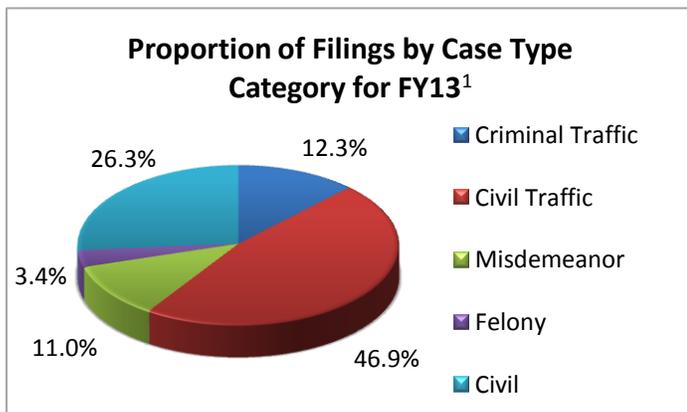


JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS Narrative Summary

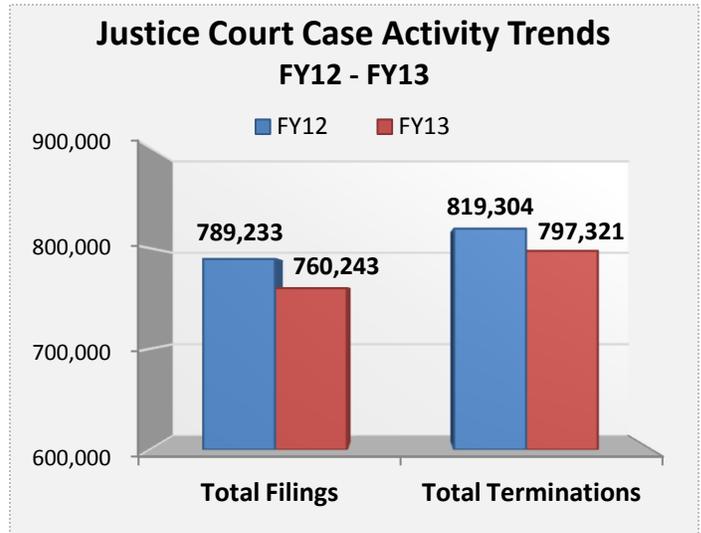
Justice of the peace courts hear all types of criminal traffic and civil traffic cases, certain misdemeanor cases and some courts conduct preliminary hearings for felony cases. Civil jurisdiction for this period is limited to cases involving claims less than \$10,000 and small claims cases less than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

During fiscal year 2013, 760,243 cases were filed into justice courts statewide. Of the total filings, **civil traffic** is the largest category, making up 46.9%, or almost half of the total cases filed. The **civil** case type category, which is second largest, represents 26.3% of the total filings. **Criminal Traffic** and **misdemeanors** make up the next largest categories with 12.3% and 11.0% respectively. The remaining categories include **felony** with 3.4% and **non-criminal** with 0.1%.



From FY12 to FY13, case filings in justice courts decreased by 28,990 filings, or 3.7%. The civil category had the largest numerical decrease over the fiscal year, dropping 8.0% from 216,955 to 199,533. Within the criminal traffic category, Driving under the Influence filings decreased by 3.2%, from 19,570 to 18,939. The only category that had an increase in filings from FY12 to FY13 were felony filings, which increased 23.1%. Civil Traffic, Criminal Traffic and Misdemeanor cases each reported decreases in filings of 1.8%, 3.3% and 7.1% respectively.

Largest Volume Justice Courts in Arizona	
Court Name, County	FY13 Case Filings
Pima Consolidated Justice ² , Pima County	143,379
White Tank Justice, Maricopa County	19,608
Kingman/Cerbat Consolidated, Mohave County	18,995
San Marcos Justice, Maricopa County	17,811
Kyrene Justice, Maricopa County	17,669



Statewide, justice courts **terminated** 797,321 cases during FY13, a 2.7% decrease over the 819,304 cases terminated the previous fiscal year. Terminations decreased across all case types except felony cases, which increased by 13.9% and Civil Traffic, which had no significant change. As of June 30, 2013, 613,431 cases were pending in the justice courts a decrease of 2.2% from the 627,200 pending on July 1, 2012. The caseload clearance rate of 104.9% resulted in a decreased pending caseload of 13,769 cases.

