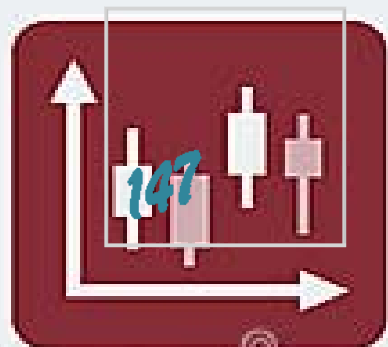
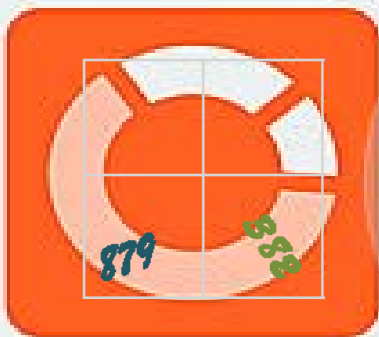


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**SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

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THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

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- Division 3** Circuit Judge David M. Byrn
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 Dep. Commissioner Jerri J. Zhang
- Division 25** Associate Circuit Judge Richard T. Standridge
- Division 26** Associate Circuit Judge Jalilah Otto
- Division 27** Associate Circuit Judge Gregory B. Gillis
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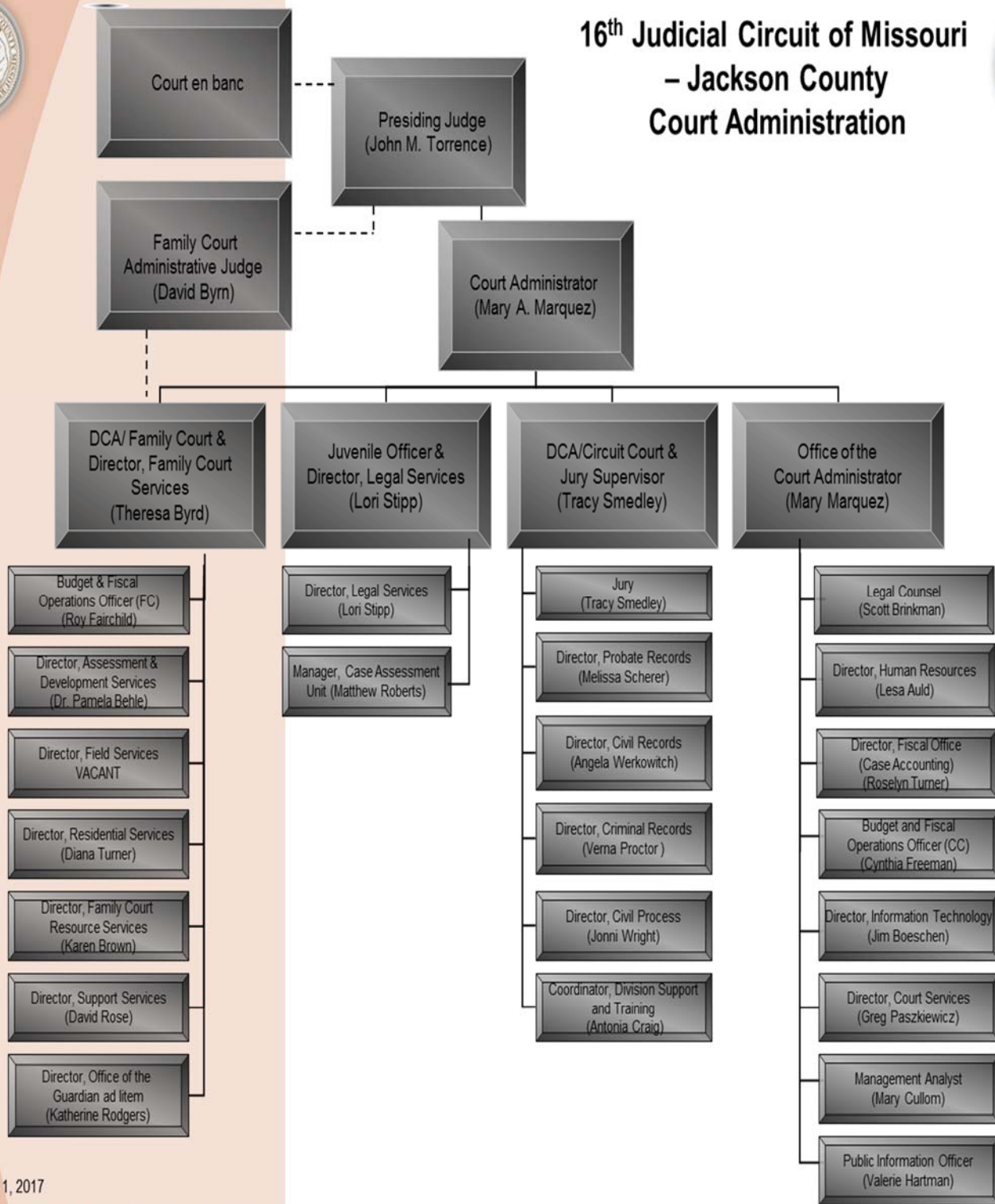
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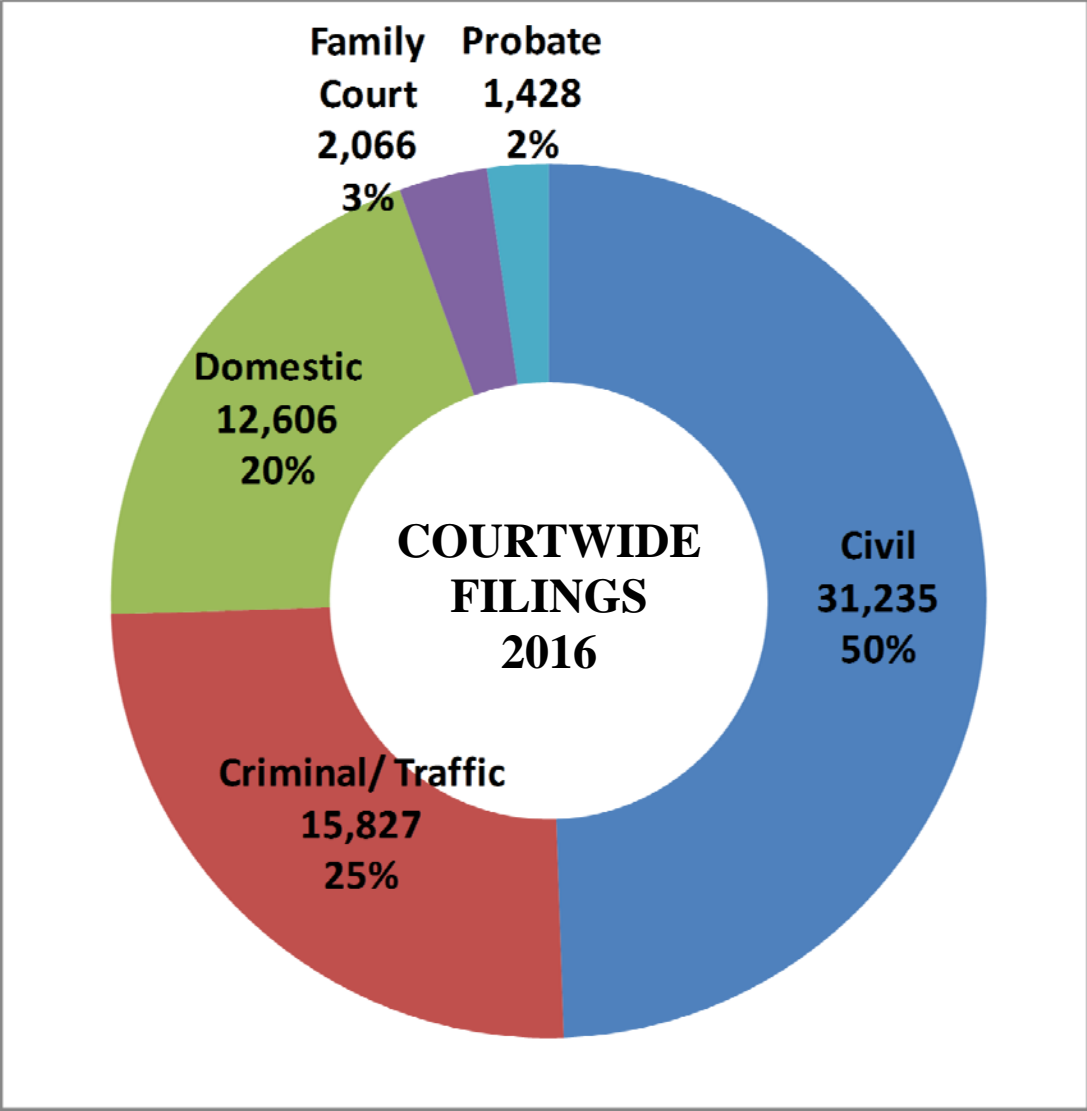
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ORGANIZATION CHART

16th Judicial Circuit of Missouri – Jackson County Court Administration



February 1, 2017



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



CIVIL RECORDS

Working with the Fiscal Office, the Criminal Records Department, and the Probate Department, the Civil Records Department spent a large part of 2016 in planning and preparing for the transition of accounting functions to a centralized accounting unit under the supervision of the Fiscal Office. These accounting functions are now performed in the different offices of the Records Departments. In November, the new centralized unit began with the transfer of the Financial Task Force to the Fiscal Office.

In Independence, in 2015, Circuit Case Initiation Unit and the Associate Case Initiation Unit were combined into one Case Initiation Unit. In 2016, the Kansas City Office made the same change for increased efficiency.

In Kansas City, the Case Action Unit was re-named Post-Filing to make unit names consistent in both locations of the Department.

A Department Analyst position was created and filled. The new position is to support the Department in better tracking and processing case flow, as well as to improve accuracy.

CIVIL

Circuit Civil	2012	2015	2016
Filings	3,471	3,293	3,495
Dispositions	3,449	3,406	3,416
Jury Trials	55	48	51
Court Trials	139	353	330
Pending Cases 12/31	3,021	2,640	2,732

Associate Circuit Civil	2012	2015	2016
Filings	31,632	24,748	27,740
Dispositions	29,630	24,491	27,525
Jury Trials	0	4	3
Court Trials	1,624	1,737	1,699
Pending Cases 12/31	10,141	7,179	7,344

Comparing 2016 to 2015

- ◇ Circuit Civil (CC) filings have increased 6%.
- ◇ More CC cases are being filed than are being disposed leading to a clearance rate of 98% for 2016 compared to 104% for 2015 and leading to a 3% increase in CC cases pending at the end of 2016.
- ◇ 95% of CC cases pending on 12/31/2016 are within the State's time standard of 900 days, an improvement over 94% on 12/31/2015.
- ◇ 95% of CC dispositions continue to fall within the State time standards, the same as in 2015.
- ◇ Personal Injury—Vehicular (17.5%) continues to be the greatest percentage of CC filings followed by Other Personal Injury (8.9%) and Breach of Contract (8.7%).
- ◇ Associate Circuit Civil (ACC) filings and dispositions have each increased 12%.
- ◇ ACC clearance rate for 2016 was unchanged from 2015 at 99%.
- ◇ The number of pending ACC cases on 12/31/2016 increased 2% ; 98% of those pending cases were within the State time standard as compared to 97% of the cases pending on 12/31/2015.

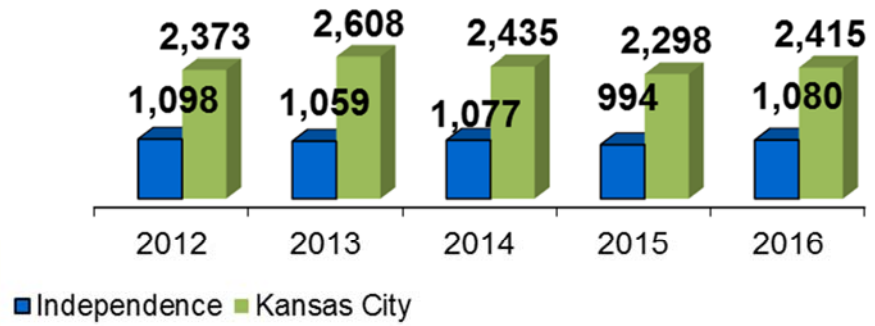
- ◇ As in 2015, ACC filings for rent and possession (22.3%) , for breach of contract (20.9%) and for suits on account (20.7%) were the three highest filings in 2016.

Comparing 2016 to 2012:

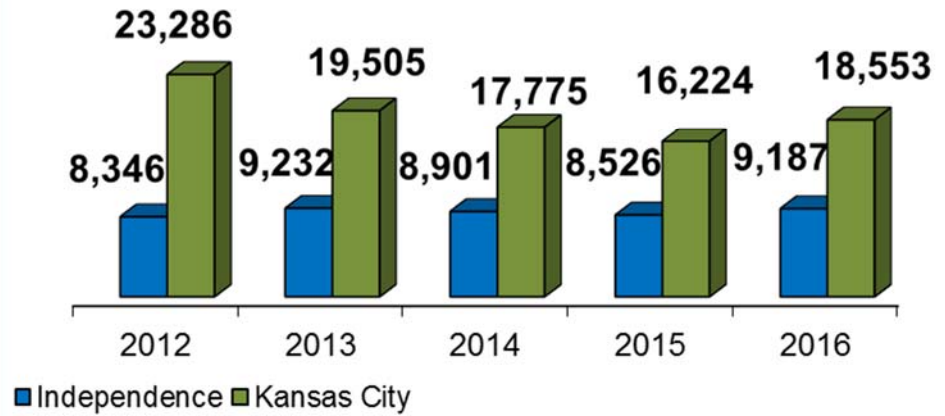
- ◇ CC filings have increased 1%; dispositions decreased 1%.
- ◇ The CC clearance rate and the number of cases disposed within the State time standards were both 99% in 2012 compared to 98% and 97%, respectively, in 2016.
- ◇ Dispositions by jury trials in CC cases have decreased 7% while bench trials have increased 137% .
- ◇ ACC filings have decreased 12% ; disposition decreased 7%.
- ◇ Clearance rates for ACC cases are 1% less, but the percentage of cases disposed within the State time standard has increased 1%.
- ◇ The age of pending ACC cases falling within the State time standard on 12/31/2016 is 2% more than those pending on 12/31/2012.

