

**Fiscal Year 2024**  
**Statewide Caseflow Assessment**  
**District Court**



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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 caseflow analysis for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024). Samples of up to 520 original cases terminated in Fiscal Year 2024 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 Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) case management system for each of the 23 counties and Baltimore City within Maryland's District Court, totaling 53,011 valid case terminations used for the present analysis.<sup>1</sup> This is 2,712 more cases than the number reported for Fiscal Year 2023 (50,299). For FY 2024 updates were made to the traffic case types.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> The start date for Traffic 21-902 and Traffic Must Appear case types was changed to appearance before Judicial officer for FY 2024.

## ***Within-Standard Percentages***

The percentage of cases closed within-standard for Fiscal Year 2024 increased noticeably in all case types in comparison to Fiscal Year 2023, no doubt stemming from the easing of restrictions on court operations in response to the COVID-19 emergency, in addition to updates to the traffic case time standards. The largest percent change was seen in the Traffic 21-902 case category. Statewide, two case type met the Judiciary goal of 98% of cases completed within-standard. The percent within-standard increases from Fiscal Year 2023 to Fiscal Year 2024 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 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, and 2024) 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 2023 and 2024***

Case Type	Judiciary Goals		FY 2024 Original Terminations	Within-Standard Terminations			FY 2023-24 Percent Change
				FY 2024		FY 2023	
	Time Standard	Percent Within-Standard		N	%*	%*	
<b>Criminal</b>	180 days	98%	11,623	11,100	95%	85%	<b>11%</b>
<b>Traffic 21-902</b>	180 days	98%	8,071	7,892	98%	53%	<b>85%</b>
<b>Traffic Must Appear</b>	180 days	98%	11,658	11,505	98%	53%	<b>84%</b>
<b>Traffic Payable</b>	120 days	98%	9,290	8,885	93%	64%	<b>44%</b>
<b>Civil Large</b>	250 days	98%	5,796	5,581	93%	91%	<b>3%</b>
<b>Civil Small</b>	120 days	98%	6,573	6,091	88%	84%	<b>6%</b>

*\*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, excluding Traffic 21-902. Large jurisdictions' performance was below the statewide percentage within standard for all case types, excluding Traffic Must Appear. 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 2024**

Case Type	Time Standard	Judiciary Goals	Statewide Within Standard	Jurisdiction Size		
				Small	Medium	Large
<b>Criminal</b>	180 days	98%	95%	95%	97%	94%
<b>Traffic 21-902</b>	180 days	98%	98%	99%	97%	97%
<b>Traffic Must Appear</b>	180 days	98%	98%	99%	98%	98%
<b>Traffic Payable</b>	120 days	98%	93%	99%	98%	86%
<b>Civil Large</b>	250 days	98%	93%	99%	97%	92%
<b>Civil Small</b>	120 days	98%	88%	95%	94%	87%

\* 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 2024 are provided in [Table 3](#). The overall average case processing time decreased for case types compared to Fiscal Year 2023. The overall average case processing times for all case types were within the time standard. Within-standard average case processing times decreased for all case types except for Civil Small cases compared to Fiscal Year 2023. The average processing time of over-standard cases in Fiscal Year 2024 decreased for all case types except for Civil Large case types.

**Table 3. Average Overall, Within- and Over-Standard Case Processing Time (Weighted\*) by Case Type, District Court, Fiscal Year 2024**

Case Type	Time Standard	Fiscal Year 2024 Average Case Time (in days)			Fiscal Year 2023 Overall Average Case Time
		Overall Average	Within-standard	Over Standard	
<b>Criminal</b>	180 days	75	62	319	109
<b>Traffic 21-902</b>	180 days	23	17	296	253
<b>Traffic Must Appear</b>	180 days	23	17	431	278
<b>Traffic Payable</b>	120 days	75	50	460	237
<b>Civil Large</b>	250 days	125	83	631	126
<b>Civil Small</b>	120 days	73	53	219	88

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

### **Median Case Processing Time**

For Fiscal Year 2024, overall median case processing times were within standard for case types (see [Table 4](#)). The overall median case processing time for Fiscal Year 2024 decreased from Fiscal Year 2023 for all case types. For Fiscal Year 2024, the within-standard median case processing times decreased for all case types. The median processing times of over-standard cases decreased from Fiscal Year 2023 for all case types except for Civil Large case types.

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

Case Type	Time Standard	Fiscal Year 2024 Median Case Time (in days)			Fiscal Year 2023 Overall Median Case Time
		Overall Median	Within Standard	Over Standard	
<b>Criminal</b>	180 days	55	53	253	75
<b>Traffic 21-902</b>	180 days	7	7	272	198
<b>Traffic Must Appear</b>	180 days	8	8	384	190
<b>Traffic Payable</b>	120 days	47	45	378	138
<b>Civil Large</b>	250 days	77	70	397	89
<b>Civil Small</b>	120 days	50	46	166	63

\* 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 4% for Civil Large cases to 17% for Civil Small, while 15% to 50% closed within one month of the time standard. Civil Large cases took the longest to terminate, taking approximately 4.1 months to close 50% of over-standard cases.

[Appendix B](#) contains diagrams of the distribution of cases closed over standard in Fiscal Year 2024, 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 2024**

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	523	11%	56 cases	34%	176 cases	1.8 months
Traffic 21-902	180 days	179	16%	29 cases	45%	80 cases	1.4 months
Traffic Must Appear	180 days	153	11%	17 cases	34%	52 cases	1.7 months
Traffic Payable	120 days	405	6%	25 cases	25%	103 cases	3 months
Civil Large	250 days	215	4%	9 cases	15%	32 cases	4.1 months
Civil Small	120 days	482	17%	82 cases	50%	239 cases	1 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.<sup>3</sup>

As seen in [Table 6](#), the case type with the highest proportion of cases with postponements in the Fiscal Year 2024 Assessment was Traffic 21-902 cases (56%), followed by Criminal (40%).

**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 2024**

Case Type	Fiscal Year 2024 Valid Terminations	Cases with valid postponement information *			Matching postponement information **	
		N	%	FY 2023 %	N	%
<b>Criminal</b>	11,623	4,596	40%	43%	4,079	89%
<b>Traffic 21-902</b>	8,071	4,538	56%	55%	4,183	92%
<b>Traffic Must Appear</b>	11,658	4,090	35%	36%	3,759	92%
<b>Traffic Payable</b>	9,290	826	9%	12%	741	90%
<b>Civil Large</b>	5,796	953	16%	24%	788	83%
<b>Civil Small</b>	6,573	474	7%	14%	382	81%

\* 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

<sup>3</sup> 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 2024, 17% 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 (35%) and lowest in Civil Small cases (4%). Across all case types, there was a total of 9,040 reported suspensions.

Further analysis of case suspensions indicates that in 6% of the suspensions (601 of the 9,040), 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 2024**

Case Type	Valid Terminations	Cases with One or More Suspensions (N, %)*	Overall Suspensions		
			Total Suspensions	With Valid Data (N, %)**	Without Valid Data (N, %)***
<b>Criminal</b>	11,623	4,010 (35%)	4,858	4,854 (100%)	4 (0%)
<b>Traffic 21-902</b>	8,071	685 (8%)	777	777 (100%)	0 (0%)
<b>Traffic Must Appear</b>	11,658	2,798 (24%)	3,206	3,197 (100%)	9 (0%)
<b>Traffic Payable</b>	9,290	881 (9%)	1,114	1,114 (100%)	0 (0%)
<b>Civil Large</b>	5,796	372 (6%)	506	163 (32%)	343 (68%)
<b>Civil Small</b>	6,573	294 (4%)	424	179 (42%)	245 (58%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,011</b>	<b>9,040 (17%)</b>	<b>10,885</b>	<b>10,284 (94%)</b>	<b>601 (6%)</b>

\* 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 2024**

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, %)**
<b>Criminal</b>	4 (0%)	3 (75%)	1 (25%)	0 (0%)
<b>Traffic 21-902</b>	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Traffic Must Appear</b>	9 (0%)	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
<b>Traffic Payable</b>	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Civil Large</b>	343 (68%)	40 (12%)	22 (6%)	281 (82%)
<b>Civil Small</b>	245 (58%)	84 (34%)	8 (3%)	153 (62%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>601 (6%)</b>	<b>136 (23%)</b>	<b>31 (5%)</b>	<b>434 (72%)</b>

\* 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 2024**

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
<b>FTA 1</b>	614	614 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>FTA 2</b>	75	75 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>FTA 3</b>	3	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>PSI Order***</b>	25	25 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>NCR Filing</b>	0	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Psychological Evaluation</b>	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Competency</b>	15	15 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Problem-Solving Court Diversion</b>	9	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Military Leave</b>	0	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Order of Show Cause</b>	32	32 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>777 (100%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

\* 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 2024**

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	3,732	3,732 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 2	531	531 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 3	133	133 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
PSI Order***	49	49 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
NCR Filing	9	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Psychological Evaluation	52	52 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Competency	200	199 (100%)	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)
Problem-Solving Court Diversion	12	12 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
Order of Show Cause	140	137 (98%)	3 (2%)	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,858</b>	<b>4,854 (100%)</b>	<b>4 (0%)</b>	<b>3 (75%)</b>	<b>1 (25%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>

\*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 2024**

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	2,749	2,749 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 2	371	371 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 3	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
PSI Order***	16	16 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
NCR Filing	0	-	-	-	-	-
Psychological Evaluation	0	-	-	-	-	-
Competency	5	5 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Problem-Solving Court Diversion	3	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
Order of Show Cause	58	49 (84%)	9 (16%)	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,206</b>	<b>3,197 (100%)</b>	<b>9 (0%)</b>	<b>9 (100%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>

\*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 2024**

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
<b>FTA 1</b>	880	880 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>FTA 2</b>	197	197 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>FTA 3</b>	37	37 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,114</b>	<b>1,114 (100%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>	-	-	-

\*Percent of total suspensions, by suspension event

\*\*Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event

Similar to previous Fiscal Years, more than 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 2024**

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
<b>Bankruptcy</b>	9	9 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Military Leave</b>	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Passed for Settlement</b>	11	11 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Stay</b>	15	15 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Multiple Defendant 1</b>	339	105 (31%)	234 (69%)	13 (5%)	18 (8%)	203 (87%)
<b>Multiple Defendant 2</b>	131	22 (17%)	109 (83%)	27 (25%)	4 (3%)	78 (72%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>163 (32%)</b>	<b>343 (68%)</b>	<b>40 (12%)</b>	<b>22 (6%)</b>	<b>281 (82%)</b>

\*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 2024**

<b>Suspension Event</b>	<b>Total Suspensions N</b>	<b>Valid Suspensions N, (%)*</b>	<b>Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*</b>	<b>Missing Stop Date N, (%)**</b>	<b>Missing Start Date N, (%)**</b>	<b>Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**</b>
<b>Bankruptcy</b>	4	4 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Military Leave</b>	0	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Passed for Settlement</b>	42	42 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Stay</b>	10	10 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Multiple Defendant 1</b>	240	83 (35%)	157 (65%)	35 (22%)	7 (5%)	115 (73%)
<b>Multiple Defendant 2</b>	128	40 (31%)	88 (69%)	49 (56%)	1 (1%)	38 (43%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>179 (42%)</b>	<b>245 (58%)</b>	<b>84 (34%)</b>	<b>8 (3%)</b>	<b>153 (62%)</b>

\*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 2024**

Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction Size	Criminal	Traffic 21-902	Traffic Must Appear	Traffic Payable	Civil Large	Civil Small
Allegany	Small	93%	99%	99%	100%	99%	98%
Anne Arundel	Large	87%	95%	98%	93%	96%	88%
Baltimore City	Large	100%	96%	97%	98%	80%	82%
Baltimore County	Large	93%	99%	100%	91%	95%	91%
Calvert	Small	95%	99%	100%	99%	98%	98%
Caroline	Small	99%	100%	100%	98%	98%	91%
Carroll	Small	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	96%
Cecil	Small	98%	100%	100%	98%	100%	93%
Charles	Medium	97%	99%	100%	96%	97%	95%
Dorchester	Small	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	98%
Frederick	Medium	94%	100%	99%	99%	98%	95%
Garrett	Small	93%	98%	100%	98%	97%	94%
Harford	Medium	99%	90%	92%	98%	98%	90%
Howard	Medium	95%	99%	99%	99%	96%	95%
Kent	Small	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Montgomery	Large	92%	98%	96%	76%	90%	70%
Prince George's	Large	96%	98%	99%	77%	96%	93%
Queen Anne's	Small	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%	94%
Somerset	Small	97%	97%	99%	99%	99%	95%
St. Mary's	Small	97%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Talbot	Small	97%	99%	100%	99%	100%	98%
Washington	Small	83%	96%	96%	97%	99%	95%
Wicomico	Small	97%	99%	100%	99%	99%	93%
Worcester	Small	96%	98%	96%	99%	98%	88%
<b>Statewide**</b>		<b>95%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>88%</b>

Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (October 2024)

\*\* 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
<b>Small</b>							
Allegany	2	93%	99%	99%	100%	99%	98%
Calvert	2	95%	99%	100%	99%	98%	98%
Caroline	1	99%	100%	100%	98%	98%	91%
Carroll	2	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	96%
Cecil	2	98%	100%	100%	98%	100%	93%
Dorchester	1	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	98%
Garrett	1	93%	98%	100%	98%	97%	94%
Kent	1	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Queen Anne's	1	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%	94%
Somerset	1	97%	97%	99%	99%	99%	95%
St. Mary's	2	97%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Talbot	1	97%	99%	100%	99%	100%	98%
Washington	2	83%	96%	96%	97%	99%	95%
Wicomico	2	97%	99%	100%	99%	99%	93%
Worcester	2	96%	98%	96%	99%	98%	88%
<b>Small Overall*</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Medium</b>							
Charles	3	97%	99%	100%	96%	97%	95%
Frederick	3	94%	100%	99%	99%	98%	95%
Harford	4	99%	90%	92%	98%	98%	90%
Howard	5	95%	99%	99%	99%	96%	95%
<b>Medium Overall*</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>Large</b>							
Anne Arundel	10	87%	95%	98%	93%	96%	88%
Baltimore City	28	100%	96%	97%	98%	80%	82%
Baltimore County	15	93%	99%	100%	91%	95%	91%
Montgomery	13	92%	98%	96%	76%	90%	70%
Prince George's	19	96%	98%	99%	77%	96%	93%
<b>Large Overall*</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>87%</b>

Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (October 2024)

\* 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 2024**

	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	76	267	14	411	16	230	40	-	75	251	67	134
Anne Arundel	102	293	29	303	20	315	62	170	91	481	62	211
Baltimore City	46	305	55	230	43	224	55	185	180	458	112	306
Baltimore County	73	271	19	225	10	404	86	379	109	447	84	233
Calvert	78	361	26	191	10	192	41	220	89	350	65	151
Caroline	62	243	12	-	18	147 6	47	134	93	254	69	170
Carroll	61	310	18	-	12	-	54	2931	93	262	78	145
Cecil	63	306	12	947	20	266 1	63	1023	85	291	83	153
Charles	76	291	23	203	11	-	57	181	93	519	90	464
Dorchester	80	321	11	-	10	330	51	323	71	284	65	250
Frederick	80	248	6	258	14	227	50	182	89	439	71	157
Garrett	84	227	13	211	9	210	53	244	76	543	66	215
Harford	50	290	115	210	120	269	57	565	103	538	80	175
Howard	63	236	15	269	14	371	45	173	113	525	80	210
Kent	69	212	14	-	8	-	41	-	84	-	59	-
Montgomery	85	307	14	323	24	384	167	542	260	1753	117	226
Prince George's	80	432	15	366	11	524	141	412	75	442	40	195
Queen Anne's	59	182	11	-	10	-	50	191	76	-	70	130
Somerset	73	225	37	233	14	238	47	131	86	265	73	141
St. Mary's	67	211	15	-	17	243	44	141	70	-	69	-
Talbot	79	474	12	242	10	-	48	335	78	-	79	178
Washington	119	309	25	285	43	316	56	396	110	529	77	159
Wicomico	77	462	9	226	8	-	50	162	83	351	78	152
Worcester	90	358	24	272	43	786	44	202	106	344	90	179
<b>Statewide*</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>219</b>

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\*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 2024**

