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INTRODUCTION

Section 1

This report provides comparative information on the costs and workloads associated with each of the County's various courts. Its purpose is to serve as a tool for examining fiscal transparency and accountability within the Dallas County judicial system. The organization of the report is structured to present this information by court family and the various spend trends therein by each judge and their respective staff.

The data obtained for this report comes from multiple internal sources within Dallas County that heavily track financial and court activity within the judiciary, produced by the County Auditor's Office and the Office of Court Administration (OCA). Among these sources are the Oracle financial tracking software, monthly budget reports released by the Auditor's Office, Odyssey Legal Tracking System, and OCA court reports.

Within each section, information is presented to highlight the levels of spending by each court along with itemized caseload data listing cases filed, disposed, and pending. Additionally, in some sections, distinction between the use of court appointed attorneys and public defenders is also highlighted. The information is compared to FY19 data, which is what is being referenced when explaining any form of increases or decreases in amounts.

It should be noted that performance measurement encompasses examining many aspects of an organization's processes and procedures. Financial management should not be taken as the sole indicator of a court's overall performance and this report is not meant to serve as an all encompassing document.

Disclaimer

The 2020 Judicial Management Report, Volume II, is reflective of the data collected from multiple departments in the county. It should be noted that the total numbers and averages may have significant decreases beginning in March due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic. Dallas County remains committed to financial transparency throughout all reports provided to the public.

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Section 2

Methodology:

Costs associated with the seventeen Criminal District Courts include operating expenses, indigent defense costs, visiting judge costs, and the costs 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. Indigent defense costs are shown as either court appointed attorney costs, or a cost of public defenders assigned to each court. The public defender (PD) 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 a 10% indirect cost to the Public Defender's Office salary budget. If a Public Defender is re-assigned, added or deleted during the year, the cost increase/decrease to the affected court will be revised to show actual Public Defender costs. Costs associated with indigent defense in capital murder cases 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 DocumentDirect report R12232. Cost per disposition is derived by calculating the total cost minus revenue collected divided by the total number of dispositions and graphed by court. The jail cost category is calculated by obtaining the average daily pending jail number for each court and multiplying that figure by the cost of \$59.99 (calculated cost to house an in-mate), then multiplying that figure by the number of days that are included in the reporting period. Indirect costs related to the operations, maintenance, or management of the jail are not included in the jail cost calculation.

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Methodology Cont.

The inclusion of “Indigent Appointments as a Percentage of Filings” on table 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

194th Criminal District Court - IIP

204th Criminal District Court - STAR

265th Criminal District Court - DDC

291st Criminal District Court - ATLAS

363rd Criminal District Court - DWI

Highlights:

Table 2.3 (pg. 10) indicates the total FY2020 spending for all courts represents an approximate 20% decrease from FY2019, which equaled \$395,332. The total amount of operating, indigent defense, and jail costs was \$62,093,401. Operating expenses were \$1,630,948, Court Appointed Attorney costs were \$8,655,423, Public Defender costs were \$4,438,495, and Jail Costs were \$47,368,535. The average net cost per disposition for the Criminal District Courts for FY2020 was \$2,258, an approximate increase of 1% from \$2,233 in FY2019.

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights:

FY2020 Criminal District Court Expenses

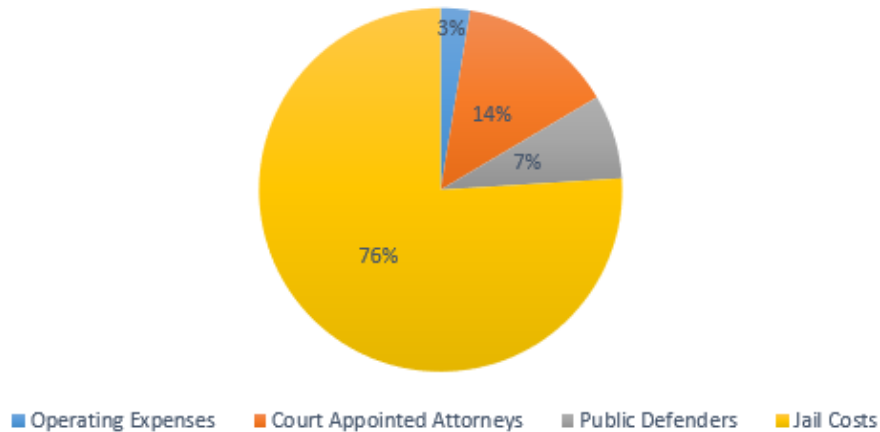


Table 2.5 (pg. 12) shows assignments to public defenders versus court appointed attorneys by court and the respective cost per case. The number of public defenders in a court is not the primary cause of lower overall indigent defense cost. The greater cost factor appears to be the number of cases assigned to each public defender. The average overall legal cost per case for both public defenders and court appointed attorneys during FY2020 was \$738. The average cost per case for public defenders was \$468 and \$936 for court appointed attorneys. The average numbers for FY2020 represent a increase of roughly 9.29% for public defender costs and a 16.87% decrease for court appointed attorneys since FY2019.

Table 2.5 (pg. 12) shows the monthly assignments to public defenders and court appointed attorneys. The average monthly assignment to public defenders was 753, a 7% decrease from FY2019's average of 908. This information was obtained from the Public Defender's Office, along with Dallas County invoice reports highlighting payments for court appointed attorneys within the respective timeframes.

Table 2.6 (pg. 13) reports the year-to-date filings and dispositions values, along with the monthly cases pending totals for all Criminal District Courts. FY2020 yields an average 5.2% decrease in filings, 17.9% decrease in dispositions, and a 24.9% increase in cases pending from FY2019. Data for these tables are generated through DocumentDirect reports R12232 and R12259.

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

COURT BY COURT COMPARISON

Jail Cost Comparison

Court	Judge	FY19 Jails Costs	FY20 Jail Costs	% Change from FY19
1	Clinton	\$3,906,127	\$3,052,899	-22%
2	Kennedy	\$3,670,319	\$2,899,894	-21%
3	Lewis	\$3,078,100	\$2,048,466	-33%
4	Collins	\$3,322,908	\$2,327,475	-30%
5	Thompson	\$3,027,698	\$2,183,471	-28%
6	Howard	\$3,447,112	\$2,721,688	-21%
7	Anyiam	\$3,666,719	\$2,885,494	-21%
194th	White	\$4,264,338	\$3,214,904	-25%
195th	Garza	\$3,740,521	\$3,427,311	-8%
203rd	Jones	\$4,924,960	\$3,069,099	-38%
204th	Kemp	\$4,023,130	\$2,887,294	-28%
265th	Bennett	\$4,176,135	\$2,806,291	-33%
282nd	Givens	\$2,858,493	\$2,205,071	-23%
283rd	Mays	\$3,553,315	\$3,036,698	-15%
291st	Mitchell	\$3,663,119	\$2,979,097	-19%
292nd	Birmingham	\$3,952,928	\$3,249,105	-18%
363rd	Holmes	\$2,995,297	\$2,374,277	-21%
Totals		\$62,271,218	\$47,368,535	
Averages		\$3,663,013	\$2,786,384	-24%

Table 2.1

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

COURT BY COURT COMPARISON

Court Revenue Comparison

Court	Judge	FY19 Revenues	FY20 Revenues	% Change from FY19
1	Clinton	\$156,884	\$111,795	-22%
2	Kennedy	\$148,100	\$114,182	-21%
3	Lewis	\$161,631	\$112,431	-33%
4	Collins	\$119,694	\$99,488	-30%
5	Thompson	\$66,695	\$64,706	-28%
6	Howard	\$141,039	\$84,943	-21%
7	Anyiam	\$151,173	\$108,228	-21%
194th	White	\$93,609	\$75,227	-25%
195th	Garza	\$149,396	\$115,844	-8%
203rd	Jones	\$124,701	\$109,037	-38%
204th	Kemp	\$112,276	\$91,940	-28%
265th	Bennett	\$147,316	\$121,161	-33%
282nd	Givens	\$112,396	\$88,086	-23%
283rd	Mays	\$118,300	\$106,394	-15%
291st	Mitchell	\$89,314	\$60,886	-19%
292nd	Birmingham	\$105,308	\$91,989	-18%
363rd	Holmes	\$125,617	\$86,269	-21%
Totals		\$1,966,565	\$1,530,811	
Averages		\$122,910	\$95,676	-23%

