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**16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

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Circuit Judge Kenneth R. Garrett III

Circuit Judge David M. Byrn

Circuit Judge Justine E. Del Muro

Circuit Judge James F. Kanatzar

Circuit Judge J. Dale Youngs

Circuit Judge S. Margene Burnett

Circuit Judge Bryan E. Round

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Circuit Judge Patrick Campbell

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Aside from the filing of more than sixty-five thousand new cases in this circuit, 2013 brought many changes and challenges to the Circuit Court of Jackson County. Despite these challenges, the Court continued to perform its critical functions of resolving disputes and providing access to justice in an effective and efficient manner which it was able to do because of a dedicated, hard-working, and professional judiciary and staff. I am very proud of the entire staff for the manner in which they handled another difficult year while always remaining focused on the mission and the public we serve.

2013 was a difficult year in that nearly one-quarter of our judicial officers left the Court or changed positions. Despite the challenges associated with the judicial vacancies, the remaining judges, with assistance of visiting judges from other Missouri jurisdictions, maintained a clearance rate and time-to-disposition rate nearly as good as the prior year, and as good or better than the other two large metropolitan courts in Missouri. We are thankful for and proud of the hard work and teamwork that allowed us to continue to provide outstanding service to the citizens of Jackson County.

As discussed throughout this document, the Court implemented the Missouri electronic filing system beginning in March for civil filings, followed by criminal, probate, and family court cases in 2013. Our Court was the first large metropolitan court in Missouri to implement electronic filing. As of December 31, 2013, the court had accepted a total of nearly 233,000 electronic filings. The e-Filing system will continue speed up processing considerably – things that used to take two to three weeks to process, now take one to two days instead! However, it is not a perfect system and so significant challenges remain for Criminal Records (initial filings from the Prosecuting Attorney remain paper filings) as well as for the judicial officers who are finding navigating multiple systems during court sessions somewhat of a challenge.

In terms of case load, the number of new case filings declined slightly overall, but significantly in some areas. Circuit civil cases were up slightly, but were offset by a reduction in associate circuit civil cases. Both domestic cases and domestic violence cases were down slightly from 2012 to 2013 while probate cases remained relatively stable overall. Felony cases declined 23% from 2012 to 2013 while misdemeanor cases were down about 9%. Jury trials were down about 11% overall and were down in both civil and criminal cases.

As one would expect from declining case numbers, the numbers of pre- and post-judgment papers served were down 12 and 15% respectively, while the delinquent land tax sale conducted by the Court resulted in \$2.2 Million in sales, slightly lower than 2012, but still about 250% higher than sales in 2009.

Interestingly, juvenile delinquency filings were also down 23% similar to criminal filings; however, a significant portion of this reduction is due a new diversion program which was implemented (beginning in 2012) by the juvenile officer, the judiciary, and the Family Court Services staff. This program was designed to divert non-violent, first-time offenders away from the formal system. The results look very promising to date.


The Family Court achieved American Correctional Association accreditation for the third consecutive time (total of 9 years) for its juvenile probation and aftercare services and for the second time for its home detention and electronic monitoring program. The Family Court continues to be on the leading edge of family and juvenile justice. The Court remains extremely proud of the work of its Family Court.

As reported in last year's report, Jackson County has appropriated funds to improve the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse situation. The final design plans are under development and it is expected that the renovation will be advertised for bids sometime this summer. The plans for renovation include constructing five additional courtrooms, one of which will serve as both the Jury Assembly Room and the Jackson County Municipal Court courtroom. Most County administrative offices have been moved from the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse (formerly the Annex) to the historic Truman Courthouse and soon the prosecutor's offices will vacate the building which will provide the space to create the additional courtrooms. Work on the exterior, which is a separate project, is already underway.

The Court has continued its efforts to be a good steward of public funds and other resources. For example, we will undergo a comprehensive independent financial audit later this year. We have also formed an internal audit team which began internal mini-audits of various functions of the Court in late 2013, and as of this writing, the team has already performed 15 such audits. We have also requested and received judicial assistance in providing increased judicial oversight of administrative and financial operations. As an example of this oversight, an audit committee consisting of four Circuit Judges has been formed to review both internal and external audit results.

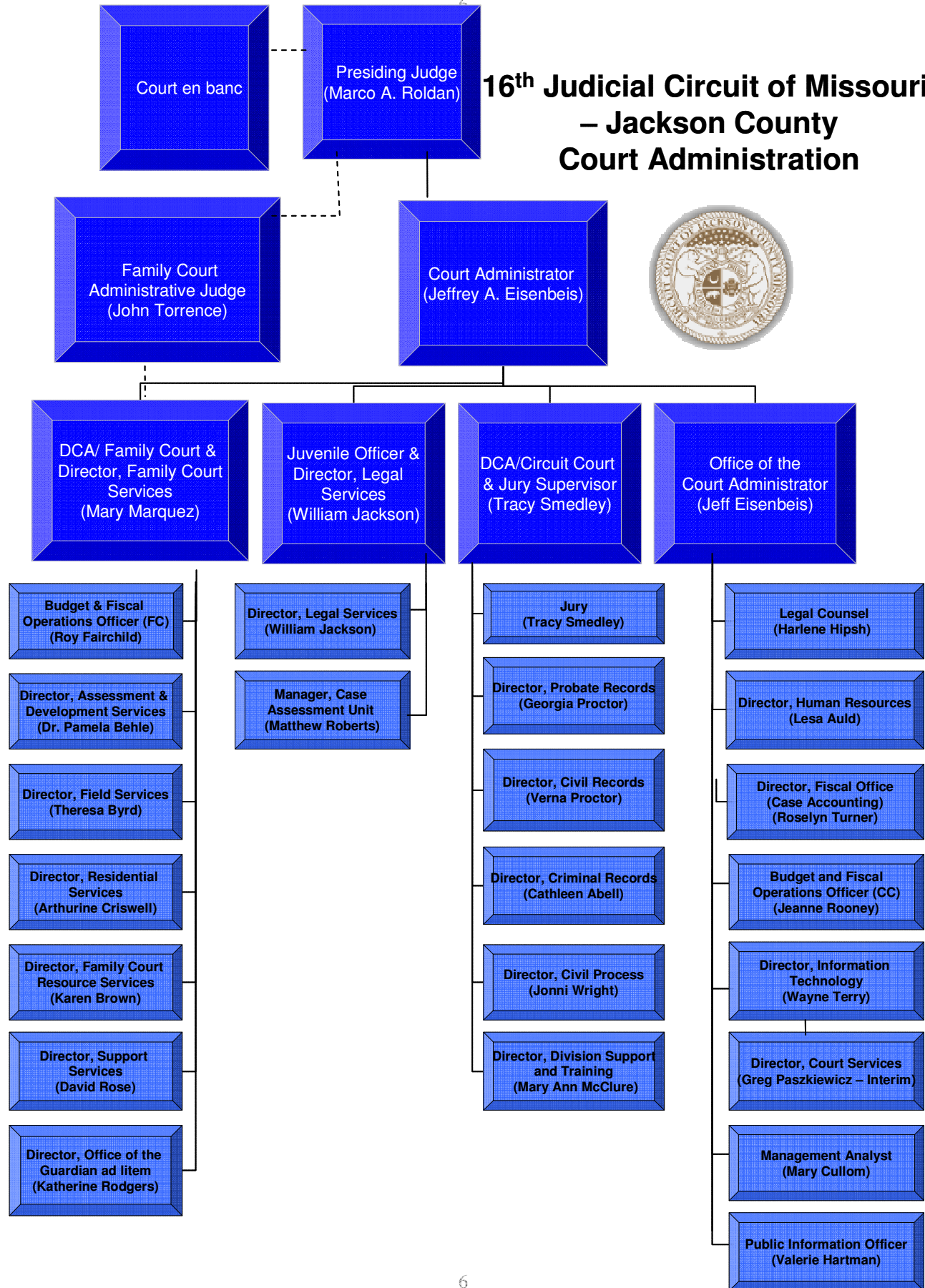
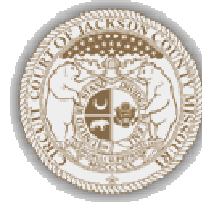
The Court is a complex and diverse organization which, in addition to serving as the general jurisdiction state trial court for the County continues to provide a multitude of programs and services to the citizens of Jackson County. The Court consists of four working courthouses and many support and residential facilities. We employ 735 full time employees, including thirty-six judicial officers, and approximately 40 temporary and seasonal employees in providing various functions and facilities twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

2014 promises to be another busy and challenging year as we continue to improve our programs and services and undergo a major renovation of the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse. I join the entire Court staff in looking forward to meeting those challenges and continuing to "Serve the Community through the Rule of Law" as this Court has done for more than 180 years!

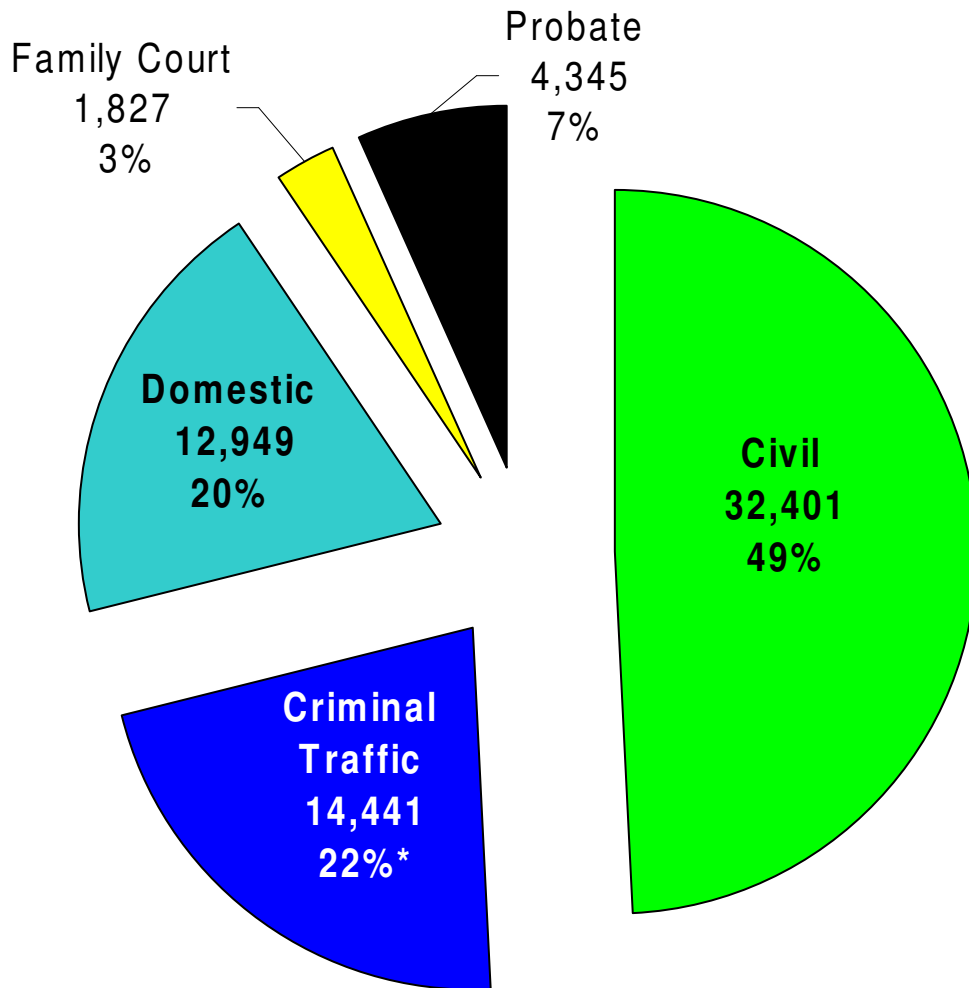


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Court Administrator

16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri – Jackson County Court Administration



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*Note: Criminal Traffic includes both the initial Associate felony filing plus the felony filing in Circuit if the defendant is indicted or is bound over from Associate Circuit.

The most significant achievement of 2013 for Civil Records was the introduction of electronic filing in the Independence office on March 4, 2013. Civil Records was the first records department in the Circuit to initiate the State's e-Filing System. The Kansas City office followed on March 25, 2013.

The introduction of e-Filing was actually the culmination of several years of planning and preparation. Many hours were devoted to documenting current processes and deciding upon the best method of accommodating those processes to electronic files and to e-Filing.

Early in the process, the decision was made to provide case files to the divisions that were exclusively electronic rather than a mix of paper and electronic documents. A huge document scanning project started in March, 2012. The plan required each new case initiated to be only in an electronic format. Any new filing to an existing case was scanned as well as filed in the existing paper case file. Creating docket entries for the scanned documents and attaching the scans to these entries were processes aided by a computer program run overnight. Many hours were required to prep the documents for scanning and to verify, after the program run, the readability of each document, the correctness of the docket entry and the creation of the entry in the correct JIS case.

In 2012, Civil Records rolled out electronic files monthly to divisions in groups of 4 divisions or less. The limited roll out allowed for the training of divisions in the use of e-Bench and permitted divisions to decide upon how best to process and route electronic case files within their divisions. Several different techniques were developed and shared with other divisions. By rolling out e-Bench to a small number of divisions at one time, an additional benefit was that it permitted Civil Records staff time to complete scanning any existing paper files in advance of the case appearing on the docket of an e-Bench division. Thus the division could rely upon a complete electronic case file. Once scanned, the older paper files were destroyed.

By the end of 2012, all divisions with civil or domestic files were familiar with electronic files and with e-Bench.

The focus in 2013 shifted to preparing the Bar and to training staff in the e-Filing System. The System, of course, primarily provides a mechanism to attorneys for filing. But from the standpoint of the Court, the queue facilities of the System provide the mechanisms for the flow of paper within Civil Records and to and

from divisions. Notices of filings in a case, whether by an attorney or by the Court, are automatically emailed to attorneys of record.

As 2013 ended, 211,706 documents had been electronically filed with Civil Records. All paper files had been scanned and destroyed in the Independence office. All paper files with regard to pending cases had been scanned in Kansas City, and that office will soon complete the scanning of all files located there.

Paper is still entering Civil Records in Adult Abuse cases and in pro se filings, but all documents are being immediately scanned and electronic files created. Public terminals are available for the viewing of case files. Attorneys gain access to files through Case.net.

The rewards of all the time and work are being harvested. New case processing now takes from 1 to 2 days as compared to as much as 3 weeks prior to the introduction of e-Filing. Documents are available for viewing by attorneys at all times, and attorneys of record in a case are automatically notified of all filings. The system is available to attorneys for filings 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Visually, the Civil Records offices appear very different. There are no paper files.

Circuit Civil	2009	2012	2013
Filings	4,094	3,471	3,667
Dispositions	4,271	3,412	3,539
Jury Trials	68	56	50
Court Trials	175	127	218
Pending Cases 12/31	3,464	3,078	3,196

Associate Circuit Civil	2009	2012	2013
Filings	37,818	31,632	28,734
Dispositions	38,644	29,630	30,470
Jury Trials	6	0	3
Court Trials	5,215	1,257	1,788
Pending Cases 12/31	11,392	9,527	8,363

Note: Figures for jury trial dispositions are captured as recorded in JIS. The trial numbers exclude jury trials that end in settlements, directed verdicts or mistrials.

From 2012 to 2013, the Court saw the following changes in Circuit Civil and Associate Circuit Civil cases:

- Circuit Civil filings increased 6% court wide, 10% in Kansas City, but declined 4% in Independence.
- Circuit Civil dispositions increased 4%.
- The greatest percentage of Circuit Civil filings was again Personal Injury—Vehicular (16.3%) followed by Breach of Contract (10.3%).
- Associate Circuit Civil filings increased 13% court wide, 26% in Independence.
- The greatest percentages of Associate Circuit Civil filings were Suits on Account (26.3%), Breach of

Contract (22.1%), and Rent and Possession (19.3%) .

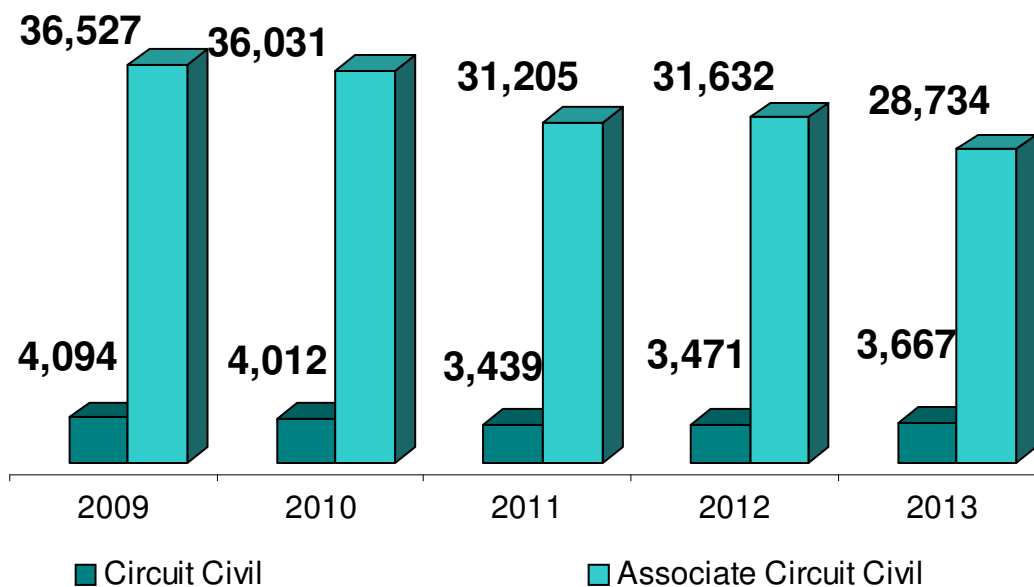
- Associate Circuit Civil cases met the State’s time standards for the Missouri fiscal year. Circuit Civil cases failed by 1% to meet the time standards.

