

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

Narrative Summary

Justice Courts experienced a decrease in total filings (including transfers in) in FY 2011, from 918,756 to 828,446. This is a decrease of 9.8% total filings. Beginning in FY 1996, Justice Courts reported Non-Criminal Local Ordinances as a separate category. Many of these were reported as part of other categories in the previous years, but their numbers are not comparatively large.

Traffic filings (criminal and civil), which accounted for 57.5% of the total filings in Justice Courts, went from 556,381 to 475,949, a 14.5% decrease from FY 2010 to FY 2011. Non-Traffic criminal filings (misdemeanors and felonies) decreased 7.8%, from 124,623 last year to 114,953 in FY 2011. Civil filings stayed flat from 236,176 in FY 2010 to 236,184 this year.

Petitions for orders of protection relating to domestic violence increased this year by 0.4%, from 9,460 in FY 2010 to 9,495. In FY 2011, petitions for injunctions against harassment decreased 4.5%, from 8,061 in FY 2010 to 7,696 in FY 2011.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) decreased by 9.6%, from 959,372 last year to 867,689 in FY 2011. Criminal and civil traffic dispositions together decreased by 13.3%, from 588,378 to 509,964. Criminal dispositions (misdemeanors and felonies) decreased by 6.8%, from 131,099 in FY 2010 to 122,240 in FY 2011. Civil dispositions decreased by 1.8%, from 238,299 to 233,983.

Total end of year pending cases decreased from 648,380 in FY 2010 to 629,686 in FY 2011, a decrease of 2.9%.

NOTE: Some of the FY 2010 figures may not correspond to figures published in last year's Data Report due to corrected information received subsequent to publication of the Report.

ABBREVIATIONS
(Justice of the Peace 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

JUSTICE COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2011

STATEWIDE TOTAL

CASE TYPE	ALL CASES ON FILE					FISCAL YEAR 2010	
	PENDING 7/1/2010	CASES FILED			TOTAL ON FILE	PENDING 7/1/2009	TOTAL FILED
		ORIGINAL FILINGS	TRANSFER IN	TOTAL FILED			
DUI	31,353	20,844	322	21,166	52,519	31,548	23,160
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	3,929	3,395	14	3,409	7,338	3,847	3,930
OTHER TRAFFIC	84,465	76,655	259	76,914	161,379	89,886	90,913
TOTAL CR TRAF	119,747	100,894	595	101,489	221,236	125,281	118,003
TOTAL CV TRAF	113,414	374,110	350	374,460	487,874	123,196	438,378
MISDEMEANOR	158,789	77,669	261	77,930	236,719	155,740	82,853
MISDEMEANOR FTA	31,692	7,041	8	7,049	38,741	30,496	7,612
TRAFFIC FTA	85,484	10,547	5	10,552	96,036	84,396	13,228
TOTAL MISD	275,965	95,257	274	95,531	371,496	270,632	103,693
TOTAL FELONY	18,930	19,413	9	19,422	38,352	20,237	20,930
SMALL CLAIMS	22,536	21,912	134	22,046	44,582	25,322	26,696
FORCIBLE DETAINER	5,098	81,735	100	81,835	86,933	5,191	82,046
OTHER CIVIL	91,438	131,158	1,145	132,303	223,741	92,873	127,434
TOTAL CIVIL	119,072	234,805	1,379	236,184	355,256	123,386	236,176
NC PARKING	828	617		617	1,445	803	834
NC NON-PARKING	424	743		743	1,167	471	742
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	1,252	1,360		1,360	2,612	1,274	1,576
TOTAL	648,380	825,839	2,607	828,446	1,476,826	664,006	918,756
ORD PROTECTION				9,495			9,460
INJ HARASSMENT				7,696			8,061

