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Main Analysis

The Maryland Judiciary has reported the case processing times of a sample of cases in the District Court each fiscal year since 2002. The current report describes the results of the caseload analysis for Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023). Samples of up to 520 original cases terminated in Fiscal Year 2023 were examined for the following case types: Criminal, Traffic 21-902, Traffic Must Appear, Traffic Payable, Civil Large, and Civil Small. Cases were extracted from the Judicial Information Systems (JIS) databases for each of the 23 counties and Baltimore City within Maryland's District Court, totaling 50,299 valid case terminations used for the present analysis.¹ This is 5,273 fewer cases than the number reported for Fiscal Year 2022 (55,572).

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

Within-Standard Percentages

The percentage of cases closed within-standard for Fiscal Year 2023 increased noticeably in all case types in comparison to Fiscal Year 2022, no doubt stemming from the easing of restrictions on court operations in response to the COVID-19 emergency, in addition to the declining effects of the COVID-19 emergency itself. The largest percent change was seen in the Traffic Must Appear case category. However, Statewide, no case type met the Judiciary goal of 98% of cases completed within-standard. The percent within-standard increases from Fiscal Year 2022 to Fiscal Year 2023 are shown in [Table 1](#) below.

The statewide and jurisdictional overall and over-standard average and median case processing times by case type can be found in [Appendix A](#). For a comparison across years (Fiscal Years 2017 to 2019, 2022, and 2023) of percentages of cases terminated within standard by case type for each jurisdiction, see [Appendix C](#).

Table 1. Overall Terminations and Percentage of Cases Terminated Within-Standard (Weighted) by Case Type, District Court, Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023

Case Type	Judiciary Goals		FY 2023 Original Terminations	Within-Standard Terminations			FY 2022-23 Percent Change
	Time Standard	Percent Within-Standard		FY 2023		FY 2022	
				N	%*	%*	
Criminal	180 days	98%	11,627	10,536	85%	70%	22%
Traffic 21-902	180 days	98%	8,629	5,757	53%	46%	16%
Traffic Must Appear	180 days	98%	11,668	8,345	53%	34%	58%
Traffic Payable	120 days	98%	9,582	8,255	64%	48%	35%
Civil Large	250 days	98%	4,683	4,301	91%	79%	14%
Civil Small	120 days	98%	4,110	3,758	84%	62%	35%

**Percentages of cases closed within the Time Standards are weighted averages of the jurisdiction-specific statistics. To see unweighted percentages, please see Appendix C.*

Case processing performance by jurisdiction size is provided in [Table 2](#) below. Performance among small jurisdictions was above the statewide percentage within standard for all case types. Similarly, among medium jurisdictions, performance was above the statewide percentage within standard for all case types. Large jurisdictions’ performance was below the statewide percentage within standard for all case types. The lower performance of the large jurisdictions illustrates the major effect these courts have on the statewide within-standard percentages. These jurisdictions terminate more cases, therefore, these cases have larger weights.

Table 2. Percentage of Cases Closed Within Time Standard (Weighted*) as a Function of Jurisdiction Size and Case Type, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Case Type	Time Standard	Judiciary Goals	Statewide Within Standard	Jurisdiction Size		
				Small	Medium	Large
Criminal	180 days	98%	85%	90%	91%	81%
Traffic 21-902	180 days	98%	53%	77%	69%	36%
Traffic Must Appear	180 days	98%	53%	74%	71%	44%
Traffic Payable	120 days	98%	64%	95%	93%	43%
Civil Large	250 days	98%	91%	97%	92%	90%
Civil Small	120 days	98%	84%	93%	91%	80%

* Percentages of cases closed within the Time Standards are weighted averages of the jurisdiction-specific statistics. To see unweighted percentages, see [Appendix C](#).

Average Case Processing Time

Statewide overall, within-standard, and over-standard average case processing times in the District Court for Fiscal Year 2023 are provided in [Table 3](#). The overall average case processing time decreased for all casetypes compared to Fiscal Year 2022, except for Traffic Payable where there was a slight increase. The overall average case processing times for Criminal, Civil Large, and Civil Small cases were still within the time standard. Within-standard average case processing times decreased for all case types except for Civil Small cases compared to Fiscal Year 2022. The average processing time of over-standard cases in Fiscal Year 2023 increased for all case types except for Criminal and Civil Large case types.

Table 3. Average Overall, Within- and Over-Standard Case Processing Time (Weighted*) by Case Type, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Case Type	Time Standard	Fiscal Year 2023 Average Case Time (in days)			Fiscal Year 2022 Overall Average Case Time
		Overall Average	Within-standard	Over Standard	
Criminal	180 days	109	70	320	159
Traffic 21-902	180 days	253	108	365	257
Traffic Must Appear	180 days	278	105	433	337
Traffic Payable	120 days	237	59	464	236
Civil Large	250 days	126	90	445	166
Civil Small	120 days	88	53	278	134

* Percentages of cases closed within the Time Standards are weighted averages of the jurisdiction-specific statistics

Median Case Processing Time

For Fiscal Year 2023, overall median case processing times were within standard for Criminal, Civil Large, and Civil Small cases (see [Table 4](#)). The overall median case processing time for Fiscal Year 2023 decreased from Fiscal Year 2022 for all case types. For Fiscal Year 2023, the within-standard median case processing times decreased for all case types except Civil Small. The median processing times of over-standard cases decreased from Fiscal Year 2022 for all case types.

Table 4. Median Overall, Within- and Over-Standard Case Processing Time (Weighted*) by Case Type, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Case Type	Time Standard	Fiscal Year 2023 Median Case Time (in days)			Fiscal Year 2022 Overall Median Case Time
		Overall Median	Within Standard	Over Standard	
Criminal	180 days	75	61	269	121
Traffic 21-902	180 days	198	109	305	231
Traffic Must Appear	180 days	190	106	355	306
Traffic Payable	120 days	138	56	336	205
Civil Large	250 days	89	81	372	121
Civil Small	120 days	63	53	173	104

* Percentages of cases closed within the Time Standards are weighted averages of the jurisdiction-specific statistics

Distribution of Over-Standard Cases

To better understand case processing, it is useful to examine how over-standard cases are dispersed over time. As shown in [Table 5](#) below, over-standard case terminations within one week of the time standard ranged from 3% for Civil Large cases to 11% for Civil Small, while 10% to 32% closed within one month of the time standard. Traffic Payable cases took the longest to terminate, taking approximately 5.9 months to close 50% of over-standard cases.

[Appendix B](#) contains diagrams of the distribution of cases closed over standard in Fiscal Year 2023, by case type.

Table 5. Percentage of Over-Standard Cases Closed Shortly Beyond the Time Standard and Time Required to Close 50% of Over-Standard Cases by Case Type, District Courts Fiscal Year 2023

Case Type	Time Standard	Number of Over-Standard Cases	% of Over-Standard Cases Closing Over Standard				Time to Close 50% of Over-Standard Cases
			Within 1 week		Within 1 month		
Criminal	180 days	1,091	8%	85 cases	28%	309 cases	2.2 months
Traffic 21-902	180 days	2,872	6%	172 cases	20%	578 cases	3.6 months
Traffic Must Appear	180 days	3,323	5%	177 cases	19%	645 cases	4.2 months
Traffic Payable	120 days	1,327	6%	73 cases	16%	214 cases	5.9 months
Civil Large	250 days	382	3%	12 cases	10%	40 cases	5.3 months
Civil Small	120 days	352	11%	39 cases	32%	112 cases	2 months

Postponements

As part of the Caseflow Assessment process, the Judiciary tracks the number and proportion of cases containing one or more postponements. The Statewide Caseflow Assessment includes both pre-trial and trial postponements, and in ordinary years court personnel verify this information in the case records for accuracy. For the purpose of 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 for where both the number and reason fields indicated no postponement.²

As seen in [Table 6](#), the case type with the highest proportion of cases with postponements in the Fiscal Year 2023 Assessment was Traffic 21-902 cases (55%), followed by Criminal (43%).

Table 6. Number and Percentage of Cases with Postponement Information by the Match Between the Numbers of Postponements and Postponement Reasons by Case Type, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Case Type	Fiscal Year 2023 Valid Terminations	Cases with valid postponement information *			Matching postponement information **	
		N	%	FY 2022 %	N	%
Criminal	11,627	4,970	43%	47%	4,385	88%
Traffic 21-902	8,629	4,758	55%	54%	4,184	88%
Traffic Must Appear	11,668	4,248	36%	41%	3,564	84%
Traffic Payable	9,582	1,191	12%	17%	1,052	88%
Civil Large	4,683	1,140	24%	20%	768	67%
Civil Small	4,110	571	14%	14%	393	69%

* 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

² By contrast, 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.

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 statewide databases or local source systems (the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) and legacy systems). Local court and District Court Headquarters 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 District Court, and the degree to which they contain valid data (i.e., no missing suspension start or stop dates and a non-negative value for the time from suspension start to suspension stop). In Civil Large and Civil Small cases, multiple defendant suspensions can show missing valid suspensions, but these typically do not affect case processing times (see [Table 13](#) for more information).

In Fiscal Year 2023, 18% of cases were reported to have one or more suspensions. The number of cases with one or more reported suspensions was highest among Criminal cases (32%) and lowest in Traffic Payable cases (9%). Across all case types, there was a total of 11,219 reported suspensions.

Further analysis of case suspensions indicates that in 5% of the suspensions (526 of the 11,219), there either was a stop date prior to the start date or there was a missing start or stop date. (See [Table 7](#).)

Table 7. Suspensions with Valid and Invalid Data as a Function of Case Type, District Court Fiscal Year 2023

Case Type	Valid Terminations	Cases with One or More Suspensions (N, %)*	Overall Suspensions		
			Total Suspensions	With Valid Data (N, %)**	Without Valid Data (N, %)***
Criminal	11,627	3,709 (32%)	4,470	4,464 (100%)	6 (0%)
Traffic 21-902	8,629	903 (10%)	1,089	1,089 (100%)	0 (0%)
Traffic Must Appear	11,668	2,827 (24%)	3,337	3,301 (99%)	36 (1%)
Traffic Payable	9,582	826 (9%)	1,001	1,001 (100%)	0 (0%)
Civil Large	4,683	461 (10%)	683	357 (52%)	326 (48%)
Civil Small	4,110	510 (12%)	639	481 (75%)	158 (25%)
Total	50,299	9,236 (18%)	11,219	10,693 (95%)	526 (5%)

* Percent of valid terminations

** Suspensions with no missing start or stop dates and with a non-negative 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.

Invalid suspensions occur for a variety of reasons. As shown in [Table 8](#), among invalid suspensions, Civil Large cases had the highest reported frequency of missing stop dates and negative suspension times.

Table 8. Invalid Suspension Data as a Function of Case Type, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Case Type	Without Valid Data (N, %)*	Suspensions with Invalid Data by Error Type		
		Missing Stop Date (N, %)**	Missing Start Date (N, %)**	Negative Suspension Time (N, %)**
Criminal	6 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (100%)	0 (0%)
Traffic 21-902	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Traffic Must Appear	36 (1%)	36 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Traffic Payable	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Civil Large	326 (48%)	79 (24%)	15 (5%)	232 (71%)
Civil Small	158 (25%)	33 (21%)	15 (9%)	110 (70%)
Total	526 (5%)	148 (28%)	36 (7%)	342 (65%)

* Percent of total suspensions

** Percent of invalid suspensions

Comparable to prior years, the large majority of reported suspensions in Criminal and Traffic cases are due to defendants having failed to appear (FTA 1, FTA 2, and FTA 3). Most of these were first-time FTAs.

Table 9. Suspension Data for Traffic 21-902 Cases, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
FTA 1	848	848 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 2	143	143 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 3	17	17 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
PSI Order***	54	54 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
NCR Filing	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Psychological Evaluation	9	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Competency	14	14 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Problem-Solving Court Diversion	3	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,089	1,089 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-

* Percent of total suspensions, by suspension event

** Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event

*** PSI suspension start date included date of sub curia PSI or PSI order date

Table 10. Suspension Data for Criminal Cases, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
FTA 1	3,583	3,583 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 2	506	506 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 3	119	119 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
PSI Order***	36	36 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
NCR Filing	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Psychological Evaluation	48	48 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Competency	158	152 (96%)	6 (4%)	0 (0%)	6 (100%)	0 (0%)
Problem-Solving Court Diversion	14	14 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Military Leave	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Total	4,470	4,464 (100%)	6 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (100%)	0 (0%)

*Percent of total suspensions, by suspension event

**Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event

***PSI suspension start date included date of sub curia PSI

Table 11. Suspension Data for Traffic Must Appear Cases, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
FTA 1	2,811	2,784 (99%)	27 (1%)	27(100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
FTA 2	462	453 (98%)	9 (2%)	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
FTA 3	36	36 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
PSI Order***	21	21 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
NCR Filing	0	-	-	-	-	-
Psychological Evaluation	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Competency	5	5 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Problem-Solving Court Diversion	0	-	-	-	-	-
Military Leave	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Total	3,337	3,301 (99%)	36 (1%)	36(100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

*Percent of total suspensions, by suspension event

**Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

***PSI suspension start date included date of sub curia PSI or PSI order date.

Table 12. Suspension Data for Traffic Payable Cases, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
FTA 1	824	824 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 2	161	161 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 3	16	16 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Total	1,001	1,001 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-

*Percent of total suspensions, by suspension event

**Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event

Similar to previous Fiscal Year, almost half of suspensions were classified as invalid for both Civil Small and Civil Large case types. The large proportion of invalid suspensions were primarily driven by the inclusion of the multiple defendant suspension when a suspension was not needed in the case.

Table 13. Suspension Data for Civil Large Cases, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
Bankruptcy	9	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Military Leave	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Passed for Settlement	8	8 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Stay	8	8 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Multiple Defendant 1	442	237 (54%)	205 (46%)	25 (12%)	14 (7%)	166 (81%)
Multiple Defendant 2	214	93 (43%)	121 (57%)	54 (45%)	1 (1%)	66 (55%)
Total	683	357 (52%)	326 (48%)	79 (24%)	15 (5%)	232 (71%)

*Percent of total suspensions, by suspension event.

**Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

Table 14. Suspension Data for Civil Small Cases, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
Bankruptcy	5	5 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
Passed for Settlement	27	27 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Stay	9	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Multiple Defendant 1	467	364 (78%)	103 (22%)	9 (9%)	14 (14%)	80 (78%)
Multiple Defendant 2	131	76 (58%)	55 (42%)	24 (44%)	1 (2%)	30 (55%)
Total	639	481 (75%)	158 (25%)	33 (21%)	15 (9%)	110 (70%)

*Percent of total suspensions, by suspension event

**Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event

Appendix A: District Court Within-Standard Percentages and Overall and Over-Standard Average and Median Case Processing Times, by Case Type and Jurisdictions

Table A-1. Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type and Jurisdiction, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction Size	Criminal	Traffic 21-902	Traffic Must Appear	Traffic Payable	Civil Large	Civil Small
Allegany	Small	88%	93%	89%	98%	98%	98%
Anne Arundel	Large	73%	47%	36%	92%	90%	86%
Baltimore City	Large	98%	64%	58%	97%	72%	84%
Baltimore County	Large	91%	58%	67%	65%	79%	80%
Calvert	Small	91%	89%	90%	98%	96%	94%
Caroline	Small	96%	95%	93%	97%	98%	91%
Carroll	Small	97%	97%	95%	99%	97%	95%
Cecil	Small	97%	96%	93%	98%	99%	100%
Charles	Medium	89%	60%	65%	89%	94%	93%
Dorchester	Small	93%	88%	86%	96%	97%	97%
Frederick	Medium	88%	59%	61%	93%	94%	98%
Garrett	Small	89%	92%	71%	96%	94%	98%
Harford	Medium	97%	82%	78%	91%	94%	94%
Howard	Medium	92%	81%	92%	98%	89%	82%
Kent	Small	98%	97%	100%	97%	100%	100%
Montgomery	Large	90%	8%	9%	32%	94%	59%
Prince George's	Large	76%	32%	42%	27%	94%	90%
Queen Anne's	Small	99%	98%	98%	99%	100%	99%
Somerset	Small	90%	76%	71%	93%	100%	99%
St. Mary's	Small	98%	94%	95%	98%	96%	99%
Talbot	Small	89%	90%	91%	98%	98%	93%
Washington	Small	66%	19%	14%	70%	96%	93%
Wicomico	Small	96%	74%	79%	97%	95%	90%
Worcester	Small	94%	58%	51%	97%	95%	85%
Statewide**		85%	53%	53%	64%	91%	84%

Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (October 2023)

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

Table A-2. Percentage of Cases Terminated Within-Standard by Case Type and Size of Jurisdiction, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Jurisdiction	Judges	Criminal	Traffic 21-902	Traffic Must Appear	Traffic Payable	Civil Large	Civil Small
Small							
Allegany	2	88%	93%	89%	98%	98%	98%
Calvert	2	91%	89%	90%	98%	96%	94%
Caroline	1	96%	95%	93%	97%	98%	91%
Carroll	2	97%	97%	95%	99%	97%	95%
Cecil	2	97%	96%	93%	98%	99%	100%
Dorchester	1	93%	88%	86%	96%	97%	97%
Garrett	1	89%	92%	71%	96%	94%	98%
Kent	1	98%	97%	100%	97%	100%	100%
Queen Anne's	1	99%	98%	98%	99%	100%	99%
Somerset	1	90%	76%	71%	93%	100%	99%
St. Mary's	2	98%	94%	95%	98%	96%	99%
Talbot	1	89%	90%	91%	98%	98%	93%
Washington	2	66%	19%	14%	70%	96%	93%
Wicomico	2	96%	74%	79%	97%	95%	90%
Worcester	2	94%	58%	51%	97%	95%	85%
Small Overall*	22	90%	77%	74%	95%	97%	93%
Medium							
Charles	3	89%	60%	65%	89%	94%	93%
Frederick	3	88%	59%	61%	93%	94%	98%
Harford	4	97%	82%	78%	91%	94%	94%
Howard	5	92%	81%	92%	98%	89%	82%
Medium Overall*	15	91%	69%	71%	93%	92%	91%
Large							
Anne Arundel	10	73%	47%	36%	92%	90%	86%
Baltimore City	28	98%	64%	58%	97%	72%	84%
Baltimore County	15	91%	58%	67%	65%	79%	80%
Montgomery	13	90%	8%	9%	32%	94%	59%
Prince George's	19	76%	32%	42%	27%	94%	90%
Large Overall*	80	81%	36%	44%	43%	90%	80%

Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (October 2023)

* Jurisdiction size-specific averages are weighted based on the number of terminations reported to the state for each jurisdiction.

