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Court Administrator

Deputy Court Admin./Family Court Services

Deputy Court Admin./Jury Supervisor

Circuit Judge Justine E. Del Muro

Circuit Judge Sandra C. Midkiff

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

Circuit Judge Joel F. Fahnstock

Circuit Judge Patrick W. Campbell

Circuit Judge W. Brent Powell

Circuit Judge Jennifer M. Phillips

Circuit Judge Charles H. McKenzie

Circuit Judge John M. Torrence

Circuit Judge Robert M. Schieber

Circuit Judge Marco A. Roldan

Circuit Judge Jack R. Grate

Circuit Judge Kevin D. Harrell

Circuit Judge Kathleen A. Forsyth

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Associate Circuit Judge Richard T. Standridge

Associate Circuit Judge Jalilah Otto

Associate Circuit Judge Gregory B. Gillis

Associate Circuit Judge Jeffrey C. Keal

Associate Circuit Judge Janette K. Rodecap

Associate Circuit Judge Twila K. Rigby

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Associate Circuit Judge Robert L. Trout

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Commissioner David J. Fry

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16th Judicial Circuit

2014 was a typically busy and challenging year; nevertheless, 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.

2014 finally brought some stability as the Court experienced minimal judicial officer and key personnel turnover as compared to 2012 and 2013. There were 63,601 cases filed in the 16th Judicial Circuit in 2014, down slightly from 2013. Unfortunately, we still struggled to maintain clearance and time-to-disposition rates that we would prefer, largely because of the numerous judicial vacancies over the two prior years; however, our Court did as well or better than the other two large metropolitan courts in Missouri in all but one area. According to the Missouri Judicial Workload Study, the 16th Circuit's workload demands 3 additional judicial officers. We are hopeful that the current legislative session will result in the allocation of one additional associate circuit judge which will take the pressure off the existing associate circuit divisions.

As mentioned in the last two reports, the Court implemented the Missouri electronic filing system in 2013. Our Court was the first large metropolitan court in Missouri to implement electronic filing. As of this writing (March 4, 2015), the court has processed just under **620,000** electronic filings! However, e-Filing is not a perfect system and significant challenges remain for Criminal Records because the initial filings remain as paper filings. In addition, the lack of capability for agency filings (e.g. Missouri Children's Division, Probation and Parole, and others) continues to challenge us by essentially forcing a hybrid electronic-paper system.

Civil filings have declined slightly, with the greatest number of cases being suits on account, suits for breach of contract, and rent and possession. Over the last five years, circuit civil and associate civil filings are down by 14% and 26% respectively. Domestic relations case filings have decreased by 1% over the last year and 17% over the past five years. Domestic violence filings were unchanged from 2013, but do show a 7% decrease over the past five years.

Criminal filings increased sharply from 2013 to 2014 with felony and misdemeanor filings increasing by 11% and 23% respectively; however, the felony filings are still 13% less than they were five years ago.

The number of *jury trials* increased by 20% in 2014 but is still 11% lower than it was in 2010. Thirty-three of the jury trials were held at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse while one hundred and one jury trials were held at the downtown KC Courthouse.

Juvenile delinquency filings were up slightly (3%) unlike the adult criminal filings which were up significantly. *Child abuse and neglect* filings, and *termination of parental rights* filings were stable with child abuse and neglect at around one thousand while *adoption* filings increased 14%. Attendance at *parent education* programs offered by Family Court Resource Services has increased by 17% over 2013. The Family Court has been diligently working with the Casey Family Foundation on the Judicial Engagement Program. This initiative is designed to *safely* reduce the number of children removed from their homes. The Jackson County Family Court continues to be on the leading edge of family and juvenile justice. The Court is extremely proud of the work of its Family Court.

Non-abbreviated *probate* matters filings decreased by 8% and abbreviated matters decreased by 20% while decedent estate filings and guardian/conservatorship filings decreased by 26%. Mental health filings were up 22% and all filings except abbreviated probate matters are at levels above where they were five years ago.

Civil Process. As one would expect with declining case numbers, the numbers of pre- and post-judgment papers served were down 13% and 10% respectively, while the delinquent land tax sale conducted by the Court resulted in \$2.36 Million in sales, about 75% higher than sales in 2010.

Please see the pages following this section for details regarding case categories, case types, charges, performance standards, and other details.

The Court has continued its efforts to be a good steward of public funds and other resources. The Court underwent a performance audit from May through September which was performed by the Missouri State Auditor. The Court has also awarded a contract for independent annual financial audits which will also strengthen our procedures and practices.

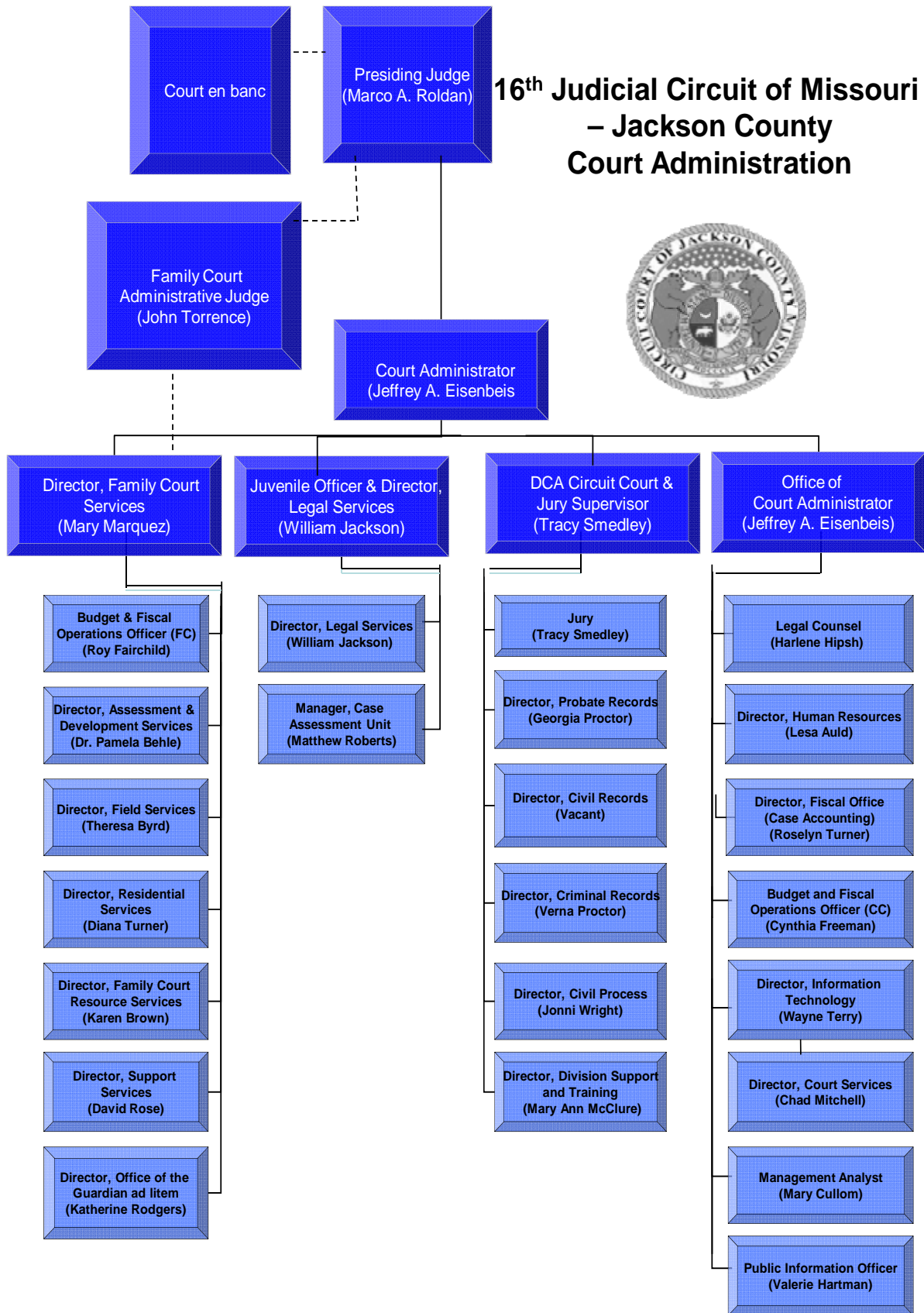
2015 will be another busy year as we continue to improve our programs and services and undergo the major renovation of the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse which began in late 2014. This project will enable the Court to transfer a circuit division from the western venue to the eastern venue by mid-2015 and will also provide courtroom space to allow for a more frequent probate presence as well as developing additional courtroom space to accommodate the anticipated addition of a new associate circuit division in the eastern venue. 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!



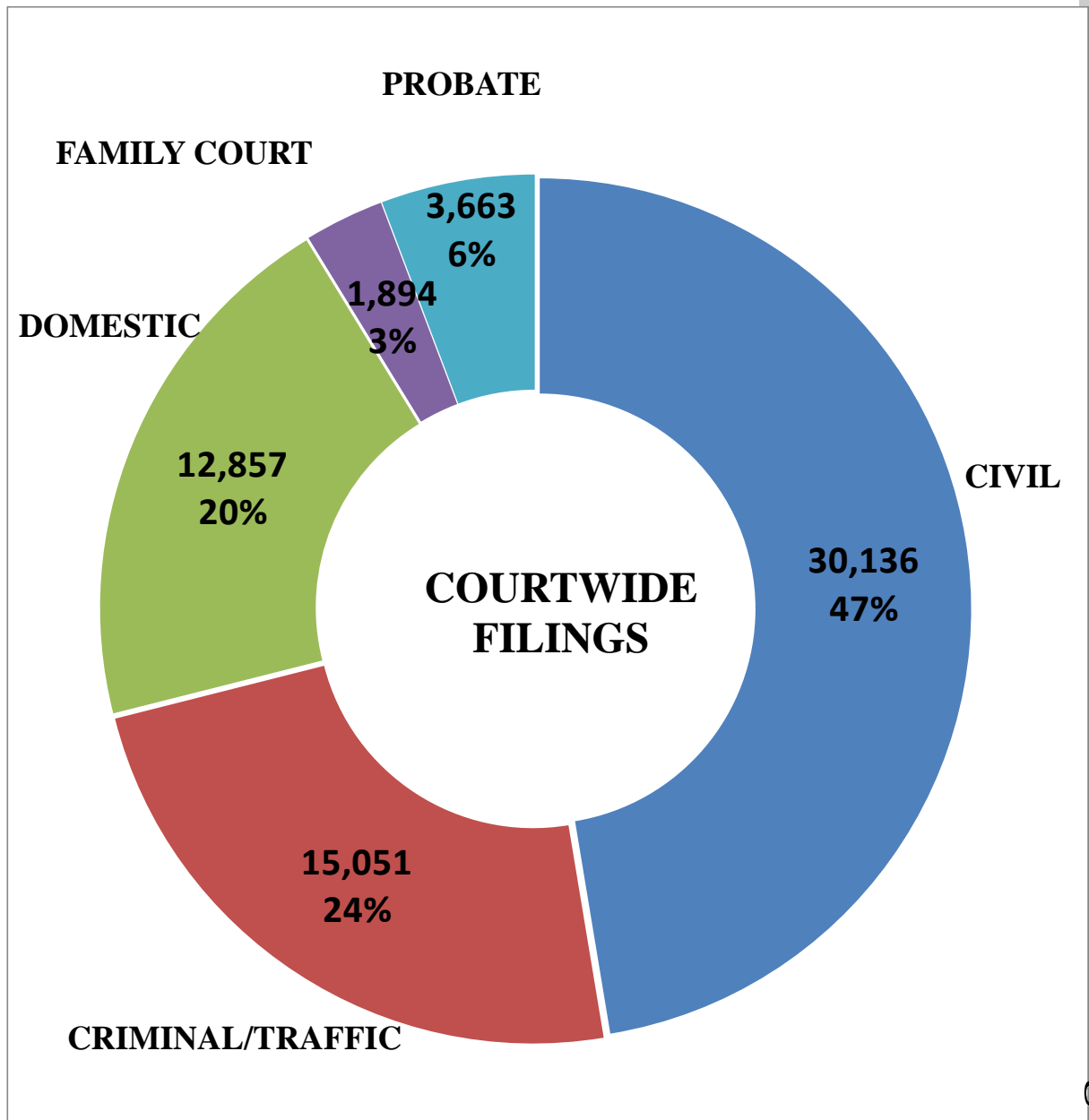
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Court Administrator

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16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri – Jackson County Court Administration



Court Organization



*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.

2014

In 2014, the State Auditor's Office performed a Court audit, and plans were made to resume annual audits by an outside firm, commencing in 2015. A major milestone for Civil Records was being "Audit Ready". The Civil Records management team met several times to review all of the financial procedures and to implement Internal Controls. All financial areas were assessed for possible risks. The staff was challenged to "think outside the box" in order to continue processing work efficiently while maintaining internal controls. Courtwide, a Financial Task Force was created to perform a financial clean up. Civil Records loaned three clerks to the Force.

During the one year following the implementation of e-Filing, Civil Records has worked through many workflow and staffing challenges. 2014 marked the one year anniversary for e-Filing in both the Independence and Kansas City locations. There were 259,000 electronic submissions to Civil Records in 2014, 21,600 monthly. The clerks and attorneys continue to believe the e-Filing process is very efficient. There were challenges Civil Records embraced even while going through a reduction in staff. Civil Records lost several positions due to the State's clerical weighted workload study, which required several areas to be realigned in order to secure the best workflow.

Although attorneys are required to e-File in Civil Records, there are still some documents and some case types that are filed in paper. These include all Pro Se filings and Adult Abuse cases. The paper filings are entered in JIS and scanned within 1-2 days to incorporate them into electronic records.

