

## **COURT ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY**

### **Narrative Summary**

Total filings (including transfers in) decreased by 4.9% in FY 2012, from 2,377,259 in FY 2011 to 2,260,389 in FY 2012.

Criminal filings decreased from 382,831 in FY 2011 to 373,106 in FY 2012, a decrease of 2.5%. Civil filings decreased 11.2%, from 401,545 in FY 2011 to 356,493 in FY 2012. Traffic filings (applicable only in justice and municipal courts) decreased by 3.3%, from 1,446,908 last year to 1,398,904 in FY 2012.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) decreased by 7.7% from 2,598,598 in FY 2011 to 2,399,720 in FY 2012.

Orders of protection petitions increased 2.1%, from 34,874 in FY 2011 to 35,622 in FY 2012. Emergency orders of protection were unchanged from FY 2011. Injunctions against harassment petitions decreased 5.1%, from 18,514 in FY 2011 to 17,573 in FY 2012.

The total number of trials held in the Arizona courts increased in FY 2012 by 1.4% from 17,220 last year to 17,468 in FY 2012. The majority (71.0%) were court trials in limited jurisdiction courts.

There were 1,832 cases filed (including 7 reopened cases) in the Arizona Tax Court during FY 2012, representing a 21.4% decrease from the 2,331 cases filed in FY 2011. Arizona Tax Court filings are reported in Superior Court category in the statewide totals.

**Some of the FY 2011 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 2012

STATEWIDE TOTALS

CATEGORIES	SUPREME COURT	COURT OF APPEALS	SUPERIOR COURT	JUSTICE COURTS	MUNICIPAL COURTS	FISCAL YEAR	
						TOTAL	2011 TOTAL [1]
<b>CASE FILINGS:</b>							
CRIMINAL [2]	11	1,256	52,159	110,801	208,879	373,106	382,831
CIVIL [3]	5	1,027	138,507	216,954		356,493	401,545
TRAFFIC [4]				460,190	938,714	1,398,904	1,446,908
OTHER [5]	1,093	1,468	22,516	1,355	105,454	131,886	145,975
TOTAL	1,109	3,751	213,182	789,300	1,253,047	2,260,389	2,377,259
<b>CASE DISPOSITIONS:</b>							
CRIMINAL [2]	13	1,238	52,018	119,391	281,476	454,136	497,799
CIVIL [3]	3	959	142,491	223,823		367,276	406,148
TRAFFIC [4]				474,806	972,346	1,447,152	1,551,495
OTHER [5]	1,064	1,458	20,477	1,323	106,834	131,156	143,156
TOTAL	1,080	3,655	214,986	819,343	1,360,656	2,399,720	2,598,598
<b>TRIALS [6]:</b>							
JURY			1,431	260	752	2,443	2,481
NON-JURY			3,640	7,052	4,333	15,025	14,739
TOTAL			5,071	7,312	5,085	17,468	17,220
POST-CONVICTION RELIEF PETITIONS FILED			1,905			1,905	2,192
POST-CONV RELIEF PETITIONS DISPOSED			2,377			2,377	2,546
ORDER OF PROTECTION PETITIONS FILED			12,856	9,478	13,288	35,622	34,874
ORDERS OF PROTECTION ISSUED			10,730	8,325	10,467	29,522	28,997
EMERGENCY ORDERS OF PROTECTION ISSUED			74			74	74
INJ AGAINST HARASSMENT PETITIONS FILED			2,897	7,040	7,636	17,573	18,514
INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT ISSUED			2,225	5,761	5,056	13,042	13,836

- [1] SOME FIGURES DIFFER FROM THOSE IN THE FY 2011 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 2012

