

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS Narrative Summary

Justice of the peace courts hear all types of criminal traffic and civil traffic cases, certain misdemeanor cases and some courts conduct preliminary hearings for felony cases. Civil jurisdiction for this period is limited to cases involving claims less than \$10,000 and small claims cases. Effective January 1, 2014, the small claims jurisdiction in justice courts increased from \$2,500 to \$3,500. Justice Courts issue orders of protection and injunctions prohibiting harassment and also issue search warrants.

Total filings in the justice courts decreased 5.2% from 748,687 in FY 2014 to 709,521 in FY 2015. Beginning with calendar year 2014, all charges for all filing types are counted at the charge level. Prior to calendar year 2014, charges filed by long form complaint were counted at the case level. This change in counting is resulted in some courts reporting a larger volume of felony and criminal traffic cases when compared to previous years. Courts with few or no long form complaints were not impacted by the change in reporting.

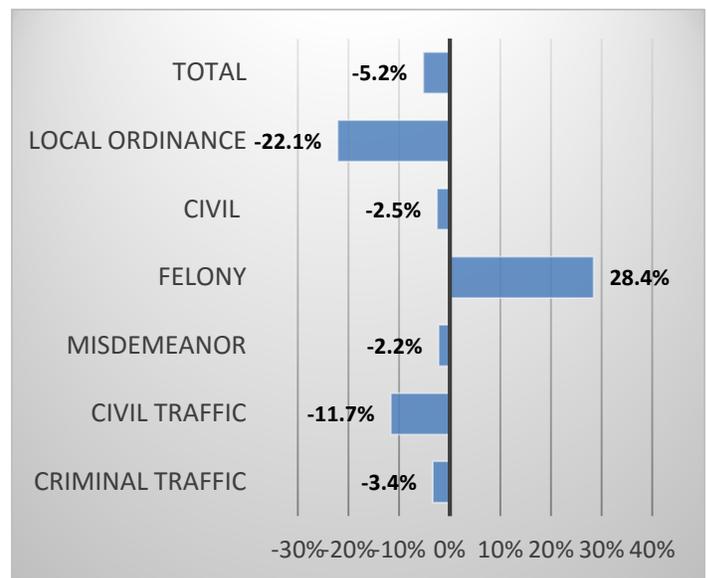
Traffic filings (criminal and civil), which account for 54.4% of the total filings in Justice Courts, decreased from 428,500 in FY 2014 to 385,990 in FY 2015, a decrease of 9.9%. Non-Traffic criminal filings (misdemeanors and felonies) increased 7.1%, from 119,917 last year to 128,474 in FY 2015. Civil filings decreased from 199,294 in FY 2014 to 194,297 this year, a decrease of 2.5%.

Petitions for orders of protection relating to domestic violence decreased this year by 1.2%, from 8,838 in FY 2014 to 8,734 this year. Petitions for injunctions against harassment decreased 1.0%, from 6,341 in FY 2014 to 6,277 in FY 2015.

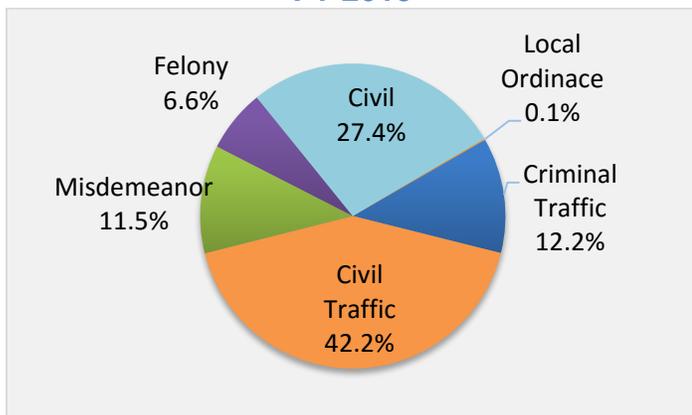
Total dispositions (including transfers out) decreased by 8.0%, from 791,902 last year to 728,560 in FY 2015. Criminal and civil traffic dispositions together decreased by 11.5%, from 448,306 to 396,609. Criminal dispositions (misdemeanors and felonies) increased by 6.4%, from 128,314 in FY 2014 to 136,562 in FY 2015. Civil dispositions decreased by 9.2%, from 214,287 to 194,565.