Circuit Civil	2010	2013	2014
Filings	4,012	3,667	3,454
Dispositions	3,925	3,539	3,783
Jury Trials	62	50	59
Court Trials	170	228	440
Pending Cases 12/31	3,388	3,196	2,803

Associate Circuit Civil	2010	2013	2014
Filings	35,952	28,737	26,682
Dispositions	36,053	30,716	27,849
Jury Trials	7	3	7
Court Trials	3,003	1,259	2,594
Pending Cases 12/31	11,455	8,363	6,985

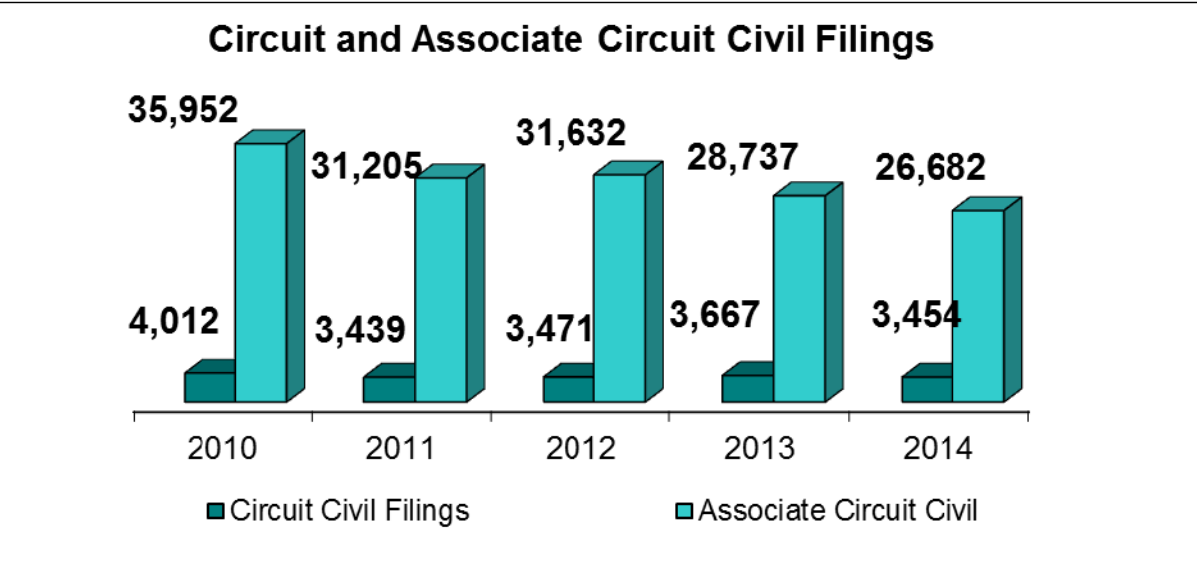
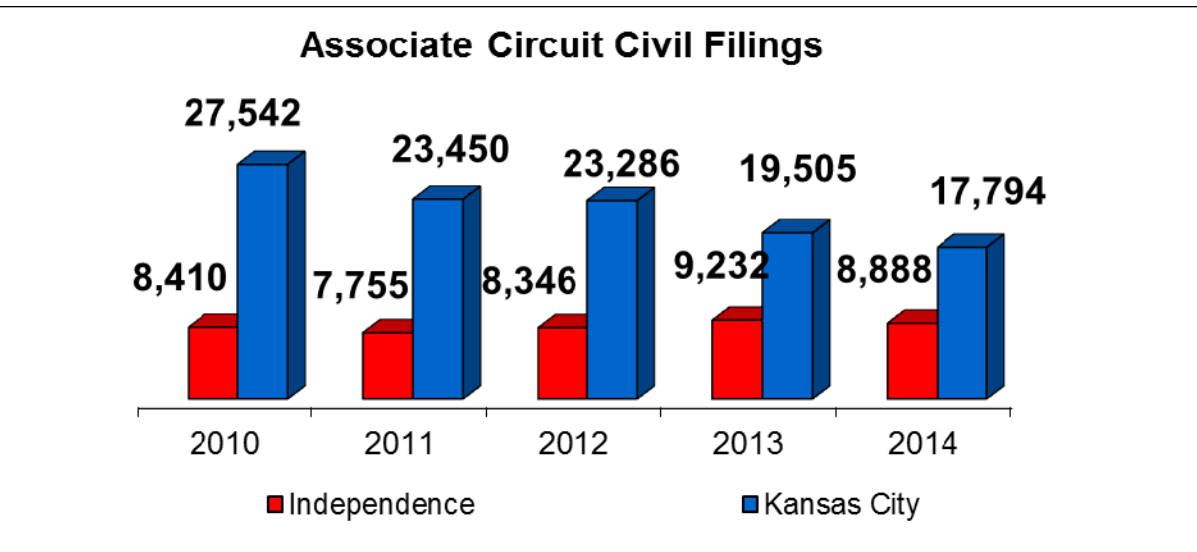
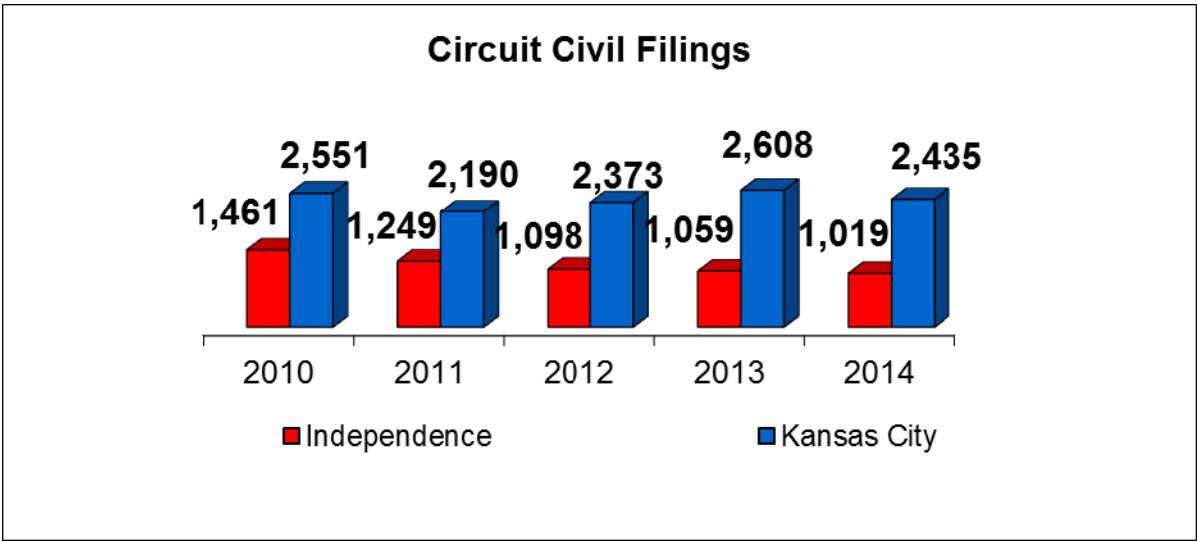
Note: Figures for jury trial dispositions are captured as recorded in JIS. The trial numbers exclude jury trials that end in settlements, directed verdicts or mistrials.

Comparing 2014 to 2013:

- Circuit Civil filings decreased 6% court wide, but dispositions increased 7%.
- The greatest percentage of Circuit Civil filings continued to be Personal Injury—Vehicular (16.2%), followed by Breach of Contract (9.6%).
- Associate Circuit Civil filings decreased 7% and dispositions decreased 9%.
- The greatest percentages of Associate Circuit Civil filings continued to be for Suits on Account (23.6%), followed by suits for Breach of Contract (23.0%), and for Rent and Possession (22.1%).
- Jury trials in Circuit Civil cases have increased 18%, and bench trials have increased 93%.

Comparing 2014 to 2010:

- Circuit Civil filings have decreased 14%, and dispositions have decreased 4%.
- Associate Circuit Civil filings have decreased 26%, and dispositions have decreased 23%.
- Jury trials in Circuit Civil cases have decreased 5%, with a 159% increase in bench trials.
- Pending caseloads have decreased 8% for Circuit Civil and 27% for Associate Circuit Civil.



CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS BY CASE TYPE

Nature of Action	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
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Pers Injury-Vehicular	514	511	471	599	558	16.2%
Breach of Contract	465	394	338	377	330	9.6%
Pers Injury-Other	336	340	314	302	317	9.2%
Other Tort	380	237	244	277	252	7.3%
Other Miscellaneous Actions	184	192	250	196	205	5.9%
Employmnt Discrmntn 213.111	188	177	235	191	189	5.5%
Quiet Title	108	77	116	119	127	3.7%
Replevin	96	88	72	94	121	3.5%
Pers Injury-Malpractice	103	111	93	119	103	3.0%
Wrongful Death	100	111	120	75	98	2.8%
Contract-Other	66	57	51	109	89	2.6%
Suit on Account	112	69	58	97	91	2.6%
Declaratory Judgment	95	59	64	67	81	2.3%
Motn, Rules 29.15 or 24.035	120	105	113	83	75	2.2%
Reg Foreign Jgmt (excl DR)	122	96	131	118	75	2.2%
Property Damage	40	35	40	58	68	2.0%
Small Claims Trial de Novo	42	52	53	72	66	1.9%
Other Real Estate Actions	115	115	88	75	57	1.7%
CAFA Forfeit 513.600-513.64	62	54	64	89	58	1.7%
Promissory Note	125	134	88	68	51	1.5%
Trial de Novo	52	44	55	58	45	1.3%
Out of State Witness	76	61	58	51	37	1.1%
Injunction	52	27	33	41	36	1.0%
Other Administrative Review	49	30	44	45	34	1.0%
Other Filings	410	249	278	287	291	8.4%
	4,012	3,425	3,471	3,667	3,454	100.0%

* Number filings 2014

**Percentage of 2014 filings

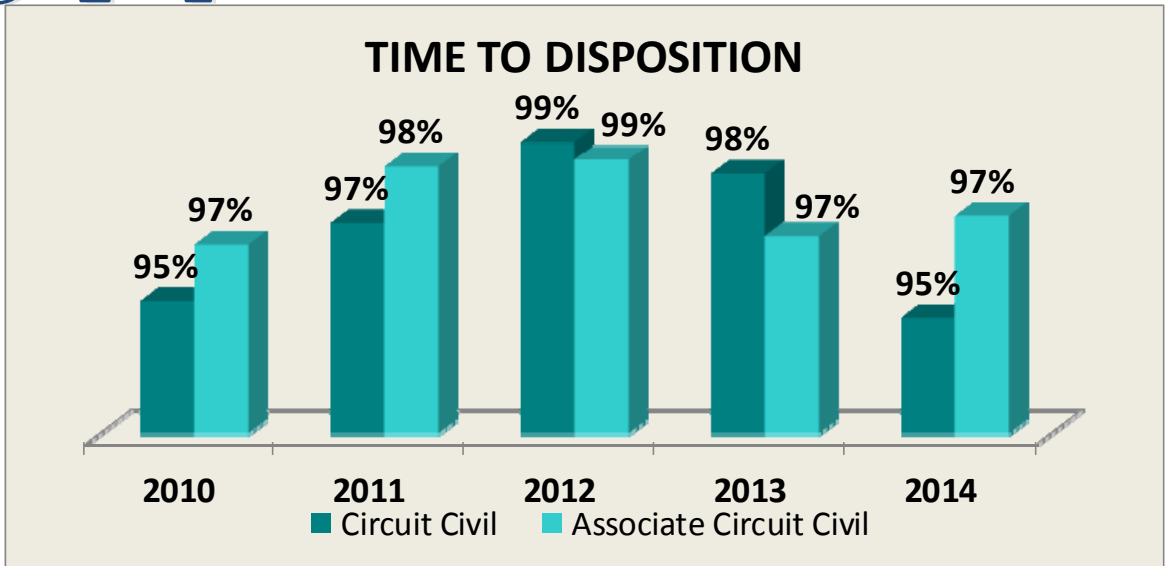
ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS BY CASE TYPE

Nature of Action	2010	2011	2012	2013	* 2014	**
Suit on Account	10,971	10,926	10,698	7,554	6,302	23.6%
Breach of Contract	8,294	5,764	5,400	6,343	6,144	23.0%
Rent and Possession	5,678	5,115	5,031	5,559	5,882	22.1%
Landlord Complaint	2,198	3,034	3,159	2,660	2,339	8.8%
Small Claims over \$100	1,198	1,074	1,229	1,041	1,070	4.0%
Contract-Other	401	296	244	871	1,052	3.9%
Unlawful Detainer	1,866	1,740	1,625	1,243	979	3.7%
Delinquent Taxes	1,682	974	765	556	684	2.6%
Refus Breath 302.750/577.04	593	579	542	550	525	2.0%
Property Damage	611	548	516	559	460	1.7%
Promissory Note	1,348	1,317	1,406	844	380	1.4%
Reg of Foreign Judgment	391	334	334	260	256	1.0%
Misc Associate Civil-Other	112	150	164	131	167	0.6%
DL Revoc Rvw 302.311 RSMo	57	40	23	65	84	0.3%
Other Tort	129	39	68	88	62	0.2%
Pers Injury-Vehicular	84	68	117	117	52	0.2%
Declaratory Judgment	25	28	36	29	51	0.2%
Limit Dr Priv 302.309 RSMo	21	28	26	32	44	0.2%
Replevin	119	101	135	65	33	0.1%
Other Administrative Review	5	17	19	41	30	0.1%
Conceal Carry Appeal 571.114	14	22	22	28	21	0.1%
Pers Injury-Other	20	7	17	18	18	0.1%
Quiet Title	34	40	39	18	18	0.1%
Expunge/Correct Arrest Rec	28	24	24	35	16	0.1%
Other Real Estate Actions	73	29	15	30	13	0.0%
	35,952	32,294	31,654	28,737	26,682	100.1%

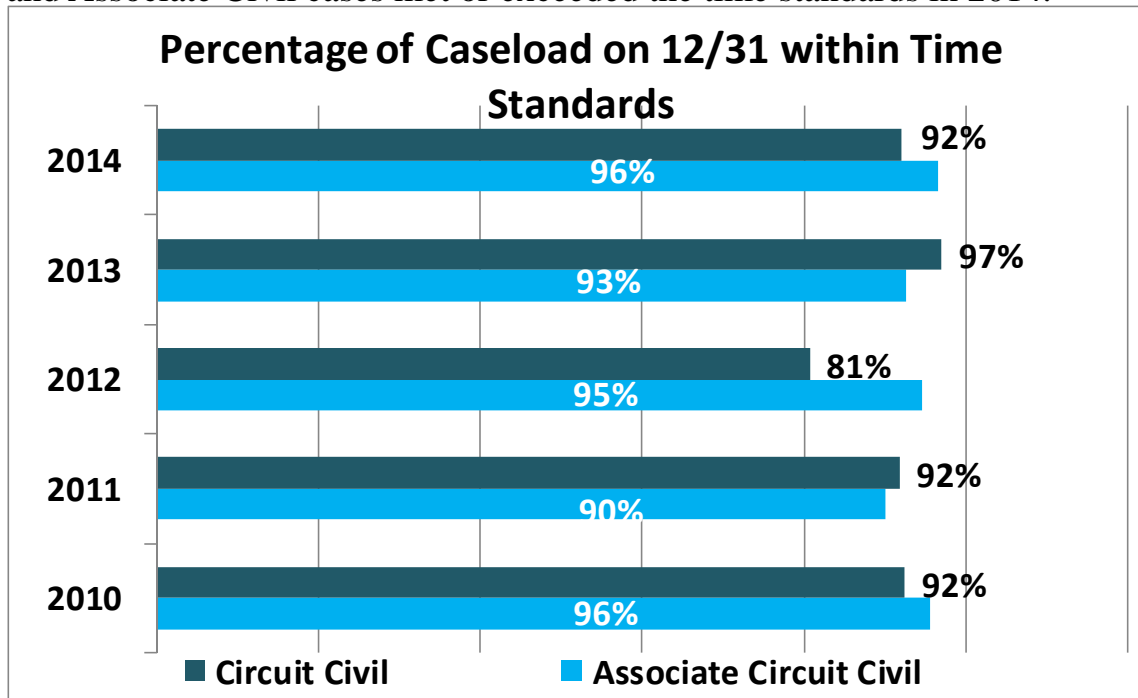
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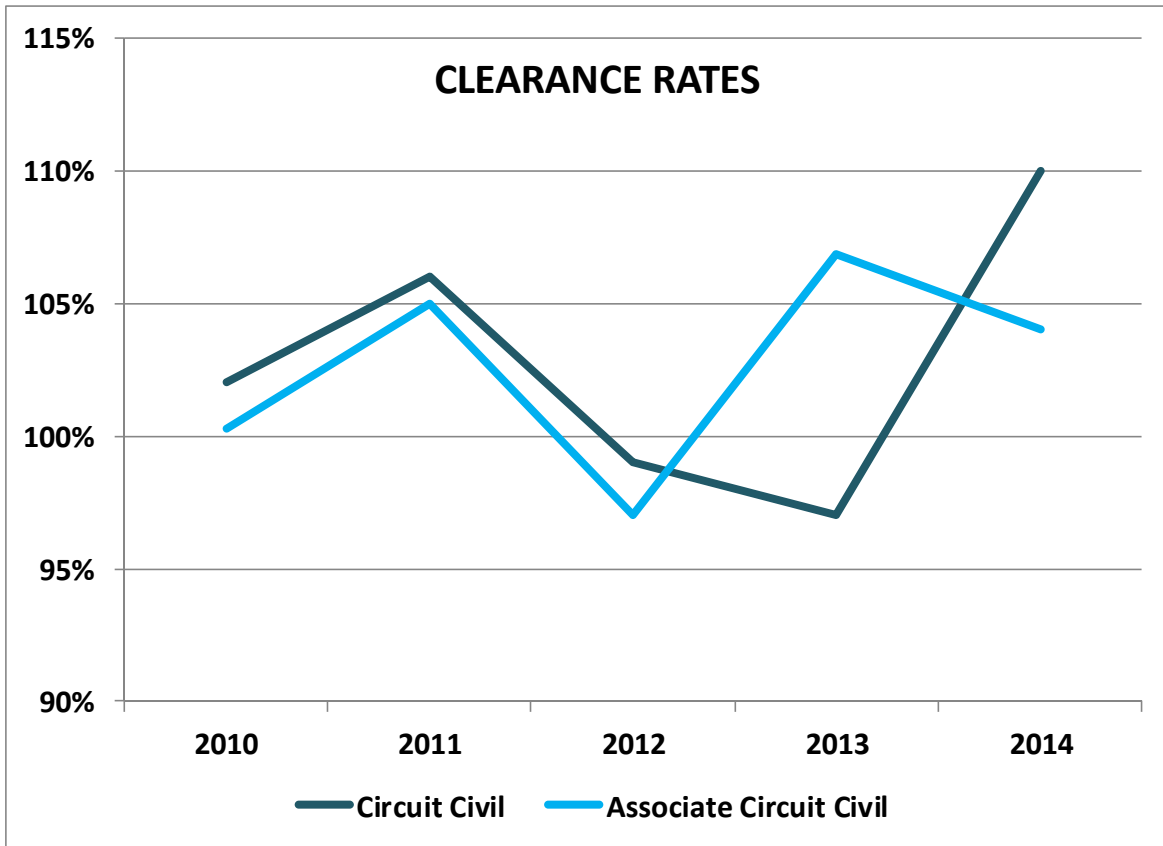


