

# DALLAS COUNTY MANAGEMENT REPORT

## VOLUME II JUDICIAL SYSTEM WORKLOAD AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES

# FY2017



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## Section I: Introduction

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

Sources of Data - 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 Odyssey System.

Cost Allocation - 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 *equal* in each court are not apportioned, so that this presentation does not attempt to measure the true and/ or total cost of the judicial activity. For example, if each court has one bailiff or an equal share of staff attorney costs, there is no attempt to assign these costs to each court. Other non-allocated costs of justice are County and District Clerk costs, District Attorney costs and court manager costs.

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

## **Section II**

### **Criminal District Courts**

Analyst: Michele Sanchez

#### **Notes on Methodology**

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

Defense costs are shown as either court appointed attorney costs or a cost of public defenders assigned to each court. The public defender cost is calculated by adding the salary and benefits of the public defender assigned to each court and adding an indirect cost that accounts for operational costs of the Public Defender's Office. This report adds 10% cost to the Public Defender's Office (approximately \$1,414,856 annually) salary budget. The \$1,414,586 is divided by the number of public defenders and an indirect cost per Public Defender is obtained. If a Public Defender is re-assigned, added or deleted during the year, the cost increase/decrease to the affected court will be revised to show actual Public Defender costs. The Public Defender Investigator costs are included in the Public Defender cost to the court.

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

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

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

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

Criminal District Court #1 – Divert  
Criminal District Court #3 – STAC  
Criminal District Court #7 – Veterans  
194<sup>th</sup> Criminal District Court – IIP  
204<sup>th</sup> Criminal District Court – STAR  
265<sup>th</sup> Criminal District Court – DDC

291<sup>st</sup> Criminal District Court – ATLAS  
363<sup>rd</sup> Criminal District Court – DWI

### **Highlights**

The average net cost per disposition for the Criminal District Courts for FY2017 was \$2,485. The jail cost category is obtained by obtaining the average daily pending jail number for each court and multiplying that figure by the cost of \$71.08 (calculated cost to house an in-mate) and then multiplying that figure by the number of days that are included in the reporting period. No indirect costs related to the operations, maintenance or management of the jail is included in the jail cost calculation.

Page 2.4 shows assignments to public defenders versus court appointed attorneys by court and the cost per case for the use of public defenders, court appointed attorneys, and a combined cost per case. The number of public defenders in a court is not the primary cause of lower overall indigent defense cost. The greater cost factor appears to be the number of cases assigned to each public defender. The average overall legal cost per case during FY2016 was \$691. Utilizing public defenders at an average of \$515 per case remains cost effective when compared to paying \$843 per case for a court appointed attorney.

Page 2.5 shows the monthly assignments to public defenders and court appointed attorneys. The average monthly assignment to Public Defenders was 994, down from 1,031 in FY2016. Information on the monthly assignment of court appointed attorneys is not available.

For FY2017, filings were 1.8% higher as compared to FY2016. Dispositions for FY2017 were down less than 1% from FY2016. As of September 30, 2017 the Criminal District Courts had a pending caseload of 23,406 which is 1,104 lower than FY2016.

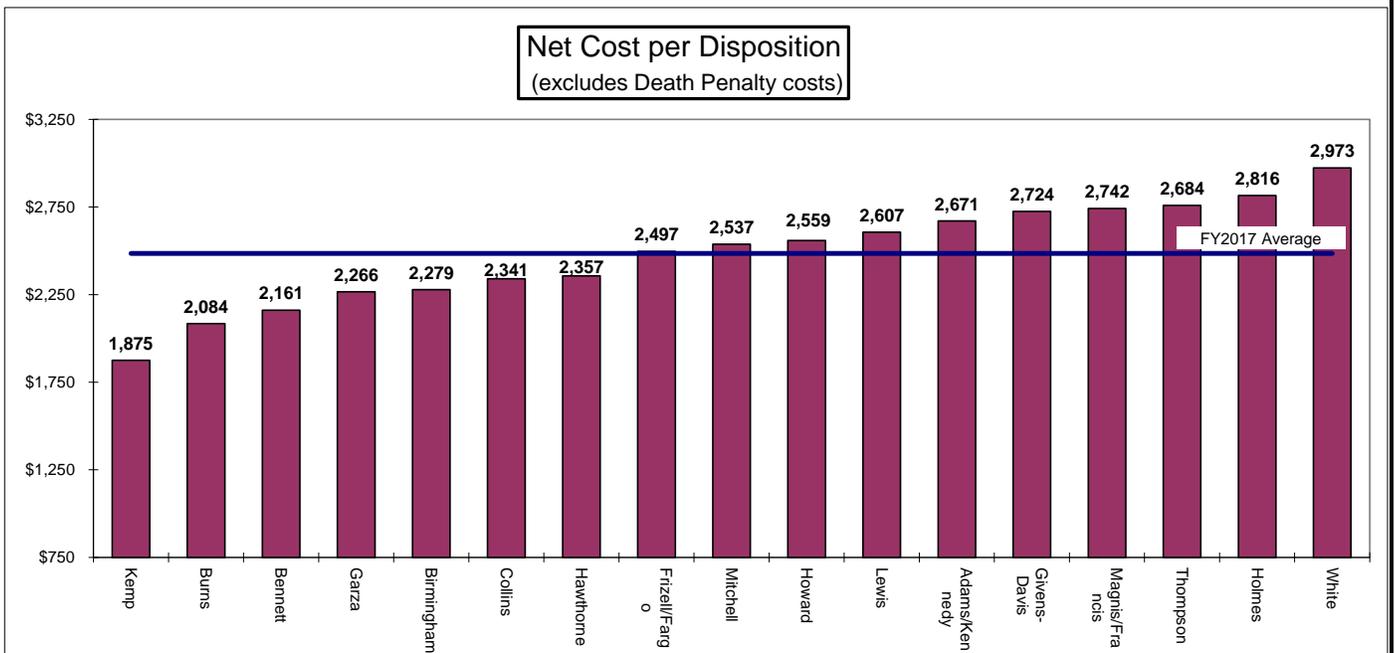
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### District Criminal Courts

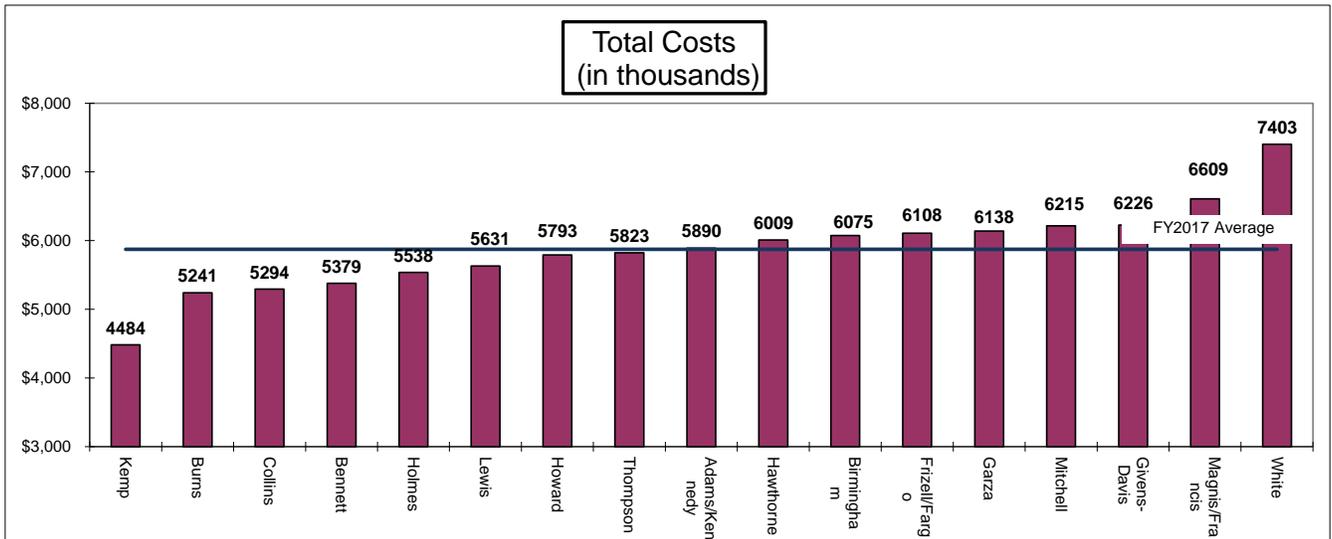
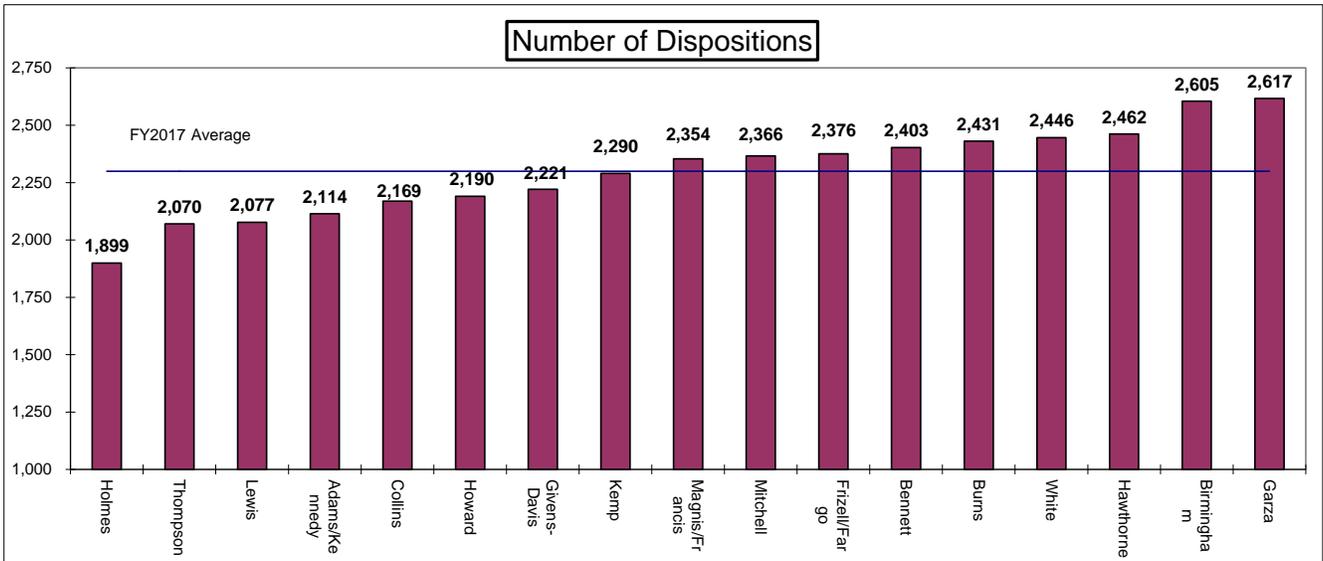
**INDICATOR: Court by Court comparison of expenditures and dispositions**

Court Number	Judge	Operating Expenses	Court Appt Attorneys	Public Defender	Jail Costs	Total Costs	Number of Dispositions	Total Revenue	FY2016	FY2017
									Net Cost Per Disposition	Net Cost Per Disposition
1	Burns	334,410	750,345	203,895	3,952,166	5,240,816	2,431	174,366	1,994	2,084
2	Adams/Kennedy	323,531	659,287	444,727	4,462,402	5,889,947	2,114	243,529	2,491	2,671
3	Lewis	291,795	523,132	382,128	4,434,296	5,631,351	2,077	217,326	2,513	2,607
4	Collins	320,252	408,851	383,689	4,181,340	5,294,133	2,169	216,784	2,291	2,341
5	Thompson	508,127	775,657	384,021	4,155,396	5,823,201	2,070	111,248	2,735	2,759
6	Howard	357,314	623,764	210,812	4,600,771	5,792,662	2,190	189,260	2,908	2,559
7	Frizell/Fargo	323,104	618,313	356,124	4,810,487	6,108,029	2,376	176,187	2,615	2,497
194th	White	395,404	707,395	370,239	5,930,412	7,403,450	2,446	131,280	2,988	2,973
195th	Garza	314,242	725,333	376,467	4,721,844	6,137,886	2,617	207,397	2,533	2,266
203rd	Hawthorne	341,105	796,049	333,525	4,538,073	6,008,751	2,462	206,526	2,614	2,357
204th	Kemp	348,933	778,563	117,316	3,238,701	4,483,513	2,290	190,485	1,981	1,875
265th	Bennett	458,664	991,997	363,252	3,565,165	5,379,079	2,403	185,880	2,124	2,161
282nd	Givens-Davis	331,256	623,488	350,862	4,920,750	6,226,356	2,221	175,632	2,792	2,724
283rd	Magnis/Francis	329,461	694,338	623,871	4,961,828	6,609,499	2,354	155,895	2,681	2,742
291st	Mitchell	336,588	648,875	382,128	4,847,241	6,214,832	2,366	211,921	2,568	2,537
292nd	Birmingham	381,781	907,311	358,500	4,427,810	6,075,403	2,605	138,867	2,555	2,279
363rd	Holmes	541,762	729,512	357,535	3,908,926	5,537,735	1,899	190,278	2,683	2,816
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6,237,731</b>	<b>\$11,962,210</b>	<b>\$5,999,091</b>	<b>\$75,657,611</b>	<b>\$99,856,643</b>	<b>39,090</b>	<b>\$3,122,861</b>		
<b>Court Average</b>		<b>\$366,925</b>	<b>\$703,659</b>	<b>\$352,888</b>	<b>\$4,450,448</b>	<b>\$5,873,920</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>\$183,698</b>	<b>\$2,533</b>	<b>\$2,485</b>



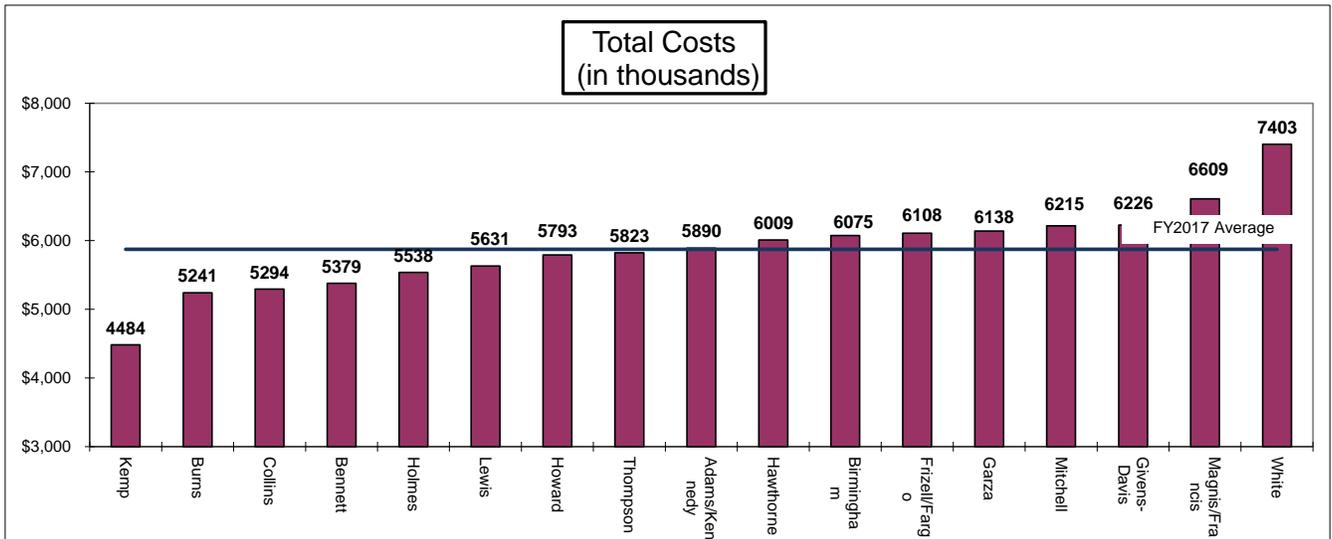
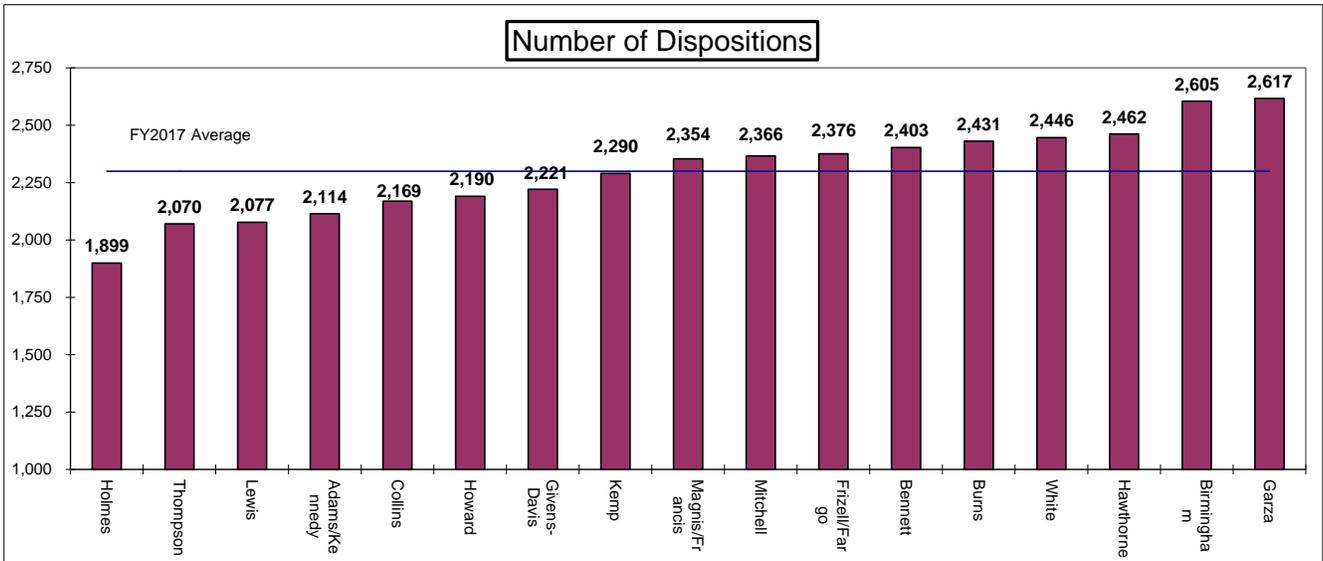
## District Criminal Courts

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**INDICATOR:**

**Court by court comparison of legal costs**

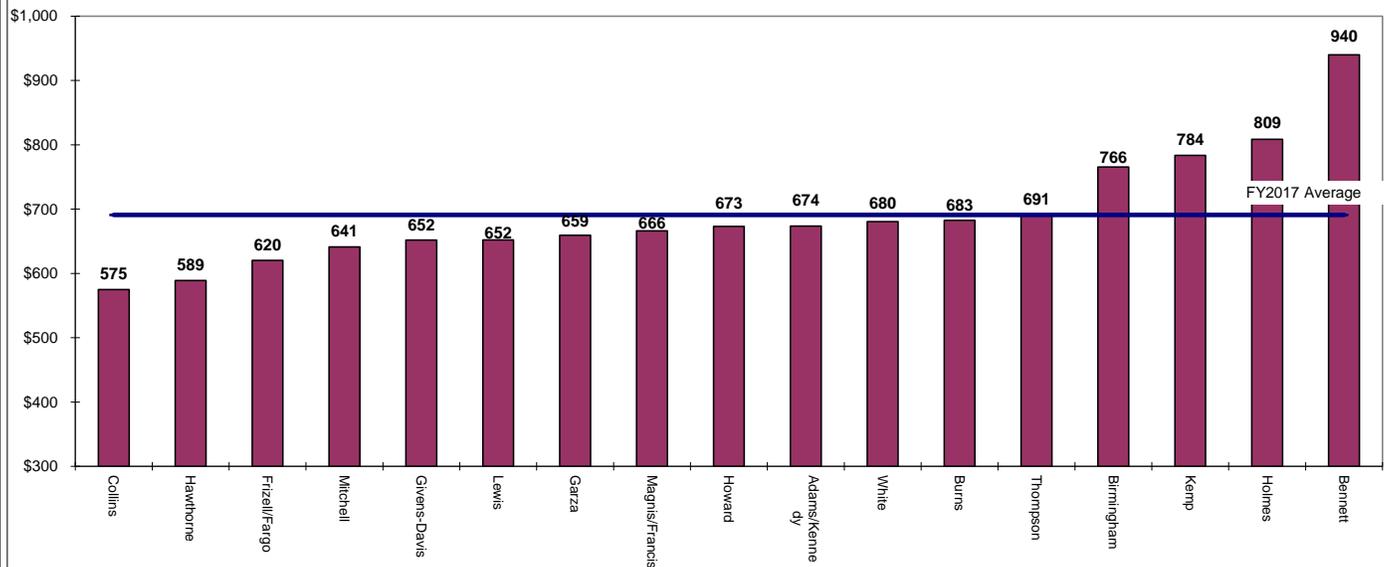
Number	Judge	Public Defender			Court Appointed Attorneys			Overall	Indigent Appointments as a percentage of filings
		PDs Assigned	Cases Assigned	Cost Per Case	Cases Assigned	Attorney Fees Paid	Cost Per Case	Cost Per Case	
1	Burns	1	424	481	992	762,590	769	683	96%
2	Adams/Kennedy	3	819	543	736	602,809	819	674	113%
3	Lewis	2	754	507	688	558,055	811	652	108%
4	Collins	2	755	508	671	436,084	650	575	105%
5	Thompson	1	720	533	936	760,436	812	691	132%
6	Howard	2	354	596	950	667,040	702	673	95%
7	Frizell/Fargo	2	735	485	863	634,890	736	620	119%
194th	White	2	812	456	871	775,027	890	680	118%
195th	Garza	2	819	460	779	676,974	869	659	111%
203rd	Hawthorne	2	722	462	1,208	803,209	665	589	131%
204th	Kemp	1	175	670	1,079	865,287	802	784	93%
265th	Bennett	2	843	431	1,014	1,382,017	1,363	940	135%
282nd	Givens-Davis	2	665	528	827	621,540	752	652	111%
283rd	Magnis/Francis	4	1,294	482	639	664,034	1,039	666	141%
291st	Mitchell	2	739	517	850	636,628	749	641	112%
292nd	Birmingham	2	675	531	978	906,931	927	766	119%
363rd	Holmes	2	624	573	794	788,942	994	809	111%
Total/AVG		34	11,929	\$515	14,875	12,542,493	\$843	\$691	115%

