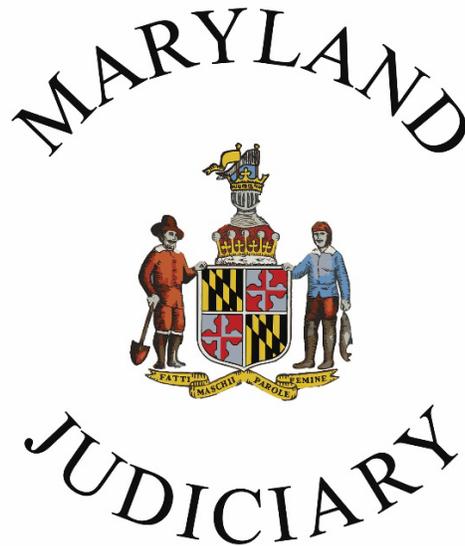


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## Introduction

On March 7, 2022, under Chief Judge Getty's March 1, 2022 [Fifth Amended Administrative Order Expanding Statewide Judiciary Operations in Light of the COVID-19 Emergency](#) and in response to the state's improved health metrics regarding COVID-19 cases continuing to decline, the Maryland Judiciary returned to Phase V of its progressive reopening plan. Shortly thereafter, on March 28<sup>th</sup>, Chief Judge Getty issued an [administrative order](#) lifting the COVID health emergency as it pertains to the Maryland Judiciary. Preceding the March 2022 orders, due to the surge in Maryland of COVID-19 cases as a result of the Omicron variant, the Judiciary re-entered Phase III on December 29, 2021 under Chief Judge Getty's December 27, 2021 [Interim Administrative Order Restricting Statewide Judiciary Operations in Light of the Omicron Variant of the COVID-19 Emergency](#).

On April 26, 2021 the Maryland Judiciary transitioned from Phase IV to Phase V of the Judiciary's Coronavirus phased reopening plan, and courts resumed full operations. Before the resumption of full operations on April 26, 2021, the Judiciary had transitioned from Phase II (second wave) to Phase IV on March 15, 2021. Phase II operational guidelines were resumed on November 30, 2020 in response to a second wave (Delta variant) of COVID-19 cases in Maryland, and consistent with guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Before the second wave of Phase II, the Judiciary had successfully moved from Phase I through IV of the [Judiciary's Phased Reopening Plan](#) and briefly re-entered Phase III from November 16, 2020 to November 30, 2020.

The Judiciary previously produced statistical documents on judicial activities during prior time periods:

- Report 1. March 2020-May 2020 (Phase I operations),
- Report 2. June 2020-July 2020 (Phase II operations),
- Report 3. August 2020-October 2020 (Phases III and IV operations),
- Report 4. November 2020-January 2021 (Phase II, III, and IV operations),
- Report 5. February 2021-June 2021 (Phase II, IV, and V operations)
- Report 6. July 2021-September 2021 (Phase V operations)
- Report 7. October 2021-December 2021 (Phase V operations)

This report (Report 8) provides an update on activities during subsequent COVID operational phases. The purpose of this document is to provide a statistical record of select judicial operations during the months of January 2022 through March 2022, during which the Judiciary operated under the Phase III, restricted operations environment and Phase V, fully operational environment. Data from the same time period in 2021 (Phase II) is provided for statistical comparison. All previous COVID-19 Statistical Documents can be found on the Judiciary's [website](#)<sup>1</sup>. Please see [Appendix C](#) for a description of judicial operations under Phases I-V.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://mdcourts.gov/courtoperations/covid19>

## Document Overview

### Statewide and County Case Filings

This report provides monthly circuit court and District Court original case filing statistics for January 2022 through March 2022 and January 2021 through March 2021. Case filing data is further organized by:

- Case category (statewide totals)
- Civil filings (by county)
- Civil-Family filings (by county)
- Juvenile filings (by county)
- Criminal filings (by county)
- Motor Vehicle filings (by county)
- Landlord-Tenant filings (by county)

### Data by Case Category

Additional case activity statistics provided in this document are organized according to circuit court and District Court and then by case category. Case category statistics are organized as follows:

- Domestic Violence (circuit courts and District Court)
- Civil (circuit courts and District Court)
- Civil-Family (circuit courts only)
- Juvenile (circuit courts only)
- Criminal (circuit courts and District Court)
- Motor Vehicle (District Court only)

### Case Category Data Elements

Each case category includes a main summary data table and a graph for each data element represented in the summary table. Data elements for all case categories include original case filings and hearings held/concluded. Select case types, events, and hearing types are highlighted within case categories. Specific data elements pertaining to each case category are provided below:

#### Circuit Court Domestic Violence Case Activity

- Original domestic violence case filings
- Final and temporary protective orders granted, denied, dismissed, extended, and rescinded
- Domestic violence hearings held and concluded

#### Circuit Court Civil Case Activity

- Original case filings
  - Highlight case type – foreclosure (non-commercial)
- Hearings held and concluded

#### Circuit Court Civil-Family Case Activity

- Original case filings
  - Highlight case type: child custody (versus)
  - Highlight case type: child support (agency)
  - Highlight case type: divorce (absolute)
  - Highlight case type: divorce (limited)
- Hearings held and concluded
  - Highlight hearing: contested divorce
  - Highlight hearing: uncontested divorce

#### Circuit Court Juvenile Case Activity

- Original case filings
- Hearings held and concluded
  - Highlight hearing – child in need of assistance (CINA)

#### Circuit Court Criminal Case Activity

- Original case filings
- Pleas by charge
- Pleas unique case
- Hearings held/concluded
  - Highlight hearing: bail review
- Dispositions by charge
- Dispositions by case

#### District Court Domestic Violence Case Activity

- Protective Orders
  - Original domestic violence case filings
  - Interim, temporary, and final domestic violence protective orders granted, denied, and dismissed
  - Domestic violence protective order hearings held and concluded

- Extreme Risk Protective Orders
  - Original extreme risk protective order case filings
  - Interim, temporary, and final protective orders granted, denied, and dismissed
  - Extreme risk protective order hearings held and concluded
- Peace Orders
  - Original peace order case filings
  - Interim, temporary, and final peace orders granted, denied, and dismissed
  - Peace order hearings held and concluded

#### District Court Civil Case Activity

- Cases filed
- Hearings held and concluded
- Highlight– emergency evaluations filed and granted

#### District Court Criminal Case Activity

- Criminal case filings
- Criminal pleas
- Total criminal hearings held and concluded
- Highlight hearing – bail review
- Total Dispositions
  - Trial dispositions
  - Non-trial dispositions

#### District Court Motor Vehicle Case Activity

- Motor vehicle case filings
- Motor vehicle pleas
- Total motor vehicle hearings held and concluded
  - Highlight hearing – bail review
- Total motor vehicle dispositions

### **Problem-Solving Courts (PSC)**

The final section of this document provides statistics pertaining to the number of participants attending circuit court and District Court problem-solving court hearings. Participant data reflects attendance by individuals enrolled in adult circuit court and District Court drug, DUI, mental health, re-entry, Back-on-Track, and veterans courts. Data is also inclusive of juvenile participants of drug and truancy courts and families enrolled in family/dependency drug courts.

## Circuit Court - Original Case Filings

Table 1: Circuit Court Original Case Filings — By Case Category, January-March 2021 and 2022

Circuit Court Original Filings (All Counties)	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Criminal	1,794	1,588	-11.5%	1,827	1,803	13.5%	-1.3%	2,381	2,776	54.0%	16.6%
Civil	2,698	2,534	-6.1%	2,292	2,631	3.8%	14.8%	2,970	2,926	11.2%	-1.5%
Civil-Family	3,457	4,131	19.5%	3,058	4,592	11.2%	50.2%	5,086	5,684	23.8%	11.8%
Juvenile	384	392	2.1%	348	453	15.6%	30.2%	407	575	26.9%	41.3%
Total Filings	8,333	8,645	3.7%	7,525	9,479	9.6%	26.0%	10,844	11,961	26.2%	10.3%

Source: MDEC County Circuit Courts, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Baltimore City Circuit Courts.

Table 2: Circuit Court Original Case Filings — By County, January-March 2021 and 2022

Circuit Court Original Case Filings by Case Category - All Case Categories	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
<b>First Circuit</b>	388	385	-0.8%	354	438	13.8%	23.7%	511	578	32.0%	13.1%
Dorchester	67	77	14.9%	71	88	14.3%	23.9%	83	122	38.6%	47.0%
Somerset	57	51	-10.5%	58	63	23.5%	8.6%	88	99	57.1%	12.5%
Wicomico	174	165	-5.2%	139	194	17.6%	39.6%	232	222	14.4%	-4.3%
Worcester	90	92	2.2%	86	93	1.1%	8.1%	108	135	45.2%	25.0%
<b>Second Circuit</b>	567	490	-13.6%	462	493	0.6%	6.7%	645	678	37.5%	5.1%
Caroline	89	52	-41.6%	65	64	23.1%	-1.5%	102	109	70.3%	6.9%
Cecil	250	219	-12.4%	220	220	0.5%	0.0%	320	323	46.8%	0.9%
Kent	62	64	3.2%	27	68	6.3%	151.9%	46	70	2.9%	52.2%
Queen Anne's	121	103	-14.9%	99	90	-12.6%	-9.1%	110	99	10.0%	-10.0%
Talbot	45	52	15.6%	51	51	-1.9%	0.0%	67	77	51.0%	14.9%
<b>Third Circuit</b>	1,507	1,688	12.0%	1,447	1,759	4.2%	21.6%	1,901	2,308	31.2%	21.4%
Baltimore	1,213	1,378	13.6%	1,159	1,440	4.5%	24.2%	1,465	1,834	27.4%	25.2%
Harford	294	310	5.4%	288	319	2.9%	10.8%	436	474	48.6%	8.7%
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	325	446	37.2%	338	431	-3.4%	27.5%	653	619	43.6%	-5.2%
Allegany	110	156	41.8%	129	172	10.3%	33.3%	271	240	39.5%	-11.4%
Garrett	28	37	32.1%	36	41	10.8%	13.9%	49	32	-22.0%	-34.7%
Washington	187	253	35.3%	173	218	-13.8%	26.0%	333	347	59.2%	4.2%
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	1,178	1,191	1.1%	1,099	1,300	9.2%	18.3%	1,487	1,488	14.5%	0.1%
Anne Arundel	665	717	7.8%	629	727	1.4%	15.6%	844	831	14.3%	-1.5%
Carroll	194	152	-21.6%	158	191	25.7%	20.9%	248	226	18.3%	-8.9%
Howard	319	322	0.9%	312	382	18.6%	22.4%	395	431	12.8%	9.1%
<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	1,160	1,371	18.2%	1,113	1,550	13.1%	39.3%	1,545	1,888	21.8%	22.2%
Frederick	311	262	-15.8%	257	298	13.7%	16.0%	371	406	36.2%	9.4%
Montgomery	849	1,109	30.6%	856	1,252	12.9%	46.3%	1,174	1,482	18.4%	26.2%
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	1,870	1,646	-12.0%	1,542	1,960	19.1%	27.1%	2,191	2,511	28.1%	14.6%
Calvert	78	145	85.9%	107	151	4.1%	41.1%	136	146	-3.3%	7.4%
Charles	206	245	18.9%	200	252	2.9%	26.0%	335	357	41.7%	6.6%
Prince George's	1,462	1,114	-23.8%	1,087	1,367	22.7%	25.8%	1,530	1,811	32.5%	18.4%
St. Mary's	124	142	14.5%	148	190	33.8%	28.4%	190	197	3.7%	3.7%
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	1,338	1,428	6.7%	1,170	1,548	8.4%	32.3%	1,911	1,891	22.2%	-1.0%
Baltimore City	1,338	1,428	6.7%	1,170	1,548	8.4%	32.3%	1,911	1,891	22.2%	-1.0%
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	8,333	8,645	3.7%	7,525	9,479	9.6%	26.0%	10,844	11,961	26.2%	10.3%

Table 3: Circuit Court Civil Original Case Filings — By County, January-March 2021 and 2022

Circuit Court Original Filings (Civil)	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
<b>First Circuit</b>	78	97	24.4%	76	88	-9.3%	15.8%	98	110	25.0%	12.2%
Dorchester	12	22	83.3%	15	17	-22.7%	13.3%	22	16	-5.9%	-27.3%
Somerset	9	10	11.1%	6	19	90.0%	216.7%	16	25	31.6%	56.3%
Wicomico	36	40	11.1%	34	29	-27.5%	-14.7%	43	38	31.0%	-11.6%
Worcester	21	25	19.0%	21	23	-8.0%	9.5%	17	31	34.8%	82.4%
<b>Second Circuit</b>	70	137	95.7%	78	118	-13.9%	51.3%	96	114	-3.4%	18.8%
Caroline	7	9	28.6%	11	13	44.4%	18.2%	8	13	0.0%	62.5%
Cecil	30	39	30.0%	41	46	17.9%	12.2%	53	61	32.6%	15.1%
Kent	6	39	550.0%	4	26	-33.3%	550.0%	10	9	-65.4%	-10.0%
Queen Anne's	23	32	39.1%	13	21	-34.4%	61.5%	15	17	-19.0%	13.3%
Talbot	4	18	350.0%	9	12	-33.3%	33.3%	10	14	16.7%	40.0%
<b>Third Circuit</b>	431	517	20.0%	424	502	-2.9%	18.4%	460	629	25.3%	36.7%
Baltimore	362	439	21.3%	344	430	-2.1%	25.0%	386	525	22.1%	36.0%
Harford	69	78	13.0%	80	72	-7.7%	-10.0%	74	104	44.4%	40.5%
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	70	139	98.6%	69	98	-29.5%	42.0%	111	136	38.8%	22.5%
Allegany	17	69	305.9%	22	35	-49.3%	59.1%	44	61	74.3%	38.6%
Garrett	13	15	15.4%	8	18	20.0%	125.0%	9	8	-55.6%	-11.1%
Washington	40	55	37.5%	39	45	-18.2%	15.4%	58	67	48.9%	15.5%
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	293	365	24.6%	278	391	7.1%	40.6%	306	412	5.4%	34.6%
Anne Arundel	171	221	29.2%	147	210	-5.0%	42.9%	177	222	5.7%	25.4%
Carroll	30	40	33.3%	29	47	17.5%	62.1%	39	50	6.4%	28.2%
Howard	92	104	13.0%	102	134	28.8%	31.4%	90	140	4.5%	55.6%
<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	332	573	72.6%	343	617	7.7%	79.9%	447	607	-1.6%	35.8%
Frederick	55	59	7.3%	46	59	0.0%	28.3%	60	86	45.8%	43.3%
Montgomery	277	514	85.6%	297	558	8.6%	87.9%	387	521	-6.6%	34.6%
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	746	525	-29.6%	435	602	14.7%	38.4%	617	645	7.1%	4.5%
Calvert	22	51	131.8%	34	71	39.2%	108.8%	31	43	-39.4%	38.7%
Charles	62	78	25.8%	51	47	-39.7%	-7.8%	75	74	57.4%	-1.3%
Prince George's	627	363	-42.1%	320	440	21.2%	37.5%	442	488	10.9%	10.4%
St. Mary's	35	33	-5.7%	30	44	33.3%	46.7%	69	40	-9.1%	-42.0%
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	678	181	-73.3%	589	215	18.8%	-63.5%	835	273	27.0%	-67.3%
Baltimore City	678	181	-73.3%	589	215	18.8%	-63.5%	835	273	27.0%	-67.3%
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	2,698	2,534	-6.1%	2,292	2,631	3.8%	14.8%	2,970	2,926	11.2%	-1.5%