Table A-3. Overall (Total) and Over-Standard (OST) Average Case Processing Time in Days by Case Type and Jurisdiction, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

	Criminal		Traffic 21-902		Traffic Must Appear		Traffic Payable		Civil Large		Civil Small	
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Allegany	98	287	95	243	102	239	53	547	78	438	48	209
Anne Arundel	146	328	218	305	251	325	68	241	146	727	125	661
Baltimore City	41	283	188	321	214	368	48	326	220	546	85	376
Baltimore County	82	319	208	349	191	386	145	300	192	517	117	339
Calvert	92	287	109	260	108	268	47	298	85	409	61	250
Caroline	71	234	95	210	101	325	90	1483	87	255	68	245
Carroll	67	252	89	212	88	255	52	195	91	285	62	198
Cecil	66	293	81	237	92	265	53	430	69	353	55	-
Charles	98	272	175	287	168	314	153	985	108	407	63	223
Dorchester	90	321	136	404	122	268	60	371	94	671	79	921
Frederick	107	275	183	288	184	288	64	202	96	370	60	260
Garrett	91	242	95	221	146	280	53	170	107	573	52	212
Harford	63	239	136	237	147	259	79	369	118	741	81	425
Howard	71	238	129	282	100	349	58	549	157	630	90	230
Kent	71	231	79	249	74	246	69	818	54	-	48	-
Montgomery	97	361	531	567	716	771	509	720	123	378	129	223
Prince George's	150	401	347	459	372	568	446	587	95	340	53	188
Queen Anne's	62	197	82	216	93	251	51	235	83	-	62	402
Somerset	99	337	146	292	171	333	63	306	81	-	59	189
St. Mary's	68	262	95	250	89	211	51	178	117	525	54	137
Talbot	104	380	103	214	112	369	45	163	81	396	73	147
Washington	164	310	339	388	374	412	132	304	92	376	65	184
Wicomico	69	222	148	281	142	300	55	181	104	382	75	177
Worcester	86	284	219	367	231	368	57	443	101	338	150	641
Statewide*	109	320	253	365	278	433	237	464	126	445	88	278

Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (October 2023)

"-" denotes jurisdictions with no cases of a particular type terminated in Fiscal Year 2023.

*Statewide average is the weighted averages of jurisdiction-specific statistics.

Table A-4. Overall (Total) and Over-Standard (OST) Average Case Processing Time in Days by Case Type and Jurisdiction Size, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Jurisdiction	Criminal		Traffic 21-902		Traffic Must-Appear		Traffic Payable		Civil Large		Civil Small	
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Small												
Allegany	98	287	95	243	102	239	53	547	78	438	48	209
Calvert	92	287	109	260	108	268	47	298	85	409	61	250
Caroline	71	234	95	210	101	325	90	148 3	87	255	68	245
Carroll	67	252	89	212	88	255	52	195	91	285	62	198
Cecil	66	293	81	237	92	265	53	430	69	353	55	-
Dorchester	90	321	136	404	122	268	60	371	94	671	79	921
Garrett	91	242	95	221	146	280	53	170	107	573	52	212
Kent	71	231	79	249	74	246	69	818	54	-	48	-
Queen Anne's	62	197	82	216	93	251	51	235	83	-	62	402
Somerset	99	337	146	292	171	333	63	306	81	-	59	189
St. Mary's	68	262	95	250	89	211	51	178	117	525	54	137
Talbot	104	380	103	214	112	369	45	163	81	396	73	147
Washington	164	310	339	388	374	412	132	304	92	376	65	184
Wicomico	69	222	148	281	142	300	55	181	104	382	75	177
Worcester	86	284	219	367	231	368	57	443	101	338	150	641
Small, Overall*	93	285	150	287	160	307	61	318	90	385	72	239
Medium												
Charles	98	272	175	287	168	314	153	985	108	407	63	223
Frederick	107	275	183	288	184	288	64	202	96	370	60	260
Harford	63	239	136	237	147	259	79	369	118	741	81	425
Howard	71	238	129	282	100	349	58	549	157	630	90	230
Medium, Overall*	87	259	159	274	158	300	86	499	126	576	77	305
Large												
Anne Arundel	146	328	218	305	251	325	68	241	146	727	125	661
Baltimore City	41	283	188	321	214	368	48	326	220	546	85	376
Baltimore County	82	319	208	349	191	386	145	300	192	517	117	339
Montgomery	97	361	531	567	716	771	509	720	123	378	129	223
Prince George's	150	401	347	459	372	568	446	587	95	340	53	188
Large, Overall*	123	355	328	428	338	497	357	518	130	429	94	280

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*Jurisdiction-size specific averages are weighted based on the number of terminations reported to the State for each jurisdiction.

Table A-5. Overall and Over-Standard Median Case Processing Time in Days by Case Type and Jurisdiction, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Jurisdiction	Criminal		Traffic 21-902		Traffic Must-Appear		Traffic Payable		Civil Large		Civil Small	
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Allegany	71	243	74	211	81	217	33	133	69	438	41	177
Anne Arundel	104	267	187	259	217	277	47	208	75	405	47	197
Baltimore City	33	260	150	265	153	337	35	162	117	458	1	318
Baltimore County	56	299	158	278	127	309	78	262	127	442	75	154
Calvert	70	234	91	224	91	229	38	310	61	315	44	202
Caroline	59	216	85	204	78	244	42	147 7	81	255	46	203
Carroll	58	243	75	196	70	211	48	200	83	271	54	162
Cecil	52	250	67	205	77	223	45	176	62	353	54	-
Charles	78	236	141	256	119	273	48	220	78	334	49	178
Dorchester	70	232	107	251	101	239	47	286	59	671	55	882
Frederick	92	234	154	249	159	239	47	154	72	322	53	224
Garrett	65	216	85	194	111	237	50	148	76	573	48	212
Harford	52	210	132	219	133	235	48	199	73	633	59	157
Howard	48	225	102	235	67	225	45	156	92	469	65	205
Kent	63	235	64	249	60	246	41	818	57	-	41	-
Montgomery	63	273	388	412	501	534	314	727	102	325	102	145
Prince George's	81	333	270	412	214	475	249	436	73	311	42	161
Queen Anne's	58	193	67	196	85	221	48	225	84	-	58	402
Somerset	70	252	122	228	128	280	36	182	73	-	56	189
St. Mary's	57	216	79	227	79	203	46	159	76	525	47	137
Talbot	67	240	91	200	87	258	37	152	70	396	81	147
Washington	119	267	299	344	330	361	64	212	68	328	55	165
Wicomico	57	211	125	251	113	257	47	148	82	373	74	192
Worcester	67	236	164	306	178	321	41	222	77	329	68	653
Statewide*	75	269	198	305	190	355	138	336	89	372	63	173

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*Statewide median is the weighted median of jurisdiction-specific statistics.

Table A-6. Overall (Total) and Over-Standard (OST) Median Case Processing Time in Days by Case Type and Jurisdiction Size, District Court, Fiscal Year 2023

Jurisdiction	Criminal		Traffic 21-902		Traffic Must Appear		Traffic Payable		Civil Large		Civil Small	
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Small												
Allegany	71	243	74	211	81	217	33	133	69	438	41	177
Calvert	70	234	91	224	91	229	38	310	61	315	44	202
Caroline	59	216	85	204	78	244	42	1477	81	255	46	203
Carroll	58	243	75	196	70	211	48	200	83	271	54	162
Cecil	52	250	67	205	77	223	45	176	62	353	54	-
Dorchester	70	232	107	251	101	239	47	286	59	671	55	882
Garrett	65	216	85	194	111	237	50	148	76	573	48	212
Kent	63	235	64	249	60	246	41	818	57	-	41	-
Queen Anne's	58	193	67	196	85	221	48	225	84	-	58	402
Somerset	70	252	122	228	128	280	36	182	73	-	56	189
St. Mary's	57	216	79	227	79	203	46	159	76	525	47	137
Talbot	67	240	91	200	87	258	37	152	70	396	81	147
Washington	119	267	299	344	330	361	64	212	68	328	55	165
Wicomico	57	211	125	251	113	257	47	148	82	373	74	192
Worcester	67	236	164	306	178	321	41	222	77	329	68	653
Small, Overall*	71	239	123	246	131	262	45	237	73	364	63	236
Medium												
Charles	78	236	141	256	119	273	48	220	78	334	49	178
Frederick	92	234	154	249	159	239	47	154	72	322	53	224
Harford	52	210	132	219	133	235	48	199	73	633	59	157
Howard	48	225	102	235	67	225	45	156	92	469	65	205
Medium, Overall*	70	226	136	240	125	248	47	183	80	467	58	184
Large												
Anne Arundel	104	267	187	259	217	277	47	208	75	405	47	197
Baltimore City	33	260	150	265	153	337	35	162	117	458	1	318
Baltimore County	56	299	158	278	127	309	78	262	127	442	75	154
Montgomery	63	273	388	412	501	534	314	727	102	325	102	145
Prince George's	81	333	270	412	214	475	249	436	73	311	42	161
Large, Overall*	78	297	252	351	221	404	205	423	93	356	64	159

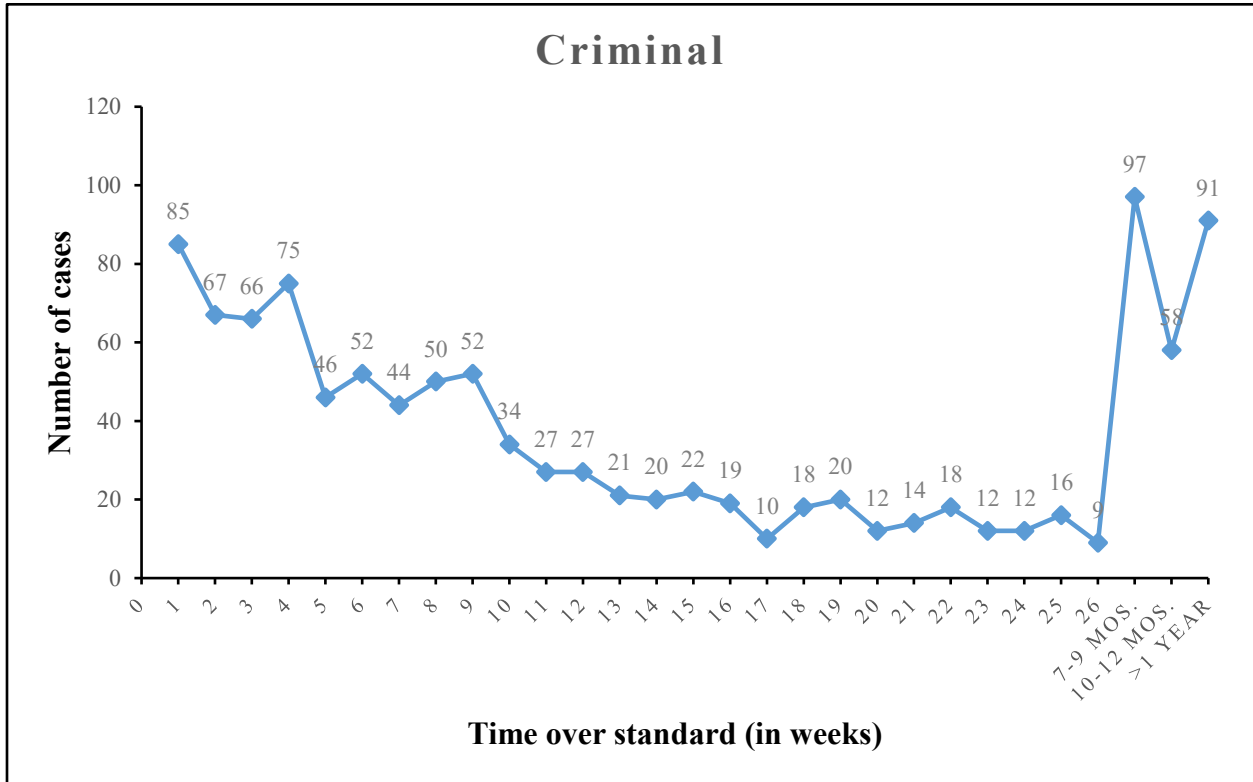
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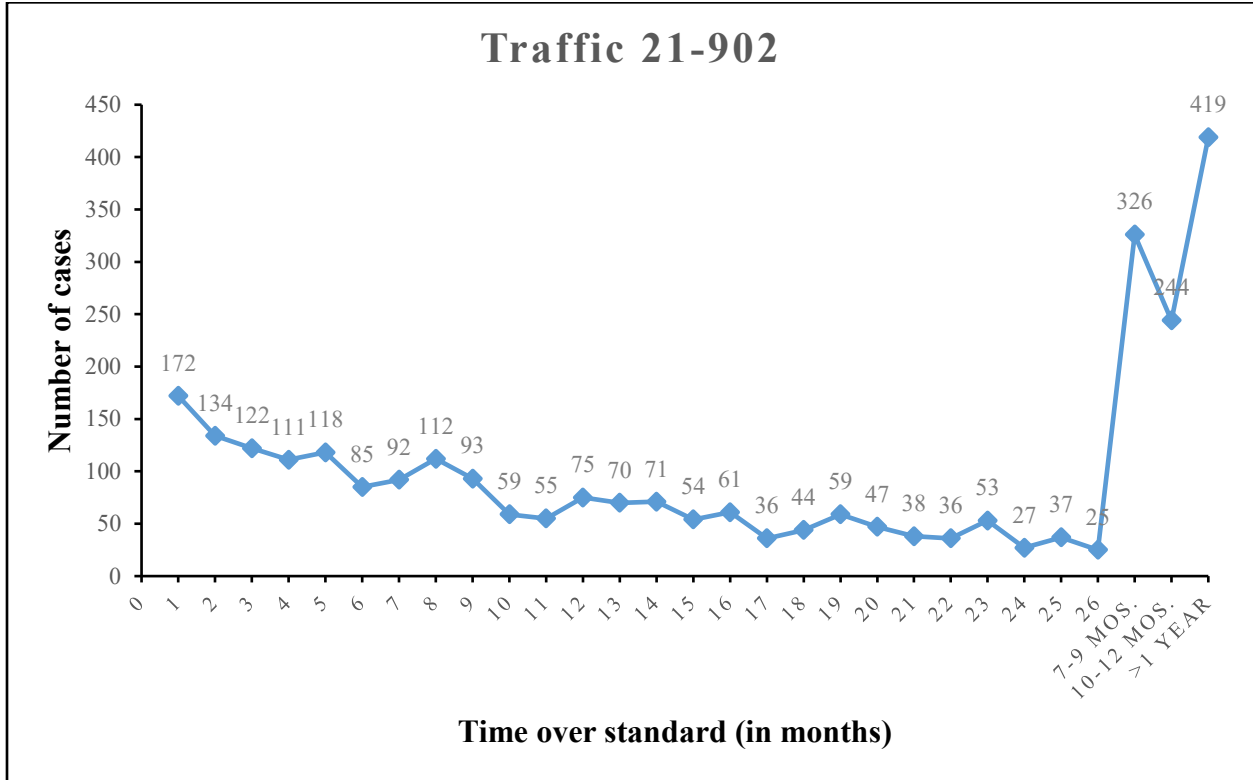
Appendix B: District Court Statewide Distribution of Over-Standard Cases

Figure B-1. Distribution of the Over-Standard Criminal Case (N=1,091) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 180-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2023