CASE TYPE	TRIALS COMMENCED			FISCAL YEAR 2010		
	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC	571	212	783	762	212	974
MISDEMEANOR	1,531	26	1,557	1,654	30	1,684
CIVIL	4,482	60	4,542	4,481	71	4,552
TOTAL	6,584	298	6,882	6,897	313	7,210

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS - END-OF-YEAR					
TRAFFIC	6/30/2011	6/30/2010	CRIMINAL	6/30/2011	6/30/2010
DUI	18,477	19,005	FELONY	11,919	12,405
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	2,222	2,203	MISDEMEANOR	79,516	79,752
OTHER TRAFFIC	85,532	88,440	SUBTOTAL	91,435	92,157
SUBTOTAL	106,231	109,648			
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS				197,666	201,805

JUSTICE COURT CASE ACTIVITY
FISCAL YEAR 2011

STATEWIDE TOTAL (CONTINUED)

ALL CASES TERMINATED								
CASE TYPE	CASES TERMINATED			STAT CORR	PENDING 6/30/2011	FISCAL YEAR 2010		
	TERMIN-ATIONS	TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL TERM			TOTAL TERM	PENDING 6/30/2010	
DUI	21,087	372	21,459	159	31,219	24,068	31,353	
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	3,360	18	3,378	109	4,069	3,879	3,929	
OTHER TRAFFIC	83,877	318	84,195	-2,657	74,527	95,651	84,465	
TOTAL CR TRAF	108,324	708	109,032	-2,389	109,815	123,598	119,747	
TOTAL CV TRAF[1]	399,795	1,137	400,932	17,541	104,483	464,780	113,414	
MISDEMEANOR	83,745	1,393	85,138	8,433	160,014	89,155	158,789	
MISDEMEANOR FTA	5,567	7	5,574	-666	32,501	5,994	31,692	
TRAFFIC FTA	11,523	6	11,529	384	84,891	12,532	85,484	
TOTAL MISD	100,835	1,406	102,241	8,151	277,406	107,681	275,965	
TOTAL FELONY	16,136	3,863	19,999	527	18,880	23,418	18,930	
SMALL CLAIMS	23,683	162	23,845	-258	20,479	28,758	22,536	
FORCIBLE DETAINER	80,482	124	80,606	245	6,572	82,069	5,098	
OTHER CIVIL	128,635	897	129,532	-3,272	90,937	127,472	91,438	
TOTAL CIVIL	232,800	1,183	233,983	-3,285	117,988	238,299	119,072	
NC PARKING	704		704	-20	721	808	828	
NC NON-PARKING	798		798	24	393	788	424	
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	1,502		1,502	4	1,114	1,596	1,252	
TOTAL	859,392	8,297	867,689	20,549	629,686	959,372	648,380	
	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>DENIED</u>						
ORD PROTECTION	8,217	913	9,130			9,155		
INJ HARASSMENT	6,296	1,040	7,336			7,762		

[1] TERMINATIONS INCLUDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS.