CIVIL

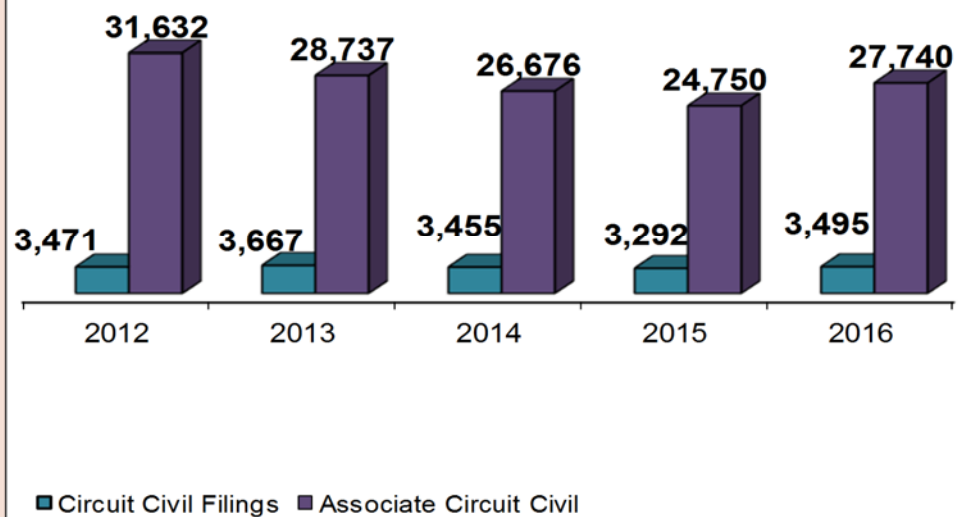
Circuit Civil Filings



Associate Circuit Civil Filings



Circuit and Associate Circuit Civil Filings



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CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS BY CASE TYPE

Nature of Action	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016*	%**
Pers Injury-Vehicular	471	599	558	540	613	17.5%
Pers Injury-Other	314	302	317	302	311	8.9%
Breach of Contract	338	377	330	336	293	8.4%
Other Miscellaneous Actions	250	196	205	245	267	7.6%
Employmnt Discrmntn 213.111	235	191	189	232	266	7.6%
Other Tort	244	277	252	222	252	7.2%
Replevin	72	94	121	105	141	4.0%
Quiet Title	116	119	127	124	137	3.9%
Contract-Other	51	109	89	94	99	2.8%
Pers Injury-Malpractice	93	119	103	125	94	2.7%
Other Real Estate Actions	88	75	57	65	90	2.6%
Wrongful Death	120	75	98	65	84	2.4%
Motn, Rules 29.15 or 24.035	113	83	75	67	82	2.3%
Reg Foreign Jgmt (excl DR)	131	118	75	66	77	2.2%
CAFA Forfeit 513.600-513.64	64	89	58	65	77	2.2%
Declaratory Judgment	64	67	81	80	74	2.1%
Property Damage	40	58	68	55	54	1.5%
Suit on Account	58	97	91	73	50	1.4%
Out of State Witness	58	51	37	40	49	1.4%
Small Claims Trial de Novo	53	72	66	44	48	1.4%
Promissory Note	88	68	51	49	40	1.1%
Refuse Breath 302.750/577.04	8	29	26	23	31	0.9%
Other Administrative Review	44	45	34	24	26	0.7%
Injunction	33	41	36	24	23	0.7%
Other Filings	325	316	310	227	217	6.2%
	3,471	3,667	3,454	3,292	3,495	100.0%

* Number filings 2016

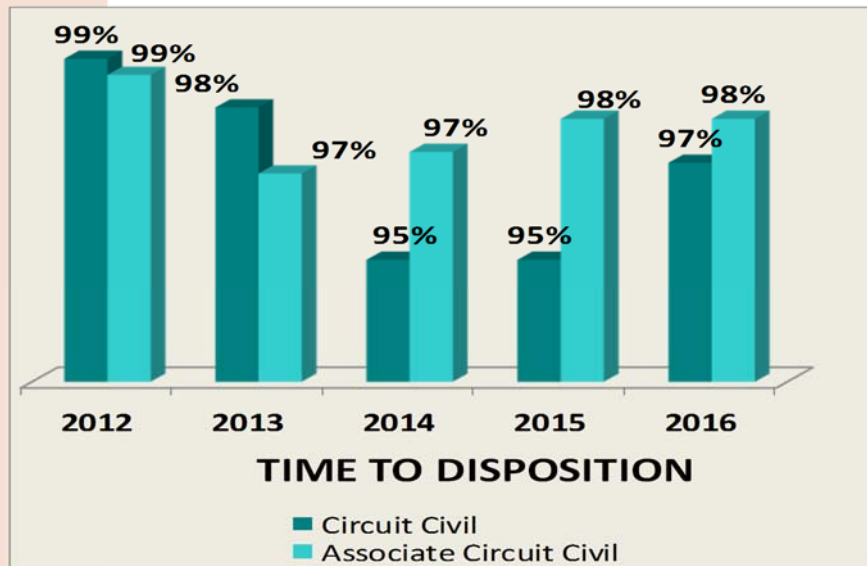
**Percentage of 2016 filings

CIVIL**ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS BY CASE TYPE**

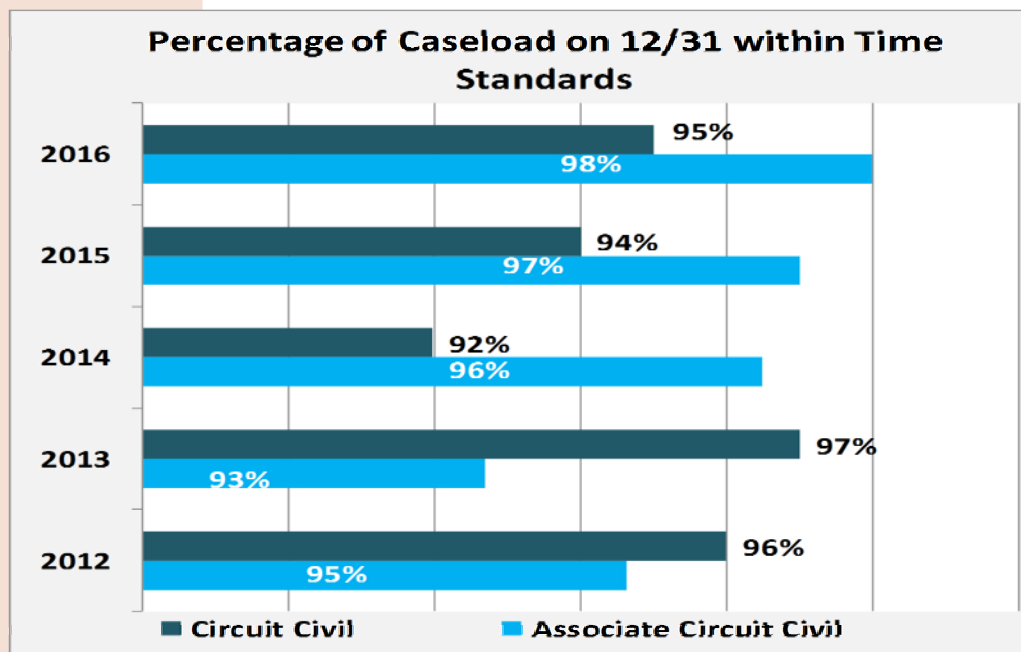
Nature of Action	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016*	%**
Rent and Possession	5,031	5,559	5,882	6,235	6,191	22.3%
Breach of Contract	5,400	6,343	6,144	5,105	5,795	20.9%
Suit on Account	10,698	7,554	6,302	4,647	5,732	20.7%
Delinquent Taxes	765	556	684	1,427	2,655	9.6%
Landlord Complaint	3,159	2,660	2,339	1,978	1,853	6.7%
Unlawful Detainer	1,625	1,243	979	927	1,082	3.9%
Small Claims over \$100	1,229	1,041	1,070	981	1,001	3.6%
Contract-Other	244	871	1,052	963	794	2.9%
Promissory Note	1,406	844	380	528	508	1.8%
Reg of Foreign Judgment	334	260	256	293	496	1.8%
Refus Breath 302.750/577.04	542	550	525	531	477	1.7%
Property Damage	516	559	460	438	456	1.6%
Misc Associate Civil-Other	164	131	167	125	124	0.4%
Declaratory Judgment	36	29	51	91	87	0.3%
DL Revoc Rvw 302.311 RSMo	23	65	84	88	85	0.3%
Pers Injury-Vehicular	117	117	52	72	77	0.3%
Other Tort	68	88	62	50	58	0.2%
Limit Dr Priv 302.309 RSMo	26	32	44	35	48	0.2%
TDN of DOR Decision	4	6	6	25	35	0.1%
Replevin	135	65	33	27	29	0.1%
Quiet Title	39	18	18	27	22	0.1%
Other Real Estate Actions	23	12	18	40	22	0.1%
Conceal Carry Appeal 571.114	22	28	21	18	21	0.1%
Other Actions	15	30	13	107	92	0.3%
	31,632	28,737	26,676	24,748	27,740	100.0%

* Number filings 2016

**Percentage of 2016 filings

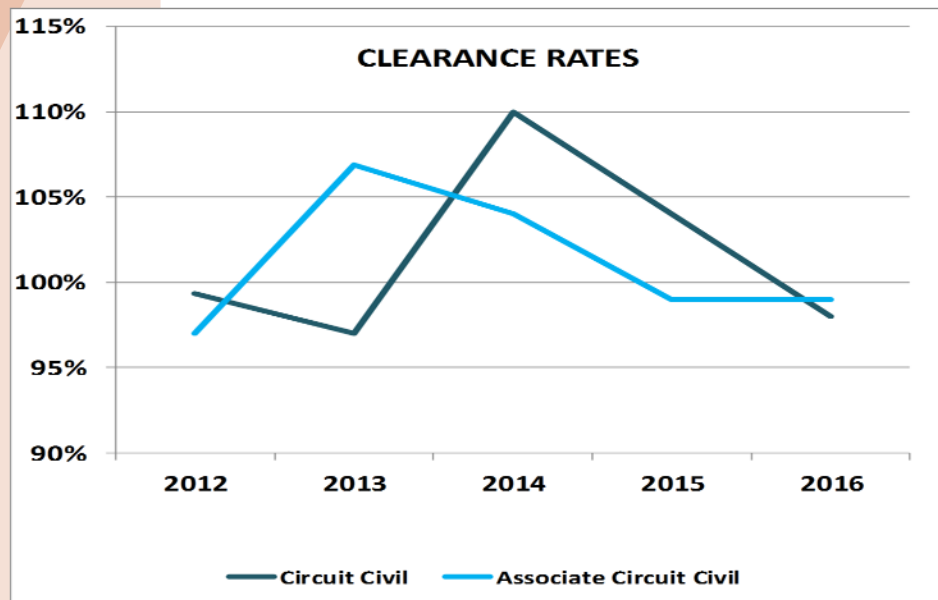


Time standards for Circuit Civil cases are the disposition of 95% within 30 months. For Associate Circuit Civil cases, the standard is the disposition of 95% within 12 months. The chart above shows the % disposed with these time standards for the calendar years. Each year met or exceeded the time standards 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. 95% of the Circuit Civil cases pending on 12/31/2016 had been filed for less than 30 months where 98% 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 2016, more Circuit Civil cases and more Associate Circuit Civil cases were filed than were disposed.