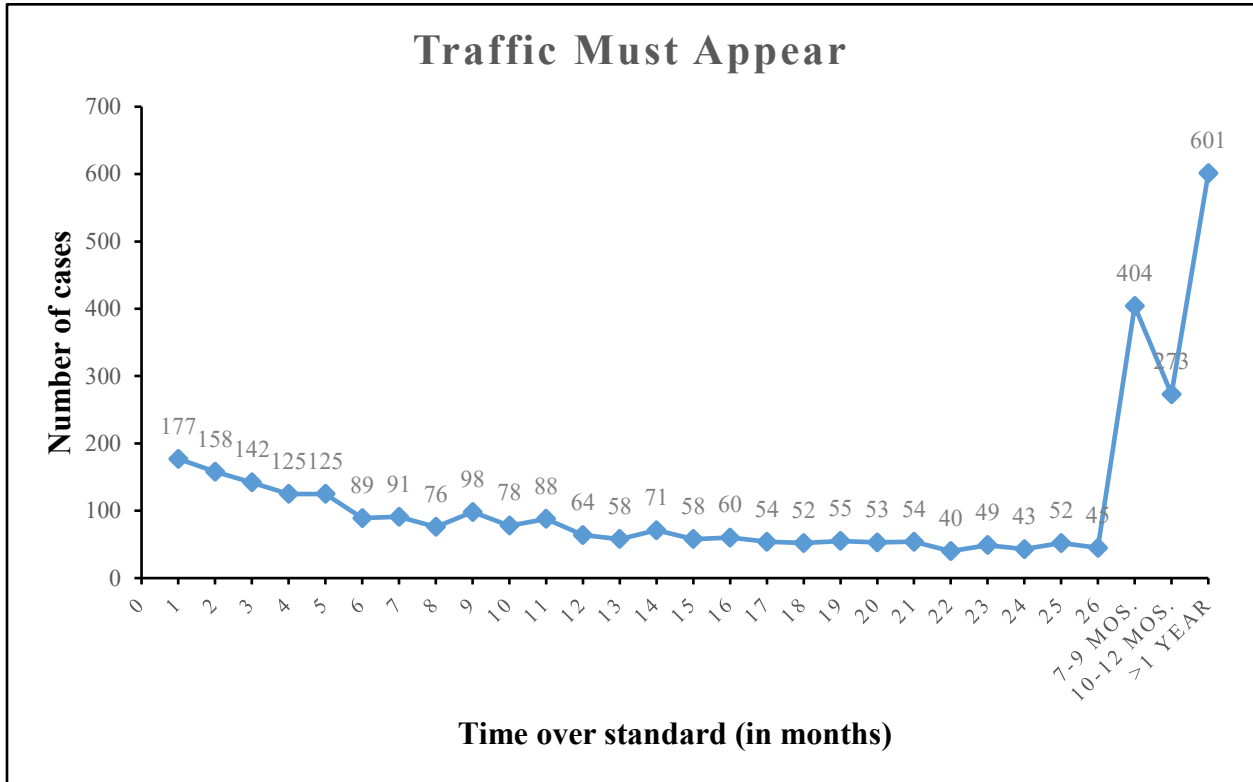
- The average case processing time (weighted)
 Overall: 109 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 159 days)
 Within-standard cases: 70 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 74 days)
 Over-standard cases: 320 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 338 days)
- 8% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 28% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 2.2 months over standard

Figure B-2. Distribution of the Over-Standard Traffic 21-902 Case (N=2,872) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 180-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2023



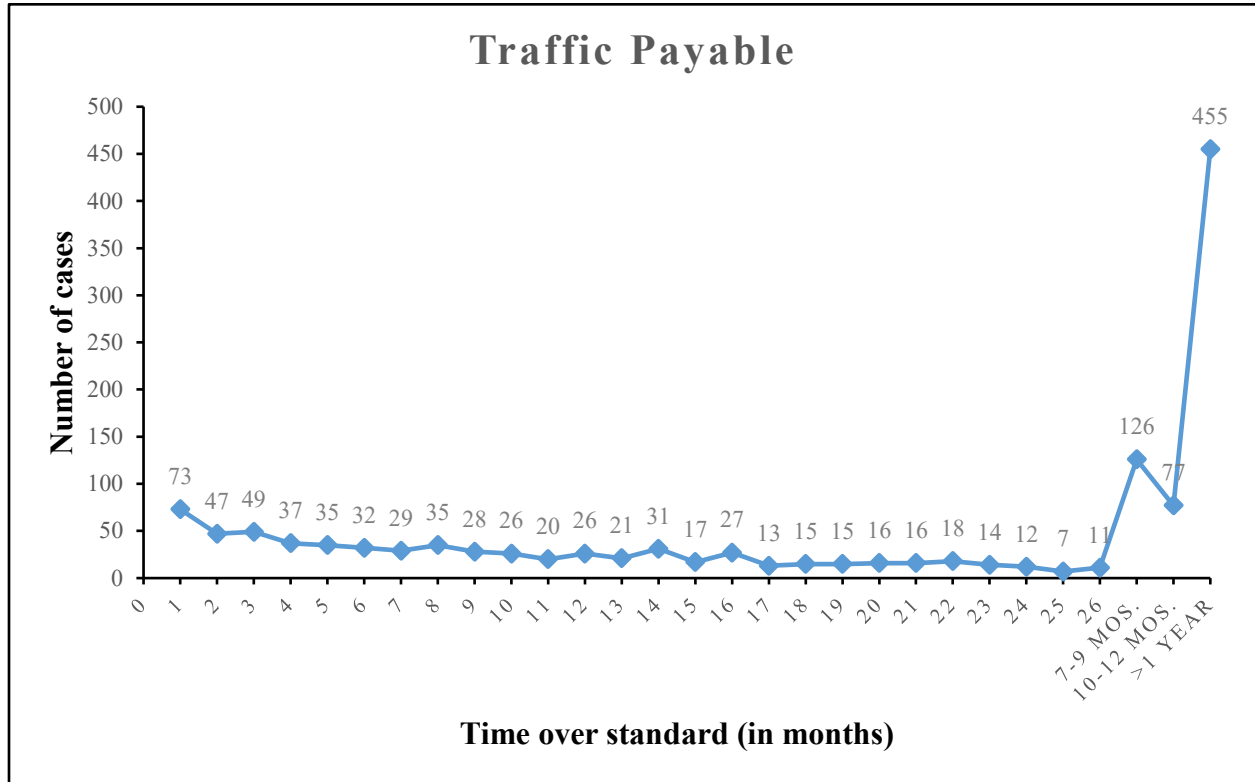
- The average case processing time (weighted)
 Overall: 253 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 257 days)
 Within-standard cases: 108 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 114 days)
 Over-standard cases: 365 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 350 days)
- 6% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 20% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 3.6 months over standard

Figure B-3. Distribution of the Over-Standard Traffic Must Appear Case (N=3,323) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 180-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2023



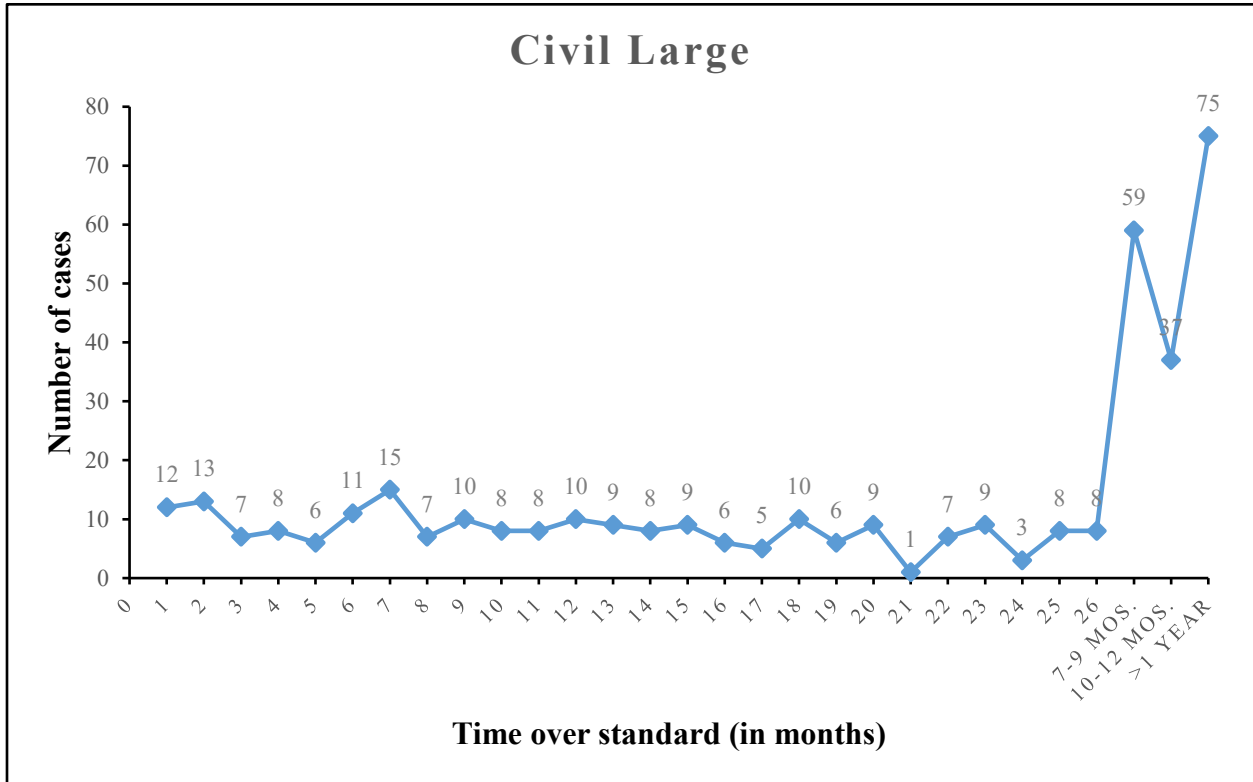
- The average case processing time (weighted)
 Overall: 278 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 337 days)
 Within-standard cases: 105 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 121 days)
 Over-standard cases: 433 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 420 days)
- 5% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 19% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 4.2 months over standard

Figure B-4. Distribution of the Over-Standard Traffic Payable Case (N=1,327) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 120-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2023



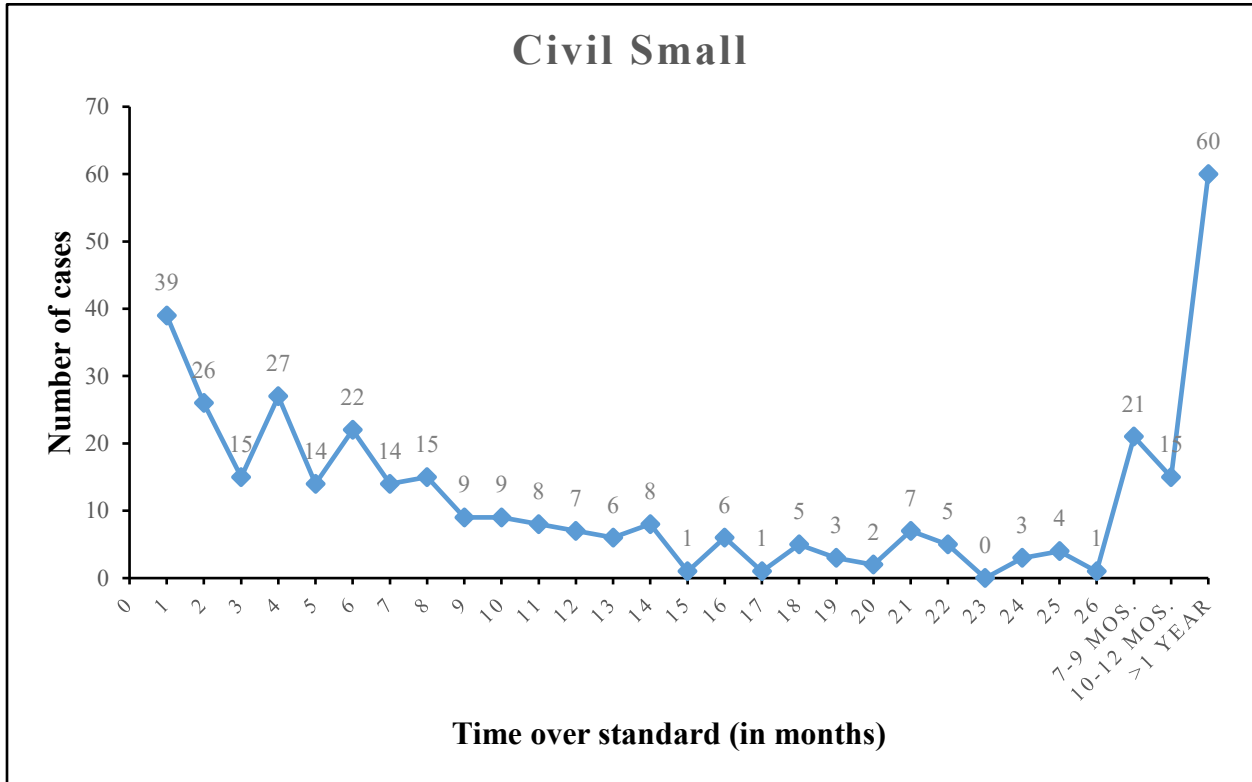
- The average case processing time (weighted)
 Overall: 237days (Fiscal Year 2022: 236 days)
 Within-standard cases: 59 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 65 days)
 Over-standard cases: 464 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 350 days)
- 6% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 16% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 5.9 months over standard

Figure B-5. Distribution of the Over-Standard Civil Large Case (N=382) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 250-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2023



- The average case processing time (weighted)
 Overall: 126 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 166 days)
 Within-standard cases: 90 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 93 days)
 Over-standard cases: 445 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 485 days)
- 3% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 10% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 5.3 months over standard

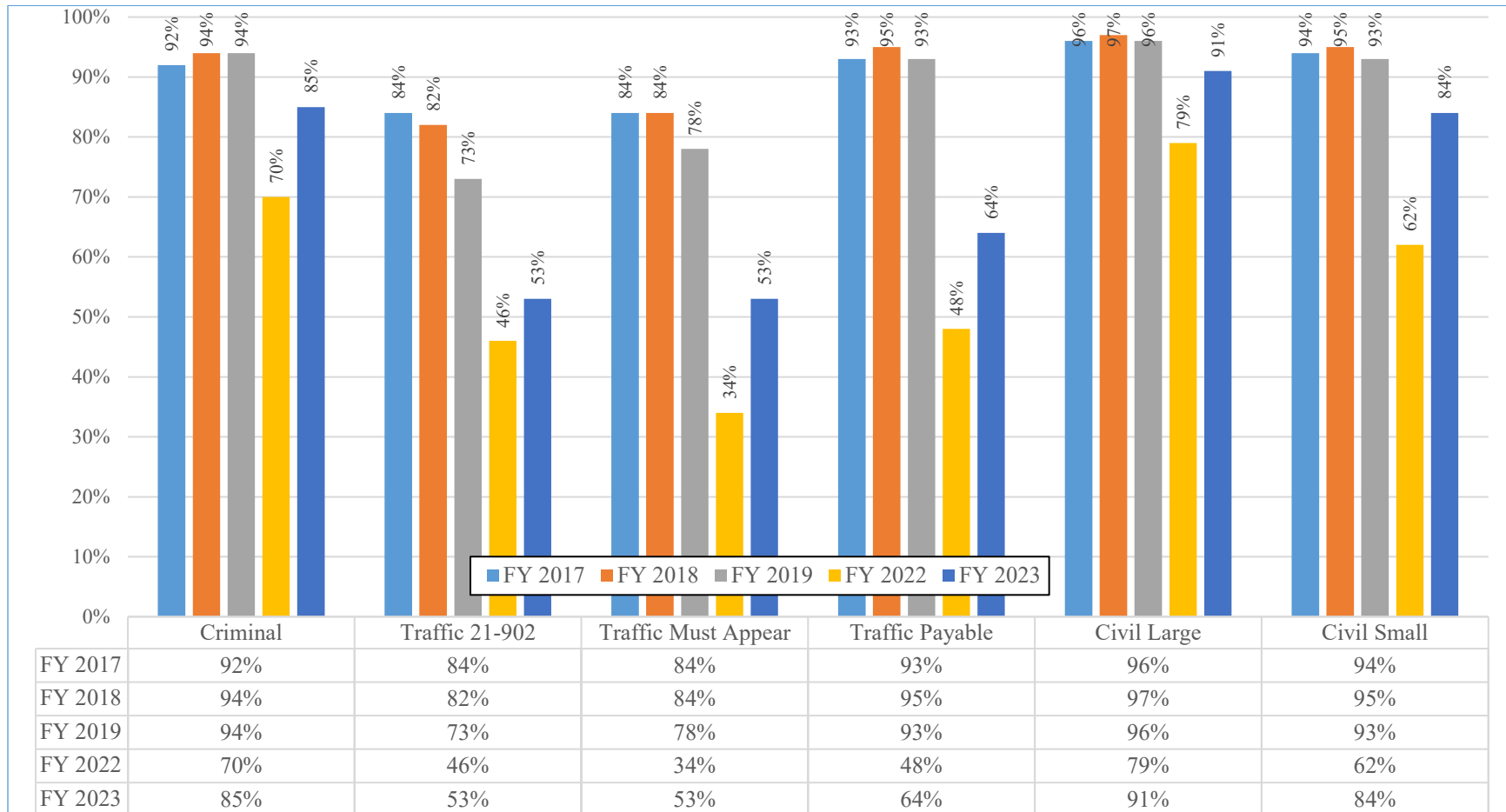
Figure B-6. Distribution of the Over-Standard Civil Small Case (N=352) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 120-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2023



