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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 72 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 Data Services 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" 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: **â** public defenders, **ã** visiting judges, **ä** jail-stay costs (for the Criminal District Courts) and **å** Constable costs (for the J.P. Courts). The narrative section of each chapter explains the method of cost allocation.

Capital costs (e.g., for furniture or electronic equipment replacement) are not shown, since each court has identical equipment and the comparison among courts would be distorted in any period that includes a routine replacement expenditure.

# Section II Criminal District Courts

Analyst: Greg Allbright

# Notes on Methodology

Costs associated with the fifteen Criminal District Courts include operating expenses, defense cost, visiting judge cost (if applicable), and the cost of prisoners in jail awaiting adjudication. The costs of the criminal magistrate courts are shown, although not attributed to any particular court. Operating expenses and visiting judge costs are derived from the financial accounting system for the county. These include the cost of expert testimony.

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 dividing the Public Defender Office's total operating expenditures by the number of attorney positions.

In order to fairly compare the cost of utilizing a Public Defender with a court appointed attorney, a cost must be attributed to the Public Defender's Office that accounts for space usage, utilities, central services (payroll, purchasing, office cleaning, etc.) and employee grievances. This report adds a 10% cost to the Public Defender's Office (approximately \$350,000 annually) for this purpose. The additional cost is added to the imputed cost of each public defender assigned to a court.

Costs associated with indigent defense in a capital murder case are subtracted, since capital murder cases are infrequent and could distort the comparative results. <u>This includes the assignment of these cases to the Public</u> Defender's Office. Through the first nine months of FY2001, the 194<sup>th</sup> Criminal District Court assigned one death penalty case to the Public Defender.

In-jail costs are calculated by multiplying each courts average daily jail backlog by a daily rate of \$22.83 and the number of days in the reporting period. The average daily backlog is estimated by sampling backlog data each Tuesday of the reporting period and calculating an average.

Dispositions for the reporting period are derived from report RO4562. Cost per disposition is derived by dividing the total cost by the total number of dispositions. Cost per disposition is graphed in descending order by court.

The number of dispositions per court is under-represented due to a computer system error. When a probation revocation hearing is held and the judge continues probation, the result is not counted as a disposition.

# Highlights

The average net cost per disposition for the Criminal District Courts in the first nine months of FY2001 was \$951 per court (page 2.1), this represents a reduction per court of \$32 when compared to the same period of FY2000 (page 2.4).

Page 2.3 shows assignments to public defenders versus court appointed attorneys by court and estimates the cost per case. The number of public defenders in a court does not appear to be 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. For example, the 204<sup>th</sup> Criminal District Court, Judge Nancarrow, assigned **216 cases** to the public defender in the first nine months of FY2001, resulting in a cost per case of **\$310**. Comparatively, the 265<sup>th</sup> Criminal District Court, Judge Dean, assigned **548 cases** to the public defender in the same time frame, resulting in a cost per case of **\$122**. Both of these judges have one public defender in their court, but their cost per case is significantly different based on their utilization of that position.

Use of public defenders in the third quarter of FY2001 has increased by 14% compared to the FY2000 annual average (page 2.6). In FY2000, the public defenders received 32% of all indigent defense assignments compared to 36.5% in the first nine months of FY2001.

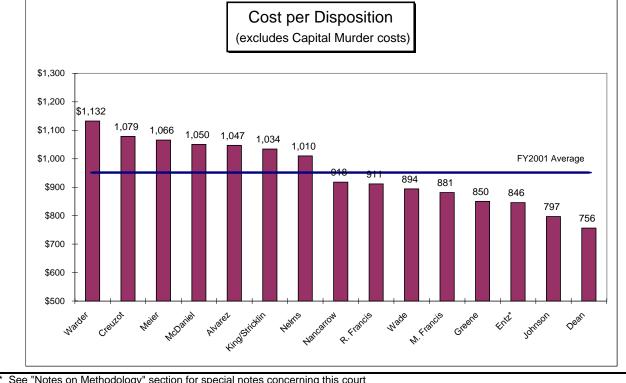
Case filings in the Criminal District Courts for the first nine months of FY2001 (page 2.7) are at a similar level when compared to filings at the same point in FY2000. In FY2001, the average number of monthly filings was 2,266 compared to FY2000 monthly averages of 2,275. Dispositions in the Criminal District Courts for the first nine months of FY2001 have increased slightly when compared to dispositions at the same point in FY2000. In the first nine months of FY2001 the courts disposed of 21,784 cases compared to 21,535 cases disposed during the same period of FY2000. Comparison of filings and disposition is problematic due to the recording of filings and dispositions of Writs of Habeus Corpus. Writs are counted in the

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001 the Criminal District Courts had a pending caseload of 13, 866. This represents the highest figure since November 30, 1998. Of the 13,866 pending cases as of June 30, 2001 approximately 5,826 are cases in which the defendant is un-apprehended or otherwise unavailable for trial. Thus the Criminal District Courts have an active pending caseload of 8,040.

For the Nine Months ending June 30, 2001

**District Criminal Courts** 

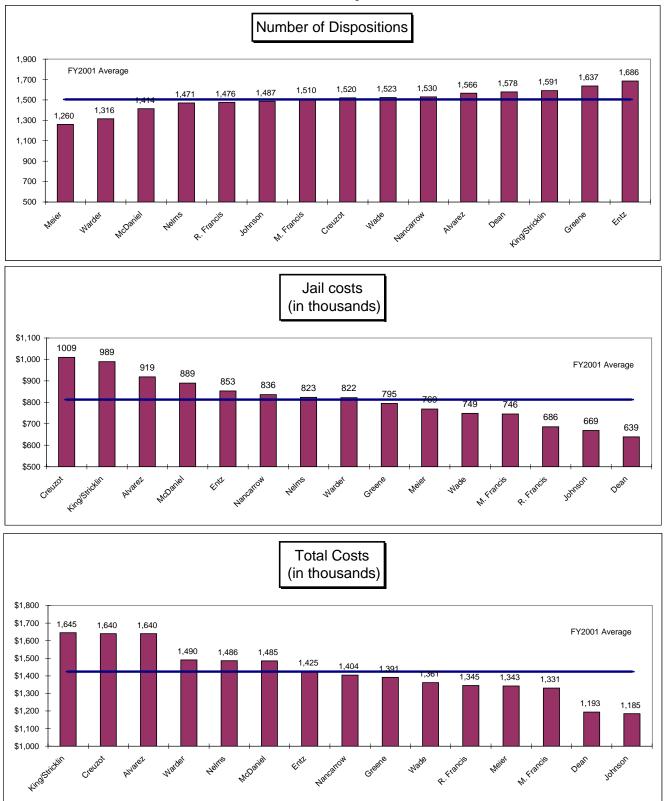
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Court <u>Number</u>	Judge	Operating Expenses	Court Appt Attorneys	Public Defender	Visiting Judge	Jail Costs	Total Costs	Number of Dispositions	Cost per Disposition
1	Warder	\$220,065	\$313,587	\$134,102	\$446	\$821,971	\$1,490,171	1,316	\$1,132
2	King/Stricklin	181,952	402,017	67,051	4,711	989,378	1,645,109	1,591	1,034
3	R. Francis	201,348	389,010	67,051	2,187	685,679	1,345,275	1,476	911
4	Creuzot	183,563	377,568	67,051	1,854	1,009,475	1,639,511	1,520	1,079
5	Alvarez	195,785	390,502	134,102	525	918,588	1,639,502	1,566	1,047
194th	Entz*	210,655	271,776	89,051	1,591	852,725	1,425,798	1,686	846
195th	Nelms	235,674	424,782	0	2,397	822,986	1,485,839	1,471	1,010
203rd	McDaniel	194,732	332,492	67,051	1,580	889,436	1,485,291	1,414	1,050
204th	Nancarrow	188,177	310,962	67,051	2,187	835,993	1,404,370	1,530	918
265th	Dean	178,786	307,292	67,051	1,245	639,100	1,193,474	1,578	756
282nd	Greene	179,721	344,491	67,051	5,048	794,809	1,391,120	1,637	850
283rd	M. Francis	181,298	336,545	67,051	0	745,652	1,330,546	1,510	881
291st	Meier	162,722	75,755	335,255	232	768,581	1,342,545	1,260	1,066
292nd	Wade	205,880	338,671	67,051	1,058	748,764	1,361,424	1,523	894
363rd	Johnson	142,842	306,546	67,051	0	668,626	1,185,065	1,487	797
Crimina	l Magistrates	772,537		0	0	0	772,537	N/A	N/A
	Total	\$3,635,737	\$4,921,996	\$1,363,020	\$25,061	\$12,191,760	\$22,137,574	22,565	
Court A	verage	\$190,880	\$328,133	\$90,868	\$1,671	\$812,784	\$1,424,336	1,504	\$951



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# **District Criminal Courts**

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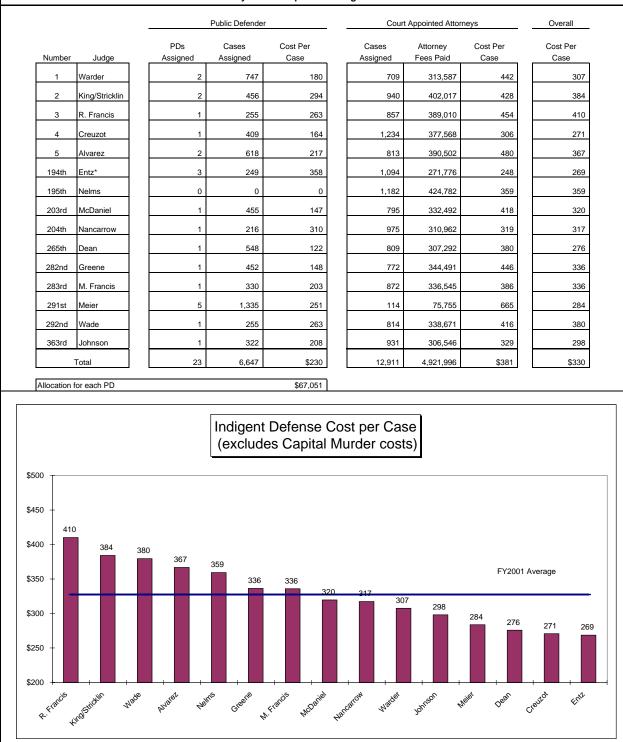
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Court by court comparison of legal costs



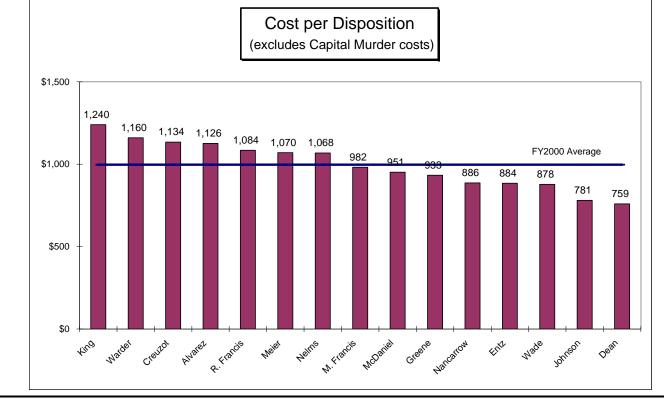
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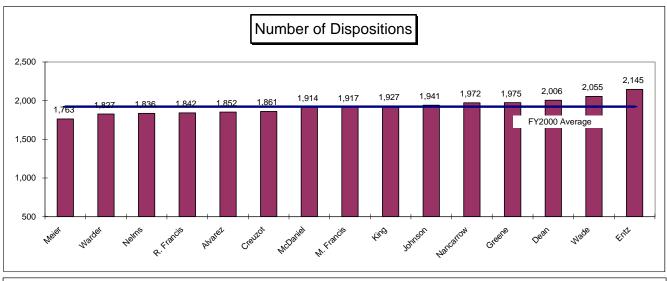
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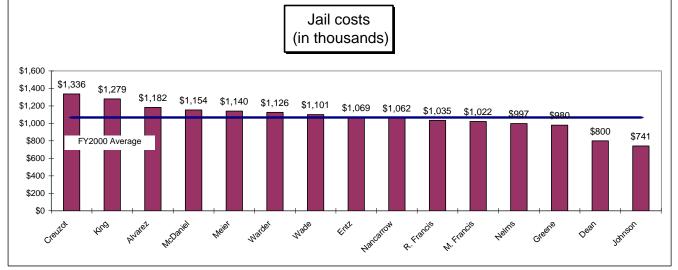
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Court Number	r Judge	Operating Expenses	Court Appt Attorneys	Public Defender	Visiting Judge	Jail Costs	Total Costs	Number of Dispositions	Cost per Disposition
1	Warder	255,345	568,483	168,306	553	1,126,193	2,118,880	1,827	1,160
2	King	298,034	716,765	84,153	11,088	1,279,799	2,389,839	1,927	1,240
3	R. Francis	276,549	596,468	84,153	4,320	1,035,156	1,996,646	1,842	1,084
4	Creuzot	214,733	472,676	84,153	2,656	1,336,519	2,110,737	1,861	1,134
5	Alvarez	178,778	552,667	168,306	2,336	1,182,835	2,084,922	1,852	1,126
194th	Entz	266,997	302,872	252,459	3,169	1,069,703	1,895,200	2,145	884
195th	Nelms*	273,649	632,577	56,102	609	997,510	1,960,447	1,836	1,068
203rd	McDaniel	265,739	310,090	84,153	5,142	1,154,973	1,820,097	1,914	951
204th	Nancarrow	227,065	372,156	84,153	266	1,062,582	1,746,222	1,972	886
265th	Dean	248,003	386,543	84,153	2,551	800,993	1,522,243	2,006	759
282nd	Greene	276,625	490,048	84,153	10,912	980,022	1,841,760	1,975	933
283rd	M. Francis	250,412	524,818	84,153	644	1,022,242	1,882,269	1,917	982
291st	Meier	235,659	86,196	420,765	3,993	1,140,499	1,887,112	1,763	1,070
292nd	Wade	211,478	406,332	84,153	96	1,101,967	1,804,026	2,055	878
363rd	Johnson	236,955	452,776	84,153	244	741,827	1,515,955	1,941	781
Crimina	I Magistrates	1,041,379	0	0	0	0	1,041,379	N/A	N/A
	Total	\$4,757,400	\$6,871,467	\$1,907,468	\$48,579	\$16,032,819	\$29,617,733	28,833	
Court A	verage	\$247,735	\$458,098	\$127,165	\$3,239	\$1,068,855	\$1,905,090	1,922	\$996

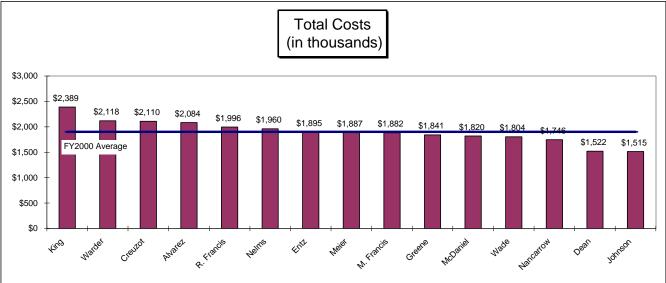
\* Judge Nelms stopped participating in the Public Defender program in June 2000 and is credited with using one for eight of the twelve months in FY2000



### District Criminal Courts FY2000







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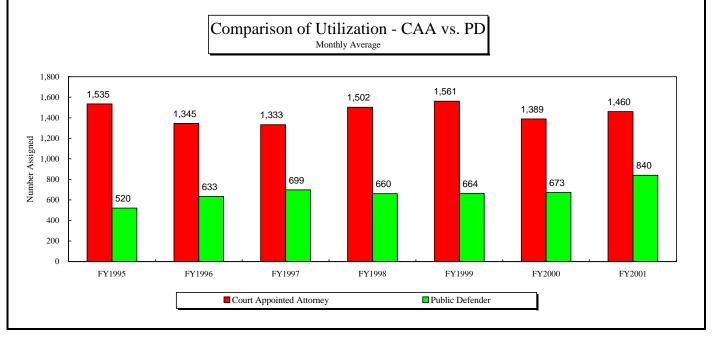
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### Assignments to Court Appointed Attorneys and Public Defenders

			MONTH	HLY ASSIGN	<b>MENTS</b>	
			COURT AP	POINTED AT	TORNEYS	
						CHANGE
1	MONTH	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	FROM FY00
	ОСТ	1,701	1,694	1,461	1,640	12.3%
	NOV	1,357	1,494	1,320	1,268	-3.9%
	DEC	1,367	1,271	1,174	1,035	-11.8%
	JAN	1,359	1,467	1,442	1,566	8.6%
	FEB	1,520	1,350	1,289	1,471	14.1%
	MAR	1,675	1,593	1,647	1,537	-6.7%
	APR	1,517	1,314	1,298	1,337	3.0%
	MAY	1,516	1,348	1,488	1,712	15.1%
	JUN	1,594	1,370	1,445	1,575	9.0%
	JUL	1,609	1,534	1,184		
	AUG	1,802	1,437	1,602		
	SEP	1,713	1,253	1,319		
	TOTAL	18,730	17,125	16,669	13,141	N/A
	AVG	1,561	1,427	1,389	1,460	5.1%

		ILY ASSIGN	-	
	PUBI	LIC DEFEND	ERS	CHANGE
FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	FROM FY00
706	694	640	827	29.2%
542	653	622	802	28.9%
635	515	543	706	30.0%
665	641	651	795	22.1%
673	635	627	639	1.9%
709	665	740	722	-2.4%
616	673	589	876	48.7%
598	693	702	989	40.9%
706	678	648	1,200	85.2%
650	669	743		
708	792	844		
755	595	724		
7,963	7,903	8,073	7,556	N/A
664	659	673	840	24.8%

Source/Explanation: Official District Court Monthly Report as extracted from RO4562.



