

## **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS**

### **Narrative Summary**

Justice Courts experienced a decrease in total filings (including transfers in) in FY 2012, from 828,378 to 789,300. This is a decrease of 4.7% 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 58.3% of the total filings in Justice Courts, went from 475,820 to 460,190, a 3.3% decrease from FY 2011 to FY 2012. Non-Traffic criminal filings (misdemeanors and felonies) decreased 3.7%, from 115,014 last year to 110,801 in FY 2012. Civil filings had the largest percentage decrease, dropping 8.1% from 236,184 in FY 2011 to 216,954 this year.

Petitions for orders of protection relating to domestic violence decreased slightly from 9,495 in FY 2011 to 9,478 in FY 2012. In FY 2012, petitions for injunctions against harassment decreased 8.5%, from 7,696 in FY 2011 to 7,040 in FY 2012.

Total dispositions (including transfers out) decreased by 5.6%, from 867,687 last year to 819,343 in FY 2012. Criminal and civil traffic dispositions together decreased by 6.9%, from 509,962 to 474,806. Criminal dispositions (misdemeanors and felonies) decreased by 2.3%, from 122,240 in FY 2011 to 119,391 in FY 2012. Civil dispositions decreased by 4.3%, from 233,983 to 223,823.

Total end of year pending cases decreased from 629,753 in FY 2011 to 626,573 in FY 2012, a decrease of 0.5%.

**NOTE: 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.**

**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 2012

STATEWIDE TOTAL

ALL CASES ON FILE							
CASE TYPE	PENDING 7/1/2011	CASES FILED			FISCAL YEAR 2011		
		ORIGINAL FILINGS	TRANSFER IN	TOTAL FILED	TOTAL ON FILE	PENDING 7/1/2010	TOTAL FILED
DUI	31,221	19,353	212	19,565	50,786	31,355	21,168
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	4,069	3,561	12	3,573	7,642	3,929	3,409
OTHER TRAFFIC	74,529	73,365	189	73,554	148,083	84,470	76,915
TOTAL CR TRAF	109,819	96,279	413	96,692	206,511	119,754	101,492
TOTAL CV TRAF	104,529	363,210	288	363,498	468,027	113,453	374,328
MISDEMEANOR	160,029	72,946	392	73,338	233,367	158,828	77,963
MISDEMEANOR FTA	32,504	5,985	3	5,988	38,492	31,695	7,059
TRAFFIC FTA	84,894	10,477	0	10,477	95,371	85,488	10,567
TOTAL MISD	277,427	89,408	395	89,803	367,230	276,011	95,589
TOTAL FELONY	18,876	20,984	14	20,998	39,874	18,930	19,425
SMALL CLAIMS	20,479	18,279	68	18,347	38,826	22,536	22,046
FORCIBLE DETAINER	6,572	83,731	147	83,878	90,450	5,098	81,835
OTHER CIVIL	90,937	113,866	863	114,729	205,666	91,438	132,303
TOTAL CIVIL	117,988	215,876	1,078	216,954	334,942	119,072	236,184
NC PARKING	721	631		631	1,352	828	617
NC NON-PARKING	393	724		724	1,117	424	743
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	1,114	1,355		1,355	2,469	1,252	1,360
TOTAL	629,753	787,112	2,188	789,300	1,419,053	648,472	828,378
ORD PROTECTION				9,478			9,495
INJ HARASSMENT				7,040			7,696

TRIALS COMMENCED						
CASE TYPE	NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL	FISCAL YEAR 2011		
				NON-JURY	JURY	TOTAL
CRIMINAL TRAFFIC	568	175	743	571	212	783
MISDEMEANOR	1,604	23	1,627	1,531	26	1,557
CIVIL	4,880	62	4,942	4,482	60	4,542
TOTAL	7,052	260	7,312	6,584	298	6,882

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS - END-OF-YEAR					
TRAFFIC	6/30/2012	6/30/2011	CRIMINAL	6/30/2012	6/30/2011
DUI	18,162	18,477	FELONY	11,959	11,919
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	2,142	2,222	MISDEMEANOR	77,883	79,516
OTHER TRAFFIC	85,410	85,532	SUBTOTAL	89,842	91,435
SUBTOTAL	105,714	106,231			
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS				195,556	197,666