- The average case processing time (weighted)
 Overall: 88 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 134 days)
 Within-standard cases: 53 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 49 days)
 Over-standard cases: 278 days (Fiscal Year 2019: 276 days)
- 11% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 32% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 2 months over standard

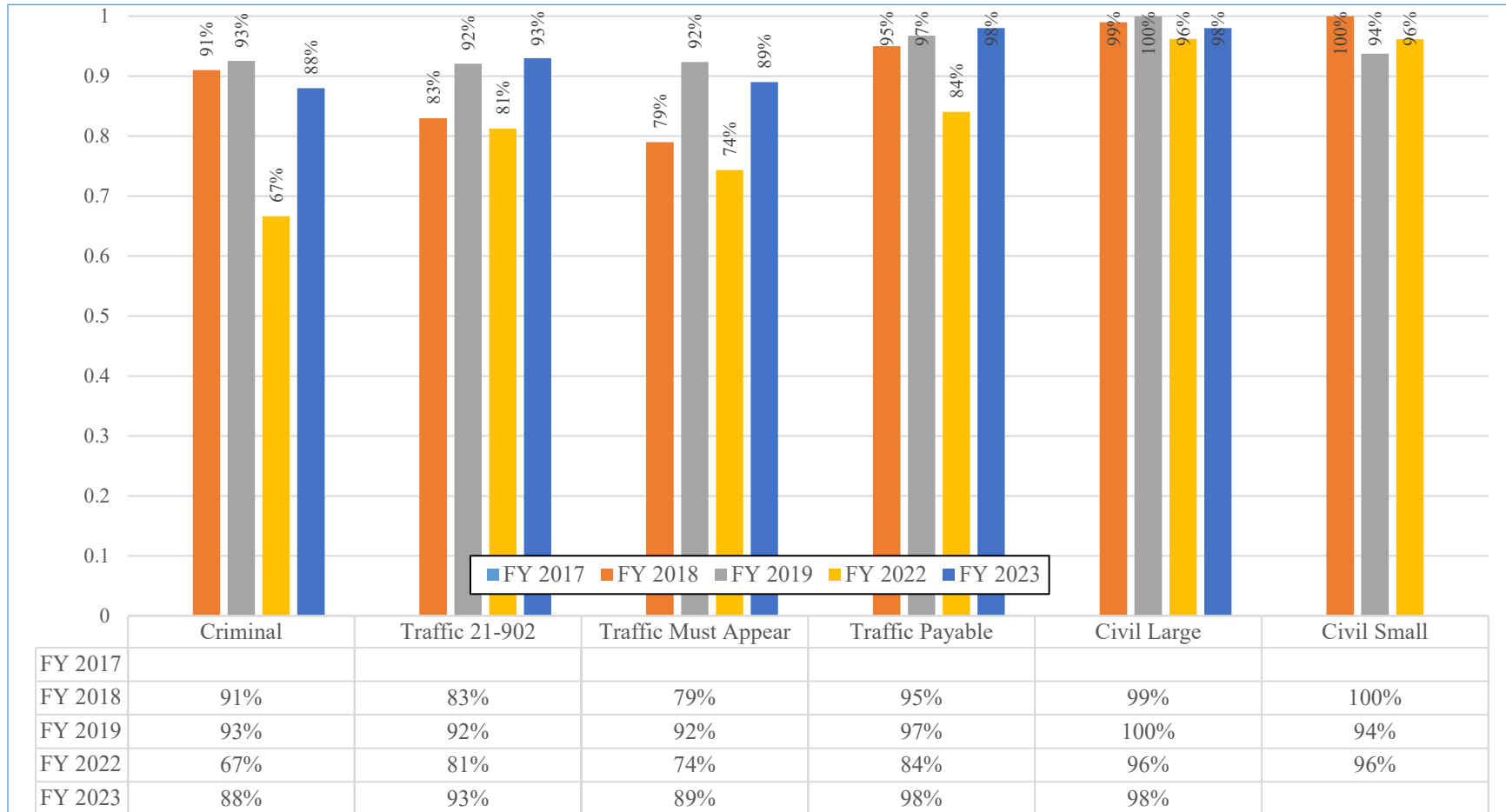
Appendix C: District Court Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard, by Jurisdiction Fiscal Years 2017 through 2023

**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023*
Statewide (Weighted)**



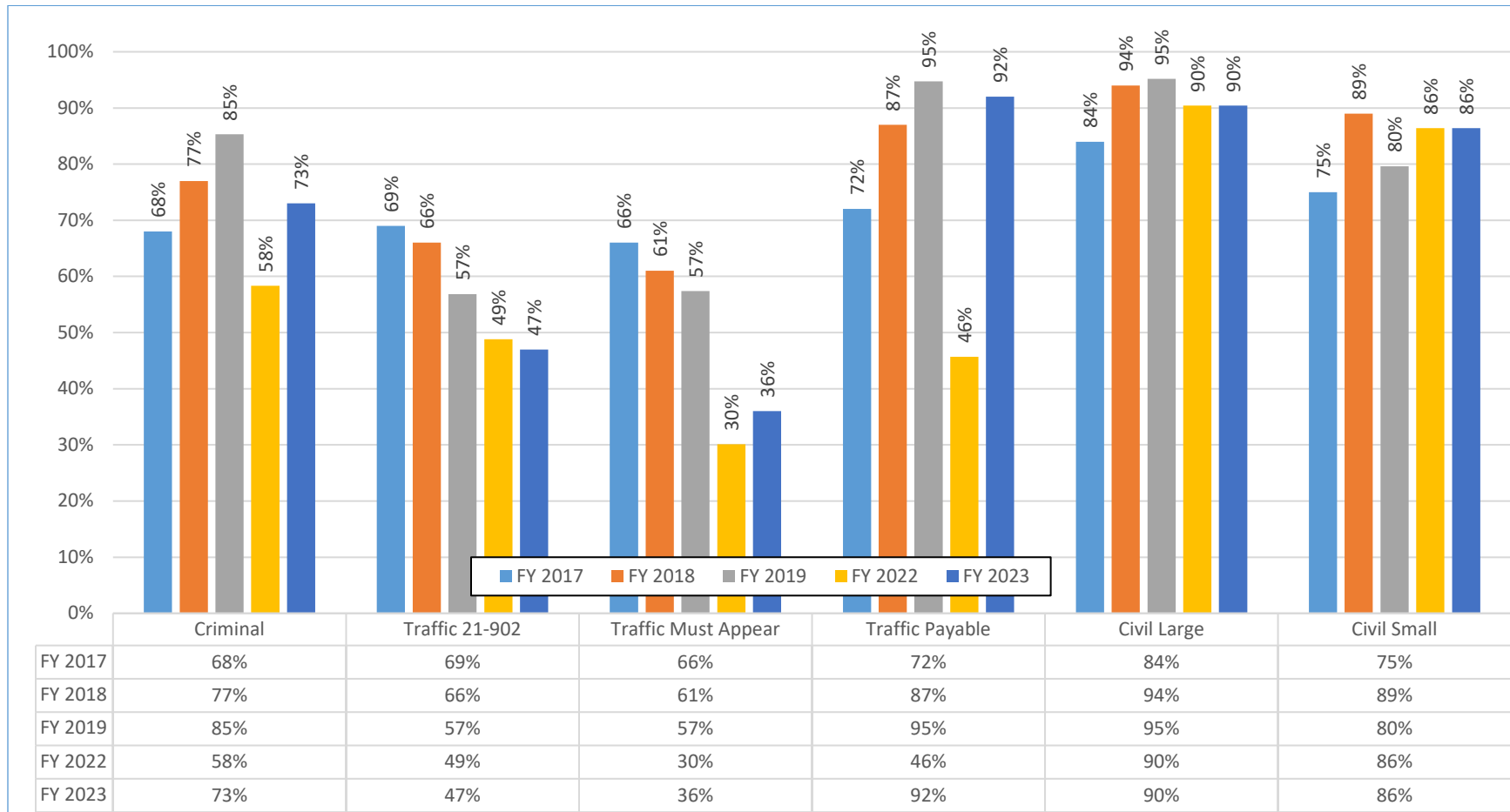
* Jurisdiction-specific data is presented, unweighted, for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2023 on all subsequent pages within Appendix C

**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Allegany County[‡] (Unweighted)**

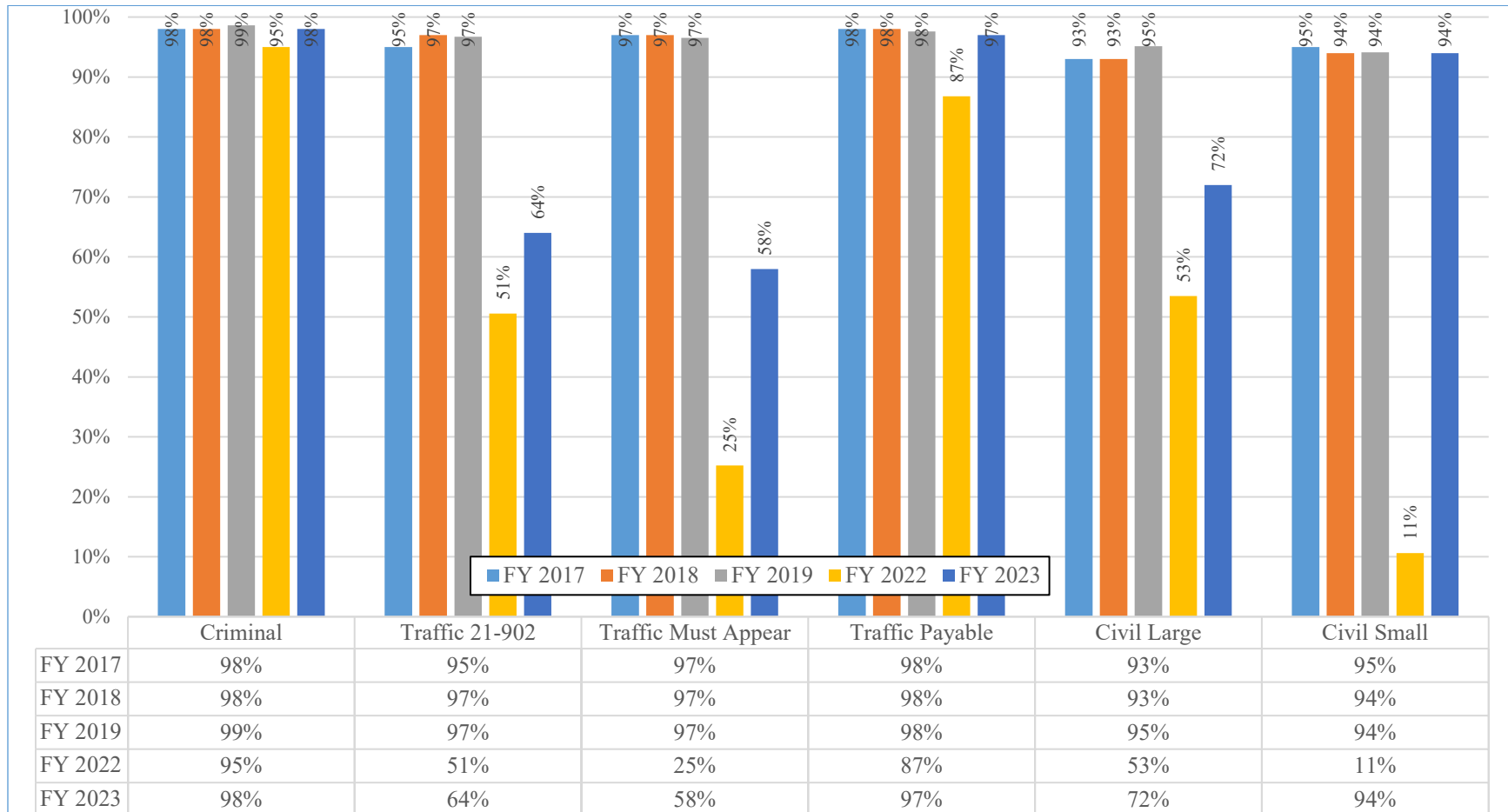


‡ Allegany County was excluded from the Fiscal Year 2017 analysis of case processing performance.

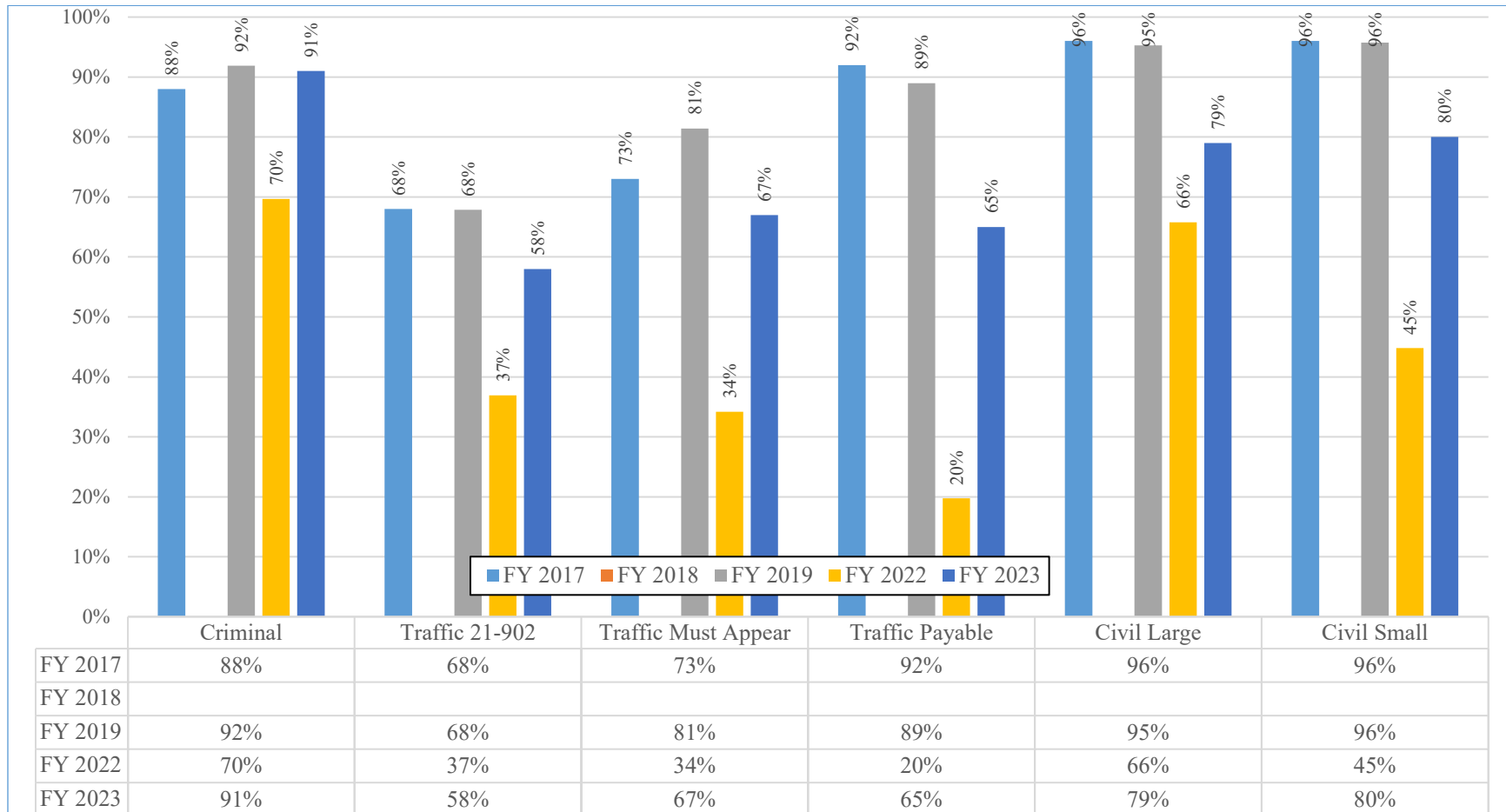
**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Anne Arundel County (Unweighted)**



