

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

Narrative Summary

Justice Courts experienced a decrease in total filings (including transfers in) in FY 2003, from 876,946 to 862,413. This is a decrease of 1.7% total filings. Beginning in FY 1996, Justice Courts reported Non-Criminal Local Ordinances as a separate category. Many of these were reported as part of other categories in the previous years, but their numbers are not comparatively large.

Traffic filings (criminal and civil), which accounted for 65.2% of the workload in Justice Courts, went from 548,598 to 539,145, a 1.7% decrease from FY 2002 to FY 2003. Non-Traffic criminal filings (misdemeanors and felonies) decreased 7.1%, from 160,540 last year to 149,100 in FY 2003. Civil filings increased from 163,722 in FY 2002 to 171,836 this year, an increase of 5.0%.

Petitions for orders of protection relating to domestic violence increased this year by 12.3%, from 9,638 in FY 2002 to 10,820. In FY 2003, petitions for injunctions against harassment increased from 9,034 in FY 2002 to 9,940 in FY 2003. This is an increase of 10.0%.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) increased by 0.3%, from 823,160 last year to 825,594 in FY 2003. Criminal and civil traffic dispositions together decreased by 1.7%, from 524,801 to 515,639. Criminal dispositions (misdemeanors and felonies) increased by 3.7%, from 141,780 in FY 2002 to 147,041 in FY 2003. Civil dispositions increased by 5.4%, from 152,310 to 160,527.

Total end of year pending cases increased from 620,813 in FY 2002 to 6235,786 in FY 2003, an increase of 0.3%. Most of the increase was in misdemeanor cases, which increased from 243,390 in FY 2002 to 254,137 in FY 2002, an increase of 4.4%.

ABBREVIATIONS
(Justice of the Peace Courts)

CR TRAF	Criminal Traffic
CV TRAF	Civil Traffic
DISP.	Dispositions
D.U.I.	Driving Under the Influence
Forcible Det.	Forcible Detainer
F.T.A.	Failure-to-Appear
Hear Offcr	Hearing Officer
LOCAL ORD	Non-Criminal Local Ordinances
MISD/Misd	Misdemeanor
Ord. of Protect	Order of Protection
Small Clm	Small Claims
Stat. Corr	Statistical Correction
Trans. In	Transfers In
Trans. Out	Transfers Out

JUSTICE COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2003

STATEWIDE TOTAL

ALL CASES ON FILE							
CASE TYPE	PENDING 7/1/2002	CASES FILED				FISCAL YEAR 2002	
		ORIGINAL FILINGS	TRANSFER IN	TOTAL FILED	TOTAL ON FILE	PENDING 7/1/2001	TOTAL FILED
DUI	25,811	25,895	199	26,094	51,905	24,966	22,760
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	4,094	3,321	10	3,331	7,425	3,767	3,737
OTHER TRAFFIC	105,747	75,446	103	75,549	181,296	101,161	72,110
TOTAL CR TRAF	135,652	104,662	312	104,974	240,626	129,894	98,607
TOTAL CV TRAF	147,363	409,406	24,765	434,171	581,534	146,650	449,991
MISDEMEANOR	112,840	73,889	189	74,078	186,918	106,618	71,695
MISDEMEANOR FTA	44,816	9,894	46	9,940	54,756	42,897	9,550
TRAFFIC FTA	85,734	38,837	36	38,873	124,607	81,825	40,183
TOTAL MISD	243,390	122,620	271	122,891	366,281	231,340	121,428
TOTAL FELONY	34,642	26,208	1	26,209	60,851	34,569	39,112
SMALL CLAIMS	24,733	31,312	194	31,506	56,239	22,047	30,087
FORCIBLE DETAINER	4,958	95,440	2,108	97,548	102,506	5,044	95,718
OTHER CIVIL	29,273	41,810	972	42,782	72,055	23,870	37,917
TOTAL CIVIL	58,964	168,562	3,274	171,836	230,800	50,961	163,722
NC PARKING	785	2,314		2,314	3,099	981	4,054
NC NON-PARKING	17	18		18	35	6	32
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	802	2,332		2,332	3,134	987	4,086
TOTAL	620,813	833,790	28,623	862,413	1,483,226	594,401	876,946
ORD PROTECTION				10,820			9,638
INJ HARASSMENT				9,940			9,034

