

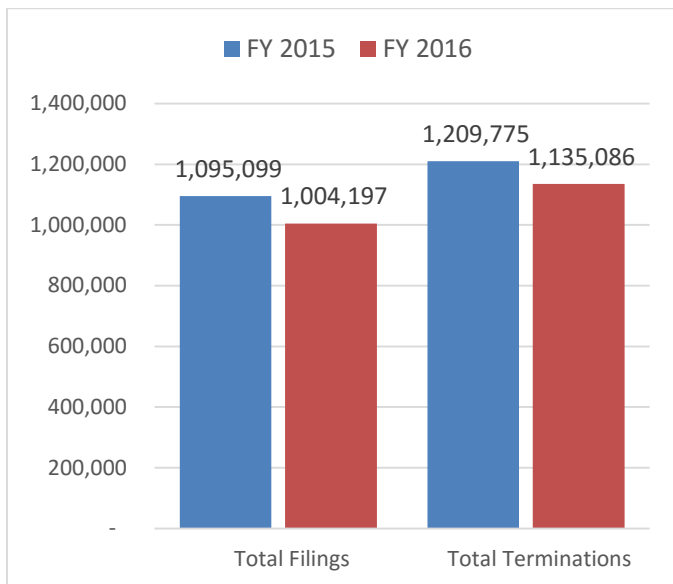
## MUNICIPAL COURTS Narrative Summary

Municipal courts have criminal jurisdiction over misdemeanor crimes and petty offenses committed in their city or municipality. They share jurisdiction with justice courts over violations of state law committed within their city or municipality limits.

Municipal court judges hear misdemeanor criminal traffic cases such as driving under the influence of alcohol, hit-and-run and reckless driving where no serious injuries occur. They hear civil traffic cases, violations of city ordinances and codes, and issue Orders of Protection and Injunctions Prohibiting Harassment. They can also issue search warrants.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) decreased from 1,209,775 last year to 1,135,086 in FY 2016, a decrease of 6.2%. Total traffic dispositions (criminal and civil) decreased by 8.5%, from 853,135 in FY 2015 to 780,675 in FY 2016. Misdemeanor dispositions decreased 9.2%, from 267,969 in FY 2015 to 243,330 in FY 2016.

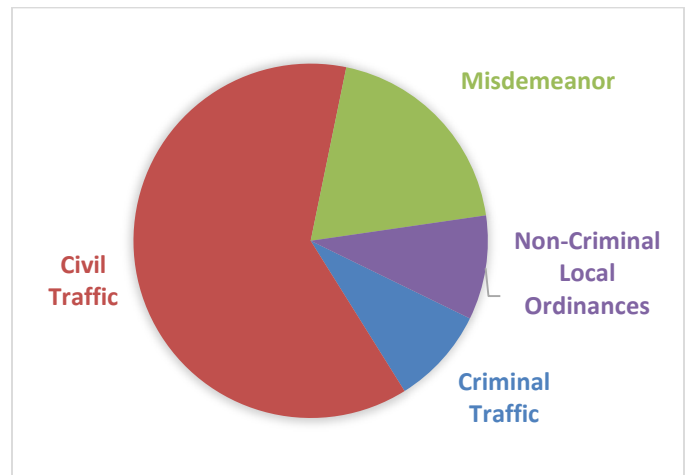
**MUNICIPAL COURT CASE ACTIVITY  
FY 2016 COMPARED TO FY 2015**



Total filings for municipal courts (including transfers in) decreased 8.3%, from 1,095,099 in FY 2015 to 1,004,197 in FY 2016. Traffic filings (criminal and civil), which comprise 71.0% of Municipal Court case activity, decreased by 10.2% from FY 2015 to FY 2016. Within the traffic category, criminal filings decreased by 12.1% and civil traffic filings decreased by 9.9%. Misdemeanor filings (excluding criminal traffic) decreased 7.0% from 210,221 in FY 2015, to 195,600 in FY 2016.