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

CIVIL

Domestic Relations	2012	2015	2016
Filings	6,362	5,499	5,648
Dispositions	6,889	6,212	5,810
Court Trials	1,429	1,004	1,576
Pending Cases 12/31	4,116	3,303	3,091

Domestic Violence	2012	2015	2016
Filings	7,030	7,042	6,958
Dispositions	7,070	7,184	6,804
Ex Parte Orders of Protection	3,796	3,835	4,762
Full Orders of Protection	1,014	1,483	1,633
Pending Cases 12/31	466	408	575

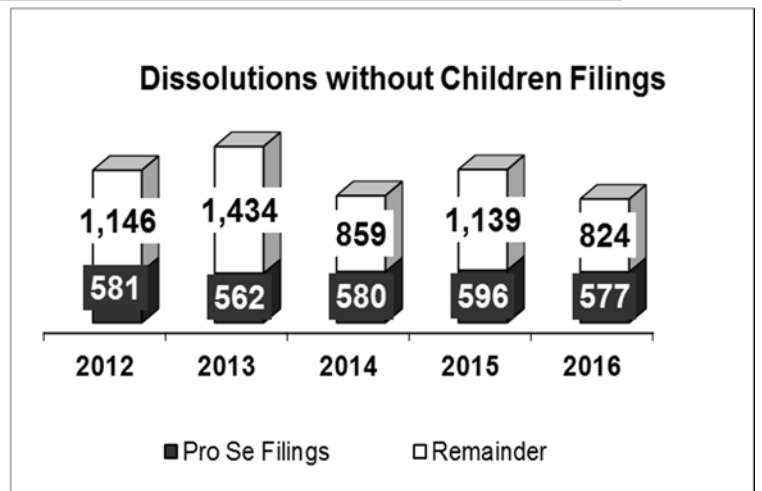
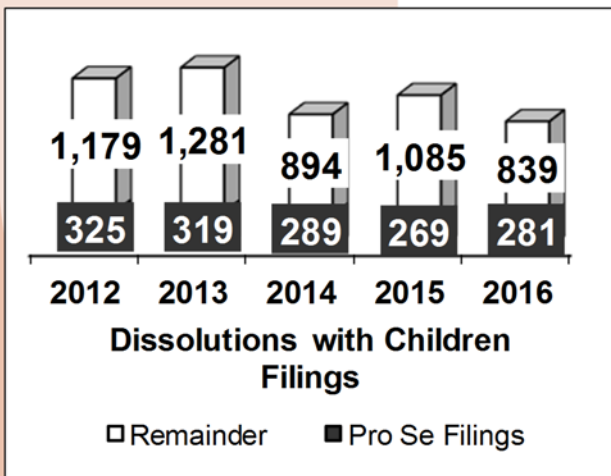
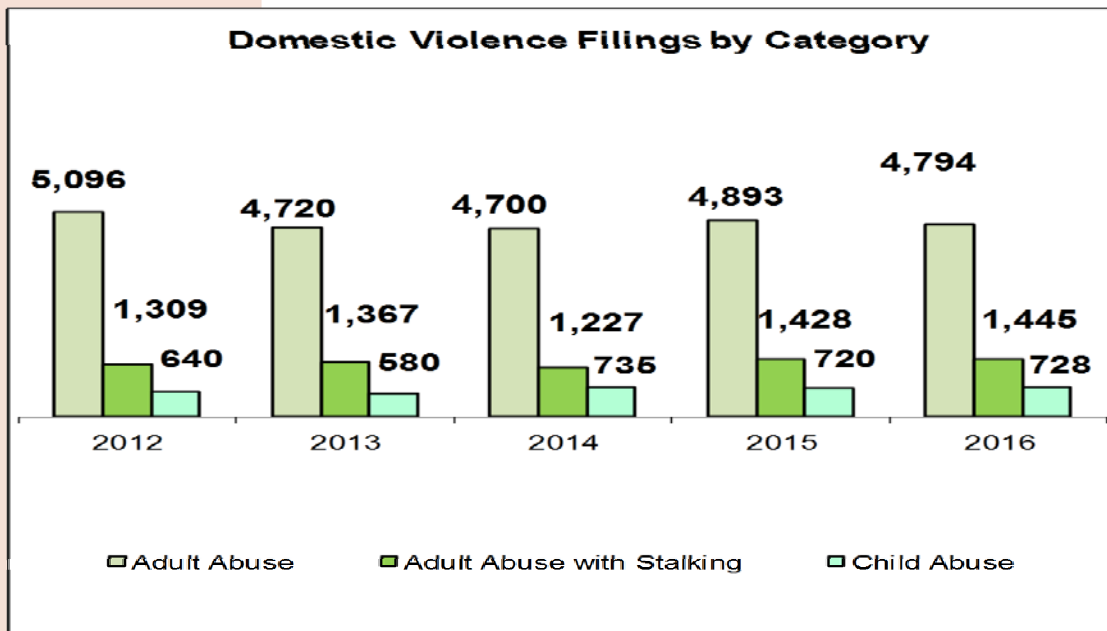
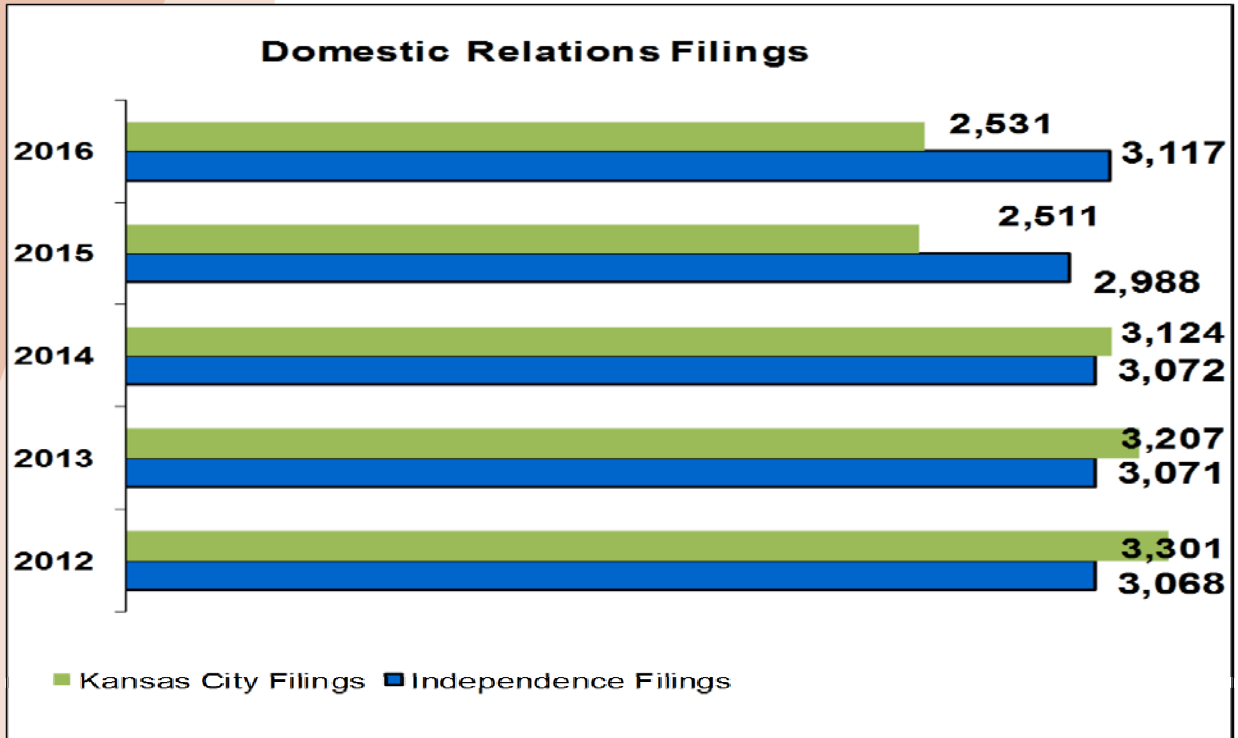
Comparing 2016 to 2015:

- ◇ Domestic Relations (DR) filings increased 3%, but dispositions decreased 6%.
- ◇ Dispositions of DR cases by bench trial increased 57%.
- ◇ There were 6% fewer DR cases pending on 12/31/2016 than on 12/31/2015.
- ◇ Filings for Domestic Violence (DV) cases decreased 1%, while dispositions decreased 5%.
- ◇ There were full orders of protection issued in 24% more of the DV cases.
- ◇ There were 41% more DV cases pending on 12/31/2016 than a year earlier.
- ◇ 93% of the combined DR and DV cases were disposed within the State time standard,
- ◇ 10% more of the combined DR and DV cases pending on 12/31/2016 were within the State time standard than those pending on 12/31/2015.
- ◇ The clearance rate for DR and DV cases was 100% compared to 107% in 2015.

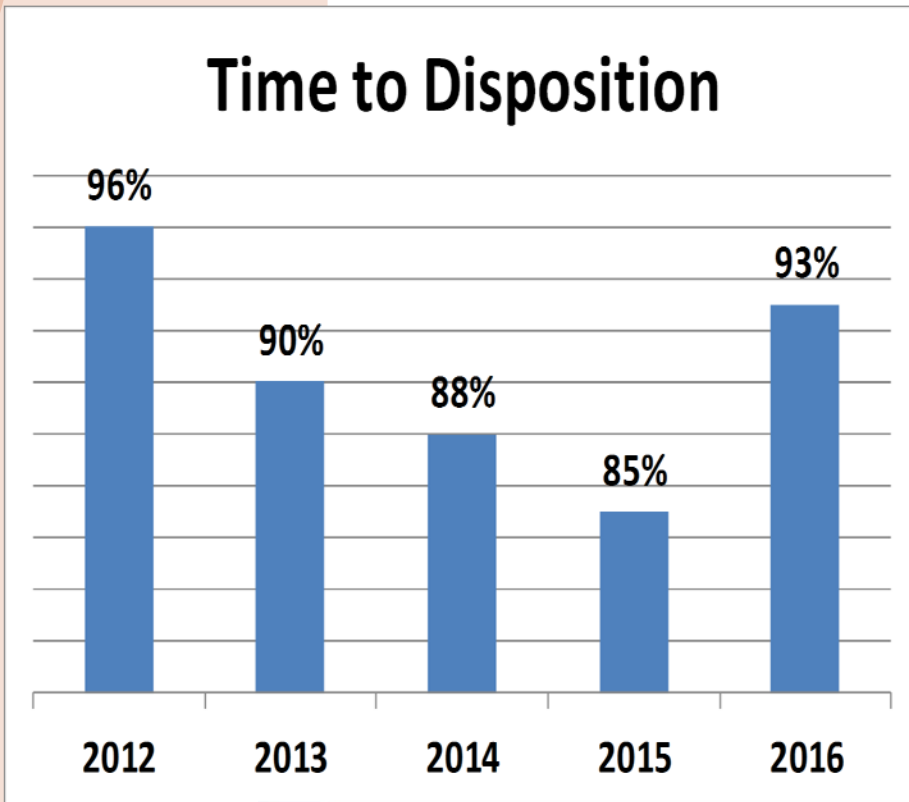
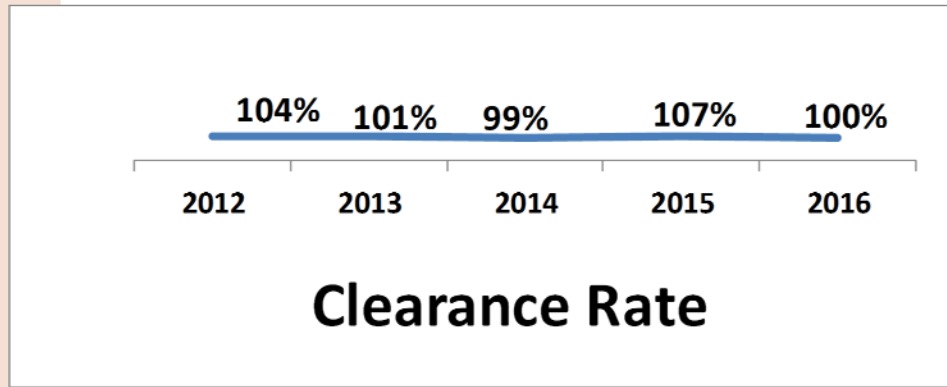
Comparing 2016 to 2012:

- ◇ DR filings decreased by 11%, dispositions by 16%.
- ◇ Pro se filings in dissolutions without children have risen from 51% in 2012 to 70% in 2016 compared to all dissolutions without children filed.
- ◇ Pro se filings in dissolutions with children have risen from 28% in 2012 to 33% in 2016.
- ◇ There was an increase of 10% in the number of DR cases disposed by bench trial.
- ◇ There were 26% fewer DR cases pending on 12/31/2016 than on 12/31/2012.
- ◇ Filings for DV cases decreased 1% , disposition decreased 4%.
- ◇ There was an increase of 61% in the number of orders of full protection granted in DV cases.
- ◇ There were 23% more DV cases pending on 12/31/2016.
- ◇ The percentage of DR and DV cases pending on 12/31/2016 that were within the State time standard was 89% compared to 73% in 2012.

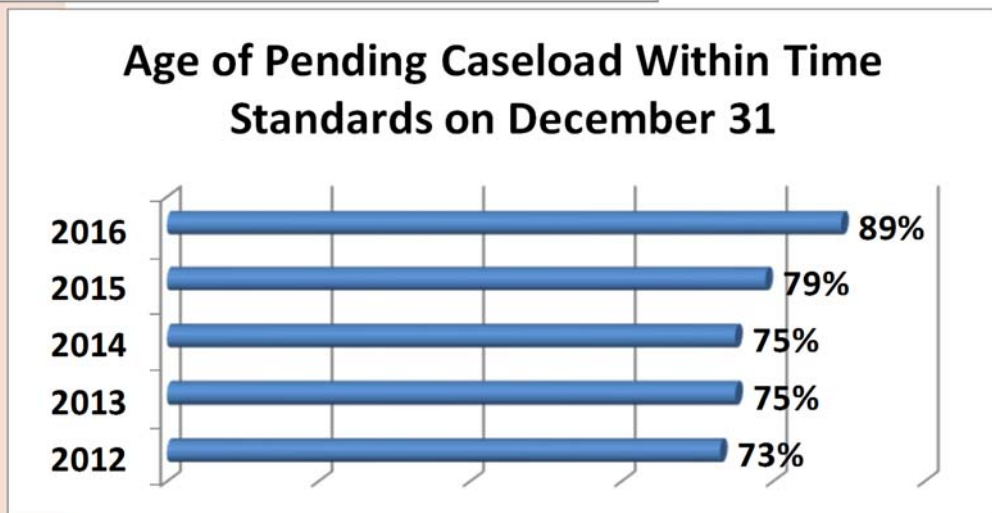
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PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES



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



CRIMINAL RECORDS

In 2016, there was a renovation of the Kansas City Office of Criminal Records. At the same time, a plan was developed for the transition of staff at both offices to a new centralized financial unit for the Court, and procedures were updated and personnel trained to implement that transition plan. Cases arising from the Grandview area were moved from the Independence Office to Kansas City. Given a decrease in staffing, the Kansas City personnel in Case Initiation and Financial were consolidated into one unit.

Extradition cases transitioned from being filed in folders to electronic files and initiated into JIS.

During the course of 2016, the Grandview and Raytown Police Departments began using video conferencing for initial appearances of defendants arrested by those Departments.

After much testing, arrest warrants and recalls are now being electronically sent through REJIS to all law enforcement agencies except for the Independence Police Department and the Missouri Highway Patrol which do not use REJIS. Arrest warrant returns are likewise transmitted through REJIS to Criminal Records. This has expedited the transmission of warrants and returns and eliminated paper documents.