Jurisdiction	Criminal		Traffic 21-902		Traffic Must-Appeal		Traffic Payable		Civil Large		Civil Small	
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
<b>Small</b>												
Allegany	76	267	14	411	16	230	40	-	75	251	67	134
Calvert	78	361	26	191	10	192	41	220	89	350	65	151
Caroline	62	243	12	-	18	1476	47	134	93	254	69	170
Carroll	61	310	18	-	12	-	54	293 <sub>1</sub>	93	262	78	145
Cecil	63	306	12	947	20	2661	63	102 <sub>3</sub>	85	291	83	153
Dorchester	80	321	11	-	10	330	51	323	71	284	65	250
Garrett	84	227	13	211	9	210	53	244	76	543	66	215
Kent	69	212	14	-	8	-	41	-	84	-	59	-
Queen Anne's	59	182	11	-	10	-	50	191	76	-	70	130
Somerset	73	225	37	233	14	238	47	131	86	265	73	141
St. Mary's	67	211	15	-	17	243	44	141	70	-	69	-
Talbot	79	474	12	242	10	-	48	335	78	-	79	178
Washington	119	309	25	285	43	316	56	396	110	529	77	159
Wicomico	77	462	9	226	8	-	50	162	83	351	78	152
Worcester	90	358	24	272	43	786	44	202	106	344	90	179
<b>Small, Overall*</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Medium</b>												
Charles	76	291	23	203	11	-	57	181	93	519	90	464
Frederick	80	248	6	258	14	227	50	182	89	439	71	157
Harford	50	290	115	210	120	269	57	565	103	538	80	175
Howard	63	236	15	269	14	371	45	173	113	525	80	210
<b>Medium, Overall*</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>271</b>
<b>Large</b>												
Anne Arundel	102	293	29	303	20	315	62	170	91	481	62	211
Baltimore City	46	305	55	230	43	224	55	185	180	458	112	306
Baltimore County	73	271	19	225	10	404	86	379	109	447	84	233
Montgomery	85	307	14	323	24	384	167	542	260	175 <sub>3</sub>	117	226
Prince George's	80	432	15	366	11	524	141	412	75	442	40	195
<b>Large, Overall*</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>220</b>

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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 2024**

Jurisdiction	Criminal		Traffic 21-902		Traffic Must-Appeal		Traffic Payable		Civil Large		Civil Small	
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Allegany	55	242	1	411	1	234	32	-	69	251	69	136
Anne Arundel	70	245	1	262	1	339	48	146	80	329	45	165
Baltimore City	35	305	49	209	32	210	48	166	115	376	79	172
Baltimore County	52	238	1	236	1	404	51	239	88	390	75	150
Calvert	57	262	1	188	1	192	35	222	79	343	72	144
Caroline	54	189	1	-	1	1476	48	134	88	254	67	148
Carroll	55	227	1	-	1	-	48	293 1	96	261	82	131
Cecil	48	260	1	947	1	2661	34	460	88	291	85	139
Charles	67	303	1	198	1	-	48	154	80	407	76	134
Dorchester	70	366	1	-	1	330	48	323	62	284	59	270
Frederick	64	217	1	258	1	208	45	161	78	391	76	137
Garrett	69	211	1	211	1	210	46	227	64	543	67	167
Harford	44	290	113	193	112	197	47	177	89	303	82	166
Howard	48	227	1	210	1	423	36	182	98	429	83	141
Kent	61	208	1	-	1	-	36	-	78	-	65	-
Montgomery	51	237	1	296	1	263	49	254	103	617	92	189
Prince George's	59	228	1	287	1	435	60	359	41	342	1	172
Queen Anne's	54	182	1	-	1	-	46	154	80	-	80	124
Somerset	64	197	1	221	1	209	45	132	82	265	76	138
St. Mary's	56	204	1	-	1	244	35	147	76	-	75	-
Talbot	57	249	1	242	1	-	38	306	79	-	81	188
Washington	83	281	1	286	1	251	45	204	108	617	79	135
Wicomico	60	212	1	221	1	-	47	162	78	335	78	141
Worcester	73	254	1	241	1	237	36	177	97	371	91	146
<b>Statewide*</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>166</b>

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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 2024**

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
<b>Small</b>												
Allegany	55	242	1	411	1	234	32	-	69	251	69	136
Calvert	57	262	1	188	1	192	35	222	79	343	72	144
Caroline	54	189	1	-	1	1476	48	134	88	254	67	148
Carroll	55	227	1	-	1	-	48	2931	96	261	82	131
Cecil	48	260	1	947	1	2661	34	460	88	291	85	139
Dorchester	70	366	1	-	1	330	48	323	62	284	59	270
Garrett	69	211	1	211	1	210	46	227	64	543	67	167
Kent	61	208	1	-	1	-	36	-	78	-	65	-
Queen Anne's	54	182	1	-	1	-	46	154	80	-	80	124
Somerset	64	197	1	221	1	209	45	132	82	265	76	138
St. Mary's	56	204	1	-	1	244	35	147	76	-	75	-
Talbot	57	249	1	242	1	-	38	306	79	-	81	188
Washington	83	281	1	286	1	251	45	204	108	617	79	135
Wicomico	60	212	1	221	1	-	47	162	78	335	78	141
Worcester	73	254	1	241	1	237	36	177	97	371	91	146
<b>Small, Overall*</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Medium</b>												
Charles	67	303	1	198	1	-	48	154	80	407	76	134
Frederick	64	217	1	258	1	208	45	161	78	391	76	137
Harford	44	290	113	193	112	197	47	177	89	303	82	166
Howard	48	227	1	210	1	423	36	182	98	429	83	141
<b>Medium, Overall*</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Large</b>												
Anne Arundel	70	245	1	262	1	339	48	146	80	329	45	165
Baltimore City	35	305	49	209	32	210	48	166	115	376	79	172
Baltimore County	52	238	1	236	1	404	51	239	88	390	75	150
Montgomery	51	237	1	296	1	263	49	254	103	617	92	189
Prince George's	59	228	1	287	1	435	60	359	41	342	1	172
<b>Large, Overall*</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>170</b>

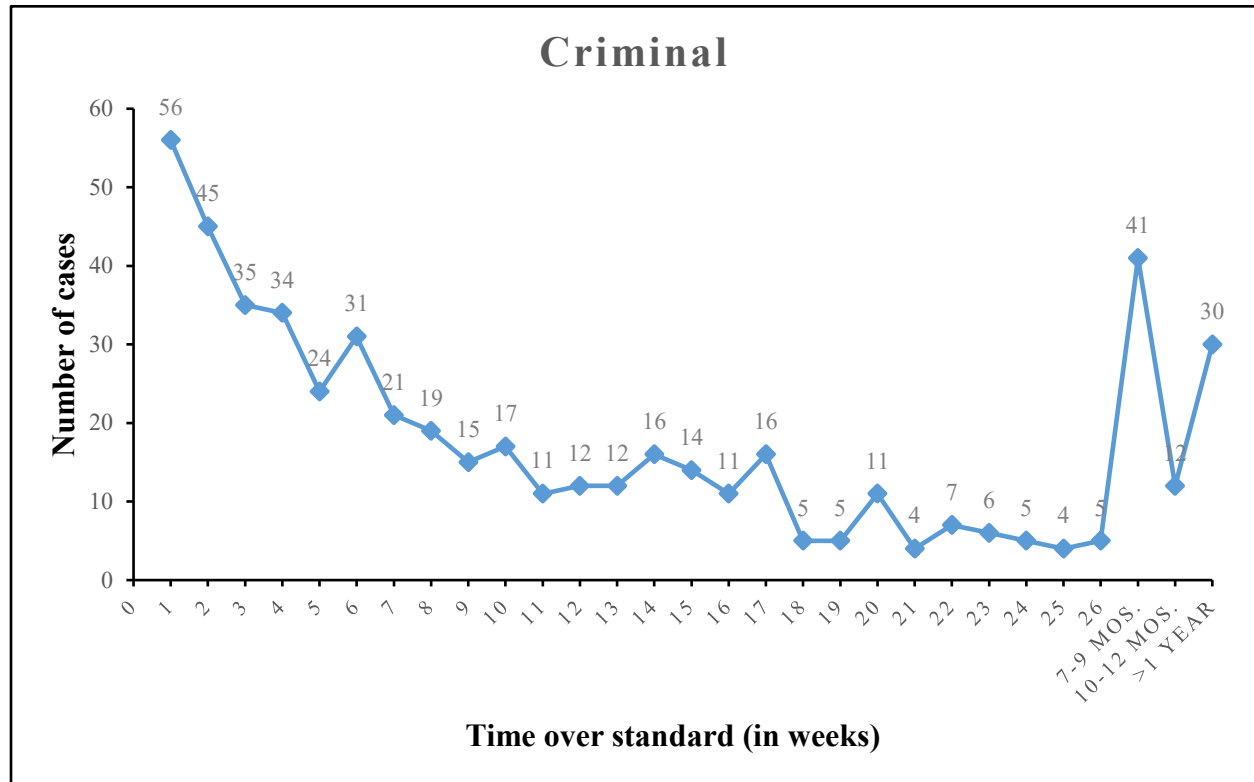
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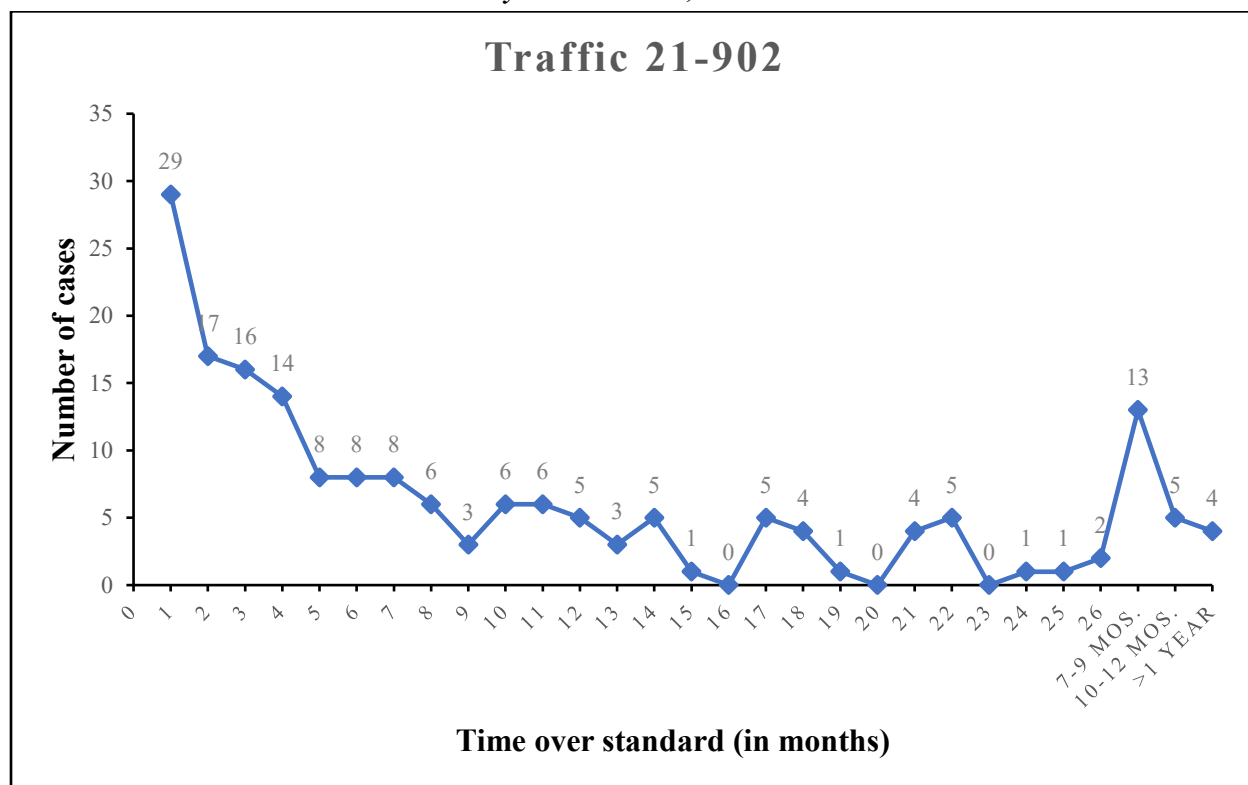
## **Appendix B: District Court Statewide Distribution of Over-Standard Cases**

**Figure B-1. Distribution of the Over-Standard Criminal Case (N=523) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 180-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024**



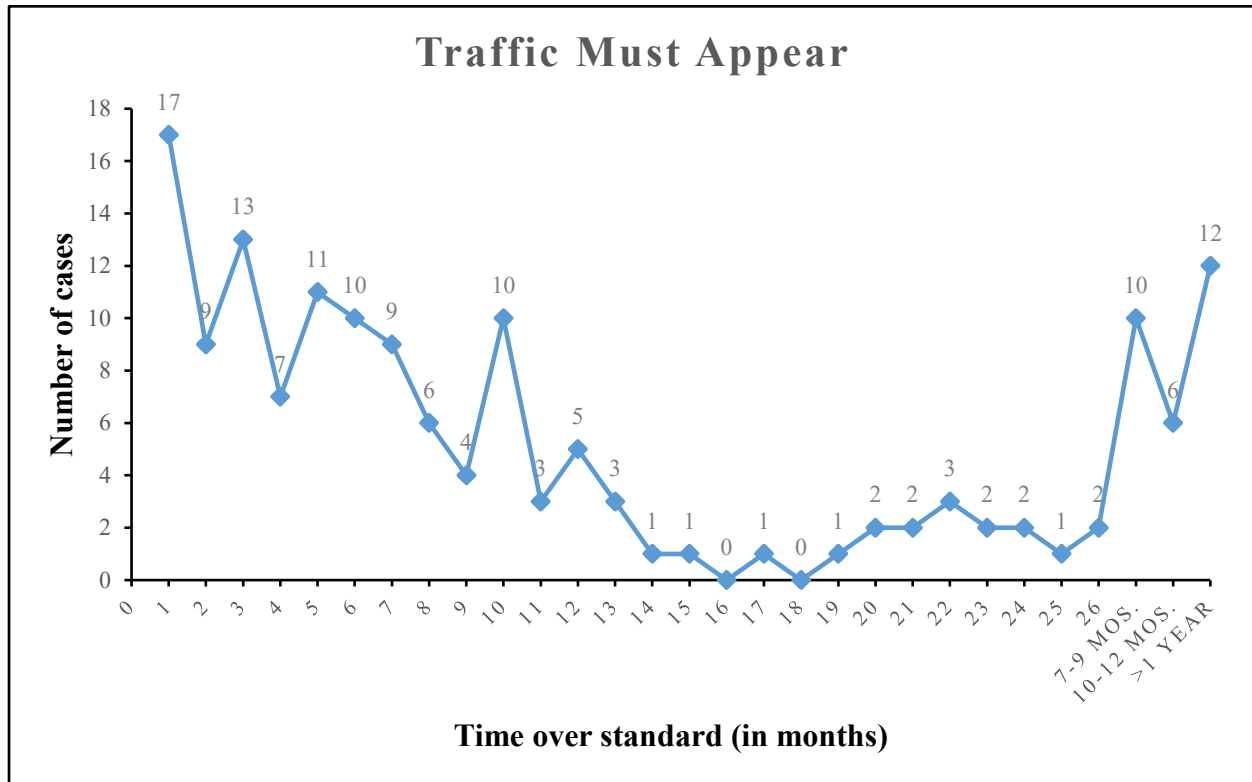
- The average case processing time (weighted)  
 Overall: 75 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 109 days)  
 Within-standard cases: 62 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 70 days)  
 Over-standard cases: 319days (Fiscal Year 2023: 320 days)
- 11% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 34% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 1.8 months over standard

**Figure B-2. Distribution of the Over-Standard Traffic 21-902 Case (N=179) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 180-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024**



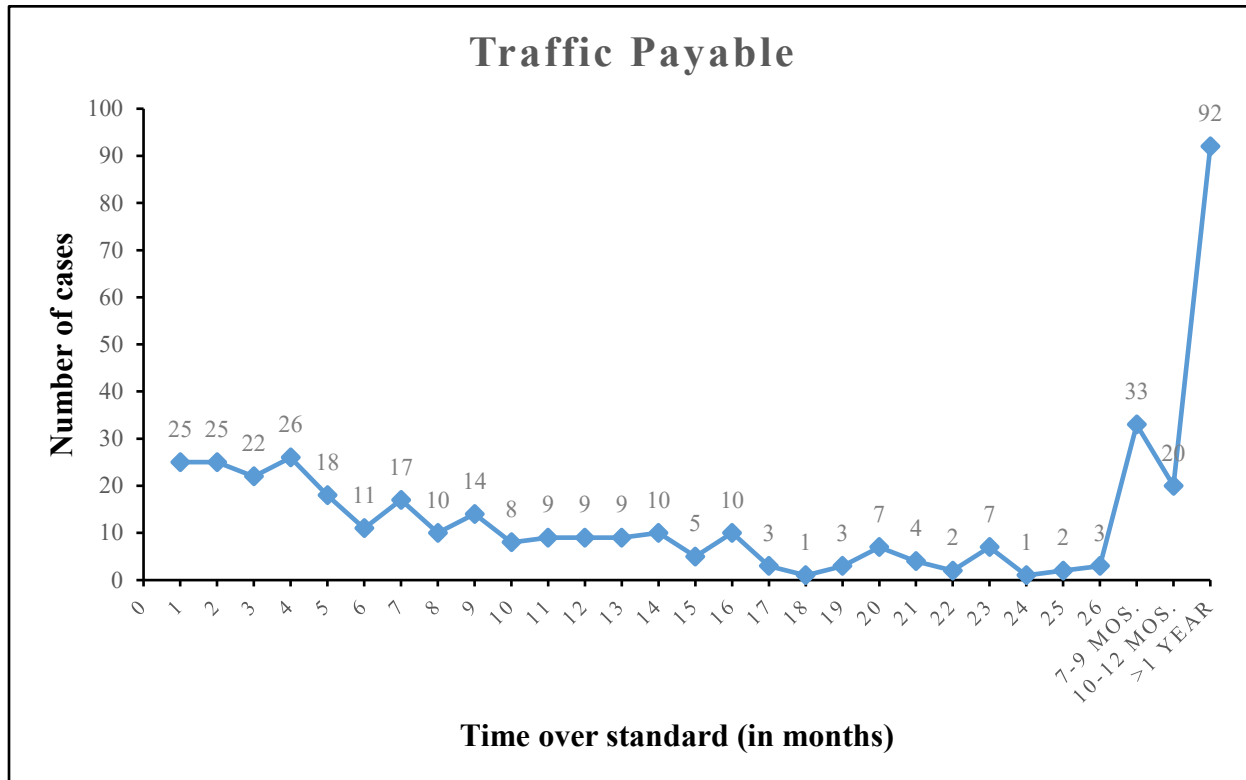
- The average case processing time (weighted)  
 Overall: 23 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 253 days)  
 Within-standard cases: 17 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 108 days)  
 Over-standard cases: 296 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 365 days)
- 16% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 45% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 1.4 months over standard

