



Jackson County  
Circuit Court  
2008  
Statistical Report

# 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

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# 2008 At a Glance

# Civil

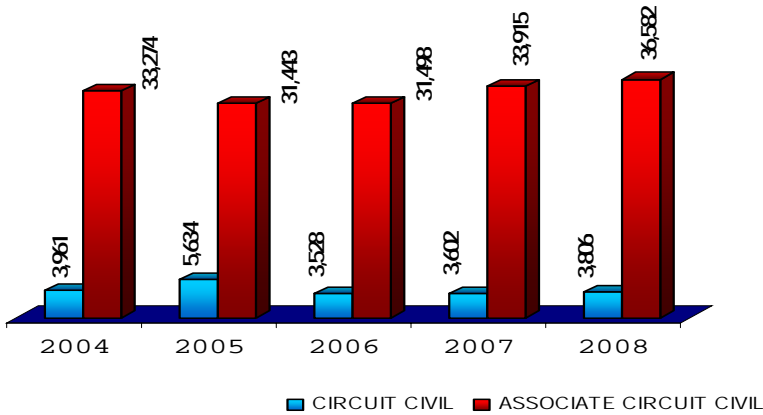
From 2007 to 2008, the Court saw the following changes in its Civil and Domestic Relations cases:

- Circuit civil filings increased by 6%. The greatest percentage of filings were mechanics lien cases at 13.4%, followed by vehicular personal injury cases at 11.7% and breach of contract cases at 11.0% of all circuit civil filings.
- Employment discrimination filings continue to rise from less than 1% in 2005 to 3.3% in 2008 of all circuit civil cases filed. The number of employment discrimination cases filed in 2008 increased by 17% over 2007 filings.
- Associate civil filings increased by 9% in Kansas City with a courtwide increase of 8%.
- 33% of all associate civil filings were suits on account, 20% for breach of contract and 16% for rent and possession.
- Dispositions of associate civil cases rose 14%, and pending caseloads on December 31, 2008 decreased by 3% over the end of 2007.
- Domestic relations filings rose by 1%, dispositions by 9%, and cases pending at the close of 2008 by 4% .
- There was a 4% decrease in domestic violence filings in 2008. the greatest decline being in stalking petitions.

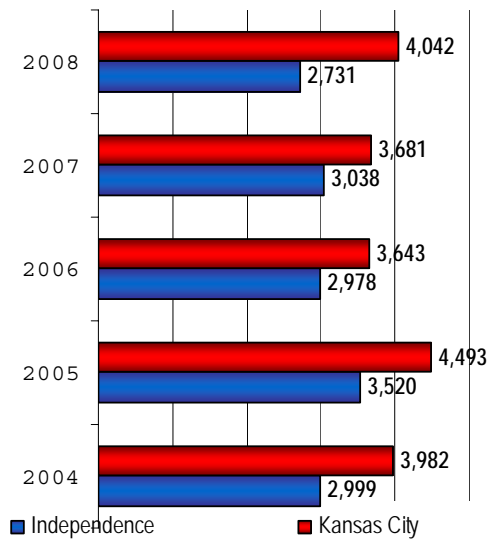
<b>Circuit Civil</b>		
	Filings	3,806
	Dispositions	3,783
	Jury Trials	84
	Court Trials	143
	Pending Cases (12/31/2008)	3,826
<b>Associate Circuit</b>		
	Filings	36,582
	Dispositions	36,882
	Jury Trials	2
	Court Trials	4,936
	Pending Cases (12/31/2008)	11,547
<b>Domestic Relations</b>		
	Filings	6,773
	Dispositions	6,591
	Court Trials	1,137
	Pending Cases (12/31/2008)	4,471
<b>Domestic Violence</b>		
	Filings	7,362
	Dispositions	7,464
	Orders of Protection --- Ex Parte	4,856
	Full	1,677
	Pending Cases (12/31/2008)	377

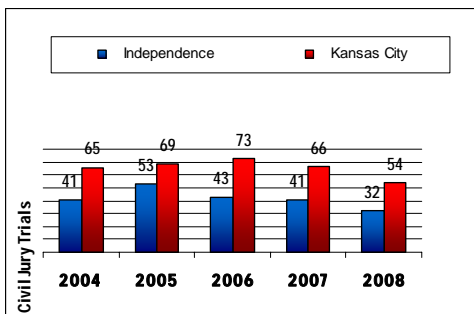
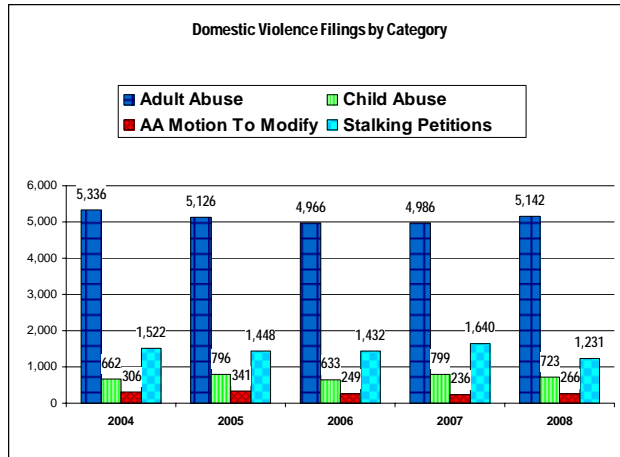
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**Circuit Civil and Associate Civil Filings**



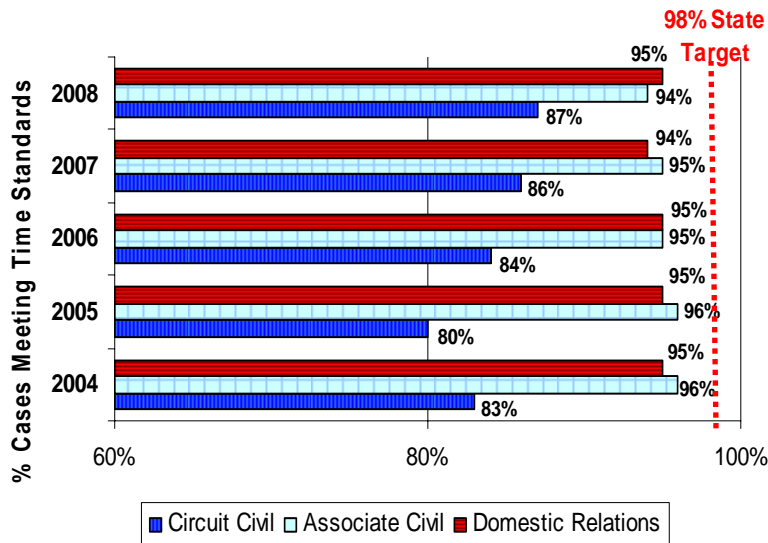
**Domestic Relations Filings**





## Time Standards

The statewide time standards for circuit civil cases provide that 98% should be disposed within 24 months. For associate civil and domestic relations cases, the standards provide that 98% should be disposed within 12 months. The chart below illustrates the percentage of the 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit's cases meeting these standards.



