



Arizona Judiciary Annual Report Fiscal Year 2018

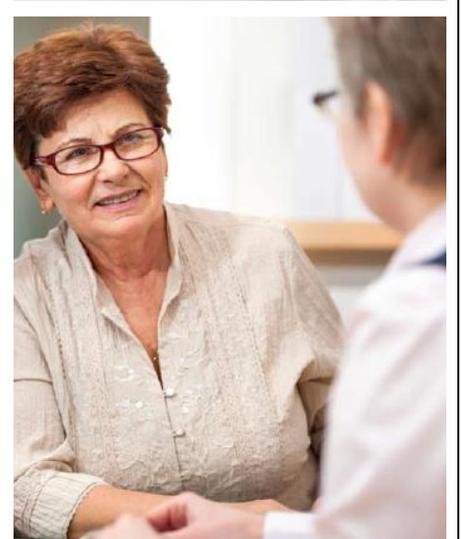
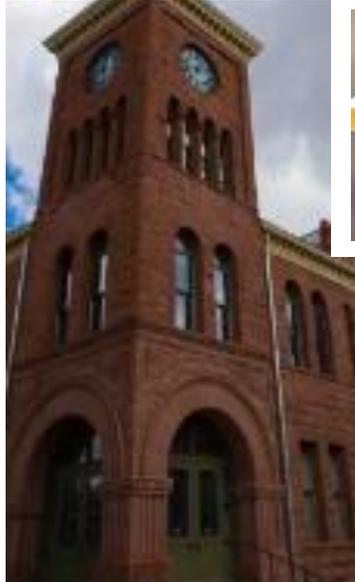


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Fiscal Year 2018 Caseload Highlights Compared with FY 2017

- Statewide, 1,899,155 cases were filed in the Arizona Courts during FY 2018 (Appellate, Superior, Tax, Justice and Municipal Courts). That equates to an average of 7,597 cases filed in the Arizona courts every working day.
- Case filings during FY 2018 increased by 2.1% overall, while revenue increased by 1%. This is the first increase in after several years of declining revenue.
- The Supreme Court experienced an increase of 11.4% in case filings from FY 2017 to FY 2018. Filings in the Court of Appeals increased, up 16.0% compared to FY 2017.
- Filings in Superior Court, which include tax filings, decreased from 190,236 to 185,945, a decline of just 4,291 filings over the year. There were increases in the mental health category, up 7.7%.
- Tax Court filings increase 10.3% from 729 in FY 2017 to 804 in FY 2018. Tax filings have decreased significantly in recent years, down 76.2% from a peak of 3,382 filings in FY 2010.
- Filings in the limited jurisdiction courts increased 2.6%, from 1,665,372 in FY 2017 to 1,708,087 in FY 2018.
- Justice Court filings increased 4.1%, from 726,872 in FY 2017 to 756,403 in FY 2018. Filings in the “other: civil category had the largest increase, 25.2% (26,107 cases) from FY 2017 to FY 2018. Felony filings also increased 5% during the same period.
- Municipal Courts filings increased 1.4%, from 938,500 in FY 2017 to 951,684 in FY 2018.
- Misdemeanor DUI filings have increased 1.9% from 54,791 in FY 2017 to 55,814 in FY 2018.
- Justice Court civil case filings increased 14.0%, from 202,516 in FY 2017 to 230,897 in FY 2018. This increase was largely the result of a 25.2% increase in “other: civil filings.

Judiciary Organizational Chart*

Supreme Court

7 Justices, 6-year terms
Chief Justice, Vice Chief Justice
5 Associate Justices

Court of Appeals

22 Judges, 6-year terms

Division I, Phoenix

Chief Judge & 15 Associate Judges

Counties: Apache, Coconino, La Paz, Maricopa,
Mohave, Navajo, Yavapai, Yuma

Division II, Tucson

Chief Judge & 5 Associate Judges

Counties: Cochise, Gila, Graham, Greenlee,
Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz

Superior Court

180 Judges, 4-year terms
Presiding Judge in each county

Apache	1	Greenlee	1	Pima	30
Cochise	5	La Paz	1	Pinal	10
Coconino	5	Maricopa	98	Santa Cruz	2
Gila	2	Mohave	7	Yavapai	7
Graham	1	Navajo	4	Yuma	6

In addition to the judicial positions listed above, there are approximately 111 full-time and part-time judges pro tempore, commissioners and hearing officers in the Superior Court.

Justice of the Peace Courts

85 Judges, 85 Precincts, 4-year terms

Apache	4	Mohave	5
Cochise	6	Navajo	6
Coconino	4	Pima	10
Gila	2	Pinal	6
Graham	2	Santa Cruz	1
Greenlee	2	Yavapai	5
La Paz	3	Yuma	3
Maricopa	26		

Municipal Courts

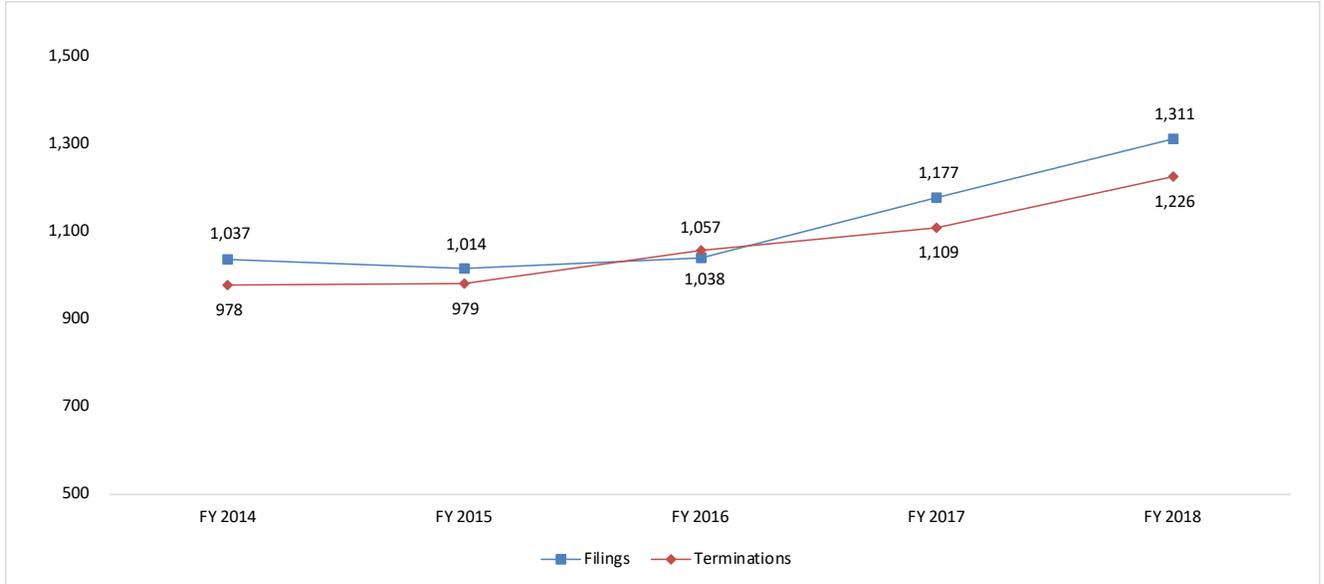
128 Full- and Part-time Judges, varying terms

	Judges	Courts		Judges	Courts
Apache	3	3	Mohave	5	4
Cochise	3	4	Navajo	4	4
Coconino	5	4	Pima	13	5
Gila	5	6	Pinal	9	9
Graham	3	3	Santa Cruz	2	2
Greenlee	1	1	Yavapai	9	9
La Paz	2	2	Yuma	5	4
Maricopa	59	22			

*Judicial Organization chart updated May 6, 2019.

