

MUNICIPAL COURTS

Narrative Summary

After a five year rise in filings beginning in FY1995, Municipal Courts showed a decrease in filings for the second straight year. Total filings (including transfers in) dropped from 1,394,866 in FY 2001 to 1,360,306 in FY 2002, a decrease of 2.5%.

Traffic filings (criminal and civil), which comprise 74.1% of Municipal Court case activity, dropped 1.2% from last year, from 1,019,574 to 1,007,485. Within the traffic category, criminal filings increased by 8.0% and civil filings decreased by 2.7% from FY 2001 to FY 2002. Misdemeanors (excluding criminal traffic) dropped from 224,703 to 219,166 in FY 2001, a decrease of 2.5%.

From FY 2001 to FY 2002, Municipal Courts experienced an increase in the number of petitions filed for injunctions against harassment and orders of protection. During FY 2002, a total of 13,330 petitions were filed for an order of protection, compared with 11,442 last year, an increase of 16.5%. Petitions for an injunctions against harassment rose from 8,533 last year to 9,629 in FY 2002, an increase of 12.8%.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) increased from 1,386,990 last year to 1,390,604 in FY 2002, an increase of 0.3%. Total traffic dispositions (criminal and civil) increased by 3.1% from 1,012,392 in FY 2001 to 1,044,266 in FY 2002. Misdemeanor dispositions decreased sharply by 6.2%, from 221,885 in FY 2001 to 208,180 in FY 2002.

Non-criminal local ordinance case filings decreased by 11.2% from 150,589 in FY 2001 to 133,655 in FY 2002. Non-criminal local ordinances terminations showed a decrease of 19.5%, from 152,713 in FY 2001 to 138,158 in FY 2002.

Finally, the total end of year pending decreased slightly from 874,261 in FY 2001 to 851,164 in FY 2002, a decrease of 2.6%. The largest decrease was reported in civil traffic which decreased from 289,225 in FY 2001 to 252,918 in FY 2002, a decrease of 12.6%.

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 2002

STATEWIDE TOTAL

ALL CASES ON FILE [1]							
CASE TYPE	PENDING 7/1/2001	CASES FILED			TOTAL ON FILE	FISCAL YEAR 2001	
		ORIGINAL FILINGS	TRANSFER IN	TOTAL FILED		PENDING 7/1/2000	TOTAL FILED
DUI	57,076	58,898	2	58,900	115,976	55,301	49,303
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	5,886	6,925	0	6,925	12,811	7,199	6,253
OTHER TRAFFIC	104,276	91,446	3	91,449	195,725	119,224	90,132
TOTAL CR TRAF	167,238	157,269	5	157,274	324,512	181,724	145,688
TOTAL CV TRAF	289,225	850,167	44	850,211	1,139,436	246,379	873,886
MISDEMEANOR	163,716	167,717	17	167,734	331,450	184,841	171,883
MISDEMEANOR FTA	51,042	26,837	3	26,840	77,882	61,554	12,697
TRAFFIC FTA	71,325	24,592	0	24,592	95,917	59,008	40,123
TOTAL MISD	286,083	219,146	20	219,166	505,249	305,403	224,703
NC PARKING	124,072	116,705		116,705	240,777	129,653	136,010
NC NON-PARKING	7,643	16,950		16,950	24,593	8,070	14,579
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	131,715	133,655		133,655	265,370	137,723	150,589
TOTAL	874,261	1,360,237	69	1,360,306	2,234,567	871,229	1,394,866
ORD PROTECTION				13,330			11,442
INJ HARASSMENT				9,629			8,533

TRIALS COMMENCED						
CASE TYPE	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR 2001		
				NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC	2,160	559	2,719	2,361	515	2,876
MISDEMEANOR	4,355	144	4,499	3,837	223	4,060
TOTAL	6,515	703	7,218	6,198	738	6,936

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS - END-OF-YEAR					
TRAFFIC	6/30/02	6/30/01	CRIMINAL	6/30/02	6/30/01
DUI	24,194	21,298			
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	3,427	3,191			
OTHER TRAFFIC	86,189	80,858	MISDEMEANOR	130,698	123,775
SUBTOTAL	113,810	105,347			
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS				244,508	229,122

MUNICIPAL COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2002

STATEWIDE TOTAL (CONTINUED)