Percentages shown are based on the calendar year.

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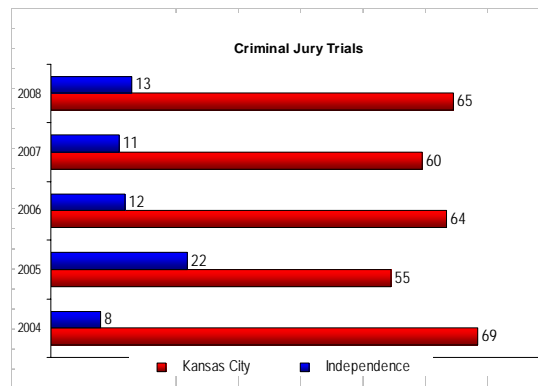
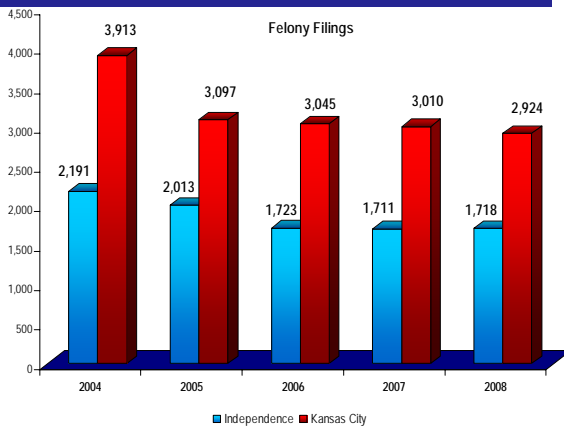
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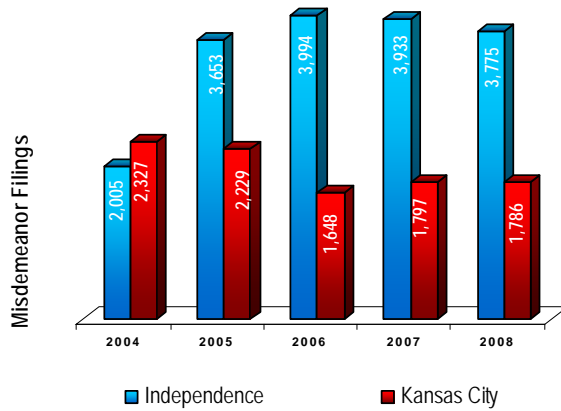
The Court saw the following changes in its Criminal and Traffic cases from 2007 to 2008:

- Jackson County established a separate court in 2008 to process all county ordinance violations, contributing to the decline in the filing of cases classified as traffic, down 5% from 2007.
- Felony filings decreased 3% in Kansas City, but were virtually unchanged in Independence.
- The clearance rate (the number of dispositions divided by the number of filings) for felonies was 107%, for traffic 108%.
- Misdemeanor filings decreased 4% in Independence, resulting in a 3% decrease overall.
- Filings of municipal appeals rose 17%.
- Drug related case filings increased by 8%, but dispositions decreased by 4%.

Felonies		
Filings		4,642
Dispositions		4,945
Jury Trials		74
Court Trials		15
Pending Cases (12/31/2008)		5,938
Misdemeanors		
Filings		5,561
Dispositions		5,608
Court Trials		38
Pending Cases (12/31/2008)		6,935
Traffic		
Filings		4,947
Dispositions		5,340
Municipal Appeals		
Filings		490
Dispositions		479
Jury Trials		2
Court Trials		25
Pending Cases (12/31/2008)		248

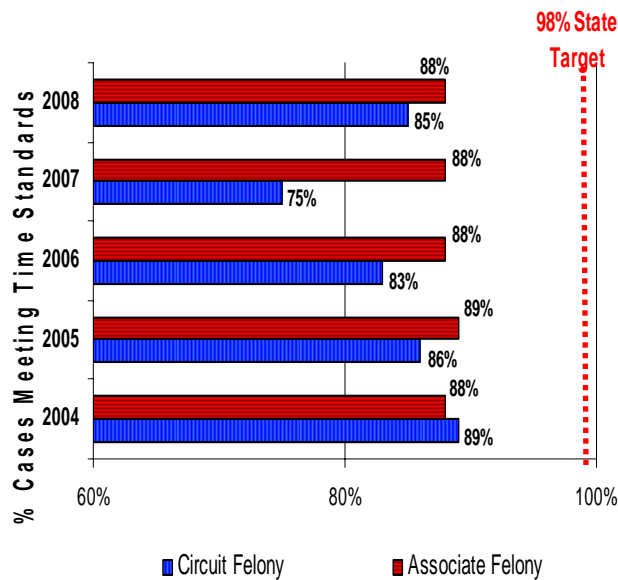
## Trends...