During FY 2016, a total of 13,238 petitions for orders of protection were filed, down 1.8% compared with last fiscal year. Petitions for injunctions against harassment decreased from 7,427 last fiscal year to 6,747 in FY 2016, a decrease of 9.2%.

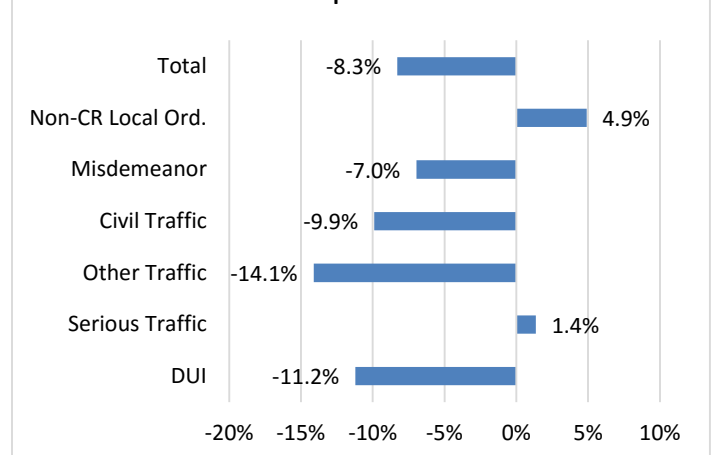
**PORPORTION OF FILINGS BY CASE TYPE  
FY 2016**



The total year end pending caseload decreased 11.5%, from 634,792 at the end of FY 2015 to 561,881 at the end of FY 2016.

Municipal courts held 3,020 trials during FY 2016, including 2,579 court trials and 441 jury trials. Of the total trials held, 70.2% were for misdemeanor cases and 29.8% for criminal traffic cases. An additional 41,532 initial appearances and 14,200 civil traffic hearings were held during FY 2016.

**Percent Change in Filings  
FY 2015 Compared to FY 2016**



**ABBREVIATIONS  
(Municipal 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

MUNICIPAL COURT CASE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2016

STATEWIDE TOTAL

ALL CASES ON FILE [1]

CASE TYPE	PENDING 7/1/2015	CASES FILED			FISCAL YEAR 2015		
		ORIGINAL FILINGS	TRANSFER IN	TOTAL FILED	TOTAL ON FILE	PENDING 7/1/2014	TOTAL FILED
DUI	53,705	38,559	0	38,559	92,264	53,210	43,425
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	4,331	5,190	0	5,190	9,521	3,960	5,120
OTHER TRAFFIC	<u>54,896</u>	<u>45,474</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>45,477</u>	<u>100,373</u>	<u>56,704</u>	<u>52,951</u>
TOTAL CR TRAF	112,932	89,223	3	89,226	202,158	113,874	101,496
TOTAL CV TRAF	174,544	623,756	41	623,797	798,341	161,244	692,270
MISDEMEANOR	152,333	161,346	25	161,371	313,704	146,524	169,823
MISDEMEANOR FTA	38,129	20,136	0	20,136	58,265	33,096	16,899
TRAFFIC FTA	<u>78,595</u>	<u>14,093</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,093</u>	<u>92,688</u>	<u>82,596</u>	<u>23,499</u>
TOTAL MISD	269,057	195,575	25	195,600	464,657	262,216	210,221
NC PARKING	68,021	79,070		79,070	147,091	64,980	71,688
NC NON-PARKING	<u>10,238</u>	<u>16,504</u>		<u>16,504</u>	<u>26,742</u>	<u>9,802</u>	<u>19,424</u>
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	78,259	95,574		95,574	173,833	74,782	91,112
TOTAL	634,792	1,004,128	69	1,004,197	1,638,989	612,116	1,095,099
ORD PROTECTION				13,238			13,484
INJ HARASSMENT				6,747			7,427