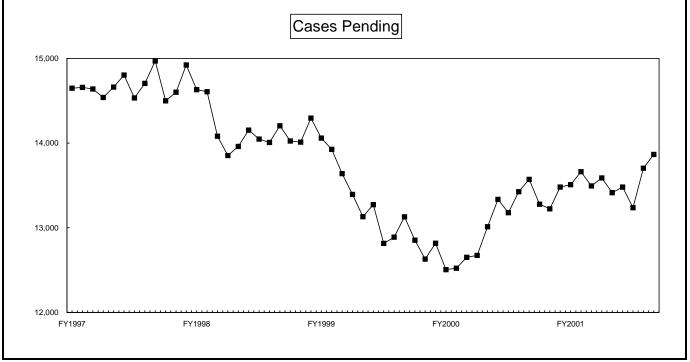
**District Criminal Courts** 

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

		Y	'-T-D Filing	js				Y-T-	D Disposit	tions			Ca	ises Pendi	ing	
MONTH	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	1	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001
ОСТ	2,374	2,538	2,514	2,083	2,452		2,473	2,829	2,749	2,607	2,425	14,648	14,632	14,059	12,504	13,508
NOV	4,651	4,742	4,725	4,134	4,773		4,741	5,058	5,092	4,943	4,593	14,657	14,607	13,927	12,522	13,661
DEC	6,594	6,969	6,942	6,047	6,598		6,703	7,811	7,597	6,841	6,585	14,638	14,081	13,639	12,650	13,494
JAN	8,888	9,093	9,020	8,241	8,772		9,096	10,164	9,920	9,176	8,982	14,539	13,852	13,394	12,673	13,588
FEB	11.348	11.605	11,129	10.711	10.878		11.433	12,568	12,293	11.589	11.598	14.662	13,960	13,130	13.011	13,414
MAR	13,800	14,231	13,653	13,425	13,471		13,744	15,000	14,674	14.250	14,433	14,803	14,154	13,273	13,335	13,480
APR	15,924	16.523	15,799	15.603	15,286		16.138	17.399	17.279	16.527	16.790	14,533	14.047	12.814	13,177	13,236
MAY	- , -	18.851	17.836	18.130				19.767	19.242	18.945	19,295	14,555	14.007	12,888	13,426	13,704
	18,519	- /	1		17,982		18,560		- 1	- /	,	1	1.2	1	- / -	· · · ·
JUN	21,158	21,401	20,236	20,642	20,392		20,936	22,119	21,401	21,535	21,784	14,969	14,205	13,129	13,570	13,866
JUL	23,113	23,619	22,214	22,413	┝───┤		23,360	24,517	23,655	23,599		14,500	14,025	12,853	13,277	<b>├</b> ───┤
AUG	25,853	26,191	24,455	25,028	↓ ↓		25,998	27,102	26,119	26,267		14,602	14,012	12,630	13,224	ļ
SEP	28,395	28,934	26,681	27,296			28,219	29,563	28,159	28,455		14,923	14,294	12,816	13,481	
AVG	2,366	2,411	2,223	2,275	2,266		2,352	2,464	2,347	2,371	2,420	14,682	14,156	13,213	13,071	13,550

Source/Explanation: District Criminal Court Monthly Term Report (RO4562).



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# Section III District Civil Courts

Analyst: Amanda Perez

# Notes on Methodology

Averages for the Civil District Courts exclude the activities of the Tax Court for comparative purposes.

The aging report for cases provides information on the time-to-disposition of each civil case. The information has been used to create a weighted average time-to-disposition. The mid-point of each data collection interval was used to create the weighted average.

# Highlights

When comparing the current quarterly data with the same time frame in FY2000, the 13 Civil District Courts had more dispositions and a slightly higher total costs but maintained the average net cost per disposition at \$181. The Tax Court, however, had slightly higher costs but fewer dispositions by 12% (page 3.1). In FY2001, from the second to the third quarters, the span of costs per disposition narrowed to a range of \$149 to \$208, again indicating that the efficiencies and operations of the courts are beginning to mirror each other. The total dispositions per court ranged from the lowest of 592 in the 160<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court to the highest in the 68<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court at 732 (page 3.2). The low number of dispositions in the 160<sup>th</sup> Civil District was a direct result of a lengthy ruling regarding a class certification that began in May and was concluded in June 2001.

The weighted average age of cases being disposed increased slightly to 9.84 months (page 3.3). Again, the age of cases that were 6 to 12 months old had the largest number of dispositions at 27% and those over 18 months old had the second largest at 21%. This has been a shift from the normal 3 to 6 month old cases having one of the largest percentages, indicating that many of the cases that have been on hold or "back-logged"(>18 months) are now being cleared out which is reflected in the overall low civil court pending caseload (page 3.5). The average pending caseload for the first nine months is 9,672 which is approximately 10% less than the same time frame in FY2000. (Please note that the first three fiscal years were drawn from a separate source and included other civil cases not necessarily heard in one of the 13 Civil District Courts, e.g. a civil case heard in a family court. Therefore a comparison among FY98, FY99, and FY2000 to FY2001 was not presented due to this overestimated caseload.)

The breakdown of pending caseload is found on page 3.4. (This graphical representation of the monthly docket summary is produced by the District Clerk's Office.) The highest pending caseload shifted from the 193<sup>rd</sup> Civil District Court in the second quarter to the 95<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court with a third quarter pending caseload of 835. The lowest caseload remained with the 14<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court which actually decreased from the 570 cases in the second quarter to an even lower 552 cases at the end of the third quarter in FY2001.

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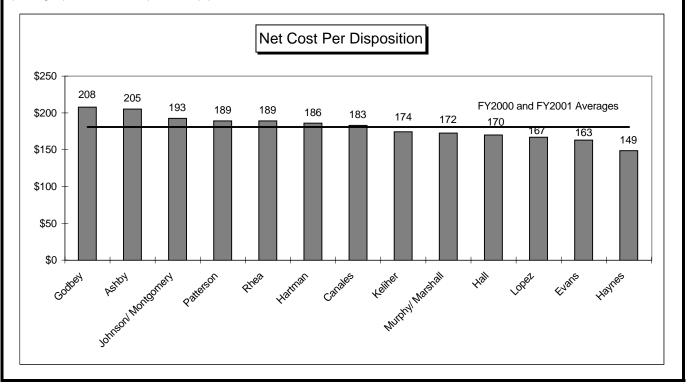
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Court by Court comparison of expenditures and dispositions

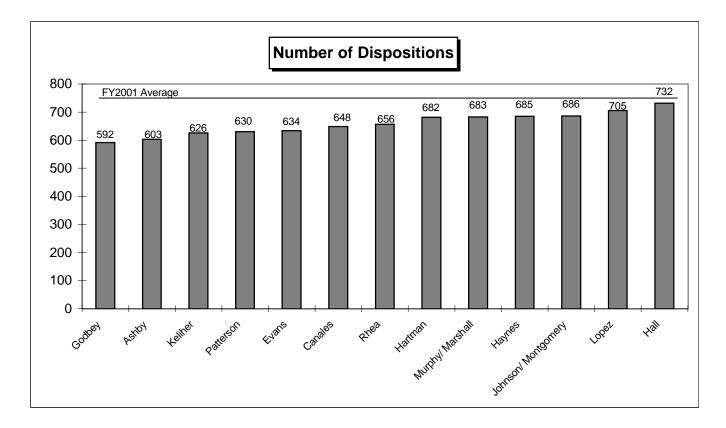
Court Number	ludao	Operating	Visiting	Total	Number of	Cost per
		Expenses	Judge	Expenses	Dispositions	Disposition
14th	Murphy/ Marshall	\$117,654	\$129	\$117,783	683	\$172
44th	Keliher	109,023	0	\$109,023	626	174
68th	Hall	124,412	0	\$124,412	732	170
95th	Johnson/ Montgomery	132,252	0	\$132,252	686	193
101st	Patterson	118,717	555	\$119,272	630	189
116th	Lopez	117,654	185	\$117,839	705	167
134th	Ashby	123,330	316	\$123,646	603	205
160th	Godbey	121,612	1,324	\$122,936	592	208
162nd	Rhea	123,776	179	\$123,955	656	189
191st	Haynes	101,830	0	\$101,830	685	149
192nd	Hartman	126,432	351	\$126,783	682	186
193rd	Evans	103,251	219	\$103,470	634	163
298th	Canales	118,581	163	\$118,744	648	183
	TOTAL	\$1,538,522	\$3,421	\$1,541,943	8,562	
	Average	\$118,348	\$263	\$118,611	659	\$181
	Tax Court	\$44,816	\$22,819	\$67,635	2,045	\$33

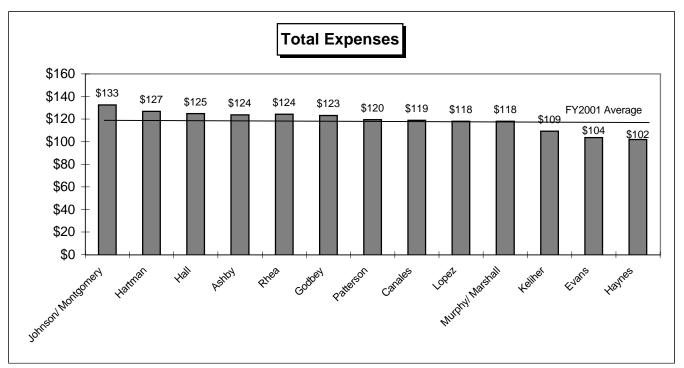
Operating expenses exclude capital and equipment items.



# **District Civil Courts**

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For the nine months ending June 30, 2001

### **District Civil Courts**

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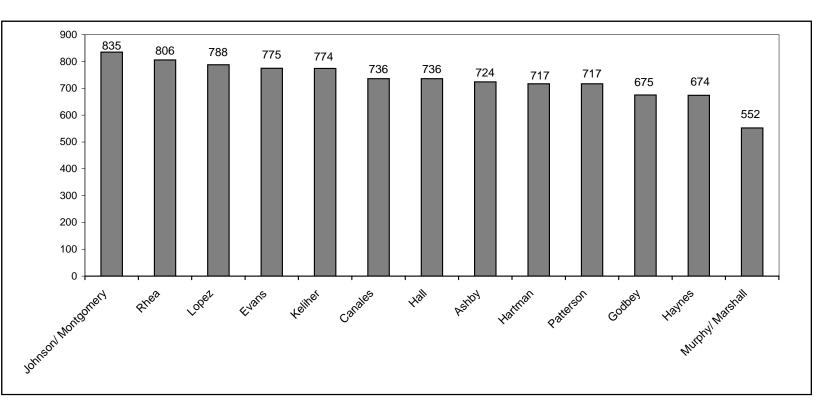
Court by Court comparison of age of cases disposed

Court							Total Cases	Weighted
Number	Judge	3 Mos. or Less	3 to 6 Mos.	6 to 12 Mos.	12 to 18 Mos.	Over 18 Mos.	Disposed	Average (Mos)
14th	Murphy/ Marshall	24%	18%	27%	18%	13%	683	8.6
44th	Keliher	15%	16%	29%	22%	18%	626	10.0
68th	Hall	18%	19%	25%	15%	23%	732	9.7
95th	Johnson/ Montgomery	14%	15%	25%	19%	27%	686	10.8
101st	Patterson	17%	15%	34%	20%	15%	630	9.6
116th	Lopez	15%	19%	28%	17%	21%	705	10.0
134th	Ashby	16%	18%	32%	13%	21%	603	9.7
160th	Godbey	17%	20%	26%	15%	21%	592	9.6
162nd	Rhea	16%	21%	22%	15%	26%	656	10.1
191st	Haynes	14%	18%	27%	21%	21%	685	10.3
192nd	Hartman	18%	22%	22%	17%	22%	682	9.7
193rd	Evans	13%	20%	29%	17%	22%	634	10.1
298th	Canales	14%	20%	33%	14%	19%	648	9.6
Total		16%	18%	27%	17%	21%	8,562	9.84



# **District Civil Courts**

Pending Caseload by Court As of June 30, 2001



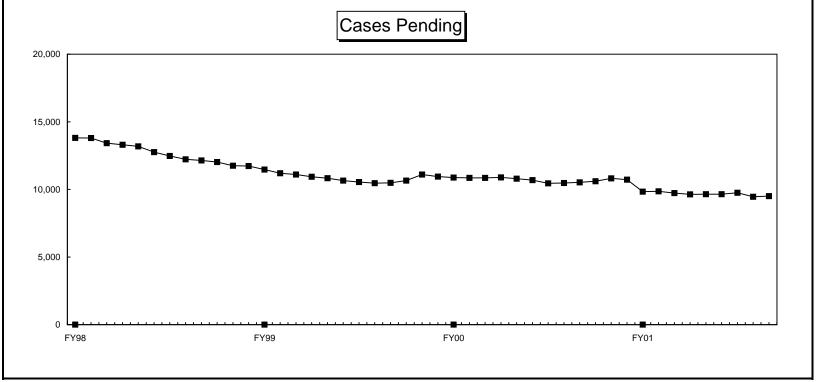
### **District Civil Courts**

INDICATOR:

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

		Y-T-D	Filings				Y-T-D Dis	spositions			Cases P	ending	
MONTH	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	_	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001
OCT	1,161	994	971	1,051		1,502	1,251	1,039	906	13,816	11,465	10,877	9,834
NOV	2,088	1,841	1,932	1,953		2,451	2,363	2,024	1,782	13,794	11,200	10,848	9,860
DEC	3,081	2,848	2,949	2,713		3,795	3,464	3,034	2,620	13,416	11,106	10,855	9,725
JAN	4,164	3,680	3,934	3,598		3,914	4,464	3,981	3,602	13,300	10,938	10,893	9,628
FEB	5,214	4,603	4,899	4,523		5,078	5,502	5,052	4,514	13,186	10,825	10,787	9,641
MAR	6,307	5,693	5,971	5,487		6,599	6,771	6,224	5,469	12,758	10,646	10,687	9,650
APR	7,362	6,700	6,960	6,464		7,775	7,879	7,452	6,400	12,478	10,545	10,448	9,749
MAY	8,309	7,678	8,022	7,452		8,981	8,940	8,494	7,682	12,219	10,462	10,468	9,455
JUN	9,332	8,752	9,123	8,384		10,087	9,985	9,547	8,562	12,147	10,491	10,516	9,507
JUL	10,416	10,062	10,155			11,298	11,060	10,494		12,020	10,654	10,601	
AUG	11,511	11,341	11,501			12,394	12,145	11,638		11,749	11,105	10,817	
SEP	12,434	12,353	12,506			13,614	13,387	12,735		11,722	10,945	10,726	
AVG	1,036	1,029	1,042	932		1,135	1,116	1,061	951	12,717	10,865	10,710	9,672

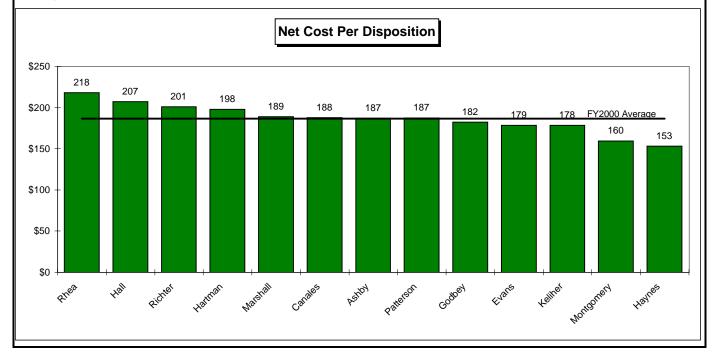
Source/Explanation: Data for FY98, FY99, and FY00 are from the Official District Court Monthly Report; FY2001 data is pulled from SCT Report RO5276



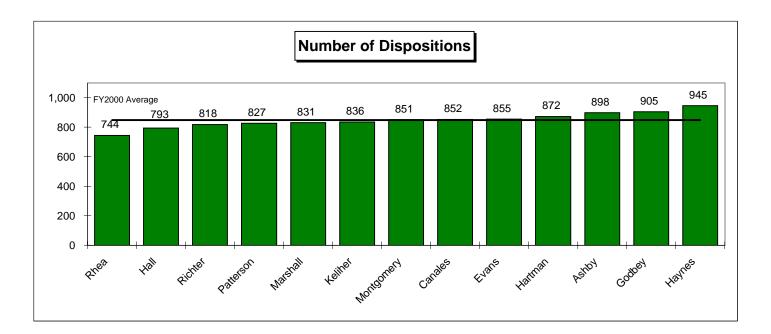
#### **District Civil Courts**

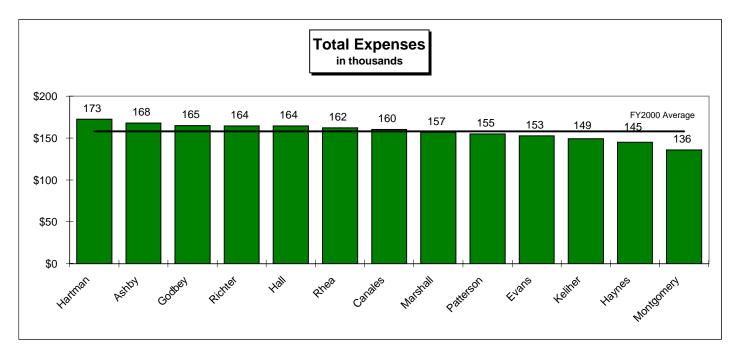
	INDICATOR:	Court by Court	t compariso	on of expenditu	ires and disp	ositions		
					Less			Net
Court		Operating	Visiting	Total	Masters	Net	Number of	Cost per
Number	Judge	Expenses	Judge	Expenses	Fees	Cost	Dispositions	Disposition
14th	Marshall	\$156,565	\$363	\$156,928	\$0	\$156,928	831	\$18
44th	Keliher	149,155	0	149,155	0	149,155	836	178
68th	Hall	164,376	37	164,413	0	164,413	793	207
95th	Montgomery	135,400	387	135,787	0	135,787	851	160
101st	Patterson	154,975	0	154,975	0	154,975	827	187
116th	Richter	163,865	555	164,420	0	164,420	818	201
134th	Ashby	167,830	37	167,867	0	167,867	898	187
160th	Godbey	164,455	536	164,991	0	164,991	905	182
162nd	Rhea	162,099	176	162,275	0	162,275	744	218
191st	Haynes	144,535	295	144,830	0	144,830	945	153
192nd	Hartman	172,443	74	172,517	0	172,517	872	198
193rd	Evans	151,590	1,154	152,744	0	152,744	855	179
298th	Canales	160,108	0	160,108	0	160,108	852	188
	TOTAL	\$2,047,396	\$3,614	\$2,051,010	\$0	\$2,051,010	11,027	
	Average	\$157,492	\$278	\$157,770	\$0	\$157,770	848	\$187
	Tax Court	\$55,952	\$31,729	\$87,681	\$7,850	\$79,831	3,153	\$25

Operating expenses exclude capital and equipment items.



# District Civil Courts FY2000





# Section IV District Family Courts

Analyst: Ronica L. Watkins

### Notes on Methodology

The Family District Courts' operating expenses include the cost of each court's associate judge. Public defender expense is attributed to the appropriate court based on a proportion of the cost of the three attorneys through their time recording system.