Table 2.2

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

COURT BY COURT COMPARISON

Court Operating Comparison

Court	Judge	FY19 Operating Expenses	FY20 Operating Expenses	% Change from FY19
1	Clinton	\$129,764	\$90,215	-30%
2	Kennedy	\$121,348	\$113,083	-7%
3	Lewis	\$78,596	\$62,849	-20%
4	Collins	\$83,721	\$58,857	-30%
5	Thompson	\$103,387	\$93,895	-9%
6	Howard	\$103,214	\$76,121	-26%
7	Anyiam	\$127,297	\$125,963	-1%
194th	White	\$169,623	\$87,790	-48%
195th	Garza	\$150,428	\$107,057	-29%
203rd	Jones	\$123,549	\$114,530	-7%
204th	Kemp	\$42,223	\$73,394	74%
265th	Bennett	\$88,176	\$111,038	26%
282nd	Givens	\$120,554	\$99,110	-18%
283rd	Mays	\$115,144	\$78,158	-32%
291st	Mitchell	\$105,950	\$121,247	14%
292nd	Birmingham	\$157,829	\$100,939	-36%
363rd	Holmes	\$205,476	\$116,702	-43%
Totals		\$2,026,280	\$1,630,948	
Averages		\$119,193	\$95,938	-20%

Table 2.3

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

INDIGENT DEFENSE COSTS

Court Appointed Attorneys

Court	Judge	FY19 CAA Costs	FY20 CAA Costs	% Change
1	Clinton	\$845,765	\$534,465	-36.81%
2	Kennedy	\$595,155	\$365,224	-38.63%
3	Lewis	\$451,895	\$296,006	-34.50%
4	Collins	\$443,577	\$343,221	-22.62%
5	Thompson	\$559,364	\$554,682	-0.84%
6	Howard	\$767,746	\$541,571	-29.46%
7	Anyiam	\$628,456	\$556,689	-11.42%
194th	White	\$937,837	\$575,922	-38.59%
195th	Garza	\$793,249	\$449,014	-43.40%
203rd	Jones	\$741,678	\$454,364	-38.74%
204th	Kemp	\$698,331	\$534,219	-23.50%
265th	Bennett	\$572,750	\$428,871	-25.12%
282nd	Givens	\$665,189	\$457,093	-31.28%
283rd	Mays	\$624,123	\$516,227	-17.29%
291st	Mitchell	\$701,373	\$437,505	-37.62%
292nd	Birmingham	\$781,739	\$840,649	7.54%
363rd	Holmes	\$547,622	\$769,702	40.55%
Totals		\$11,355,850	\$8,655,423	
Averages		\$667,991	\$509,143	-16.87%

Table 2.4

- The use of Court Appointed Attorneys declined by roughly 17%, or \$2,700,427 a response highly attributed to the pandemic.

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

INDIGENT DEFENSE COSTS

Court Appointed Attorneys and Public Defender Assignments

Judge	Court	Dept #	Court ID #	Operating Costs	CAA Annual Cost	CAA Caseloads	CAA Cost:Caseload	PD Annual Cost
Clinton	CDC 1	4401	330570001	\$90,215.19	\$534,464.69	591	\$904.34	\$146,859.46
Kennedy	CDC 2	4402	330570002	\$113,083.29	\$365,223.72	344	\$1,061.70	\$597,416.82
Riley	CDC 3	4403	330570003	\$62,848.91	\$296,006.39	345	\$857.99	\$326,266.33
Collins	CDC 4	4404	330570004	\$58,857.18	\$343,220.99	389	\$882.32	\$469,432.82
Thompson	CDC 5	4405	330570005	\$93,894.84	\$554,682.12	615	\$901.92	\$326,266.33
Howard	CDC 6	4406	330570006	\$76,121.31	\$541,571.16	623	\$869.30	\$172,974.90
Anyiam	CDC 7	4407	330570007	\$125,963.49	\$556,689.19	634	\$878.06	\$146,859.46
White	194 CDC	4410	320570194	\$87,789.54	\$575,921.95	523	\$1,101.19	\$446,042.03
Garza	195 CDC	4415	320570195	\$107,056.71	\$449,013.96	559	\$803.25	\$297,777.13
Jones	203 CDC	4420	320570203	\$114,530.18	\$454,363.82	551	\$824.62	\$293,718.92
Kemp	204 CDC	4425	320570204	\$73,393.86	\$534,218.72	786	\$679.67	\$0.00
Bennett	265 CDC	4430	320570265	\$111,037.53	\$428,870.90	621	\$690.61	\$293,718.92
Givens	282 CDC	4435	320570282	\$99,109.70	\$457,093.26	483	\$946.36	\$0.00
Mays	283 CDC	4440	320570283	\$78,158.06	\$516,226.94	593	\$870.53	\$272,266.94
Huff	291 CDC	4445	320570291	\$121,247.35	\$437,504.66	545	\$802.76	\$304,814.35
Birmingham	292 CDC	4450	320570292	\$100,938.65	\$840,648.84	591	\$1,422.42	\$277,730.59
Holmes	363 CDC	4455	320570363	\$116,702.07	\$769,701.88	547	\$1,407.13	\$293,718.92

Table 2.5

PD Caseloads	PD Cost:Caseload	Dispositions	Cases Filed	CP - BOM		CP - EOM		% Change		Column3	
				Active	Inactive	Active	Inactive	Active	Inactive	Active	Inactive
329	\$446.38	1,696	1,212	15,940	12,095	16,039	12,162	0.62%	0.55%		
1,216	\$491.30	1,611	1,195	18,735	6,481	18,932	6,531	1.05%	0.77%		
517	\$631.08	1,138	1,076	8,698	13,709	8,849	13,846	1.74%	1.00%		
671	\$699.60	1,293	1,121	12,948	14,392	13,085	14,548	1.06%	1.08%		
333	\$979.78	1,213	1,131	16,206	9,229	16,409	9,386	1.25%	1.70%		
360	\$480.49	1,512	1,194	8,854	12,887	8,866	13,051	0.14%	1.27%		
347	\$423.23	1,603	1,181	12,335	9,553	12,482	9,623	1.19%	0.73%		
991	\$450.09	1,786	1,198	12,677	9,944	12,799	10,001	0.96%	0.57%		
634	\$469.68	1,904	1,180	12,660	8,505	12,579	8,650	-0.64%	1.70%		
657	\$447.06	1,705	1,187	17,113	13,695	17,220	13,782	0.63%	0.64%		
0	\$0.00	1,604	1,119	12,902	6,056	12,932	6,134	0.23%	1.29%		
567	\$518.02	1,559	1,181	19,789	4,883	20,035	4,954	1.24%	1.45%		
0	\$0.00	1,225	1,148	8,483	12,858	8,614	12,984	1.54%	0.98%		
664	\$410.04	1,687	1,034	8,880	12,223	8,674	12,364	-2.32%	1.15%		
553	\$551.20	1,655	1,175	8,961	13,745	8,934	13,889	-0.30%	1.05%		
598	\$464.43	1,805	1,267	8,357	15,278	8,459	15,466	1.22%	1.23%		
596	\$492.82	1,319	1,099	12,244	7,813	12,365	7,853	0.99%	0.51%		

Table 2.5(B)

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

CASES FILED, DISPOSED, AND PENDING

Cases Filed

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	1,677	1,845	2,005	9%
Nov	3,534	3,824	3,911	2%
Dec	5,384	5,460	5,526	1%
Jan	6,872	7,012	7,024	0%
Feb	8,851	9,266	9,380	1%
Mar	11,002	11,479	11,122	-3%
Apr	12,554	13,251	12,581	-5%
May	14,774	15,526	13,914	-10%
Jun	16,856	17,620	15,442	-12%
Jul	18,331	19,042	16,509	-13%
Aug	20,745	21,428	18,062	-16%
Sep	22,548	23,569	19,698	-16%

Table 2.6(A)

Cases Disposed

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	3,233	3,295	3,001	-9%
Nov	6,406	6,231	5,317	-15%
Dec	8,973	8,783	7,615	-13%
Jan	11,970	11,857	10,170	-14%
Feb	15,176	14,685	12,722	-13%
Mar	18,459	17,463	15,103	-14%
Apr	21,405	20,166	16,534	-18%
May	24,472	23,476	18,072	-23%
Jun	27,247	25,977	19,912	-23%
Jul	30,138	28,877	22,016	-24%
Aug	33,493	31,985	24,082	-25%
Sep	36,417	34,598	26,315	-24%

Table 2.6(B)

Cases Pending

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	23,281	25,292	31,682	25%
Nov	23,305	25,529	32,088	26%
Dec	23,635	25,750	32,256	25%
Jan	23,570	25,709	32,278	26%
Feb	23,844	26,375	33,117	26%
Mar	24,121	26,932	33,487	24%
Apr	23,969	27,070	34,116	26%
May	24,336	27,373	34,480	26%
Jun	24,673	27,918	34,808	25%
Jul	24,623	27,580	34,505	25%
Aug	25,159	28,146	34,720	23%
Sep	25,324	28,767	34,960	22%

Table 2.6(C)

***Source/Explanation**

DocumentDirect reports R12232 and R12259

CIVIL DISTRICT COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Section 3

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:

- The longer an individual has been a Dallas County employee, the greater their compensation;
- 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.