\* Does not include Appeal assignments

\*\* CDC#: 3rd PD added in May

\*\*\* 204th PD left in Feb

### Indigent Defense Cost per Case



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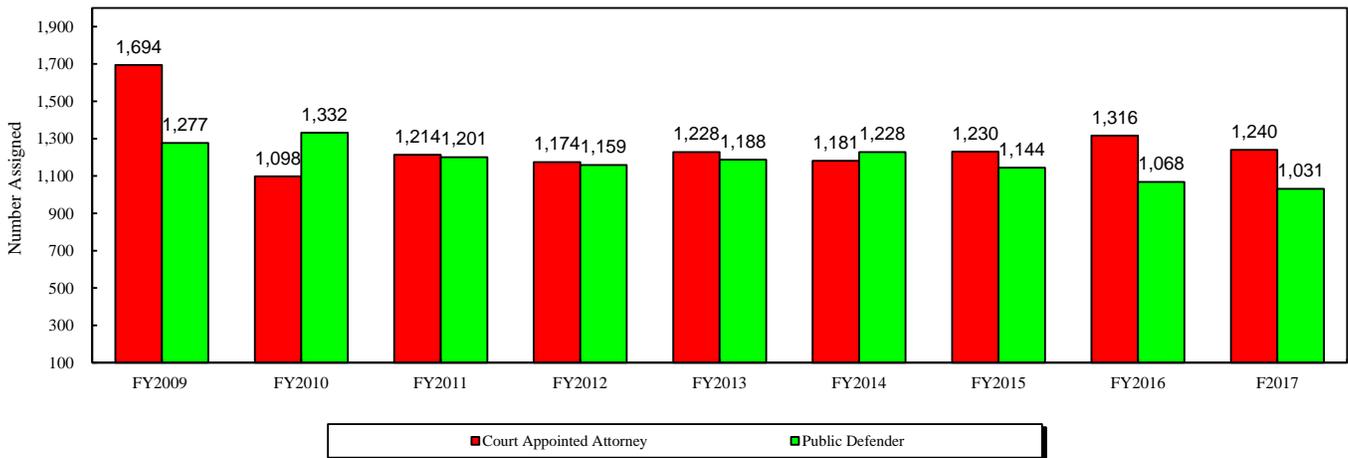
### INDICATOR: Assignments to Court Appointed Attorneys and Public Defenders

MONTH	MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS* COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS				CHANGE FROM FY17
	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	
OCT					
NOV					
DEC					
JAN					
FEB					
MAR					
APR					
MAY					
JUN					
JUL					
AUG					
SEP					
TOTAL	14,167	14,757	15,794	14,875	-5.8%
AVG	1,181	1,230	1,316	1,240	

MONTH	MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS PUBLIC DEFENDERS				CHANGE FROM FY16
	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	
OCT	1,215	1,119	1,077	962	-7.9%
NOV	1,151	1,047	1,018	937	-9.0%
DEC	1,079	1,039	977	934	-3.7%
JAN	1,230	1,109	1,112	987	-9.8%
FEB	1,129	992	1,041	1,027	-12.1%
MAR	1,165	1,091	1,060	985	-6.4%
APR	1,172	1,085	1,023	940	-7.4%
MAY	1,137	1,068	1,039	976	-6.1%
JUN	1,091	1,108	1,027	1,057	1.6%
JUL	1,140	1,043	995	1,046	-8.5%
AUG	1,111	1,060	1,014	1,042	-4.6%
SEP	1,103	1,056	989	1,036	-4.3%
TOTAL	13,723	12,817	12,372	11,929	-3.5%
AVG	1,144	1,068	1,031	994	

\* Does not include Appeals assignments

**Comparison of Utilization - CAA vs. PD**  
Monthly Average



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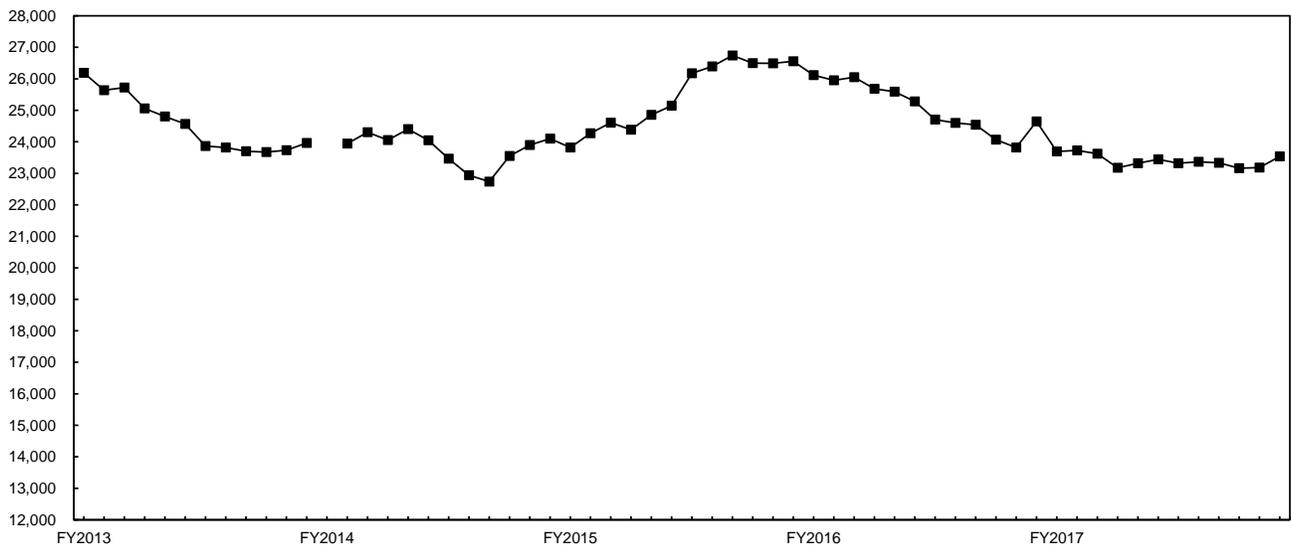
**District Criminal Courts**

**INDICATOR: Filings, Dispositions, and Cases Pending**

MONTH	Y-T-D Filings					Y-T-D Dispositions					Cases Pending				
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
OCT	1,952	2,228	1,736	1,787	1,790	3,234	3,377	3,097	3,430	2,983	26,190	N/A	23,816	26,116	23,693
NOV	3,691	4,157	3,657	3,655	3,880	6,296	6,067	5,390	6,395	6,160	25,636	23,942	24,270	25,953	23,723
DEC	5,427	6,133	5,787	5,637	5,754	8,581	8,991	7,696	9,216	9,145	25,722	24,302	24,609	26,053	23,623
JAN	7,025	7,859	7,440	7,169	7,308	11,801	11,915	10,620	12,175	12,476	25,056	24,055	24,383	25,680	23,177
FEB	9,015	9,983	9,536	9,298	9,408	14,907	14,601	13,306	15,566	15,690	24,803	24,401	24,853	25,588	23,317
MAR	10,993	11,855	11,872	11,414	11,798	17,892	17,535	16,312	19,310	19,431	24,569	24,048	25,147	25,284	23,445
APR	12,784	13,419	14,259	13,051	13,451	20,993	20,461	19,584	22,545	22,394	23,863	23,461	26,175	24,706	23,317
MAY	14,985	15,198	16,515	15,218	15,604	24,077	23,631	22,832	26,039	25,998	23,815	22,936	26,391	24,602	23,364
JUN	16,821	17,205	19,088	17,564	17,710	26,909	26,497	26,266	29,700	29,518	23,700	22,737	26,742	24,539	23,332
JUL	18,643	19,013	20,994	19,017	19,239	29,637	29,432	29,529	32,610	32,539	23,675	23,549	26,499	24,068	23,163
AUG	20,927	21,201	23,072	20,957	21,432	33,007	32,207	32,711	36,009	36,159	23,735	23,899	26,492	23,819	23,181
SEP	23,164	23,346	25,343	22,965	23,384	35,847	35,177	36,063	39,374	39,090	23,961	24,102	26,555	24,642	23,538
AVG	2,106	2,122	2,304	2,088	2,126	2,987	2,931	3,005	3,281	3,258	24,560	21,786	25,494	25,088	23,406

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

**Cases Pending**



## **Section III Civil District Courts**

Analyst: Michele Sanchez

### **Notes on Methodology**

Operating costs associated with the 13 Civil District Courts are mostly attributed to salaries and benefits, primarily, Health Insurance Costs. These costs are generally outside the control of the Judge. Such as: 1) the longer an individual has been a Dallas County employee, the greater their compensation; 2) depending on the type of health insurance an employee selects, the costs vary widely (an individual can choose to opt-out of health insurance which costs \$1,200/year, while those that choose to insure themselves and their families costs up to \$17,520/year). Unlike other courts, the Civil District Courts do not rely on county funded court attorney appointments. 3) The 134<sup>th</sup> Civil District court utilizes a civilian bailiff which saves the County \$35,000 every year.

### **Highlights**

The 101<sup>st</sup> Civil District Court had the highest number of dispositions at 1,427. The 298<sup>th</sup> Civil District Court had the lowest number of dispositions at 1,222.

Filings (page 3.2) in the Civil District Courts during FY2017 were 17,093 for a monthly average of 1,424. Dispositions averaged 1,603 per month in FY2017 with a total of 19,230 cases being disposed. There were 13,232 cases pending at the end of September 201, up from 12,628 at the end of FY2016.

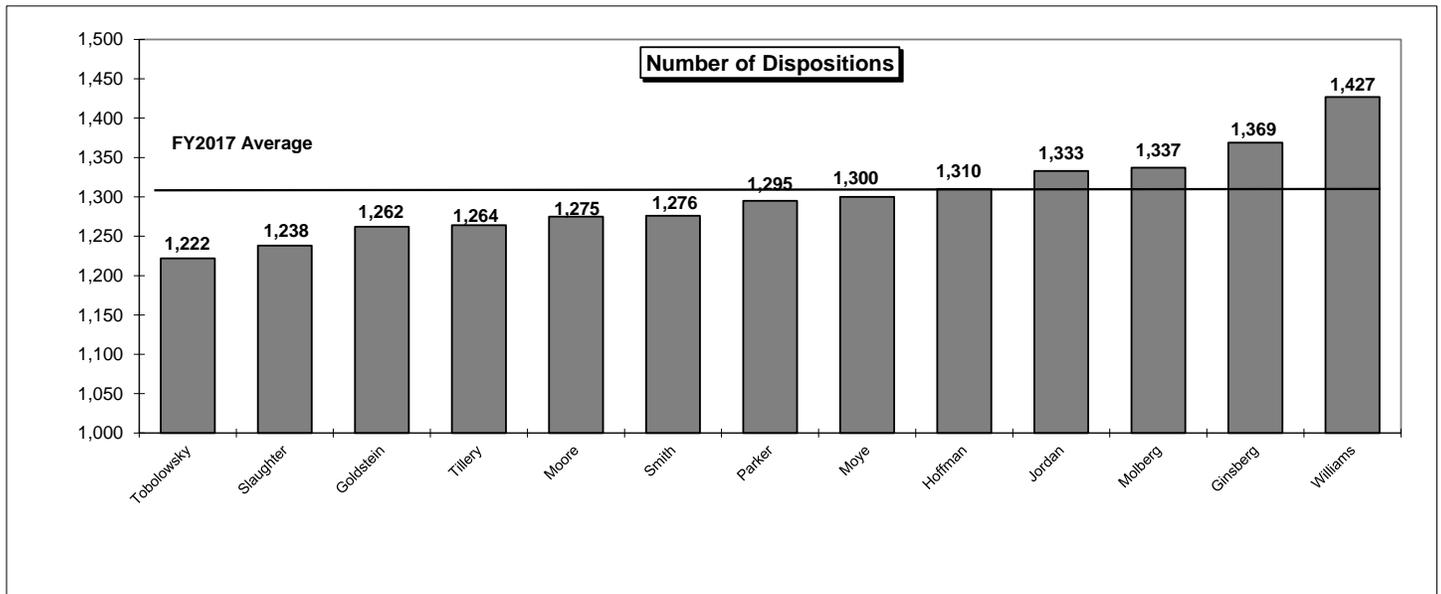
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### District Civil Courts

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

Court Number	Judge	Operating Expenses	Number of Dispositions
14th	Moye	272,623	1,300
44th	Goldstein	275,756	1,262
68th	Hoffman	242,141	1,310
95th	Molberg	268,917	1,337
101st	Williams	234,298	1,427
116th	Parker	295,814	1,295
134th	Tillery	267,513	1,264
160th	Jordan	285,749	1,333
162nd	Moore	258,964	1,275
191st	Slaughter	251,331	1,238
192nd	Smith	274,655	1,276
193rd	Ginsberg	269,018	1,369
298th	Tobolowsky	277,347	1,222
TOTAL		\$3,194,275	16,908
Average		\$245,713	



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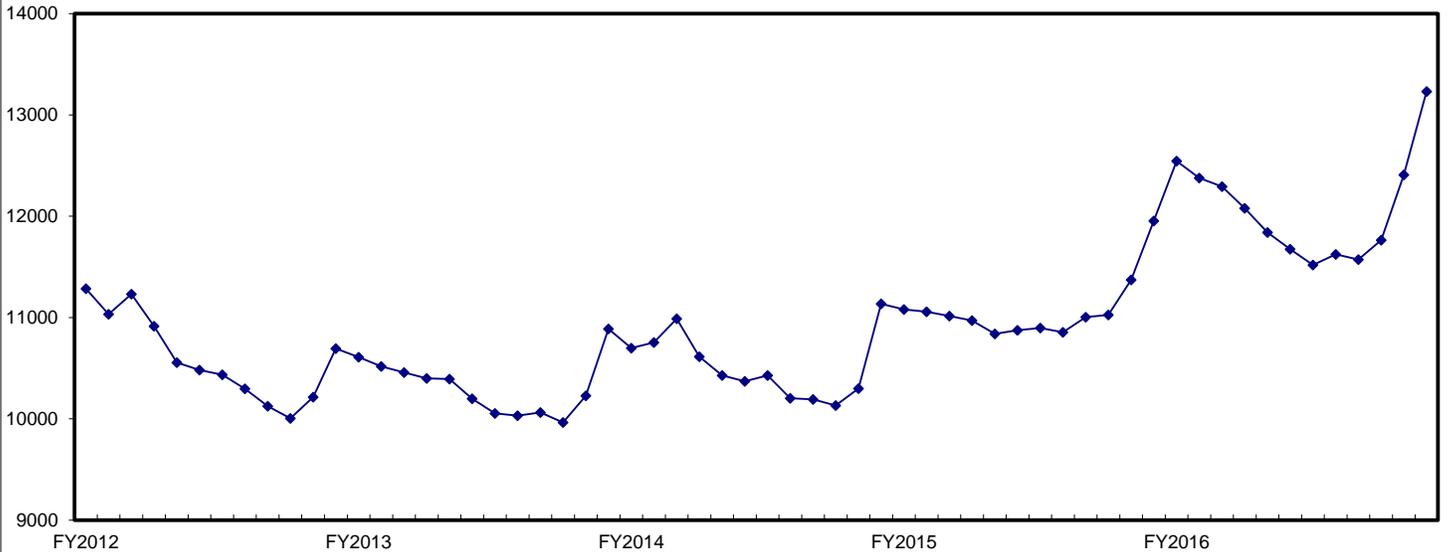
## District Civil Courts As of September 30, 2017

**INDICATOR: Filings, dispositions, and cases pending (13 courts)**

MONTH	Y-T-D Filings				Y-T-D Dispositions				Cases Pending			
	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
OCT	1,191	1,203	1,340	1,212	1,769	1,520	1,610	1,582	10,698	11,080	12,032	12,546
NOV	2,295	2,297	2,432	2,429	3,130	2,813	3,117	3,178	10,755	11,058	11,853	12,377
DEC	3,664	3,525	3,721	3,667	4,521	4,319	4,565	4,726	10,989	11,015	11,975	12,293
JAN	4,622	4,653	4,759	4,867	6,191	5,990	6,260	6,417	10,614	10,970	11,630	12,080
FEB	5,711	5,647	6,054	6,046	7,779	7,492	7,890	7,999	10,428	10,838	11,475	11,840
MAR	6,933	7,082	7,470	7,473	9,345	9,263	9,646	9,801	10,370	10,874	11,439	11,676
APR	8,291	8,387	8,793	8,629	10,967	11,065	11,094	11,307	10,428	10,896	11,481	11,520
MAY	9,422	9,549	10,209	10,091	12,560	12,643	12,660	12,987	10,203	10,854	11,600	11,625
JUN	10,559	10,879	11,601	11,381	13,953	14,397	14,229	14,480	10,192	11,004	11,690	11,572
JUL	11,890	12,135	12,846	12,827	15,598	16,166	15,660	15,947	10,131	11,026	11,669	11,764
AUG	13,156	13,640	14,580	14,924	16,981	17,827	17,391	17,653	10,299	11,371	11,946	12,408
SEP	15,203	15,481	16,587	17,093	18,423	19,357	18,998	19,230	11,136	11,953	12,628	13,232
AVG	1,278	1,290	1,382	1,424	1,535	1,613	1,583	1,603	10,520	11,078	11,785	12,078

Source/Explanation: All data is from the Odyssey Court System, Document Direct, and OCA Report

### Cases Pending



## **Section IV**

### **Family District Courts**

Analyst: Michele Sanchez

#### **Notes on Methodology**

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

#### **Highlights**

The total amount of contempt fines collected for the Family District Courts during FY2017 was \$8,340 for an average of \$1,191 per court.

The FY2017 average cost per disposition is \$132, which is \$8 per disposition lower than the FY2016 figure of \$140. During FY2017, the 301<sup>st</sup> Family District Court disposed of 5,551 cases (page 4.2), the most of the seven courts. The 255<sup>th</sup> Family District Court had the lowest cost per disposition at \$111.

Payments to private attorneys in child welfare cases totaled \$4,471,470 for FY2017 (page 4.3). This represents a decrease of 12.1% from the FY2017 total. These payments also include expenses for the two Juvenile courts (see Section 5).

