303	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,831		20,683	16,655	15,844	17,754	17,906
JAN	10,812	9,392	10,617	10,806	11,025	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11,701		19,822	15,933	15,741	17,310	17,714
FEB	13,835	12,138	12,942	14,054	13,882	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,578		19,854	N/A	N/A	17,157	17,497
MAR	17,454	15,256	16,839	17,585	17,336	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17,314		20,716	16,524	16,257	17,582	17,382
APR	20,707	18,002	19,825	20,656	20,793	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20,151		20,588	16,718	17,182	18,276	17,904
MAY	23,456	20,722	22,756	23,822	23,714	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23,233		20,264	16,329	17,413	18,395	18,426
JUN	26,611	23,482	25,875	26,490	26,452	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25,954		20,424	16,063	17,363	18,477	18,040
JUL	29,624	26,042	28,779	29,394	29,616	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28,899		20,280	16,267	17,462	18,243	18,100
AUG	32,467	28,804	31,835	32,781	32,577	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	31,672		20,244	16,200	17,850	18,289	18,288
SEP	34,954	31,482	34,457	35,404	35,316	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34,387		19,951	16,181	17,748	18,388	18,479
AVG	2,913	2,624	2,871	2,950	2,943	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,866		20,446	16,513	16,768	17,908	18,045



# Section V District Juvenile Courts

# Analyst: Alejandro Moreno

## Notes on Methodology

The operating expenses of these courts include the costs of each court's associate judge and use of appointed referees. In addition, each court may retain staff from Dallas CASA to work with children who are in the court process due to an abuse and/or neglect case. Costs of CASA representation are included in the operating expense category.

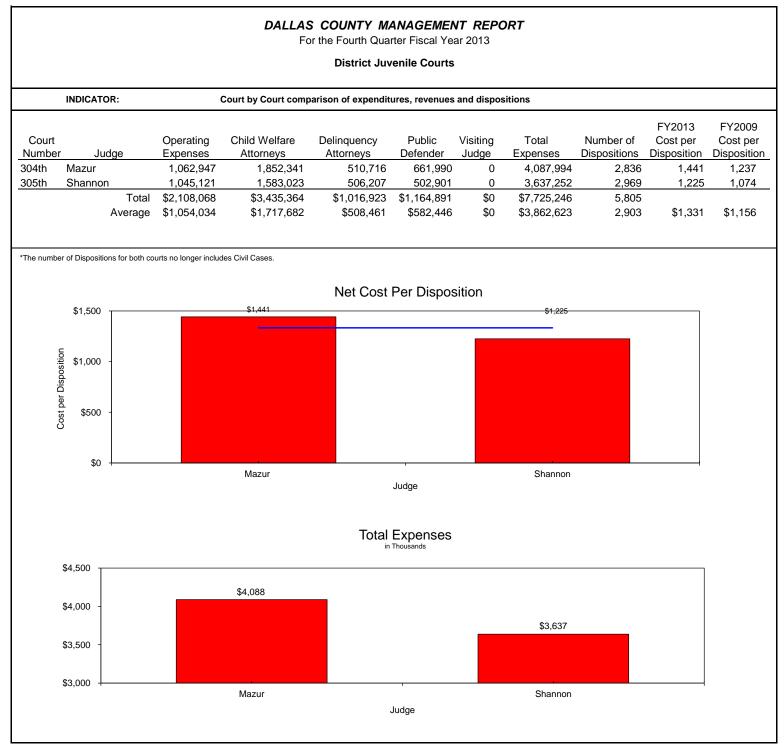
District Juvenile Courts hear both child welfare and juvenile delinquency cases. The court appointed attorney costs for each type of case are accounted for separately.

# Highlights

In FY2013 the average cost per disposition for the Juvenile District Courts was \$1,331 (page 5.1), an increase of \$175 from the FY2009 total of \$1,156. Payments to outside attorneys in child welfare cases were \$3,435,364. Juvenile delinquency attorney payments totaled \$1,016,923 for FY2013 (page 5.2), up \$82,581 from FY2012.

The revenue statistics presented in this report (page 5.3) represent aggregate collections for the District Clerk's collection program in the two courts. The total amount collected for FY2013 was \$523,136. This represents a 9.4% increase over the monthly average for FY2012.

The courts have disposed an average of 207 delinquency cases per month during FY2013, that's 113 fewer cases than the FY2008 monthly average of 326. Filings, motions, and dispositions are not available for FY2011 and FY2012 as a result of the Judicial Management Report Volume II, Section V, not being produced during those years.

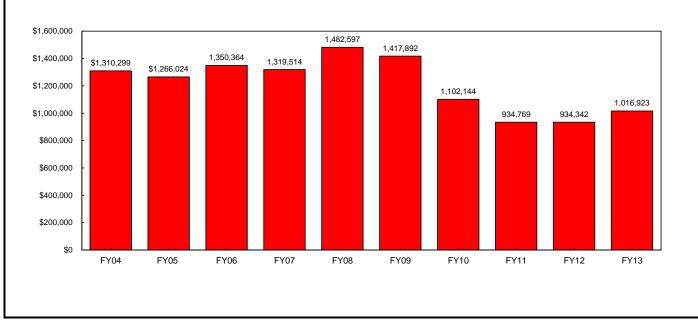


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#### **District Juvenile Courts**

	INDICATOR	ł:		Juvenile De	linquency	Attorney Pay	ments					
			MONT	THLY					YEAR-TO	D-DATE		
MONTH	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	CHANGE FROM FY12	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	CHANGE FROM FY12
ОСТ	154,578	87,913	89,819	53,475	92,016	24.9%	154,578	87,913	89,819	53,475	92,016	24.9%
NOV	107,961	83,559	76,629	75,250	67,751	-6.9%	262,539	171,472	166,448	128,726	159,767	11.8%
DEC	89,599	97,126	64,453	71,228	80,656	10.5%	352,138	268,598	230,901	199,954	240,423	11.5%
JAN	127,249	80,518	75,121	64,503	77,670	10.3%	479,387	349,116	306,023	264,457	318,093	11.2%
FEB	127,288	82,861	69,668	75,933	77,773	1.4%	606,675	431,977	375,691	340,390	395,866	9.1%
MAR	108,866	102,298	84,854	69,515	96,894	25.1%	715,541	534,275	460,545	409,905	492,760	11.6%
APR	130,448	93,670	86,504	67,312	63,164	-3.2%	845,989	627,945	547,049	477,217	555,924	9.3%
MAY	100,753	84,682	61,934	98,719	73,320	-25.2%	946,742	712,627	608,983	575,937	629,244	5.6%
JUN	143,055	108,136	91,243	72,856	85,072	8.5%	1,089,798	820,763	700,226	648,793	714,316	6.0%
JUL	143,055	87,885	71,658	112,368	96,928	-12.4%	1,214,762	908,648	700,226	761,161	811,244	4.1%
AUG	97,992	82,868	78,976	89,296	98,295	9.2%	1,312,754	991,516	850,860	850,458	909,539	4.5%
SEP	105,138	110,628	83,909	83,884	107,384	22.4%	1,417,892	1,102,144	934,769	934,342	1,016,923	5.8%
TOTAL	1,417,892	1,102,144	934,769	934,342	1,016,923		ANNUAL PRC	JECTION/BUD	GET:		\$884,500	
AVG	118,158	91,845	77,897	77,862	84,744	5.8%	PERCENT AC	HIEVED TO D	ATE:		115.0%	

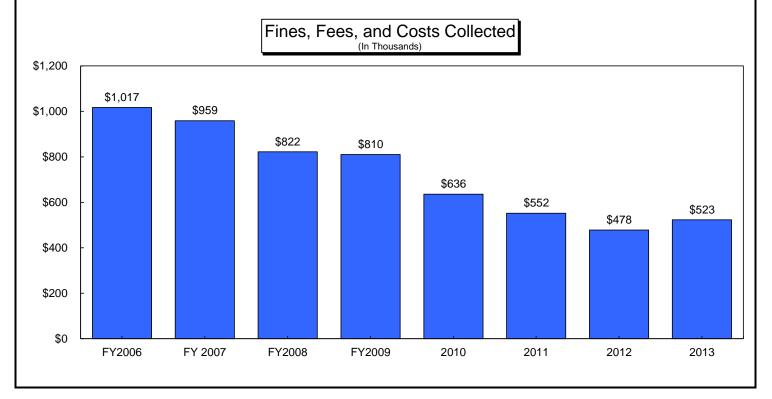
Source/Explanation: Payments reflect those made to attorneys for public defense other than to attorneys from the Public Defender's office. This information obtained from County Auditor's monthly Budget Analysis.