## Time Standards

*The statewide time standards for circuit felony cases provide that 98% should be disposed within 12 months. For associate felony cases, the standards provide that 98% should be disposed within 6 months. The chart below illustrates the percentage of the 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit's cases meeting these standards.*



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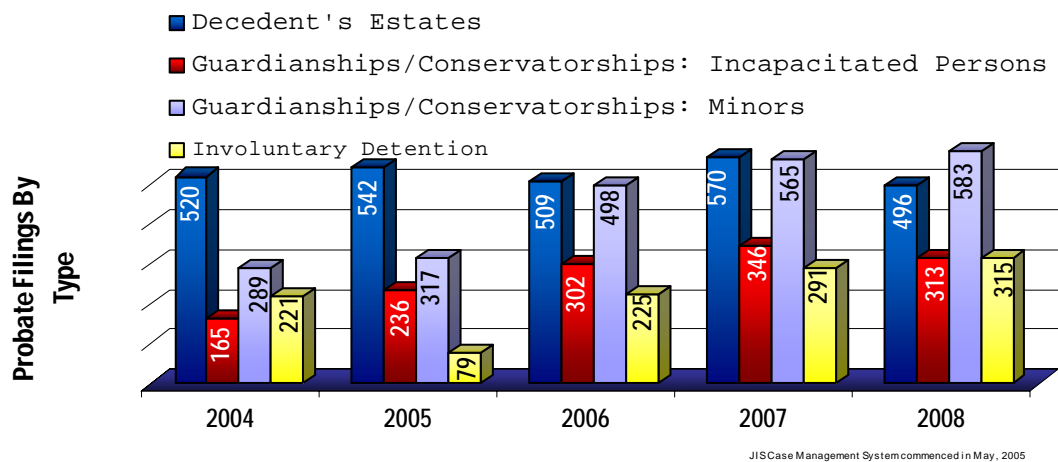
# Probate

The Court saw the following changes in its probate cases from 2007 to 2008:

- Filings decreased 3% overall.
- Filings of decedent estates declined 13%.
- Overall dispositions increased 7%.
- Filings for involuntary detention increased 8% and dispositions rose 11%.

Filings	
Decedent Estates	496
Guardianships-Incapacitated	313
Guardianships-Minors	583
Dispositions	
Decedent Estates	566
Guardianships-Incapacitated	264
Guardianships-Minors	368
Involuntary Detentions	
Filed	315
Disposed	259
Pending Cases (12/31/08)	
	6,850

## Trends...





# 2008 At a Glance

From 2007 to 2008, the Court saw the following changes in Family Court:

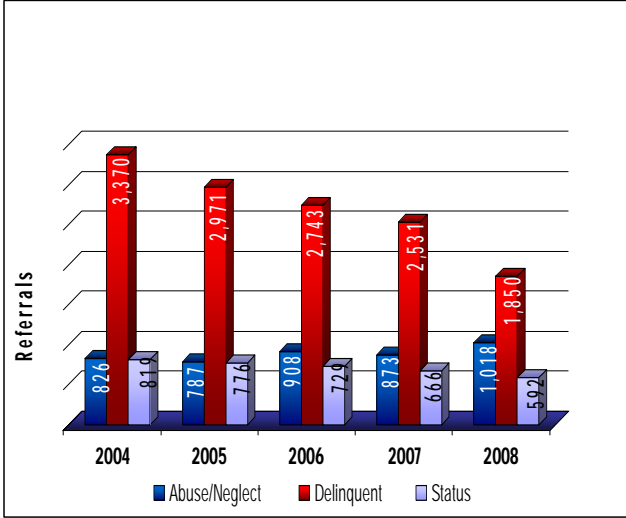
- Referrals for child abuse and neglect increased 17% but delinquent referrals declined 27% and referrals for status offenses decreased 11%.
- Delinquent petitions and motions to modify declined 20%.
- The number of certification hearings to consider transferring a juvenile to adult court increased 13%
- 20% fewer children were committed to the Division of Youth Services.
- The number of youth and families served by prevention programs declined 29%.
- The number of youth admitted to residential facilities declined 21%.
- There was a 30% increase in participants in parent awareness programs.
- Actual supervised visitations increased by over 400%.

Family Court 2008		
<b>Referrals</b>		
Abuse/Neglect		1,018
Delinquent		1,850
Status		592
<b>Filings</b>		
<b>Delinquency</b>		
Violent Offenses		87
Nonviolent Offenses		117
Drug Offenses		71
Property Offenses		334
Other Delinquency		131
Certifications		71
<b>Youth Placed</b>		
<b>Detention</b>		
Hilltop		79
McCune		58
Other		89
<b>Programs &amp; Services</b>		
Field Services Cases		664
Mediation		396
Connections- Actual Visits		169
Parent Awareness		2,736
Prevention & Diversion		1,330

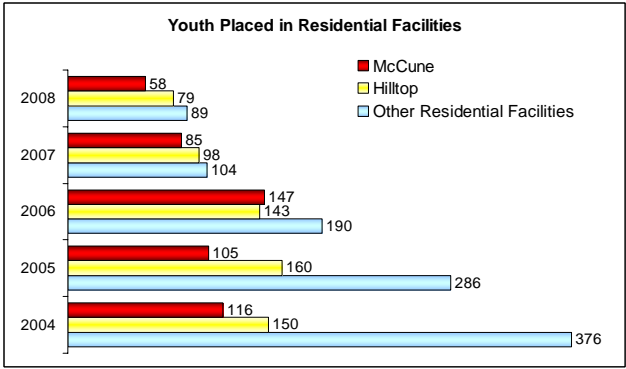
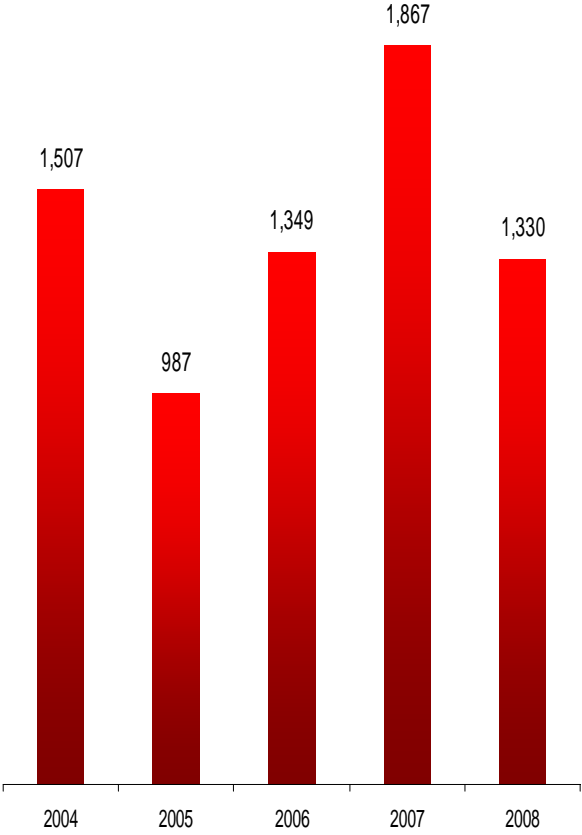
\*Figures shown are from the Jackson County Family Court 2008 Statistical Report.