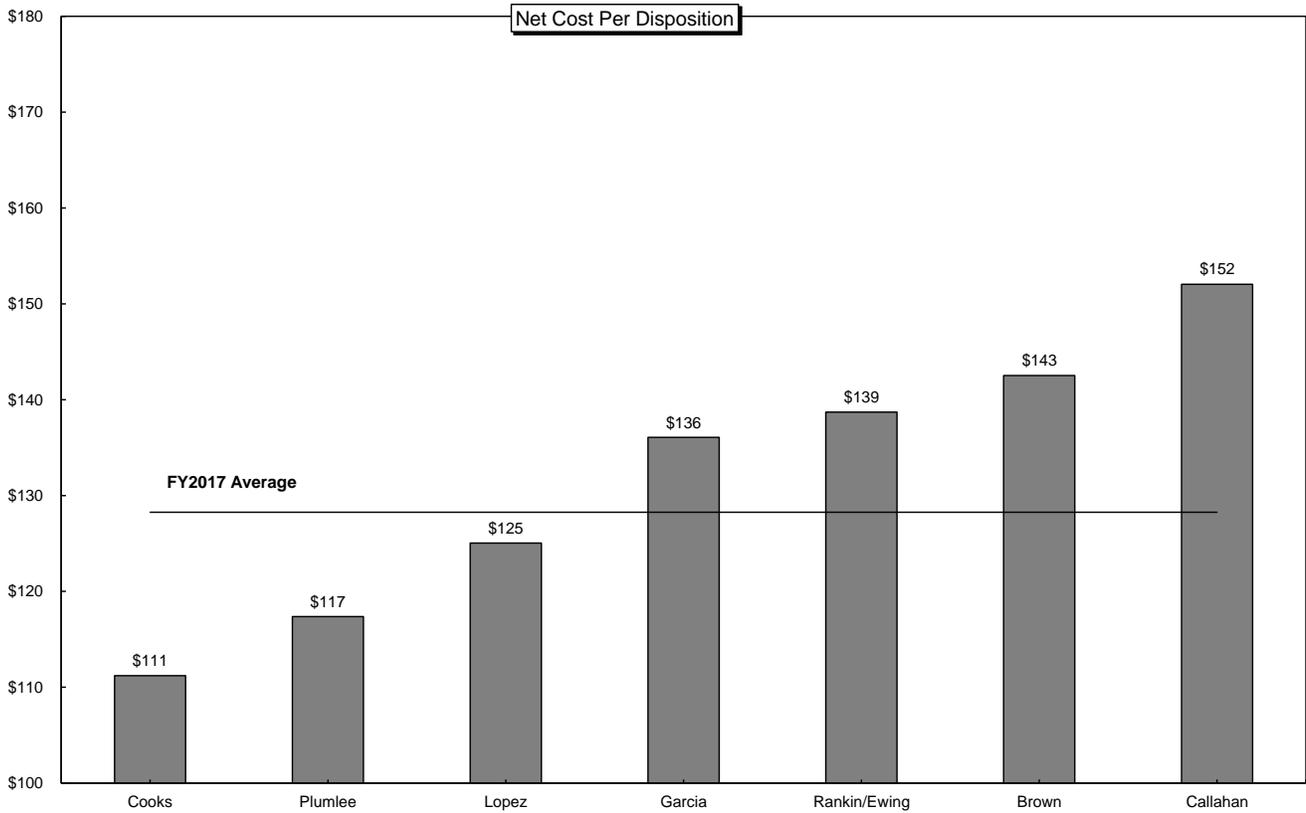
Filings in the Family District Courts during FY2017 were 37,490, for a monthly average of 3,124. Dispositions averaged 3,191 per month in FY2017 and there were 19,891 cases pending at the end of September 2017, up from 19,843 at the end of FY2016.

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District Family Courts

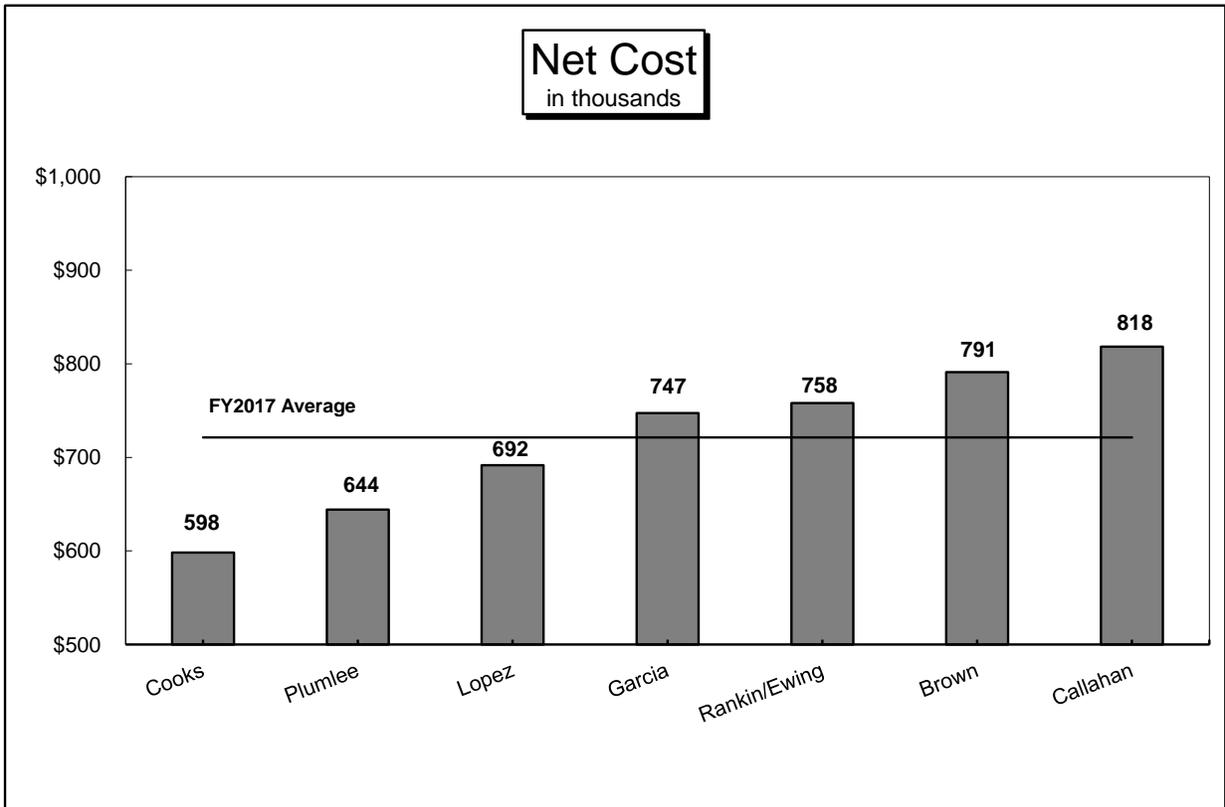
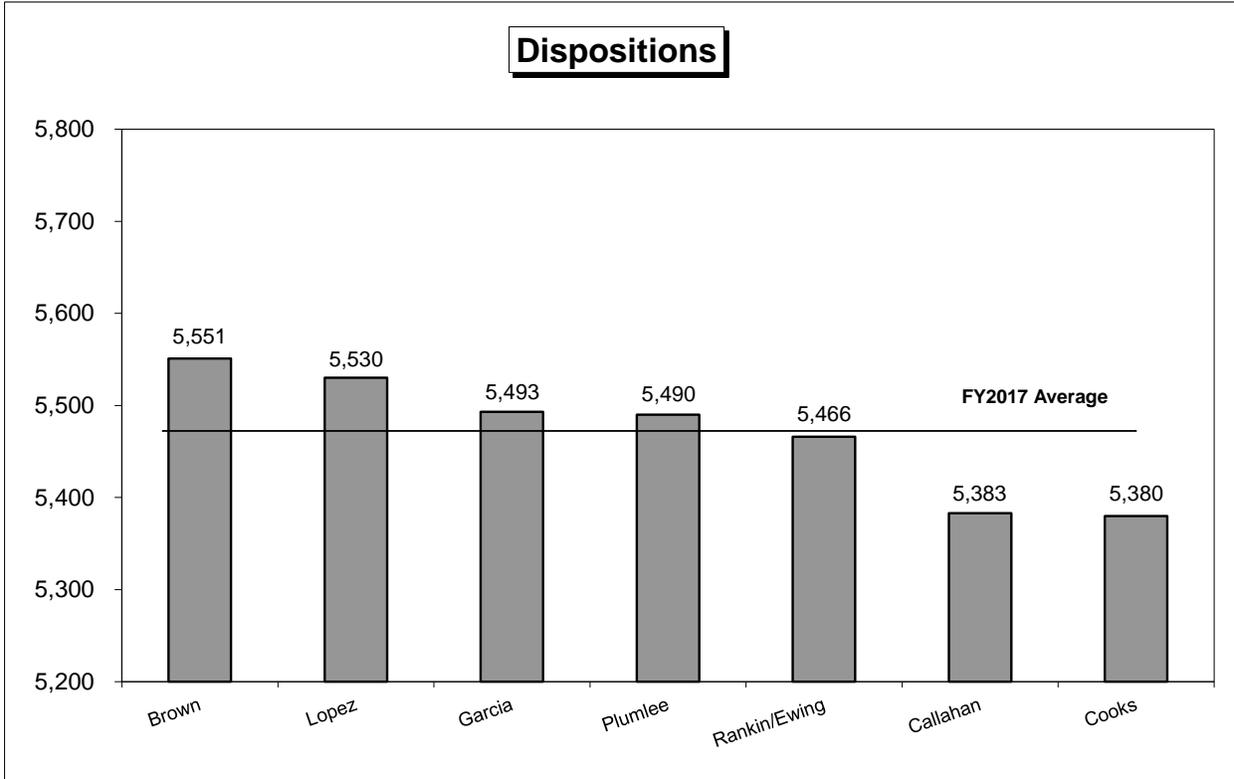
INDICATOR: Court by Court comparison of expenditures, revenues and dispositions

Court Number	Judge	Operating Expenses	Court Appt. Attorneys	Public Defender	Total Expenses	Less		Number of Dispositions	FY2017	FY2016
						Contempt Fines	Net Cost		Net Cost per Disposition	Net Cost per Disposition
254th	Rankin/Ewing	440,437	160,228	158,146	758,811	675	758,136	5,466	\$139	
255th	Cooks	403,581	196,375	0	599,956	1,650	598,306	5,380	\$111	
256th	Lopez	439,830	102,206	150,095	692,131	\$169	\$252,712	5,530	\$46	
301st	Brown	444,575	197,726	149,853	792,155	\$2,494	\$1,609,154	5,551	\$290	
302nd	Callahan	465,286	196,231	159,169	820,687	1,200	819,487	5,383	\$152	
303rd	Garcia	448,497	149,897	150,025	748,419	1,000	747,419	5,493	\$136	
330th	Plumlee	449,837	195,713	0	645,550	2,200	643,350	5,490	\$117	
Total		\$2,913,254	\$1,396,521	689,080	\$5,057,708	1,015	5,056,693			
Average		\$416,179	\$199,503	91,917	\$722,530	600	721,930		\$142	



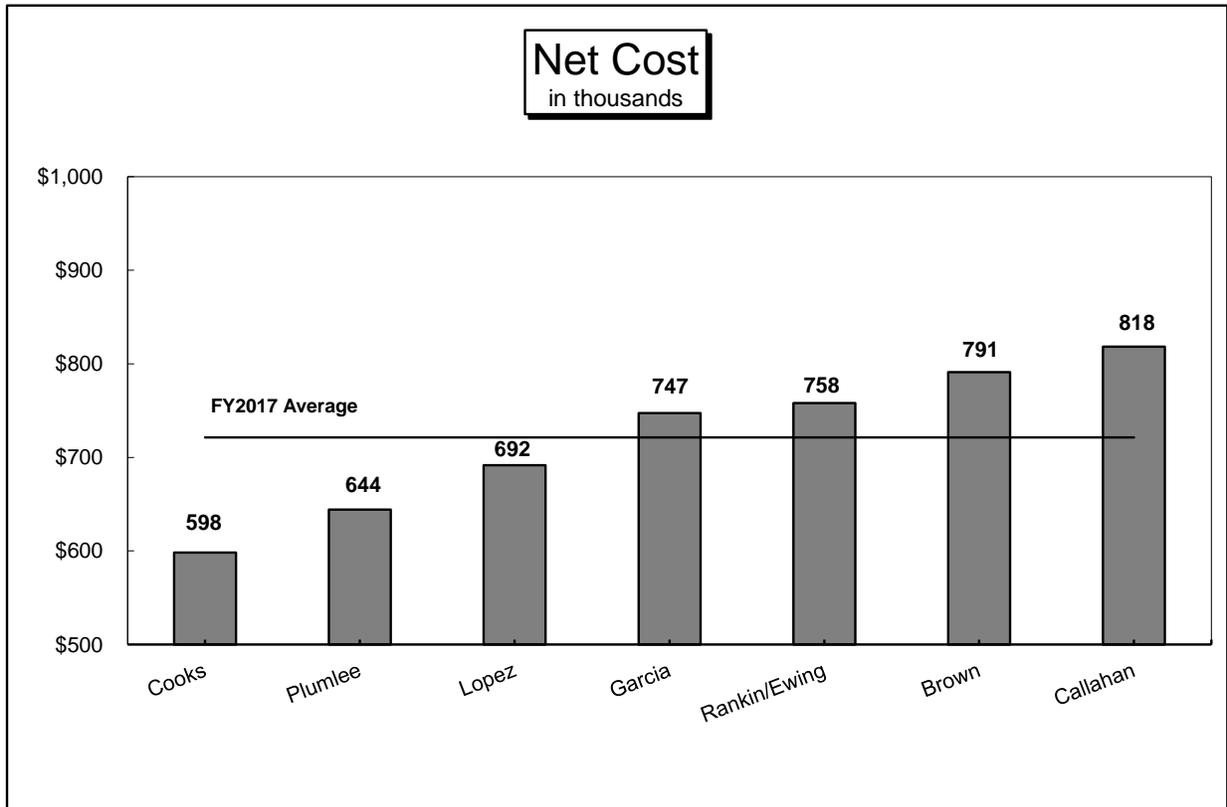
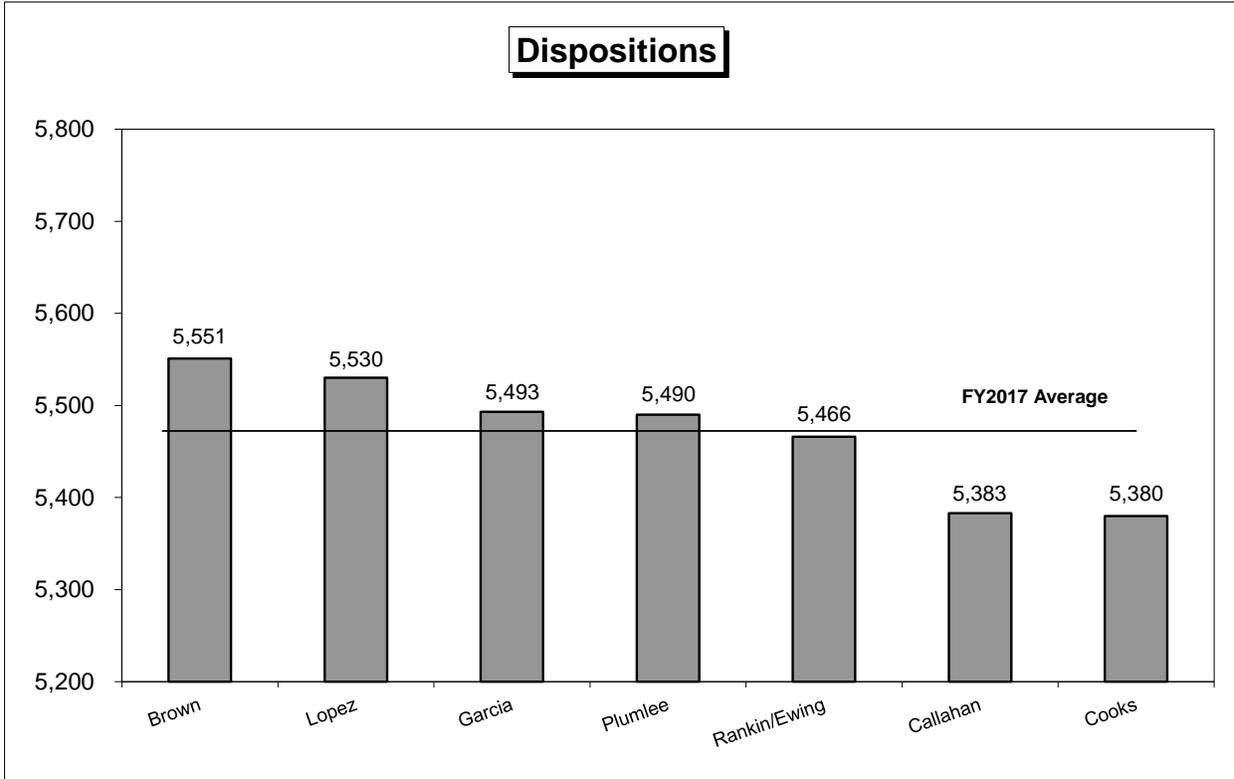
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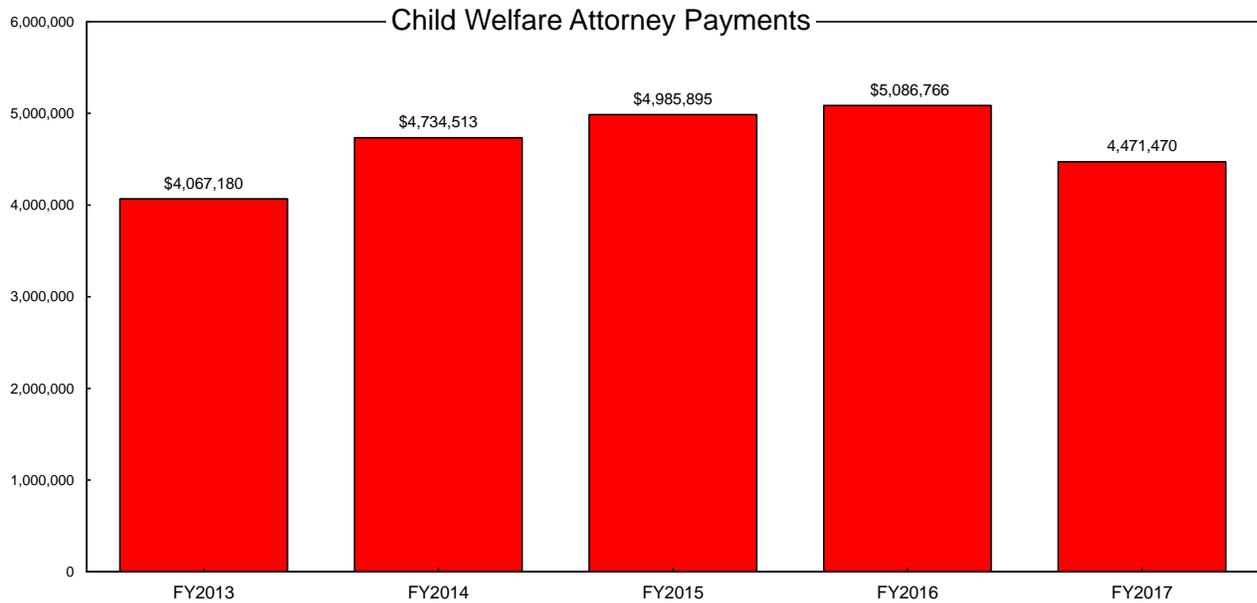
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**District Family and Juvenile Courts**

**INDICATOR: Child Welfare Attorney Payments (nine courts)**

MONTH	MONTHLY						YEAR-TO-DATE					
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	CHANGE FROM FY16	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	CHANGE FROM FY16
OCT	297,048	347,152	444,782	539,048	369,007	-31.5%	347,152	444,782	539,048	539,048	369,007	-31.5%
NOV	312,496	437,973	326,533	372,473	375,472	0.8%	785,125	771,315	911,521	911,521	744,479	-18.3%
DEC	310,314	370,445	572,996	444,373	398,246	-10.4%	1,155,570	1,344,311	1,355,894	1,355,894	1,142,724	-15.7%
JAN	318,909	330,222	329,617	370,703	282,495	-23.8%	1,485,792	1,673,928	1,726,597	1,726,597	1,425,220	-17.5%
FEB	398,149	367,411	295,560	457,496	535,877	17.1%	1,853,203	1,969,489	2,184,093	2,184,093	1,961,096	-10.2%
MAR	294,206	416,587	346,832	502,960	343,997	-31.6%	2,269,789	2,316,321	2,687,053	2,687,053	2,305,094	-14.2%
APR	256,837	437,955	574,919	380,756	352,991	-7.3%	2,707,744	2,891,240	3,067,809	3,067,809	2,658,085	-13.4%
MAY	351,740	386,085	366,348	458,183	428,948	-6.4%	3,093,829	3,257,588	3,525,992	3,525,992	3,087,033	-12.4%
JUN	363,863	403,441	468,552	346,891	457,469	31.9%	3,497,270	3,726,140	3,872,883	3,872,883	3,544,502	-8.5%
JUL	417,530	452,797	462,639	353,990	295,544	-16.5%	3,950,067	4,188,779	4,226,873	4,226,873	3,840,046	-9.2%
AUG	380,025	422,841	355,517	373,310	481,474	29.0%	4,372,908	4,544,296	4,600,183	4,600,183	4,321,520	-6.1%
SEP	366,063	361,605	441,599	486,583	149,950	-69.2%	4,734,513	4,985,895	5,086,766	5,086,766	4,471,470	-12.1%
TOTAL	4,067,180	4,734,513	4,985,895	5,086,766	4,471,470		ANNUAL PROJECTION/BUDGET:				\$5,530,000	
AVG	338,932	394,543	415,491	423,897	372,622	-12.1%	PERCENT ACHIEVED TO DATE:				80.9%	

Source/Explanation: These court-appointed attorney fees are paid pursuant to Title II of the Family Code for child welfare cases through CPS. All Family Courts including Juvenile Courts hear Title II cases. This expense information is obtained from the County Auditor's Monthly Budget Analysis.



