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Main Analysis

Case time standards are central to the Maryland Judiciary's mission to provide fair, efficient, and effective justice for all. This report presents the analysis of case processing performance in Maryland's circuit courts for Fiscal Year 2024 and is based on samples of original terminations from circuit court jurisdictions for the following case types: Criminal, Civil General, Foreclosure, Family Law (one-year standard), Juvenile Delinquency, Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) Shelter, CINA Non-Shelter, and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR). Limited Divorce is no longer a case type as of Fiscal Year 2024. A new suspension for informal adjustments was also created for Juvenile Delinquency cases. Samples of up to 511 original terminations were used for each case type, yielding a grand total of 36,605 cases for analysis.^{1,2}

Weighted figures are computed for instances in which data are displayed in the aggregate (i.e., statewide percentages of cases closed within standard, average, and median case times by jurisdiction size), to reflect each jurisdiction's contribution to overall terminations, by case type.

¹ Cases without case start dates, invalid terminations, and those with negative case processing times (i.e., case stop dates occurring before start dates) were excluded from the current analysis.

² A second round of assessment application data review took place with Baltimore City Circuit Court to correct conversion and data entry errors on Juvenile Delinquency, CINA Shelter, CINA Non-Shelter, and TPR cases.

Within-Standard Percentages

As shown in <u>Table 1</u>, the percentage of cases disposed within standard rose across four categories, with the largest percent change in the Foreclosure case category, followed by Criminal and Civil General cases. However, disposed within standard rates fell by 19% for CINA Shelter cases and declined for three other juvenile-related case types as well. No case type met the Judiciary goal for percent of cases completed within standard.

The statewide and jurisdictional within-standard percentages and overall and over-standard average and median case processing times, by case type, are displayed in <u>Appendix A</u>. For a comparison across years (Fiscal Years 2018 to 2019 and 2022 to 2024) of percentages of cases terminated within standard by case type for each jurisdiction, see <u>Appendix C</u>.

				Within-S	tandard Ter		
	Judicia	ry Goals		Fiscal Y	Year 2024		Fiscal Year
Case Type	Time Standard	Percent Within Standard	Fiscal Year 2024 Valid Terminations	N	% (weighted)	Fiscal Year 2023 % ^a	23-24 Percent Change ³
Criminal	180 days	98%	9,097	7,621	82%	75%	9%
Civil General ^b	548 days	98%	7,533	6,796	89%	84%	6%
Foreclosure ^c	730 days	98%	5,288	4,856	91%	80%	13%
Family Law	365 days	98%	10,313	9,356	88%	88%	0%
Juvenile Delinquency	90 days	98%	3,070	2,671	86%	87%	-1%
CINA Shelter	30 days	100%	846	515	55%	67%	-19%
CINA Non-Shelter	60 days	100%	153	112	81%	82%	-2%
TPR	180 days	100%	305	157	47%	50%	-6%

Table 1. Valid Terminations and Percentage of Cases Terminated Within-Standard (Weighted) by Case Type,Circuit Court, Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024

^a Percentages of cases closed within the Time Standards are weighted averages of jurisdiction-specific statistics.
 ^b The Circuit Court Civil General time standard is 98% of cases closed within 18 months (548 days) of filing. The District Court Civil time standard initiates at service, with the associated goal of closing 98% of Civil Large cases in 250 days and 98% of Civil Small cases in 120 days.

^c Foreclosure was added as a separate case type beginning Fiscal Year 2016. Foreclosure cases were previously reported under Civil General.

 $^{^{3}}$ This is a relative percent change calculation, i.e., (FY24 – FY23) / FY23

An examination of case processing performance by jurisdiction size illustrates the impact of high case volume. (*See Table 2*).

A comparison of <u>Table 2</u> and Table A-2 in <u>Appendix A</u> illustrates the impact that the performance of large jurisdictions has on the statewide within-standard percentages, due to the higher volume of cases terminated in larger jurisdictions.

Table 2. Percentage of Cases Closed Within Time Standard (Weighted) as a Function of Jurisdiction Size andCase Type, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

			Statewide	Jurisdiction Size			а	
Case Type	Time Standard	Judiciary Goals	Within- Standard Percentage*	Small	Medium	Medium- Large	Large	
Criminal	180 days	98%	82%	89%	86%	78%	81%	
Civil General	548 days	98%	89%	89%	93%	90%	88%	
Foreclosure	730 days	98%	91%	93%	95%	92%	90%	
Family Law	365 days	98%	88%	93%	96%	91%	85%	
Juvenile Delinquency	90 days	98%	86%	91%	85%	83%	86%	
CINA Shelter	30 days	100%	55%	59%	43%	69%	53%	
CINA Non-Shelter	60 days	100%	81%	100%	100%	65%	84%	
TPR	180 days	100%	47%	28%	69%	69%	42%	

^a Percentages of cases closed within the Time Standards are weighted averages of jurisdiction-specific statistics.

Average Case Processing Times

Statewide overall, within-standard, and over-standard average case processing times in the circuit courts for Fiscal Year 2024 are provided in <u>Table 3</u>. The overall average case processing times were not within standard for Juvenile Delinquency, CINA Shelter, CINA Non-Shelter, and TPR case types included in the caseflow assessment in Fiscal Year 2024.