Petitions for orders of protection decreased 3.0%, from 9,478 in FY12 to 9,197 in FY13. Of those petitions filed, 88.3% were issued by the court. Petitions for injunctions against harassment also decreased, from 7,040 in FY12 to 6,668 in FY13, a decrease of 5.3%. Justice Courts issued 80.1% of the injunction against harassment petitions filed. An additional 2,143 order of protection review hearings and 1,228 injunction against harassment review hearings were held during FY13.

Justice of the peace courts held 7,209 **court trials** and 236 **jury trials** during FY13. Of the total trials held, 9.5% were criminal traffic, 19.6% were misdemeanor and 70.9% were civil cases. The courts also issued 3,271 search warrants during FY13.

As of June 30, 2013 a total of 195,208 total **warrants** were outstanding, 106,031 for criminal traffic violations and 89,177 for other criminal violations.

¹ Non-criminal case filings representing 0.1% of the case filings were excluded from the chart.

² Pima Consolidated Justice Court includes eight co-located justice court precincts.

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 2013

STATEWIDE TOTAL

CASE TYPE	ALL CASES ON FILE						FISCAL YEAR 2012	
	PENDING 7/1/2012	CASES FILED			TOTAL ON FILE	TOTAL ON FILE	PENDING 7/1/2011	TOTAL FILED
		ORIGINAL FILINGS	TRANSFER IN	TOTAL FILED				
DUI	30,696	18,729	210	18,939	49,635	31,221	19,570	
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	4,006	3,295	18	3,313	7,319	4,069	3,574	
OTHER TRAFFIC	72,757	71,065	215	71,280	144,037	74,529	73,555	
TOTAL CR TRAF	107,459	93,089	443	93,532	200,991	109,819	96,699	
TOTAL CV TRAF	107,690	356,599	310	356,909	464,599	104,529	363,363	
MISDEMEANOR	160,974	66,835	275	67,110	228,084	160,029	73,387	
MISDEMEANOR FTA	32,865	6,910	4	6,914	39,779	32,504	5,990	
TRAFFIC FTA	85,090	9,489	1	9,490	94,580	84,894	10,485	
TOTAL MISD	278,929	83,234	280	83,514	362,443	277,427	89,862	
TOTAL FELONY	19,898	25,858	1	25,859	45,757	18,876	20,999	
SMALL CLAIMS	18,347	15,943	47	15,990	34,337	20,479	18,347	
FORCIBLE DETAINER	5,665	84,605	85	84,690	90,355	6,572	83,878	
OTHER CIVIL	88,069	98,199	654	98,853	186,922	90,937	114,730	
TOTAL CIVIL	112,081	198,747	786	199,533	311,614	117,988	216,955	
NC PARKING	786	450		450	1,236	721	631	
NC NON-PARKING	357	446		446	803	393	724	
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	1,143	896		896	2,039	1,114	1,355	
TOTAL	627,200	758,423	1,820	760,243	1,387,443	629,753	789,233	
ORD PROTECTION				9,197			9,478	
INJ HARASSMENT				6,668			7,040	

CASE TYPE	TRIALS COMMENCED			FISCAL YEAR 2012		
	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC	547	159	706	568	175	743
MISDEMEANOR	1,435	22	1,457	1,605	23	1,628
CIVIL	5,227	55	5,282	4,914	62	4,976
TOTAL	7,209	236	7,445	7,087	260	7,347

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS - END-OF-YEAR					
TRAFFIC	6/30/2013	6/30/2012	CRIMINAL	6/30/2013	6/30/2012
DUI	18,314	18,164			
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	2,094	2,141	FELONY	12,157	11,952
OTHER TRAFFIC	85,623	85,409	MISDEMEANOR	77,020	77,896
SUBTOTAL	106,031	105,714	SUBTOTAL	89,177	89,848
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS				195,208	195,562

JUSTICE COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2013

STATEWIDE TOTAL (CONTINUED)