Highlights:

The 193rd Civil District Court had the highest number of dispositions at 1,454. The 101st Civil District Court had the lowest number of dispositions at 1,168.

- Filings (page 3.2) in the Civil District Courts during FY2020 were 20,858 for a monthly average of 1,738.
- Dispositions averaged 2,003 per month in FY2020 with a total of 24,035 cases being disposed.
- There were 16,043 cases pending at the end of September 2020, up from 15,824 at the end of FY2019.

CIVIL DISTRICT COURTS

OPERATING COMPARISON

2019 vs. 2020 Operating Expenses Comparison

Court	Judge	FY19 Operating Expenses	FY20 Operating Expenses	% Change from FY19
14th	Moye	\$301,019	\$310,034	3%
44th	Goldstein	\$293,221	\$312,838	7%
68th	Hoffman	\$271,272	\$277,943	2%
95th	Evans	\$290,818	\$291,542	0%
101st	Williams	\$267,423	\$220,350	-18%
116th	Parker	\$299,673	\$312,103	4%
134th	Tillery	\$333,849	\$353,905	6%
160th	Redmond	\$243,529	\$259,206	6%
162nd	Moore	\$281,377	\$294,052	5%
191st	Slaughter	\$291,574	\$295,404	1%
192nd	Smith	\$297,014	\$309,974	4%
193rd	Whitmore	\$318,319	\$276,385	-13%
298th	Tobolowsky	\$302,276	\$313,035	4%
Totals		\$3,791,367	\$3,826,771	
Averages		\$291,643.58	\$294,367	0.93%

Table 3.1

- Operating expenses for the courts increased by \$35,404, just 0.07% short of 1%.
- Two outliers within this set, the 101st Court and 193rd Court, did see large drops in spending at 18% and 13%, respectively.

CIVIL DISTRICT COURTS

CASES FILED, DISPOSED, AND PENDING

Cases Filed

Month	2018	2019	2020	Change from 2019
Oct	1,542	1,669	2,020	21%
Nov	2,931	3,178	3,367	6%
Dec	4,327	4,634	5,064	9%
Jan	5,662	6,181	7,548	22%
Feb	7,016	7,643	8,897	16%
Mar	8,577	9,131	10,402	14%
Apr	9,976	10,732	11,805	10%
May	11,389	12,367	13,261	7%
Jun	12,841	13,827	14,833	7%
Jul	14,267	15,349	16,281	6%
Aug	17,004	17,975	18,231	1%
Sep	19,091	20,540	20,858	2%
Averages	1,591	1,712	1,738	2%

Cases Disposed

Month	2018	2019	2020	Change from 2019
Oct	1,990	3,890	2,367	-39%
Nov	3,714	7,355	4,299	-42%
Dec	5,291	10,229	6,529	-36%
Jan	8,594	12,478	8,937	-28%
Feb	11,402	14,406	11,267	-22%
Mar	14,639	16,516	13,209	-20%
Apr	17,677	18,528	14,716	-21%
May	21,181	20,657	15,981	-23%
Jun	24,331	22,704	17,752	-22%
Jul	27,338	24,799	19,805	-20%
Aug	31,033	27,197	21,961	-19%
Sep	34,333	29,144	24,035	-18%
Averages	2,861	2,429	2,003	-18%

Table 3.2(A)

Month	2018	2019	2020	Change from 2019
Oct	13,347	15,024	15,586	4%
Nov	13,284	15,065	15,539	3%
Dec	13,475	14,993	15,494	3%
Jan	13,062	14,816	15,329	3%
Feb	12,967	14,706	15,060	2%
Mar	12,929	14,438	15,404	7%
Apr	12,925	14,362	15,315	7%
May	12,787	14,287	15,561	9%
Jun	12,686	14,165	15,486	9%
Jul	12,751	13,969	15,387	10%
Aug	13,970	14,661	15,387	5%
Sep	14,900	15,824	16,043	1%
Averages	13,257	14,693	15,466	5%

Table 3.2(B)

Cases Pending

***Source/Explanation**
Data is from the Odyssey Court System, Document Direct, and OCA Report

Table 3.2(C)

FAMILY DISTRICT COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Section 4

Methodology

Costs associated with the seven Family District Courts include: operating, indigent defense, and contempt fines.

- Operating expenses are captured through budgeting reports produced monthly by the County Auditor's Office.
- Indigent defense costs are shown as either court appointed attorney or public defenders assigned to each court.
 - Court appointed attorney (CAA) costs are obtained through the aforementioned monthly audit reports and supplemented by general ledger reports maintained within the County's financial recording system - Oracle.
 - Public defender (PD) costs are obtained by referencing the Public Defender Stats Book, maintained by the Public Defender's Office. This documents the public defenders assigned to each court and their caseloads in a given fiscal year.
- Contempt fines provided through financial reports through Oracle.

Cost per disposition is derived by calculating the difference between total costs (operating expenses, CAA, and PD) then dividing by the total number of dispositions.

The number of cases filed, disposed, and pending come from Office of Court Administration reports that are obtained through the Odyssey legal tracking system.

Highlights

- The total amount of contempt fines collected for the Family District Courts during FY2020 was \$2,780 for an average of \$397 per court.
- The FY2020 average cost per disposition is \$198, which is \$70 per disposition higher than the FY2019 figure of \$128. During FY2020, the 256th Family District Court disposed of 3,713 cases, the most of the seven courts. The 255th Family District Court had the lowest cost per disposition at \$161.
- Payments to private attorneys in child welfare cases totaled \$3,997,515 for FY2020. This represents a decrease of 4% from the FY2019 total. These payments also include expenses for the two Juvenile courts.
- Filings in the Family District Courts during FY2020 were 31,453, for a monthly average of 2,621. Dispositions averaged 2,300 per month in FY2020 and there were 21,482 cases pending at the end of September 2020, up from 17,837 at the end of FY2019.

FAMILY DISTRICT COURTS

COURT BY COURT COMPARISON

Family District Court Operating Expenses

Court	Judge	FY19 Operating Expenses	FY20 Operating Expenses	% Change from FY19	FY19 Contempt Fines	FY20 Contempt Fines	% Change from FY19
254th	Wysocki	\$485,005	\$474,815	-2%	\$650	\$180	-72%
255th	Cooks	\$431,214	\$445,442	3%	\$700	\$350	-50%
256th	Lopez	\$479,961	\$493,817	3%	\$550	\$400	-27%
301st	Brown	\$474,463	\$493,565	4%	\$300	\$250	-17%
302nd	Jackson	\$446,105	\$460,415	3%	\$1,850	\$900	-51%
303rd	Garcia	\$456,938	\$471,140	3%	\$875	\$350	-60%
330th	Plumlee	\$471,813	\$487,522	3%	\$1,700	\$350	-79%
Totals		\$3,245,499	\$3,326,716		\$6,625	\$2,780	
Averages		\$463,643	\$475,245	3%	\$946	\$397	-81%

Table 4.1

FAMILY DISTRICT COURTS

CHILD WELFARE ATTORNEY PAYMENTS/INDIGENT DEFENSE

Month	2017	2018	2019	2020	Change from 2019
Oct	\$369,007	\$685,335	\$572,822	\$468,094	-18%
Nov	\$375,472	\$359,493	\$379,128	\$360,046	-5%
Dec	\$398,246	\$432,780	\$274,282	\$455,193	66%
Jan	\$282,495	\$448,625	\$608,517	\$352,812	-42%
Feb	\$535,877	\$396,857	\$396,857	\$509,911	28%
Mar	\$343,997	\$448,346	\$502,693	\$212,256	-58%
Apr	\$352,991	\$499,633	\$404,199	\$196,545	-51%
May	\$428,948	\$545,796	\$480,358	\$292,353	-39%
Jun	\$457,469	\$429,820	\$480,869	\$255,198	-47%
Jul	\$295,544	\$548,428	\$409,367	\$327,306	-20%
Aug	\$481,474	\$516,103	\$640,177	\$265,448	-59%
Sep	\$149,950	\$482,083	\$404,996	\$302,353	-25%
Totals	\$4,471,470	\$5,793,298	\$5,554,264	\$3,997,515	
Averages	\$372,622	\$482,775	\$462,855	\$333,126	-4%

