

SUPERIOR COURT Narrative Summary

Total filings (including transfers in) were up by 1.6%, from 205,516 in FY 2005 to 208,847 this fiscal year. Superior Court's largest category, criminal filings, experienced an increase of 6.4%, from 56,359 in FY 2005 to 59,941 in FY 2006. The next largest category, domestic relations decreased by 3.5%, from 54,093 in FY 2005 to 52,197 in FY 2006. Civil case filings increased by 0.7%, from 52,885 in FY 2005 to 53,237 in FY 2006. These three categories account for 79.2% of the Superior Court total filings.

Prior to 1996, petitions for orders of protection and injunctions against harassment in Superior Court were reported together under domestic violence petitions. In FY 2006, these petitions together increased by 5.2 %, from 10,609 in FY 2005 to 11,160 in FY 2006. Separately, orders of protection were up by 5.5% from FY 2005 while injunctions against harassment increased by 3.9% in FY 2006. Juvenile delinquent and incorrigible filings decreased, from 19,092 to 18,711 or 2.0%.

Total dispositions (including transfers) were up from 196,318 in FY 2005 to 199,222 in FY 2006, an increase of 1.5%. Domestic relations dispositions experienced a decrease of 1.5%, from 56,104 in FY 2005 to 55,273 in FY 2006. Civil dispositions decreased by 2.6%, from 50,285 in FY 2005 to 48,961 in FY 2006. Criminal dispositions increased in FY 2006, from 52,271 in FY 2005 to 55,831 in FY 2006, an increase of 6.8%. These three categories account for 80.3% of the dispositions in Superior Court.

Total end of year pending cases showed a decrease of 279 or 0.1%, from 218,346 in FY 2005 to 218,067 in FY 2006.

NOTE:

A third page contains information regarding the disposition of criminal defendants and appeals from Limited Jurisdiction Courts.

In 1996, two additional categories were added to the Superior Court report, Adult Adoption, previously reported in the probate category, and Mental Health. In this report, criminal filings and juvenile petition statistics represent the number of persons; all other statistics represent cases.

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.

**ABBREVIATIONS
(Superior Court)**

CRIM	Criminal
DISP	Dispositions
DOC/Dept of Corr.....	Department of Corrections
DJC	Department of Juvenile Corrections
Dom Rel.....	Domestic Relations
Guard/Conser	Guardianship/Conservatorship
Juv.....	Juvenile
L.J. Crt. App.....	Limited Jurisdiction Court Appeals
Med	Medical
MEN. HLTH	Mental Health
Ord. of Protect.....	Order of Protection
Post-Conv. Rel	Post-Conviction Relief
PROB./Prob	Probation
Prosec	Prosecution
Stat. Corr	Statistical Correction
Supv	Supervised
Trans	Transfers
Unsupv	Unsupervised