Compared to 2009:

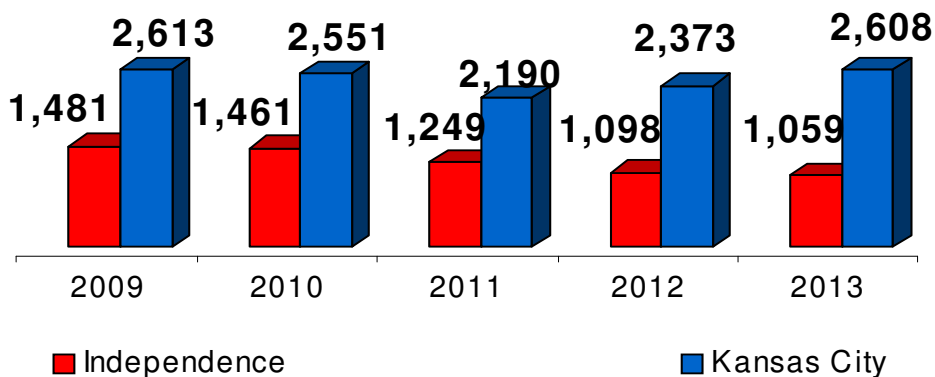
- Circuit Civil filings have declined 10%. Associate Circuit Civil filings have declined 24%.
- Jury trials in Circuit Civil cases have declined 26%.
- Pending caseloads have declined 8% for Circuit Civil and 27% for Associate Circuit Civil.

2013 Trends...

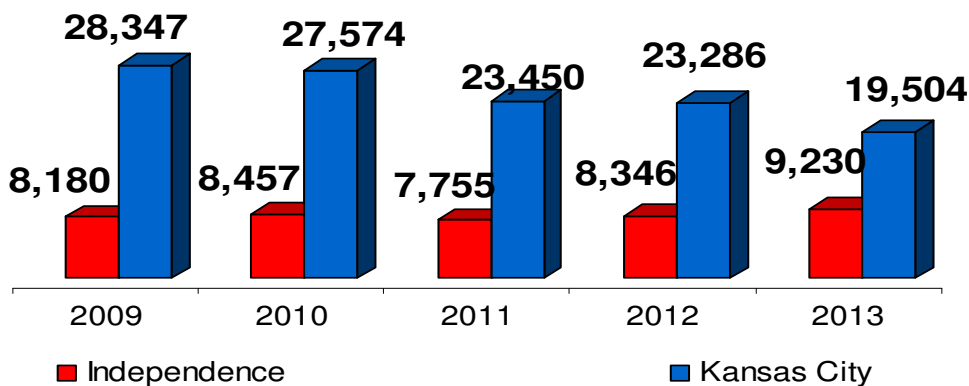
Circuit and Associate Circuit Civil Filings



Circuit Civil Filings



Associate Circuit Civil Filings



2013 Trends...

**Filings
by Case
Type**

CIRCUIT CIVIL						
Nature of Action	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
Pers Injury-Vehicular	554	514	511	471	599	16.3%
Breach of Contract	479	465	394	338	377	10.3%
Pers Injury-Other	271	336	340	314	302	8.2%
Other Tort	318	380	237	244	277	7.6%
Other Miscellaneous Actions	252	184	192	250	196	5.3%
Employmnt Discrmtn 213.111	176	188	177	235	191	5.2%
Pers Injury-Malpractice	110	103	111	93	119	3.2%
Quiet Title	83	108	77	116	119	3.2%
Reg Foreign Jgmt (excl DR)	126	122	96	131	118	3.2%
Contract-Other	55	66	57	51	109	3.0%
Suit on Account	109	112	69	58	97	2.6%
Replevin	154	96	88	72	94	2.6%
CAFA Forfeit 513.600-513.64	67	62	54	64	89	2.4%
Motn, Rules 29.15 or 24.035	126	120	105	113	83	2.3%
Wrongful Death	139	100	111	120	75	2.0%
Small Claims Trial de Novo	40	42	52	53	72	2.0%
Promissory Note	151	125	134	88	68	1.9%
Declaratory Judgment	77	95	59	64	67	1.8%
Other Real Estate Actions	106	115	110	86	64	1.7%
Property Damage	40	40	35	40	58	1.6%
Trial de Novo	52	52	44	55	58	1.6%
Out of State Witness	67	76	61	58	51	1.4%
Other Administrative Review	52	49	30	44	45	1.2%
Injunction	34	52	27	33	41	1.1%
TDN of DOR Decision	92	55	58	55	33	0.9%
DL Revoc Revw 302.311 RSMo.	21	12	19	25	30	0.8%
Refus Breath 302.750/577.04					29	0.8%
Rent and Possession	8	6	5	15	26	0.7%
Foreclosure	27	20	26	21	22	0.6%
Asbestos	6	11	9	14	21	0.6%
Temporary Restraining Order	26	34	15	19	17	0.5%
Pers Injury-Prod Liab	23	20	10	17	15	0.4%
Partition	13	9	9	16	11	0.3%
Eminent Domain/Condemn Oth	14	11	8	7	10	0.3%
Chppter 536 State Agcy Rvw	5	13	14	8	9	0.2%
Tax Action Other	19	6	2	8	9	0.2%
Specific Performance	9	18	10	6	8	0.2%
Appl to Enf Mechanics Lien	54	38	15	6	7	0.2%
Expunge/Correct Arrest Rec					7	0.2%
Other Extraordinary Remedy	45	28	28	29	6	0.2%
Habeas Corpus	5	3	7	4	5	0.1%
Exception	1	0	5	2	4	0.1%
Limit Dr Priv 302.309 RSMo	1	4	4	8	4	0.1%
Delinquent Taxes	55	82	1	2	4	0.1%
Unlawful Detainer					4	0.1%
Action Against Garnishee					3	0.1%
Expunge Criminal Records					3	0.1%
Landlord Complaint					3	0.1%
Will Contest 473.083	3	2	3	1	3	0.1%
Contempt					2	0.1%
Pers Injury-Fed Empl Liab	29	29	6	17	2	0.1%
Pro Forma					2	0.1%
	4,094	4,003	3,425	3,471	3,668	100.0%

Circuit Civil and Associate Circuit Civil

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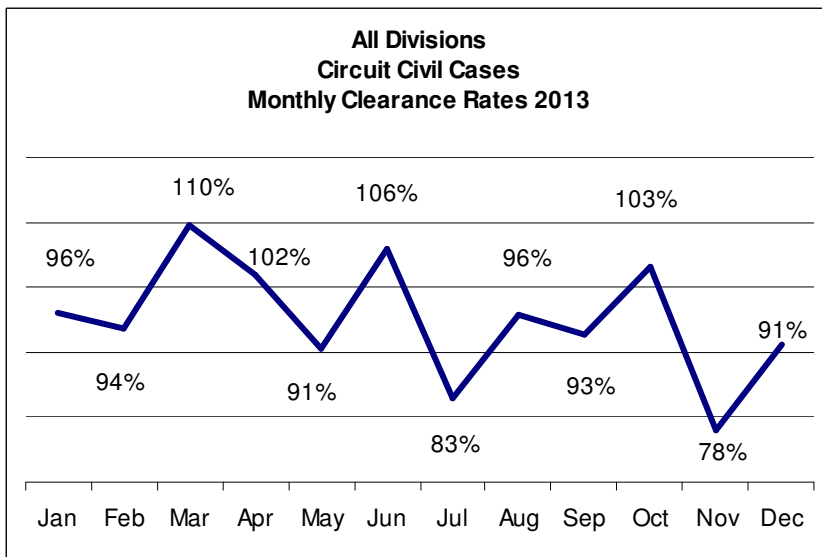
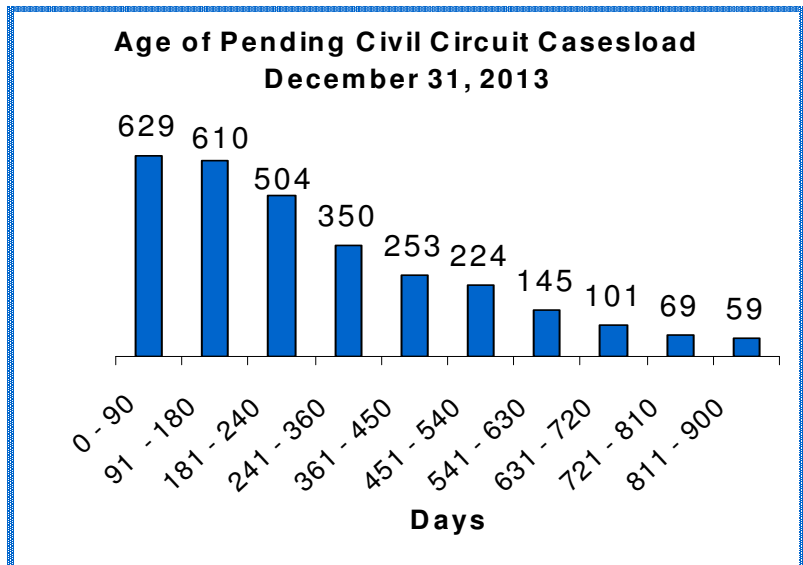
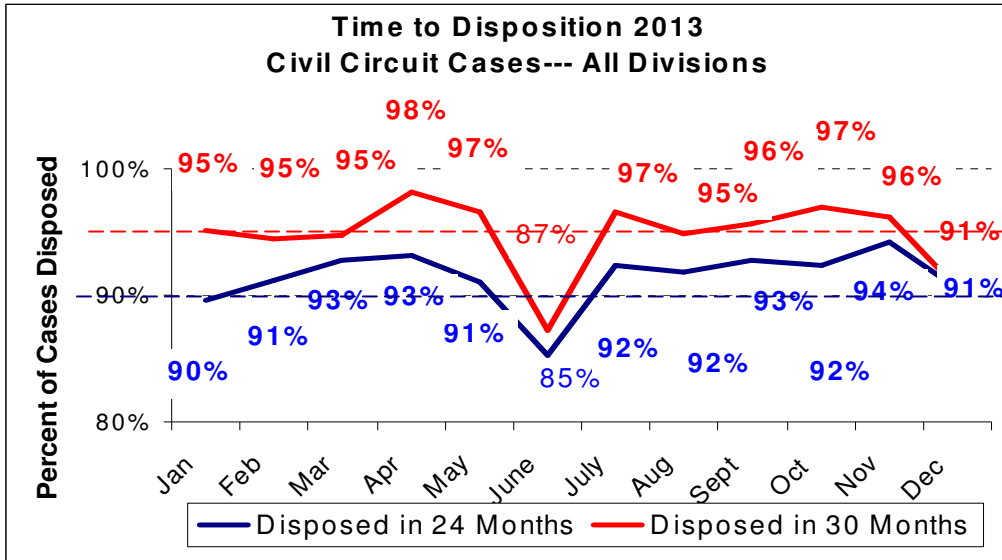
Filings by Case Type

ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT CIVIL

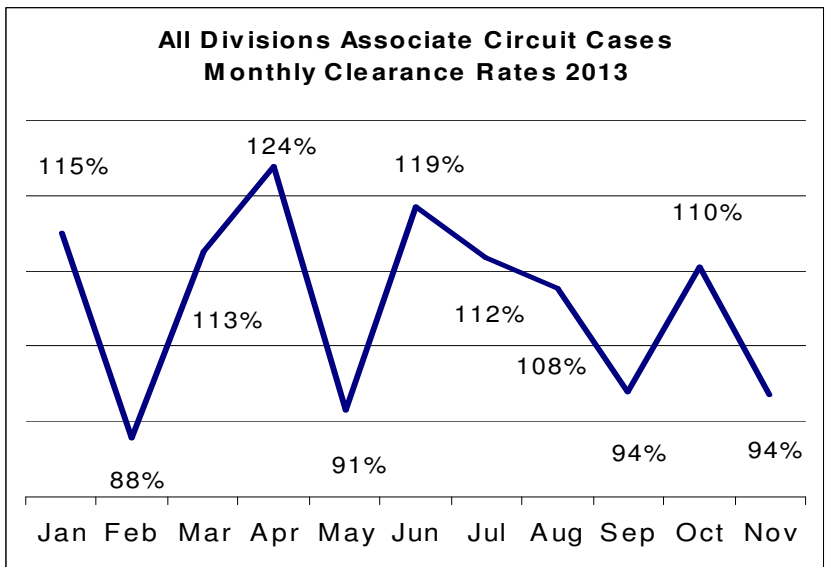
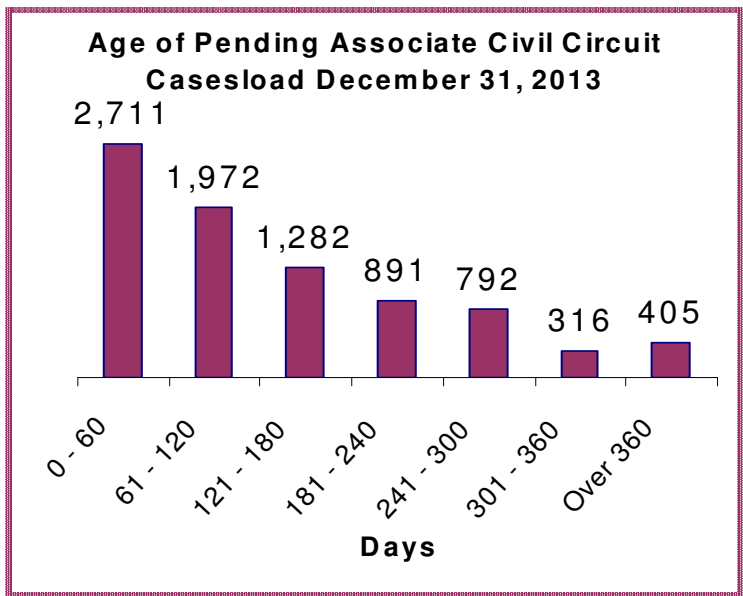
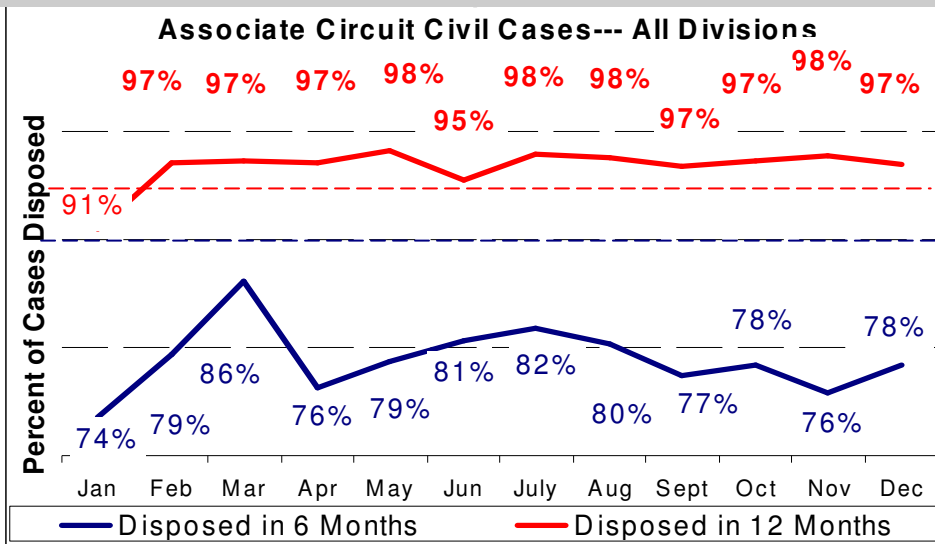
Nature of Action	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
Suit on Account	10,246	11,010	10,926	10,698	7,554	26.3%
Breach of Contract	8,834	8,314	5,764	5,400	6,343	22.1%
Rent and Possession	6,477	5,679	5,115	5,031	5,560	19.3%
Landlord Complaint	1,525	2,199	3,034	3,159	2,661	9.3%
Unlawful Detainer	1,645	1,867	1,740	1,625	1,244	4.3%
Small Claims over \$100	1,291	1,207	1,074	1,229	1,044	3.6%
Contract-Other	545	406	296	244	867	3.0%
Promissory Note	1,341	1,348	1,317	1,406	844	2.9%
Property Damage	562	611	548	516	557	1.9%
Delinquent Taxes	1,774	1,682	974	765	556	1.9%
Refus Breath 302.750/577.04	593	594	579	542	550	1.9%
Reg of Foreign Judgment	640	392	334	334	260	0.9%
Misc Associate Civil-Other	268	113	128	142	127	0.4%
Pers Injury-Vehicular	85	84	68	117	116	0.4%
Other Tort	245	131	39	68	87	0.3%
DL Revoc Rvw 302.311 RSMo	78	58	40	23	65	0.2%
Replevin	140	119	101	135	65	0.2%
Expunge/Correct Arrest Rec	22	28	24	24	35	0.1%
Limit Dr Priv 302.309 RSMo	29	21	28	26	32	0.1%
Declaratory Judgment	6	25	28	36	29	0.1%
Conceal Carry Appeal 571.114	17	14	22	22	28	0.1%
Other Real Estate Actions	37	44	29	15	25	0.1%
Other Administrative Review	79	29	17	19	22	0.1%
Pers Injury-Other	21	22	7	17	18	0.1%
Quiet Title	27	34	40	39	18	0.1%
Miscellaneous					34	0.1%
	36,527	36,031	32,272	31,632	28,741	100.0%

Circuit Civil and Associate Circuit Civil

2013 Performance Measurements



2013 Performance Measurements



From 2012 to 2013, the Court saw the following changes in Domestic Relations and Domestic Violence cases:

- Court wide, Domestic Relations case filings declined 1% and Domestic Violence filings declined 5%.
- Pro se filing for dissolutions with children fell by 2% in 2013 to 20%, and pro se filings for dissolutions with children fell from 34% in 2012 to 28% in 2013.
- Pending caseloads at the end of 2013 fell by 14% for Domestic Relations cases and by 11% for Domestic Violence cases.
- 7% fewer orders of protection were issued in 2013.

