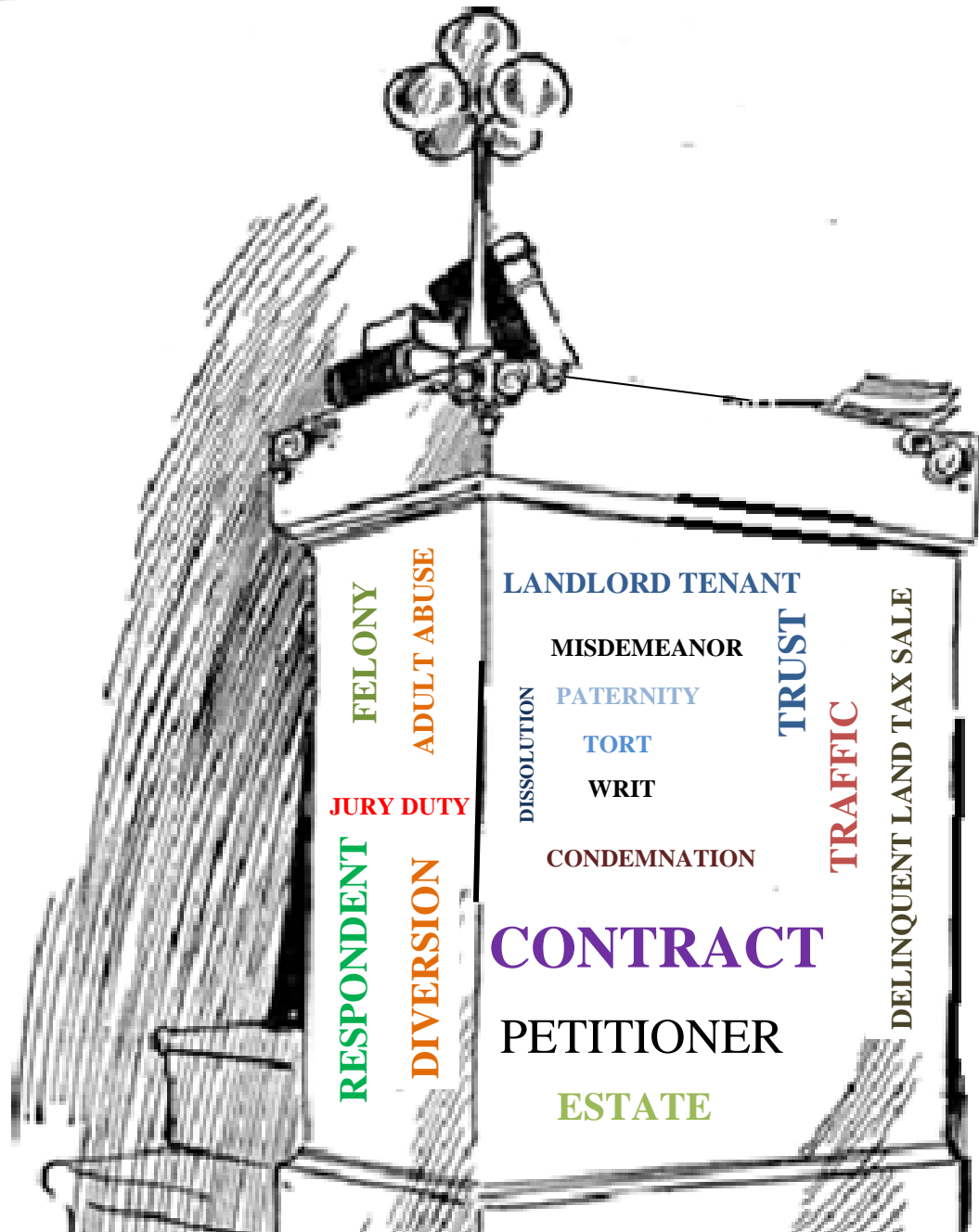


2015 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT



SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

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THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

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- Division 11** **Circuit Judge W. Brent Powell**
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- Division 32** **Associate Circuit Judge Robert L. Trout**
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Jeff Eisenbeis

COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S INTRODUCTION

2015 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.

Stability continued as the Court experienced minimal judicial officer and key personnel turnover as compared to 2012 and 2013. There were just under 60,000 cases filed in the 16th Judicial Circuit in 2015, down slightly from 2014. Unfortunately, we still struggled more in some areas to maintain clearance and time-to-disposition rates than we would prefer; 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 happy to report that the State has allocated one additional associate circuit judge which will help to take the pressure off of the existing associate circuit divisions. Division 34, the new associate division, is assigned to the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse in Independence effective March 7, 2016.

In addition to the assignment of Division 34 to the eastern venue, Division 12, a circuit division, was transferred to the eastern venue. The assignment of these two additional divisions to the eastern venue results in a better balancing of the judicial capacity between the western and eastern venues of the Circuit. These moves were made possible by the renovation of the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse which, while not completely finished, is substantially complete and the facility is able to accommodate both of these divisions as well as dedicated courtrooms for the Drug Court (Division 50) and the Probate Division (Division 19). Finally, the significantly enlarged jury assembly room allows for more circuit divisions to schedule jury trials simultaneously.

Missouri electronic filing has continued to add capabilities to streamline the work of the Court and several other agencies. During 2015, agency filing was implemented allowing agencies such as Missouri Probation and Parole and the Missouri Children's Division to electronically file reports by their probation officers and case workers. As I reported the last two years, 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 approximately **one million** electronic filings! Nevertheless, challenges remain for Criminal Records because the system essentially forces a hybrid electronic-paper system for criminal filings.

In addition to the Court's use of e-filing, we have also implemented other technological solutions to enhance efficiency. An example is the electronic search warrant process which allows judicial officers to sign warrants electronically saving the law enforcement agency significant time as compared to the old paper system.

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The Family Court has continued both its Annie E. Casey Foundation Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), first implemented in 2006, and its Casey Family Foundation Judicial Engagement Program (JEP) which is designed to safely reduce the number of children in foster care. Initial indicators look very promising for JEP, and, of course, JDAI continues to be very successful and results in many fewer youth being placed in secure detention without risking public safety. Finally, Family Court once again achieved reaccreditation with the American Correctional Association for its residential facilities, remaining the first and only juvenile residential facilities in the State of Missouri to achieve this distinction.

Civil filings have declined slightly, with the greatest number of cases continuing to be suits on account, suits for breach of contract, and rent and possession. While circuit civil filings have declined slightly over the past two years, the number of filings is actually slightly higher than it was five years ago. On the other hand, associate civil filings have decreased about 32% since 2011. Domestic relations case filings decreased by about 11% over the last year and 37% over the past five years. Domestic violence filings were up about 6% and up very slightly from 2011.

Criminal felony filings increased sharply from 2014 to 2015 with a 16% increase; however, the number of felony filings were almost identical to the number of filings in 2011 (4,501 and 4,495 respectively). On the other hand, misdemeanor filings decreased by 10%.

The number of jury trials decreased by 4% in 2015. 2015 also represents a 4% decrease over the last five years so it appears to have stabilized in the 130 – 135 range. What is different however, is that there were actually more criminal than civil jury trials in 2015 (65 and 64 respectively) while five years ago, criminal jury trials represented only about 36% of the total. Approximately 30% of the jury trials were held at Eastern Jackson County Courthouse while 70% of the jury trials were held at the downtown KC Courthouse.

Juvenile delinquency filings were down slightly (1%). Child abuse and neglect filings, decreased significantly (20%) while termination for parental rights filings increased by 25%. Adoption filings were down about 11%. Attendance at parent education programs offered by Family Court Resource Services has increased by 2% and the number of supervised visits and exchange has increased 36%.

COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S INTRODUCTION

Non-abbreviated *probate* matters filings increased by 3% and abbreviated matters increased by 10%. Abbreviated matter filings have now doubled since 2011. Decedent estate filings and guardian/conservatorship filings increased 14% and 13% respectively. Mental health filings were down 22% in 2015.

Civil Process. As one would expect with declining case numbers, the numbers of pre- and post-judgment papers served were down 6% and 17% respectively, while the delinquent land tax sale conducted by the Court resulted in just slightly less than \$3 Million in sales, about 97% higher than sales in 2011.

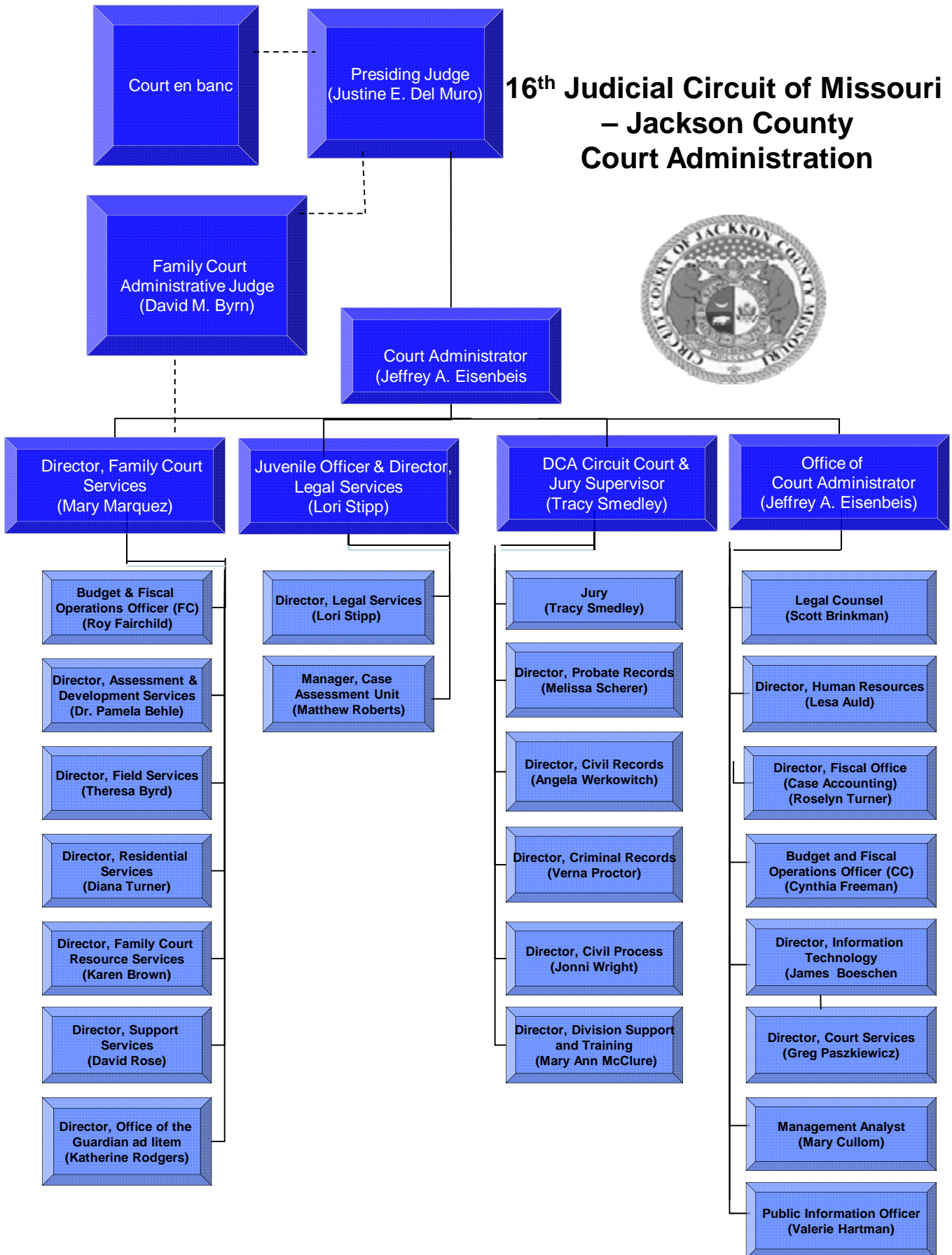
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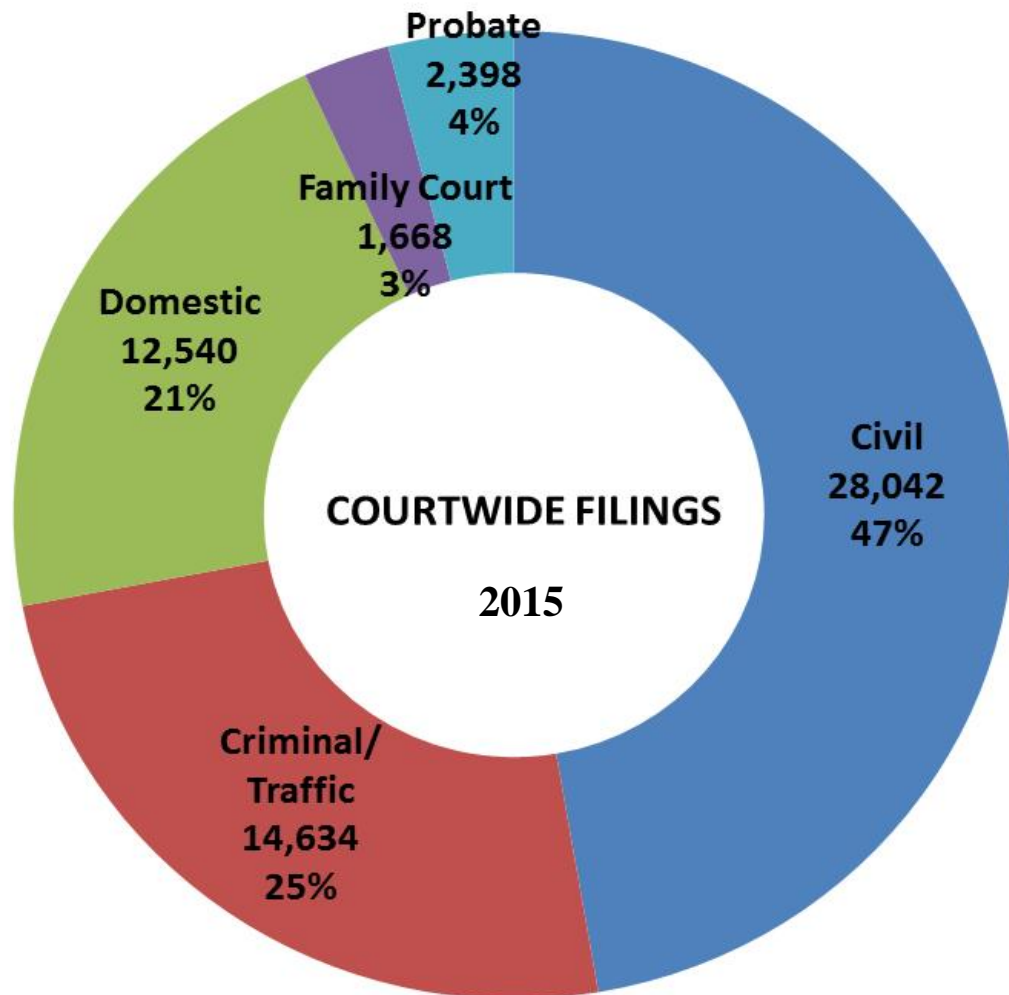
The Court has continued its efforts to be a good steward of public funds and other resources. In addition to the State Audit conducted in 2014, the Court has also undergone an independent financial audit in 2015 conducted by an external audit firm which resulted in an unmodified opinion. The Court intends to continue with annual independent financial audits.



