

COURT ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY

Narrative Summary

Total filings (including transfers in) decreased by 2.4% in FY 2009, from 2,811,723 in FY 2008 to 2,743,517 in FY 2009.

Criminal filings decreased from 446,437 in FY 2008 to 433,095 in FY 2009, a decrease of 3.0%. Civil filings increased 9.3%, from 375,303 in FY 2008 to 410,332 in FY 2009. Traffic filings (applicable only in justice and municipal courts) decreased by 4.5%, from 1,823,839 last year to 1,741,522 in FY 2009.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) increased by 2.6% from 2,853,461 in FY 2008 to 2,927,747 in FY 2009.

Orders of protection petitions increased 3.6%, from 32,334 in FY 2008 to 33,489 in FY 2009. Emergency orders of protection decreased 7.6%, from 79 last year to 73 in FY 2009. Injunctions against harassment petitions increased 2.7%, from 21,725 in FY 2008 to 22,312 in FY 2009.

The total number of trials held in the Arizona courts decreased in FY 2009 by 7.7% from 39,502 last year to 36,466 in FY 2009. The vast majority were court trials in limited jurisdiction courts.

There were 1,989 cases filed (including 38 reopened cases) in the Arizona Tax Court during FY 2009, representing a 72.8% increase from the 1,151 cases filed in FY 2008. Arizona Tax Court filings are reported in Superior Court category in the statewide totals.

Some of the FY 2008 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 2009

STATEWIDE TOTALS

CATEGORIES	SUPREME COURT	COURT OF APPEALS	SUPERIOR COURT	JUSTICE COURTS	MUNICIPAL COURTS	TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR 2008 TOTAL [1]
CASE FILINGS:							
CRIMINAL [2]	10	1,474	57,475	129,146	244,990	433,095	446,437
CIVIL [3]	8	1,001	161,904	247,419		410,332	375,303
TRAFFIC [4]				556,747	1,184,775	1,741,522	1,823,839
OTHER [5]	1,005	1,060	26,477	1,843	128,183	158,568	166,144
TOTAL	1,023	3,535	245,856	935,155	1,557,948	2,743,517	2,811,723
CASE DISPOSITIONS:							
CRIMINAL [2]	10	1,526	60,229	152,437	305,770	519,972	476,754
CIVIL [3]	11	1,032	150,023	240,914		391,980	345,150
TRAFFIC [4]				594,466	1,263,827	1,858,293	1,873,074
OTHER [5]	1,061	1,039	24,435	1,803	129,164	157,502	158,483
TOTAL	1,082	3,597	234,687	989,620	1,698,761	2,927,747	2,853,461
TRIALS [6]:							
JURY			1,792	291	867	2,950	3,047
NON-JURY			5,234	23,105	5,177	33,516	36,455
TOTAL			7,026	23,396	6,044	36,466	39,502
POST-CONVICTION RELIEF PETITIONS FILED			1,875			1,875	2,257
POST-CONV RELIEF PETITIONS DISPOSED			1,989			1,989	2,148
ORDER OF PROTECTION PETITIONS FILED			11,316	9,176	12,997	33,489	32,334
ORDERS OF PROTECTION ISSUED			9,903	8,077	10,122	28,102	26,911
EMERGENCY ORDERS OF PROTECTION ISSUED			73			73	79
INJ AGAINST HARASSMENT PETITIONS FILED			3,522	9,240	9,550	22,312	21,725
INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT ISSUED			3,125	7,965	6,618	17,708	17,168

[1] SOME FIGURES DIFFER FROM THOSE IN THE FY 2008 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.