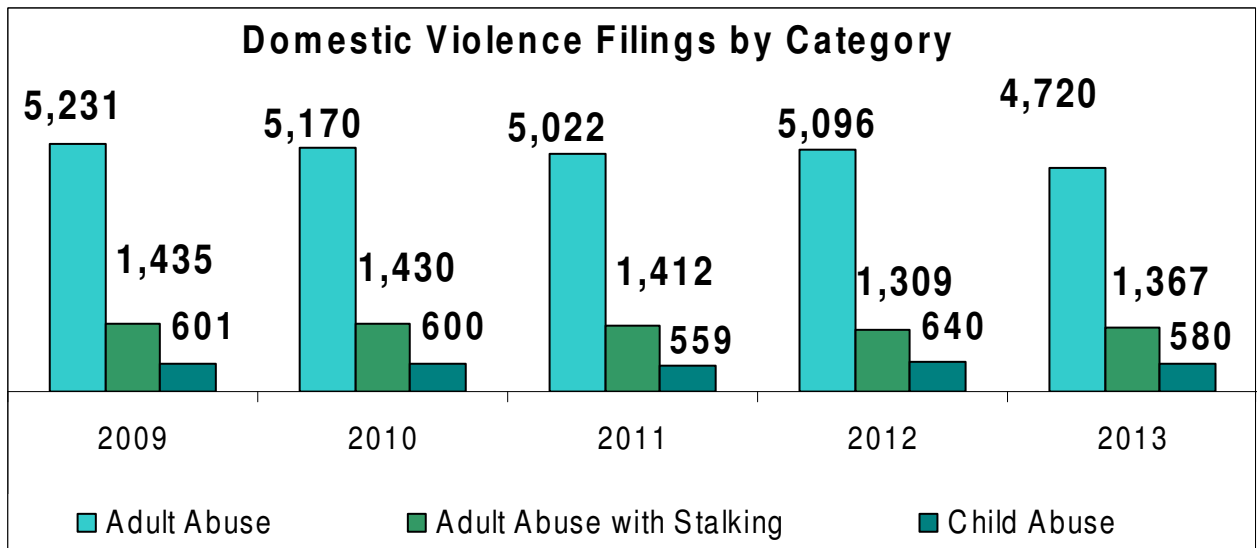
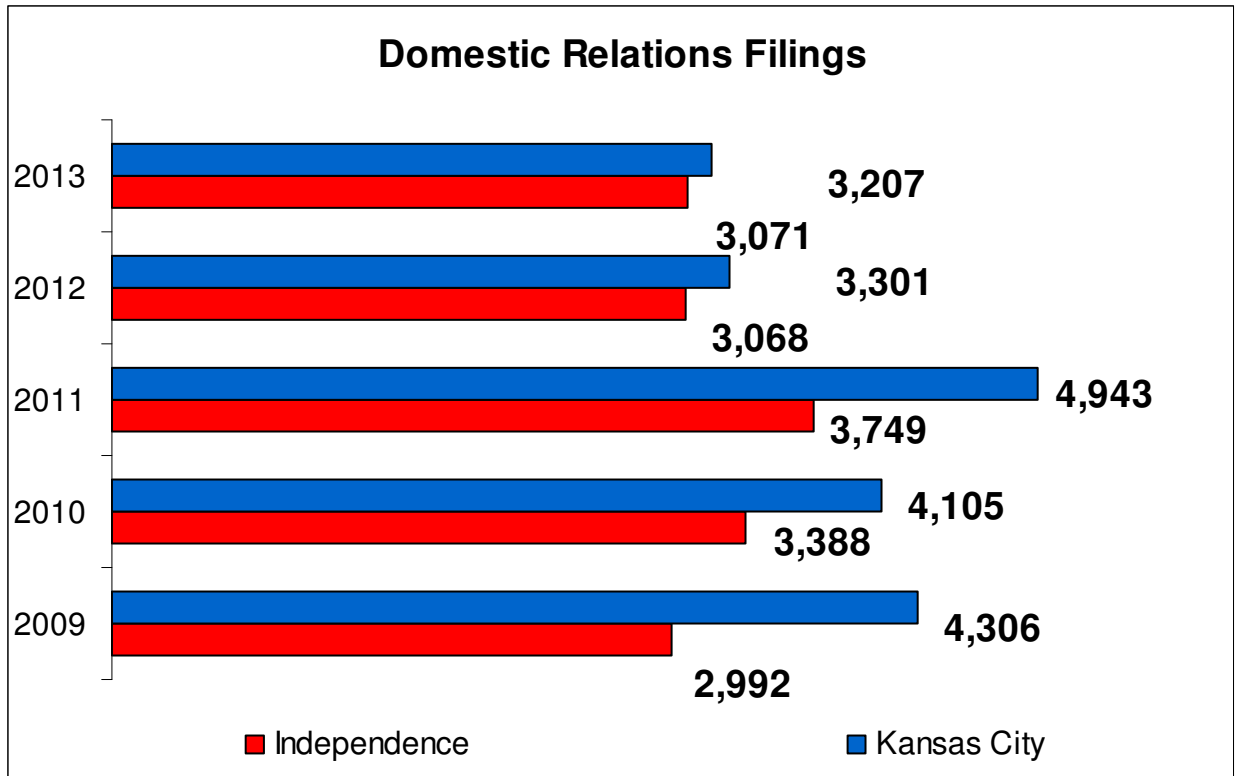
Compared to 2009:

- Court wide, Domestic Relations case filings declined 14% and Domestic Violence filings declined 10%.
- Ex parte orders of protection were entered for 60% of the Domestic Violence cases filed in 2013 as compared to 62% of the filings in 2009.
- Full orders of protection were entered in 19% of the cases filed in 2013 compared to 22% of the cases filed in 2009.
- Bench trials in Domestic Relations cases during 2013 were only 64% of those conducted in 2009.

Domestic Relations	2009	2012	2013
Filings	7,298	6,369	6,278
Dispositions	6,544	6,824	6,208
Court Trials	1,296	790	825
Pending Cases 12/31	4,850	4,338	3,728

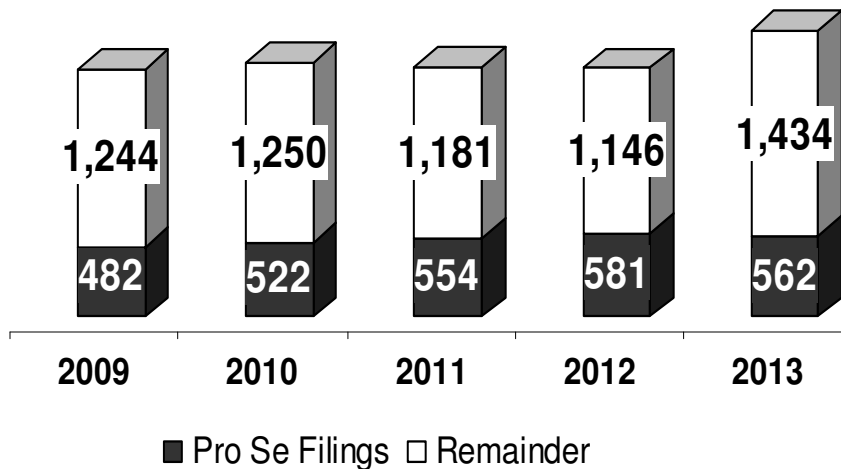
Domestic Violence	2009	2012	2013
Filings	7,411	7,031	6,671
Dispositions	7,322	7,069	6,946
Ex Parte Orders of Protector	4,603	4,844	4,022
Full Orders of Protection	1,661	1,400	1,300
Pending Cases 12/31	439	491	436

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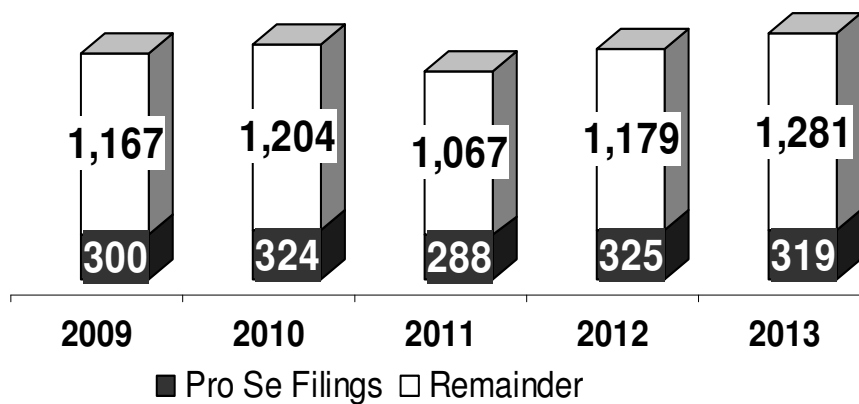


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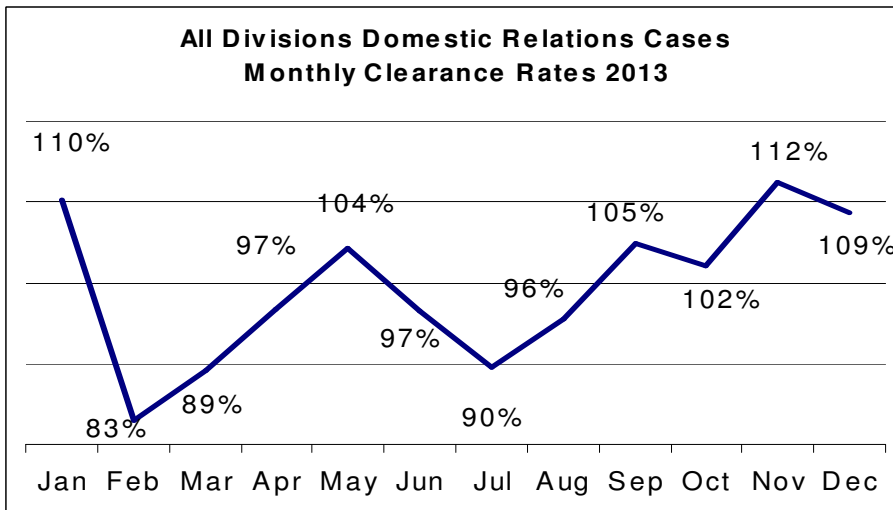
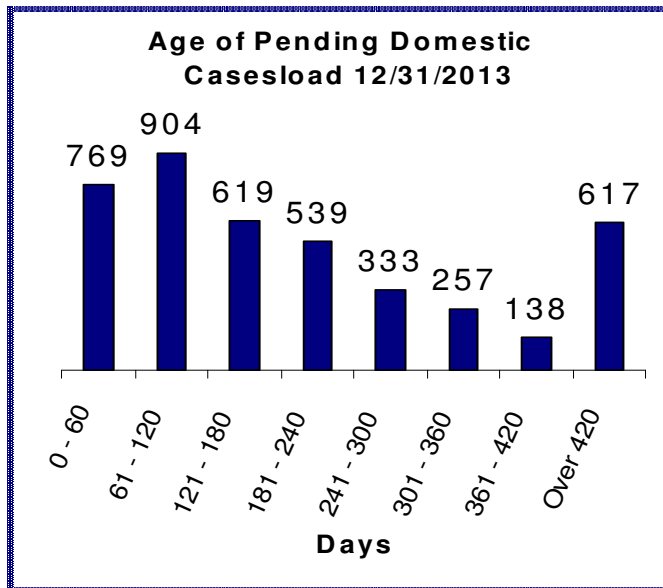
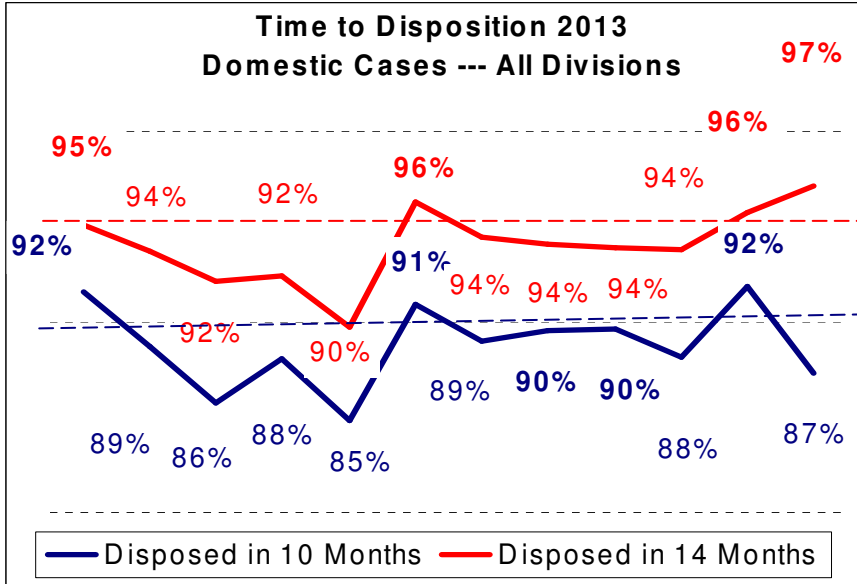
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Dissolutions w/ Children Filings

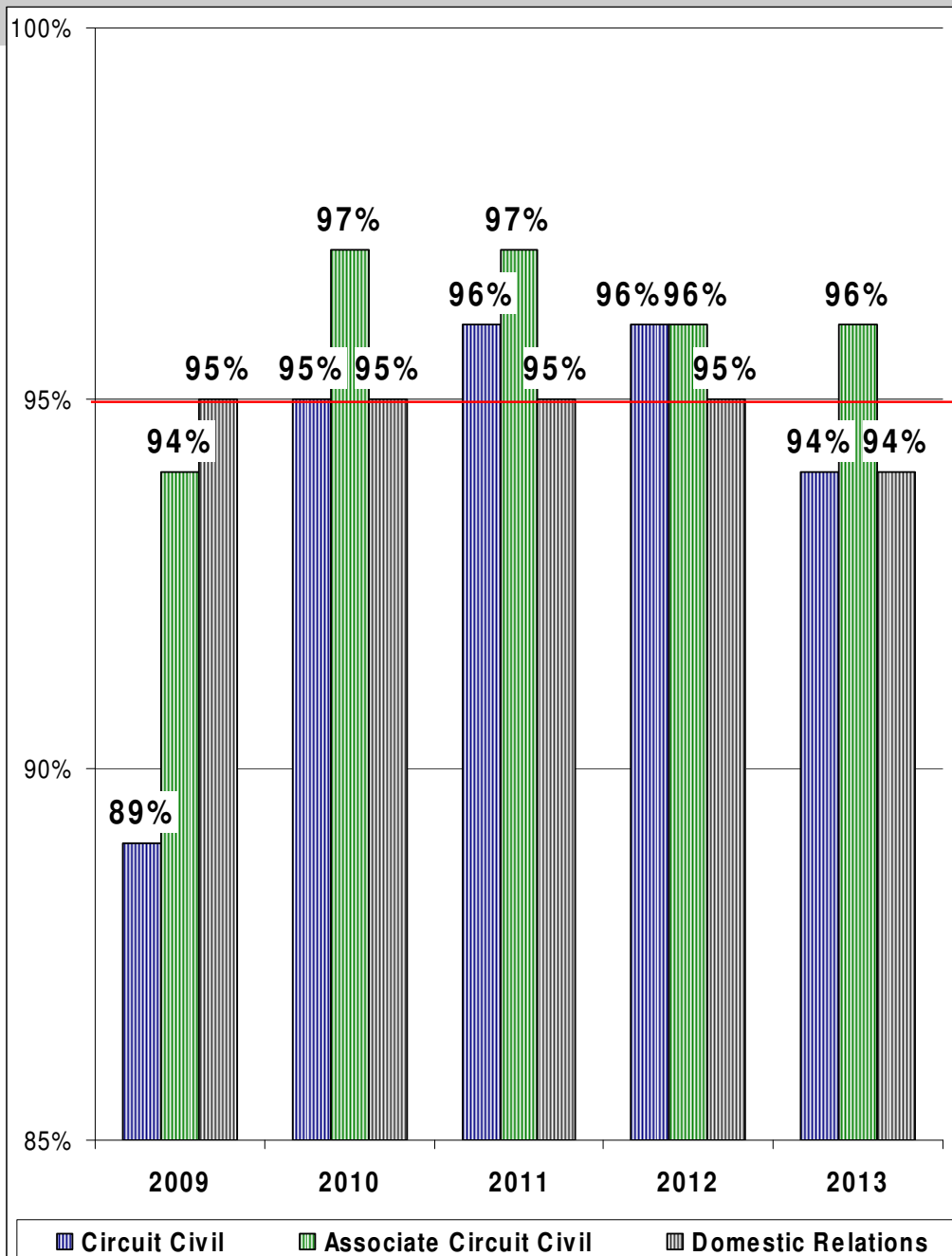


2013 Performance Measurements



Time Standards

The statewide time standard for circuit civil cases states that 95% of cases be disposed with 30 months. For associate circuit civil and domestic relations cases, the standards are for 95% to be disposed within 12 months and 14 months, respectively. The chart below illustrates the percentages of 16th Circuit cases meeting these standards.