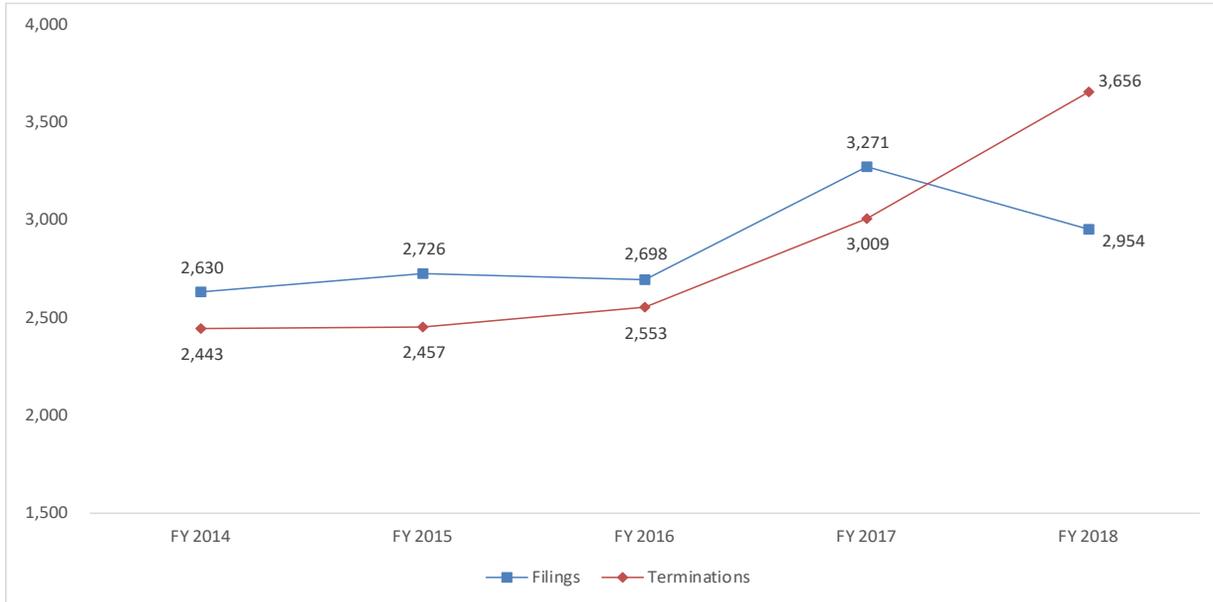
Appellate Courts Supreme Court

Figure 1. Supreme Court Filings and Terminations FY2014-FY2018



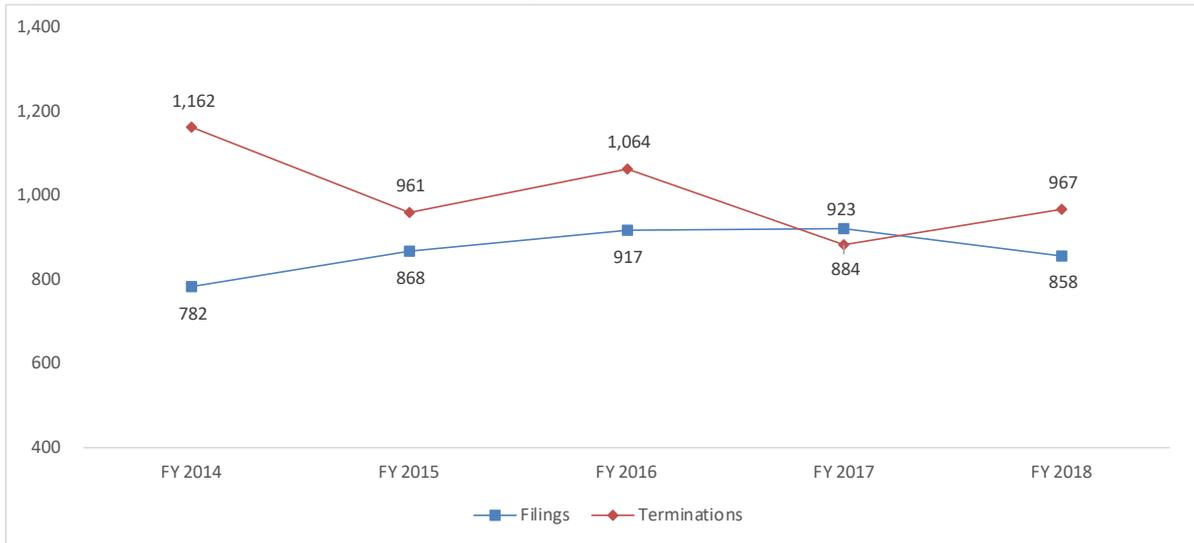
Court of Appeals

Figure 2. Court of Appeals, Division I Filings and Terminations FY2014-FY2018



- Total filings decreased by 9.7%, from 3,271 in FY 2017 to 2,954 in FY 2018. Criminal and post-conviction relief filings decreased 3.2% from 895 in FY 2017 to 866 in FY 2018.
- Case terminations increased 21.5%, from 3,009 during FY 2017 to 3,656 in FY 2018.
- Pending caseload decreased 26.9%, from 2,630 on July 1, 2017 to 1,922 on June 30, 2018.

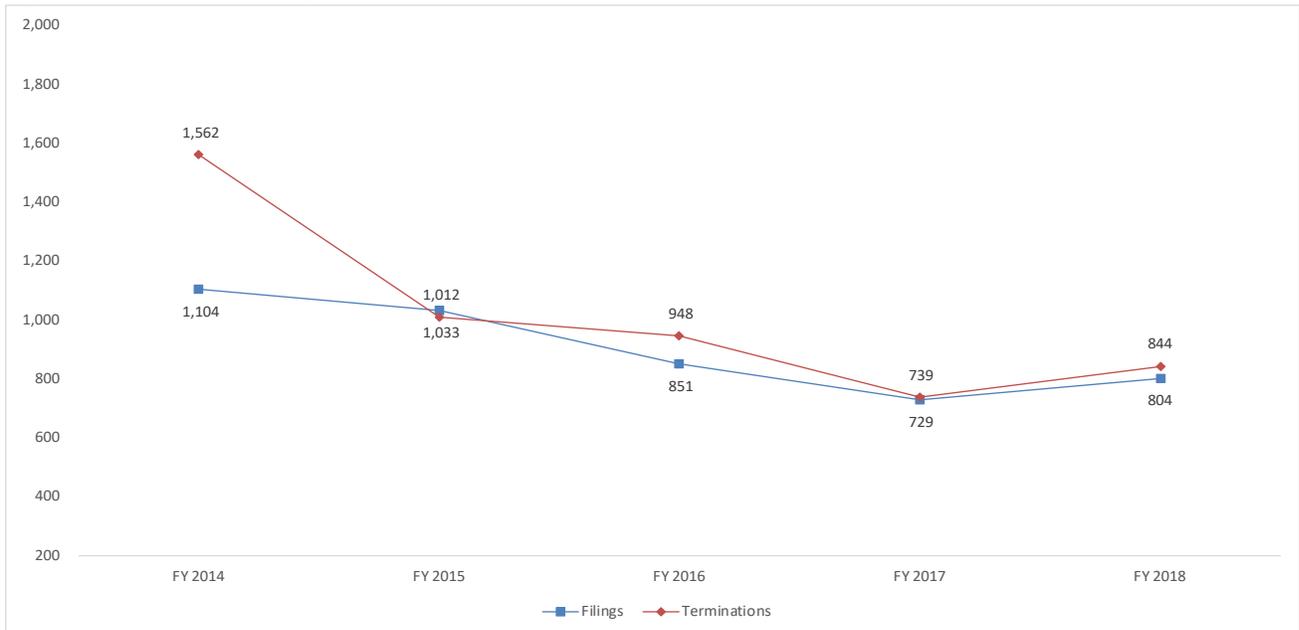
Figure 3. Court of Appeals, Division II Filings and Terminations FY2014-FY2018



- Filings decreased from 923 in FY 2017 to 858 in FY 2018, a decrease of 7.0%. Criminal and post-conviction relief filings decreased 9.3% from 345 in FY 2017 to 313 in FY 2018.
- Case terminations increased 9.4%, from 884 in FY 2017 to 967 in FY 2018.
- Pending caseload decreased 2.9%, from 760 on July 1, 2017 to 738 on June 30, 2018.