# Highlights

The Family District Courts' net cost per disposition averaged \$101 for the third quarter of FY2001, an increase from \$97 during the same period in FY2000 (page 4.1). Overall, the number of dispositions in FY2001 for the Family District Courts for the third quarter increased by 14% from 20,472 to 23,391. Three of the Family District Courts (255<sup>th</sup>, 302<sup>nd</sup>, and 303<sup>rd</sup>) experienced a significant increase in the number of dispositions, 25%, 26%, and 17% respectively in the first nine months of FY2001 in comparison to the same period in FY2000. The increase in the number of dispositions were due to the courts cleaning up old cases and manually correcting cases improperly coded in the system to distinguish the case as disposed.

The total amount of contempt fines for the Family District Courts for the third quarter of FY2001 increased from \$13,524 to \$28,315. Historically, only a few of the District Courts imposed fines and rarely on cases where an agreement was reached. However, all seven District Court Judges have committed to be more aggressive during this fiscal year when imposing contempt fines even on the cases where an agreement has been reached.

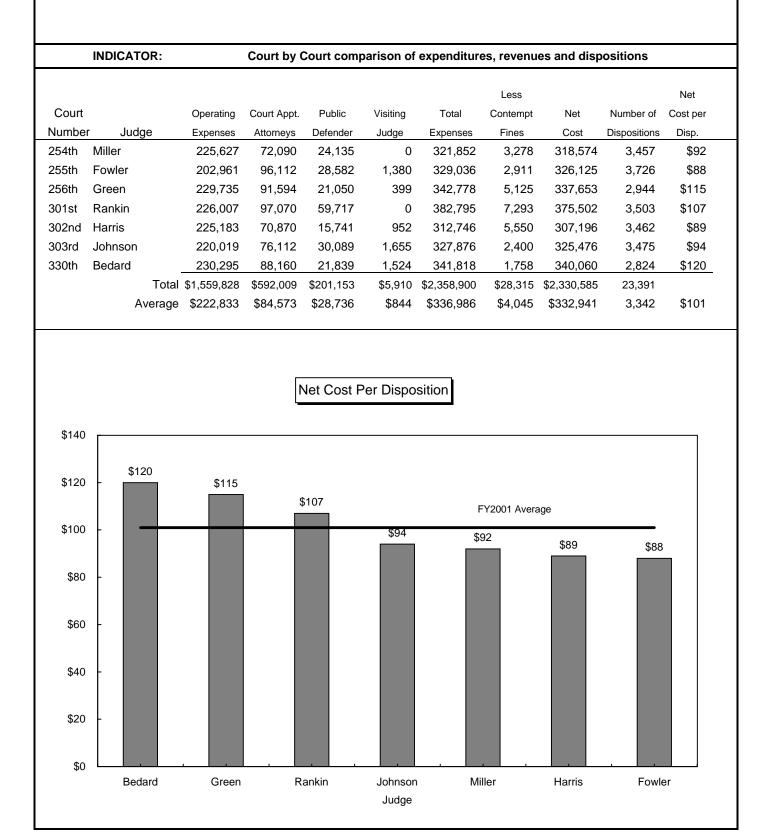
The average cost of court appointed attorneys for the Family District Courts for the third quarter of FY2001 is \$592,009, an increase from \$441,696 during the same period of FY2000. In the past year the Family District Courts have experienced an increasing number of Child Welfare Cases being filed in the courts, which is demonstrated by the increase not only in the Court Appointed Attorney costs, but a 21% increase in the Public Defender costs as well.

Payments to private attorneys in child welfare cases totaled \$1,847,700 through the third quarter of FY2001 (page 4.5). This represents a 26.7% increase from the same period in FY2000. This increase is a result of more cases being filed by Dallas County Child Protective Services and the requirement that cases reach disposition within a one-year period.

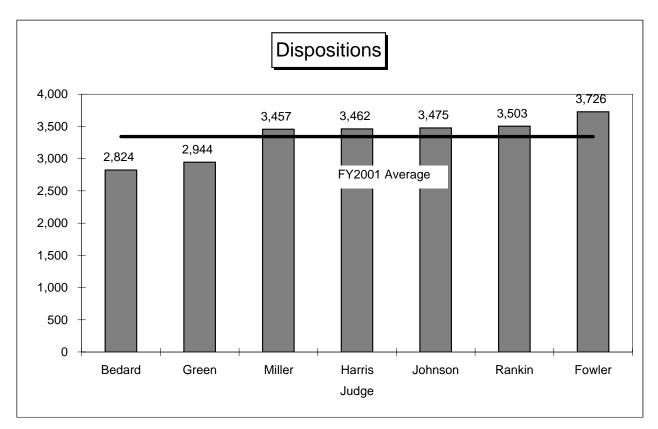
The pending caseload for the seven Family District Courts (page 4.6) continued to increase through the third quarter of FY2001. Overall, FY2001 pending cases were 12% higher than FY2000. Filings are slightly higher for the third quarter of FY2001 in comparison to the third quarter in FY2000. Dispositions for FY2001 for the third quarter decreased by 3% from 21,337 to 20,557.

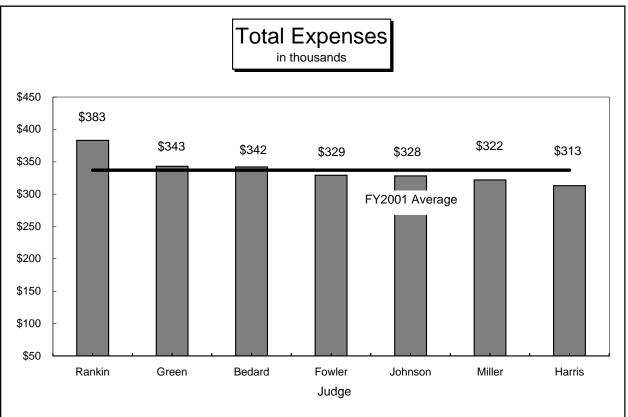
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#### **District Family Courts**



# **District Family Courts** For the nine months ending June 30, 2001

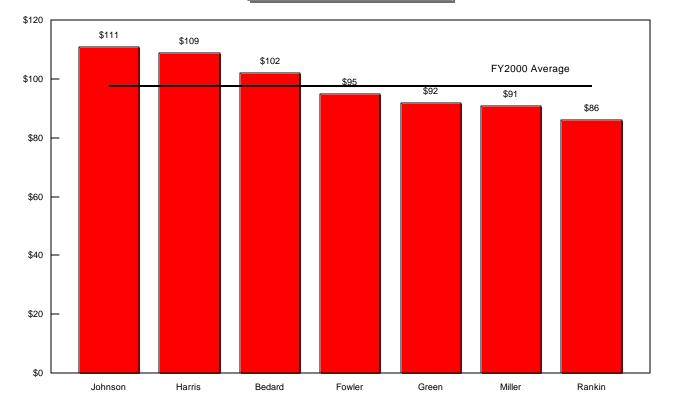




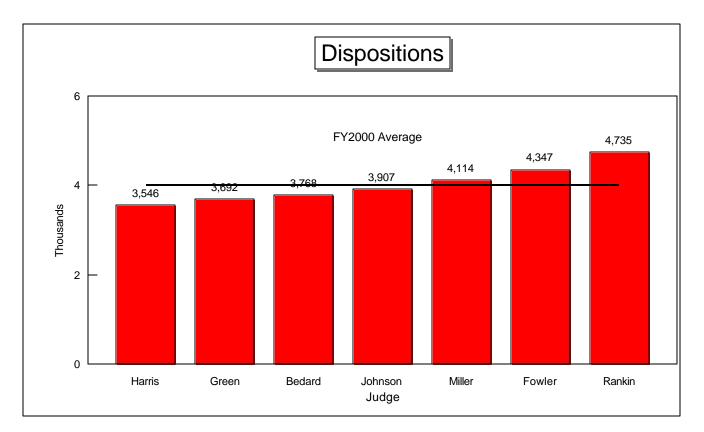
**District Family Courts** 

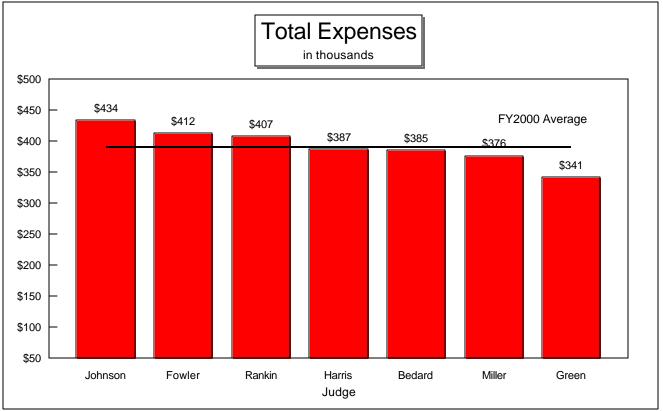
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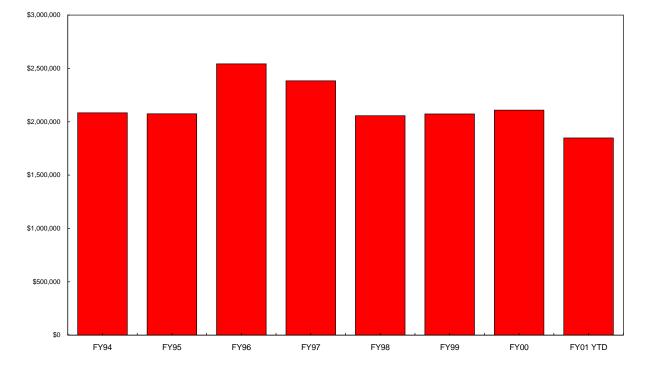
# District Family Courts FY 2000





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

	INDICATOR	•			ie Alloiney	/ Payments (						
MONTH	FY97	FY98	MON1 FY99	FY00	FY01	CHANGE FROM FY00	FY97	FY98	YEAR-T	O-DATE FY00	FY01	CHANG FROM F
OCT	34,997	36,574	22,614	96,705	199,645	106.4%	34,997	36,574	22,614	96,705	199,645	106
NOV	175,223	180,872	155,733	198,916	220,192	10.7%	210,220	217,446	178,347	295,621	419,837	42
DEC	250,131	144,997	163,729	227,916	199,149	-12.6%	460,351	362,443	342,076	523,538	618,986	18
JAN	158,299	133,472	178,181	111,234	201,160	80.8%	618,650	495,915	520,257	634,772	820,146	29
FEB	181,975	118,375	166,253	136,177	225,997	66.0%	800,625	614,290	686,510	770,949	1,046,143	35
MAR	358,947	242,654	266,290	176,267	225,207	27.8%	1,159,572	856,944	952,800	947,216	1,271,350	34
APR	210,685	403,707	257,375	154,748	215,072	39.0%	1,370,257	1,260,651	1,210,175	1,101,964	1,486,422	34
MAY	150,841	149,028	176,666	181,155	179,427	-1.0%	1,521,099	1,409,679	1,386,841	1,283,119	1,665,849	29
JUN	143,762	220,956	200,377	174,886	181,820	4.0%	1,664,860	1,630,635	1,587,218	1,458,005	1,847,669	26
JUL	179,989	145,983	169,663	184,626			1,844,850	1,776,618	1,756,881	1,642,631		
AUG	181,979	188,293	128,211	182,895			2,026,828	1,964,911	1,885,092	1,825,526		
SEP	356,808	91,512	187,974	283,341			\$2,383,637	\$2,056,423	\$2,073,066	\$2,108,867		
TOTAL	2,383,637	2,056,423	2,073,066	2,108,867	1,847,669	N/A	ANNUAL PRC	JECTION/BUE	OGET:		\$1,995,000	
AVG	198,636	171,369	172,755	175,739	205,297	16.8%	PERCENT AC	HIEVED TO D	ATE:		92.6%	
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				Child	l Welfar	e Attorne	y Payme	nts				



### **District Family Courts**

INDICATOR:

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

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MONTH	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	F
ОСТ	2,447	1,934	2,448	2,623	3,216	2
NOV	4,523	3,556	4,420	5,159	5,867	4
DEC	6,746	5,351	6,713	7,324	7,893	6
JAN	9,105	7,466	8,899	10,171	10,441	8
FEB	11,626	9,634	11,378	13,189	13,360	11
MAR	14,691	11,748	14,466	16,369	16,553	14
APR	17,963	14,445	17,342	19,128	19,260	16
MAY	21,049	17,031	19,938	22,117	22,135	19
JUN	23,857	20,568	22,562	25,167	26,155	21
JUL	26,182	23,116	25,055	27,731		24
AUG	28,563	25,672	27,691	31,034		26
SEP	30,567	27,952	29,615	33,279		29
AVG	2,547	2,329	2,468	2,773	2,906	2

Y-T-D Filings

FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001
2,489	3,251	2,496	2,213	2,531
4,570	5,249	4,182	4,539	4,878
6,629	7,252	6,538	6,920	6,987
8,698	9,307	8,790	9,131	9,185
11,141	11,820	10,609	11,373	11,557
14,116	13,933	13,617	13,878	13,603
16,943	16,008	15,882	15,859	15,821
19,402	18,157	18,237	18,348	18,344
21,836	20,183	20,810	21,337	20,557
24,417	22,337	22,794	23,648	
26,776	24,290	25,135	26,653	
29,484	26,697	27,466	29,116	
2,457	2,225	2,289	2,426	2,284

Y-T-D Dispositions

FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001
21,355	21,163	23,191	26,214	30,652
21,350	20,787	23,477	26,424	30,956
21,514	19,277	23,414	26,208	31,069
21,804	19,455	23,348	26,844	31,198
21,882	19,110	24,008	27,620	31,745
21,972	19,933	24,088	28,295	32,892
22,417	20,421	24,699	29,073	33,381
23,044	20,858	24,940	29,573	33,784
23,418	22,369	24,991	29,634	34,700

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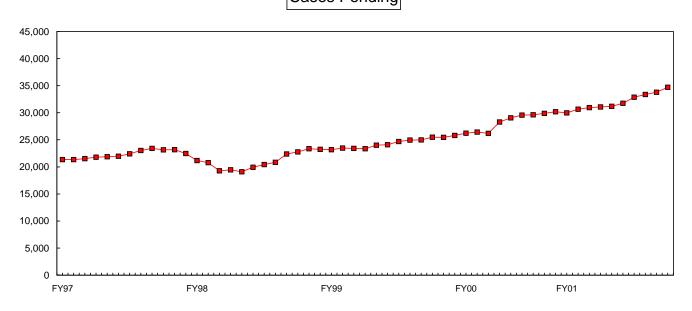
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Cases Pending

Source/Explanation: Official District Court Monthly Report



Cases Pending



# Section V District Juvenile Courts

Analyst: Shannon Brown

# Notes on Methodology

The operating expenses of these courts includes 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.

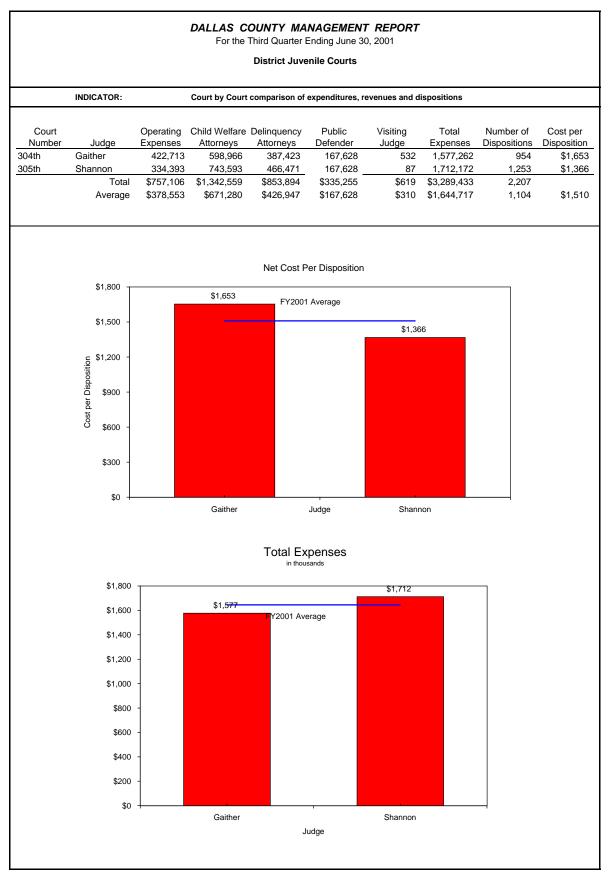
# Highlights

The net cost per disposition in these two courts was \$1,510for the third quarter of FY2001 (page 5.1). Dispositions continue to be substantially lower than they were in any quarter in FY2000.

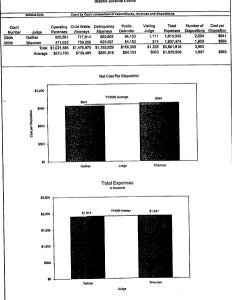
Payments to outside attorneys in juvenile delinquency cases total \$853,900 through the third quarter (page 5.3), a 4.7% decrease from the same period in FY2000. This decrease is directly related to the low number of dispositions. Typically, attorney payments are not made until the case is disposed.

The revenue statistics presented in this report (page 5.4) represent aggregate collections for the District Clerk's collection program in the two courts. Through the second quarter, the juvenile collections program collected \$391,600 in fines and fees for the County. This figure represents a nine percent decrease from fines and fees collected over the same period in FY2000. This decrease is the result of a 25% drop in the amount of fines and fees assessed by the courts.

The pending caseload for juvenile delinquency cases climbed to 5,432 by the end of July 2002 (page 5.5). The District Clerk's Office conducted a manual count of the pending cases in the 304<sup>th</sup> Juvenile District Court in FY2000 that resulted in a dramatic decrease (1,500 cases). A similar review should be performed in the 305<sup>th</sup> Juvenile District Court.