**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Baltimore City (Unweighted)**

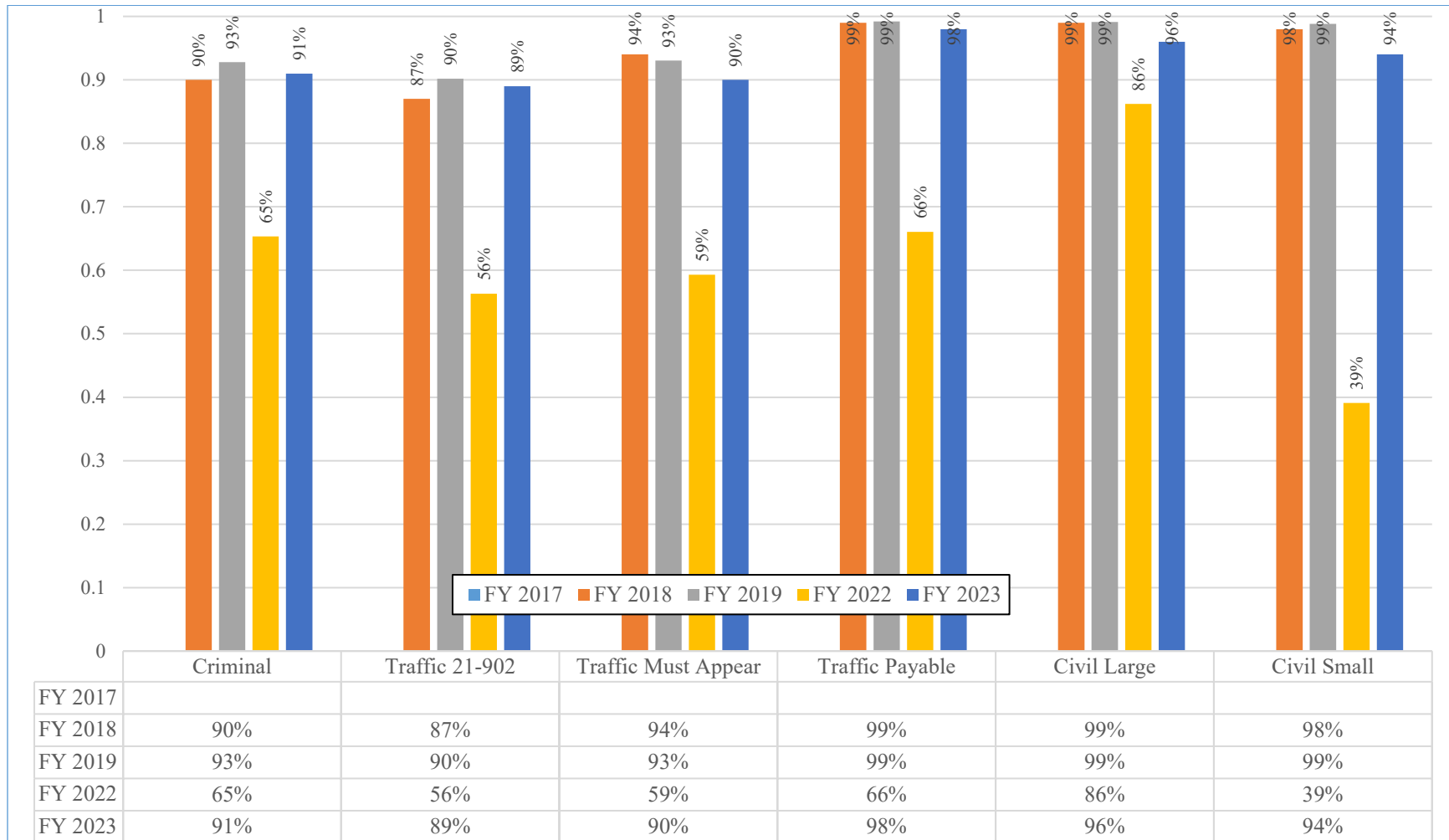


**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Baltimore County[‡] (Unweighted)**



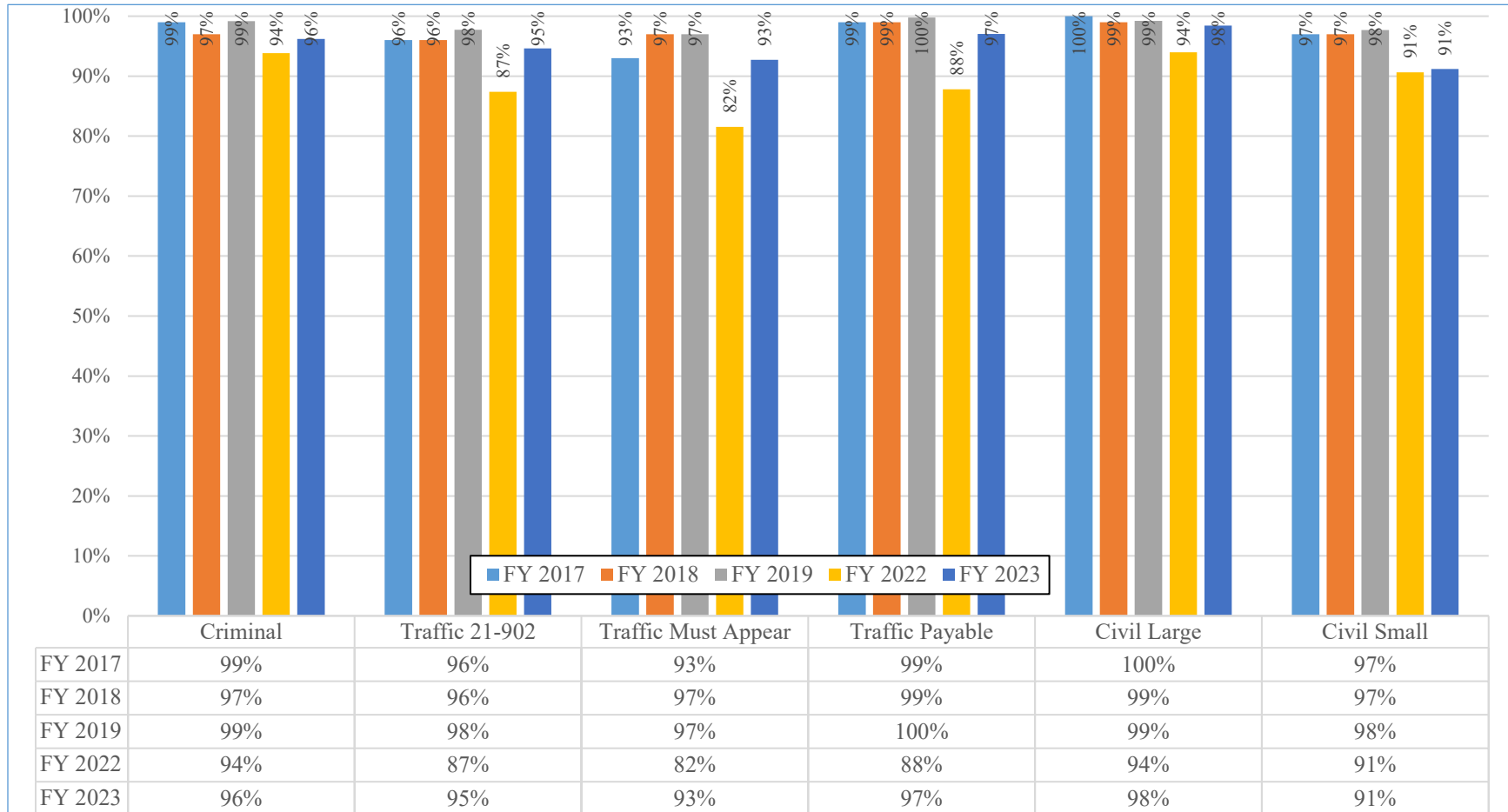
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**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Calvert County* (Unweighted)**

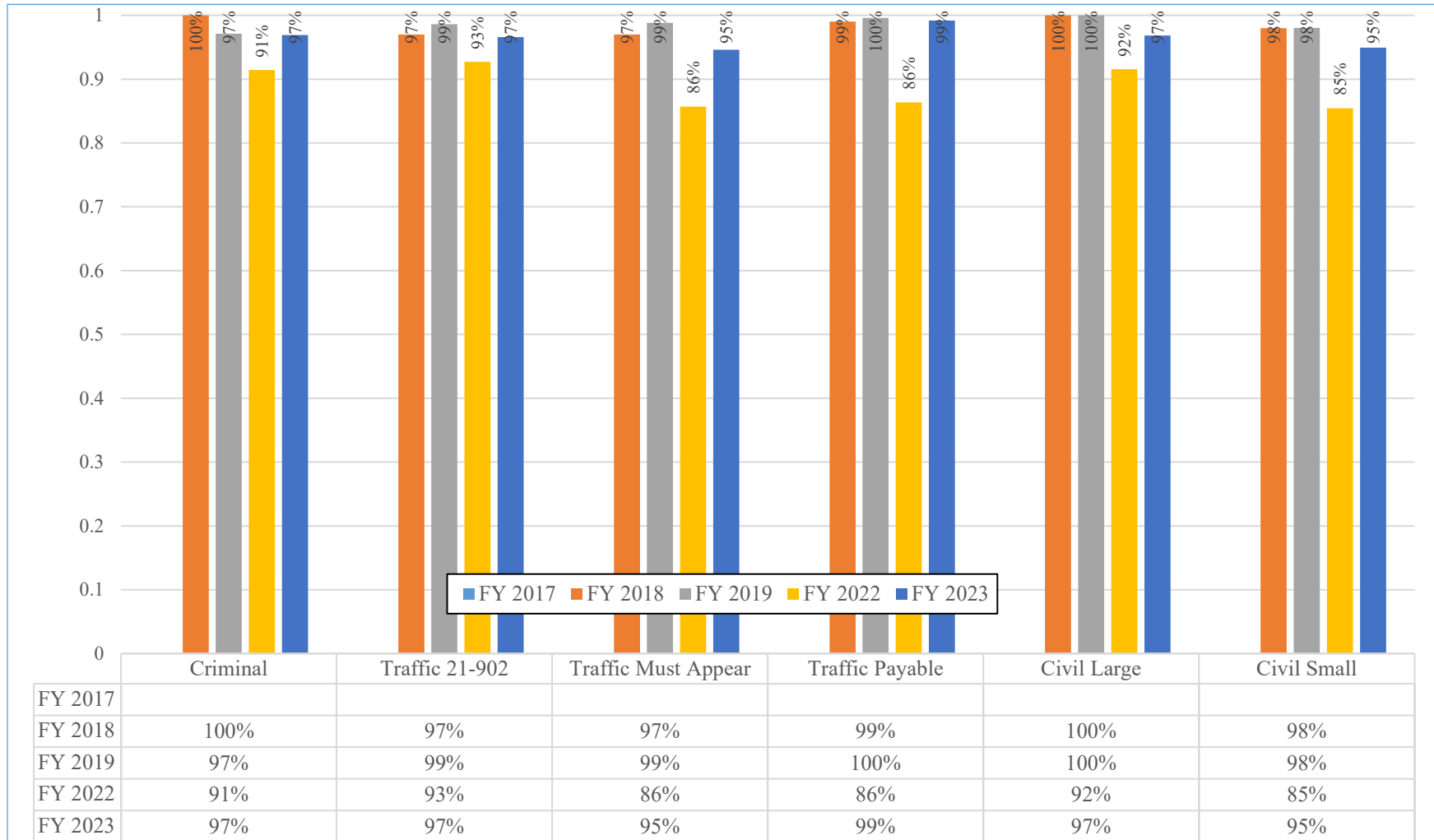


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**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Caroline County (Unweighted)**

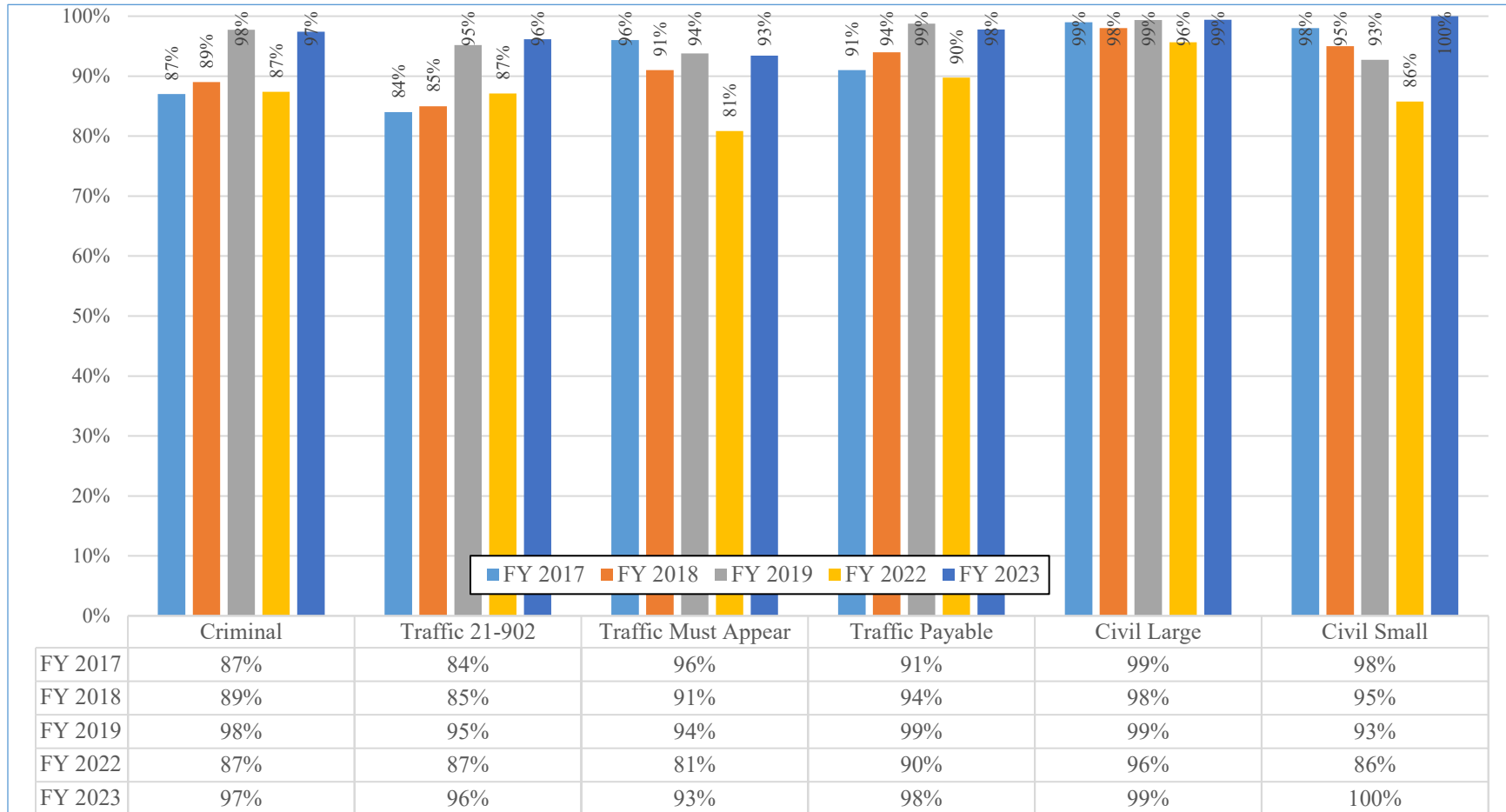


**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Carroll County* (Unweighted)**

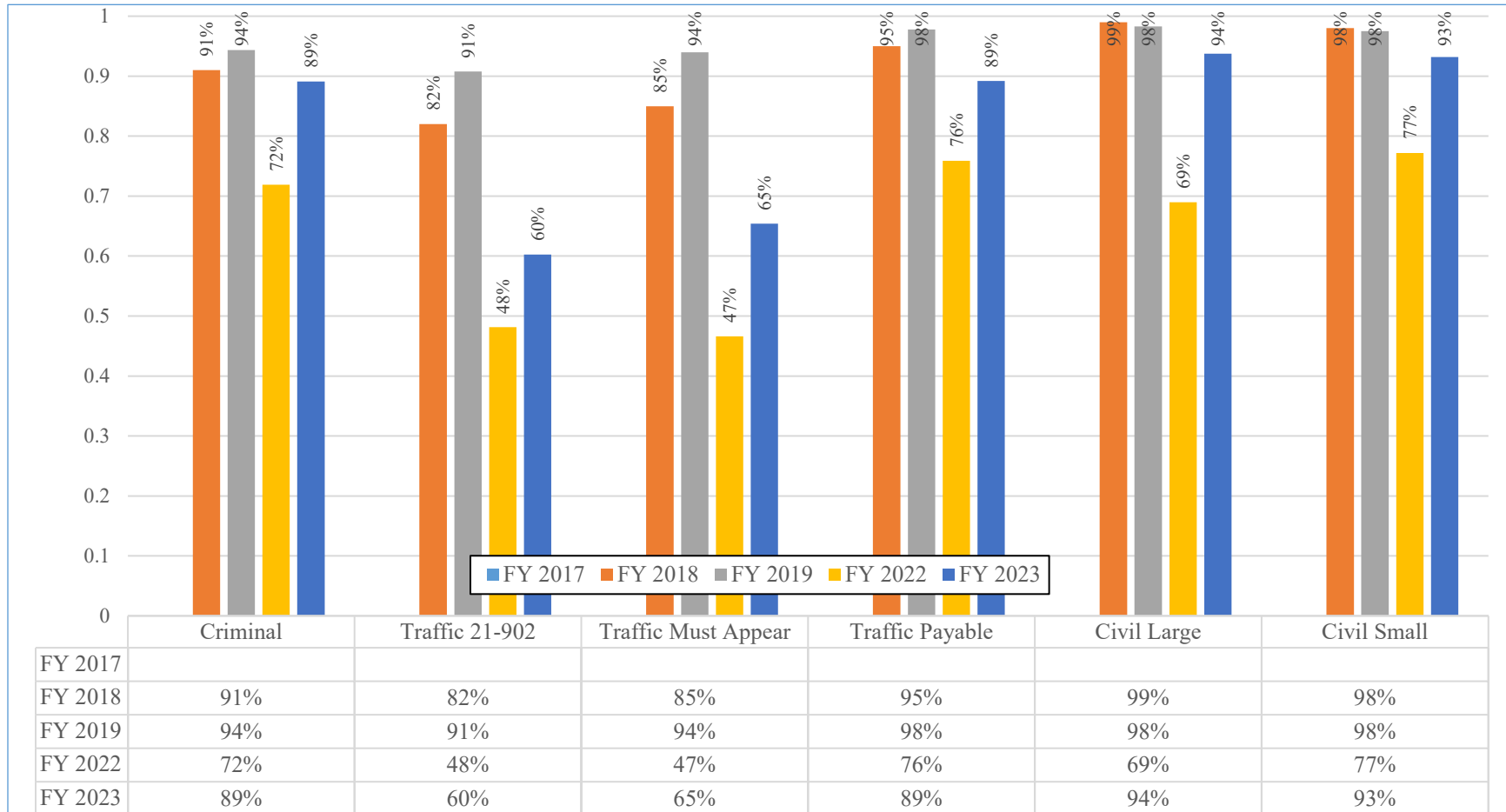


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**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Cecil County (Unweighted)**