JUSTICE COURT CASE ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2012

STATEWIDE TOTAL (CONTINUED)

ALL CASES TERMINATED								
CASE TYPE	CASES TERMINATED			STAT CORR	PENDING 6/30/2012	FISCAL YEAR 2011		
	TERMIN- ATIONS	TRANSFER OUT	TOTAL TERM			TOTAL TERM	PENDING 6/30/2011	
DUI	19,652	245	19,897	-229	30,660	21,460	31,221	
SERIOUS TRAFFIC	3,602	21	3,623	-18	4,001	3,378	4,069	
OTHER TRAFFIC	75,048	239	75,287	-180	72,616	84,219	74,529	
TOTAL CR TRAF	98,302	505	98,807	-427	107,277	109,057	109,819	
TOTAL CV TRAF[1]	375,078	921	375,999	15,345	107,373	400,905	104,529	
MISDEMEANOR	79,615	1,505	81,120	8,533	160,780	85,136	160,029	
MISDEMEANOR FTA	5,342	14	5,356	-273	32,863	5,574	32,504	
TRAFFIC FTA	10,569	15	10,584	299	85,086	11,529	84,894	
TOTAL MISD	95,526	1,534	97,060	8,559	278,729	102,239	277,427	
TOTAL FELONY	18,576	3,755	22,331	2,364	19,907	20,001	18,876	
SMALL CLAIMS	21,407	108	21,515	1,036	18,347	23,845	20,479	
FORCIBLE DETAINER	85,470	160	85,630	862	5,682	80,606	6,572	
OTHER CIVIL	115,835	843	116,678	-873	88,115	129,532	90,937	
TOTAL CIVIL	222,712	1,111	223,823	1,025	112,144	233,983	117,988	
NC PARKING	558		558	-8	786	704	721	
NC NON-PARKING	765		765	5	357	798	393	
TOTAL NON-CR ORD	1,323		1,323	-3	1,143	1,502	1,114	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>811,517</b>	<b>7,826</b>	<b>819,343</b>	<b>26,863</b>	<b>626,573</b>	<b>867,687</b>	<b>629,753</b>	
	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>DENIED</u>						
ORD PROTECTION	8,325	948	9,273			9,130		
INJ HARASSMENT	5,761	1,101	6,862			7,336		

[1] TERMINATIONS INCLUDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS.