# Juvenile Delinquency Attorney Payments

#### **District Juvenile Courts**

INDICATOR: **Juvenile Court Collection Program** MONTHLY YEAR-TO-DATE CHANGE CHANGE FY2011 FY2012 FY2013 FY2013 MONTH FROM FY12 FY2011 FY2012 FROM FY012 OCT 51,639 40,227 3.4% \$51,639 \$40,227 \$41,614 3.4% 41,614 NOV 42,584 33,081 37,376 13.0% 94,223 73,308 78,990 7.8% 32,979 106,287 DEC 43,916 35,642 8.1% 138,139 114,632 7.9% 44,473 146,619 JAN 40,332 39,136 -3.0% 182,612 153,768 4.9% FEB 62,759 52,438 46,561 -11.2% 245,371 199,057 200,329 0.6% 45,054 18.3% 299,523 253,644 3.9% MAR 54,152 53,315 244,111 292,432 <u>3.7</u>% APR 42,997 37,887 38,788 2.4% 342,520 281,998 MAY 41,075 39,040 45,910 17.6% 383,595 321,038 338,342 5.4% JUN 44,931 37,086 47,741 28.7% 428,526 358,124 386,083 7.8% JUL 38,297 40,871 44,922 9.9% 466,823 398,995 431,005 8.0% AUG 43,553 41,984 44,740 6.6% 510,376 440,979 475,745 7.9% SEP 41,802 37,005 47,391 28.1% 552,178 477,984 523,136 9.4% TOTAL \$552,178 \$477,984 \$523,136 ANNUAL PROJECTION/BUDGET: \$477,984 AVG \$46,015 \$39,832 \$43,595 9.4% PERCENT ACHIEVED TO DATE: 109.4% Source/Explanation: The District Clerk prepares a monthly report detailing fines, fees, and costs assessed, waived and collected.



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#### **District Juvenile Courts**

New Filings

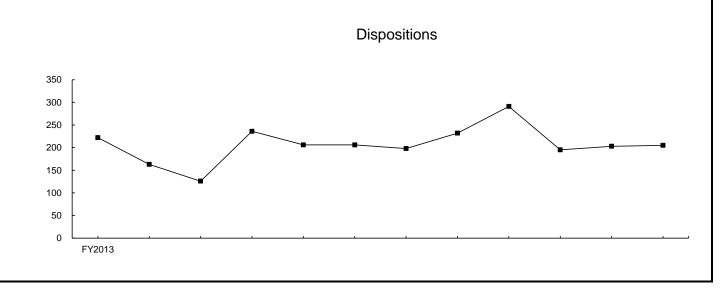
#### Delinquency filings, motions, and dispositions (two courts).

MONTH	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
_		_	
OCT	N/A	N/A	230
NOV	N/A	N/A	262
DEC	N/A	N/A	175
JAN	N/A	N/A	189
FEB	N/A	N/A	212
MAR	N/A	N/A	316
APR	N/A	N/A	378
MAY	N/A	N/A	268
JUN	N/A	N/A	332
JUL	N/A	N/A	159
AUG	N/A	N/A	145
SEP	N/A	N/A	173
TOTAL	N/A	N/A	2,839
AVG	N/A	N/A	237

Reinstatements, Motions							
FY2011	FY2012	FY2013					
N/A	N/A	27					
N/A	N/A	20					
N/A	N/A	19					
N/A	N/A	23					
N/A	N/A	17					
N/A	N/A	10					
N/A	N/A	18					
N/A	N/A	21					
N/A	N/A	25					
N/A	N/A	23					
N/A	N/A	26					
N/A	N/A	25					
N/A	N/A	254					
N/A	N/A	21					

Dispositions								
FY2011	FY2012	FY2013						
N/A	N/A	222						
N/A	N/A	163						
N/A	N/A	126						
N/A	N/A	236						
N/A	N/A	206						
N/A	N/A	206						
N/A	N/A	198						
N/A	N/A	232						
N/A	N/A	291						
N/A	N/A	195						
N/A	N/A	203						
N/A	N/A	205						
N/A	N/A	2,483						
N/A	N/A	207						

Juvenile Delinquent is obtained from the Dallas County Office of the Court Administrator monthly reports.



# Section VI County Criminal Courts

Analyst: Alejandro Moreno

# Notes on Methodology

The expenses presented for each court (page 6.2) do not include the cost of the Criminal Court Magistrate or the Collections Department, since these costs are the same for each court. However, the costs of visiting judges and court appointed attorneys are separated from operating expenses. The cost of court appointed attorneys is combined with the costs of public defenders in a column labeled "Total Indigent Defense".

Disposition data for the County Criminal Court judges does not include dismissals. A dismissal occurs without the assessment of fines or fees, at the discretion of the District Attorney, with the approval of the Judge. Thus it is not a good measure of judicial activity, nor is it appropriate to include dismissals in calculating revenue per disposition. Dismissals are included in the County Criminal Court aggregate data page in order to reconcile filings and dispositions as they affect the pending caseload. It should be noted that disposition data includes jury activities, trials by court, pleas, probation revocation and ODLS.

The pending caseload for the County Criminal Courts in total (page 6.3) is supplemented by a presentation of <u>apprehended</u> (or active) cases pending by court. Apprehended cases involve a defendant who is either in jail or on bond. Although the number of non-apprehended cases may be a significant measure of the Sheriff's workload, it does not represent a workload that the courts can influence.

Judges have the discretion to determine how a defendant will satisfy the fines and fees assessed, either through direct cash payment, community service or by serving time in the County jail. The Collection of fines, fees, and bond forfeitures are reported to the County Clerk (page 6.5). Individual court net revenue can be located on page 6.2.

County Criminal Court of Appeals #1 is presented along with the other courts. However, its activities are different and therefore not comparable. Appeals Court #1 shows net revenue per disposition much different than the average due to a higher number of dispositions, resulting from caseloads that are different than the other misdemeanor courts (page 6.2). This court hears a limited number of regular misdemeanor cases. County Criminal Court of Appeals #2 hears a normal misdemeanor docket, despite its designation.

Defense costs are shown as either court appointed attorney costs or an imputed cost of public defenders assigned to each court. The cost per public defender is calculated by adding the salary and benefits of the defender assigned to a particular court and adding an indirect cost that accounts for operational costs of the Public Defenders Office. This report adds a 10% cost to the Public Defender's Office (approximately \$1,017,000 annually) salary budget. The \$1,017,000 is divided by the number of public defenders and a cost per public defender is obtained. If a public defender is re-assigned during the year for any reason, the cost increase/decrease to the affected court will be revised to show actual salary costs.

# **Other Items of Interest**

County Criminal Courts #10 and #11 exclusively hear family violence cases, and are not given other types of misdemeanor cases. For the purposes of this report, these courts have been grouped together, or separated from the other courts when possible so they may be compared to each other, and not the remaining courts. They are included in all graphs as they are members of the County Criminal Court family.

The two Family Violence courts have a higher cost per case assigned to the Public Defender due to a lower number of dispositions. The lower number of dispositions occurs for many reasons, the first is the fact that the District Attorney can offer to dismiss a case after the defendant agrees to complete a twenty-six week long batterer's intervention program (BIP). Secondly, in cases where the District Attorney doesn't offer the BIP, the cases are set for trial and a large number of the complainants refuse to cooperate with the District Attorney staff and they dismiss the case. Thirdly, the District Attorney receives an automatic four-day pass on the case in order to contact the victims of the case on top of the ten days that it takes to get the clients to the Family Court for the first time. Lastly, the complainants in family cases are counseled by Dallas County Victim Case Workers who advises of the benefits of moving forward with prosecuting the batterer.

Each of the listed factors delays the time frame for which a family violence case is disposed. With the delay in case dispositions, the Public Defender is assigned less cases as they are handling the cases which are being delayed for one or more reasons.

# Highlights

For FY2013, the County Criminal Courts averaged \$35 in net revenue per disposition (page 6.2). This represents a \$29 decrease in net revenue per disposition when compared to the FY2012 net revenue per disposition of \$64. County Criminal Court #5 had the highest revenue per disposition at \$134 and County Criminal Court #4 had the lowest revenue per disposition at \$(-28).

The total number of dispositions for FY2013 (page 6.3) ranged from 4,073 in County Criminal Court #9 to 3,325 in County Criminal Court #6. The two Family Violence Courts had 2,756 and 2,874 dispositions in the same time period.

The average cost per case assigned to a public defender (page 6.4) is \$84. An average cost per case assigned to a public defender that is less than the average cost per case appointed to a court appointed attorney (approximately \$100), is measured as cost effective.