SUPERIOR COURT
RANKED BY TOTAL CASES FILED
FISCAL YEAR 2009

County ID#	County	Ranked Order	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Terminated
7	MARICOPA	1	160,093	154,531
10	PIMA	2	32,945	31,860
11	PINAL	3	11,575	11,049
13	YAVAPAI	4	8,237	8,614
8	MOHAVE	5	6,287	5,516
14	YUMA	6	6,219	4,831
2	COCHISE	7	4,147	3,300
3	COCONINO	8	3,836	3,649
9	NAVAJO	9	2,957	3,073
12	SANTA CRUZ	10	2,080	1,779
4	GILA	11	2,034	1,698
5	GRAHAM	12	1,541	1,625
1	APACHE	13	867	879
15	LA PAZ	14	718	577
6	GREENLEE	15	331	307

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JUSTICE COURTS
RANKED BY TOTAL CASES FILED
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County	Court ID#	Court Name	Ranked Order	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Terminated
PIMA	1001	PIMA CONSOLIDATED	1	144,232	169,324
MARICOPA	720	SAN TAN	2	29,674	32,741
MARICOPA	703	ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN	3	25,288	21,637
MARICOPA	714	AGUA FRIA	4	24,799	24,795
MARICOPA	715	WEST MESA	5	23,463	24,912
MOHAVE	801	KINGMAN/CERBAT CONSOLIDATED	6	22,918	24,011
MARICOPA	713	UNIVERSITY LAKES	7	22,609	23,266
MARICOPA	710	ARROWHEAD	8	22,294	25,982
MARICOPA	704	SAN MARCOS	9	21,903	22,882
MARICOPA	723	KYRENE	10	21,839	22,439
MARICOPA	716	WEST MCDOWELL	11	21,529	21,454
MARICOPA	705	EAST MESA	12	21,261	23,199
MARICOPA	701	DOWNTOWN	13	19,804	22,347
MARICOPA	724	NORTH VALLEY	14	19,251	18,752
MARICOPA	718	ENCANTO	15	19,045	18,916
PINAL	1107	APACHE JUNCTION(#7)	16	18,699	20,185
COCONINO	301	FLAGSTAFF	17	17,834	22,050
YUMA	1401	YUMA(#1)	18	17,291	19,547
MARICOPA	708	DREAMY DRAW	19	16,025	18,781
MARICOPA	717	HASSAYAMPA	20	15,792	13,959
LA PAZ	1504	QUARTZSITE(#4)	21	15,367	14,542
MARICOPA	712	SOUTH MOUNTAIN	22	15,230	16,935
MARICOPA	721	NORTH MESA	23	14,435	14,968
PINAL	1102	CASA GRANDE(#2)	24	14,016	15,082
COCHISE	205	SIERRA VISTA(#5)	25	13,986	15,307
MARICOPA	709	MOON VALLEY	26	13,744	14,774
MARICOPA	719	MARYVALE	27	13,385	12,666
YAVAPAI	1303	PRESCOTT	28	12,652	11,891
MARICOPA	707	MANISTEE	29	11,790	11,929
YAVAPAI	1301	MAYER	30	11,769	11,494
MARICOPA	711	MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN	31	11,698	12,070
MARICOPA	702	ARCADIA BILTMORE	32	11,395	12,348
YAVAPAI	1302	VERDE VALLEY (CAMP VERDE)	33	11,262	11,353
MOHAVE	802	BULLHEAD CITY	34	10,948	10,861
SANTA CRUZ	1201	NOGALES(#1)	35	10,327	11,634
MARICOPA	726	HIGHLAND	36	9,435	5,672
GILA	403	GLOBE REGIONAL	37	9,223	8,884
YUMA	1403	WELLTON(#3)	38	9,050	8,788
COCHISE	202	DOUGLAS(#2)	39	8,623	10,103
NAVAJO	901	HOLBROOK(#1)	40	8,288	8,383
MOHAVE	804	LAKE HAVASU	41	7,708	8,114