TRIALS COMMENCED				FISCAL YEAR 2002		
CASE TYPE	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC	1,823	194	2,017	2,400	204	2,604
MISDEMEANOR	2,090	29	2,119	2,750	40	2,790
CIVIL	37,166	8	37,174	37,723	11	37,734
TOTAL	41,079	231	41,310	42,873	255	43,128

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS - END-OF-YEAR					
TRAFFIC	6/30/2003	6/30/2002	CRIMINAL	6/30/2003	6/30/2002
DUI	12,575	11,460			
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	1,315	1,329	FELONY	7,681	21,163
OTHER TRAFFIC	60,568	57,542	MISDEMEANOR	59,981	58,003
SUBTOTAL	74,458	70,331	SUBTOTAL	67,662	79,166
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS				142,120	149,497

JUSTICE COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2003

STATEWIDE TOTAL (CONTINUED)

ALL CASES TERMINATED						FISCAL YEAR 2002	
CASE TYPE	CASES TERMINATED			STAT CORR	PENDING 6/30/2003	FISCAL YEAR 2002	
	TERMIN- ATIONS	TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL TERM			TOTAL TERM	PENDING 6/30/2002
DUI	21,866	319	22,185	-1,309	28,411	20,359	25,811
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	3,116	45	3,161	-95	4,169	3,338	4,094
OTHER TRAFFIC	62,967	258	63,225	-6,246	111,825	61,027	105,747
TOTAL CR TRAF	87,949	622	88,571	-7,650	144,405	84,724	135,652
TOTAL CV TRAF[1]	426,310	758	427,068	-4,631	149,835	440,077	147,363
MISDEMEANOR	67,494	1,736	69,230	1,324	119,012	65,922	112,840
MISDEMEANOR FTA	6,634	6	6,640	-2,711	45,405	6,735	44,816
TRAFFIC FTA	32,735	25	32,760	-2,127	89,720	30,570	85,734
TOTAL MISD	106,863	1,767	108,630	-3,514	254,137	103,227	243,390
TOTAL FELONY	18,191	20,220	38,411	-2,280	20,160	38,553	34,642
SMALL CLAIMS	27,270	1,103	28,373	-897	26,969	26,263	24,733
FORCIBLE DETAINER	94,574	141	94,715	-1,876	5,915	94,369	4,958
OTHER CIVIL	36,908	531	37,439	-990	33,626	31,678	29,273
TOTAL CIVIL	158,752	1,775	160,527	-3,763	66,510	152,310	58,964
NC PARKING	2,373		2,373	1	727	4,250	785
NC NON-PARKING	14		14	-9	12	19	17
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	2,387		2,387	-8	739	4,269	802
TOTAL	800,452	25,142	825,594	-21,846	635,786	823,160	620,813
	ISSUED	DENIED					
ORD PROTECTION	8,918	1,196	10,114			9,078	
INJ HARASSMENT	7,712	1,473	9,185			8,451	