ALL CASES TERMINATED [2]						FISCAL YEAR 2001	
CASE TYPE	CASES TERMINATED			STAT CORR	PENDING 6/30/2002	TOTAL	PENDING
	TERMIN- ATIONS	TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL TERM			TERM	6/30/2001
DUI	55,182	56	55,238	-35	60,703	43,172	57,076
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	6,632	22	6,654	-112	6,045	6,128	5,886
OTHER TRAFFIC	84,936	112	85,048	-1,946	108,731	82,924	104,276
TOTAL CR TRAF	146,750	190	146,940	-2,093	175,479	132,224	167,238
TOTAL CV TRAF[1]	897,041	285	897,326	10,808	252,918	880,168	289,225
MISDEMEANOR	165,827	1,034	166,861	8,113	172,702	180,241	163,716
MISDEMEANOR FTA	21,010	99	21,109	-129	56,644	12,431	51,042
TRAFFIC FTA	20,205	5	20,210	1,191	76,898	29,213	71,325
TOTAL MISD	207,042	1,138	208,180	9,175	306,244	221,885	286,083
NC PARKING	124,726		124,726	-10,749	105,302	138,240	124,072
NC NON-PARKING	13,432		13,432	60	11,221	14,473	7,643
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	138,158		138,158	-10,689	116,523	152,713	131,715
TOTAL	1,388,991	1,613	1,390,604	7,201	851,164	1,386,990	874,261
	ISSUED	DENIED					
ORD PROTECTION	11,349	968	12,317			10,645	
INJ HARASSMENT	7,633	1,163	8,796			7,913	

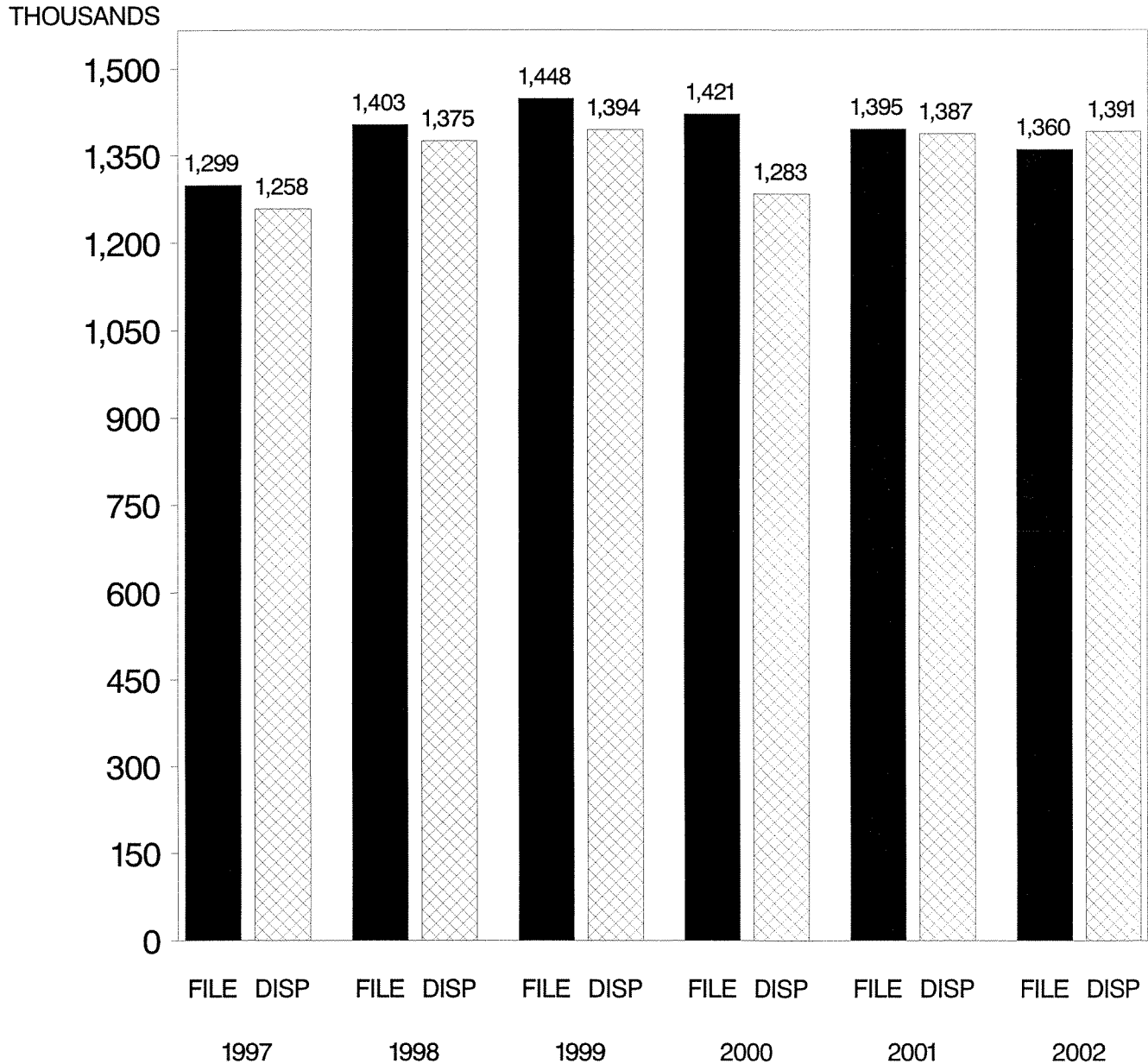
[1] TERMINATIONS INCLUDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS.