For these case types, increases in overall average case processing times occurred from Fiscal Year 2023 to Fiscal Year 2024, ranging from 8 days in TPR cases to 36 days for Juvenile Delinquency cases. The remaining case types saw overall average case processing times decrease year over year, with decreases ranging from 3 days in Family Law cases to 68 days in Foreclosure cases.

Table 3. Average Overall, Within- and Over-Standard Case Processing Time (Weighted) by Case Type, Circuit
Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

		Fiscal Yea	Fiscal Year 2023 Overall		
Case Type	Time Standard	Overall Average	Within- Standard	Over- Standard	Average Case Time
Criminal	180 days	142	89	367	166
Civil General	548 days	289	221	825	313
Foreclosure	730 days	354	265	1,216	422
Family Law	365 days	193	135	595	196
Juvenile Delinquency	90 days	102	41	282	66
CINA Shelter	30 days	66	22	114	39
CINA Non-Shelter	60 days	64	40	150	50
TPR	180 days	231	127	316	223

*Average case times (in days) are weighted averages of jurisdiction-specific statistics.

Median Case Processing Times

<u>Table 4</u> provides the statewide overall, within-standard and over-standard median case processing times (the middle value in the distribution of case processing times from lowest to greatest case time) in the circuit courts for Fiscal Year 2024. Median case times are useful to examine as they are less affected by cases with extreme case lengths (outliers), whereas the average is more heavily influenced by outliers.

Overall median case processing times in Fiscal Year 2024 remained within standard for all case types except CINA Shelter and TPR. Highlighting the impact of extreme values on averages, the overall median was lower than the overall average for all case types in Fiscal Year 2024, with differences ranging from 13 days (CINA Non-Shelter) to 78 days (Foreclosure). Having greater averages than medians indicates that cases with extremely long case times had a larger effect on the average than cases with extremely short case times.

 Table 4. Median Overall, Within- and Over-Standard Case Processing Time (Weighted*) by Case Type, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

		Fiscal	Fiscal Year 2023 Overall		
Case Type	Time Standard	Overall Median	Within- Standard	Over- Standard	Median Case Time
Criminal	180 days	101	82	286	120
Civil General	548 days	237	205	708	232
Foreclosure	730 days	276	242	1,205	269
Family Law	365 days	140	113	488	131
Juvenile Delinquency	90 days	46	41	146	44
CINA Shelter	30 days	45	23	84	29
CINA Non-Shelter	60 days	51	42	131	48
TPR	180 days	204	135	288	205

*Median case times (in days) are weighted averages of jurisdiction-specific statistics

Distribution of Over-Standard Cases

To better understand case processing performance, it is useful to examine how over-standard cases are dispersed over time. <u>Table 5</u> provides data on the statewide distribution of cases closed past the case time standard goals, by case type. Appendix B depicts the distribution of cases closed over standard in Fiscal Year 2024, by case type.

Over-standard CINA Shelter and Juvenile Delinquency cases had 10% and 12%, respectively, disposed within one week of the time standard. CINA Non-Shelter (49%), Juvenile Delinquency (44%) and CINA Shelter (43%) cases had relatively large proportions disposed within one month of the time standard in Fiscal Year 2024. The times to close 50% of over-standard CINA Shelter, CINA Non-Shelter, and Juvenile Delinquency cases were approximately 1.3, 1.8, and 1.3 months, respectively.

By contrast, over-standard Foreclosure cases had 1% (3 cases) close within one week and 6% (27 cases) within one month. Similarly, Civil General cases had 2% (18 cases) close within one week and 10% (77 cases) close within one month.

		Number of Over-	% of Over-Standard Cases Closing Over Standard*			Time to Close 50% of Over-	
Case Type	Time Standard	Standard Cases	With	in 1 week	With	in 1 month	Standard Cases
Criminal	180 days	1,476	5%	75 cases	18%	266 cases	3.2 months
Civil General	548 days	737	2%	18 cases	10%	77 cases	5.7 months
Foreclosure	730 days	432	1%	3 cases	6%	27 cases	17.5 months
Family Law	365 days	957	4%	38 cases	16%	157 cases	3.9 months
Juvenile Delinquency	90 days	399	12%	48 cases	44%	177 cases	1.3 months
CINA Shelter	30 days	331	10%	32 cases	43%	142 cases	1.3 months
CINA Non-Shelter	60 days	41	-	_	49%	20 cases	1.8 months
TPR	180 days	148	7%	11 cases	21%	31 cases	2.9 months

Table 5. Percentage of Over-Standard Cases Closed Shortly Beyond the Time Standard and Time Required toClose 50% of Over-Standard Cases by Case Type, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

*The aggregate percentage of cases closing (just) over their respective time standards are **not** weighted; therefore, may not generalize to the statewide level.

Postponements

As part of the Caseflow Assessment process, the Judiciary tracks the number and proportion of cases containing one or more postponements. For this analysis, a "case with valid postponement information" is defined as a case with either valid information in the "number of postponements" data field or postponement reasons provided, except when both the number and reason fields indicated no postponement.⁴

As seen in <u>Table 6</u>, the highest postponement rate in the Fiscal Year 2024 Assessment was observed in Juvenile Delinquency cases (41%) followed by Criminal (40%) and TPR (38%). The lowest postponement rates in Fiscal Year 2024 were in the Foreclosure (5%), Family Law (10%), and Civil General (16%) case types. Juvenile Delinquency showed the largest change both in terms of percentage point difference from Fiscal Year 2023 to Fiscal Year 2024, increasing from 37% to 41%.