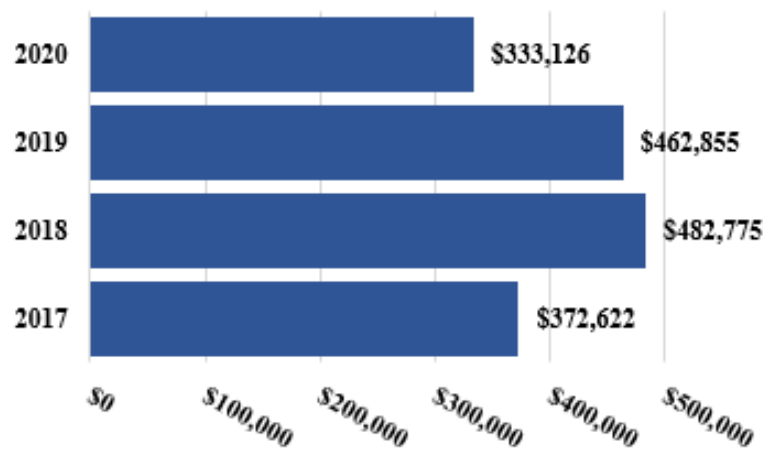
**Child
Welfare
Attorney
Payments**

Table 4.2

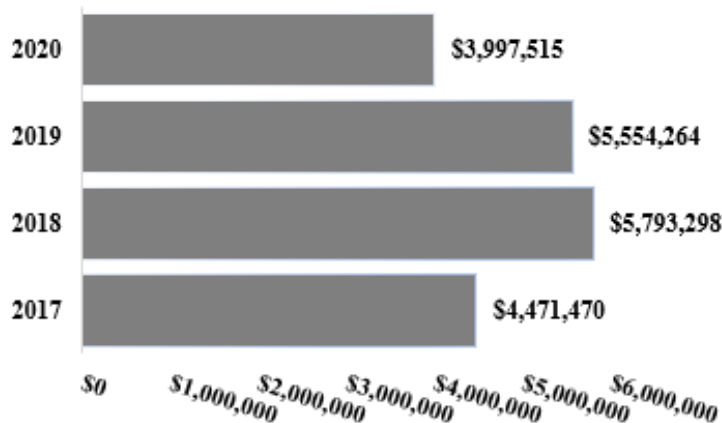
***Source/Explanation**

This expense information is obtained from the County Auditor's Monthly Budget Analysis

Average Amount of Payments



Total Amount of Payments



FAMILY DISTRICT COURTS

CASES FILED, DISPOSED, AND PENDING

Cases Disposed

Month	2018	2019	2020	Change from 2019
Oct	3,382	2,892	3,521	22%
Nov	6,334	5,299	6,456	22%
Dec	9,207	7,313	9,578	31%
Jan	12,510	9,532	12,729	34%
Feb	15,318	11,641	15,763	35%
Mar	18,558	13,644	17,449	28%
Apr	21,596	16,053	18,056	12%
May	25,100	18,395	19,277	5%
Jun	28,250	20,581	20,835	1%
Jul	31,257	23,322	22,945	-2%
Aug	34,895	25,915	25,113	-3%
Sep	38,138	28,299	27,597	-2%
Averages	3,178	2,358	2,300	-2%

Cases Pending

Month	2018	2019	2020	Change from 2019
Oct	19,723	18,781	17,347	-8%
Nov	19,507	17,943	16,903	-6%
Dec	19,124	17,672	16,173	-8%
Jan	18,944	17,560	15,818	-10%
Feb	19,270	17,581	15,531	-12%
Mar	19,475	18,161	16,281	-10%
Apr	19,684	18,508	18,099	-2%
May	19,625	18,462	19,366	5%
Jun	19,359	18,624	20,535	10%
Jul	19,519	18,331	21,236	16%
Aug	19,550	18,345	21,534	17%
Sep	19,207	17,837	21,482	20%
Averages	19,416	18,150	18,359	1%

Table 4.3(A)

Cases Filed

Table 4.3(B)

Month	2018	2019	2020	Change from 2019
Oct	13,347	15,024	15,586	4%
Nov	13,284	15,065	15,539	3%
Dec	13,475	14,993	15,494	3%
Jan	13,062	14,816	15,329	3%
Feb	12,967	14,706	15,060	2%
Mar	12,929	14,438	15,404	7%
Apr	12,925	14,362	15,315	7%
May	12,787	14,287	15,561	9%
Jun	12,686	14,165	15,486	9%
Jul	12,751	13,969	15,387	10%
Aug	13,970	14,661	15,387	5%
Sep	14,900	15,824	16,043	1%
Averages	13,257	14,693	15,466	5%

***Source/Explanation**
Filings and Disposition information is taken from the Odyssey Caseload Activity Report

Table 4.3(C)

JUVENILE DISTRICT COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Section 5

Methodology

The Juvenile Courts are composed of the 304th and 305th Courts. 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.

Costs associated with the two Juvenile District Courts include operating and attorney payments.

- Operating expenses and attorney payments are captured through budgeting reports produced monthly by the County Auditor's Office.
 - Monthly attorney payments are provided by the Juvenile Office
- Indigent defense costs are shown as either court appointed attorney or public defenders assigned to each court.
 - Court appointed attorney (CAA) costs are obtained through the aforementioned monthly audit reports and supplemented by general ledger reports maintained within the County's financial recording system - Oracle.
 - Public defender (PD) costs are obtained by referencing the Public Defender Stats Book, maintained by the Public Defender's Office. This documents the public defenders assigned to each court and their caseloads in a given fiscal year.

The number of cases filed, motions, and dispositions come from Office of Court Administration reports that are obtained through the Odyssey legal tracking system.

JUVENILE DISTRICT COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights

As detailed on table 5.1(D) (Pg. 23), FY2020 yielded a total of \$6,381,542 for all operating and legal expenses. Of these costs, \$535,110 accounted for operating expenditures, \$3,483,496 was spent on child welfare attorneys, \$799,779 went towards delinquency attorneys, and \$1,563,158 was spent on public defenders. This information was obtained through Oracle reports, as released by the County Auditor's Office.

Table 5.2(B) (pg. 24) shows the Juvenile Delinquency Attorney Payments. The total amount of payments for FY2020, \$508,953, is a 89% decrease from FY2019, \$4,837,529. Likewise, the average monthly payments is also a 88% decrease, with \$403,127 in FY2019 and \$48,412 in FY2020. These values are not consistent with past spending, as the 12-month total average for the previous five years due to the effects from the pandemic and the accessibility that attorneys had with meeting and working with clients throughout the year of 2020. These numbers would be expected to rise in the following year FY2021.

Table 5.2(A) (pg. 24) documents the collections received through fines, fees, and costs. These revenues dropped by 5%, with FY2019 yielding a 12-month total of \$329,715 compared to FY2020's \$253,253,. The average monthly amount in FY2019 was \$27,476 with FY2020 having collected \$21,104 on a monthly basis. These values are consistent, yet below, the previous FY2018 year average of \$28,986.

Page 5.3 (pg. 25) tables lists the filings, dispositions, and cases pending. These numbers did see a drop from the previous years 2018 to 2019 increase. This mainly being contributed to the disposition that the pandemic put on these two courts for being able to thoroughly dispose all cases. Based on looking at the table, you can see the decrease of cases filed and disposed, while the cases pending essentially went up.

JUVENILE DISTRICT COURTS

COURT BY COURT COMPARISON

Court	Judge	FY19 Operating Expenses	FY20 Operating Expenses	% Change from FY19
304th	Martin	\$229,505	\$207,033	-10%
305h	Shannon	\$305,605	\$194,138	-36%
Totals		\$535,110	\$401,171.00	
Averages		\$267,555	\$200,585	-25%

Table 5.1

Court	Judge	FY19 Delinquency Attorneys	FY20 Delinquency Attorneys	% Change from FY19
304th	Martin	\$395,979	\$293,017	-26%
305th	Shannon	\$403,800	\$287,938	-29%
Totals		\$799,779	\$580,955	
Averages		\$399,889	\$290,478	-27%

Table 5.1(B)

Court	Judge	FY19 Child Welfare	FY20 Child Welfare	% Change from FY19
304th	Martin	\$1,789,736	\$1,451,876	-19%
305th	Shannon	\$1,693,760	\$1,456,012	-14%
Totals		\$3,483,496	\$2,907,888	
Averages		\$1,741,748	\$1,453,944	-17%

Table 5.1(C)

Court	Judge	FY20 Operating Expenses	FY20 Child Welfare Attorneys	FY20 Delinquency Attorneys	FY20 Public Defender	Total Costs
304th	Martin	\$207,033	\$1,451,876	\$293,017	\$817,034	\$2,768,960
305th	Shannon	\$194,138	\$1,456,012	\$287,938	\$746,123	\$2,684,211
Totals		\$401,171	\$2,907,888	\$580,955	\$1,563,158	\$5,453,172
Averages		\$200,586	\$1,453,944	\$290,478	\$781,579	\$2,726,586

