

MUNICIPAL COURTS

Narrative Summary

After a sharp increase in filings in 2003, Municipal Courts showed a decrease in filings in 2004. Total filings (including transfers in) increased from 1,468,863 in FY 2003 to 1,439,452 in FY 2004, a decrease of 2.0%.

Traffic filings (criminal and civil), which comprise 72.7% of Municipal Court case activity, dropped 2.5% from last year, from 1,073,947 to 1,047,172. Within the traffic category, criminal filings increased by 2.8% and civil filings decreased by 3.5% from FY 2003 to FY 2004. Misdemeanors (excluding criminal traffic) rose from 233,507 to 234,139 in FY 2004, an increase of .3%.

From FY 2003 to FY 2004, Municipal Courts experienced a decrease in the number of petitions filed for injunctions against harassment and an increase for orders of protection. During FY 2004, a total of 13,405 petitions were filed for an order of protection, compared with 12,920 last year, an increase of 3.8%. Petitions for injunctions against harassment dropped slightly from last year to 9,412 in FY 2004, a decrease of 2.9%.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) increased from 1,454,306 last year to 1,474,878 in FY 2004, an increase of 1.4%. Total traffic dispositions (criminal and civil) decreased by 1.0% from 1,077,797 in FY 2003 to 1,066,851 in FY 2004. Misdemeanor dispositions increased by 6.6%, from 235,046 in FY 2003 to 250,526 in FY 2004.

Non-criminal local ordinance case filings decreased by 2.0%, from 161,409 in FY 2003 to 158,141 in FY 2004. Non-criminal local ordinances terminations showed an increase of 11.3 %, from 141,463 in FY 2003 to 157,501 in FY 2004.

Finally, the total end of year pending decreased slightly from 855,309 in FY 2003 to 839,507 in FY 2004, a decrease of 1.8%. The largest percentage decrease was reported in civil traffic which decreased from 235,435 in FY 2003 to 212,020 in FY 2004, a decrease of 3.5%.

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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 2004

STATEWIDE TOTAL

ALL CASES ON FILE [1]							
CASE TYPE	PENDING 7/1/2003	CASES FILED			TOTAL ON FILE	FISCAL YEAR 2003	
		ORIGINAL FILINGS	TRANSFER IN	TOTAL FILED		PENDING 7/1/2002	TOTAL FILED
DUI	64,051	61,098	3	61,101	125,152	60,705	59,632
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	6,170	7,340	0	7,340	13,510	6,046	6,730
OTHER TRAFFIC	109,377	104,794	11	104,805	214,182	108,717	102,175
TOTAL CR TRAF	179,598	173,232	14	173,246	352,844	175,468	168,537
TOTAL CV TRAF	235,435	873,790	136	873,926	1,109,361	252,924	905,410
MISDEMEANOR	165,451	176,605	3	176,608	342,059	172,729	177,327
MISDEMEANOR FTA	54,092	11,643	0	11,643	65,735	56,644	11,914
TRAFFIC FTA	84,859	45,888	0	45,888	130,747	76,898	44,266
TOTAL MISD	304,402	234,136	3	234,139	538,541	306,271	233,507
NC PARKING	122,404	133,972		133,972	256,376	105,302	140,325
NC NON-PARKING	13,470	24,169		24,169	37,639	11,221	21,084
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	135,874	158,141		158,141	294,015	116,523	161,409
TOTAL	855,309	1,439,299	153	1,439,452	2,294,761	851,186	1,468,863
ORD PROTECTION				13,405			12,920
INJ HARASSMENT				9,412			9,695

TRIALS COMMENCED						
CASE TYPE	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR 2003		
				NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC	1,837	553	2,390	2,039	621	2,660
MISDEMEANOR	4,007	164	4,171	3,953	127	4,080
TOTAL	5,844	717	6,561	5,992	748	6,740

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS - END-OF-YEAR					
TRAFFIC	6/30/04	6/30/03	CRIMINAL	6/30/04	6/30/03
DUI	28,635	26,398			
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	4,143	3,839			
OTHER TRAFFIC	96,181	91,912	MISDEMEANOR	148,120	140,381
SUBTOTAL	128,959	122,149			
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS				277,079	262,530

MUNICIPAL COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2004

STATEWIDE TOTAL (CONTINUED)