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Note: The Criminal/Traffic category includes associate and circuit felony filings.



CIVIL RECORDS

While still processing 67% of all filings to the Circuit Court, the Civil Records Department saw major changes in 2015.

The Department's management team of 14 members welcomed 10 (71%) of those members in 2015 . Some of these new members joined Civil Records. Others were promoted from the Department or transferred internally.

As part of the ongoing task force headed by Verna Proctor and Nancy Berry, significant progress was made in financial cleanup. This task force has now been disbanded, and the remainder of the civil financial cleanup will be performed in the Civil Records office in 2016.

New offices were provided in the renovated Eastern Jackson County Courthouse and, with the assistance of Court Services and IT, Civil Records staff moved into those offices in 2015. Civil Records now has an Adult Abuse office on the second floor, and the Associate and Circuit units are in offices on the first floor.

To improve efficiency and streamline the filing process for customers, the Department commenced a restructuring of the Independence office as well, dividing the responsibilities between a case initiation unit and a post-filing unit.

CIVIL

Circuit Civil	2011	2014	2015
Filings	3,439	3,454	3,292
Dispositions	3,579	3,783	3,398
Jury Trials	62	59	48
Court Trials	193	440	353
Pending Cases 12/31	3,074	2,803	2,640

Associate Circuit Civil	2011	2014	2015
Filings	31,205	26,682	24,750
Dispositions	32,541	27,849	24,394
Jury Trials	1	7	4
Court Trials	1,703	2,594	1,737
Pending Cases 12/31	8,864	6,985	7,179

Comparing 2015 to 2014:

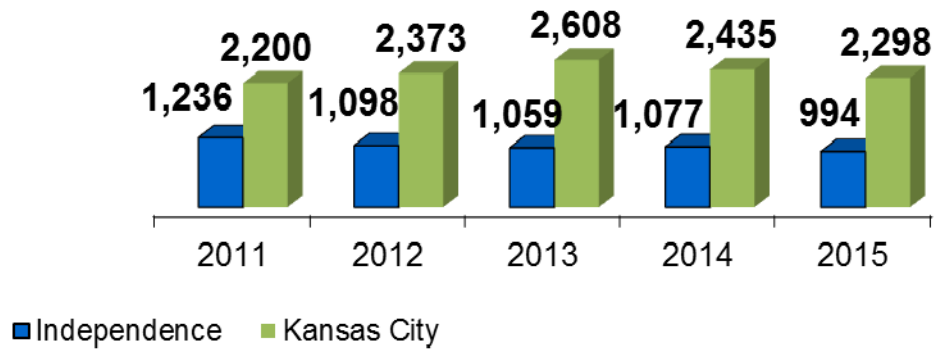
- ◇ Circuit Civil (CC) filings have decreased 5%, dispositions by 10%.
- ◇ Although the CC clearance rate is 104% for 2015 compared to 110% for 2014, more cases are still being disposed than are filed.
- ◇ There is a 6% decrease in the number of pending CC cases on 12/31/15; 94% of those pending cases are within the State time standards as compared to 92% of those pending on 12/31/14.
- ◇ 95% of CC dispositions continue to fall within the State time standards, the same as in 2014.
- ◇ Personal Injury—Vehicular (15.6%) continues to be the greatest percentage of CC filings followed by Breach of Contract (9.7%).
- ◇ Associate Circuit Civil (ACC) filings have decreased 7%, dispositions by 12%.
- ◇ ACC clearance rate for 2015 decreased to 99% compared to 104% for 2014.
- ◇ The number of pending ACC cases on 12/31/2015 decreased 14% , and 97% of those pending cases were within the State time standard as compared to 96% of the cases pending on 12/31/2014.

- ◇ ACC filings for rent and possession (25.2%) , for breach of contract (20.6%) and for suits on account (18.8%) were the three highest filings in 2015.

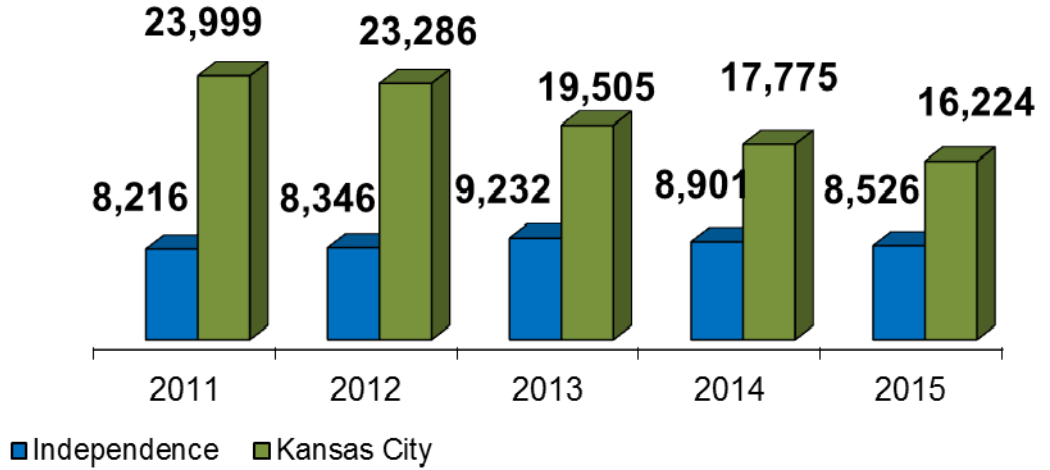
Comparing 2015 to 2011:

- ◇ CC filings have decreased 4%, dispositions by 5%.
- ◇ The CC clearance rate and the number of cases disposed within the State time standards are both 2% less, but 2% more of the pending cases on 12/31/15 fell within the State time standards than those pending 12/31/11.
- ◇ Dispositions by jury trial in CC cases have decreased 23% ; bench trials, however, have increased 183% .
- ◇ ACC filings have decreased 21% ; disposition decreased 25%.
- ◇ Clearance rates for ACC cases are 6% less, but the percentage of cases disposed within the State time standard is unchanged.
- ◇ The age of pending ACC cases falling within the State time standard on 12/31/2015 is 7% more than those pending on 12/31/2011.

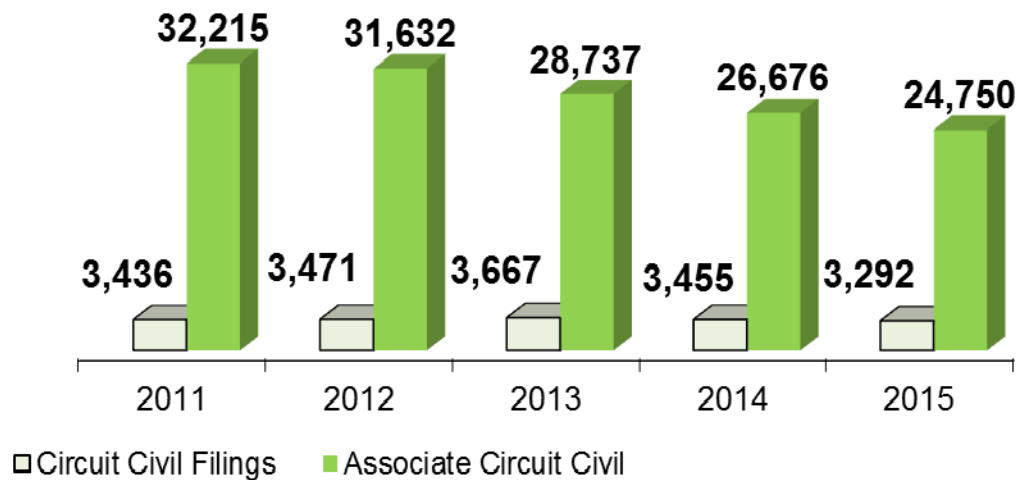
Circuit Civil Filings



Associate Circuit Civil Filings



Circuit and Associate Circuit Civil Filings



CIVIL

CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS BY CASE TYPE

Nature of Action	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	%
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Pers Injury-Vehicular	511	471	599	558	540	15.6%
Breach of Contract	394	338	377	330	336	9.7%
Pers Injury-Other	340	314	302	317	302	8.7%
Other Miscellaneous Actions	192	250	196	205	245	7.1%
Employmnt Discrmntn 213.111	177	235	191	189	232	6.7%
Other Tort	237	244	277	252	222	6.4%
Pers Injury-Malpractice	111	93	119	103	125	3.6%
Quiet Title	77	116	119	127	124	3.6%
Replevin	88	72	94	121	105	3.0%
Contract-Other	57	51	109	89	94	2.7%
Declaratory Judgment	59	64	67	81	80	2.3%
Suit on Account	69	58	97	91	73	2.1%
Motn, Rules 29.15 or 24.035	105	113	83	75	67	1.9%
Reg Foreign Jgmt (excl DR)	96	131	118	75	66	1.9%
Wrongful Death	111	120	75	98	65	1.9%
Other Real Estate Actions	115	88	75	57	65	1.9%
CAFA Forfeit 513.600-513.64	54	64	89	58	65	1.9%
Property Damage	35	40	58	68	55	1.6%
Promissory Note	134	88	68	51	49	1.4%
Small Claims Trial de Novo	52	53	72	66	44	1.3%
Out of State Witness	61	58	51	37	40	1.2%
Injunction	27	33	41	36	24	0.7%
Other Administrative Review	30	44	45	34	24	0.7%
Trial de Novo	44	55	58	45	3	0.1%
Other Filings	249	278	287	291	247	7.2%
	3,425	3,471	3,667	3,454	3,292	100.0%

* Number filings 2015

**Percentage of 2015 filings

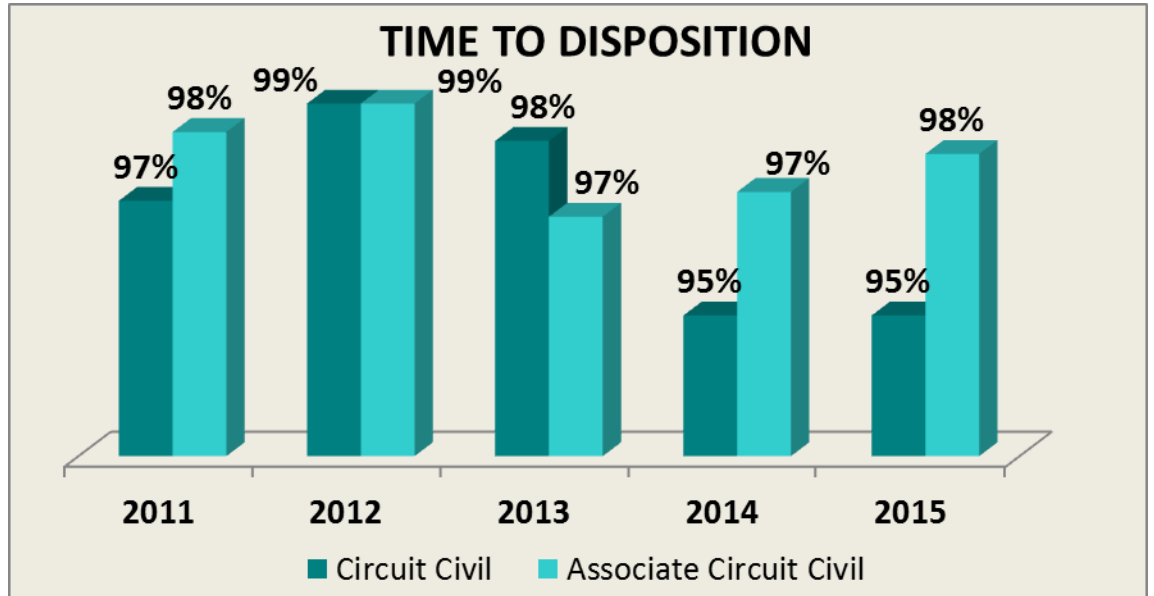
ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS BY CASE TYPE