TRIALS COMMENCED

CASE TYPE	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR 2015		
				NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC	539	360	899	556	431	987
MISDEMEANOR	2,040	81	2,121	2,046	67	2,113
TOTAL	2,579	441	3,020	2,602	498	3,100

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS - END-OF-YEAR

	6/30/16	6/30/15	CRIMINAL	6/30/16	6/30/15
TRAFFIC	41,018	38,367			
DUI	3,713	3,888			
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	<u>68,468</u>	<u>76,036</u>	MISDEMEANOR	135,273	131,463
OTHER TRAFFIC	113,199	118,291			
SUBTOTAL					
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS				248,472	249,754

MUNICIPAL COURT CASE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2016

STATEWIDE TOTAL (CONTINUED)

ALL CASES TERMINATED [2]

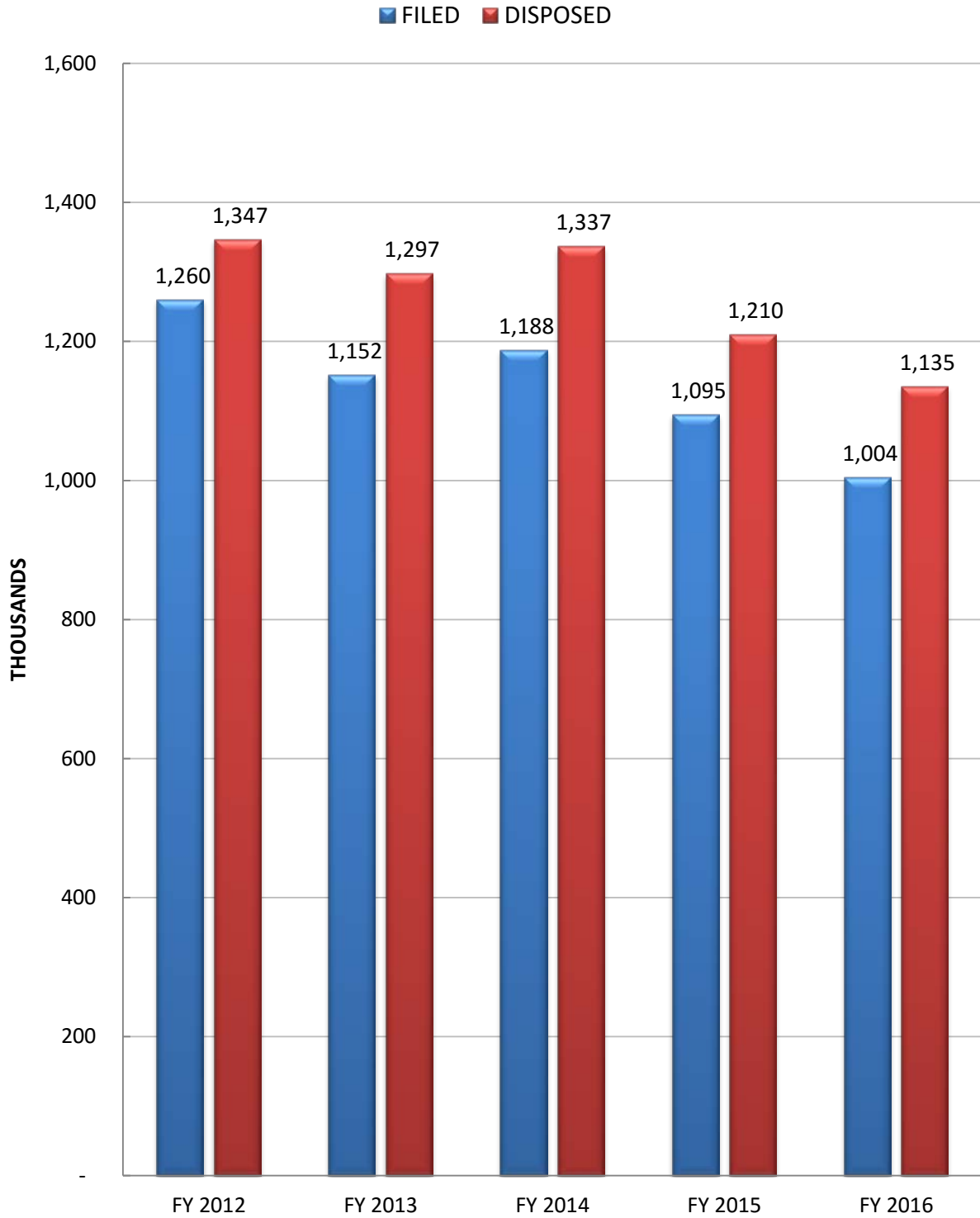
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	TERMIN-ATIONS	TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL TERM			TOTAL TERM	PENDING 6/30/2015