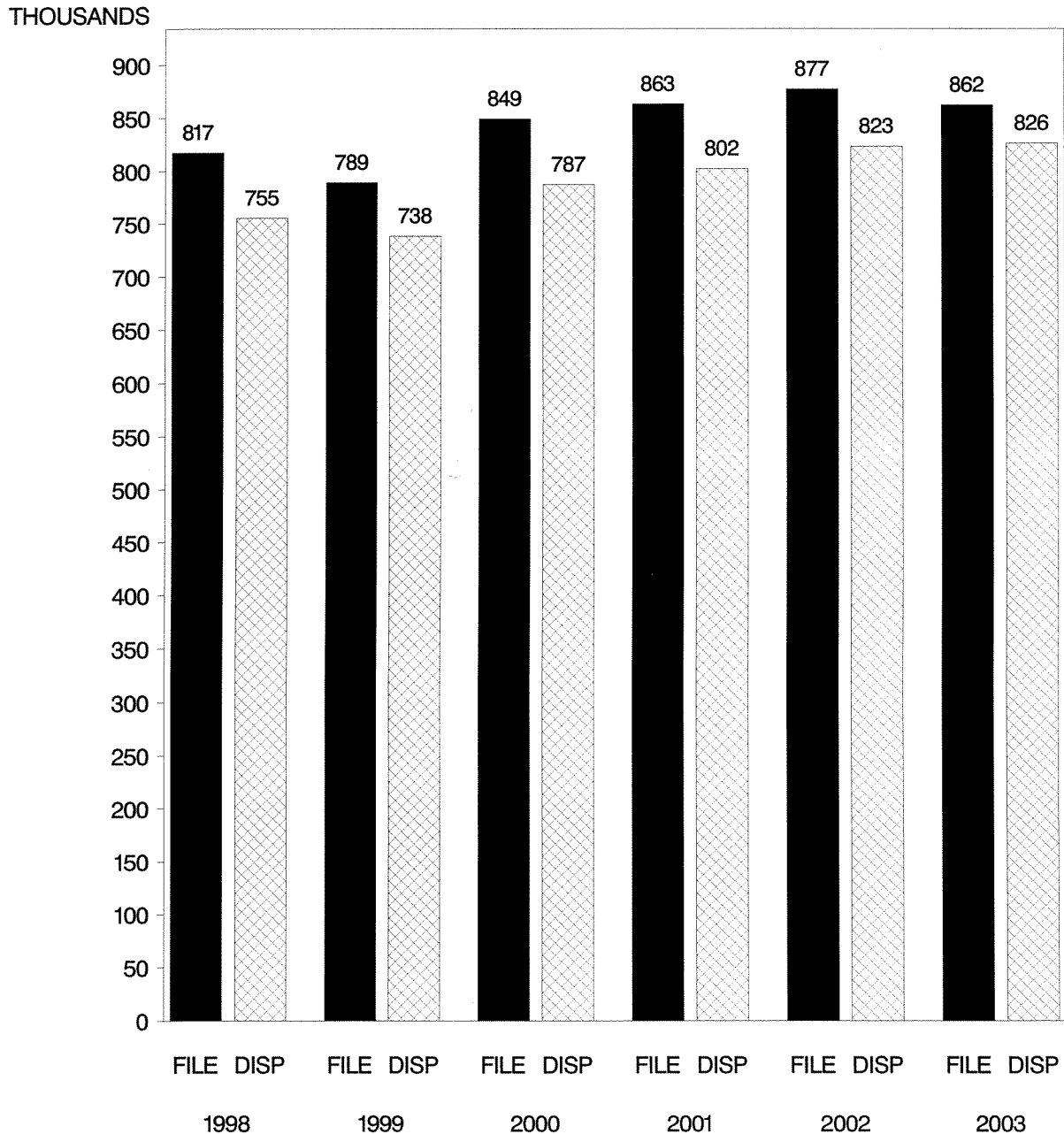
[1] TERMINATIONS INCLUDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS.

OTHER PROCEEDINGS			
	FY 2003	FY 2002	
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS/DEFAULTS	8,846	8,649	
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS (W/HEARING OFFICER)	4,841	5,098	
CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARINGS	8,412	8,904	
FELONY PRELIMINARY HEARINGS	1,487	2,880	
INITIAL APPEARANCES	50,227	56,278	
ORDER OF PROTECTION REVIEW HEARINGS	1,608	1,643	
INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT REVIEW HEARINGS	1,582	1,712	
PEACE BOND COMPLAINTS	0	1	
FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS	469	359	
JUVENILE HEARINGS	69	76	
SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED	5,117	4,918	

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ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1998 – 2003