Table 5.1 (D)

JUVENILE DISTRICT COURTS

ATTORNEY PAYMENTS AND FEE COLLECTION

Monthly Fee Collection

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from 2019
Oct	\$25,912	\$32,048	\$25,979	-19%
Nov	\$31,527	\$25,419	\$23,751	-7%
Dec	\$25,471	\$21,299	\$23,016	8%
Jan	\$28,514	\$26,693	\$27,819	4%
Feb	\$30,600	\$30,584	\$24,669	-19%
Mar	\$42,327	\$38,737	\$23,063	-40%
Apr	\$29,264	\$28,126	\$14,101	-50%
May	\$27,349	\$24,589	\$17,756	-28%
Jun	\$29,399	\$27,220	\$25,335	-7%
Jul	\$29,142	\$27,881	\$1,963	-93%
Aug	\$25,416	\$24,410	\$15,337	-37%
Sep	\$22,908	\$22,711	\$12,796	-44%
Totals	\$347,829	\$329,715	\$253,253	
Averages	\$28,986	\$27,476	\$21,104	-5%

Table 5.2(A)

Attorney Payments

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from 2019
Oct	\$118,716	\$86,977	\$81,812	-6%
Nov	\$63,750	\$144,732	\$58,252	-60%
Dec	\$59,315	\$138,810	\$73,817	-47%
Jan	\$58,949	\$204,021	\$48,652	-76%
Feb	\$78,109	\$274,438	\$81,640	-70%
Mar	\$50,832	\$337,851	\$50,745	-85%
Apr	\$67,285	\$411,402	\$19,083	-95%
May	\$80,970	\$489,354	\$34,237	-93%
Jun	\$54,540	\$577,383	\$30,432	-95%
Jul	\$67,503	\$638,559	\$26,262	-96%
Aug	\$96,570	\$734,224	\$37,929	-95%
Sep	\$59,478	\$799,779	\$38,092	-95%
Totals	\$856,017	\$4,837,529	\$508,953	
Averages	\$71,335	\$403,127	\$48,412	-88%

Table 5.2(B)

JUVENILE DISTRICT COURTS

FILINGS, MOTIONS, AND DISPOSITIONS

Cases Filed

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	129	115	124	8%
Nov	137	123	101	-18%
Dec	120	116	134	16%
Jan	151	142	134	-6%
Feb	127	124	150	21%
Mar	124	92	102	11%
Apr	135	127	123	-3%
May	133	123	93	-24%
Jun	122	109	71	-35%
Jul	105	94	75	-20%
Aug	116	67	58	-13%
Sep	88	124	81	-35%
Averages	123	124	113	-9%

Table 5.3(A)

Cases Disposed

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	106	174	133	-24%
Nov	122	123	130	6%
Dec	94	166	137	-17%
Jan	98	125	154	23%
Feb	98	133	132	-1%
Mar	90	146	67	-54%
Apr	120	145	28	-81%
May	133	143	58	-59%
Jun	138	123	60	-51%
Jul	123	149	55	-63%
Aug	153	162	69	-57%
Sep	126	126	48	-62%
Averages	123	124	113	-9%

Table 5.3(B)

Cases Pending

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	1,957	2,275	2,229	-2%
Nov	1,989	2,303	2,252	-2%
Dec	2,034	2,280	2,274	0%
Jan	2,129	2,285	2,272	-1%
Feb	2,186	2,269	2,317	2%
Mar	2,247	2,243	2,390	7%
Apr	2,294	2,267	2,498	10%
May	2,322	2,270	2,534	12%
Jun	2,321	2,266	2,556	13%
Jul	2,332	2,235	2,590	16%
Aug	2,317	2,163	2,597	20%
Sep	2,308	2,203	2,642	20%
Averages	123	124	113	-9%

Table 5.3(C)

***Source/Explanation**

All monthly reports detailing fines, fees, and costs assessed are collected by district clerk and prepared in a monthly report

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Section 6

Methodology

Costs associated with the eleven County Criminal Courts and two Court of Appeals courts include operating and indigent defense.

- Operating expenses are captured through budgeting reports produced monthly by the County Auditor's Office.
- Indigent defense costs are shown as either court appointed attorney or public defenders assigned to each court.
 - Court appointed attorney (CAA) costs are obtained through the aforementioned monthly audit reports and supplemented by general ledger reports maintained within the County's financial recording system - Oracle.
 - Public defender (PD) costs are obtained by referencing the Public Defender Stats Book, maintained by the Public Defender's Office. This documents the public defenders assigned to each court and their caseloads in a given fiscal year.

The number of cases filed, motions, and dispositions come from Office of Court Administration reports that are obtained through the Odyssey legal tracking system.

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.

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.

Table 5.2(A) and 5.2(B) is a depiction of Judges having waived attorney fees at disposition hearings which enable courts to collect more revenue. However, due to Covid-19 epidemic and the economy, starting in 2020 they were not able to hold Contempt Court to increase our revenue. Thus comparing our collection revenue and paying attorney for services will be a big difference when comparing the fees.

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights

- Court appointed attorneys, as shown in table 6.1 (pg. 28), constitute a majority of the FY2020 expenses for the County Criminal Courts. The total for operating and indigent defense costs was \$598,979. Revenues for the courts equaled \$2,970,616.
 - As shown on page 6.4(C) (pg. 31), there were 35,275 dispositions for all County Criminal Courts in FY2020. This data was obtained from the Dallas County Auditor Financial Transparency Website under Budget Analysis in
- Page 6.2(C) (pg. 29) documents the public defender information, with 8,805 cases assigned in FY2020, a decrease from FY2019 due to the pandemic slowing down the number of cases being assigned. The total cost for the assigned public defenders for all courts equals to \$987,610, with there being \$104 per case assigned. These numbers represent a decrease in the total amount of cases filed and disposed, with an increase in the total number of cases pending. Data was collected from the Public Defender's Office.
- Tables 6.3 (pg. 30) is inclusive of the cumulative fines, fees, and bond forfeiture revenue collected monthly. FY2020 yielded \$2,970,616, a 22% decrease from FY2019's \$3,832,269. This data was obtained through Document Direct report R06465.
- Tables 6.4 (pg. 31) shows the year-to-date filings and dispositions along with monthly cases pending values. FY2020 filings had decreased 29% by end-of-year, dispositions decreased by 4%, and cases pending increased by 13% since FY2019. This data was obtained through Document Direct report R06465

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS

COURT BY COURT COMPARISON

Criminal Courts Operating Expenses

Court	Judge	FY19 Operating Expenses	FY20 Operating Expenses	% Change from FY19
1	Patterson	\$22,025	\$13,221	-40%
2	Hayes	\$21,642	\$20,571	-5%
3	Moorehead	\$106,230	\$90,561	-15%
4	Mulder	\$16,952	\$14,336	-15%
5	Green	\$39,111	\$73,833	89%
6	King	\$21,542	\$5,290	-75%
7	Edwards	\$43,456	\$17,769	-59%
8	White	\$94,986	\$49,379	-48%
9	Hoffman	\$29,040	\$111,562	284%
10	Mullin	\$66,716	\$81,097	22%
11	Kelly	\$37,680	\$29,436	-22%
Court of Appeals	Wade	\$40,940	\$44,125	8%
Court of Appeals #2	Luther	\$47,049	\$47,801	2%
Totals		\$587,370	\$598,979	
Averages		\$45,182	\$46,075	2%

Table 6.1

- Operating expenses for all courts increased by \$11,609 - 2%.
 - Interestingly, the outlier in this set (County Criminal Court #9) saw a substantial increase in operating expenditures. Spending for this court was due to a surge in the use of substitute court reporters.
 - While it is not certain, it could be deterred that this increase in substitute court reporters resulted from higher demand, due to the pandemic.