DUI	45,947	30	45,977	921	47,208	48,136	53,705
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	5,781	11	5,792	500	4,229	5,388	4,331
OTHER TRAFFIC	53,924	42	53,966	-338	46,069	55,683	54,896
TOTAL CR TRAF	105,652	83	105,735	1,083	97,506	109,207	112,932
TOTAL CV TRAF[1]	674,797	143	674,940	21,628	145,029	743,928	174,544
MISDEMEANOR	197,308	325	197,633	49,024	165,095	225,795	152,333
MISDEMEANOR FTA	20,770	77	20,847	-7,756	29,662	14,611	38,129
TRAFFIC FTA	24,850	0	24,850	-2,790	65,048	27,563	78,595
TOTAL MISD	242,928	402	243,330	38,478	259,805	267,969	269,057
NC PARKING	94,085		94,085	-2,639	50,367	69,357	68,021
NC NON-PARKING	16,996		16,996	-572	9,174	19,314	10,238
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	111,081		111,081	-3,211	59,541	88,671	78,259
TOTAL	1,134,458	628	1,135,086	57,978	561,881	1,209,775	634,792
	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>DENIED</u>					
ORD PROTECTION	10,761	1,846	12,607			12,775	
INJ HARASSMENT	4,539	1,799	6,338			6,612	