**Figure B-3. Distribution of the Over-Standard Traffic Must Appear Case (N=153) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 180-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024**



- The average case processing time (weighted)  
 Overall: 23 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 278 days)  
 Within-standard cases: 17 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 105 days)  
 Over-standard cases: 431 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 433 days)
- 11% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 34% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 1.7 months over standard

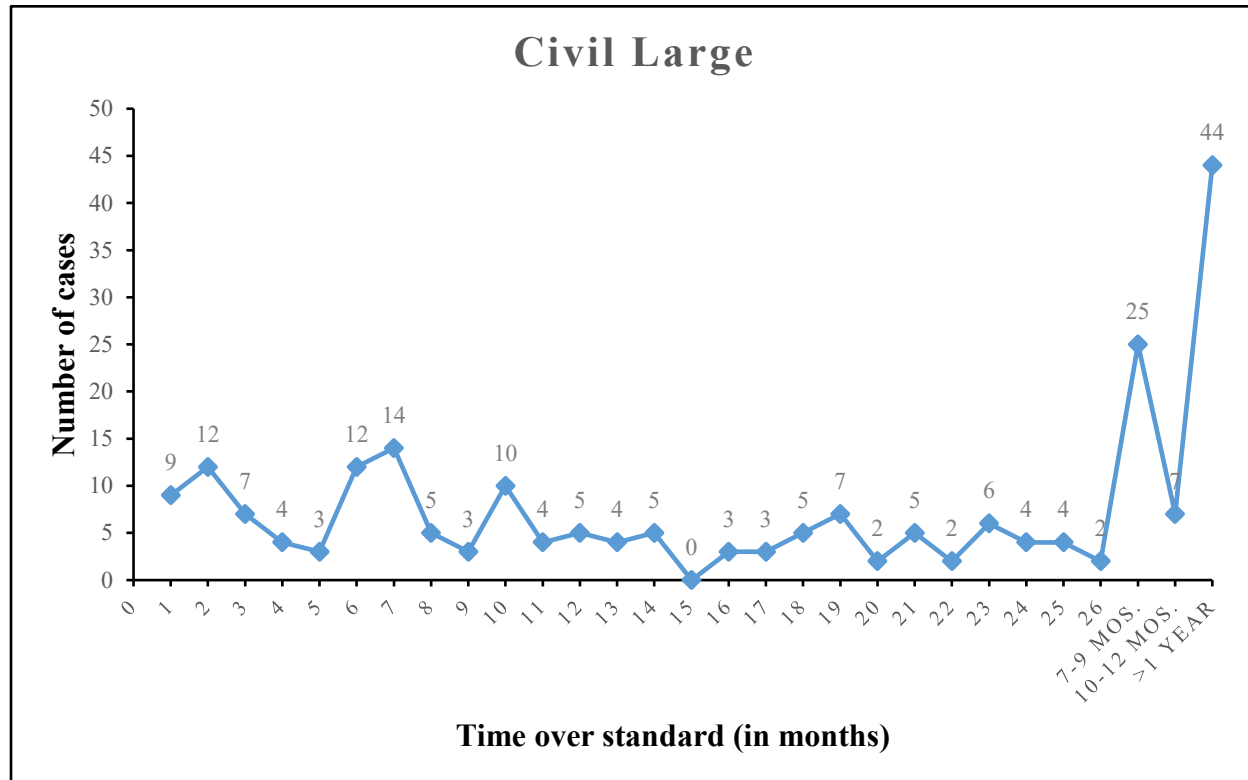
**Figure B-4. Distribution of the Over-Standard Traffic Payable Case (N=405) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 120-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024**



- The average case processing time (weighted)  
Overall: 75 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 237 days)  
Within-standard cases: 50 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 59 days)  
Over-standard cases: 460 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 464 days)
- 6% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 25% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 3 months over standard

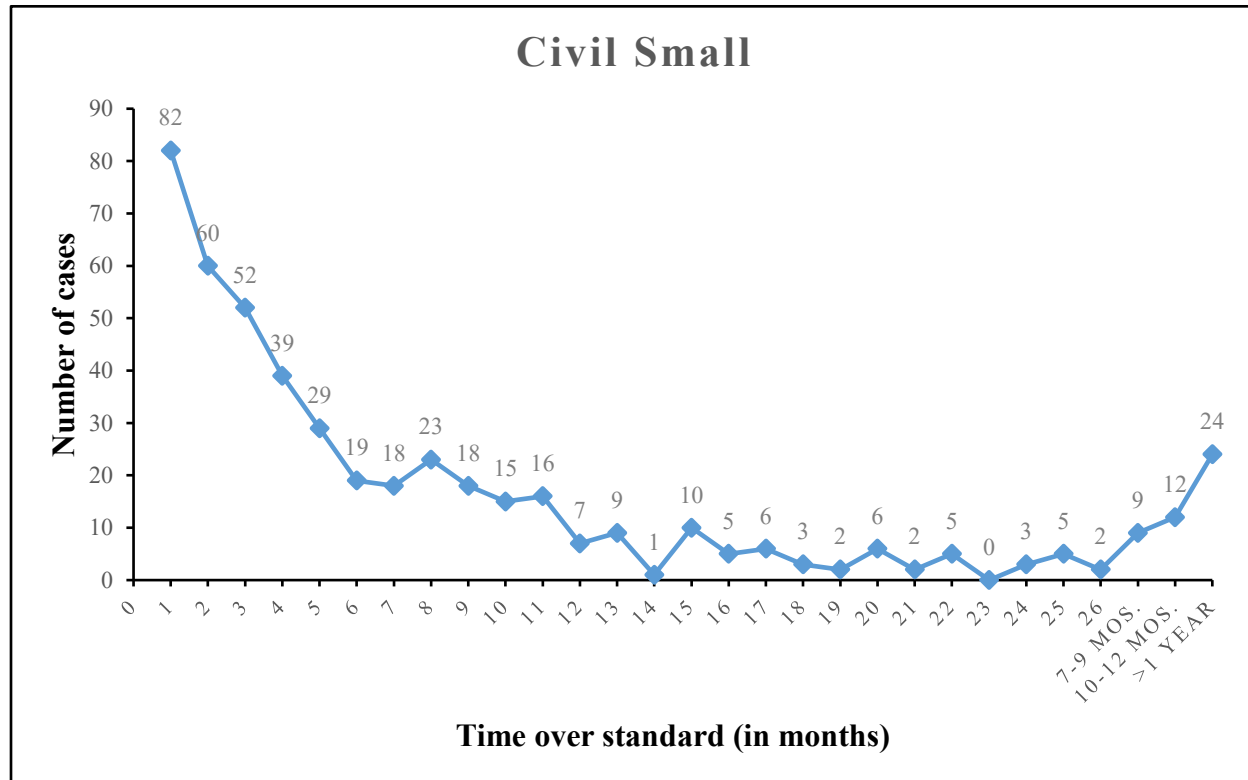


**Figure B-5. Distribution of the Over-Standard Civil Large Case (N=215) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 250-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024**



- The average case processing time (weighted)  
Overall: 125 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 126 days)  
Within-standard cases: 83 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 90 days)  
Over-standard cases: 631 days (Fiscal Year 2022: 445 days)
- 4% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 15% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 4.1 months over standard

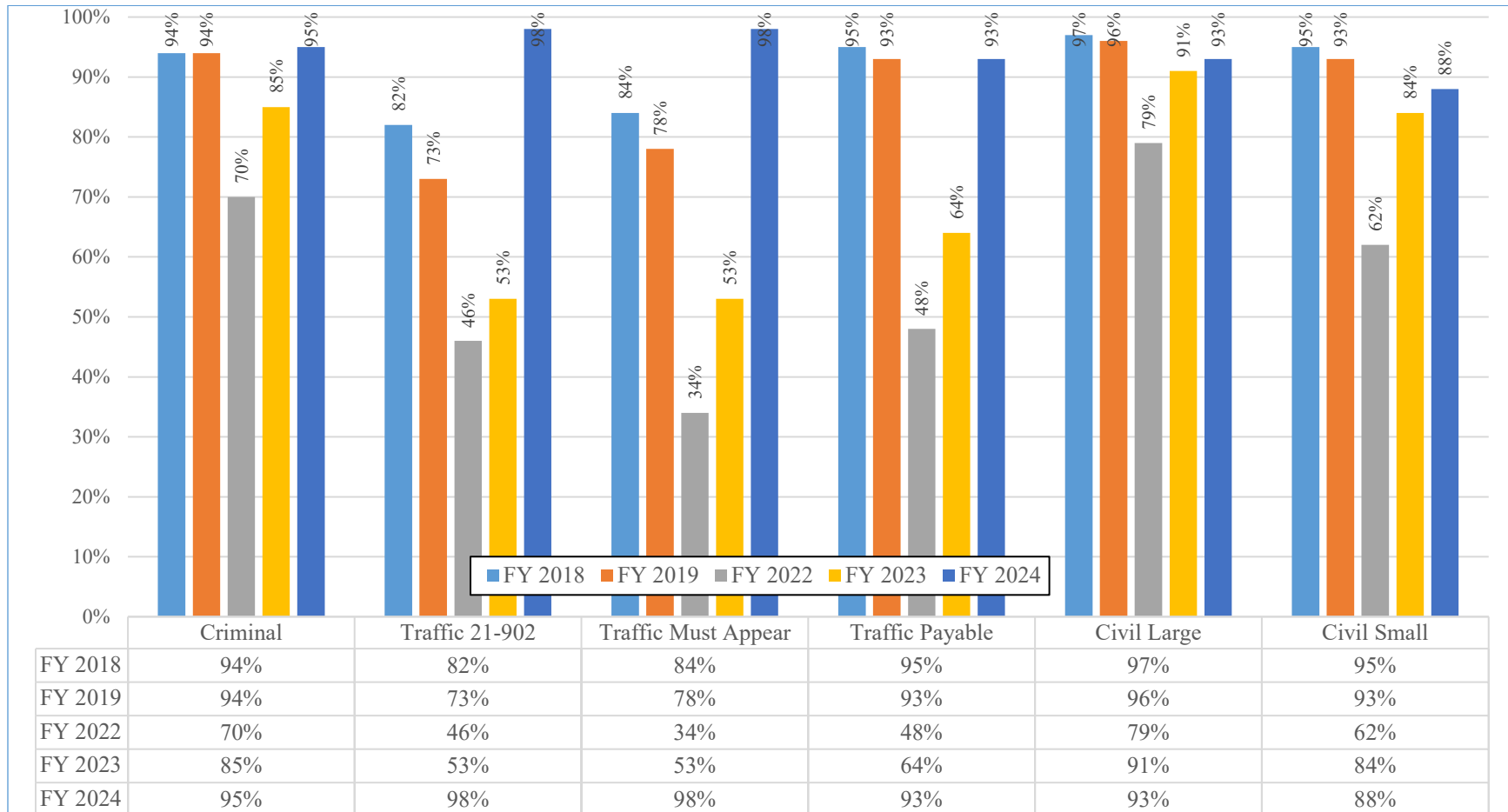
**Figure B-6. Distribution of the Over-Standard Civil Small Case (N=482) Terminations by the Time Beyond the 120-Day Time Standard, Fiscal Year 2024**



- The average case processing time (weighted)  
Overall: 73 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 88 days)  
Within-standard cases: 53 days (Fiscal Year 2023: 53 days)  
Over-standard cases: 219 days (Fiscal Year 2019: 278 days)
- 17% of the over-standard cases closed within one week over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within one month over standard
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 1 month over standard

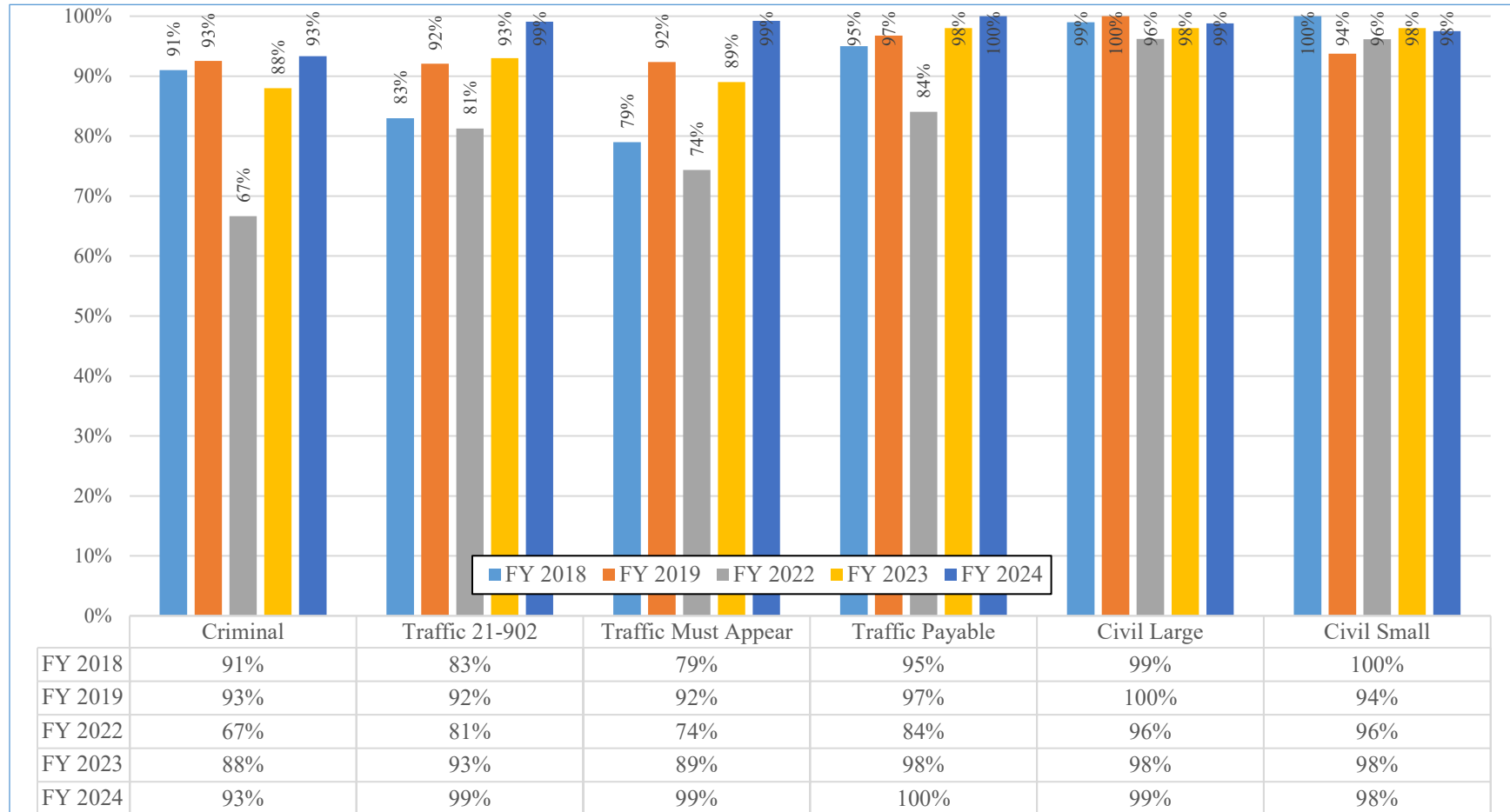
## **Appendix C: District Court Percentages of Cases Terminated Within Standard, by Jurisdiction Fiscal Years 2018 through 2024**