Nature of Action	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*	2015	%**
Rent and Possession	5,678	5,115	5,031	5,559	5,882	6,235	25.2%
Breach of Contract	8,294	5,764	5,400	6,343	6,144	5,105	20.6%
Suit on Account	10,971	10,926	10,698	7,554	6,302	4,647	18.8%
Landlord Complaint	2,198	3,034	3,159	2,660	2,339	1,978	8.0%
Delinquent Taxes	1,682	974	765	556	684	1,427	5.8%
Small Claims over \$100	1,198	1,074	1,229	1,041	1,070	981	4.0%
Contract-Other	401	296	244	871	1,052	963	3.9%
Unlawful Detainer	1,866	1,740	1,625	1,243	979	927	3.7%
Refus Breath 302.750/577.04	593	579	542	550	525	531	2.1%
Promissory Note	1,348	1,317	1,406	844	380	528	2.1%
Property Damage	611	548	516	559	460	438	1.8%
Reg of Foreign Judgment	391	334	334	260	256	293	1.2%
Misc Associate Civil-Other	112	150	164	131	167	125	0.5%
Declaratory Judgment	25	28	36	29	51	91	0.4%
DL Revoc Rvw 302.311 RSMo	57	40	23	65	84	88	0.4%
Pers Injury-Vehicular	84	68	117	117	52	72	0.3%
Other Tort	129	39	68	88	62	50	0.2%
Limit Dr Priv 302.309 RSMo	21	28	26	32	44	35	0.1%
Replevin	119	101	135	65	33	27	0.1%
Quiet Title	34	40	39	18	18	27	0.1%
Other Administrative Review	5	17	19	41	30	22	0.1%
Conceal Carry Appeal 571.114	14	22	22	28	21	18	0.1%
Pers Injury-Other	20	7	17	18	18	18	0.1%
Expunge/Correct Arrest Rec	28	24	24	35	16	17	0.1%
Other Actions	73	29	15	30	13	107	0.4%
	35,952	32,294	31,654	28,737	26,682	24,750	100.0%

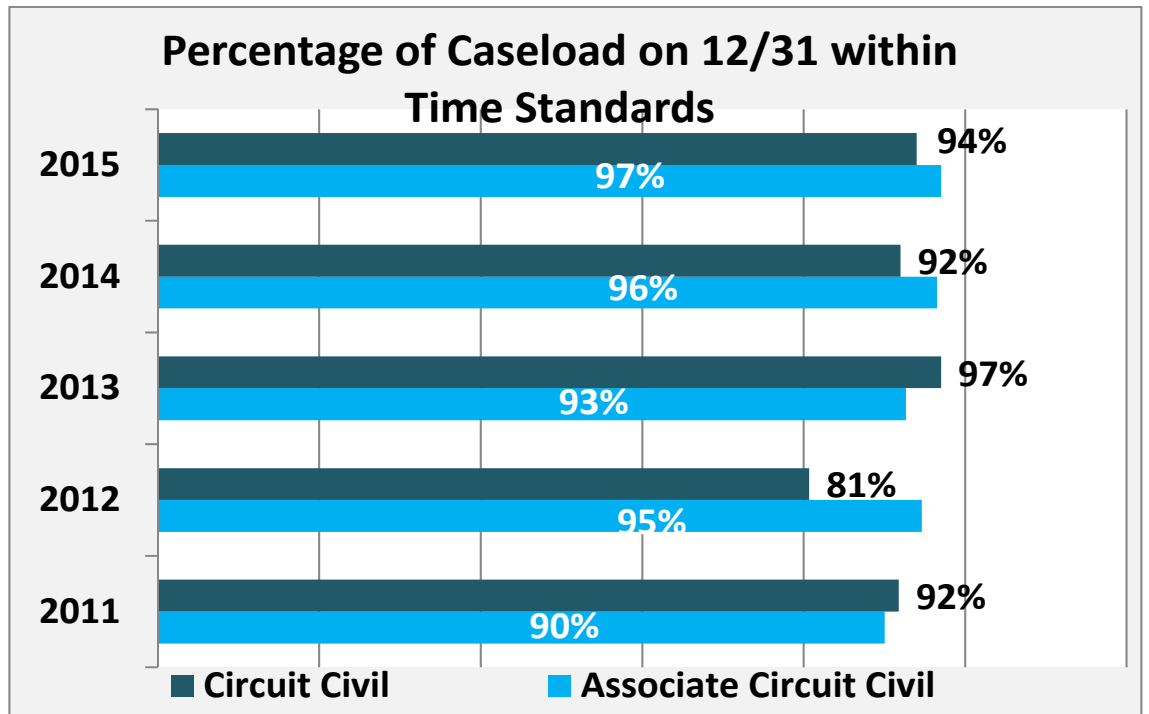
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**Percentage of 2015 filings

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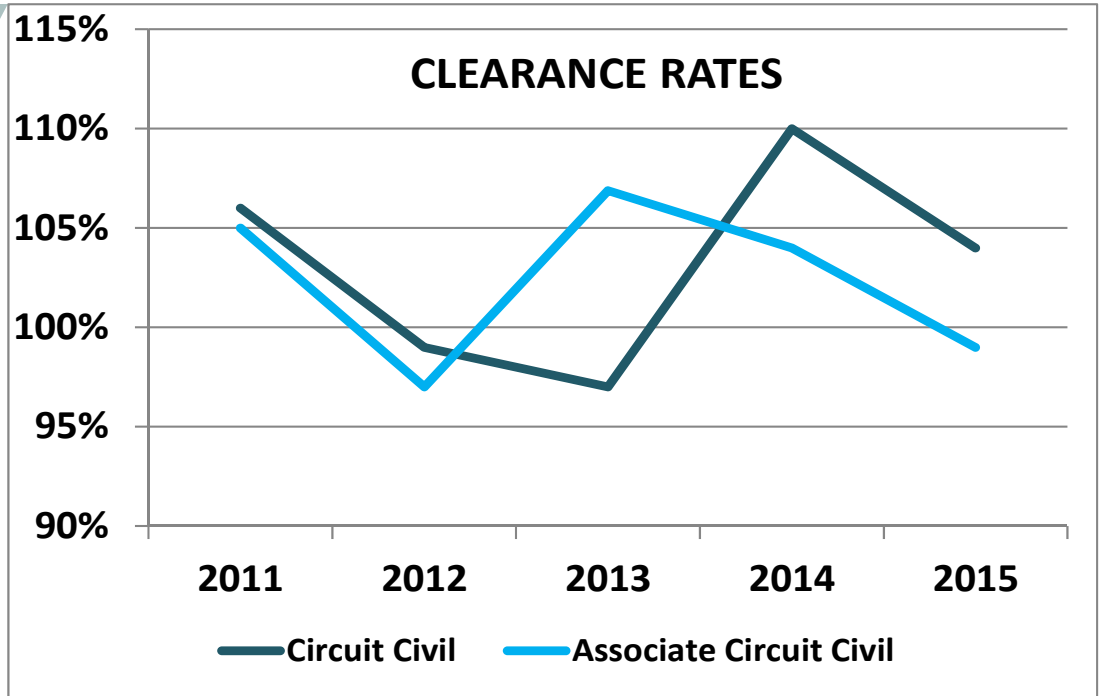


Time standards for Circuit Civil cases are the disposition of 95% within 30 months. For Associate Circuit Civil cases, the standard is the disposition of 95% within 12 months. The chart above shows the % disposed with these time standards for the calendar years. Each year met or exceeded the time standards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



The chart above shows the percentage of pending cases on December 31 of each calendar year that are within the time standards. 94% of the Circuit Civil cases pending on 12/31/2015 had been filed for less than 30 months where 97% of the Associate Circuit Civil cases pending on that date had been filed for less than 12 months.

CIVIL



Clearance rates show the ratio of dispositions to filings. A clearance rate of 100% is obtained when the number of dispositions in the year equals the number of cases filed in that year. In 2015, more Circuit Civil cases were disposed than were filed, and there were only slightly more Associate Circuit Civil filings than there were dispositions.

Note: The Court had multiple judicial vacancies in 2012 and in 2013 which account for lower clearance rates in those years.

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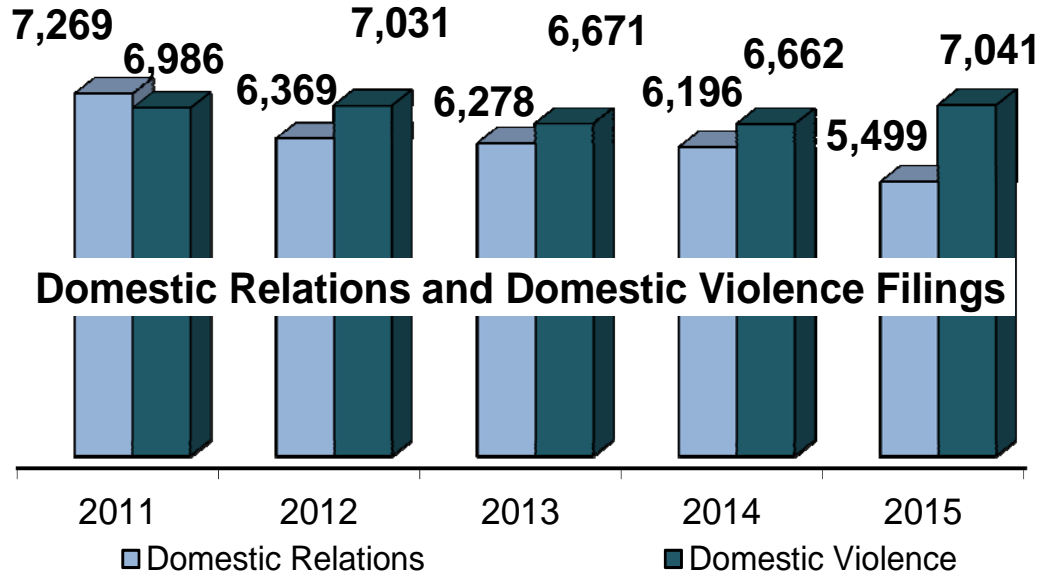
Domestic Relations	2011	2014	2015
Filings	8,692	6,196	5,499
Dispositions	6,824	6,205	6,212
Court Trials	790	722	1,004
Pending Cases 12/31	4,338	4,117	3,303
Domestic Violence	2011	2014	2015
Filings	6,993	6,661	7,042
Dispositions	6,891	6,493	7,184
Ex Parte Orders of Protection	4,918	3,894	3,835
Full Orders of Protection	2,230	1,365	1,483
Pending Cases 12/31	554	584	408

Comparing 2015 to 2014:

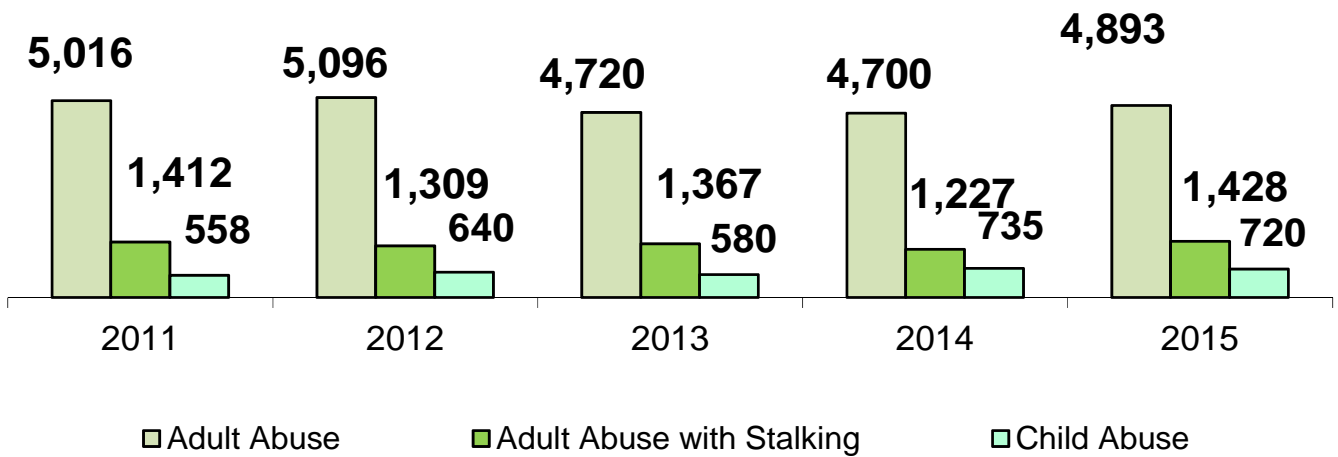
- ◇ Domestic Relations (DR) filings decreased 11%, but dispositions were unchanged.
- ◇ Dispositions of DR cases by bench trial increased 39%.
- ◇ There were 20% fewer DR cases pending on 12/31/2015 than on 12/31/2014.
- ◇ Filings for Domestic Violence (DV) case as increased 6%, dispositions increased 11%.
- ◇ There were full orders of protection issued in 9% more of the DV cases.
- ◇ There 30% fewer DV cases pending on 12/31/2015.
- ◇ 85% of the combined DR and DV cases were disposed within the State time standard.
- ◇ 4% more of the combined DR and DV cases pending on 12/31/2015 were within the State time standard than those pending on 12/31/2014.
- ◇ The clearance rate for DR and DV cases was 107% compared to 99% in 2014.