ALL CASES TERMINATED								
CASE TYPE	CASES TERMINATED			STAT CORR	PENDING 6/30/2013	FISCAL YEAR 2012		
	TERMIN- ATIONS	TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL TERM			TOTAL TERM	PENDING 6/30/2012	
DUI	18,276	247	18,523	172	31,284	19,889	30,696	
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	3,241	28	3,269	8	4,058	3,626	4,006	
OTHER TRAFFIC	73,417	246	73,663	-1,300	69,074	75,319	72,757	
TOTAL CR TRAF	94,934	521	95,455	-1,120	104,416	98,834	107,459	
 TOTAL CV TRAF [1]	373,272	2,527	375,799	14,967	103,767	375,846	107,690	
MISDEMEANOR	74,343	474	74,817	7,026	160,293	81,111	160,974	
MISDEMEANOR FTA	5,734	5	5,739	-581	33,459	5,359	32,865	
TRAFFIC FTA	9,922	1	9,923	-166	84,491	10,596	85,090	
TOTAL MISD	89,999	480	90,479	6,279	278,243	97,066	278,929	
 TOTAL FELONY	22,740	2,696	25,436	1,140	21,461	22,332	19,898	
SMALL CLAIMS	16,625	77	16,702	183	17,818	21,526	18,347	
FORCIBLE DETAINER	85,131	97	85,228	837	5,964	85,642	5,665	
OTHER CIVIL	106,357	606	106,963	704	80,663	116,735	88,069	
TOTAL CIVIL	208,113	780	208,893	1,724	104,445	223,903	112,081	
NC PARKING	801		801	324	759	558	786	
NC NON-PARKING	458		458	-5	340	765	357	
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	1,259		1,259	319	1,099	1,323	1,143	
 TOTAL	790,317	7,004	797,321	23,309	613,431	819,304	627,200	
	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>DENIED</u>						
ORD PROTECTION	8,122	871	8,993			9,273		
INJ HARASSMENT	5,344	1,106	6,450			6,863		

[1] TERMINATIONS INCLUDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS.