Additionally, monthly audit procedures of the transmissions to and from REJIS have been instituted to ensure that served and recalled warrants are closed in the Systems.

CRIMINAL

Felonies	2012	2015	2016
Filings	4,506	4,277	4,692
Dispositions	4,185	3,679	3,973
Jury Trials	33	55	56
Court Trials	15	19	14
Pending 12/31	5,865	6,215	6,730

Misdemeanors	2012	2015	2016
Filings	3,540	3,550	3,700
Dispositions	3,706	3,772	3,245
Court Trials	19	27	32
Jury Trials	2	1	3
Pending 12/31	5,794	5,319	5,723

Search Warrants	2012	2015	2016
Filings	1,457	1,434	1,490
Dispositions	1,459	1,434	1,487

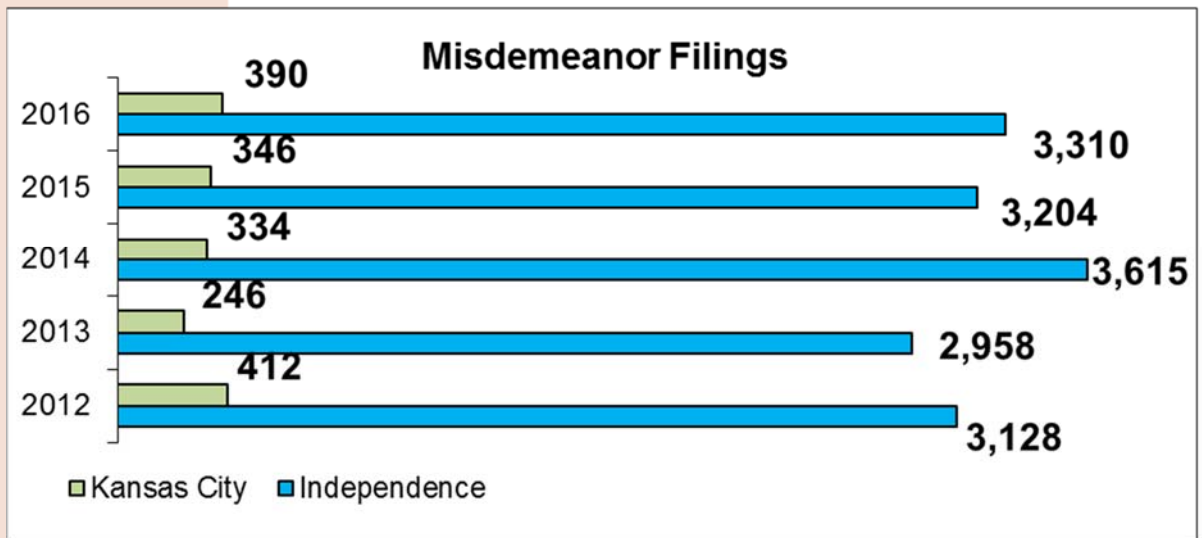
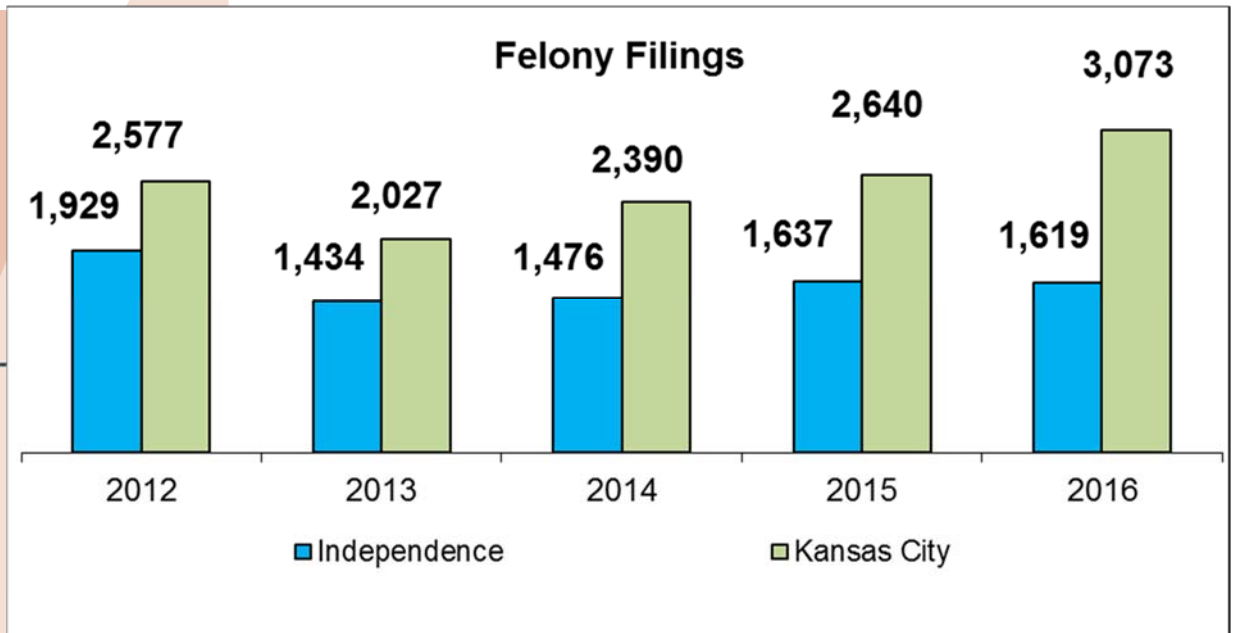
Comparing 2016 to 2015:

- ◇ Felony filings increased 10%.
- ◇ Dispositions in felony cases increased 8%, jury trials increased 2%, but bench trials decreased 26%.
- ◇ The clearance rate for Circuit Felony cases was 89% compared to 104% in 2015, and 87% of pending cases on 12/31/2016 were within 420 days of filing, unchanged from 12/31/2015. Also unchanged, the 87% of disposed cases meeting time standards in 2016.
- ◇ Misdemeanor filings increased 4%.
- ◇ Misdemeanor dispositions decreased 14%.
- ◇ There was a 19% increase in bench trials for misdemeanor cases.
- ◇ Search warrant filings increased 4%.

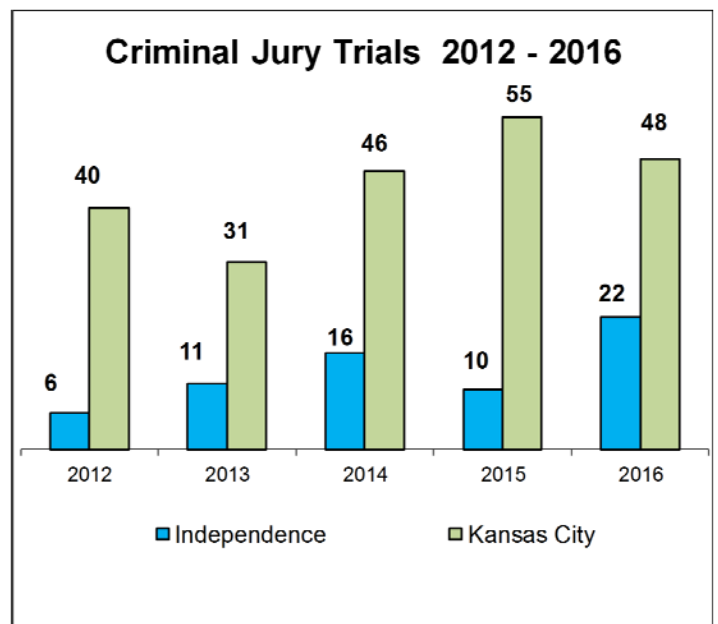
Comparing 2016 to 2012:

- ◇ Felony filings increased 4%.
- ◇ Dispositions in felony cases decreased 5%, with jury trials increasing 70% and bench trials decreasing 7%.
- ◇ The clearance rate for Circuit Felony cases was 89% compared to 93% in 2012, and 17% more pending cases on 12/31/2016 were within 420 days of filing than on 12/31/2012. However, the percentage of disposed cases meeting time standards decreased to 87% from 98% in 2012.
- ◇ Misdemeanor filings increased 5%.
- ◇ Misdemeanor dispositions decreased 12%.
- ◇ There was a 68% increase in bench trials in misdemeanor cases in 2016.
- ◇ Search warrant filings increased 2%.

CRIMINAL



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.



2016 FELONY FILINGS BY CHARGE CODE

Highest Charge in Case Counted		
CHARGE	# CASES	%
Possess Controlled Subst	1,355	29%
Tamper - 1st / Motr Veh	240	5%
Receiving Stolen Propert	190	4%
Dst/Del/Mn/Atmpt To/Poss	186	4%
Dwi--Alcohol--Persistent	162	3%
Dom Aslt- 2nd Deg	157	3%
Burglary 2nd Degree	156	3%
Robbery 1st Degree	142	3%
Forgery	121	3%
Theft/Stealing > \$500 <	96	2%
Resist Arrest/Detent/Sto	95	2%
Possession Of Firearm	92	2%
Burglary 1st Degree	80	2%
Remaining Felony Cases	1,620	35%
	4,692	100%

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2016 MISDEMEANOR FILINGS BY CHARGE CODE

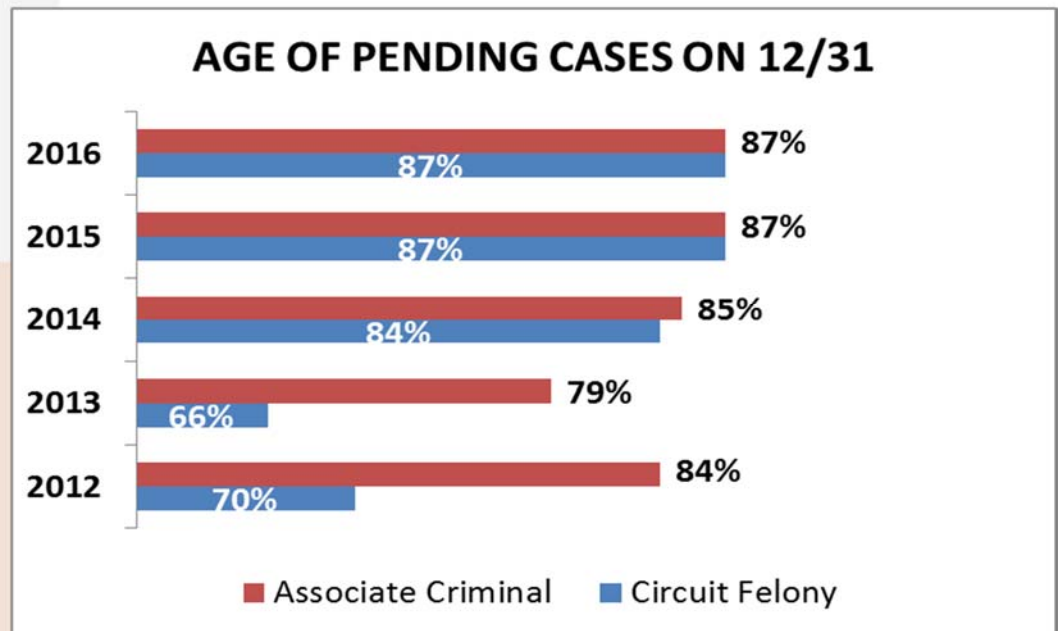
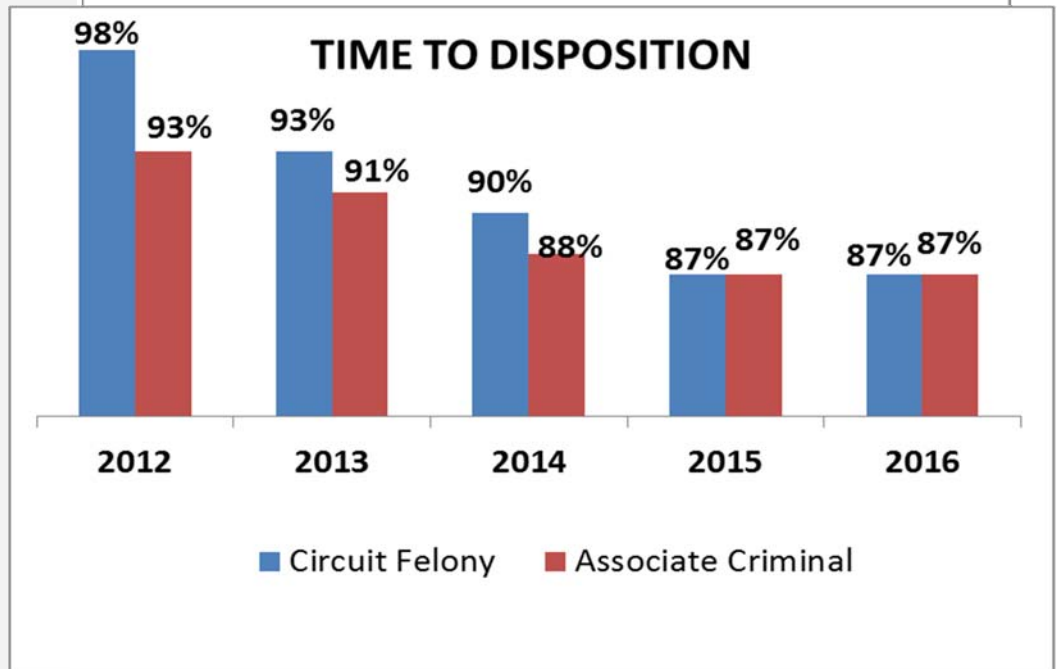
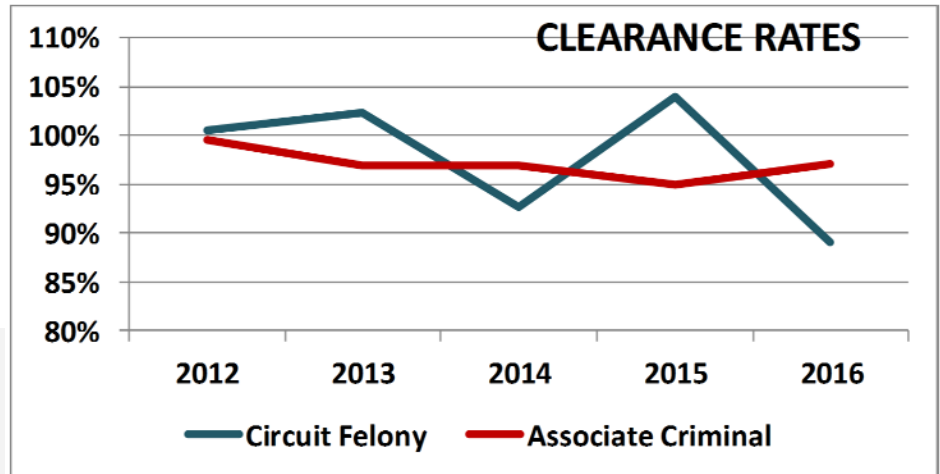
Highest Charge in Case Counted		
Owr/Optr Opr Mv Wtht Fnl	753	20%
Dwr/Dws - 1st Offense	339	9%
Dwi--Alcohol	336	9%
Failure To Register Motor Veh	310	8%
Oper Veh Wth Poor Brakes	279	8%
Oper Mv W/O Valid DI - 1	154	4%
Dwr/Dws - 2nd Or Subsq	112	3%
Oper Mtr Veh Carless Re Accide	108	3%
Fail To Drv Within Single Lane	78	2%
Owr/Optr Opr MV Wtht Fnl	75	2%
Possess Up To 35 Grms Ma	75	2%
Oper Veh W/ Vision Reducng Mtr	67	2%
Failure To Register Moto	57	2%
Remaining Misdemeanor Cases	957	26%
	3,700	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	2012	2015	2016
Filings	4,198	3,422	3,673
Dispositions	3,907	3,717	3,335
Court Trials	20	25	25
Pending 12/31	4,884	3,803	4,145
Municipal Appeals	2012	2015	2016
Filings	319	177	167
Dispositions	302	200	154
Jury Trials	3	1	4
Court Trials	15	24	40
Pending 12/31	82	43	59
Drug Court	2012	2015	2016
Filings in Drug Court	306	333	344
Drug-Related Felony Filings Courtwide	1,159	1,163	1,620
Dispositions	218	267	301
Successfully Completed	143	145	152
Pending 12/31	533	628	673

