

MUNICIPAL COURTS

Narrative Summary

After a two year decrease in filings, Municipal Courts showed a sharp increase in filings for the first time in three years. Total filings (including transfers in) increased from 1,360,306 in FY 2002 to 1,468,863 in FY 2003, an increase of 8.0%.

Traffic filings (criminal and civil), which comprise 73.1% of Municipal Court case activity, rose 6.6% from last year, from 1,007,485 to 1,073,947. Within the traffic category, criminal filings increased by 7.2% and civil filings increased by 6.5% from FY 2002 to FY 2003. Misdemeanors (excluding criminal traffic) rose from 219,166 to 233,507 in FY 2003, an increase of 6.5%.

From FY 2002 to FY 2003, Municipal Courts experienced an increase in the number of petitions filed for injunctions against harassment and a slight decrease for orders of protection. During FY 2003, a total of 12,920 petitions were filed for an order of protection, compared with 13,330 last year, a decrease of 3.1%. Petitions for an injunctions against harassment rose slightly from last year to 9,695 in FY 2003, an increase of 0.7%.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) increased from 1,390,604 last year to 1,454,306 in FY 2003, an increase of 4.6%. Total traffic dispositions (criminal and civil) increased by 3.2% from 1,044,266 in FY 2002 to 1,077,797 in FY 2003. Misdemeanor dispositions increased sharply by 12.9%, from 208,180 in FY 2002 to 235,046 in FY 2003.

Non-criminal local ordinance case filings increased dramatically by 20.2%, from 133,655 in FY 2002 to 161,409 in FY 2003. Non-criminal local ordinances terminations showed an increase of 2.4%, from 138,158 in FY 2002 to 141,463 in FY 2003.

Finally, the total end of year pending increased slightly from 851,186 in FY 2002 to 855,309 in FY 2003, an increase of 0.5%. The largest percentage increase was reported in non-criminal local ordinances which increased from 116,523 in FY 2002 to 135,874 in FY 2003, an increase of 16.6%.

ABBREVIATIONS
(Municipal Courts)

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

MUNICIPAL COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2003

STATEWIDE TOTAL

ALL CASES ON FILE [1]							
CASE TYPE	PENDING 7/1/2002	CASES FILED			TOTAL ON FILE	FISCAL YEAR 2002	
		ORIGINAL FILINGS	TRANSFER IN	TOTAL FILED		PENDING 7/1/2001	TOTAL FILED
DUI	60,705	59,626	6	59,632	120,337	57,076	58,900
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	6,046	6,729	1	6,730	12,776	5,886	6,925
OTHER TRAFFIC	108,717	102,155	20	102,175	210,892	104,276	91,449
TOTAL CR TRAF	175,468	168,510	27	168,537	344,005	167,238	157,274
TOTAL CV TRAF	252,924	905,355	55	905,410	1,158,334	289,225	850,211
MISDEMEANOR	172,729	177,320	7	177,327	350,056	163,716	167,734
MISDEMEANOR FTA	56,644	11,914	0	11,914	68,558	51,042	26,840
TRAFFIC FTA	76,898	44,216	50	44,266	121,164	71,325	24,592
TOTAL MISD	306,271	233,450	57	233,507	539,778	286,083	219,166
NC PARKING	105,302	140,325		140,325	245,627	124,072	116,705
NC NON-PARKING	11,221	21,084		21,084	32,305	7,643	16,950
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	116,523	161,409		161,409	277,932	131,715	133,655
TOTAL	851,186	1,468,724	139	1,468,863	2,320,049	874,261	1,360,306
ORD PROTECTION				12,920			13,330
INJ HARASSMENT				9,695			9,629

TRIALS COMMENCED						
CASE TYPE	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR 2002		
				NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC	2,039	657	2,696	2,160	559	2,719
MISDEMEANOR	3,953	127	4,080	4,355	144	4,499
TOTAL	5,992	784	6,776	6,515	703	7,218

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS - END-OF-YEAR					
TRAFFIC	6/30/03	6/30/02	CRIMINAL	6/30/03	6/30/02
DUI	26,398	24,194			
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	3,839	3,427			
OTHER TRAFFIC	91,912	86,189	MISDEMEANOR	140,409	130,698
SUBTOTAL	122,149	113,810			
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS				262,558	244,508

MUNICIPAL COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2003

STATEWIDE TOTAL (CONTINUED)