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

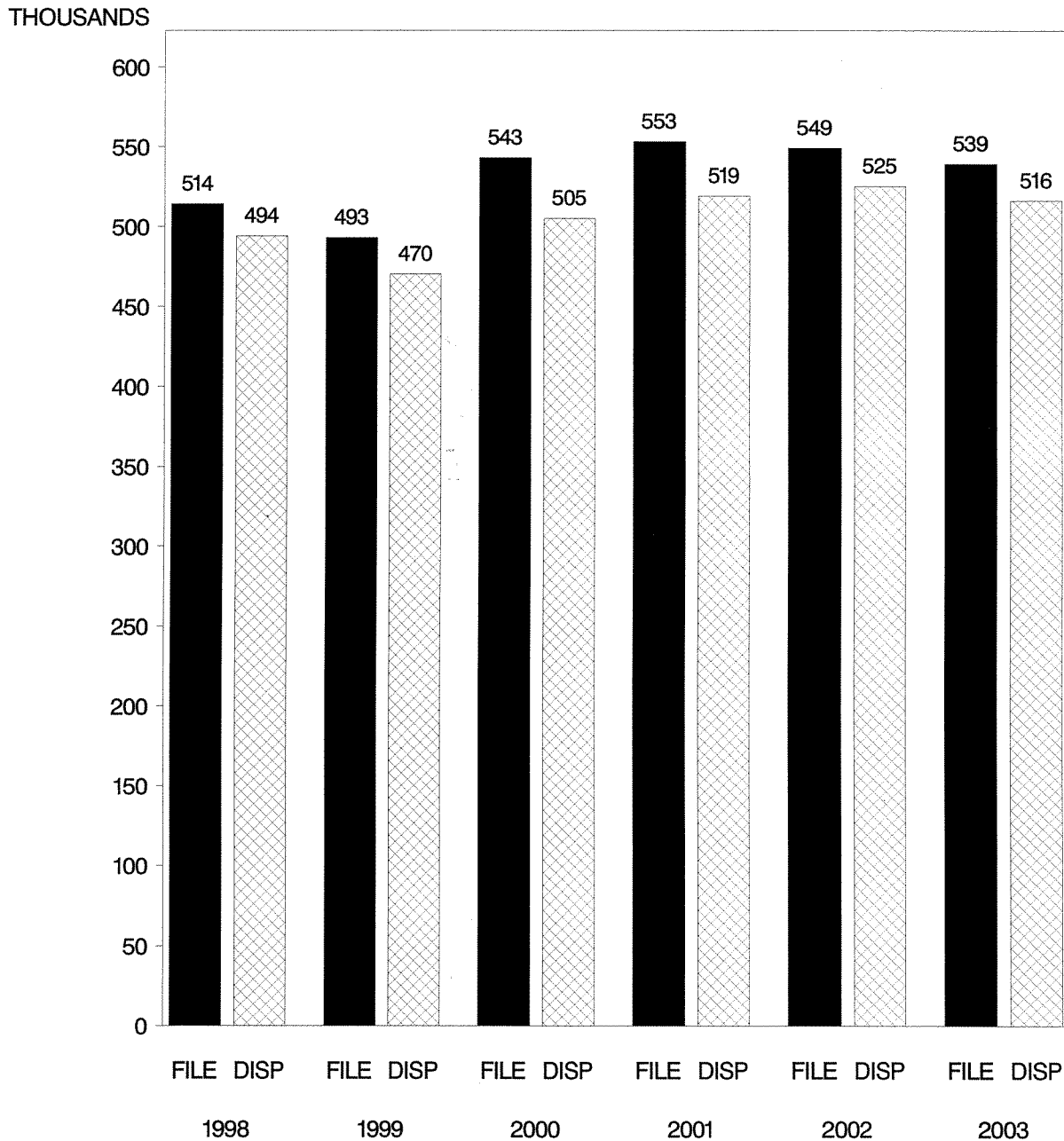


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TRAFFIC CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1998 – 2003