[1] TERMINATIONS INCLUDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS.

OTHER PROCEEDINGS

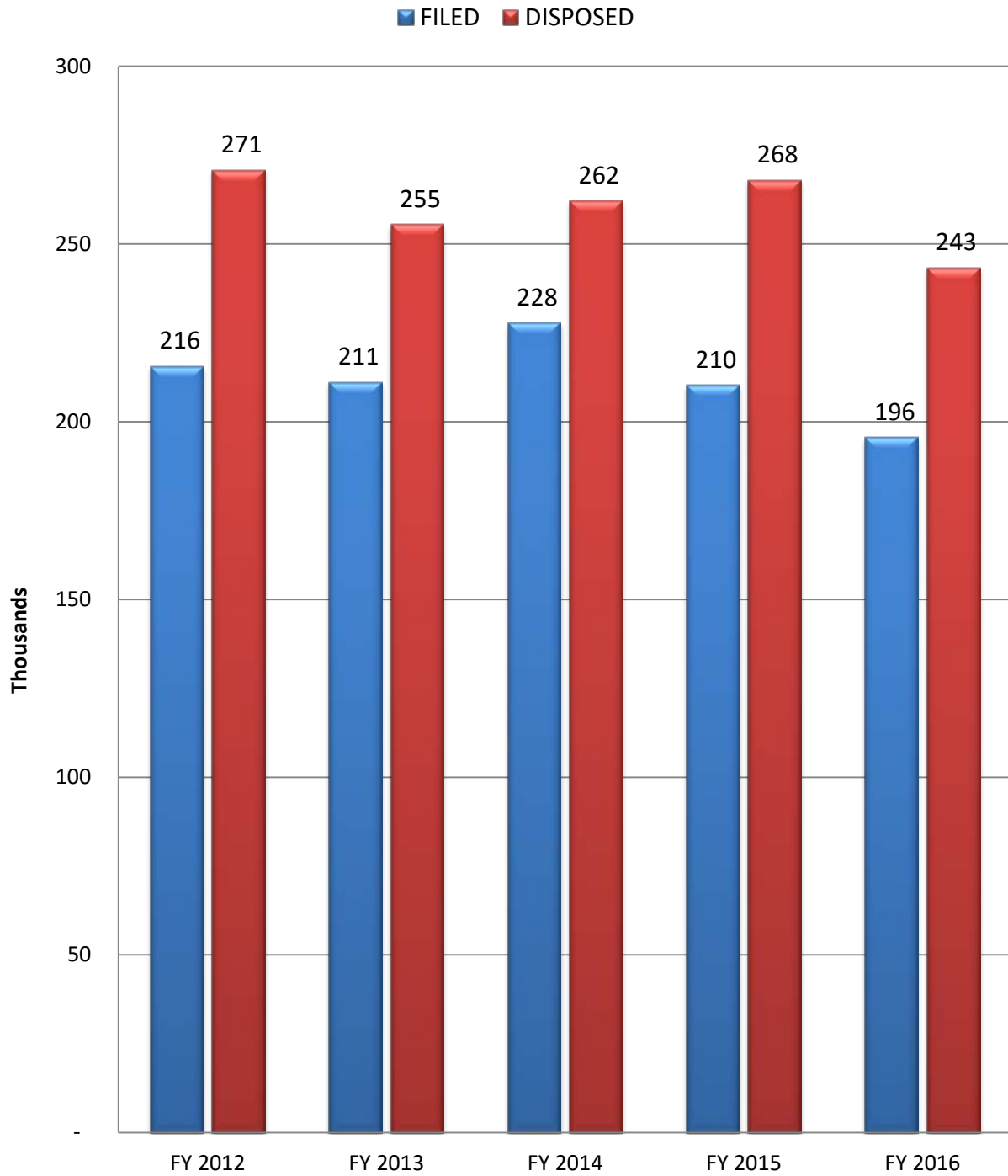
	FY 2016	FY 2015
CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARINGS	14,200	16,884
INITIAL APPEARANCES	41,532	39,731
ORDER OF PROTECTION REVIEW HEARINGS	3,806	3,699
INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT REVIEW HEARINGS	1,831	1,681
PEACE BOND COMPLAINTS	0	0
FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS	0	0
JUVENILE HEARINGS	338	392
SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED	1,782	1,722