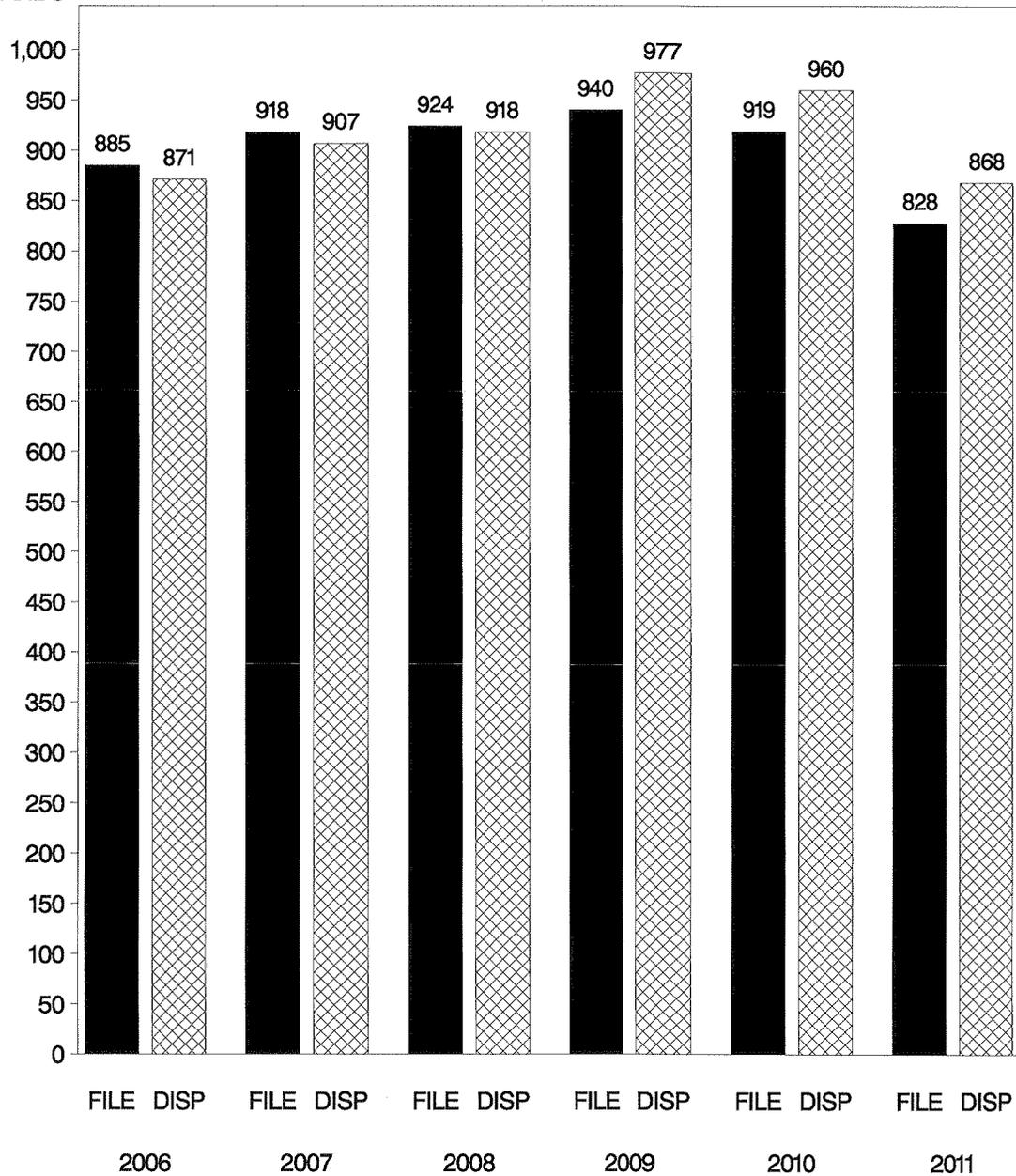
OTHER PROCEEDINGS		
	FY 2011	FY 2010
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS/DEFAULTS	4,321	4,950
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS (W/HEARING OFFICER)	600	726
CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARINGS	46,836	50,485
FELONY PRELIMINARY HEARINGS	538	448
INITIAL APPEARANCES	56,365	61,325
ORDER OF PROTECTION REVIEW HEARINGS	2,438	1,792
INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT REVIEW HEARINGS	1,683	1,438
PEACE BOND COMPLAINTS	0	0
FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS	556	751
JUVENILE HEARINGS	637	748
SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED	3,363	3,931

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ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2006 – 2011

CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

THOUSANDS

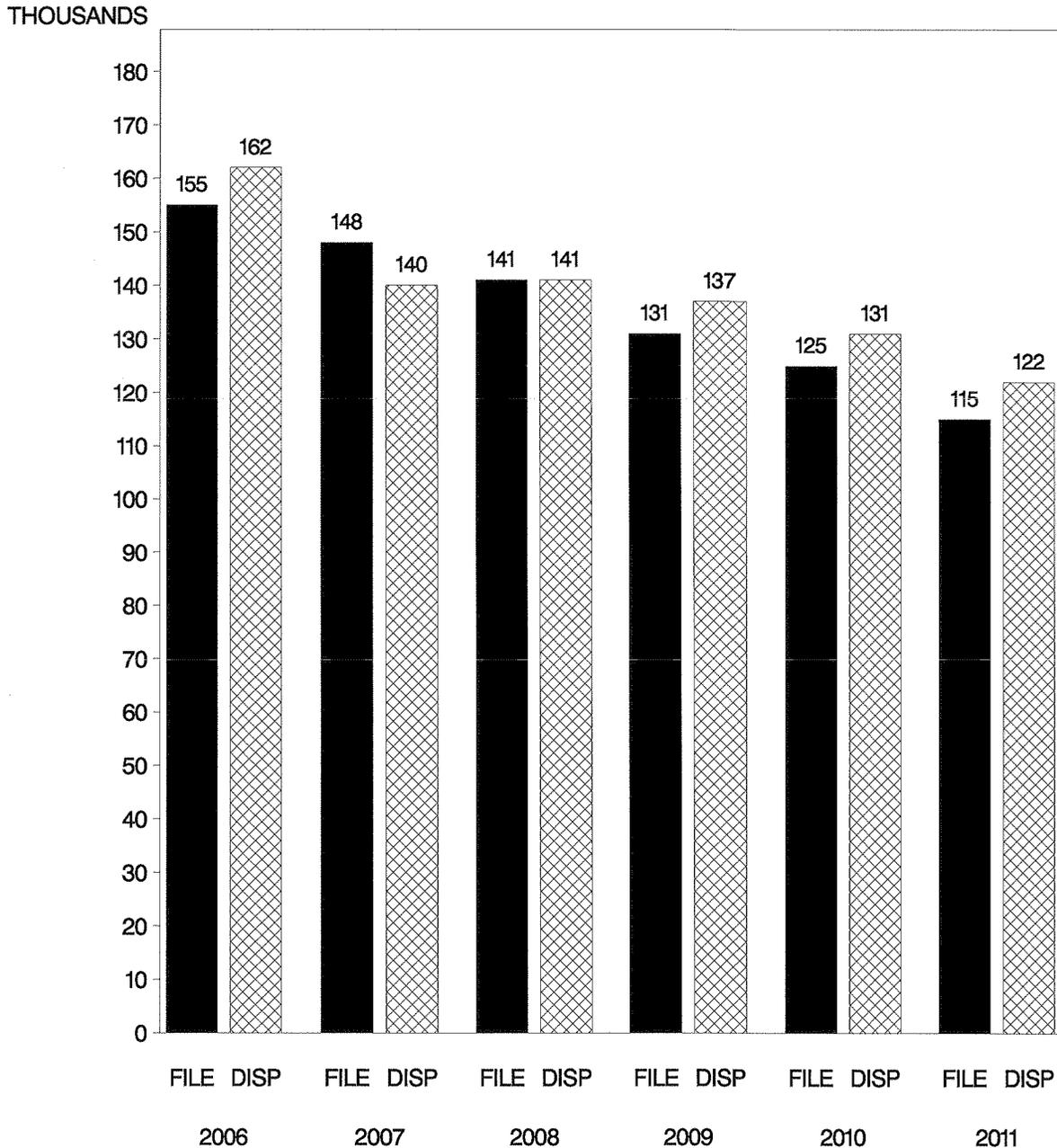


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CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2006–2011