Arizona Tax Court

Figure 4. Tax Court Filings and Terminations FY2014-FY2018



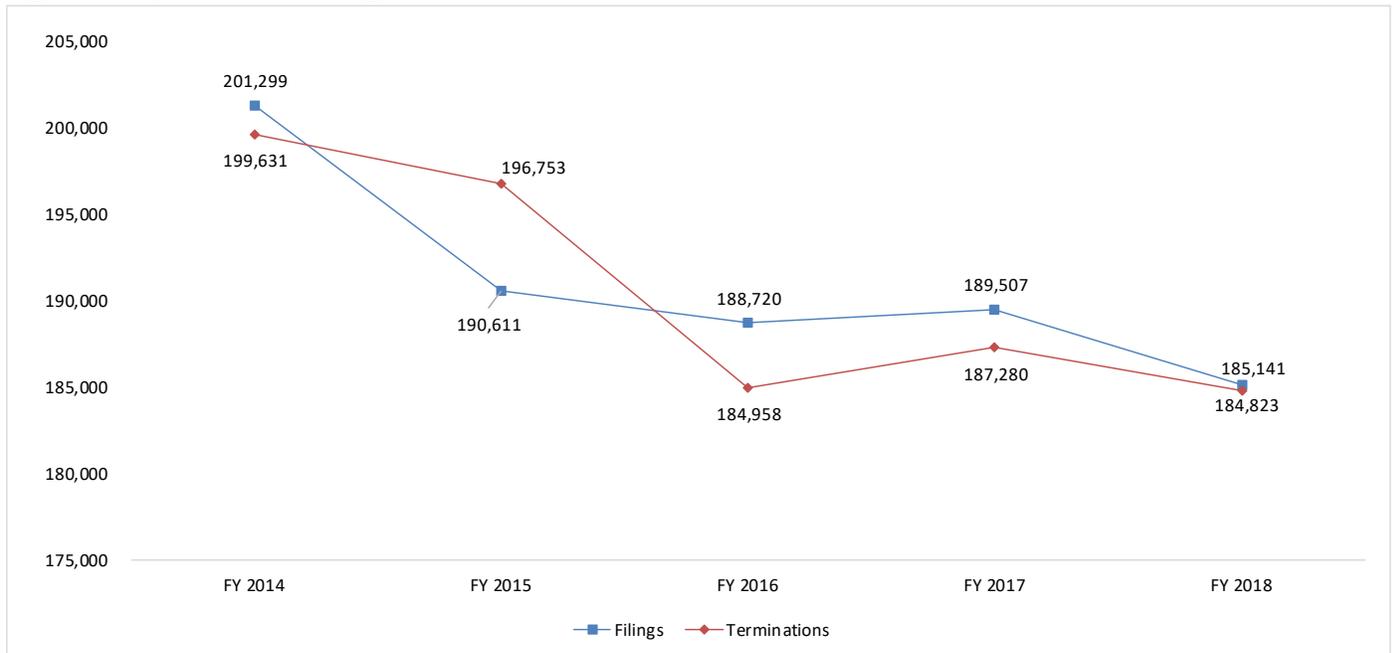
- A total of 804 original cases were filed in the Court during FY 2018, an increase of 10.3% from the 729 cases filed in FY 2017.

- Of the 804 FY 2018 original cases filed, 422 were property tax actions, accounting for 52.5% of the total original filings.
- A total of 844 cases were terminated, all were terminated by judgment.
- As of June 30, 2018, 482 cases were pending in the tax Court. Total cases pending decreased by 12.8% from FY 2017.

General Jurisdiction Courts

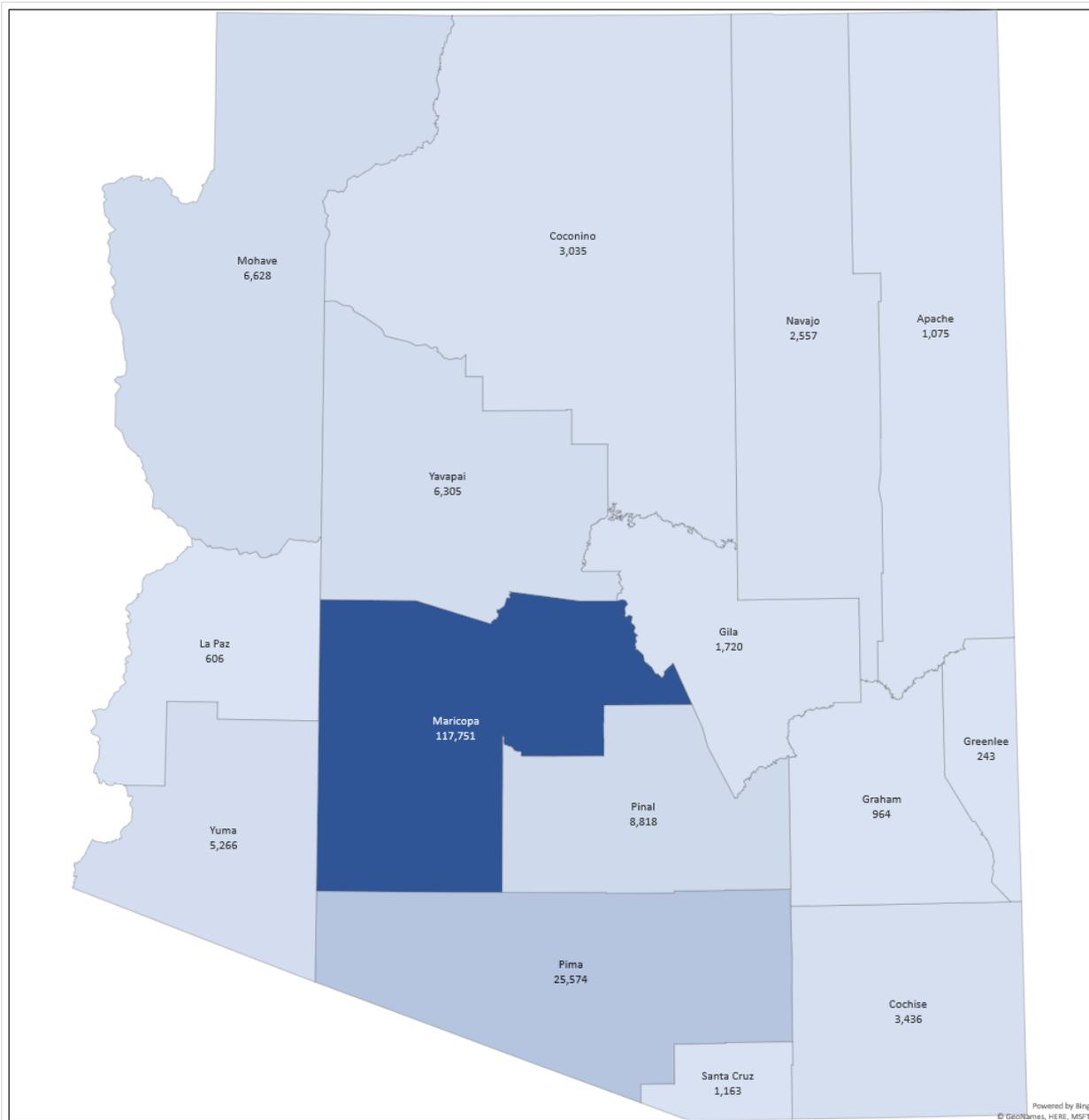
Superior Court

Figure 5. Superior Court Filings and Terminations FY2014-FY2018



- Statewide, case filings decreased 2.3% from 189,507 in FY 2017 to 185,141 in FY 2018. Case terminations decreased 1.3% during the same period.
- Civil case filings decreased 6.6% from 45,235 in FY 2017 to 42,262 in FY 2018. During the same period, civil case terminations increased 10.0% from 39,846 to 43,849.
- Criminal filings increased 0.2%, from 49,827 during FY 2017, to 49,910 during FY 2018. Criminal case terminations decreased 4.5% during the same period, from 50,442 to 48,187.
- Total pending caseload increased 0.2% from 191,837 on July 1, 2017 to 192,155 on June 30, 2018.