Total year end pending cases decreased from 640,318 on June 30, 2014 to 630,818 on June 30, 2015, a decrease of 1.5%.

**FILINGS BY CASE TYPE
PERCENT CHANGE FROM FY 2014 TO FY 2015**



**JUSTICE COURT
PROPORTION OF FILINGS BY CASE TYPE
FY 2015**



**JUSTICE COURTS RANKED BY CASES FILED
TOP FIVE COURTS FOR FY 2015**

	COURT NAME, COUNTY	FY 2015 FILINGS
1.	Pima Consolidated, Pima County (8 Precincts Consolidated)	120,021
2.	Apache Junction, Pinal County	18,526
3.	Kingman/Cerbat, Mohave County (2 Precincts Consolidated)	17,199
4.	North Mesa, Maricopa County	16,628
5.	West Mesa, Maricopa County	15,438

ABBREVIATIONS
(Justice of the Peace Courts)

CR TRAF	Criminal Traffic
CV TRAF	Civil Traffic
DISP	Dispositions
DUI	Driving Under the Influence
FTA	Failure-to-Appear
Inj Harassment	Injunction Against Harassment
Misd	Misdemeanor
NC	Non Criminal
Non-Cr Ord	Non-Criminal Local Ordinances
Ord Protection	Order of Protection
Stat Corr	Statistical Correction

JUSTICE COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2015

STATEWIDE TOTAL

ALL CASES ON FILE							
CASE TYPE	PENDING 7/1/2014	CASES FILED			FISCAL YEAR 2014		
		ORIGINAL FILINGS	TRANSFER IN	TOTAL FILED	TOTAL ON FILE	PENDING 7/1/2013	TOTAL FILED
DUI	35,010	19,008	187	19,195	54,205	31,332	19,498
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	4,799	3,157	15	3,172	7,971	4,064	3,514
OTHER TRAFFIC	62,326	64,312	193	64,505	126,831	68,520	66,873
TOTAL CR TRAF	102,135	86,477	395	86,872	189,007	103,916	89,885
TOTAL CV TRAF	105,504	299,051	67	299,118	404,622	104,492	338,615
MISDEMEANOR	180,637	66,952	282	67,234	247,871	161,189	67,733
MISDEMEANOR FTA	32,827	5,794	7	5,801	38,628	33,451	5,935
TRAFFIC FTA	83,949	8,309	5	8,314	92,263	84,500	9,552
TOTAL MISD	297,413	81,055	294	81,349	378,762	279,140	83,220
TOTAL FELONY	39,997	47,117	8	47,125	87,122	21,671	36,697
SMALL CLAIMS	17,351	16,295	65	16,360	33,711	17,869	16,774
FORCIBLE DETAINER	5,972	83,918	63	83,981	89,953	6,115	86,419
OTHER CIVIL	70,826	93,622	334	93,956	164,782	80,979	96,101
TOTAL CIVIL	94,149	193,835	462	194,297	288,446	104,963	199,294
NC PARKING	770	537		537	1,307	759	589
NC NON-PARKING	350	223		223	573	340	387
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	1,120	760		760	1,880	1,099	976
TOTAL	640,318	708,295	1,226	709,521	1,349,839	615,281	748,687
ORD PROTECTION				8,734			8,838
INJ HARASSMENT				6,277			6,341

TRIALS COMMENCED							
CASE TYPE	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR 2014			
				NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC	511	228	739	498	140	638	
MISDEMEANOR	2,335	44	2,379	1,274	43	1,317	
CIVIL	4,196	57	4,253	4,243	50	4,293	
TOTAL	7,042	329	7,371	6,015	233	6,248	

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS - END-OF-YEAR					
TRAFFIC	6/30/2015	6/30/2014	CRIMINAL	6/30/2015	6/30/2014
DUI	20,367	18,296	FELONY	12,144	11,774
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	2,239	2,157	MISDEMEANOR	75,706	72,307
OTHER TRAFFIC	84,555	84,262	SUBTOTAL	87,850	84,081
SUBTOTAL	107,161	104,715			
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS				195,011	188,796

JUSTICE COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2015

STATEWIDE TOTAL (CONTINUED)