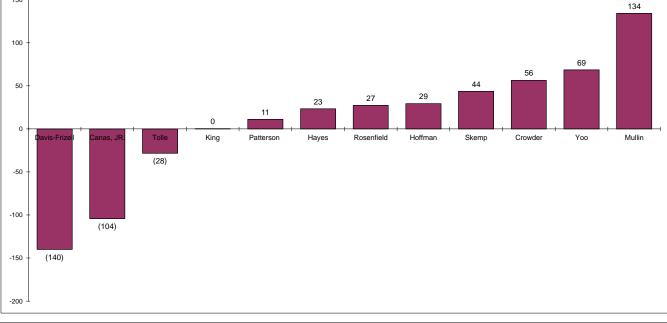
For FY2013, \$8.34 million was received by the County Clerk Cashier's Office and Collections Department (page 6.5) for the County Criminal Courts. This is down from the FY2012 amount of \$9.25 million.

During FY2013, the County Criminal Courts received 39,972 filings and disposed of 43,393 cases (page 6.6). FY2013 monthly average filings were up 7% and dispositions were down nearly 1% as compared to FY2012 averages. Cases pending have decreased from 42,070 at the end of FY2012 to 38,134 at the end FY2013.

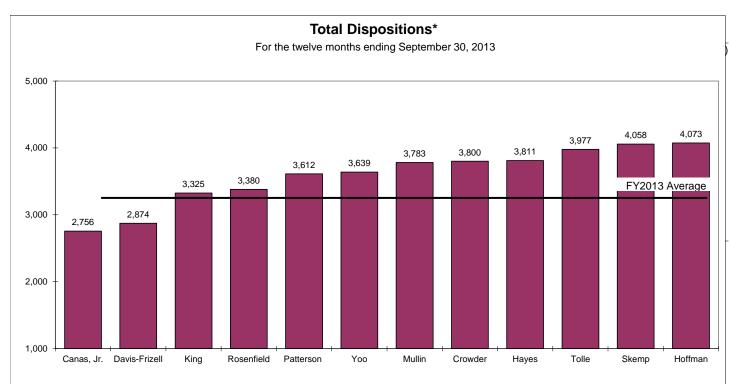
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**County Criminal Courts** 

											FY2012 Net	FY2013 Net
Court		Operating	Visiting	Ct. Apptd	Public	Total	Total		Net	Number of	Revenue per	Revenue p
Number	Judge	Expenses	Judge	Atty. Costs	Defender	Indigent Def.	Expenses	Revenues	Revenue	Dispositions	Disposition	Dispositio
1	Patterson	\$372,938	\$0	\$78,610	\$201,254	\$279,864	\$652,802	692,757	39,955	3,612	\$70	1
2	Hayes	\$357,995	\$774	\$136,150	99,076	235,226	593,994	682,830	88,836	3,811	59	2
3	Skemp	\$387,461	\$0	\$97,566	162,806	260,372	647,833	824,850	177,017	4,058	36	4
4	Tolle	\$330,004	\$4,900	\$160,941	190,482	351,423	686,327	573,772	(112,555)	3,977	8	(2
5	Mullin	\$225,243	\$774	\$170,798	0	170,798	396,814	903,858	507,044	3,783	154	13
6	King	\$372,827	\$0	\$132,075	100,475	232,550	605,377	606,158	781	3,325	31	
7	Crowder	\$397,168	\$258	\$67,730	149,352	217,082	614,508	829,147	214,639	3,800	37	Ę
8	Yoo	\$372,959	\$1,547	\$105,355	89,560	194,915	569,421	819,017	249,596	3,639	120	6
9	Hoffman	\$371,273	\$0	\$64,610	188,750	253,360	624,633	743,763	119,130	4,073	39	:
nn #2	Rosenfield	\$391,284	\$0	52,010	148,619	200,629	591,913	684,121	92,208	3,380	82	
<u></u>	Family Violence			,	,				;	-,		
10	Canas, Jr.	\$381,514	0	47,060	\$108,496	155,556	537,070	250,129	(286,941)	2,756	79	(10
11	Davis-Frizell	\$376,235	0	122,600	145,859	268,459	644,694	242,631	(402,063)	2,874	85	(14
	Total	\$4,336,901	\$8,252	\$1,235,504		\$2,820,233	\$7,165,386	\$7,853,033	687,647	43,088		
	Average	\$361,408		\$102,959		\$235,019	\$597,116	\$654,419	57,304	\$3,591	\$64	;
.pp #1	Wade	259,391	0	800	0	800	260,191	2,145,086	\$1,884,895			
ource:	Dallas County Auc	litor's Yellow Book										
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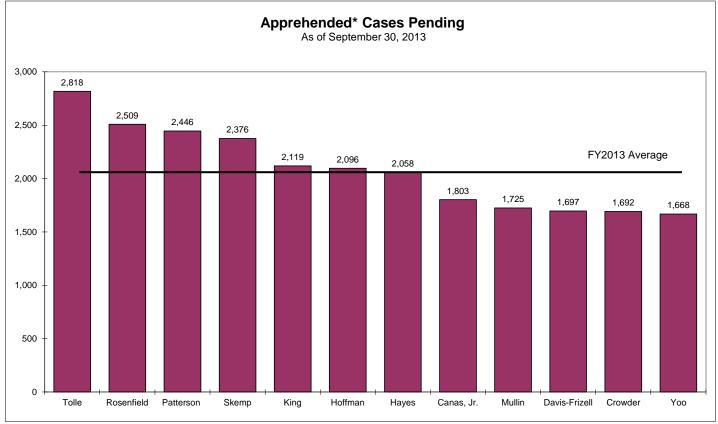


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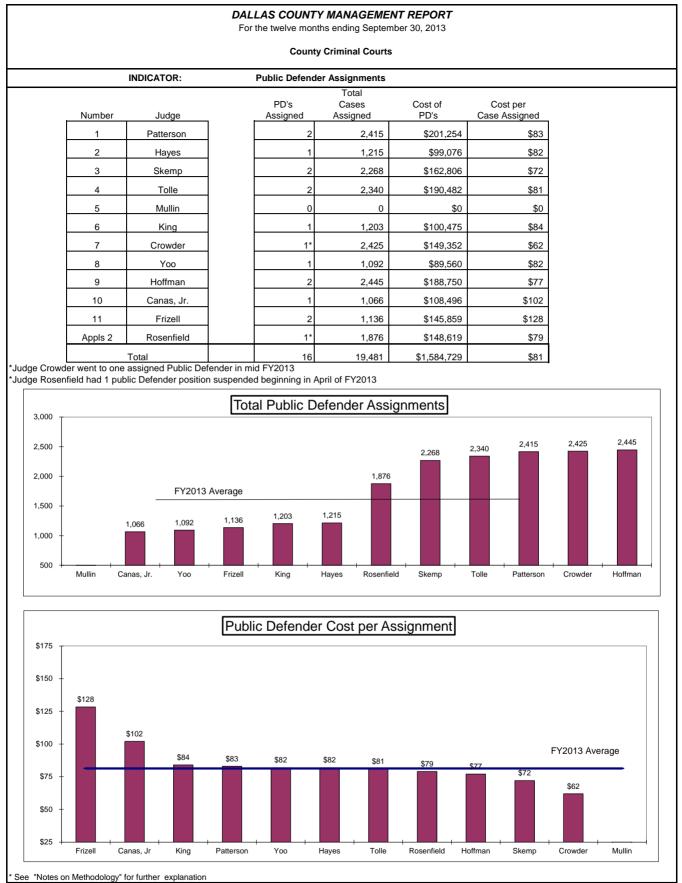
\* Does not include dismissals

Source: County Criminal Court Monthly Report RO6467



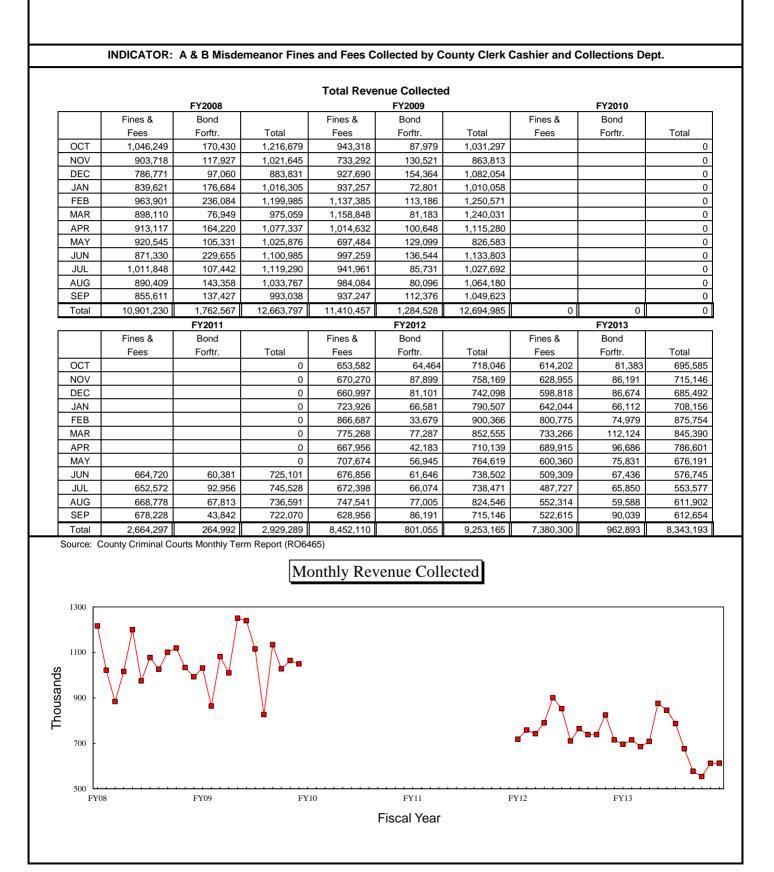
\* Defendant in jail or on bond.