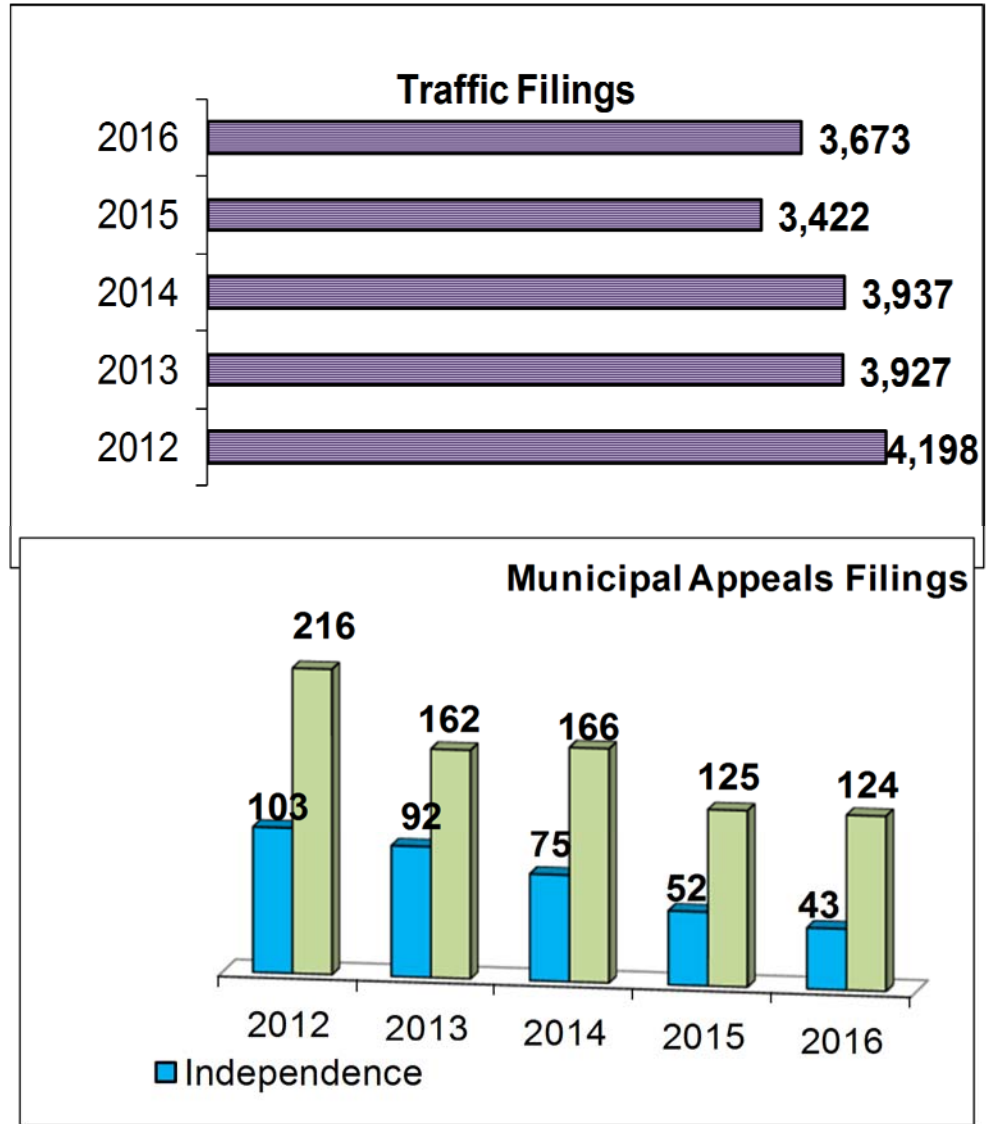
Comparing 2016 to 2015:

- ◇ Traffic filings increased 7%, and traffic dispositions decreased 10%.
- ◇ Municipal appeals filings decreased 6%.
- ◇ Jury trials in municipal appeals cases increased 300% (1 to 4).
- ◇ Drug court filings increased 3%.
- ◇ The percentage of felony cases with drug charges increased 39%, but only 3% of the filings were diverted to Drug Court.
- ◇ Defendants successfully completing the Drug Court Program increased 5%.

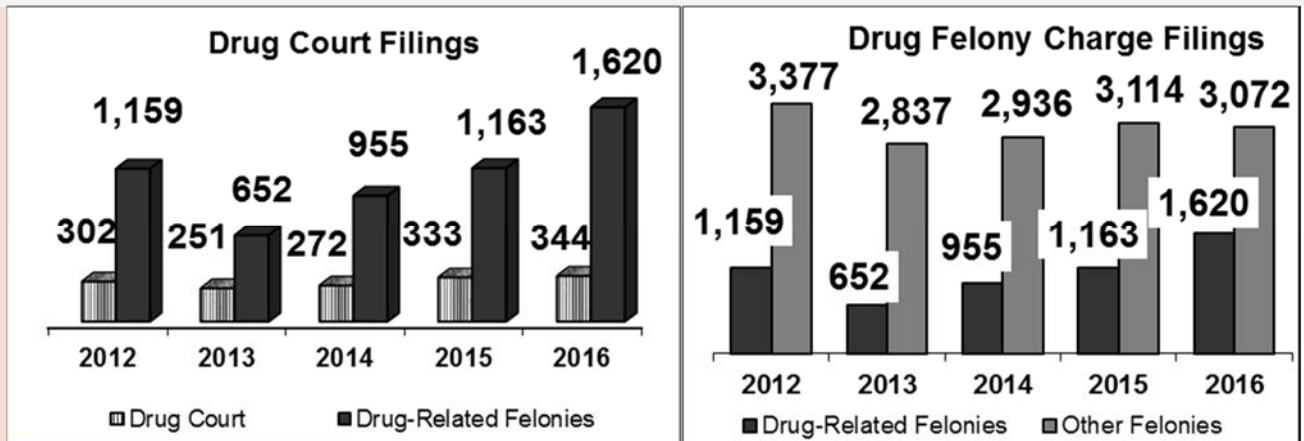
Comparing 2016 to 2012:

- ◇ Traffic filings decreased 13%, and traffic dispositions decreased 15%.
- ◇ Municipal appeals filings decreased 48%.
- ◇ Jury trials in municipal appeals cases increased 33%, and bench trials increased by 167%.
- ◇ Drug Court filings increased 12%.
- ◇ The percentage of felony cases with drug charges increased 40%, but those diverted to Drug Court increased only 12%.
- ◇ Drug Court graduation increased 6%.

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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

2016 was a year of transition for the Probate Records Department.

The Probate Department successfully adapted to a significant turnover in staff, including a new director, a new supervisor, a new auditor, and three new clerks. In addition, the Probate Division/19 experienced significant turnover, as they welcomed a new Judge, a new Deputy Commissioner, and a new Judicial Administrative Assistant to their team.

In February, a new Public Administrator was appointed. Members of the Probate Department and Division 19 worked in collaboration to successfully process over 1000 cases in which the Public Administrator was the fiduciary. This was a multi-step process. Not all of the steps could be performed at the same time, so this project required multiple instances of case processing and case review. Steps involved in this process were: issuance of an order granting letters to the new Public Administrator, assignment of the new Public Administrator as a party to all of the cases in JIS, issuance of letters to the new Public Administrator, generation of orders to the former Public Administrator to file final settlement, calendaring cases to ensure final settlements were filed, and audit/review of final settlements.

Over the course of the year and using special assistance funding, scanning of pending cases continued. At the end of the year, approximately 1600 pending case files remained to be scanned.

Although there has been some decrease in new case filings, it is important to recognize that the pending caseload and ongoing administration of probate matters, between 7,000 and 8,000 cases, accounts for a significant portion of our workload, as these cases require several instances of case review each year.

The Probate Department received and processed 22,460 total eFiling submissions during 2016.

The Probate Department examined its case processing practices and determined that due to certain practices not all case filings were being captured in the case filings count. A new plan was developed, to go into place beginning on January 1, 2017, which will allow for an accurate case filing count to be obtained.

PROBATE

Probate	2012	2015	2016
Filings	1,598	1,508	1,428
Decedent Estates Filed	482	534	458
Guardian/Conservator	938	793	794
Mental Health Matters	173	181	172
Dispositions	1,194	1,477	1,144
Pending 12/31	7,274	7,551	7,654
Abbreviated Probate Matters	2,636	2,427	2,329
Adversary Hearings	540	794	707