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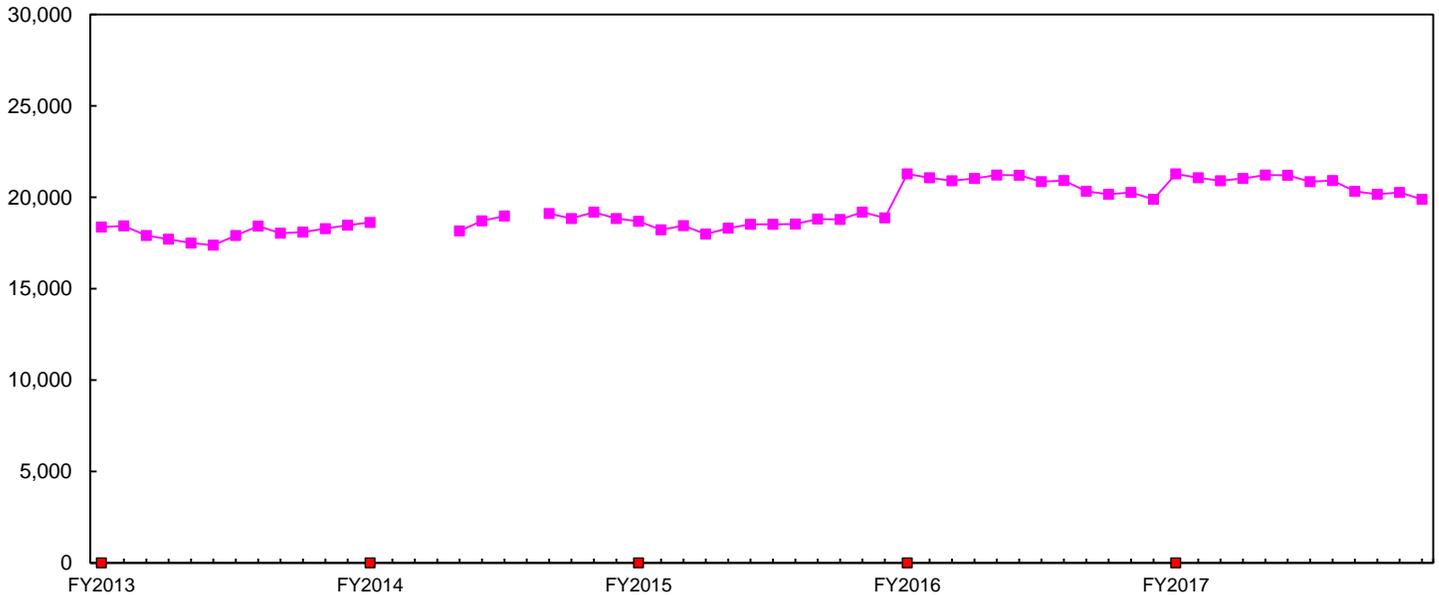
## District Family Courts

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

Y-T-D Filings						Y-T-D Dispositions					Cases Pending				
MONTH	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
OCT	3,139	3,184	2,663	2,732	3,452	3,163	3,065	2,952	2,777	3,059	18,368	18,618	18,687	18,845	21,278
NOV	5,880	5,577	4,530	5,222	6,398	6,073	5,536	5,340	5,288	6,147	18,432	N/A	18,227	18,758	21,066
DEC	8,303	7,903	7,243	7,756	9,289	8,831	7,973	8,004	7,944	9,177	17,906	N/A	18,450	18,704	20,902
JAN	11,025	10,446	9,394	10,688	12,275	11,701	10,710	10,400	10,568	12,136	17,714	N/A	17,988	18,987	21,028
FEB	13,882	13,281	12,046	14,214	15,280	14,578	13,404	12,747	13,439	15,019	17,497	18,155	18,305	19,442	21,213
MAR	17,336	16,467	15,141	17,929	18,909	17,314	15,968	15,555	16,508	18,501	17,382	18,710	18,518	20,245	21,203
APR	20,793	19,758	18,343	21,227	21,632	20,151	18,867	18,599	19,642	21,518	17,904	18,970	18,519	20,291	20,852
MAY	23,714	22,762	21,039	24,713	25,058	23,233	21,630	21,264	23,020	25,015	18,426	N/A	18,537	20,428	20,922
JUN	26,452	25,434	24,120	27,971	28,180	25,954	24,369	24,085	26,560	28,495	18,040	19,111	18,816	20,138	20,330
JUL	29,616	28,351	26,967	30,919	31,212	28,899	27,298	27,025	29,378	31,731	18,100	18,838	18,786	20,426	20,161
AUG	32,577	31,511	29,915	34,783	34,697	31,672	30,179	29,704	32,629	35,131	18,288	19,190	19,189	20,985	20,263
SEP	35,316	N/A	32,177	37,768	37,490	34,387	32,946	32,228	35,681	38,293	18,479	18,831	18,874	20,872	19,891
AVG	2,943	2,626	2,681	3,147	3,124	N/A	N/A	2,686	2,973	3,191	18,045	18,803	18,575	19,843	20,759

Source/Explanation: Filings and Dispositions information is taken from the Odyssey Caseload Activity Report

### Cases Pending



## **Section V**

### **District Juvenile Courts**

Analyst: Michele Sanchez

#### **Notes on Methodology**

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

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

#### **Highlights**

The total expenses for FY2017 were \$6,392,769 this is down \$815,918 from FY2016 total expense of \$7,208,687.

Payments to outside attorneys in child welfare cases were \$2,904,187. Juvenile delinquency attorney payments totaled \$708,332 for FY2017 (page 5.2), down \$68,345 from FY2016.

The revenue statistics presented in this report (page 5.3) represent aggregate collections for the District Clerk's collection program in the two courts. The total amount collected for FY2017 was \$402,242. This represents a 19.2% decrease over the monthly average from FY2016.

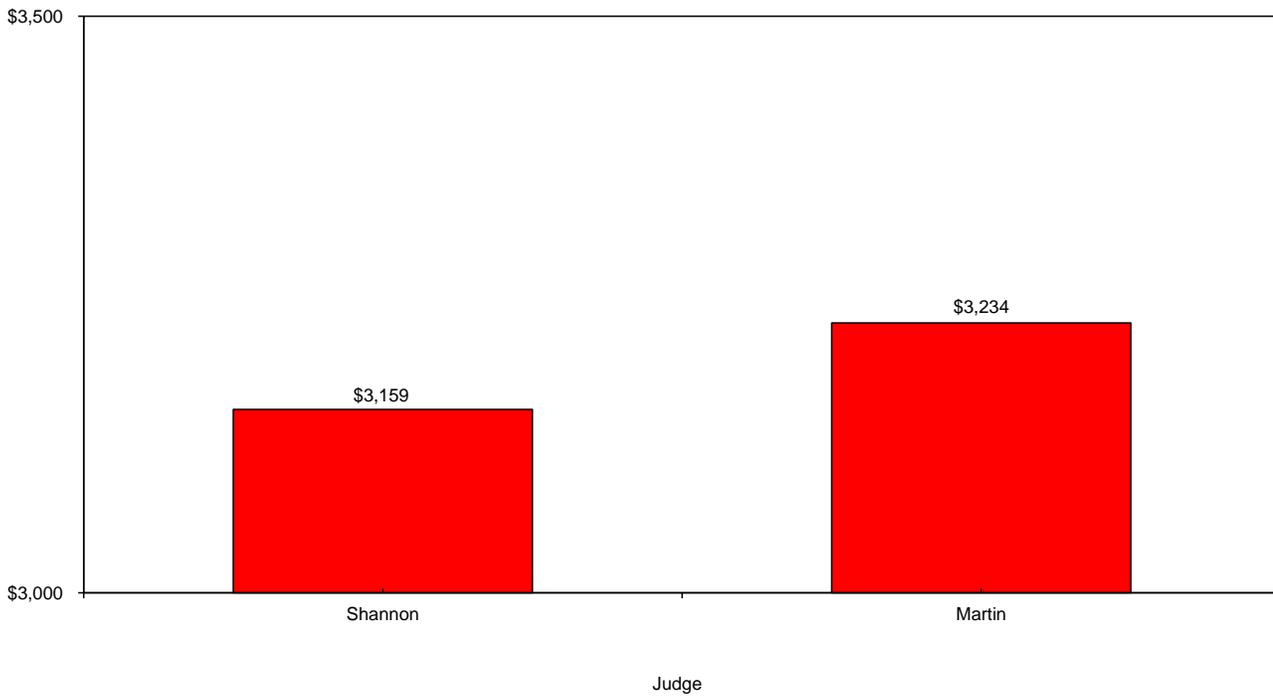
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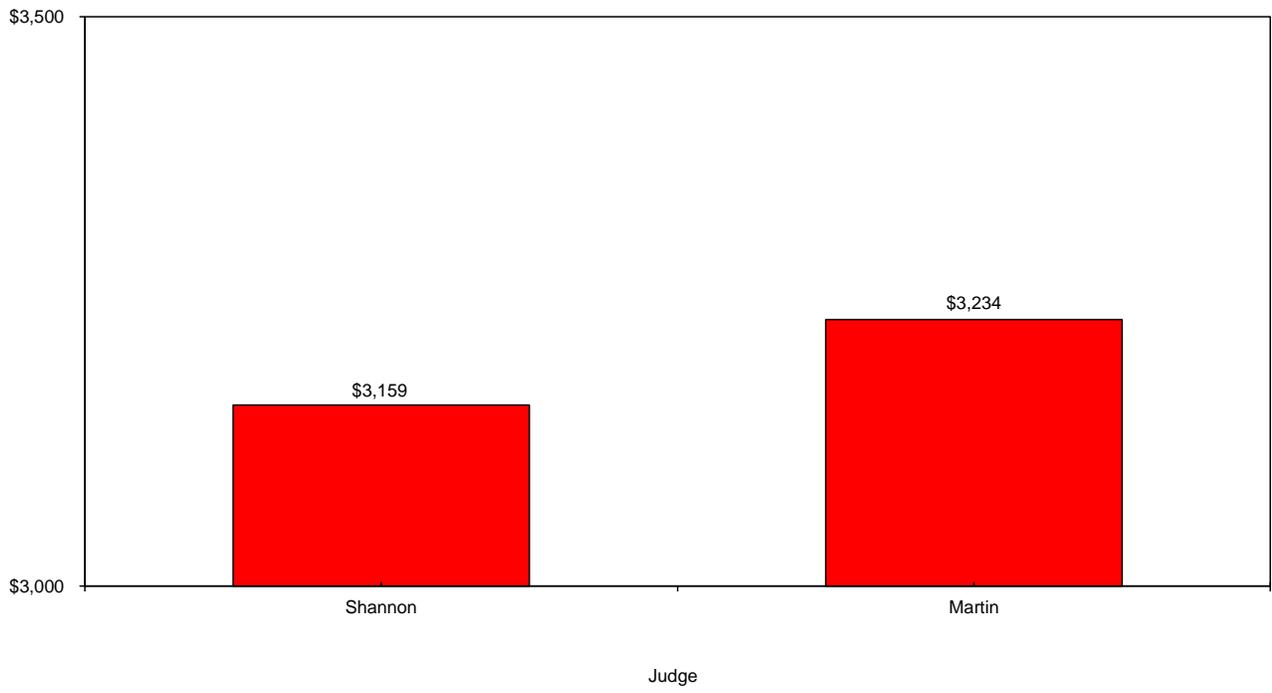
**INDICATOR:** Court by Court comparison of expenditures

Court Number	Judge	Operating Expenses	Child Welfare Attorneys	Delinquency Attorneys	Public Defender	Total Expenses
304th	Martin	674,360	1,514,209	334,925	710,747	3,234,241
305th	Shannon	680,583	1,389,978	373,408	714,560	3,158,528
	Total	\$1,354,943	\$2,904,187	\$708,332	\$1,425,307	\$6,392,769
	Average	\$677,472	\$1,452,093	\$354,166	\$712,653	\$3,196,385

**Total Expenses**  
in Thousands



### Total Expenses in Thousands



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## District Juvenile Courts

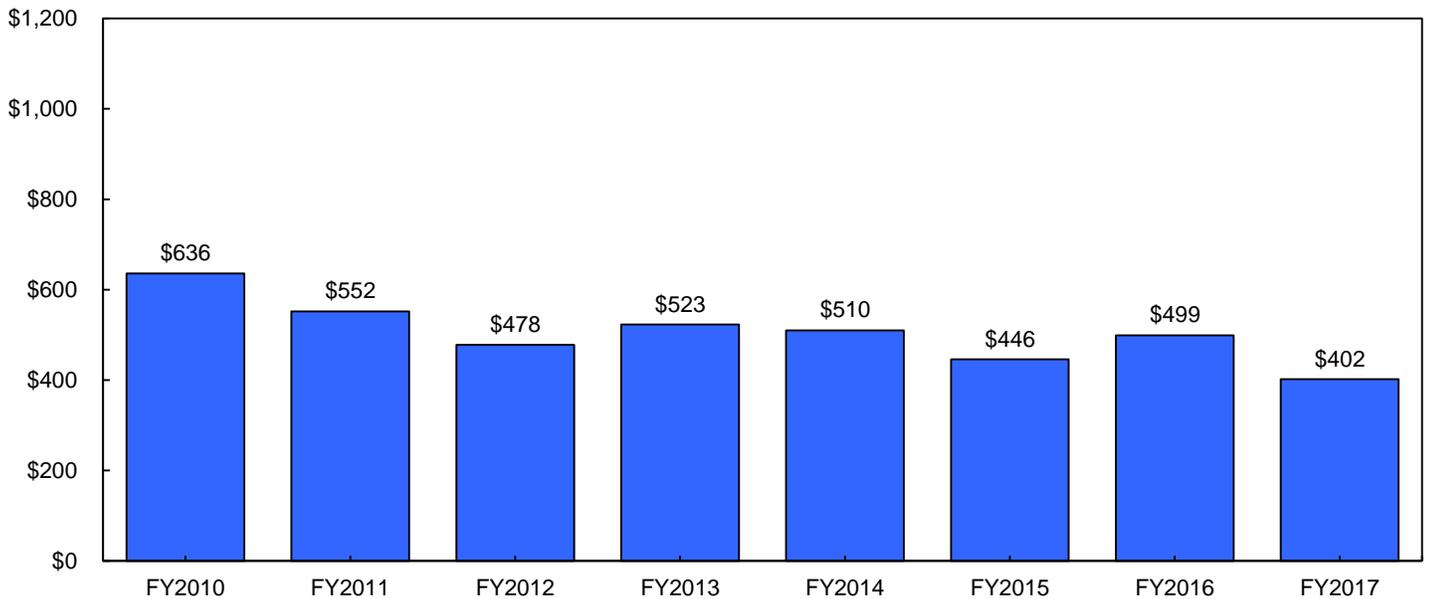
**INDICATOR: Juvenile Court Collection Program**

MONTHLY				
MONTH	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	CHANGE FROM FY16
OCT	38,052	36,157	30,562	-15.5%
NOV	34,449	29,876	32,505	8.8%
DEC	40,228	38,114	30,617	-19.7%
JAN	34,449	39,978	33,676	-15.8%
FEB	41,476	60,657	37,489	-38.2%
MAR	45,557	56,287	46,573	-17.3%
APR	39,327	47,432	30,268	-36.2%
MAY	26,443	39,686	32,066	-19.2%
JUN	37,402	36,326	35,582	-2.0%
JUL	33,160	36,261	28,703	-20.8%
AUG	36,239	39,482	33,009	-16.4%
SEP	38,799	38,581	31,193	-19.2%
TOTAL	\$445,581	\$498,835	\$402,242	
AVG	\$37,132	\$41,570	\$33,520	-19.4%

YEAR-TO-DATE			
FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	CHANGE FROM FY16
\$36,157	\$36,157	\$30,562	-15.5%
66,033	66,033	63,067	-4.5%
104,147	104,147	93,684	-10.0%
144,124	144,124	127,360	-11.6%
204,781	204,781	164,850	-19.5%
261,067	261,067	211,422	-19.0%
308,499	308,499	241,690	-21.7%
348,185	348,185	273,756	-21.4%
384,511	384,511	309,338	-19.6%
420,772	420,772	338,041	-19.7%
460,253	460,253	371,049	-19.4%
498,835	498,835	402,242	-19.4%
ANNUAL PROJECTION/BUDGET:			\$498,835
PERCENT ACHIEVED TO DATE:			80.6%

Source/Explanation: The District Clerk prepares a monthly report detailing fines, fees, and costs assessed, waived and collected.

**Fines, Fees, and Costs Collected**  
(In Thousands)



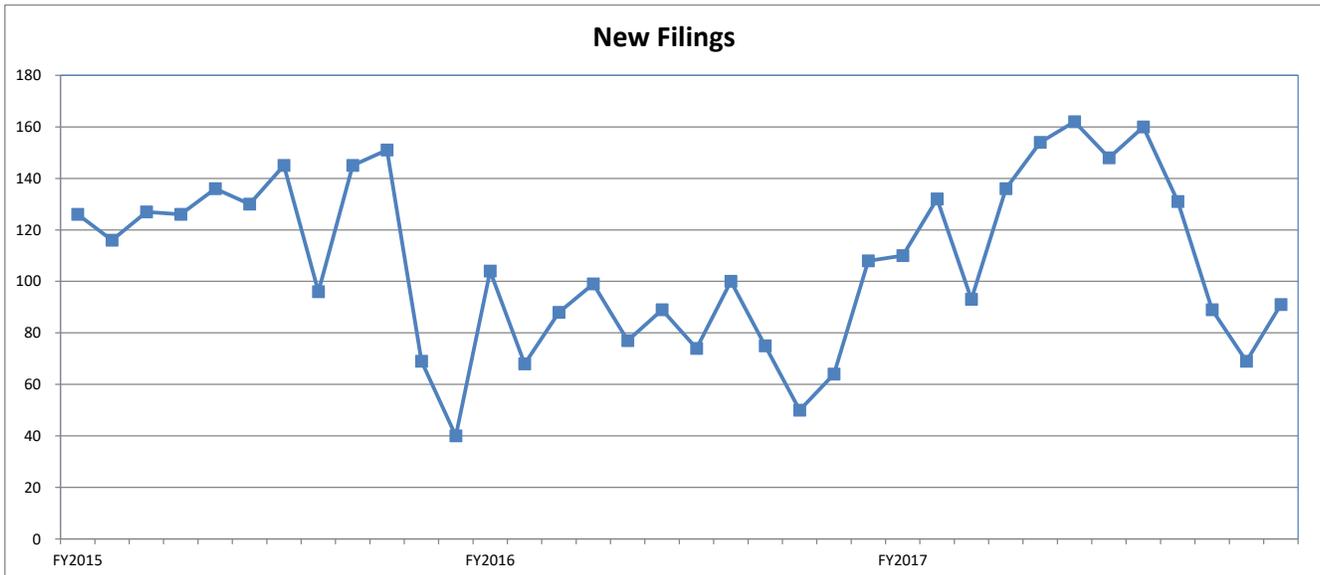
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**District Juvenile Courts**

**INDICATOR: Delinquency filings, motions, and dispositions (two courts).**

New Filings				Reinstatements, Motions			Dispositions		
MONTH	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
OCT	126	104	110	19	9	0	N/A	158	113
NOV	116	68	132	10	5	0	N/A	146	106
DEC	127	88	93	6	10	3	N/A	135	102
JAN	126	99	136	7	10	8	N/A	182	115
FEB	136	77	154	8	11	12	N/A	126	77
MAR	130	89	162	11	11	16	N/A	199	114
APR	145	74	148	8	5	18	N/A	171	162
MAY	96	100	160	4	8	23	N/A	148	157
JUN	145	75	131	7	5	24	N/A	195	158
JUL	151	50	89	11	8	22	N/A	161	131
AUG	69	64	69	9	7	22	N/A	116	181
SEP	40	108	91	9	5	23	N/A	119	133
TOTAL	1,407	996	1,475	109	94	171	N/A	1,856	1,549
AVG	117	83	123	9	8	14	N/A	155	129

Juvenile Delinquent is obtained from the Juvenile Criminal OCA Reports



## **Section VI County Criminal Courts**

Analyst: Michele Sanchez

### **Notes on Methodology**

The expenses presented for each court (page 6.2) do not include the cost of the Criminal Court Magistrate or the Collections Department, since these costs are the same for each court. However, the costs of court appointed attorneys are separated from operating expenses. The presiding Judge of the County Criminal Courts budget is charged for all visiting judge expenses throughout the year, these cost have been removed from their total expenses and are not reflected in this report. The column labeled "Total Indigent Defense," is the total of court appointed attorneys and public defender costs.