**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024\***  
**Statewide (Weighted)**

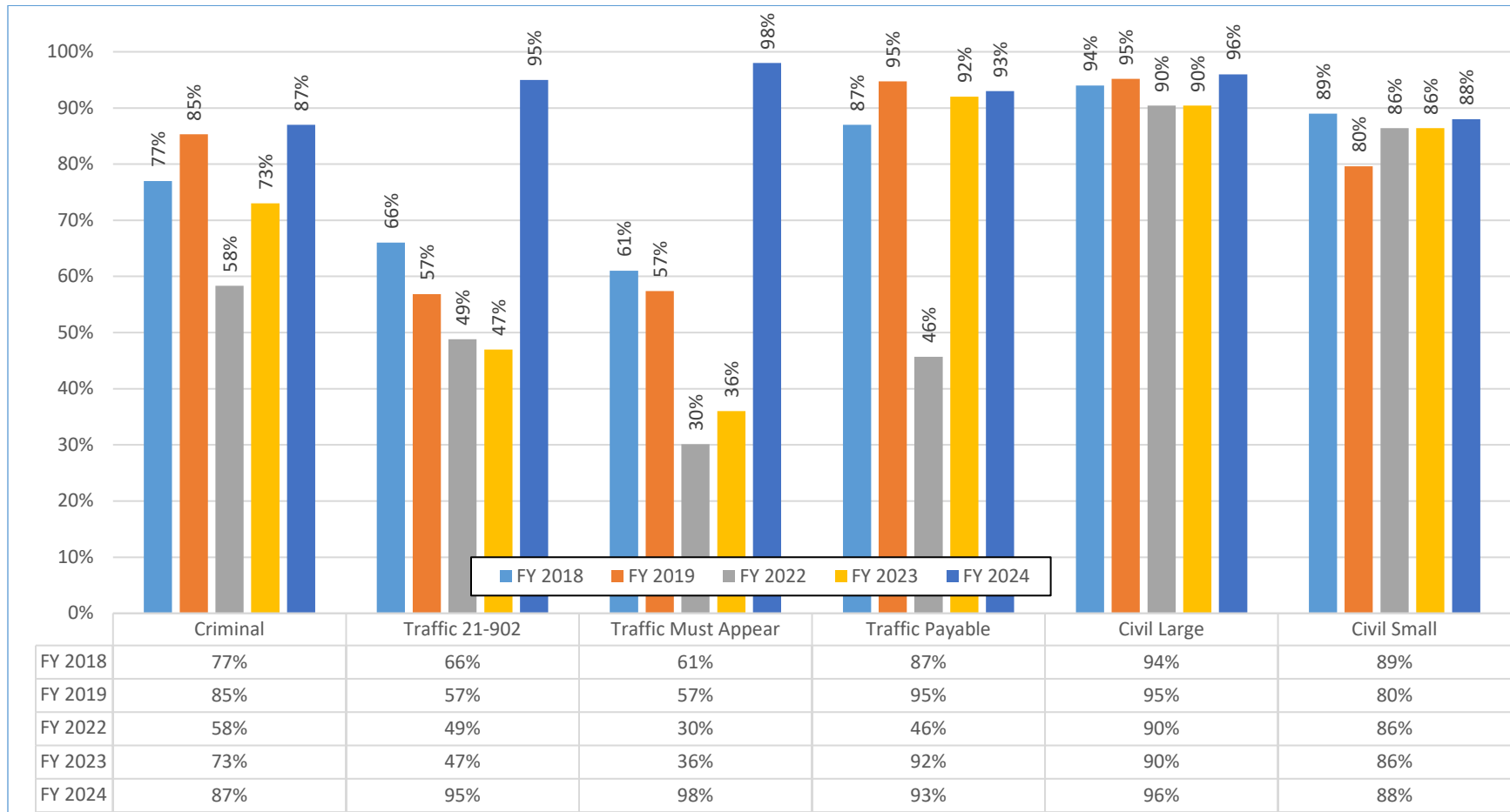


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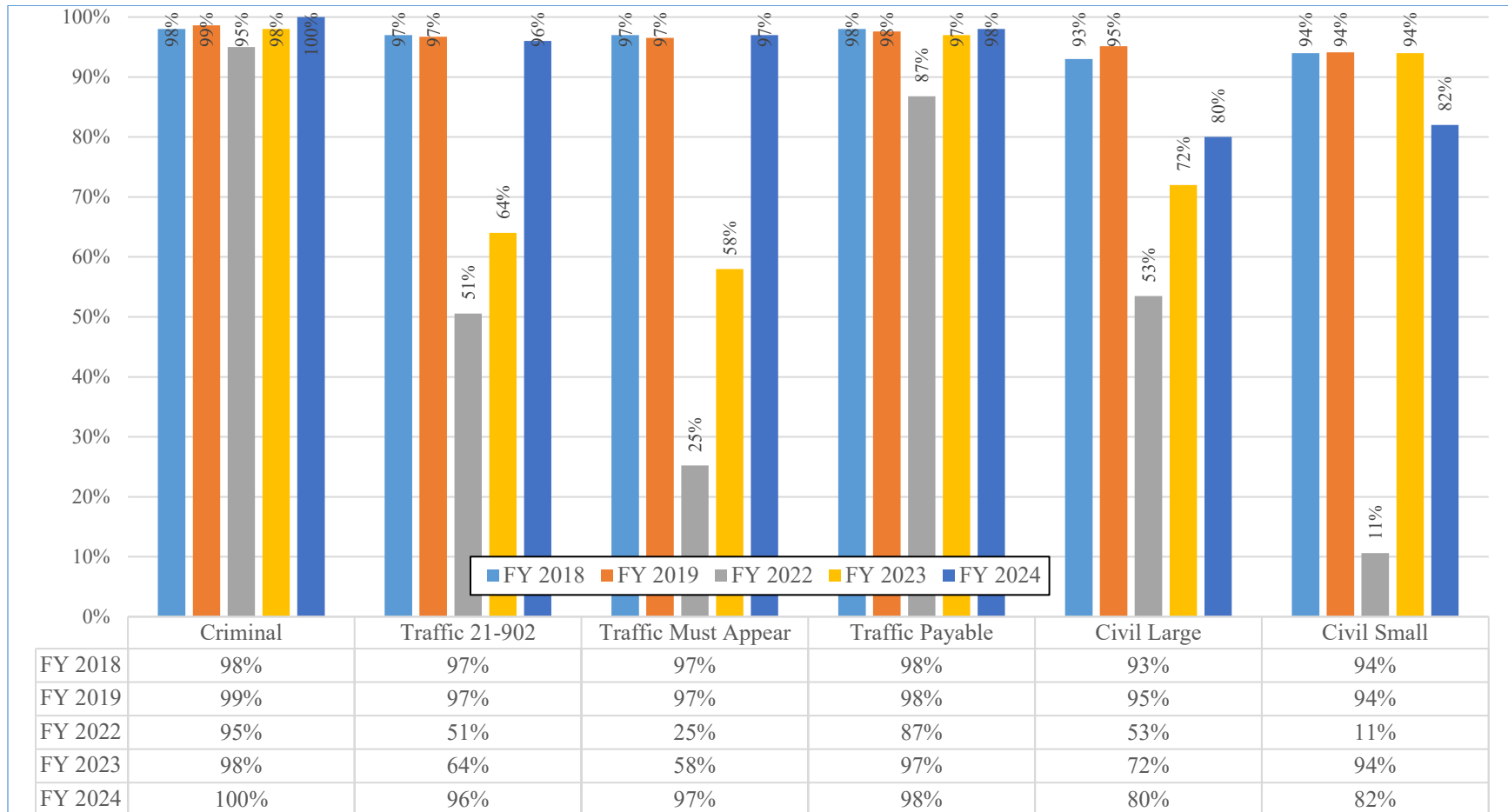
**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
Allegany County<sup>†</sup> (Unweighted)**



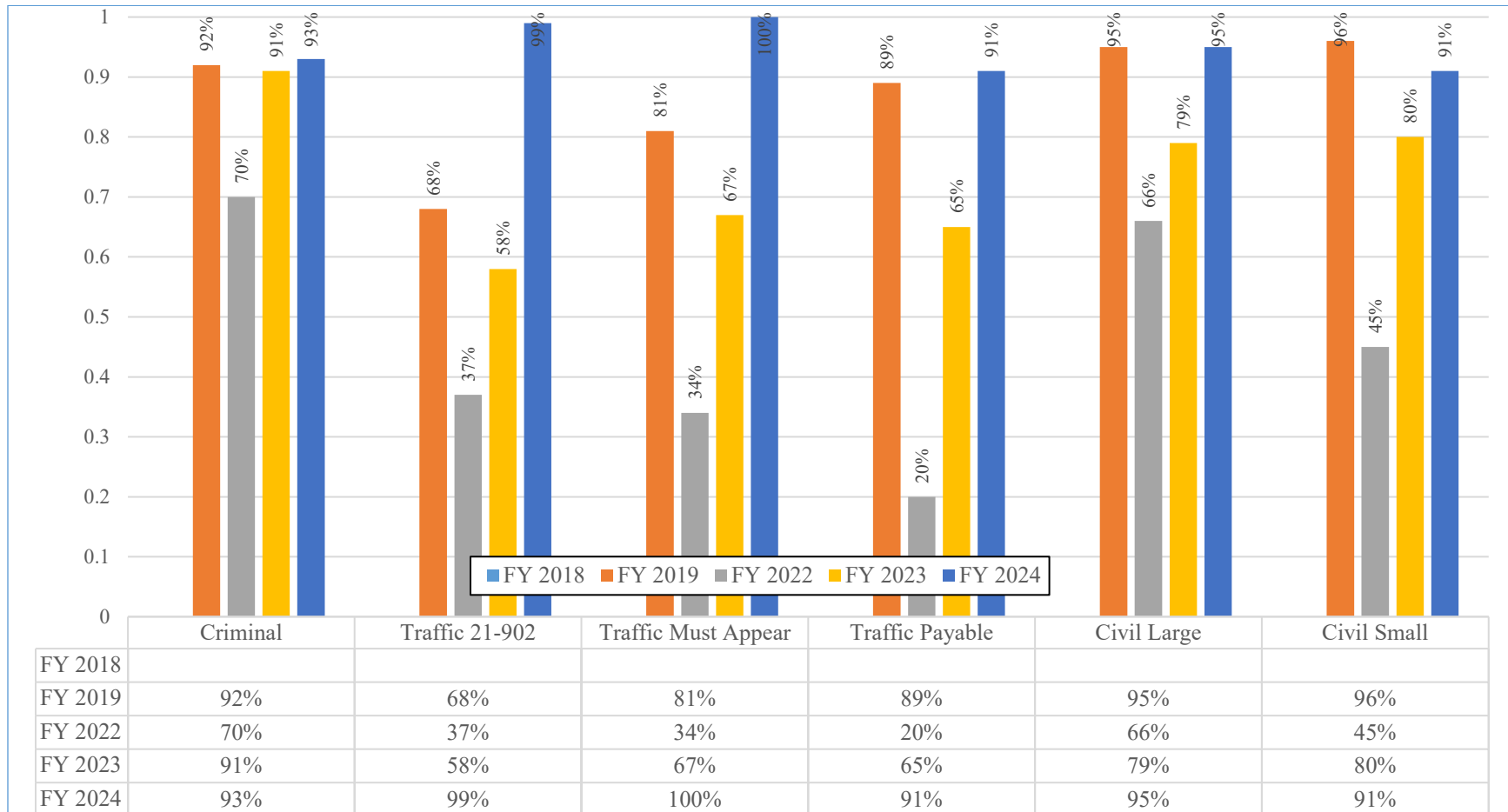
**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
Anne Arundel County (Unweighted)**



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



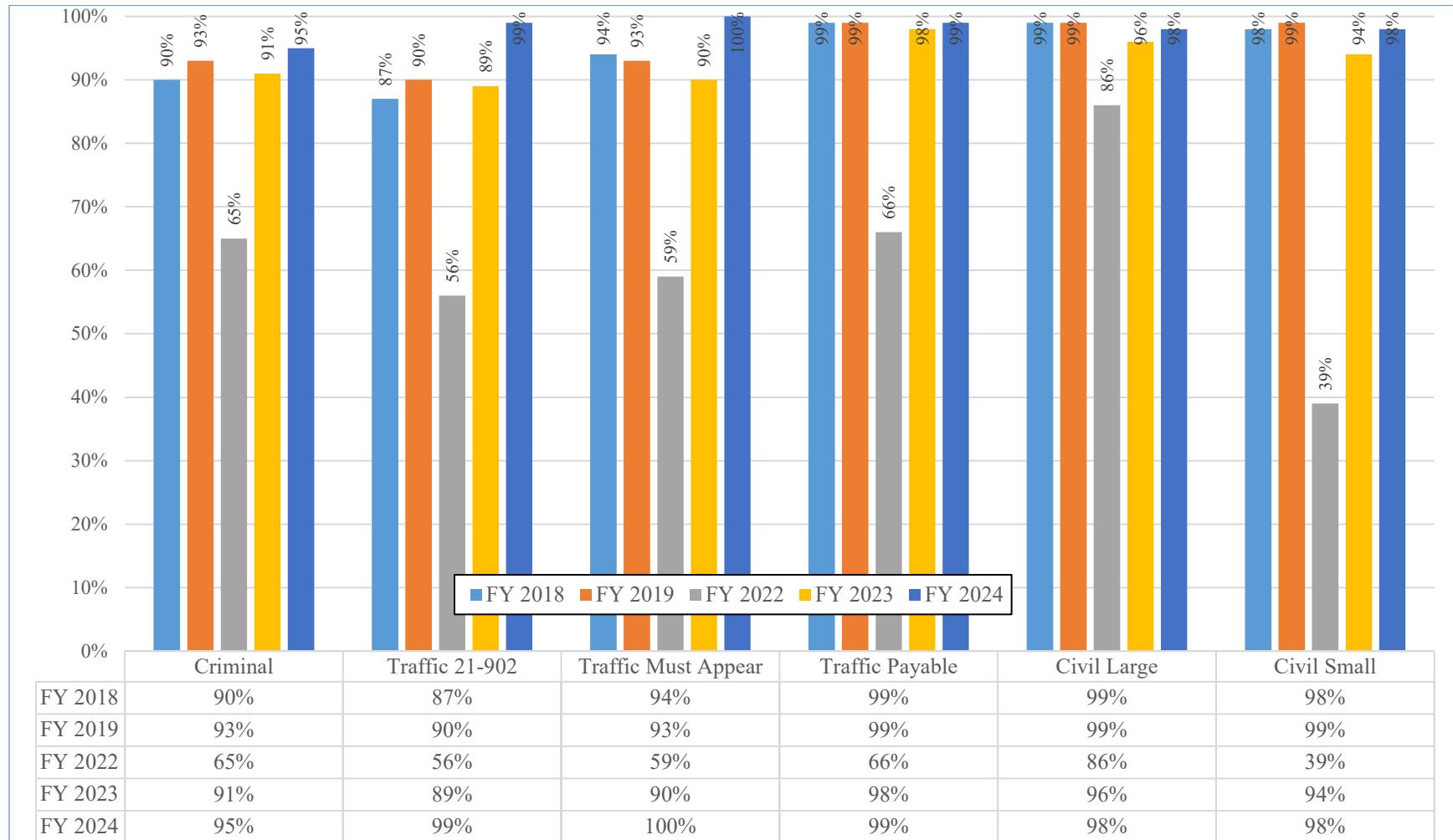
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**Baltimore County<sup>‡</sup> (Unweighted)**



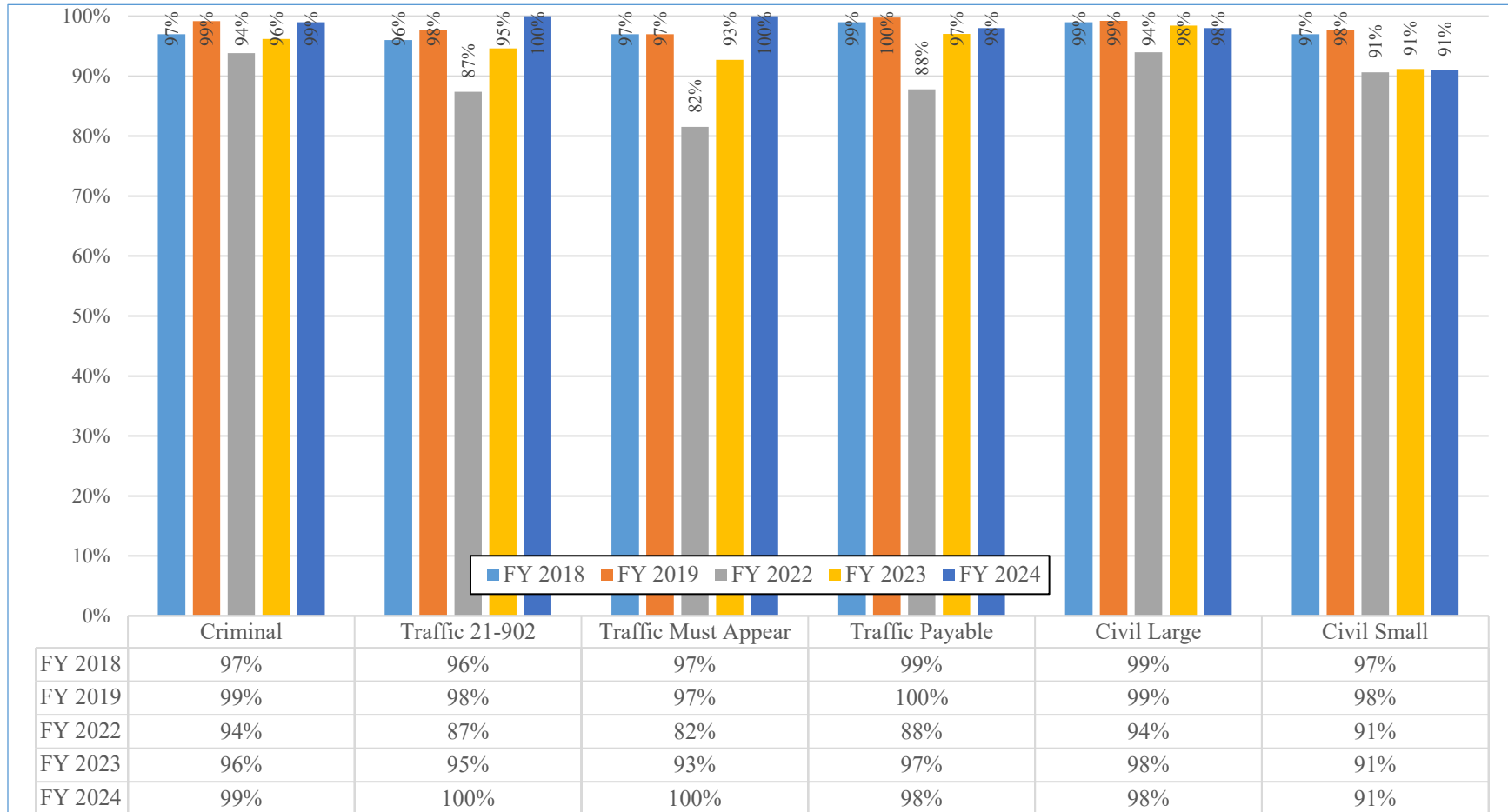
<sup>‡</sup> Baltimore County was excluded from the Fiscal Year 2018 analysis of case processing performance.