Table 4: Circuit Court Civil-Family Original Case Filings — By County, January-March 2021 and 2022

Circuit Court Original Case Filings by Case Category – Civil-Family	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
<b>First Circuit</b>	199	155	-22.1%	160	212	36.8%	32.5%	256	259	22.2%	1.2%
Dorchester	31	28	-9.7%	29	52	85.7%	79.3%	31	51	-1.9%	64.5%
Somerset	32	22	-31.3%	34	15	-31.8%	-55.9%	44	48	220.0%	9.1%
Wicomico	85	66	-22.4%	72	102	54.5%	41.7%	135	100	-2.0%	-25.9%
Worcester	51	39	-23.5%	25	43	10.3%	72.0%	46	60	39.5%	30.4%
<b>Second Circuit</b>	213	154	-27.7%	147	173	12.3%	17.7%	207	250	44.5%	20.8%
Caroline	28	30	7.1%	26	30	0.0%	15.4%	32	59	96.7%	84.4%
Cecil	86	69	-19.8%	70	72	4.3%	2.9%	101	95	31.9%	-5.9%
Kent	47	11	-76.6%	9	28	154.5%	211.1%	19	27	-3.6%	42.1%
Queen Anne's	31	28	-9.7%	25	24	-14.3%	-4.0%	31	33	37.5%	6.5%
Talbot	21	16	-23.8%	17	19	18.8%	11.8%	24	36	89.5%	50.0%
<b>Third Circuit</b>	567	638	12.5%	490	701	9.9%	43.1%	881	893	27.4%	1.4%
Baltimore	411	476	15.8%	356	544	14.3%	52.8%	650	683	25.6%	5.1%
Harford	156	162	3.8%	134	157	-3.1%	17.2%	231	210	33.8%	-9.1%
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	177	177	0.0%	156	188	6.2%	20.5%	350	268	42.6%	-23.4%
Allegany	57	33	-42.1%	45	63	90.9%	40.0%	100	71	12.7%	-29.0%
Garrett	13	14	7.7%	23	14	0.0%	-39.1%	24	18	28.6%	-25.0%
Washington	107	130	21.5%	88	111	-14.6%	26.1%	226	179	61.3%	-20.8%
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	604	577	-4.5%	533	639	10.7%	19.9%	783	730	14.2%	-6.8%
Anne Arundel	329	351	6.7%	296	366	4.3%	23.6%	438	412	12.6%	-5.9%
Carroll	96	67	-30.2%	77	97	44.8%	26.0%	123	108	11.3%	-12.2%
Howard	179	159	-11.2%	160	176	10.7%	10.0%	222	210	19.3%	-5.4%
<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	642	637	-0.8%	617	720	13.0%	16.7%	908	979	36.0%	7.8%
Frederick	207	159	-23.2%	156	181	13.8%	16.0%	229	212	17.1%	-7.4%
Montgomery	435	478	9.9%	461	539	12.8%	16.9%	679	767	42.3%	13.0%
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	848	865	2.0%	769	1,012	17.0%	31.6%	1,208	1,259	24.4%	4.2%
Calvert	38	56	47.4%	54	46	-17.9%	-14.8%	78	63	37.0%	-19.2%
Charles	127	139	9.4%	98	154	10.8%	57.1%	186	192	24.7%	3.2%
Prince George's	622	614	-1.3%	549	711	15.8%	29.5%	861	905	27.3%	5.1%
St. Mary's	61	56	-8.2%	68	101	80.4%	48.5%	83	99	-2.0%	19.3%
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	207	928	348.3%	186	947	2.0%	409.1%	493	1,046	10.5%	112.2%
Baltimore City	207	928	348.3%	186	947	2.0%	409.1%	493	1,046	10.5%	112.2%
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	3,457	4,131	19.5%	3,058	4,592	11.2%	50.2%	5,086	5,684	23.8%	11.8%

Table 5: Circuit Court Juvenile Original Case Filings — By County, January-March 2021 and 2022

Circuit Court Original Case Filings by Case Category - Juvenile	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
<b>First Circuit</b>	30	27	-10.0%	29	26	-3.7%	-10.3%	34	45	73.1%	32.4%
Dorchester	10	8	-20.0%	2	2	-75.0%	0.0%	11	5	150.0%	-54.5%
Somerset	4	1	-75.0%	7	12	1100.0%	71.4%	12	11	-8.3%	-8.3%
Wicomico	13	9	-30.8%	4	7	-22.2%	75.0%	5	13	85.7%	160.0%
Worcester	3	9	200.0%	16	5	-44.4%	-68.8%	6	16	220.0%	166.7%
<b>Second Circuit</b>	12	27	125.0%	8	27	0.0%	237.5%	21	28	3.7%	33.3%
Caroline	1	3	200.0%	3	5	66.7%	66.7%	3	2	-60.0%	-33.3%
Cecil	7	17	142.9%	1	13	-23.5%	1200.0%	14	14	7.7%	0.0%
Kent	1	2	100.0%	0	0	-100.0%	-	0	4	-	-
Queen Anne's	2	2	0.0%	3	2	0.0%	-33.3%	1	5	150.0%	400.0%
Talbot	1	3	200.0%	1	7	133.3%	600.0%	3	3	-57.1%	0.0%
<b>Third Circuit</b>	74	84	13.5%	65	86	2.4%	32.3%	105	111	29.1%	5.7%
Baltimore	61	61	0.0%	38	68	11.5%	78.9%	75	85	25.0%	13.3%
Harford	13	23	76.9%	27	18	-21.7%	-33.3%	30	26	44.4%	-13.3%
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	15	25	66.7%	20	26	4.0%	30.0%	32	32	23.1%	0.0%
Allegany	10	3	-70.0%	11	10	233.3%	-9.1%	16	13	30.0%	-18.8%
Garrett	0	6	-	4	3	-50.0%	-25.0%	5	0	-100.0%	-100.0%
Washington	5	16	220.0%	5	13	-18.8%	160.0%	11	19	46.2%	72.7%
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	42	42	0.0%	40	35	-16.7%	-12.5%	40	48	37.1%	20.0%
Anne Arundel	26	27	3.8%	24	11	-59.3%	-54.2%	27	27	145.5%	0.0%
Carroll	7	5	-28.6%	5	7	40.0%	40.0%	5	4	-42.9%	-20.0%
Howard	9	10	11.1%	11	17	70.0%	54.5%	8	17	0.0%	112.5%
<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	44	35	-20.5%	45	54	54.3%	20.0%	44	67	24.1%	52.3%
Frederick	7	9	28.6%	17	8	-11.1%	-52.9%	13	11	37.5%	-15.4%
Montgomery	37	26	-29.7%	28	46	76.9%	64.3%	31	56	21.7%	80.6%
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	61	65	6.6%	63	88	35.4%	39.7%	55	83	-5.7%	50.9%
Calvert	2	10	400.0%	5	11	10.0%	120.0%	9	10	-9.1%	11.1%
Charles	5	9	80.0%	2	2	-77.8%	0.0%	8	6	200.0%	-25.0%
Prince George's	48	37	-22.9%	49	68	83.8%	38.8%	34	63	-7.4%	85.3%
St. Mary's	6	9	50.0%	7	7	-22.2%	0.0%	4	4	-42.9%	0.0%
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	106	87	-17.9%	78	111	27.6%	42.3%	76	161	45.0%	111.8%
Baltimore City	106	87	-17.9%	78	111	27.6%	42.3%	76	161	45.0%	111.8%
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	384	392	2.1%	348	453	15.6%	30.2%	407	575	26.9%	41.3%

Table 6: Circuit Court Criminal Original Case Filings — By County, January-March 2021 and 2022

Circuit Court Original Case Filings by Case Category - Criminal	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
<b>First Circuit</b>	81	106	30.9%	89	112	5.7%	25.8%	123	164	46.4%	33.3%
Dorchester	14	19	35.7%	25	17	-10.5%	-32.0%	19	50	194.1%	163.2%
Somerset	12	18	50.0%	11	17	-5.6%	54.5%	16	15	-11.8%	-6.3%
Wicomico	40	50	25.0%	29	56	12.0%	93.1%	49	71	26.8%	44.9%
Worcester	15	19	26.7%	24	22	15.8%	-8.3%	39	28	27.3%	-28.2%
<b>Second Circuit</b>	272	172	-36.8%	229	175	1.7%	-23.6%	321	286	63.4%	-10.9%
Caroline	53	10	-81.1%	25	16	60.0%	-36.0%	59	35	118.8%	-40.7%
Cecil	127	94	-26.0%	108	89	-5.3%	-17.6%	152	153	71.9%	0.7%
Kent	8	12	50.0%	14	14	16.7%	0.0%	17	30	114.3%	76.5%
Queen Anne's	65	41	-36.9%	58	43	4.9%	-25.9%	63	44	2.3%	-30.2%
Talbot	19	15	-21.1%	24	13	-13.3%	-45.8%	30	24	84.6%	-20.0%
<b>Third Circuit</b>	435	449	3.2%	468	470	4.7%	0.4%	455	675	43.6%	48.4%
Baltimore	379	402	6.1%	421	398	-1.0%	-5.5%	354	541	35.9%	52.8%
Harford	56	47	-16.1%	47	72	53.2%	53.2%	101	134	86.1%	32.7%
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	63	105	66.7%	93	119	13.3%	28.0%	160	183	53.8%	14.4%
Allegany	26	51	96.2%	51	64	25.5%	25.5%	111	95	48.4%	-14.4%
Garrett	2	2	0.0%	1	6	200.0%	500.0%	11	6	0.0%	-45.5%
Washington	35	52	48.6%	41	49	-5.8%	19.5%	38	82	67.3%	115.8%
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	239	207	-13.4%	248	235	13.5%	-5.2%	358	298	26.8%	-16.8%
Anne Arundel	139	118	-15.1%	162	140	18.6%	-13.6%	202	170	21.4%	-15.8%
Carroll	61	40	-34.4%	47	40	0.0%	-14.9%	81	64	60.0%	-21.0%
Howard	39	49	25.6%	39	55	12.2%	41.0%	75	64	16.4%	-14.7%
<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	142	126	-11.3%	108	159	26.2%	47.2%	146	235	47.8%	61.0%
Frederick	42	35	-16.7%	38	50	42.9%	31.6%	69	97	94.0%	40.6%
Montgomery	100	91	-9.0%	70	109	19.8%	55.7%	77	138	26.6%	79.2%
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	215	191	-11.2%	275	258	35.1%	-6.2%	311	524	103.1%	68.5%
Calvert	16	28	75.0%	14	23	-17.9%	64.3%	18	30	30.4%	66.7%
Charles	12	19	58.3%	49	49	157.9%	0.0%	66	85	73.5%	28.8%
Prince George's	165	100	-39.4%	169	148	48.0%	-12.4%	193	355	139.9%	83.9%
St. Mary's	22	44	100.0%	43	38	-13.6%	-11.6%	34	54	42.1%	58.8%
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	347	232	-33.1%	317	275	18.5%	-13.2%	507	411	49.5%	-18.9%
Baltimore City	347	232	-33.1%	317	275	18.5%	-13.2%	507	411	49.5%	-18.9%
<b>STATE TOTALS</b>	1,794	1,588	-11.5%	1,827	1,803	13.5%	-1.3%	2,381	2,776	54.0%	16.6%