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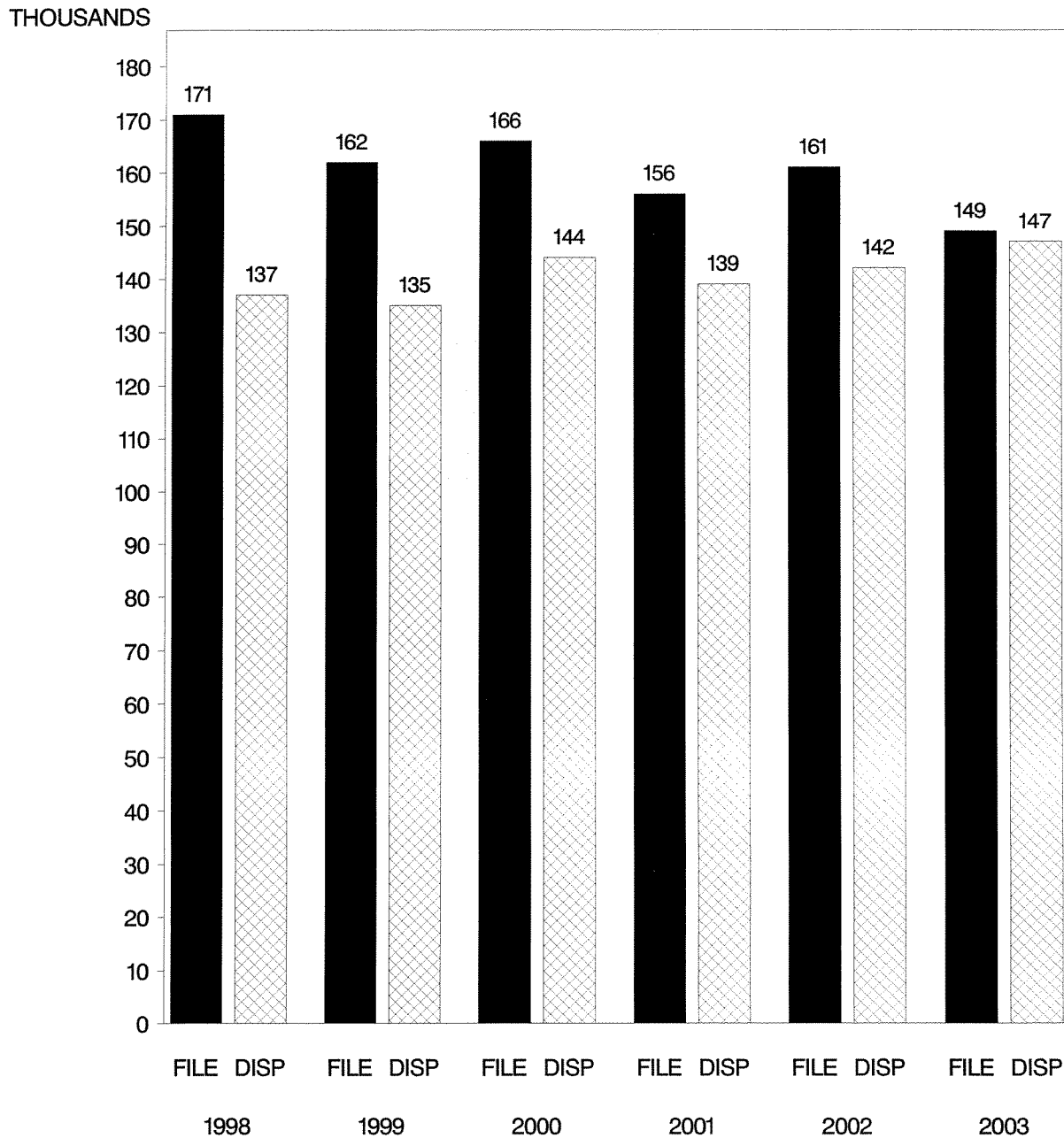


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CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1998 – 2003