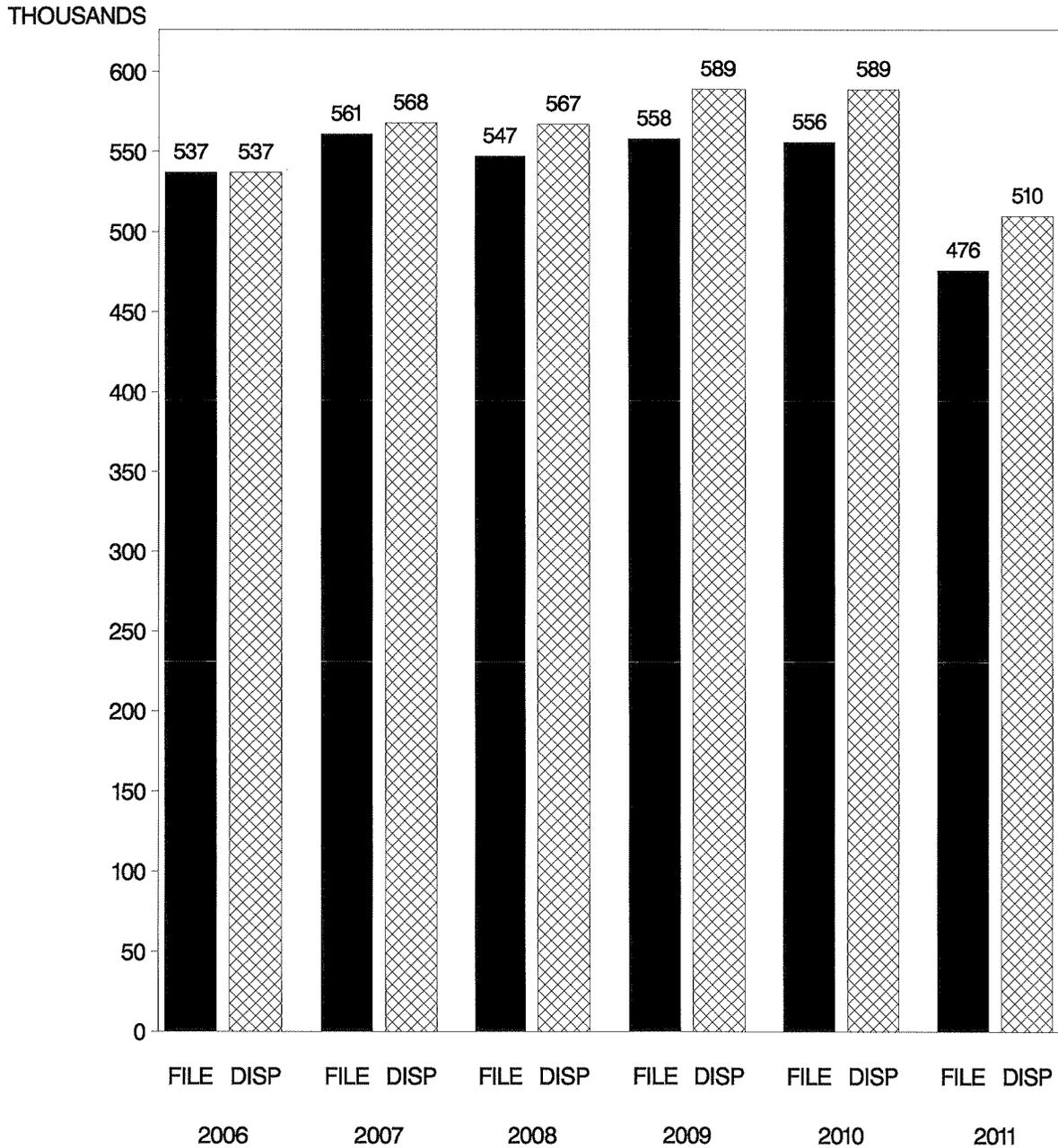
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TRAFFIC CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2006 – 2011 CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