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# Family Court



Youth Served by Prevention and Diversion Programs



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# Jury

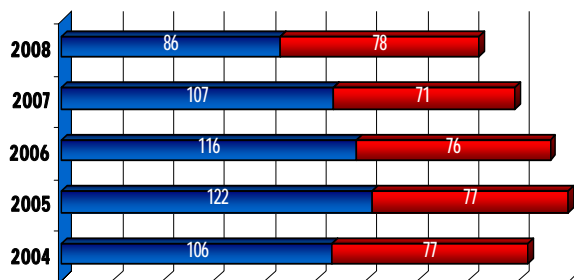
The court saw the following changes in jury trials from 2007 to 2008:

- There was a continuing decline in the number of both civil and criminal jury-tried cases, a decrease of 8% from 2007.
- There was continuing increase in the length and complexity of jury trials. The longest civil trial was 18 days, the longest criminal, 16 days. 26 of the jury trials held lasted longer than 5 days, and, of these, 5 exceeded 2 weeks in duration.
- The number of jurors sent to divisions as a percentage of those available decreased from 54% to 47%.

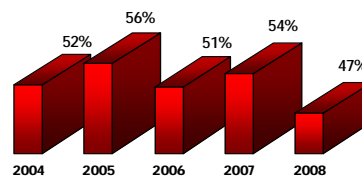
JURY-TRIED CASES		
	2007	2008
<b>CIVIL*</b>		
Independence	41	32
Kansas City	66	54
<b>Total Civil Trials</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>CRIMINAL**</b>		
Independence	11	13
Kansas City	60	65
<b>Total Criminal Trials</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>TOTAL JURY TRIALS</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>164</b>
<small>* Figure includes Probate trials. ** Figure includes Municipal Appeals trials.</small>		
<b>JURORS QUALIFIED</b>		
Independence	5,672	5,578
Kansas City	11,646	12,872
<b>Total Jurors Available</b>	<b>17,318</b>	<b>18,450</b>
<b>JURORS SENT TO DIVISIONS</b>		
Independence	2,743	2,463
Kansas City	6,585	6,149
<b>Total Jurors Sent to Divisions</b>	<b>9,328</b>	<b>8,612</b>
<b>Jurors Sent to Divisions/ Jurors Available</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>47%</b>

## Trends...

CIVIL/CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS



Jurors Sent to Divisions/ Jurors Available



■ CIVIL ■ CRIMINAL

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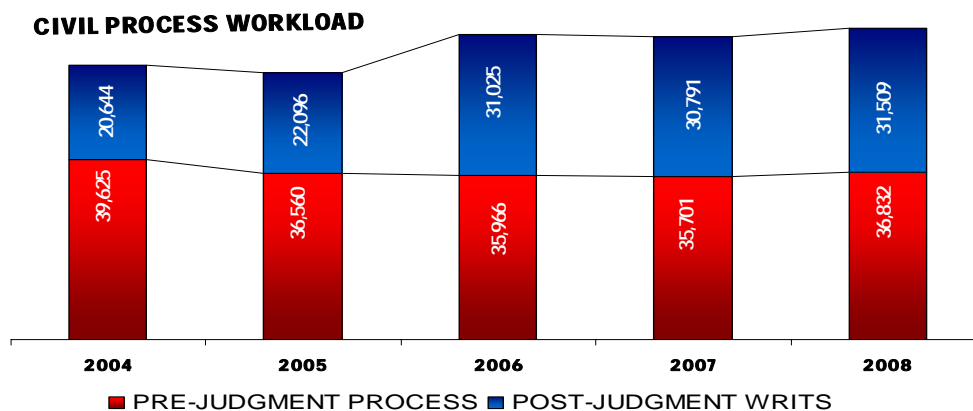
## Civil Process

The court saw the following changes in service of process and writs between 2007 and 2008:

- The number of pre-judgment process served rose 4%.
- The number of pre-judgment process successfully served as a percentage of the number received for service increased 1%
- Post-judgment levies and garnishments rose 9%.
- Post-judgment evictions fell 1%

Pre-judgment Process	
Total Served	24,689
Bad Addresses	7,273
Unable to Serve	4,870
Post-judgment Writs	
Levies/Garnishments	20,662
Evictions	4,849
Attachments/Replevins	176
Ex Parte Orders Served	1,327
Ex Parte Unable to Serve	4,495

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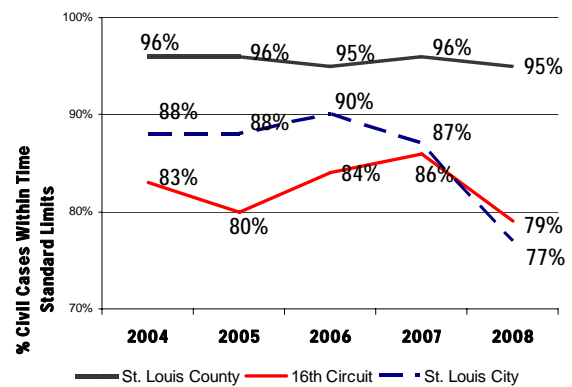
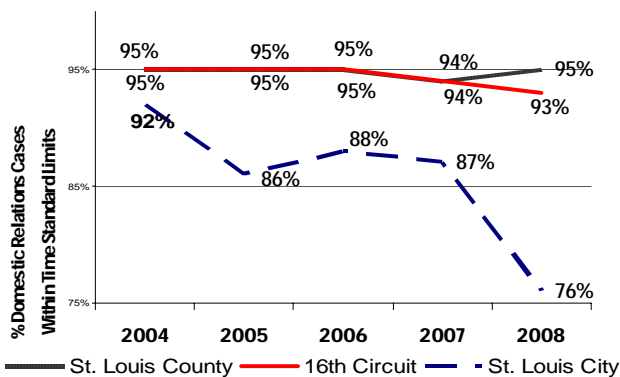
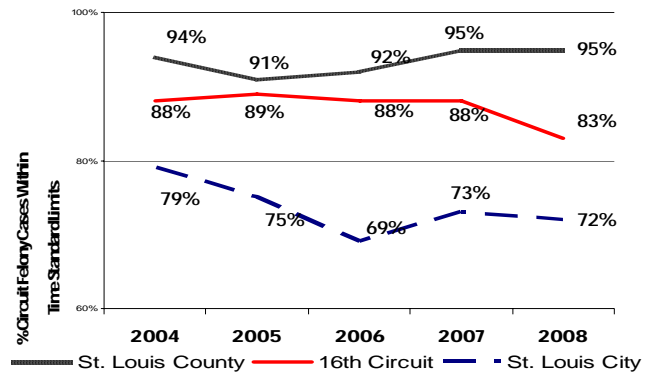
# St. Louis 16th Circuit/