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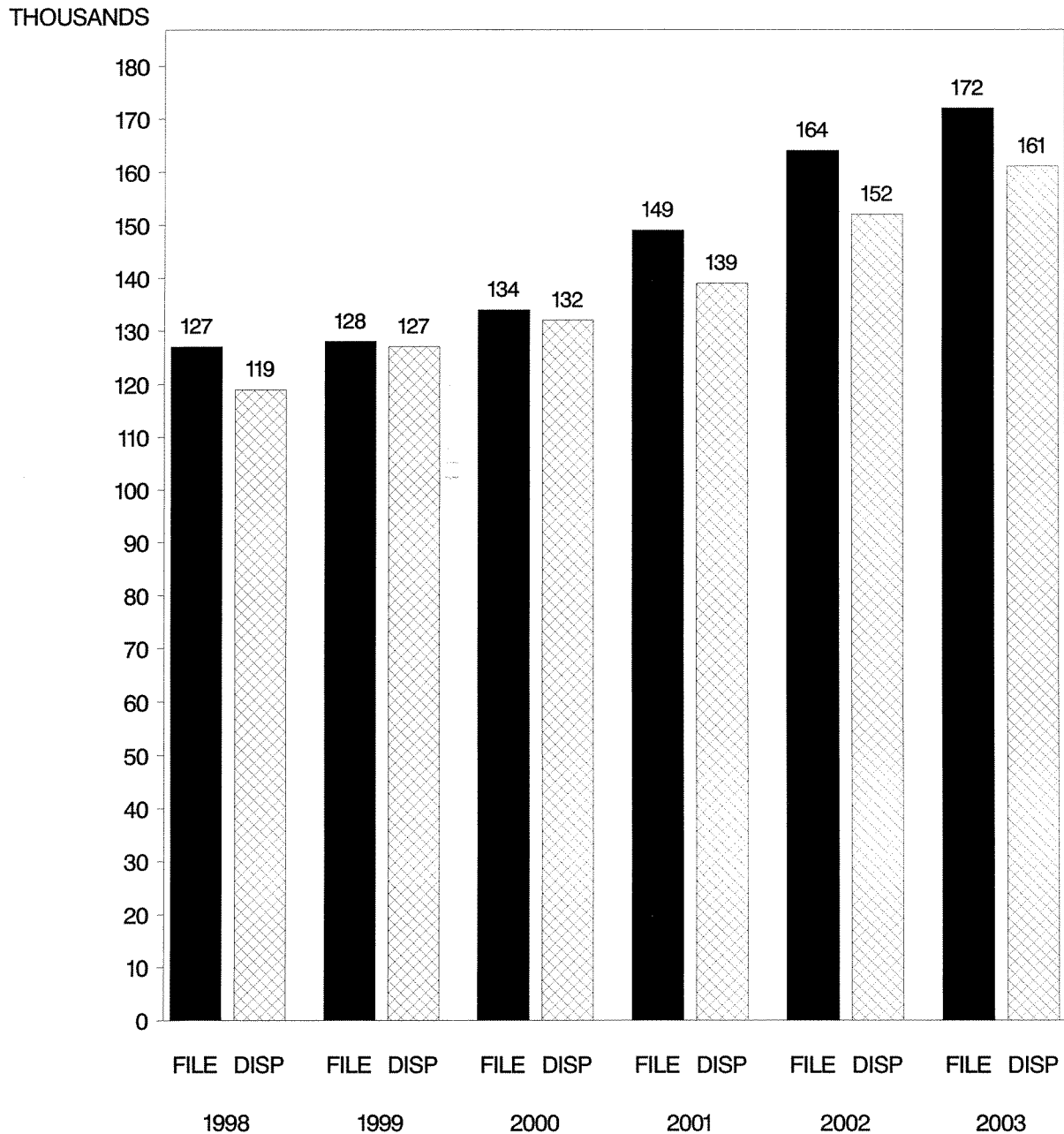


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CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1998–2003

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ORDER OF PROTECTION – HARASSMENT, FY 1998 – 2003 PETITIONS FILED