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS

PUBLIC DEFENDER ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments by Court Comparison

2019

Court	Judge	Public Defenders Assigned	Total Cases Assigned	Total Costs	Cost per Case
1	Patterson	2	2,390	\$254,903	\$106
2	Hayes	1	1,381	\$139,099	\$100
3	Moorehead	2	2,413	\$253,033	\$104
4	Mulder	1	1,206	\$150,296	\$124
5	Green	1	1,214	\$126,984	\$104
6	King	1	965	\$139,099	\$240
7	Edwards	1	1,637	\$125,582	\$102
8	White	1	1,201	\$129,321	\$110
9	Hoffman	1	1,260	\$139,099	\$110
10	Mullin	0	0	\$0	\$0
11	Kelly	1	908	\$139,099	\$152
Court of Appeals	Wade	0	0	\$0	\$0
Court of Appeals #2	Luther	1	1,263	\$129,321	\$102
Totals		13	15,838	\$1,725,836	\$1,355
Averages		1	1,218	\$132,757	\$104

Table 6.2(B)

2020

Court	Judge	Public Defenders Assigned	Total Cases Assigned	Total Costs	Cost per Case
1	Patterson	2	1,061	\$112,466	\$106
2	Hayes	1	698	\$69,800	\$100
3	Moorehead	2	1,157	\$120,328	\$104
4	Mulder	1	644	\$79,740	\$124
5	Green	1	656	\$68,242	\$104
6	King	1	648	\$155,813	\$240
7	Edwards	1	696	\$71,328	\$102
8	White	1	666	\$73,126	\$110
9	Hoffman	1	696	\$76,432	\$110
10	Mullin	0	0	\$0	\$0
11	Kelly	1	573	\$87,318	\$152
Court of Appeals	Floater	1	593	\$0	\$0
Court of Appeals #2	Luther	1	717	\$73,016	\$102
Totals		14	8,805	\$987,610	\$1,355
Averages		1	677	\$75,970	\$104

Table 6.2(C)

***Source/Explanation**

Disposition data included in County Criminal Court Monthly Report

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS

COLLECTIONS

Fines & Fees

Month	FY19 Fines & Fees	FY20 Fines & Fees	% Change from FY19
Oct	\$319,270	\$256,139	-20%
Nov	\$255,714	\$210,996	-17%
Dec	\$221,829	\$203,712	-8%
Jan	\$283,712	\$243,471	-14%
Feb	\$264,665	\$233,153	-12%
Mar	\$310,206	\$165,262	-47%
Apr	\$287,819	\$70,440	-76%
May	\$258,798	\$57,046	-78%
Jun	\$194,881	\$120,815	-38%
Jul	\$227,938	\$123,779	-46%
Aug	\$243,987	\$124,776	-49%
Sep	\$230,218	\$153,738	-33%
Totals	\$3,099,037	\$1,963,326	
Averages	\$258,253	\$163,611	-37%

Table 6.3(A)

Bond Forfeiture

Month	FY19 Bond Forfeiture	FY20 Bond Forfeiture	% Change from FY19
Oct	\$80,620	\$188,867	134%
Nov	\$16,239	\$191,810	1081%
Dec	\$24,680	\$91,191	269%
Jan	\$106,517	\$90,816	-15%
Feb	\$41,925	\$98,614	135%
Mar	\$55,519	\$18,103	-67%
Apr	\$62,380	\$108,505	74%
May	\$65,611	\$3,241	-95%
Jun	\$68,886	\$1,783	-97%
Jul	\$47,932	\$47,398	-1%
Aug	\$47,150	\$61,033	29%
Sep	\$115,773	\$127,424	10%
Totals	\$733,232	\$1,028,785	
Averages	\$61,103	\$85,732	40%

Table 6.3(B)

Total Revenue

Month	FY19 Total Revenue	FY20 Total Revenue	% Change from FY19
Oct	\$399,890	\$445,006	11%
Nov	\$271,953	\$402,806	48%
Dec	\$246,509	\$294,528	19%
Jan	\$390,229	\$342,085	-12%
Feb	\$306,590	\$251,256	-18%
Mar	\$365,725	\$273,767	-25%
Apr	\$350,199	\$73,681	-79%
May	\$324,409	\$58,829	-82%
Jun	\$263,767	\$168,212	-36%
Jul	\$275,870	\$184,812	-33%
Aug	\$291,137	\$252,200	-13%
Sep	\$345,991	\$223,434	-35%
Totals	\$3,832,269	\$2,970,616	
Averages	\$319,356	\$247,551	-22%

Table 6.3(C)

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS

CASES FILED, DISPOSED, AND PENDING

YTD Cases Filed

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	3,050	3,099	2,644	-15%
Nov	5,705	6,191	4,637	-25%
Dec	7,997	8,348	6,447	-23%
Jan	10,289	10,757	8,855	-18%
Feb	12,718	13,189	10,873	-18%
Mar	15,336	16,010	12,493	-22%
Apr	17,736	18,223	14,125	-22%
May	19,842	21,681	15,550	-28%
Jun	22,114	24,290	17,868	-26%
Jul	24,765	27,193	19,862	-27%
Aug	27,758	29,961	21,776	-27%
Sep	30,009	33,261	23,738	-29%

Table 6.4(A)

YTD Cases Disposed

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	3,190	2,981	3,699	24%
Nov	6,073	5,826	7,047	21%
Dec	8,617	9,548	10,350	8%
Jan	11,547	12,599	15,705	25%
Feb	14,981	16,432	19,138	16%
Mar	18,195	20,311	21,726	7%
Apr	21,301	25,000	23,118	-8%
May	24,317	27,633	25,123	-9%
Jun	27,202	29,614	27,554	-7%
Jul	30,172	31,992	30,327	-5%
Aug	33,337	34,582	32,732	-5%
Sep	36,043	36,910	35,275	-4%

Table 6.4(C)

Cases Pending

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	23,536	24,365	25,064	3%
Nov	24,011	23,893	24,718	3%
Dec	24,224	23,892	24,375	2%
Jan	24,364	23,659	24,584	4%
Feb	24,269	23,193	24,283	5%
Mar	24,348	22,661	24,303	7%
Apr	24,497	21,123	25,376	20%
May	24,296	22,096	25,915	17%
Jun	24,178	23,051	27,123	18%
Jul	24,093	24,028	27,552	15%
Aug	24,313	24,676	28,016	14%
Sep	24,040	25,068	28,261	13%

Table 6.4(B)

***Source/Explanation**

Filings, Dispositions, Pending data included in County Criminal Court Monthly Report

COUNTY COURTS AT LAW

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Section 7

Methodology

Costs associated with the five County Courts at Law include operating expenses.

- Operating expenses (mostly attribute to salaries of the support staff) are captured through budgeting reports produced monthly by the County Auditor's Office.

The number of cases filed, motions, and dispositions come from Office of Court Administration reports that are obtained through the Odyssey legal tracking system.

Highlights

- The County Courts at Law had an average cost per disposition of \$429 during FY2020 an increase of \$101 as compared to the FY2019 average of \$328.
- County Court at Law #4 had the highest cost per disposition at \$465 and County Court at Law #3 and County Court at Law #5 both had the lowest at \$405.
- County Court at Law #4 had the highest number of dispositions at 1,283 and County Court at Law #2 had the lowest at 1,090.
- The average number of Dispositions (7.3) for the Courts at Law was 506. The average number of filings was 412.
- The number of cases pending at the end of September 2020 was 6,030, up from 5,879 at the end of September 2019.

COUNTY COURTS AT LAW

COURT BY COURT COMPARISON

Court Number	Judge	Total Expenses	FY2019 Number of Dispositions	FY2020 Number of Dispositions	FY2020 Cost per Disposition	FY2019 Cost per Disposition
1	Benson	519,863	1,450	1,243	418	322
2	Bellan	489,966	1,543	1,090	450	307
3	Montgomery	520,091	1,459	1,283	405	325
4	Rosales	553,929	1,424	1,191	465	366
5	Greenberg	512,872	1,489	1,267	405	319
Total		\$2,596,721	\$7,365	\$6,074	\$2,143	\$1,639
Average		\$519,344	\$1,473	1,215	429	328

Table 7.1

Court	Judge	FY19 Total Expenses	FY20 Total Expenses	% Change from FY19
1	Benson	\$466,989	\$519,863	11%
2	Bellan	\$474,117	\$489,966	3%
3	Montgomery	\$473,476	\$520,091	10%
4	Rosales	\$520,763	\$553,929	6%
5	Greenberg	\$475,574	\$512,872	8%
Totals		\$2,410,919	\$2,596,721	
Averages		\$482,184	\$519,344	8%

Table 7.1(B)

COUNTY COURTS AT LAW

CASES FILED, DISPOSED, AND PENDING

YTD Cases Filed

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	478	595	410	-31%
Nov	903	1,208	788	-35%
Dec	1,333	1,723	1,165	-32%
Jan	1,825	2,358	1,651	-30%
Feb	2,280	2,882	2,066	-28%
Mar	2,766	3,445	2,560	-26%
Apr	3,280	3,992	2,954	-26%
May	3,827	4,592	3,301	-28%
Jun	4,320	5,110	3,779	-26%
Jul	4,783	5,733	4,195	-27%
Aug	5,406	6,612	4,574	-31%
Sep	5,837	7,030	4,949	-30%

*Source/Explanation
County Clerk Odyssey
Report

Table 7.2(A)

YTD Cases Disposed

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	589	622	668	7%
Nov	1,091	1,214	1,162	-4%
Dec	1,555	1,682	1,732	3%
Jan	2,137	2,292	2,386	4%
Feb	2,671	2,876	3,022	5%
Mar	3,258	3,634	3,477	-4%
Apr	3,818	4,250	3,797	-11%
May	4,406	4,895	4,112	-16%
Jun	4,927	5,521	4,578	-17%
Jul	5,499	6,124	5,116	-16%
Aug	6,121	6,760	5,609	-17%
Sep	6,610	7,365	6,074	-18%

Table 7.2(B)

Cases Pending

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	5,081	5,507	6,107	11%
Nov	5,098	5,633	6,086	8%
Dec	5,124	5,760	5,956	3%
Jan	5,137	5,872	5,934	1%
Feb	5,149	5,897	5,797	-2%
Mar	5,132	5,796	5,967	3%
Apr	5,180	5,823	6,058	4%
May	5,219	5,881	6,101	4%
Jun	5,310	5,860	6,137	5%
Jul	5,288	5,967	6,116	2%
Aug	5,386	6,324	6,055	-4%
Sep	5,431	6,227	6,047	-3%

Table 7.2(C)

PROBATE COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Section 8

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 FY2020, the cost per case averaged \$441 which is \$2 lower than the cost per case for FY2019. 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 \$555 cost per case, Probate Court #2 averaged \$577 and Probate Court #3 averaged \$192.