2008 STATE FISCAL YEAR	16th Circuit Jackson County	21st Circuit St. Louis County	22nd Circuit St. Louis City
Population	666,890	995,118	350,759
Total Filings	80,530	101,331	49,287
Total Dispositions	76,813	91,142	51,832
Total Pending Cases	51,210	56,685	42,255
# of Judges (Circuit/Assoc. Circuit)	28	33	31
Average Filings per Judge	2,876	3,071	1,590
Average Dispositions per Judge	2,743	2,762	1,672

Data Source : Missouri Judicial Report Supplement for Fiscal Year 2008

## Time Standards

*For Circuit Civil cases 98% disposed within 24 months; for Domestic Relations cases and Circuit Felony cases, 98% disposed within 12 months.*



Statistics are for the Missouri fiscal year, July 1 to June 30.

<b>CIRCUIT CIVIL</b>					
<b>FILINGS</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Independence	1,207	1,847	1,315	1,342	1,394
Kansas City	2,754	3,787	2,213	2,260	2,412
<b>Total Filings</b>	<b>3,961</b>	<b>5,634</b>	<b>3,528</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>3,806</b>
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>					
Independence	1,433	1,425	1,623	1,298	1,390
Kansas City	2794	2717	2864	2631	2393
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>4,227</b>	<b>4,142</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>3,929</b>	<b>3,783</b>
<b>MANNER OF DISPOSITION</b>					
Court Trial	156	177	189	107	143
Jury Trial	89	84	97	82	84
Judgment W/O Trial & Defaults	1,001	1,102	1,032	1,047	1,111
Dismissed	2,807	2,567	3,005	2,575	2,328
Removed To Federal Court	129	212	115	95	103
Change Of Venue	45	56	49	48	41
<b>PENDING DECEMBER 31ST</b>					
Independence	1,406	1,650	1,817	1,168	1,188
Kansas City	3,551	4,141	2,910	2,863	2,638
<b>Total CJ Civil Cases Pending</b>	<b>4,957</b>	<b>5,791</b>	<b>4,727</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>3,826</b>

<b>ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT CIVIL</b>					
<b>FILINGS</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Independence	8,872	8,196	6,677	8,006	8,461
Kansas City	24,402	23,247	24,821	25,909	28,121
<b>Total Filings</b>	<b>33,274</b>	<b>31,443</b>	<b>31,498</b>	<b>33,915</b>	<b>36,582</b>
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>					
Independence	8,166	9,056	7,389	7,605	8,467
Kansas City	24,768	23,653	23,714	24,620	28,415
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>32,934</b>	<b>32,709</b>	<b>31,103</b>	<b>32,225</b>	<b>36,882</b>
<b>MANNER OF DISPOSITION</b>					
Court Trial	4,101	4,557	4,110	4,348	4,936
Jury Verdict	7	10	10	7	2
Judgment W/O Trial & Defaults	15,584	15,361	15,490	16,208	17,875
Dismissed	12,807	12,667	11,066	11,049	13,373
Change Of Venue	80	102	99	165	200
Other	355	237	328	448	496
<b>ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT CASES PENDING DECEMBER 31ST</b>					
Independence	6,779	2,998	2,377	2,860	2,861
Kansas City	4,656	7,037	5,613	9,032	8,686
<b>Total ACJ Civil Cases Pending</b>	<b>11,435</b>	<b>10,035</b>	<b>7,990</b>	<b>11,892</b>	<b>11,547</b>