OTHER PROCEEDINGS

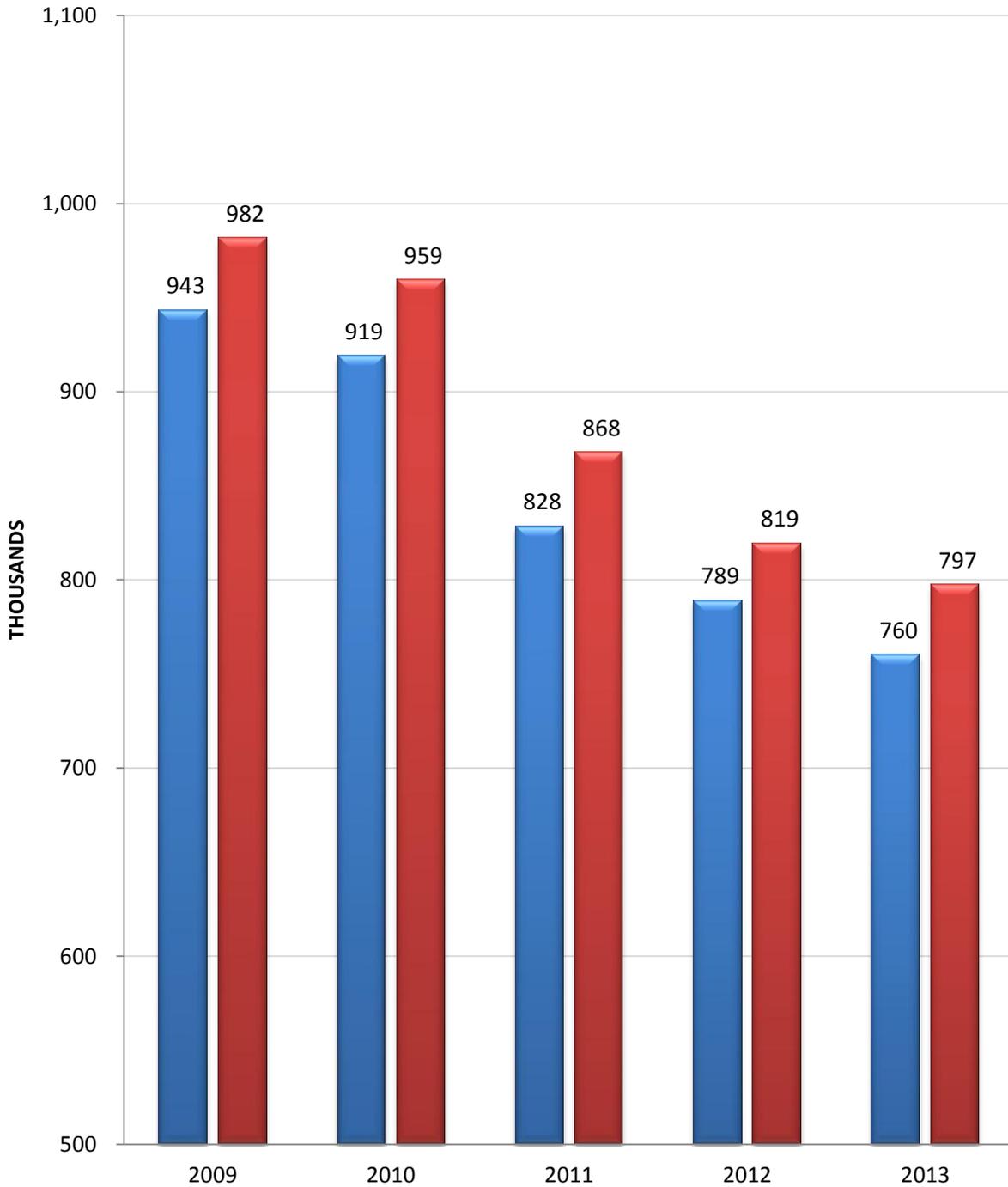
	FY 2013	FY 2012
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS/DEFAULTS	3,303	3,664
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS (W/HEARING OFFICER)	556	516
CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARINGS	41,518	42,687
FELONY PRELIMINARY HEARINGS	390	415
INITIAL APPEARANCES	54,909	55,305
ORDER OF PROTECTION REVIEW HEARINGS	2,143	2,262
INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT REVIEW HEARINGS	1,228	1,382
PEACE BOND COMPLAINTS	2	1
FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS	504	509
JUVENILE HEARINGS	329	356
SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED	3,271	3,244