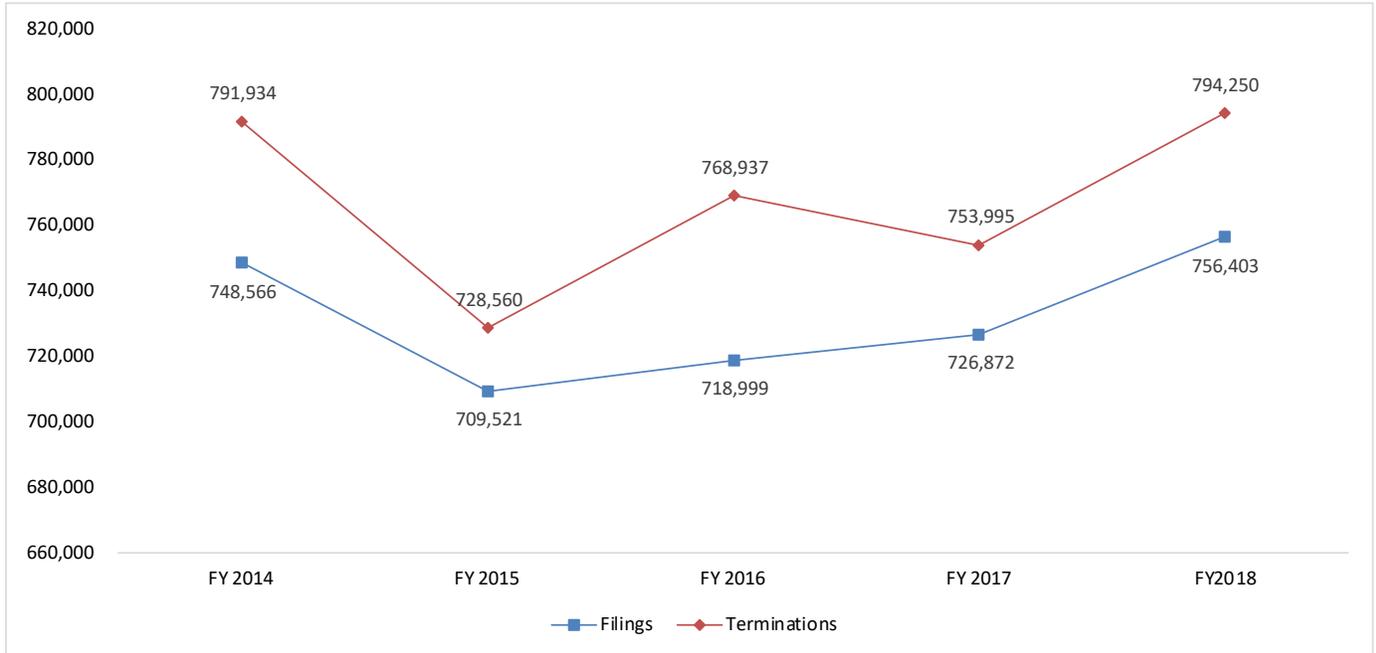
Figure 6. Superior Court Filings by County FY 2018



- Domestic relations case filings decreased by 1.8%, from 51,649 filings in FY 2017 compared to 50,738 in FY 2018. Domestic relations case terminations increased by 1.6% from 53,097 to 53,929. Petitions for orders of protection decreased by 8.4%, from 12,778 in FY 2017 to 11,708 in FY 2018
- Juvenile cases with direct filings into adult court increased from 176 in FY 2017, to 213 in FY 2018. Juvenile cases transferred to adult court decreased from 9 in FY 2017 to 8 in FY 2018. A total of 239 juvenile cases were either transferred or directly filed into adult Court in FY 2018, compared to 185 in FY 2017, an increase of 29.2%.
- A total of 5,423 juvenile dependency petitions were filed in FY 2018, a decrease of 13.6% from the 6,277 petitions filed in FY 2017.

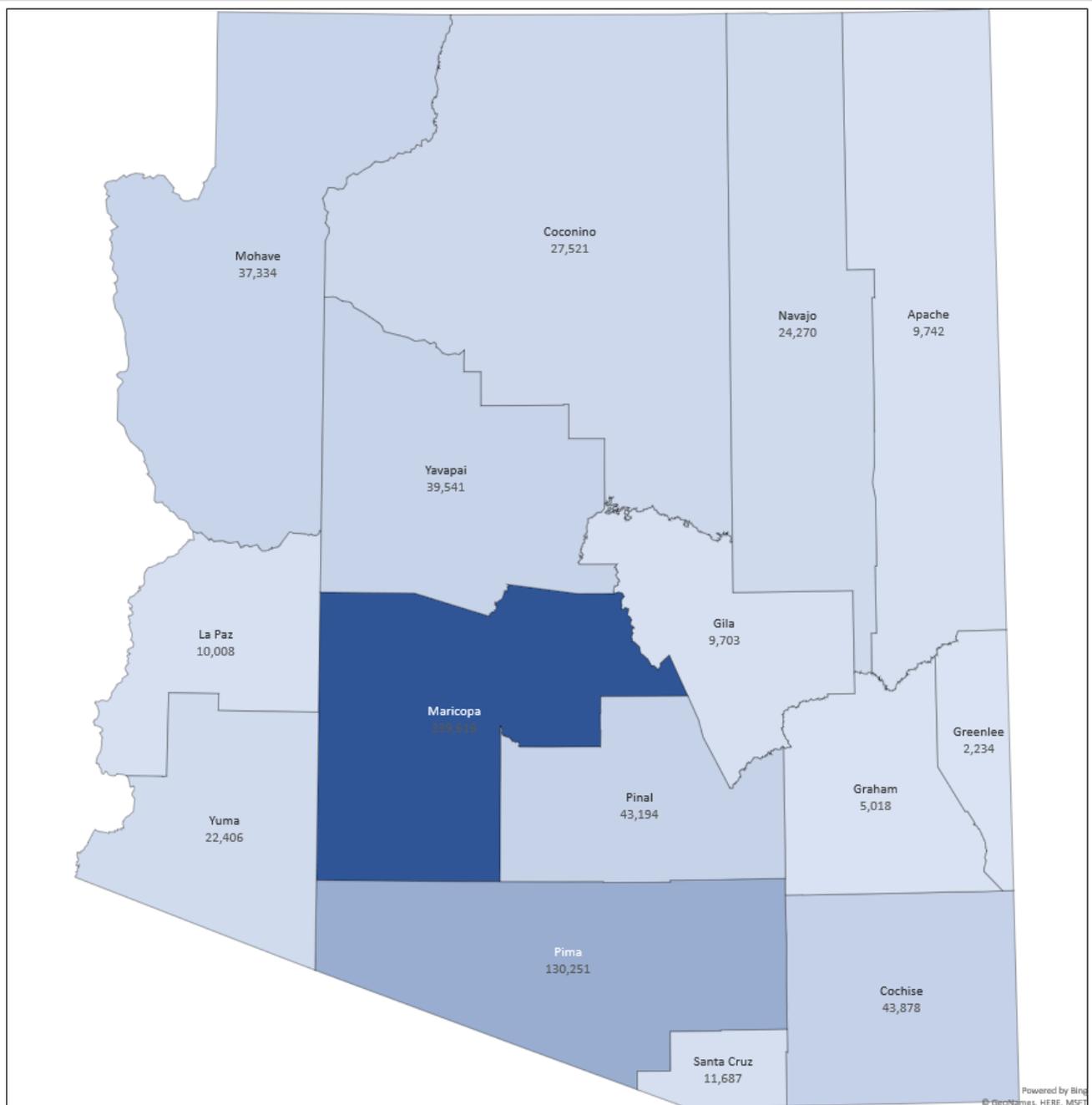
Limited Jurisdiction Courts Justice Courts

Figure 7. Justice Court Filings and Terminations FY2014-FY2018



- Total filings in Justice Courts increased from 726,872 in FY 2017, to 756,403 in FY 2018, an increase of 4.1%.
- During the same period, case terminations increased 5.3% from 753,995 in FY 2017 to 794,250 in FY 2018.
- Criminal and civil traffic filings, which comprise more than half of all justice Court filings, decreased by 6,279 (1.6%) filings.