Comparing 2015 to 2011:

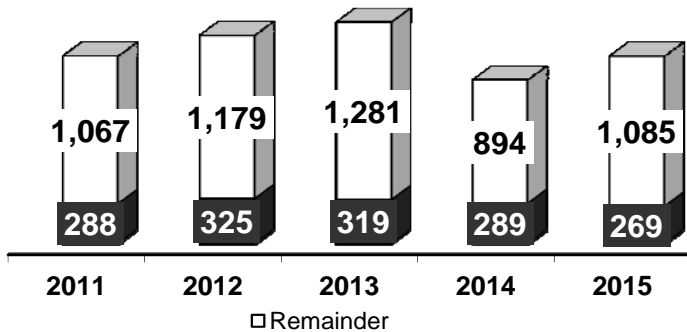
- ◇ DR filings decreased by 27%, dispositions by 8%.
- ◇ There was an increase of 27% in the number of DR cases disposed by bench trial.
- ◇ There were 24% fewer DR cases pending on 12/31/2015 than on 12/31/2011.
- ◇ Filings for DV cases increased 1% , disposition increased 4%.
- ◇ There was a decrease of 33% in the number of orders of full protection granted in DV cases.
- ◇ There were 26% fewer DV cases pending on 12/31/2015.
- ◇ The percentage of DR/DV cases pending on 12/31/2015 that were within the State time standard was unchanged (79%).
- ◇ The clearance rate for DR/DV cases increased to 107%, an 8% increase over 2011.



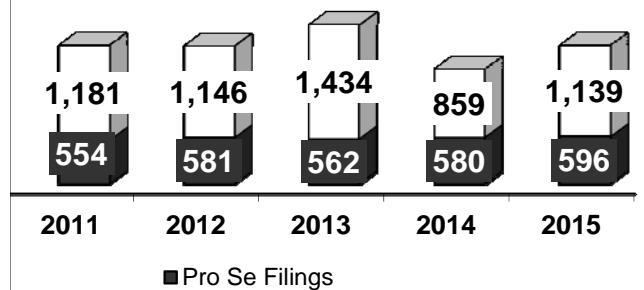
Domestic Violence Filings by Category



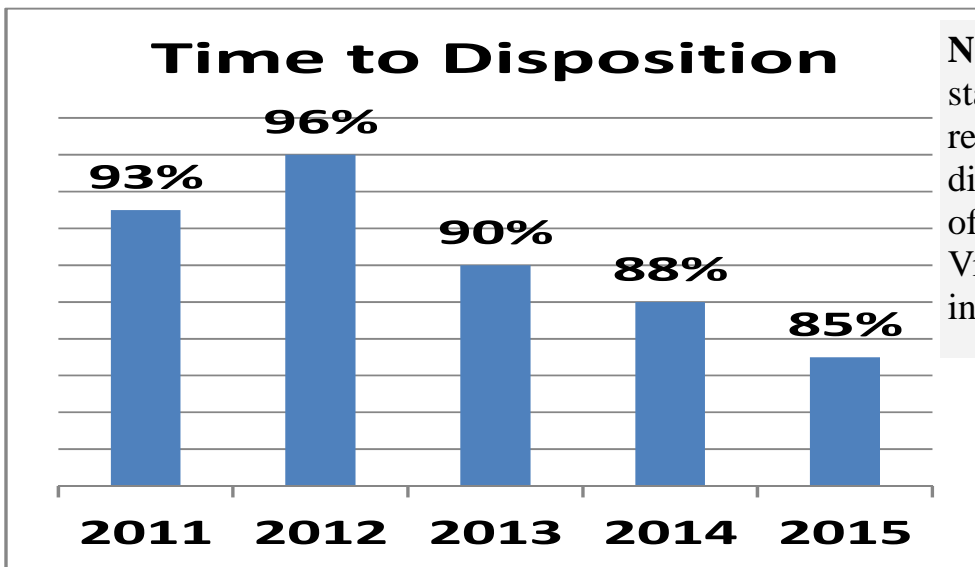
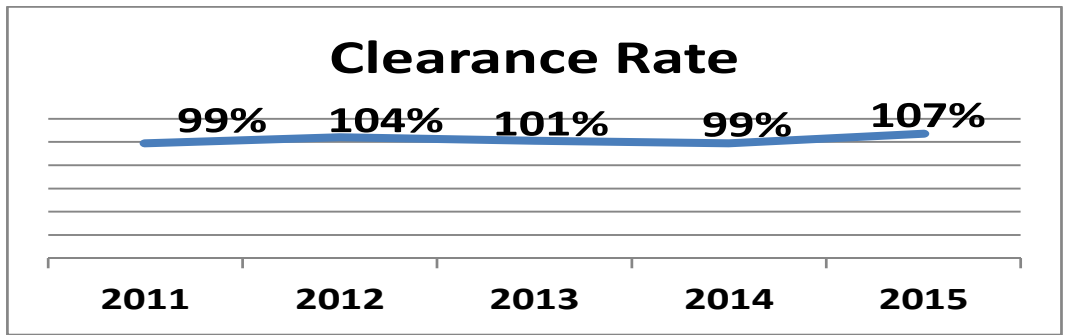
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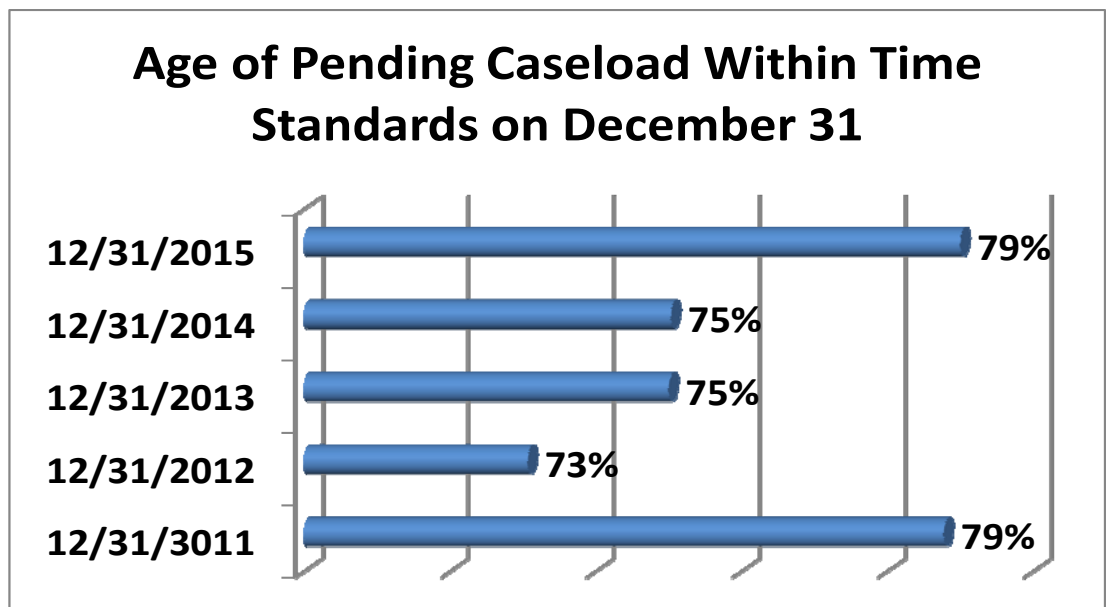
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PERFORMANCE MEASURES



Note: Missouri time standard for domestic relations cases is 95% disposed within 14 months of filing. Domestic Violence cases are included.



CRIMINAL RECORDS

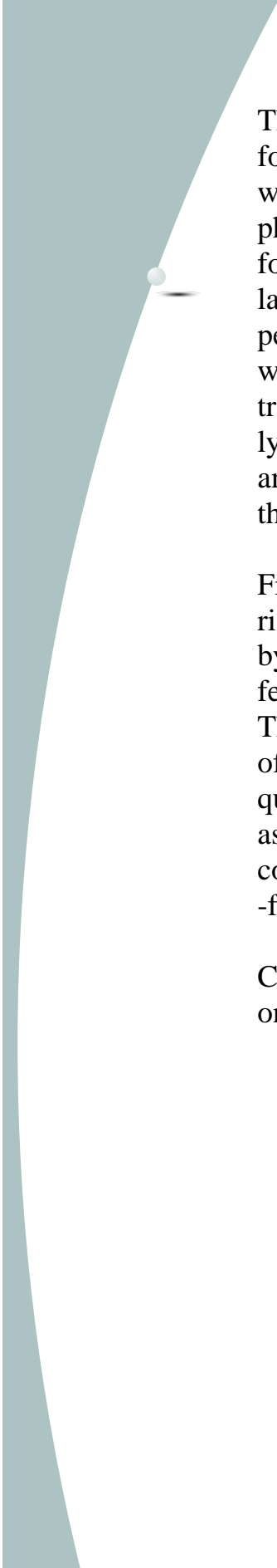
Criminal Records has engaged in a number of special projects in 2015. This preface to the case statistical measures describes some of those projects.

Since the transition to JIS, financial audit backlogs have existed. This backlog primarily arose from cases pending when JIS was adopted as the case management system. The Court's prior system lacked a financial component and a financial module added to the prior system was never fully loaded. This backlog has been an ongoing concern. Investigating these cases and correctly reflecting the financials in JIS has taken several years, but the project was near completion by end of 2015.

The 2014 State Audit Report focused on the number of bond forfeitures that the Prosecutor's Office had failed to pursue to judgment. Under the lead of the Presiding Judge, those cases with forfeitures and without judgments were identified. Cases where the statute of limitations had not run were referred to the Prosecutor for motions. The motions filed were noticed for hearing, some on special dockets, judgments taken where appropriate, and monies paid out as directed. Where judgments were not appropriate, any outstanding costs were first paid from monies on hand, and then any excess monies were returned to defendants. In attempting to prevent the backlog from recurring, the Presiding Judge led the Court en banc to adopt a new local rule that allows for the return of monies on a declared bond forfeiture if the Prosecutor fails to move for judgment before the case is disposed or the probation terminated.

In Independence, the Records office moved to a new location provided in the renovation of the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse.

To avoid transportation and security logistics, the Independence Police Department implemented video arraignments of defendants.



Throughout the year, Criminal Records, IT, REJIS and multiple law enforcement agencies have worked on electronic transmission of arrest warrant information. The implementation of the process occurred in phases, commencing with the Kansas City Police Department in June, followed by the Jackson County Sheriff in October, and finally by other law enforcement agencies within the Circuit in November. Initially paper warrants continued to be produced and returned. The paper warrants were discontinued at the beginning of 2016. Over time, these electronic transmissions of issued, recalled and served arrest warrants should greatly increase the accuracy and immediacy of information in JIS, in REJIS, and in systems uploading REJIS information, and accordingly reduce the risk of false arrests.

Finally, Criminal Records was involved in the implementation of pretrial risk assessment documents. These documents are generated and e-filed by booking officers at the Jackson County Detention Center when a defendant is taken into custody on an arrest warrant issued by this Court. The documents attempt to assess both the risk of the defendant re-offending if released and the risk of failing to appear in Court when required to answer the current charges. The assessments are intended to assist Judges in deciding whether to release a defendant and under what conditions. Criminal Records prioritizes reviewing and attaching these e-filed documents to cases with upcoming hearings.

Criminal Records has had an extraordinarily busy 2015 and a productive one.