Time standards for Circuit Civil cases are the disposition of 95% within 30 months. For Associate Circuit Civil cases, the standard is the disposition of 95% of cases within 12 months. The chart above shows the % of cases disposed within these time standards for the calendar years. Both Circuit Civil and Associate Civil cases met or exceeded the time standards in 2014.



The chart above shows the percentage of pending cases on December 31 of each calendar year that are within the time standards. Only 92% of the Circuit Civil cases pending on 12/31/2014 had been filed for less than 30 months where 96% of the Associate Circuit Civil cases pending on that date

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CLEARANCE RATES equal the ratio of dispositions to filings. A clearance rate of 100% is obtained when the number of cases disposed in the year equals the number of cases filed in that year. In 2014, more Civil cases were disposed than were filed.

Note: With regard to the low clearance rates in 2012 and in 2013, the Court had multiple judicial vacancies.

Circuit Civil and Associate Circuit Civil

Comparing 2014 to 2013:

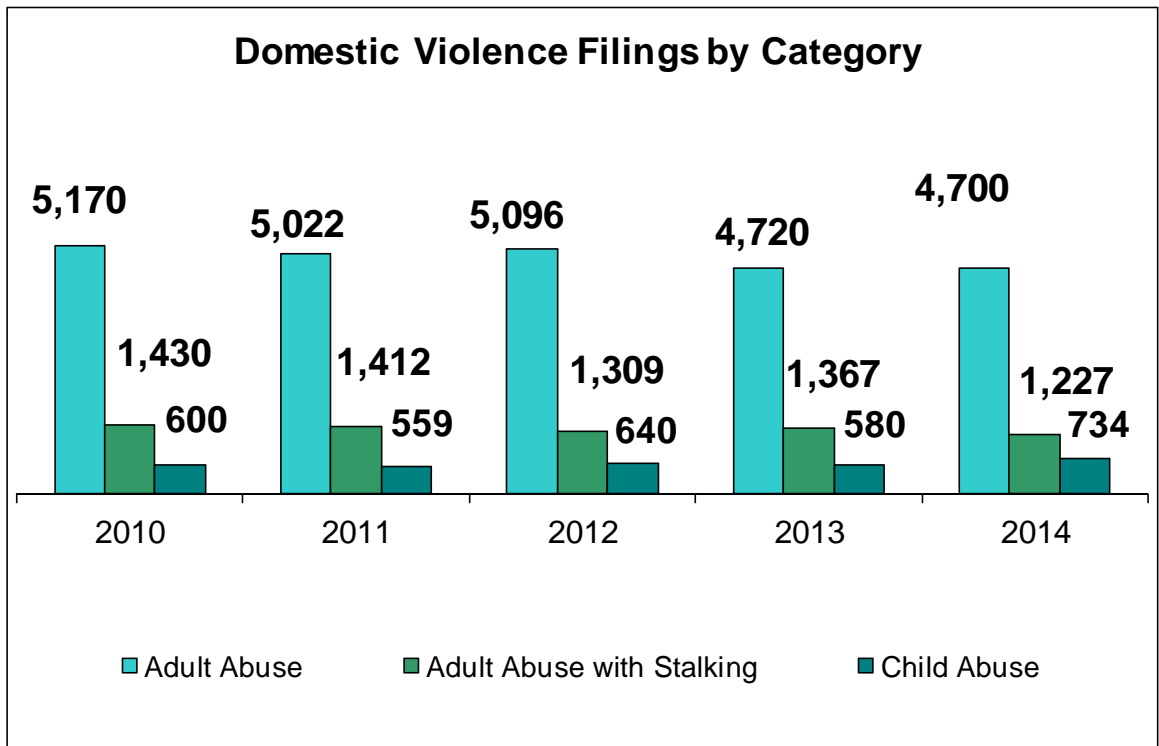
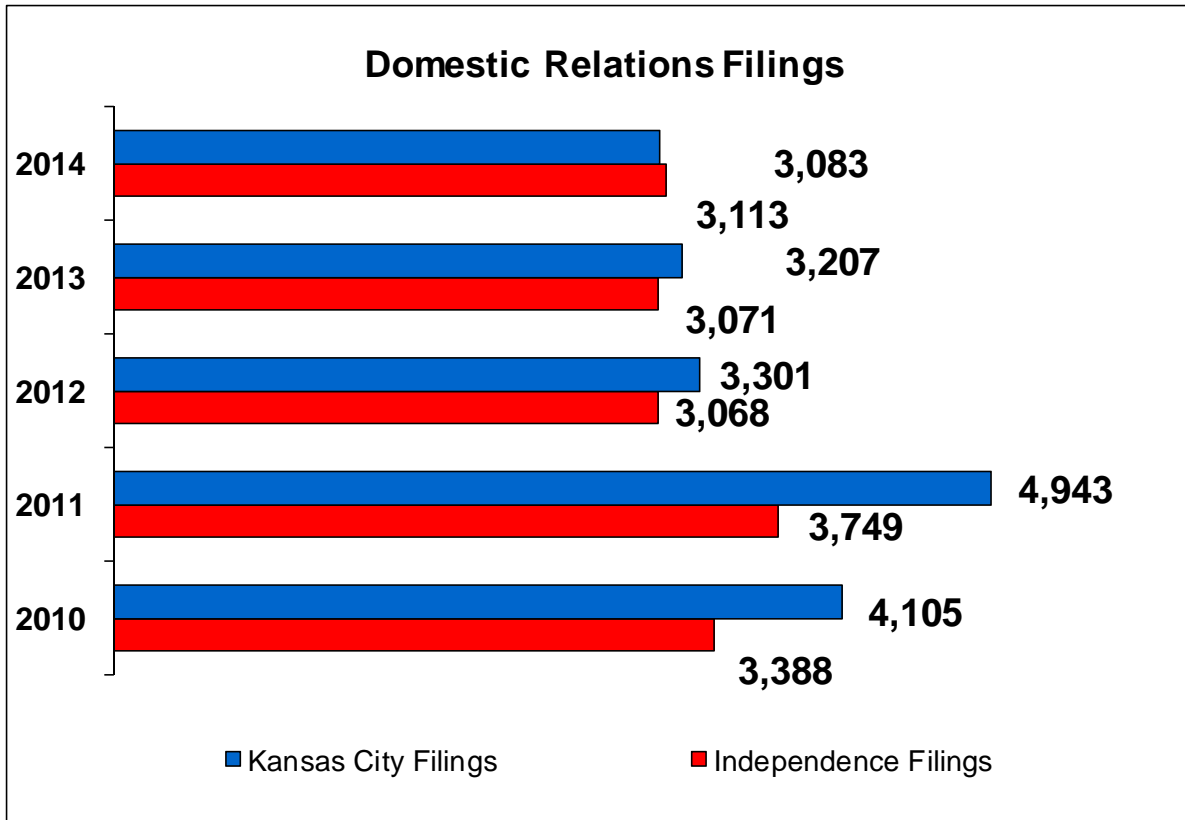
- Domestic Relations case filings decreased 1% and Domestic Violence filings were unchanged.
- Pro se filings for dissolutions with children decreased 9% , and pro se filings for dissolutions without children increased 3%.
- As a percentage of DV filings, 58% of cases filed in 2014 had ex parte orders issued compared to 60% in 2013.
- As a percentage of filings, 20% of cases filed in 2014 had full orders of protection entered as compared to 19% in 2013.
- There were 12% fewer bench trials in Domestic Relations cases in 2014.

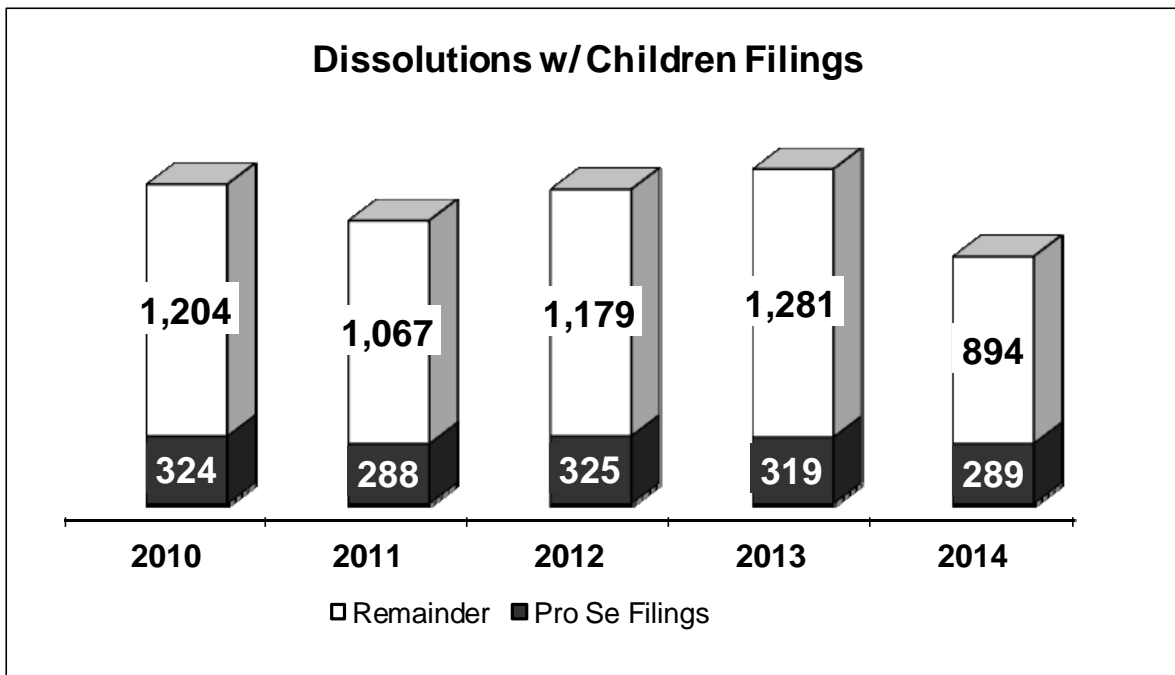
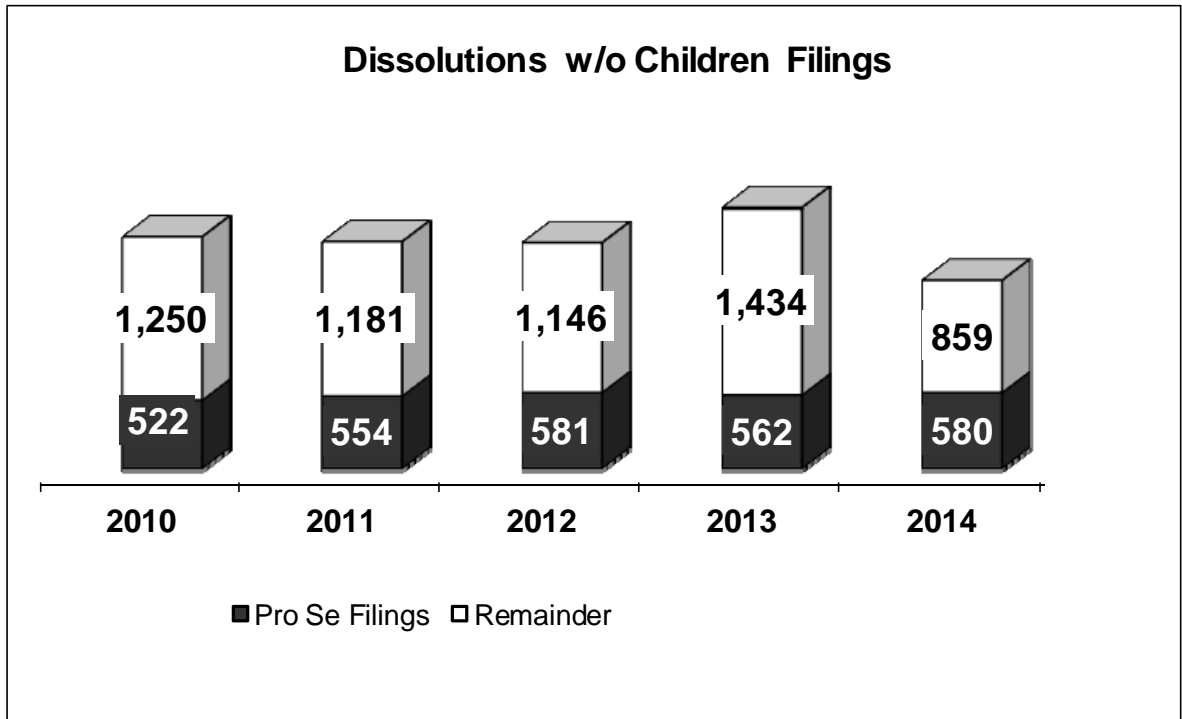
Comparing 2014 to 2010:

- Domestic Relations case filings decreased 17% and Domestic Violence filings decreased 7%.
- Pro se filings for dissolutions with children decreased 11% , and pro se filings for dissolutions without children increased 11%.
- Ex parte orders of protection were entered in 58% of the Domestic Violence cases filed in 2014 as compared to 67% of the filings in 2010.
- Full orders of protection were entered in 20% of the DV cases filed in 2014 compared to 22% of the cases filed in 2010.
- There were 34% fewer bench trials in Domestic Relations cases during 2014.