### Circuit Court Domestic Violence Case Activity

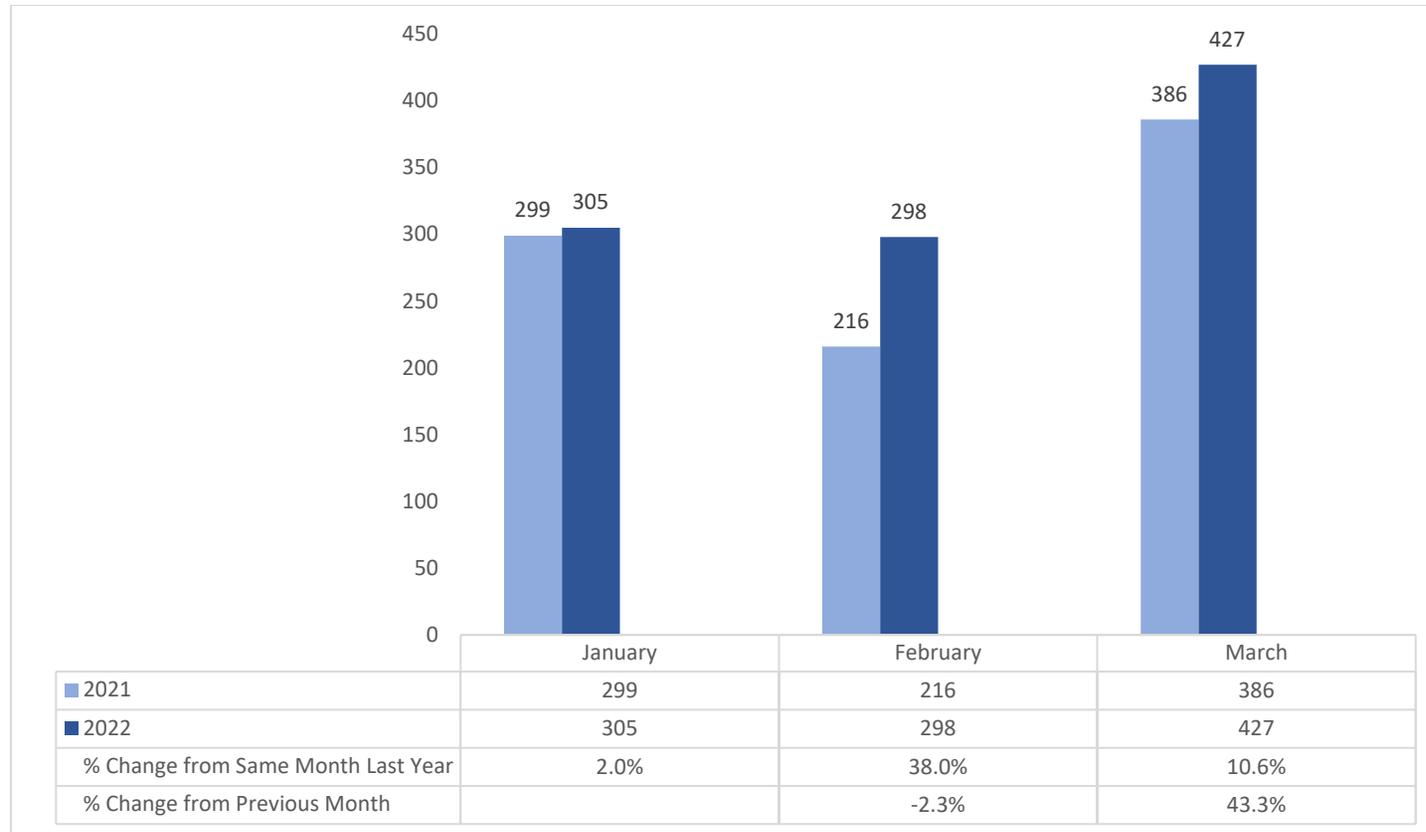
Table 7: Circuit Court Domestic Violence Original Case Filings, Protective Orders by Type\*, and Hearings Held/Concluded January-March 2021 and 2022

Circuit Court Protective Orders and Cases Filed by Month and Year	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Domestic Violence Cases Filed	299	305	2.0%	216	298	-2.3%	38.0%	386	427	43.3%	10.6%
Domestic Violence Protective Orders	751	701	-6.7%	492	639	-8.8%	29.9%	709	867	35.7%	22.3%
Final	344	291	-15.4%	213	254	-12.7%	19.2%	302	344	35.4%	13.9%
Temporary	407	410	0.7%	279	385	-6.1%	38.0%	407	523	35.8%	28.5%
Domestic Violence Hearings	613	576	-6.0%	416	539	-6.4%	29.6%	605	762	41.4%	26.0%

Source: MDEC County Circuit Courts, Montgomery County Circuit Court, Prince George's Circuit Court; and Baltimore City Civil Source Systems.

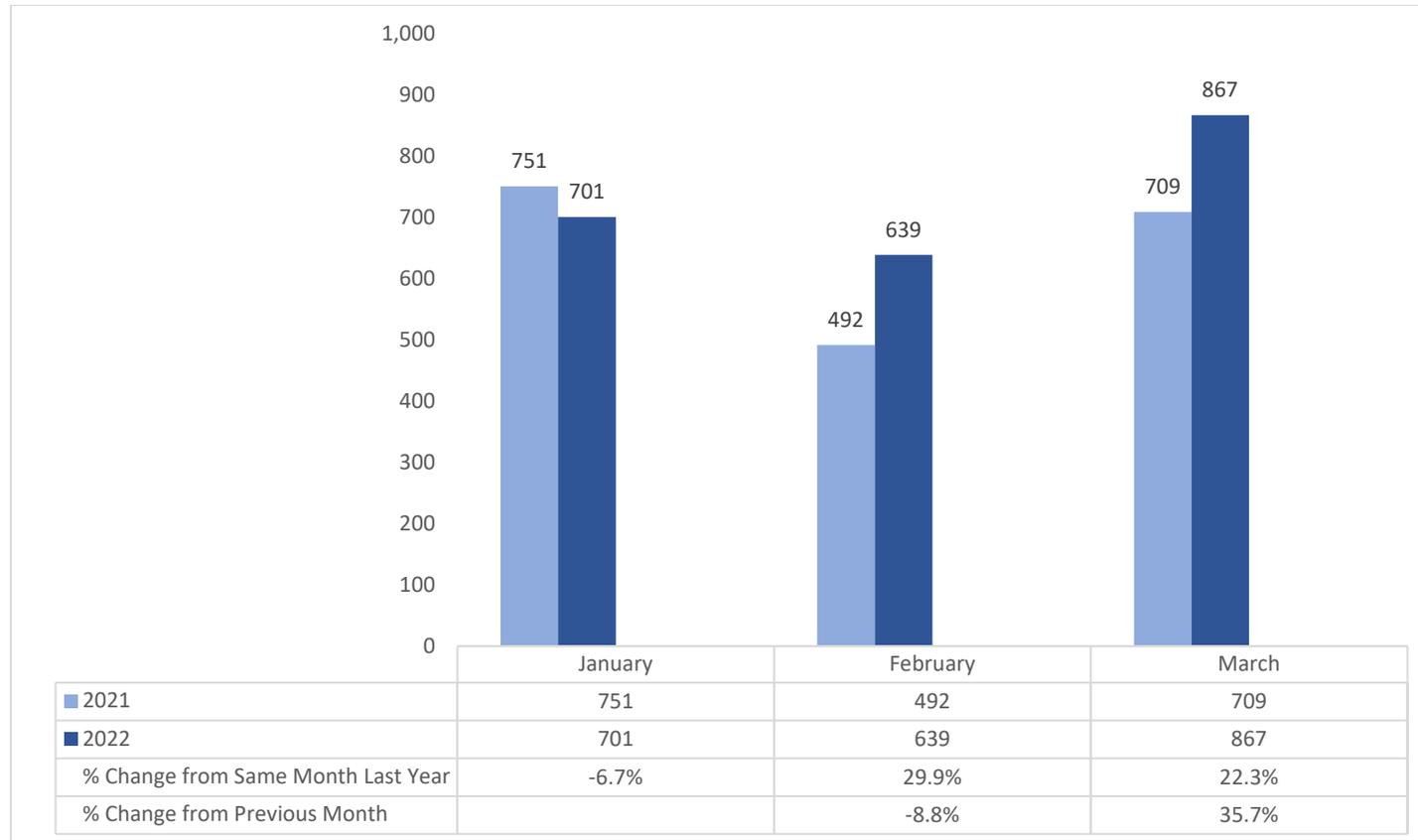
\*Data reflects temporary and final domestic violence protective orders denied, dismissed, granted, extended, and rescinded.

Figure 1: Monthly Circuit Court Domestic Violence Original Case Filings for Protective Orders, 2021 and 2022



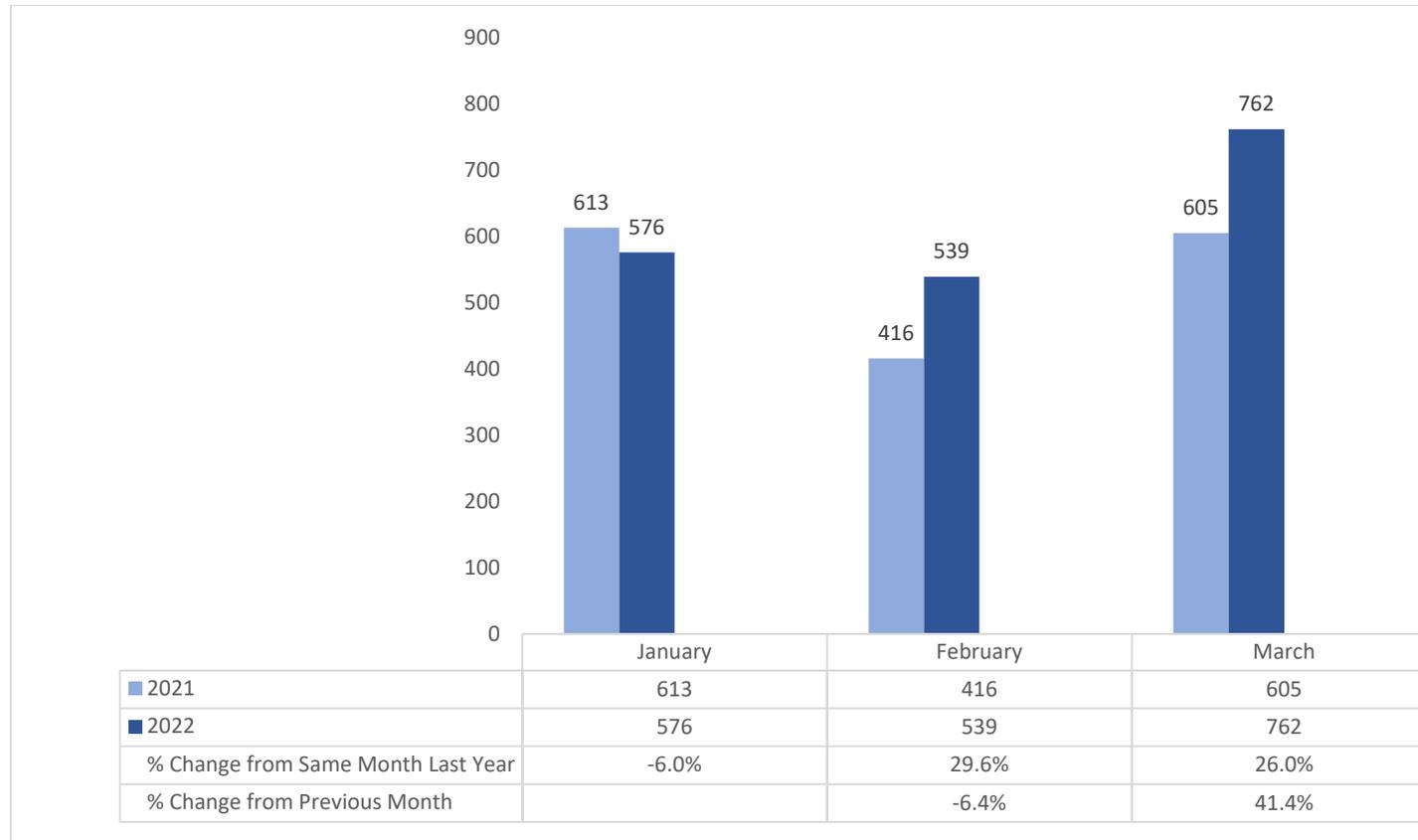
There were 1,030 domestic violence cases filed from January 2022 to March 2022. Domestic violence cases filed increased 2.0% in January 2022 (305 domestic violence cases filed) compared to January 2021 (299 domestic violence cases filed). In February 2022, there were 298 domestic violence cases filed, an increase of 38.0% from February 2021 and a decrease of 2.3% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 427 domestic violence cases filed, an increase of 10.6% from March 2021 and an increase of 43.3% from February 2022.

Figure 2: Monthly Circuit Court Protective Orders Issued, 2021 and 2022



There were 2,207 domestic violence protective orders from January 2022 to March 2022. Domestic violence protective orders declined 6.7% in January 2022 (701 domestic violence protective orders) compared to January 2021 (751 domestic violence protective orders). In February 2022, there were 639 domestic violence protective orders, an increase of 29.9% from February 2021 and a decrease of 8.8% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 867 domestic violence protective orders, an increase of 22.3% from March 2021 and an increase of 35.7% from February 2022.

Figure 3: Monthly Circuit Court Domestic Violence Hearings Held/Concluded, 2021 and 2022



There were 1,877 domestic violence hearings from January 2022 to March 2022. Domestic violence hearings declined 6.0% in January 2022 (576 domestic violence hearings) compared to January 2021 (613 domestic violence hearings). In February 2022, there were 539 domestic violence hearings, an increase of 29.6% from February 2021 and a decrease of 6.4% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 762 domestic violence hearings, an increase of 26.0% from March 2021 and an increase of 41.4% from February 2022.

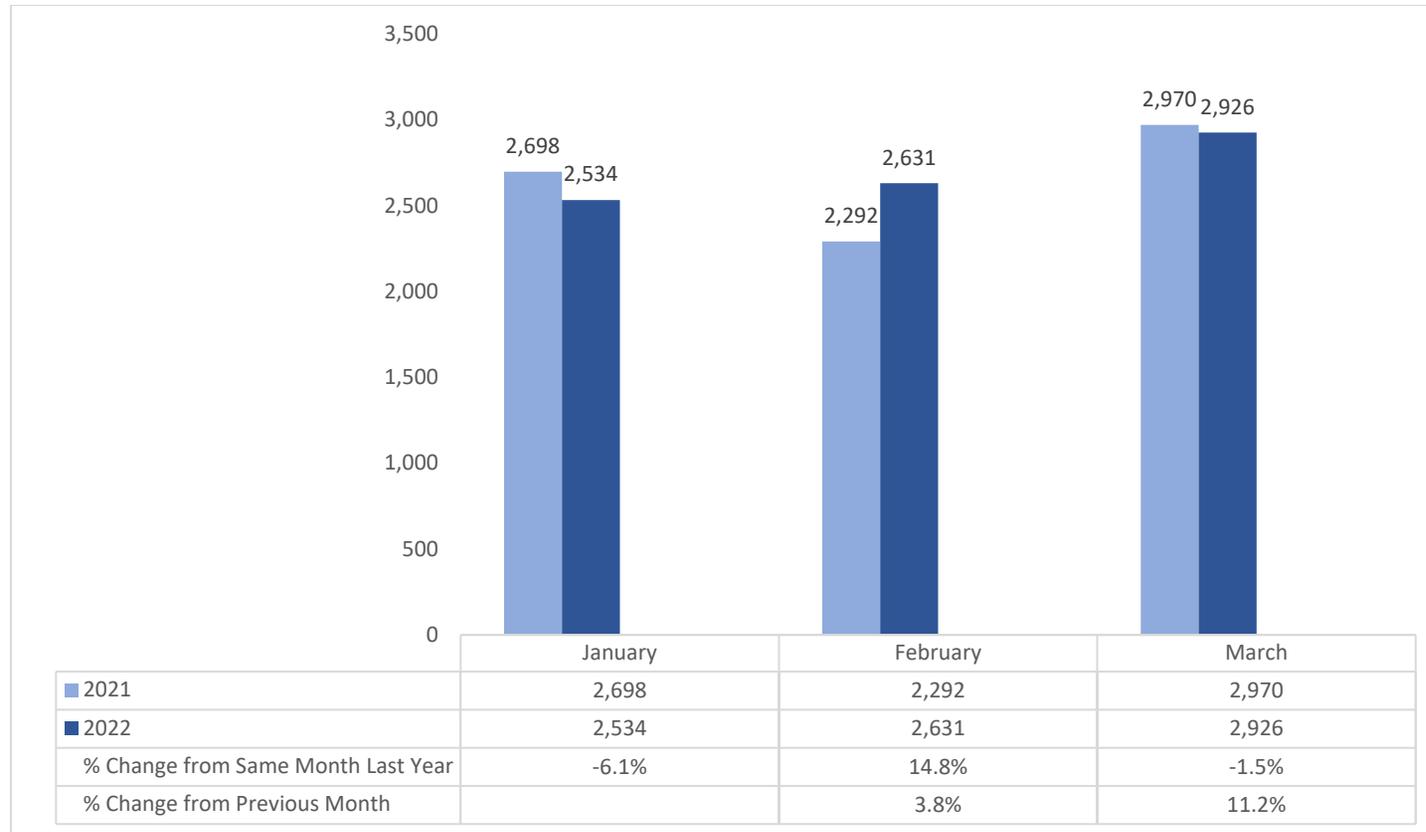
### Circuit Court Civil Case Activity

Table 8: Circuit Court Original Civil Case Filings and Hearings Held/Concluded January-March 2021 and 2022