CRIMINAL	Felonies	2011	2014	2015
Filings		4,495	3,891	4,501
Dispositions		4,271	3,071	3,669
Jury Trials		41	49	55
Court Trials		18	10	19
Pending 12/31		5,407	5,602	6,067
	Misdemeanors	2011	2014	2015
Filings		3,594	3,949	3,552
Dispositions		3,761	3,842	3,777
Court Trials		15	21	27
Jury Trials		0	2	1
Pending 12/31		5,961	5,471	5,255
	Search Warrants	2011	2014	2015
Filings		1,234	1,264	1,625
Dispositions		1,222	1,259	1,620

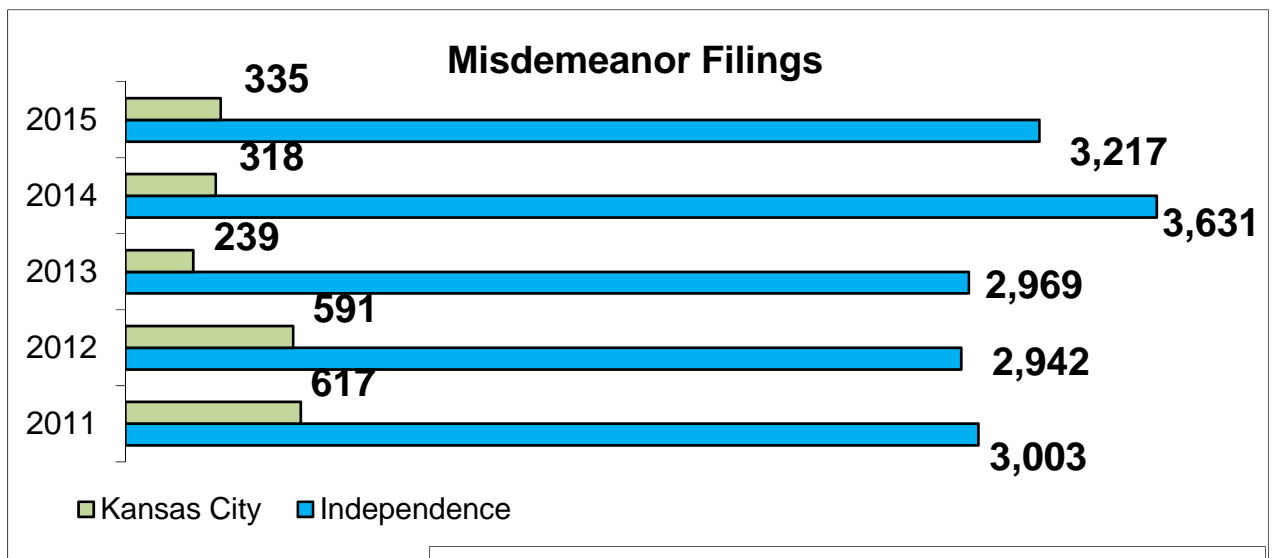
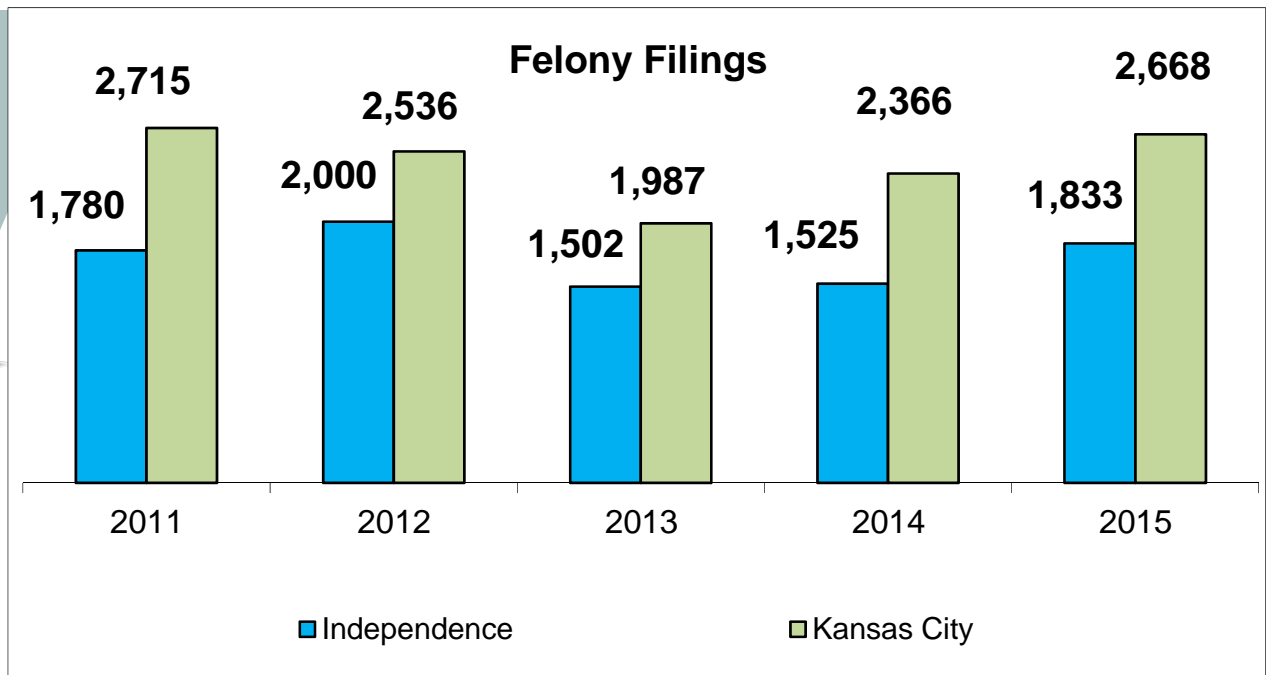
Comparing 2015 to 2014:

- ◇ Felony filings increased 16%.
- ◇ Dispositions in felony cases increased 19%, jury trials increased 12% and bench trials increased 90%.
- ◇ The clearance rate for Circuit Felony cases was 104% compared to 87% in 2014, and 2% more of pending cases on 12/31/2015 were within 420 days of filing. However, the percentage of disposed cases meeting time standards decreased to 87% from 88% in 2014.
- ◇ Misdemeanor filings decreased 10%.
- ◇ Misdemeanor dispositions decreased 2%.
- ◇ There was a 29% increase in bench trials in misdemeanor cases.
- ◇ Search warrant filings increased 29%.

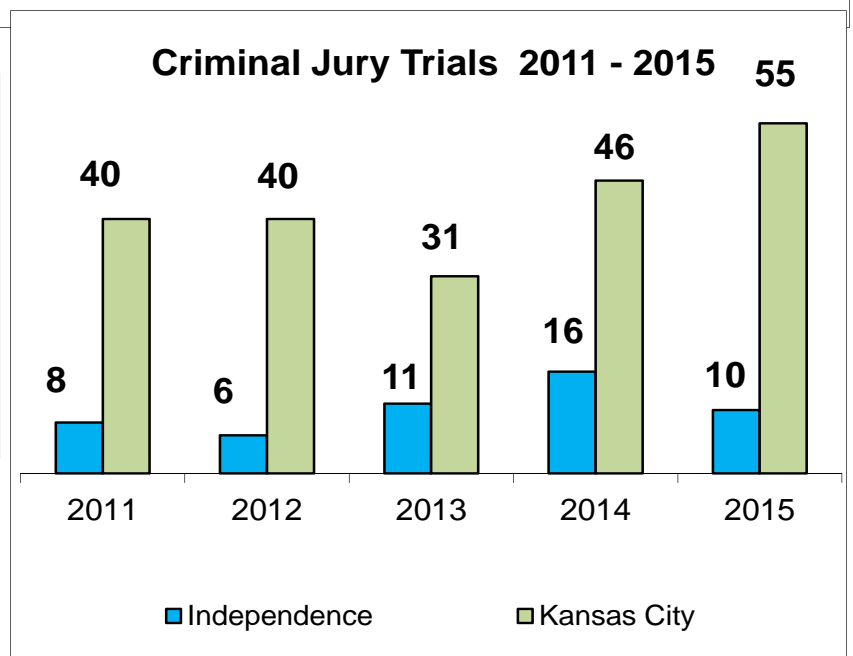
Comparing 2015 to 2011:

- ◇ Felony filings were unchanged.
- ◇ Dispositions in felony cases decreased 14%, but jury trials increased 34% and bench trials, 6%.
- ◇ The clearance rate for Circuit Felony cases was 104% compared to 102% in 2011, and 16% more of pending cases on 12/31/2015 were within 420 days of filing. However, the percentage of disposed cases meeting time standards decreased from 95% in 2011.
- ◇ Misdemeanor filings decreased 1%.
- ◇ Misdemeanor dispositions were unchanged.
- ◇ There was an 80% increase in bench trials in misdemeanor cases.
- ◇ Search warrant filings increased 32%.

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Note: Figures for jury trial numbers (shown to the right) are taken from division law clerk reports created at the termination of the trial. Municipal Appeals jury trials are included in the numbers. The figures include mistrials, pleas and dismissals as well as jury verdicts.



2015 FELONY FILINGS BY CHARGE CODE

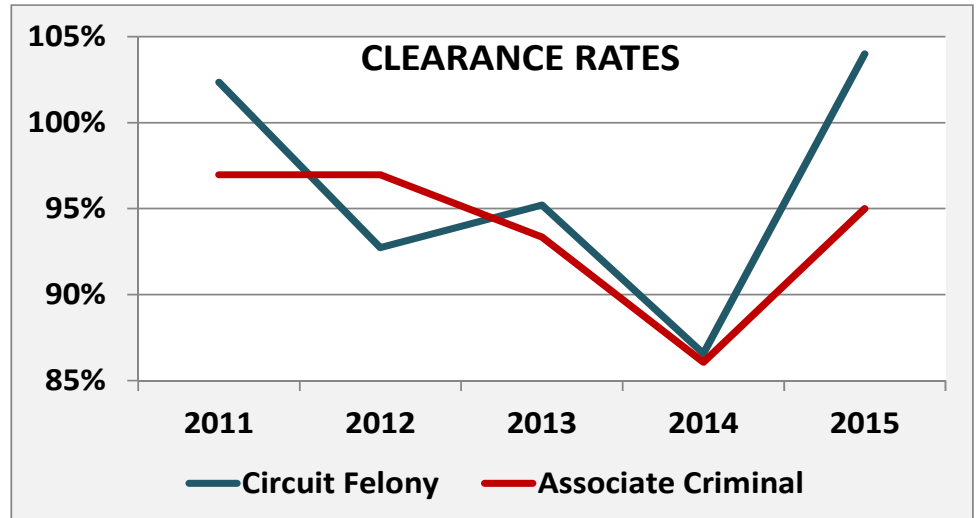
CHARGE	# CASES	%
Possess Controlled Subst	981	22%
Tamper - 1st / Motr Veh	332	7%
Theft/Stealing > \$500 <	297	7%
Burglary 2nd Degree	232	5%
Forgery	212	5%
Dwi--Alcohol--Persistent	195	4%
Dst/Del/Mn/Atmpt To/Poss	161	4%
Dom Aslt- 2nd Deg	148	3%
Passing Bad Check \$500 O	112	2%
Robbery 1st Degree	111	2%
UW-Sbsct 1-Carries Conc	101	2%
Resist Arrest/Detent/Sto	88	2%
Burglary 1st Degree	86	2%
Dwi-Alcohol Aggrvatd Off	83	2%
Receiving Stolen Propert	79	2%
DWR/DWS	69	2%
Assault 1st Deg-Serious	58	1%
Dwi-Alcohol Chronic Offn	58	1%
Possession Of Firearm	58	1%
UW - Sbsct 4 - Exhibiti	56	1%
Robbery 2nd Degree	51	1%
Assault 2nd Degree	42	1%
Dom Aslt- 1st Deg	35	1%
Property Damage 1st Degr	35	1%
Fraud-Attempt/Obtain Con	31	1%
FrdInt Use Crdt Device O	31	1%
Stealing A Motor Vehicle	31	1%
Assault 1st Degree	30	1%
Murder 2nd Degree	29	1%
Stat Sodmy-1st-Dev Sx In	24	1%
Abuse/Neglect Of A Child	23	1%
Remaining Cases and Charges	622	14%
	4,501	100%

2015 MISDEMEANOR FILINGS BY CHARGE

CHARGE	# CASES	%
Owr/Optr Opr MV Wtht Fnl	535	15%
Dwi--Alcohol	501	14%
DWR/DWS - 1st Offense	405	11%
Failure To Register Moto	337	9%
Oper MV W/O Valid DL - 1	210	6%
Oper Veh Wth Poor Brakes	209	6%
Fail To Drv Within Singl	112	3%
Fail To Drive On Rght 1/	111	3%
DWR/DWS - 2nd Or Subsqt	106	3%
Possess Up To 35 Grms Ma	82	2%
Unlawfl Use Of Drug Parp	66	2%
Oper Veh W/ Vision Reduc	58	2%
Op Othrs MV W/ No Financ	55	2%
Trespassing-2nd Degree	50	1%
Violate Adult Protection	38	1%
Fail To Place Veh Rght O	38	1%
Oper Mtr Veh Carless Re	35	1%
Oper Veh Wth Poor Brakes	33	1%
Dwi--Alcohol--Prior Offe	33	1%
Res/Int W/Arrest, Det, S	28	1%
Make Retail Sell W/O Lic	25	1%
Trespass-1st Gambling Bt	24	1%
Theft/Stealing-Value < \$	24	1%
Tamper - 2nd / Motr Veh	23	1%
Op Mtrcycl W/O Vlud DL-1	22	1%
False Id Gambling 1st Of	21	1%
Remaining Cases and Charges	371	10%
	3,552	100%