ALL CASES TERMINATED [2]							FISCAL YEAR 2003	
CASE TYPE	CASES TERMINATED			STAT CORR	PENDING 6/30/2004		TOTAL	PENDING
	TERMIN- ATIONS	TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL TERM				TERM 6/30/2003	6/30/2003
DUI	54,806	94	54,900	-1,565	68,687		55,454	64,051
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	6,871	42	6,913	41	6,638		6,570	6,170
OTHER TRAFFIC	95,648	160	95,808	-4,013	114,361		90,559	109,377
TOTAL CR TRAF	157,325	296	157,621	-5,537	189,686		152,583	179,598
TOTAL CV TRAF [1]	908,857	373	909,230	11,889	212,020		925,214	235,435
MISDEMEANOR	202,270	566	202,836	14,326	153,549		190,088	165,451
MISDEMEANOR FTA	10,321	1	10,322	219	55,632		10,762	54,092
TRAFFIC FTA	37,294	74	37,368	-37	93,342		34,196	84,859
TOTAL MISD	249,885	641	250,526	14,508	302,523		235,046	304,402
NC PARKING	133,317		133,317	-1,143	121,916		122,714	122,404
NC NON-PARKING	24,184		24,184	-93	13,362		18,749	13,470
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	157,501		157,501	-1,236	135,278		141,463	135,874
TOTAL	1,473,568	1,310	1,474,878	19,624	839,507		1,454,306	855,309
	ISSUED	DENIED						
ORD PROTECTION	10,888	1,374	12,262				11,853	
INJ HARASSMENT	7,022	1,501	8,523				8,762	

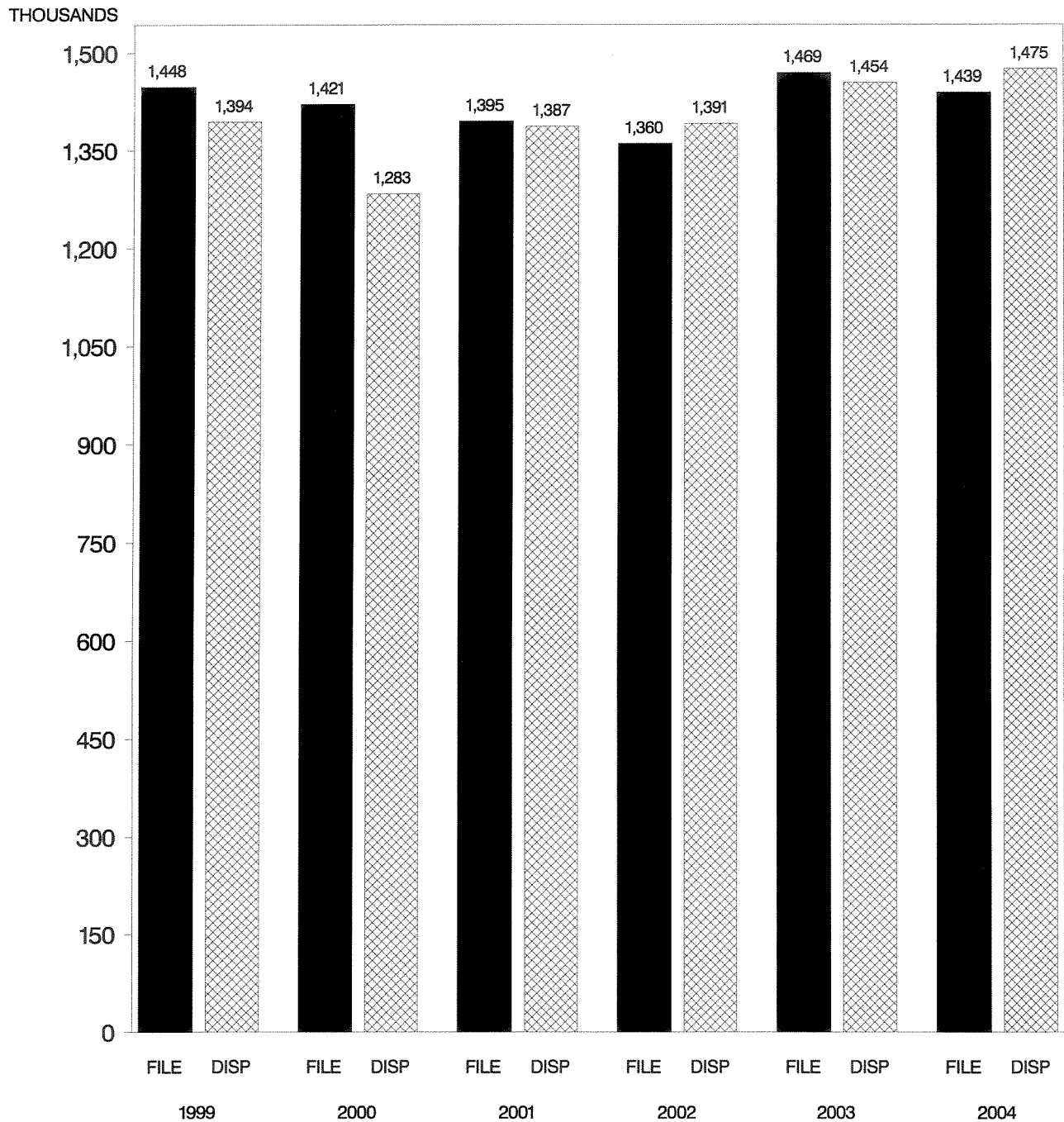
[1] TERMINATIONS INCLUDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS.