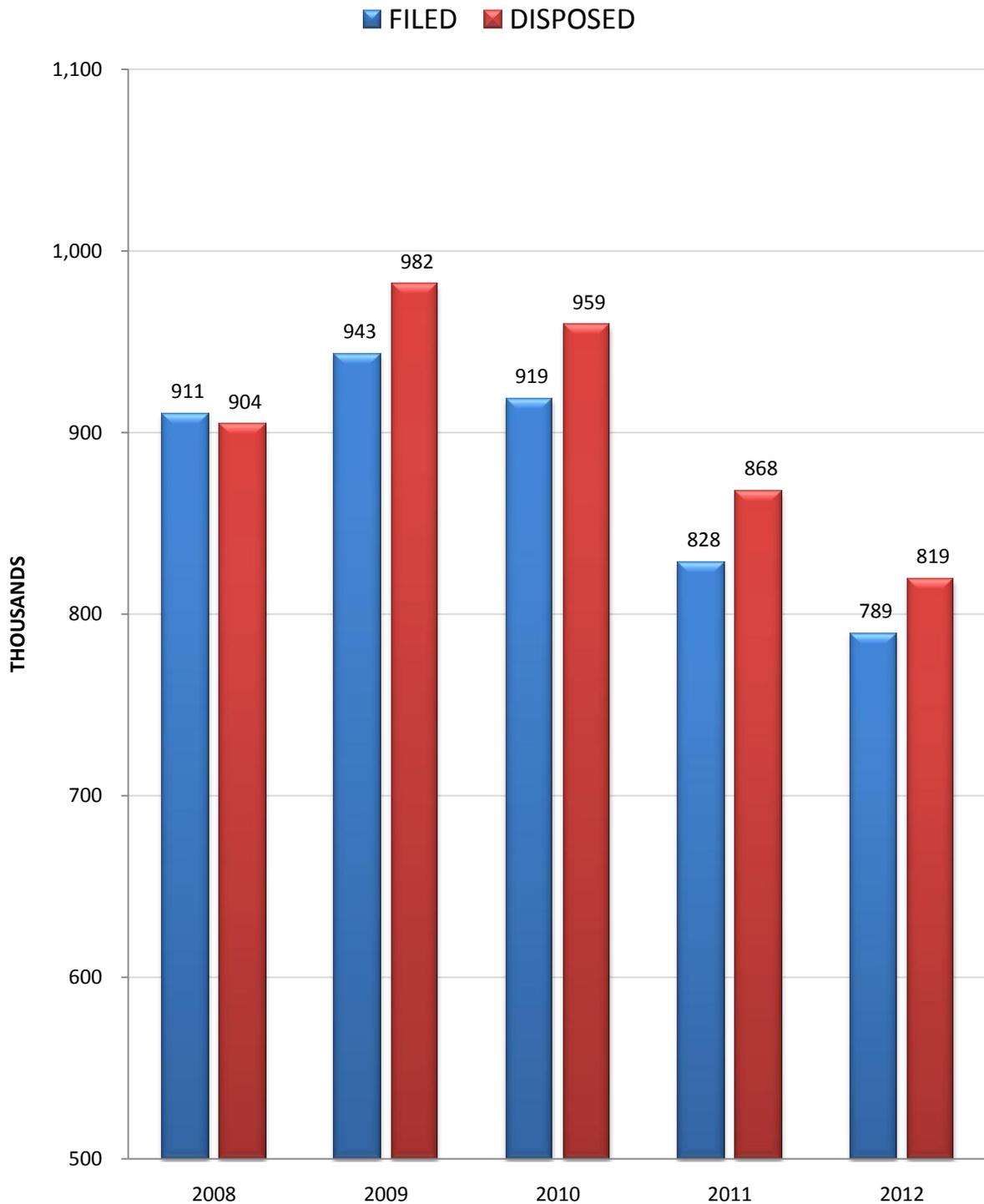
OTHER PROCEEDINGS

	FY 2012	FY 2011
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS/DEFAULTS	3,659	4,321
SMALL CLAIMS HEARINGS (W/HEARING OFFICER)	516	600
CIVIL TRAFFIC HEARINGS	42,686	46,846
FELONY PRELIMINARY HEARINGS	415	538
INITIAL APPEARANCES	55,065	56,379
ORDER OF PROTECTION REVIEW HEARINGS	2,254	2,438
INJUNCTION AGAINST HARASSMENT REVIEW HEARINGS	1,378	1,683
PEACE BOND COMPLAINTS	1	0
FUGITIVE COMPLAINTS	509	556
JUVENILE HEARINGS	356	637
SEARCH WARRANTS ISSUED	3,244	3,363

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## ANNUAL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2008 - 2012