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

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

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

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

Defense costs are shown as either court appointed attorney costs or an imputed cost of public defenders assigned to each court. The cost per public defender is calculated by adding the salary and benefits of the defender assigned to a particular court and adding an indirect cost that accounts for operational costs of the Public Defenders Office. This report adds a 10% cost to the Public Defender's Office (approximately \$1.4 Million annually) salary budget. The \$1,414,856 is divided by the number of public defenders and a cost per public defender is obtained. If a public defender is re-assigned during the year for any reason, the cost increase/decrease to the affected court will be revised to show actual salary

costs.

### **Other Items of Interest**

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

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

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

### **Highlights**

For FY2017, the County Criminal Courts averaged \$(-94) in net revenue per disposition (page 6.2). This represents a \$25 decrease in net revenue per disposition when compared to the FY2016 net revenue per disposition of \$(-69). Excluding the Family Violence Courts, County Criminal Court #3 had the highest revenue per disposition at \$(-35) and County Criminal Court #4 had the lowest revenue per disposition at \$(-163).

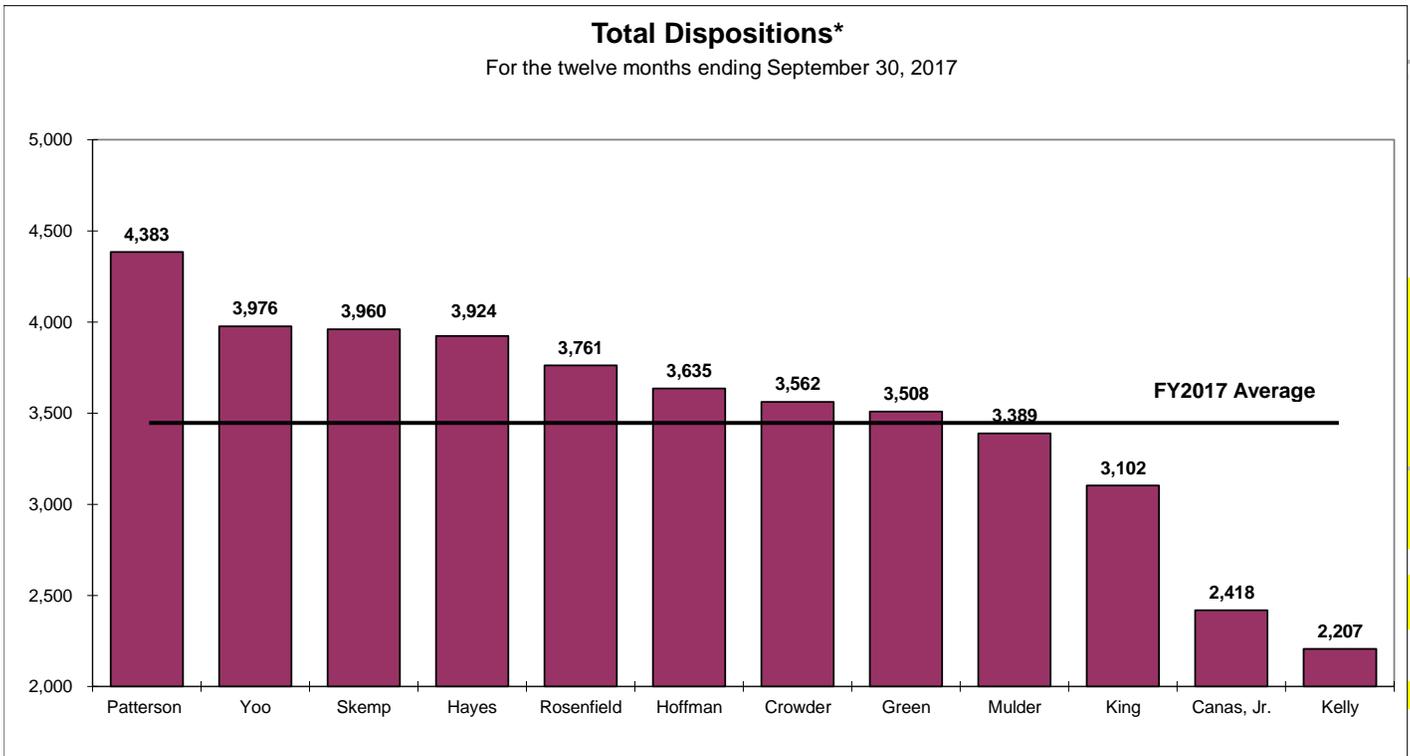
The total number of dispositions for FY2017 (page 6.3) ranged from 4,383 in County Criminal Court #1 to 3,102 in County Criminal Court #6. The two Family Violence Courts had 2,207 and 2,418 dispositions in the same time period.

The average cost per case assigned to a public defender (page 6.4) is \$128. An average cost per case assigned to a public defender that is less than the average cost per case appointed to a court appointed attorney (approximately \$150), is measured as cost effective.

For FY2017, \$4.48 million was received by the County Clerk Cashier's Office and Collections Department (page 6.5) for the County Criminal Courts. This is down from the FY2016 amount of \$5.5 million.

During FY2017, the County Criminal Courts received 33,303 filings and disposed of 42,352 cases (page 6.6). FY2017 monthly average filings were down 1.02% and dispositions were down 1.051% as compared to FY2016 averages. Cases pending have decreased from 29,224 at the end of FY2016 to 23,769 at the end FY2017.

## County Criminal Courts



\* Does not include dismissals

Source: County Criminal Court Monthly Report RO6467

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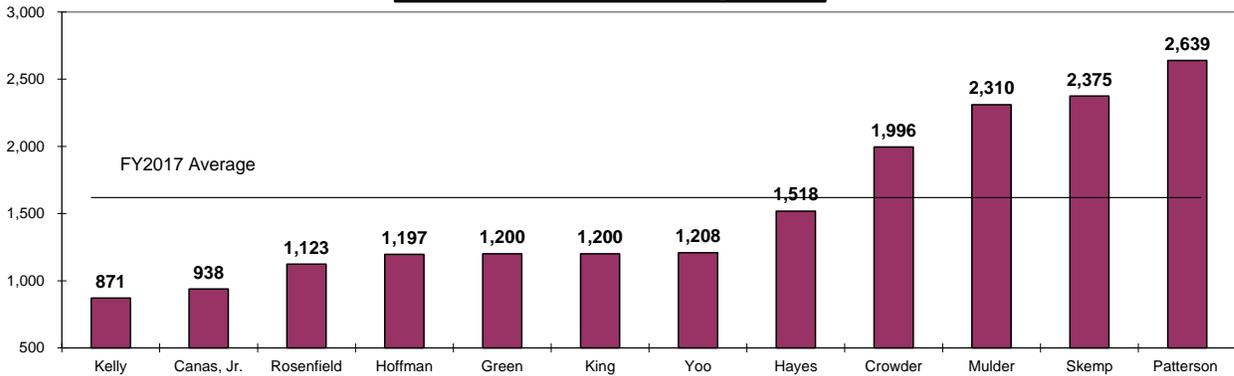
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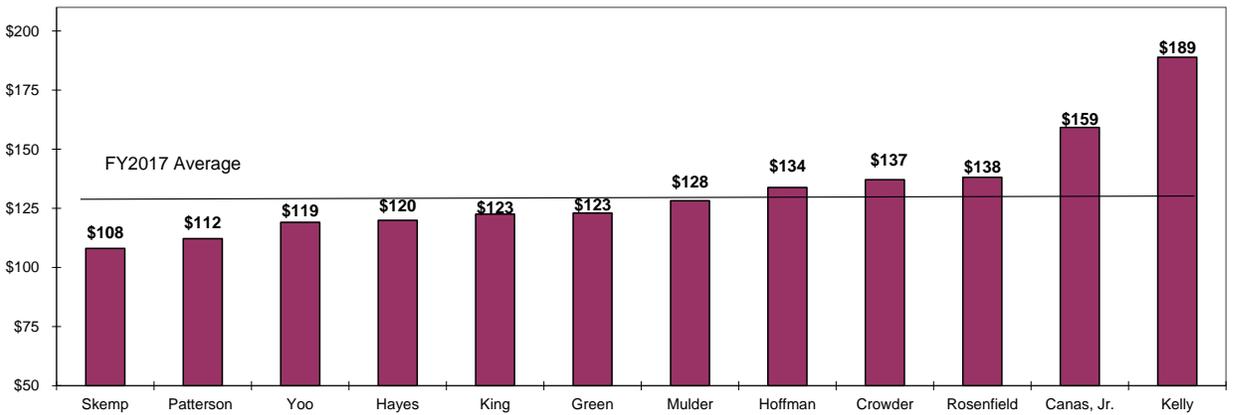
**INDICATOR: Public Defender Assignments**

Number	Judge	PD's Assigned	Total Cases Assigned	Cost of PD's	Cost per Case Assigned
1	Patterson	2	2,639	\$296,100	\$112
2	Hayes	1	1,518	\$182,145	\$120
3	Skemp	2	2,375	\$256,696	\$108
4	Mulder	2	2,310	\$296,155	\$128
5	Green	1	1,200	\$147,572	\$123
6	King	1	1,200	\$147,075	\$123
7	Crowder	2	1,996	\$273,671	\$137
8	Yoo	1	1,208	\$143,917	\$119
9	Hoffman	1	1,197	\$160,185	\$134
10	Canas, Jr.	1	938	\$149,375	\$159
11	Kelly	1	871	\$164,513	\$189
Appls 2	Rosenfield	1	1,123	\$155,128	\$138
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>18,576</b>	<b>\$2,372,532</b>	<b>\$128</b>

**Total Public Defender Assignments**



**Public Defender Cost per Assignment**



\* See "Notes on Methodology" for further explanation. \*\* Judge Mulder eliminated 2PD in July 2017

# DALLAS COUNTY MANAGEMENT REPORT

County Clerk

**INDICATOR: A & B Misdemeanor Fines and Fees Collected by County Clerk Cashier and Collections Dept.**

## Total Revenue Collected

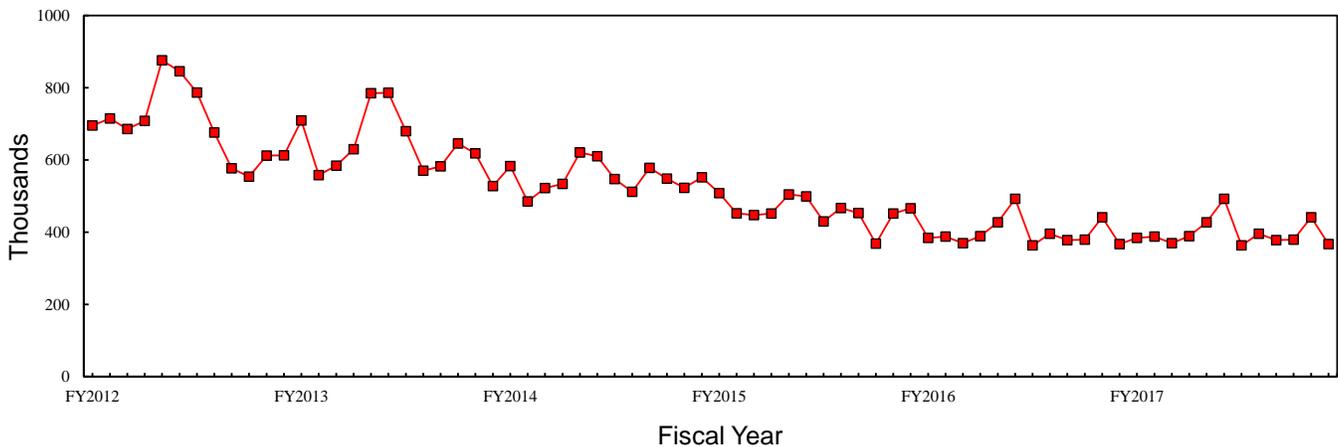
	FY2012			FY2013			FY2014		
	Fines & Fees	Bond Forfr.	Total	Fines & Fees	Bond Forfr.	Total	Fines & Fees	Bond Forfr.	Total
OCT	653,582	64,464	718,046	614,202	81,383	695,585	644,108	65,292	709,400
NOV	670,270	87,899	758,169	628,955	86,191	715,146	495,662	62,606	558,268
DEC	660,997	81,101	742,098	598,818	86,674	685,492	516,754	67,592	584,346
JAN	723,926	66,581	790,507	642,044	66,112	708,156	544,287	85,689	629,976
FEB	866,687	33,679	900,366	800,775	74,979	875,754	696,802	88,265	785,067
MAR	775,268	77,287	852,555	733,266	112,124	845,390	713,568	72,289	785,857
APR	667,956	42,183	710,139	689,915	96,686	786,601	624,107	55,723	679,830
MAY	707,674	56,945	764,619	600,360	75,831	676,191	538,245	31,593	569,838
JUN	676,856	61,646	738,502	509,309	67,436	576,745	527,022	55,182	582,204
JUL	672,398	66,074	738,471	487,727	65,850	553,577	514,496	131,153	645,649
AUG	747,541	77,005	824,546	552,314	59,588	611,902	512,379	105,696	618,075
SEP	628,956	86,191	715,146	522,615	90,039	612,654	467,634	59,910	527,544
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,452,110</b>	<b>801,055</b>	<b>9,253,165</b>	<b>7,380,300</b>	<b>962,893</b>	<b>8,343,193</b>	<b>6,795,064</b>	<b>880,990</b>	<b>7,676,054</b>

	FY2015			FY2016			FY2017		
	Fines & Fees	Bond Forfr.	Total	Fines & Fees	Bond Forfr.	Total	Fines & Fees	Bond Forfr.	Total
OCT	503,730	79,014	582,744	448,485	59,735	508,221	342,163	41,917	384,080
NOV	450,183	34,879	485,062	399,445	52,833	452,279	341,275	46,639	387,914
DEC	450,817	71,239	522,056	373,316	74,300	447,616	289,896	79,587	369,483
JAN	465,866	67,648	533,514	366,827	84,596	451,424	309,776	79,050	388,826
FEB	518,331	102,321	620,652	444,534	60,100	504,634	346,547	80,478	427,026
MAR	555,301	54,906	610,207	460,158	38,752	498,910	408,722	83,831	492,553
APR	501,834	44,903	546,737	392,957	36,875	429,832	316,492	46,709	363,201
MAY	453,252	58,581	511,833	389,001	77,795	466,796	331,421	64,346	395,766
JUN	518,521	59,581	578,102	381,372	71,637	453,009	309,825	68,052	377,877
JUL	469,837	78,432	548,269	334,329	33,929	368,258	284,128	95,048	379,176
AUG	433,577	88,958	522,535	403,676	47,626	451,302	346,665	94,382	441,047
SEP	491,332	60,612	551,944	368,183	97,776	465,958	282,181	85,017	367,197
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,812,581</b>	<b>801,074</b>	<b>6,613,655</b>	<b>4,762,284</b>	<b>735,954</b>	<b>5,498,238</b>	<b>3,909,092</b>	<b>865,056</b>	<b>4,774,148</b>

Source: County Criminal Courts Monthly Term Report (RO6465) \*\* CCCA 1&2 are not included in this calculation\*\* FY2016 Included CCCA1&2 Revenues\*\*

### Monthly Revenue Collected



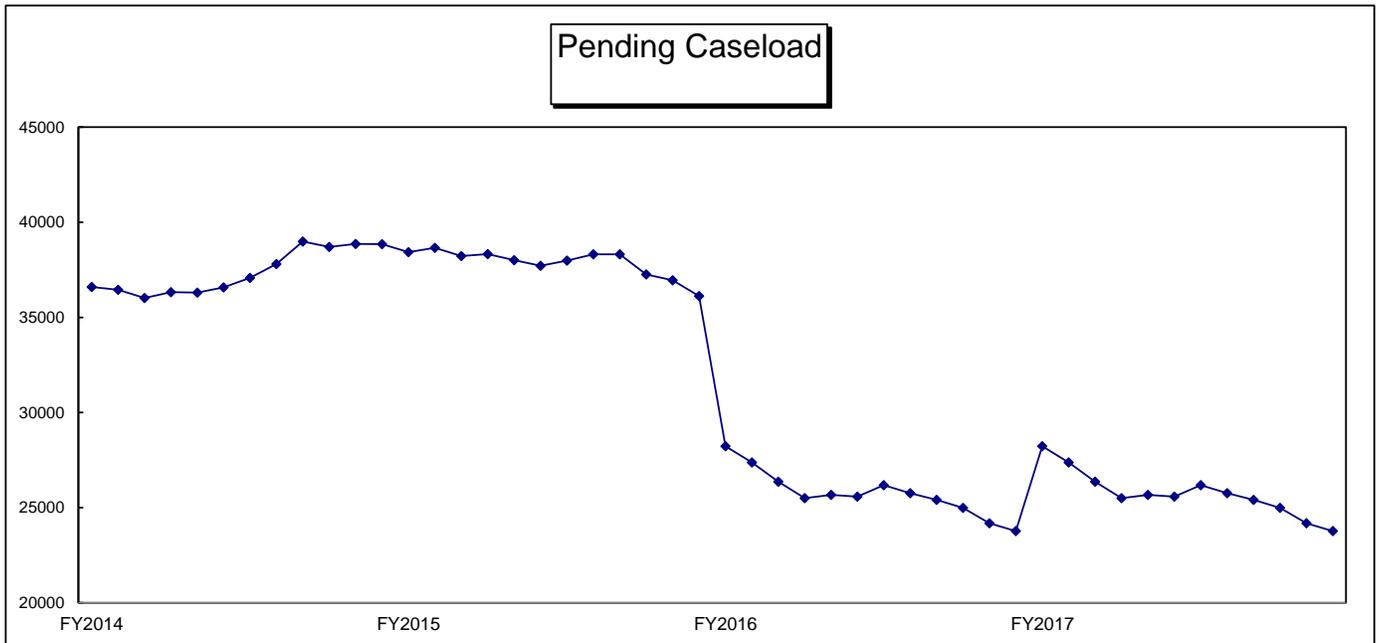
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**INDICATOR: Filings, dispositions, and cases pending**

MONTH	Y-T-D Filings					Y-T-D Dispositions					Cases Pending				
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
OCT	3,221	3,795	5,110	2,668	2,822	4,284	3,874	3,527	3,802	4,048	39,700	36,602	38,424	35,762	28,225
NOV	6,193	6,403	7,528	5,412	5,313	7,761	6,911	6,331	6,827	7,750	39,828	36,449	38,657	35,765	27,380
DEC	8,535	9,123	10,173	7,765	7,694	10,608	9,831	9,476	11,648	11,447	39,715	36,014	38,228	33,029	26,362
JAN	11,118	11,898	13,869	10,404	10,426	14,410	13,285	12,420	17,143	15,350	38,316	36,324	38,325	31,057	25,504
FEB	13,809	13,716	16,563	12,615	13,407	18,230	16,843	15,346	20,983	18,657	38,111	36,299	38,012	30,301	25,675
MAR	16,542	15,270	20,006	15,361	16,588	21,889	20,077	18,534	25,032	22,077	38,066	36,575	37,712	29,776	25,581
APR	19,946	17,405	23,128	18,308	19,611	25,765	23,648	22,145	28,374	25,301	37,821	37,073	37,988	29,780	26,180
MAY	24,084	19,921	25,687	21,278	22,491	29,656	26,949	25,306	31,616	28,733	37,184	37,799	38,312	29,195	25,759
JUN	27,234	22,539	27,962	25,898	25,547	32,891	30,148	28,899	35,272	32,780	37,168	38,988	38,312	28,835	25,416
JUL	30,794	25,610	30,744	28,200	28,322	36,390	33,604	33,036	37,977	35,692	37,361	38,701	37,262	28,992	24,987
AUG	35,880	28,509	33,412	31,035	31,044	40,033	36,795	36,956	41,279	39,440	37,515	38,864	36,954	29,390	24,186
SEP	39,972	31,669	36,188	34,034	33,303	43,393	40,247	40,690	44,510	42,352	36,822	38,855	36,124	29,224	23,769
AVG	3,331	2,639	3,016	2,836	2,775	3,616	3,354	3,391	3,709	3,529	38,134	37,379	37,859	30,926	25,752

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



## **Section VII**

### **County Courts at Law**

Analyst: Michele Sanchez

#### **Notes on Methodology**

Operating costs associated with the 5 County Courts at Law Courts are mostly attributed to salaries of the support staff, which Judges have minimal control over. Costs associated with the five County Courts at Law include operating expenses and visiting judge costs (if applicable).