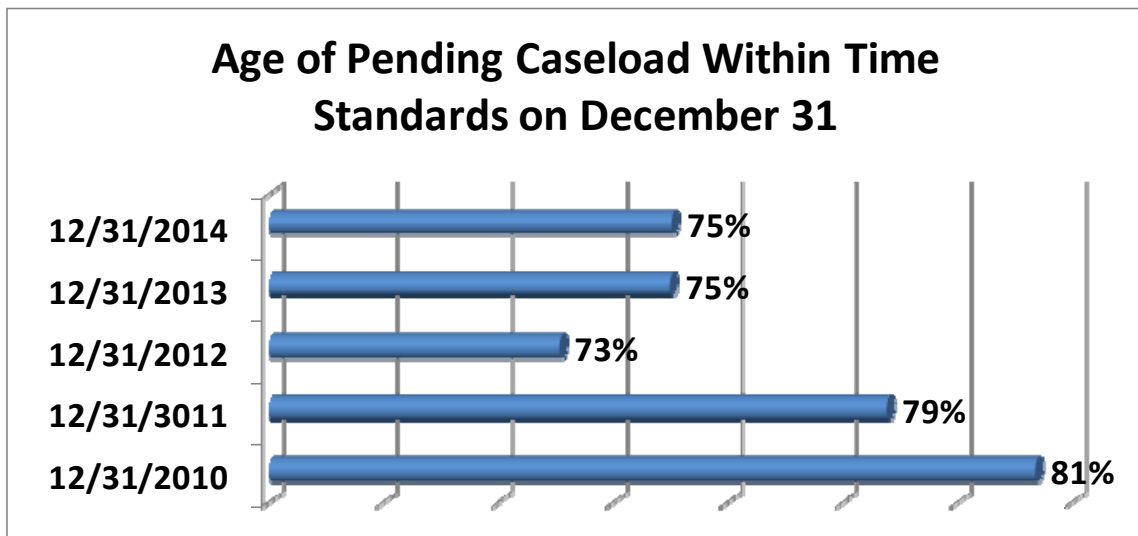
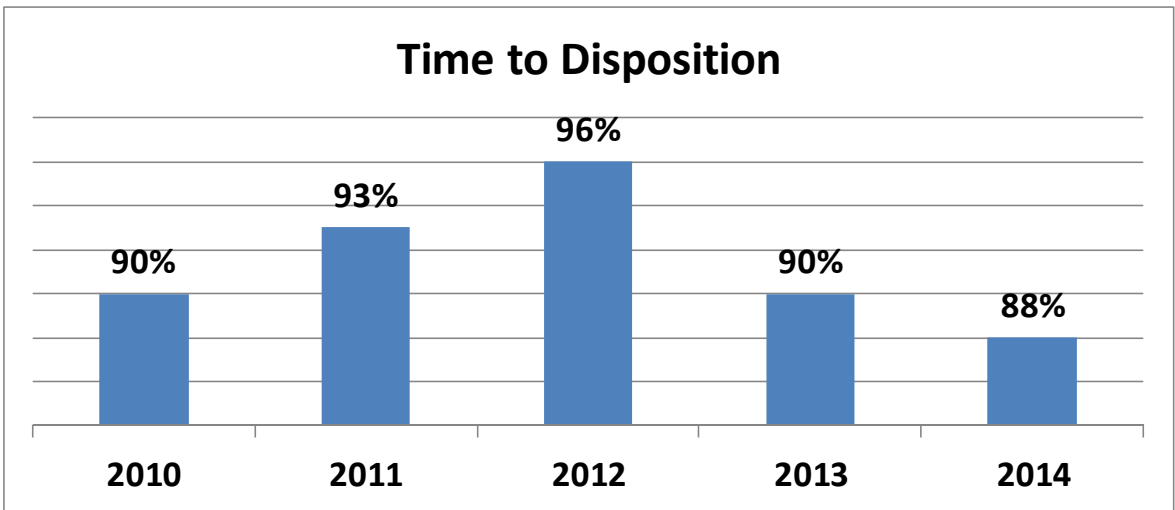
Domestic Relations	2010	2013	2014
Filings	7,493	6,278	6,196
Dispositions	7,000	6,208	6,205
Court Trials	1,098	825	722
Pending Cases 12/31	4,526	3,728	4,117

Domestic Violence	2010	2013	2014
Filings	7,201	6,671	6,661
Dispositions	7,032	6,946	703
Ex Parte Orders of Protection	4,793	4,022	3,894
Full Orders of Protection	1,571	1,300	1,365
Pending Cases 12/31	176	436	584

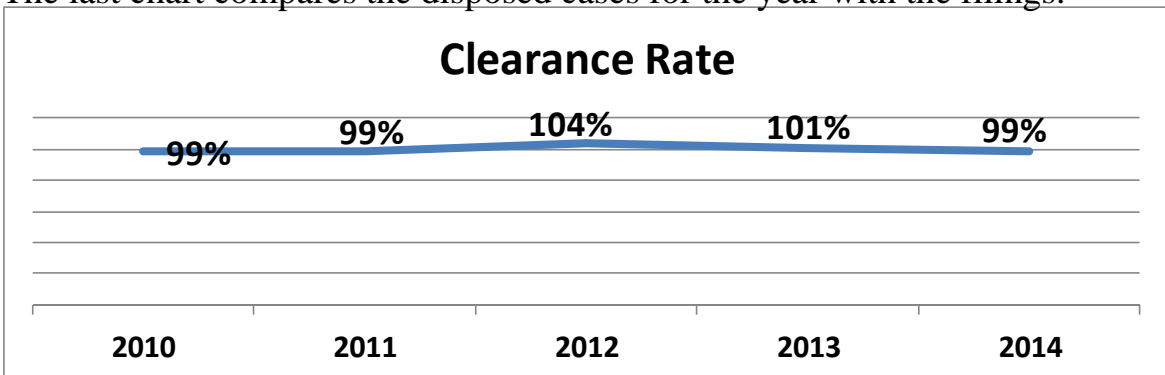




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The time standard for Domestic (including DV) cases is 95% disposed within 14 months of filing. The top 2 charts show what percentage of disposed cases met this standard in the 5 calendar years shown and the percentage of pending cases on December 31 of each year that were within the time standard. The last chart compares the disposed cases for the year with the filings.



During 2014 , Criminal Records continued a dedicated cleanup of financial records that predate the JIS implementation . Reflecting items highlighted by the performance audit of the State of Missouri in 2014 and in preparation for a financial audit in 2015, internal controls and supporting procedures were developed and implemented.

Although the initiation of criminal cases and all filings in traffic cases continue to be by paper, all other filings were electronic during 2014. In the calendar year, there were 31,578 total filings submitted electronically.

The design , implementation and testing of an electronic search warrant system commenced in 2014. This system is now in use by all law enforcement agencies applying to the Circuit Court for search warrants.

Finally, in 2014, work commenced on an electronic arrest warrant project with REJIS. When completed, it will permit the transmission of arrest warrants and of recalled arrest warrants electronically to all local law enforcement agencies other than the Missouri Highway Patrol and the Independence Police Department. Return information will be provided in an electronic report. The objective of the project is to expedite the flow of information regarding arrest warrants. The actual data entry into JIS will continue to be performed by Criminal Records.

Felonies	2010	2013	2014
Filings	4,486	3,513	3,891
Dispositions	4,219	3,843	3,071
Jury Trials	48	34	49
Court Trials	10	9	10
Pending 12/31	5,195	5,314	5,602

Misdemeanors	2010	2013	2014
Filings	3,690	3,208	3,949
Dispositions	4,533	3,615	3,842
Court Trials	24	21	21
Jury Trials	2	0	2
Pending 12/31	6,083	5,325	5,471

Search Warrants	2010	2013	2014
Filings	1,296	1,556	1,264
Dispositions	1,285	1,524	1,259

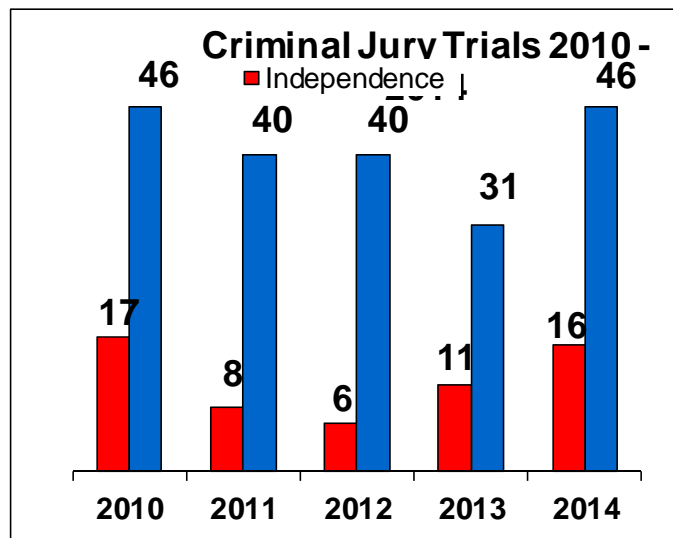
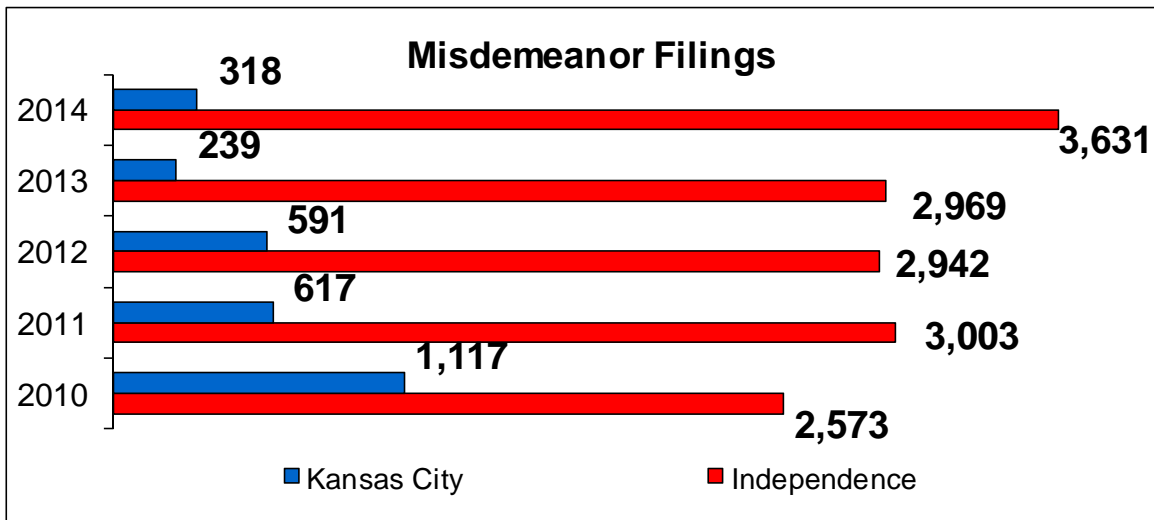
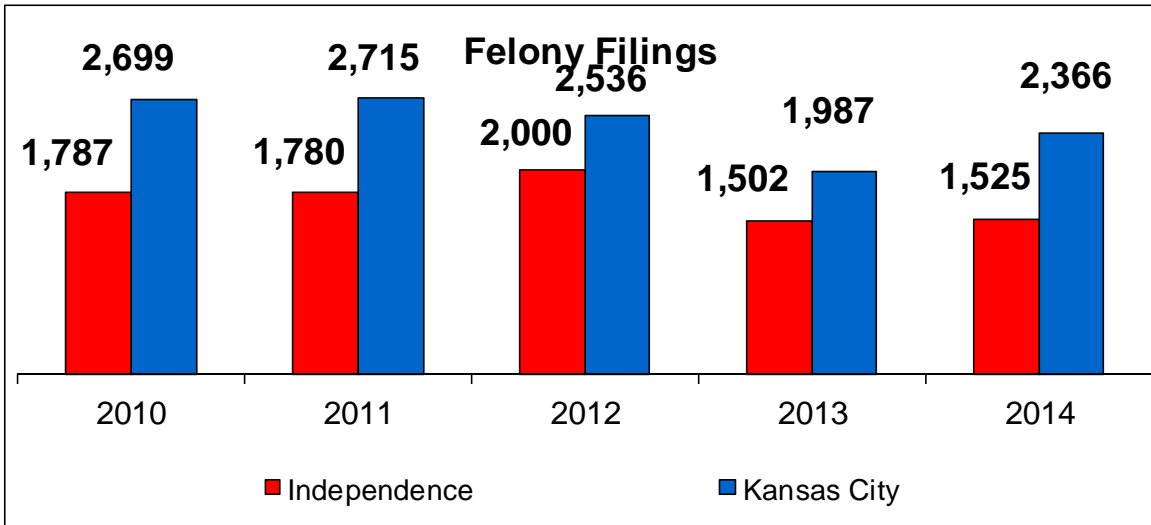
Note: Felony filing numbers are initial filings only and felony dispositions do not include bind overs or indictments. Figures for jury trials are captured as recorded in JIS. The trial numbers exclude jury trials that end in pleas or mistrials.

Comparing 2014 to 2013:

- Felony filings increased 11%, but dispositions decreased 20%.
- Misdemeanor filings increased 23% and misdemeanor dispositions increased 6%.
- The number of search warrants issued have decreased 17%.
- Recorded jury trials for felonies in 2014 increased 44% over 2013; bench trials increased 11%.

Comparing 2014 to 2010:

- Felony filings decreased 13%, and felony dispositions decreased 27%.
- Misdemeanor filings increased 7%, but dispositions decreased 15%.
- Recorded jury trials for felonies in 2014 increased 2% over 2010; bench trials were unchanged in number.