### CASES FILED AND DISPOSED

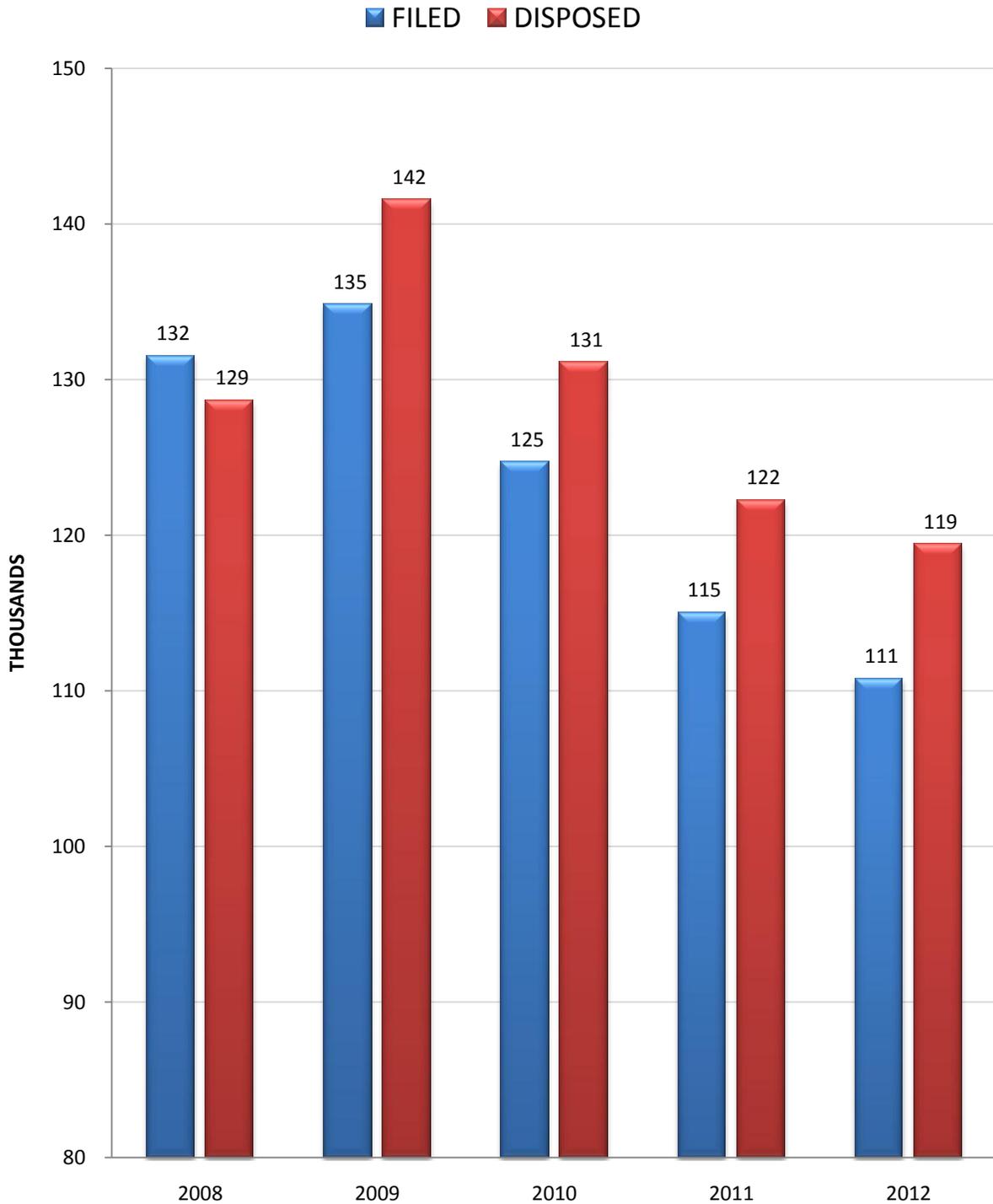


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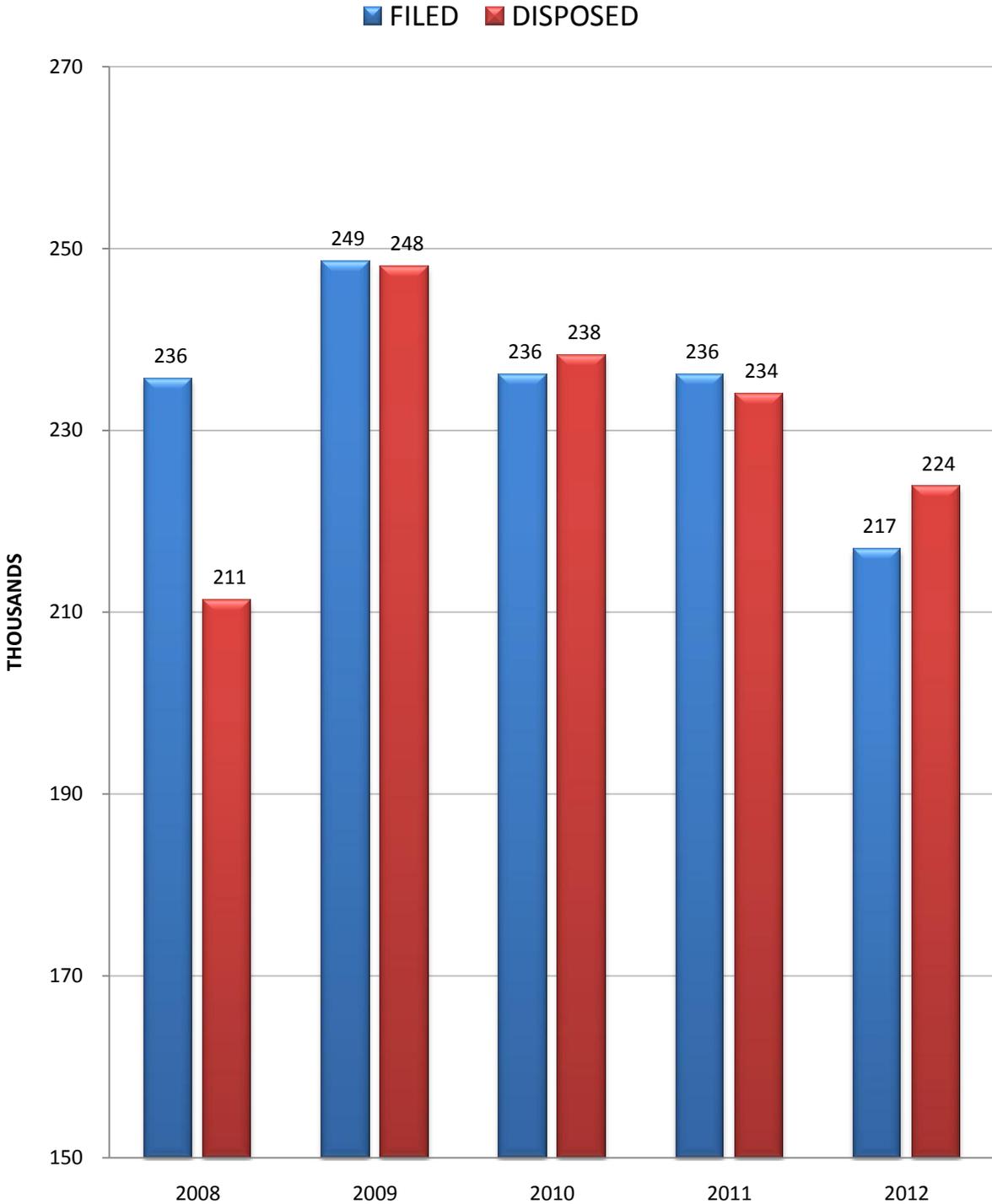