ALL CASES TERMINATED [2]							FISCAL YEAR 2002	
CASE TYPE	CASES TERMINATED			STAT CORR	PENDING 6/30/2003		TOTAL	PENDING
	TERMIN- ATIONS	TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL TERM				TERM	6/30/2002
DUI	55,404	50	55,454	-832	64,051		55,238	60,705
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	6,528	42	6,570	-36	6,170		6,654	6,046
OTHER TRAFFIC	90,449	110	90,559	-10,956	109,377		85,048	108,717
TOTAL CR TRAF	152,381	202	152,583	-11,824	179,598		146,940	175,468
TOTAL CV TRAF [1]	924,908	306	925,214	2,315	235,435		897,326	252,924
MISDEMEANOR	189,609	479	190,088	5,483	165,451		166,861	172,729
MISDEMEANOR FTA	10,762	0	10,762	-3,704	54,092		21,109	56,644
TRAFFIC FTA	34,133	63	34,196	-2,109	84,859		20,210	76,898
TOTAL MISD	234,504	542	235,046	-330	304,402		208,180	306,271
NC PARKING	122,714		122,714	-509	122,404		124,726	105,302
NC NON-PARKING	18,749		18,749	-86	13,470		13,432	11,221
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	141,463		141,463	-595	135,874		138,158	116,523
TOTAL	1,453,256	1,050	1,454,306	-10,434	855,309		1,390,604	851,186
	ISSUED	DENIED						
ORD PROTECTION	10,619	1,234	11,853				12,317	
INJ HARASSMENT	7,350	1,412	8,762				8,796	

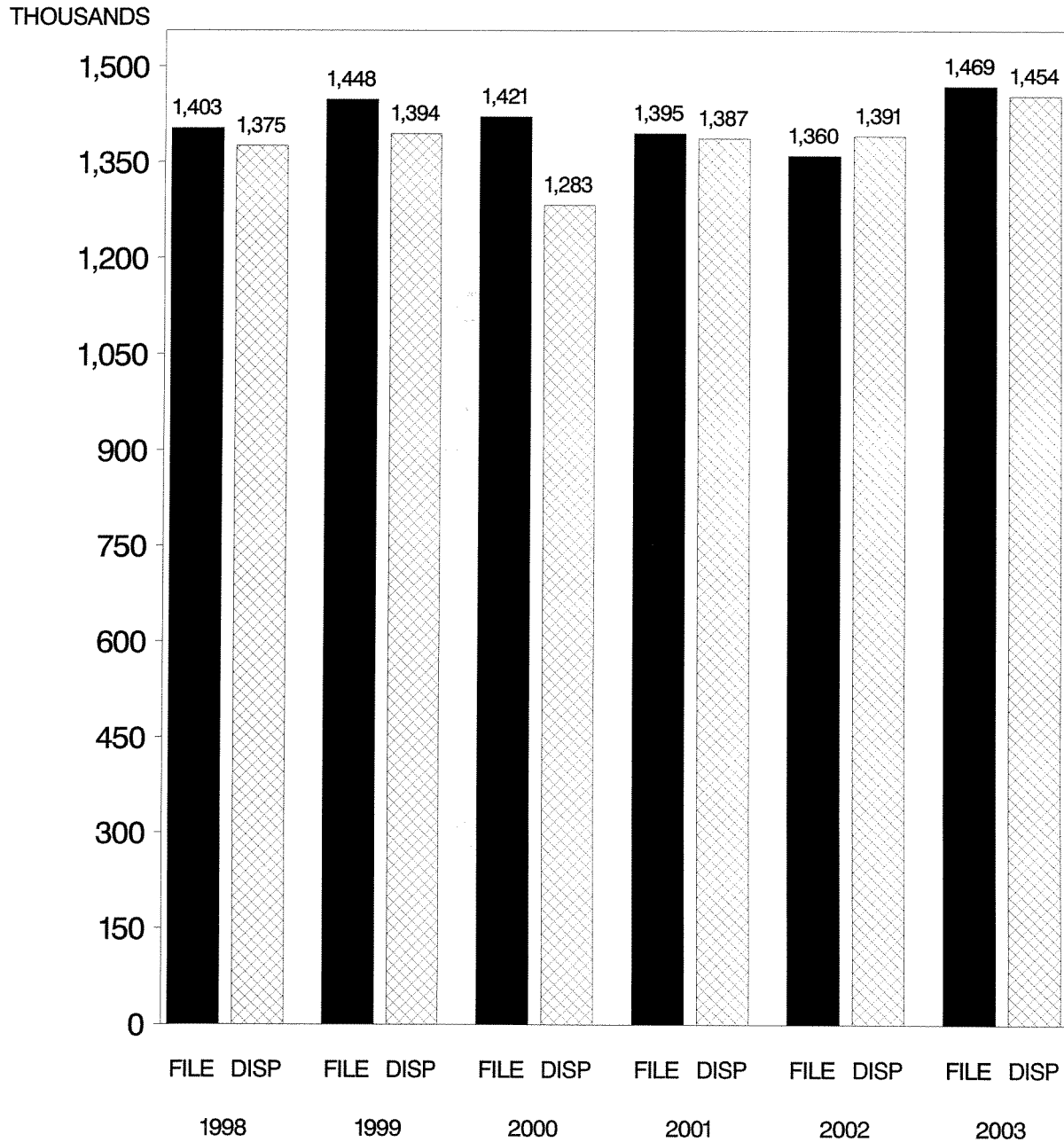
[1] TERMINATIONS INCLUDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS.