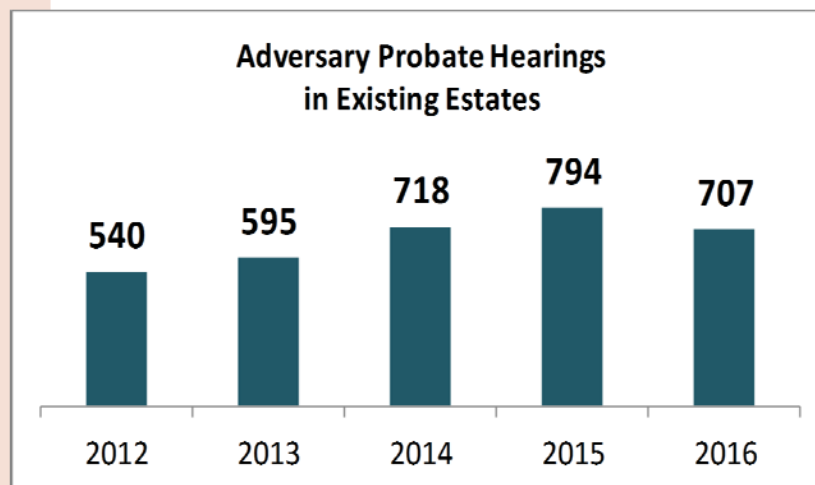
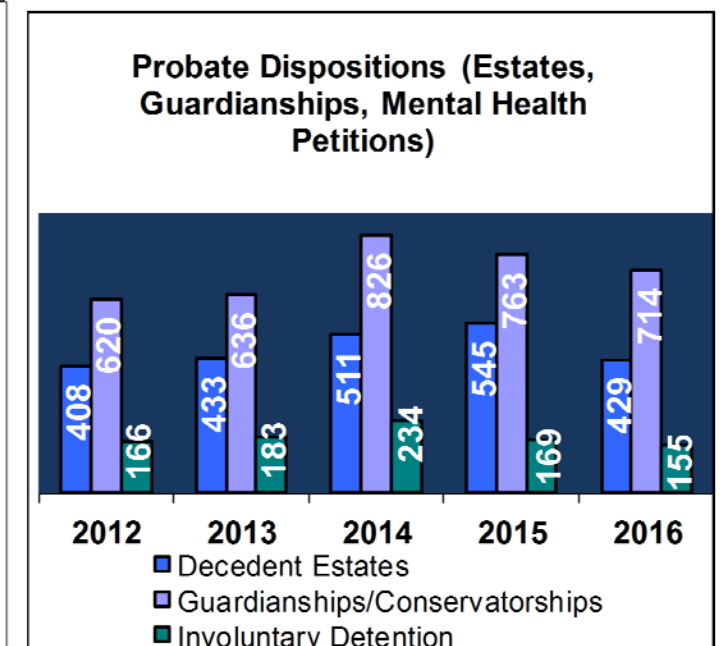
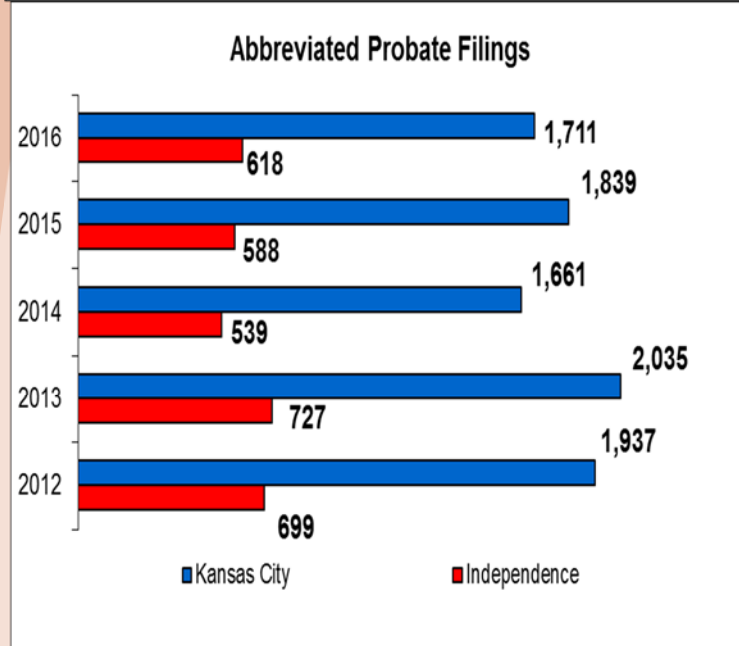
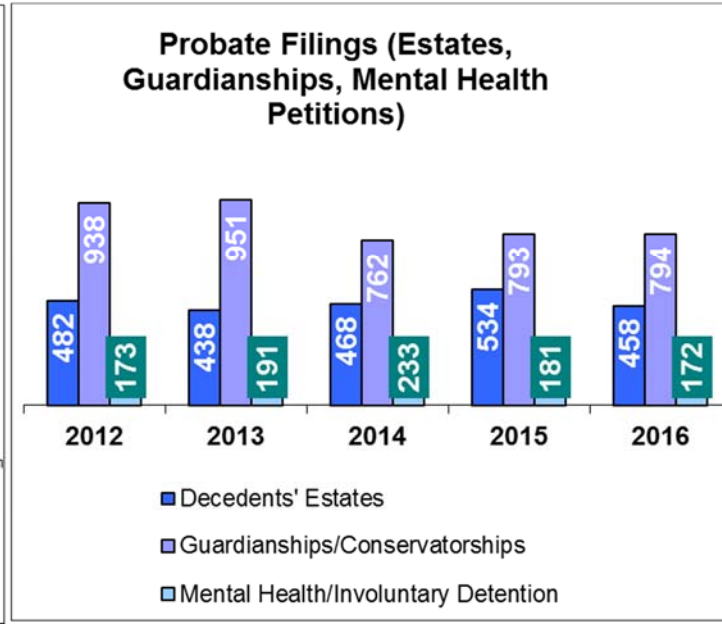
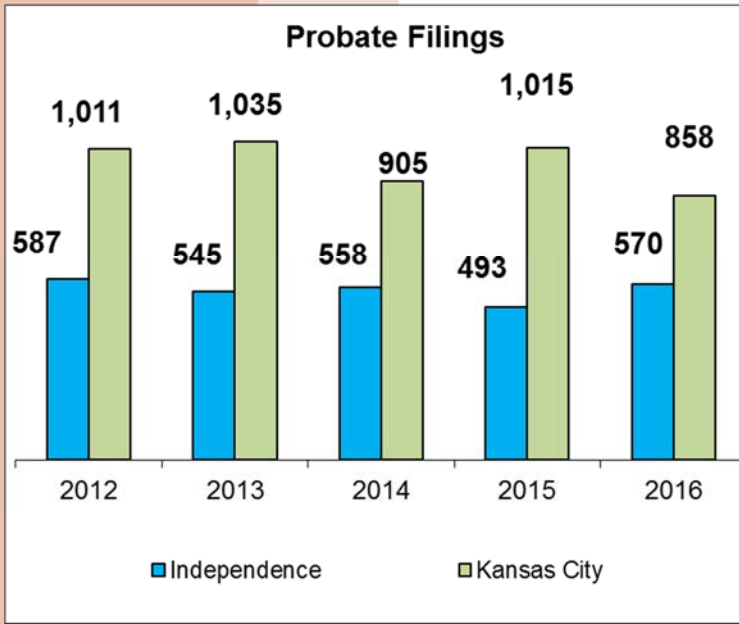
Comparing 2016 to 2015:

- ◇ Probate filings decreased 5%; dispositions decreased 23%.
- ◇ Filings of decedent estates decreased 14%.
- ◇ Guardianship/conservator filings were unchanged.
- ◇ Filings of mental health matters decreased 5%.
- ◇ Abbreviated probate matters decreased 4%.
- ◇ Adversary proceedings decreased 11%.

Comparing 2016 to 2012:

- ◇ Probate filings decreased 11%, and dispositions decreased 4%.
- ◇ There was a 5% decrease in decedent estate filings, and a decrease of 15% in guardianships filed.
- ◇ Filings in mental health matters decreased 1%.
- ◇ Abbreviated probate matters decreased 12%.
- ◇ Adversary hearings increased 31%.

PROBATE





FAMILY COURT

FAMILY COURT

Comparing 2016 to 2015:

- ◆ Referrals on Abuse-Neglect increased 19%, and formal filings for Abuse-Neglect increased 21%.
- ◆ Referrals for Delinquency decreased 2%, but filings on Delinquency decreased 16%.
- ◆ Felony Delinquency filings decreased 14% misdemeanor filings decreased 51%.
- ◆ Formal filings for Termination of Parental Rights increased 233%.
- ◆ Youth placed in residential decreased 59%.
- ◆ Youth starting probation increased 11%.
- ◆ Actual Visits/Exchanges increased 22%; Mediation increased 14% .

Referrals	2012	2015	2016
Abuse-Neglect	1,390	1,168	1,387
Delinquency	1,307	1,056	1,033
Status Offenses	83	36	61

Formal Filings by Person (Motions to Modify included)	2012	2015	2016
Abuse-Neglect	1,143	821	995
Delinquency	462	361	304
Status Offenses	53	18	9
Adoptions	414	362	370
Termination of Parental Rights	180	135	449

Delinquency Formal Filings	2012	2015	2016
Felony	308	216	186
Misdemeanor	154	144	71
Infraction	0	1	1

Certifications	2012	2015	2016
Filings	45	54	47

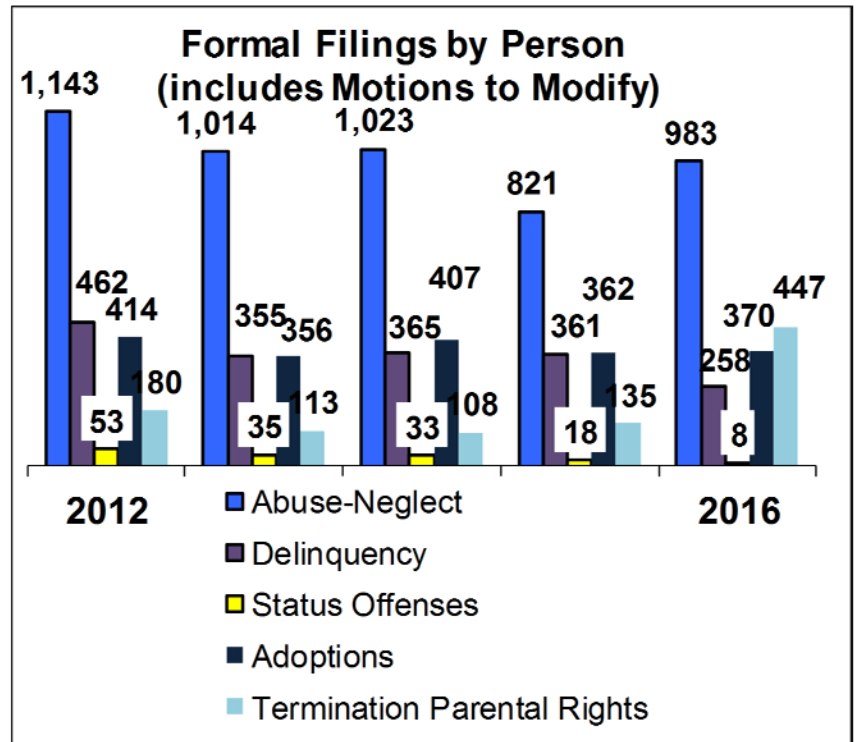
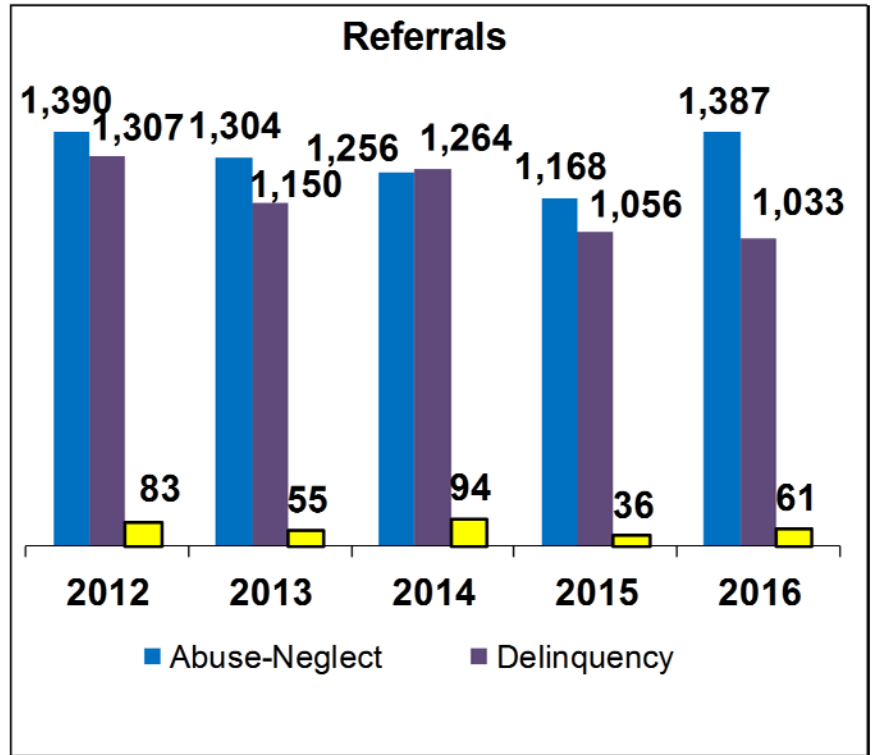
Youth Placed in Residential	2012	2015	2016
	54	70	29

Programs and Services	2012	2015	2016
Youth Starting Probation	222	182	202
Mediation	471	546	620
Actual Visits/Exchanges	1,080	1,072	1,312
Parent Awareness	2,628	3,248	2,680
Prevention & Diversion	846	629	469