ALL CASES TERMINATED							FISCAL YEAR 2014	
CASE TYPE	CASES TERMINATED			STAT CORR	PENDING 6/30/2015	TOTAL TERM	FISCAL YEAR 2014	
	TERMIN- ATIONS	TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL TERM				TOTAL TERM	PENDING 6/30/2014
DUI	19,102	351	19,453	1,888	36,640	19,147	35,010	
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	3,140	54	3,194	-112	4,665	3,398	4,799	
OTHER TRAFFIC	64,189	524	64,713	-3,123	58,995	68,947	62,326	
TOTAL CR TRAF	86,431	929	87,360	-1,347	100,300	91,492	102,135	
TOTAL CV TRAF[1]	308,686	563	309,249	6,156	101,529	356,814	105,504	
MISDEMEANOR	73,561	1,229	74,790	3,257	176,338	77,030	180,637	
MISDEMEANOR FTA	5,692	7	5,699	6,074	39,003	5,645	32,827	
TRAFFIC FTA	8,086	5	8,091	-6,537	77,635	9,782	83,949	
TOTAL MISD	87,339	1,241	88,580	2,794	292,976	92,457	297,413	
TOTAL FELONY	41,531	6,451	47,982	1,291	40,431	35,857	39,997	
SMALL CLAIMS	17,572	72	17,644	71	16,138	18,044	17,351	
FORCIBLE DETAINER	85,145	69	85,214	609	5,348	87,396	5,972	
OTHER CIVIL	91,383	324	91,707	189	73,264	108,847	70,826	
TOTAL CIVIL	194,100	465	194,565	869	94,750	214,287	94,149	
NC PARKING	563		563	11	755	579	770	
NC NON-PARKING	261		261	-235	77	416	350	
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	824		824	-224	832	995	1,120	
TOTAL	718,911	9,649	728,560	9,539	630,818	791,902	640,318	
	ISSUED	DENIED						
ORD PROTECTION	7,709	801	8,510			8,625		
INJ HARASSMENT	4,946	1,051	5,997			6,135		

[1] TERMINATIONS INCLUDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS.