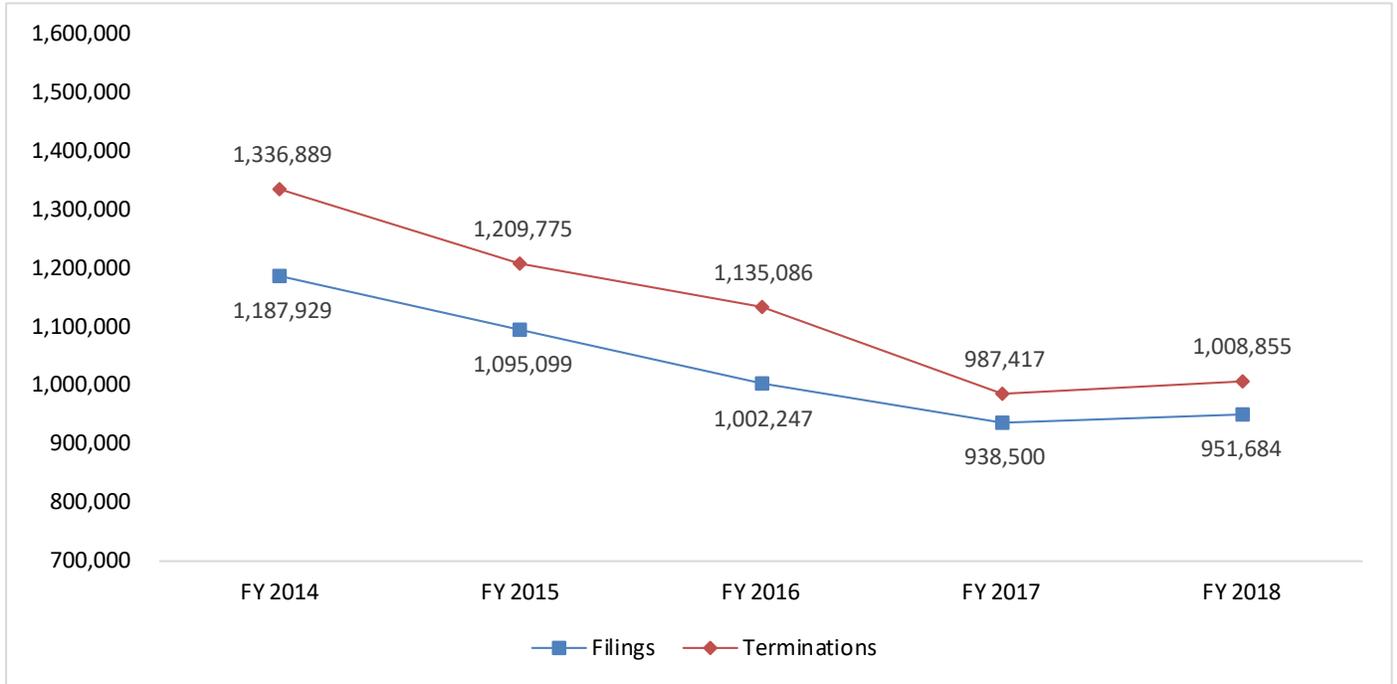
Figure 8. Justice Court Filings by County FY 2018



- Criminal (misdemeanor and felony) case filings increased by 5.7% from 124,861 in FY 2017 to 132,012 in FY 2018. Criminal case terminations decreased by 6.6% from 143,445 in FY 2017 to 133,956 in FY 2018.
- Domestic violence petition filings increased 0.6% in justice Courts, from 8,973 to 9,028. Petitions for injunctions against harassment increased by 1.5% from 6,067 filings in FY 2017 to 6,161 in FY 2018.
- Total cases pending decreased by 37,847 cases from 624,544 on July 1, 2017 to 586,697 on June 30, 2018.

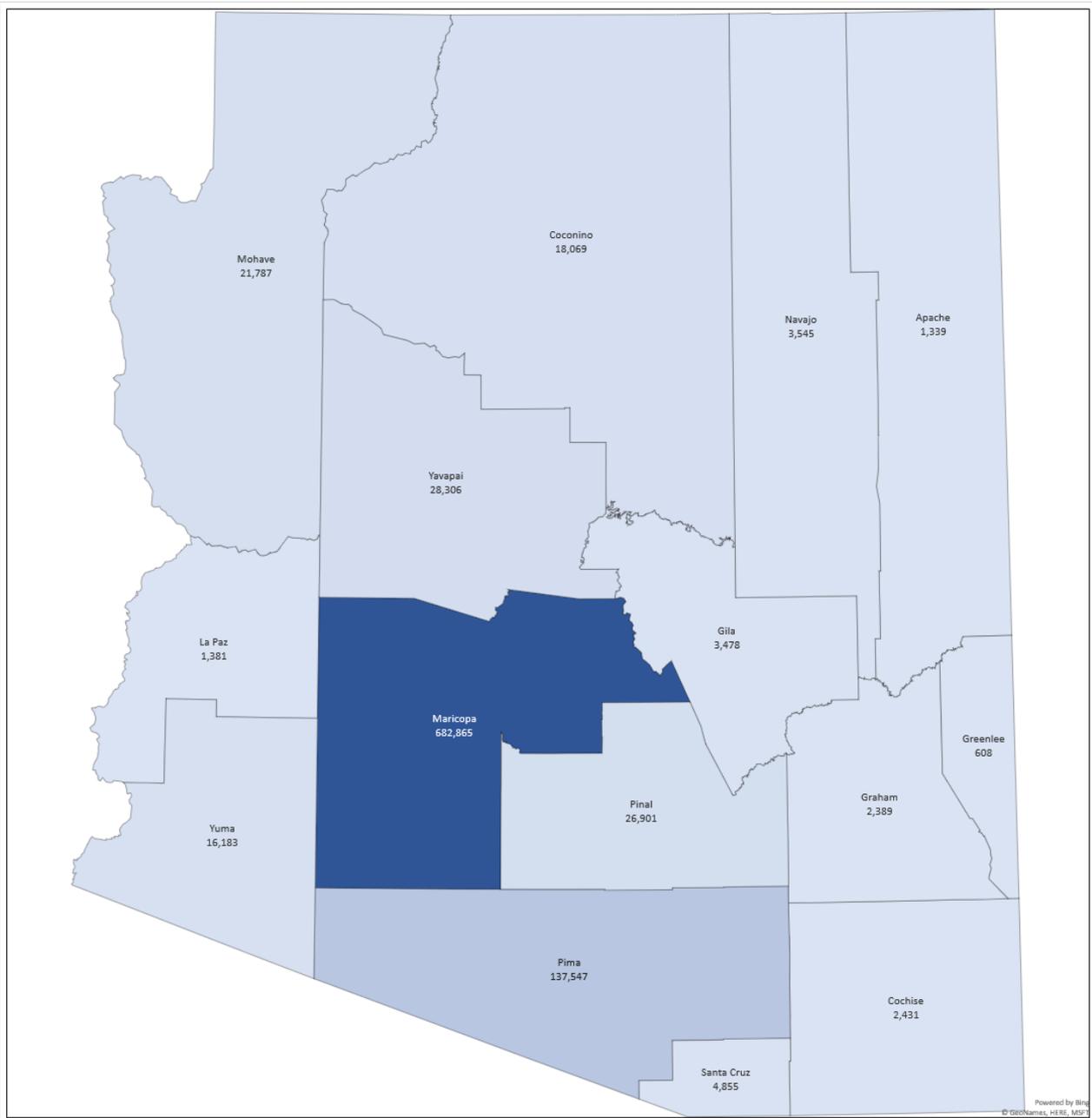
Municipal Courts

Figure 9. Municipal Court Filings and Terminations FY2014-FY2018



- Case filings increased 1.2% from 938,500 in FY 2017 to 951,684 in FY 2018.
- Total case terminations increased by 2.2% during the same period.
- Civil and criminal traffic filings, which comprise about 70% of all municipal Court cases, increased 2.8%, from 651,276 in FY 2017 to 669,659 in FY 2018.