OTHER PROCEEDINGS			
	FY 2004	FY 2003	
CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARINGS	21,603	22,194	
INITIAL APPEARANCES	46,339	39,134	
ORDER OF PROTECTION REVIEW HEARINGS	2,296	2,103	
INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT REVIEW HEARINGS	1,786	1,792	
PEACE BOND COMPLAINTS	8	0	
FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS	0	1	
JUVENILE HEARINGS	531	458	
SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED	1,199	913	

MUNICIPAL COURT

ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1999 – 2004

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

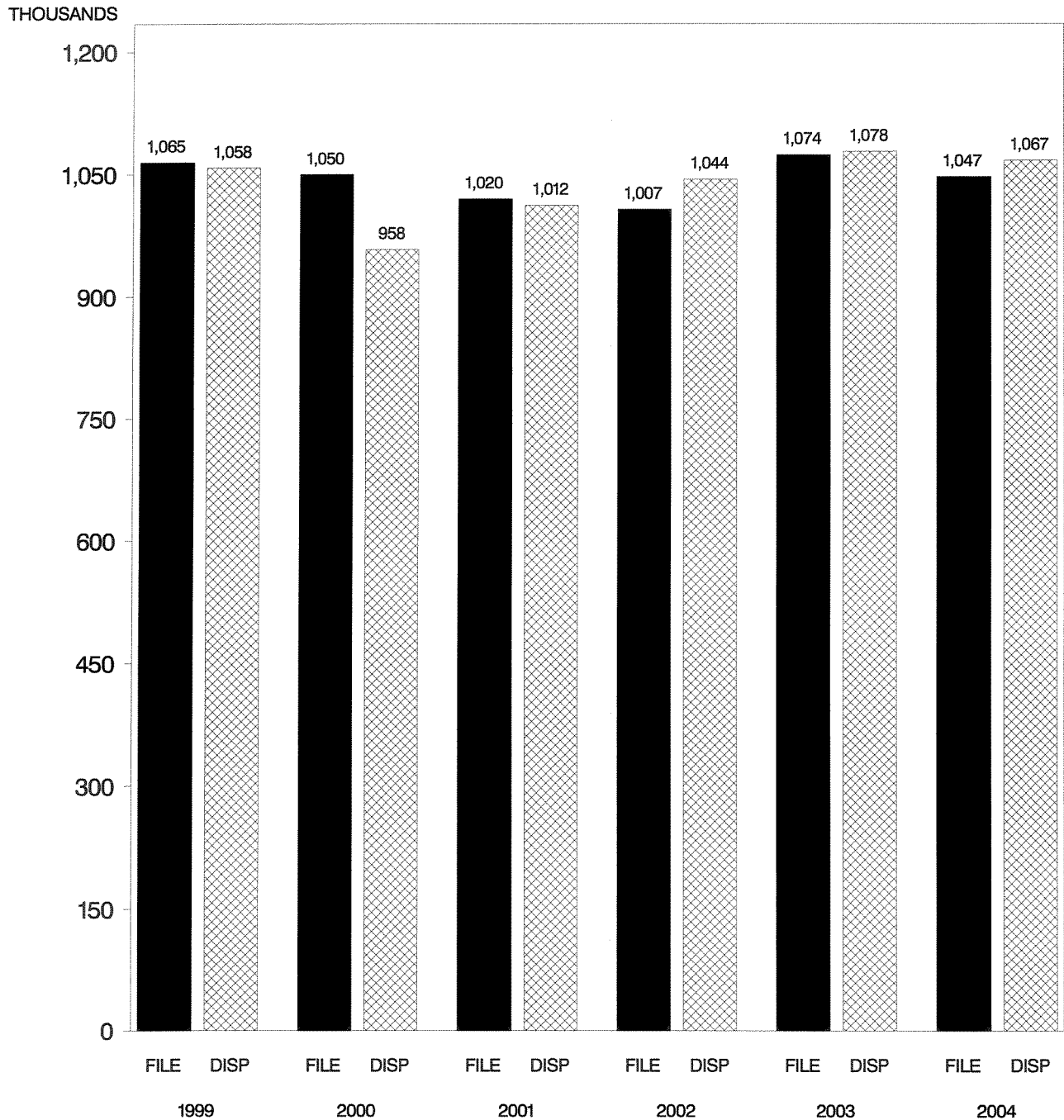


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TRAFFIC CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1999 – 2004