⁴ By contrast, cases with mismatched postponement information are those where (1) a postponement is identified but no reason is provided, (2) the number of postponements and the number of postponement reasons do not match, or (3) no postponement is identified based on the number of postponements but postponement reasons are provided. Only cases with matching postponement are listed.

Case Type	Fiscal Year 2024 Valid	Cases w	ith Valid P Informat	ostponement ion*	Matching Postponement Information**		
	Terminations	Ν	%	FY 2023 %	Ν	%	
Criminal	9,097	3,607	40%	43%	2,752	76%	
Civil General	7,533	1,175	16%	17%	930	79%	
Foreclosure	5,288	274	5%	5%	201	73%	
Family Law	10,313	1,065	10%	11%	850	80%	
Juvenile Delinquency	3,070	1,273	41%	37%	839	66%	
CINA Shelter	846	216	26%	25%	152	70%	
CINA Non-Shelter	153	40	26%	26%	14	35%	
TPR	305	115	38%	37%	33	29%	

Table 6. Number and Percentage of Cases with Postponement Information by the Match Between the Number of
Postponements and Postponement Reasons, by Case Type, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

*Excludes cases with no postponements and no postponement reasons listed

**Total number of cases in which the number of postponement reasons provided matches the postponement count

Suspensions

The Maryland Judiciary's case time standards provide for the suspension of case time if certain events occur that remove the court's ability to advance the case. The Assessment Application extracts suspension start and suspension stop dates from the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) system. Court staff review and, if necessary, correct suspension information contained in assessment data. *See* Table 7 for the number and rate of suspension events in the circuit courts, and the degree to which they contain valid data (i.e., no missing suspension start or stop dates and a nonnegative value for the time from suspension start to suspension stop).

No CINA Non-Shelter or TPR cases, and only one CINA Shelter case, contained a suspension event in Fiscal Year 2024. Juvenile Delinquency (30%) had the largest percentage of cases with suspensions followed by Criminal (23%) and Foreclosure (17%).

Case Type	Fiscal Year 2024	Cases with	Overall Suspensions			
	Valid	One or	Total	With Valid	Without	
	Terminations	More	Suspensions	Data	Valid Data	
		Suspensions		(N, %)**	(N, %)***	
		(N, %)*				
Criminal	9,097	2,049 (23%)	2,468	2,462 (100%)	6 (0%)	
Civil General	7,533	77 (1%)	83	79 (95%)	4 (5%)	
Foreclosure	5,288	915 (17%)	1,229	1,229 (100%)	0 (0%)	
Family Law	10,313	1,362 (13%)	1,448	1,052 (73%)	396 (27%)	
Juvenile Delinquency	3,070	928 (30%)	1,137	1,133 (100%)	4 (0%)	
CINA Shelter	846	1 (0%)	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	
CINA Non-Shelter	153	0 (0%)	-	-	-	
TPR	305	0 (0%)	-	-	-	
Total	36,605	5,332 (15%)	6,366	5,956 (94%)	410 (6%)	

Table 7. Suspensions with Valid and Invalid Data as a Function of Case Type, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

*Percent of valid terminations

**Suspensions with no missing start or stop dates and with a positive number for the time from suspension start to suspension stop. Percent of total suspensions.

***Suspensions missing either a suspension start or stop date, or the time from suspension start to suspension stop was a negative number. Percent of total suspensions.

Detail on the nature of suspensions with "invalid" data (i.e., missing a suspension start or stop date or with negative suspension time recorded) by case type in Fiscal Year 2024 is provided in

<u>Table 8</u>. <u>Tables 9</u> through 16 present the statewide number of valid and invalid suspensions, by suspension event, for each of the circuit court case types in Fiscal Year 2024. Note that Fiscal Year 2024 included a new suspension type for informal adjustments in Juvenile Delinquency cases.

Case Type	Without Valid Data	Suspensions with Invalid Data by Error Type					
	(N, %)*	Missing Stop Date	Missing Start Date	Negative			
		(N, %)**	(N, %)**	Susp.			
				Time			
				(N, %)**			
Criminal	6 (0%)	6 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)			
Civil General	4 (5%)	2 (50%)	2 (50%)	0 (0%)			
Foreclosure	0 (0%)	-	-	-			
Family Law	396 (27%)	3 (1%)	0 (0%)	393 (99%)			
Juvenile Delinquency	4 (0%)	1 (25%)	3 (75%)	0 (0%)			
CINA Shelter	0 (0%)	-	-	-			
CINA Non-Shelter	-	-	-	-			
TPR	-	-	-	-			
Total	410 (6%)	12 (3%)	5 (1%)	393 (96%)			

Table 8. Invalid Suspension Data as a Function of Case Type, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 20233

*Percent of total suspensions.