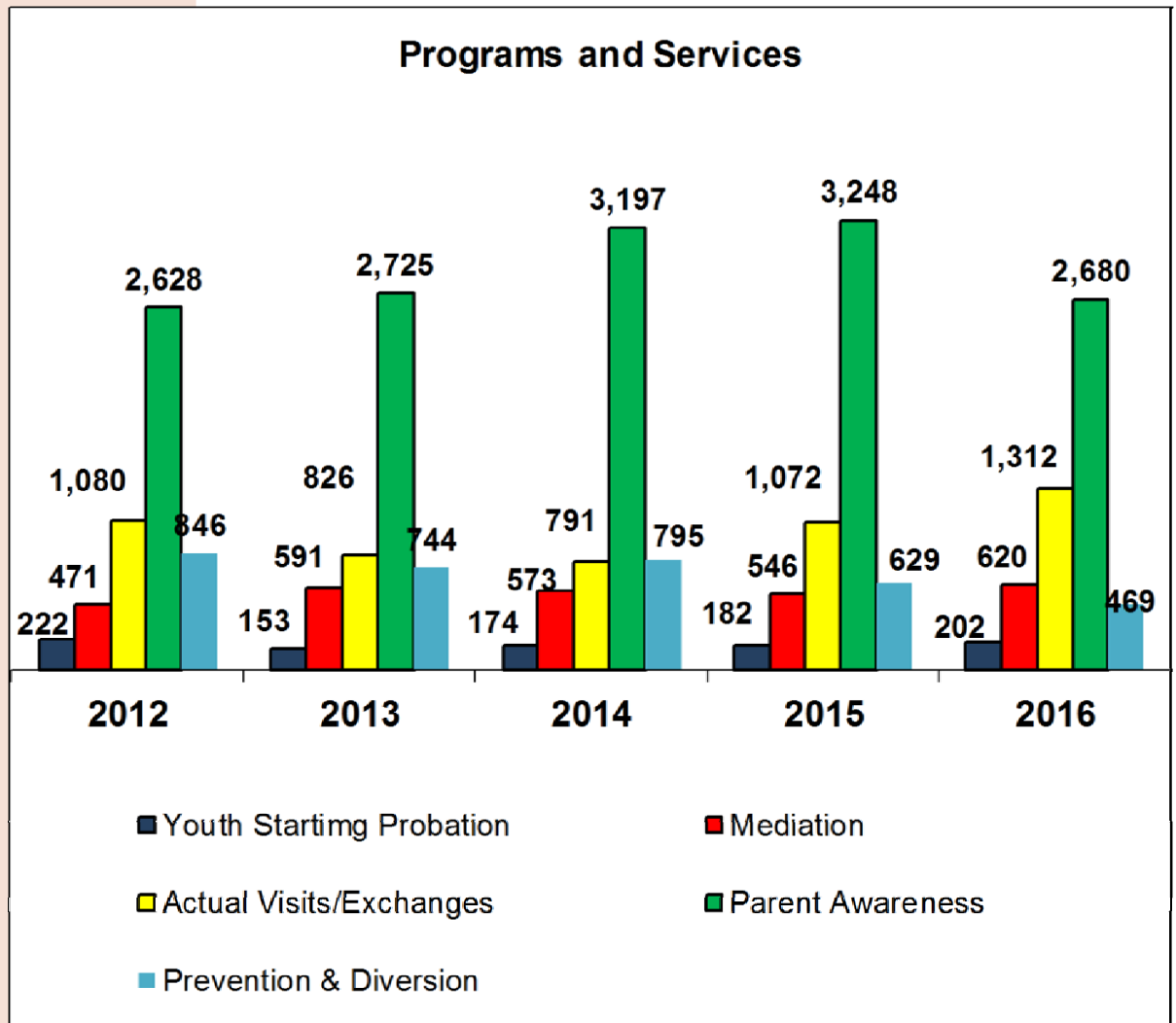
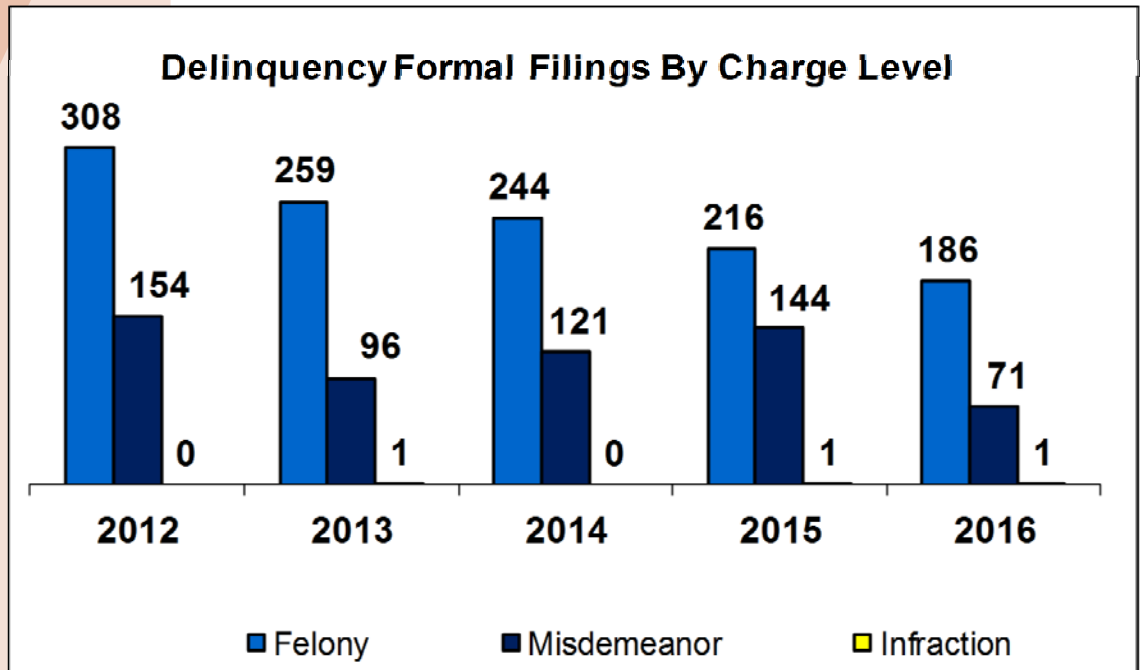
Comparing 2016 to 2012:

- ◆ Referrals on Abuse-Neglect were unchanged, but formal filings for Abuse-Neglect decreased 13%.
- ◆ Referrals for Delinquency decreased 21%, and formal filings on Delinquency decreased 34%.
- ◆ Felony Delinquency filings decreased 40%; misdemeanor filings decreased 54%.
- ◆ Formal filings for Termination of Parental Rights increased 149%.
- ◆ Youth placed in residential decreased 46%.
- ◆ Youth starting probation decreased 9%.
- ◆ Increases in Mediation 32%, Actual Visits/Exchanges 21%, and Parent Awareness 2%.

FAMILY COURT



FAMILY





CIVIL PROCESS

Civil Process attempts service at the addresses provided. If the deputy learns the address is "bad", they try to establish a "good " one by calling the attorney or checking with neighbors, for example. Bad addresses prevent proper service, and account for 18% (3,414 papers) of the overall total of 18,577. It is also the only variable for establishing service that is out of the control of Civil Process. If we look at service without the bad addresses subset the service rate is over 80%.

The department changed how evictions are handled in 2016, improving the efficacy of this process and simultaneously reducing deputy hours associated with evictions. This allowed deputies to devote more time and resources to serving orders of protection, reflected in the 39% increase of service in this area.

**CIVIL
PROCESS**

Pre-Judgment Process	2012	2015	2016
Number Served	16,741	12,361	12,318
% Served	65%	63%	66%
Bad Addresses	4,538	3,434	3,414
Unable to Contact	4,430	3,853	2,845
Total Pre-Judgment Process	25,709	19,678	18,577
Post-Judgment Process	2012	2015	2016
Levies & Garnishments	22,439	12,754	11,734
Evictions	3,735	3,253	3,179
Attachments & Replevins	56	143	155
Protective Orders Served	1,021	1,201	1,664
Protective Orders Unable to Contact	4,157	3,161	3,333
Total Post-Judgment Process	31,408	20,512	20,065
Total Papers	57,117	40,190	38,642
Delinquent Land Tax Sales	2012	2015	2016
Parcels Offered for Sale	1,256	959	826
Parcels Sold	394	517	487
Gross Revenue Generated (\$)	2,422,699	2,989,944	3,014,646

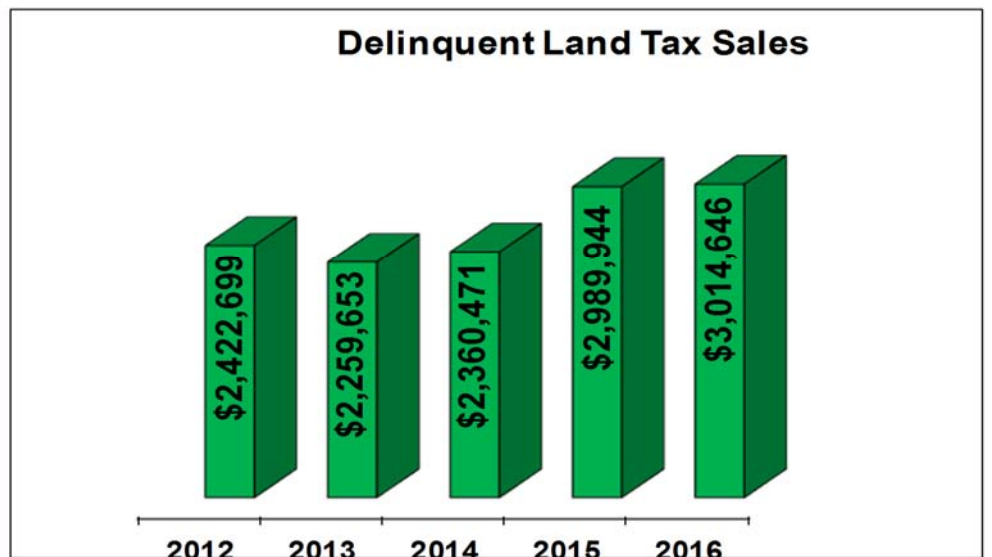
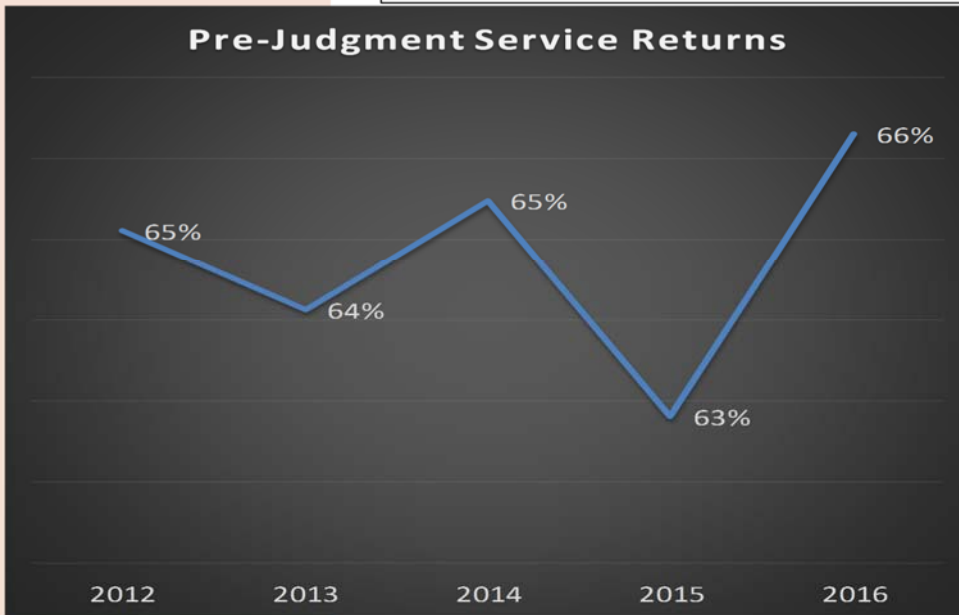
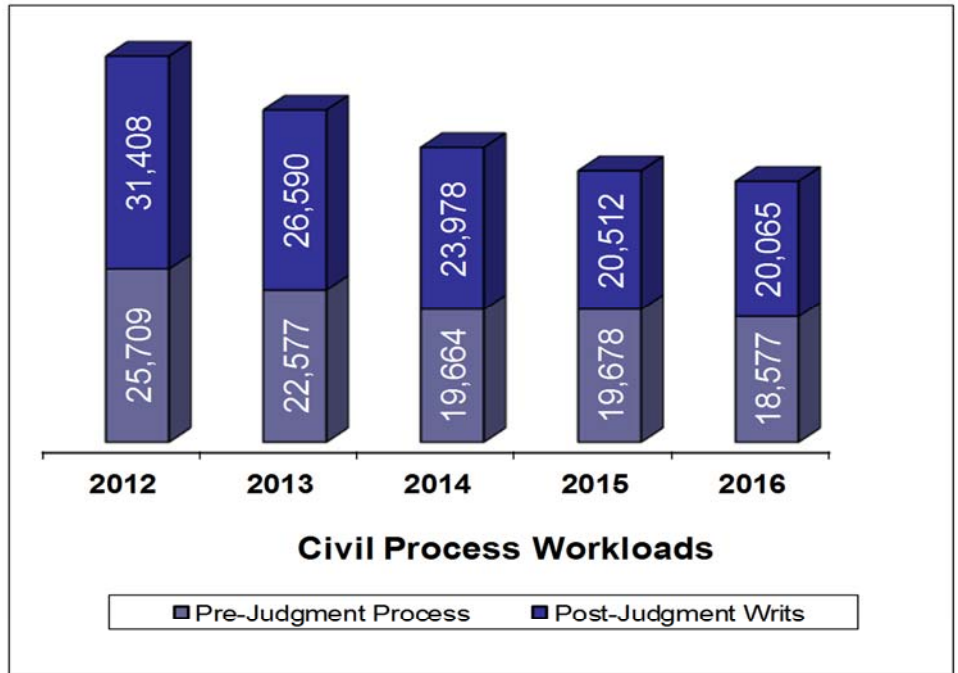
Comparing 2016 to 2015:

- ◇ The total number of all papers received decreased 4%.
- ◇ The total number of pre-judgment process received decreased 6%.
- ◇ The number of pre-judgment process served remained unchanged, but the service rate improved by 3%.
- ◇ The total number of post-judgment process received decreased 4%.
- ◇ The percentage of protective orders served increased 39% .
- ◇ Attachments/replevins increased 8%.
- ◇ The number of parcels offered and the number of parcels sold at the Delinquent Land Tax (DLT) Sale decreased 14% and 6%, respectively, however, the ratio of sold to offered parcels increased 5%.
- ◇ Gross revenue generated from the DLT sale increased 1%.

Comparing 2016 to 2012:

- ◇ The total number of all papers received decreased 32%.
- ◇ The total number of pre-judgment process received decreased 28%.
- ◇ The number of pre-judgment process served decreased 26%, but the service rate improved by 1%.
- ◇ The total number of post-judgment process received decreased 36%.
- ◇ The percentage of protective orders served increased 63%.
- ◇ Attachments/replevins increased 177%.
- ◇ The number of parcels offered at the DLT Sale decreased 34%, but the number of parcels sold increased 24%, and the ratio of sold to offered parcels increased 28%.
- ◇ Gross revenue generated from the DLT sale increased 24%.

CIVIL PROCESS



JURY

2016 was the first full year in which the new jury room in the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse in Independence was in use. The jury room now accommodates 220 jurors, about twice the number of the old jury room.

Although Division 12 joined the other four jury trial divisions located in the Eastern Jackson County Courthouse in mid-2015, the increased need for jurors was not immediate. Division 12 initially had a docket comprised of fewer of the types of cases which are jury-tried, but in 2016 was assigned a docket that included the full range of cases heard by judges sitting in Independence hearing jury tried cases

As a result of the ability to accommodate more jurors and of the additional trial division in Independence, 500 summons to appear in Independence are now issued for jurors weekly. This in turn is reflected in both the 49% increase in available jurors in Independence in 2016 and the 67% increase in jurors sent on panels to the Independence divisions during 2016 as compared to the prior year, and the even more significant increases as compared to 2012.