CIRCUIT CIVIL--Nature of Action								
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008			
NATURE OF ACTION	# CASES	# CASES	# CASES	# CASES	INDEP.	KC	# CASES	%
CC Appl to Enf Mechanics Lien	47	41	35	48	10	17	27	0.61%
CC Asbestos	20	29	10	25		18	18	0.40%
CC Breach of Contract	418	365	425	374	176	314	490	11.01%
CC CAFA Forfeit 513.600-513.64	105	108	104	104	5	66	71	1.59%
CC Chapter 536 State Agency Review	11	10	7	11	2	8	10	0.22%
CC Contract-Other	40	102	96	83	28	36	64	1.44%
CC Declaratory Judgment	63	78	58	66	25	44	69	1.55%
CC Delinquent City Taxes	21	0	0	0		3	3	0.07%
CC DL Revoc Revw 302.311 RSMo.	25	44	40	33	23	10	33	0.74%
CC Eminent Domain/Condemn Other	39	20	21	20	7	5	12	0.27%
CC Eminent Domain/Condemn State	3	4	1	5	1	1	2	0.04%
CC Employmnt Discrimtn 213.111	0	37	74	126	61	87	148	3.32%
CC Exception	36	21	12	14	2	1	3	0.07%
CC Foreclosure	11	15	20	53	20	42	62	1.39%
CC Habeas Corpus	4	11	13	7	1	8	9	0.20%
CC Injunction	65	58	50	29	18	20	38	0.85%
CC Limit Driv Priv 302.309 RSMo	7	12	7	5	6	3	9	0.20%
CC Mechanics Lien	511	567	657	595	283	314	597	13.41%
CC Motn, Rules 29.15 or 24.035	134	113	110	90	48	98	146	3.28%
CC Other Administrative Review	38	11	19	26	1	26	27	0.61%
CC Other Extraordinary Remedy	11	7	30	24	7	31	38	0.85%
CC Other Miscellaneous Actions	398	352	235	210	54	181	235	5.28%
CC Other Real Estate Actions	74	79	68	110	37	72	109	2.45%
CC Other Tort	269	295	203	192	109	143	252	5.66%
CC Out of State Witness	112	85	77	60	1	58	59	1.33%
CC Partition	11	10	8	7	12	6	18	0.40%
CC Personal Injury-Fed Empl Liability	55	91	14	24	14	11	25	0.56%
CC Personal Injury-Malpractice	149	312	59	83	35	64	99	2.22%
CC Personal Injury-Other	340	527	206	208	94	149	243	5.46%
CC Personal Injury-Product Liability	39	153	18	17	8	12	20	0.45%
CC Personal Injury-Vehicular	696	1202	456	475	191	331	522	11.73%
CC Pro Forma	0	0	0	1		1	1	0.02%
CC Promissory Note	31	57	73	80	42	68	110	2.47%
CC Property Damage	41	57	45	47	22	26	48	1.08%
CC Quiet Title	67	61	85	78	22	67	89	2.00%
CC Refusing Breath. 302.750/577.04	5	9	8	13	6	3	9	0.20%
CC Reg. Foreign Judgment (excl.DR)	133	137	164	145	73	80	153	3.44%
CC Rent and Possession	4	4	4	5	1	3	4	0.09%
CC Replevin	175	163	207	196	29	97	126	2.83%
CC Small Claims Certified	0	0	55	0			0	0.00%
CC Small Claims Trial de Novo	70	50	33	57	29	38	67	1.50%
CC Specific Performance	23	67	99	11	3	5	8	0.18%
CC Suit on Account	41	76	14	134	63	58	121	2.72%
CC Tax Action-Other	13	7	116	24	9	15	24	0.54%
CC TDN of DOR Decision	117	120	15	120	60	24	84	1.89%
CC Temporary Restraining Order	13	15	48	16	6	7	13	0.29%
CC Trial de Novo	39	42	0	37	16	31	47	1.06%
CC Unlawful Detainer	0	0	0	1		2	2	0.04%
CC Will Contest 473.083	3	4	3	1	1	1	2	0.04%
CC Wrongful Death	159	221	74	83	38	48	86	1.93%
Circuit Civil Total	4,686	5,849	4,176	3,578	1,699	2,753	4,452	100.00%

ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT CIVIL--Nature of Action								
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008			
NATURE OF ACTION	# CASES	# CASES	# CASES	# CASES	INDEP.	KC	# CASES	%
AC Appl to Enf Mechanics Lien	20	8	10	21	16	12	28	0.07%
AC Breach of Contract	5,018	5383	5843	5192	803	6,898	7,701	20.28%
AC CAFA Forfeiture 513.600-645	0	0	0	0			0	0.00%
AC Contract-Other	696	367	578	229	380	79	459	1.21%
AC Declaratory Judgment	2	0	1	2		3	3	0.01%
AC Delinquent City Tax	1,283	1513	1013	938		192	192	0.51%
AC Delinquent County Taxes	907	0	295	226		247	247	0.65%
AC Delinquent State Tax	918	1749	526	616	278	21	299	0.79%
AC DL Revoc Revw 302.311RSMo.	90	66	24	45	4	53	57	0.15%
AC Expunge Arrest Record	7	11	9	4		12	12	0.03%
AC Foreclosure	1	2	0	9	1	1	2	0.01%
AC Grandparent Visitation	0	0	1	2	1		1	0.00%
AC Gun Permit Appeal	24	19	57	42	2		2	0.01%
AC Landlord Complaint	3,353	3078	3496	2708	1,346	1,146	2,492	6.56%
AC Limit Driving Priv 302.309 RSMo	43	37	35	36	23	6	29	0.08%
AC Misc Associate Civil-Other	863	565	308	404	62	181	243	0.64%
AC Other Administrative Review	2	4	2	1		3	3	0.01%
AC Other Real Estate Actions	0	2	0	5		5	5	0.01%
AC Other Tort	80	123	248	199	60	156	216	0.57%
AC Owner/Lienhdr Pet Prop Rel	0	1	0	0		2	2	0.01%
AC Pers Injury-Other	89	51	67	40	4	22	26	0.07%
AC Pers Injury-Vehicular	238	270	203	112	44	62	106	0.28%
AC Promissory Note	1,163	1549	1339	1128	180	1,322	1,502	3.95%
AC Property Damage	914	808	656	482	199	155	354	0.93%
AC Quiet Title	8	11	9	12		18	18	0.05%
AC Refus Breath 302.750/577.04	442	476	472	578	422	158	580	1.53%
AC Reg of Foreign Judgment	283	327	311	305	25	530	555	1.46%
AC Rent and Possession	4,726	5294	5474	6064	789	5,201	5,990	15.77%
AC Replevin	165	126	171	125	33	81	114	0.30%
AC Revival of Judgment				182		34	34	0.09%
AC SATOP Rev. 302.540/577.041	71	55	110	95	52	6	58	0.15%
AC Small Claims over \$100	1,556	1701	1547	1554	619	777	1,396	3.68%
AC Small Claims under \$100	6	3	1	2	1		1	0.00%
AC Specific Performance	54	65	58	40	1	16	17	0.04%
AC Suit on Account	9,533	9897	8297	9437	3,161	9,507	12,668	33.35%
AC Unlawful Detainer	1,377	1391	1739	2260	478	2,090	2,568	6.76%
Associate Circuit Civil Total	33,932	29,561	27,047	27,882	8,984	28,996	37,980	100.00%



<b>SMALL CLAIMS</b>						
<b>FILINGS</b>		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
	Independence	686	731	689	675	620
	Kansas City	1,018	817	909	779	777
<b>Total Filings</b>		<b>1,704</b>	<b>1,548</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>1,397</b>
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>						
	Independence	573	624	700	842	663
	Kansas City	983	867	915	797	781
<b>Total Dispositions</b>		<b>1,556</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>1,444</b>
<b>MANNER OF DISPOSITION</b>						
	Court Trial	457	420	465	493	431
	Judgment W/O Trial & Defaults	324	284	305	316	294
	Dismissed	765	784	834	830	715
	Change Of Venue	4	2	0	0	0
	Other	6	1	1	0	4
<b>SMALL CLAIMS CASES PENDING DECEMBER 31ST</b>						
	Independence	428	446	390	223	117
	Kansas City	231	261	265	232	226
<b>Total Small Claims Cases Pending</b>		<b>659</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>343</b>