**Percent of invalid suspensions.

				Invalid Suspensions		sions
	Total	Valid	Invalid	Missing	Missing Start	Negative Susp. Time
Suspension Event	Susp. N	Suspensions N (%)*	Susp. N (%)*	Stop N (%)**	Start N (%)**	N (%)**
FTA 1	1,760	1,759 (100%)	1 (0%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
FTA 2	234	234 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 3	50	50 (100%)	0 (0%)	_	_	-
Mistrial	23	23 (100%)	0 (0%)	_	-	-
NCR Evaluation	37	37 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Reverse Waiver Petition	166	165 (99%)	1 (1%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Competency	95	95 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Evaluation***						
Interlocutory Appeal	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
Problem-Solving Court	36	32 (89%)	4 (11%)	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Diversion						
DNA/Forensic Evidence	14	14 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Psychological Evaluation	51	51 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Total	2,468	2,462 (100%)	6 (0%)	6 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

Table 9. Suspension Data for Criminal Cases, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

* Percent of total suspensions.

** Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

***Includes both the original and additional competency evaluation suspension date fields.

				Invalid Suspensions		
Suspension Event	Total Susp. N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Susp. N (%)*	Missing Stop N, (%)**	Missing Start N, (%)**	Negative Susp. Time N, (%)**
Bankruptcy***	56	54 (96%)	2 (4%)	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Non-Binding Arbitration	6	6 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Interlocutory Appeal	5	5 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Military Leave	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 1	0	-	-	-	-	-
FTA 2	0	-	-	-	-	-
FTA 3	0	-	-	-	-	-
Mistrial	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Receivership	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Foreclosure Mediation	13	11 (85%)	2 (15%)	0 (0%)	2 (100%)	0 (0%)
Total	83	79 (95%)	4 (5%)	2 (50%)	2 (50%)	0 (0%)

*Percent of total suspensions, by suspension event.

**Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

***Includes both the original and additional bankruptcy suspension date fields.

Table 11. Suspension Data for Foreclosure Cases, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

				In	Invalid Suspensions			
	Total Susp.	Valid Suspensions	Invalid Susp.	Missing Stop	Missing Start	Negative Susp. Time		
Suspension Event	N	N, (%)*	N (%)*	N, (%)**	N, (%)**	N, (%)**		
Bankruptcy***	705	705 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-		
Foreclosure Mediation	505	505 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-		
Non-Binding Arbitration	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-		
Interlocutory Appeal	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-		
Military Leave	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-		
FTA 1	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-		
FTA 2	3	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-		
FTA 3	3	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-		
Mistrial	0	-	-	-	_	-		
Receivership	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	_	-		
Total	1,229	1,229 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-		

*Percent of total suspensions, by suspension event.

**Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

***Includes both the original and additional bankruptcy suspension date fields.

				In	valid Suspen	sions
Suspension Event	Total Susp. N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Susp. N, (%)*	Missing Stop N, (%)**	Missing Start N, (%)**	Negative Susp. Time N, (%)**
Bankruptcy***	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Interlocutory Appeal	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	_
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
FTA 1	91	90 (99%)	1 (1%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
FTA 2	21	20 (95%)	1 (5%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
FTA 3	3	2 (67%)	1 (33%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
No Service in Child	1,327	934 (70%)	393 (30%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	393 (100%)
Support after 90 days						
Collaborative Law	0	-	-	-	-	-
Receivership	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,448	1,052 (73%)	396 (27%)	3 (1%)	0 (0%)	393 (99%)

Table 12 Suspension Data for	r Family Law Cases	, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024	
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* Percent of total suspensions.

** Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

Table 13. Suspension Data for Juvenile Delinquency Cases, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

				In	Invalid Suspensions		
	Total	Valid	Invalid	Missing	Missing	Negative	
	Susp.	Suspensions	Susp.	Stop	Start	Susp. Time	
Suspension Event	N	N, (%)*	N, (%)*	N, (%)**	N, (%)**	N, (%)**	
FTA 1	298	298 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-	
FTA 2	42	42 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-	
FTA 3	6	6 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-	
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-	
Competency	91	91 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-	
Evaluation***							
Mistrial	0	-	-	-	-	-	
Waiver to Adult Court	42	42 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-	
Interlocutory Appeal	0	-	-	-	-	-	
Pre-Disposition	19	19 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-	
Treatment Program							
PDI Order	541	541 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-	
Psychological Evaluation	81	78 (96%)	3 (4%)	0 (0%)	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	
DNA/Forensic Evidence	1	0 (0%)	1 (100%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
Referral for Informal	16	16 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	_	-	
Adjustment							
Total	1,121	1,117 (100%)	4 (0%)	1 (25%)	3 (75%)	0 (0%)	

* Percent of total suspensions.

** Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

				Inv	Invalid Suspensions			
Suspension Event	Total Susp. N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Susp. N, (%)*	Missing Stop N, (%)**	Missing Start N, (%)**	Negative Susp. Time N, (%)**		
Military Leave	0	-	-	_	-	-		
FTA 1	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-		
FTA 2	0	-	-	-	-	-		
FTA 3	0	-	-	-	-	-		
Safety of the Child (Rule 3-815(c)(4)	0	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-		

* Percent of total suspensions.

** Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

Table 15. Suspension Data for	CINA Non-Shelter Cases.	Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

				Invalid Suspensions			
	Total Susp.	Valid Suspensions	Invalid Susp.	Missing Stop	Missing Start	Negative Susp. Time	
Suspension Event	Ν	N, (%)*	N, (%)*	N, (%)**	N, (%)**	N, (%)**	
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-	
FTA 1	0	-	-	-	-	-	
FTA 2	0	-	-	-	-	-	
FTA 3	0	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	0	-	-	-	-	-	

* Percent of total suspensions.

** Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

Table 16. Suspension Data for TPR Cases, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

				Inv	Invalid Suspensions			
	Total Susp.	Valid Suspensions	Invalid Susp.	Missing Stop	Missing Start	Negative Susp. Time		
Suspension Event	Ν	N, (%)*	N, (%)*	N, (%)**	N, (%)**	N, (%)**		
Interlocutory Appeal	0	-	-	-	-	-		
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	0	-	-	-	-	-		

* Percent of total suspensions.

** Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

Appendix A: Circuit Courts Within-Standard Percentages and Overall and Over-Standard Average and Median Case Processing Times, by Case Type and Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction Size	Criminal	Civil General	Foreclosure	Family Law	Juvenile Delinquency	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-Shelter	TPR
Allegany	Medium	89%	95%	94%	94%	94%	100%	100%	100%
Anne Arundel	Large	95%	94%	96%	89%	96%	98%	75%	86%
Baltimore City	Large	81%	88%	85%	71%	68%	34%	-	12%
Baltimore County	Large	80%	87%	84%	82%	97%	37%	32%	47%
Calvert	Medium	89%	90%	96%	89%	79%	33%	-	80%
Caroline	Small	87%	89%	95%	94%	83%	0%	-	0%
Carroll	Medium-Large	82%	93%	90%	94%	97%	50%	-	80%
Cecil	Medium	86%	88%	92%	97%	57%	12%	-	22%
Charles	Medium-Large	91%	92%	93%	94%	92%	86%	-	0%
Dorchester	Small	94%	92%	94%	94%	92%	100%	100%	0%
Frederick	Medium-Large	83%	89%	95%	90%	87%	63%	10%	23%
Garrett	Small	82%	95%	88%	84%	93%	75%	-	100%
Harford	Medium-Large	60%	88%	92%	76%	72%	64%	81%	73%
Howard	Medium-Large	89%	91%	89%	99%	85%	71%	80%	100%
Kent	Small	95%	96%	88%	98%	100%	0%	-	100%
Montgomery	Large	76%	91%	93%	87%	82%	94%	100%	97%
Prince George's	Large	78%	84%	94%	89%	91%	95%	100%	36%
Queen Anne's	Small	99%	98%	97%	99%	100%	50%	-	100%
Somerset	Small	80%	82%	93%	91%	93%	60%	100%	5%
St. Mary's	Medium	72%	99%	96%	99%	93%	33%	100%	0%
Talbot	Small	78%	78%	88%	90%	84%	60%	100%	100%
Washington	Medium-Large	77%	88%	95%	93%	76%	79%	73%	100%
Wicomico	Medium	85%	95%	100%	98%	100%	40%	-	100%
Worcester	Medium	90%	97%	95%	97%	82%	58%	100%	50%
Statewide*		82%	89%	91%	88%	86%	55%	81%	47%

 Table A-1. Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type and Jurisdiction, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (October 2024)

"-" denotes jurisdictions with no cases of a certain type terminated in Fiscal Year 2024.

*Statewide average is weighted based on the number of terminations reported to the State for each jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction	Criminal	Civil General	Foreclosure	Family Law	Juvenile Delinquency	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-Shelter	TPR
Small								
Caroline	87%	89%	95%	94%	83%	0%	-	0%
Dorchester	94%	92%	94%	94%	92%	100%	100%	0%
Garrett	82%	95%	88%	84%	93%	75%	-	100%
Kent	95%	96%	88%	98%	100%	0%	-	100%
Queen Anne's	99%	98%	97%	99%	100%	50%	-	100%
Somerset	80%	82%	93%	91%	93%	60%	100%	5%
Talbot	78%	78%	88%	90%	84%	60%	100%	100%
Small Overall*	89%	89%	93%	93%	91%	59%	100%	28%
Medium								
Allegany	89%	95%	94%	94%	94%	100%	100%	100%
Calvert	89%	90%	96%	89%	79%	33%	-	80%
Cecil	86%	88%	92%	97%	57%	12%	-	22%
St. Mary's	72%	99%	96%	99%	93%	33%	100%	0%
Wicomico	85%	95%	100%	98%	100%	40%	-	100%
Worcester	90%	97%	95%	97%	82%	58%	100%	50%
Medium Overall*	86%	93%	95%	96%	85%	43%	100%	69%
Medium-Large								
Carroll	82%	93%	90%	94%	97%	50%	-	80%
Charles	91%	92%	93%	94%	92%	86%	-	0%
Frederick	83%	89%	95%	90%	87%	63%	10%	23%
Harford	60%	88%	92%	76%	72%	64%	81%	73%
Howard	89%	91%	89%	99%	85%	71%	80%	100%
Washington	77%	88%	95%	93%	76%	79%	73%	100%
Medium-Large Overall*	78%	90%	92%	91%	83%	69%	65%	69%
Large								
Anne Arundel	95%	94%	96%	89%	96%	98%	75%	86%
Baltimore City	81%	88%	85%	71%	68%	34%	-	12%
Baltimore County	80%	87%	84%	82%	97%	37%	32%	47%
Montgomery	76%	91%	93%	87%	82%	94%	100%	97%
Prince George's [‡]	78%	84%	94%	89%	91%	95%	100%	36%
Large Overall*	81%	88%	90%	85%	86%	53%	84%	42%