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#### **County Clerk**



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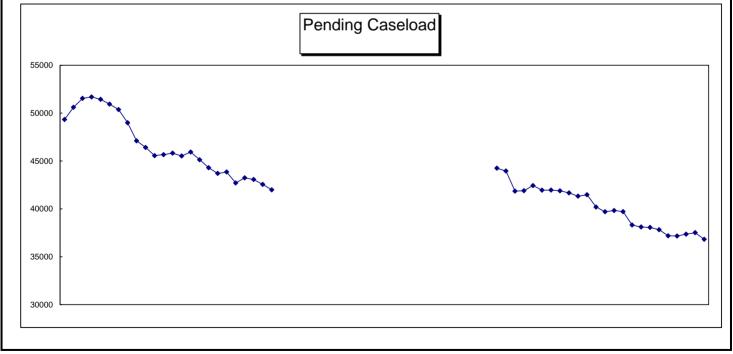
## **County Criminal Courts**

INDICATOR:

## Filings, dispositions, and cases pending

	Y-T-D Filings						Y-T-D Dispositions					Cases Pending					
MONTH	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	i.	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013		FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
ост	4,749			2,808	3,221		4,825			3,698	4,284		45,818			44,245	39,700
NOV	8,025			4,985	6,193		8,099			7,148	7,761		45,522			43,952	39,828
DEC	11,925			7,884	8,535		11,735			10,288	10,608		45,928			41,852	39,715
JAN	14,939			10,463	11,118		15,680			13,835	14,410		45,125			41,897	38,316
FEB	18,260			13,113	13,809		19,985			17,317	18,230		44,299			42,436	38,111
MAR	21,560			17,035	16,542		24,024			20,900	21,889		43,702			41,957	38,066
APR	25,864			21,064	19,946		28,191			24,558	25,765		43,853			41,959	37,821
MAY	28,641			24,680	24,084		32,128			28,443	29,656		42,704			41,890	37,184
JUN	33,124			28,232	27,234		36,082			32,332	32,891		43,239			41,665	37,168
JUL	37,025			31,118	30,794		40,500			36,217	36,390		43,063			41,322	37,361
AUG	40,230			34,611	35,880		44,521			40,295	40,033		42,551			41,475	37,515
SEP	43,662			37,513	39,972		48,853			43,894	43,393		41,983			40,195	36,822
AVG	3,639	0	0	3,126	3,331		4,071	0	0	3,658	3,616		43,982	0	0	42,070	38,134

Source/Explanation: County Criminal Courts Monthly Term Report (RO6465)



# Section VII County Courts at Law

Analyst: Alejandro Moreno

# Notes on Methodology

Costs associated with the five County Courts at Law include operating expenses and visiting judge costs (if applicable).

Dispositions have been obtained from the Odyssey County Court at Law Software System.

# Highlights

The County Courts at Law had an average cost per disposition of \$245 during FY2013 an increase of \$134 as compared to the FY2009 average of \$158. County Court at Law #4 realized the highest cost per disposition at \$264 and County Court at Law #5 had the lowest at \$231. County Court at Law #5 had the highest number of dispositions at 1,647 and County Court at Law #2 had the lowest at 1,519.

Operating Expenses for CCL 1 and CCL3 were adjusted to reflect their contribution towards the law library.

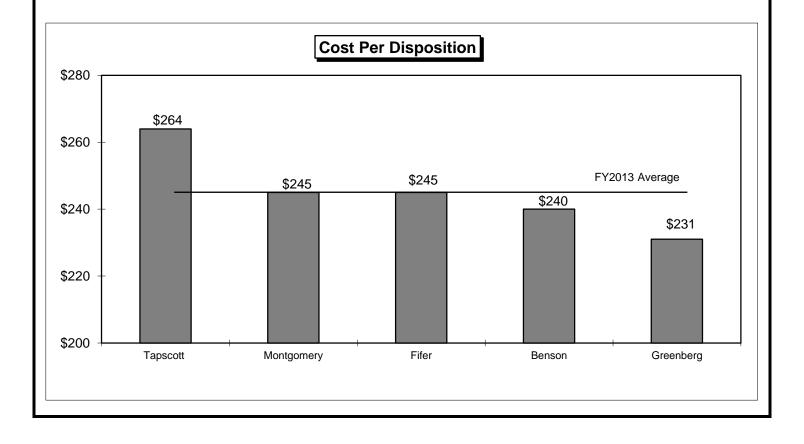
Judge Montgomery of CCL3 served as President-Elect of the Texas Association of CCL Judges in FY2013. Any additional funds necessary for her to support the Texas County Court Judges due to her duties to the Texas County Courts was therefore directly reflected in her cost per case disposition.

The average number of Dispositions (7.4) for the Courts at Law was 653. The average number of filings for FY2013 was 542. The number of cases pending at the end of September 2013 was 5,120, up from 5,010 from September 2009.

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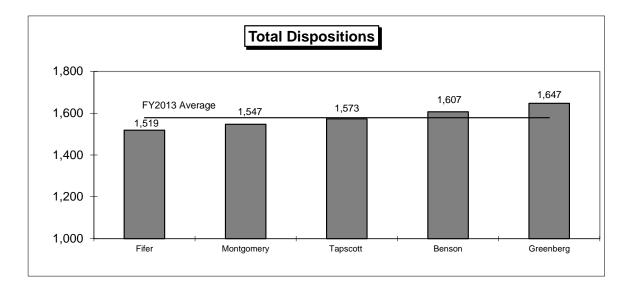
# **County Courts at Law**

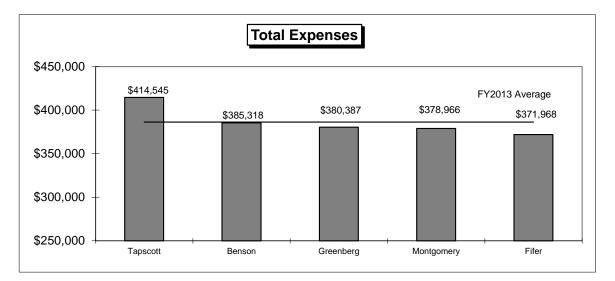
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Court Number	Judge	Operating Expenses	Visiting Judge	Total Expenses	Number of Dispositions	FY2013 Cost per Disposition	FY2009 Cost per Disposition
1	Benson	370,361	14,957	385,318	1,607	240	\$160
2	Fifer	371,967	0	371,967	1,519	245	158
3	Montgomery	378,966	0	378,966	1,547	245	167
4	Tapscott	409,903	4,642	414,545	1,573	264	160
5	Greenberg	379,354	1,032	380,386	1,647	231	147
	Total Average	\$1,910,551 \$382,110	\$20,631 \$4,126	\$1,931,182 \$386,236	7,893 1,579	\$245	\$158

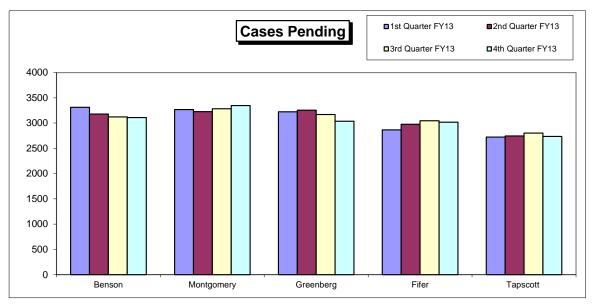


# **County Courts at Law**

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## **County Courts at Law**

#### INDICATOR:

## Filings, dispositions, and cases pending

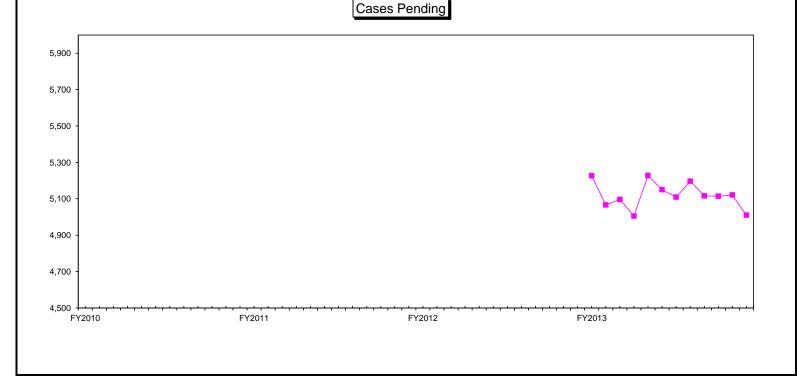
		Y-T-D Filings	5	
MONTH	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
OCT	N/A	N/A	N/A	544
NOV	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,050
DEC	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,520
JAN	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,044
FEB	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,724
MAR	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,215
APR	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,754
MAY	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,394
JUN	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,931
JUL	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,486
AUG	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,092
SEP	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,501
AVG	N/A	N/A	N/A	542