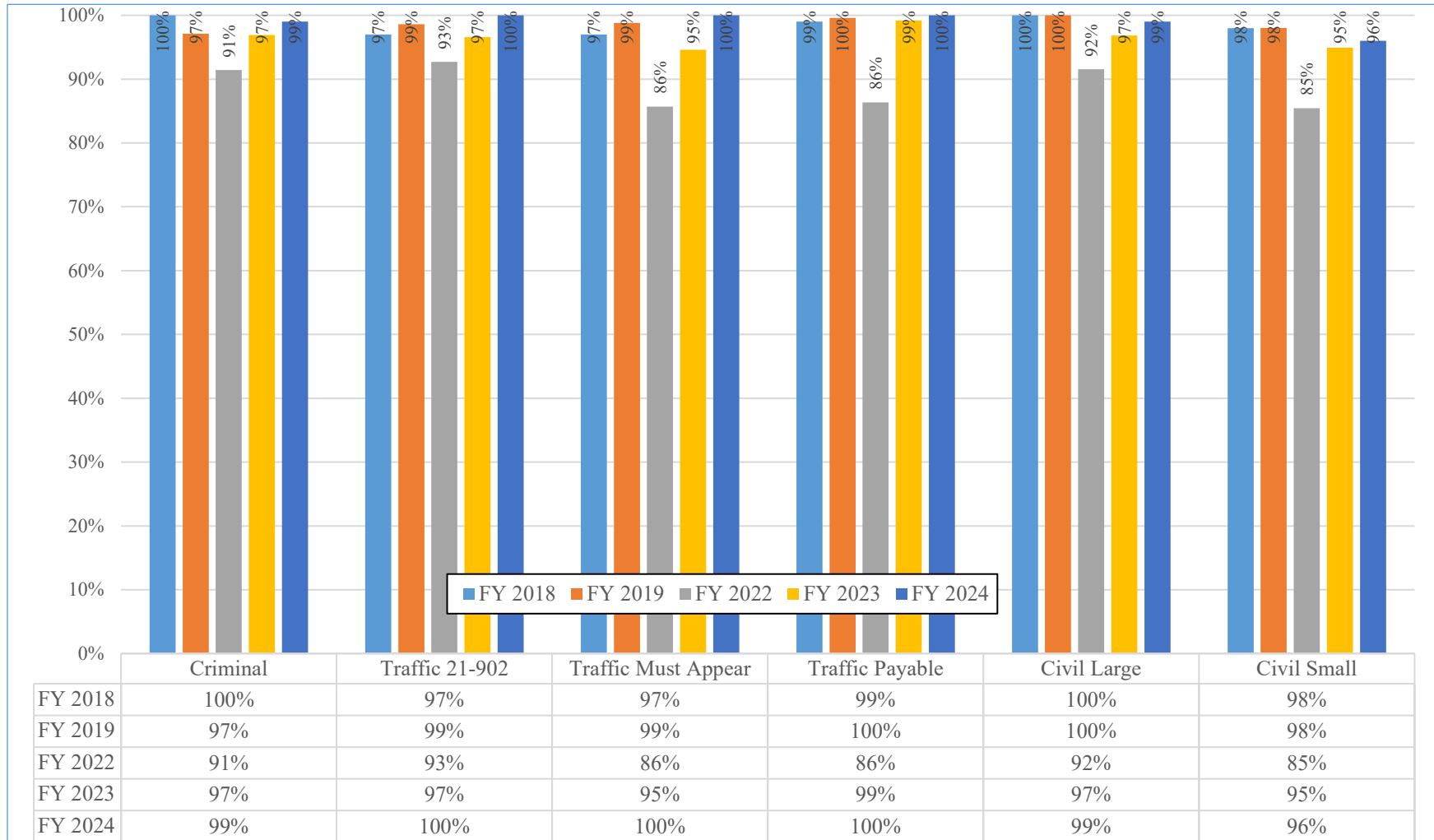
**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024**  
**Calvert County\* (Unweighted)**



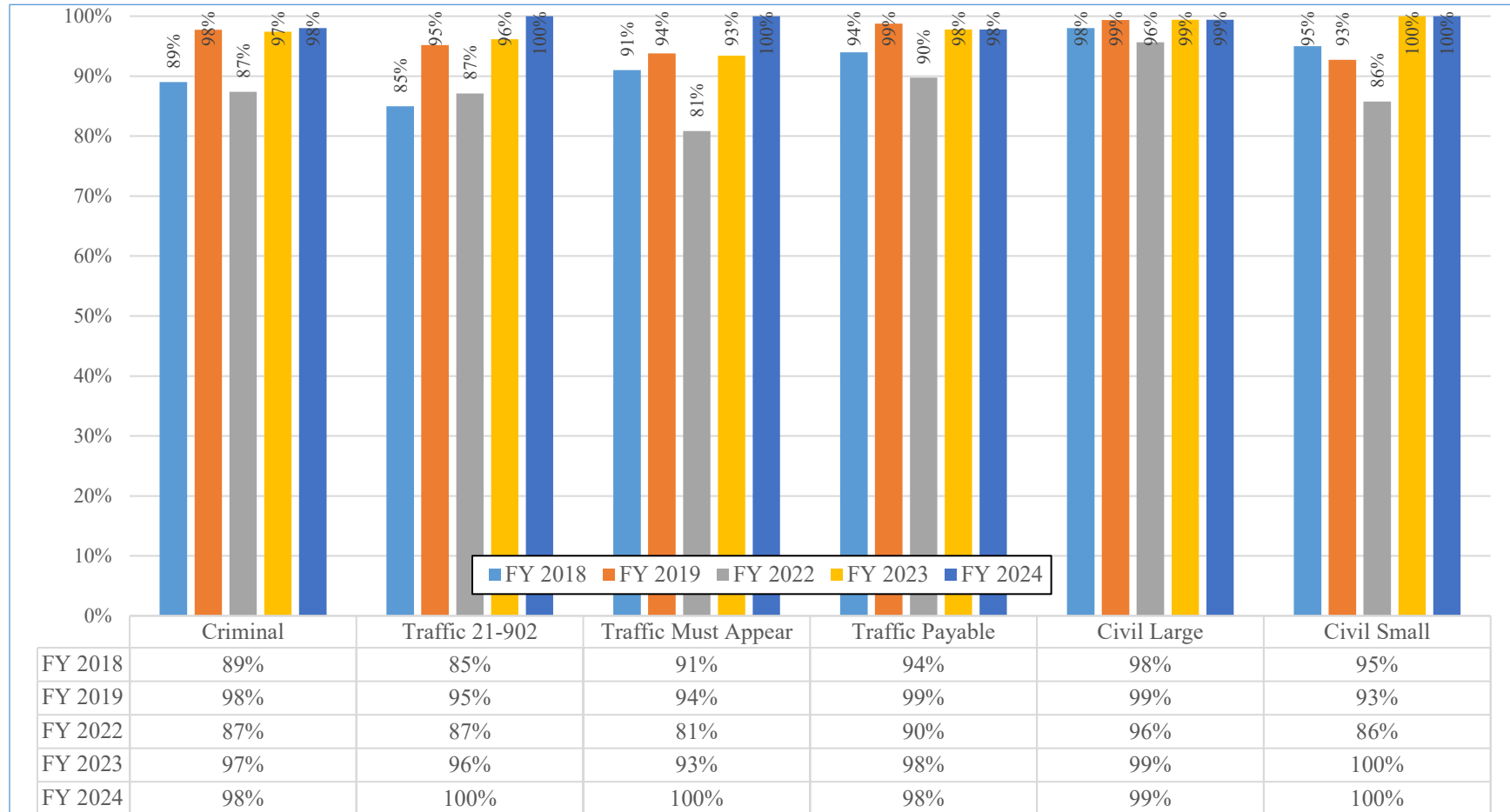
**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024**  
**Caroline County (Unweighted)**



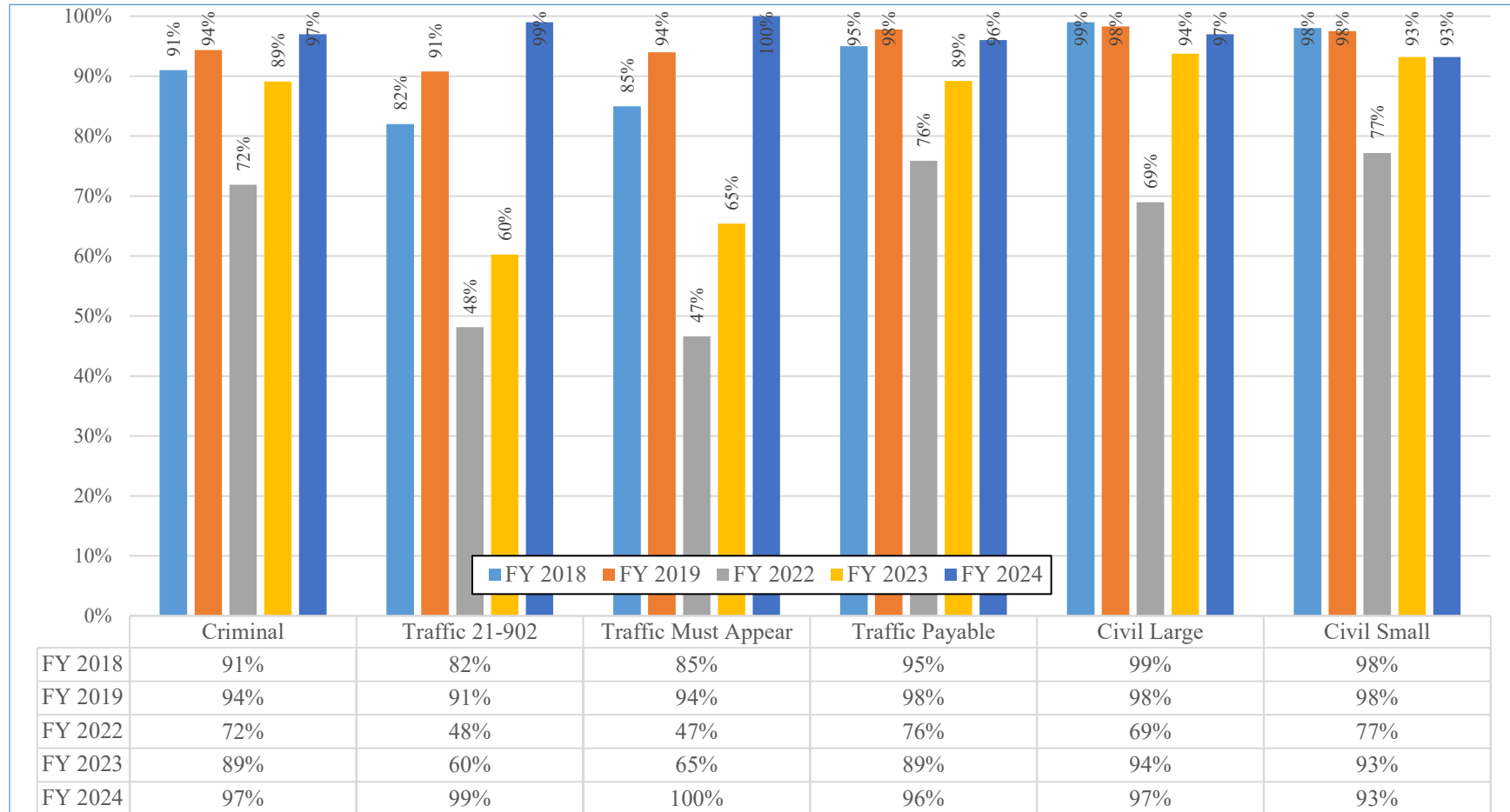
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Carroll County (Unweighted)**



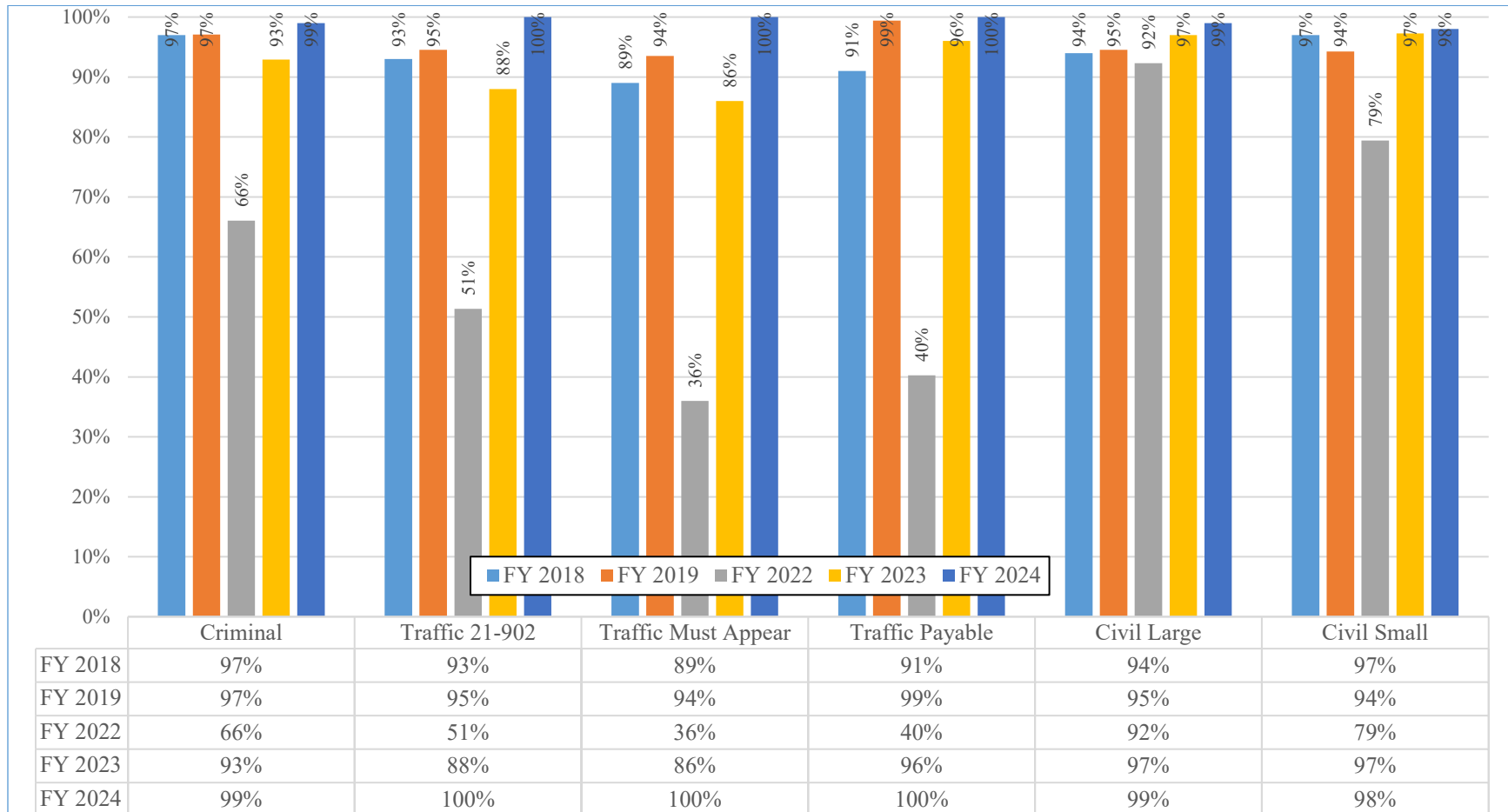
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Cecil County (Unweighted)**