Table A-2. Percentage of Cases Terminated With	n Standard by Case Type and Jurisdiction Si	ze, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024
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Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (October 2024) "-" denotes jurisdictions with no cases of a certain type terminated in Fiscal Year 2024. * Jurisdiction size-specific averages are weighted based on the number of terminations reported to the State for each jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction Crimin	inal	Civil G	eneral	Forecle	osure	Family	Law	Juver Delinqu		CINA S	helter	CINA Non-Shelter		TP	'R	
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Allegany	120	284	215	862	329	1119	138	523	45	98	24	-	42	-	137	-
Anne Arundel	93	272	239	771	287	1074	177	547	45	111	25	46	40	77	135	230
Baltimore City	122	339	321	879	470	1251	309	636	333	977	104	147	-	-	286	308
Baltimore County	129	344	288	908	446	1391	227	609	38	129	68	94	177	240	202	280
Calvert	126	355	281	855	306	1005	161	498	63	152	64	83	-	-	205	552
Caroline	119	272	271	858	311	1374	151	486	55	103	53	53	-	-	343	343
Carroll	124	302	228	804	347	1282	145	474	42	104	36	49	-	-	212	524
Cecil	106	318	263	800	338	1145	139	599	123	241	75	83	-	-	338	407
Charles	115	341	278	763	318	1144	152	472	49	149	32	80	-	-	591	591
Dorchester	108	270	205	648	339	1080	155	477	51	141	20	-	53	-	389	389
Frederick	150	330	262	836	278	1246	154	542	52	132	35	55	78	86	189	196
Garrett	129	295	222	623	468	1360	196	590	50	102	30	62	-	-	137	-
Harford	220	348	310	902	306	1200	259	711	74	125	39	65	59	109	241	479
Howard	111	334	275	888	362	1232	121	553	64	132	33	64	67	141	167	-
Kent	120	265	215	1156	402	1311	127	393	34	-	86	86	-	-	99	-
Montgomery	179	446	246	811	304	1284	184	518	69	136	23	63	50	-	127	181
Prince George's [‡]	218	616	337	733	298	1151	214	758	60	128	31	163	41	-	388	527
Queen Anne's	65	242	185	620	232	1126	123	692	38	-	30	36	-	-	128	-
Somerset	171	408	328	844	346	1041	154	552	52	142	163	383	2	-	324	335
St. Mary's	171	342	162	609	356	1420	91	547	33	118	41	53	60	-	198	198
Talbot	165	359	328	752	417	1006	163	517	66	122	71	158	50	-	146	-
Washington	158	338	290	865	311	1224	148	556	56	138	20	52	45	106	94	-
Wicomico	135	310	239	702	300	-	127	399	27	-	33	50	-	-	145	-
Worcester	117	290	225	817	325	1084	125	500	71	172	31	44	49	-	169	207
Statewide*	142	367	289	825	354	1216	193	595	102	282	66	114	64	150	231	316

Table A-3. Overall (Total) and Over-Standard (OST) Average Case Processing Time in Days by Case Type and Jurisdiction, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (October 2024)

"-" denotes jurisdictions with no cases of a certain type terminated in Fiscal Year 2024.

*Statewide average is weighted based on the number of terminations reported to the State for each jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction	Criminal		Civil General		Foreclosure		Family Law		Juvenile Delinquency		CINA Shelter		CINA I Shelt		TPR	
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Small	110	070	071	050	211	1074	151	10.6	~ ~	102	52	50		_	2.42	2.42
Caroline	119	272	271	858	311	1374	151	486	55	103	53	53	-	-	343	343
Dorchester	108	270	205	648	339	1080	155	477	51	141	20	-	53	-	389	389
Garrett	129	295	222	623	468	1360	196	590	50	102	30	62	-	-	137	-
Kent	120	265	215	1156	402	1311	127	393	34	-	86	86	-	-	99	-
Queen Anne's	65	242	185	620	232	1126	123	692	38	-	30	36	-	-	128	-
Somerset	171	408	328	844	346	1041	154	552	52	142	163	383	2	-	324	335
Talbot	165	359	328	752	417	1006	163	517	66	122	71	158	50	-	146	-
Small, Overall Medium	120	302	261	769	341	1158	153	541	51	128	80	188	23	-	283	342
Allegany	120	284	215	862	329	1119	138	523	45	98	24	-	42	-	137	-
Calvert	126	355	281	855	306	1005	161	498	63	152	64	83	-	-	205	552
Cecil	106	318	263	800	338	1145	139	599	123	241	75	83	-	-	338	407
St. Mary's	171	342	162	609	356	1420	91	547	33	118	41	53	60	-	198	198
Wicomico	135	310	239	702	300	-	127	399	27	-	33	50	-	-	145	-
Worcester	117	290	225	817	325	1084	125	500	71	172	31	44	49	-	169	207
Medium, Overall Medium-Large	122	310	238	795	321	1113	134	502	61	172	50	67	48	-	204	392
Carroll	124	302	228	804	347	1282	145	474	42	104	36	49	-	-	212	524
Charles	115	341	278	763	318	1144	152	472	49	149	32	80	-	-	591	591
Frederick	150	330	262	836	278	1246	154	542	52	132	35	55	78	86	189	196
Harford	220	348	310	902	306	1200	259	711	74	125	39	65	59	109	241	479
Howard	111	334	275	888	362	1232	121	553	64	132	33	64	67	141	167	-
Washington	158	338	290	865	311	1224	148	556	56	138	20	52	45	106	94	-
Medium-Large, Overall	155	334	276	849	317	1213	163	557	59	133	33	61	59	107	198	40
Large																
Anne Arundel	93	272	239	771	287	1074	177	547	45	111	25	46	40	77	135	230
Baltimore City	122	339	321	879	470	1251	309	636	333	977	104	147	-	-	286	308
Baltimore County	129	344	288	908	446	1391	227	609	38	129	68	94	177	240	202	280
Montgomery	179	446	246	811	304	1284	184	518	69	136	23	63	50	-	127	18
Prince George's	218	616	337	733	298	1151	214	758	60	128	31	163	41	-	388	52
Large, Overall	144	394	296	826	370	1233	214	624	118	329	73	124	70	202	235	295