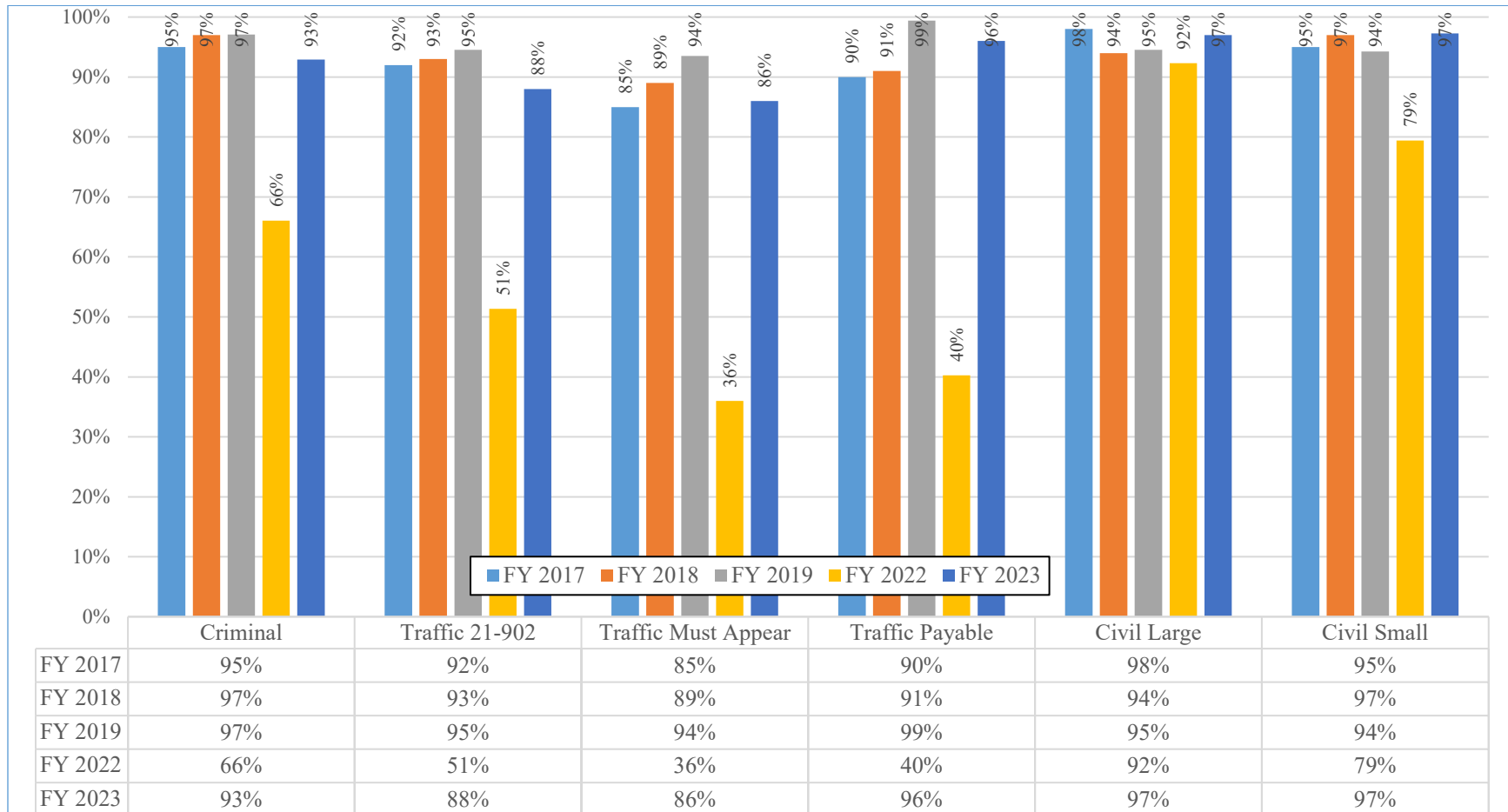


**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Charles County[‡] (Unweighted)**

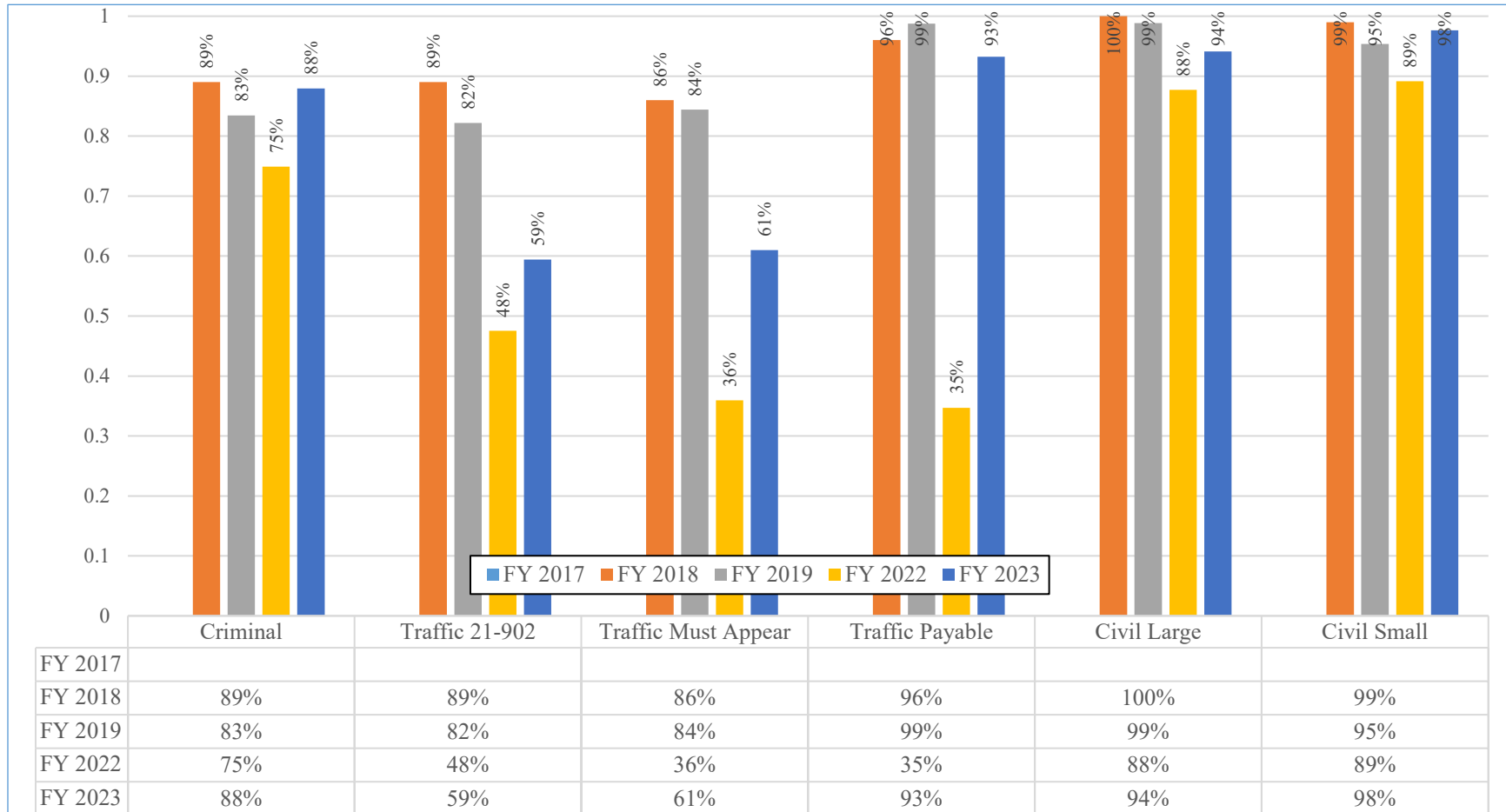


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**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Dorchester County (Unweighted)**

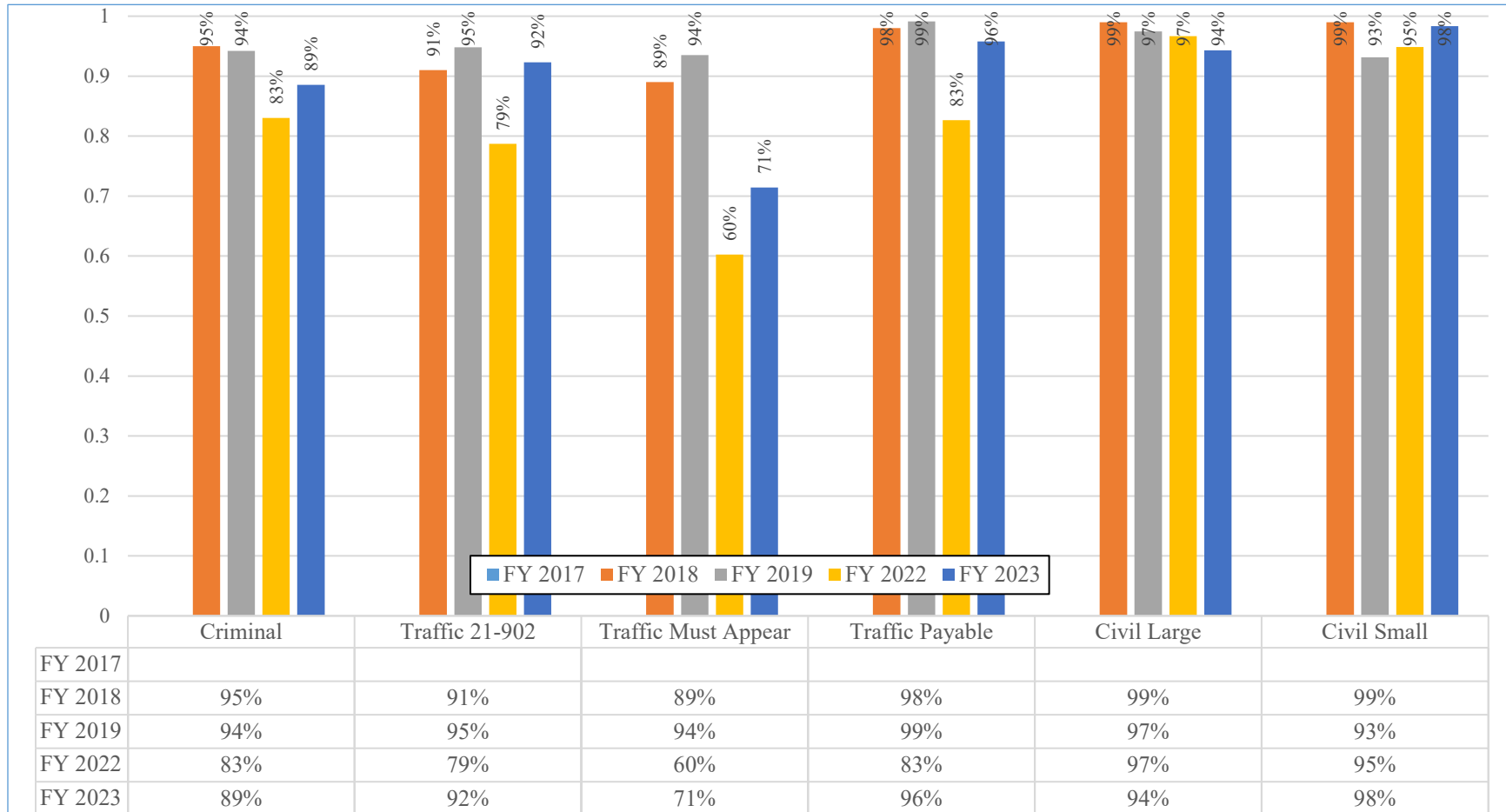


**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Frederick County‡ (Unweighted)**



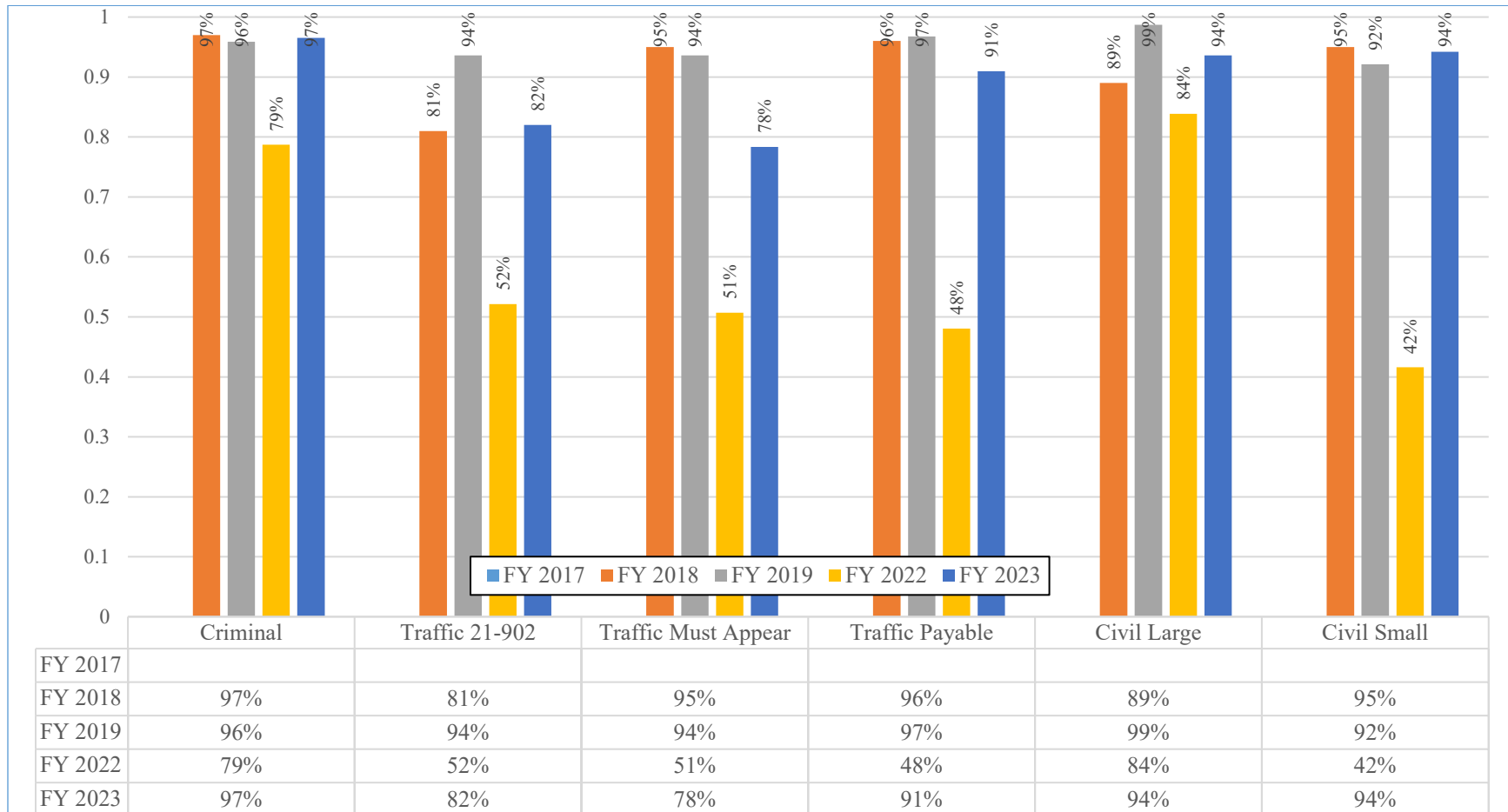
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Garrett County[‡] (Unweighted)**