JUSTICE COURT

ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2009 - 2013

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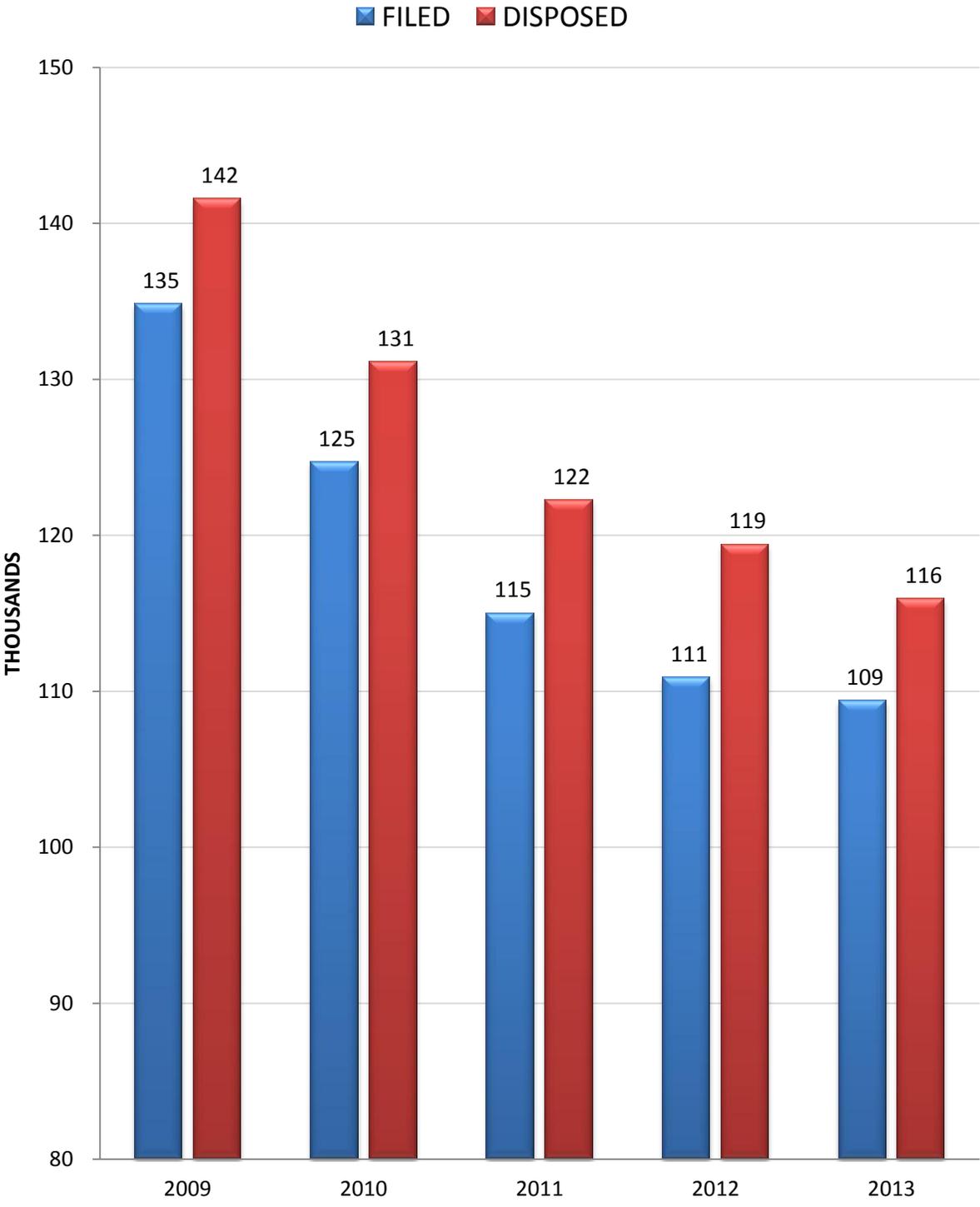


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CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2008 - 2012