Table A-4. Overall (Total) and Over-Standard (OST) Average Case Processing Time in Days, by Case Type and Jurisdiction Size, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (October 2024) "-" denotes jurisdictions with no cases of a certain type terminated in Fiscal Year 2024. * Jurisdiction size-specific averages are weighted based on the number of terminations reported to the State for each jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction	Crim	Criminal		Civil General		Foreclosure		Family Law		nile 1ency	CINA Shelter		CINA Non-Shelter		TPR	
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Allegany	113	232	165	819	300	1126	90	469	36	98	28	-	48	-	142	-
Anne Arundel	86	240	209	697	245	1047	126	495	41	103	27	46	28	77	130	230
Baltimore City	76	287	265	696	398	1155	244	480	42	291	63	93	-	-	257	263
Baltimore County	88	264	233	718	289	1383	171	532	31	113	51	73	87	183	194	266
Calvert	107	269	218	735	276	826	103	461	53	120	65	83	-	-	119	552
Caroline	100	246	191	803	268	1495	115	445	49	91	53	53	-	-	343	343
Carroll	89	245	191	766	253	1271	107	431	35	104	33	40	-	-	158	524
Cecil	73	267	179	695	261	900	97	543	63	176	56	71	-	-	253	367
Charles	93	317	244	695	251	1225	119	422	42	116	24	80	-	-	591	591
Dorchester	104	278	162	632	283	1049	125	427	43	138	20	-	53	-	310	310
Frederick	134	276	183	748	214	1296	91	521	45	113	27	55	89	89	182	183
Garrett	106	259	198	621	351	1447	120	530	49	102	22	62	-	-	141	-
Harford	169	272	253	799	229	1250	127	620	70	112	29	49	51	103	174	508
Howard	101	274	210	759	244	1184	90	548	59	124	23	42	49	141	178	-
Kent	122	259	167	1101	296	1071	90	394	30	-	86	86	-	-	99	-
Montgomery	126	347	195	711	212	1344	140	452	59	113	23	51	55	-	127	181
Prince George's	124	382	293	667	236	1187	161	474	60	109	27	139	45	-	268	404
Queen Anne's	55	210	165	641	206	1126	90	692	38	-	32	36	-	-	128	-
Somerset	129	354	232	790	311	1008	98	477	50	142	26	371	2	-	267	267
St. Mary's	119	285	136	609	347	1420	88	490	28	118	50	53	60	-	198	198
Talbot	134	278	240	725	289	813	99	465	67	102	24	158	50	-	146	-
Washington	121	262	205	760	259	1283	91	468	34	117	19	56	29	118	91	-
Wicomico	106	246	209	650	321	-	98	390	24	-	49	51	-	-	140	-
Worcester	106	257	189	830	234	863	90	418	58	169	26	37	52	-	188	207
Statewide	109	276	214	720	264	1254	109	483	49	128	28	70	52	113	179	266