The years shown are fiscal years of the State of Missouri which commence July 1 of the preceding year and continue through June 30 of the year shown.

Electronic filing in criminal cases launched on August 1, but only as it applies to subsequent filings, not initial/new case filings. With the current system, e-filing for criminal cases in this jurisdiction is considered a "hybrid" because prosecutors continue to use a combination of electronic and paper submissions to initiate a case. The Court must convert the paper to an electronic record. After initiation of the case, all parties must use the e-filing system for subsequent filings. Traffic, watercraft and conservation filings have been excluded from e-filing currently. As of now, March, 2014, the goal is to launch e-filing for those remaining case types in the next 18 months.

As part of the paper submissions for new case filings, the Court and the Prosecutor's Office continue to participate in the database transfer method known as "Karpel". Technical problems in this transfer system lengthen case processing times at case initiation over those that otherwise would be expected from e-filing. Karpel is equipped to transmit documents, but the interface/upgrade has not been completed to allow JIS to receive those transmittals. Until that link is built, electronic filing on criminal cases will remain only a hybrid, and additional clerical time and equipment must be invested on the Court's end to capture data and to scan paper documents that would be accomplished electronically were the link available.

The Department continued to examine workflow throughout all operations and to implement new, or to enhance existing, internal controls, concentrating in areas of fine and cost collection, arrest warrants, and new case intake and initiation. As certain clerical duties transition from paper to electronic, efforts are redirected to maximize existing staff and resources and to prepare for additional advances in electronic record keeping such as "e-casing" (total transfer of file from paper to electronic), e-filing for traffic, etc.

In conjunction with the Fiscal office, work continued on an extensive project to reconcile unresolved Criminal financial data and to prepare thousands of cases for payment plans, submission to the State's unclaimed property system, and to identify and resolve outstanding costs eligible for write-off per administrative order.

Felonies	2009	2012	2013
Filings	4,507	4,536	3,513
Dispositions	5,066	4,182	3,843
Jury Trials	62	33	34
Court Trials	29	15	9
Pending 12/31	5,118	5,628	5,314

Misdemeanors	2009	2012	2013
Filings	6,172	3,533	3,208
Dispositions	6,197	3,695	3,615
Court Trials	27	19	21
Pending 12/31	6,800	5,719	5,325

Search Warrants	2009	2012	2013
Filings	1,270	1,465	1,556
Dispositions	1,269	1,451	1,524

Note: Felony filing numbers are initial filings only and felony dispositions do not include bind overs or indictments. Figures for jury trials are captured as recorded in JIS. The trial numbers exclude jury trials that end in pleas or mistrials.

Comparing 2013 to 2012:

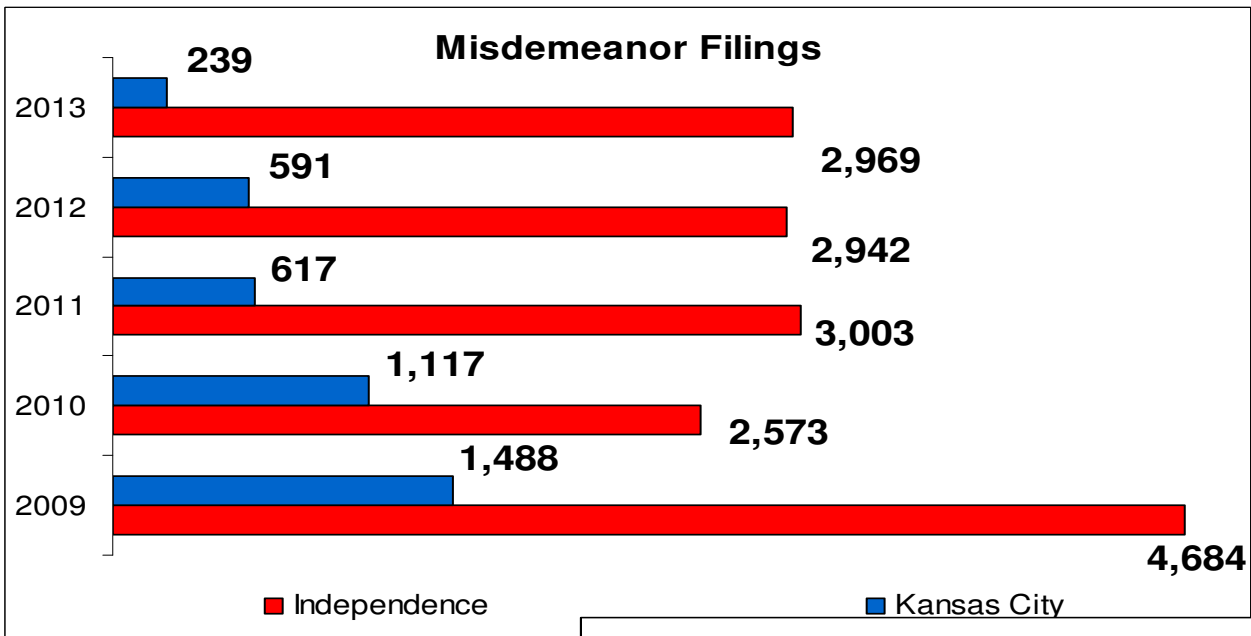
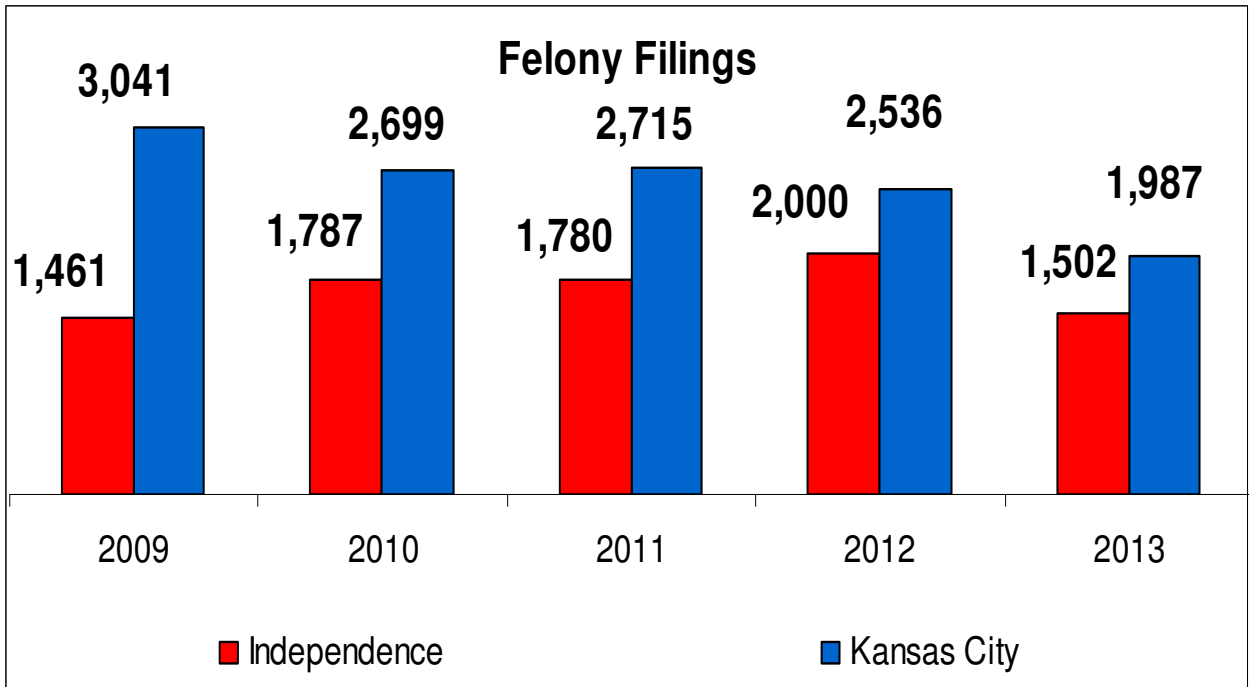
- Felony filings decreased 23%, and misdemeanor filings decreased 9%.
- The greatest percentage of charges in the felony filings were Drug (19%), followed by Theft/Stealing (9%), and then DWI charges (8%).
- The greatest percentage of charges in misdemeanor filings were Motor Vehicle Violations
- The number of search warrants issued have increased 6%.
- 2% of circuit felony dispositions failed to meet time standards.

Comparing 2013 to 2009:

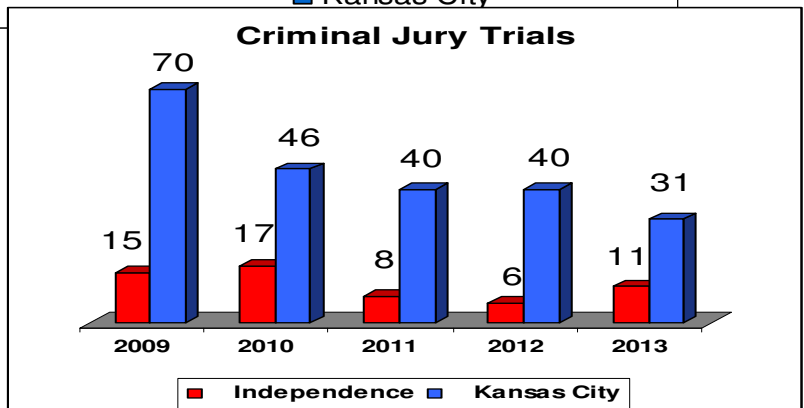
- Felony filings fell 22% and misdemeanor filings fell 48%.
- The number of search warrants issued have increased 23%.
- Recorded jury trials for felonies in 2013 are only 55% of the number recorded in 2009, and bench trials in 2013 are only 31% of those conducted in 2009.

2013 Trends...

Felonies and Misdemeanors



Note: Figures for jury trial dispositions are captured from division law clerk reports. Municipal Appeals jury trials are included. The trial numbers include jury trials that end in settlements, directed verdicts or mistrials.



2013 Trends...

Felonies and Misdemeanors

Felony case filings by charge code.

2013		
Associate Circuit Felony Filings By		
Charge	# Cases	%
Possess Controlled Substance	481	14%
Theft/Stealing > \$500 < \$25000	314	9%
Burglary 2nd Degree	242	7%
Tamper - 1st / Motr Veh	228	7%
Dwi--Alcohol--Persistent Offen	154	4%
Dst/Del/Mn/Atmpt To/Poss W/Int	140	4%
Forgery	138	4%
Passing Bad Check \$500 Or >	136	4%
Unlawful Use Weapon-sub 1-4	131	4%
Robbery 1st Degree	122	3%
Burglary 1st Degree	112	3%
Dom Aslt- 2nd Deg	105	3%
Dwi-Alcohol Aggrvatd Offndr	91	3%
Receiving Stolen Property	72	2%
Resist Arrest/Detent/Stop	66	2%
Assault 1st Deg-Serious Injury	51	1%
Robbery 2nd Degree	48	1%
DWR/DWS	43	1%
Dwi-Alcohol Chronic Offndr	41	1%
Murder 2nd Degree	41	1%
Abuse/Neglect Of A Child	34	1%
Dom Aslt- 1st Deg	32	1%
Assault 1st Degree	28	1%
Property Damage 1st Degree	27	1%
Possession Of Firearm	26	1%
Assault 2nd Degree	25	1%
Dom Aslt 1st Deg Ser Physi Inj	21	1%
Fraud-Attempt/Obtain Contr Sub	20	1%
Theft/Stealing-Value < \$500	20	1%
Fugitive From Out Of State	19	1%
Stat Sodmy-1st-Dev Sx Int-<12	19	1%
Remaining Cases and Charges	17	13%
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2013 Trends...

Felonies and Misdemeanors

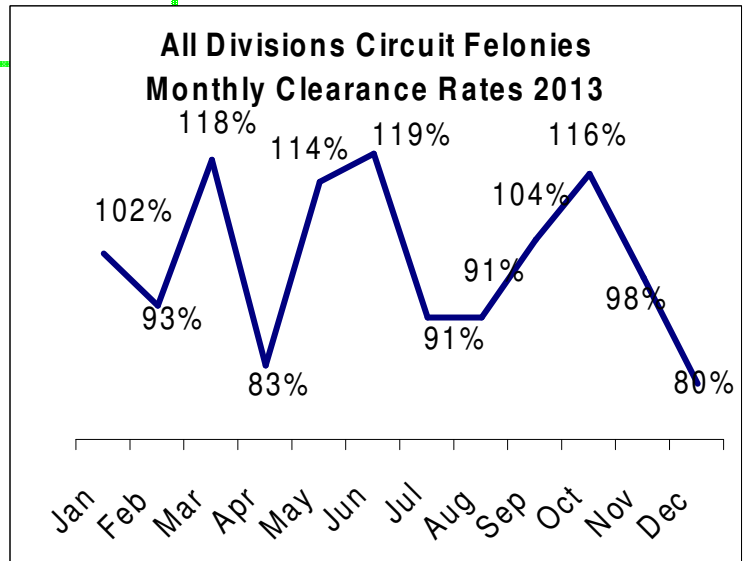
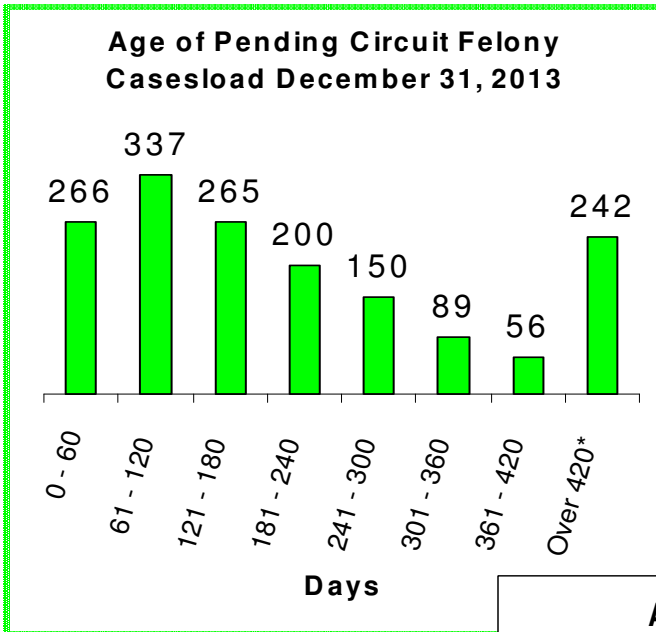
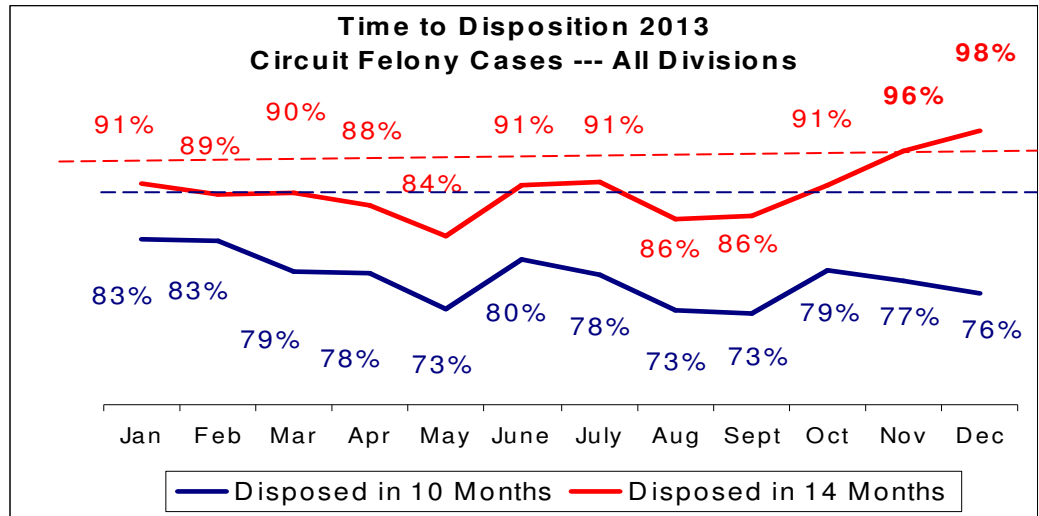
Misdemeanor
case filings by
charge code.