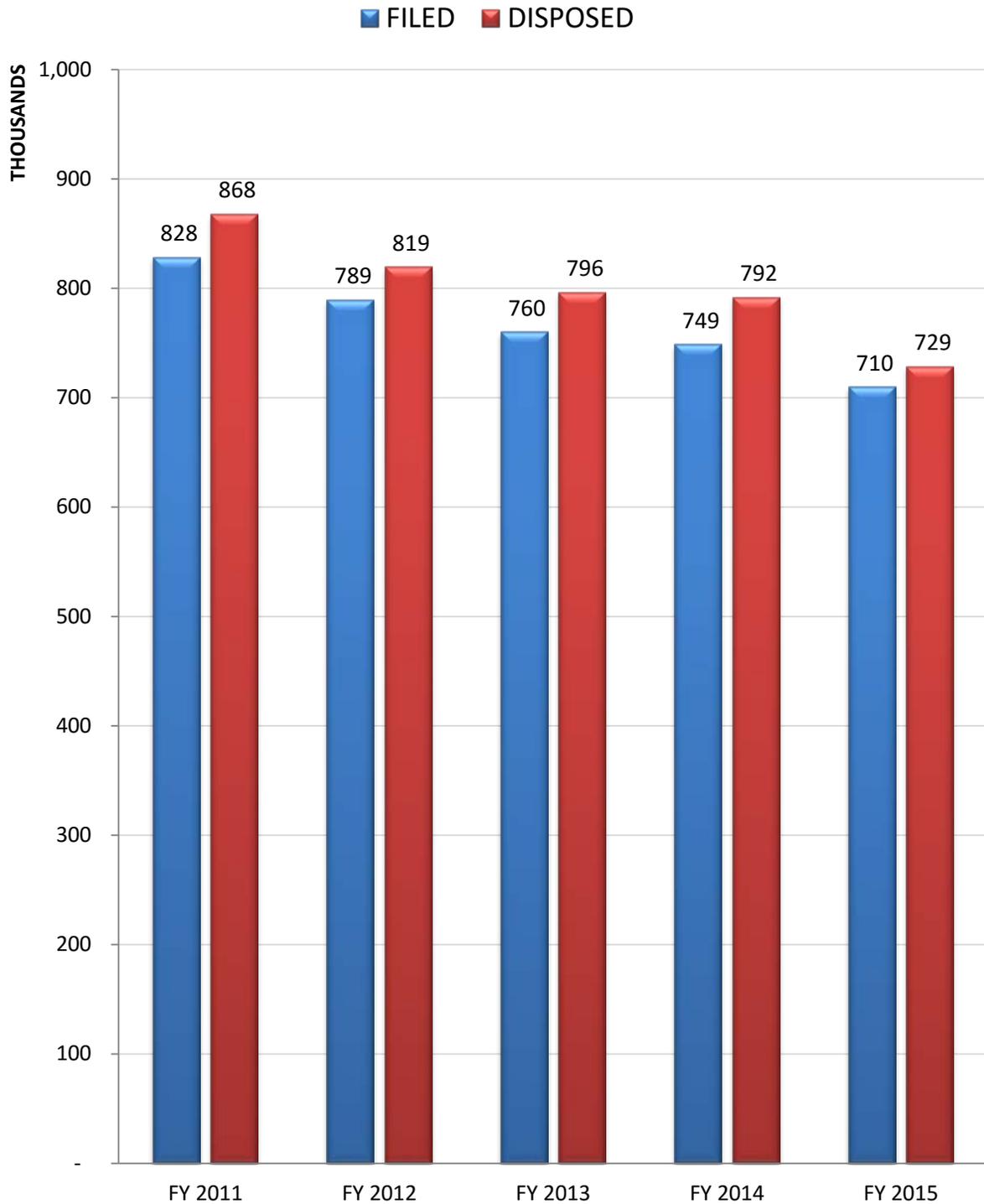
OTHER PROCEEDINGS

	FY 2015	FY 2014
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS/DEFAULTS	3,211	3,284
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS (W/HEARING OFFICER)	434	488
CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARINGS	40,949	40,391
FELONY PRELIMINARY HEARINGS	422	371
INITIAL APPEARANCES	54,758	56,090
ORDER OF PROTECTION REVIEW HEARINGS	2,042	2,265
INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT REVIEW HEARINGS	1,286	1,358
PEACE BOND COMPLAINTS	2	1
FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS	520	404
JUVENILE HEARINGS	302	331
SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED	3,532	3,172