Circuit Court Civil Case Activity	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Total Civil Original Filings	2,698	2,534	-6.1%	2,292	2,631	3.8%	14.8%	2,970	2,926	11.2%	-1.5%
Highlight Case Type: Foreclosure (Non-Commercial)	508	476	-6.3%	257	387	-18.7%	50.6%	293	606	56.6%	106.8%
All Other Civil Case Filings	2,190	2,058	-6.0%	2,035	2,244	9.0%	10.3%	2,677	2,320	3.4%	-13.3%
All Civil Hearings	1,254	1,721	37.2%	1,113	1,718	-0.2%	54.4%	1,462	1,963	14.3%	34.3%

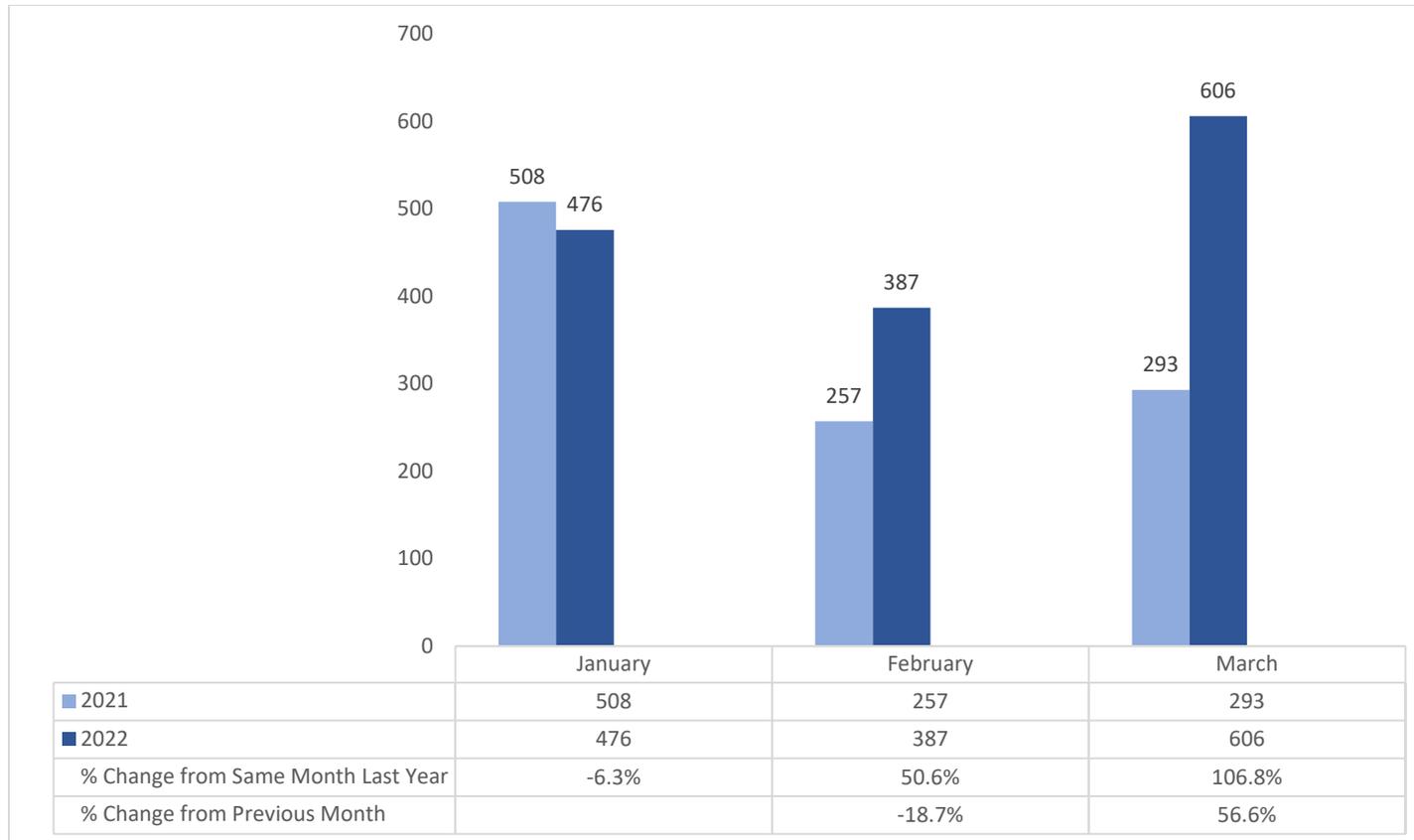
Source: MDEC County Circuit Courts, Montgomery County Circuit Court, Prince George's Circuit Court; and Baltimore City Civil Source Systems.

Figure 4: Monthly Circuit Court Original Case Filings — Case Category: Civil, 2021 and 2022



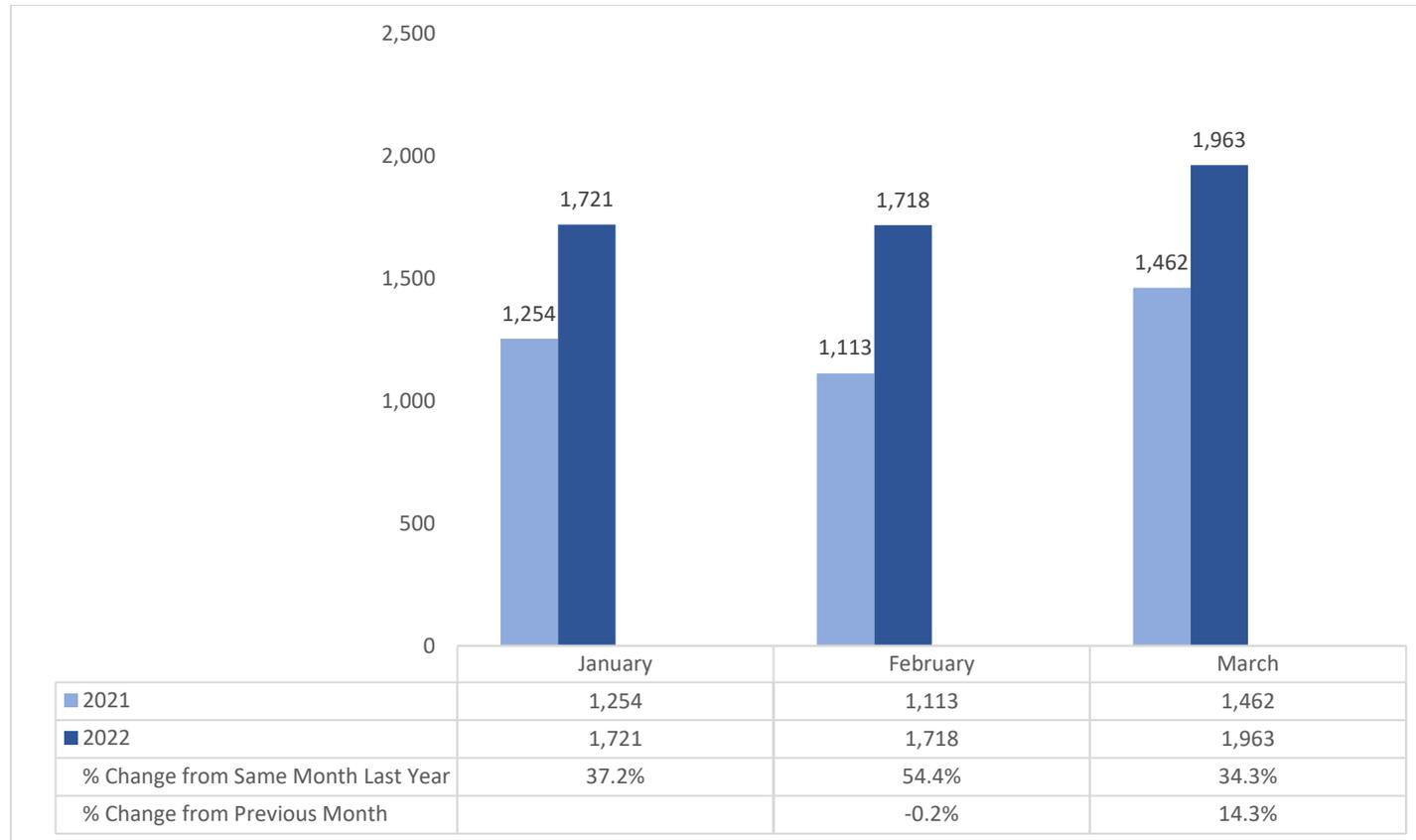
There were 8,091 civil original filings from January 2022 to March 2022. Civil original filings declined 6.1% in January 2022 (2,534 civil original filings) compared to January 2021 (2,698 civil original filings). In February 2022, there were 2,631 civil original filings, an increase of 14.8% from February 2021 and an increase of 3.8% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 2,926 civil original filings, a decrease of 1.5% from March 2021 and an increase of 11.2% from February 2022.

Figure 5: Monthly Circuit Court Original Case Filings — Case Type: Foreclosure (Non-Commercial), 2021 and 2022



There were 1,469 foreclosure (non-commercial) filings from January 2022 to March 2022. Foreclosure (non-commercial) filings declined 6.3% in January 2022 (476 foreclosure (non-commercial) filings) compared to January 2021 (508 foreclosure (non-commercial) filings). In February 2022, there were 387 foreclosure (non-commercial) filings, an increase of 50.6% from February 2021 and a decrease of 18.7% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 606 foreclosure (non-commercial) filings, an increase of 106.8% from March 2021 and an increase of 56.6% from February 2022.

Figure 6: Monthly Circuit Court Civil Hearings Held/Concluded, 2021 and 2022



There were 5,402 civil hearings from January 2022 to March 2022. Civil hearings increased 37.2% in January 2022 (1,721 civil hearings) compared to January 2021 (1,254 civil hearings). In February 2022, there were 1,718 civil hearings, an increase of 54.4% from February 2021 and a decrease of 0.2% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 1,963 civil hearings, an increase of 34.3% from March 2021 and an increase of 14.3% from February 2022.

### Circuit Court Civil-Family Case Activity

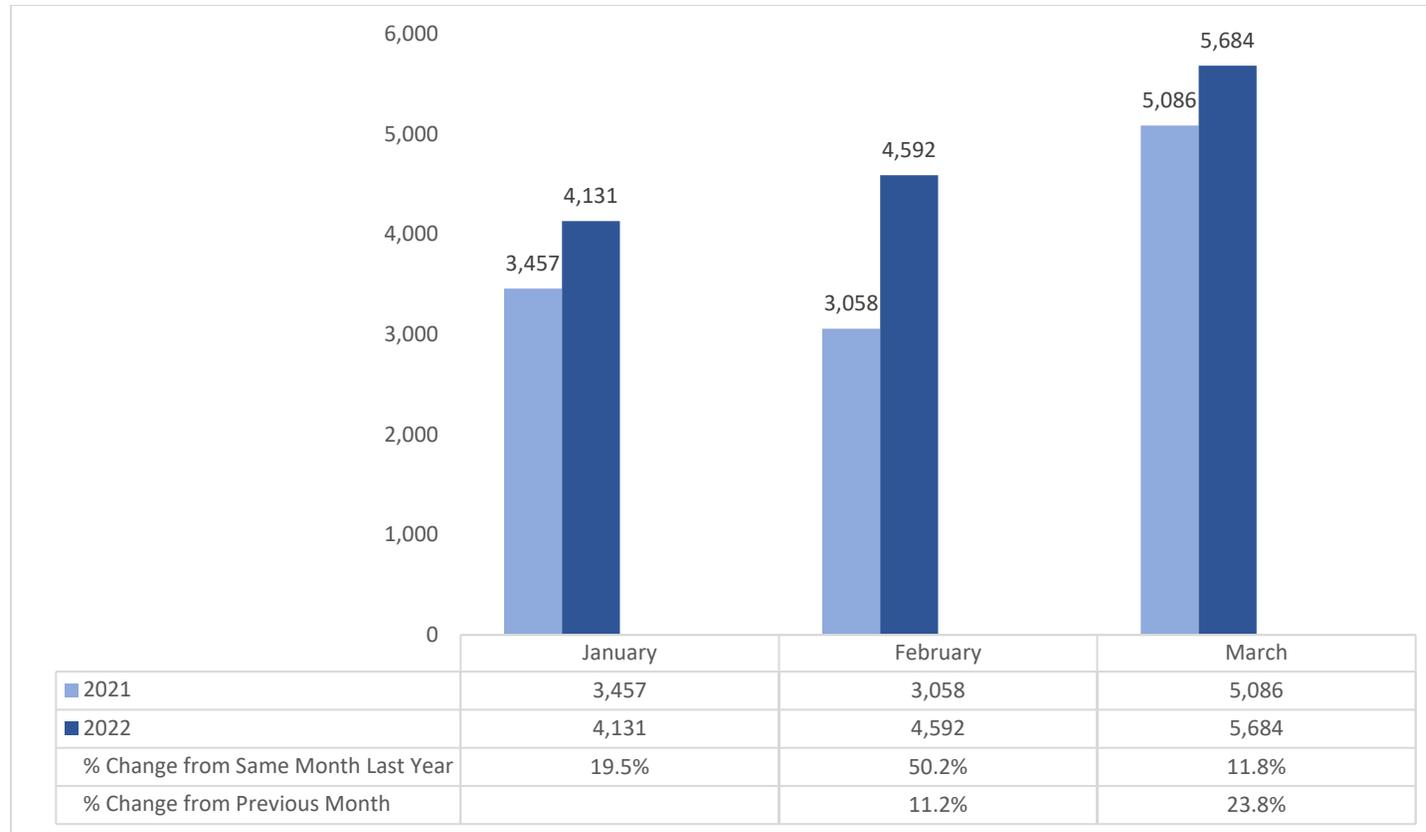
Table 9: Circuit Court Civil-Family Original Case Filings, Hearings Held/Concluded, January-March 2021 and 2022