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## CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2008 - 2012

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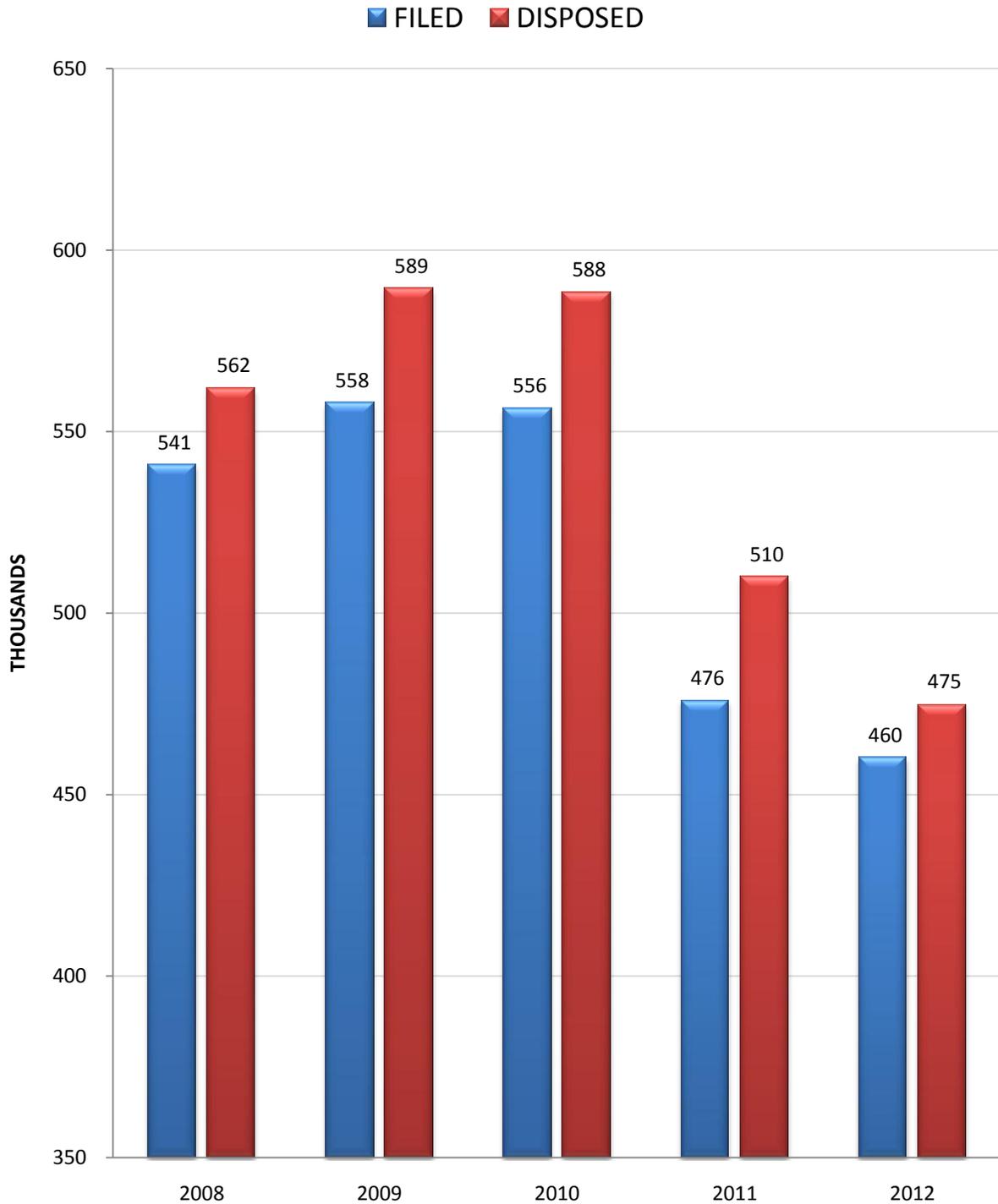