County ID#	County	Ranked Order	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Terminated
7	MARICOPA	1	134,829	139,850
10	PIMA	2	29,154	29,884
11	PINAL	3	10,749	11,268
13	YAVAPAI	4	7,350	6,857
8	MOHAVE	5	6,576	4,957
14	YUMA	6	5,766	5,437
2	COCHISE	7	3,663	3,420
3	COCONINO	8	3,581	3,347
9	NAVAJO	9	3,109	2,528
4	GILA	10	1,816	1,369
12	SANTA CRUZ	11	1,576	1,654
5	GRAHAM	12	1,271	755
1	APACHE	13	980	773
15	LA PAZ	14	596	446
6	GREENLEE	15	334	190

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JUSTICE COURTS  
RANKED BY TOTAL CASES FILED  
FISCAL YEAR 2012

County	Court ID#	Court Name	Ranked Order	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Terminated
PIMA	1001	PIMA CONSOLIDATED	1	141,057	143,551
MARICOPA	703	ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN	2	23,063	21,344
MARICOPA	714	AGUA FRIA	3	19,534	18,272
MOHAVE	801	KINGMAN/CERBAT CONSOLIDATED	4	18,937	20,277
COCONINO	301	FLAGSTAFF	5	17,737	18,598
MARICOPA	715	WEST MESA	6	17,650	18,077
MARICOPA	723	KYRENE	7	17,220	17,143
MARICOPA	704	SAN MARCOS	8	17,141	17,743
MARICOPA	726	HIGHLAND	9	17,132	17,258
MARICOPA	713	UNIVERSITY LAKES	10	16,781	17,013
MARICOPA	716	WEST MCDOWELL	11	16,391	17,653
MARICOPA	710	ARROWHEAD	12	16,281	16,819
MARICOPA	717	HASSAYAMPA	13	15,981	17,417
MARICOPA	720	SAN TAN	14	15,764	15,558
MARICOPA	724	NORTH VALLEY	15	15,572	15,771
PINAL	1107	APACHE JUNCTION(#7)	16	15,237	13,078
MARICOPA	721	NORTH MESA	17	13,670	12,410
YUMA	1401	YUMA(#1)	18	13,492	15,213
PINAL	1102	CASA GRANDE(#2)	19	13,444	13,459
MARICOPA	725	DESERT RIDGE	20	13,001	12,884
COCHISE	205	SIERRA VISTA(#5)	21	12,864	14,260
MARICOPA	718	ENCANTO	22	12,817	12,234
MARICOPA	705	EAST MESA	23	12,676	12,609
MARICOPA	712	SOUTH MOUNTAIN	24	12,554	13,125
MARICOPA	701	DOWNTOWN	25	12,226	11,772
MARICOPA	719	MARYVALE	26	11,193	10,247
YAVAPAI	1303	PRESCOTT	27	10,409	10,543
MARICOPA	708	DREAMY DRAW	28	10,211	10,269
LA PAZ	1504	QUARTZSITE(#4)	29	10,127	9,374
MARICOPA	707	MANISTEE	30	9,700	9,364
PIMA	1007	GREEN VALLEY(#7)	31	9,685	11,273
YAVAPAI	1302	VERDE VALLEY (CAMP VERDE)	32	9,110	10,512
MARICOPA	709	MOON VALLEY	33	8,853	11,378
MOHAVE	802	BULLHEAD CITY	34	8,822	8,130
MARICOPA	702	ARCADIA BILTMORE	35	8,458	8,454
YAVAPAI	1301	MAYER	36	8,405	9,539
SANTA CRUZ	1201	NOGALES(#1)	37	8,398	9,723
MARICOPA	711	MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN	38	8,136	9,776
NAVAJO	901	HOLBROOK(#1)	39	8,084	8,155
NAVAJO	903	SNOWFLAKE(#3)	40	7,916	8,024
PINAL	1103	ELOY(#3)	41	7,384	8,015
COCHISE	206	BOWIE(#6)	42	6,802	8,053