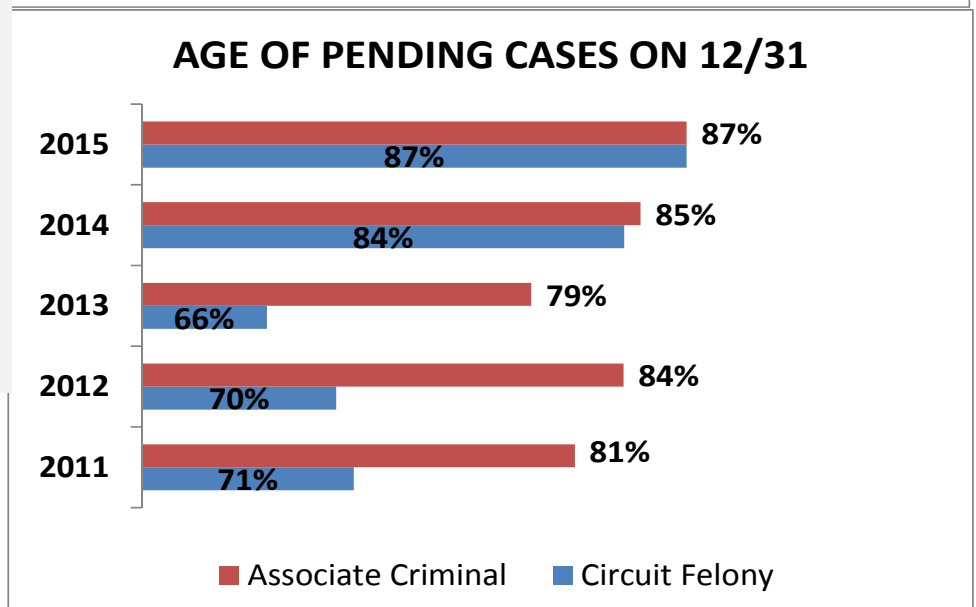
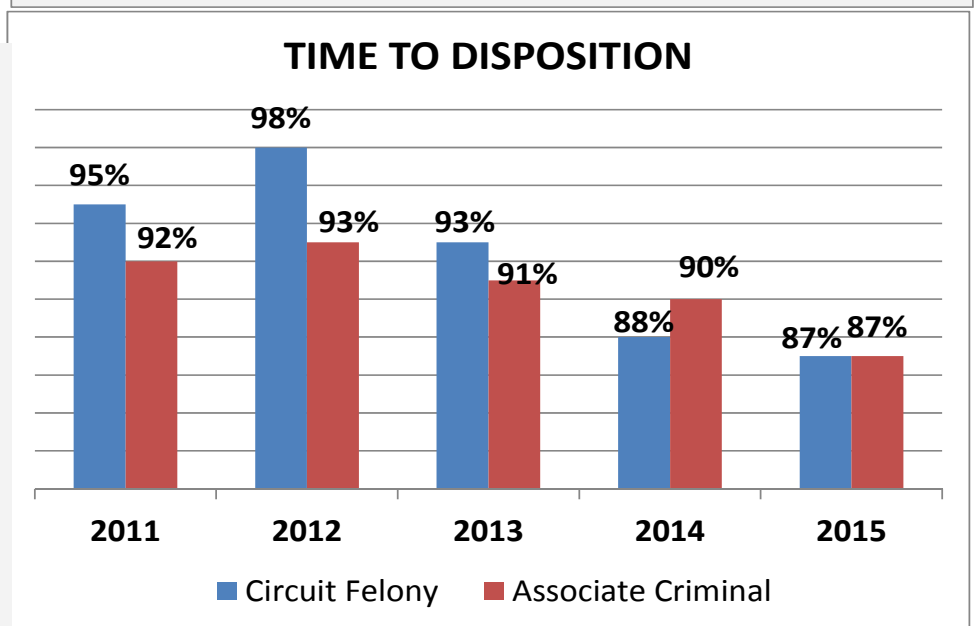
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PERFORMANCE MEASURES



Note: The **Circuit Felony** category includes Municipal Appeals cases as well as felonies from bindover or grand jury indictment until final disposition. According to Missouri Time Standards, 95% of cases in this category should be disposed within 420 days from the date of filing.

The **Associate Criminal** category includes misdemeanors and felonies from initial filing until bindover or grand jury indictment. According to Missouri Time Standards, 95% of cases within Associate Criminal should be disposed within 240 days of filing.



CRIMINAL	Traffic	2011	2014	2015
Filings		3,276	3,871	3720
Dispositions		2,937	3,983	3,718
Court Trials		10	21	25
Jury Trials		0	2	0
Pending 12/31		4,593	4,138	3,800
Municipal Appeals				
Filings		238	242	180
Dispositions		252	261	200
Jury Trials		6	1	1
Court Trials		21	23	24
Pending 12/31		144	108	46
Drug Court				
Filings		291	272	333
% Drug Court Filings to Drug-Related Felony Filings		22%	28%	28%
% Drug-Related Felony Filings to All Felony Filings		29%	33%	27%
Dispositions		236	244	238
Successfully Completed		139	155	145
Pending 12/31		451	572	672

Comparing 2015 to 2014:

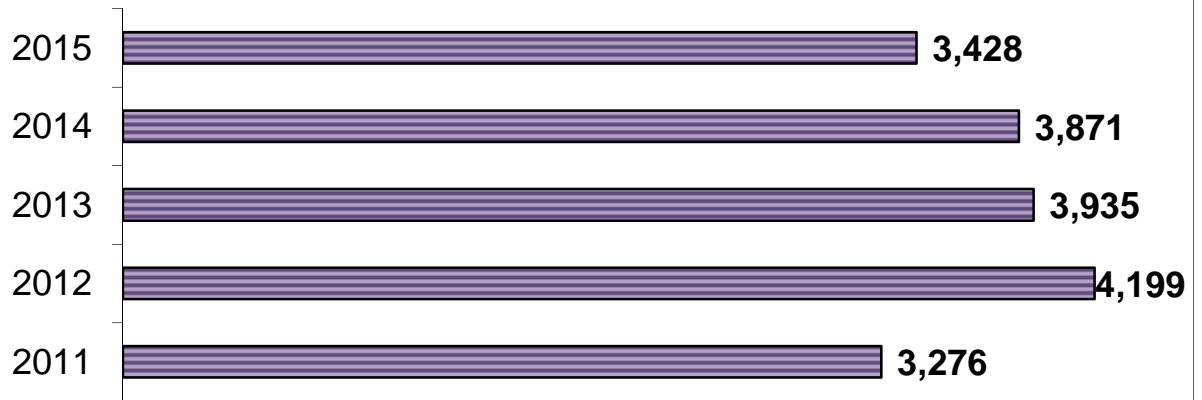
- ◇ Traffic filings decreased 4%, and traffic dispositions decreased 7%.
- ◇ Municipal appeals filings decreased 26%.
- ◇ Jury trials in municipal appeals cases remained unchanged.
- ◇ Drug court filings increased 22%.
- ◇ The percentage of felony cases with drug charges that were diverted to Drug Court remained unchanged at 28%.
- ◇ Defendants successfully completing the Drug Court Program decreased 6%/

Comparing 2015 to 2011:

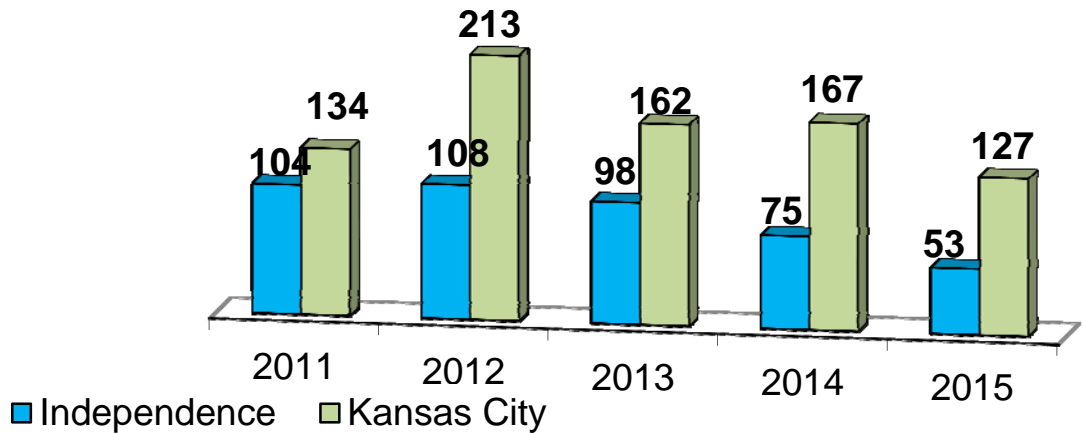
- ◇ Traffic filings increased 13%, and traffic dispositions increased 27%.
- ◇ Municipal appeals filings decreased 24%.
- ◇ Jury trials in municipal appeals cases decreased 83%.
- ◇ Drug case filings increased 14%.
- ◇ The percentage of felony cases with drug charges that were diverted to Drug Court increased from 22% to 28%.
- ◇ Defendants successfully completing the Drug Court program increased 4%.

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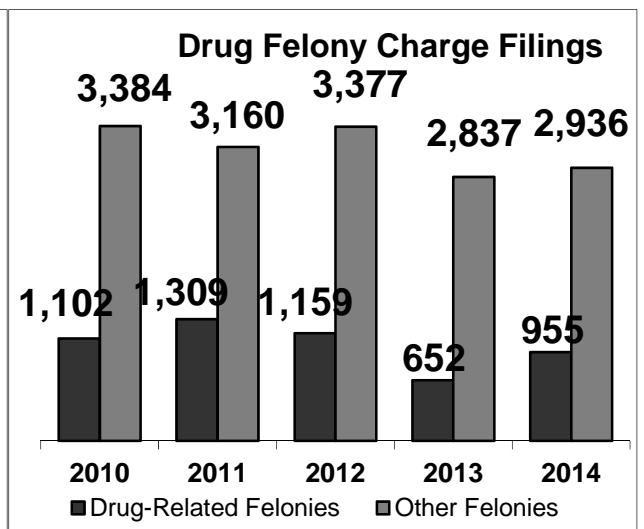
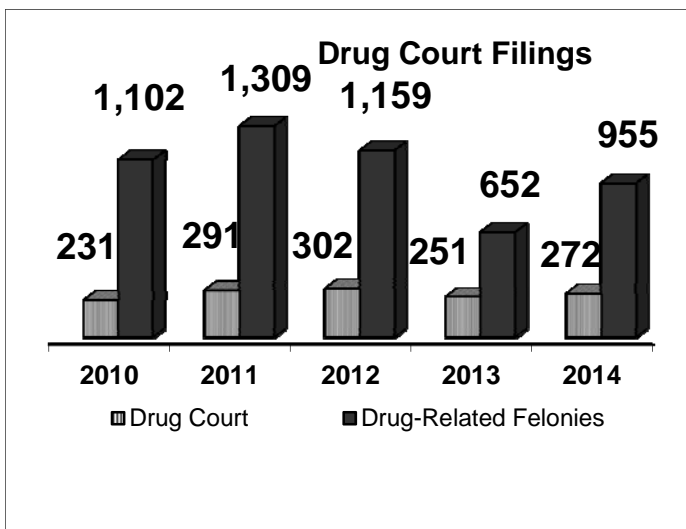
Traffic Filings



Municipal Appeals Filings



The Drug Court Filings graph below shows the number of cases diverted to Drug Court from the total criminal filings with one or more felony drug charges. The second graph below shows Drug Felony Filings, filings with one or more drug-related charges, versus all Other Felony cases filed.



PROBATE RECORDS

During 2015, the Probate Department continued scanning existing cases files into JIS and performing related quality assurance before destroying the paper case files.

The Probate Department office located in eastern Jackson County moved to its new location, and most of the renovations have been completed.

The Probate Department lost two Court Clerk II Positions. One position was lost when a clerk applied for a different position. The other Court Clerk II spent the year of 2015 on the special task force. At the end of 2015, the task force was disbanded, and that position was not returned to the Probate Department, but was instead transferred to a new Financial Unit that is being developed.

The number of adversary proceedings filed in existing probate estates has grown significantly. Adversary probate proceedings are those matters which require, as a condition precedent to an entry of an order or judgment on the merits, notice to interested persons, or, any other probate proceeding the Court designates as adversary.

The number of filings for successor fiduciary during 2015 was 123. These filings do not get a new case number, so they do not appear as a new case filing. However, they do require the same amount of case processing as a new case.

PROBATE

Probate	2011	2014	2015
Filings	1,588	1,463	1,508
Dispositions	1,566	1,571	1,477
Pending 12/31	6,961	7,507	7,551
Abbreviated Probate Matters	2,376	2,200	2,427
Mental Health Matters	197	233	181
Decedent Estates Filed	489	468	534
Adult Guardian/Conservator	376	318	397
Minor Guardian/Conservator	521	384	396

Comparing 2015 to 2014:

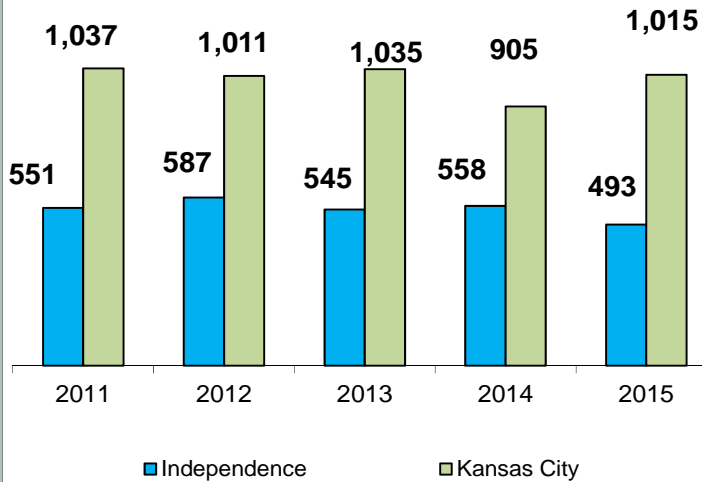
- ◇ Probate filings increased 3%; dispositions decreased 6%.
- ◇ Filings of decedent estates increased 14%, and guardianship filings increased 13%.
- ◇ Mental health matters decreased 22%.
- ◇ Abbreviated probate matters increased 10%.

Comparing 2015 to 2011:

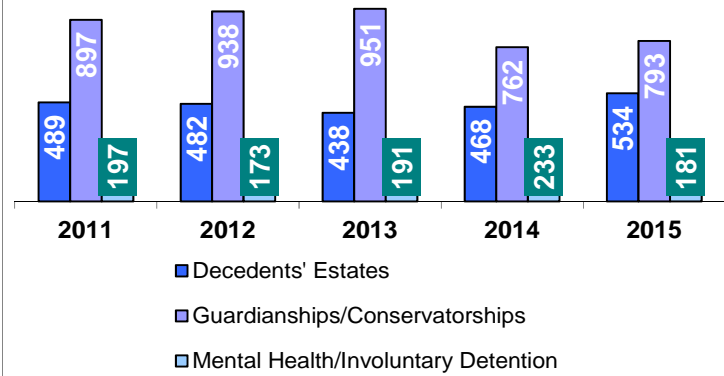
- ◇ Probate filings decreased 5%, and dispositions decreased 6%.
- ◇ There was a 9% increase in decedent estate filings, but a decrease of 12% in guardianships filed.
- ◇ Mental health matters decreased 8%.
- ◇ Abbreviated probate matters increased 2%.