Circuit Court Civil-Family Case Activity	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Total Civil-Family Original Filings*	3,457	4,131	19.5%	3,058	4,592	11.2%	50.2%	5,086	5,684	23.8%	11.8%
Highlight Case Type- Child Custody (Versus) Filings	722	699	-3.2%	617	837	19.7%	35.7%	1,082	1,006	20.2%	-7.0%
Highlight Case Type - Child Support (Agency) Filings	256	242	-5.5%	202	289	19.4%	43.1%	380	409	41.5%	7.6%
Highlight Case Type: Divorce (Absolute) Filings	1,430	1,309	-8.5%	1,360	1,450	10.8%	6.6%	2,198	1,832	26.3%	-16.7%
Highlight Case Type: Divorce (Limited) Filings	91	93	2.2%	76	93	0.0%	22.4%	128	110	18.3%	-14.1%
All Other Civil-Family Filings	958	1,788	86.6%	803	1,923	7.6%	139.5%	1,298	2,327	21.0%	79.3%
Total Civil-Family Hearings*	7,440	7,402	-0.5%	5,652	7,383	-0.3%	30.6%	7,923	8,603	16.5%	8.6%
Highlight Hearing: Contested Divorce	169	217	28.4%	170	230	6.0%	35.3%	296	282	22.6%	-4.7%
Highlight Hearing: Uncontested Divorce	953	932	-2.2%	760	938	0.6%	23.4%	996	1,145	22.1%	15.0%
All Other Civil Family Hearings	6,318	6,253	-1.0%	4,722	6,215	-0.6%	31.6%	6,631	7,176	15.5%	8.2%

Source: MDEC County Circuit Courts, Montgomery County Circuit Court, Prince George's Circuit Court; and Baltimore City Criminal Source Systems.

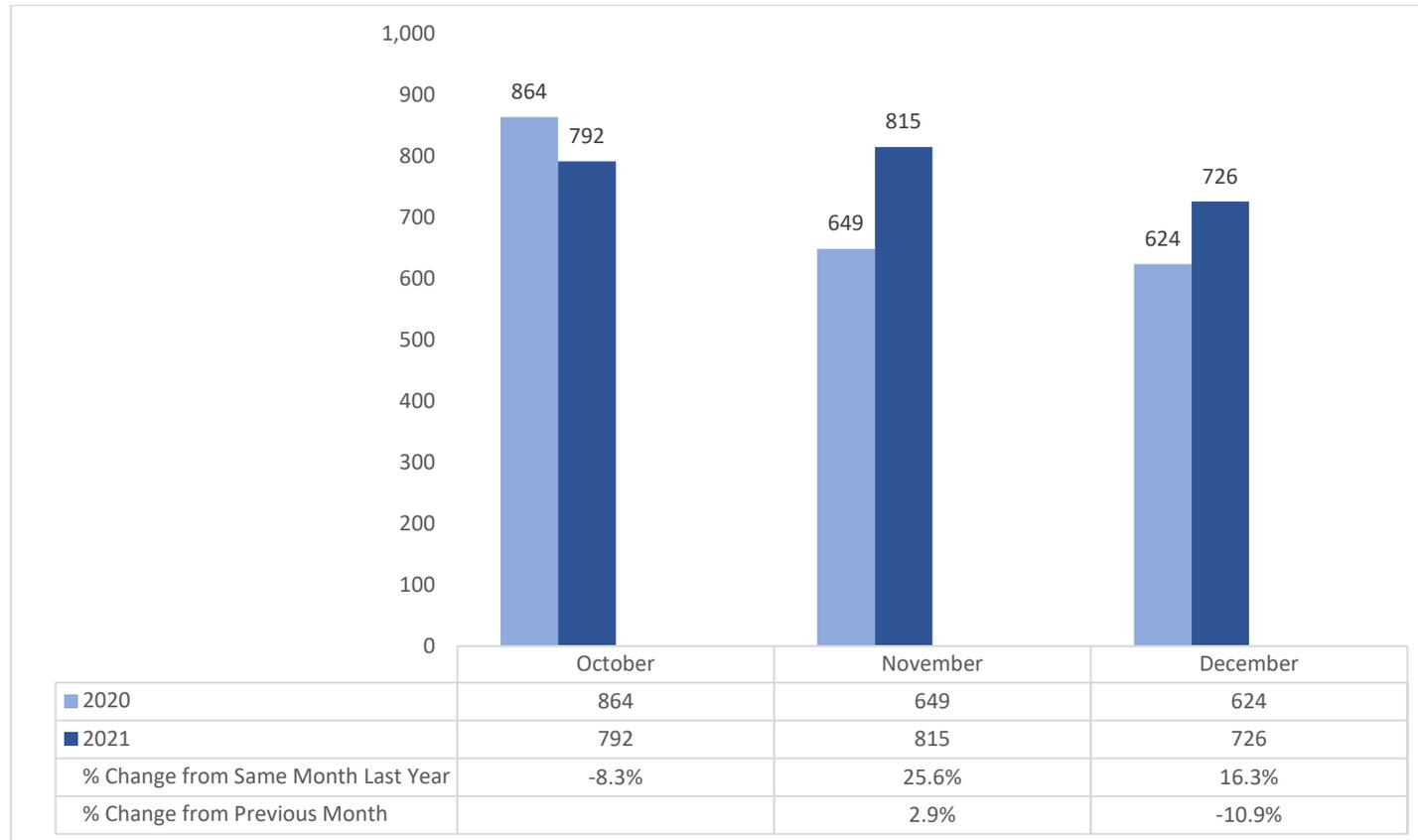
\*Includes domestic violence case types and hearings

Figure 7: Monthly Circuit Court Original Case Filings — Case Category: Civil-Family, 2021 and 2022



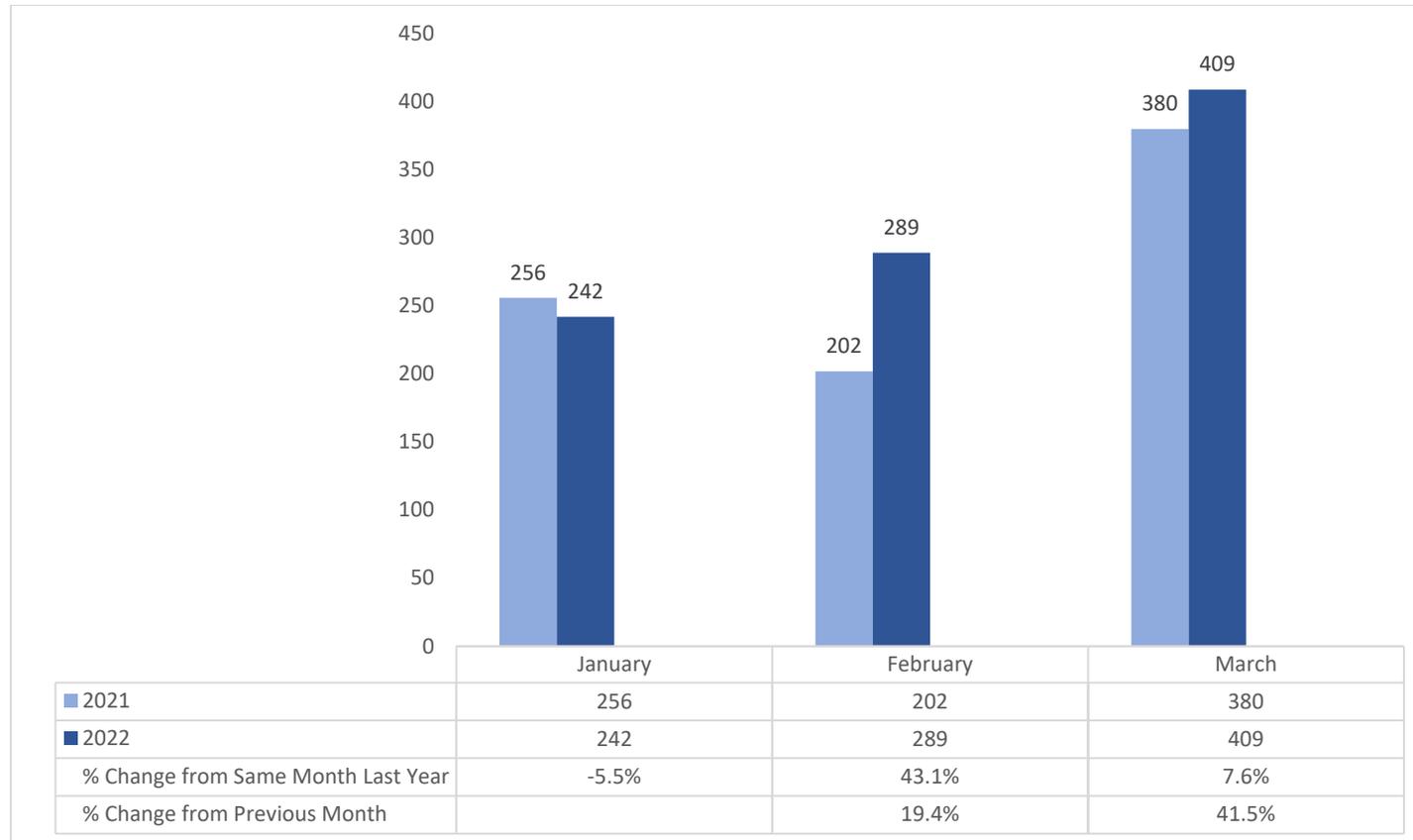
There were 14,407 circuit court family original case filings from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court family original case filings increased 19.5% in January 2022 (4,131 circuit court family original case filings) compared to January 2021 (3,457 circuit court family original case filings). In February 2022, there were 4,592 circuit court family original case filings, an increase of 50.2% from February 2021 and an increase of 11.2% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 5,684 circuit court family original case filings, an increase of 11.8% from March 2021 and an increase of 23.8% from February 2022.

Figure 8: Monthly Circuit Court Original Case Filings — Case Type: Child Custody (Versus), 2021 and 2022



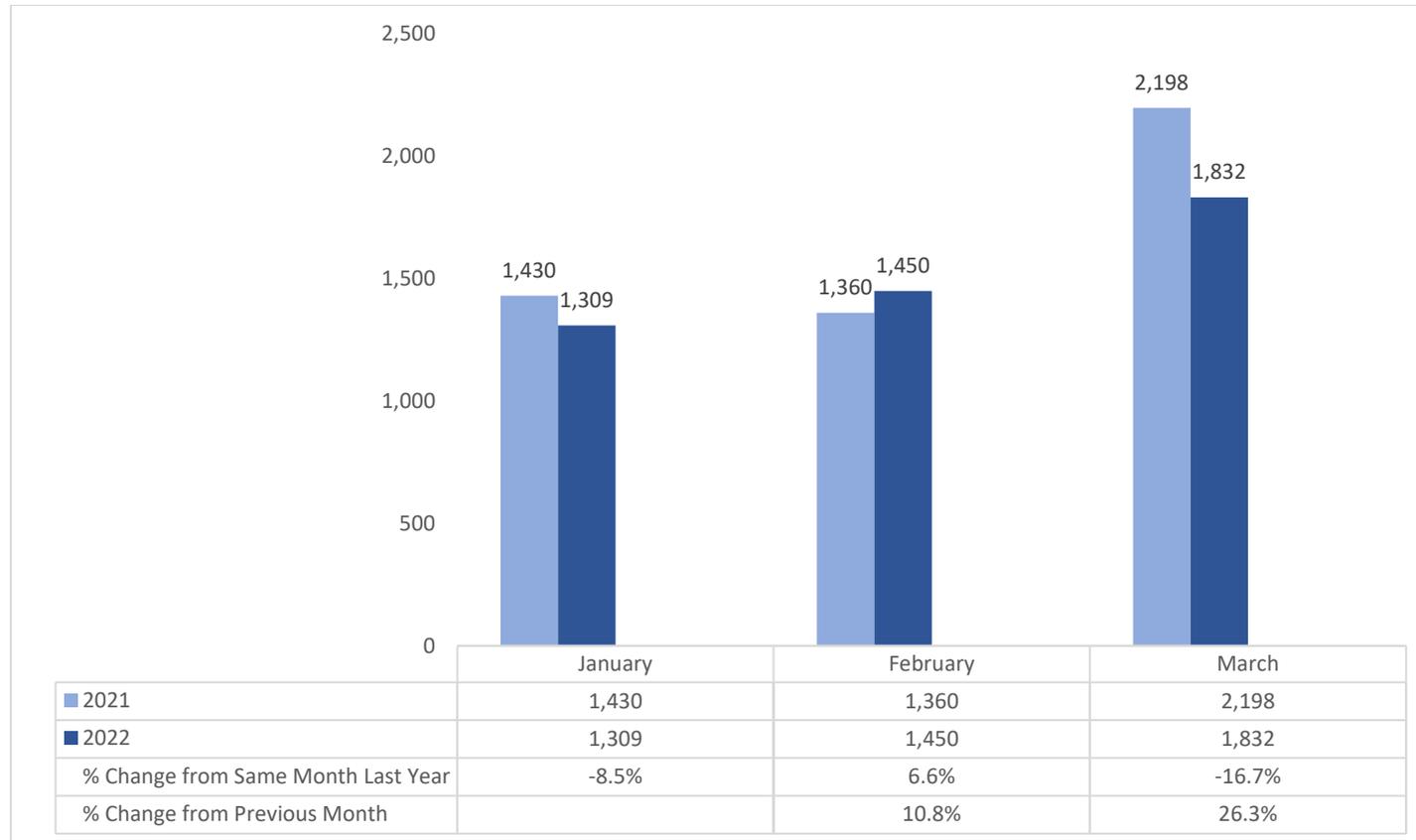
There were 2,333 circuit court child custody (versus) original case filings from October 2021 to December 2021. Circuit court child custody (versus) original case filings declined 8.3% in October 2021 (792 circuit court child custody (versus) original case filings) compared to October 2020 (864 circuit court child custody (versus) original case filings). In November 2021, there were 815 circuit court child custody (versus) original case filings, an increase of 25.6% from November 2020 and an increase of 2.9% from October 2021. In December 2021, there were 726 circuit court child custody (versus) original case filings, an increase of 16.3% from December 2020 and a decrease of 10.9% from November 2021.