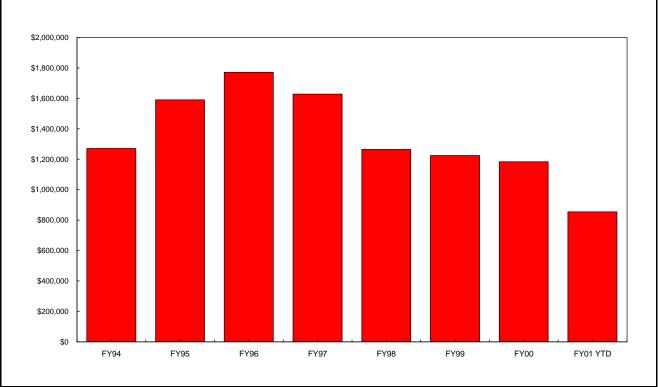
**District Juvenile Courts** 



#### **District Juvenile Courts**

	INDICATOR	:		Juvenile De	linquency	Attorney Pay	ments								
	MONTHLY							YEAR-TO-DATE							
MONTH	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	CHANGE FROM FY00	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY00	FY01	CHANG FROM FY			
ОСТ	50,766	19,228	29,280	58,839	101,029	71.7%	50,766	19,228	29,280	58,839	101,029	71.			
NOV	137,480	106,810	77,954	111,453	105,429	-5.4%	188,246	126,038	107,234	170,292	206,458	21			
DEC	134,221	95,900	95,502	147,306	67,323	-54.3%	322,467	221,938	202,735	317,598	273,781	-13			
JAN	114,099	92,809	75,554	83,223	82,649	-0.7%	436,566	314,747	278,289	400,820	356,430	-11			
FEB	107,716	102,748	107,391	87,545	102,234	16.8%	544,282	417,494	385,680	488,365	458,663	-6			
MAR	274,849	134,771	138,505	135,843	81,124	-40.3%	819,130	552,266	524,185	624,208	539,787	-13			
APR	161,895	255,645	133,571	78,543	103,479	31.7%	981,025	807,911	657,756	702,751	643,266	-8			
MAY	102,969	104,321	107,245	104,322	94,613	-9.3%	1,083,995	912,232	765,001	807,073	737,879	-8			
JUN	120,963	137,193	110,747	88,954	116,015	30.4%	1,204,957	1,049,425	875,748	896,027	853,894	-4			
JUL	137,723	84,448	128,405	103,643			1,342,681	1,133,873	1,004,153	999,670					
AUG	97,642	100,049	95,576	79,325			1,440,322	1,233,922	1,099,729	1,078,995					
SEP	188,330	30,829	124,923	104,634			\$1,628,653	\$1,264,751	\$1,224,652	\$1,183,629					
TOTAL	1,628,653	1,264,751	1,224,652	1,183,629	853,894	N/A	ANNUAL PRC	JECTION/BUE	DGET:		\$1,218,500				
AVG	135,721	105,396	102,054	98,636	94,877	-3.8%	PERCENT AC	HIEVED TO D	ΔΤΕ·		70.1%				

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**

13.6%

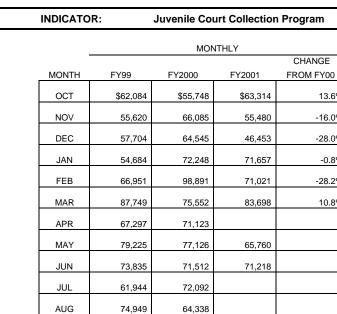
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\$800,738

\$66,728

67,646

\$856,906

\$71,409

SEP

TOTAL

AVG

	YEAR-TO	-DATE	
			CHANGE
FY99	FY2000	FY2001	FROM FY00
\$62,084	\$55,748	\$63,314	13.6%
117,704	121,834	118,794	-2.5%
175,408	186,378	165,247	-11.3%
230,092	258,626	236,904	-8.4%
297,043	357,517	307,925	-13.9%
384,792	433,069	391,623	-9.6%
452,089	504,192		
531,314	581,318	65,760	
605,149	652,830	136,978	
667,093	724,922		
742,042	789,260		
\$800,738	\$856,906		
ANNUAL PROJE	CTION/BUDGE <sup>-</sup>	\$1,000,000	
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Source/Explanation: The District Clerk prepares a monthly report detailing fines, fees, and costs assessed, waived and collected.

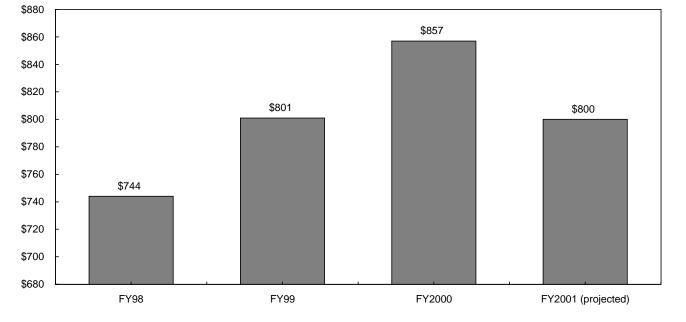
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**District Juvenile Courts** 

New Filings			+ Reinstatements, Motions -				-	Dispositions			=	Y-T-D Cases Pending			
MONTH	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	r i	FY99	FY2000	FY2001		FY99	FY2000	FY2001		FY99	FY2000	FY2001
OCT	280	187	226		112	148	168		283	57	515		109	6,156	4,810
NOV	123	130	175		130	141	115		220	455	225		142	4,522	4,875
DEC	161	196	153		126	140	198		168	560	165		261	4,298	5,061
JAN	180	156	349		126	153	177		292	375	421		4,866	4,232	5,121
FEB	*	192	*		*	174	*		*	280	*		5,082	4,318	*
MAR	233	321	*		167	179	*		265	391	*		5,219	4,427	*
APR	225	143	164		190	162	128		378	333	292		5,256	4,399	5,339
MAY	247	195	220		177	178	151		439	229	343		5,241	4,543	5,367
JUN	223	227	294		135	129	134		322	238	268		5,277	4,661	5,527
JUL	228	85	190		163	133	129		211	256	414		5,457	4,623	5,432
AUG	243	293			136	132			162	298			5,674	4,750	
SEP	202	157			119	156			117	132			5,878	4,931	
TOTAL	2,345	2,282	1,771		1,581	1,825	1,200		2,857	3,604	2,643				
AVG	195	190	177		132	152	120		238	300	264				
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# Section VI County Criminal Courts

Analyst: Greg Allbright

# Notes on Methodology

The expenses presented for each court (page 6.2) do not include the cost of the Criminal Court Magistrate nor the Collections Department, since these costs are the same for each court. However, the costs of visiting judges and court appointed attorneys are now separated from operating expenses. The latter are 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.

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.

At the suggestion of the County Criminal judges, trial data, trials before the court and before a jury are included in this report. As shown on page 6.7 the number of jury trials and trials before a court are reported as a measure of the amount of time and work judges spend, relative to each other.

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 amount of assessment and collections is presented in two formats in this report. First, the total dollar amount of assessments, cash collected and time served is presented (page 6.4). The second presentation focuses on the percentage of assessments collected through cash or time served (page 6.5). For collections, there is one page on the total amount of fines, fees, and bond forfeitures collections reported to the County Clerk (page 6.10).

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 has recently begun to hear a limited number of regular misdemeanor cases. County Criminal Court of Appeals #2 hears a normal misdemeanor docket, despite its designation.

In order to fairly compare the cost of utilizing a Public Defender with a court appointed attorney, a cost must be attributed to the Public Defender's Office that accounts for space usage, utilities, central services (payroll,

purchasing, office cleaning, etc.) and employee grievances. This report adds a 10% cost to the Public Defender's Office (approximately \$350,000 annually) for this purpose. The additional cost is added to the imputed cost of each public defender assigned to a court. **Highlights** 

The most noteworthy change to occur between the first nine months of FY2000 and FY2001 is the significant increase in revenue per disposition for County Criminal Court #11, Judge Dianne Jones. Through three quarters of FY2000 this court had a negative revenue per disposition. As of the third quarter of FY2001, this figure had risen to \$154 per disposition. One reason for this dramatic improvement is the increase in case assignments this court received during the middle of FY2000. Also, because of the lag that occurs between when a case is assigned and when it is disposed, the court did not realize the revenues from these cases until the beginning of FY2001.

The courts averaged \$156 in revenue per disposition through the first nine months of FY2001 (page 6.2), \$67 more than the third quarter of FY2000 (page 6.8).

Of the 45,094 pending cases as of June 30, 2001 approximately 31,228 are cases in which the defendant is unapprehended or otherwise unavailable for trial (page 6.3). Thus the County Criminal Courts have an active pending caseload of 13,866.

The average cost per case assigned to a public defender was \$92 in the third quarter of FY2001 (page 6.6). This average represents an increase of \$3 when compared to the third quarter of FY2000 cost of \$89 per case. Some of this increase can be attributed to the inclusion of the aforementioned 10% imputed cost for the public defender. Additionally, salary increases that occurred at the beginning of FY2001, also explain a portion of the increase in public defender cost. Page 6.6 includes an evaluation of the County Criminal Courts' cost-effective use of Public Defenders. For FY2001, the average cost per case for a Court Appointed Attorney is approximately \$140. Therefore, a PD cost per case under \$140, means the PD was used cost-effectively. A PD cost per case above \$140 would imply it would have been cheaper to use court appointed attorneys instead of a Public Defender. Through the first nine months of FY2001, eleven of twelve courts had an average cost per case under \$140. The Office of Budget and Evaluation recommends Commissioners Court send a letter to Judge Anderson concerning his use of the Public Defender.

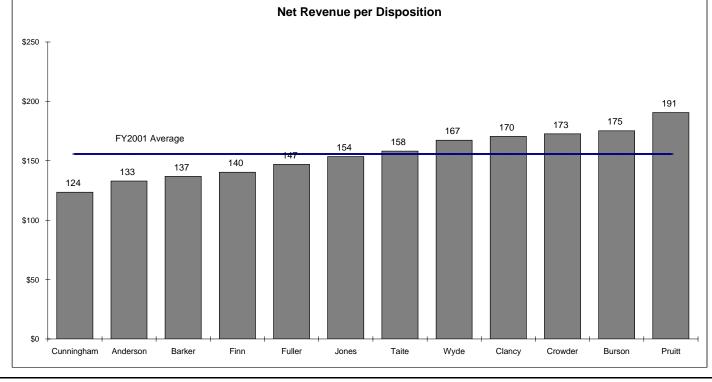
The Collections Department has collected 15% more revenue in FY2001 when compared to the collection total through the third quarter of FY2000 (page 6.10). For FY2001, approximately \$10.701 million was received by collections, compared to approximately \$9.273 million collected at this point last year. This increase can be attributed to a collaborative effort between the Collections Department and the County Criminal Court Judges to decrease the number of persons that fail to appear before Collections.

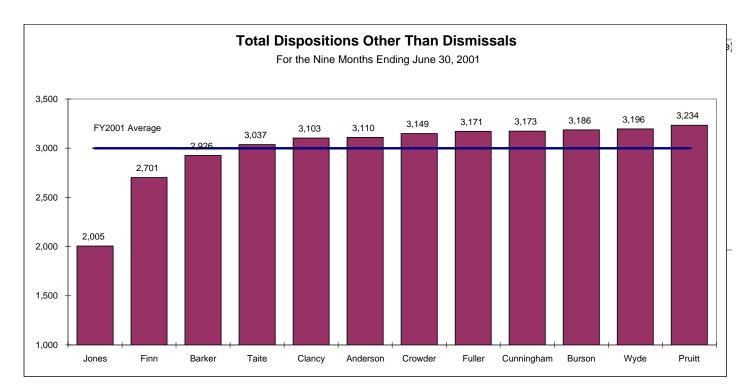
Through the first nine months of FY2001, filings and dispositions have declined slightly, overall, when compared to FY2000, while dispositions continue to outpace filings. As a result, the pending caseload has been reduced by the County Criminal Court judges to one of its lowest points in the past five years. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001 the pending caseload was 45,094. This reduction can be attributed to the decrease in filings, allowing more time for judges to spend on the existing caseload, and the addition of County Criminal Court #11, which began operations in FY2000.

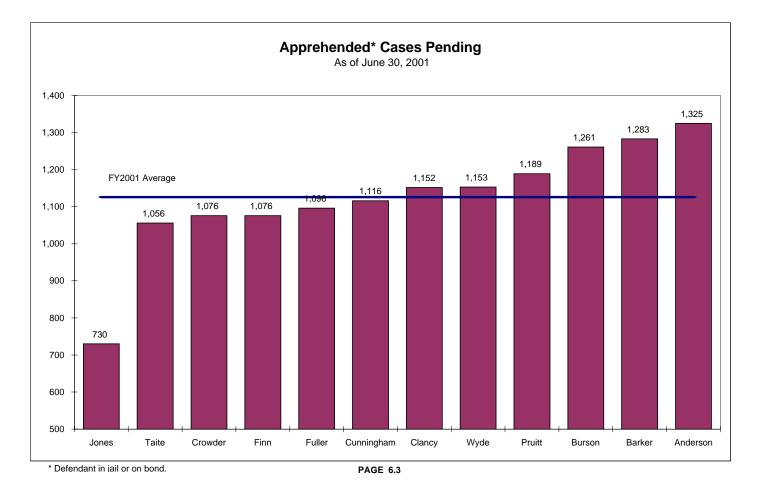
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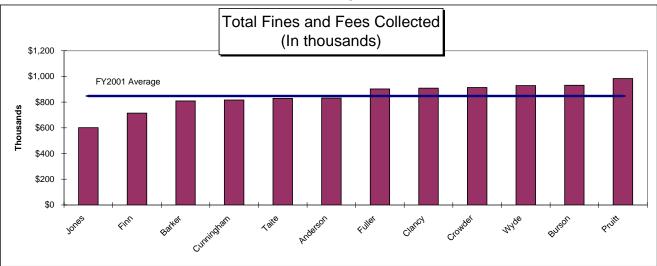
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											Net
Court		Operating	Visiting	Ct. Apptd	Public	Total	Total		Net	Number of	Revenue p
Number	Judge	Expenses	Judge	Atty. Costs	Defender	Indgnt Def.	Expenses	Revenues	Revenue	Dispositions	Dispositio
1	Clancy	221,849	2,268	89,825	67,051	156,876	380,993	909,948	528,955	3,103	\$17
2	Pruitt	211,723	3,588	153,244	0	153,244	368,555	984,854	616,299	3,234	\$19
3	Wyde	210,681	68	116,675	67,051	183,726	394,475	929,265	534,790	3,196	\$16
4	Taite	212,169	2,267	575	134,102	134,677	349,113	829,489	480,376	3,037	\$15
5	Fuller	206,885	3,147	92,011	134,102	226,113	436,145	902,216	466,071	3,171	\$14
6	Barker	204,580	5,347	131,525	67,051	198,576	408,503	809,125	400,622	2,926	\$1:
7	Crowder	200,492	2,268	100,800	67,051	167,851	370,611	914,594	543,983	3,149	\$17
8	Cunningham	221,239	508	136,350	67,051	203,401	425,148	817,205	392,057	3,173	\$12
9	Anderson	209,314	68	142,475	67,051	209,526	418,908	832,355	413,447	3,110	\$1:
10	Finn	215,574	508	53,035	67,051	120,086	336,168	715,187	379,019	2,701	\$14
11	Jones	195,559	68	30,700	67,051	97,751	293,378	601,212	307,834	2,005	\$15
App #2	Burson	210,964	4,468	90,325	67,051	157,376	372,808	931,037	558,229	3,186	\$17
	Total	\$2,521,029	\$24,573	\$1,137,540	\$871,663	\$2,009,203	\$4,554,805	\$10,176,487	\$5,621,682	35,991	
	Average	\$210,086	\$2,048	\$94,795	\$72,639	\$167,434	\$379,567	\$848,041	\$468,474	2,999	\$1
App #1	Wade *	210,846	68	11,725	0	11,725	222,639	1,252,362	1,029,723	6,342	\$1

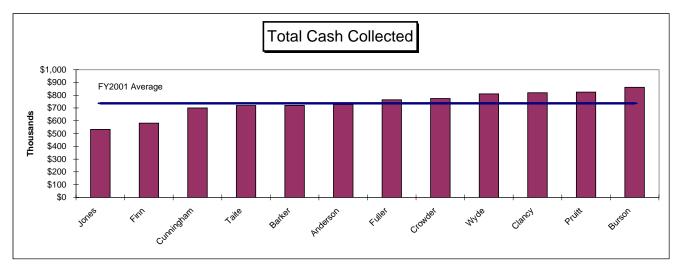


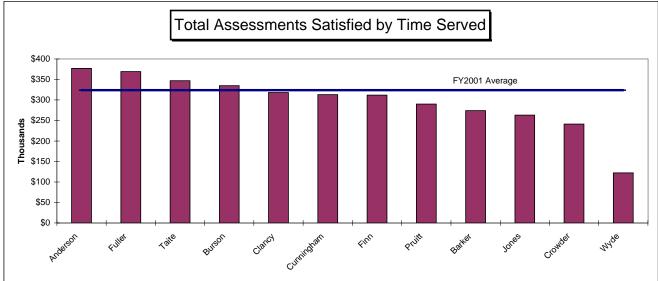






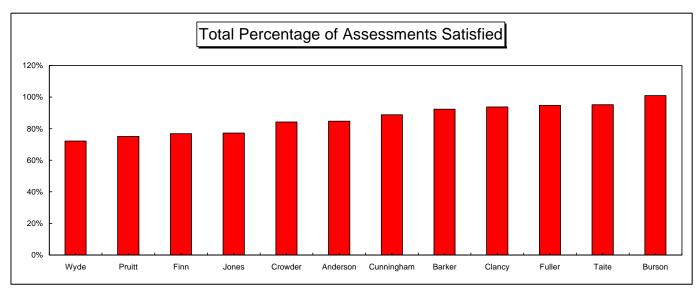


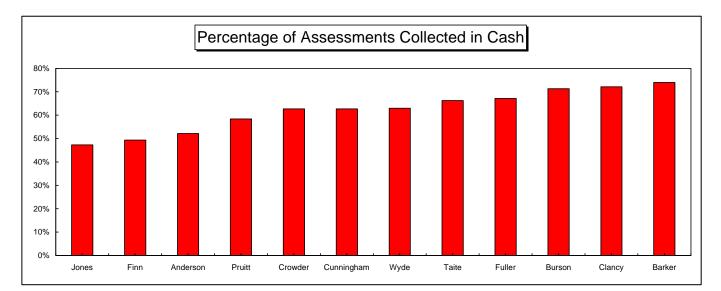


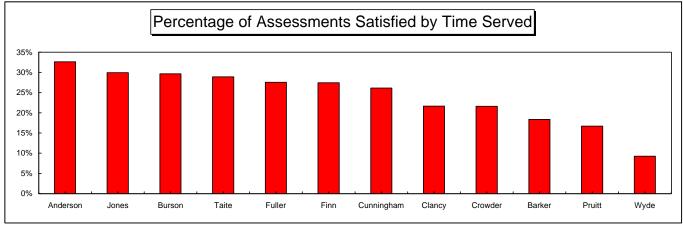


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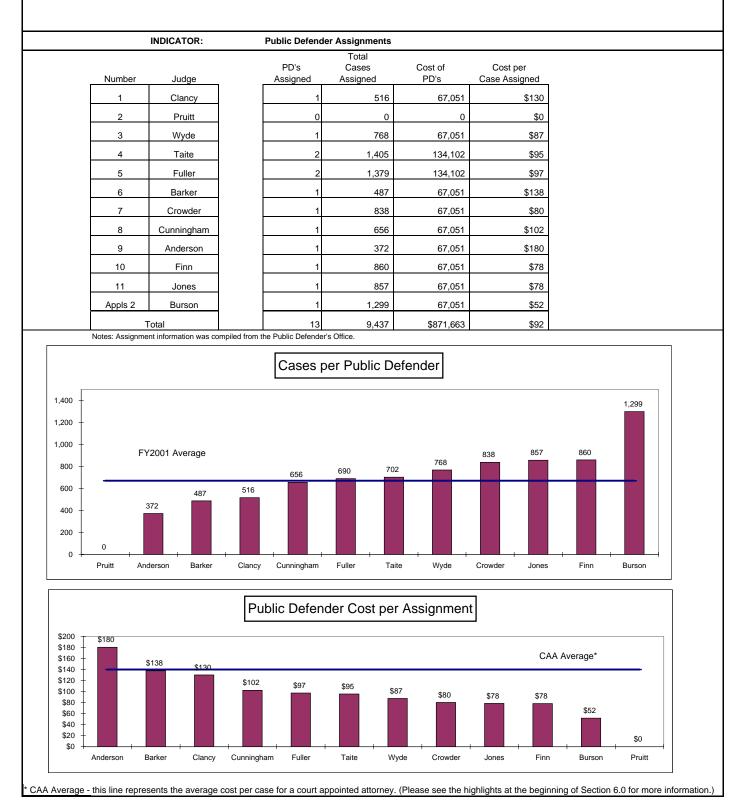