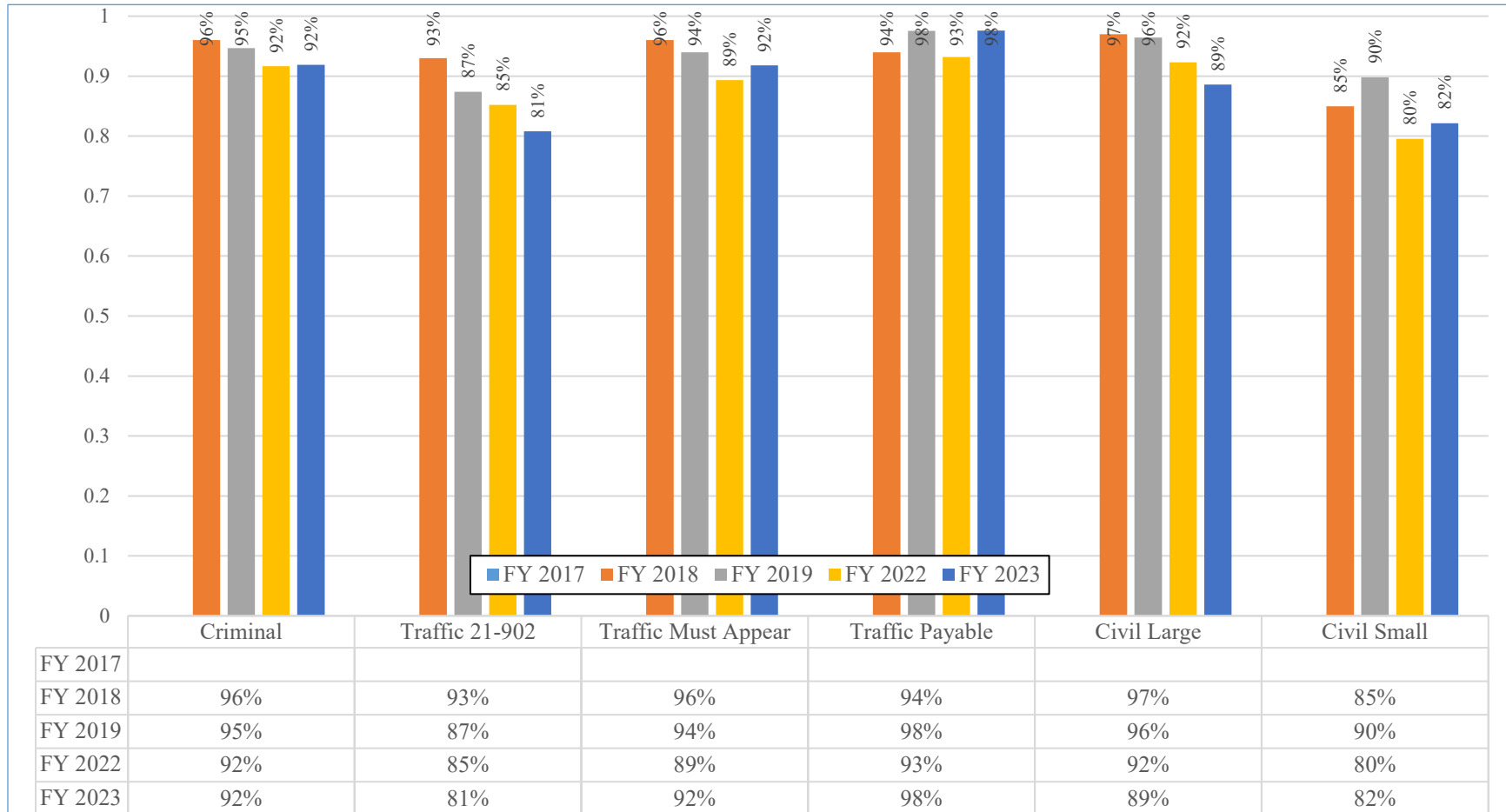
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**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Harford County‡ (Unweighted)**



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**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Howard County‡ (Unweighted)**

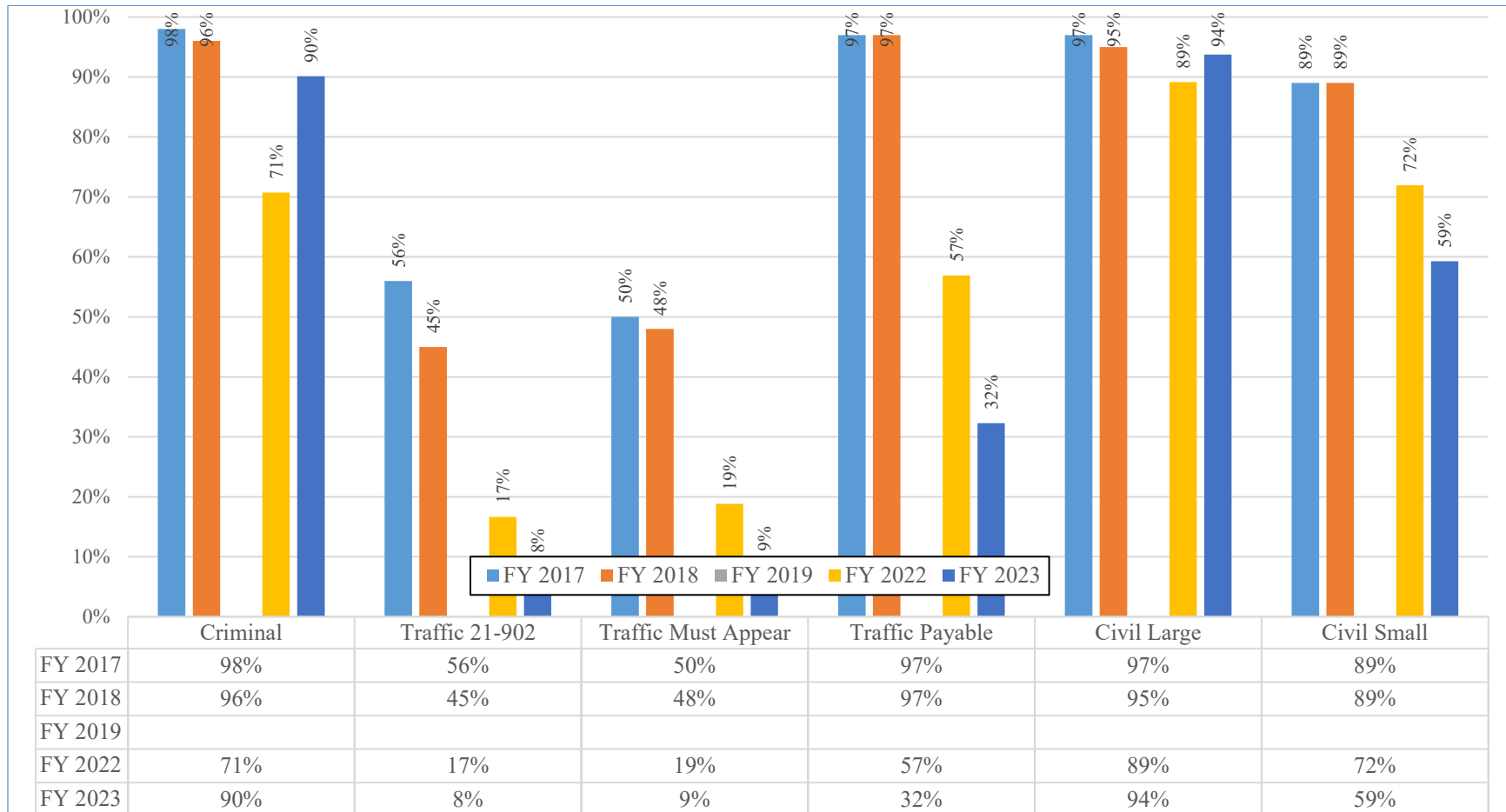


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Kent County[‡] (Unweighted)**

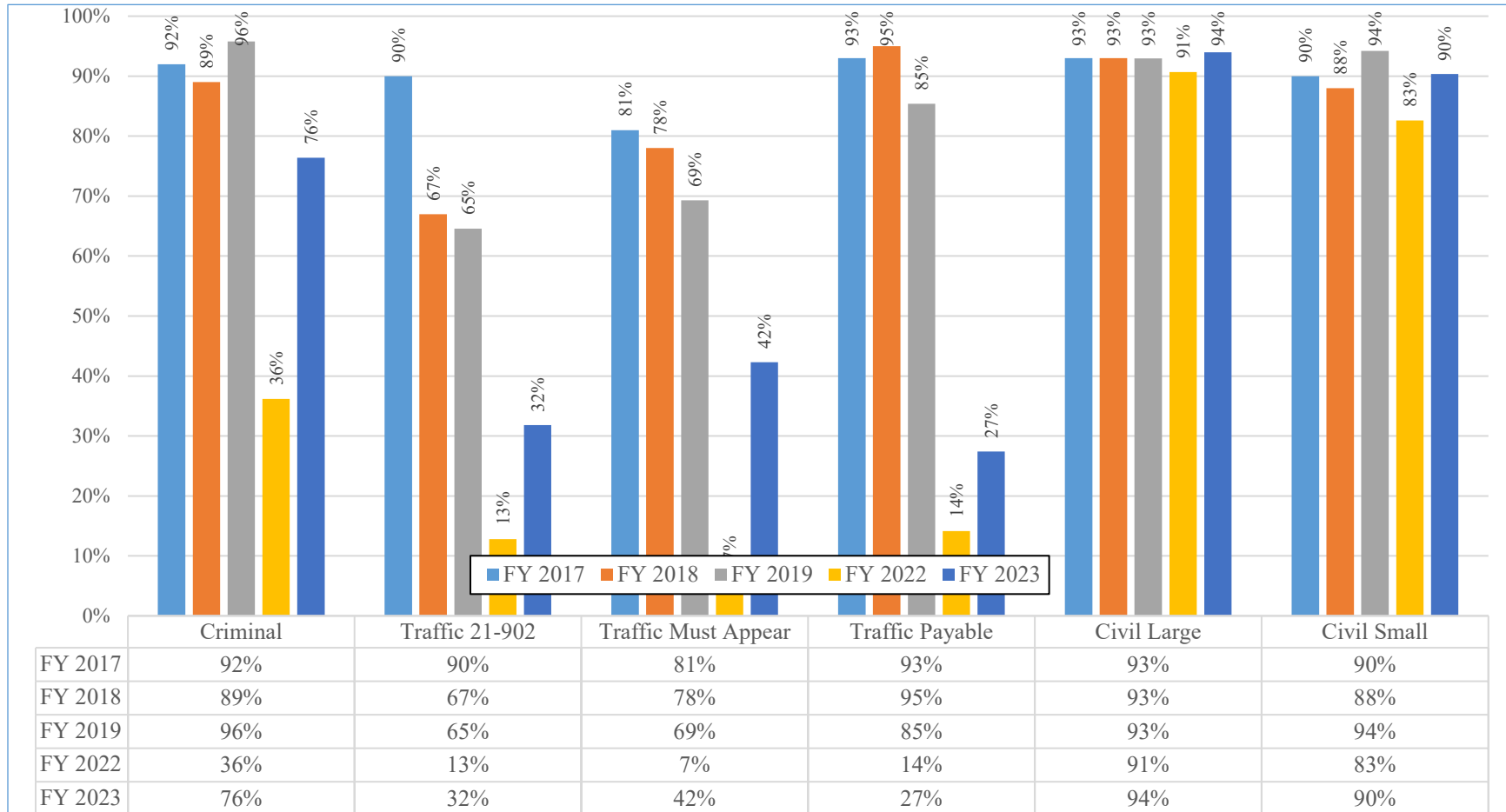


**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Montgomery County[‡] (Unweighted)**

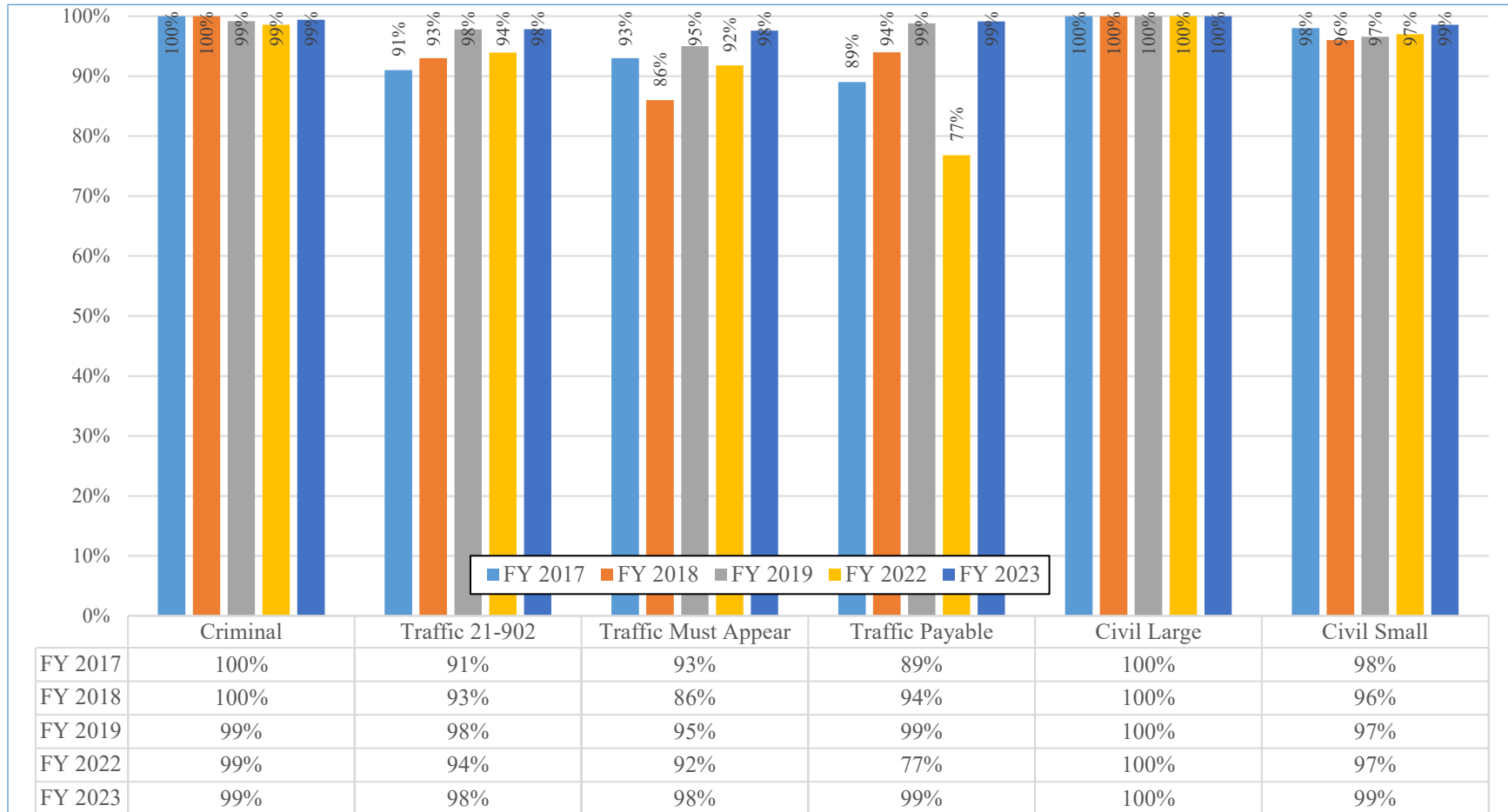


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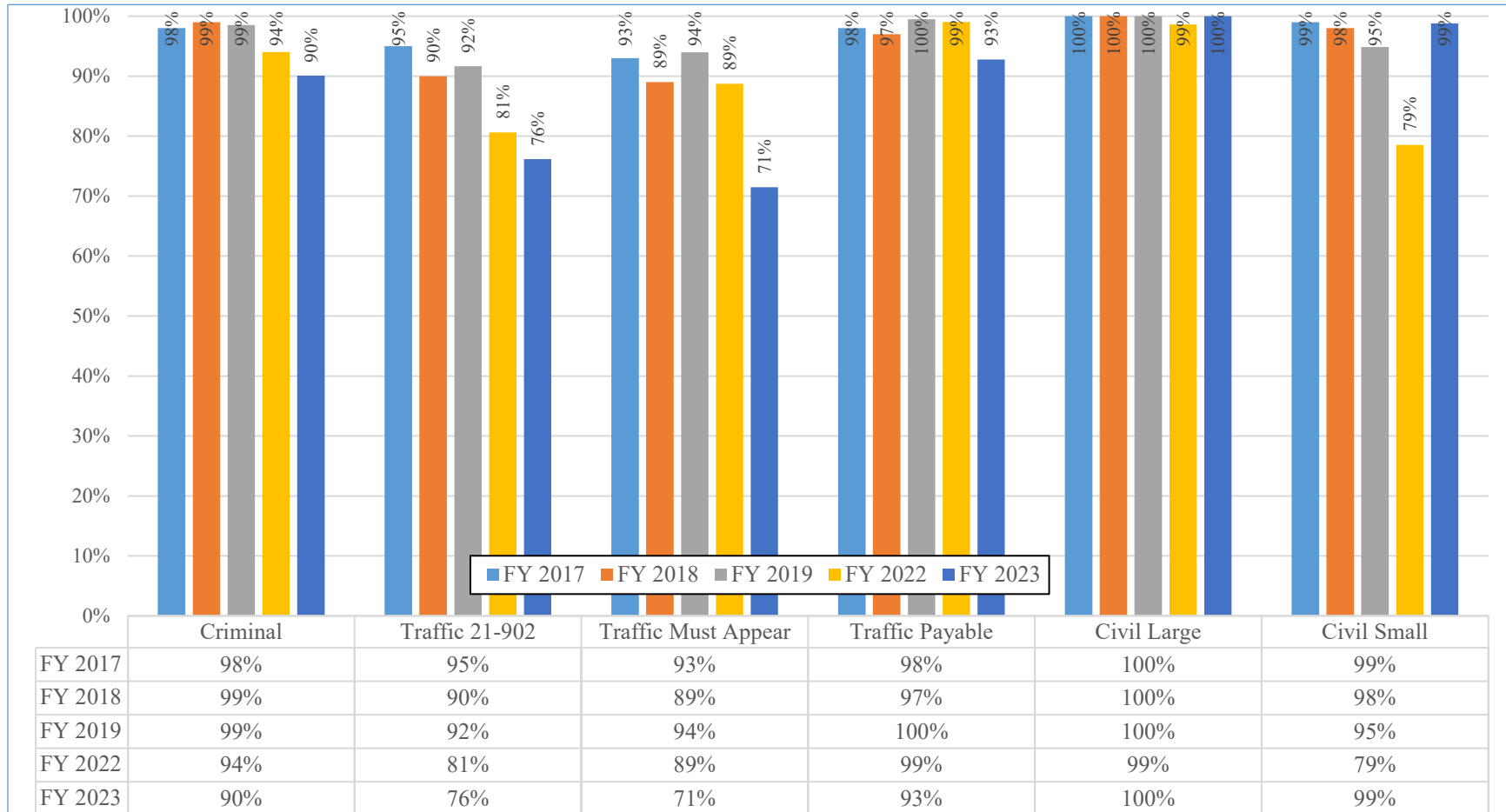
**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Prince George’s County (Unweighted)**