Figure 9: Monthly Circuit Court Original Case Filings — Case Type: Child Support (Agency), 2021 and 2022



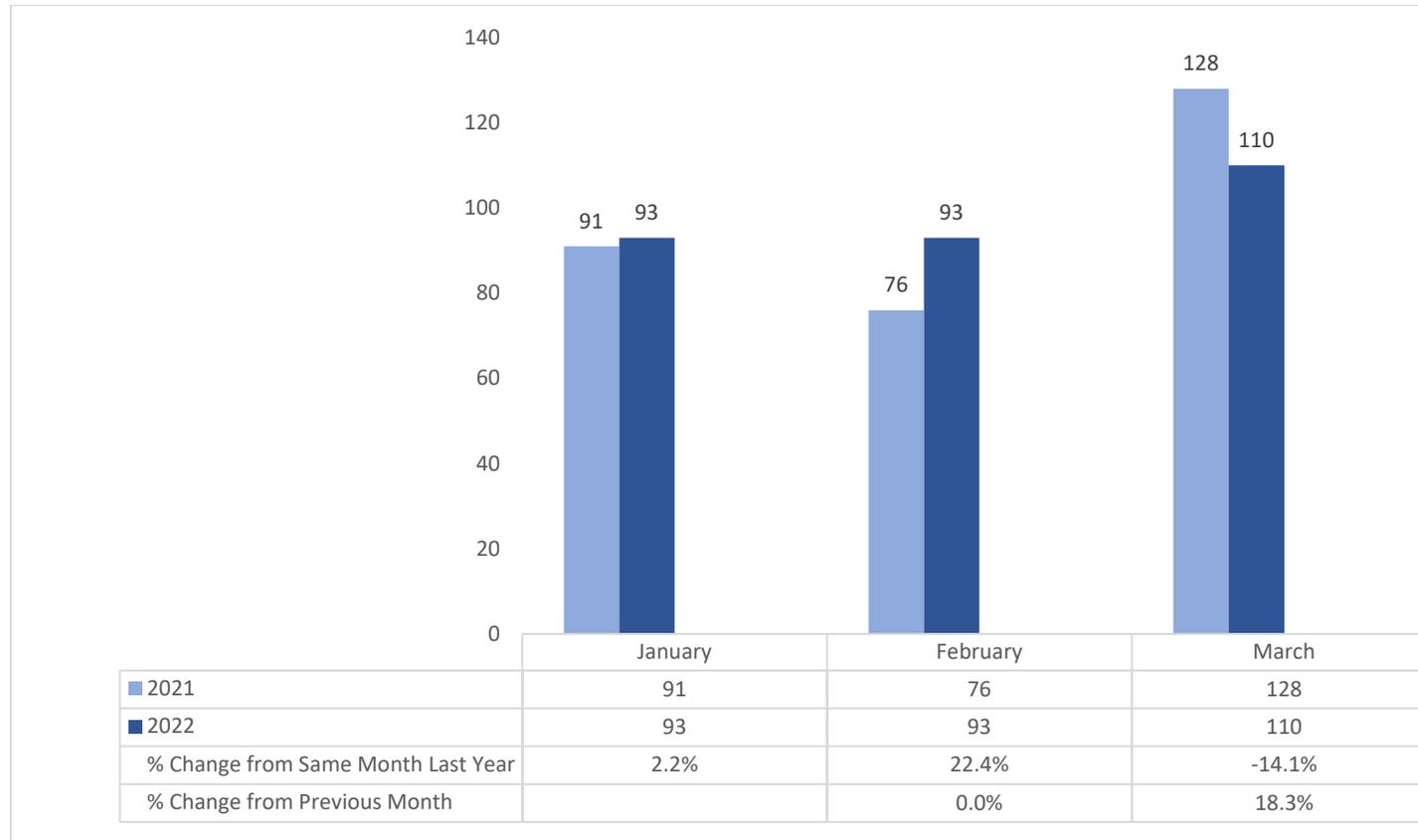
There were 940 circuit court child support (agency) original case filings from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court child support (agency) original case filings declined 5.5% in January 2022 (242 circuit court child support (agency) original case filings) compared to January 2021 (256 circuit court child support (agency) original case filings). In February 2022, there were 289 circuit court child support (agency) original case filings, an increase of 43.1% from February 2021 and an increase of 19.4% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 409 circuit court child support (agency) original case filings, an increase of 7.6% from March 2021 and an increase of 41.5% from February 2022.

Figure 10: Monthly Circuit Court Original Case Filings — Case Type: Divorce (Absolute), 2021 and 2022



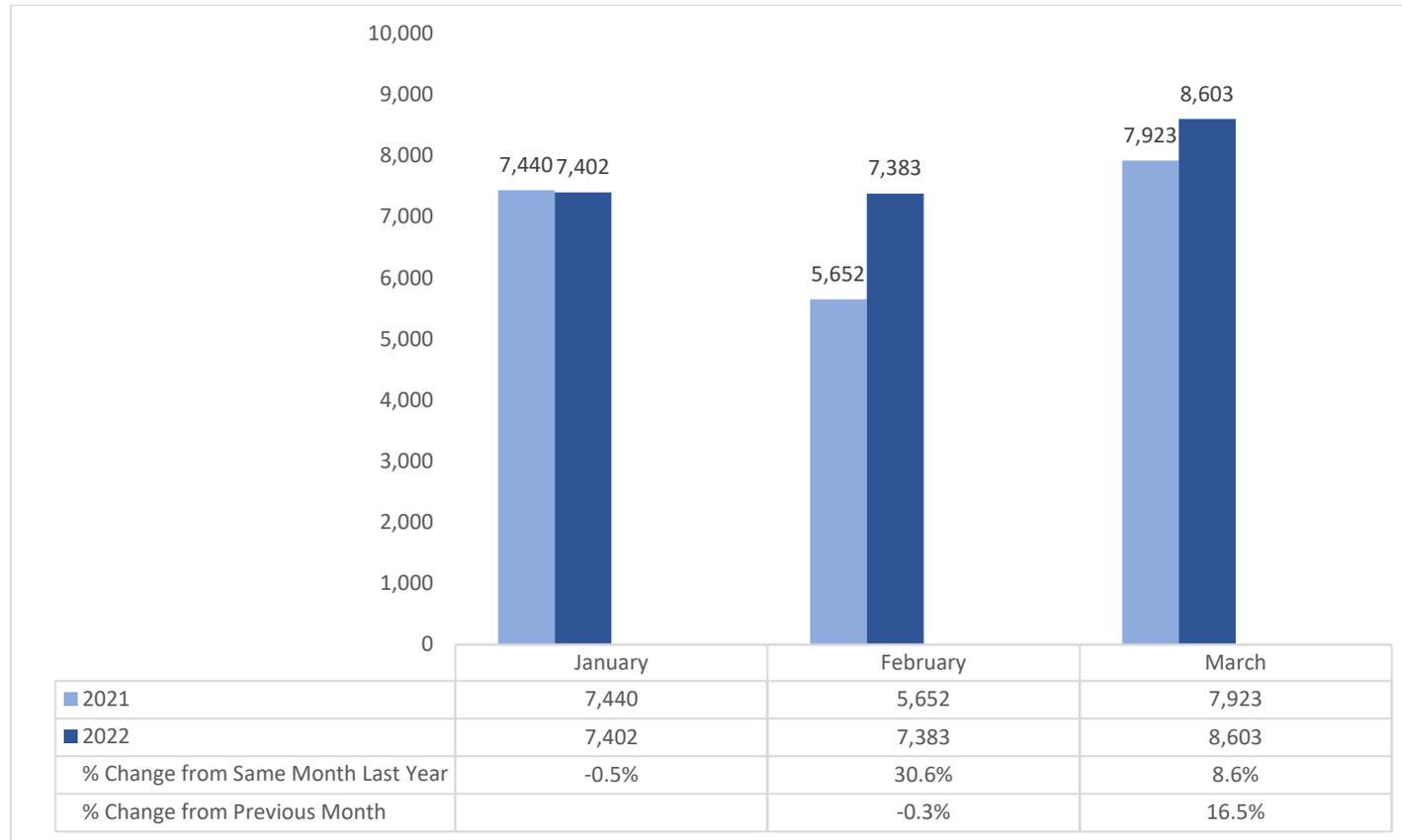
There were 4,591 circuit court divorce (absolute) original case filings from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court divorce (absolute) original case filings declined 8.5% in January 2022 (1,309 circuit court divorce (absolute) original case filings) compared to January 2021 (1,430 circuit court divorce (absolute) original case filings). In February 2022, there were 1,450 circuit court divorce (absolute) original case filings, an increase of 6.6% from February 2021 and an increase of 10.8% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 1,832 circuit court divorce (absolute) original case filings, a decrease of 16.7% from March 2021 and an increase of 26.3% from February 2022.

Figure 11: Monthly Circuit Court Original Case Filings — Case Type: Divorce (Limited), 2021 and 2022



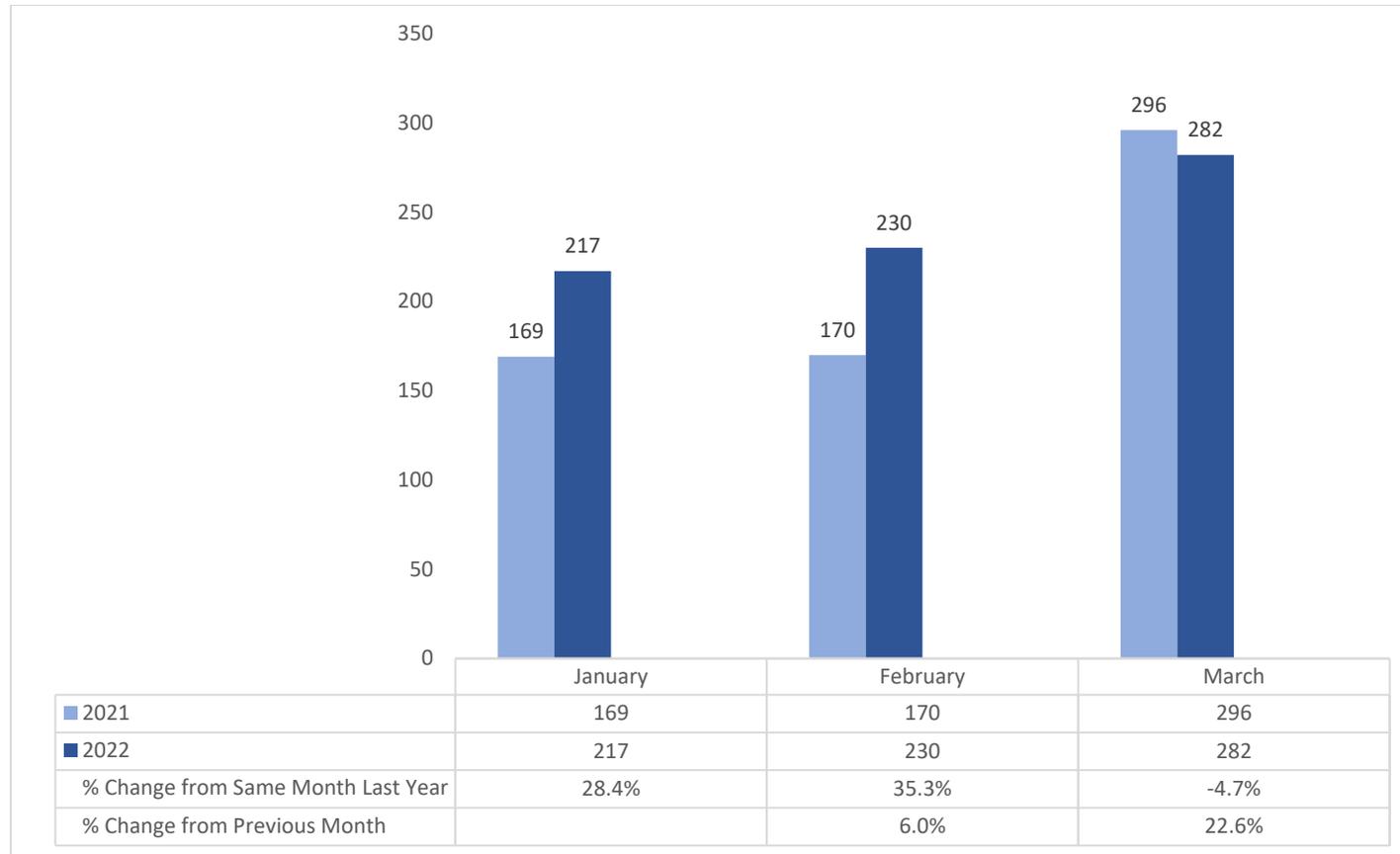
There were 296 circuit court divorce (limited) original case filings from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court divorce (limited) original case filings increased 2.2% in January 2022 (93 circuit court divorce (limited) original case filings) compared to January 2021 (91 circuit court divorce (limited) original case filings). In February 2022, there were 93 circuit court divorce (limited) original case filings, an increase of 22.4% from February 2021 and an increase of 0.0% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 110 circuit court divorce (limited) original case filings, a decrease of 14.1% from March 2021 and an increase of 18.3% from February 2022.