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

#### **Highlights**

The County Courts at Law had an average cost per disposition of \$339 during FY2017 an increase of \$26 as compared to the FY2016 average of \$313. County Court at Law #3 had the highest cost per disposition at \$362 and County Court at Law #1 had the lowest at \$325. County Court at Law #5 had the highest number of dispositions at 1,349 and County Court at Law #2 had the lowest at 1,237.

The average number of Dispositions (7.3) for the Courts at Law was 553. The average number of filings was 497. The number of cases pending at the end of September 2016 was 5,085, up from 4,725 from September 2016.

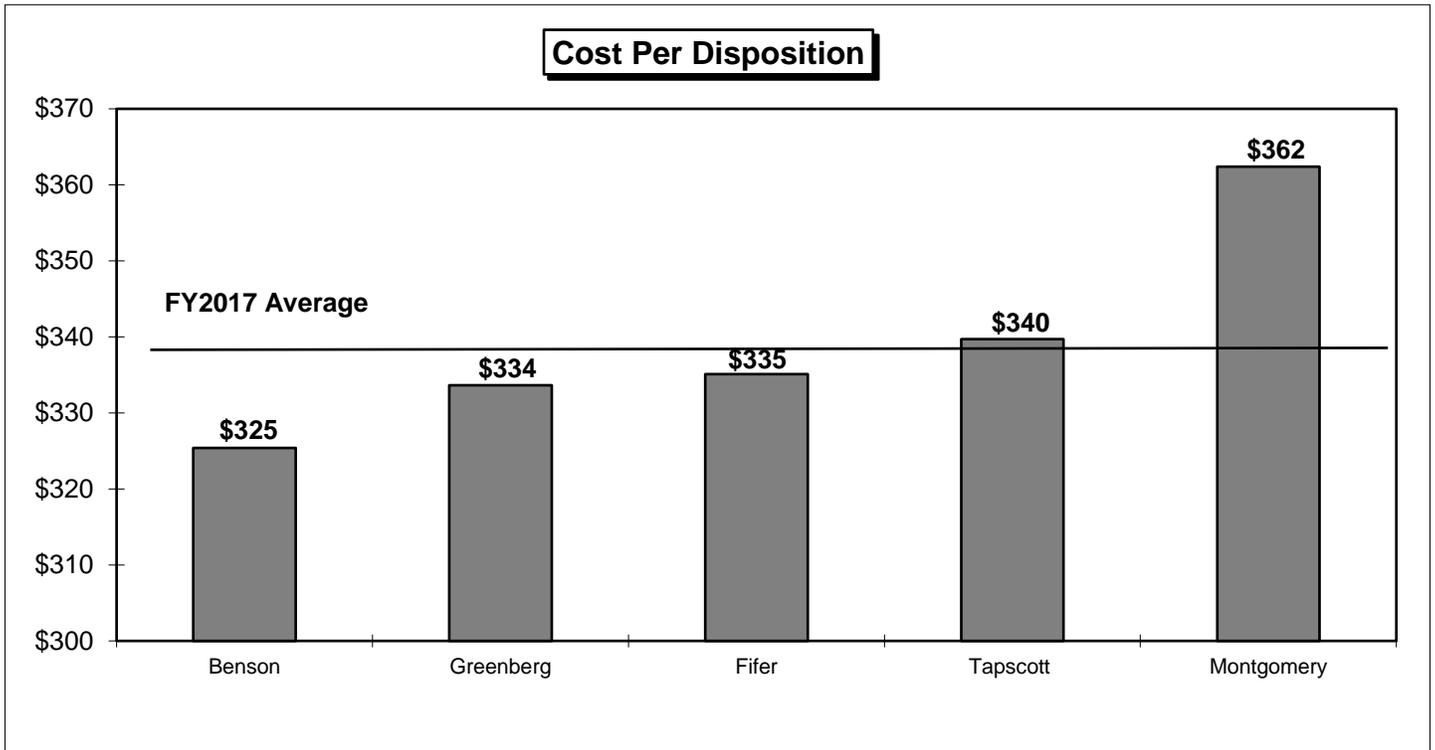
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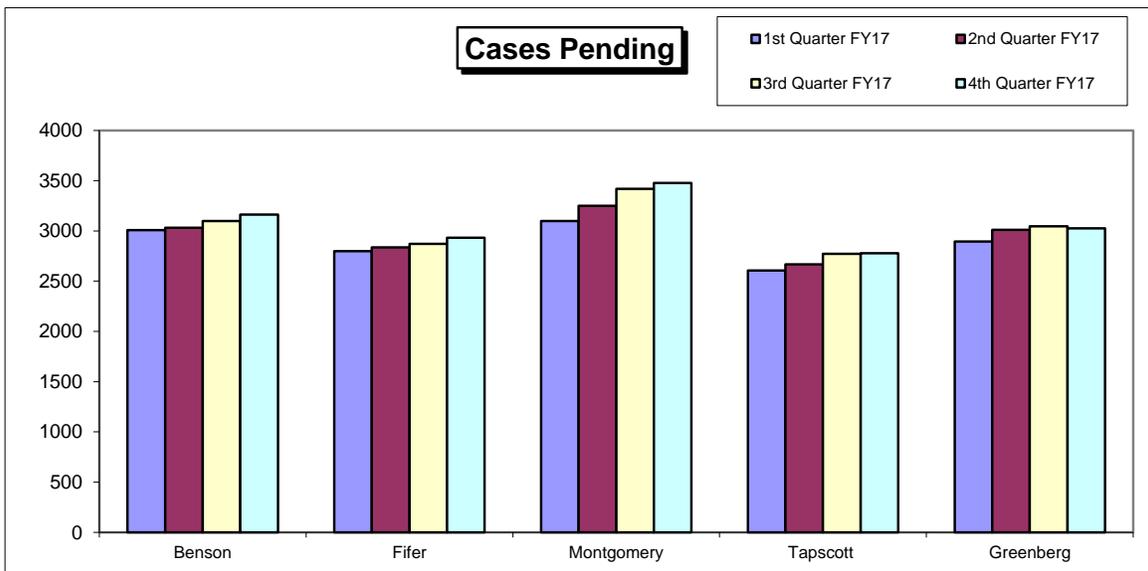
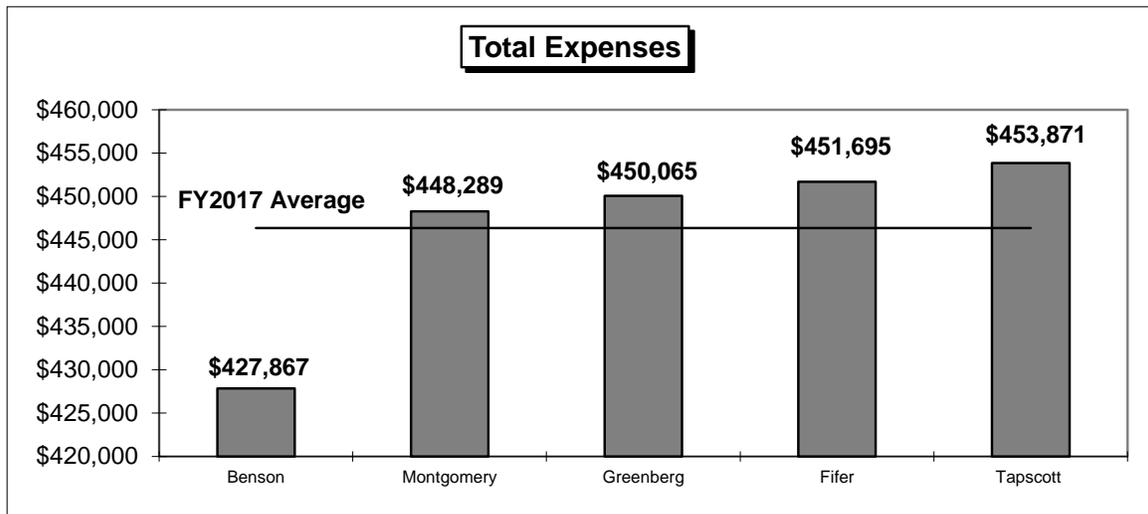
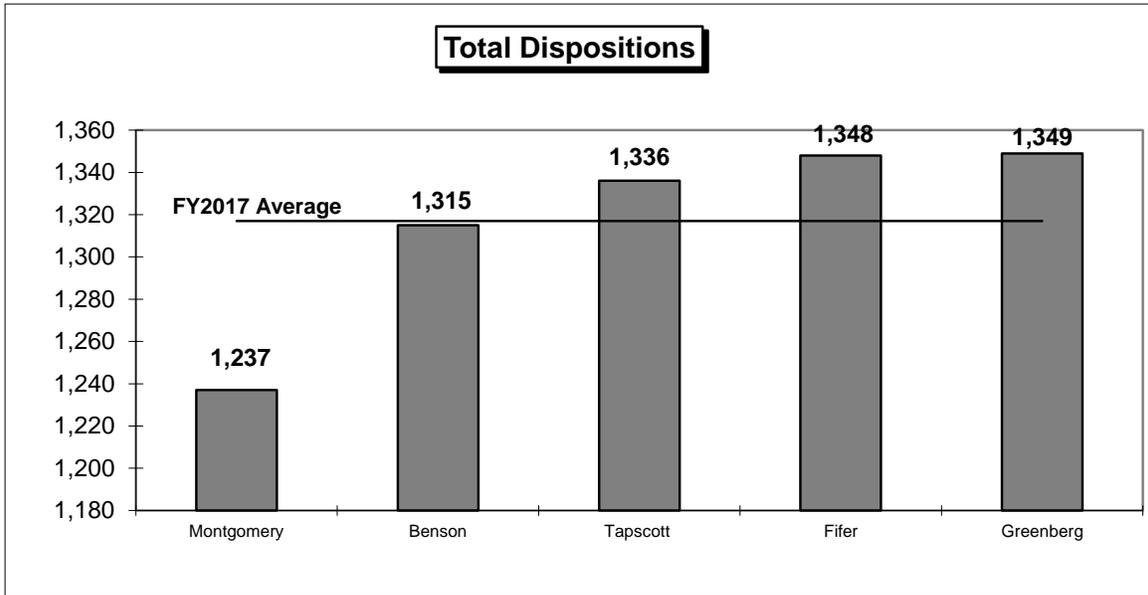
**INDICATOR: Court by Court comparison of expenditures and dispositions**

Court Number	Judge	Total Expenses	Number of Dispositions	FY2017 Cost per Disposition	FY2016 Cost per Disposition
1	Benson	427,867	1,315	325	317
2	Fifer	451,695	1,348	335	329
3	Montgomery	448,289	1,237	362	303
4	Tapscott	453,871	1,336	340	316
5	Greenberg	450,065	1,349	334	299
Total		\$2,231,786			
Average		\$446,357	1,317	\$339	\$313



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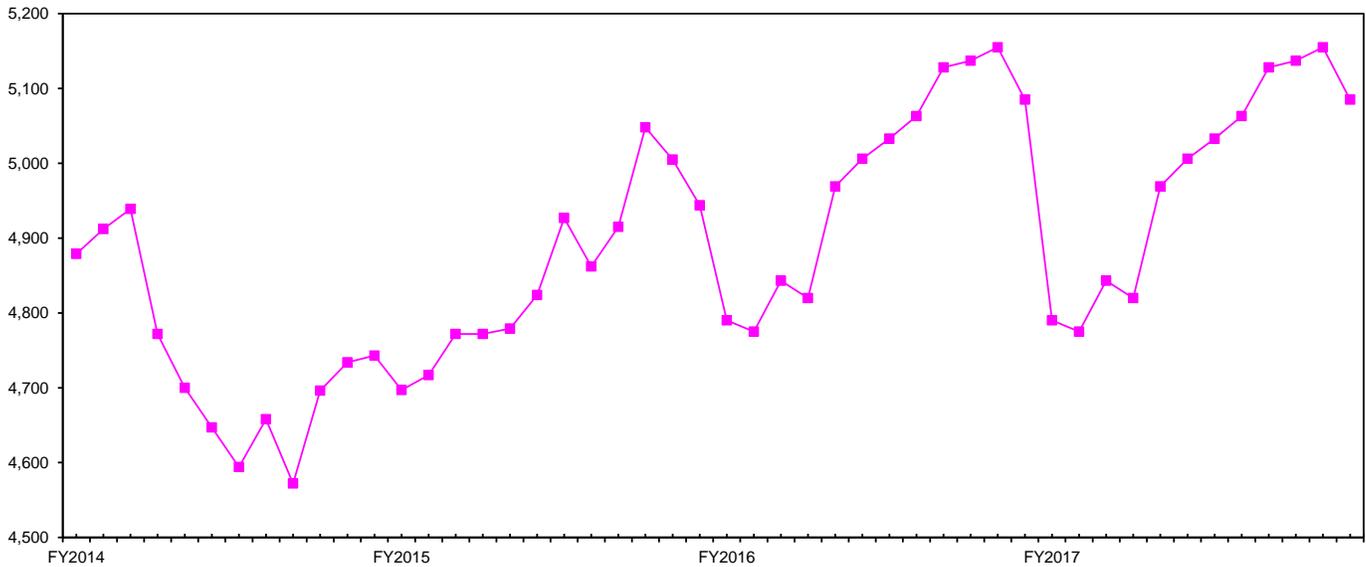
## County Courts at Law

**INDICATOR: Filings, dispositions, and cases pending**

Y-T-D Filings					Y-T-D Dispositions				Cases Pending			
MONTH	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
OCT	488	537	496	487	684	668	549	513	4,879	4,697	4,978	4,790
NOV	927	939	911	924	1,183	1,104	1,087	1,050	4,912	4,717	4,913	4,775
DEC	1,393	1,414	1,391	1,384	1,699	1,599	1,612	1,523	4,939	4,772	4,924	4,843
JAN	1,833	1,875	1,782	1,857	2,368	2,156	2,185	2,111	4,772	4,772	4,807	4,820
FEB	2,248	2,322	2,305	2,372	2,929	2,659	2,723	2,546	4,700	4,779	4,857	4,969
MAR	2,718	2,857	2,824	2,929	3,540	3,237	3,391	3,173	4,647	4,824	4,789	5,006
APR	3,221	3,078	3,300	3,403	4,165	3,479	4,020	3,696	4,594	4,927	4,706	5,033
MAY	3,708	3,509	3,881	3,914	4,675	4,046	4,557	4,262	4,658	4,862	4,833	5,063
JUN	4,178	4,019	4,330	4,511	5,297	4,590	5,164	4,873	4,572	4,915	4,766	5,128
JUL	4,792	4,578	4,781	4,992	5,883	5,106	5,664	5,436	4,696	5,048	4,803	5,137
AUG	5,236	5,067	5,311	5,533	6,378	5,708	6,275	6,044	4,743	5,005	4,792	5,155
SEP	5,701	5,534	5,839	5,962	6,941	6,310	6,947	6,635	4,743	4,944	4,725	5,085
AVG	N/A	461	487	497	578	526	579	553	4,738	4,855	4,824	4,984

Source/Explanation: County Clerk Odyssey Reports

Cases Pending



## **Section VIII Probate Courts**

Analyst: Michele Sanchez

### **Notes on Methodology**

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

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

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

### **Highlights**

For FY2017, the cost per case averaged \$391, which is \$37 higher than the cost per case for FY2016. As mentioned above, the average cost per case is misleading due to costs associated with the Mental Illness court proceedings in Probate Court #3's court. Probate Court #1 averaged \$463 cost per case, Probate Court #2 averaged \$530 and Probate Court #3 averaged \$179.

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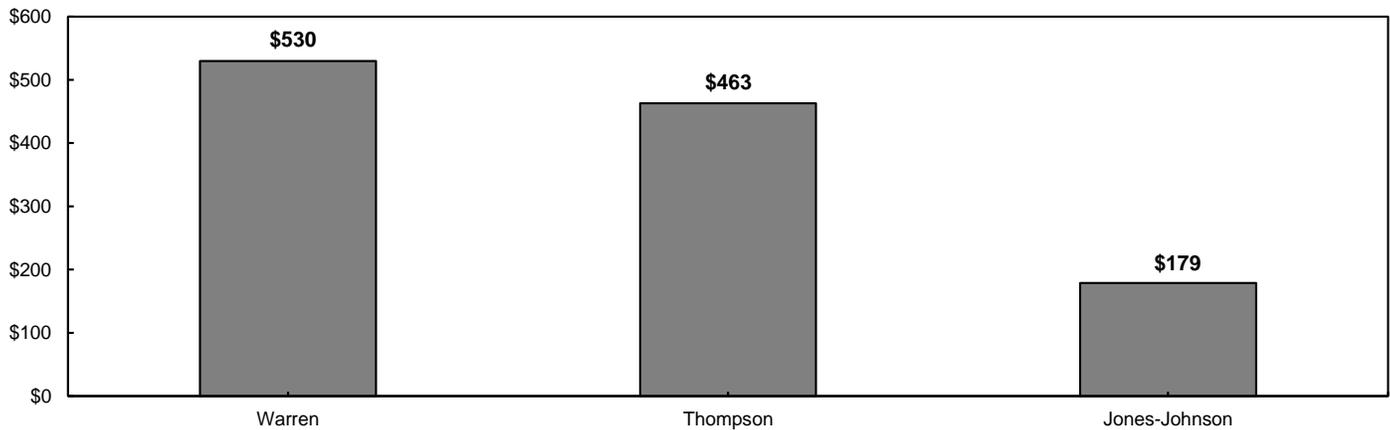
## Probate Courts

**INDICATOR: Court by Court comparison of expenditures and cases assigned**

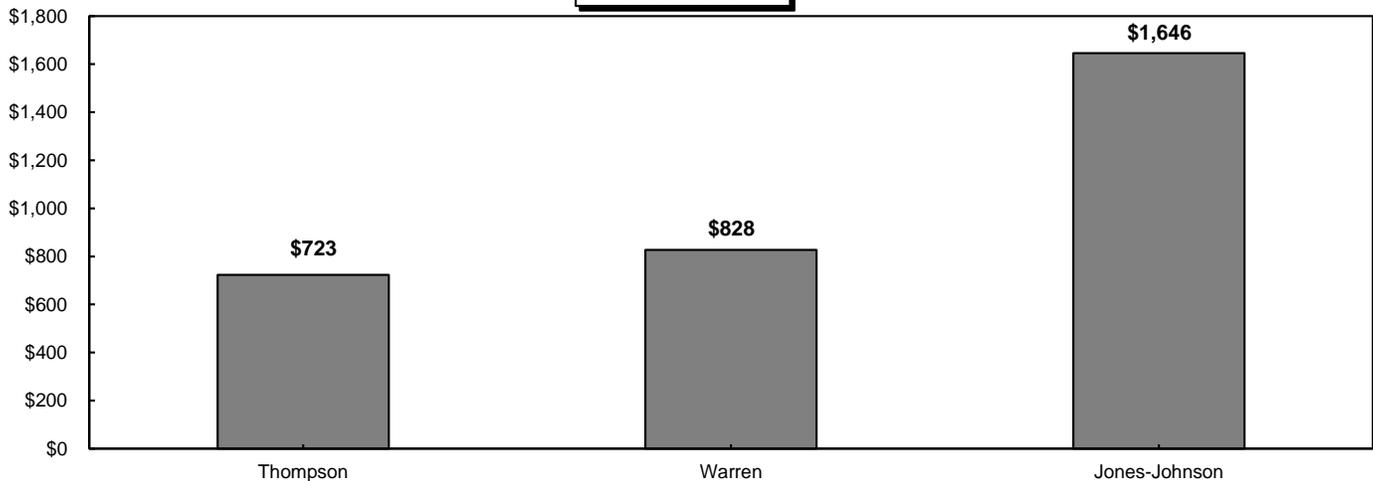
Court Number	Judge	Expenses	Visiting Judge	Public Defender	Total Expenses	Cases Assigned	FY2017	FY2016
							Cost per Case	Cost per Case
1	Thompson	722,924	0	0	722,924	1,562	463	454
2	Warren	825,826	1,724	0	827,550	1,562	530	504
3	* Jones-Johnson	1,300,986	0	345,143	1,646,130	9,184	179	103
Total		\$2,849,737	\$1,724	\$345,143	\$3,196,604	12,308		
Average					\$1,065,535	4,103	\$391	\$354

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

**Cost Per Case Assigned**



**Total Expenses  
in thousands**



## **Section IX**

### **Justice of the Peace Courts**

Analyst: Ronica L. Watkins

#### **Notes on Methodology**

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

#### **Justice of the Peace Revenues**

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

#### **Highlights**

The first page of Section 9 (9.1) only includes Justice of the Peace revenues and expenditures. The FY2015 net cost expense per court (page 9.1) shows that the Justices of the Peace have an overall negative net expense of (\$1,053,355). The total average net expenses for the Justices of the Peace for the twelve months ending September 30, 2015 were a negative (\$105,336). The total number of cases disposed by Dallas County Justices of Peace for FY2015 was 130,724 in comparison to 157,794 during the same period in FY2014.