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COCHISE	202	DOUGLAS(#2)	43	6,354	7,091
GILA	403	GLOBE REGIONAL	44	6,083	6,652
MOHAVE	804	LAKE HAVASU	45	5,845	6,126
APACHE	103	PUERCO (SANDERS)	46	5,295	5,964
GILA	404	PAYSON	47	4,870	5,275
COCHISE	203	BENSON(#3)	48	4,819	5,676
COCONINO	302	WILLIAMS	49	4,786	4,690
NAVAJO	902	WINSLOW(#2)	50	4,624	7,613
MARICOPA	706	IRONWOOD	51	4,565	4,380
NAVAJO	905	SHOW LOW(#5)	52	4,512	5,914
YUMA	1402	SOMERTON(#2)	53	4,438	4,388
PINAL	1108	MARICOPA(#8)	54	4,141	4,858
MOHAVE	803	NORTH CANYON	55	4,101	4,359
COCHISE	204	WILLCOX(#4)	56	4,059	3,938
YAVAPAI	1307	YARNELL	57	3,956	3,732
PINAL	1101	FLORENCE(#1)	58	3,744	4,261
NAVAJO	907	PINETOP/LAKESIDE(#7)	59	3,582	3,726
COCHISE	201	BISBEE(#1)	60	3,505	3,102
YUMA	1403	WELLTON(#3)	61	3,150	5,210
GRAHAM	501	SAFFORD(#1)	62	3,087	3,527
APACHE	101	ROUND VALLEY (SPRINGERVILLE)	63	2,835	2,887
PINAL	1105	ORACLE(#5)	64	2,835	3,298
LA PAZ	1505	SALOME(#5)	65	2,771	3,543
YAVAPAI	1304	SELIGMAN	66	2,760	2,837
LA PAZ	1506	PARKER(#3)	67	2,756	2,869
COCONINO	305	PAGE	68	2,233	2,330
PIMA	1003	AJO(#3)	69	2,225	3,161
COCONINO	303	FREDONIA	70	1,612	1,828
PINAL	1106	SUPERIOR(#6)	71	1,551	1,650
GRAHAM	502	PIMA (GRAHAM COUNTY #2)	72	1,356	2,631
APACHE	104	TEEC NOS POS (CHINLE)	73	1,338	1,331
PINAL	1104	MAMMOTH(#4)	74	1,157	1,265
SANTA CRUZ	1202	EAST SANTA CRUZ(#2) (SONOITA)	75	888	948
APACHE	102	ST. JOHNS	76	870	892
YAVAPAI	1306	BAGDAD	77	870	768
GREENLEE	602	DUNCAN(#2)	78	796	1101
GREENLEE	601	CLIFTON(#1)	79	697	789
NAVAJO	908	KAYENTA(#4)	80	319	366