JURY

Trials	2012	2015	2016
Civil	80	64	72
Criminal	46	65	70
Total	126	129	142
Available Jurors	2012	2015	2016
Independence	3,551	4,820	7,190
Kansas City	11,445	11,738	13,076
Total	14,996	16,558	20,266
Jurors Sent to Divisions	2012	2015	2016
Independence	1,728	1,854	3,100
Kansas City	5,167	5,885	5,628
Total	6,895	7,739	8,728
Juror Yield	31%	32%	35%
Sent for Jury Selection	46%	46%	43%
Selected as Jurors	12%	11%	10%

Comparing 2016 to 2015:

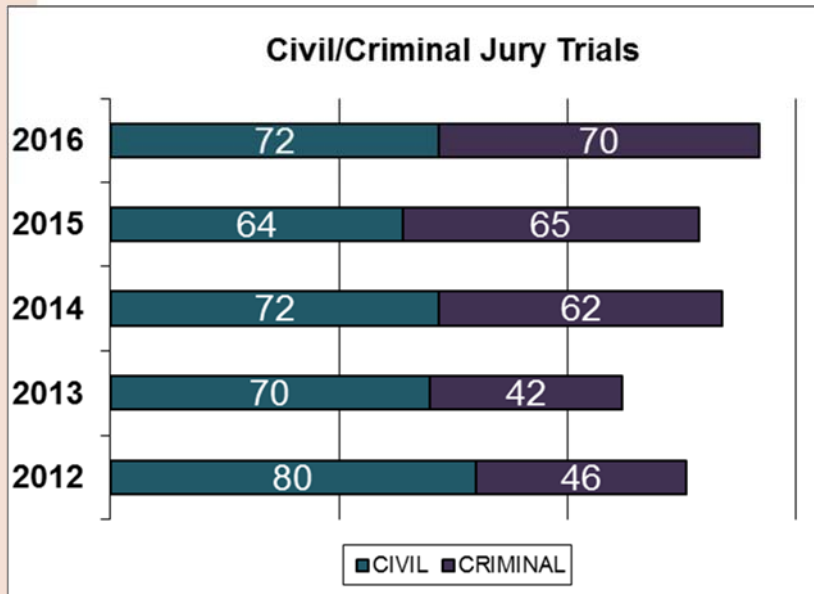
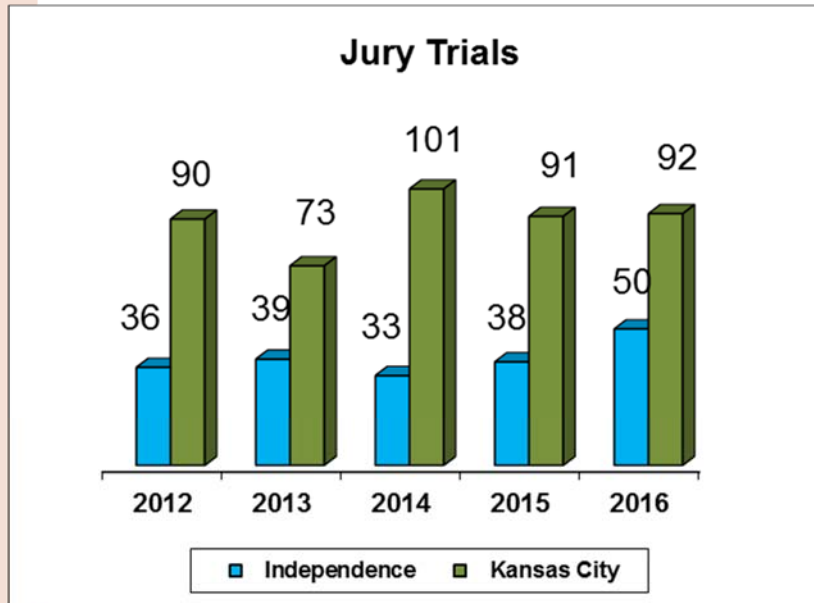
- ◇ Jury trials increased 10%.
- ◇ Jury trials in criminal cases increased by 8% and, in civil cases, by 13%.
- ◇ 22% more people qualified for jury duty, an 11% increase in Kansas City and a 49% increase in Independence.*
- ◇ The number of jurors sent to divisions increased by 13%, with 67% more jurors being sent to Independence divisions.*
- ◇ The civil case types with the greatest percentage of jury trials were employment discrimination, personal injury, and contract cases. For criminal cases, homicide, assault, and burglary charges were filed in the cases with the most jury trials.
- ◇ Juror yield increased from 32% in 2015 to 35% in 2016.
- ◇ The percentage of qualified jurors sent for jury selection decreased 3%.

Comparing 2016 to 2012:

- ◇ Jury trials increased 13%.
- ◇ Jury trials in criminal cases increased by 52%; jury trials in civil cases decreased by 10%.
- ◇ 35% more people qualified for jury duty at both courthouses, a 102% increase in Independence and a 14% increase in Kansas City.*
- ◇ The number of jurors sent to divisions increased 27%, with the number of jurors sent to Kansas City divisions increasing by 9% and to Independence divisions by 79%.*
- ◇ Juror yield increased from 31% to 35%.
- ◇ The percentage of qualified jurors sent for selection decreased from 46% in 2012 to 43% in 2016.

This is due in large part to an increase in the number of jurors summoned to the Independence location for jury service.

JURY



COURT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CIT)

In 2016, CIT completed several network and application projects aimed at adding resiliency to Court's network infrastructure, enhancing systems and aligning CIT's technology services, priorities and researches with the business directions and needs of the Court.

New applications were developed, initiatives started and some existing applications were enhanced:

- A new application automatically texts a reminder of the next court date to defendants who are released from the Jackson County Detention Center while criminal cases against them proceed to disposition or through probation.
- After development and testing in 2015, the automatic transmission of arrest warrants to REJIS and of served/recalled warrants from REJIS, went live, replacing paper arrest warrants for all law enforcement agencies except the Missouri Highway Patrol and the Independence Police Department
- EPICOR, which is used by Human Resources, was extended to permit online applications for employment with the Court and to transmit these applications to the appropriate personnel.
- CIT developed a calendar system to track change controls. The objectives were to enhance communication, coordination and tracking of all changes in the Court's network and systems infrastructure.
- CIT initiated a cyber-security program to help promote a safer and more secure online experience for Court users. A week long campaign with a theme, "Think before you click" helped raised awareness to Court's user community.

CIT continued to maintain and improve the network infrastructure for the Court in its multiple locations. As part of that work,

- 287 workstations were replaced,
- 70 workstations were upgraded,
- 10 wireless access points were added giving us a total of 90 wireless access points,
- 87 switches, 11 routers and 7 firewalls were serviced and maintained
- 13 UPS units were added, and,
- 234 virtual machines were supported, 67 on desktops and 167 on servers.

CIT

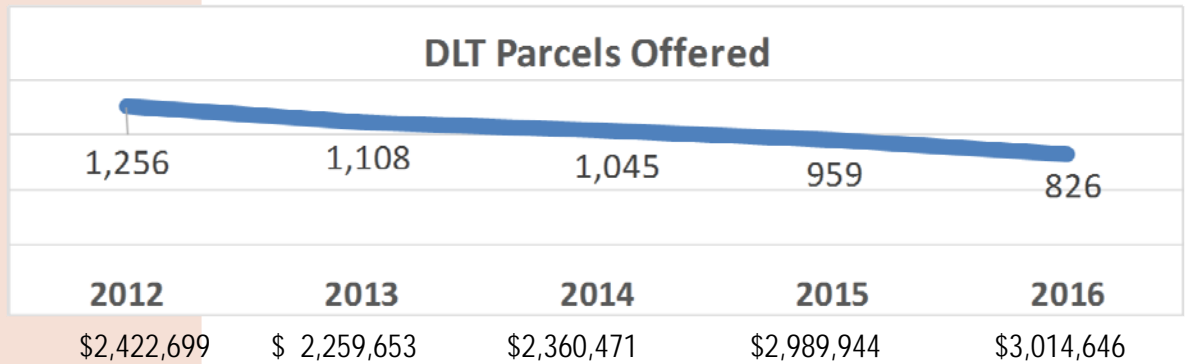
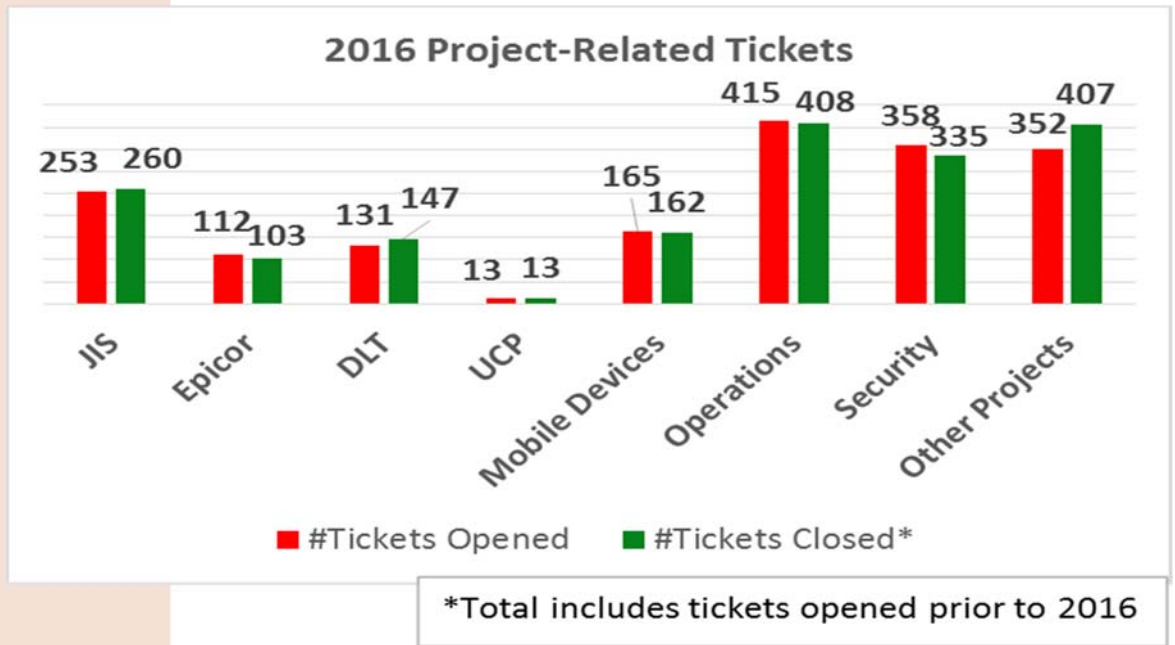
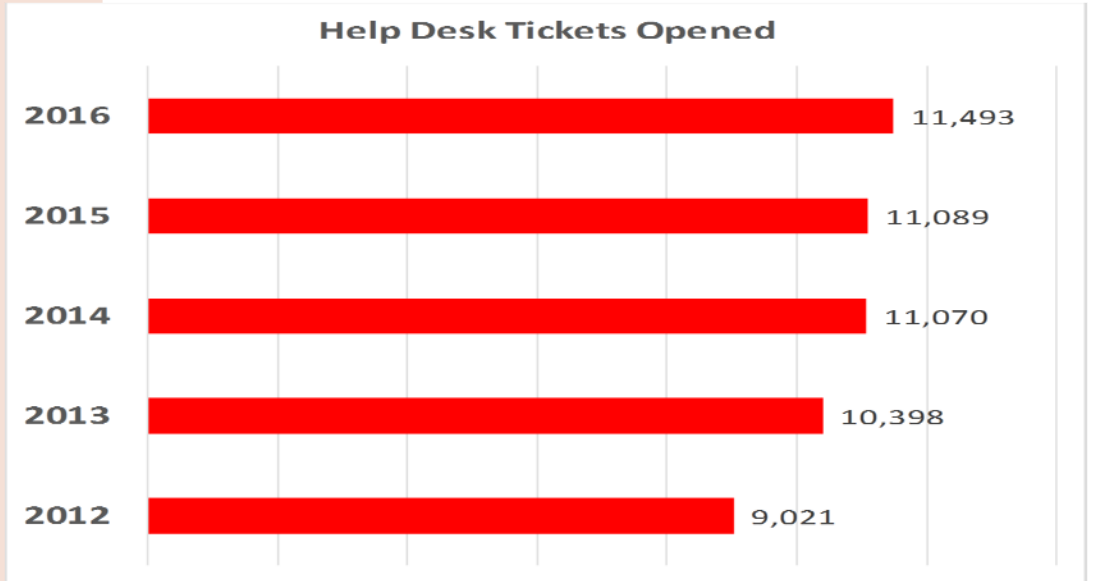
CIT	2012	2015	2016
Help Desk Tickets	9,021	11,089	11,493
Unclaimed Property Extract	5,771	9,217	4,620
Unclaimed Property Escheated	3,206	8,579	3,928
DLT Parcels	1,256	959	826
DLT Gross Sale Revenue	\$ 2,422,699	\$ 2,989,944	\$ 3,014,646

Comparing 2016 to 2015:

- ◇ Tickets generated at the Help Desk increased 4%.
- ◇ The number of items extracted for Unclaimed Property decreased 50% and the number set to escheat decreased 54%.
- ◇ The number of parcels imported for the Delinquent Land Tax (DLT) Sale decreased 14%, but gross sales revenue increased 1%.

Comparing 2016 to 2012:

- ◇ Tickets generated at the Help Desk increased 27%.
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- ◇ The number of parcels imported for the DLT Sale decreased 34%, but the gross revenue from the sales increased 24%.



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**2016 MISSOURI FISCAL YEAR
(JULY 1, 2015—JUNE 30, 2016)**

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

FY 2015 (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016)

	<u>16th Circuit</u>	<u>21st Circuit</u>	<u>22nd Circuit</u>
Population	687,623	1,003,362	315,685
Judges	29	33	31
Commissioners	6	9	2
Total Filings	64,363	87,674	48,678
Total Dispositions	61,323	88,202	42,464
Cases Pending 6/30/2016	42,305	51,652	36,583