2013		
Associate Circuit Misdemeanor Filings		
By Charge	# Cases	%
Fail Maintn Financ'l Respsblty	821	26%
Failure To Register Motor Veh	452	14%
DWR/DWS - 1st Offense	359	11%
Dwi--Alcohol	278	9%
Oper MV W/O Valid DL - 1st Off	196	6%
Oper Veh Wth Poor Brakes	185	6%
DWR/DWS - 2nd Or Subsq't Offens	98	3%
Op Othrs MV W/ No Financ'l Resp	84	3%
Pass Bad Check < \$500	82	3%
Possess Up To 35 Grms Marijuana	66	2%
Unlawfl Use Of Drug Parphrnlia	55	2%
Dwi--Alcohol--Prior Offender	47	1%
Violate Adult Protection Order	46	1%
Trespassing-2nd Degree	27	1%
Fail To Drv Within Single Lane	25	1%
Theft/Stealing-Value < \$500	23	1%
Non-Support	22	1%
Oper Veh W/ Vision Reducng Mtr	19	1%
Res/Int W/Arrest, Det, Stop	18	1%
Dsply Invl'd Evd-Liab'ty Insur	17	1%
Op Mtrcycl W/O Vlid DL-1st Off	17	1%
Remaining Cases and Charges	267	8%

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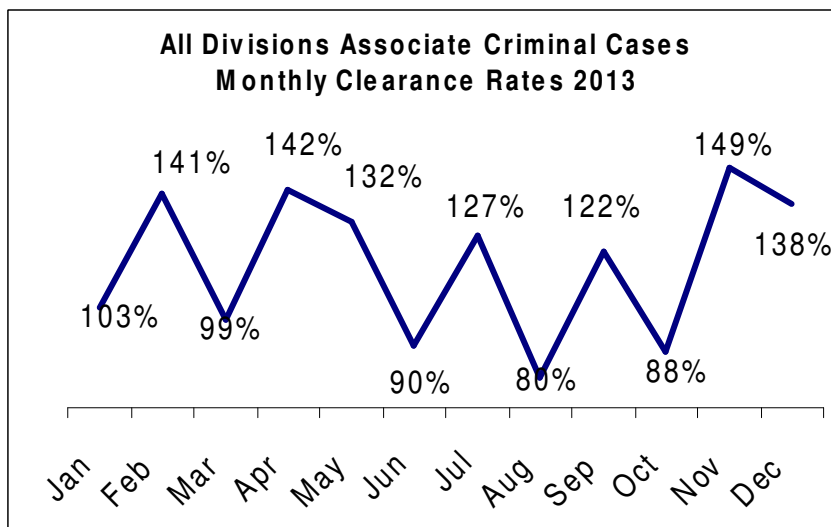
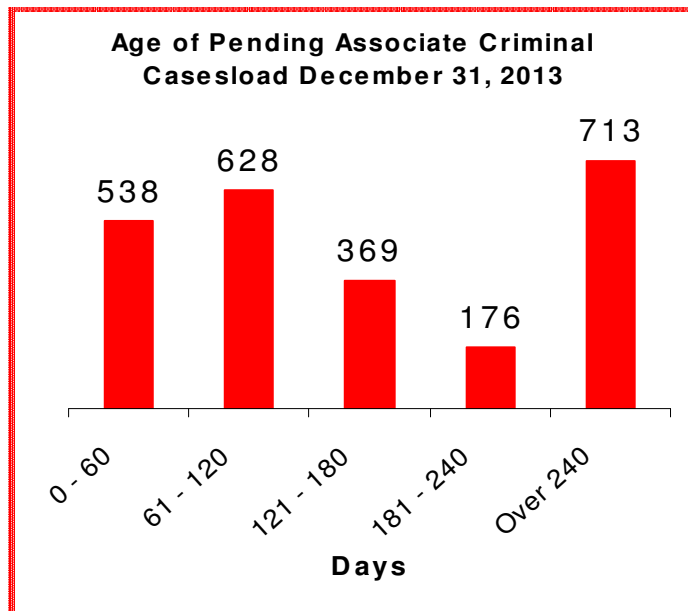
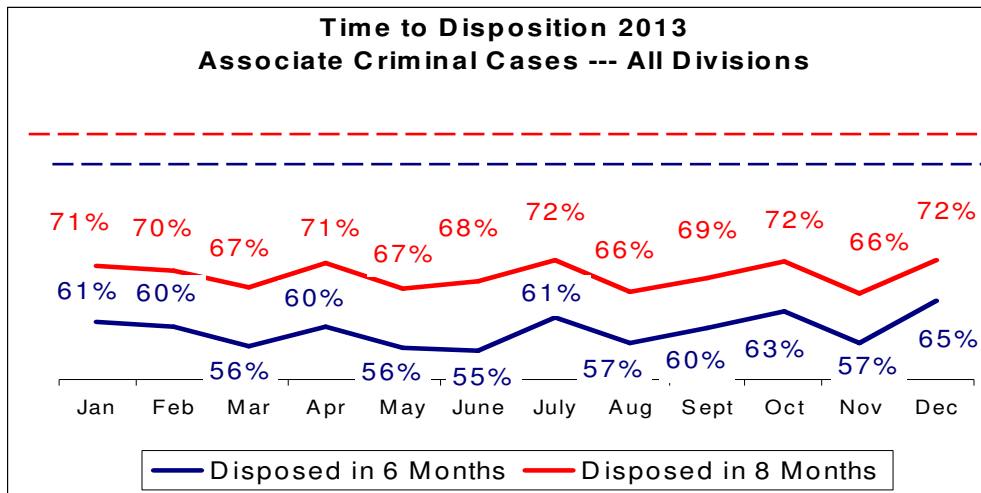
2013 Performance Measurements

Felonies and Misdemeanors



2013 Performance Measurements

Felonies and Misdemeanors



Traffic	2009	2012	2013
Filings	5,190	4,199	3,937
Dispositions	5,753	3,908	4,654
Court Trials	43	20	19
Pending 12/31	2,436	1,887	1,835

Municipal Appeals	2009	2012	2013
Filings	344	321	260
Dispositions	379	304	258
Jury Trials	3	3	5
Court Trials	23	14	29
Pending 12/31	205	107	113

Note: Figures for jury trial dispositions are captured as recorded in JIS. The trial numbers exclude jury trials that end in settlements, directed verdicts or mistrials.

Comparing 2013 to 2012:

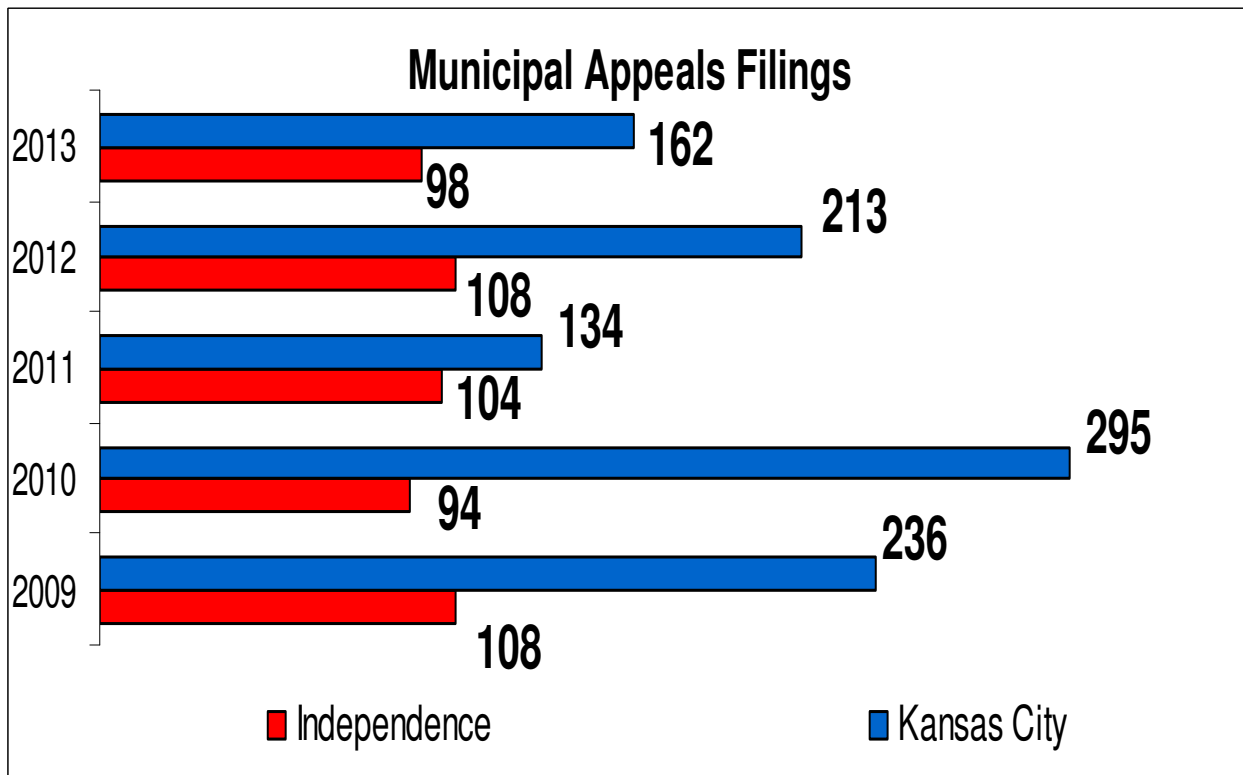
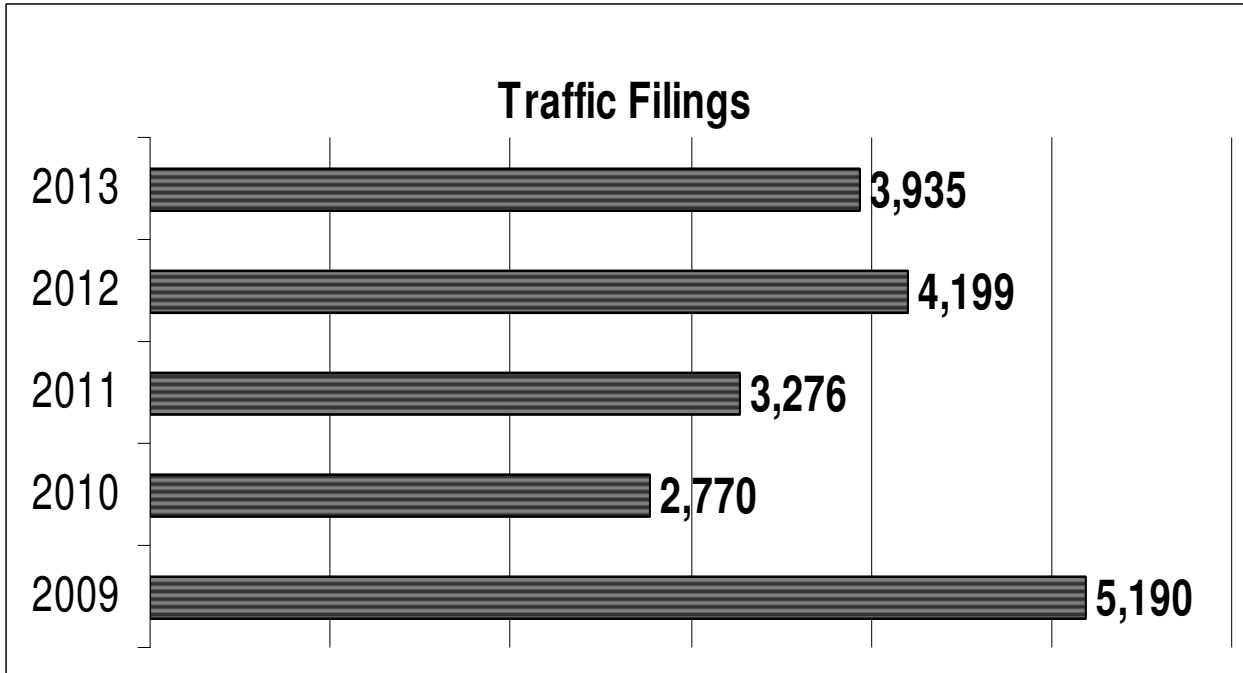
- Traffic case filings decreased 6%.
- Municipal appeals case filings decreased 19%.
- Traffic dispositions increased 19%, and pending traffic cases at the end of 2013 decreased 3%.
- The number of Municipal Appeals disposed decreased 15%, and pending caseloads for municipal appeals at the end of 2013 increased 6%.

Comparing 2013 to 2009:

- Traffic case filings decreased 24%.
- Municipal Appeals case filings decreased 24%.
- Bench trials in Traffic cases decreased 56%.
- Traffic dispositions decreased 29%, and pending Traffic cases at the end of 2013 decreased 25%.
- Municipal Appeals case dispositions decreased 32%, and pending caseloads for Municipal Appeals at the end of 2013

2013 Trends...

Traffic/ Municipal Appeals



Drug Court	2009	2012	2013
Filings	310	302	251
% Court Wide Drug Charge Filings	19%	26%	38%
Dispositions	379	219	264
Successfully Completed	202	143	163
Pending 12/31	594	525	539

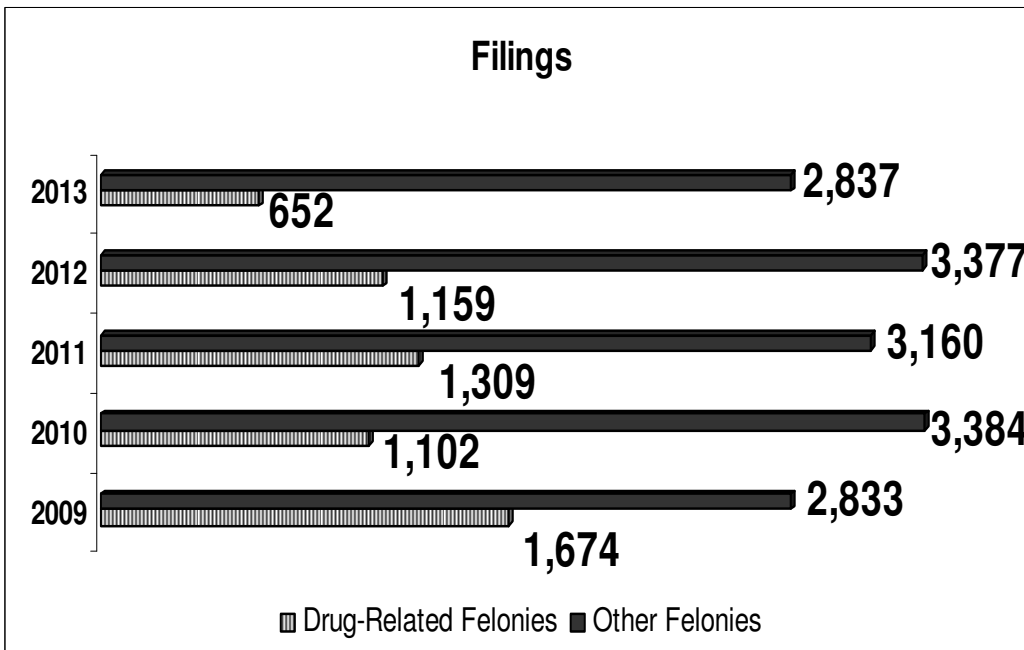
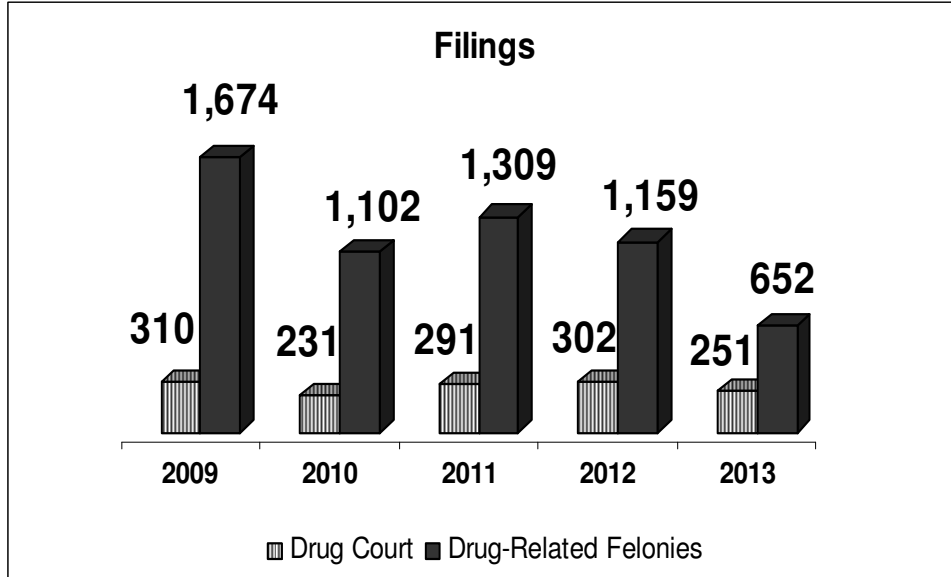
Comparing 2013 to 2012:

- Filings in the Drug Treatment Court decreased 17%.
- Although the percentage of drug-related felony filings decreased from 26% in 2012 to 19% in 2013, the percentage of those cases transferred to the Drug Court increased from 26% in 2012 to 38% in 2013.
- Treatment court cases closed increased 21%.
- Participants who successfully graduated the Drug Court program increased 14%..
- The defendants in Drug Court at the end of 2013 increased 3%.