<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS</b>						
<b>(Excludes Admin Orders &amp; Domestic Violence)</b>						
<b>FILINGS</b>		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
	Independence	2,999	3,520	2,978	3,038	2,731
	Kansas City	3,982	4,493	3,643	3,681	4,042
<b>Total Filings</b>		<b>6,981</b>	<b>8,013</b>	<b>6,621</b>	<b>6,719</b>	<b>6,773</b>
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>						
	Independence	2,768	3,019	2,818	2,642	2,972
	Kansas City	3,944	3,779	3,891	3,412	3,619
<b>Total Dispositions</b>		<b>6,712</b>	<b>6,798</b>	<b>6,709</b>	<b>6,054</b>	<b>6,591</b>
<b>MANNER OF DISPOSITION</b>						
	Court Trial	1,980	1,963	1,585	1,202	1,137
	Judgment W/O Trial/Default Judgments	3,565	3,421	3,638	3,800	4,038
	Dismissed	1,140	1,311	1,293	1,038	1,400
	Change Of Venue	27	19	30	14	16
	Other	0	84	163		
<b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES PENDING DECEMBER 31</b>						
	Independence	1,615	1,623	1,235	1,647	1,303
	Kansas City	1,903	2,132	2,356	2,637	3,168
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,518</b>	<b>3,755</b>	<b>3,591</b>	<b>4,284</b>	<b>4,471</b>

<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>						
<b>FILINGS</b>		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
	Independence	3,020	3,122	2,779	2,932	2,914
	Kansas City	4,806	4,579	4,501	4,729	4,448
<b>Total Filings</b>		<b>7,826</b>	<b>7,701</b>	<b>7,280</b>	<b>7,661</b>	<b>7,362</b>
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>						
	Independence	2,961	3,088	2,793	2,853	2,999
	Kansas City	4,732	4,550	4,506	4,619	4,465
<b>Total Dispositions</b>		<b>7,693</b>	<b>7,638</b>	<b>7,299</b>	<b>7,472</b>	<b>7,464</b>
<b>FILING CATEGORIES</b>						
	Adult Abuse	5,336	5,126	4,966	4,986	5,142
	Child Abuse	662	796	633	799	723
	AA Motion To Modify	306	341	249	236	266
	Stalking Petitions	1,522	1,448	1,432	1,640	1,231
<b>MANNER OF DISPOSITION</b>						
	Court Trial	1,703	1,612	1,500	1,779	1,537
	Judgment W/O Trial/Default Judgments	376	491	503	513	739
	Dismissed	5,614	5,528	5,286	5,171	5,188
	Change Of Venue	0	0	2	2	0
	Other	0	7	8	7	0
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES PENDING ON DECEMBER 31ST</b>						
	Independence	156	162	144	224	135
	Kansas City	285	301	238	320	242
<b>Total Pending</b>		<b>441</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>377</b>

<b>FELONIES</b>						
<b>FILINGS</b>		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
	Independence	2,191	2,013	1,723	1,711	1,718
	Kansas City	3,913	3,097	3,045	3,010	2,924
<b>Total Felony Filings</b>		<b>6,104</b>	<b>5,110</b>	<b>4,768</b>	<b>4,721</b>	<b>4,642</b>
<b>***DISPOSITIONS</b>						
	Independence	1,819	1,842	1,703	1,631	1,666
	Kansas City	3,894	3,277	3,312	3,086	3,279
<b>Total Felony Dispositions</b>		<b>5,713</b>	<b>5,119</b>	<b>5,015</b>	<b>4,717</b>	<b>4,945</b>
<i>***Cases bound over or transferred for jury trials to Circuit Judges by Associate Circuit Judges are excluded from totals.</i>						
<b>MANNER OF DISPOSITION</b>						
	Court Dismissal	118	10	9	15	29
	State Dismissal	1,358	1,205	1,058	1,120	1,061
	Guilty By Court	8	4	10	10	13
	Guilty By Jury	25	24	32	32	47
	Guilty Plea	3,945	3,805	3,716	3,511	3,716
	Not Guilty By Court	1	2	2	3	2
	Not Guilty By Reason Mental Illness	4	27	6	1	21
	Not Guilty By Jury	11	18	16	21	15
	Other	225	24	166	4	41

<b>MISDEMEANORS</b>						
<b>FILINGS</b>		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
	Independence	2,005	3,653	3,994	3,933	3,775
	Kansas City	2,327	2,229	1,648	1,797	1,786
<b>Total Misdemeanor Filings</b>		<b>4,332</b>	<b>5,882</b>	<b>5,642</b>	<b>5,730</b>	<b>5,561</b>
<b>DISPOSITIONS***</b>						
	Independence	1,398	2,362	3,432	3,924	3,847
	Kansas City	1,813	1,800	1,821	1,713	1,761
<b>Total Misdemeanor Dispositions</b>		<b>3,211</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>5,253</b>	<b>5,637</b>	<b>5,608</b>
<i>***Cases bound over or transferred for jury trials to Circuit Judges by Associate Circuit Judges are excluded from totals.</i>						
<b>MANNER OF DISPOSITION</b>						
	Court Dismissal	120	9	37	17	7
	State Dismissal	850	1,230	1,773	1,842	1,620
	Guilty By Court	2	1	0	12	35
	Guilty By Jury	0	0	1	1	0
	Guilty Plea	2,236	2,901	3,436	3,755	3,897
	Not Guilty By Court	1	5	3	8	3
	Not Guilty By Reason Mental Illness	0	1	0	0	0
	Not Guilty By Jury	0	1	2	0	0
	Other	2	14	1	2	46

\*Prior to May, 2004 when the criminal records management system converted to JIS, traffic tickets involving misdemeanors were not distinguished from other traffic violations. After conversion, class 1 and class 2 misdemeanors were segregated from the traffic case counts and included with other class 1/class 2 misdemeanors.