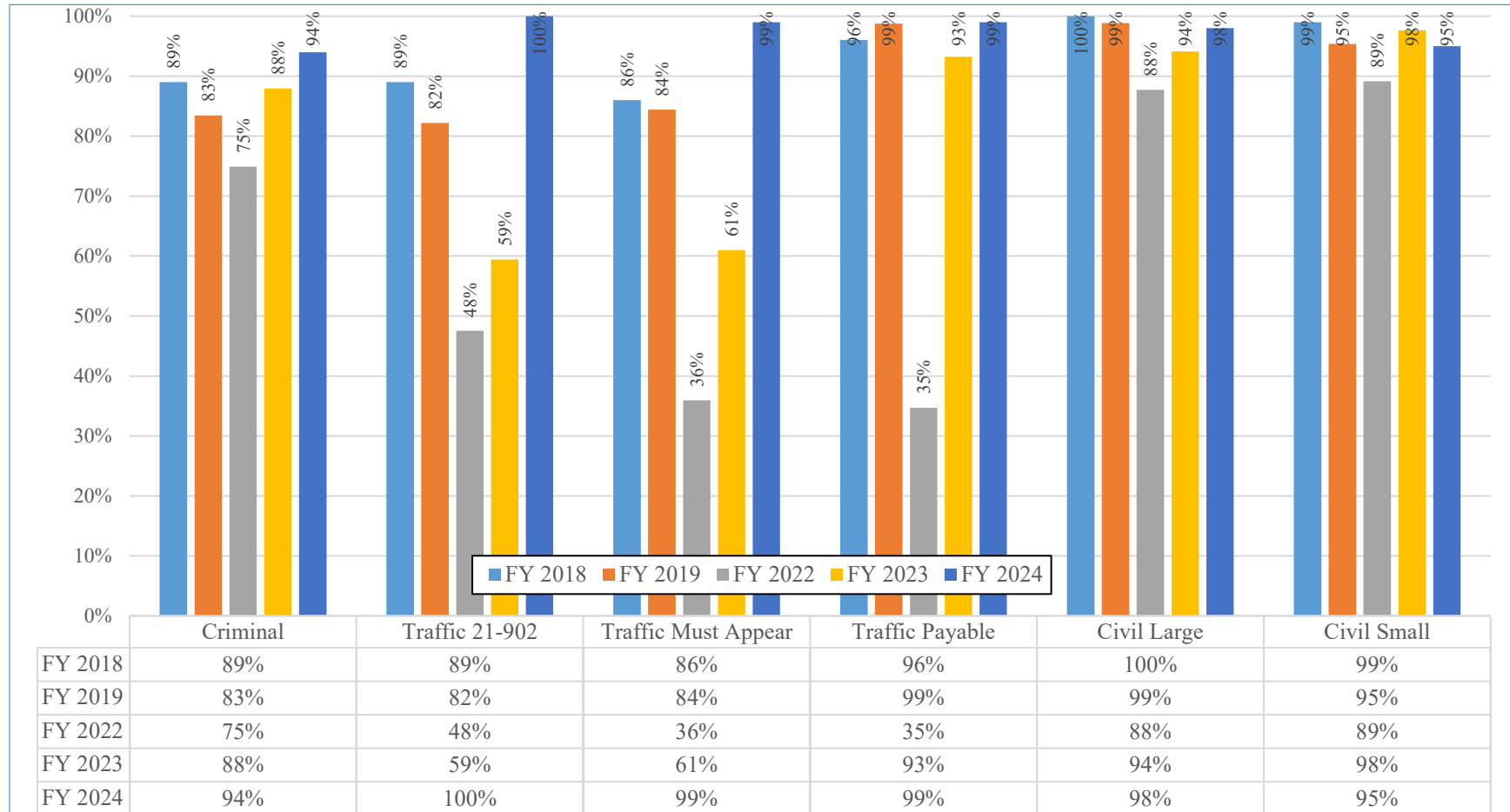
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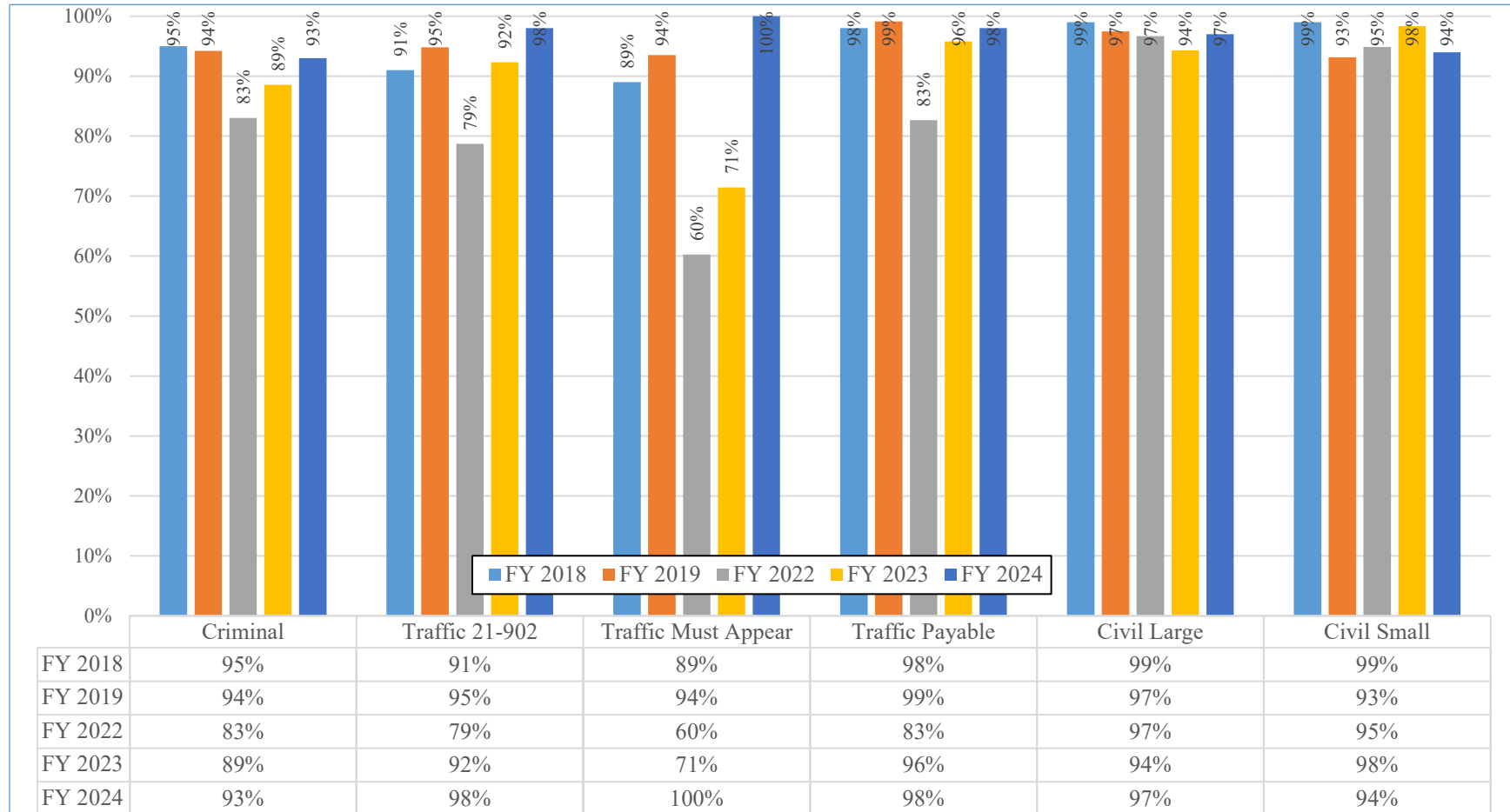
**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
Dorchester County (Unweighted)**



**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
Frederick County (Unweighted)**

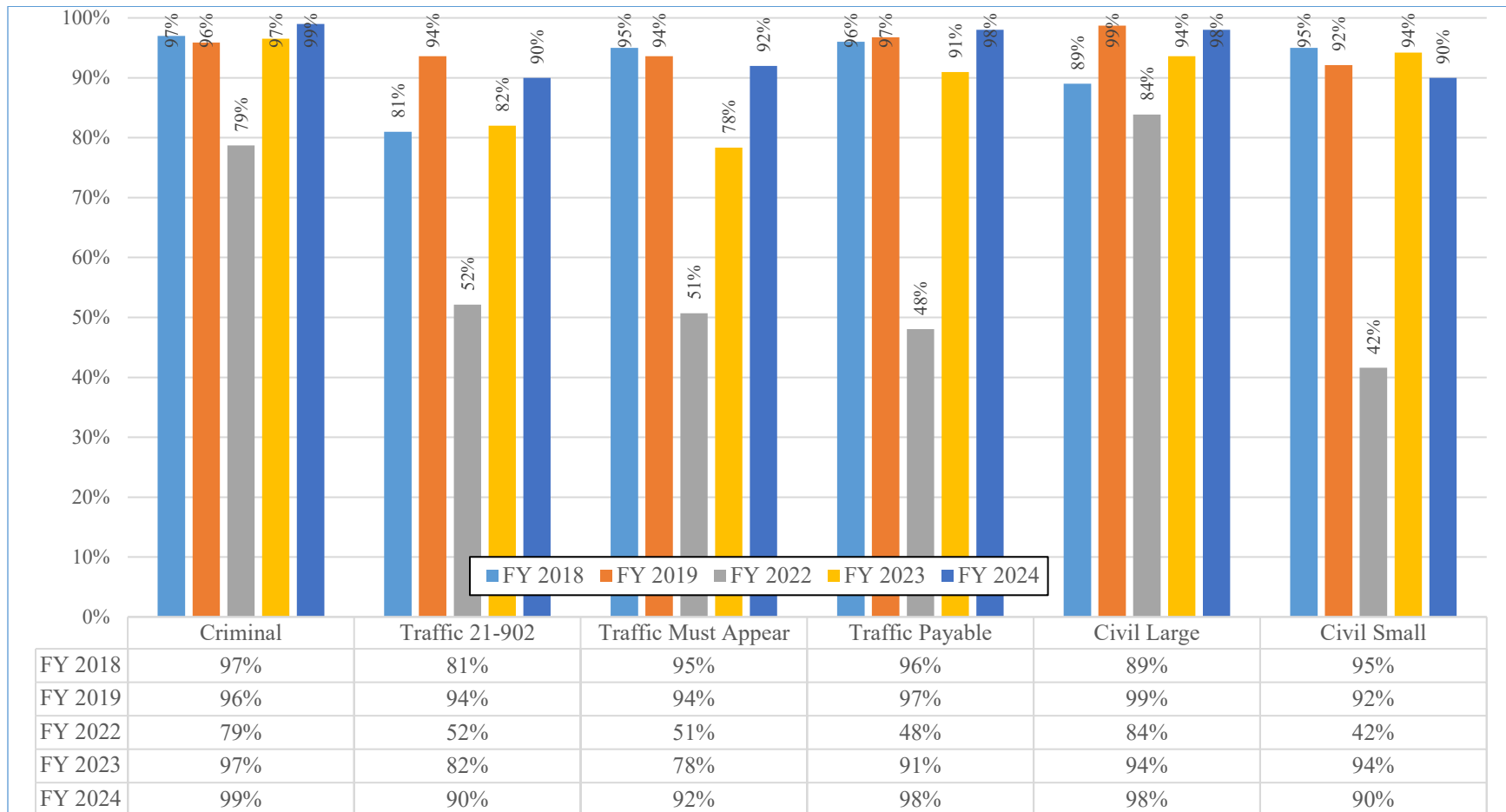


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Garrett County (Unweighted)**