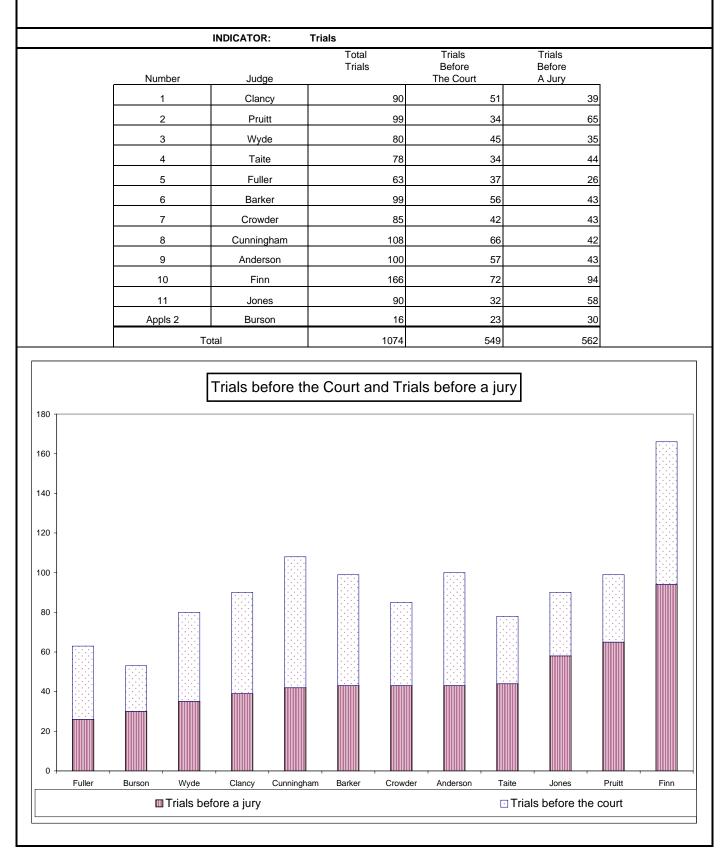
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#### **County Criminal Courts**



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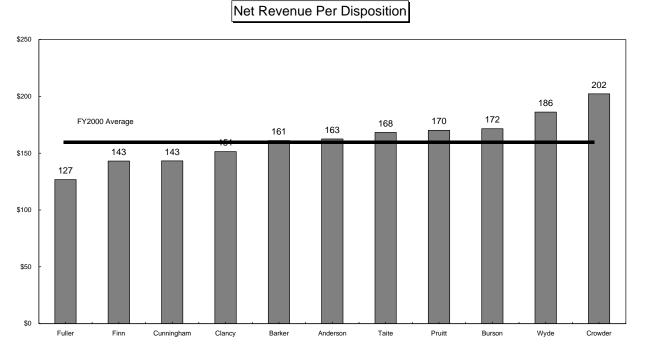
#### DALLAS COUNTY MANAGEMENT REPORT For the First Quarter of FY2000

#### **County Criminal Courts**

	INDICATOR:		Court by C	ourt compa	rison of exp	penditures, r	evenues and	dispositions			
											Net
Court		Operating	Visiting	Ct. Apptd	Public	Total	Total		Net	Number of	Revenue per
Number	Judge	Expenses	Judge	Atty. Costs	Defender	Indgnt Def.	Expenses	Revenues	Revenue	Dispositions*	Disposition*
1	Clancy	67,120	880	44,435	18,228	62,663	130,663	291,201	160,538	1,060	\$151
2	Pruitt	66,126	440	52,050	0	52,050	118,616	294,752	176,136	1,035	\$170
3	Wyde	72,396	0	51,650	18,228	69,878	142,274	324,040	181,766	976	\$186
4	Taite	69,867	0	0	36,456	36,456	106,323	267,885	161,562	960	\$168
5	Fuller	72,737	440	29,325	36,456	65,781	138,958	288,847	149,889	1,182	\$127
6	Barker	65,171	0	43,450	18,228	61,678	126,849	288,449	161,600	1,003	\$161
7	Crowder	69,637	0	23,950	18,228	42,178	111,815	312,899	201,084	994	\$202
8	Cunningham	66,905	880	39,975	18,228	58,203	125,988	261,820	135,832	948	\$143
9	Anderson	66,665	1,760	48,125	18,228	66,353	134,778	301,548	166,770	1,026	\$163
10	Finn	64,773	0	18,750	18,228	36,978	101,751	250,326	148,575	1,038	\$143
11	Jones	62,189	0	10,650	18,228	28,878	91,067	33,913	(57,154)	320	(\$179)
App #2	Burson	65,802	65	25,375	18,228	43,603	109,470	283,588	174,118	1,015	\$172
	Total	\$809,388	\$4,465	\$387,735	\$236,964	\$624,699	\$1,438,552	\$3,199,268	\$1,760,716	11,557	
	Average	\$67,927	\$406	\$34,280	\$19,885	\$54,166	\$122,499	\$287,760	\$165,261	1,022	\$162
App #1	Wade **	66,073	0	2,175		2,175	68,248	337,928	269,680	4,065	\$66

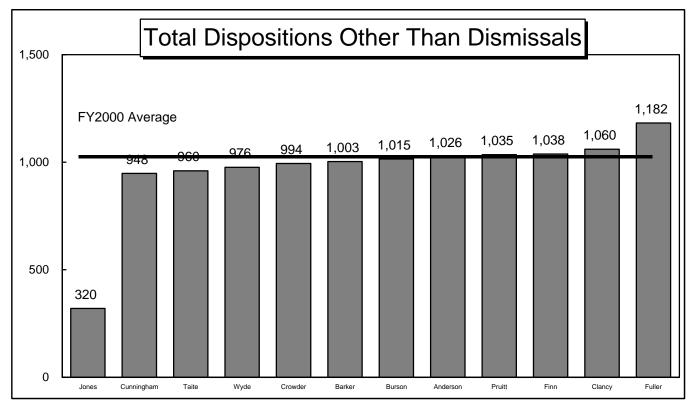
\*Dispositions minus dismissals.

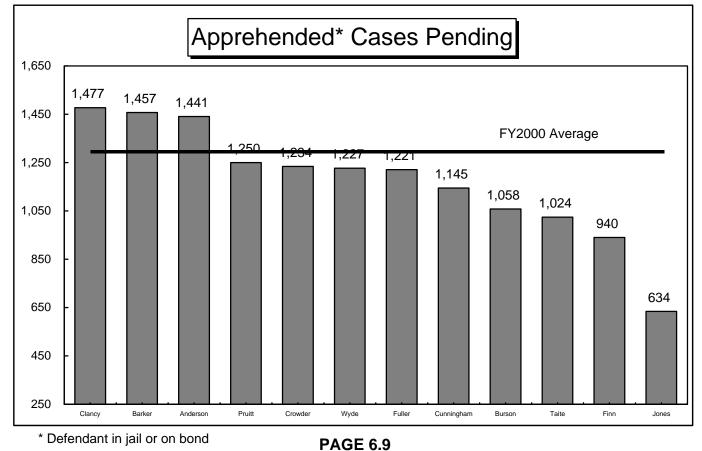
\*\*The Appeals Court shows net revenue per disposition much different than the average due to a higher number of dispositions, resulting from a caseload that is different from the other misdemeanor courts.



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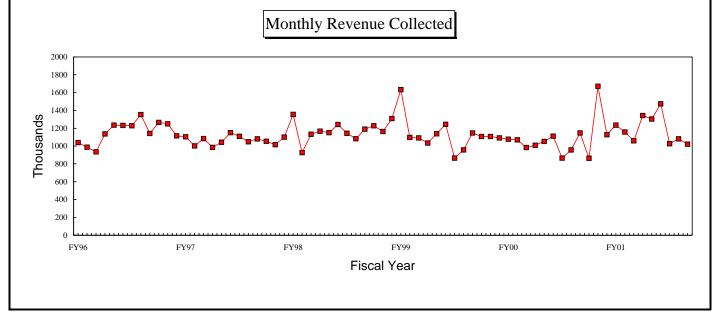


### **County Clerk**

### INDICATOR: A & B Misdemeanor Fines and Fees Collected by Collections Dept.

Total Revenue Collected											
		FY96			FY97			FY98			
	Fines &	Bond		Fines &	Bond		Fines &	Bond			
	Fees	Forftr.	Total	Fees	Forftr.	Total	Fees	Forftr.	Total		
OCT	896,596	142,896	1,039,492	993,472	110,200	1,103,672	1,206,941	147,823	1,354,764		
NOV	860,922	125,984	986,906	897,340	104,410	1,001,750	801,593	125,649	927,242		
DEC	842,257	93,979	936,236	893,624	190,479	1,084,103	1,015,567	117,703	1,133,270		
JAN	1,009,739	126,983	1,136,722	878,744	107,141	985,885	989,404	176,895	1,166,299		
FEB	1,038,857	196,676	1,235,533	901,805	140,964	1,042,769	1,005,662	144,998	1,150,660		
MAR	1,066,470	166,018	1,232,488	1,016,127	135,261	1,151,388	1,140,094	101,823	1,241,917		
APR	1,077,035	150,216	1,227,251	941,973	168,031	1,110,004	1,021,293	122,750	1,144,043		
MAY	1,157,656	195,622	1,353,278	910,582	138,200	1,048,782	936,035	146,469	1,082,504		
JUN	1,006,187	136,470	1,142,657	952,378	128,124	1,080,502	1,028,620	160,978	1,189,598		
JUL	1,091,584	174,618	1,266,202	877,501	175,841	1,053,342	1,032,356	196,356	1,228,712		
AUG	1,106,103	144,015	1,250,118	856,763	159,022	1,015,785	1,022,484	141,118	1,163,602		
SEP	948,690	165,893	1,114,583	956,676	144,531	1,101,207	1,201,593	107,860	1,309,453		
Total	12,102,096	1,819,370	13,921,466	11,076,985	1,702,204	12,779,189	12,401,642	1,690,422	14,092,064		
		FY99			FY2000			FY2001			
	Fines &	Bond		Fines &	Bond		Fines &	Bond			
	Fees	Forftr.	Total	Fees	Forftr.	Total	Fees	Forftr.	Total		
OCT	1,410,780	223,438	1,634,218	891,087	185,476	1,076,563	1,060,136	175,320	1,235,456		
NOV	924,286	172,468	1,096,754	885,361	185,316	1,070,676	1,034,520	122,752	1,157,272		
DEC	911,887	179,188	1,091,075	845,017	139,652	984,669	927,218	131,219	1,058,437		
JAN	883,053	151,770	1,034,823	819,062	189,996	1,009,059	1,157,878	184,872	1,342,750		
FEB	993,516	145,171	1,138,687	936,034	116,547	1,052,583	1,095,065	208,257	1,303,322		
MAR	1,084,055	160,693	1,244,748	1,011,647	99,410	1,111,058	1,268,303	206,120	1,474,423		
APR	1,054,890	148,259	1,203,149	800,868	64,378	865,246	929,783	96,708	1,026,491		
MAY	929,680	254,423	1,184,103	882,615	74,278	956,893	997,121	84,308	1,081,429		
JUN	1,045,794	173,703	1,219,497	1,065,774	80,937	1,146,711	891,605	130,170	1,021,775		
JUN		109,350	1,107,005	827,453	36,170	863,623			0		
JUL	997,655	105,000									
	997,655 1,011,441	96,232	1,107,673	1,201,494	470,478	1,671,972			C		
JUL	,			1,201,494 937,412	470,478 189,577	1,671,972 1,126,989			C C		

Source: County Criminal Courts Monthly Term Report (RO6465)



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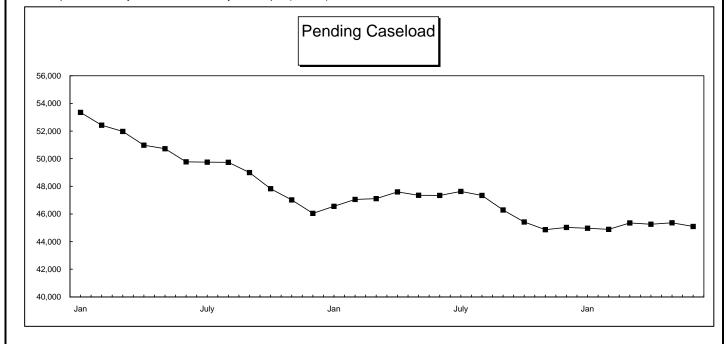
### **County Criminal Courts**

INDICATOR:

### Filings, dispositions, and cases pending

	Y-T-D Filings					Y-T-	D Disposit	tions		Cases Pending*					
MONTH	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001
ОСТ	5,416	6,195	5,149	4,732	5,517	6,259	6,760	5,922	5,896	6,393	47,174	48,009	54,186	47,831	45,415
NOV	9,765	11,265	9,551	9,610	10,373	11,219	11,393	10,998	11,588	11,798	45,947	48,446	53,146	47,017	44,866
DEC	14,246	16,064	14,595	13,682	14,723	15,424	16,498	15,705	16,633	16,069	46,223	48,140	53,483	46,044	45,021
JAN	19,941	22,077	19,578	19,142	20,114	20,822	21,563	20,826	21,588	21,510	46,520	49,058	53,349	46,549	44,971
FEB	25,304	28,146	24,681	24,611	25,205	26,063	26,664	26,864	26,551	26,684	46,642	50,026	52,421	47,055	44,888
MAR	30,589	33,365	30,465	30,577	30,826	31,272	32,067	33,101	32,467	31,840	46,718	49,842	51,969	47,105	45,353
APR	36,427	38,795	35,814	35,643	35,683	36,610	37,394	39,446	37,045	36,790	47,218	49,945	50,973	47,593	45,260
MAY	41,345	43,091	40,585	40,923	41,024	41,844	42,217	44,823	42,564	42,028	46,902	49,418	50,720	47,354	45,363
JUN	46,628	49,140	45,697	46,441	45,973	47,186	47,756	50,537	48,094	47,246	46,843	49,928	49,767	47,342	45,094
JUL	52,888	54,507	50,804	51,760		52,563	53,034	55,577	53,122		47,726	51,164	49,745	47,633	
AUG	58,340	60,161	56,559	57,671		57,732	58,795	61,164	59,331		48,009	55,945	49,742	47,335	
SEP	65,491	65,891	61,058	62,478		64,318	65,511	66,331	65,182		48,574	54,959	48,995	46,291	
AVG	5,458	5,491	5,088	5,207	5,108	5,360	5,459	5,517	5,410	5,250	47,041	50,407	51,541	47,096	45,101

\*These figures include both apprehended and non-apprehended cases pending. Source/Explanation: County Criminal Courts Monthly Term Report (RO6465)



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# Section VII County Courts at Law

Analyst: Amanda Perez

### Notes on Methodology

For FY2001 the copier cost budget is removed from Judge Jenevein's budget and added to the Court Cost Miscellaneous budget. It will not be redistributed to the County Courts at Law.

### Highlights

At the end of the third quarter of FY2001, the average cost per disposition decreased from \$85 to \$82 (page 7.1). The range of costs per disposition also narrowed to a span from \$91 in County Court at Law #2 to \$76 in County Courts in Law #1. County Court at Law # 2 had one of the highest total expenses, but more so, the lowest number of dispositions to impact the court's average cost. In the "middle of the pack" is County Court at Law #3. This court had the highest expenses (the only other county court with high expenses because of a salaried court reporter), however, it also had the highest number of dispositions, lending itself to be right at the average cost of \$81 among all courts.

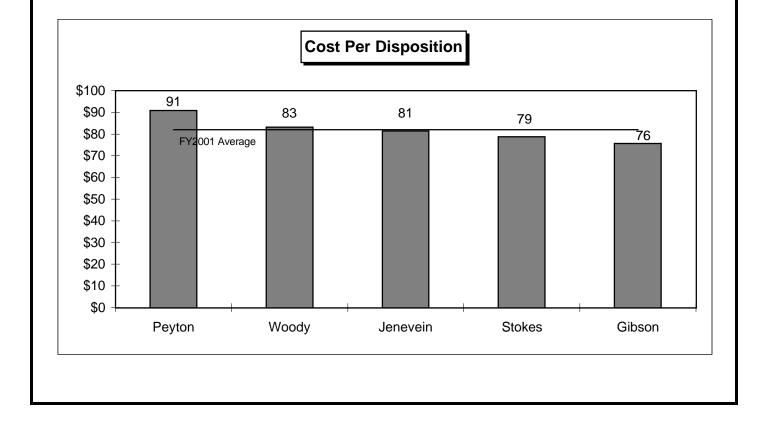
Comparing the same time frame between FY2000 and FY2001, the number of total dispositions were 11% less and operating expenses were slightly higher causing the third quarter's average cost per disposition to be 12% higher than the third quarter of FY2000.

From the second to the third quarter, pending caseloads decreased for all county courts except one, which was very minimal (page 7.2). The court family had an overall lower pending caseload at 7,676 cases (page 7.5). Comparing to the same time frame in FY2000 the overall *average* pending caseload is 14% less and is continuing to decline. Previously, in January of FY98, a reconciliation of the pending case volume was performed by the judges and the County Clerk's Office, as shown in the steep decline. The pending caseload began increasing again, nearly reaching its former peak in FY99. Since that time, the pending caseload has declined again and has continually decreased through the first six months of FY2001.