	Y-T-D Dis	postitions	
FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
N/A	N/A	N/A	677
N/A	N/A	N/A	1,418
N/A	N/A	N/A	1,986
N/A	N/A	N/A	2,682
N/A	N/A	N/A	3,239
N/A	N/A	N/A	3,901
N/A	N/A	N/A	4,554
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,200
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,912
N/A	N/A	N/A	6,580
N/A	N/A	N/A	7,265
N/A	N/A	N/A	7,840
N/A	N/A	N/A	653

	Cases F	ending	
FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,227
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,066
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,096
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,005
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,228
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,150
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,109
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,197
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,116
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,114
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,121
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,010
N/A	N/A	N/A	5,120

Source/Explanation: County Clerk Odyssey Reports





# Section VIII Probate Courts

## Analyst: Alejandro Moreno

## Notes on Methodology

The County's Probate Courts receive the probate cases that are filed with the County Clerk on a percentage basis. The Probate Court #1 and Probate Court #2 are each allocated 37.5% of the cases filed. Probate Court #3, which also serves as the Mental Illness Court two-fifths of the time, receives 25% of the probate cases. This percentage of case allocation also serves as the ratio in which common expenses are distributed among the courts.

Probate Court #3 also hears all mental illness cases filed which are heard at the Mental Illness Court two days per week. For this, Probate Court #3's higher operating expenses are not comparable to the other two probate courts. The County assigns a Public Defender to this court to represent patients for Mental Illness cases. These costs are indicated in the public defender column for Judge Miller.

Historically, the costs associated with the operation of the Probate Investigator's office appeared in Probate Court #1 budget. As of October 1, 2002 these costs are contained within a separate departmental budget, and are not reported in this report.

## Highlights

For FY2013, the cost per case averaged \$294, which is \$22 higher than the cost per case for FY2009. As mentioned above, the average cost per case is misleading due to costs associated with the Mental Illness court proceedings in Probate Court #3's court. Probate Court #1 averaged \$373 cost per case, Probate Court #2 averaged \$364 and Probate Court #3 averaged \$144.

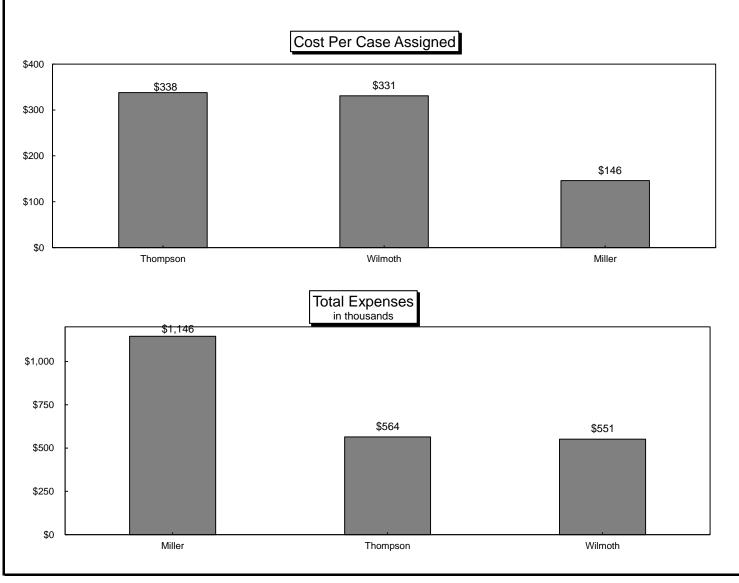
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## **Probate Courts**



							FY2013	FY2009
Court			Visiting	Public	Total	Cases	Cost per	Cost per
Number	Judge	Expenses	Judge	Defender	Expenses	Assigned	Case	Case
1	Thompson	588,290	0	0	588,290	1,579	\$373	\$338
2	Wilmoth	575,033	0	0	575,033	1,579	364	331
3	* Miller	1,178,424	0	141,504	1,319,928	9,147	144	146
	Total	\$2,341,747	\$0	\$141,504	\$2,483,251	12,305		
	Average	\$780,582	\$0	N/A	\$827,750	4,102	\$294	\$272

\* Probate Court #3's expenses include the cost of the *mental illness court* and therefore are not comparable to the other two probate courts.



# Section IX Justice of the Peace Courts

Analyst: Ronica L. Watkins

## Notes on Methodology

The Office of Budget and Evaluation utilizes the Justice of the Peace reports submitted to the Office of Court Administration (OCA) generated by each Justice of the Peace Court as a data source for the purposes of publishing the Volume II Management Report. Also, OBE utilizes the revenue and expenditure data that comes from the official accounting record of the County.

## Justice of the Peace Revenues

The County Auditor's Office monthly yellow book revenue analysis is the official document for reporting the Justice of the Peace revenues. <u>All funds receipted in the JP courts are not considered JP revenues</u>. The Justices of the Peace Court collect and receipt various types of fees which include constable fees, sheriff fees, DART fees, state court costs, county clerk fees, state marriage license and birth certificate fees, judgment collections or other special fund deposits, cash bonds, Linebarger fees, and Omni FTA fees. The Justices of the Peace Court bookkeeper collects the fees and assigns them to the appropriate fee types in the Justice of the Peace computer system. <u>The total collections and receipts by the JP courts are not considered JP revenues in this management report.</u>

## Highlights

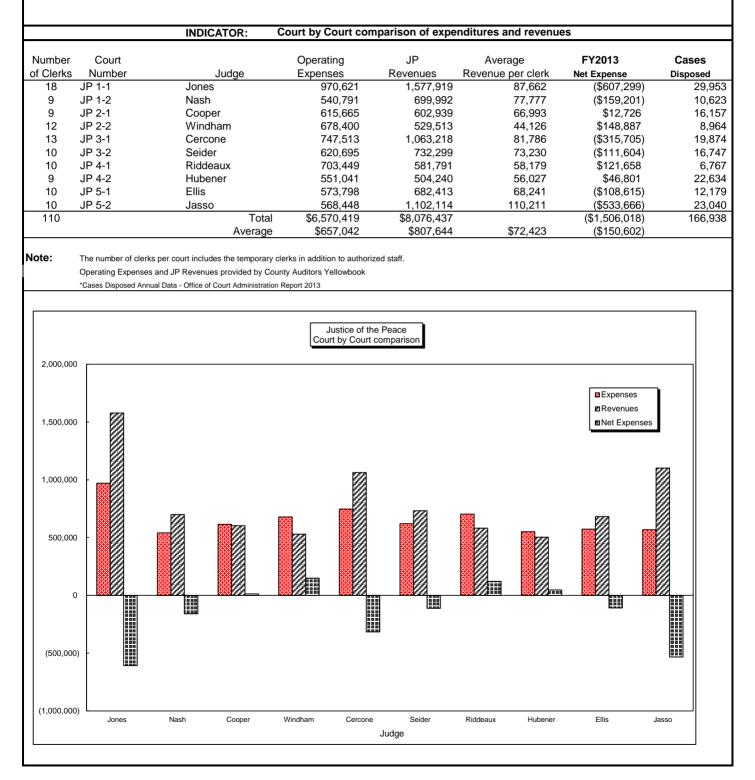
The first page of Section 9 (9.1) only includes Justice of the Peace revenues and expenditures. The FY2013 net cost expense per court (page 9.1) shows that the Justices of the Peace have an overall negative average net expense of (\$1,506,018). The total net expenses for the Justices of the Peace for the twelve months ending September 30, 2013 were a negative (\$150,602). The total number of cases disposed by Dallas County Justices of Peace for FY2013 was 166,938.

The second page Section 9 (9.2) includes Constables expenditures and revenues. The net expense per court data including Constables expenses and revenues (page 9.2) shows that the Justices of the Peace have an overall negative average net expense for FY2013 of (\$86,738). The total net expenses for the twelve months ending September 30, 2013 were a negative (\$954,118).