Comparing 2013 to 2009:

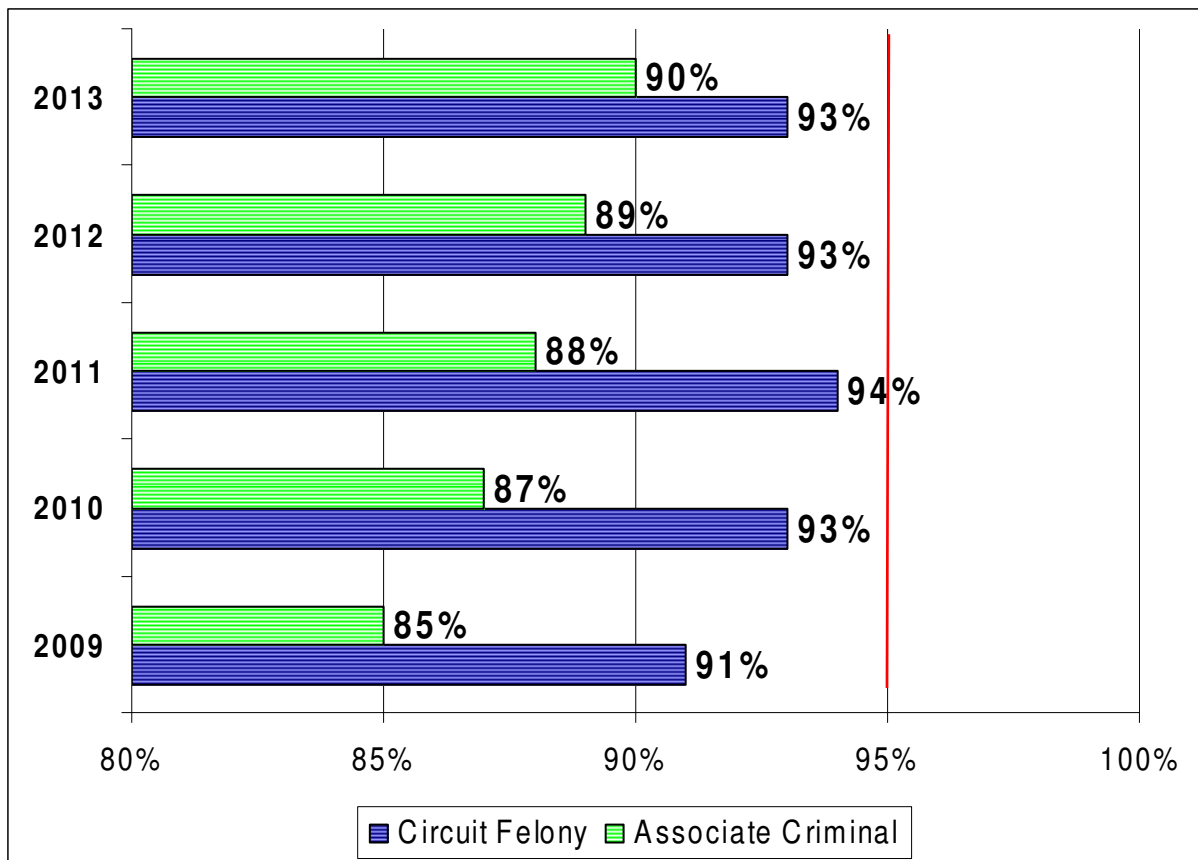
- Filings decreased 19%.
- Even as drug felony filings decreased from 37% of all felony filings in 2009 to 19% of all felony filings in 2013, the drug-related felonies referred to Drug Court increased from 19% in 2009 to 38% in 2013.
- Treatment court cases closed increased 30%.
- Participants who successfully graduated the Drug Court program decreased 19%.
- The defendants in Drug Court at the end of 2013 decreased 9%.

2013 Trends...



Time Standards

The statewide time standard for circuit felony cases states that 95% of cases be disposed within 14 months. For associate criminal cases (associate felonies, misdemeanors and municipal appeals), the standard is 95% disposed within 8 months. The chart below illustrates the percentages of 16th Circuit cases meeting these standards.



Note: Percentages shown are based on the State fiscal year commencing July 1 of the preceding year and ending June 30 of the year shown.

Probate jumped on the e-Filing bandwagon in 2013. In March 2013, Probate commenced work flow meetings to ready the Division/Department for a September implementation date. Our management team met twice weekly to discuss all areas of our department and how each would be affected with this major change in case processing. Attention was given to developing training for attorneys in order to prepare the Bar for this change in how cases and service would be processed. We identified forms, procedures and areas of our website which would need to be updated. We continued to back scan files and used special assistance funds to accomplish a part of this task. Although we have a long way to go to get our pending case files fully scanned, we keep plugging away by scanning all cases on weekly dockets. Everything received since September 9th is electronic and, within the next year, we hope to be dealing with a lot less paper.

Probate went live with e-Filing on September 9th. Although we continue to tweak work flow, after six months, we seem to be moving smoothly, and our team has gained expertise with electronic stamps, signatures and Adobe documents.

Our Independence Office is looking forward to the Jackson County renovation of the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse at 308 West Kansas. Our staff has outgrown an area originally intended for four people but now housing seven. Once the renovations are completed, Probate will have our very own Courtroom as well as a larger office space for staff. This will open up more docket space for estates filed in Independence.

Probate	2009	2012	2013
Filings	1,542	1,598	1,585
Dispositions	1,246	1,195	1,257
Pending 12/31	7,106	7,332	7,667
Abbreviated Probate Matters	1,142	1,231	1,421
Mental Health Matters	1,153	1,310	1,339

Comparing 2013 to 2012:

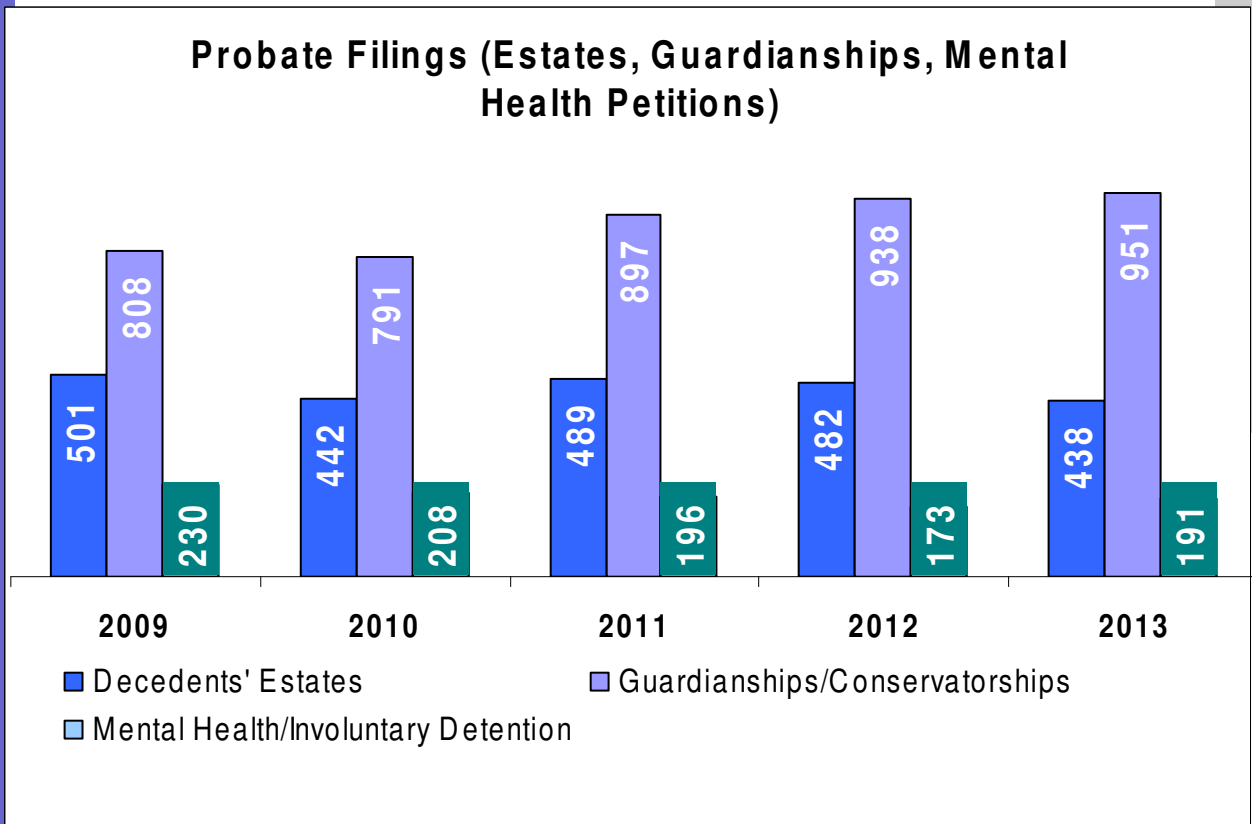
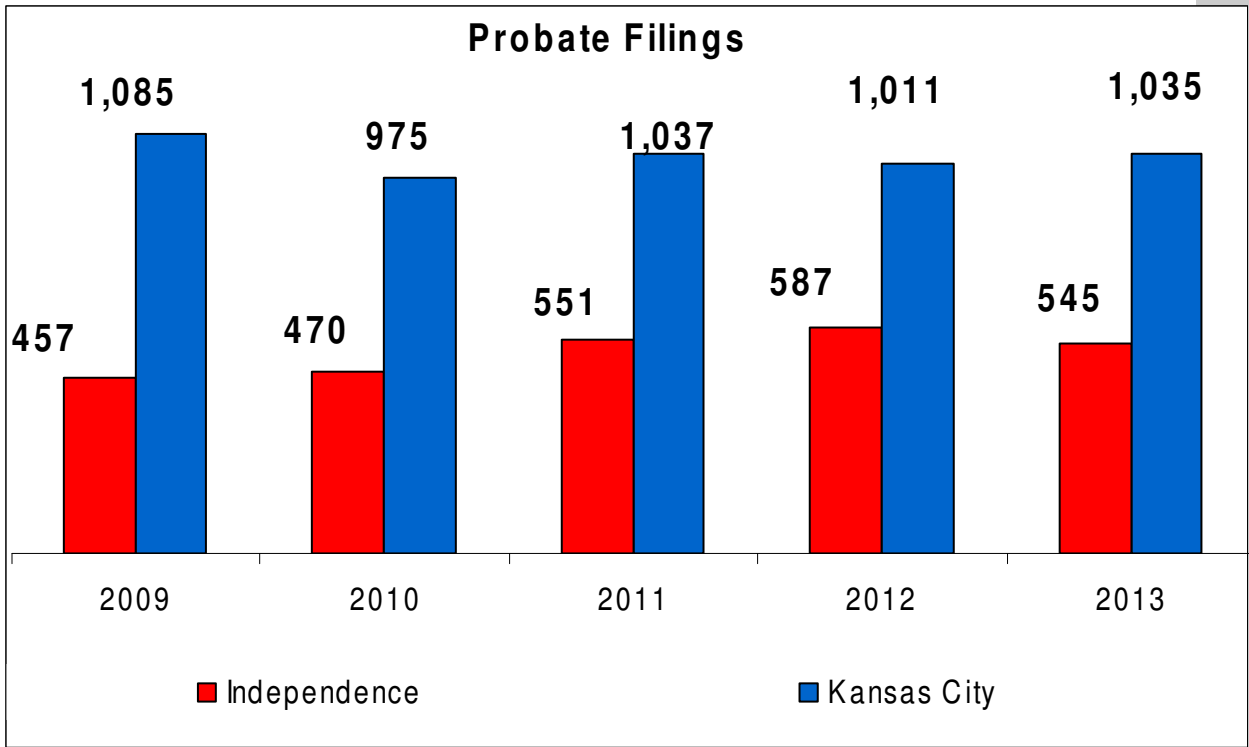
- Filings of non-abbreviated probate matters decreased 1%.
- Although decedent estate filings continued to decrease (11% in 2013 compared to 2012), the number of adult guardianship/conservatorship filings increased 5%.
- Dispositions increased 5%, but the number of cases pending at the end of 2013 increased as well to 2%.
- Mental health filings increased 2%; abbreviated probate matters increased 15%.

Comparing 2013 to 2009:

- Filings of non-abbreviated probate matters increased 3%.
- Decedent estate filings decreased 14%; adult guardianship/conservatorship filings increased 9% ; and minor guardianship/conservatorship filings increased 24%.
- Dispositions increased 8% , and cases pending at the end of 2013 increased 16%.
- Mental health filings increased 16%; abbreviated probate matters filed increased 24%.