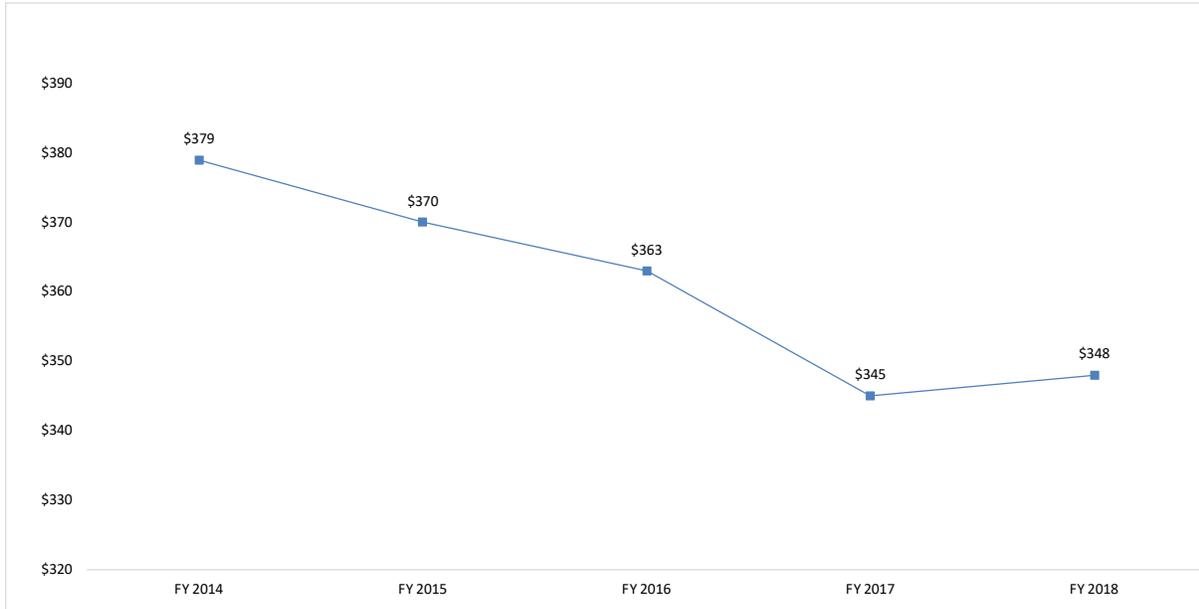
Figure 10. Municipal Court Filings by County FY 2018



- Criminal misdemeanor case filings decreased 0.8% from 194,481 in FY 2017 to 192,886 in FY 2018. Criminal misdemeanor case terminations decreased 1.7% from 214, 046 in FY 2017 to 210, 420 in FY 2018.
- Domestic violence petitions decreased 0.2% from 13,697 in FY 2017 to 13,674 in FY 2018. Petitions for injunctions against harassment increased 0.7%, from 6,946 in FY 2017 to 6,993 in FY 2018.
- Total cases pending decreased 10.4%, from 547,847 on July 1, 2017 to 490,676 on June 30, 2018.

Arizona Court Revenues and Expenditures

Figure 11. Arizona Court Revenue FY2014-FY2018



- Total statewide court revenue increased from \$344.5 million in FY 2017 to \$347.8 million in FY 2018.
- Total victim restitution payments collected by courts decreased by 13.5% from \$20.8 million in FY 2017 to \$18.0 million in FY 2018.

Figure 12. Proportion of Revenue Generated by Court Level FY 2018

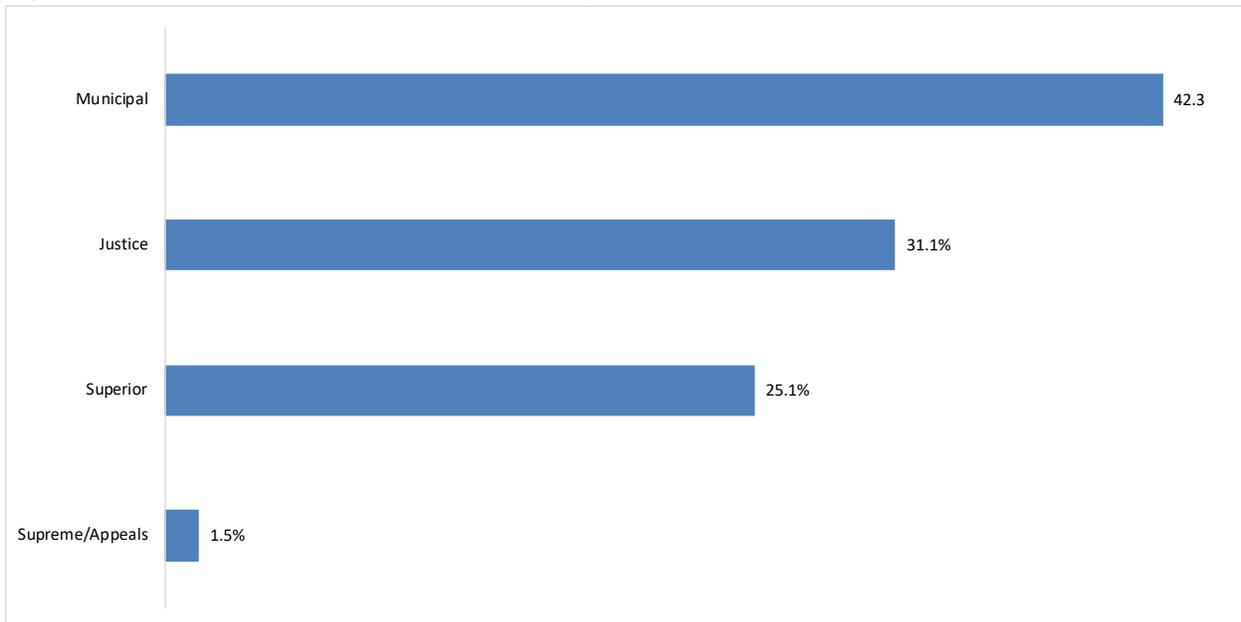
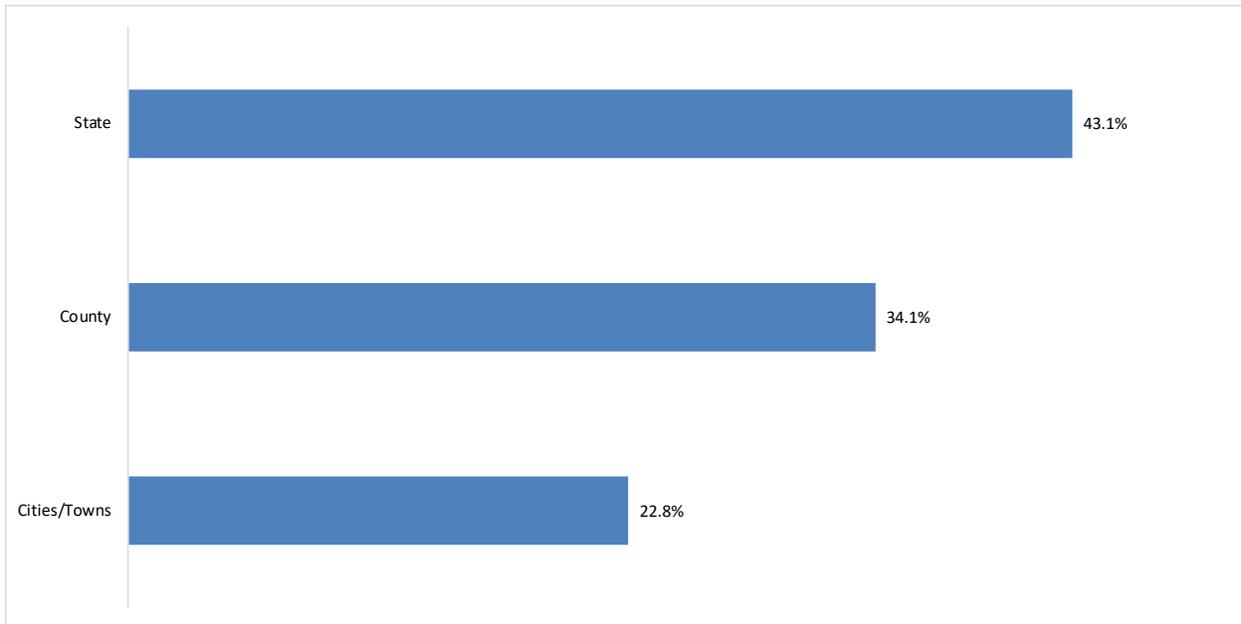
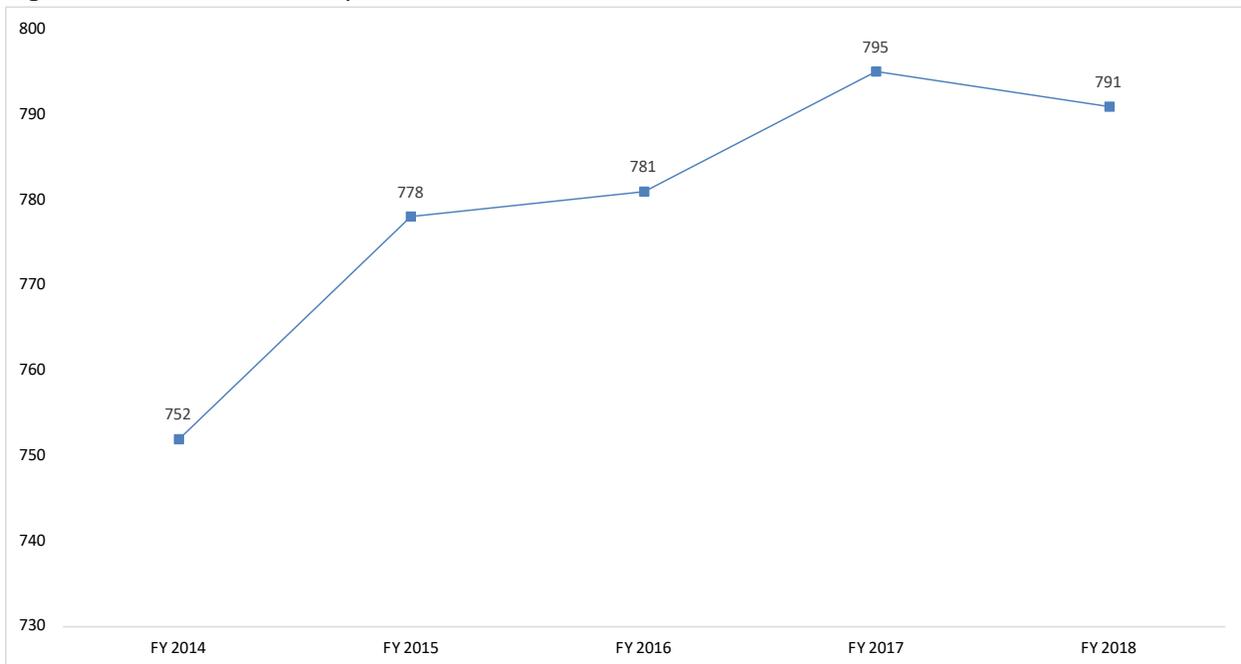