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NAVAJO	903	SNOWFLAKE(#3)	42	7,503	8,085
PINAL	1103	ELOY(#3)	43	7,453	7,252
GILA	404	PAYSON	44	7,167	7,232
MARICOPA	706	IRONWOOD	45	6,945	6,807
PIMA	1007	GREEN VALLEY(#7)	46	6,789	5,690
COCHISE	203	BENSON(#3)	47	6,578	8,169
MARICOPA	725	DESERT RIDGE	48	6,447	4,249
COCHISE	204	WILLCOX(#4)	49	6,094	5,227
COCONINO	302	WILLIAMS	50	5,797	5,653
NAVAJO	902	WINSLOW(#2)	51	5,011	5,603
YAVAPAI	1304	SELIGMAN	52	4,875	4,503
GRAHAM	501	SAFFORD(#1)	53	4,684	4,531
PINAL	1108	MARICOPA(#8)	54	4,585	4,119
NAVAJO	905	SHOW LOW(#5)	55	4,572	5,555
MOHAVE	803	MOCCASIN	56	4,539	5,269
APACHE	103	PUERCO (SANDERS)	57	4,310	4,964
NAVAJO	907	PINETOP/LAKESIDE(#7)	58	4,039	4,242
LA PAZ	1505	SALOME(#5)	59	3,621	4,461
COCHISE	201	BISBEE(#1)	60	3,604	4,188
LA PAZ	1506	PARKER(#3)	61	3,476	3,927
PIMA	1003	AJO(#3)	62	3,435	4,560
PINAL	1101	FLORENCE(#1)	63	3,419	3,639
COCHISE	206	BOWIE(#6)	64	3,401	4,157
YAVAPAI	1307	YARNELL	65	3,039	3,526
YUMA	1402	SOMERTON(#2)	66	3,015	2,557
PINAL	1105	ORACLE(#5)	67	2,987	3,452
APACHE	101	ROUND VALLEY (SPRINGERVILLE)	68	2,858	2,910
PINAL	1106	SUPERIOR(#6)	69	2,423	2,466
COCONINO	305	PAGE	70	1,908	1,907
GRAHAM	502	PIMA (GRAHAM COUNTY #2)	71	1,657	1,851
COCONINO	303	FREDONIA	72	1,453	1,553
GREENLEE	601	CLIFTON(#1)	73	1,290	1,458
APACHE	104	TEEC NOS POS (CHINLE)	74	1,255	1,326
PINAL	1104	MAMMOTH(#4)	75	1,190	1,439
SANTA CRUZ	1202	EAST SANTA CRUZ(#2) (SONOITA)	76	1,184	1,268
GREENLEE	602	DUNCAN(#2)	77	881	878
APACHE	102	ST. JOHNS	78	702	796
YAVAPAI	1306	BAGDAD	79	680	709
NAVAJO	908	KAYENTA(#4)	80	408	465