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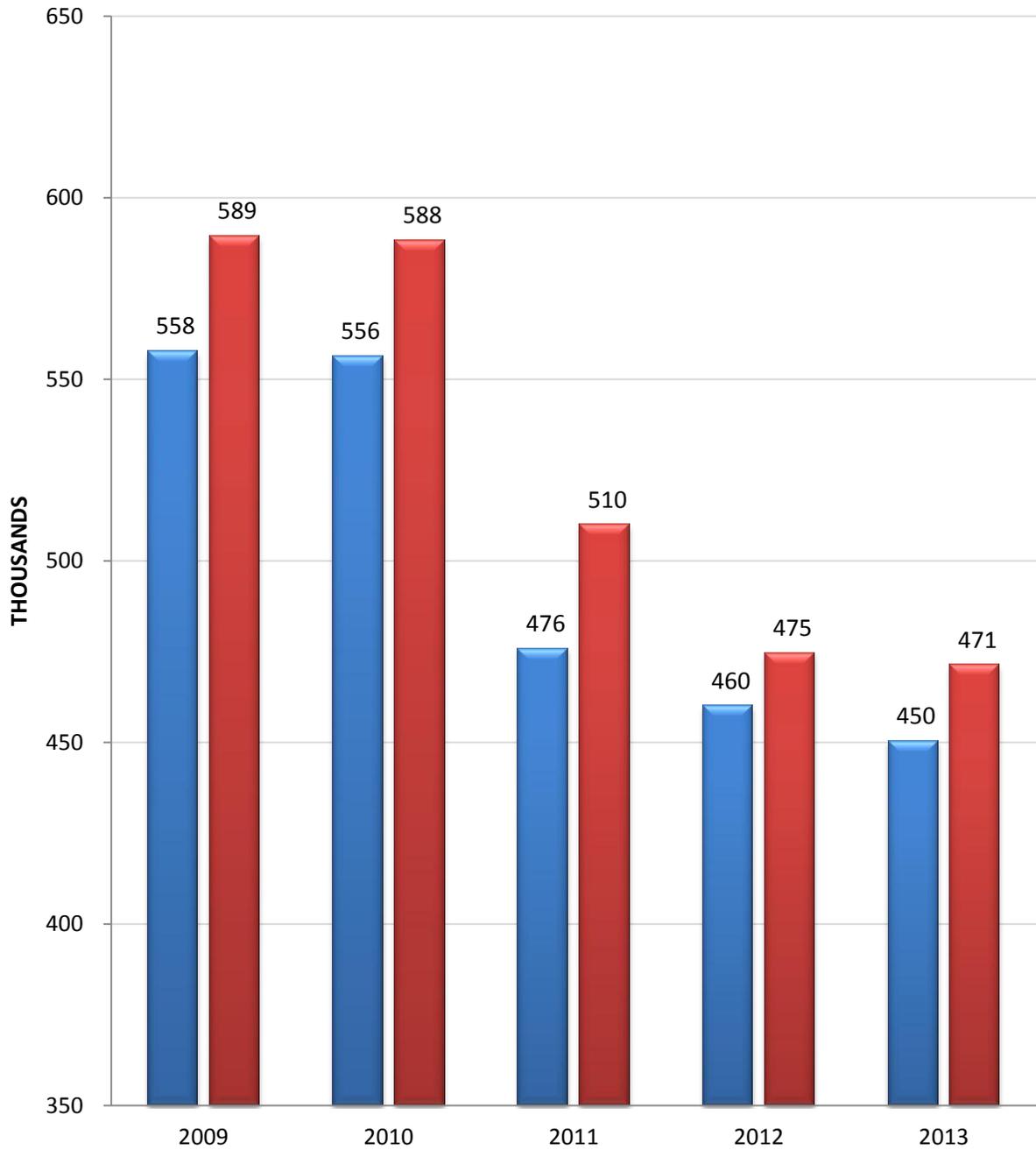
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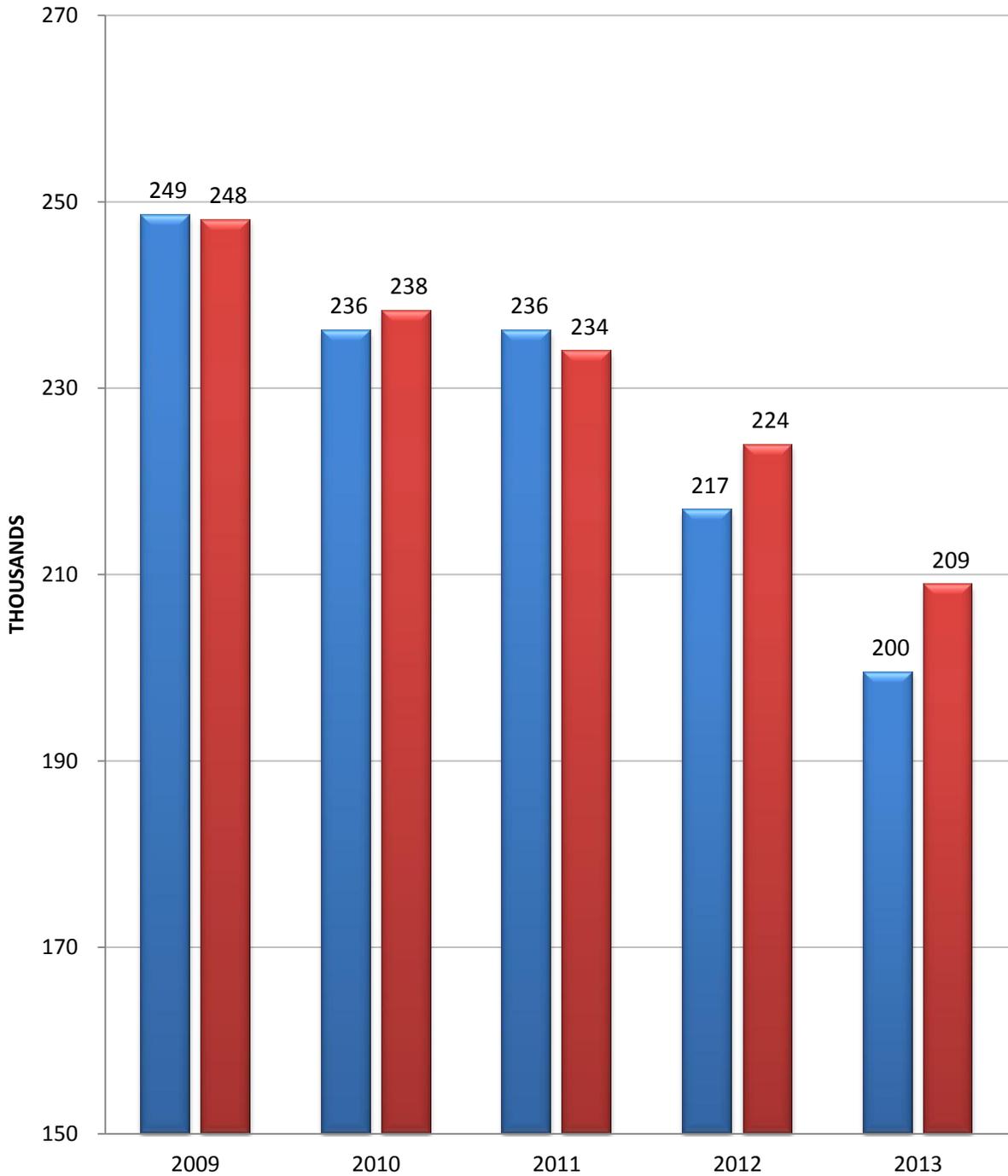
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CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2009 - 2013