**MUNICIPAL COURT  
ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2012 - 2016  
CASES FILED AND DISPOSED**



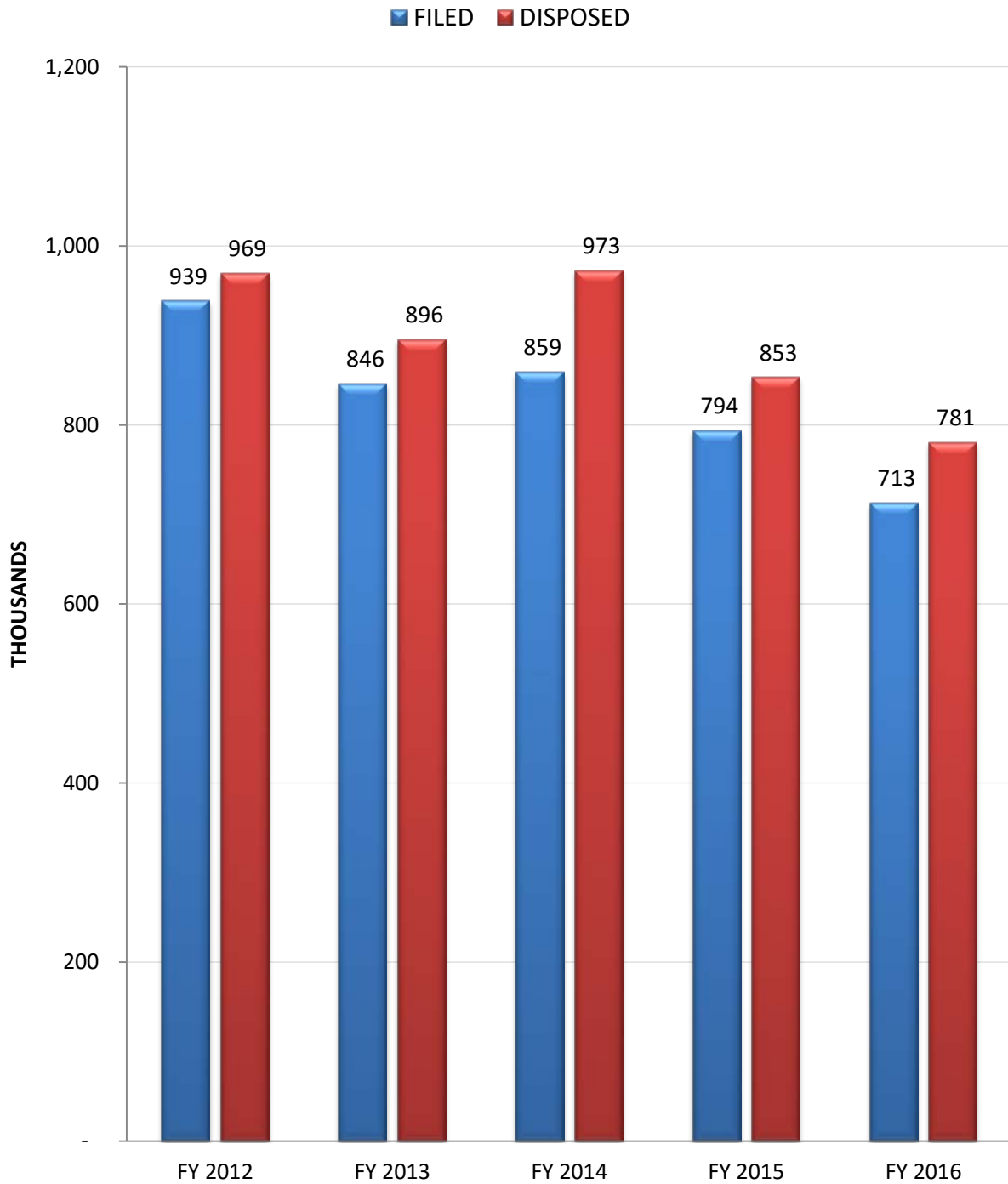
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**MUNICIPAL COURT  
CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2012 - FY 2016  
CASES FILED AND DISPOSED**