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MUNICIPAL COURTS
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MARICOPA	741	PHOENIX	1	356,970	359,270
PIMA	1041	TUCSON	2	270,672	326,012
MARICOPA	753	TEMPE	3	154,723	158,300
MARICOPA	745	MESA	4	122,362	125,083
MARICOPA	751	SCOTTSDALE	5	115,323	147,038
MARICOPA	748	CHANDLER	6	49,778	48,169
MARICOPA	747	GLENDALE	7	46,344	55,377
MARICOPA	766	GILBERT	8	37,308	39,005
MARICOPA	750	PEORIA	9	35,788	36,512
YAVAPAI	1347	PRESCOTT VALLEY	10	25,579	28,892
MARICOPA	761	SURPRISE	11	23,737	25,286
MARICOPA	765	PARADISE VALLEY	12	23,031	23,156
COCONINO	341	FLAGSTAFF	13	19,861	21,416
GILA	447	STAR VALLEY	14	19,449	20,386
MARICOPA	760	AVONDALE	15	19,234	20,376
YAVAPAI	1343	PRESCOTT	16	16,914	16,128
YUMA	1441	YUMA	17	16,031	20,783
SANTA CRUZ	1241	NOGALES	18	14,751	15,213
MARICOPA	762	GOODYEAR	19	12,505	12,703
PINAL	1142	CASA GRANDE	20	12,322	12,635
PIMA	1044	MARANA	21	10,483	11,976
PIMA	1045	ORO VALLEY	22	10,390	11,209
MOHAVE	844	LAKE HAVASU	23	9,538	9,784
MOHAVE	842	BULLHEAD CITY	24	9,497	10,010
MARICOPA	743	BUCKEYE	25	8,440	8,184
PINAL	1144	MARICOPA	26	7,700	7,912
PINAL	1149	APACHE JUNCTION	27	5,902	5,796
MARICOPA	759	EL MIRAGE	28	5,360	6,011
MARICOPA	742	FOUNTAIN HILLS	29	4,841	5,172
PIMA	1042	SOUTH TUCSON	30	4,348	11,183
MARICOPA	754	TOLLESON	31	4,319	5,008
MOHAVE	841	KINGMAN	32	4,183	4,390
YUMA	1447	SAN LUIS	33	4,153	5,348
YAVAPAI	1346	SEDONA	34	4,145	4,668
COCHISE	242	DOUGLAS	35	4,115	5,785
MARICOPA	767	CAREFREE	36	4,075	3,962
YUMA	1442	SOMERTON	37	3,884	3,846
MARICOPA	757	WICKENBURG	38	3,392	3,958
PINAL	1143	ELOY	39	3,372	4,037
PIMA	1046	SAHUARITA	40	3,319	4,316
NAVAJO	945	SHOW LOW	41	3,098	3,423
COCONINO	345	PAGE	42	3,019	3,178
GILA	444	PAYSON	43	2,582	2,653

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YAVAPAI	1353	CHINO VALLEY	44	2,545	3,192
PINAL	1148	COOLIDGE	45	2,376	2,316
MARICOPA	763	YOUNGTOWN	46	2,336	2,546
LA PAZ	1541	QUARTZSITE	47	2,144	2,049
YAVAPAI	1342	COTTONWOOD	48	2,120	2,630
NAVAJO	942	WINSLOW	49	1,818	2,030
PINAL	1141	FLORENCE	50	1,782	1,902
MARICOPA	768	CAVE CREEK	51	1,764	1,778
YAVAPAI	1354	CAMP VERDE	52	1,718	2,110
GRAHAM	541	SAFFORD	53	1,629	1,872
GILA	443	GLOBE	54	1,592	1,818
COCHISE	248	HUACHUCA CITY	55	1,509	1,729
LA PAZ	1546	PARKER	56	1,457	1,703
MARICOPA	764	GUADALUPE	57	1,449	1,463
MARICOPA	769	LITCHFIELD PARK	58	1,236	1,547
GRAHAM	546	THATCHER	59	1,087	1,162
COCONINO	342	WILLIAMS	60	1,081	1,211
NAVAJO	949	PINETOP/LAKESIDE	61	1,022	1,086
YAVAPAI	1349	JEROME	62	900	884
APACHE	145	EAGAR	63	864	907
MARICOPA	746	GILA BEND	64	860	805
GILA	441	MIAMI	65	829	1,192
SANTA CRUZ	1242	PATAGONIA	66	804	786
APACHE	141	SPRINGERVILLE	67	786	784
COCONINO	343	FREDONIA	68	495	498
PINAL	1145	MAMMOTH	69	457	505
YAVAPAI	1355	DEWEY-HUMBOLDT	70	447	478
YAVAPAI	1348	CLARKDALE	71	439	446
GREENLEE	641	CLIFTON	72	406	385
GRAHAM	542	PIMA	73	390	394
NAVAJO	941	HOLBROOK	74	368	427
MOHAVE	845	COLORADO CITY	75	352	364
COCHISE	247	TOMBSTONE	76	330	386
APACHE	142	ST. JOHNS	77	319	283
PINAL	1140	SUPERIOR	78	318	292
GILA	446	WINKELMAN	79	313	249
PINAL	1147	KEARNY	80	264	265
YUMA	1443	WELLTON	81	227	283
GILA	442	HAYDEN	82	166	169
COCHISE	245	SIERRA VISTA	83	112	143

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