For the nine months ending June 30, 2001

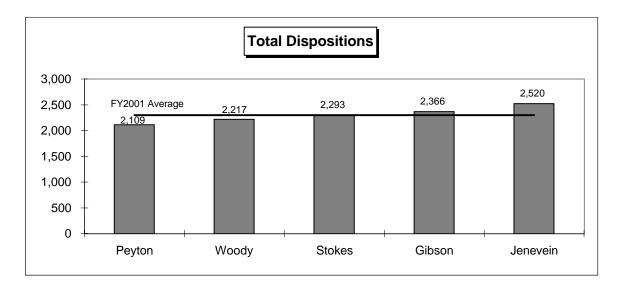
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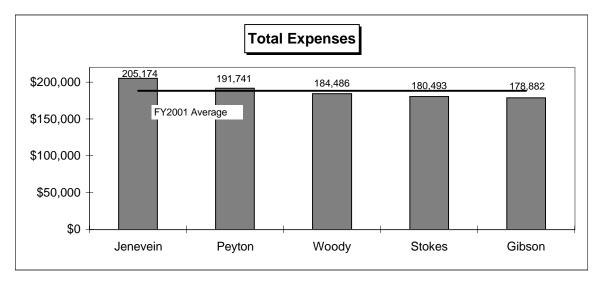
INDICATOR	: Court	Court by Court comparison of expenditures and dispositions									
Court Number	Judge	Operating Expenses	Visiting Judge	Total Expenses	Number of Dispositions	Cost per Disposition					
1	Gibson	\$178,356	\$526	\$178,882	2,366	\$76					
2	Peyton	191,648	93	191,741	2,109	91					
3	Jenevein	204,559	615	205,174	2,520	81					
4	Woody	184,486	0	184,486	2,217	83					
5	Stokes	180,449	44	180,493	2,293	79					
	Total Average	\$939,498 \$187,900	\$1,278 \$256	\$940,776 \$188,155	11,505 2,301	\$82					

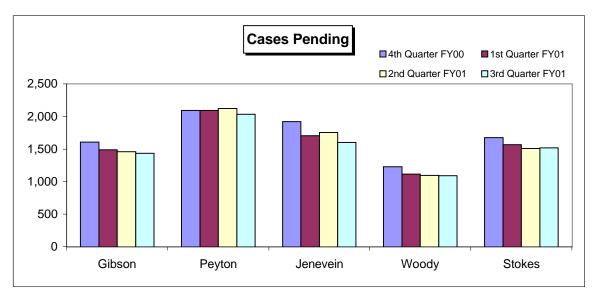


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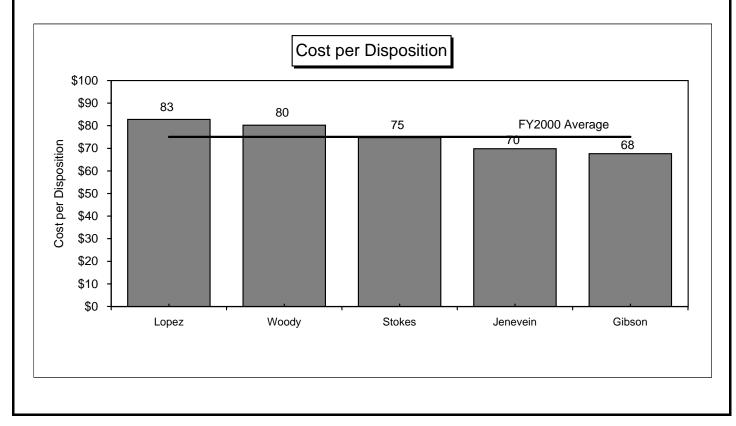




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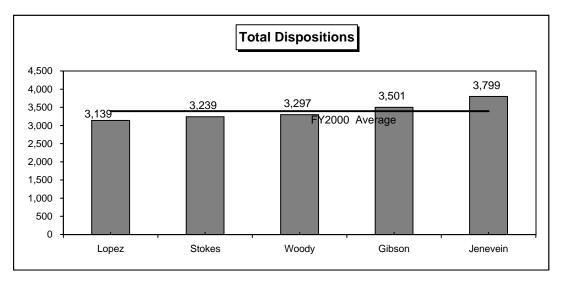
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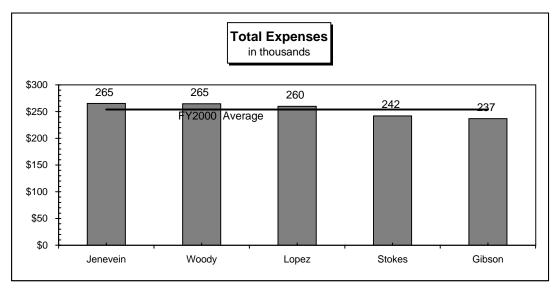
Court		Operating	Visiting	Total	Number of	Cost per
Number	Judge	Expenses	Judge	Expenses	Dispositions	Disposition
1	Gibson	\$236,828	\$79	\$236,907	3,501	\$68
2	Lopez	259,883	0	259,883	3,139	83
3	Jenevein	265,380	0	265,380	3,799	70
4	Woody	264,633	0	264,633	3,297	80
5	Stokes	241,957	0	241,957	3,239	75
	Total	\$1,268,681	\$79	\$1,268,760	16,975	
	Average	\$253,736	\$16	\$253,752	3,395	\$75

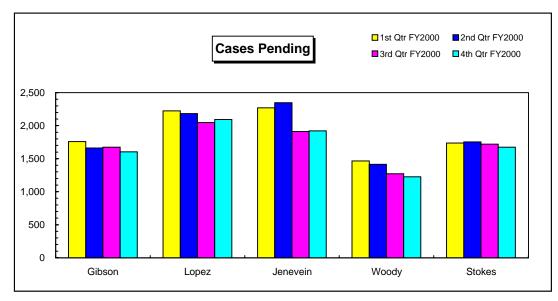


# County Courts at Law

FY2000







### County Courts at Law

INDICATOR:

### Filings, dispositions, and cases pending

Y-T-D Filings												
MONTH	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001								
ОСТ	1,086	1,300	1,257	1,102								
NOV	2,145	2,366	2,507	2,166								
DEC	3,132	3,669	4,013	3,172								
JAN	4,199	4,711	5,286	4,426								
FEB	5,323	5,949	6,629	5,635								
MAR	6,426	7,266	8,123	6,881								
APR	7,483	8,721	9,422	8,073								
MAY	8,555	9,898	10,822	9,430								
JUN	9,693	11,732	12,212	10,664								
JUL	10,801	12,987	13,457									
AUG	11,869	14,255	14,870									
SEP	13,066	15,463	16,131									
AVG	1,089	1,211	1,344	1,185								

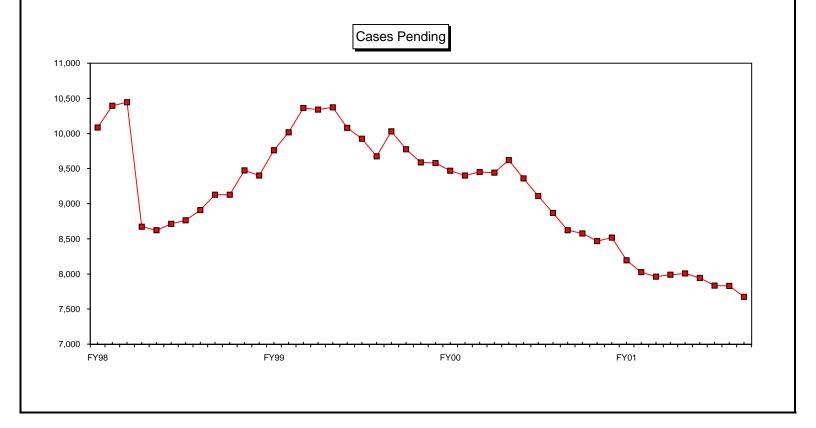
FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001
1,035	940	1,365	1,424
1,784	1,752	2,684	2,659
2,720	2,705	4,140	3,727
3,571	3,771	5,425	4,953
4,743	4,976	6,588	6,146
5,754	6,587	8,340	7,456
6,760	8,198	9,675	8,758
7,689	9,850	11,314	10,116
8,611	11,487	12,950	11,505
9,543	12,699	14,241	
10,442	14,156	15,765	
11,712	15,372	16,975	
976	1,098	1,415	1,278

Y-T-D Dispostitions

FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001
10,084	9,760	9,471	8,195
10,394	10,014	9,402	8,024
10,445	10,364	9,452	7,962
8,670	10,340	9,440	7,990
8,622	10,373	9,620	8,006
8,714	10,079	9,362	7,942
8,765	9,923	9,108	7,832
8,908	9,673	8,869	7,831
9,128	10,028	8,623	7,676
9,128	9,776	8,577	
9,473	9,587	8,466	
9,400	9,579	8,517	
9,311	10,046	9,076	7,940

Cases Pending

Source/Explanation: Monthly Statistical Report No. RO5276.



# Section VIII Probate Courts

Analyst: Amanda Perez

### 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, only 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.

The costs associated with the operation of the Probate Investigator's office appear in Judge DeShazo's budget. For the sake of making an accurate comparison, however, the costs have been removed and then distributed back into the operating costs of each court according to the ratio mentioned above.

Probate Court #3 (Judge Loving) uses a full-time public defender in the Mental Illness Court. These costs are indicated in the public defender column.

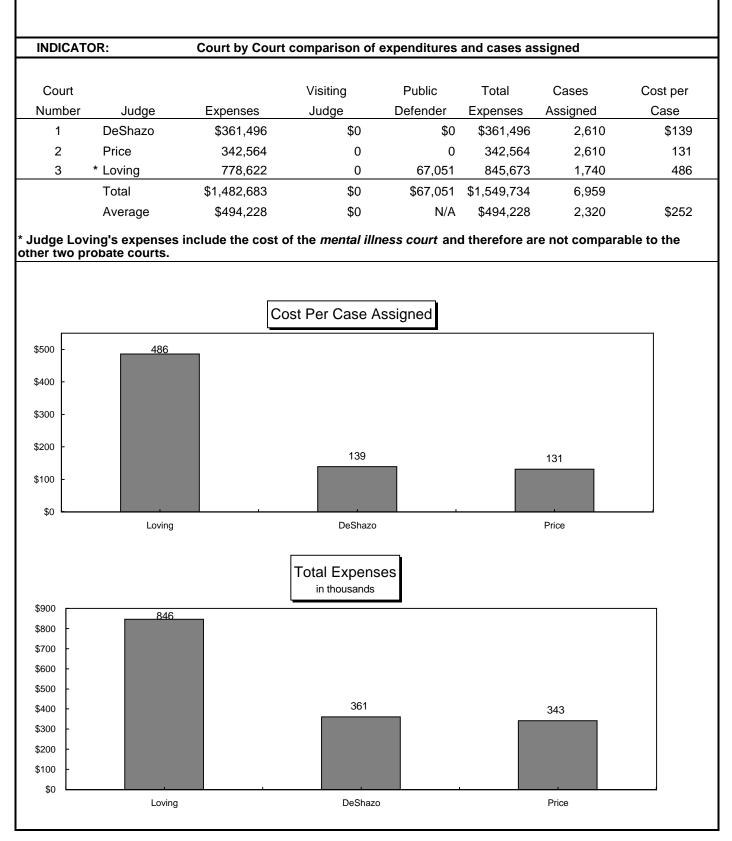
### Highlights

The total number of cases assigned during the third quarter of FY2001 continue to be less than FY2000 at 6,959 cases and operating expenses continue to be higher because of the mental health court in Probate Court # 3 (page 8.1). Comparing to the third quarter of FY2000, Probate Court # 1 had 5% higher expenses and Probate #2 had 2.5% higher expenses for average costs per case of \$139 and \$131 respectively.

Probate Court #3's high operating expenses were solely due to the operations of the mental illness court. Again, the costs in the third quarter were more than 20% higher in FY2001 than the third quarter of FY2000 with the same factors, *other professional fees, court appointed ad litem, and trial expenses* driving the overage. The *trial expenses* consist mostly of payments to Kaufman County for Terrell State Hospital re-commitments and medication hearings. In addition, these expenses may increase in the calendar year because of an anticipated increase in the case rate paid to Kaufman County. It currently is set at \$363 and historically has increased yearly since 1999. However, the costs associated with *other professional fees* may decrease during the calendar year because of a change in operation. The costs associated with paying attorneys to sign after-hour and weekend OPCs will be removed from Probate Court #3's budget and reassigned as a responsibility of the county magistrates. Therefore Probate Court # 3's operating expense will be reduced by at least \$45,000 (\$125 per day) for the next fiscal year.

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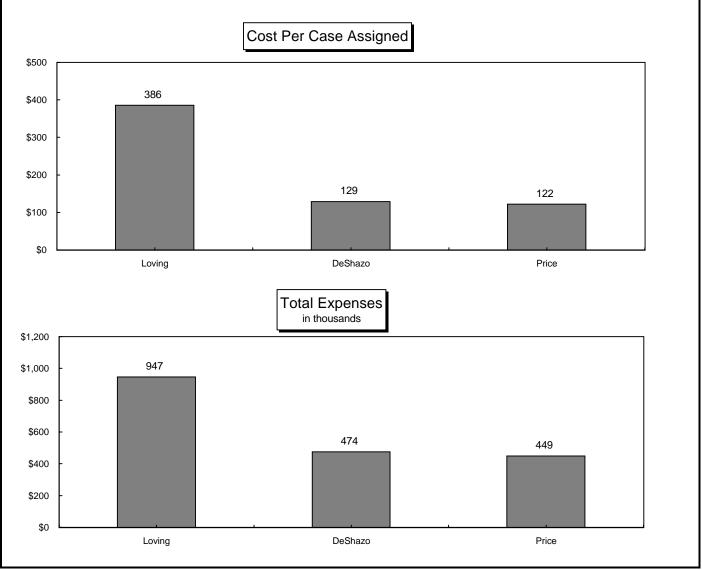
### **Probate Courts**



**Probate Courts** 

INDICATO	OR:	Court by Court comparison of expenditures and cases assigned									
Court			Visiting	Public	Total	Cases	Cost per				
Number	Judge	Expenses	Judge	Defender	Expenses	Assigned	Case				
1	DeShazo	\$474,379	\$0	\$0	\$474,379	3,681	\$129				
2	Price	449,392	0	0	449,392	3,681	122				
3	Loving	870,336 *	0	76,502	946,838	2,454	386				
	Total	\$1,794,107	\$0	\$76,502	\$1,870,609	9,816					
	Average	\$598,036	\$0	N/A	\$598,036	3,272	\$212				

\* Judge Loving'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

### Highlights

### Notes on Methodology

The Justices of the Peace and Constables generally operate together to provide a disposition. Accordingly, the "Net Cost per Disposition" is attributed to a J.P./Constable pair. Where one Constable serves two J.P.s, the expense and the revenue of the Constable are prorated based on the Constables % of papers received from the Justice of the Peace Offices and the ratio of staffing between the two Justices of the Peace Offices.

The comparison of "Dispositions per Authorized J.P. Staff" is calculated using the clerical staff (excluding any positions held for D.D.A. credit) and the judge assigned to each J.P. Court.

The Justices of the Peace Courts with traffic programs (Sholden, Blackington, Cercone, Cawthon, and Jones) are expected to generate more revenue then courts without such programs, and therefore, should have a lower or negative net cost per disposition.

### Highlights

Justices of the Peace Freeman and Rose have not provided workload data prior to the production of this report. The data reported represents 86% of the total courts. Also, the data reported represents the first quarter of workload data for J.P. 6-1 under the supervision of Judge Sepulveda. The Office of Budget and Evaluation will continue to work with the courts in an attempt to get their workload data in prior to the deadline. The automation of the J.P reporting has been placed on the Data Services priority list and upon the completion of this programming the data will be more readily accessible.

Third quarter FY2001 Net Cost per Disposition data (page 9.1) shows that the Justices of the Peace have an average net cost per disposition of -\$11 compared with -\$1 for the third quarter of FY2000. The net cost per disposition for the third quarter of FY2001 compared with FY2000 decreased in five courts, increased in four courts, and remained the same in one court. Four courts (Judges Freeman, Orozco, Rose and Steele) did not provide either current or third quarter workload data for FY2000. Therefore, a comparative analysis of their net cost per disposition is not possible.

The Justice of the Peace Expense per Disposition graph (page 9.2) provides a different perspective than the net cost per disposition comparison in that it only shows Justice of the Peace gross expenses and dispositions, thus removing the Constable (some Constables operate more efficiently than others) and revenues (different mixes of paper's result in different opportunities to generate revenue) from the comparison. The average J.P. expense per disposition remained at \$24 per disposition in FY2000 and in

FY2001. In addition, Judges Cercone, Sholden, Cawthon and Sepulveda are the only courts showing a decrease in JP expense per disposition for the third quarter in FY2001 compared with FY2000.

The Dispositions per Authorized Staff graph (page 9.2) also depicts the number of dispositions per authorized staff for each Justice of the Peace Court. This graph provides a way to gauge the output of the court that is different from revenue and expense related efficiency measures. The courts with more dispositions per authorized staff are producing more output than courts with fewer dispositions per authorized staff.

The average number of dispositions per authorized staff has increased from 1,055 in FY2000 to 1,271 in FY2001, an increase of 216 dispositions per authorized staff. In addition, Judges Cercone, Whitney, Ritter, Sholden, Cawthon, and Sepulveda are the only courts showing an increase in the number of dispositions per authorized staff compared with the same period in FY2000. A review of the data shows that five out of the twelve reporting Justices of the Peace had more dispositions for the third quarter of FY2001 than cases received. This can occur when a large quantity of warrants that have reached their two-year limitation is returned from the Sheriff's Office for disposal.

The graphs on page 9.3 provide additional detail concerning the relative activity of Justice of the Peace Courts. This detail includes the number of warrant dispositions and the number of civil dispositions in each Justice of the Peace Court. The activity level of a Court is at least partially determined by geographical factors that cannot be controlled by the elected official, although efficient and aggressive Judges have the opportunity to "attract" certain case filings through their own efforts.

Justice of the Peace fines collected (page 9.7) for the third quarter of FY2001 show an increase of 10.9% over the same period of FY2000. Although, there is not a significant increase as previous years for the same period, historical data demonstrates a constant increase (2% in FY2000, 18% in FY99, 52% in FY98 and 45% in FY97). Based on the Auditor's revenue projection the percent achieved to date is 20.8% under the projected target. Revenue related to Constable Skinner, Ashlock, Pappas and Jernigan's Traffic Programs are accounted for in, Justices of the Peace 5-1 and 5-2 (Blackington and Cawthon), Justice of the Peace 4 (Sholden), Justice of the Peace 1-1 (Cercone), and Justice of the Peace 7 (Jones) respectively, as seen on page 9.1.