OTHER PROCEEDINGS			
	FY 2003	FY 2002	
CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARINGS	22,194	22,121	
INITIAL APPEARANCES	39,134	33,822	
ORDER OF PROTECTION REVIEW HEARINGS	2,103	1,882	
INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT REVIEW HEARINGS	1,792	1,430	
PEACE BOND COMPLAINTS	0	0	
FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS	1	0	
JUVENILE HEARINGS	458	395	
SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED	913	802	

MUNICIPAL COURT

ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1998 – 2003

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

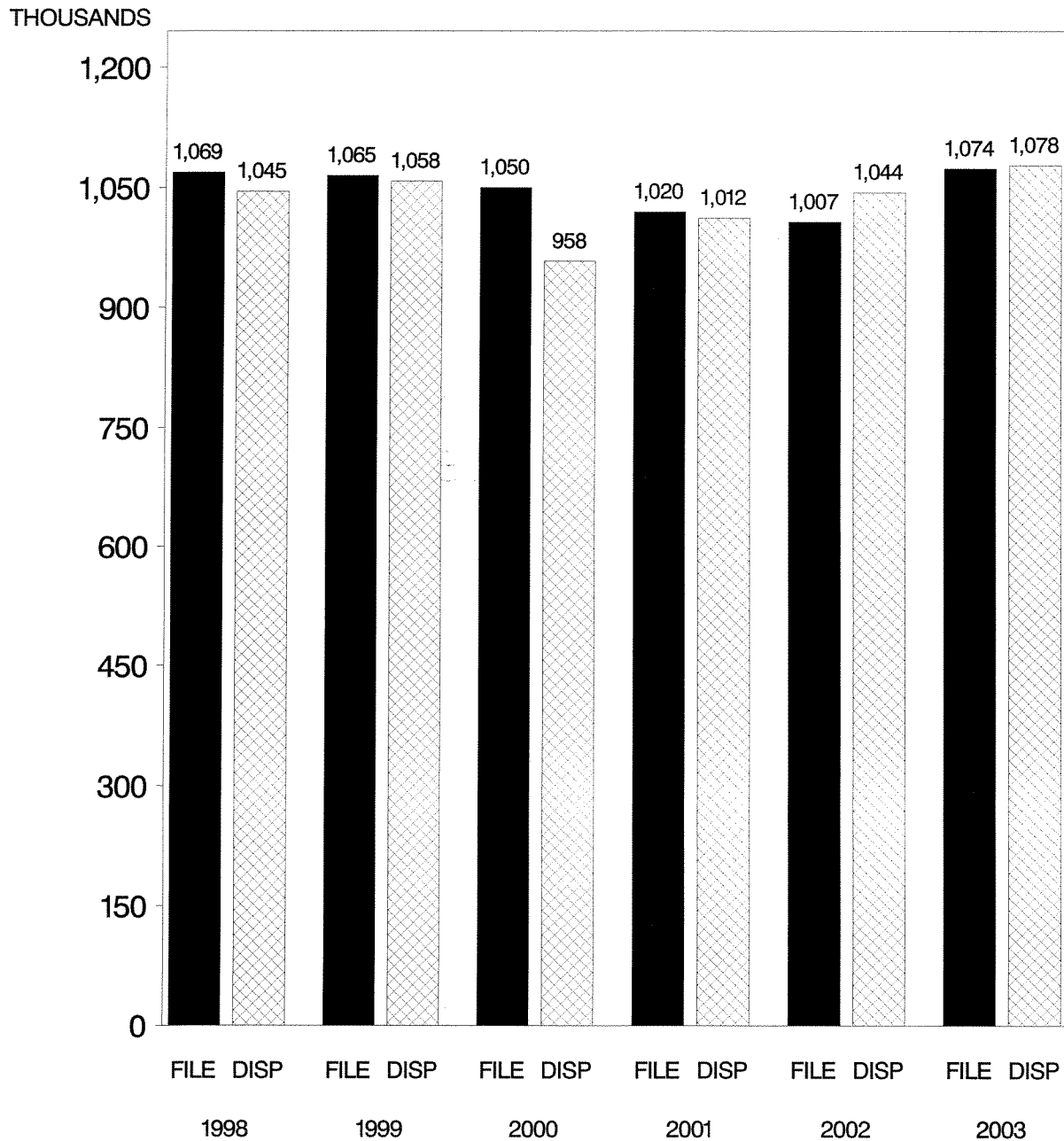


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MUNICIPAL COURT

TRAFFIC CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1998 – 2003

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

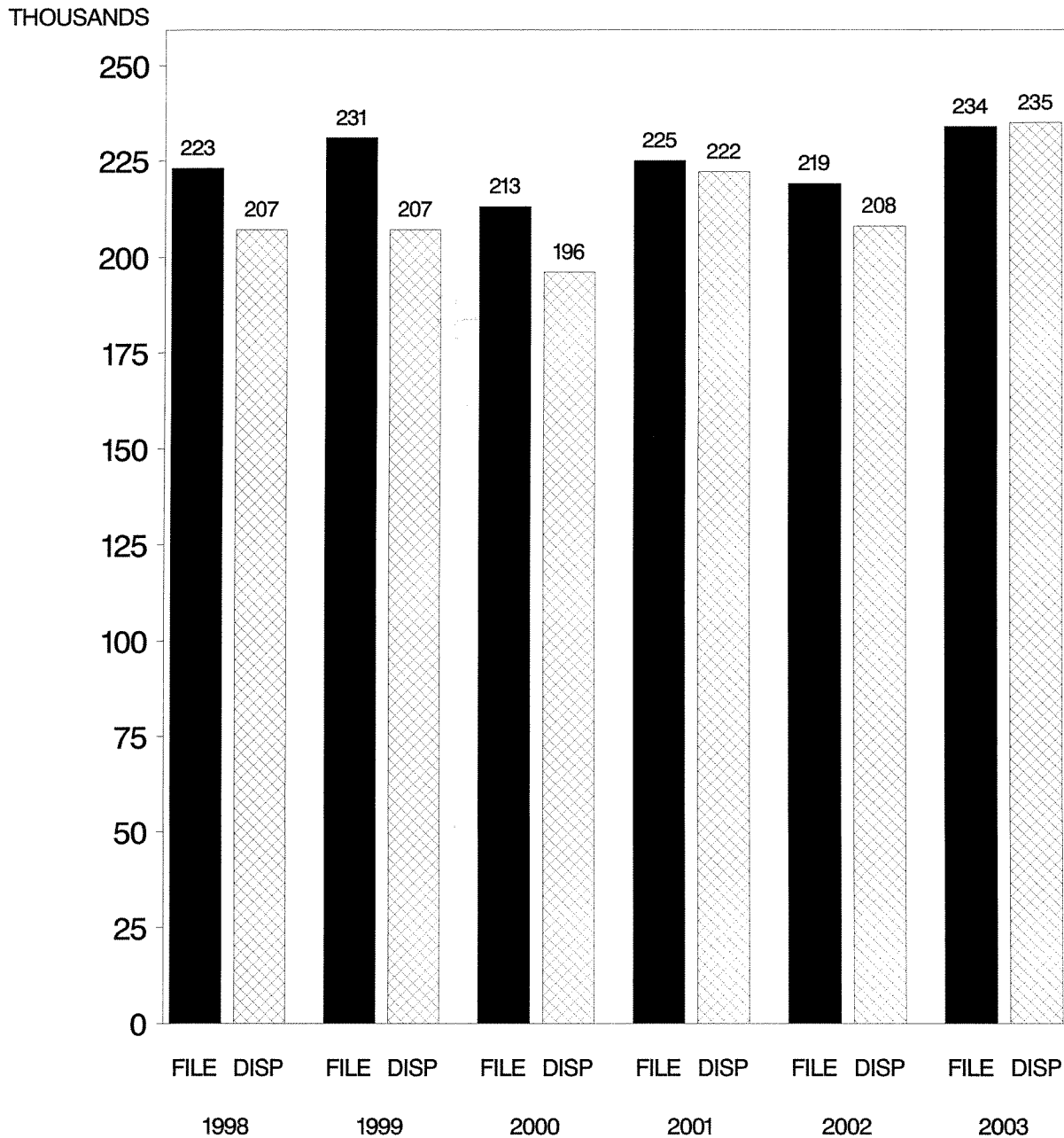


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MUNICIPAL COURT

CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1998 – 2003

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED



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MUNICIPAL COURT

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