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

FELONY FILINGS BY CHARGE CODE

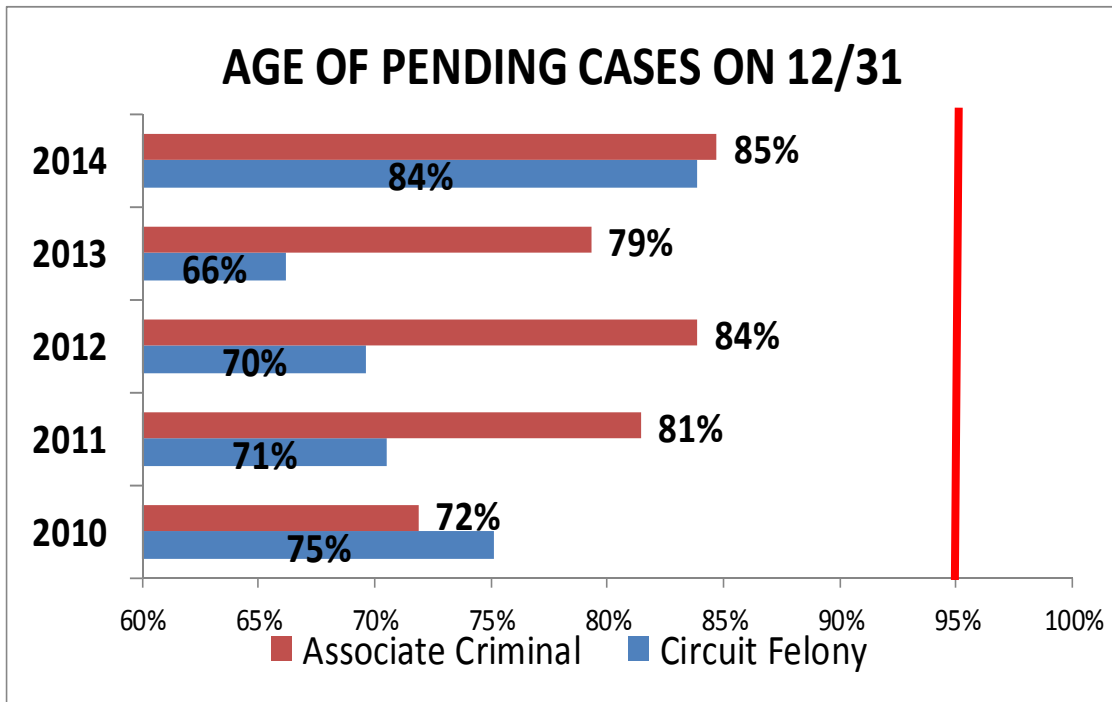
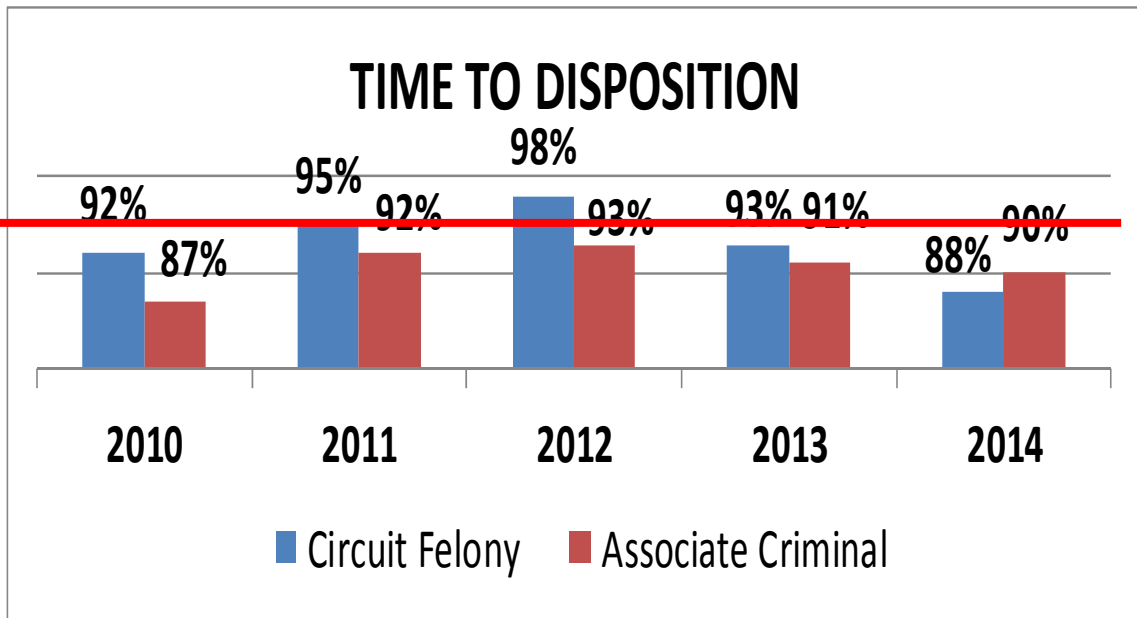
CHARGE	# CASES	%
Possess Controlled Substance	765	20%
Theft/Stealing > \$500 < \$25000	287	7%
Tamper - 1st / Motr Veh	256	7%
Burglary 2nd Degree	231	6%
Forgery	191	5%
Dwi--Alcohol--Persistent Offen	190	5%
W/Int	125	3%
Dom Aslt- 2nd Deg	122	3%
*Disc-Unlawful Use Weapon-s	107	3%
Robbery 1st Degree	98	3%
DWR/DWS	84	2%
Dwi-Alcohol Aggrvatd Offndr	83	2%
Burglary 1st Degree	77	2%
Passing Bad Check \$500 Or >	75	2%
Resist Arrest/Detent/Stop	68	2%
Dwi-Alcohol Chronic Offndr	67	2%
Receiving Stolen Property	61	2%
Robbery 2nd Degree	55	1%
Assault 1st Deg-Serious Injury	42	1%
Possession Of Firearm	41	1%
Assault 1st Degree	35	1%
Assault 2nd Degree	35	1%
UUW-Sbsct 1-Carries	32	1%
Sub	31	1%
Murder 2nd Degree	30	1%
Property Damage 1st Degree	30	1%
Dom Aslt- 1st Deg	29	1%
Dom Aslt 1st Deg Ser Physi Inj	24	1%
Theft/Stealing-Value < \$500	23	1%
Stealing A Motor Vehicle	23	1%
FI To Register As Sex Offndr	20	1%
Abuse/Neglect Of A Child	20	1%
Fugitive From Out Of State	20	1%
Remaining Cases and Charges	514	13%
	3,891	100%

MISDEMEANOR FILINGS BY CHARGE CODE

2014		
CHARGE	# CASES	%
Owr/Optr Opr MV Wtht Fnl Rspby	780	20%
DWR/DWS - 1st Offense	491	12%
Failure To Register Motor Veh	488	12%
Dwi--Alcohol	416	11%
Oper MV W/O Valid DL - 1st Off	249	6%
Oper Veh Wth Poor Brakes	233	6%
DWR/DWS - 2nd Or Subsqt Offens	136	3%
Possess Up To 35 Grms Marijuan	114	3%
Oper Veh W/ Vision Reducng Mtr	98	2%
Unlawfl Use Of Drug Parphrnlia	73	2%
Fail To Drv Within Single Lane	61	2%
Op Othrs MV W/ No FinancI Resp	59	1%
Violate Adult Protection Order	55	1%
Fail To Drive On Rght 1/2 Rdwy	52	1%
Dwi--Alcohol--Prior Offender	44	1%
Trespassing-2nd Degree	41	1%
Pass Bad Check < \$500	34	1%
Fail To Drv W/I Right Lane	25	1%
Fail To Place Veh Rght Of Hwy	25	1%
Theft/Stealing-Value < \$500	22	1%
Remaining Cases and Charges	453	11%
	3,949	100%

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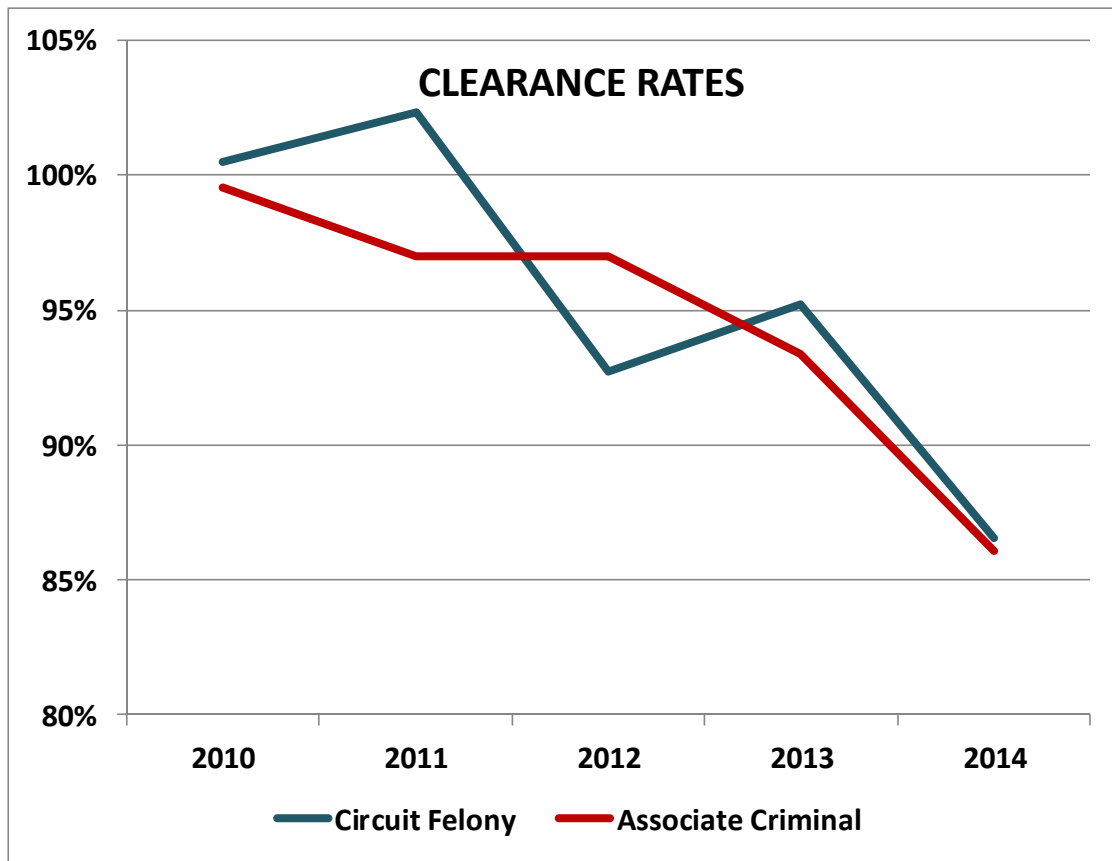
Felonies and Misdemeanors



95% Time to Disposition and 95% Age of Pending Cases represent the Missouri Time Standards which require 95% of Circuit Criminal Cases be disposed within 420 days of filing and require 95% of Associate Circuit Cases be disposed within 240 days of filing.

2014 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

A clearance rate of 100% equates to cases disposition numbers matching case filings. Less than 100% means adding to backlogged cases; more than 100%, backlogs (pending cases) are decreasing. The backlog of Criminal cases has been increasing in recent years.



Felonies and Misdemeanors

For the purpose of these performance measures, the Circuit Felony category includes circuit felonies, circuit misdemeanors, and circuit municipal appeals. The Associate Criminal category includes associate circuit felonies, associate circuit misdemeanors, and associate circuit municipal appeals.

Traffic	2010	2013	2014
Filings	2,770	3,937	3871
Dispositions	3,458	4,654	3,983
Court Trials	22	19	21
Jury Trials	0	0	2
Pending 12/31	4,309	4,180	4,138

Municipal Appeals	2010	2013	2014
Filings	389	260	242
Dispositions	432	258	261
Jury Trials	2	5	1
Court Trials	32	29	23
Pending 12/31	158	113	108

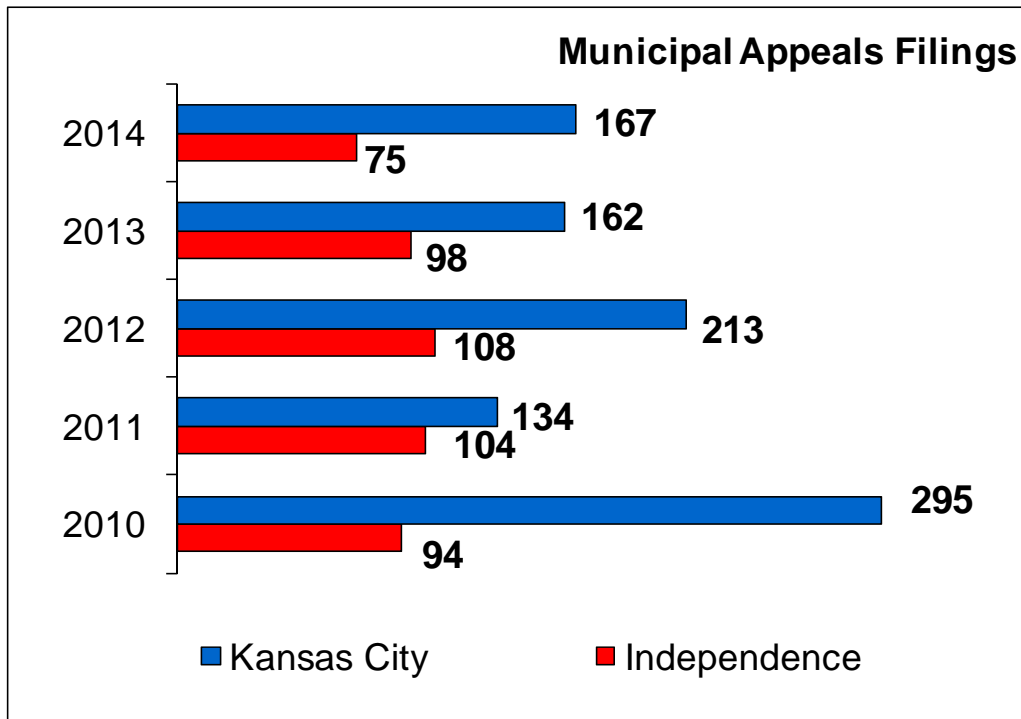
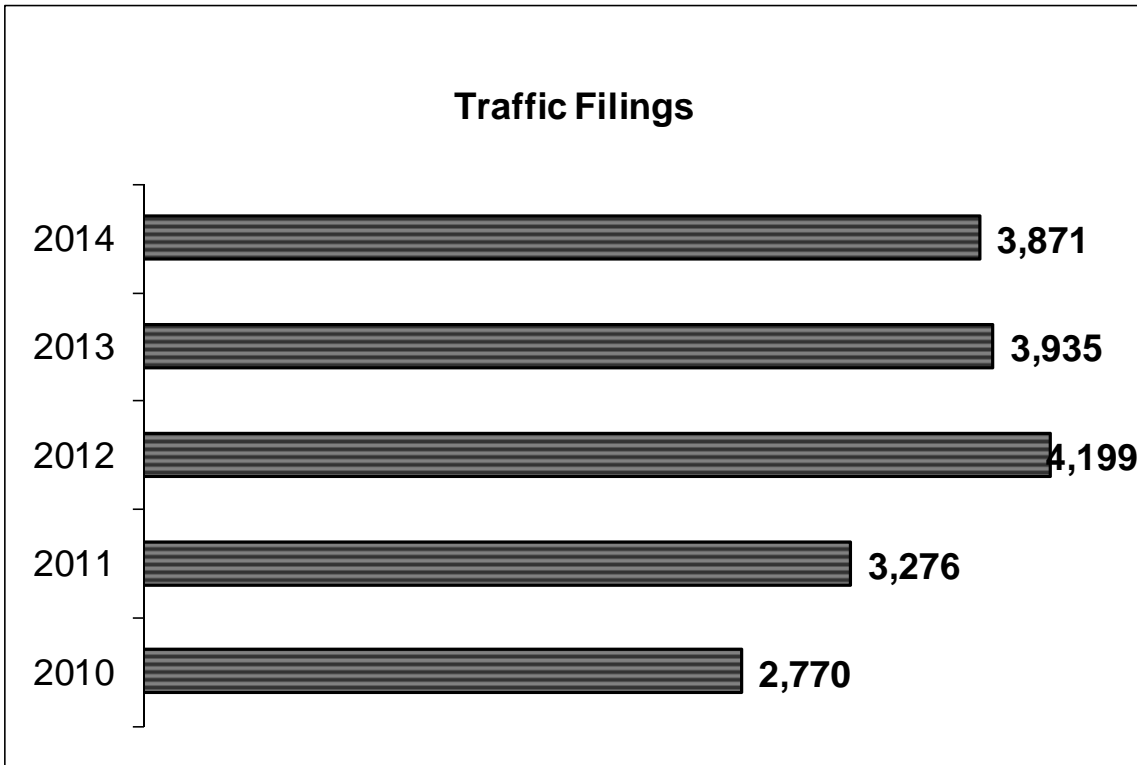
Note: Figures for jury trial dispositions are captured as recorded in JIS. The trial numbers exclude jury trials that end in settlements, directed verdicts or mistrials.

Comparing 2014 to 2013:

- Traffic case filings decreased 2%.
- Municipal appeals case filings decreased 7%.
- Traffic dispositions decreased 14%, and pending traffic cases at the end of 2014 decreased 1%.
- The number of Municipal Appeals disposed increased 1%, and pending caseloads for municipal appeals at the end of 2014 decreased 4%.