Justices of the Peace fees collected through the third quarter of FY2001 are 11.6% greater than collected through the same period in FY2000 (page 9.8). The increase in Justice of the Peace fees is the result of an increase in the number of dispositions produced (warrant) and cases received/disposed (civil) by the Justice of the Peace Offices (court cost on warrants and fees on civil and small claims cases).

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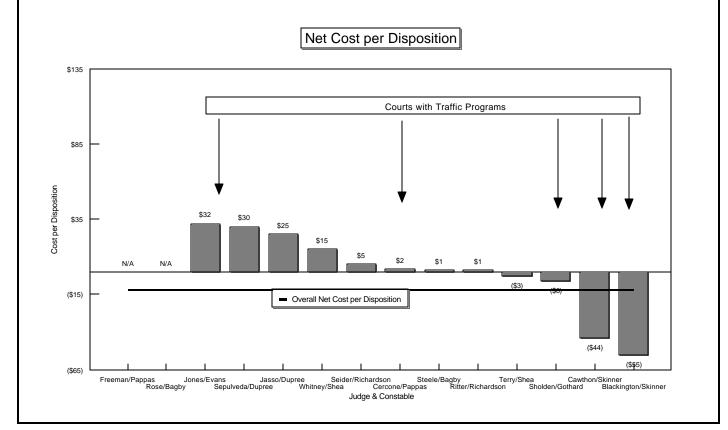
#### Justice of the Peace Courts

	INDICATOR:	′	Court by Court of	comparison of	expenditure	s, revenues a	and dispositio	ns			
Court		Operating	Constable	Total	JP	Constable	Total	Net	# of Cases	# of	Net Cost per
Number	Judge	Expenses	Expenses *	Expenses	Revenues	Revenues *	Revenue	Expense	Received	Disp.	Disp.
	0										
JP 1-1	Cercone	369,191	778,483	1,147,674	534,843	570,200	1,105,043	42,630	19,638	19,337	\$2
JP 1-2	Freeman**	141,115	150,069	291,184	54,832	109,918	164,750	126,434	N/A	N/A	N/A
JP 2-1	Terry	194,902	237,788	432,690	299,084	150,333	449,417	(16,726)	) 4,447	5,538	(\$3)
JP 2-2	Whitney	232,463	237,788	470,251	214,102	150,333	364,435	105,816	6,924	6,959	\$15
JP 3-1	Seider	268,125	257,973	526,099	328,464	125,493	453,957	72,142	11,419	13,531	\$5
JP 3-2	Ritter	230,220	202,693	432,913	327,861	98,601	426,463	6,450	8,036	10,295	\$1
JP 4	Sholden	360,229	661,670	1,021,899	741,912	371,436	1,113,348	(91,449)	) 19,506	15,492	(\$6)
JP 5-1	Blackington	486,019	83,121	569,140	1,363,147	468,455	1,831,602	(1,262,463)	) 27,041	22,832	(\$55)
JP 5-2	Cawthon	488,756	79,861	568,617	1,198,233	450,084	1,648,317	(1,079,700)	) 28,998	24,265	(\$44)
JP 6-1	Orozco/Sepulveda	208,167	235,851	444,018	85,856	127,086	212,942	231,076	7,636	7,649	\$30
JP 6-2	Jasso	163,238	116,166	279,404	80,284	62,595	142,879	136,525	9,364	5,551	\$25
JP 7	Jones	315,068	745,005	1,060,073	427,672	370,944	798,616	261,457	27,170	8,108	\$32
JP 8-1	Rose **	278,691	235,899	514,591	823,175	176,073	999,248	(484,658)	) N/A	N/A	N/A
JP 8-2	Steele	214,919	163,930	378,849	249,849	122,356	372,205	6,644	15,408	5,990	\$1
	Total	\$3,951,103	\$4,186,298	\$8,137,401	\$6,729,316	\$3,353,906	\$10,083,222	(\$1,945,821)	) 185,587	145,547	
	Average	\$282,222	\$299,021	\$581,243	\$480,665	\$239,565	\$720,230	(\$138,987)	) 15,466	12,129	(11

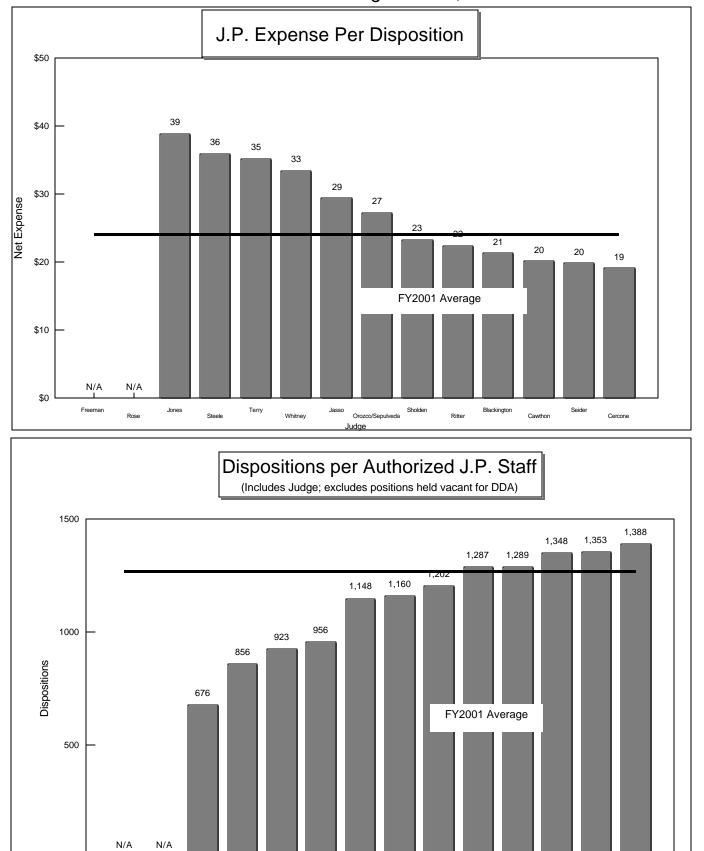
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\*\*Incomplete Workload Data



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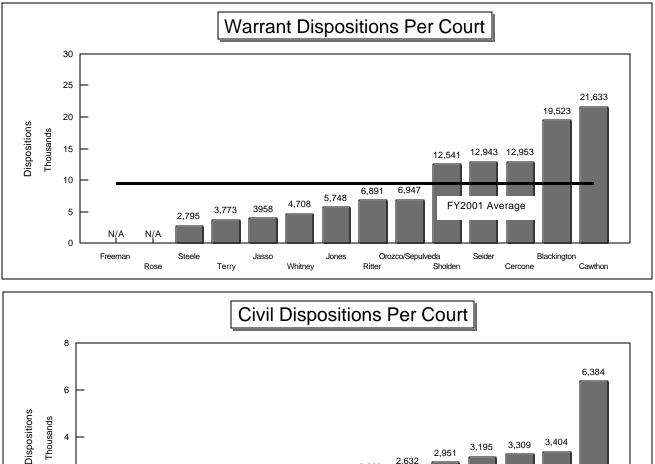
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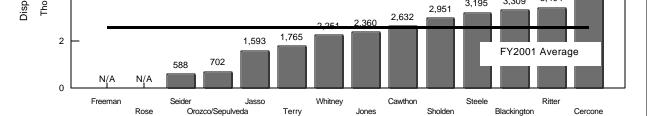
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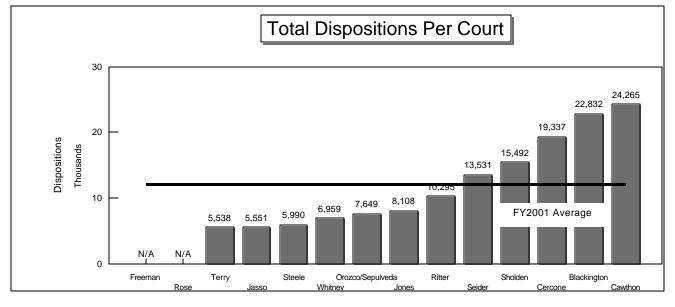
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# Justice of the Peace Case Distribution

## (case distribution determined in part by geographical factors)







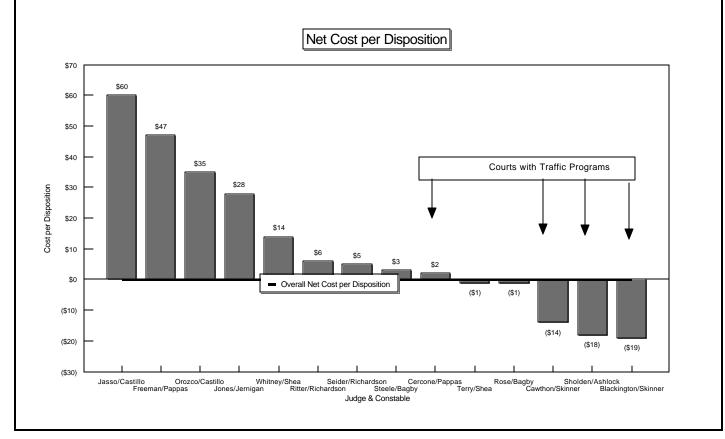
#### Justice of the Peace Courts

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											Net
Court		Operating	Constable	Total	JP	Constable	Total	Net	# of Cases	# of	Cost per
Number	Judge	Expenses	Expenses *	Expenses	Revenues	Revenues *	Revenue	Expense	Received	Disp.	Disp.
JP 1-1	Cercone	471,754	898,546	1,370,301	688,115	633,371	1,321,486	48,815	32,809	25,440	\$2
JP 1-2	Freeman	205,177	173,214	378,391	94,277	122,096	216,372	162,019	3,472	3,472	\$47
JP 2-1	Terry	260,125	325,801	585,925	402,707	195,955	598,661	(12,736)	7,269	8,683	(\$1)
JP 2-2	Whitney	304,524	398,201	702,725	319,665	239,500	559,165	143,559	10,264	10,330	\$14
JP 3-1	Seider	354,411	416,930	771,340	486,812	201,451	688,263	83,078	18,050	16,869	\$5
JP 3-2	Ritter	320,752	416,930	737,682	446,783	201,451	648,234	89,448	11,705	14,542	\$6
JP 4	Sholden	453,322	826,011	1,279,334	1,128,939	496,352	1,625,291	(345,958)	22,938	19,090	(\$18)
JP 5-1	Blackington	609,708	1,042,613	1,652,321	1,656,790	615,170	2,271,960	(619,638)	33,685	32,732	(\$19)
JP 5-2	Cawthon	591,186	853,047	1,444,233	1,325,735	503,321	1,829,055	(384,822)	33,060	27,188	(\$14)
JP 6-1	Orozco	301,019	269,118	570,137	130,286	150,481	280,767	289,370	14,072	8,292	\$35
JP 6-2	Jasso	260,697	194,878	455,576	106,148	108,969	215,117	240,458	7,031	4,012	\$60
JP 7	Jones	357,751	797,564	1,155,314	361,858	464,331	826,189	329,126	18,237	11,851	\$28
JP 8-1	Rose	332,655	300,495	633,150	419,463	234,469	653,931	(20,782)	19,318	19,271	(\$1)
JP 8-2	Steele	272,691	169,028	441,719	286,514	131,889	418,403	23,317	22,441	7,855	\$3
	Total	\$5,095,773	\$7,082,375	\$12,178,148	\$7,854,091	\$4,298,805	\$12,152,895	\$25,253	254,351	209,627	
	Average	\$363,984	\$505,884	\$869,868	\$561,006	\$307,057	\$868,064	\$1,804	18,168	14,973	0

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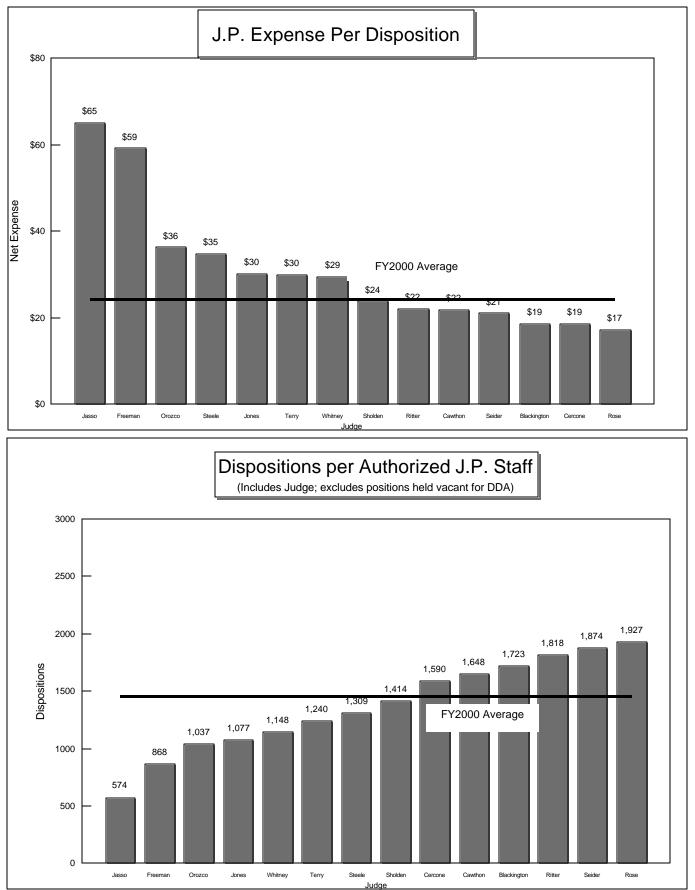
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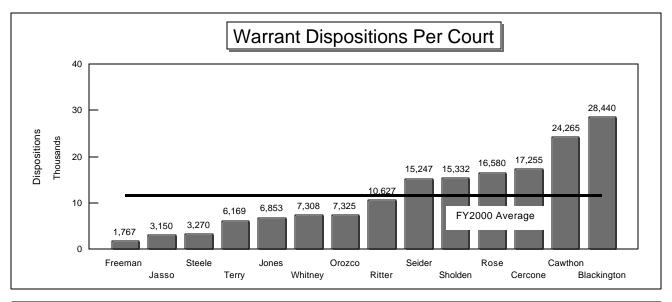
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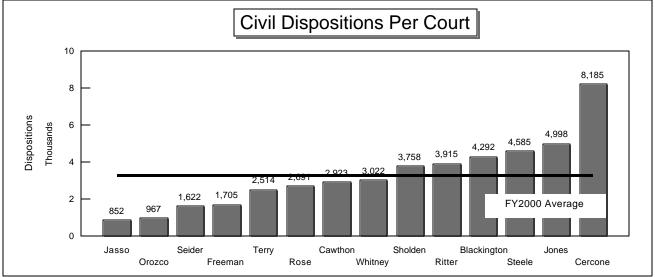


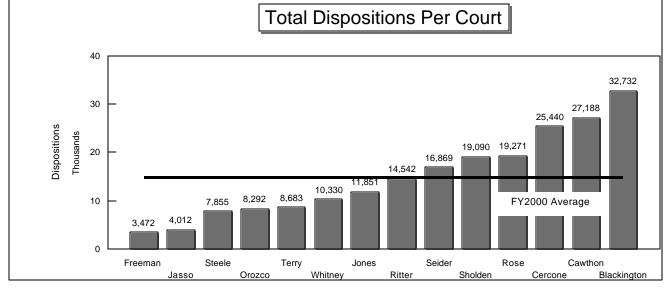
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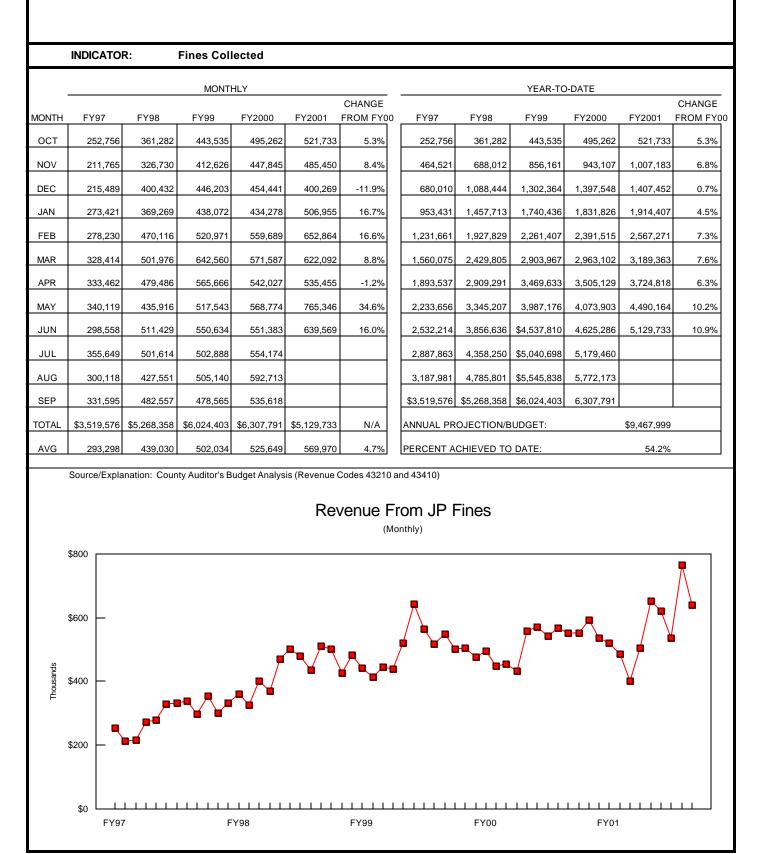
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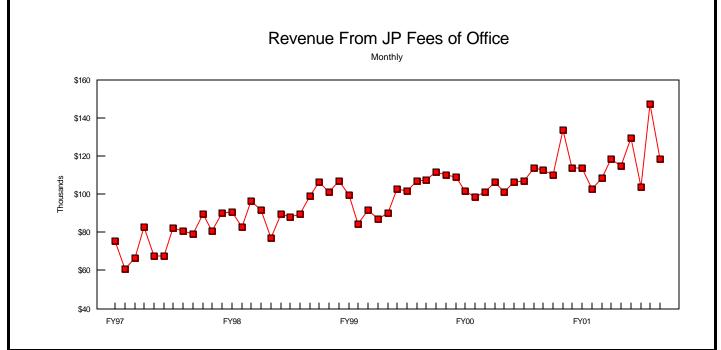
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MONTH	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	FROM FY00	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	FROM F
ост	75,508	90,889	99,728	101,539	113,756	12.0%	75,508	90,889	99,728	101,539	113,756	12.0%
NOV	60,967	82,592	84,556	98,387	102,903	4.6%	136,475	173,481	184,284	199,926	216,659	8.4%
DEC	66,539	96,239	92,029	101,156	108,840	7.6%	203,014	269,720	276,313	301,082	325,499	8.1%
JAN	82,593	91,921	87,081	106,727	118,658	11.2%	285,607	361,641	363,394	407,809	444,158	8.9%
FEB	67,522	77,220	90,036	101,035	114,987	13.8%	353,129	438,861	453,430	508,844	559,144	9.9%
MAR	67,603	89,901	102,845	106,420	129,506	21.7%	420,732	528,762	556,275	615,264	688,650	11.9%
APR	82,075	88,225	101,765	106,971	104,102	-2.7%	502,807	616,987	658,040	722,235	792,752	9.8%
MAY	80,712	89,482	107,156	113,882	147,482	29.5%	583,519	706,469	765,196	836,117	940,234	12.5%
JUN	79,404	99,184	107,467	112,754	118,423	5.0%	662,923	805,653	\$872,663	948,871	1,058,657	11.6%
JUL	89,781	106,557	111,596	110,273			752,704	912,210	\$984,259	1,059,144		
AUG	80,849	101,364	110,263	133,863			833,553	1,013,574	\$1,094,522	1,193,007		
SEP	90,041	106,989	109,109	114,048			\$923,594	\$1,120,563	\$1,203,631	1,307,055		
TOTAL	\$923,594	\$1,120,563	\$1,203,631	\$1,307,055	\$1,058,657	N/A	ANNUAL PR	OJECTION/E	UDGET:		\$1,312,716	
AVG	76,966	93,380	100,303	108,921	117,629	8.0%	PERCENT ACHIEVED TO DATE: 80.6%					

Source/Explanation: County Auditor's Budget Analysis (Revenue Code 45560)



# Section X Miscellaneous

Analysts: Greg Allbright, Shannon Brown, and Ronica L. Watkins

## Highlights

Payments to visiting judges were \$41,794 in the first nine months of FY2001(10.1). This figure represents a 34% decrease in expenditures when compared to the same period of FY2000. Also in the first nine months of FY2001, judges utilized 485 days of visiting judge services. The Drug Courts, Child Abuse Court and Tax Court continue to be the primary users of visiting judges (pages 10.2-10.4).

