

COURT ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY Narrative Summary

Total filings (including transfers in) increased by 4.5% in FY 2007, from 2,551,720 in FY 2006 to 2,666,450 in FY 2007.

Criminal filings decreased from 454,375 in FY 2006 to 449,856 in FY 2007, a decrease of 1.0%. Civil filings increased 5.7%, from 315,615 in FY 2006 to 334,741 in FY 2007. Traffic filings (applicable only in justice and municipal courts) increased by 7.8%, from 1,585,102 last year to 1,708,581 in FY 2007.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) increased by 4.6% from 2,612,139 in FY 2006 to 2,732,924 in FY 2007.

Orders of protection petitions rose 0.7%, from 33,009 in FY 2006 to 33,240 in FY 2007. Emergency orders of protection increased 8.7%, from 104 last year to 113 in FY 2007. Injunctions against harassment petitions decreased 0.1%, from 22,078 in FY 2006 to 22,058 in FY 2007.

The total number of trials held in the Arizona courts decreased in FY 2007 by 22.0% from 50,433 last year to 39,355 in FY 2007. The vast majority were court trials in limited jurisdiction courts. During FY 2006, 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 decrease in court trials from FY2006 to FY2007.

There were 916 cases filed (including 60 reopened cases) in the Arizona Tax Court during FY 2007, representing a 13.2% increase from the 765 cases filed in FY 2006. Arizona Tax Court filings are reported in Superior Court category in the statewide totals.

Some of the FY 2006 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.

**ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2007**

STATEWIDE TOTALS							FISCAL YEAR	
CATEGORIES	SUPREME COURT	COURT OF APPEALS	SUPERIOR COURT	JUSTICE COURTS	MUNICIPAL COURTS	TOTAL	2006	TOTAL [1]
CASE FILINGS:								
CRIMINAL [2]	11	1,514	59,601	146,650	242,080	449,856		454,375
CIVIL [3]	11	1,068	127,408	206,254		334,741		316,615
TRAFFIC [4]				561,399	1,147,182	1,708,581		1,585,102
OTHER [5]	1,139	953	25,287	2,363	143,530	173,272		195,628
TOTAL	1,161	3,535	212,296	916,666	1,532,792	2,666,450		2,551,720
CASE DISPOSITIONS:								
CRIMINAL [2]	10	1,629	55,836	139,242	275,243	471,960		510,159
CIVIL [3]	11	1,178	125,752	197,517		324,458		291,939
TRAFFIC [4]				567,827	1,199,647	1,767,474		1,622,972
OTHER [5]	1,221	976	23,033	2,111	141,691	169,032		187,069
TOTAL	1,242	3,783	204,621	906,697	1,616,581	2,732,924		2,612,139
TRIALS [6]:								
JURY			1,909	699	887	3,495		2,853
NON-JURY			4,581	26,414	4,865	35,860		47,580
TOTAL			6,490	27,113	5,752	39,355		50,433
POST-CONVICTION RELIEF PETITIONS FILED			2,359			2,359		2,855
POST-CONV RELIEF PETITIONS DISPOSED			2,428			2,428		2,656
ORDER OF PROTECTION PETITIONS FILED			9,744	11,152	12,344	33,240		33,009
ORDERS OF PROTECTION ISSUED			8,671	9,687	9,792	28,150		27,661
EMERGENCY ORDERS OF PROTECTION ISSUED			113			113		104
INJ AGAINST HARASSMENT PETITIONS FILED			2,196	10,943	8,919	22,058		22,078
INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT ISSUED			1,678	9,057	6,313	17,048		16,875

- [1] SOME FIGURES DIFFER FROM THOSE IN THE FY 2006 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.