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MUNICIPAL COURTS  
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County	Court ID#	Court Name	Ranked Order	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Terminated
MARICOPA	741	PHOENIX	1	280,070	288,565
PIMA	1041	TUCSON	2	191,833	273,753
MARICOPA	745	MESA	3	126,498	133,453
MARICOPA	751	SCOTTSDALE	4	101,839	100,375
MARICOPA	753	TEMPE	5	76,551	82,126
MARICOPA	759	EL MIRAGE	6	65,059	30,684
MARICOPA	747	GLENDALE	7	33,885	41,075
MARICOPA	748	CHANDLER	8	31,809	34,437
MARICOPA	766	GILBERT	9	25,554	27,724
YAVAPAI	1347	PRESCOTT VALLEY	10	25,246	26,451
GILA	447	STAR VALLEY	11	18,198	15,994
YUMA	1441	YUMA	12	18,092	20,342
COCONINO	341	FLAGSTAFF	13	17,986	20,938
MARICOPA	750	PEORIA	14	17,473	22,207
MARICOPA	761	SURPRISE	15	16,168	18,871
GILA	443	GLOBE	16	15,857	10,136
MARICOPA	765	PARADISE VALLEY	17	14,588	18,973
YAVAPAI	1343	PRESCOTT	18	12,227	11,693
NAVAJO	945	SHOW LOW	19	10,547	11,746
PIMA	1044	MARANA	20	9,916	10,955
PINAL	1142	CASA GRANDE	21	9,507	10,196
MARICOPA	760	AVONDALE	22	9,361	11,071
MOHAVE	844	LAKE HAVASU	23	8,863	8,511
MARICOPA	762	GOODYEAR	24	8,508	9,420
MOHAVE	842	BULLHEAD CITY	25	6,994	6,954
SANTA CRUZ	1241	NOGALES	26	6,759	7,763
MARICOPA	743	BUCKEYE	27	6,356	6,691
PIMA	1045	ORO VALLEY	28	6,161	6,480
YUMA	1447	SAN LUIS	29	5,595	5,792
PIMA	1042	SOUTH TUCSON	30	4,987	6,854
MOHAVE	841	KINGMAN	31	4,927	5,259
PINAL	1144	MARICOPA	32	4,794	4,725
PINAL	1149	APACHE JUNCTION	33	4,356	5,324
COCHISE	242	DOUGLAS	34	4,133	4,319
PINAL	1143	ELOY	35	4,062	4,705
YAVAPAI	1354	CAMP VERDE	36	3,000	3,382
YAVAPAI	1346	SEDONA	37	2,892	3,329
YAVAPAI	1342	COTTONWOOD	38	2,736	2,375
COCONINO	345	PAGE	39	2,734	3,201
MARICOPA	754	TOLLESON	40	2,652	3,690
PIMA	1046	SAHUARITA	41	2,219	2,809
MARICOPA	757	WICKENBURG	42	2,155	2,738
MARICOPA	742	FOUNTAIN HILLS	43	2,074	2,435

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YAVAPAI	1353	CHINO VALLEY	44	1,915	2,158
PINAL	1148	COOLIDGE	45	1,620	2,138
GILA	444	PAYSON	46	1,594	1,812
LA PAZ	1541	QUARTZSITE	47	1,538	1,661
GRAHAM	541	SAFFORD	48	1,423	1,506
YUMA	1442	SOMERTON	49	1,412	1,917
MARICOPA	763	YOUNGTOWN	50	1,201	1,098
PINAL	1141	FLORENCE	51	1,201	1,367
MARICOPA	764	GUADALUPE	52	1,175	1,388
COCHISE	248	HUACHUCA CITY	53	1,052	1,060
SANTA CRUZ	1242	PATAGONIA	54	954	812
MARICOPA	767	CAREFREE	55	940	1,003
MARICOPA	768	CAVE CREEK	56	932	933
LA PAZ	1546	PARKER	57	918	1,093
NAVAJO	949	PINETOP/LAKESIDE	58	775	1,084
COCONINO	342	WILLIAMS	59	750	829
YAVAPAI	1349	JEROME	60	722	787
GRAHAM	546	THATCHER	61	719	847
MARICOPA	769	LITCHFIELD PARK	62	689	873
NAVAJO	942	WINSLOW	63	558	833
PINAL	1140	SUPERIOR	64	546	733
APACHE	145	EAGAR	65	512	678
APACHE	141	SPRINGERVILLE	66	511	576
GREENLEE	641	CLIFTON	67	461	473
COCONINO	343	FREDONIA	68	395	310
NAVAJO	941	HOLBROOK	69	367	475
YAVAPAI	1355	DEWEY-HUMBOLDT	70	355	375
COCHISE	247	TOMBSTONE	71	334	448
YUMA	1443	WELLTON	72	325	406
MOHAVE	845	COLORADO CITY	73	303	316
GILA	441	MIAMI	74	264	359
PINAL	1147	KEARNY	75	258	272
YAVAPAI	1348	CLARKDALE	76	226	268
MARICOPA	746	GILA BEND	77	214	243
APACHE	142	ST. JOHNS	78	202	251
GRAHAM	542	PIMA	79	153	201
GILA	442	HAYDEN	80	129	164
GILA	446	WINKELMAN	81	86	95
COCHISE	245	SIERRA VISTA	82	59	185
PINAL	1145	MAMMOTH	83	38	108

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