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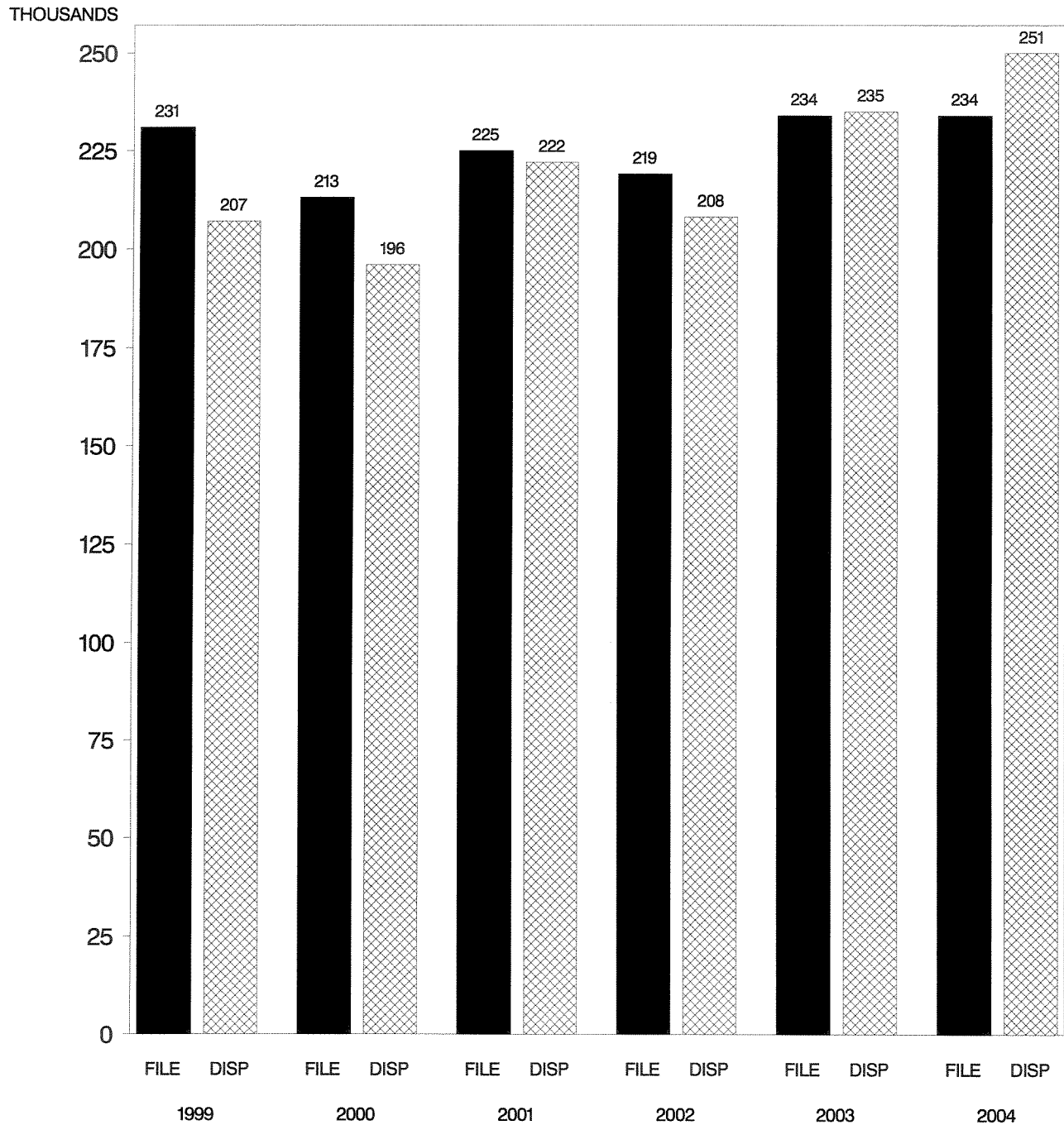


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CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 1999 – 2004

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED



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ORDER OF PROTECTION – HARASSMENT, FY 1999 – 2004

PETITIONS FILED