Comparing 2014 to 2010:

- Traffic case filings increased 40%.
- Municipal Appeals case filings decreased 38%.
- Traffic dispositions increased 15%, and pending Traffic cases at the end of 2014 decreased 4%.
- Municipal Appeals case dispositions decreased 40%, and pending caseloads for Municipal Appeals at the end of 2014 decreased 32%.



Drug Court	2010	2013	2014
Filings	231	251	272
% Drug Court Filings to Drug-Related Felony Filings*	21%	38%	28%
% Drug-Related Felony Filings to All Felony Filings**	25%	19%	33%
Dispositions	366	264	244
Successfully Completed	222	163	155
Pending 12/31	394	539	572

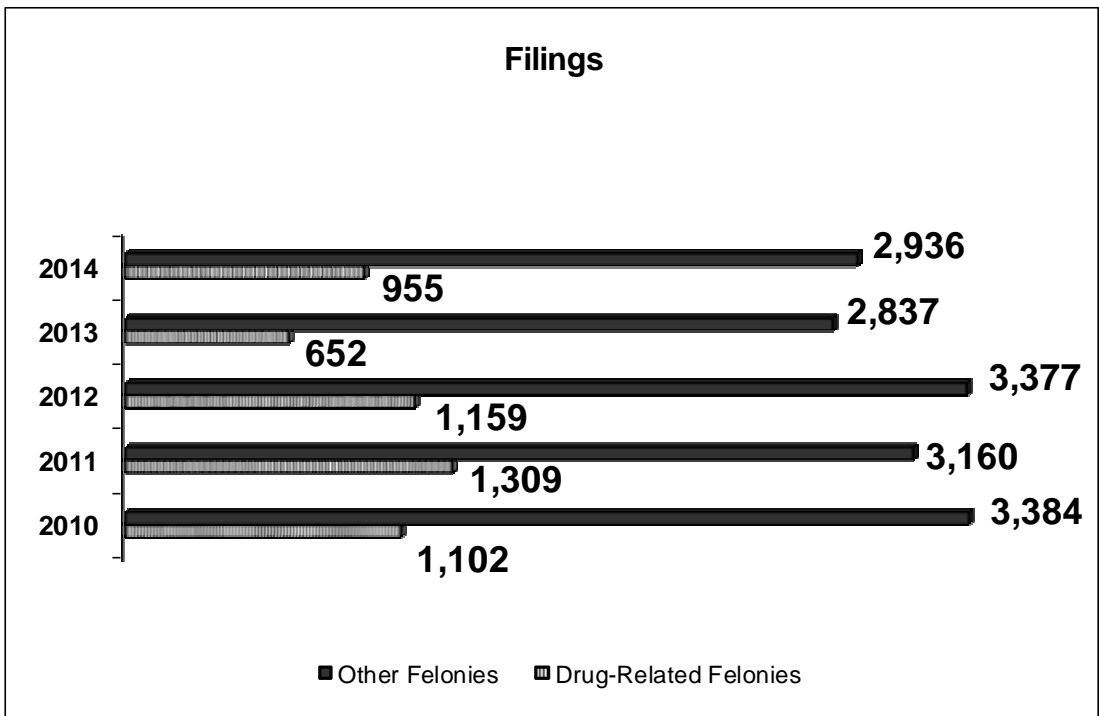
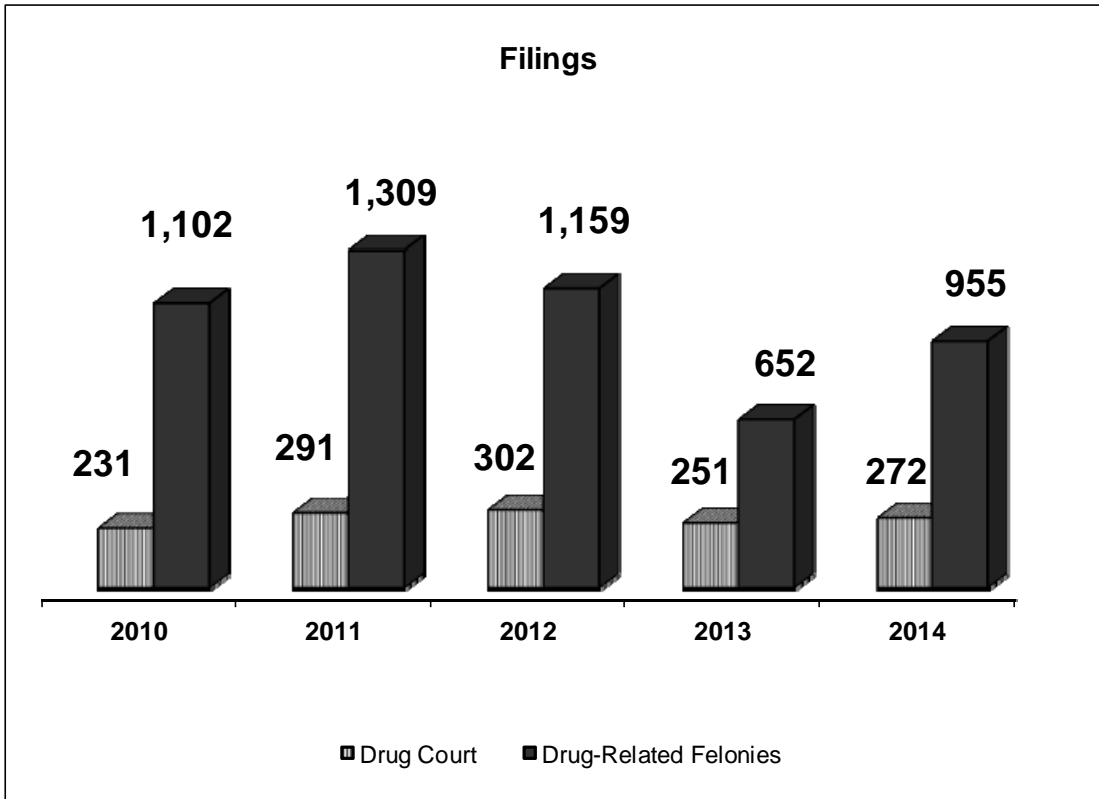
* % Drug Court Filing to Drug-Related Felony Filings is the number of cases diverted to Drug Court compared to the total criminal filings with one or more drug charges at the felony level. ** % Drug-Related Felony Filings to All Felony Filings is the percentage of felonies with drug charges compared to the total felony filings for the year.

Comparing 2014 to 2013:

- Filings in the Drug Treatment Court increased 8%.
- The percentage of drug-related felony filings increased from 19% in 2013 to 33% in 2014, but the percentage of those cases transferred to the Drug Court decreased from 38% in 2013 to 28% in 2014.
- Treatment court cases closed decreased 8%.
- Participants who successfully graduated the Drug Court program decreased 5%..
- The defendants in Drug Court at the end of 2014 increased 6%.

Comparing 2014 to 2010:

- Filings increased 18%.
- Drug felony filings increased from 25% of all felony filings in 2010 to 33% of all felony filings in 2014, and the drug-related felonies referred to Drug Court increased from 21% in 2010 to 28% in 2014.
- Treatment court cases closed decreased 33%.
- Participants who successfully graduated the Drug Court program decreased 30%.
- The defendants in Drug Court at the end of 2014 increased 45%.



During 2014, Commissioner Scott Manuel and Deputy Commissioner Mark Styles, Jr. joined our judicial team.

The Records Offices continued to prepare, scan and destroy existing case files while e-Filing gained momentum. There were 22,876 electronic submissions to Probate in 2014. In addition, with the assistance of the court's IT Department, the current settlement forms were moved into Excel spreadsheets making them more user friendly and enabling auditors to export them into work files making settlements easier to audit.

Probate is looking forward to the renovations currently underway at the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse which will provide better accommodations for Records staff and will provide a courtroom to allow Commissioners to hear dockets five days a week instead of only on Mondays.

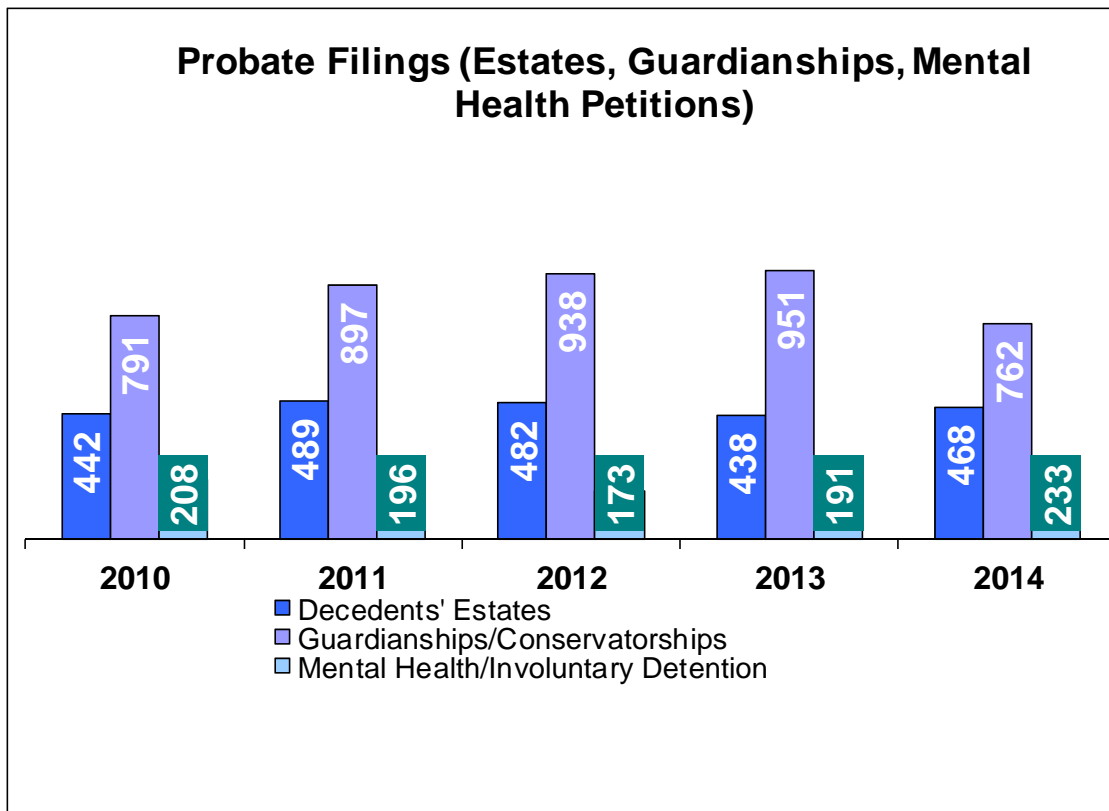
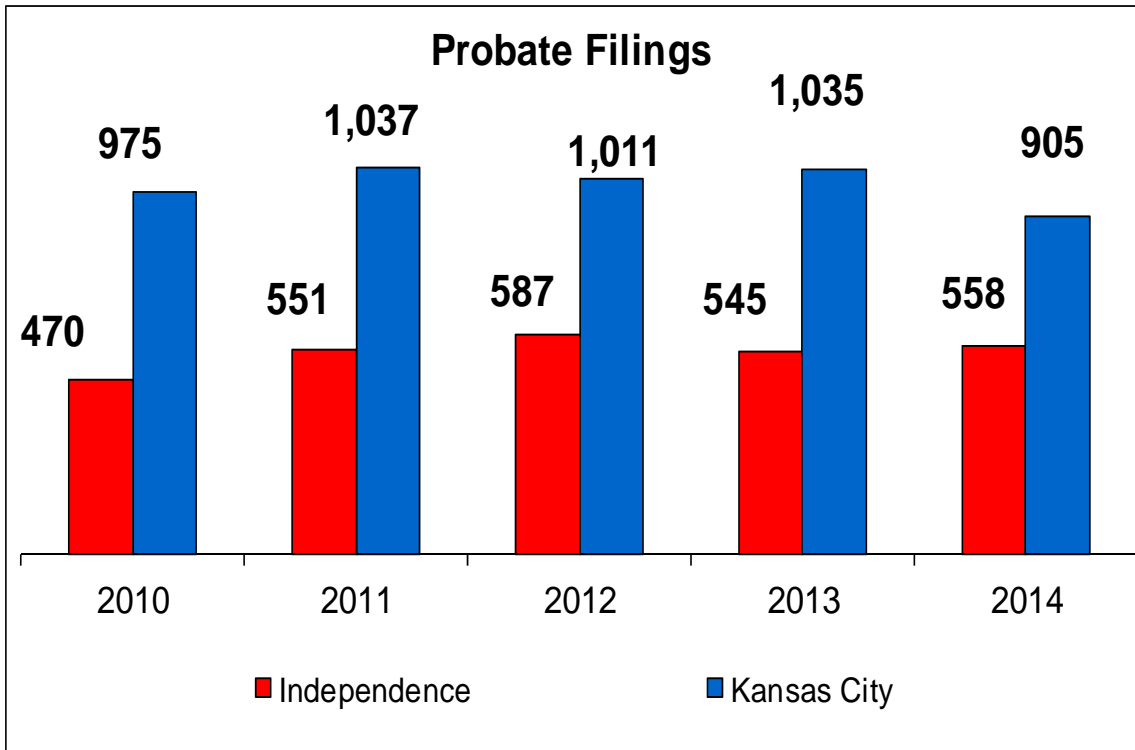
Probate	2010	2013	2014
Filings	1,441	1,585	1,463
Dispositions	1,534	1,257	1,571
Pending 12/31	5,632	7,623	7,507
Abbreviated Probate Matters	2,282	2,762	2,200
Mental Health Matters	208	191	233
Decedent Estates Filed	442	440	468
Adult Guardian/Conservator	316	373	318
Minor Guardian/Conservator	391	578	384