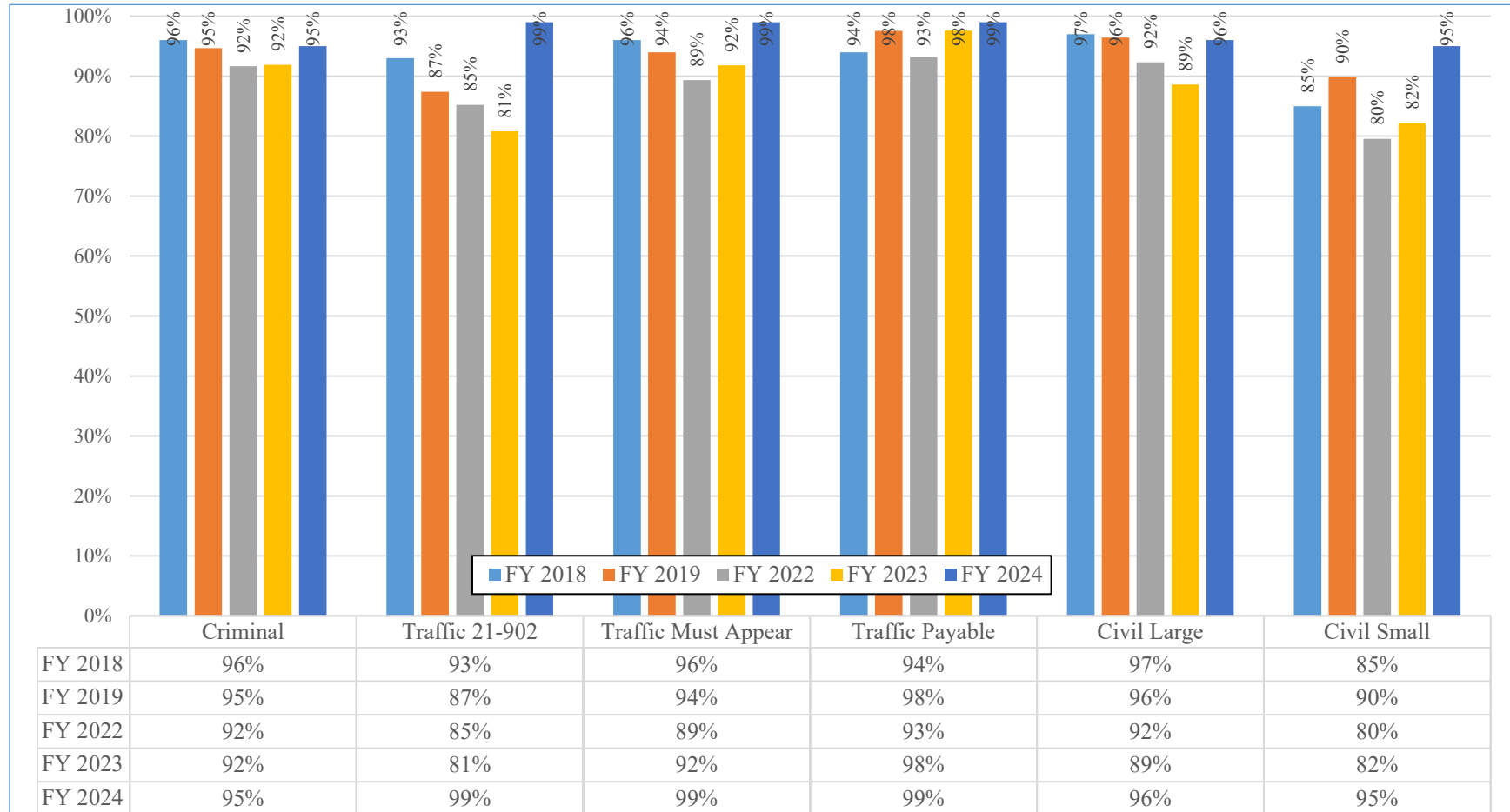




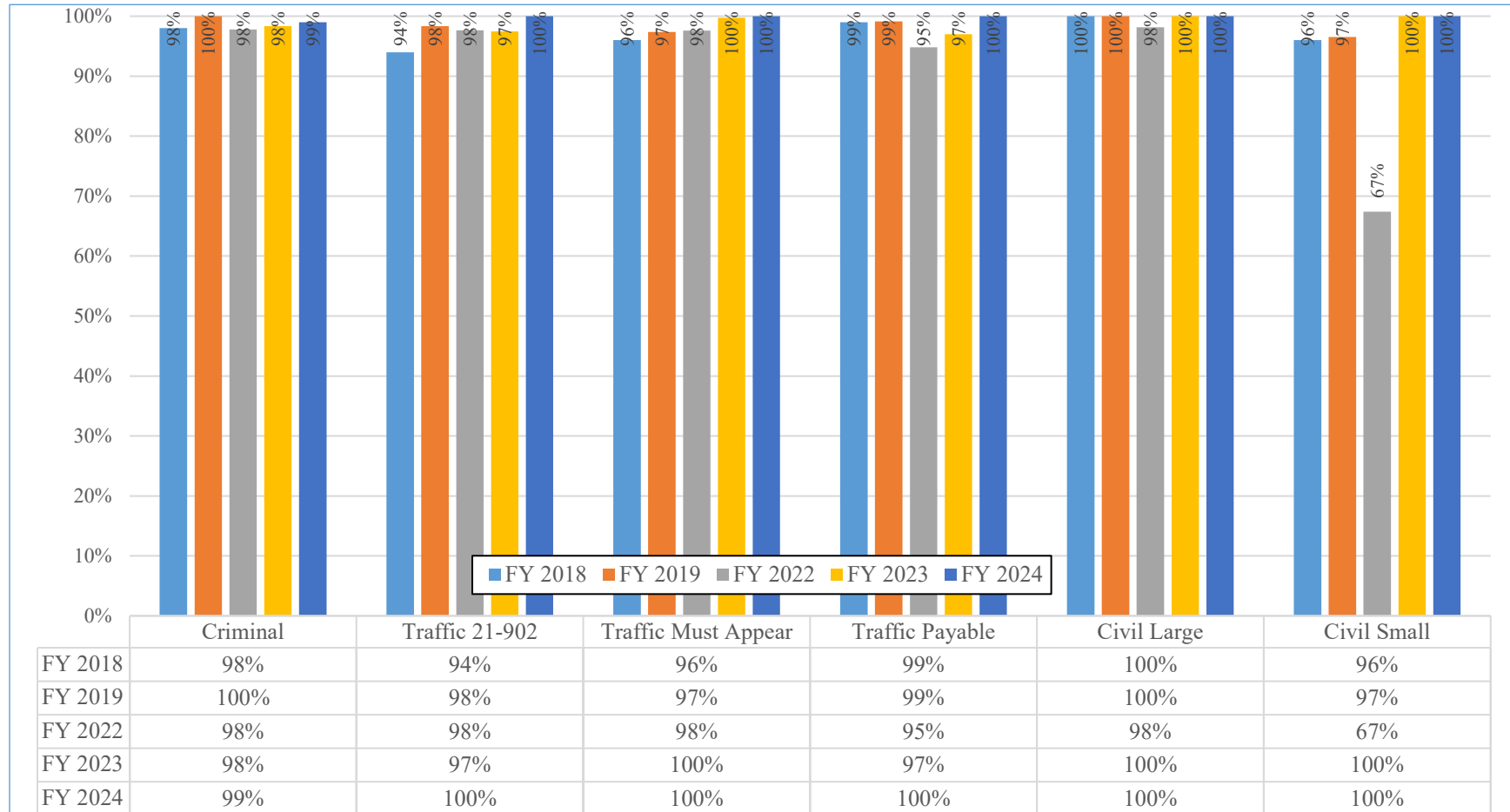
**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024**  
**Harford County (Unweighted)**



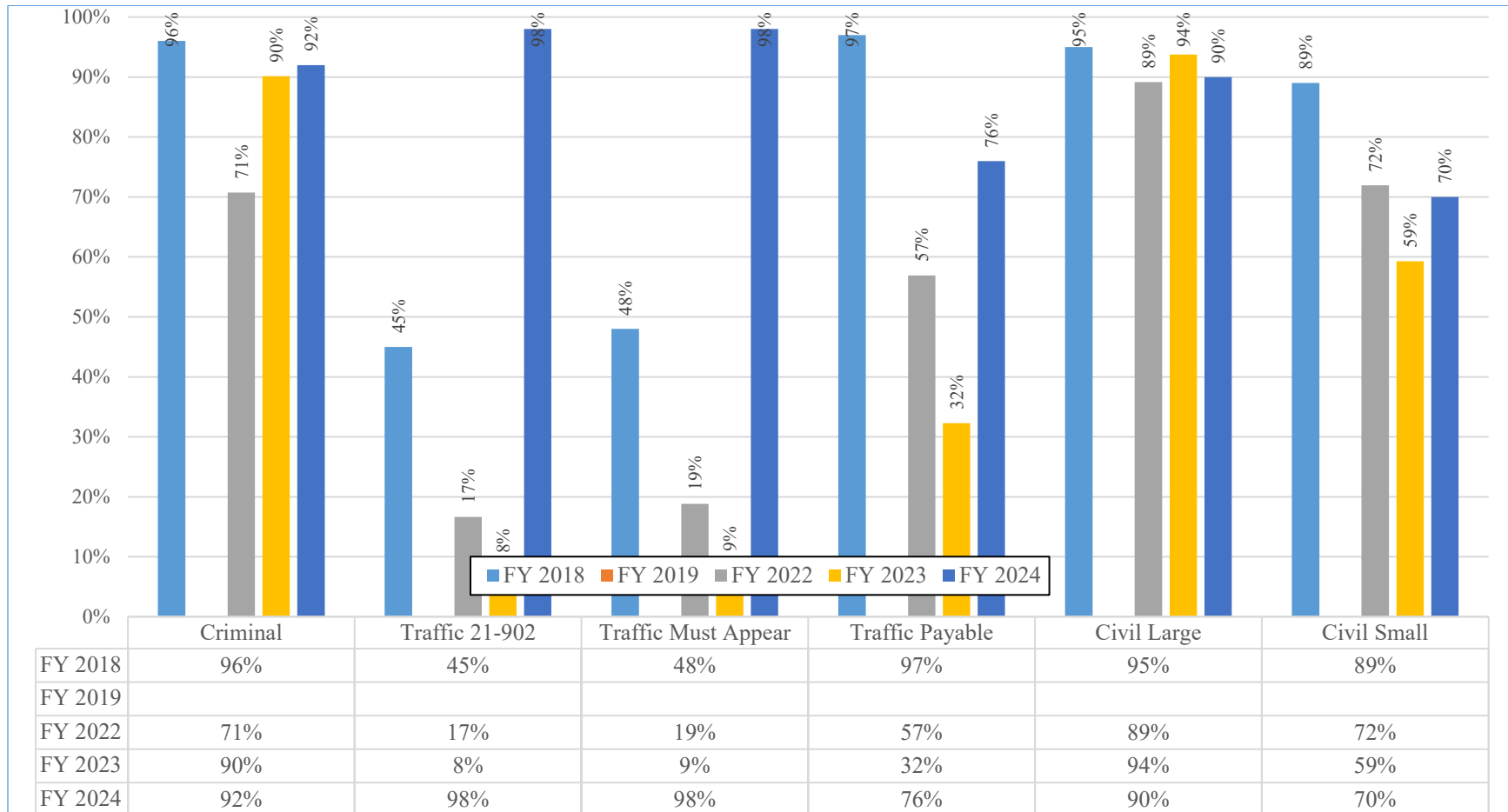
**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
Howard County (Unweighted)**



**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
Kent County (Unweighted)**

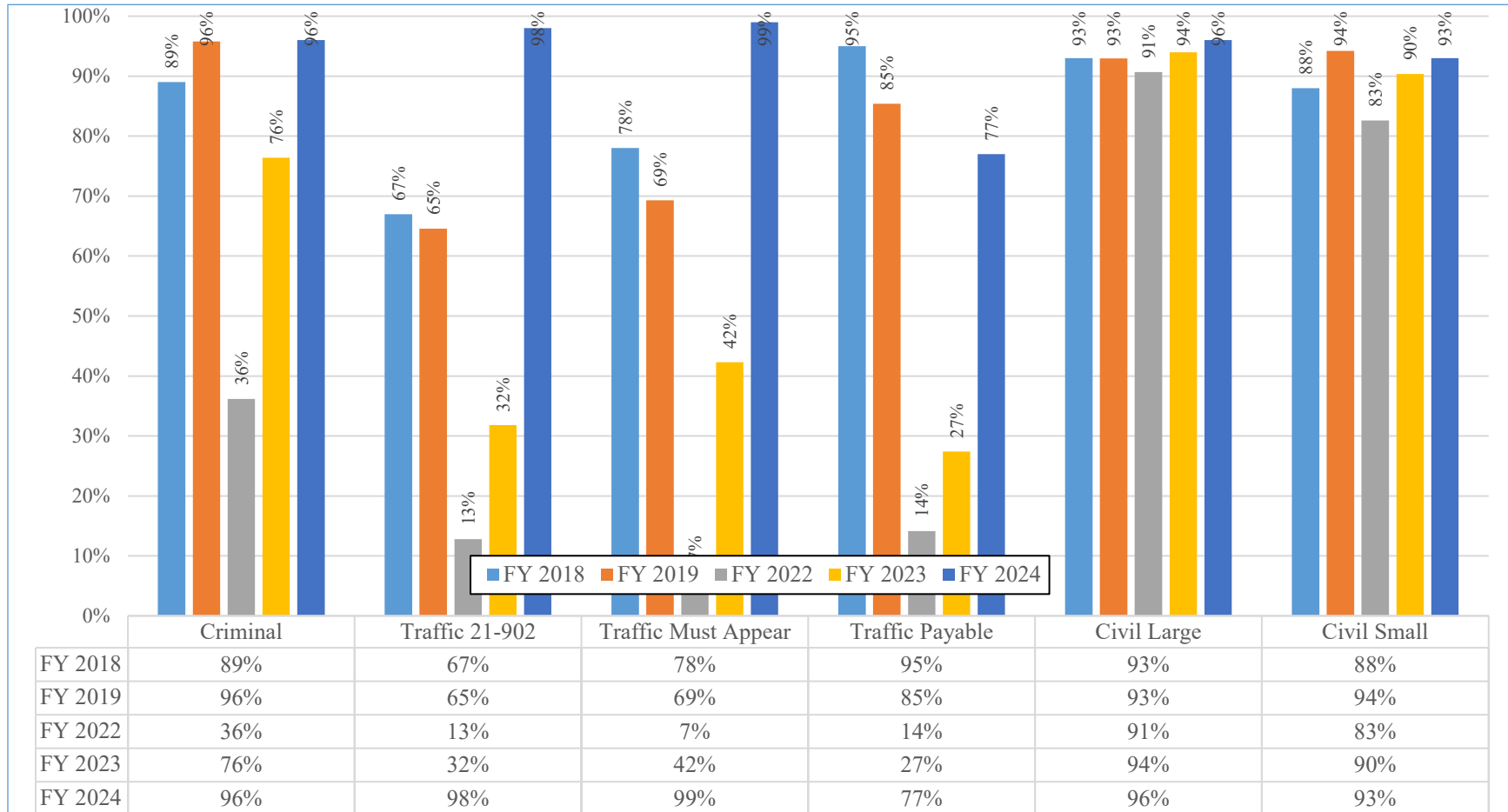


**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
Montgomery County<sup>‡</sup> (Unweighted)**

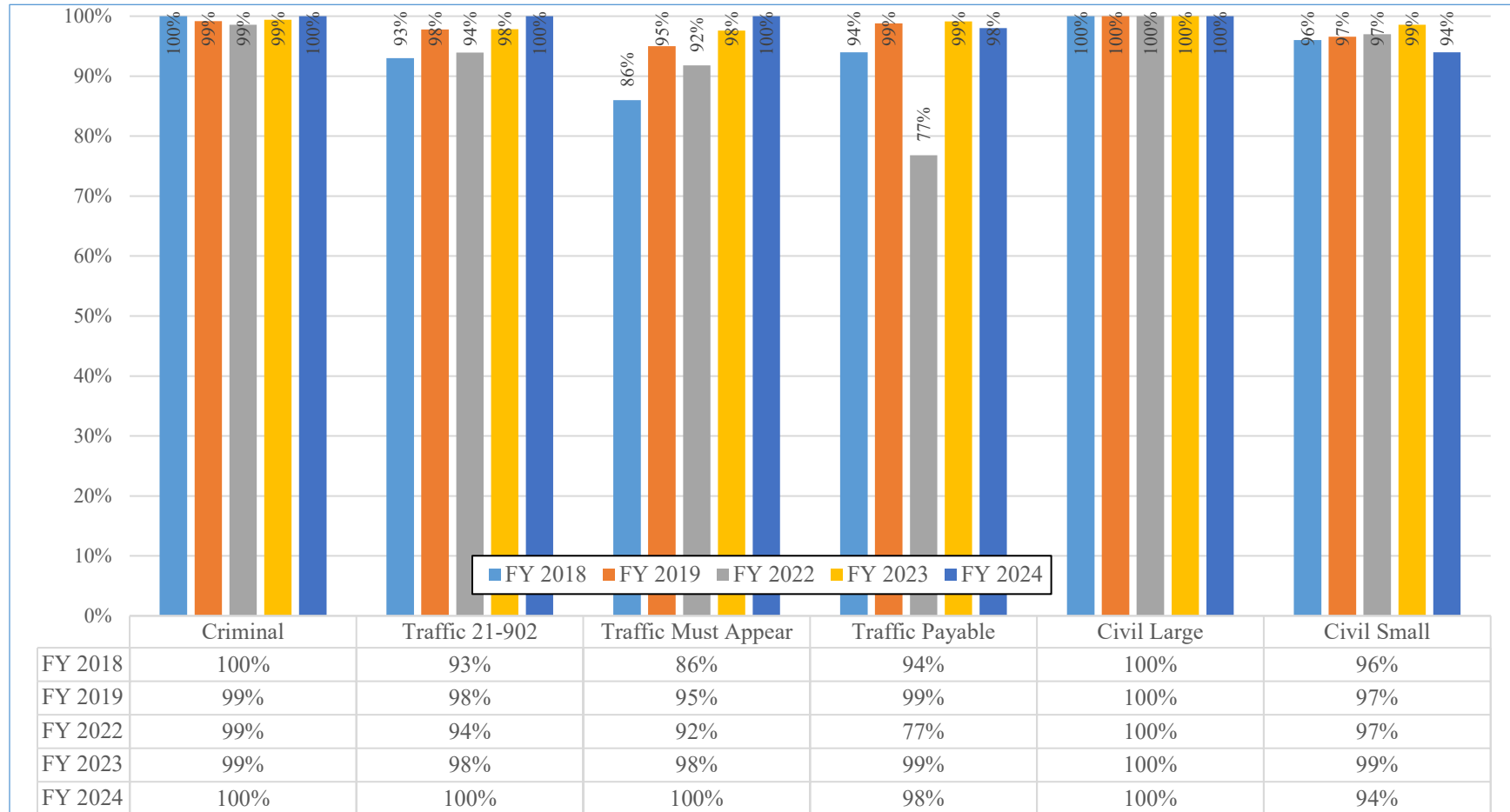


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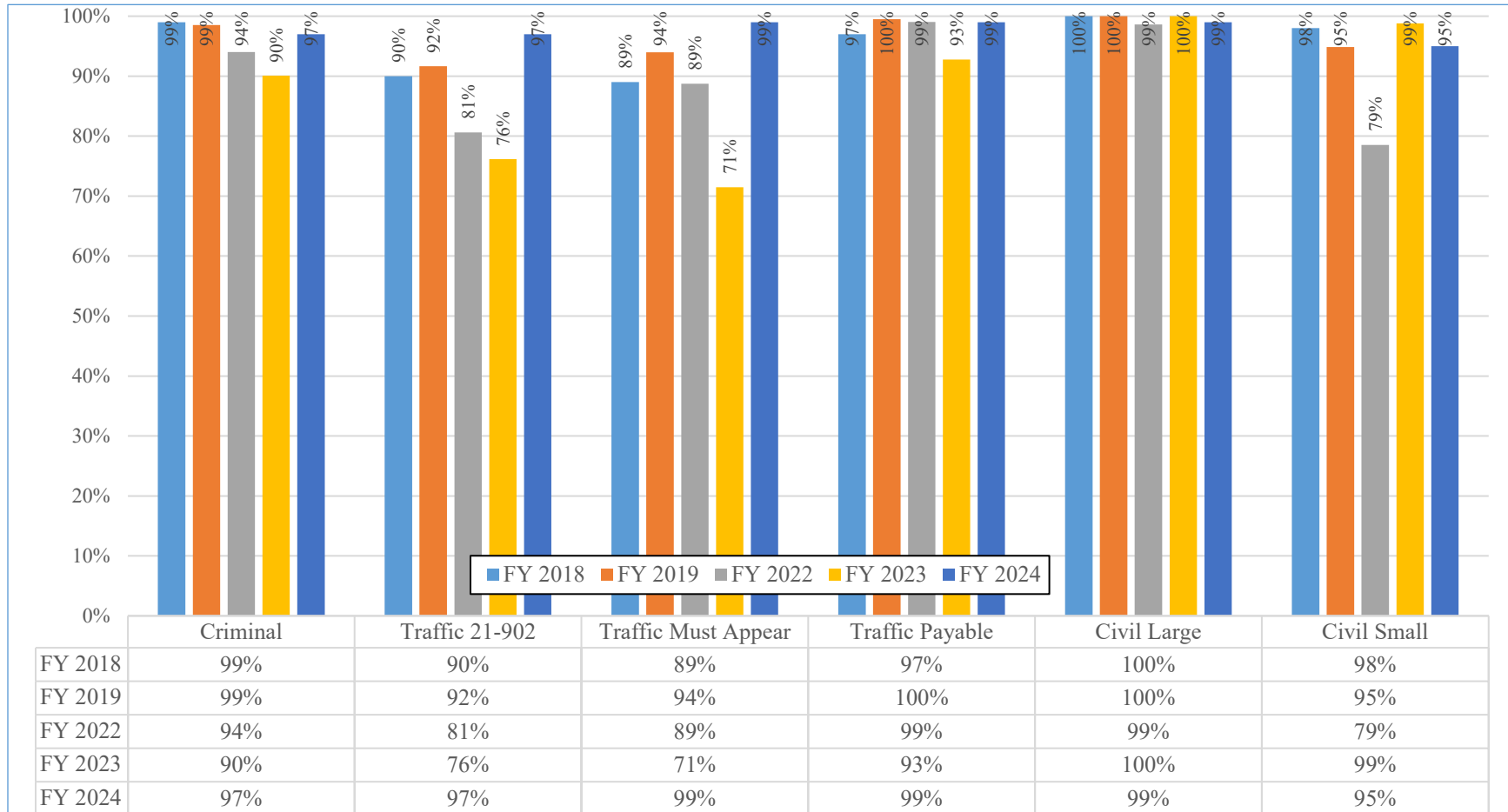
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Prince George's County (Unweighted)**