PROBATE COURTS

COURT BY COURT COMPARISON

Operating Expenses

Court	Judge	FY19 Operating Expenses	FY20 Operating Expenses	% Change from FY19
1	Thompson	\$850,256	\$873,226	3%
2	Warren	\$881,121	\$909,388	3%
3	Jones-Johnson	\$1,347,580	\$1,080,588	-20%
Totals		\$3,078,957	\$2,863,202	-7%

Table 8.1

Public Defenders

Court	Judge	FY19 PDs	FY20 PDs	% Change from FY19
1	Thompson	\$0	\$0	0%
2	Warren	\$0	\$0	0%
3	Jones-Johnson	\$512,534	\$518,955	1%
Totals		\$512,534	\$518,955	1%

Table 8.1(B)

Cases Assigned

Court	Judge	FY19 Cases Assigned	FY20 Cases Assigned	% Change from FY19
1	Thompson	1,575	1,575	0%
2	Warren	1,575	1,575	0%
3	Jones-Johnson	8,106	8,287	2%
Totals		11,256	11,437	2%

Table 8.1(C)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Section 9

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.

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 FY2020 net cost expense per court (pg. 38) shows that the Justices of the Peace have an overall net expense of \$727,548. The total average net expenses for the Justices of the Peace for the twelve months ending September 30, 2020 were \$72,755. The total number of cases disposed by Dallas County Justices of Peace for FY2020 was 364,054 in comparison to 187,336 during the same period in FY2019.

Page 39 Section 9 (9.2) includes Constable's expenditures and revenues. The net expense per court data including Constables expenses and revenues (page 9.2) shows that the Constables have an overall average net expense for FY2020 of \$140,557 in comparison to \$111,141 during the same period in FY2019. The total net expenses for the twelve months ending September 30, 2019 were a \$1,546,127

The total operating expenditures for all Justice of the Peace courts in FY2020 was \$7,855,827. The total number of cases filed (criminal and civil) in the Dallas County Justice of the Peace courts during FY2020 was 121,750 (9.3).

Page 41 Section 9 (9.4B) includes dispositions for all Justice of the Peace courts in FY2020. The increased number of cases filed have contributed to the significant increase in dispositions for Justice of the Peace courts 3-2 and 4-1.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

COURT BY COURT COMPARISON

JP Operating Expenses

Court	Judge	FY19 Operating Expenses	FY20 Operating Expenses	% Change from FY19
JP 1-1	Jones	\$1,058,580	\$1,097,326	4%
JP 1-2	Nash	\$677,048	\$780,819	15%
JP 2-1	O'Brien	\$727,186	\$762,707	5%
JP 2-2	Whitfield	\$733,862	\$746,571	2%
JP 3-1	Cercone	\$855,748	\$958,559	12%
JP 3-2	Seider	\$676,829	\$812,858	20%
JP 4-1	Jones	\$744,214	\$766,214	3%
JP 4-2	Moreno	\$592,980	\$674,229	14%
JP 5-1	Martinez	\$686,288	\$770,302	12%
JP 5-2	Jasso	\$763,271	\$766,423	0%
Totals		\$7,516,006	\$8,136,008	
Averages		\$751,601	\$813,601	8%

Table 9.1

Constable Revenue

Court	Judge	FY19 Constable Revenue	FY20 Constable Revenue	% Change from FY19
JP 1-1	Jones	\$1,292,444	\$1,978,574	53%
JP 1-2	Nash	\$775,466	\$1,187,145	53%
JP 2-1	O'Brien	\$335,774	\$502,215	50%
JP 2-2	Whitfield	\$377,745	\$564,992	50%
JP 3-1	Cercone	\$542,665	\$828,028	53%
JP 3-2	Seider	\$443,999	\$677,478	53%
JP 4-1	Jones	\$486,730	\$758,775	56%
JP 4-2	Moreno	\$378,568	\$590,158	56%
JP 5-1	Martinez	\$416,791	\$527,929	27%
JP 5-2	Jasso	\$509,412	\$791,893	55%
Totals		\$5,559,594	\$8,407,187	
Averages		\$555,959	\$840,719	51%

Table 9.1(B)

Constable Operating Expenses

Court	Judge	FY19 Constable Operating Expenses	FY20 Constable Operating Expenses	% Change from FY19
JP 1-1	Jones	\$975,123	\$1,492,794	53%
JP 1-2	Nash	\$585,074	\$895,676	53%
JP 2-1	O'Brien	\$354,262	\$529,867	50%
JP 2-2	Whitfield	\$398,544	\$596,101	50%
JP 3-1	Cercone	\$597,935	\$912,363	53%
JP 3-2	Seider	\$489,220	\$746,478	53%
JP 4-1	Jones	\$980,486	\$1,528,501	56%
JP 4-2	Moreno	\$762,600	\$1,188,834	56%
JP 5-1	Martinez	\$563,031	\$713,163	27%
JP 5-2	Jasso	\$688,149	\$1,069,745	55%
Totals		\$6,394,424	\$9,673,522	
Averages		\$639,442	\$967,352	51%

Table 9.1(C)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

TRAFFIC COLLECTIONS

APS Cases Filed

Court	Judge	FY19 APS Cases Filed	FY20 APS Cases Filed	% Change from FY19
JP 1-1	Jones	9,492	1,629	-83%
JP 1-2	Nash	3,690	527	-86%
JP 2-1	O'Brien	1,058	48	-95%
JP 2-2	Whitfield	1,149	81	-93%
JP 3-1	Cerccone	2,845	305	-89%
JP 3-2	Seider	783	482	-38%
JP 4-1	Jones	588	124	-79%
JP 4-2	Moreno	176	13	-93%
JP 5-1	Martinez	6,677	1,809	-73%
JP 5-2	Jasso	12,038	2,256	-81%
Totals		38,496	7,274	
Averages		3,850	727	-81%

Table 9.2

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

TRAFFIC COLLECTIONS

Average Payment Received

Court	Judge	FY19 Average Payment Received	FY20 Average Payment Received	% Change from FY19
JP 1-1	Jones	\$122	\$722	492%
JP 1-2	Nash	\$125	\$724	479%
JP 2-1	O'Brien	\$84	\$1,433	1606%
JP 2-2	Whitfield	\$205	\$1,748	753%
JP 3-1	Cerccone	\$155	\$953	515%
JP 3-2	Seider	\$156	\$427	174%
JP 4-1	Jones	\$195	\$877	350%
JP 4-2	Moreno	\$186	\$1,834	886%
JP 5-1	Martinez	\$79	\$368	366%
JP 5-2	Jasso	\$148	\$514	247%
Totals		\$1,455	\$9,600	
Averages		\$146	\$960	560%

Table 9.3

All Traffic County Collections

Court	Judge	FY19 All Traffic County Collections	FY20 All Traffic County Collections	% Change from FY19
JP 1-1	Jones	\$1,162,469	\$1,175,917	1%
JP 1-2	Nash	\$462,647	\$381,682	-18%
JP 2-1	O'Brien	\$88,623	\$68,789	-22%
JP 2-2	Whitfield	\$235,884	\$141,627	-40%
JP 3-1	Cerccone	\$441,051	\$290,748	-34%
JP 3-2	Seider	\$122,435	\$205,765	68%
JP 4-1	Jones	\$114,879	\$108,738	-5%
JP 4-2	Moreno	\$32,689	\$23,838	-27%
JP 5-1	Martinez	\$530,564	\$665,315	25%
JP 5-2	Jasso	\$1,783,095	\$1,158,689	-35%
Totals		\$4,974,336	\$4,221,108	
Averages		\$497,434	\$422,111	-15%