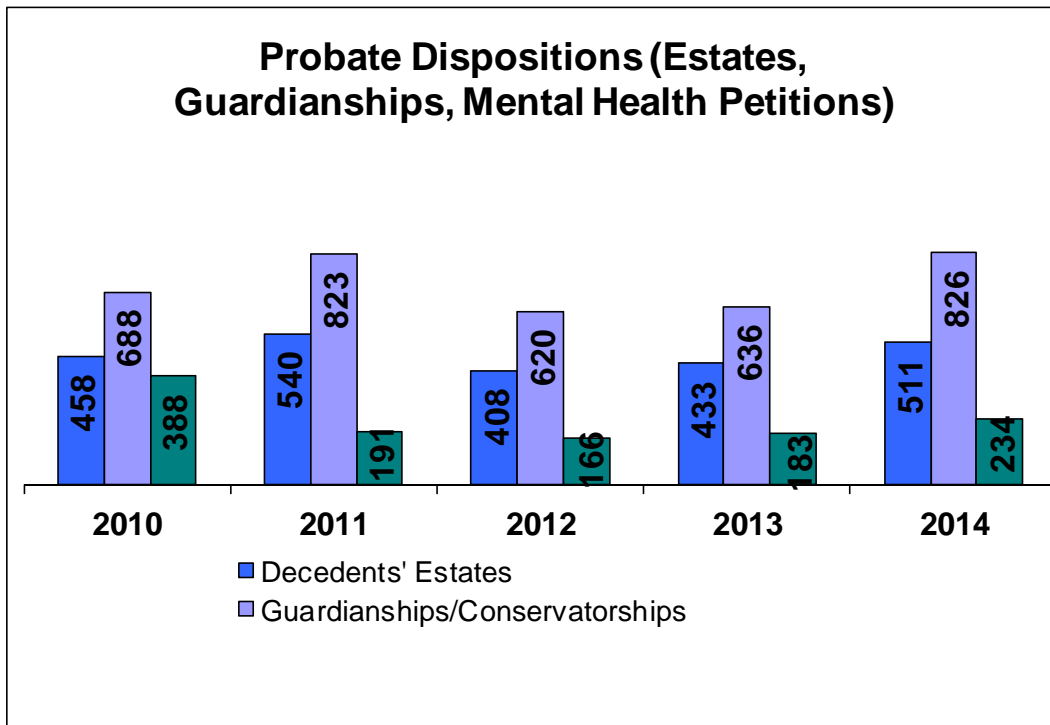
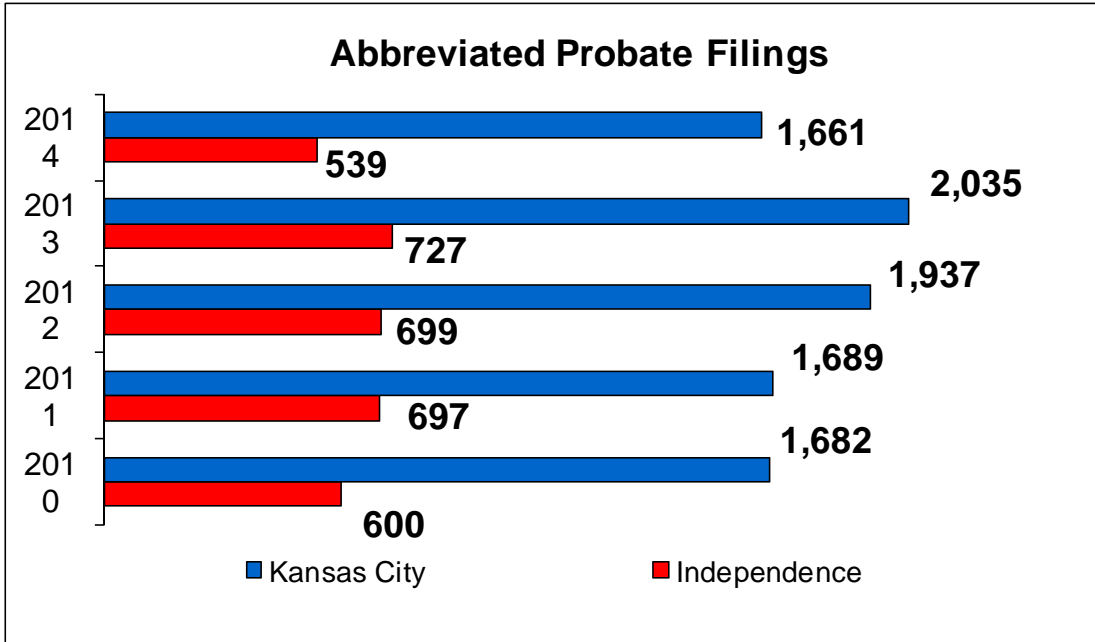
Comparing 2014 to 2013:

- Filings of non-abbreviated probate matters decreased 8%.
- Although decedent estate filings increased 6% , the number of guardianship/conservatorship filings decreased 26%.
- Dispositions increased 25%, and the number of cases pending at the end of 2014 decreased 2%.
- Mental health filings increased 22%; abbreviated probate matters decreased 20%.

Comparing 2014 to 2010:

- Filings of non-abbreviated probate matters increased 2%.
- Decedent estate filings increased 6%; the number of guardianship/conservatorship filings decreased 1%.
- Dispositions increased 2% , and cases pending at the end of 2014 increased 33%.
- Mental health filings increased 12%; abbreviated probate matters filed decreased 4%.





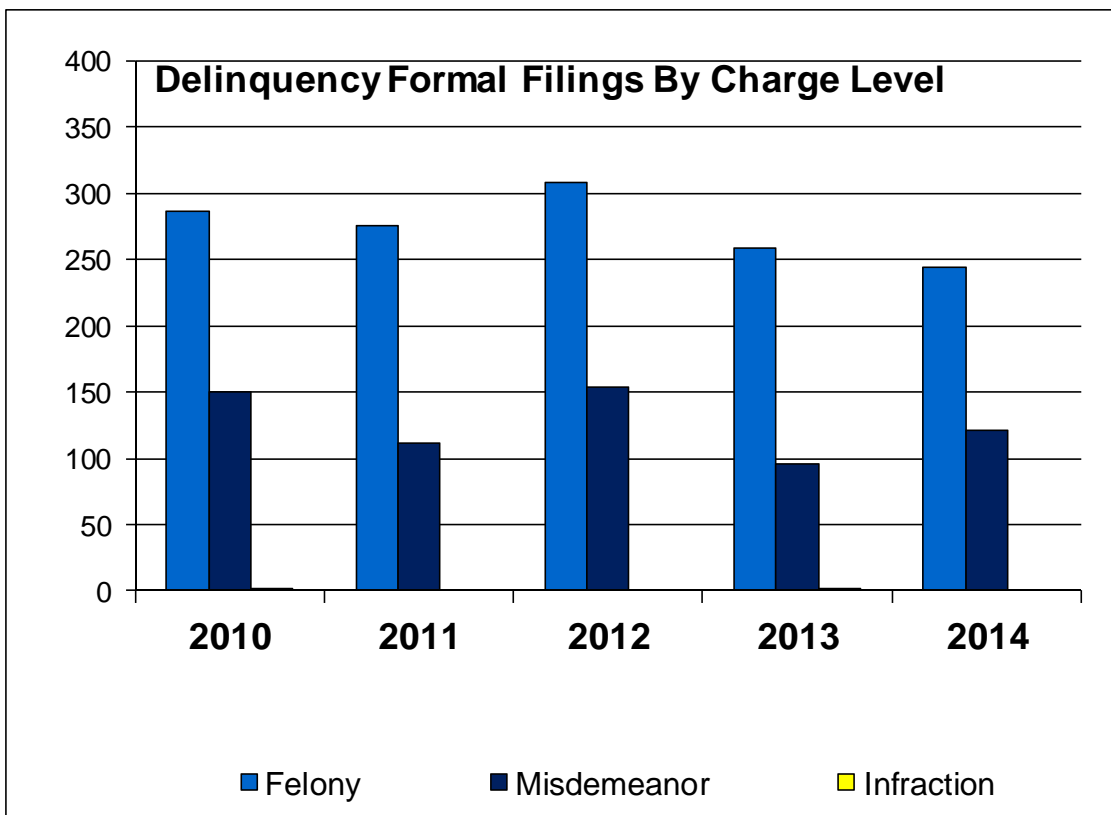
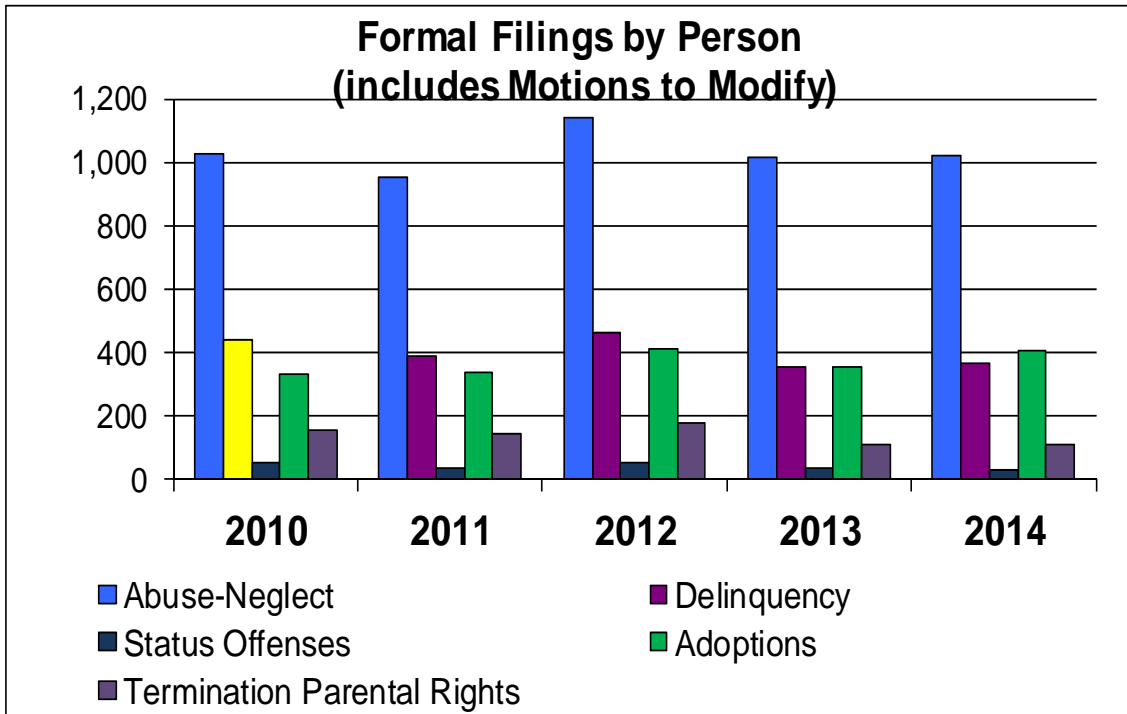
Filings by Person (Motions to Modify included)			
	2010	2013	2014
Abuse-Neglect	1,029	1,014	1,023
Delinquency	438	355	365
Status Offenses	56	35	33
Adoptions	333	356	407
Termination Parental Rights	154	113	108
Referrals			
	2010	2013	2014
Abuse-Neglect	1,293	1,304	1,256
Delinquency	1,533	1,150	1,264
Status Offenses	133	55	94
Delinquency Formal Filings by Level of Offense			
	2010	2013	2014
Felony	287	259	244
Misdemeanor	150	96	121
Infraction	1	1	0
Certifications			
	2010	2013	2014
Filings	59	64	46
Cases Certified	17	13	4
Programs and Services			
	2010	2013	2014
Prevention & Diversion	1,467	744	795
Youth Ordered to Probation	262	192	198
Detention Admissions	570	444	378
Resource Services	5,103	5,346	5,973

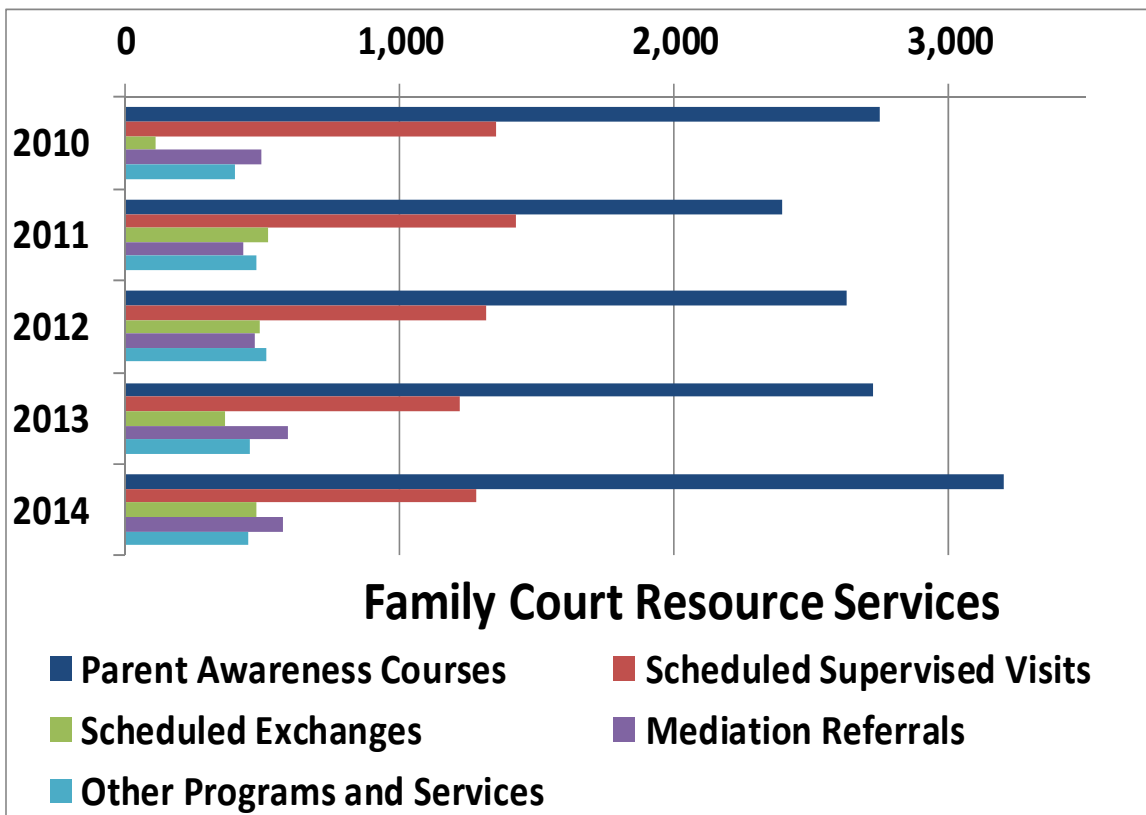
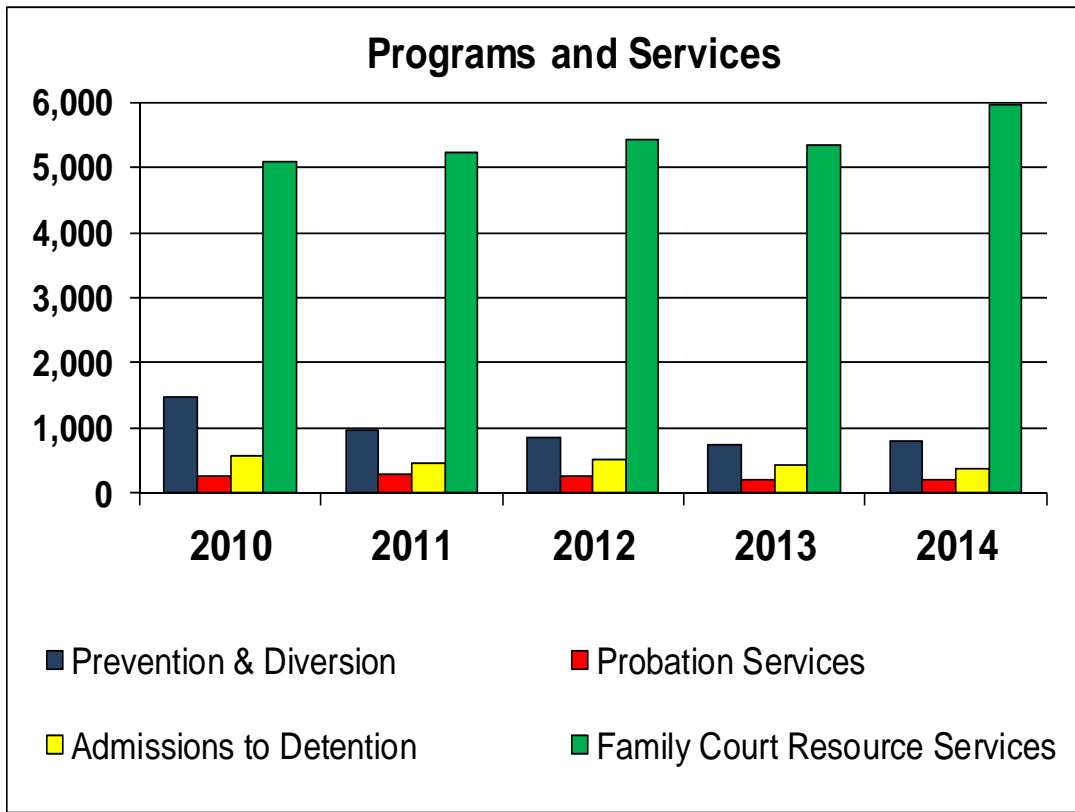
Comparing 2014 to 2010:

- Formal filings increased 1%, adoptions filings increasing 14%.
- Delinquency filings increased 3%, but formal filings on felony charges decreased 6%.
- Referrals increased 4%, status referrals increasing 71%.
- Certification filings decreased 28%, and, of those, cases certified decreased 69%.
- People utilizing Family Court Resource Services increased 12%.