The total operating expenditures for all Justice of the Peace courts was \$6,570,421 for FY2013. The total number of cases filed (criminal and civil) in the Dallas County Justice of the Peace courts during FY2013 was 165,453 (9.3). The total collections for *all cases* in the Justice of the Peace courts for FY2013 was \$8,076,441 (9.3) in comparison to the total collections for all traffic cases filed in the Justice of the Peace courts. The "all traffic county collections" (9.4) amount includes both manual tickets processed in the Justice of the Peace courts during FY2013 was 24,719.

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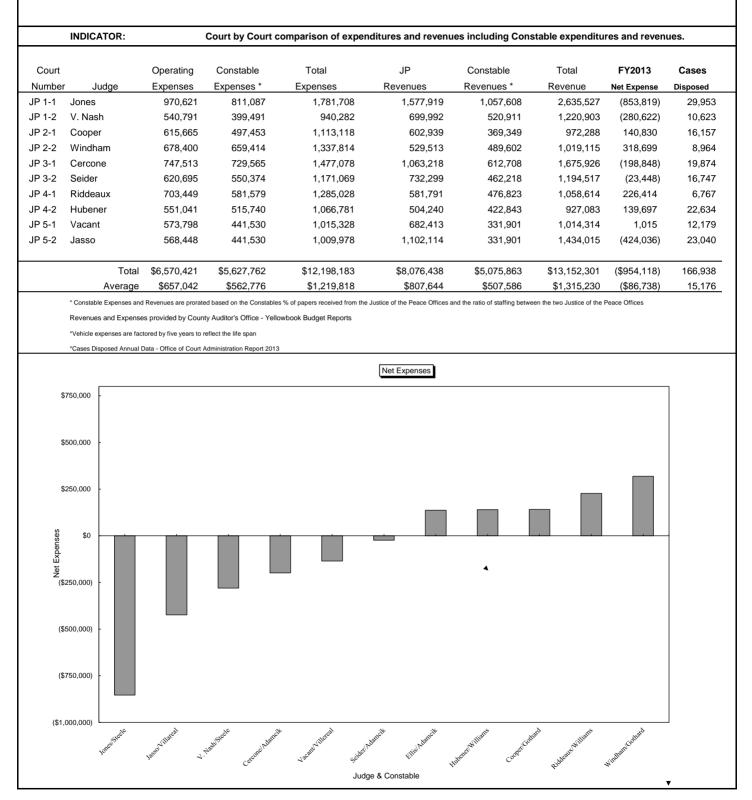




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Justice of the Peace Courts



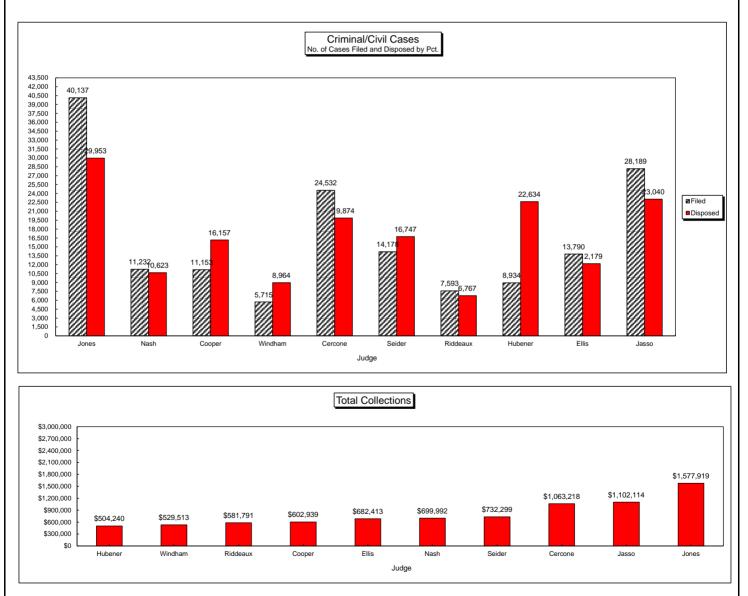
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#### Justice of the Peace Courts

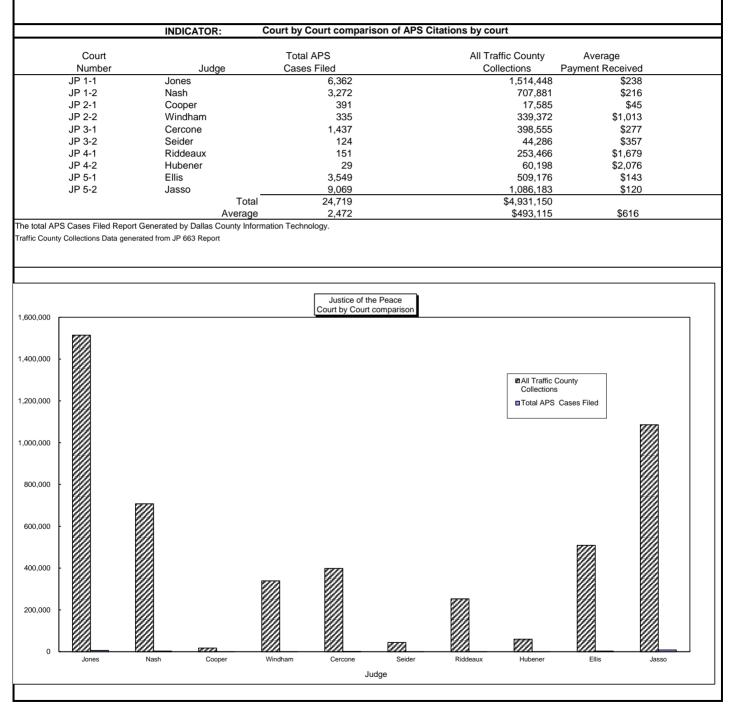
Court Number	Judge	No. of Cases Filed	No. of Cases Disposed	Total Collections	Total Expenses	Avg. Revenue Per case
JP 1-1	Jones	40,137	29,953	\$1,577,919	\$970,621	\$52.68
JP 1-2	Nash	11,232	10,623	\$699,992	\$540,791	\$65.89
JP 2-1	Cooper	11,153	16,157	\$602,939	\$615,665	\$37.32
JP 2-2	Windham	5,715	8,964	\$529,516	\$678,400	\$59.07
JP 3-1	Cercone	24,532	19,874	\$1,063,218	\$747,513	\$53.50
JP 3-2	Seider	14,178	16,747	\$732,299	\$620,695	\$43.73
JP 4-1	Riddeaux	7,593	6,767	\$581,791	\$703,449	\$85.97
JP 4-2	Hubener	8,934	22,634	\$504,240	\$551,041	\$22.28
JP 5-1	Ellis	13,790	12,179	\$682,413	\$573,798	\$56.03
JP 5-2	Jasso	28,189	23,040	\$1,102,114	\$568,448	\$47.83
Total		165,453	166,938	\$8,076,441	\$6,570,421	
Average		16,545	16,694	\$807,644	\$657,042	\$52

Filed and Disposed Cases Data - Office of Court Administration Report 2013



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Justice of the Peace Courts



# Section X Truancy Courts

Analyst: Ronica L. Watkins

## Notes on Methodology

The Truancy Courts' budget is divided into two separate budgets, administration (department 1022) and clerks (department 4033).

## Highlights

The number of case filings for the Truancy Courts for the twelve months ending September 30, 2013 is 35,286, which is slightly lower than the same time period of FY2012 which was 35,521.

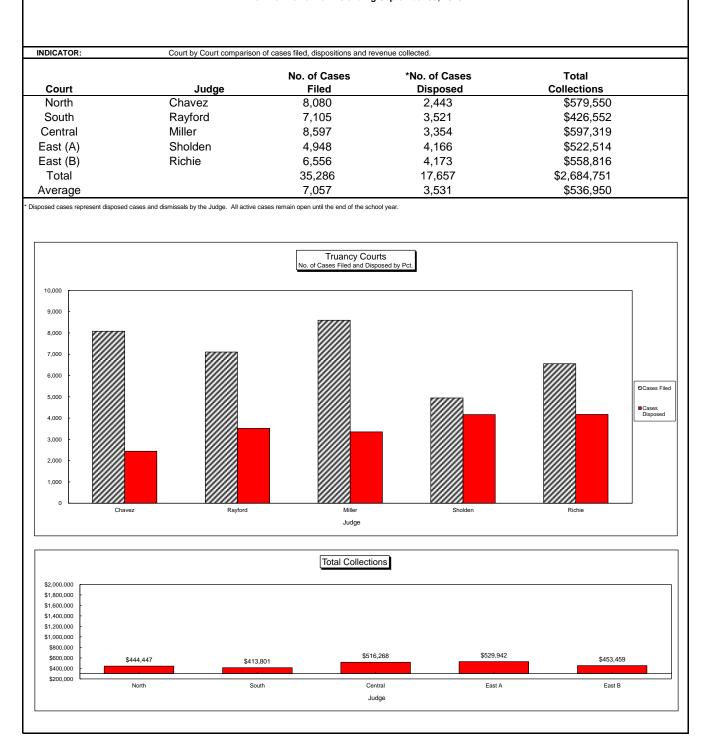
The total number of cases disposed for the twelve months ending September 30, 2012 was 35,286. The disposed cases include those cases reported as dismissals by the Judge. All active truancy court cases remain open unless they cannot be processed.