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## TRAFFIC CASE ACTIVITY, FY 2008 - 2012

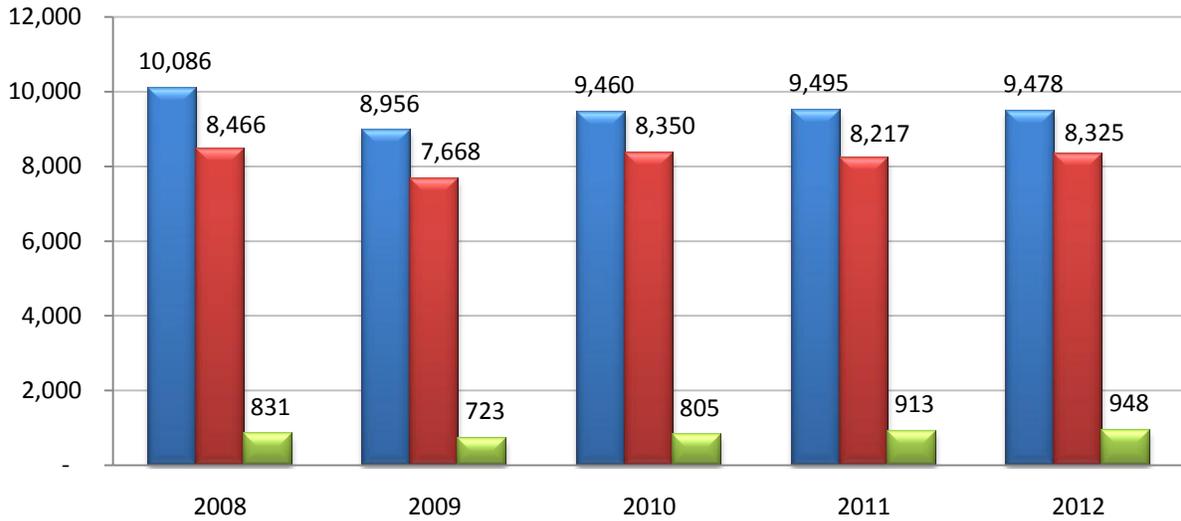
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## JUSTICE COURT PETITIONS FOR ORDERS OF PROTECTION FY 2008 - FY 2012

■ Filed ■ Issued ■ Denied



## JUSTICE COURT PETITIONS FOR INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT FY 2008 - FY 2012

■ Filed ■ Issued ■ Denied