Figure 12: Monthly Circuit Court Civil-Family Hearings Held/Concluded, 2021 and 2022



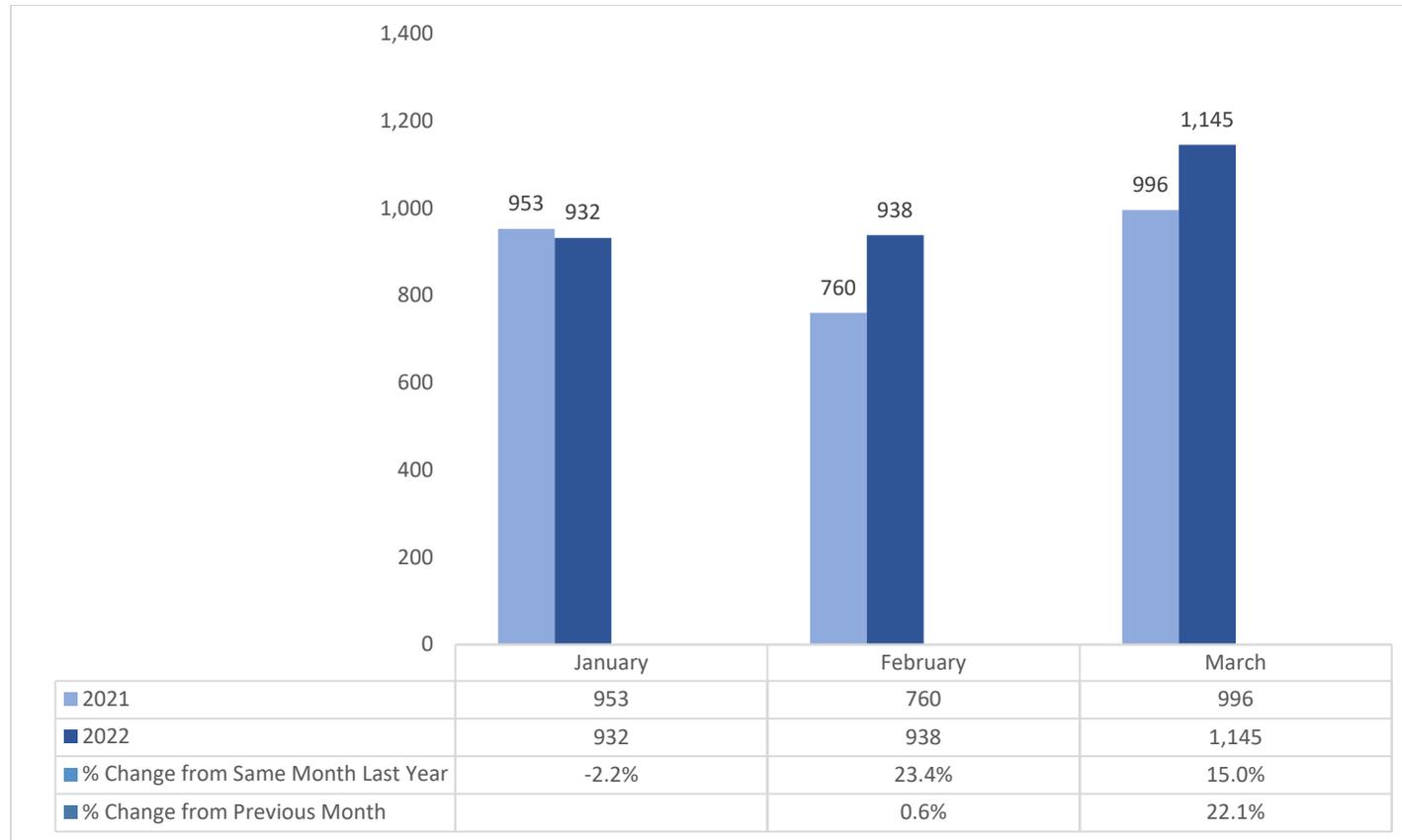
There were 23,388 circuit court civil-family hearings held/concluded from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court civil-family hearings held/concluded declined 0.5% in January 2022 (7,402 circuit court civil-family hearings held/concluded) compared to January 2021 (7,440 circuit court civil-family hearings held/concluded). In February 2022, there were 7,383 circuit court civil-family hearings held/concluded, an increase of 30.6% from February 2021 and a decrease of 0.3% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 8,603 circuit court civil-family hearings held/concluded, an increase of 8.6% from March 2021 and an increase of 16.5% from February 2022.

Figure 13: Monthly Circuit Court Divorce Hearings Held/Concluded — Contested, 2021 and 2022



There were 729 circuit court contested divorce hearings held/concluded from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court contested divorce hearings held/concluded increased 28.4% in January 2022 (217 circuit court contested divorce hearings held/concluded) compared to January 2021 (169 circuit court contested divorce hearings held/concluded). In February 2022, there were 230 circuit court contested divorce hearings held/concluded, an increase of 35.3% from February 2021 and an increase of 6.0% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 282 circuit court contested divorce hearings held/concluded, a decrease of 4.7% from March 2021 and an increase of 22.6% from February 2022.

Figure 14: Monthly Circuit Court Divorce Hearings Held/Concluded — Uncontested, 2021 and 2022



There were 3,015 circuit court uncontested divorce hearings held/concluded from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court uncontested divorce hearings held/concluded declined 2.2% in January 2022 (932 circuit court uncontested divorce hearings held/concluded) compared to January 2021 (953 circuit court uncontested divorce hearings held/concluded). In February 2022, there were 938 circuit court uncontested divorce hearings held/concluded, an increase of 23.4% from February 2021 and an increase of 0.6% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 1,145 circuit court uncontested divorce hearings held/concluded, an increase of 15.0% from March 2021 and an increase of 22.1% from February 2022.

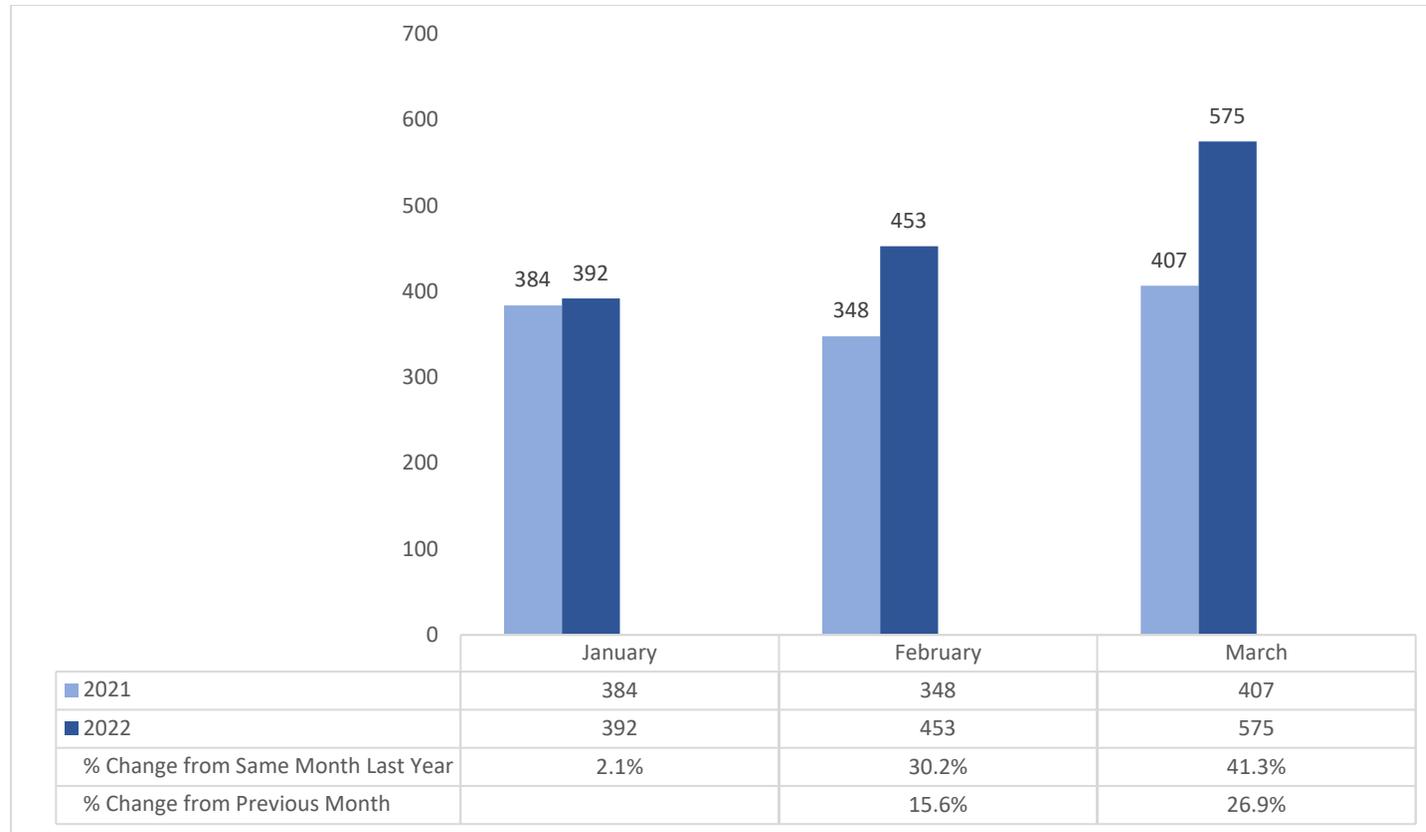
### Circuit Court Juvenile Case Activity

Table 10: Circuit Court Juvenile Original Case Filings, Hearings Held/Concluded, January-March 2021 and 2022

Circuit Court Juvenile Case Activity	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Total Juvenile Original Filings	384	392	2.1%	348	453	15.6%	30.2%	407	575	26.9%	41.3%
Total Juvenile Hearings	4,564	4,564	0.0%	4,158	4,216	-7.6%	1.4%	4,833	4,627	9.7%	-4.3%
Highlight Hearing: Child in Need of Assistance Hearings	2,516	2,516	0.0%	2,232	2,203	-12.4%	-1.3%	2,467	2,375	7.8%	-3.7%
All Other Juvenile Hearings	2,048	2,048	0.0%	1,926	2,013	-1.7%	4.5%	2,366	2,252	11.9%	-4.8%

Source: MDEC County Circuit Courts, Montgomery County Circuit Court, Prince George's Circuit Court; and Baltimore City Juvenile Source Systems.

Figure 15: Monthly Circuit Court Original Case Filings — Case Category: Juvenile, 2021 and 2022



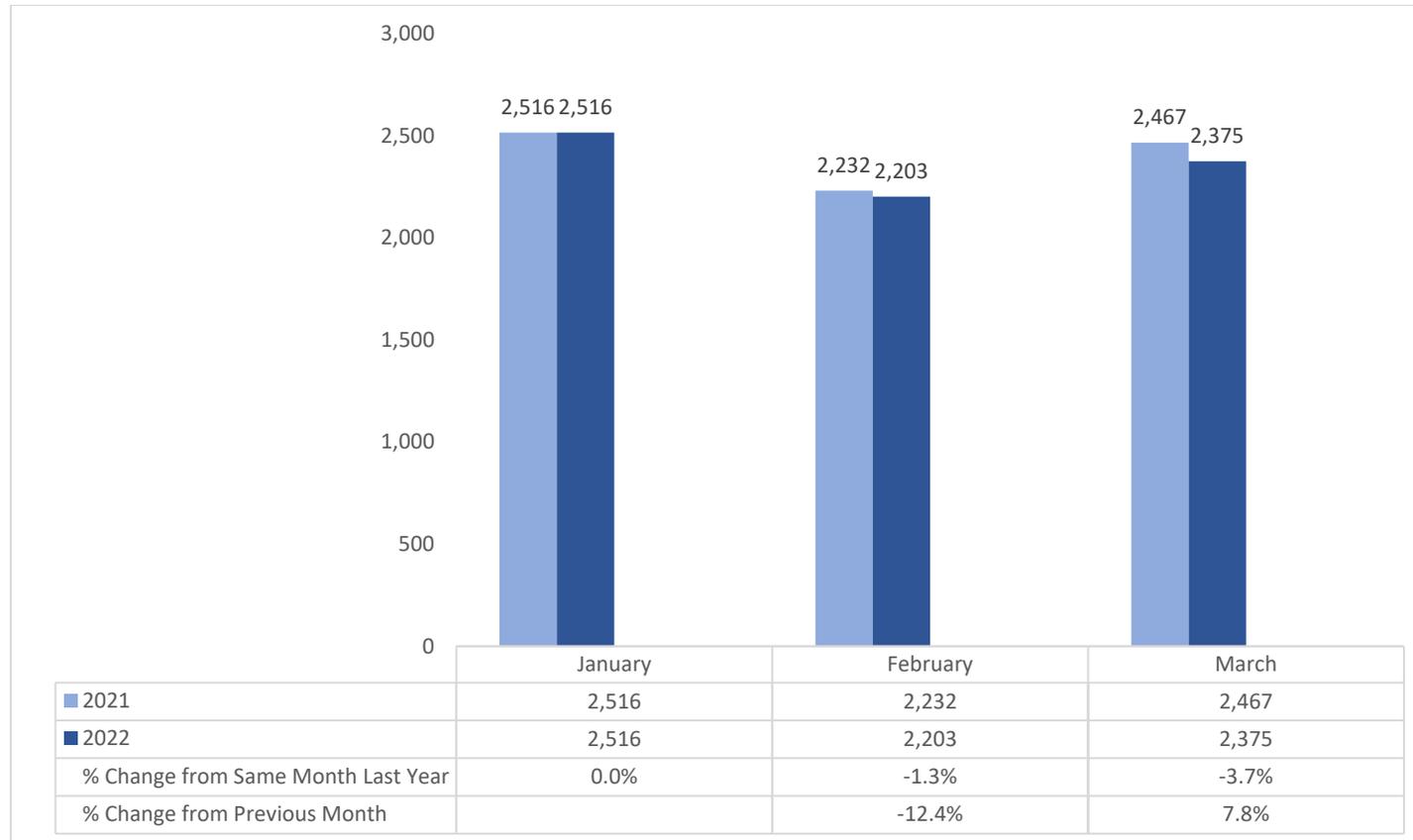
There were 1,420 circuit court original juvenile case filings from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court original juvenile case filings increased 2.1% in January 2022 (392 circuit court original juvenile case filings) compared to January 2021 (384 circuit court original juvenile case filings). In February 2022, there were 453 circuit court original juvenile case filings, an increase of 30.2% from February 2021 and an increase of 15.6% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 575 circuit court original juvenile case filings, an increase of 41.3% from March 2021 and an increase of 26.9% from February 2022.