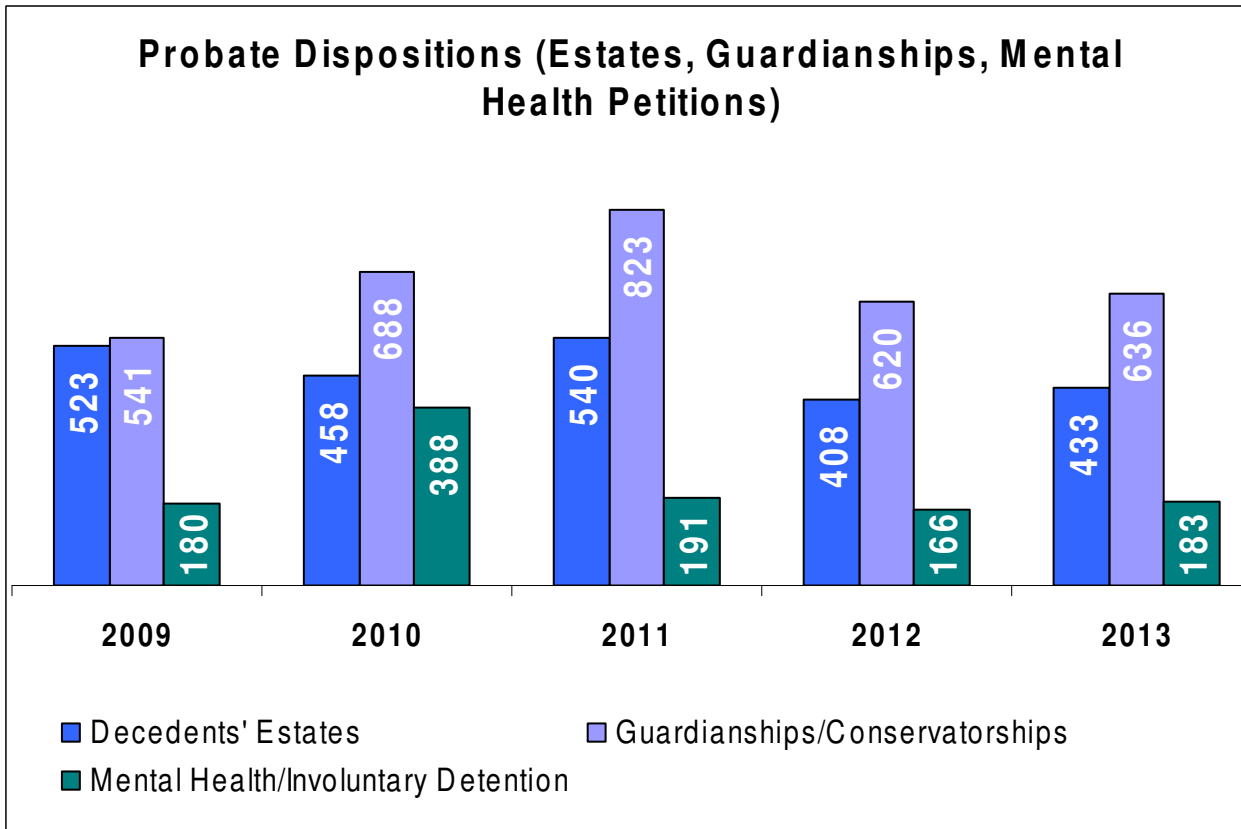
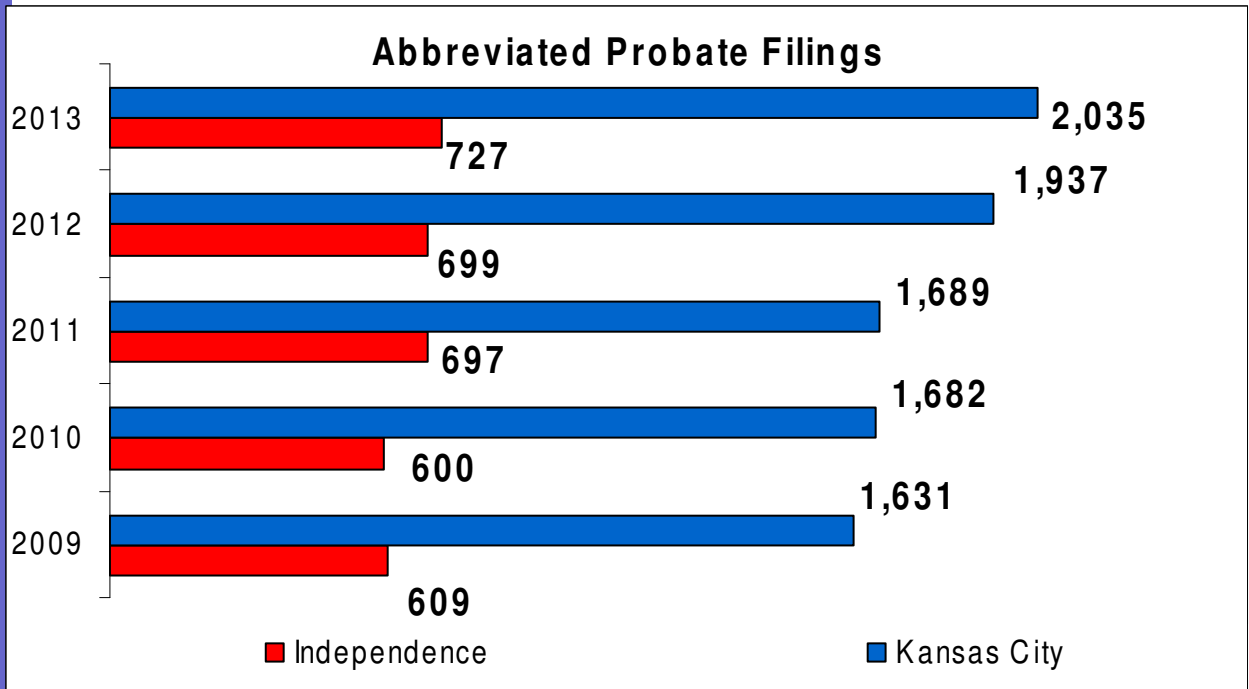
2013 Trends...

Probate Filings



2013 Trends...

Probate Filings/Dispositions



Formal Filings by Person (Motions to Modify included)			
	2009	2012	2013
Abuse-Neglect	987	1,222	940
Delinquency	662	497	381
Status Offenses	82	59	37
Adoptions	351	416	356
Termination Parental Rights	103	180	113
Referrals			
	2009	2012	2013
Abuse-Neglect	1,178	1,390	1,289
Delinquency	1,568	1,311	1,149
Status Offenses	38	83	47
Delinquency Filings by Charges			
	2009	2012	2013
Violent	101	115	185
NonViolent	179	140	108
Drug	57	57	27
Property	505	346	277
Other Offenses	171	107	115
Certifications			
	2009	2012	2013
Filings	46	45	64
Cases Certified	12	8	9
Youth Placed in Residential			
	2009	2012	2013
Hilltop	76	29	65
McCune	61	25	Closed
Programs and Services			
	2009	2012	2013
Field Services Assigned Cases	477	287	482
Mediation	449	471	591
Actual Visits/Exchanges	839	1,479	1,081
Parent Awareness	2,808	2,628	2,725
Prevention & Diversion	1368	846	744

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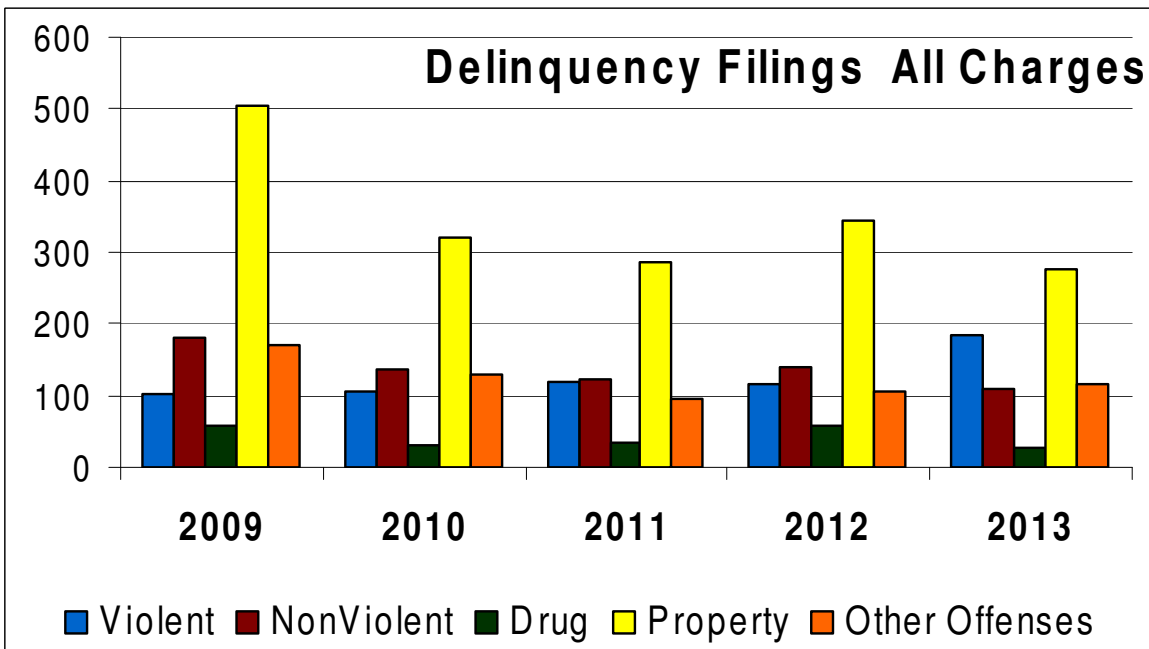
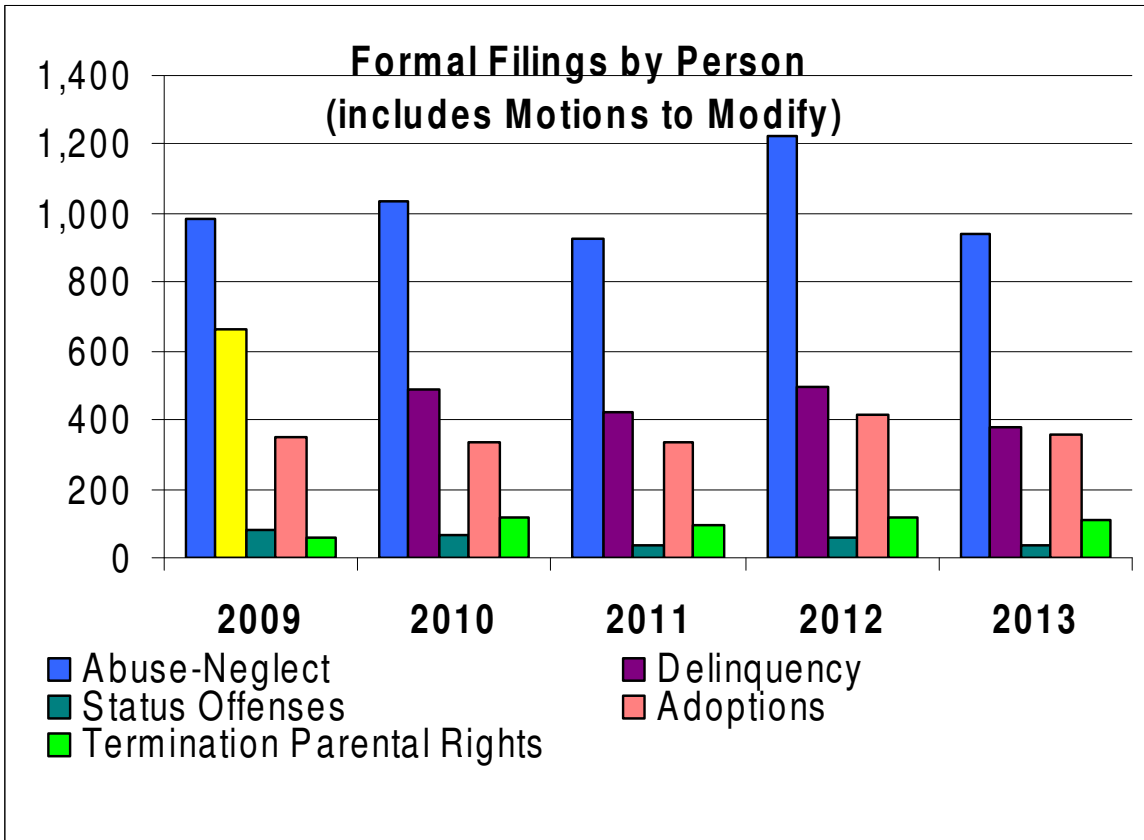
- Formal filings decreased 23%
- Delinquency filings decreased 23%; filings for violent crimes increased 61% .
- Referrals decreased 11%.
- Certification filings increased 42%, cases certified increased 13%.
- Cases assigned to Field Services increased 68%, mediations increased 25% and parent awareness increased 4%.

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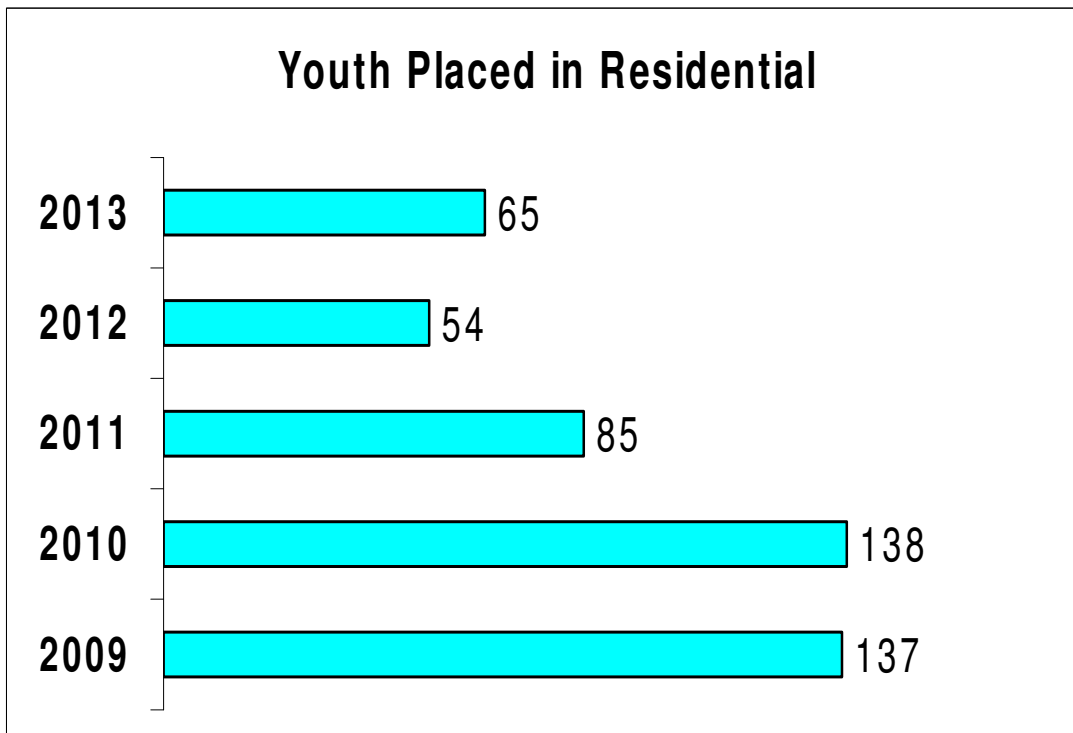
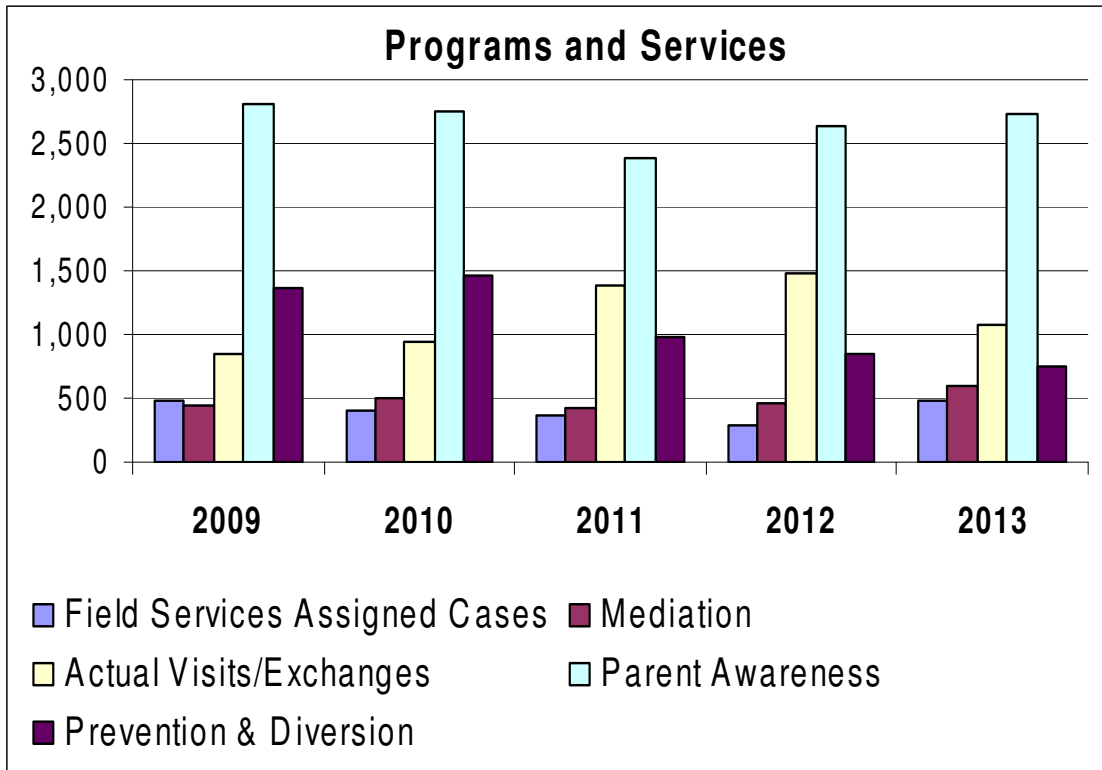
- Formal filings decreased 16%.
- Delinquency filings decreased 42%; filings for violent crimes increased 83%.
- Referrals decreased 11%.
- Certification filings increased 39%; cases certified decreased 25%.
- Cases assigned to Field Services increased 1%, mediations increased 32%, and actual visits and supervised exchanges increased 29%.