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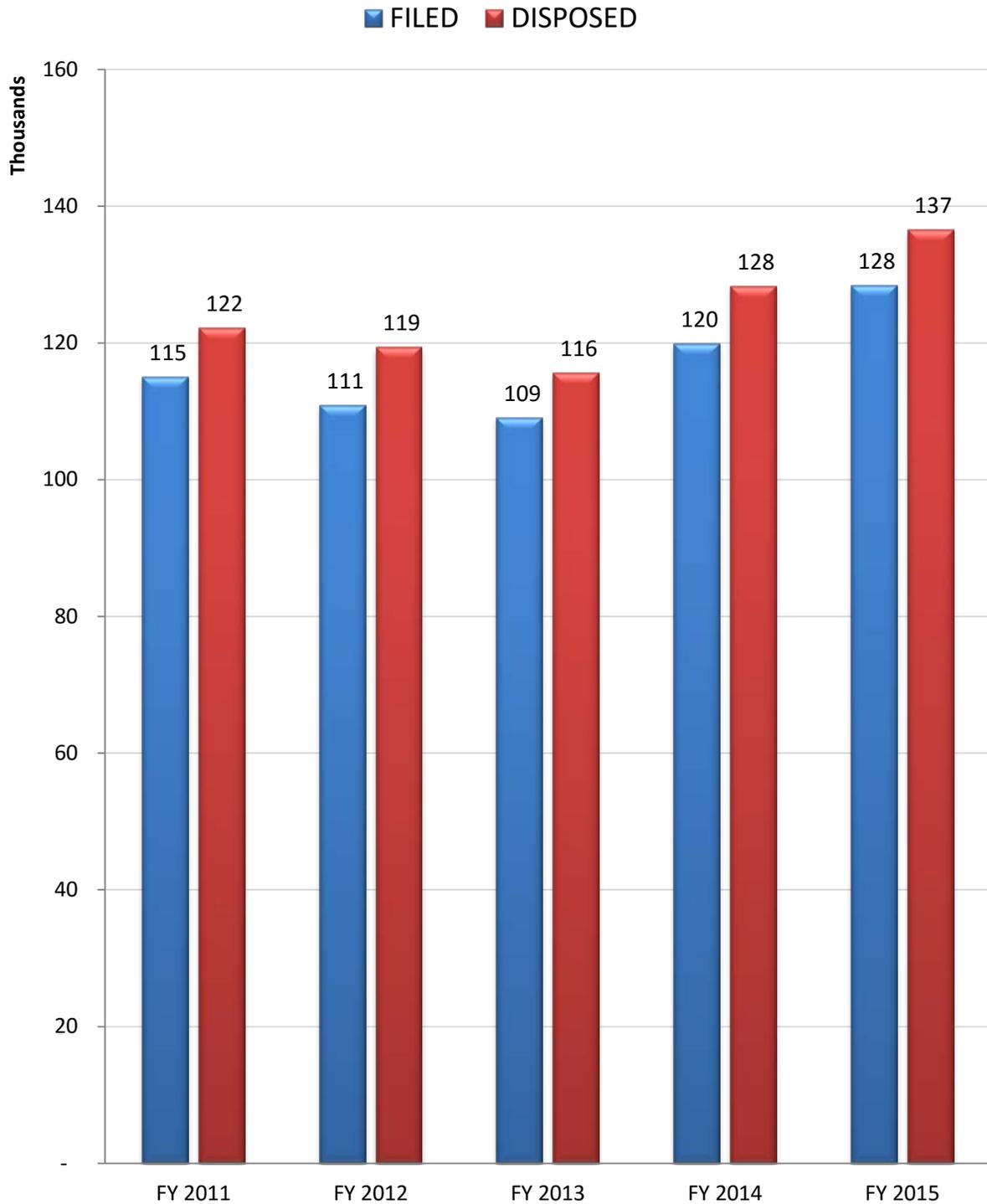
ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2011 - 2015

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