Comparing 2014 to 2010:

- Formal filings decreased 4%, status offense filings declining 41% and termination of parental rights decreasing 30%.
- Delinquency filings decreased 17%, and Formal filings on felony charges decreased 15%.
- Referrals decreased 12%, status referrals decreasing 29%.
- Certification filings decreased 12%; cases certified decreased 76%.
- People utilizing Family Court Resource Services increased 17%.





Pre-Judgment Process			
	2010	2013	2014
Number Served	18,042	14,479	12,878
* % Served	66%	64%	65%
Bad Addresses	4,957	3,997	3,220
Unable to Contact	4,139	4,101	3,566
Total	27,138	22,578	19,664
Post-Judgment Process			
	2010	2013	2014
Levies & Garnishments	22,038	18,211	15,543
Evictions	3,746	3,700	3,331
Attachments & Replevins	138	48	109
Protective Orders Served	1,597	966	1,169
Protective Orders Unable to Contact	4,613	3,665	3,826
Total	32,132	26,590	23,978
Total Papers	59,166	49,168	43,642
Delinquent Land Tax Sales			
	2010	2013	2014
Parcels Offered for Sale	952	1,103	1,045
Parcels Sold	248	460	461
Gross Revenue Generated (\$)	1,348,190	2,259,653	2,360,471

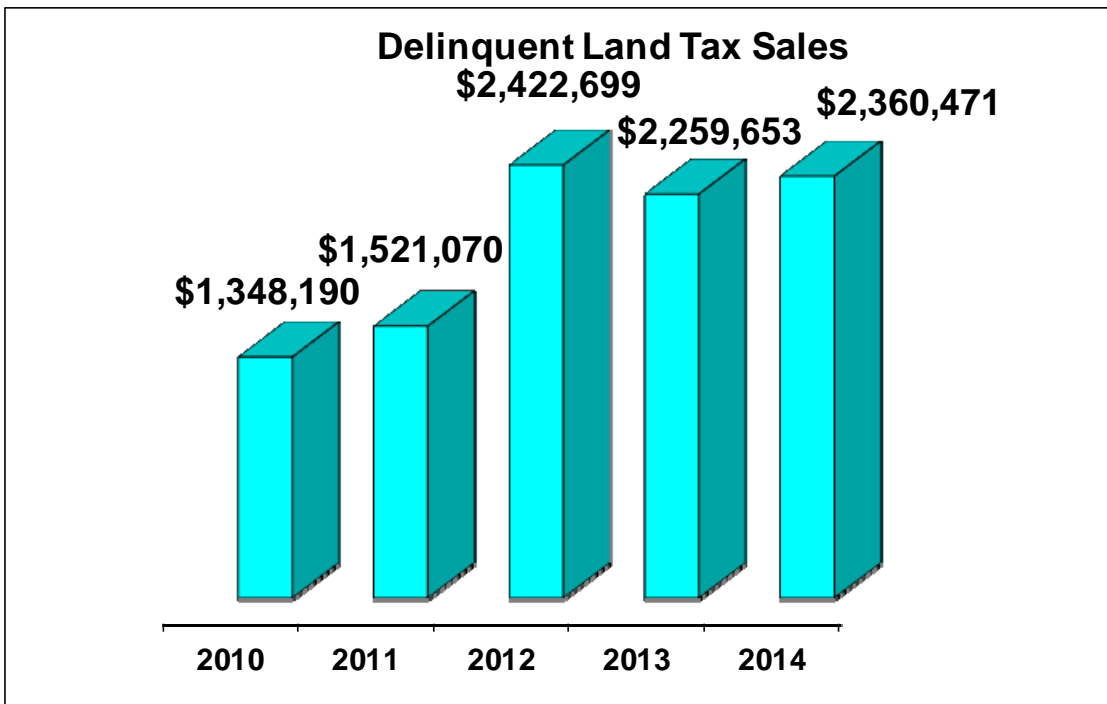
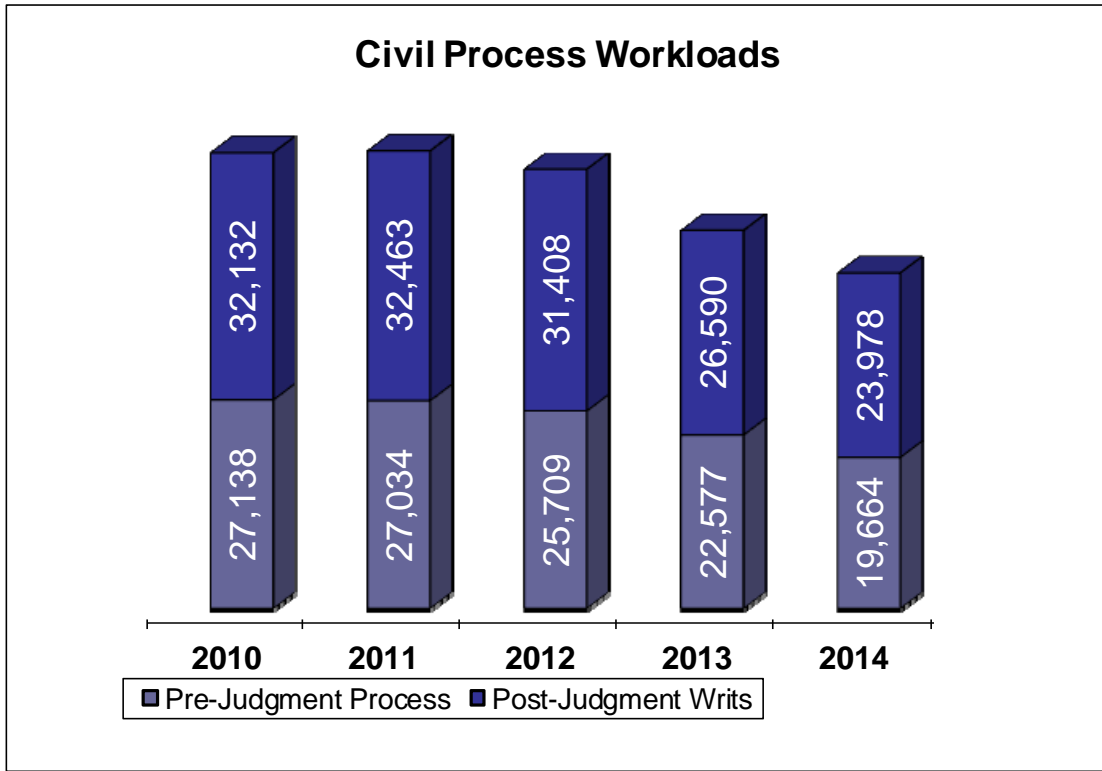
* % Served is the number of papers served expressed as a percentage of the total pre-judgment papers given to Civil Process for service.

Comparing 2014 to 2013:

- 13% fewer pre-judgment papers were received for service, and 10% fewer post-judgment papers were received.
- The service rate increased on pre-judgment process from 64% in 2013 to 65% in 2014.
- Although parcels offered for sale at the delinquent land tax sale decreased 5%, the number of parcels sold was unchanged, and gross revenue increased 4%.

Comparing 2014 to 2010:

- 28% fewer pre-judgment papers were received for service, and 25% fewer post-judgment papers were received.
- The service rate declined on pre-judgment process from 66% in 2010 to 65% in 2014.
- 10% more parcels were offered for sale at the delinquent land tax sale, 86% more parcels were sold, and the gross revenue received increased 75%.



Trials		2010	2013	2014
	Civil	87	70	72
	Criminal	63	42	62
	Total	150	112	134
Available Jurors		2010	2013	2014
	Independence	5,068	3,906	4,028
	Kansas City	12,873	11,043	11,135
	Total	17,941	14,949	15,163
Jurors Sent to Divisions		2010	2013	2014
	Independence	2,641	2,086	1,630
	Kansas City	5,724	4,128	5,873
	Total	8,365	6,214	7,748
	* Juror Yield	31%	32%	33%
	Sent for Jury Selection	47%	42%	51%
	Selected as Jurors	12%	11%	13%

* JUROR YIELD is the number of citizens selected for jury service who are qualified and available to serve, expressed as a percentage of prospective jurors summoned.

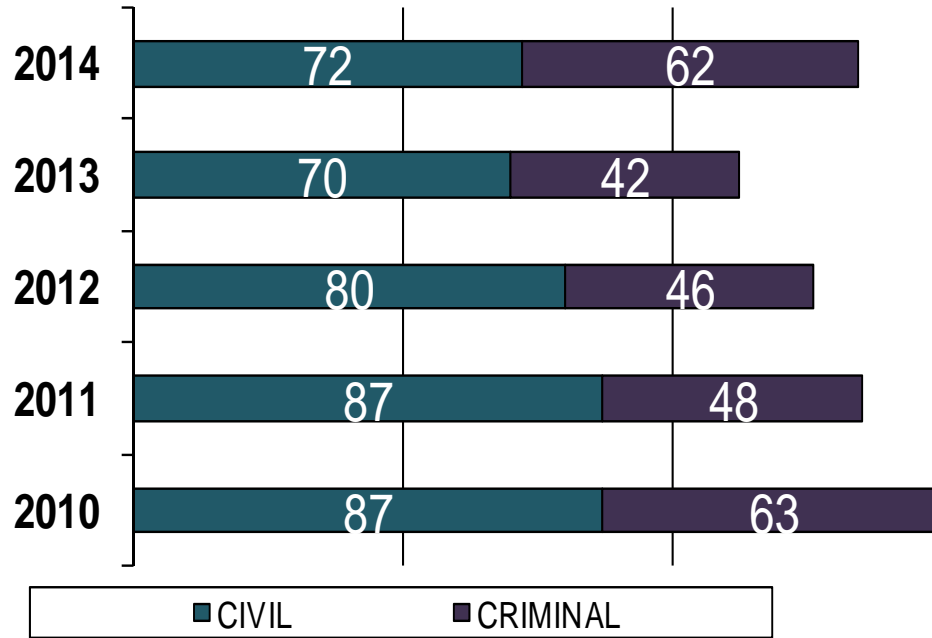
Comparing 2014 to 2013:

- Jury trials increased 20%, jurors sent to division increased 21%, but the qualified pool only increased 1%.
- Juror yield increased from 32% to 33%.
- The percentage of the pool qualified and sent to divisions increased from 42% to 51%

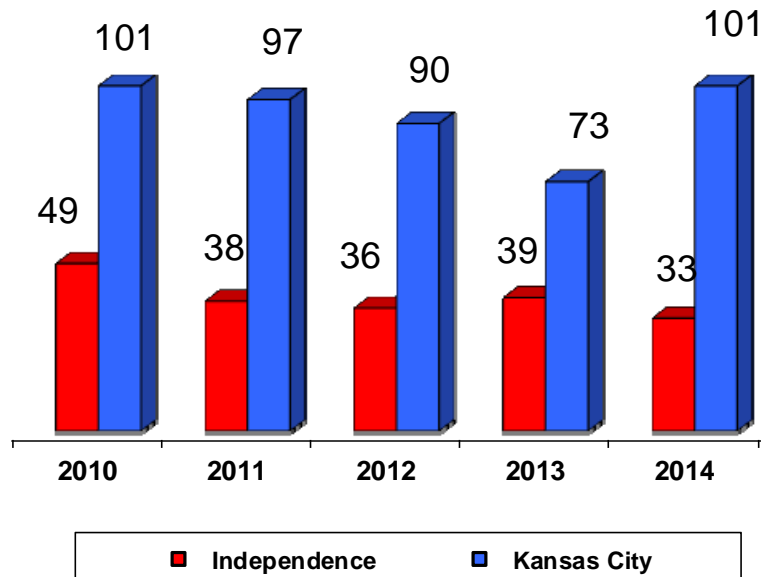
Comparing 2014 to 2010:

- Jury trials decreased 11%, jurors sent to division decreased 10% , and the qualified pool decreased 15%.
- Juror yield increased from 31% to 33%.
- The percentage of the pool qualified and sent to divisions increased from 47% to 51%

Civil/Criminal Jury Trials

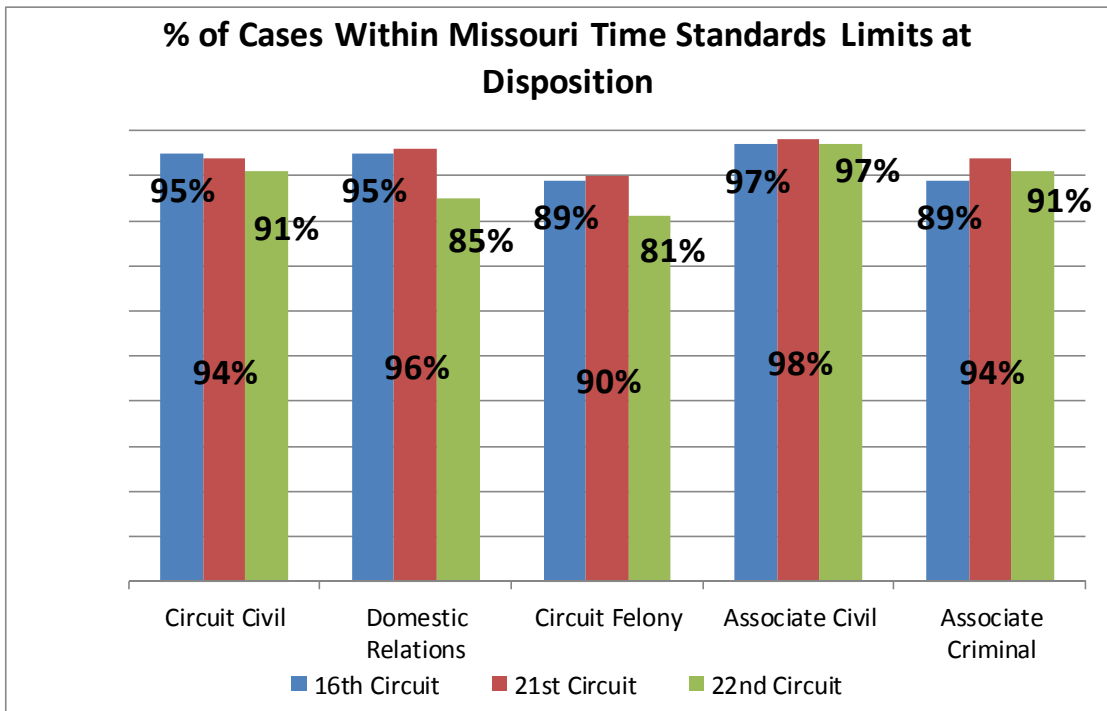


Jury Trials



FY 2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014)

	<u>16th Circuit</u>	<u>21st Circuit</u>	<u>22nd Circuit</u>
Population	679,996	1,001,444	318,416
Judges	28	33	31
Commissioners	8	9	1
Total Filings	65,528	100,120	39,613
Total Dispositions	65,110	99,810	42,397
Cases Pending 6/30/2014	43,300	54,016	23,577



The fiscal year of the State commences on July 1 and ends on June 30 . Figures shown are for 2014.