The second page Section 9 (9.2) includes Constables expenditures and revenues. The net expense per court data including Constables expenses and revenues (page 9.2) shows that the Justices of the Peace have an overall average net expense for FY2015 of \$172,155 in comparison to a negative (\$4,008) during the same period in FY2014. The total net expenses for the twelve months ending September 30, 2015 were a \$1,893,703.

The total operating expenditures for all Justice of the Peace courts in FY2015 was \$6,685,293. The total number of cases filed (criminal and civil) in the Dallas County Justice of the Peace courts during FY2015 was 154,400 (9.3).

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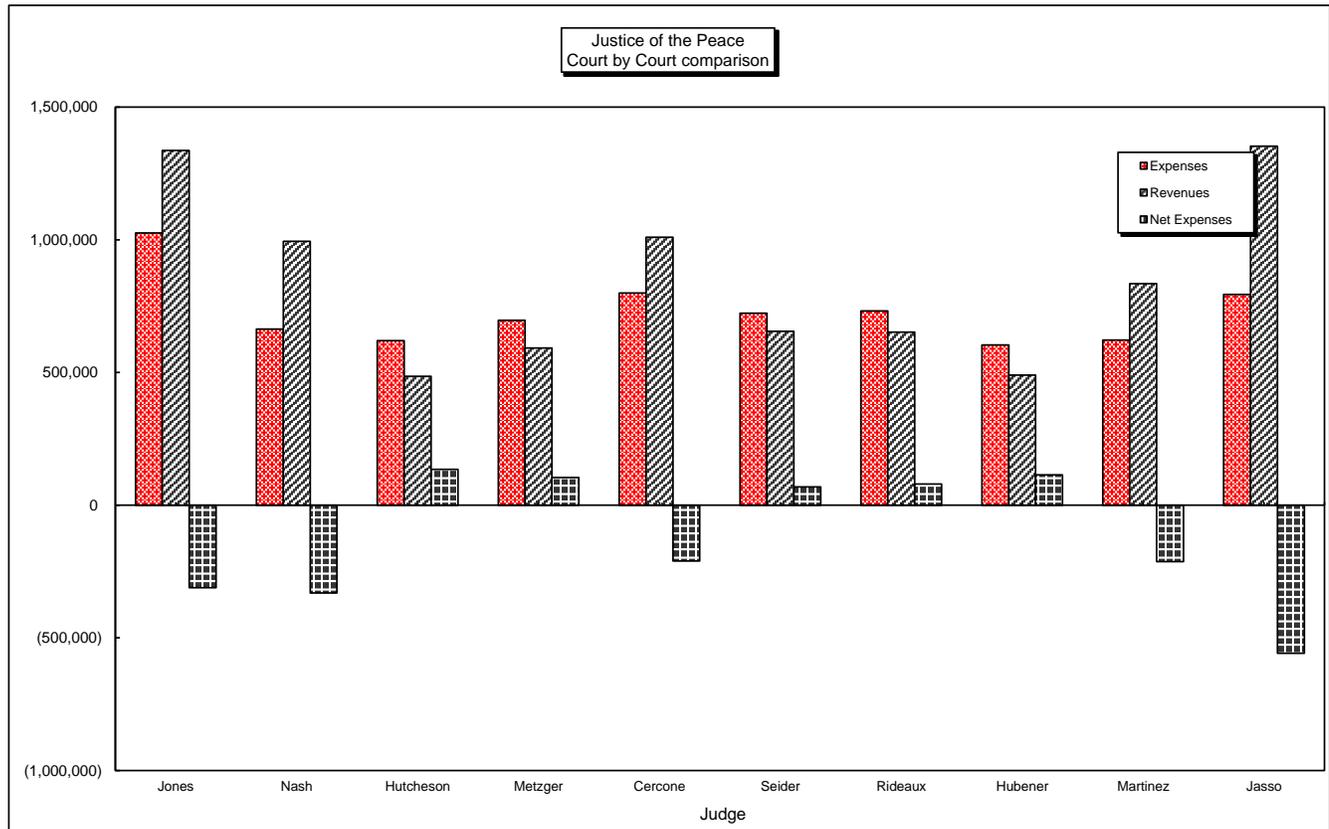
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## Justice of the Peace Courts

**INDICATOR: Court by Court comparison of expenditures and revenues**

Number of Clerks	Court Number	Judge	Operating Expenses	JP Revenues	Average Revenue per clerk	FY2017	Case	Cases
						Net Expense	Filings	Disposed
15	JP 1-1	Jones	1,026,034	1,336,748	89,117	(\$310,714)	45,007	25,952
9	JP 1-2	Nash	663,490	994,506	110,501	(\$331,016)	12,101	8,533
8	JP 2-1	Hutcheson	619,907	485,380	60,673	\$134,527	8,151	7,664
9	JP 2-2	Metzger	696,586	592,450	65,828	\$104,136	11,291	7,654
11	JP 3-1	Cercone	799,157	1,009,925	91,811	(\$210,768)	21,016	14,660
9	JP 3-2	Seider	723,700	655,144	72,794	\$68,556	12,551	10,601
9	JP 4-1	Rideaux	731,983	652,069	72,452	\$79,914	8,470	8,000
7	JP 4-2	Hubener	603,694	489,835	69,976	\$113,859	7,550	7,870
8	JP 5-1	Martinez	622,226	834,922	104,365	(\$212,696)	17,257	10,012
10	JP 5-2	Jasso	794,138	1,352,395	135,240	(\$558,257)	29,514	38,691
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$7,280,915</b>	<b>\$8,403,374</b>		<b>(\$1,122,459)</b>	<b>172,908</b>	<b>139,637</b>
<b>Average</b>			<b>\$728,092</b>	<b>\$840,337</b>	<b>\$87,276</b>	<b>(\$112,246)</b>	<b>17,291</b>	<b>\$13,964</b>

**Note:** The number of clerks per court includes the temporary clerks in addition to authorized staff.  
 Operating Expenses and JP Revenues provided by County Auditors Yellowbook  
 \*Cases Disposed Annual Data - Office of Court Administration Report 2016



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### Justice of the Peace Courts

**INDICATOR: Court by Court comparison of expenditures and revenues including Constable expenditures and revenues.**

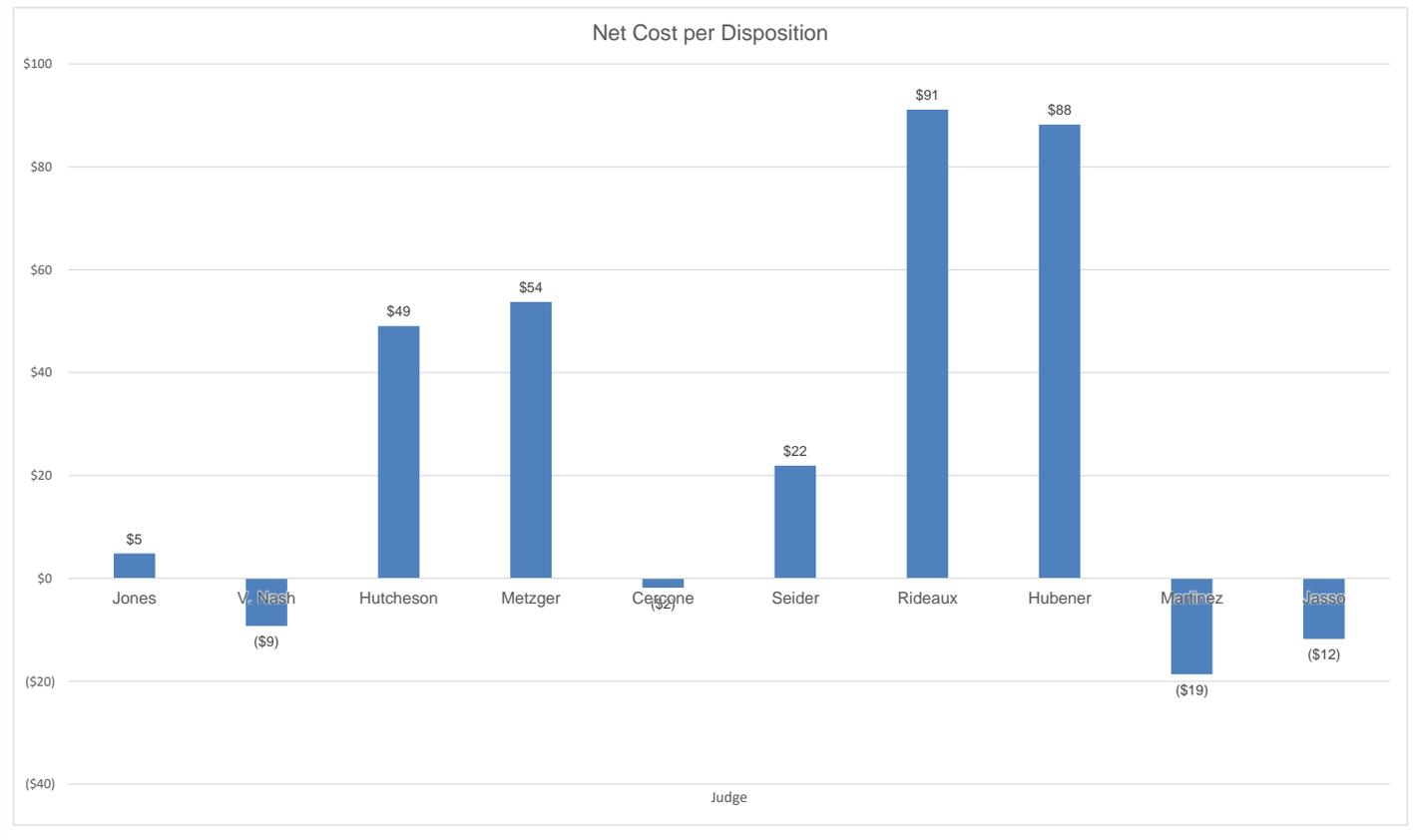
Court Number	Judge	Operating	Constable	Total	JP	Constable	Total	FY2017	Cases
		Expenses	Expenses *	Expenses	Revenues	Revenues *	Revenue	Net Expense	Disposed
JP 1-1	Jones	1,026,034	751,929	1,777,963	1,336,748	325,063	1,661,811	116,152	23,952
JP 1-2	V. Nash	663,490	422,960	1,086,450	994,506	170,955	1,165,461	(79,011)	8,533
JP 2-1	Hutcheson	619,907	432,641	1,052,548	485,380	191,305	676,685	375,863	7,664
JP 2-2	Metzger	696,586	550,633	1,247,219	592,450	243,479	835,929	411,291	7,654
JP 3-1	Cercone	799,157	677,377	1,476,534	1,009,925	493,380	1,503,305	(26,772)	14,660
JP 3-2	Seider	723,700	559,302	1,283,002	655,144	395,593	1,050,737	232,265	10,601
JP 4-1	Rideaux	731,983	849,741	1,581,724	652,069	195,057	847,126	734,598	8,060
JP 4-2	Hubener	603,694	753,544	1,357,238	489,835	172,975	662,810	694,428	7,870
JP 5-1	Martinez	622,226	348,631	970,857	834,922	322,693	1,157,615	(186,759)	10,012
JP 5-2	Jasso	794,138	426,104	1,220,242	1,352,395	322,693	1,675,088	(454,846)	38,691
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,280,915</b>	<b>\$5,772,862</b>	<b>\$13,053,777</b>	<b>\$8,403,374</b>	<b>\$2,833,193</b>	<b>\$11,236,567</b>	<b>\$1,817,209</b>	<b>137,697</b>
<b>Average</b>		<b>\$728,091</b>	<b>\$577,286</b>	<b>\$1,305,378</b>	<b>\$840,337</b>	<b>\$283,319</b>	<b>\$1,123,657</b>	<b>\$165,201</b>	<b>12,518</b>

\* Constable Expenses and Revenues are prorated based on the Constables % of papers received from the Justice of the Peace Offices and the ratio of staffing between the two Justice of the Peace Offices

Revenues and Expenses provided by County Auditor's Office - Yellowbook Budget Reports

\*Vehicle expenses are factored by five years to reflect the life span

\*Cases Disposed Annual Data - Office of Court Administration Report 2014



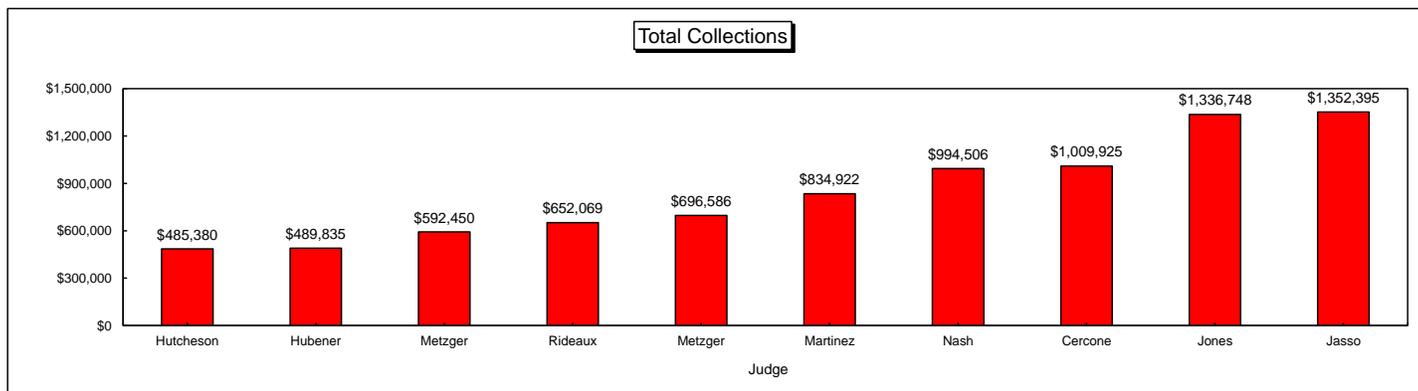
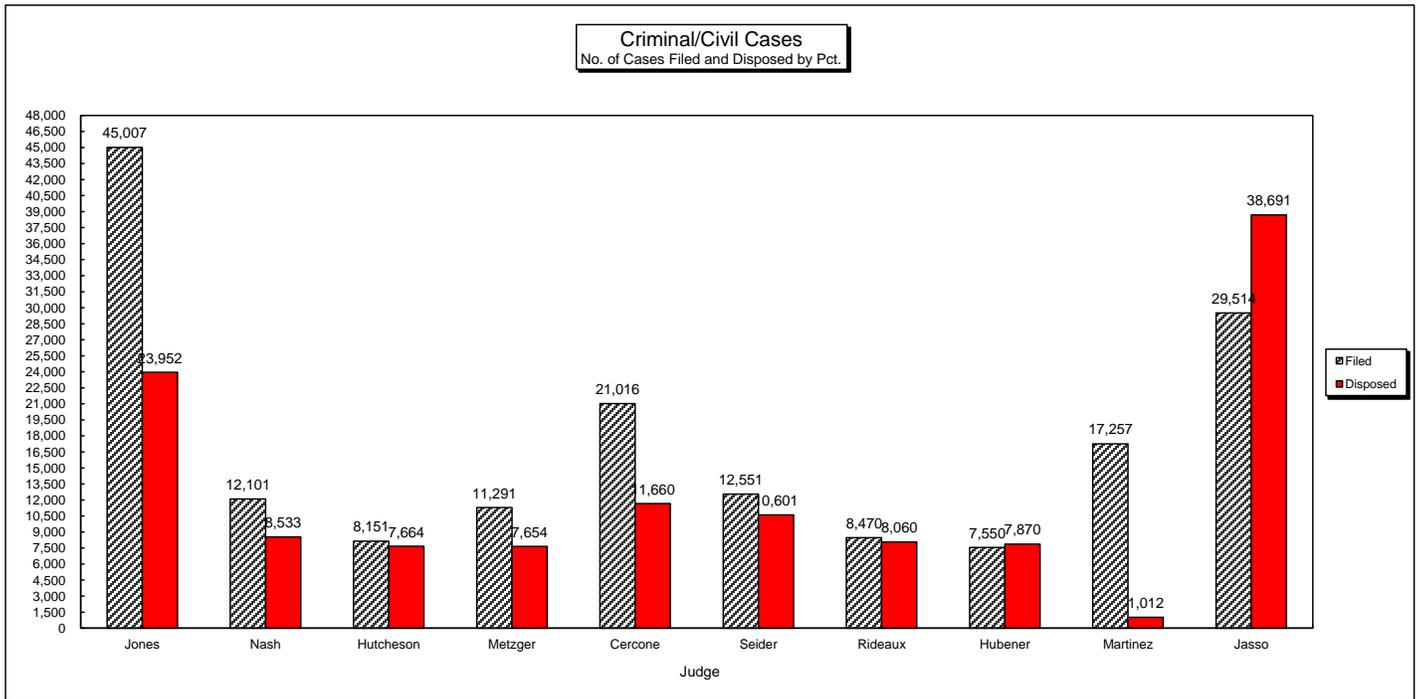
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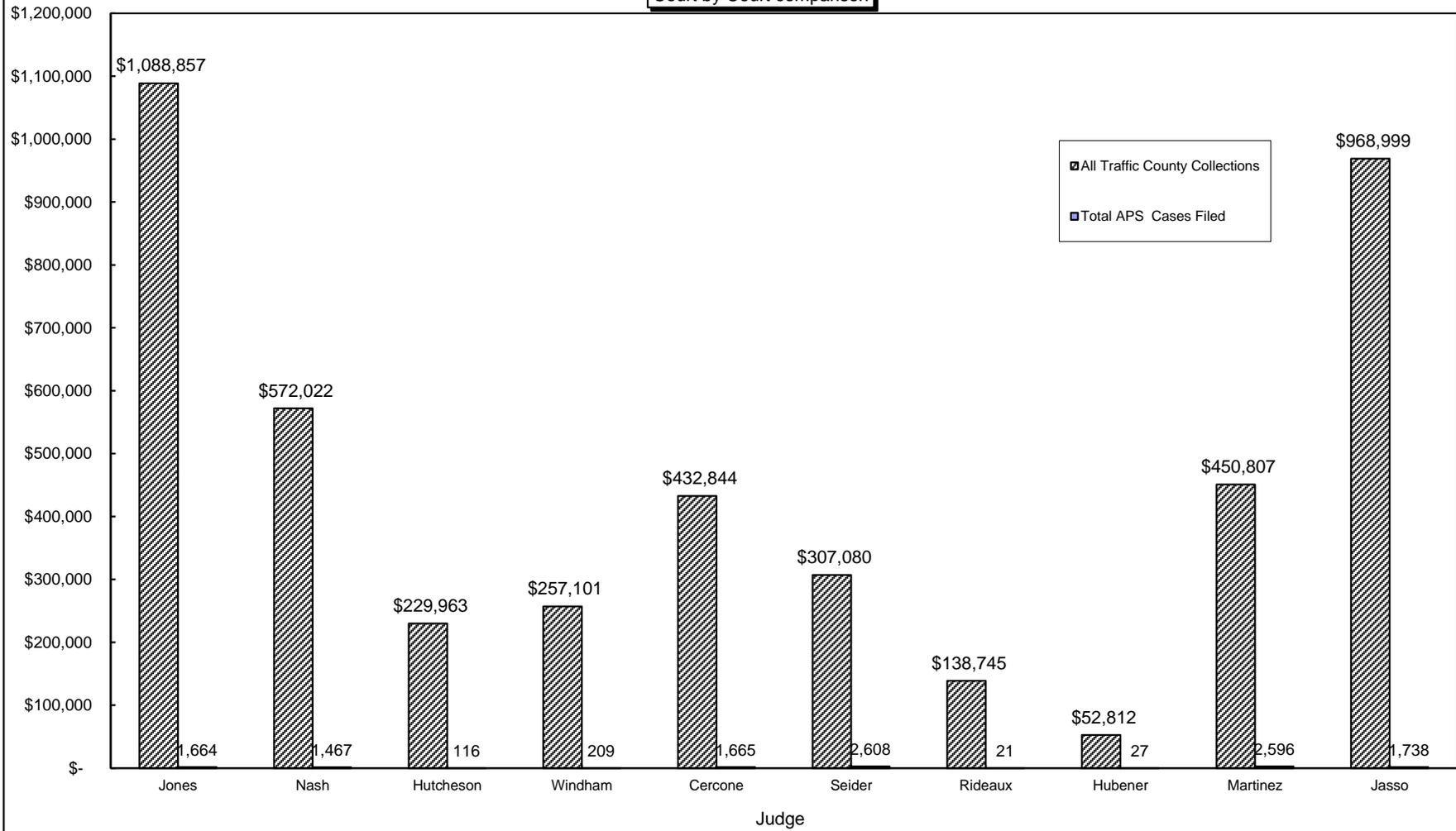
### Justice of the Peace Courts