Table 9.3(B)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

Cases Filed

Court	Judge	FY19 Cases Filed	FY20 Cases Filed	% Change from FY19
JP 1-1	Jones	42,769	25,761	-40%
JP 1-2	Nash	7,644	4,672	-39%
JP 2-1	O'Brien	13,905	11,115	-20%
JP 2-2	Whitfield	5,816	3,369	-42%
JP 3-1	Cercone	21,981	11,831	-46%
JP 3-2	Seider	13,096	13,518	3%
JP 4-1	Jones	14,862	15,085	2%
JP 4-2	Moreno	9,717	7,639	-21%
JP 5-1	Martinez	18,282	15,942	-13%
JP 5-2	Jasso	23,374	12,818	-45%
Totals		171,446	121,750	
Averages		17,145	12,175	-29%

Table 9.4

Cases Disposed

Court	Judge	FY19 Cases Disposed	FY20 Cases Disposed	% Change from FY19
JP 1-1	Jones	30,928	21,775	-30%
JP 1-2	Nash	8,154	2,422	-70%
JP 2-1	O'Brien	10,832	10,495	-3%
JP 2-2	Whitfield	40,088	52,839	32%
JP 3-1	Cercone	18,838	14,415	-23%
JP 3-2	Seider	10,396	82,296	692%
JP 4-1	Jones	9,793	58,722	500%
JP 4-2	Moreno	7,148	6,413	-10%
JP 5-1	Martinez	10,867	10,526	-3%
JP 5-2	Jasso	40,292	13,151	-67%
Totals		187,336	273,054	
Averages		18,734	27,305	46%

Table 9.4(B)

TRUANCY COURTS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Section 10

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, 2020 is 16,842, which is lower than the same time period of FY2019 which was 23,617. This was the fourth 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 FY2020 was \$306,958, in comparison to \$435,753 during same time period of FY2019. The total expenditures through the end of fourth quarter of FY2020 are \$1,486,101 which includes direct cost of \$1,369,231 for 35 staff (salary and benefits) and \$116,870 for indirect operational costs, in comparison to a total cost of \$1,465,476 which included direct cost of \$1,293,288 for 35 staff (salary and benefits) and \$172,088 for indirect operational costs in FY2019 for the same period.

Some truancy cases are filed in Justice of the Peace Courts. However, the activity volume on page 44 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 FY2020 is lower than the total numbers of cases filed for the same period in FY2019. The amount of revenue collected overall during the reported period represents an average 7% decrease from the previous year during the same period.

TRUANCY COURTS

CASES FILED, DISPOSED, AND DISMISSALS

Cases Filed

Court	Judge	FY19 Cases Filed	FY20 Cases Filed	% Change from FY19
North	Chavez	8,993	5,337	-41%
South	Rayford	8,945	6,787	-24%
East (B)	Richie	5,679	4,680	-18%
West		0	38	0%
Totals		23,617	16,842	
Averages		5,904	4,211	-29%

Table 10.1

Cases Disposed

Court	Judge	FY19 Cases Disposed	FY20 Cases Disposed	% Change from FY19
North	Chavez	271	688	154%
South	Rayford	720	174	-76%
East (B)	Richie	914	726	-21%
West		0	0	0%
Totals		1,905	1,588	
Averages		476	397	-17%

Table 10.1(B)

Dismissals

Court	Judge	FY19 Dismissals	FY20 Dismissals	% Change from FY19
North	Chavez	1,707	2,014	18%
South	Rayford	3,012	640	-79%
East (B)	Richie	5,415	5,448	1%
West		0	0	0%
Totals		10,134	8,102	
Averages		2,534	2,026	-20%

Table 10.1(C)

TRUANCY COURTS

VOLUME AND REVENUE

Monthly Volume

Month	2018	2019	2020	Change from 2019
Oct	1,064	2,292	2,171	-5%
Nov	1,621	2,931	2,738	-7%
Dec	1,827	3,477	2,625	-25%
Jan	2,176	2,478	3,345	35%
Feb	2,974	4,754	3,873	-19%
Mar	2,278	2,794	2,052	-27%
Apr	1,386	3,601	0	-100%
May	968	1,596	19	-99%
Jun	6	0	19	0%
Jul	0	0	0	0%
Aug	0	0	0	0%
Sep	183	0	0	0%
Totals	14,483	23,923	16,842	-30%
Averages	1,207	1,994	1,404	0

Table 10.2

Monthly Revenue

Month	2018	2019	2020	Change from 2019
Oct	\$31,831	\$18,191	\$38,402	111%
Nov	\$35,218	\$21,930	\$37,820	72%
Dec	\$39,351	\$25,178	\$34,771	38%
Jan	\$34,063	\$39,028	\$40,220	3%
Feb	\$58,120	\$42,077	\$64,557	53%
Mar	\$62,310	\$66,050	\$61,739	-7%
Apr	\$57,769	\$55,807	\$0	-100%
May	\$55,665	\$61,039	\$0	-100%
Jun	\$46,337	\$60,308	\$18,269	-70%
Jul	\$27,747	\$46,145	\$6,117	85%
Aug	\$23,667	\$0	\$3,286	0%
Sep	\$16,461	\$0	\$1,778	0%
Totals	\$488,539	\$435,753	\$306,959	-42%
Averages	\$40,712	\$36,313	\$25,580	-42%

Table 10.2(B)

MISCELLANEOUS

METHODOLOGY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Section 11

Methodology

This information concerns itself with the child support processing fees and District Attorney asset forfeiture. All of this data is obtained through financial reports in Oracle. Increases and decreases on a monthly basis between fiscal years can likely be attributed to the fluctuation in dispositions resulting in the need for forfeiture or child support payments. No discernable trends were discovered in evaluating this data.

Highlights

- The child support processing fee revenue, table 11.1, decreased, in total, by 28% in FY2020. This data was collected from County Auditor reports through Oracle.
- The District Attorney's Office provides information on the amount deposited into the department's State Asset Forfeiture account Table 11.2 (pg. 47). In FY2020, the District Attorney collected \$496,571, a 19% increase from FY2019.
- Asset forfeiture revenue fluctuates monthly 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 training.

MISCELLANEOUS

CHILD SUPPORT PROCESSING FEE REVENUE

Child Support Processing Fees

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	\$658	\$689	\$8,712	1164%
Nov	\$687	\$2,408	\$4,419	84%
Dec	\$504	\$2,320	\$4,918	112%
Jan	\$889	\$2,152	\$1,004	-53%
Feb	\$1,292	\$6,147	\$680	-89%
Mar	\$598	\$2,182	\$72	-97%
Apr	\$11,690	\$793	\$520	-34%
May	\$5,665	\$360	\$792	120%
Jun	\$10,955	\$3,744	\$768	-79%
Jul	\$6,418	\$4,726	\$404	-91%
Aug	\$8,033	\$2,152	\$390	-82%
Sep	\$3,570	\$5,972	\$1,604	-73%
Totals	\$50,960	\$33,645	\$24,283	
Averages	\$4,247	\$2,804	\$2,024	-28%

Table 11.1

***Source/Explanation**

This information was collected from the County Auditors Monthly Budget Analysis

- Decrease of \$9,362 in total fees from 2019 to 2020
- Decrease of \$780 the yearly average from 2019 to 2020

MISCELLANEOUS

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE REVENUE

DA Asset Forfeitures

Month	2018	2019	2020	% Change from FY19
Oct	\$12,167	\$113,609	\$69,202	-39%
Nov	\$13,228	\$20,606	\$29,256	42%
Dec	\$33,291	\$30,107	\$10,064	-67%
Jan	\$30,008	\$15,548	\$32,863	111%
Feb	\$28,364	\$34,663	\$14,012	-60%
Mar	\$46,092	\$54,235	\$14,208	-74%
Apr	\$45,155	\$28,201	\$24,392	-14%
May	\$46,902	\$39,043	\$9,046	-77%
Jun	\$45,377	\$37,324	\$1,210	-97%
Jul	\$37,914	\$92,732	\$22,013	-76%
Aug	\$16,584	\$14,787	\$18,627	26%
Sep	\$62,221	\$15,716	\$9,088	-42%
Totals	\$417,303	\$417,303	\$496,571	
Averages	\$34,775	\$34,775	\$41,381	19%

Table 11.2

***Source/Explanation**

Monthly deposits recorded by District Attorney's Office

- Increase of \$79,268 in total number of asset forfeitures from 2019 to 2020
- Increase of \$6,606 from 2019 to 2020 in average asset forfeitures
- 18% increase in the total and average amount of asset forfeitures