PROBATE

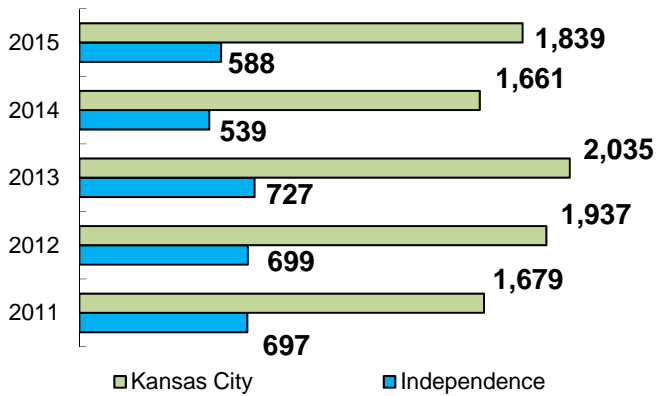
Probate Filings



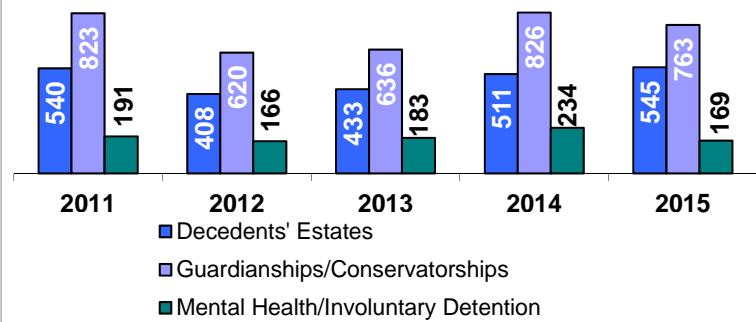
Probate Filings (Estates, Guardianships, Mental Health Petitions)



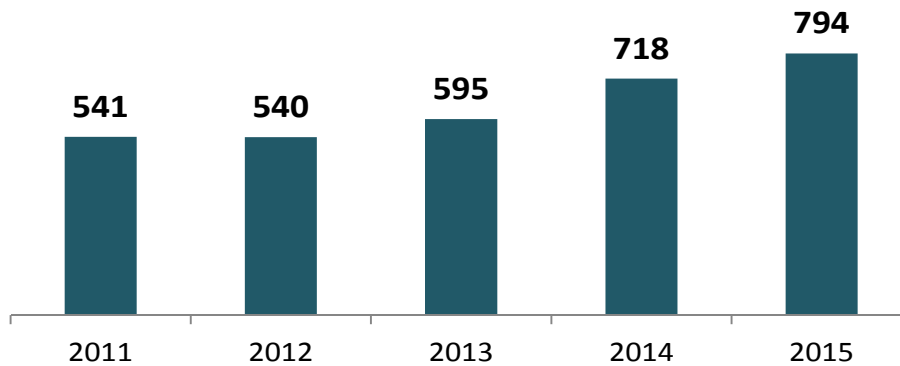
Abbreviated Probate Filings



Probate Dispositions (Estates, Guardianships, Mental Health Petitions)



Adversary Probate Hearings in Existing Estates



FAMILY COURT

Comparing 2015 to 2014:

- ◆ Referrals on Abuse-Neglect decreased 7% and formal filings for Abuse-Neglect have decreased 20%.
- ◆ Referrals for Delinquency decreased 16%, but filings on Delinquency decreased only 1%.
- ◆ Felony Delinquency filings have decreased 11%; misdemeanor filings have increased 19%.
- ◆ Formal filings decreased in each category except for Termination of Parental Rights which increased 25%.
- ◆ Youth placed in residential decreased 15%.
- ◆ Youth starting probation increased 5%.
- ◆ Mediation and Prevention and Diversion have decreased 5% and 21%, respectively, but Actual Visits/Exchanges and Parent Awareness classes have increased 36% and 2%, respectively.

Referrals	2011	2014	2015
Abuse-Neglect	1,038	1,256	1,168
Delinquency	1,320	1,264	1,056
Status Offenses	131	94	36

Formal Filings by Person (Motions to Modify included)	2011	2014	2015
Abuse-Neglect	955	1,023	821
Delinquency	388	365	361
Status Offenses	37	33	18
Adoptions	337	407	362
Termination of Parental Rights	144	108	135

Delinquency Formal Filings	2011	2014	2015
Felony	176	244	216
Misdemeanor	112	121	144
Infraction	0	0	1

Certifications	2011	2014	2015
Filings	45	46	54

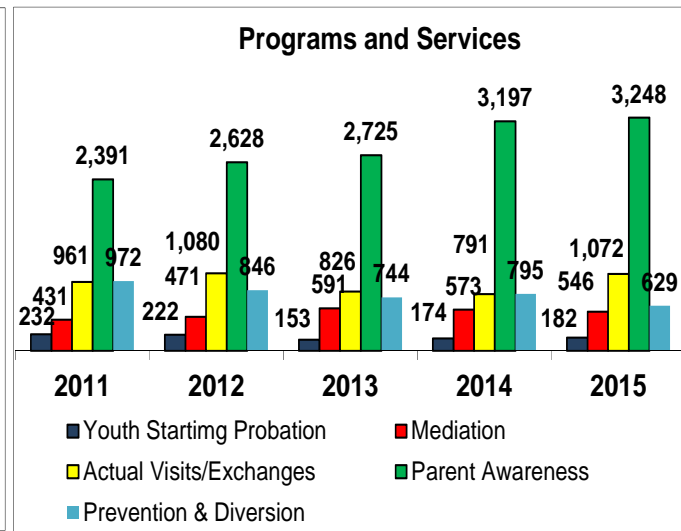
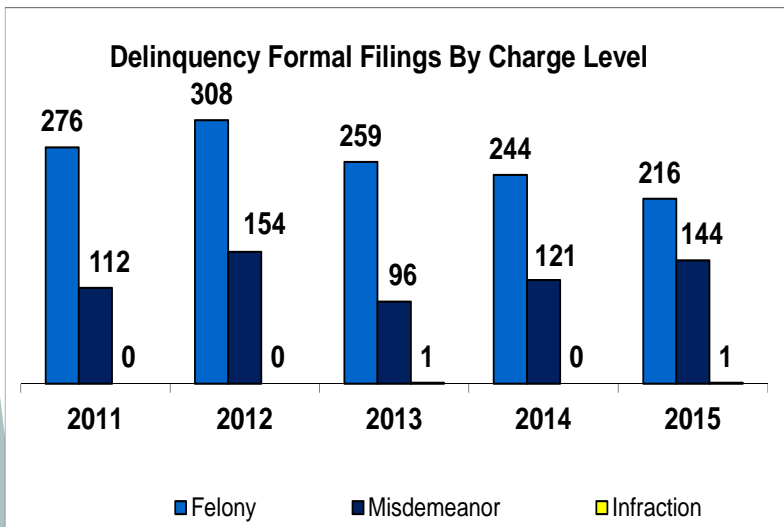
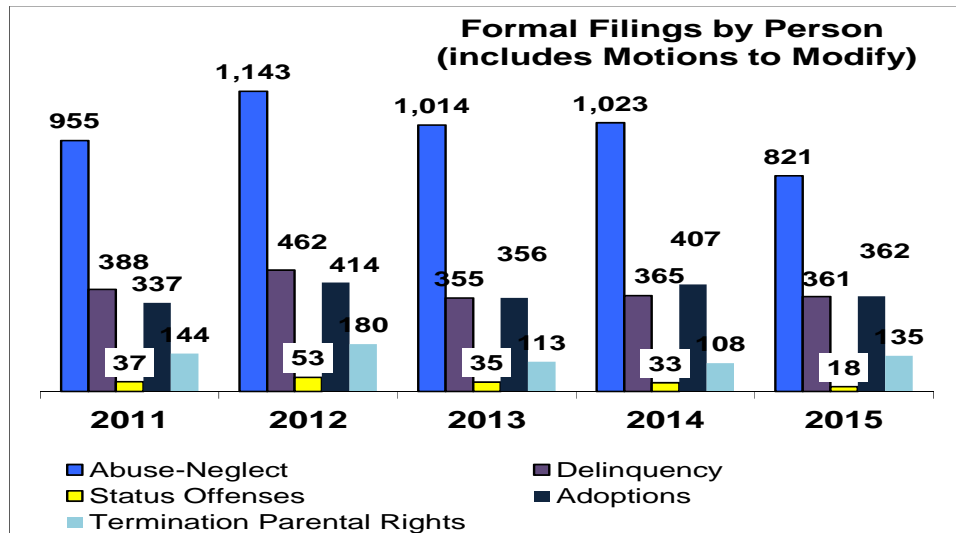
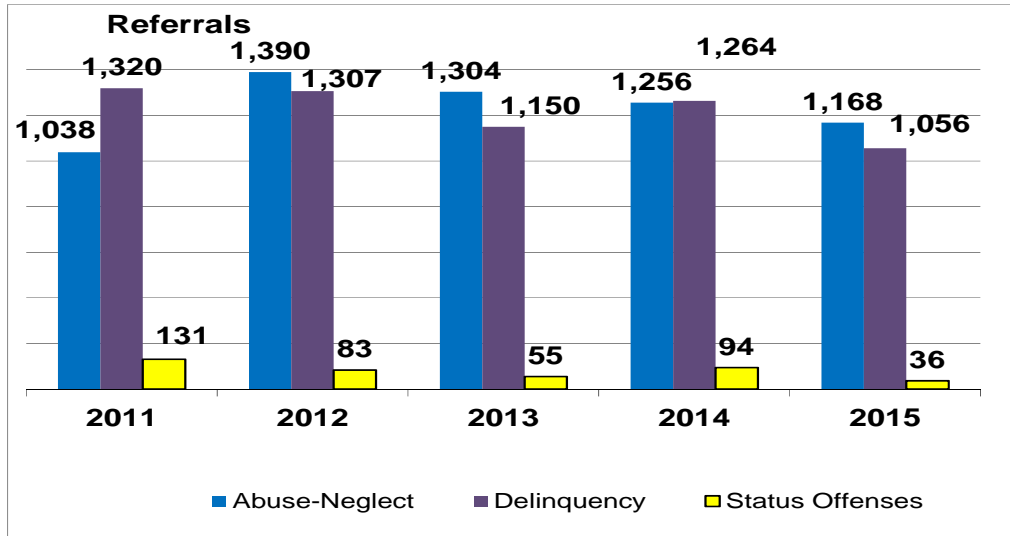
Youth Placed in Residential	2011	2014	2015
	85	82	70

Programs and Services	2011	2014	2015
Youth Starting Probation	232	174	182
Mediation	431	573	546
Actual Visits/Exchanges	961	791	1,072
Parent Awareness	2,391	3,197	3,248
Prevention & Diversion	972	795	629

Comparing 2015 to 2011:

- ◆ Referrals on Abuse-Neglect increased 13% ,and formal filings for Abuse-Neglect decreased 14%.
- ◆ Referrals for Delinquency decreased 20%, and filings on Delinquency decreased only 7%.
- ◆ Felony Delinquency filings increased 23%, and misdemeanor filings have increased 29%.
- ◆ Adoptions increased 7%; filings on status offenses decreased 51%.
- ◆ Youth placed in residential decreased 18%.
- ◆ Youth starting probation have decreased 22%.
- ◆ Prevention and Diversion decreased 35% ,but Mediation, Actual Visits/Exchanges and Parent Awareness classes have increased 27% , 12%, and 36%, respectively.