The total amount of revenue collected for the Truancy Courts through the end of the fourth quarter of FY2013 was \$2,684,751, in comparison to \$2,960,081 during same time period of FY2012. The total expenditures through the end of fourth quarter of FY2013 are \$3,578,141 which includes direct cost of \$2,641,864 47 staff (salary and benefits) and \$936,277 for indirect operational costs, in comparison to a total cost of \$3,173,157 which included direct cost of \$2,213,882 for 47 staff (salary and benefits) and \$959,275 for indirect operational costs in FY2012 for the same period.

Some truancy cases are filed in Justice of the Peace Courts. However, the activity volume (page 10.1) only represents those cases that are filed in the Truancy Courts. Those districts that are presently filing cases in the J.P. court will be included in the data for that particular court. Overall average number of cases filed in truancy courts for FY2013 is slightly lower than the total numbers of cases filed for the same period in FY2012. The amount of revenue collected overall during the reported period represents an average 8% decrease from the previous year during the same period.

#### DALLAS COUNTY MANAGEMENT REPORT Truancy Courts

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	DEPART	-							MONTHS OF DATA:				12/18/13 12			
	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY: Truancy Courts Revenue							Р	ERCENT (	OF YEAR:		100%			
	INDICATO	DR:			Ac	tivity Volume										
			1	/olume								Revenu	е			
ONTH	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012		CHANGE ROM FY2012		MON	тн	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	CHANGE FROM FY2012	
ОСТ	3,629	4,278	4,551	4,115	4,040	-2%		oc		\$ 222,706	\$ 149,759	\$ 220,924	\$ 122,239	\$ 130,977	7%	
ov	3,173	6,462	4,791	3,630	3,571	-2%		NO	v	\$ 131,445	\$ 151,360	\$ 189,753	\$ 153,973	\$ 149,391	-3%	
EC	2,989	5,505	3,811	2,810	3,031	8%		DE	c :	\$ 219,184	\$ 233,137	\$ 220,924	\$ 180,900	\$ 159,115	-12%	
AN	3,654	5,046	5,149	4,267	4,253	0%		JAI		\$ 202,368	\$ 235,328	\$ 195,654	\$ 186,444		-3%	
EB	6,271	8,035	5,889	5,998	5,229	-13%		FE		\$ 327,490	\$ 337,177	\$ 305,916	\$ 397,178		-25%	
AR PR	4,745 5,677	5,576 5,683	6,619 7,904	4,744 4,791	4,293 5,128	-10% 7%		MA AP		\$ 355,058 \$ 334,210	\$ 386,836 \$ 333,158	\$ 310,509 \$ 319,751	\$ 376,958 \$ 299,448		-7%	
AY	5,222	3,496	5,808	4,609	4,235	-8%		MA		\$ 374,231	\$ 355,828	\$ 362,573	\$ 334,235	\$ 288,224	-14%	
UN	1,483	680	2,810	42	1,075	200%		JU	N :	\$ 318,925	\$ 382,820	\$ 376,446	\$ 306,544	\$ 274,328	-11%	
UL	0	0	0	0	0	0%		JU	L	\$ 375,100	\$ 364,832	\$ 309,553	\$ 288,194	\$ 278,238	-3%	
UG	6	1	1	0	1	0%		AU		\$ 255,504	\$ 223,054	\$ 220,073	\$ 177,817	\$ 165,168	-7%	
SEP	1,846	1,284	1,526	515	430	-17%		SE		\$ 194,057	\$ 143,524	\$ 127,663	\$ 136,153	\$ 118,245	-13%	
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# Section XI Miscellaneous

## Analyst: Alejandro Moreno

## Highlights

Payments to visiting judges for FY2013 totaled \$46,958 (page 11.1). A breakdown of visiting judge charges per court can be viewed on pages 11.2-11.4. The payments to visiting judge costs per court on page 11.4 doesn't equal the amount on page 11.1 due to the fact that visiting judge payments to the Drug Court are to pay the primary judge who presides in the court and not to fund a judge while the presiding judge is away from the court and the Appellate Fund are not included on page 11.1.

Child Support processing fee revenue (page 11.5) for FY2013 was \$127,244 approximately 8.3% lower than the same time frame of FY2012.

The District Attorney's Office provides information on the amount deposited into the department's state asset forfeiture account (page 11.8). For FY2013, the District Attorney collected \$604,008. Asset forfeiture revenue fluctuates monthly, as seen by the large revenue spikes in May 2009, February 2010, August 2010, and May 2011 and is dependent upon the number and value of cases in litigation. The District Attorney's Office utilizes asset forfeiture funds for a variety of programs, including support of the County's drug courts.

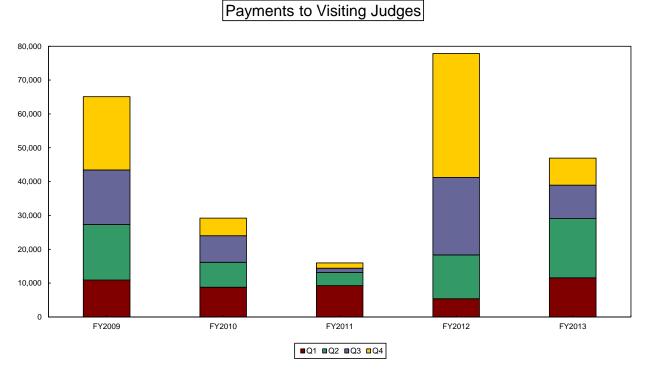
**District and County Courts** 

#### INDICATOR: Payments to Visiting Judges

			MON	THLY					YEAR-T	O-DATE		
						CHANGE						CHANGE
MONTH	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FROM FY12	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FROM FY12
OCT	3,125	1,707	4,126	2,184	569	-73.9%	3,125	1,707	4,126	2,184	569	-73.9%
NOV	5,703	4,033	81	1,348	6,998	419.1%	8,828	5,740	4,207	3,532	7,567	114.2%
DEC	2,094	3,030	5,051	1,836	4,007	118.2%	10,922	8,770	9,258	5,368	11,574	115.6%
JAN	2,603	113	463	1,679	1,290	-23.2%	13,525	8,883	9,721	7,047	12,864	82.5%
FEB	4,505	226	60	7,157	3,095	-56.8%	18,030	9,109	9,781	14,204	15,959	12.4%
MAR	9,314	7,053	3,342	4,127	13,099	217.4%	27,344	16,162	13,123	18,331	29,058	58.5%
APR	(6,632)	3,528	138	13,330	5,158	-61.3%	20,712	19,690	13,261	31,661	34,216	8.1%
MAY	7,869	1,537	882	5,674	3,611	-36.4%	28,581	21,227	14,143	37,335	37,827	1.3%
JUN	14,853	2,808	259	3,869	1,140	-70.5%	43,434	24,035	14,402	41,204	38,967	-5.4%
JUL	15,550	1,587	93	10,492	5,076	-51.6%	58,984	25,622	14,495	51,696	44,043	-14.8%
AUG	1,409	2,810	120	17,603	429	-97.6%	60,393	28,432	14,615	69,299	44,472	-35.8%
SEP	4,702	803	1,361	8,573	2,486	-71.0%	65,095	29,235	15,976	77,872	46,958	-39.7%
TOTAL	65,095	29,235	15,976	77,872	46,958		ANNUAL PR	OJECTION/B	UDGET:		\$35,050	
AVG	5,425	2,436	1,331	6,489	3,913	-39.7%	PERCENT A	CHIEVED TO	DATE:		134.0%	

Source/Explanation: County Auditor's Budget Analysis (Expense Code 2330)