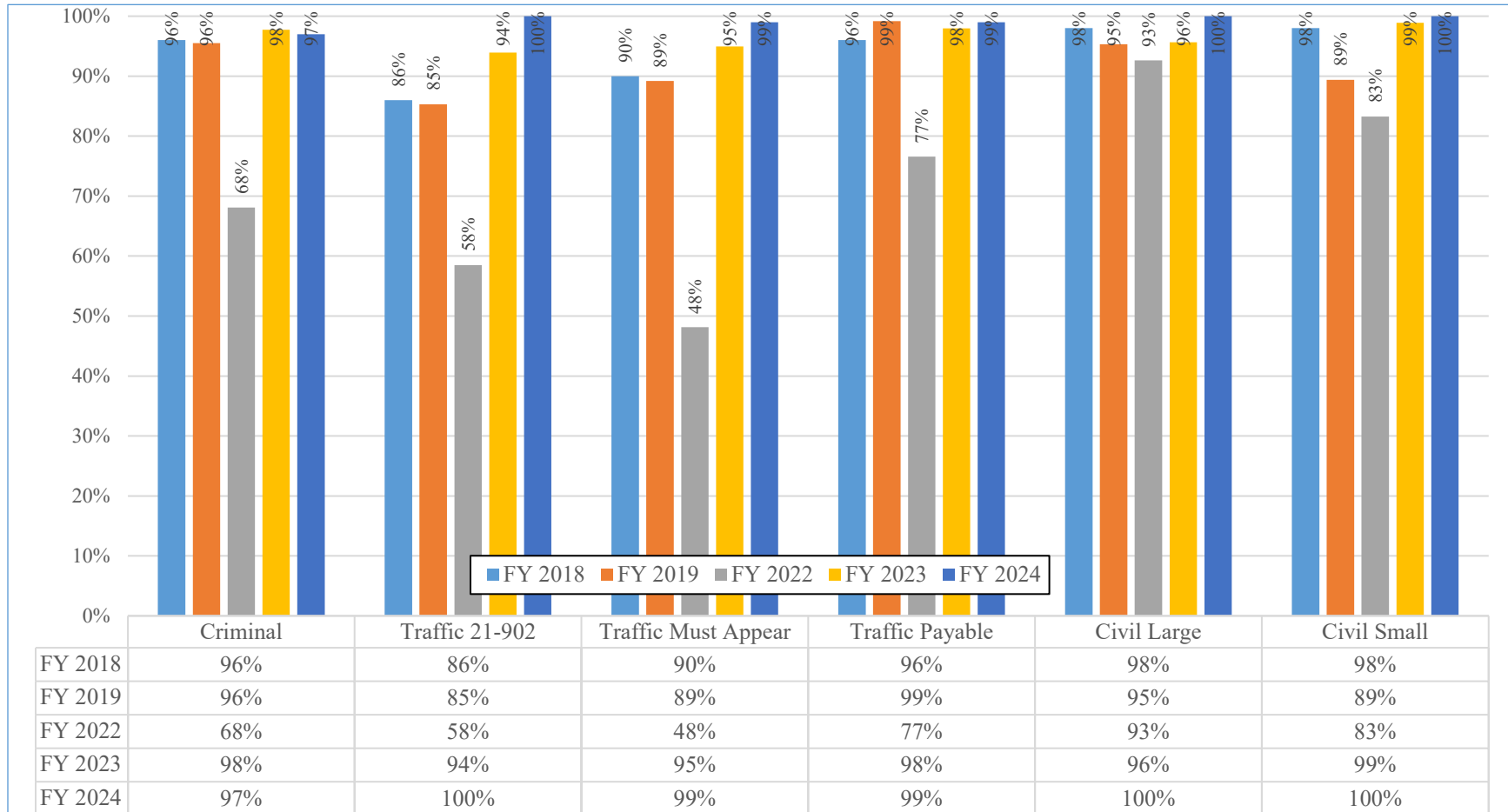
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**Queen Anne's County (Unweighted)**



**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
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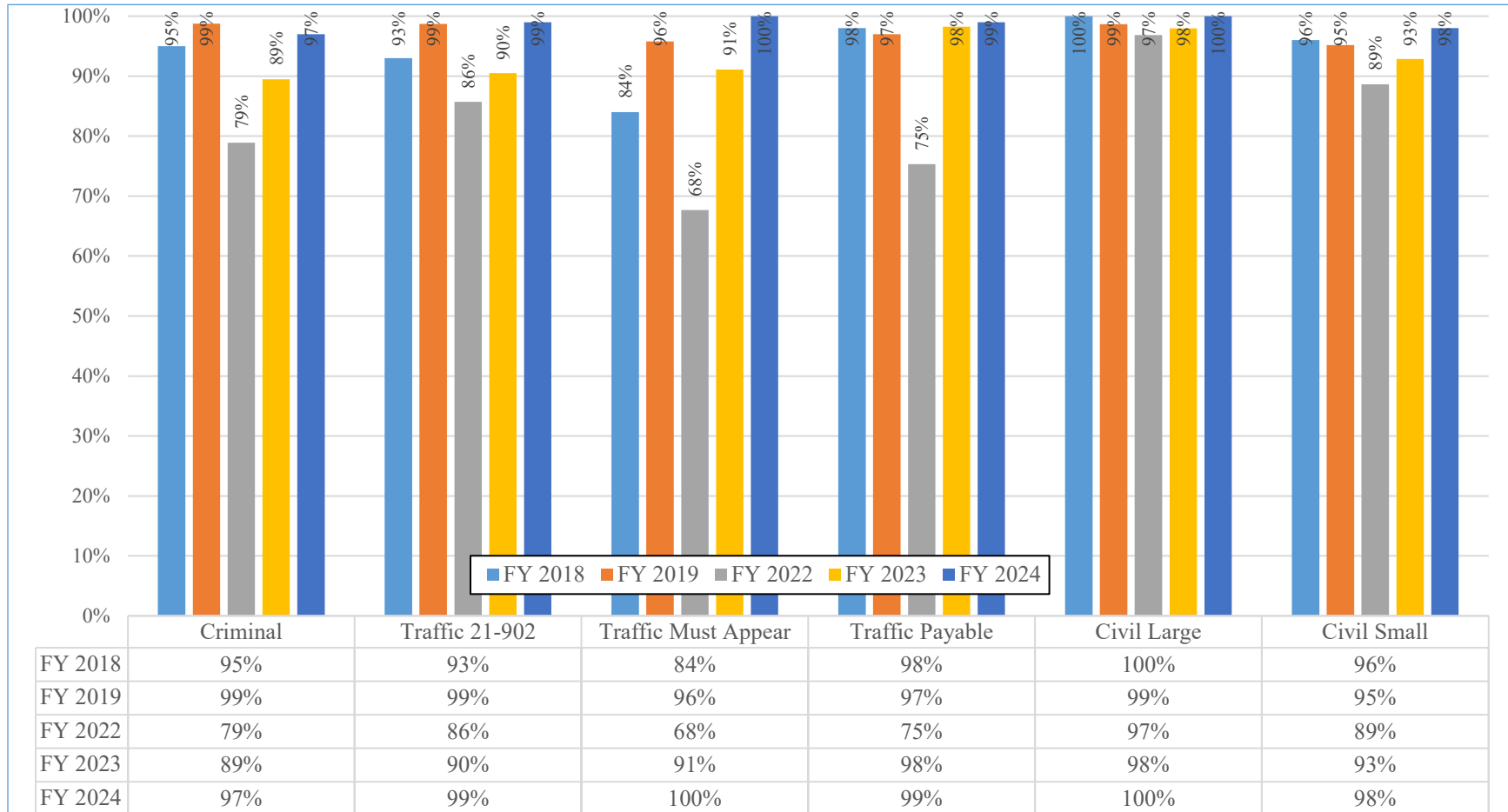


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**St. Mary's County (Unweighted)**

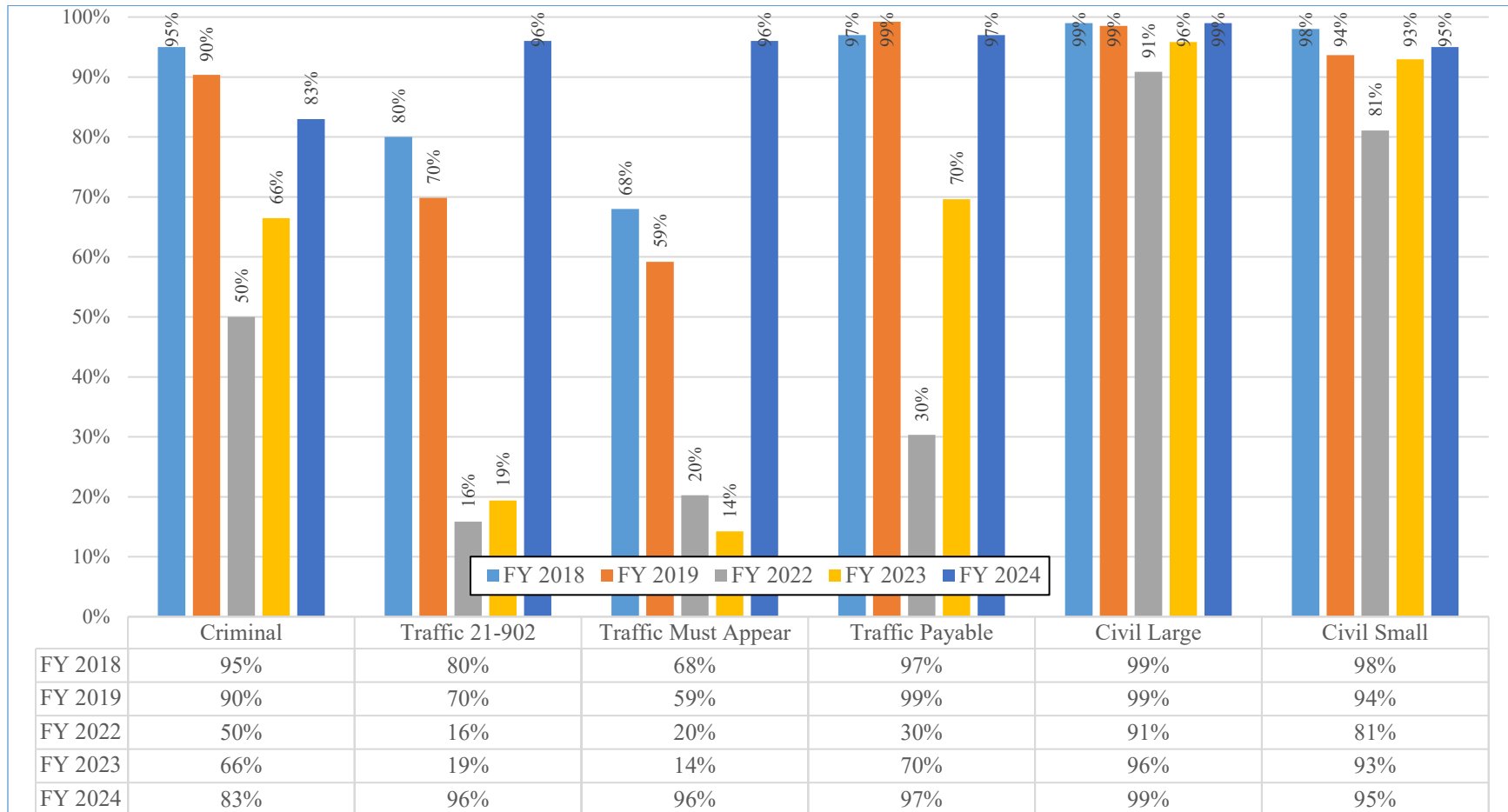




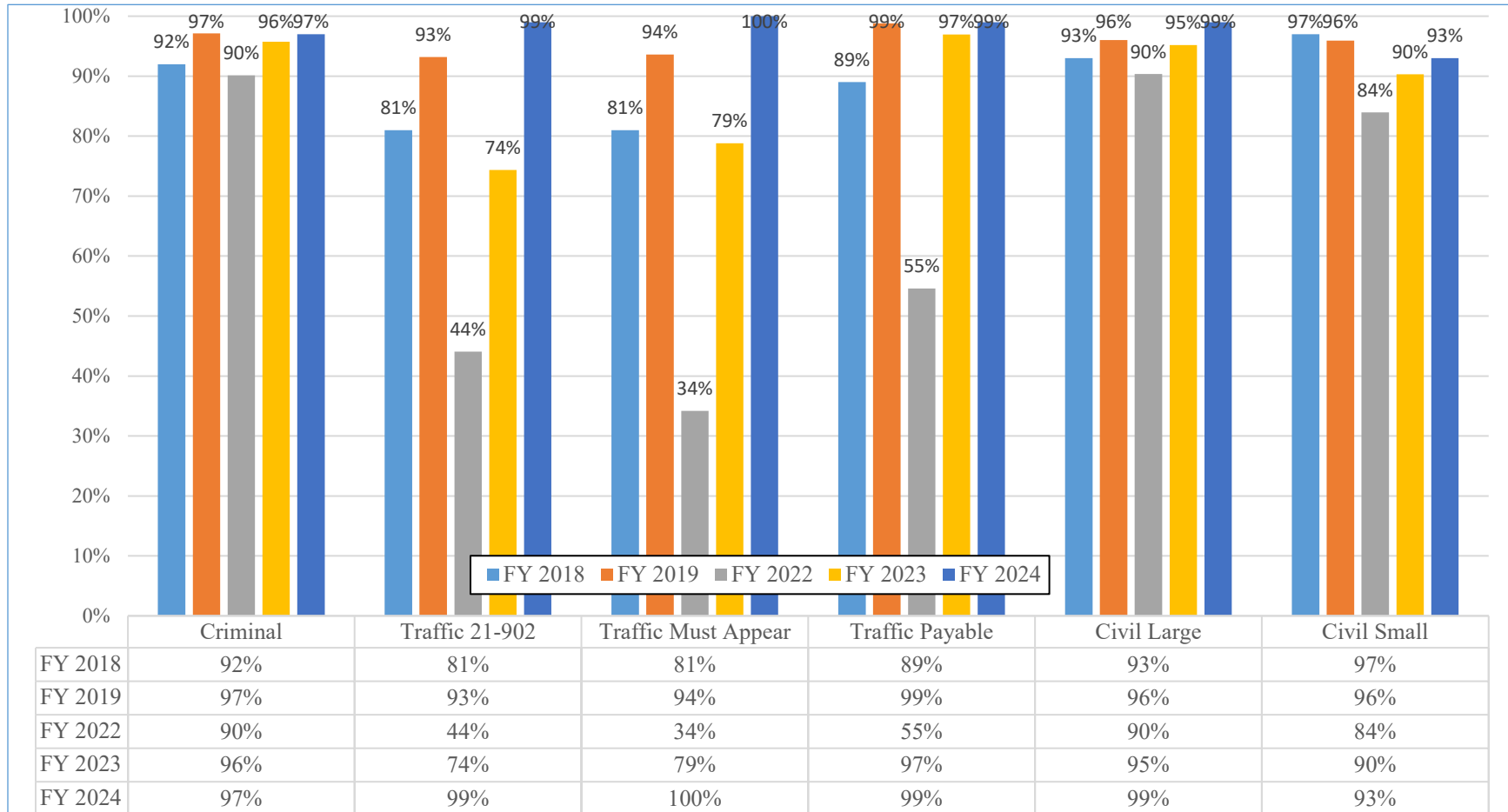
**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
Talbot County (Unweighted)**



**Percentages of Cases Terminated within-standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
Washington County (Unweighted)**



**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
Wicomico County (Unweighted)**



**Percentage of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2018–2024  
Worcester County (Unweighted)**