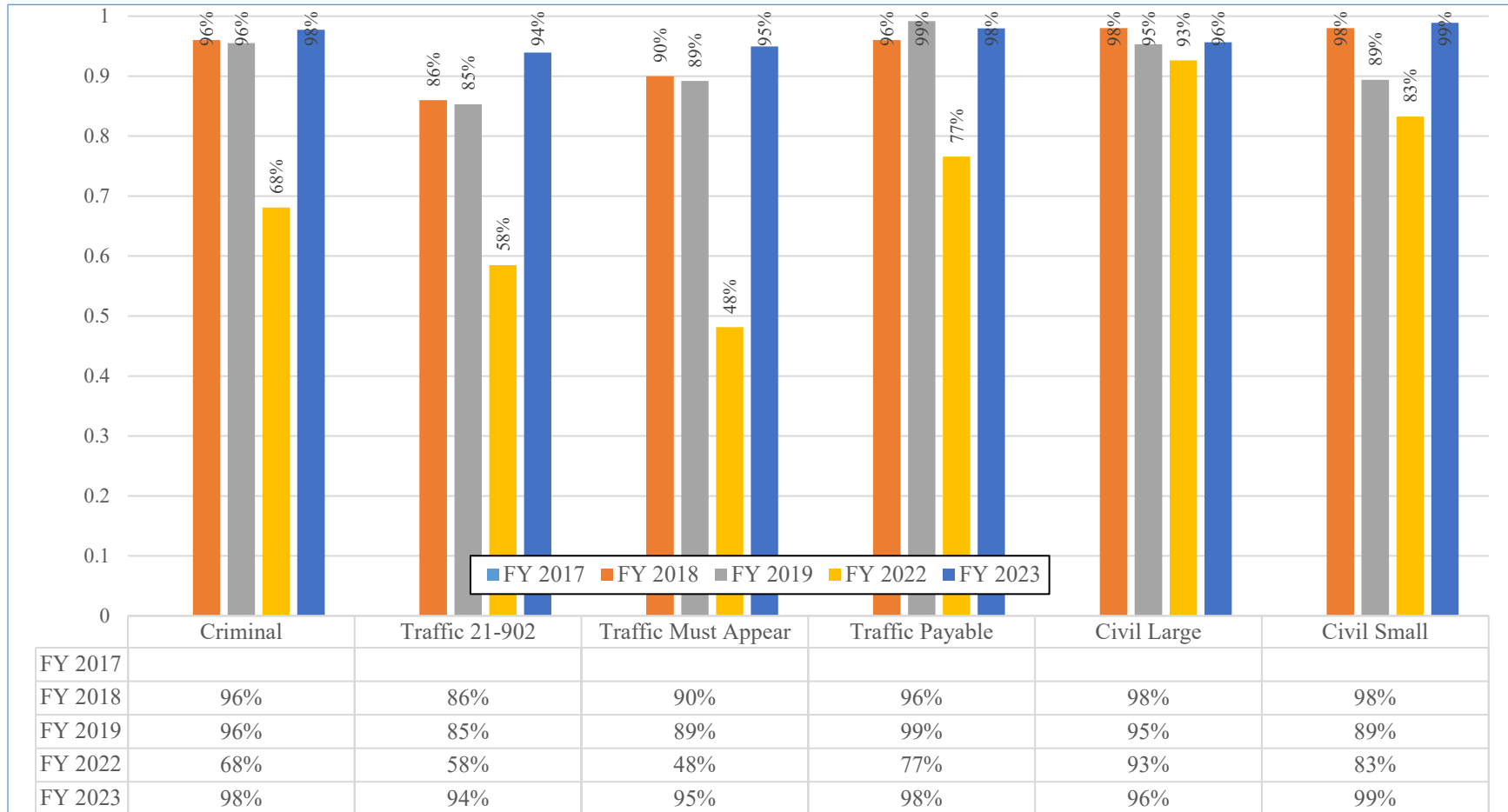
**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Queen Anne’s County‡ (Unweighted)**



**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Somerset County (Unweighted)**

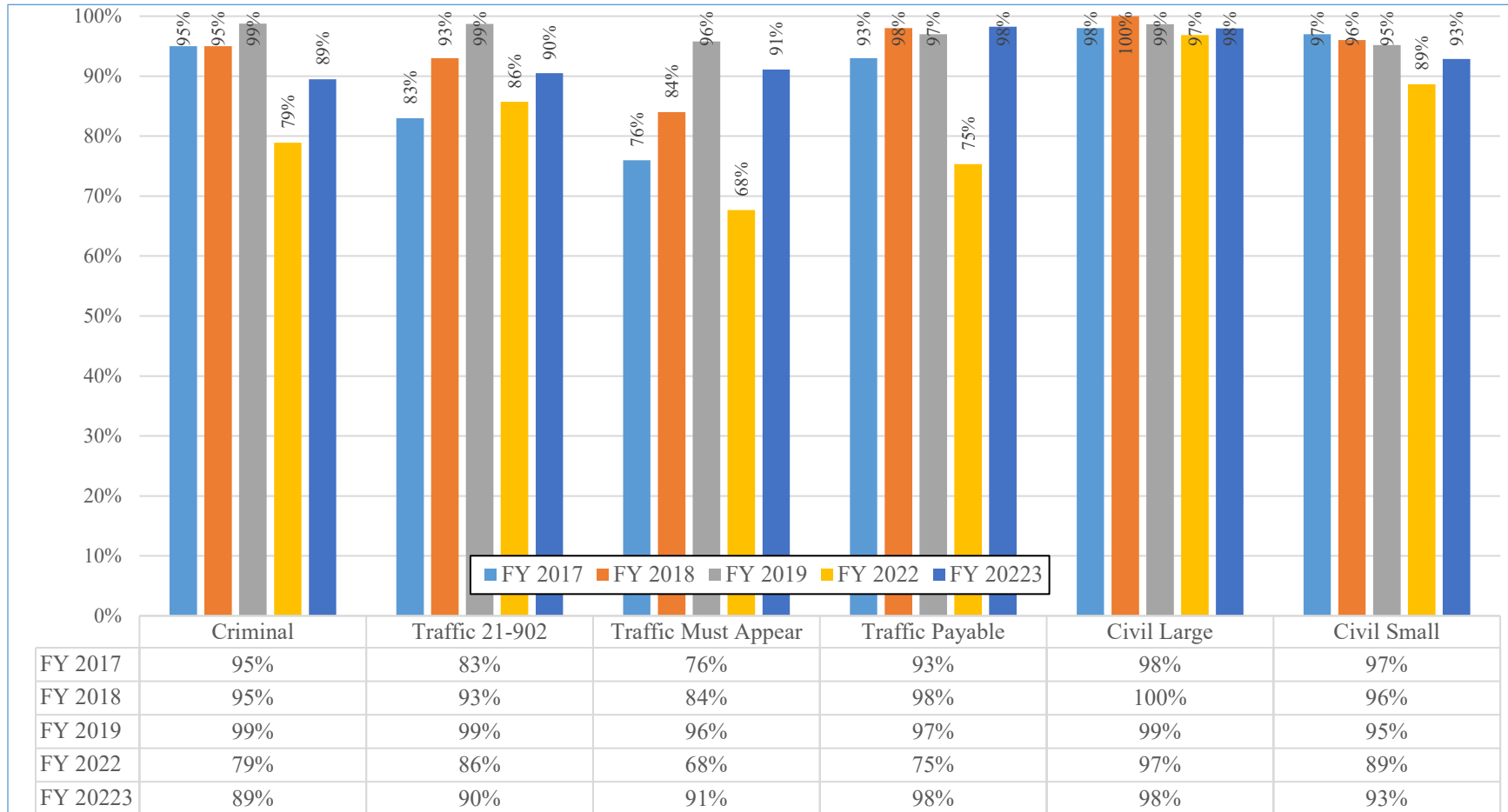


**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
St. Mary’s County‡ (Unweighted)**

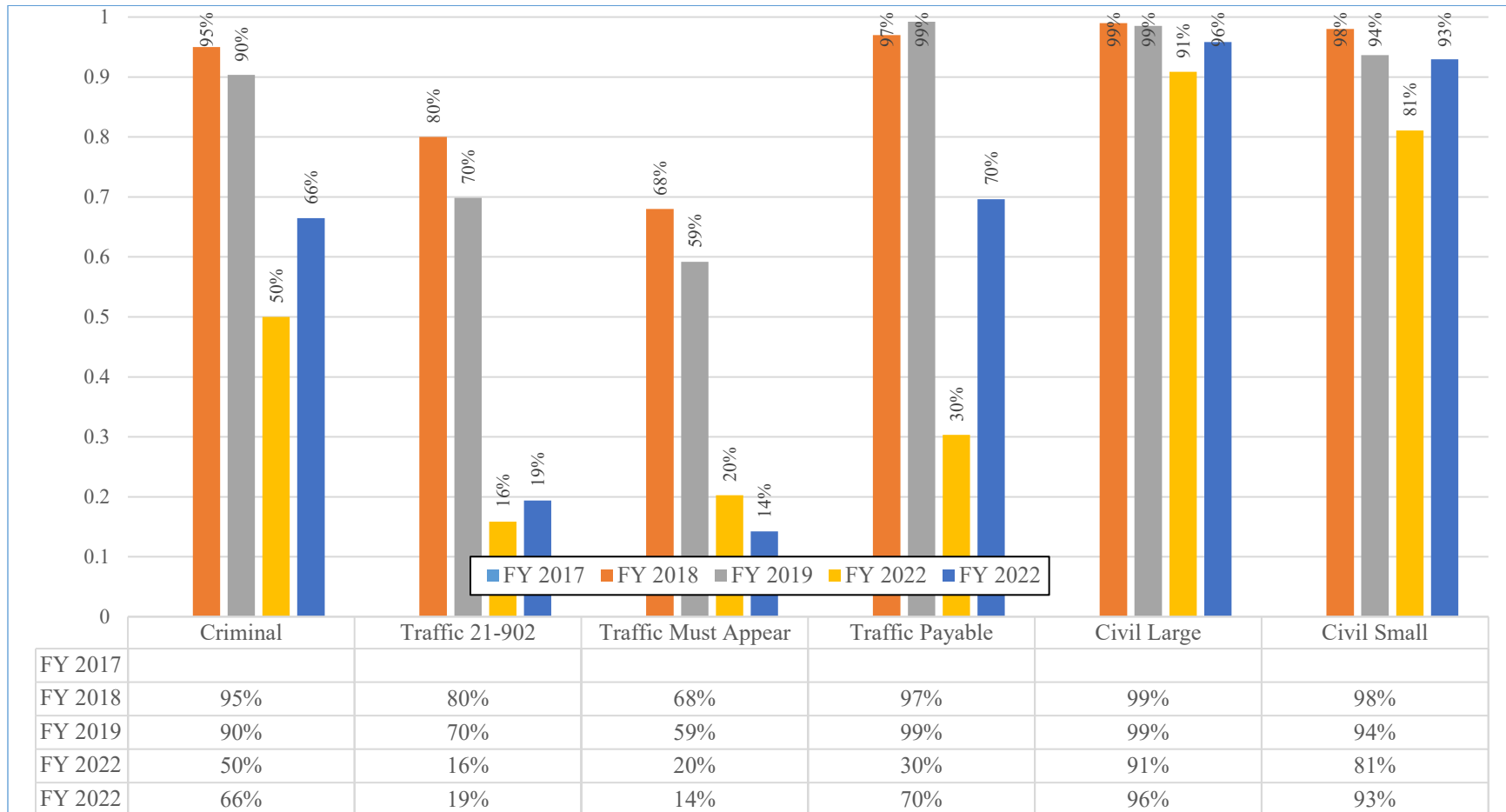


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**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Talbot County (Unweighted)**

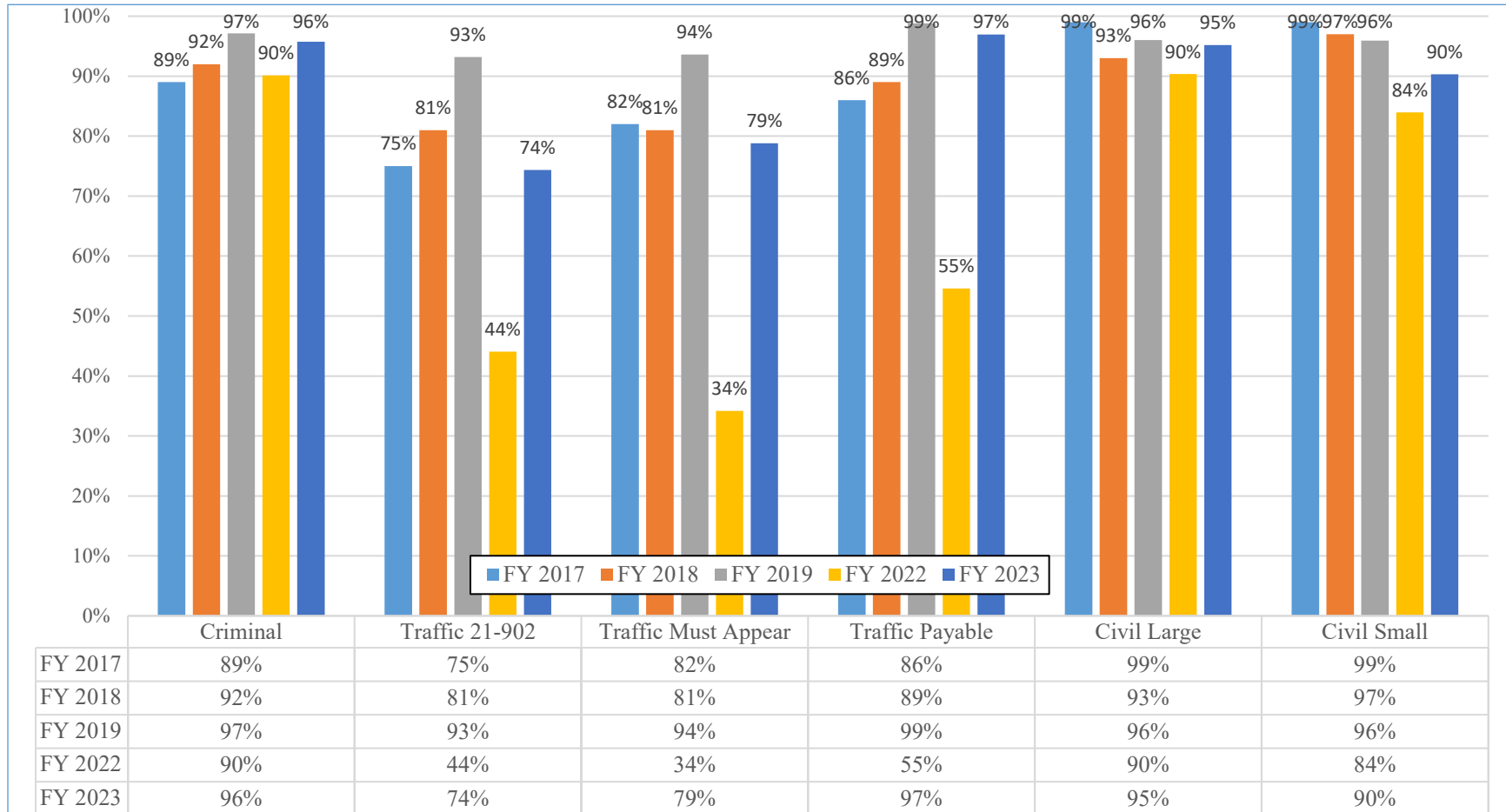


**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Washington County* (Unweighted)**



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**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Wicomico County (Unweighted)**



**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2017–2023
Worcester County (Unweighted)**