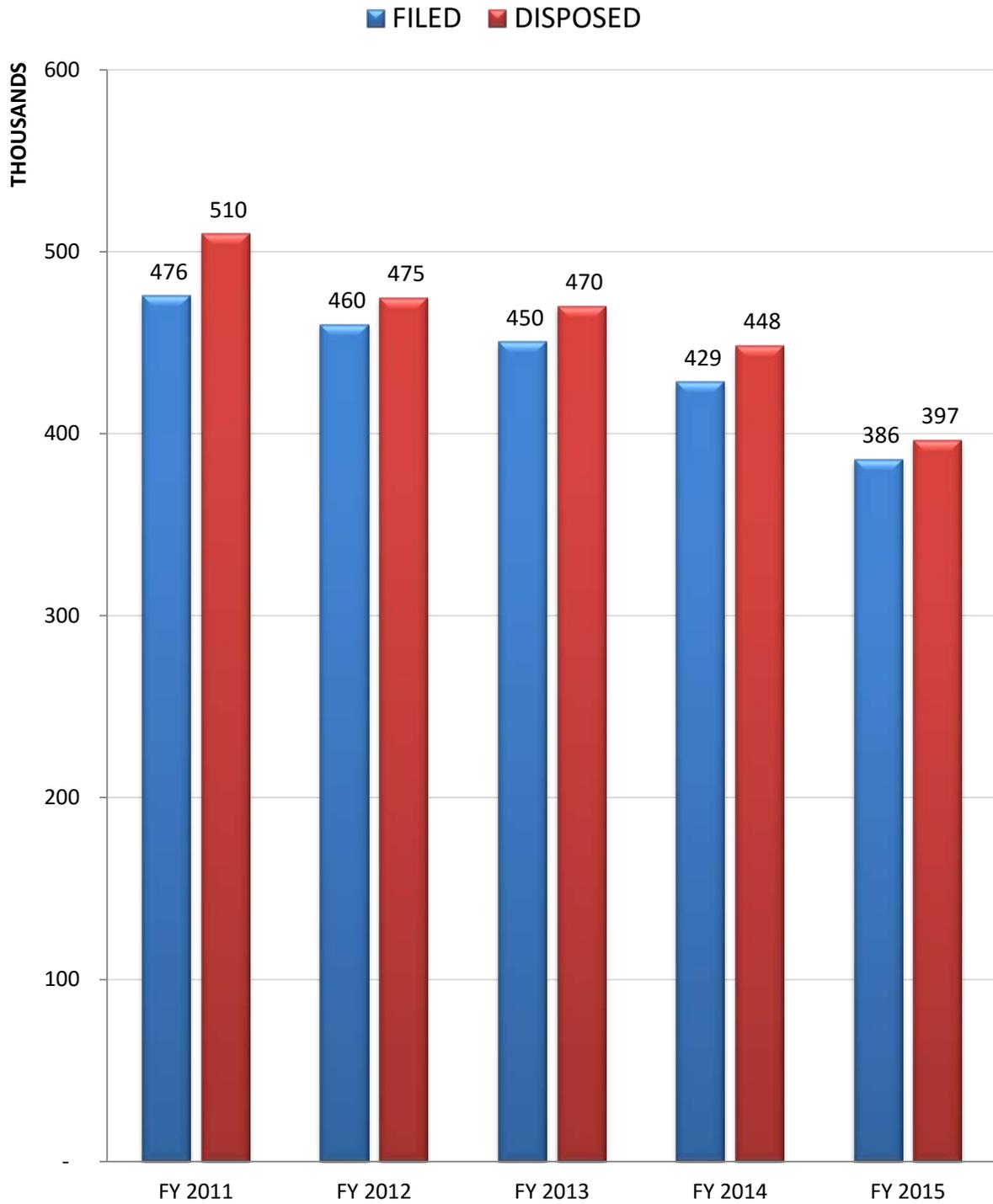
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JUSTICE COURT CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2011 - 2015 CASES FILED AND DISPOSED