2013 Trends...

Formal Filings



2013 Trends...



Civil Process	2009	2012	2013
Pre-Judgment Process			
Number Served	19,578	16,741	14,479
% Served	68%	65%	64%
Bad Addresses	5,486	4,538	3,997
Unable to Contact	3,836	4,430	4,101
Total	28,901	25,710	22,578
Post-Judgment Process			
Levies & Garnishments	22,214	22,439	18,211
Evictions	4,268	3,735	3,700
Attachments & Replevins	231	56	48
Protective Orders Served	1,364	1,021	966
Protective Orders Unable to Cont	4,805	4,157	3,665
Total	32,882	31,408	26,590
Total Papers Served	61,783	57,118	49,168
Delinquent Land Tax Sales			
Parcels Offered for Sale	713	1,256	1,103
Parcels Sold	192	394	460
Gross Revenue Generated (\$)	899,204	2,422,699	2,259,653

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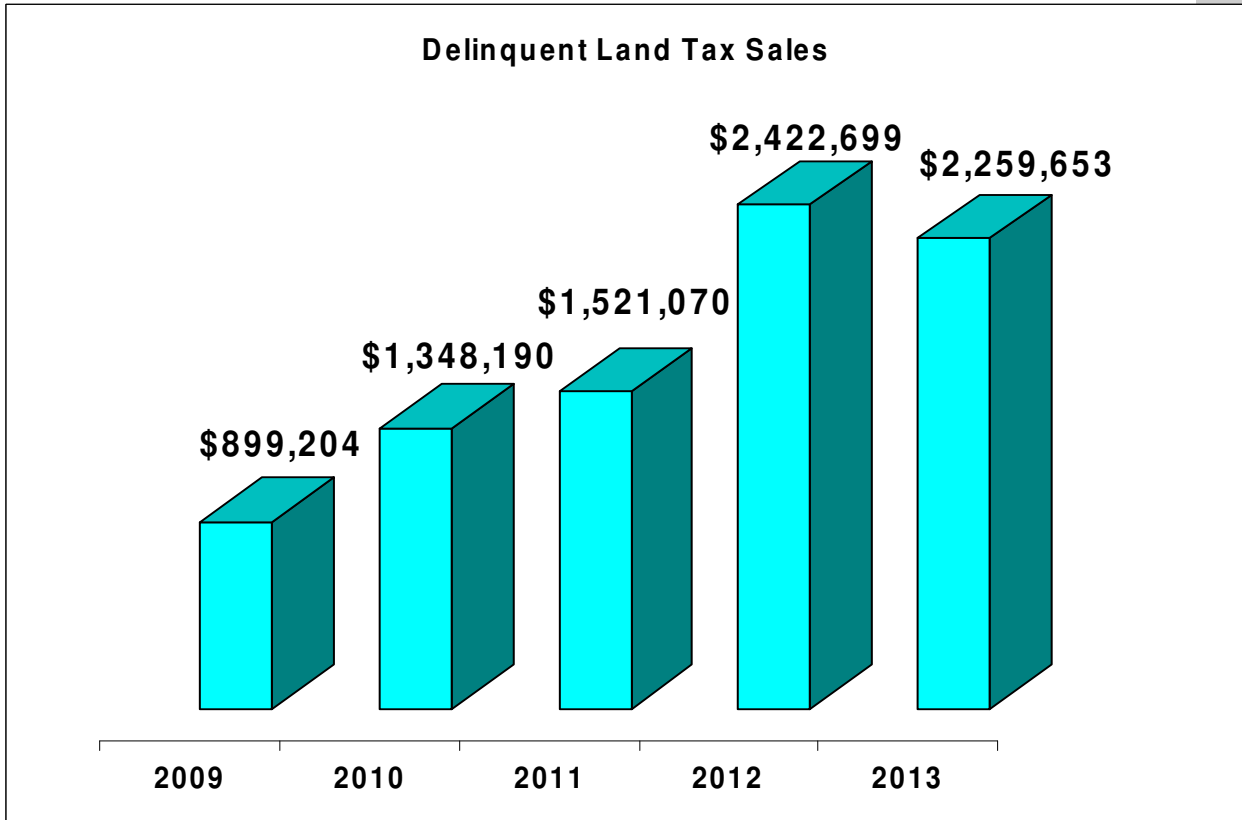
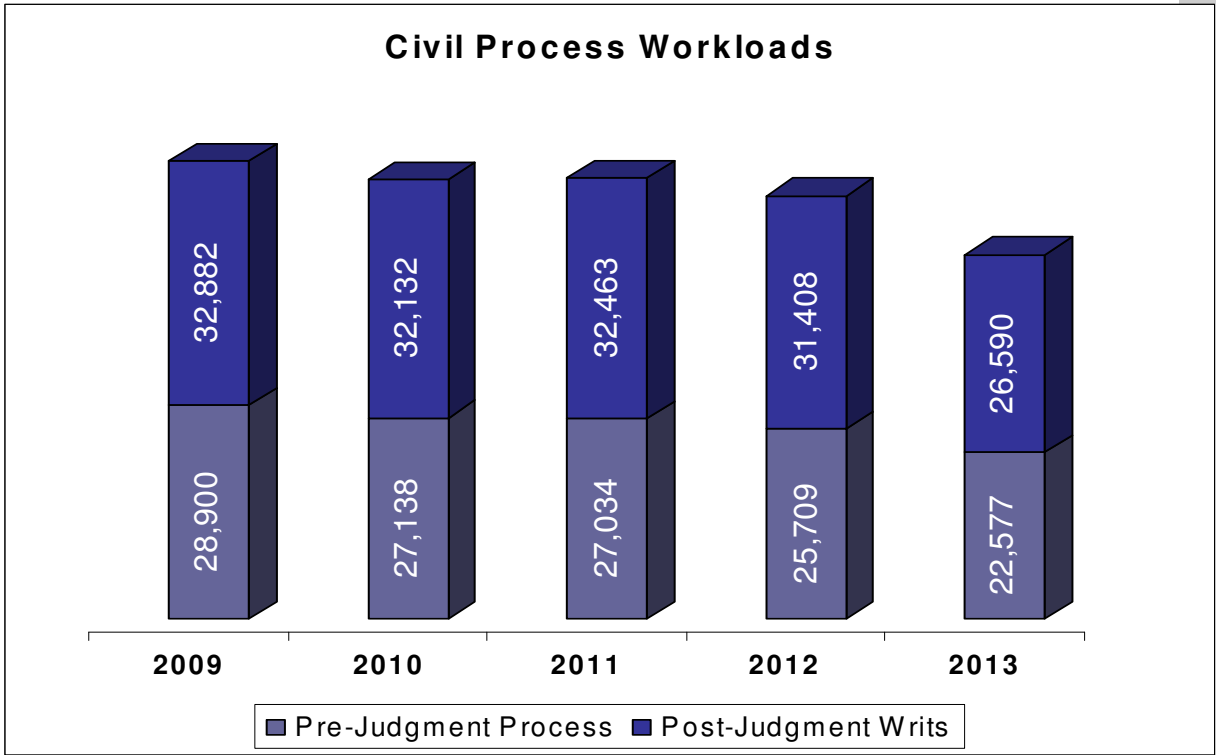
- 12% fewer pre-judgment papers were received for service, and 15% fewer post-judgment papers were received.
- The service rate declined on pre-judgment process from 65% in 2012 to 64% in 2013.
- Although parcels offered for sale at the delinquent land tax sale decreased 12% and the gross revenue declined 7%, there were 17% more parcels sold.

Comparing 2013 to 2009:

- 22% fewer pre-judgment papers were received for service, and 19% fewer post-judgment papers were received.
- The service rate declined on pre-judgment process from 68% in 2009 to 64% in 2013.
- 55% more parcels were offered for sale at the delinquent land tax sale, 240% more parcels were sold, and the gross revenue received was 251% more.

2013 Trends...

Process Service and Executions/ DLT



		2009	2012	2013
		Trials		
	Civil	96	80	70
	Criminal	85	46	42
	Total	181	126	112
		Available Jurors		
	Independence	4,753	3,551	3,906
	Kansas City	13,222	11,445	11,043
	Total	17,975	14,996	14,949
		Jurors Sent to Divisions		
	Independence	2,117	1,728	2,086
	Kansas City	7,325	5,167	4,128
	Total	9,442	6,895	6,214
	Juror Yield	33%	31%	32%
	Sent for Jury Selection	52%	46%	42%
	Selected as Jurors	13%	12%	11%
		Nature of Jury-Tried Actions		
Civil	Personal Injury	30%	44%	46%
	Employment	10%	9%	19%
	Contract	25%	14%	10%
Criminal	Homicide	31%	24%	30%
	Assault	16%	22%	14%
	Possession			10%
	Rape		11%	
	Robbery	13%		

Comparing 2013 to 2012:

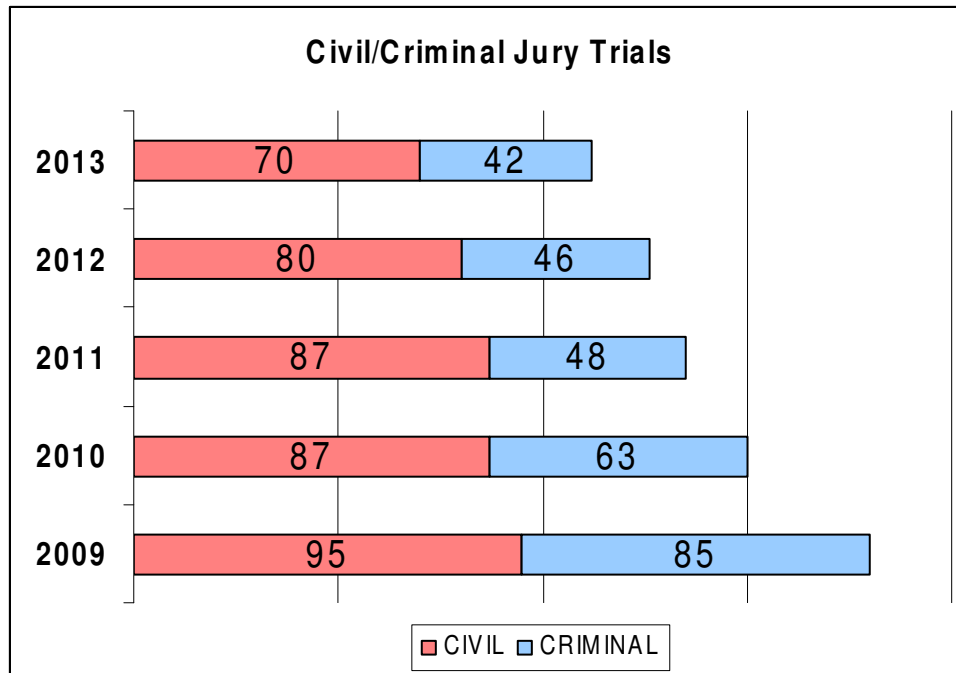
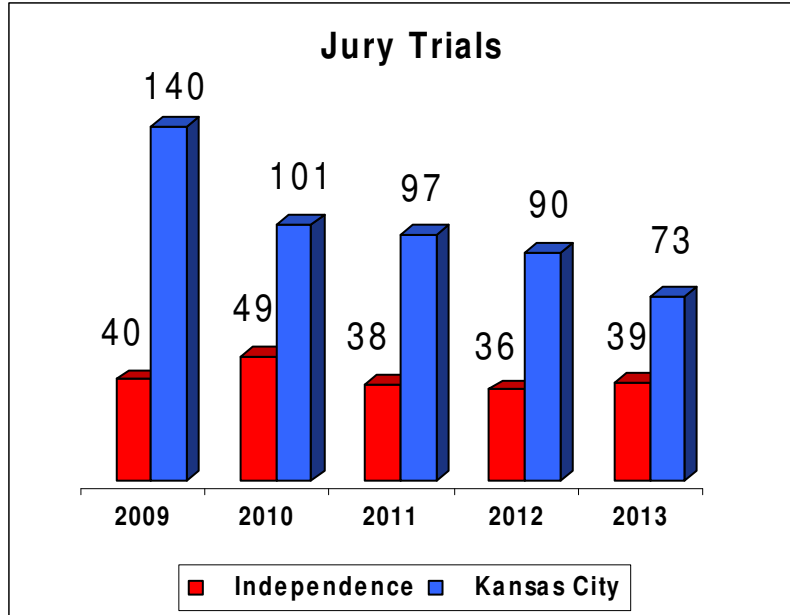
- Jury trials declined 11%, those jurors sent to division declined 10%, but the qualified pool was constant.
- Juror yield increased 1%, but 4% fewer were sent to division for voir dire, and 1 % fewer were sworn.
- Civil juries were used more frequently in employment cases than in contract disputes.

Comparing 2013 to 2009:

- Jury trials declined 38%, criminal jury trials declining 51%.
- Available jurors declined 17%.
- Juror yield declined 1%.
- Of the jurors available, 10% fewer were sent to division for voir dire, and 2% fewer were selected as jurors.

2013 Trends...

Trials



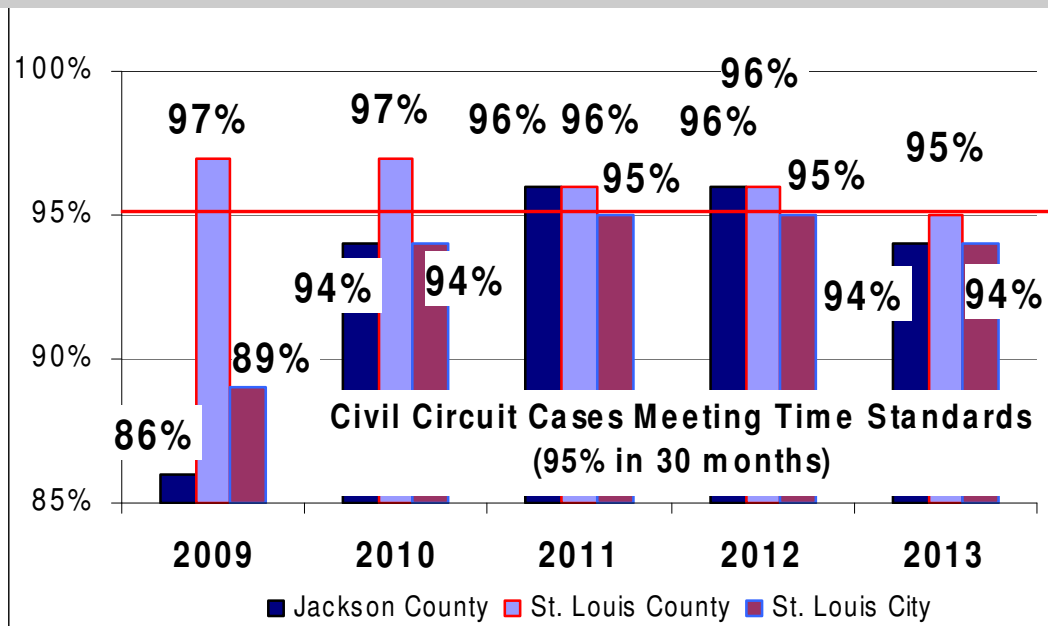
2013 Trends...

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013	Jackson County	St. Louis County	St. Louis City
Population	677,377	1,000,438	318,172
Total Filings	70,253	108,748	43,651
Total Dispositions	69,348	115,479	45,534
Total Pending Cases	44,015	52,033	26,625
# of Judges (Circuit and Associate Circuit)	28	33	31
Average Filings per Judge	2,509	3,295	1,408
Average Dispositions per Judge	2,477	3,499	1,469

Data Source: Missouri Judicial Report Supplement for Fiscal Year 2013

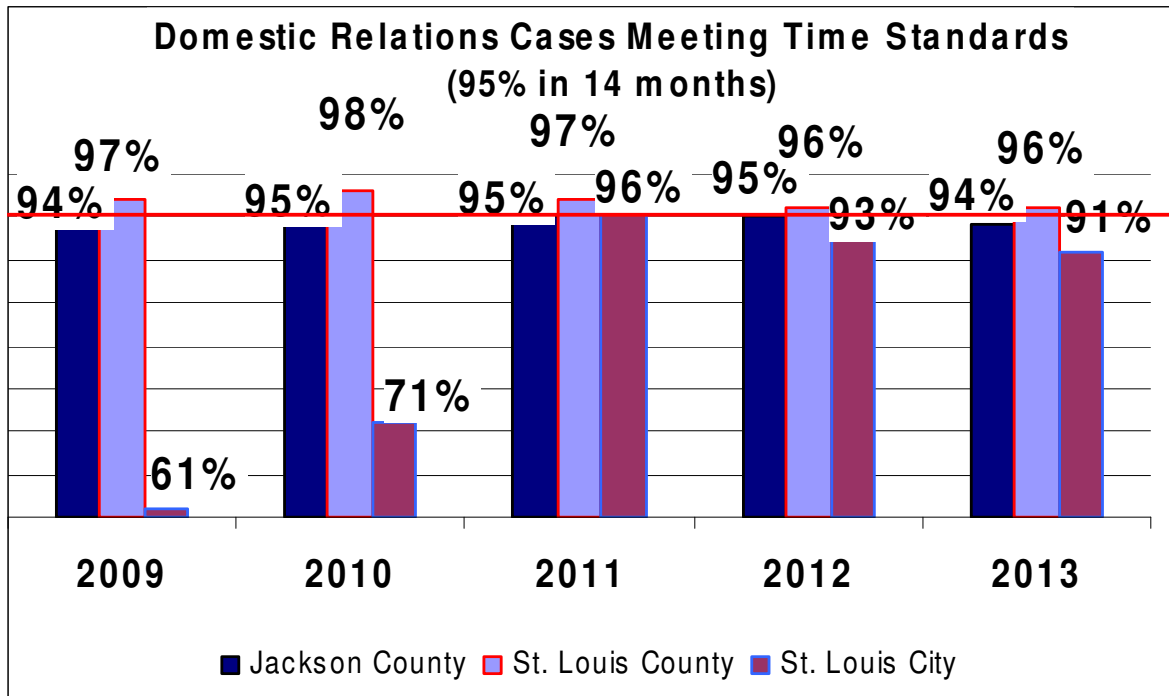
Time Standards

The time standards for Missouri require 95% of Circuit Civil cases to be disposed within 30 months and for 95% of Domestic Relations cases and Circuit Felony cases to be disposed within 14 months.



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16TH CIRCUIT/ST. LOUIS



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