\* Does not include the Drug Court Payments to Visiting Judges





# Visting Judge Costs By Court For the twelve months ending September 30, 2013

Probate Courts 4701 Probate Court #1 (Thompson) 4702 Probate Court #2 (Wilmoth) 4703 Probate Court #3 (Miller)	Expense Visiting Judge 2330	Expenses <u>6180</u>	<u>Total</u> 0 0 0
Total Probate Courts	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Courts			
Criminal			
4601 County Criminal Court #1 (Patterson)			0
4602 County Criminal Court #2 (Hayes)	774		774
4603 County Criminal Court #3 (Skemp)			0
4604 County Criminal Court #4 (Tolle)	4,900		4,900
4605 County Criminal Court #5 (Mullin)	774		774
4606 County Criminal Court #6 (King)			0
4607 County Criminal Court #7 (Crowder)	258		258
4608 County Criminal Court #8 (Yoo)	1,547		1,547
4609 County Criminal Court #9 (Hoffman)			0
4610 County Criminal Court #10 (Canas, Jr.)			0
4611 County Criminal Court #11 (Davis-Frizell)			0
4615 County Criminal Court of Appeals (Wade)	6,188		6,188
4616 County Criminal Court of Appeals #2 (Rosenfield)	0.040		0
4620 County Criminal Court Manager	2,310	• -	2,310
Total County Criminal Courts	\$16,751	\$0	\$16,751
County Courts at Law			
4501 County Court at Law #1 (Benson)	14,957		14,957
4502 County Court at Law #2 (Fifer)	0		0
4503 County Court at Law #3 (Montgomery)	0		0
4504 County Court at Law #4 (Tapscott)	4,642		4,642
4505 County Court at Law #5 (Greenberg)	1,032		1,032
Total County Courts at Law	\$20,631	\$0	\$20,631
Total County Courts	\$37,382	\$0	\$37,382

# Visting Judge Costs By Court For the twelve months ending September 30, 2013

	Expense C	odes	
	Visiting Judge <u>2330</u>	Expenses <u>6180</u>	<u>Total</u>
District Courts			
Criminal			
4401 Criminal District Court #1 (Burns)			0
4402 Criminal District Court #2 (Adams)			0
4403 Criminal District Court #3 (Lewis) 4404 Criminal District Court #4 (Collins)			0 0
4405 Criminal District Court #5 (Thompson)			0
4406 Criminal District Court #6 (Howard)			0
4407 Criminal District Court #7 (Snipes)			0
4410 194th Criminal District Court (White)			0
4415 195th Criminal District Court (Tinsley)			0
4420 203rd Criminal District Court (Hawthorne) 4425 204th Criminal District Court (Levario)		956	0 956
4425 265th Criminal District Court (Stoltz)		950	950
4435 282nd Criminal District Court (Chatham)			0
4440 283rd Criminal District Court (Magnis)			0
4445 291st Criminal District Court (Hawk)			0
4450 292nd Criminal District Court (Mitchell)			0
4455 363rd Criminal District Court (Holmes)	447.000		0
4013 Drug Court	117,802	<b></b>	117,802
Total Criminal District Courts	\$117,802	\$956	\$118,758
Civil			
4110 14th Civil District Court (Murphy/Moye)		366	366
4115 44th Civil District Court (Cortez)			0
4120 68th Civil District Court (Hoffman) 4125 95th Civil District Court (Molberg)			0 0
4130 101st Civil District Court (Lowy)	433	35	468
4135 116th Civil District Court (Parker)			0
4140 134th Civil District Court (Tillery)			0
4145 160th Civil District Court (Jordan)			0
4150 162nd Civil District Court (Brown)	1,289		1,289
4155 191st Civil District Court (Slaughter)	2,063	400	2,063
4160 192nd Civil District Court (Smith) 4165 193rd Civil District Court (Ginsberg)		138	138 0
4170 298th Civil District Court (Tobolowsky)			0
4180 Tax Court (Sims)		7,090	7,090
<b>Total Civil District Courts</b>	\$3,785	\$7,629	\$11,414

# Visting Judge Costs By Court For the twelve months ending September 30, 2013

	Expense C Visiting Judge <u>2330</u>	codes Expenses <u>6180</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Family</b> 4210 254th Family District Court (Hanschen) 4215 255th Family District Court (Hockett) 4220 256th Family District Court (Lopez) 4225 301st Family District Court (Cherry) 4230 302nd Family District Court (Callahan) 4235 303rd Family District Court (Garcia) 4240 330th Family District Court (Lewis) 4250 IV-D Court	16	37	0 0 53 0 0 0
Total Family District Courts	\$16	\$37	\$53
<b>Juvenile</b> 4310 304th Family District Court (Mazur) 4320 305th Family District Court (Shannon) <b>Total Juvenile Courts</b>	\$0	\$0	0 0 \$0
Total District Courts	\$121,603	\$8,622	\$130,225
Fund 471 <b>Appellate Court Fund</b> 4090 Appellate Justice System			1,800
Grand Total	\$158,985	\$8,622	\$169,407

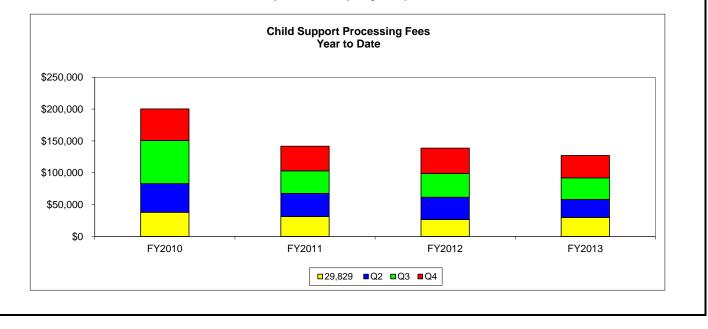
#### **Child Support Office**

INDICATOR:

#### Child Support Processing Fee Revenue (\$)

			N	IONTHLY					YEAR-1	FO-DATE		
						CHANGE						CHANGE
MONTH	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FROM FY08	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FROM FYC
OCT	12,344	12,563	12,355	6,060	6,174	1.9%	12,344	12,563	12,355	6,060	6,174	1.99
NOV	18,265	5,571	6,195	10,058	12,120	20.5%	30,609	18,134	18,550	16,118	18,294	13.59
DEC	17,213	19,844	12,599	10,523	11,535	9.6%	47,822	37,978	31,149	26,641	29,829	12.09
JAN	22,991	11,443	7,933	9,890	12,006	21.4%	70,813	49,421	39,082	36,531	41,835	14.59
FEB	23,738	13,644	10,371	12,663	9,237	-27.1%	94,551	63,065	49,453	49,194	51,072	3.89
MAR	27,145	19,985	18,229	12,510	7,031	-43.8%	121,696	83,050	67,682	61,704	58,103	-5.89
APR	21,758	20,305	12,836	7,565	7,886	4.2%	143,454	103,355	80,518	69,269	65,989	-4.7
MAY	20,642	25,452	8,558	17,560	11,515	-34.4%	164,096	128,807	89,076	86,829	77,504	-10.7
JUN	17,519	21,898	14,053	12,067	14,590	20.9%	181,615	150,705	103,129	98,896	92,094	-6.9
JUL	18,163	20,159	14,628	18,900	13,359	-29.3%	199,778	170,864	117,757	117,796	105,453	-10.5
AUG	18,824	16,836	13,546	15,816	8,689	-45.1%	218,602	187,700	131,303	133,612	114,142	-14.6
SEP	17,414	12,696	10,553	5,155	13,102	154.2%	236,016	200,396	141,856	138,767	127,244	-8.3
TOTAL	236,016	200,396	141,856	138,767	127,244	-8.3%	ANNUAL P	ROJECTIO	N/BUDGET	:	120,000	
AVG	19,668	16,700	11,821	11,564	10,604	-8.3%	PERCENT	ACHIEVED	TO DATE:		106%	·

Source/Explanation: An annual fee of \$36 is charged to parents who make court-ordered child support payments. The projected annual revenue figure reflects the County Auditor's estimate for revenue from this fee not the potential amount of revenue available based on the number of active child support accounts. This revenue information is obtained from the County Auditor's Monthly Budget Analysis - Revenue Code - 46620



#### **District Attorney**

INDICATOR:

## Monthly Forfeiture Revenue

	MONTHLY											
MONTH	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013						
OCT	26,119	37,052	58,142	51,842	13,173	72,705						
NOV	20,607	8,761	7,892	33,241	37,564	37,860						
DEC	55,552	17,507	36,982	111,332	101,220	24,036						
JAN	92,668	85,073	47,301	10,815	70,143	82,668						
FEB	39,594	20,865	157,445	33,241	14,374	82,668						
MAR	30,403	12,389	11,838	58,708	28,863	26,970						
APR	63,543	29,432	54,937	65,568	22,357	27,193						
MAY	26,166	119,121	58,286	148,988	102,122	42,384						
JUN	38,777	48,837	26,737	53,592	25,412	37,148						
JUL	25,421	21,845	15,229	12,442	44,602	53,786						
AUG	58,191	5,522	163,467	47,327	50,862	95,697						
SEP	37,007	114,379	12,462	31,731	77,531	20,893						
TOTAL	\$514,048	\$520,783	\$650,718	\$658,827	\$588,223	\$604,008						
AVG	\$42,837	\$43,399	\$54,227	\$54,902	\$49,019	\$50,334						

Source/Explanation: Monthly deposits recorded by District Attorney's Office.

## Asset Forteitures (in thousands)