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JUSTICE COURT TRAFFIC CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2011 - 2015 CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

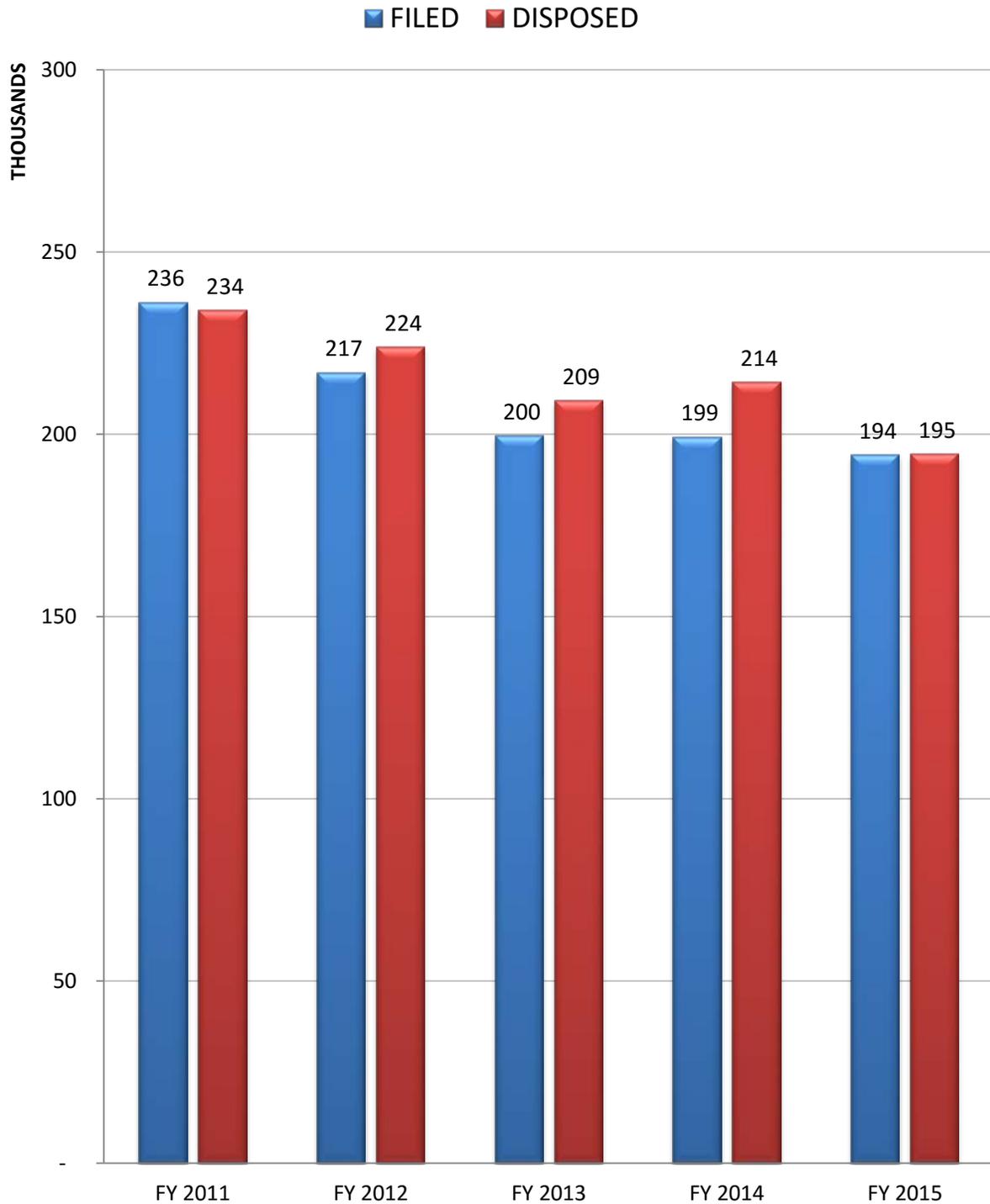


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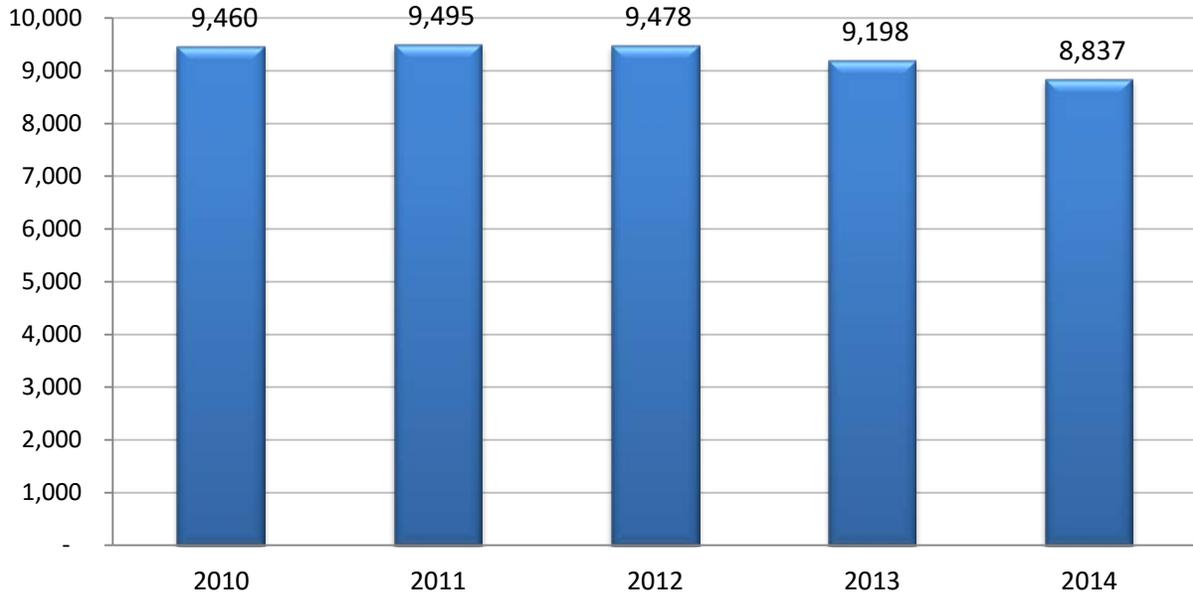
CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2011 - 2015

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED



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**JUSTICE COURT
PETITIONS FOR ORDERS OF PROTECTION
FY 2011 - FY 2015**



**JUSTICE COURT
PETITIONS FOR INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT
FY 2011 - FY 2015**