<b>TRAFFIC CASES</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005**</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Filings	11,389	8,147	5,910	5,212	4,947
Dispositions	10,397	8,553	6,427	5,149	5,340

\*\*In August, 2005, Court commenced participation in Fine Collection Center.

<b>MUNICIPAL APPEALS</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>FILINGS</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>490</b>
Independence	171	180	161	135	153
Kansas City	1,083	699	801	284	337
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>479</b>
Independence	156	172	171	122	122
Kansas City	692	358	863	357	357
<b>MANNER OF DISPOSITION</b>					
Court Trial	29	26	29	23	25
Jury Trial	1	1	9	3	2
Guilty Plea	408	201	566	276	274
Dismissed By Court	91	61	139	37	31
Dismissed By City	94	101	65	113	65
Dismissed And Remanded	225	140	226	102	82

<b>PROBATE CASES</b>						
	2004	2005*	2006	2007	2008	
<b>FILINGS</b>						
Decedent's Estates	520	542	509	570	496	
Guardianships/Conservatorships: Incapacitated Pe	165	236	302	346	313	
Guardianships/Conservatorships: Minors	289	317	498	565	583	
Involuntary Detention	221	79	225	291	315	
Probable Cause	5	19	5	3	4	
<b>Total Filings</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>1,775</b>	<b>1,711</b>	
<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>						
Decedent's Estates	613	712	586	496	566	
Guardianships/Conservatorships: Incapacitated Pe	260	295	297	253	264	
Guardianships/Conservatorships: Minors	225	254	241	376	368	
Involuntary Detention	222	77	197	233	259	
Sexually Violent Predators --- Probable Cause Pet	0	0	0	2	2	
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,459</b>	
<b>OTHER PROBATE ACTIVITY</b>						
Abbreviated Matters(Refusals of Letters,Small	907	949	896	990	1,126	
Applications for 96 Hr. Detention, Evaluation &	1,233	1,341	1,178	1,140	1,155	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>2,130</b>	<b>2,281</b>	
<b>PROBATE CASES PENDING DECEMBER 31ST</b>						
Decedent's Estates	1,312	1,194	1,130	1,280	1,209	
Guardianships/Conservatorships:Incapacitated Pe	2,762	2,738	2,755	2,866	2,915	
Guardianships/Conservatorships: Minors	1,952	1,988	2,233	2,483	2,698	
Involuntary Detention	0	0	63	110	165	
Sexually Violent Predators --- Probable Cause Pet	18	19	23	26	28	
<b>Total Cases Pending 12/31</b>	<b>6,044</b>	<b>5,939</b>	<b>6,204</b>	<b>6,552</b>	<b>6,850</b>	
*Commenced JIS May, 2005						

<b>Family Court 2008</b>						
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Referrals</b>						
	Abuse/Neglect	826	787	908	873	1,018
	Delinquent	3,370	2,971	2,743	2,531	1,850
	Status	819	776	729	666	592
<b>Filings</b>						
Delinquency						
	Violent Offenses			150	93	87
	Nonviolent Offenses			250	164	117
	Property Offenses			441	423	334
	Drug Offenses			107	93	71
	Other Delinquency			210	265	243
Certifications		64	61	60	63	71
<b>Youth Placed in Residential Facilities</b>						
	Hilltop	150	160	143	98	79
	McCune	116	105	147	85	58
	Other Residential Facilities	376	286	190	104	89
<b>Programs &amp; Services</b>						
	Field Services Cases Assigned	766	670	444	612	664
	Mediation		614	433	437	396
	Connections- Actual Visits		32	136	32	169
	Parent Awareness		2,555	2,503	2,110	2,736
	Prevention & Diversion	1,507	987	1,349	1,867	1,330

		<b>JURY-TRIED CASES</b>				
		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>CIVIL*</b>						
	Independence	41	53	43	41	32
	Kansas City	65	69	73	66	54
<b>Total Civil Trials</b>		<b>106</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>CRIMINAL**</b>						
	Independence	8	22	12	11	13
	Kansas City	69	55	64	60	65
<b>Total Criminal Trials</b>		<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>TOTAL JURY TRIALS</b>		<b>183</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>164</b>
<i>* Figures include Probate trials. ** Figures include Municipal Appeals trials.</i>						
<b>JURORS QUALIFIED</b>						
	Independence	4,265	4,862	5,504	5,672	5,578
	Kansas City	12,723	11,548	12,951	11,646	12,872
<b>Total Jurors Available</b>		<b>16,988</b>	<b>16,410</b>	<b>18,455</b>	<b>17,318</b>	<b>18,450</b>
<b>JURORS SENT TO DIVISIONS</b>						
	Independence	2,120	3,202	2,753	2,743	2,463
	Kansas City	6,692	5,916	6,735	6,585	6,149
<b>Total Jurors Sent to Divisions</b>		<b>8,812</b>	<b>9,118</b>	<b>9,488</b>	<b>9,328</b>	<b>8,612</b>
<b>Juror Sent to Divisions/Available Jurors</b>		<b>52%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>47%</b>

		<b>CIVIL PROCESS</b>				
		<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>PRE-JUDGMENT PROCESS</b>						
	Number Served	20,967	20,057	20,773	23,688	24,689
	Bad Addresses	12,777	11,224	11,044	6,922	7,273
	Unable To Contact	5,881	5,279	4,149	5,091	4,870
	<b>Total</b>	<b>39,625</b>	<b>36,560</b>	<b>35,966</b>	<b>35,701</b>	<b>36,832</b>
<b>POST-JUDGMENT WRITS</b>						
	Levies And Garnishments	17,011	18,059	18,782	18,985	20,662
	Evictions	3,633	4,037	4,967	4,889	4,849
	Attachments and Replevins			270	267	176
	Protective Orders Served			1,830	1,557	1,327
	Protective Orders Unable To Contact			5,176	5,093	4,495
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20,644</b>	<b>22,096</b>	<b>31,025</b>	<b>30,791</b>	<b>31,509</b>
<b>TOTAL PAPERS</b>		<b>60,269</b>	<b>58,656</b>	<b>66,991</b>	<b>66,492</b>	<b>68,341</b>