Court Number	Judge	No. of Cases Filed	No. of Cases Disposed	Total Collections	Total Expenses	Avg. Revenue Per case
JP 1-1	Jones	45,007	23,952	\$1,336,748	\$1,026,034	\$55.81
JP 1-2	Nash	12,101	8,533	\$994,506	\$663,490	\$116.55
JP 2-1	Hutcheson	8,151	7,664	\$485,380	\$619,907	\$63.33
JP 2-2	Metzger	11,291	7,654	\$592,450	\$696,586	\$77.40
JP 3-1	Cercone	21,016	11,660	\$1,009,925	\$799,157	\$86.61
JP 3-2	Seider	12,551	10,601	\$655,144	\$723,700	\$61.80
JP 4-1	Rideaux	8,470	8,060	\$652,069	\$731,983	\$80.90
JP 4-2	Hubener	7,550	7,870	\$489,835	\$603,694	\$62.24
JP 5-1	Martinez	17,257	1,012	\$834,922	\$622,226	\$825.02
JP 5-2	Jasso	29,514	38,691	\$1,352,395	\$794,138	\$34.95
<b>Total</b>		<b>172,908</b>	<b>125,697</b>	<b>\$8,403,374</b>	<b>\$7,280,915</b>	
<b>Average</b>		<b>17,291</b>	<b>12,570</b>	<b>\$840,337</b>	<b>\$728,092</b>	<b>\$146</b>

Filed and Disposed Cases Data - Office of Court Administration Report



Justice of the Peace  
Court by Court comparison



## **Section X Truancy Courts**

Analyst: Ronica L. Watkins

### **Notes on Methodology**

The Truancy Courts' budget is divided into two separate budgets, administration (department 1011) and clerks (department 4033).

### **Highlights**

The number of case filings for the Truancy Courts for the twelve months ending September 30, 2017 is 15,630, which is lower than the same time period of FY2016 which was 22,098. This was the second full year of implementing the changes in the Dallas County Truancy Unified Courts under HB 2398.

The total amount of revenue collected for the Truancy Courts through the end of the fourth quarter of FY2017 was \$428,712, in comparison to \$316,205 during same time period of FY2016. The total expenditures through the end of fourth quarter of FY2017 are \$4,437,810 which includes direct cost of \$3,199,575 for 51 staff (salary and benefits) and \$1,238,235 for indirect operational costs, in comparison to a total cost of \$4,010,029 which included direct cost of \$3,084,875 for 51 staff (salary and benefits) and \$925,154 for indirect operational costs in FY2016 for the same period.

Some truancy cases are filed in Justice of the Peace Courts. However, the activity volume (page 10.1) only represents those cases that are filed in the Truancy Courts. Those districts that are presently filing cases in the J.P. court will be included in the data for that particular court. Overall average number of cases filed in truancy courts for FY2017 is lower than the total numbers of cases filed for the same period in FY2016. The amount of revenue collected overall during the reported period represents an average 66% increase from the previous year during the same period.

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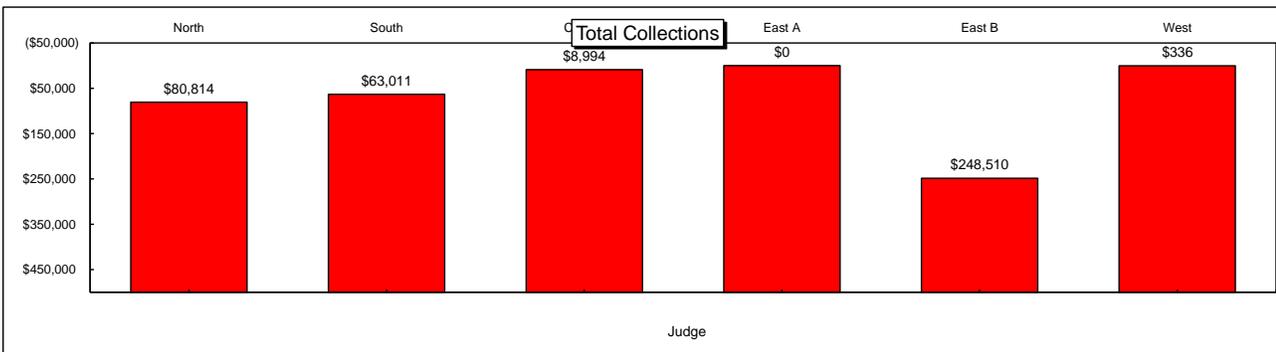
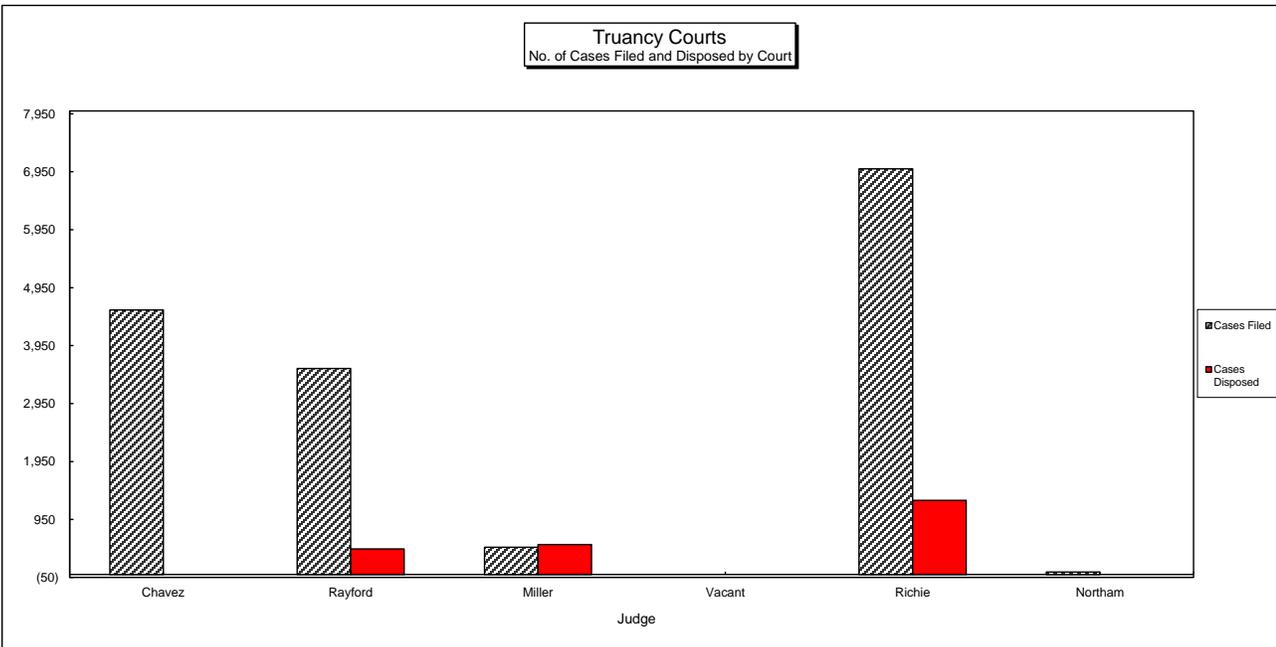
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For the twelve months ending September 30, 2017

INDICATOR: Court by Court comparison of cases filed, dispositions and revenue collected.

Court	Judge	No. of Cases Filed	*No. of Cases Disposed	Dismissals	Total Collections
North	Chavez	4,564	0	584	\$80,814
South	Rayford	3,554	440	2,074	\$63,011
Central	Miller	469	518	36	\$8,994
East (A)	Vacant	0	0	0	\$0
East (B)	Richie	7,001	1,278	938	\$248,510
West	Northam	42	0	0	\$336
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,630</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>3,632</b>	<b>\$401,665</b>
<b>Average</b>		<b>3,118</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>\$80,266</b>

\* Disposed cases represent disposed cases and dismissals by the Judge. All active cases remain open until the end of the school year. The West Court uses a part-time Magistrate.



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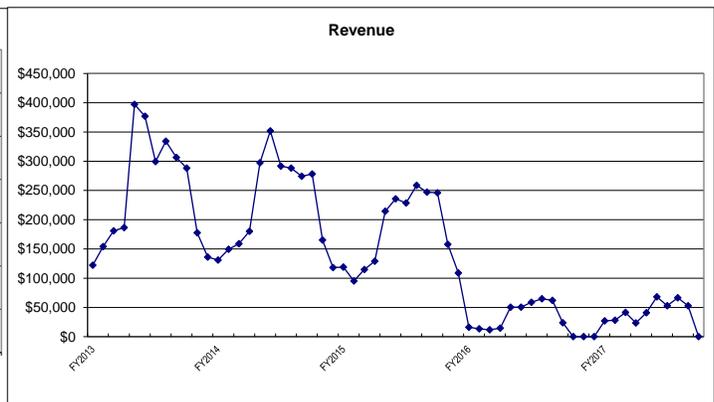
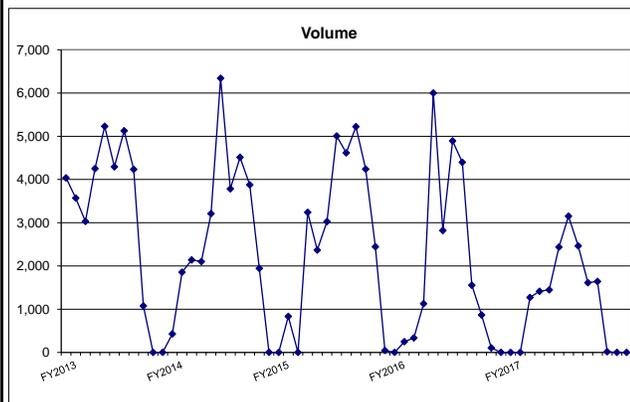
**DEPARTMENT:** Truancy Courts      **DATE PREPARED:** 09/30/17  
**ACTIVITY:** Truancy Courts Revenue      **MONTHS OF DATA:** 12  
**PERCENT OF YEAR:** 100%

**INDICATOR:** Activity Volume

MONTH	Volume					CHANGE
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FROM FY2016
OCT	4,040	1,858	3,240	336	1,270	278%
NOV	3,571	2,140	2,366	1,129	1,415	25%
DEC	3,031	2,103	3,025	6,000	1,447	-76%
JAN	4,253	3,210	5,007	2,820	2,438	-14%
FEB	5,229	6,341	4,616	4,891	3,150	-36%
MAR	4,293	3,784	5,224	4,400	2,462	-44%
APR	5,128	4,512	4,240	1,553	1,613	4%
MAY	4,235	3,876	2,445	865	1,643	90%
JUN	1,075	1,944	44	104	17	-84%
JUL	0	0	0	0	0	
AUG	1	2	0	0	0	
SEP	430	832	0	0	175	
Total	35,286	30,602	30,207	22,098	15,630	-29%

MONTH	Revenue					CHANGE
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FROM FY2016
OCT	\$ 122,239	\$ 130,977	\$ 119,067	\$ 16,261	\$ 27,032	66%
NOV	\$ 153,973	\$ 149,391	\$ 95,242	\$ 13,340	\$ 28,166	111%
DEC	\$ 180,900	\$ 159,115	\$ 114,884	\$ 11,833	\$ 41,430	250%
JAN	\$ 186,444	\$ 180,226	\$ 128,971	\$ 14,533	\$ 23,625	63%
FEB	\$ 397,178	\$ 297,309	\$ 214,397	\$ 50,566	\$ 40,849	-19%
MAR	\$ 376,958	\$ 351,911	\$ 235,710	\$ 58,833	\$ 68,154	16%
APR	\$ 299,448	\$ 291,620	\$ 228,566	\$ 64,739	\$ 53,021	-18%
MAY	\$ 334,235	\$ 288,224	\$ 258,792	\$ 62,264	\$ 66,417	7%
JUN	\$ 306,544	\$ 274,328	\$ 247,108	\$ 23,836	\$ 52,971	122%
JUL	\$ 288,194	\$ 278,238	\$ 245,936	\$ -	\$ -	
AUG	\$ 177,817	\$ 165,168	\$ 157,957	\$ -	\$ -	
SEP	\$ 136,153	\$ 118,245	\$ 108,811	\$ -	\$ -	
Total	\$ 2,960,081	\$2,684,751	\$2,155,439	\$ 316,205	\$ 401,665	66%

Source/Explanation: Truancy Courts Monthly Performance Report and Report JP685.  
 October represents new cases filed at Central Court.



## **Section XI Miscellaneous**

Analyst: Michele Sanchez

### **Highlights**

Support processing fee revenue (page 11.1) for FY2017 was \$35,915 approximately 59% lower than that of FY2016.

The District Attorney's Office provides information on the amount deposited into the department's state asset forfeiture account (page 11.2). For FY2017, the District Attorney collected \$537,612. Asset forfeiture revenue fluctuates monthly, as seen by the large revenue spikes such as February 2017, and January 2016 and is dependent upon the number and value of cases in litigation. The District Attorney's Office utilizes asset forfeiture funds for a variety of programs, including support of the County's drug courts, and employee trainings.

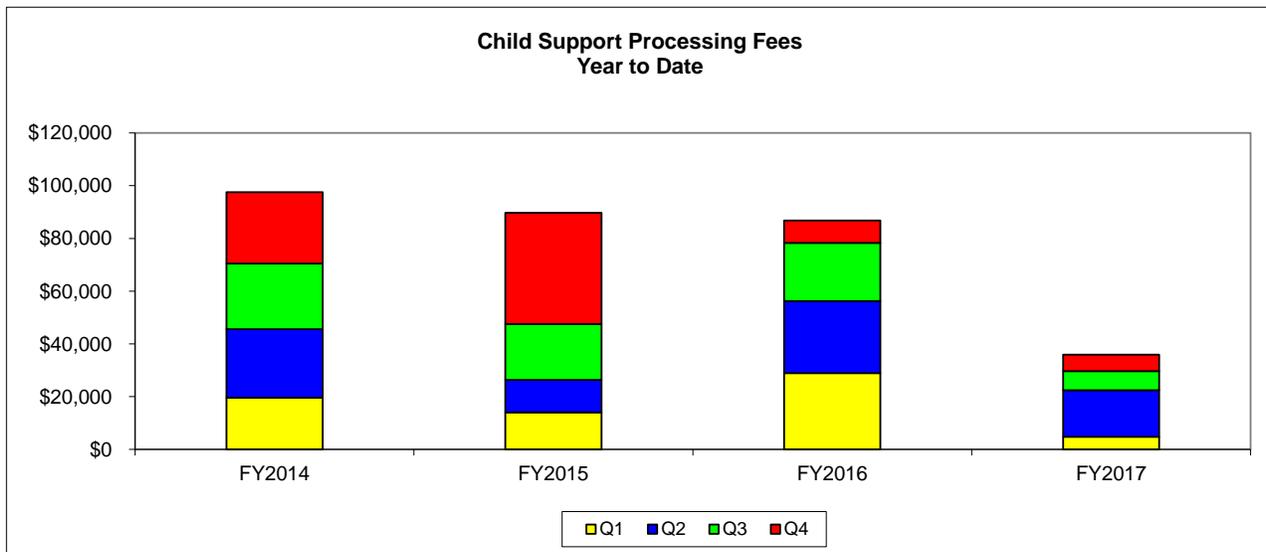
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**Child Support Office**

**INDICATOR: Child Support Processing Fee Revenue (\$)**

MONTH	MONTHLY					CHANGE FROM FY16	YEAR-TO-DATE					CHANGE FROM FY16
	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	
OCT	6,174	10,470	4,870	8,026	2,650	-67.0%	6,174	10,470	4,870	8,026	2,650	-67.0%
NOV	12,120	4,730	5,408	7,193	1,412	-80.4%	18,294	15,200	10,278	15,219	4,062	-73.3%
DEC	11,535	4,426	3,758	13,723	693	-95.0%	29,829	19,626	14,036	28,942	4,755	-83.6%
JAN	12,006	11,443	2,426	8,026	4,173	-48.0%	41,835	31,069	16,462	36,968	8,928	-75.8%
FEB	9,237	7,127	4,816	10,650	2,373	-77.7%	51,072	38,196	21,278	47,618	11,301	-76.3%
MAR	7,031	7,373	5,045	8,594	11,095	29.1%	58,103	45,569	26,323	56,212	22,396	-60.2%
APR	7,886	4,021	5,057	6,812	1,863	-72.7%	65,989	49,590	31,380	63,024	24,259	-61.5%
MAY	11,515	9,328	5,900	7,833	2,316	-70.4%	77,504	58,918	37,280	70,857	26,575	-62.5%
JUN	14,590	11,573	10,197	7,436	3,109	-58.2%	92,094	70,491	47,477	78,293	29,684	-62.1%
JUL	13,359	10,209	10,139	2,505	2,718	8.5%	105,453	80,700	57,616	80,798	32,402	-59.9%
AUG	8,689	8,759	15,979	4,180	2,191	-47.6%	114,142	89,459	73,595	84,978	34,593	-59.3%
SEP	13,102	8,050	16,101	1,830	1,322	-27.8%	127,244	97,509	89,696	86,808	35,915	-58.6%
TOTAL	127,244	97,509	89,696	86,808	35,915	-58.6%	ANNUAL PROJECTION/BUDGET: 100,000					
AVG	10,604	8,126	7,475	7,234	2,993		PERCENT ACHIEVED TO DATE: 36%					

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



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District Attorney

**INDICATOR: Monthly Forfeiture Revenue**

MONTHLY

MONTH	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
OCT	13,173	72,705	35,332	23,710	29,051	26,454
NOV	37,564	37,860	93,569	57,744	10,256	12,967
DEC	101,220	24,036	12,066	33,441	37,219	10,189
JAN	70,143	82,668	41,121	51,855	166,154	42,451
FEB	14,374	82,668	2,527	14,273	7,035	138,435
MAR	28,863	26,970	76,836	14,552	46,900	60,042
APR	22,357	27,193	39,698	38,157	31,136	24,520
MAY	102,122	42,384	11,544	12,384	32,574	39,158
JUN	25,412	37,148	30,818	14,401	10,780	45,740
JUL	44,602	53,786	14,314	38,067	23,520	40,543
AUG	50,862	95,697	63,102	11,118	29,323	80,214
SEP	77,531	20,893	57,564	5,086	29,698	16,899
TOTAL	\$588,223	\$604,008	\$478,491	\$314,788	\$453,646	\$537,612
AVG	\$49,019	\$50,334	\$39,874	\$26,232	\$37,804	\$44,801

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

## Asset Forfeitures (in thousands)

