

ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY Narrative Summary

Total filings (including transfers in) increased by 0.6% in FY 2006, from 2,537,664 in FY 2005 to 2,551,750 in FY 2006.

Criminal filings increased from 439,593 in FY 2005 to 454,259 in FY 2006, an increase of 3.3%. Civil filings increased 2.0%, from 310,391 in FY 2005 to 316,615 in FY 2006. Traffic filings (applicable only in justice and municipal courts) increased by 0.1%, from 1,583,749 last year to 1,585,153 in FY 2006.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) increased by 4.3% from 2,505,318 in FY 2005 to 2,612,949 in FY 2006.

Orders of protection petitions rose 3.0%, from 32,056 in FY 2005 to 33,014 in FY 2006. Emergency orders of protection were down slightly by 3.7%, from 108 last year to 104 in FY 2006. Injunctions against harassment petitions decreased 2.1%, from 22,577 in FY 2005 to 22,097 in FY 2006.

The total number of trials held in the Arizona courts decreased in FY 2006 by 21.4% from 64,165 last year to 50,435 in FY 2006. The vast majority were court trials in limited jurisdiction courts. During FY 2003, Maricopa Justice Court Administration trained their court staff to count all appearances with a judge relating to forcible detainer cases as a court trial resulting in a sharp increase in court trials from FY2003 to FY2004.

Adults on probation (active standard and intensive) as of June 30, 2006 increased by 7.4%, from 37,230 in FY 2005 to 39,984 in FY 2006. Juveniles on probation experienced a 0.5% increase, from 8,762 in FY 2005 to 8,806 in FY 2006.

There were 765 cases filed (including 9 reopened cases) in the Arizona Tax Court during FY 2006, representing a 24.9% decrease from the 1,019 cases filed in FY 2005. Arizona Tax Court filings are reported in Superior Court "other" category in the statewide totals.

Some of the FY 2005 figures may not correspond to figures published in last year's Data Report due to corrected information received subsequent to publication of the Report. Statistical reports received from courts are checked for mathematical accuracy, but are not audited by the Supreme Court.

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FISCAL YEAR 2006

STATEWIDE TOTALS

CATEGORIES	SUPREME COURT	COURT OF APPEALS	SUPERIOR COURT	JUSTICE COURTS	MUNICIPAL COURTS	TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR 2005 TOTAL [1]
CASE FILINGS:							
CRIMINAL [2]	14	1,580	59,941	155,306	237,418	454,259	439,593
CIVIL [3]	3	1,126	124,263	191,223		316,615	310,391
TRAFFIC [4]				536,874	1,048,279	1,585,153	1,583,749
OTHER [5]	1,239	1,010	25,408	2,038	166,028	195,723	203,931
TOTAL	1,256	3,716	209,612	885,441	1,451,725	2,551,750	2,537,664
CASE DISPOSITIONS:							
CRIMINAL [2]	16	1,902	55,831	162,002	290,481	510,232	444,395
CIVIL [3]	3	1,081	120,840	170,015		291,939	286,615
TRAFFIC [4]				536,822	1,086,817	1,623,639	1,570,064
OTHER [5]	1,212	1,012	23,250	2,416	159,249	187,139	204,244
TOTAL	1,231	3,995	199,921	871,255	1,536,547	2,612,949	2,505,318
TRIALS [6] :							
JURY			1,697	394	762	2,853	2,438
NON-JURY			4,473	38,005	5,104	47,582	61,727
TOTAL			6,170	38,399	5,866	50,435	64,165
POST-CONVICTION RELIEF PETITIONS FILED			2,855			2,855	3,881
POST-CONV RELIEF PETITIONS DISPOSED			2,656			2,656	3,551
ORDER OF PROTECTION PETITIONS FILED			8,826	11,723	12,465	33,014	32,056
ORDERS OF PROTECTION ISSUED			7,718	9,961	9,988	27,667	27,280
EMERGENCY ORDERS OF PROTECTION ISSUED			104			104	108
INJ AGAINST HARASSMENT PETITIONS FILED			2,334	10,803	8,960	22,097	22,577
INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT ISSUED			1,648	8,900	6,328	16,876	16,816

- [1] SOME FIGURES DIFFER FROM THOSE IN THE FY 2005 DATA REPORT DUE TO CORRECTED INFORMATION RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO ITS PUBLICATION.
- [2] CRIMINAL DATA INCLUDE POST-CONVICTION RELIEF CASES IN THE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS, BOTH MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES IN SUPERIOR AND JUSTICE COURTS, MISDEMEANORS IN MUNICIPAL COURTS. MISDEMEANORS INCLUDE ALL FAILURE-TO-APPEAR COMPLAINTS REGARDLESS OF THE ORIGINAL CHARGE.
- [3] CIVIL DATA INCLUDE CIVIL, DOMESTIC RELATIONS, PROBATE, AND MENTAL HEALTH CASES IN SUPERIOR COURT, AND CIVIL, SMALL CLAIMS AND FORCIBLE DETAINER CASES IN JUSTICE COURTS.
- [4] TRAFFIC DATA INCLUDE BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS.
- [5] OTHER DATA INCLUDE PETITIONS FOR REVIEW IN THE SUPREME COURT, ALL CASES EXCEPT CRIMINAL, POST-CONVICTION RELIEF, OR CIVIL APPEALS IN THE SUPREME COURT AND COURT OF APPEALS, JUVENILE AND ARIZONA TAX COURT CASES IN SUPERIOR COURT, AND NON-CRIMINAL LOCAL ORDINANCES IN JUSTICE AND MUNICIPAL COURTS.
- [6] TRIALS INCLUDE CRIMINAL, CIVIL, DOMESTIC RELATIONS, ARIZONA TAX COURT, AND DE NOVO TRIALS ON LIMITED JURISDICTION COURT APPEALS.