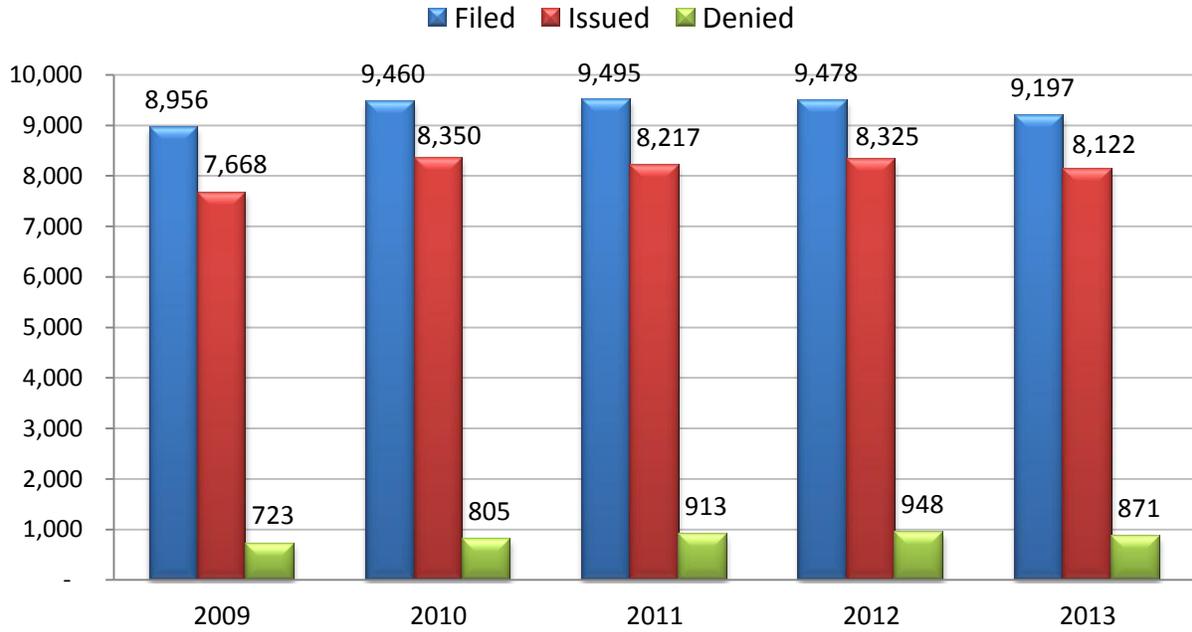
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**JUSTICE COURT
PETITIONS FOR ORDERS OF PROTECTION
FY 2009 - FY 2013**



**JUSTICE COURT
PETITIONS FOR INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT
FY 2009 - FY 2013**