Table A-5. Overall and Over-Standard Median Case Processing Time in Days, by Case Type and Jurisdiction, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (October 2024) "-" denotes jurisdictions with no cases of a certain type terminated in Fiscal Year 2024. *Statewide average is weighted based on the number of terminations reported to the State for each jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction	Criminal		Civil General		Foreclosure		Family Law		Juvenile Delinquency		CINA S	Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter		TPR	
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	ÔST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Small																
Caroline	100	246	191	803	268	1495	115	445	49	91	53	53	-	-	343	343
Dorchester	104	278	162	632	283	1049	125	427	43	138	20	-	53	-	310	310
Garrett	106	259	198	621	351	1447	120	530	49	102	22	62	-	-	141	-
Kent	122	259	167	1101	296	1071	90	394	30	-	86	86	-	-	99	-
Queen Anne's	55	210	165	641	206	1126	90	692	38	-	32	36	-	-	128	-
Somerset	129	354	232	790	311	1008	98	477	50	142	26	371	2	-	267	267
Talbot	134	278	240	725	289	813	99	465	67	102	24	158	50	-	146	-
Small, Overall Medium	101	269	200	743	285	1137	105	493	47	122	29	184	23	-	243	279
Allegany	113	232	165	819	300	1126	90	469	36	98	28	-	48	-	142	-
Calvert	107	269	218	735	276	826	103	461	53	120	65	83	-	-	119	552
Cecil	73	267	179	695	261	900	97	543	63	176	56	71	-	-	253	367
St. Mary's	119	285	136	609	347	1420	88	490	28	118	50	53	60	-	198	198
Wicomico	106	246	209	650	321	-	98	390	24	-	49	51	-	-	140	-
Worcester	106	257	189	830	234	863	90	418	58	169	26	37	52	-	188	207
Medium, Overall Medium-Large	97	255	185	734	285	960	95	458	42	145	44	60	52	-	174	373
Carroll	89	245	191	766	253	1271	107	431	35	104	33	40	-	-	158	524
Charles	93	317	244	695	251	1225	119	422	42	116	24	80	-	-	591	591
Frederick	134	276	183	748	214	1296	91	521	45	113	27	55	89	89	182	183
Harford	169	272	253	799	229	1250	127	620	70	112	29	49	51	103	174	508
Howard	101	274	210	759	244	1184	90	548	59	124	23	42	49	141	178	-
Washington Medium-Large,	121 124	262 274	205 217	760 754	259 240	1283 1251	91 103	468 509	34 50	117 116	19 25	56 51	29 52	118 108	91 165	- 413
Overall Large																
Anne Arundel	86	240	209	697	245	1047	126	495	41	103	27	46	28	77	130	230
Baltimore City	76	287	265	696	398	1155	244	480	42	291	63	93	-	-	257	263
Baltimore County	88	264	233	718	289	1383	171	532	31	113	51	73	87	183	194	266
Montgomery	126	347	195	711	212	1344	140	452	59	113	23	51	55	-	127	181
Prince George's	124	382	293	667	236	1187	161	474	60	109	27	139	45	-	268	404
Large, Overall	94	298	247	696	284	1223	161	485	45	153	49	89	53	158	211	263

Table A-6. Overall (Total) and Over-Standard (OST) Median Case Processing Time in Days, by Case Type and Jurisdiction Size, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Year 2024

Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (October 2024) "-" denotes jurisdictions with no cases of a certain type terminated in Fiscal Year 2024. * Jurisdiction size-specific averages are weighted based on the number of terminations reported to the State for each jurisdiction.

Appendix B: Circuit Courts Statewide Distribution of Over-Standard Cases



Figure B-1. Distribution of Over-Standard Criminal Case (N=737) Dispositions by the Time Beyond the 180-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024



Figure B-2. Distribution of Over-Standard Civil General Cases (N=432) by the Time Beyond the 548-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024



Figure B-2(a). Distribution of Over-Standard Foreclosure Cases (N=957) by the Time Beyond the 730-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024



Figure B-3. Distribution of the Over-Standard Family Law Case (N=1,476) Dispositions by the Time Beyond the 365-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024



Figure B-4. Distribution of the Over-Standard Juvenile Delinquency Case (N=592) Dispositions by the Time Beyond the 90-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024



Figure B-5. Distribution of the Over-Standard CINA Shelter Case (N=399) Dispositions by the Time Beyond the 30-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024



Figure B-6. Distribution of the Over-Standard CINA Non-Shelter Case (N=44) Dispositions by the Time Beyond the 60-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024



Figure B-7. Distribution of the Over-Standard TPR Case (N=183) Dispositions by the Time Beyond the 180-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024

Appendix C: Circuit Courts Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard, by Jurisdiction Fiscal Years 2018 through 2024*

*Blanks or N/As in the following tables indicate a jurisdiction either had no case terminations of a specific case type or was excluded from the analysis of case processing performance entirely for a particular year.



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Statewide (Weighted)

* Jurisdiction-specific data is presented, <u>unweighted</u>, for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2024 on all subsequent pages within Appendix C.







Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Anne Arundel County (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Baltimore City (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Baltimore County[‡] (Unweighted)

‡The Circuit Court for Baltimore County was excluded from the Fiscal Year 2018 analysis of case processing performance.



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Calvert County (Unweighted)

Administrative Office of the Courts



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Caroline County[‡] (Unweighted)


Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Carroll County (Unweighted)







Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Charles County (Unweighted)





Administrative Office of the Courts



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Frederick County[‡] (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Garrett County[‡] (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Harford County (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Howard County (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Kent County[‡] (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Montgomery County (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Prince George's County (Unweighted)

Note: Caseflow data for the Circuit Court for Prince George's County did not undergo a complete review or analysis by the Court in Fiscal Year 2023 due to the implementation of Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC). Courts undergoing MDEC implementation are typically exempt from data review and reporting during the implementation period due to the large level of resources that courts must dedicate to MDEC. Thus, the data was not fully reviewed by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, and the Court was exempt from providing an analysis of the data for FY2022. As such, the Circuit Court for Prince George's County likely had higher percentages of case completion than the data reflects at this time.



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Queen Anne's County[‡] (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Somerset County[‡] (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* St. Mary's County (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Talbot County[‡] (Unweighted)







Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Wicomico County[‡] (Unweighted)



Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018-2024* Worcester County[‡] (Unweighted)