

SUPERIOR COURT Narrative Summary

Total filings (including transfers in) were up by 1.2%, from 208,847 in FY 2006 to 211,380 this fiscal year. Superior Court's largest category, criminal filings, experienced a decrease of 0.6%, from 59,941 in FY 2006 to 59,601 in FY 2007. The next largest category, civil filings increased by 9.5%, from 53,237 in FY 2006 to 58,291 in FY 2007. Domestic relations filings decreased by 0.9%, from 53,237 in FY 2006 to 51,720 in FY 2007. These three categories account for 80.2% of the total filings in Superior Court.

Prior to 1996, petitions for orders of protection and injunctions against harassment in Superior Court were reported together under domestic violence petitions. In FY 2007, these petitions together increased by 7.0 %, from 11,160 in FY 2006 to 11,940 in FY 2007. Separately, orders of protection were up by 10.4% from FY 2006 while injunctions against harassment decreased by 5.9% in FY 2007. Juvenile delinquent and incorrigible filings decreased, from 18,711 to 18,599 or 0.6%.

Total dispositions (including transfers) were up from 199,222 in FY 2006 to 203,860 in FY 2007, an increase of 2.3%. Domestic relations dispositions experienced a decrease of 4.9%, from 55,273 in FY 2006 to 52,579 in FY 2007. Civil dispositions increased by 13.2%, from 48,961 in FY 2006 to 55,440 in FY 2007. Criminal dispositions increased slightly in FY 2007, from 55,831 in FY 2006 to 55,836 in FY 2007, an increase of 5 cases. These three categories account for 80.4% of the dispositions in Superior Court.

Total end of year pending cases showed an increase of 3,108 or 1.4%, from 218,067 in FY 2006 to 221,175 in FY 2007.

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 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.