Child Support processing fee revenue (page 10.5) through the third quarter of FY2001 is up by 9.4% when compared to the same period in FY2000. Also, Child Support has achieved 88% of their projected revenue for the third quarter of FY2001. At this rate, Child Support should exceed their projected revenue for FY2001. As the office continues its efforts to monitor delinquent payors, collections can be expected to steadily increase.

The District Attorney's Office has provided information on the amount deposited into the department's state asset forfeiture account (page 10.6). During the third quarter, the District Attorney collected \$94,300, bringing total collections for the year to \$372,400. This represents an increase from the amount collected in the same period last year, but a lower monthly average. Asset forfeiture revenue fluctuates monthly.

The DIVERT court (page 10.7) is a specialized court currently operated one night a week to which certain first-time, non-violent, drug-addicted offenders may be diverted. Although a case is filed, it is held in abeyance pending the outcome of the individual's participation in the DIVERT court program. If the participant successfully completes the program, charges are dismissed. DIVERT is funded through federal and state grants, in-kind contributions from the Community Supervision and Corrections Department, and a cash match from Dallas County.

For the first six months of FY2001, the DIVERT court experienced a significant decrease in the number of new admissions to the program. Through March of FY2001 DIVERT averaged six new admissions per month, compared to almost nine per month in FY2000. A significant reason for this decrease was the reduction in force that occurred in the Pre-trial release program. These employees screened potential DIVERT participants, so as the number of Pre-Trial employees decreased, so did the number of new admissions to the program. Since the reduction in Pre-trial staff, the DIVERT staff has implemented several methods designed to increase program attendance. Those efforts appear to be working. The three months encapsulating the third quarter of FY2001 demonstrated a significant increase in new admissions. The months of April, May, and June of FY2001 averaged 12 new admissions per month, a significant increase when compared to the six per month averaged for the first six months of FY2001.

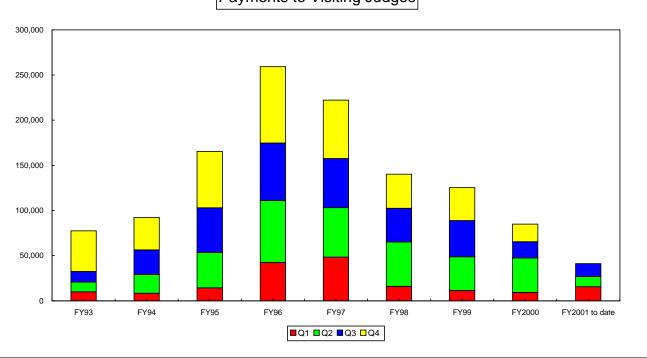
**District and County Courts** 

INDICATOR:	Payı

#### ments to Visiting Judges

			MON	THLY					YEAR-T	O-DATE		
-	-			-		CHANGE			-	-	-	CHANGE
MONTH	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	FROM FY00	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	FROM FY00
ОСТ	6,838	1,942	1,240	2,590	4,365	68.5%	6,838	1,942	1,240	2,590	4,365	68.5%
NOV	19,365	6,887	5,641	4,909	6,112	24.5%	26,203	8,829	6,881	7,499	10,477	39.7%
DEC	22,097	7,051	4,500	1,791	5,074	183.3%	48,300	15,880	11,381	9,290	15,551	67.4%
JAN	17,654	14,366	14,233	11,109	1,271	-88.6%	65,954	30,246	25,615	20,399	16,822	-17.5%
FEB	14,568	16,193	6,118	11,344	2,867	-74.7%	80,522	46,439	31,732	31,743	19,689	-38.0%
MAR	22,684	18,845	16,997	15,711	7,740	-50.7%	103,206	65,284	48,730	47,454	27,429	-42.2%
APR	20,937	5,243	13,516	6,251	4,632	-25.9%	124,143	70,527	62,246	53,705	32,061	-40.3%
MAY	20,932	13,174	13,244	9,033	4,812	-46.7%	145,075	83,701	75,490	62,738	36,873	-41.2%
JUN	12,462	18,757	13,355	2,614	4,921	88.3%	157,537	102,458	88,845	65,352	41,794	-36.0%
JUL	19,300	17,891	9,707	6,691	ļ		176,837	120,349	98,551	72,043	µ	
AUG	9,617	12,221	15,900	9,566	ļ		186,454	132,571	114,451	81,609	µ	
SEP	35,741	7,650	10,788	3,301	ļ		222,195	140,221	125,239	84,910	L	
TOTAL	222,195	140,221	125,239	84,910	41,794	N/A	ANNUAL PR	OJECTION/B	UDGET:		\$100,900	
AVG	18,516	11,685	10,437	7,076	4,644	-34.4%	PERCENT A	CHIEVED TO	DATE:		41.4%	

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





# Visiting Judges

By Court

# For the Nine Months Ending June 30, 2001

	0	Expense	Codes	
	Service <u>Davs</u>	Visiting Judge 2330	Expenses 6180	Total
Probate Courts				<u></u>
4701 Probate Court #1 (DeShazo)				0
4702 Probate Court #2 (Price)				0
4703 Probate Court #3 (Loving)				0
Total Probate Courts	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
County Courts				
Criminal				
4601 County Criminal Court #1 (Clancy)	2	2,268		2,268
4602 County Criminal Court #2 (Pruitt)	7	3,588	580	4,167
4603 County Criminal Court #3 (Wyde)	3	68		0
4604 County Criminal Court #4 (Taite)	5	2,267		0
4605 County Criminal Court #5 (Fuller)	9	3,147	629	3,776
4606 County Criminal Court #6 (Barker)	10	5,347	250	5,597
4607 County Criminal Court #7 (Crowder)	9	2,268	642	2,910
4608 County Criminal Court #8 (Cunningham)	11	508	444	952
4609 County Criminal Court #9 (Anderson)	9	68		0
4610 County Criminal Court #10 (Finn)	11	508		508
4611 County Criminal Court #11 (Jones)	11	68		0
4615 County Criminal Court of Appeals (Wade)	13	68		0
4616 County Criminal Court of Appeals #2 (Burson)	15	4,468		4,468
4617 County Criminal Magistrate (Tolle)				0
Total County Criminal Courts	115	\$24,638	\$2,545	\$24,645
Civil				
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4501 County Court at Law #1 (Gibson)	3	440	86	526
4502 County Court at Law #2 (Peyton)	1	70	93	93
4503 County Court at Law #3 (Jenevein)	5	78	537	615
4504 County Court at Law #4 (Woody) 4505 County Court at Law #5 (Stokes)	1		44	0 44
		<b><b><b></b></b></b>		
Total County Courts at Law	10	\$518	\$760	\$1,278
Total County Courts	125	\$25,156	\$3,305	\$25,923

# Visiting Judges By Court For the Nine Months Ending June 30, 2001

	3	Expense	Codes	
		Visiting	00003	
	Service	Judge	Expenses	
	Days	2330	<u>6180</u>	<u>Total</u>
District Courts				
Criminal				
4401 Criminal District Court #1 (Warder)	1		446	446
4402 Criminal District Court #2 (King - through December 31,2001)	8	520	2,052	2,572
4402 Criminal District Court #2 (Stricklin-January 1, 2001 to present)	5	372	1,767	2,139
4403 Criminal District Court #3 (R. Francis)	8	178	2,009	2,187
4404 Criminal District Court #4 (Creuzot)	4	0	1,854	1,854
4405 Criminal District Court #5 (Alvarez)	1	0	525	525
4410 194th Criminal District Court (Entz)	3	0	1,591	1,591
4415 195th Criminal District Court (Nelms)	7	725	1,673	2,397
4420 203rd Criminal District Court (McDaniel)	3	186	1,394	1,580
4425 204th Criminal District Court (Nancarrow)	4	0	2,187	2,187
4430 265th Criminal District Court (Dean)	3	0	1,245	1,245
4435 282nd Criminal District Court (Greene)	12	930	4,118	5,048
4440 283rd Criminal District Court (M. Francis)				0
4445 291st Criminal District Court (Meier)	1		232	232
4450 292nd Criminal District Court (Wade, Jr.)	4	0	1,058	1,058
4455 363rd Criminal District Court (Johnson)				0
Child Abuse Court (Stephens)	91	4,592	3,213	7,805
4013 Drug Court	58	1,815	22,811	24,626
Total Criminal District Courts	213	\$9,317	\$48,175	\$57,492
Civil				
4110 14th Civil District Court (Marshall/Murphy)	2		129	129
4115 44th Civil District Court (Keliher)			-	0
4120 68th Civil District Court (Hall)				0
4125 95th Civil District Court (Montgomery/Johnson)				0
4130 101st Civil District Court (Patterson)	1		555	555
4135 116th Civil District Court (Richter/Lopez)	1	23	162	185
4140 134th Civil District Court (Ashby)	4		316	316
4145 160th Civil District Court (Godbey)	3		1,324	1,324
4150 162nd Civil District Court (Rhea)	1		179	179
4155 191st Civil District Court (Haynes)				0
4160 192nd Civil District Court (Hartman)	7	224	127	351
4165 193rd Civil District Court (Evans)	3		219	219
4170 298th Civil District Court (Canales)	3	23	140	163
4180 Tax Court (Sims)	49	5,279	17,540	22,819
Total Civil District Courts	74	\$5,548	\$20,690	\$26,238

# Visiting Judges By Court For the Nine Months Ending June 30, 2001

		Expense	Codes	
		Visiting		
	Service	Judge	Expenses	
	<u>Days</u>	2330	<u>6180</u>	<u>Total</u>
Family				
4225 301st Family District Court (Rankin)				0
4230 302nd Family District Court (Harris)	12		952	952
4235 303rd Family District Court (Johnson)	18		1,655	1,655
4240 330th Family District Court (Bedard)	18		1,524	1,524
4210 254th Family District Court (Miller)				0
4215 255th Family District Court (Fowler)	12		1,380	1,380
4220 256th Family District Court (Green)	7	186	213	399
<b>Total Family District Courts</b>	67	\$186	\$5,725	\$5,911
Juvenile				
4310 304th Family District Court (Gaither)	4	484	49	532
4320 305th Family District Court (Shannon)	2	-	87	87
Total Juvenile Courts	6	\$484	\$136	\$620
Total District Courts	360	\$15,535	\$74,726	\$90,261
Fund 471 Appellate Court Fund 4090 Appellate Justice System	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		• • • • • •		• · · · · · ·
Grand Total	485	\$40,691	\$78,031	\$116,184

For the nine months ending June 30, 2001

### **Child Support Office**

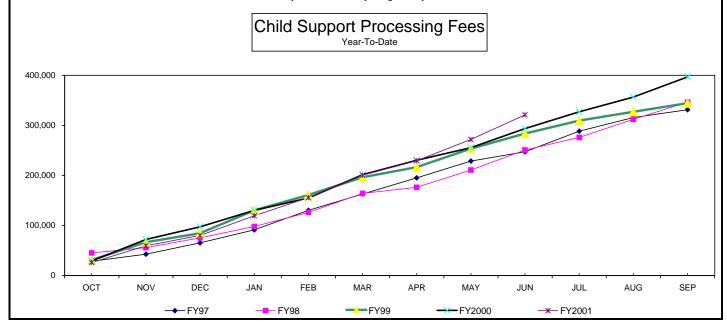
INDICATOR:

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

			Ν	IONTHLY				
MONTH	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	CHANGE FROM FY00	FY97	
ОСТ	28,603	45,178	30,952	28,962	26,026	-10.1%	28,603	
NOV	13,925	10,432	35,549	42,870	33,594	-21.6%	42,528	
DEC	22,745	19,449	17,867	25,436	20,169	-20.7%	65,274	
JAN	25,881	22,693	45,726	32,864	39,377	19.8%	91,155	
FEB	38,930	28,363	30,820	24,578	36,578	48.8%	130,085	
MAR	32,695	37,900	35,470	46,863	44,809	-4.4%	162,780	
APR	32,109	12,086	19,953	28,624	28,624	0.0%	194,889	
MAY	33,853	34,598	37,155	25,245	42,512	68.4%	228,742	
JUN	18,406	40,093	30,049	38,172	49,420	29.5%	247,148	
JUL	41,331	25,235	25,899	33,516			288,479	
AUG	27,075	35,912	17,649	29,356			315,554	
SEP	15,617	34,239	17,292	40,460			331,172	
TOTAL	331,172	346,178	344,381	396,946	321,110	N/A	ANNUAL P	'R
AVG	27,598	28,848	28,698	33,079	35,679	7.9%	PERCENT	A

		YEAR-1	O-DATE		
FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001	CHANGE FROM FY00
28,603	45,178	30,952	28,962	26,026	-10.1%
42,528	55,610	66,501	71,832	59,620	-17.0%
65,274	75,059	84,368	97,268	79,789	-18.0%
91,155	97,752	130,094	130,132	119,166	-8.4%
130,085	126,115	160,914	154,710	155,744	0.7%
162,780	164,015	196,384	201,574	200,553	-0.5%
194,889	176,101	216,337	230,198	229,177	-0.4%
228,742	210,699	253,492	255,443	271,690	6.4%
247,148	250,792	283,541	293,615	321,110	9.4%
288,479	276,027	309,440	327,131		
315,554	311,939	327,089	356,487		
331,172	346,178	344,381	396,946		
ANNUAL P	ROJECTION	V/BUDGET:		363,164	
PERCENT	88%				

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.



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### **District Attorney**

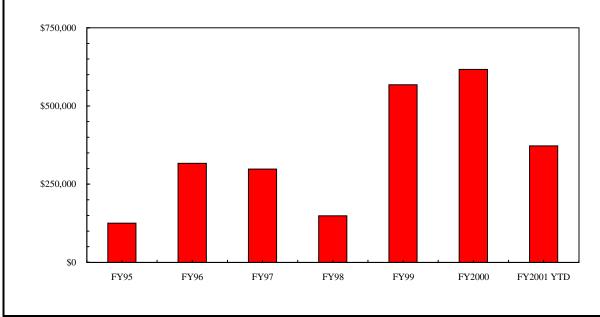
INDICATOR:

Monthly Forfeiture Revenue

-	MONTHLY								
MONTH	FY96	FY97	FY98	FY99	FY2000	FY2001			
ОСТ	642	9,311	1,580	0	17,776	27,058			
NOV	48,460	3,165	12,898	50,614	25,957	62,711			
DEC	796	31,226	0	213,969	7,855	17,618			
JAN	4,560	0	0	32,298	60,721	80,993			
FEB	122,641	4,643	40,634	13,807	54,855	43,881			
MAR	6,962	40,991	4,767	93,777	87,945	45,850			
APR	8,952	18,211	28,024	11,331	12,482	39,136			
MAY	51,117	35,026	3,282	8,469	3,784	25,555			
JUN	23,527	0	3,787	35,541	32,634	29,566			
JUL	18,780	30,024	9,416	13,119	25,134				
AUG	7,430	3,082	27,591	55,426	172,019				
SEP	22,641	122,603	16,688	39,581	115,620				
TOTAL	\$316,508	\$298,282	\$148,667	\$567,932	\$616,782	\$372,368			
AVG	\$26,376	\$24,857	\$12,389	\$47,328	\$51,398	\$41,374			

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

# Asset Forteitures



DIVERT Court

As of June 30, 2001

INDICATOR: Number of participants in the program MONTHLY New Unsuccessful Total MONTH Admissions Opt-Out Discharges Graduations\* Participants FY2000 Jul-00 8 0 6 121 1 10 5 Aug-00 1 5 120 9 0 5 5 Sep-00 119 FY2001 7 Oct-00 0 0 4 122 Nov-00 3 0 7 4 114 Dec-00 4 0 1 3 114 11 0 3 3 Jan-01 119 Feb-01 8 0 3 7 117 Mar-01 4 0 3 6 112 Apr-01 14 0 6 6 114 10 0 0 7 May-01 117 Jun-01 13 5 11 113 1 TOTAL 101 2 39 67 \*Explanation: Participants are not expected to graduate from the program for approximately one year "Opt-Out" refers to those participants who, within the first 10 days, chose not to continue in the program Total Participants **Program Participants** Planned Capacity (Year-to-Date) 140 120 100 80 60 40 20 0 AUC 98 480.00 4 0<sup>e<sup>c</sup>9<sup>9</sup></sup> 1un00 AUGOO Dec.00 JUN 98 + 0<sup>€C08</sup> 4 69199 Jnu<sub>99</sub> AUG09 fep.00 API-OP Oct.00 o<sup>C1 %</sup> APR-00 40001