FAMILY COURT





CIVIL PROCESS

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Civil Process	2011	2014	2015
Pre-Judgment Process			
Number Served	17,532	12,878	12,154
% Served	65%	65%	63%
Bad Addresses	4,619	3,220	3,380
Unable to Contact	4,635	3,566	3,827
Total	26,786	19,664	19,361
Post-Judgment Process			
	2011	2014	2015
Levies & Garnishments	22,661	15,543	12,718
Evictions	3,818	3,331	2,831
Attachments & Replevins	75	109	143
Protective Orders Served	1,212	1,169	1,191
Protective Orders Unable to Contact	4,996	3,826	3,119
Total	32,762	23,978	20,002
Total Papers	59,548	43,642	39,363
Delinquent Land Tax Sales			
	2011	2014	2015
Parcels Offered for Sale	1,121	1,045	959
Parcels Sold	314	461	517
Gross Revenue Generated (\$)	1,521,070	2,360,471	2,989,944

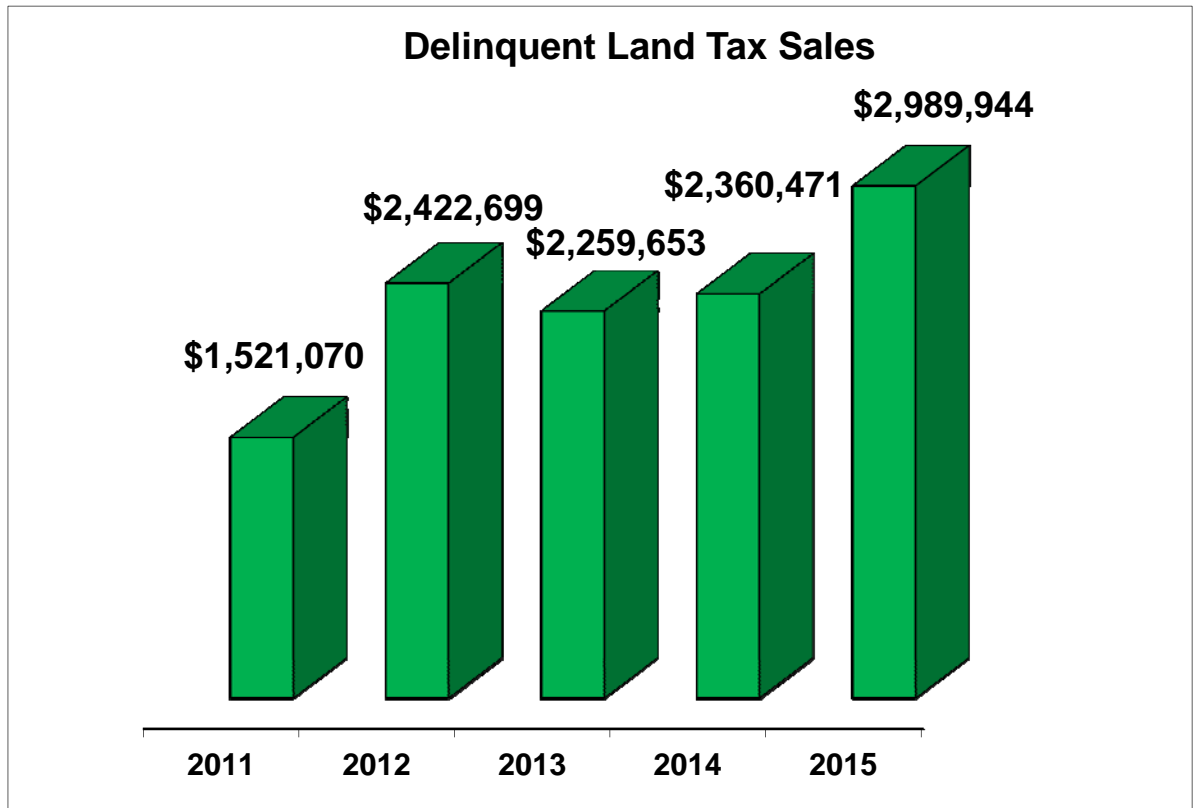
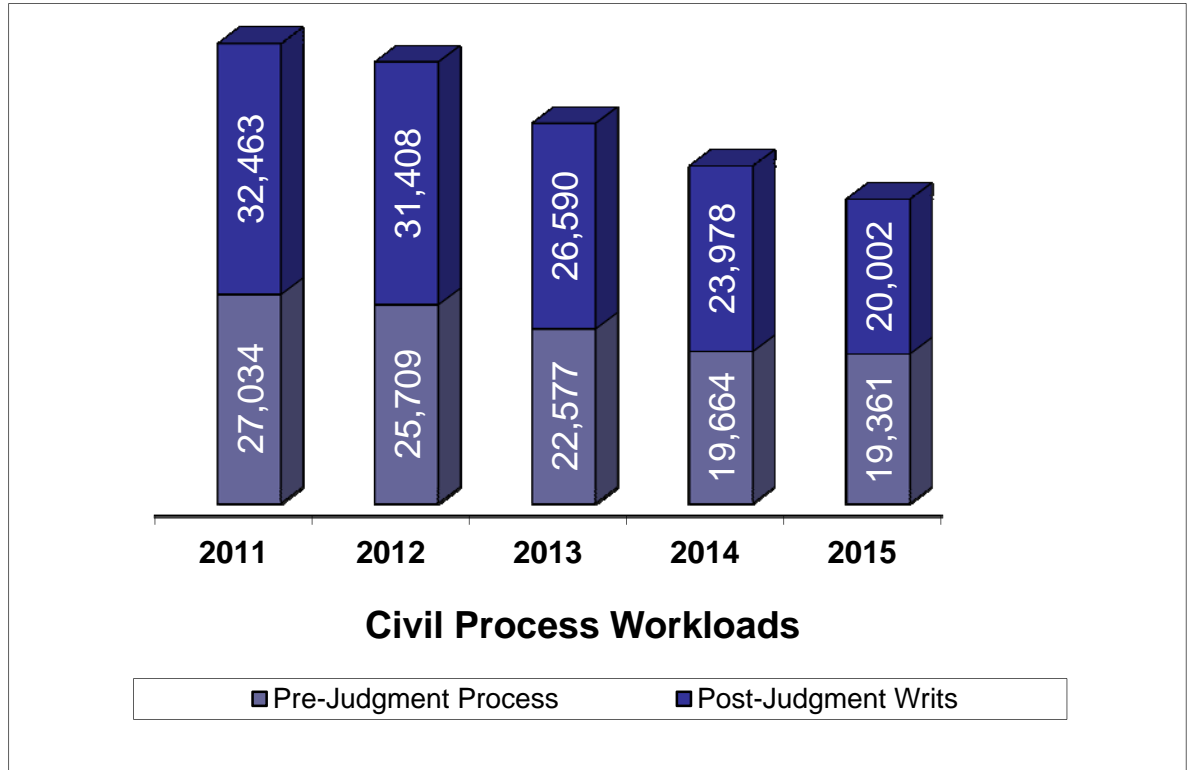
Comparing 2015 to 2014:

- ◇ Pre-judgment process continued to decrease. The number served decreased 6%, the total number of process received decreased 2%.
- ◇ Overall post-judgment process decreased 17%, levies and garnishments decreasing 18% and evictions decreasing 15%.
- ◇ The total number of papers received decreased 10%.
- ◇ The total number of parcels offered at the Delinquent Land Tax (DLT) Sale continued a decline, decreasing 8%, but the total number of parcels sold increased 12%.
- ◇ Gross revenue from the DLT sale increased 27%.

Comparing 2015 to 2011:

- ◇ The number of pre-judgment process served decreased 31%, the total number of process received decreased 28%.
- ◇ Overall post-judgment process decreased 39%; of that, levies and garnishments decreased 44%, and evictions decreased 26%.
- ◇ The total number of papers received decreased 34%.
- ◇ The total number of parcels offered at the Delinquent Land Tax Sale decreased 14%, but the number of parcels sold increased 65%.
- ◇ Gross revenue from the DLT sale increased 97%.

CIVIL PROCESS





JURY

To meet the needs created by population growth and an increase in filings in the Eastern portion of the Circuit, the renovation of the Eastern Jackson Courthouse in 2015 allowed for the transfer of a Circuit Division to Independence. To provide additional jurors for this trial division, the jury assembly room in Independence was expanded in the renovation.

The new assembly room can accommodate approximately 220 persons, compared to the 110 capacity of the old Jury assembly room.

In July, Jury increased the number of persons summoned weekly to Independence for jury duty from 300 to 475.

JURY

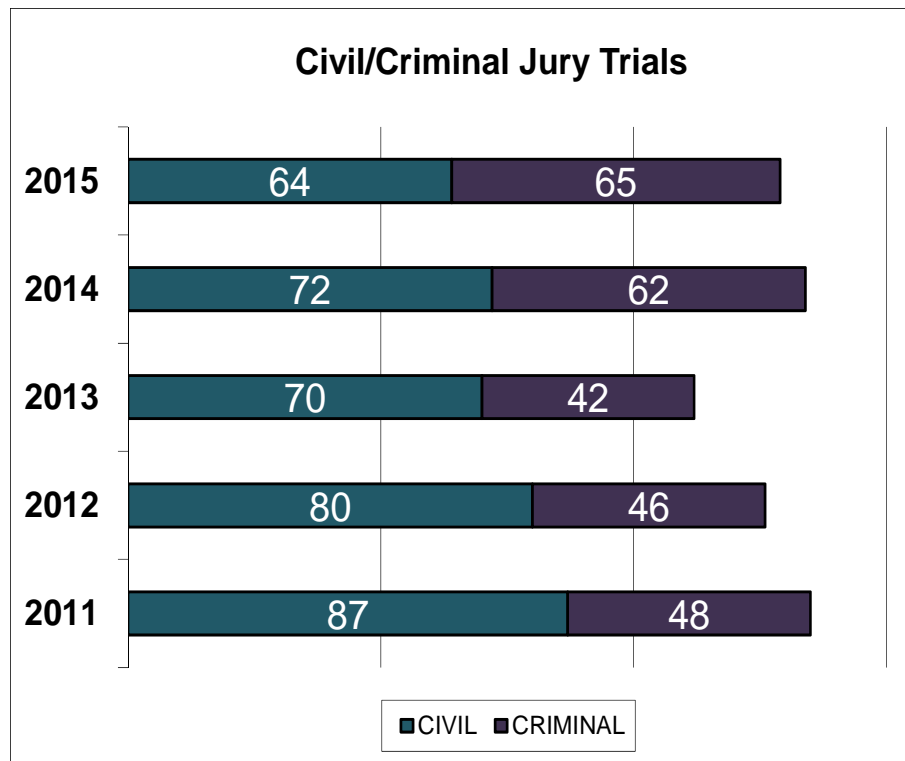
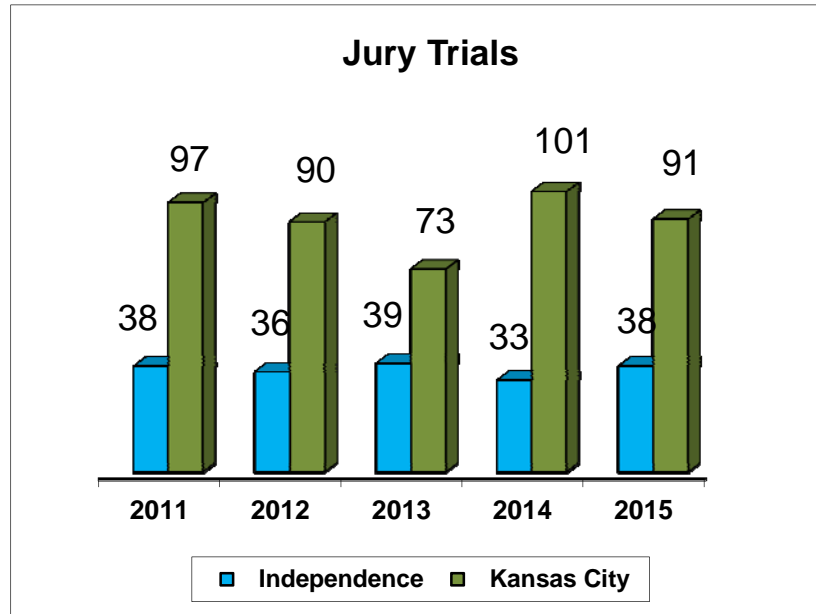
Trials		2011	2014	2015
Civil		87	72	64
Criminal		48	62	65
Total		135	134	129
Available Jurors		2011	2014	2015
Independence		4,238	4,028	4,820
Kansas City		12,323	11,135	11,724
Total		16,561	15,163	16,544
Jurors Sent to Divisions		2011	2014	2015
Independence		1,921	1,802	1,854
Kansas City		5,116	5,946	5,864
Total		7,037	7,748	7,718
Juror Yield		31%	33%	32%
Sent for Jury Selection		43%	51%	47%
Selected as Jurors		12%	13%	11%

Comparing 2015 to 2014:

- ◇ Jury trials decreased 4%.
- ◇ Jury trials in criminal cases increased 5% and exceeded the number of jury trials held in civil cases.
- ◇ 9% more people qualified for jury duty, a 5% increase in Kansas City and a 20% increase in Independence.
- ◇ The number of jurors sent to divisions remained unchanged, but 3% more were sent to Independence divisions.
- ◇ The civil case types with the greatest percentage of jury trials were employment and personal injury – vehicular; in criminal cases, homicides and robbery.
- ◇ Juror yield decreased 1%.
- ◇ The percentage of qualified jurors sent for selection decreased 4%.
- ◇ The number sworn as jurors compared to those available decreased 2%.

Comparing 2015 to 2011:

- ◇ Jury trials decreased 4%.
- ◇ Jury trials in criminal cases increased 35%; jury trials in civil cases decreased 26%.
- ◇ The number of people qualified for jury duty at both courthouses was unchanged, but there was a 14% increase in those qualified in Independence.
- ◇ The number of jurors sent to divisions increased 10%; the number of jurors sent to Kansas City divisions increased by 15%.
- ◇ Juror yield increased 1%.
- ◇ The percentage of qualified jurors sent for selection increased 4%.
- ◇ The number of people sworn as jurors compared to those available decreased 1%.



**2015 MISSOURI FISCAL YEAR
(JULY 1, 2014—JUNE 30, 2015)**

**COMPARISONS TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY (21ST CIRCUIT)
AND ST LOUIS CITY (22ND CIRCUIT)**

FY 2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)

	16th Circuit	21st Circuit	22nd Circuit
Population	683,191	1,001,876	317,419
Judges	28	33	31
Commissioners	8	9	1
Total Filings	62,230	87,809	46,010
Total Dispositions	64,141	88,885	38,218
Cases Pending 6/30/2014	40,308	52,691	30,927