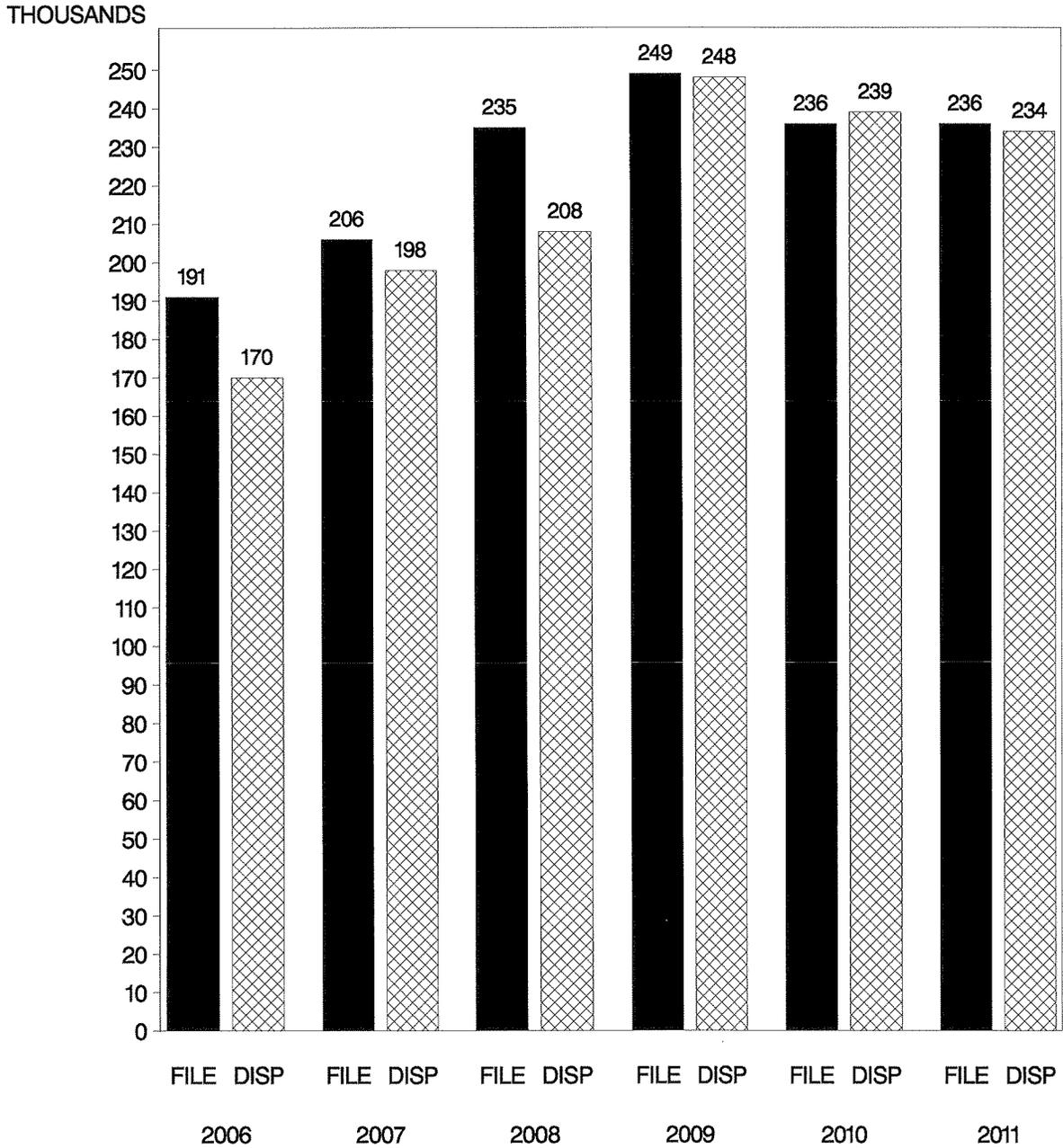


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CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2006 – 2011

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ORDER OF PROTECTION – HARASSMENT, FY 2006 – 2011 PETITIONS FILED