OTHER PROCEEDINGS		
	FY 2002	FY 2001
CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARINGS	22,121	22,969
INITIAL APPEARANCES	33,822	26,046
ORDER OF PROTECTION REVIEW HEARINGS	1,882	1,579
INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT REVIEW HEARINGS	1,430	1,230
PEACE BOND COMPLAINTS	0	0
FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS	0	0
JUVENILE HEARINGS	395	289
SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED	802	1,042

MUNICIPAL COURT

ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1997 – 2002

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

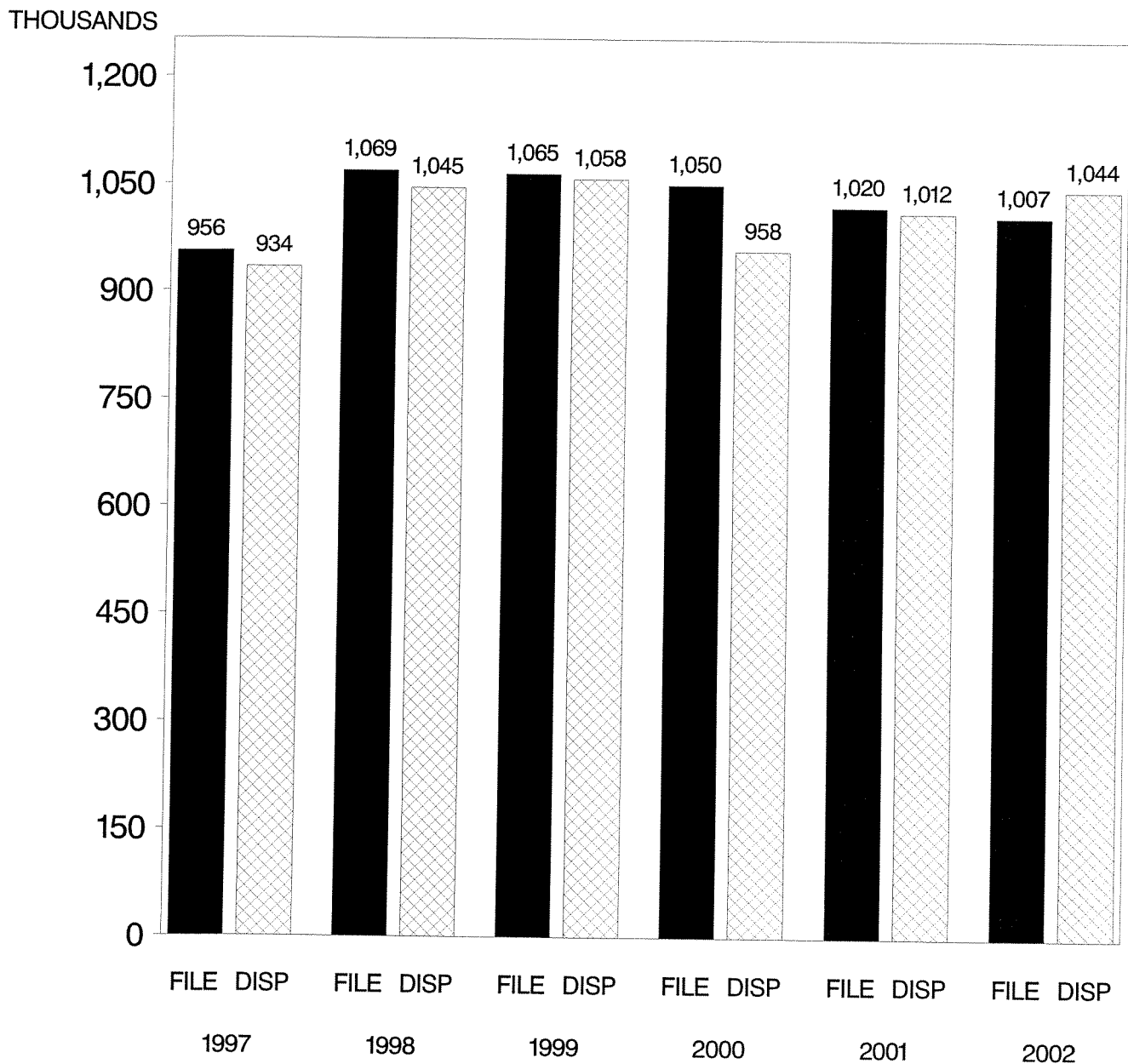


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MUNICIPAL COURT

TRAFFIC CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1997–2002

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

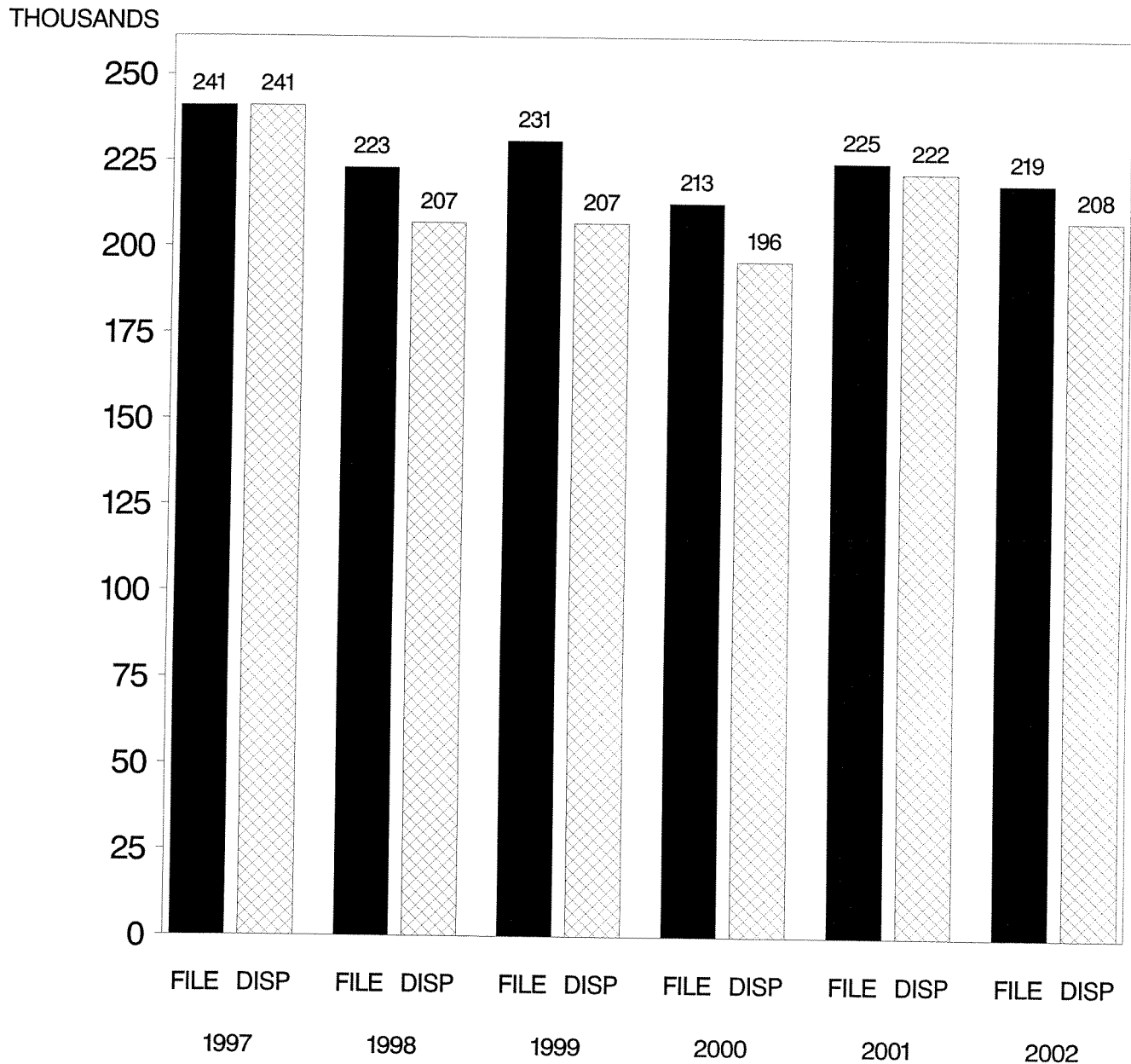


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MUNICIPAL COURT

CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1997 – 2002

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED



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MUNICIPAL COURT

ORDER OF PROTECTION – HARASSMENT, FY 1997 – 2002 PETITIONS FILED