Figure 13. Distribution of Revenue by Level of Government FY 2018



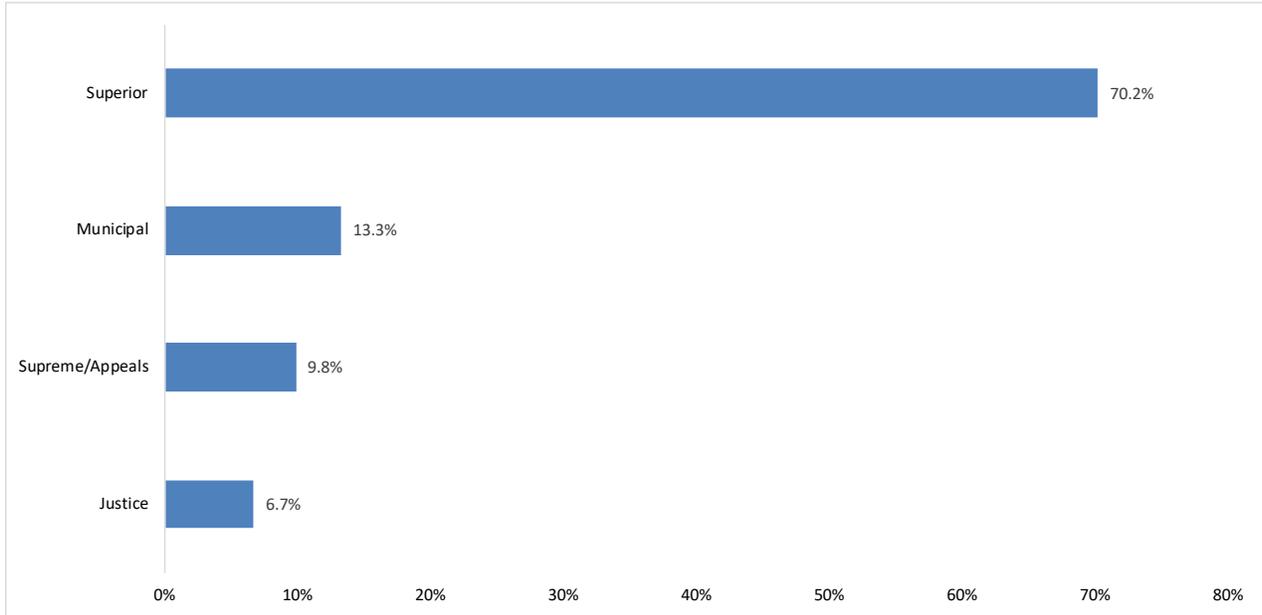
- 42.4% of total court revenue was generated by municipal Courts, 31.1% by justice courts, 25.1% by Superior Court and 1.5% by appellate Courts.
- Of the total court revenue, the state received 43.1%, counties received 34.1% and cities and towns received 22.8%.
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Figure 14. Arizona Court Expenditures FY2014-FY2018



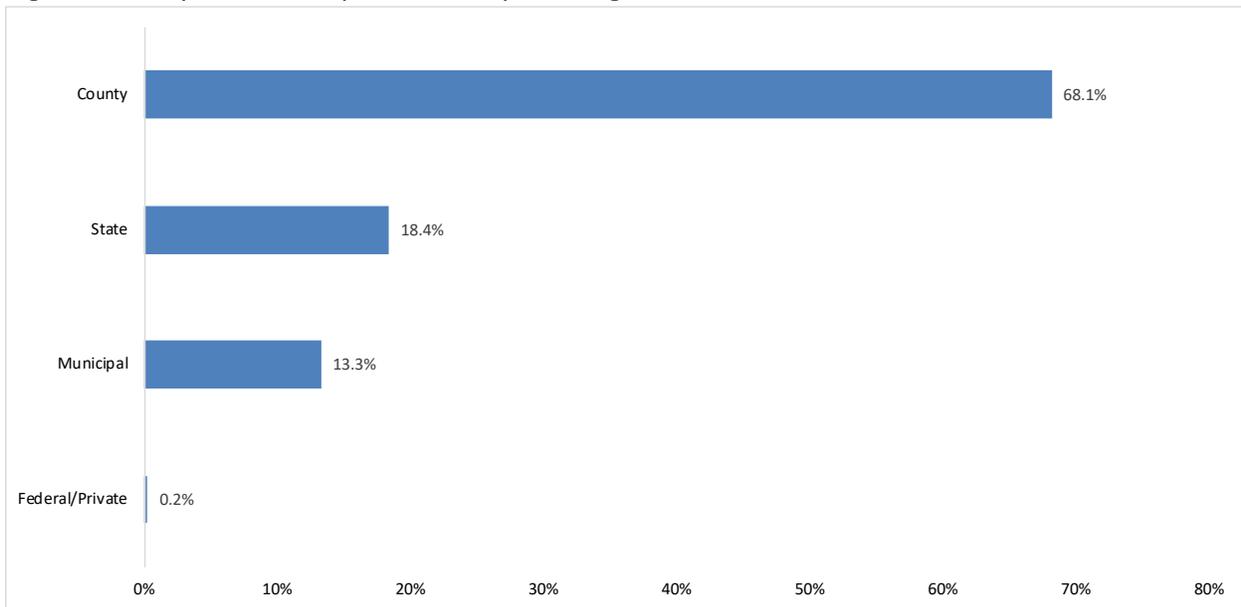
- Total statewide Court expenditures decreased from \$795.0 million in FY 2017 to \$790.4 million in FY 2018.

