

COURT ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY

Narrative Summary

State Fiscal Year 2019

Statewide fiscal year (FY) 2019 statistics across all court levels – Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Superior Court and limited jurisdiction courts – are summarized for case filings, dispositions and protective orders.

Case Filings

Case filings in Arizona’s courts slightly decreased by 1.9%, from 1,903,307 in FY 2018 to 1,867,077 in FY 2019. During the same period traffic filings decreased by 37,259 filings or 3.5%. Civil filings slightly increased this year, up from 359,454 in FY 2018 to 363,111 in FY 2019, an increase of 1.0%. The category for “Other” filings which includes various appellate cases, local non-criminal violations in the limited jurisdiction courts and other miscellaneous filings, increased by 4.8%.

Appellate court filings decrease during FY 2019, by 2.9%, while Superior Court filings increased by 3.3%. Filings in the limited jurisdiction courts slightly decreased by 2.4% from last fiscal year, justice court filings decreased 2.3% while municipal court filings decreased 2.5% during the same period.

Dispositions

Total case dispositions (including transfers out) had little change from 1,997,199 in FY 2018 to 1,991,763 in FY 2019. Criminal dispositions decreased by 4.4%, while civil dispositions increased by 6.4%. Traffic dispositions slightly decreased by 1.5%.

Protective Orders

Petition for orders of protection decreased from 35,748 in FY 2018 to 34,357 in FY 2019, a decrease of 3.9%. In addition, 15,808 petitions for injunctions against harassment were filed statewide during FY 2019, down 1106 filings.

Figure 1
Filings and Terminations FY 2019 Compared to FY 2018

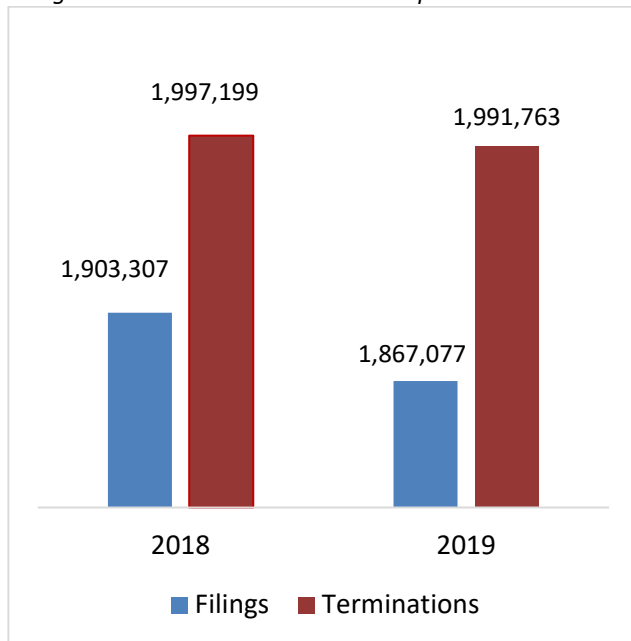
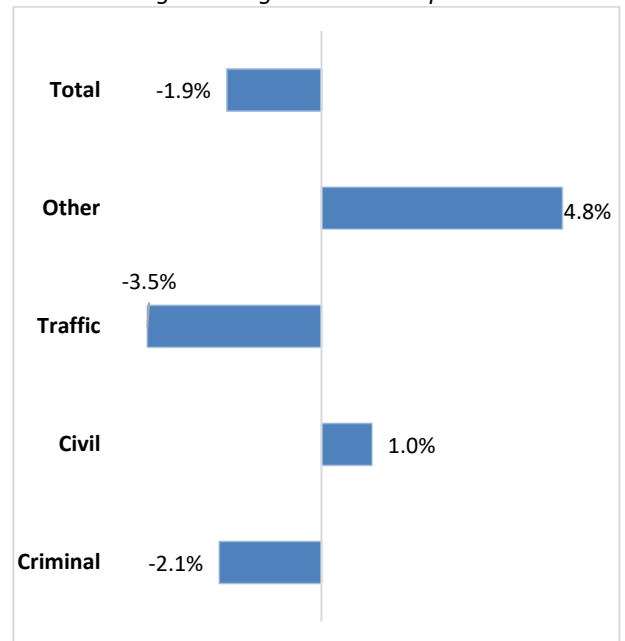


Figure 2
Percent Change in Filings FY 2019 Compared to FY 2018



Note. Some of the FY 2018 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. v200630

**ARIZONA SUPREME COURT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
COURT SERVICES DIVISION**

Annual Case Activity Summary State Fiscal Year 2019							
Categories	2019						2018 Total [1]
	Supreme Court	Court of Appeals	Superior Court	Justice Courts	Municipal Courts	Total	
Case Filings							
Criminal[2]	1	723	54,765	121,979	190,992	368,460	376,193
Civil[3]	10	2,977	126,524	233,600		363,111	359,454
Traffic[4]				382,237	642,901	1,025,138	1,062,397
Other[5]	1,095		13,954	949	94,370	110,368	105,263
Total	1,106	3,700	195,243	738,765	928,263	1,867,077	1,903,307
Case Dispositions							
Criminal[2]	5	779	51,713	129,599	194,634	376,730	393,897
Civil[3]	13	3,138	131,401	245,081	0	379,633	356,953
Traffic[4]				419,577	703,738	1,123,315	1,139,945
Other[5]	1,226		13,241	989	96,629	112,085	106,404
Total	1,244	3,917	196,355	795,246	995,001	1,991,763	1,997,199
Order of Protection Petitions / Emergency Order of Protection Petitions							
Petitions Filed			12,214	8,664	13,479	34,357	35,748
Petitions Disposed			12,100	8,515	13,499	34,114	35,902
Injunctions Against Harassment							
Petitions Filed			3,469	5,867	6,472	15,808	16,914
Petitions Disposed			3,569	5,694	6,473	15,736	16,734

NOTES.

- [1] SOME FIGURES DIFFER FROM THOSE IN THE FY 2018 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, AND 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.