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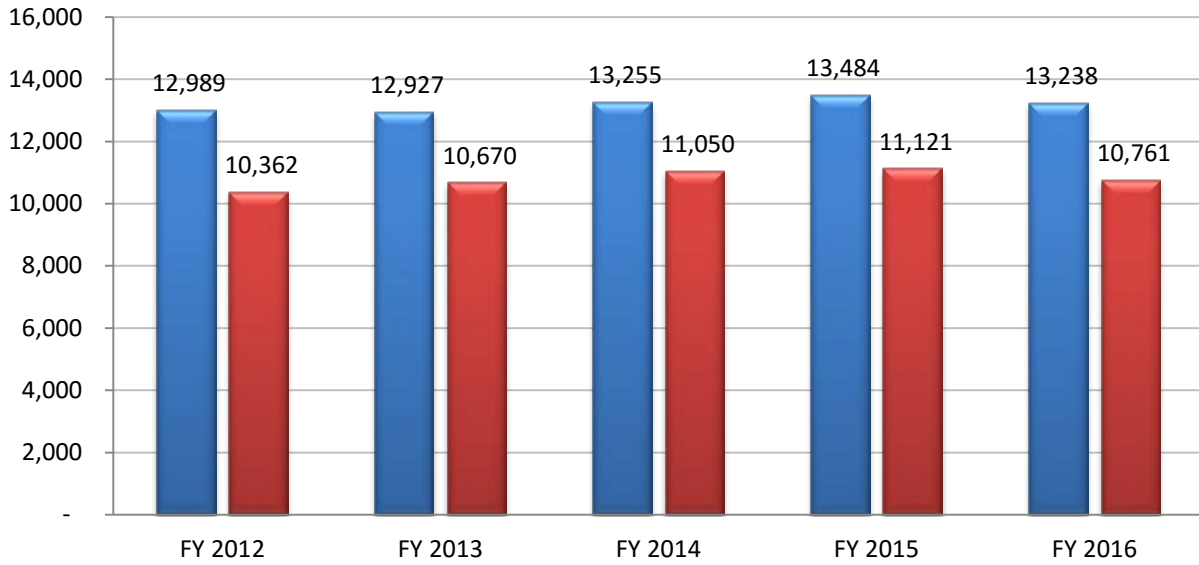
**MUNICIPAL COURT  
TRAFFIC CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2012 - 2016  
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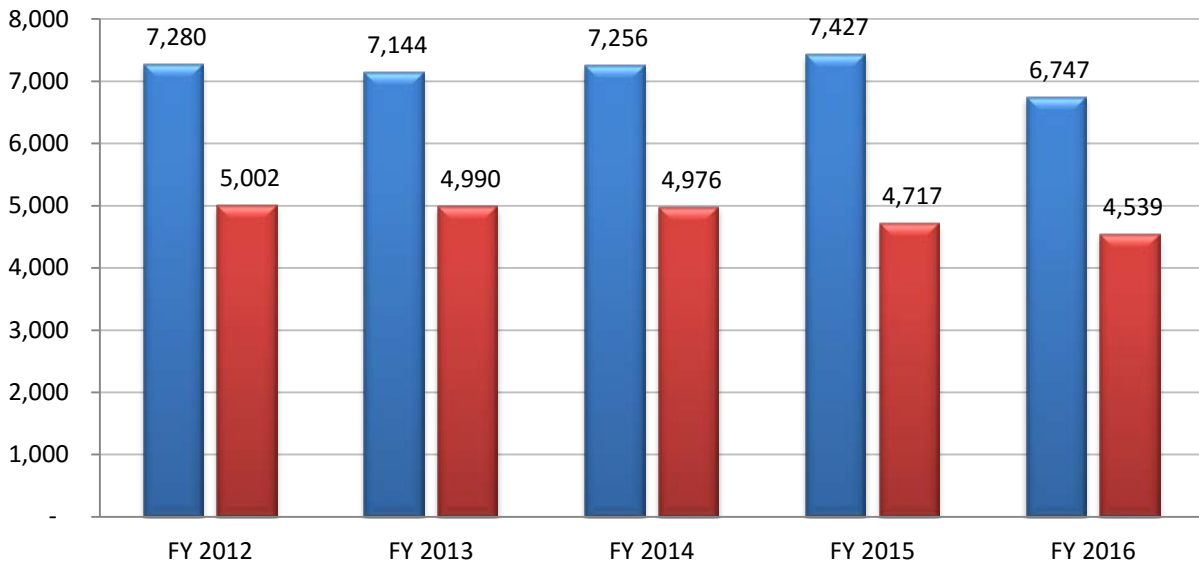
**MUNICIPAL COURT  
PETITIONS FOR ORDERS OF PROTECTION  
FY 2012 - FY 2016**

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**MUNICIPAL COURT  
PETITIONS FOR INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT  
FY 2012 - FY 2016**

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