Figure 15. Proportion of Expenditures by Court Level FY 2018



- 68.1% of the total funds expended by the court system were from counties, 18.4% from the state, 13.3% from cities and towns, and 0.2% from federal and private sources.
- 70.2% of total court expenditures were in Superior Court (including probation), 13.3% in municipal courts, 9.8% at the appellate level and 6.7% in the justice Courts.

Figure 16. Proportion of Expenditures by Funding Source Level Fiscal Year 2018

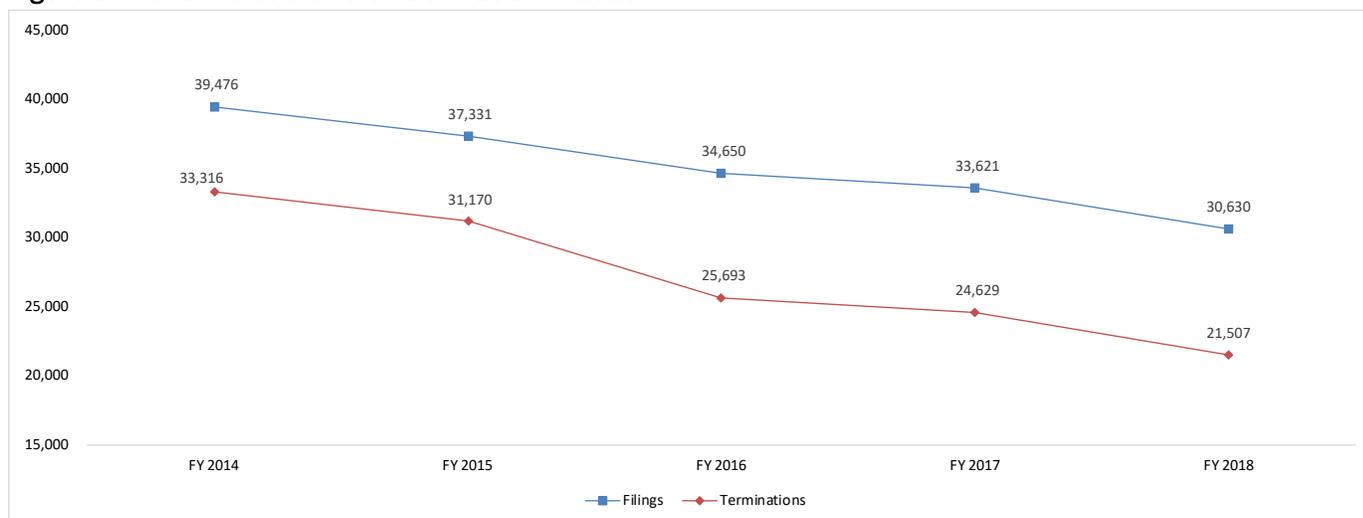


Adult Probation Services

The number of individuals under the jurisdiction of the Arizona's adult probation departments at the end of fiscal year 2018 decreased 0.75% from 86,524 on July 1, 2017 to 85,879 on June 30, 2018. Of the 85,879 under the jurisdiction of adult probation, 48,141 were on standard probation (41,728 were under direct supervision in the state and 6,413 were under indirect supervision as they were out going interstate compact or in long term residential treatment), 2,529 on intensive probation (2,362 were direct supervision and 167 were on indirect supervision), and 35,209 were on administrative supervision (unsupervised, report only, deported, etc.).

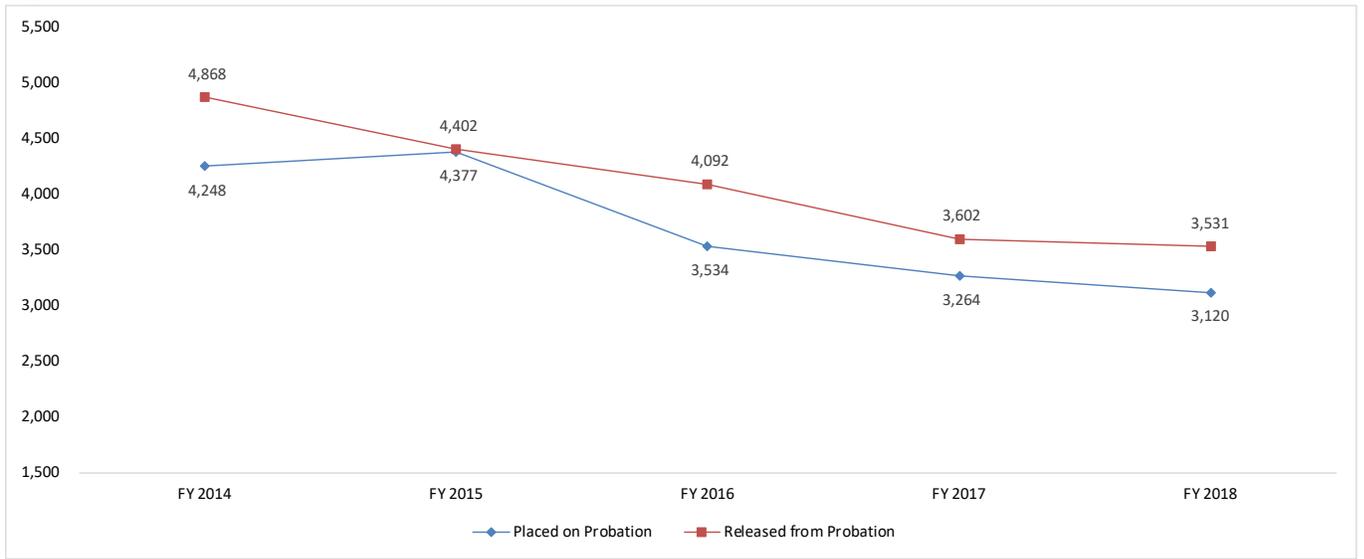
Juvenile Justice

Figure 17. Juvenile Court Referrals FY2014-FY2018



- 30,630 referrals were filed into juvenile court in FY 2018, an 8.9% decrease compared to 33,621 in FY 2017.
- 21,507 referrals were terminated in FY 2018, a 12.7% decrease compared to the 24,629 referrals terminated in FY 2017.
- A total of 12,810 petitions were filed in FY 2018, a 5.1% decrease from the 13,501 petitions filed in FY 2017.
- A total of 11,826 petitions were terminated in FY 2018, a 4.6% decrease from the 12,390 terminated in FY 2017.

Figure 18. Juvenile Probation FY2014-FY2018



- A total of 3,120 adjudicated juveniles were placed on probation in FY 2018, a 4.4% decrease from the 3,264 youths placed on probation in FY 2017.
- 3,531 juveniles were released from probation, a decrease of 2.0% from the 3,602 terminated from probation supervision last year.
- 203 juveniles were committed to the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections during FY 2018, an increase of 2.9% from the 209 committed in FY 2017.