Figure 16: Monthly Circuit Court Juvenile Hearings Held/Concluded, 2021 and 2022



There were 13,407 circuit court juvenile hearings held/concluded from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court juvenile hearings held/concluded increased 0.0% in January 2022 (4,564 circuit court juvenile hearings held/concluded) compared to January 2021 (4,564 circuit court juvenile hearings held/concluded). In February 2022, there were 4,216 circuit court juvenile hearings held/concluded, an increase of 1.4% from February 2021 and a decrease of 7.6% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 4,627 circuit court juvenile hearings held/concluded, a decrease of 4.3% from March 2021 and an increase of 9.7% from February 2022.

Figure 17: Monthly Circuit Court Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) Hearings Held/Concluded 2021 and 2022



There were 7,094 circuit court CINA hearings held/concluded from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court CINA hearings held/concluded increased 0.0% in January 2022 (2,516 circuit court CINA hearings held/concluded) compared to January 2021 (2,516 circuit court CINA hearings held/concluded). In February 2022, there were 2,203 circuit court CINA hearings held/concluded, a decrease of 1.3% from February 2021 and a decrease of 12.4% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 2,375 circuit court CINA hearings held/concluded, a decrease of 3.7% from March 2021 and an increase of 7.8% from February 2022.

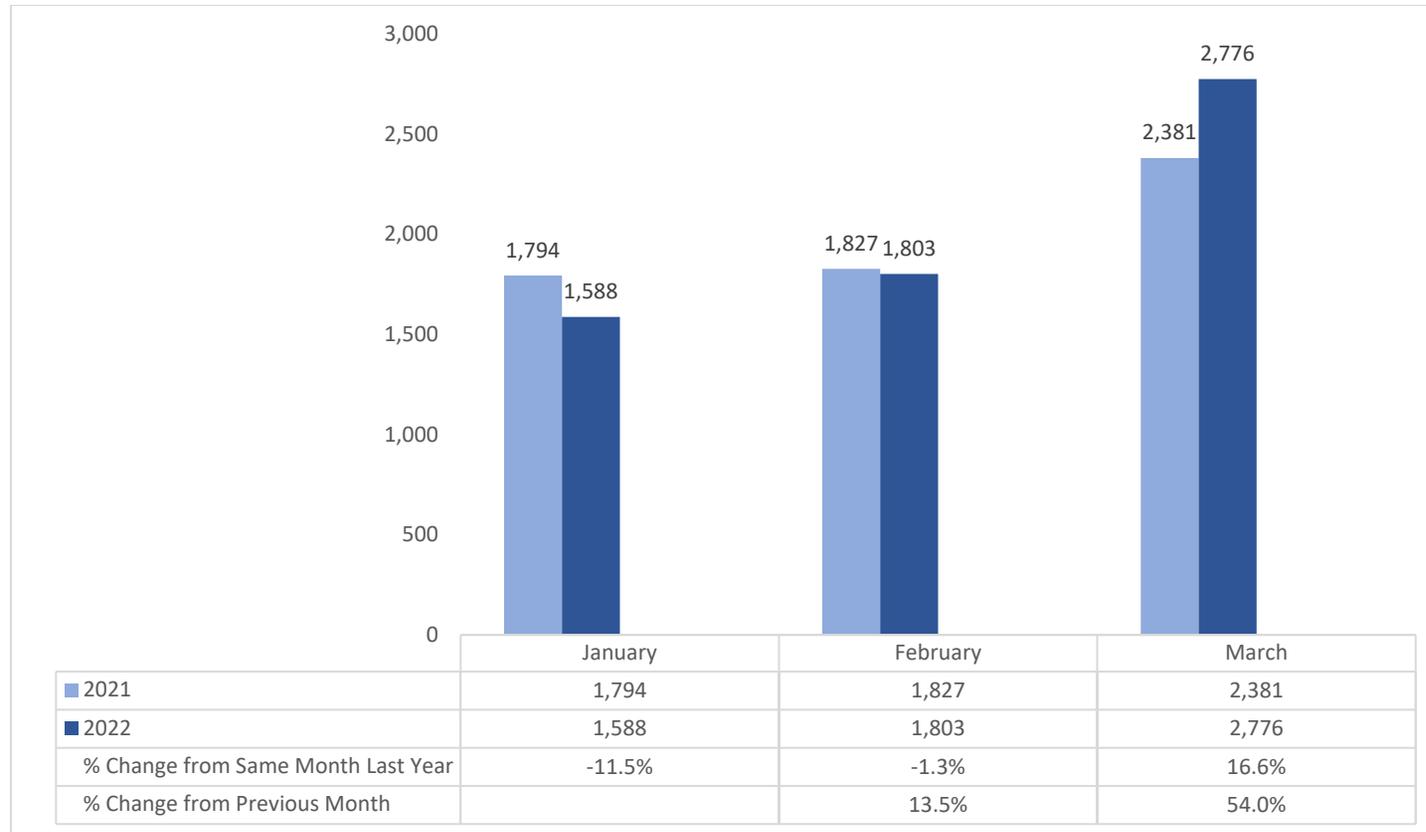
### Circuit Court Criminal Case Activity

Table 11: Circuit Court Criminal Case Activity — Case Filings, Pleas, Hearings Held/Concluded and Dispositions January-March 2021 and 2022

Circuit Court Criminal Case Activity	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Total Criminal Original Filings	1,794	1,588	-11.5%	1,827	1,803	13.5%	-1.3%	2,381	2,776	54.0%	16.6%
Pleas by Charge	1,263	2,550	101.9%	1,328	2,741	7.5%	106.4%	2,737	5,641	105.8%	106.1%
Pleas by Unique Case	685	1,320	92.7%	711	1,406	6.5%	97.7%	1,403	2,256	60.5%	60.8%
Total Criminal Hearings	7,727	9,049	17.1%	5,665	9,080	0.3%	60.3%	8,015	10,943	20.5%	36.5%
Highlight Hearing - Bail Review Hearings	799	724	-9.4%	594	764	5.5%	28.6%	773	864	13.1%	11.8%
All Other Criminal Hearings	6,928	8,325	20.2%	5,071	8,316	-0.1%	64.0%	7,242	10,079	21.2%	39.2%
Dispositions by Charge	5,614	9,702	72.8%	5,373	9,751	0.5%	81.5%	9,870	16,594	70.2%	68.1%
Dispositions by Case	1,230	2,081	69.2%	1,211	2,063	-0.9%	70.4%	2,231	3,240	57.1%	45.2%

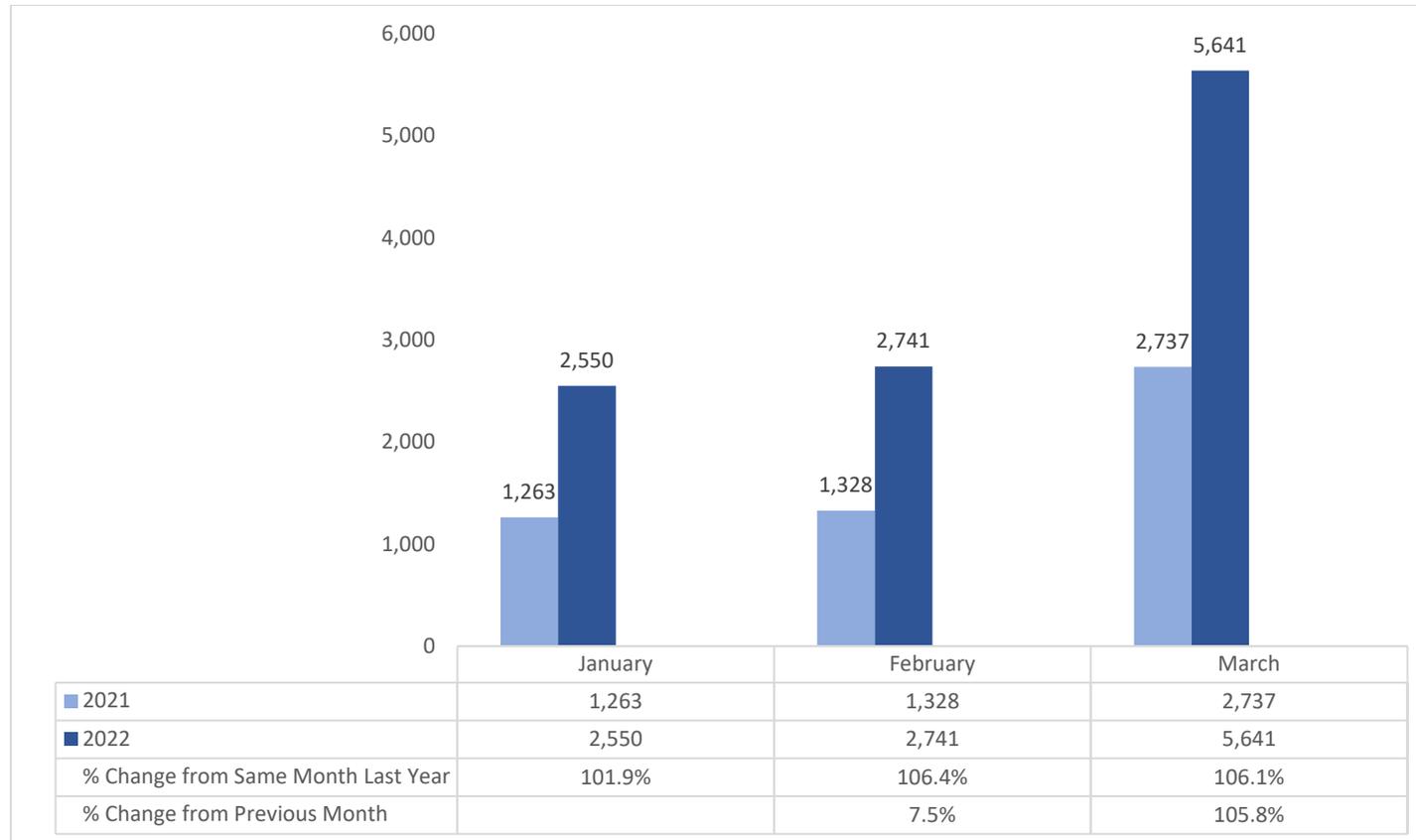
Source: MDEC County Circuit Courts, Montgomery County Circuit Court, Prince George's Circuit Court; and Baltimore City Criminal Source Systems.

Figure 18: Monthly Circuit Court Original Case Filings — Case Category: Criminal, 2021 and 2022



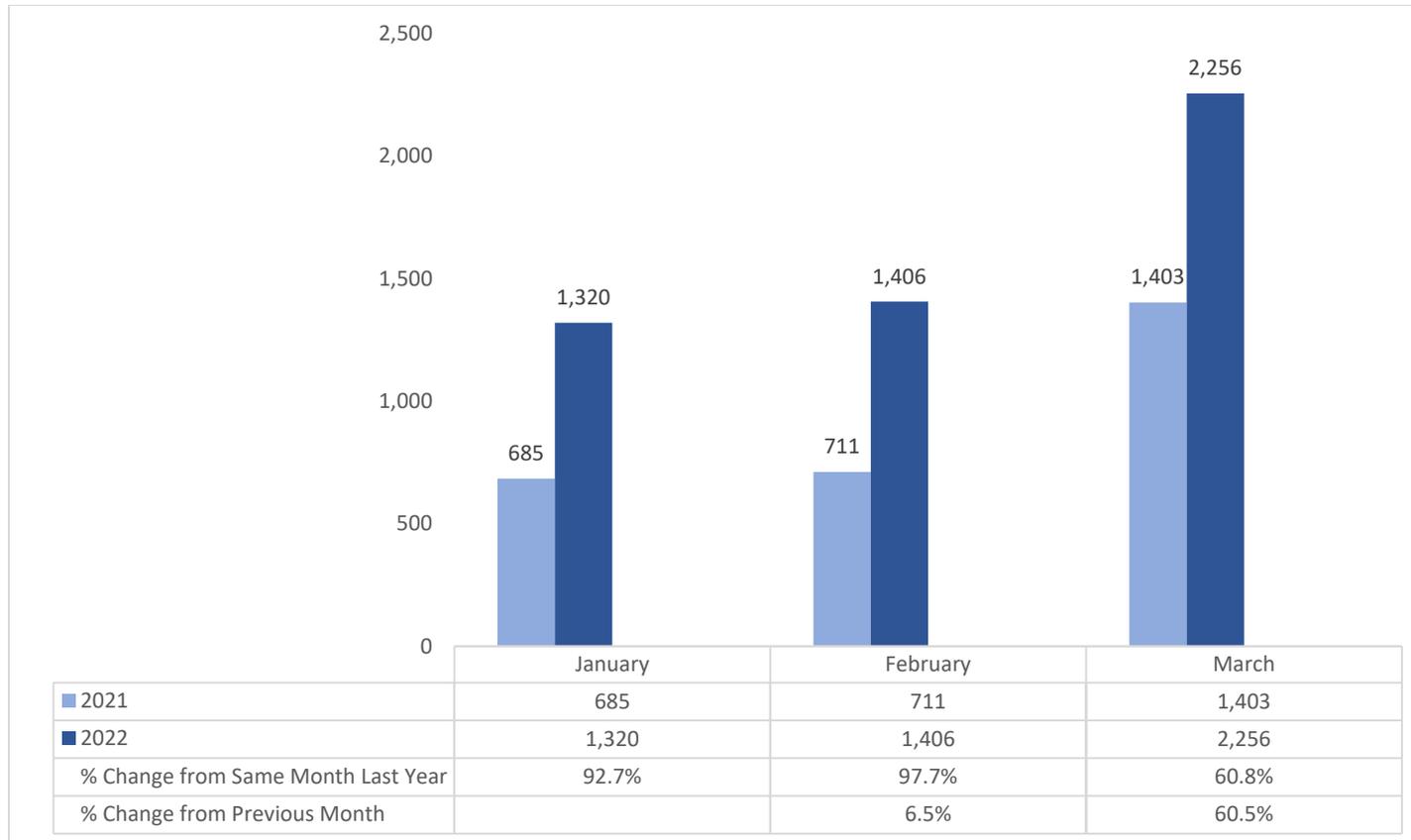
There were 6,167 circuit court original criminal case filings from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court original criminal case filings declined 11.5% in January 2022 (1,588 circuit court original criminal case filings) compared to January 2021 (1,794 circuit court original criminal case filings). In February 2022, there were 1,803 circuit court original criminal case filings, a decrease of 1.3% from February 2021 and an increase of 13.5% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 2,776 circuit court original criminal case filings, an increase of 16.6% from March 2021 and an increase of 54.0% from February 2022.

Figure 19: Monthly Circuit Court — Criminal Pleas (Total Charges Pled), 2021 and 2022



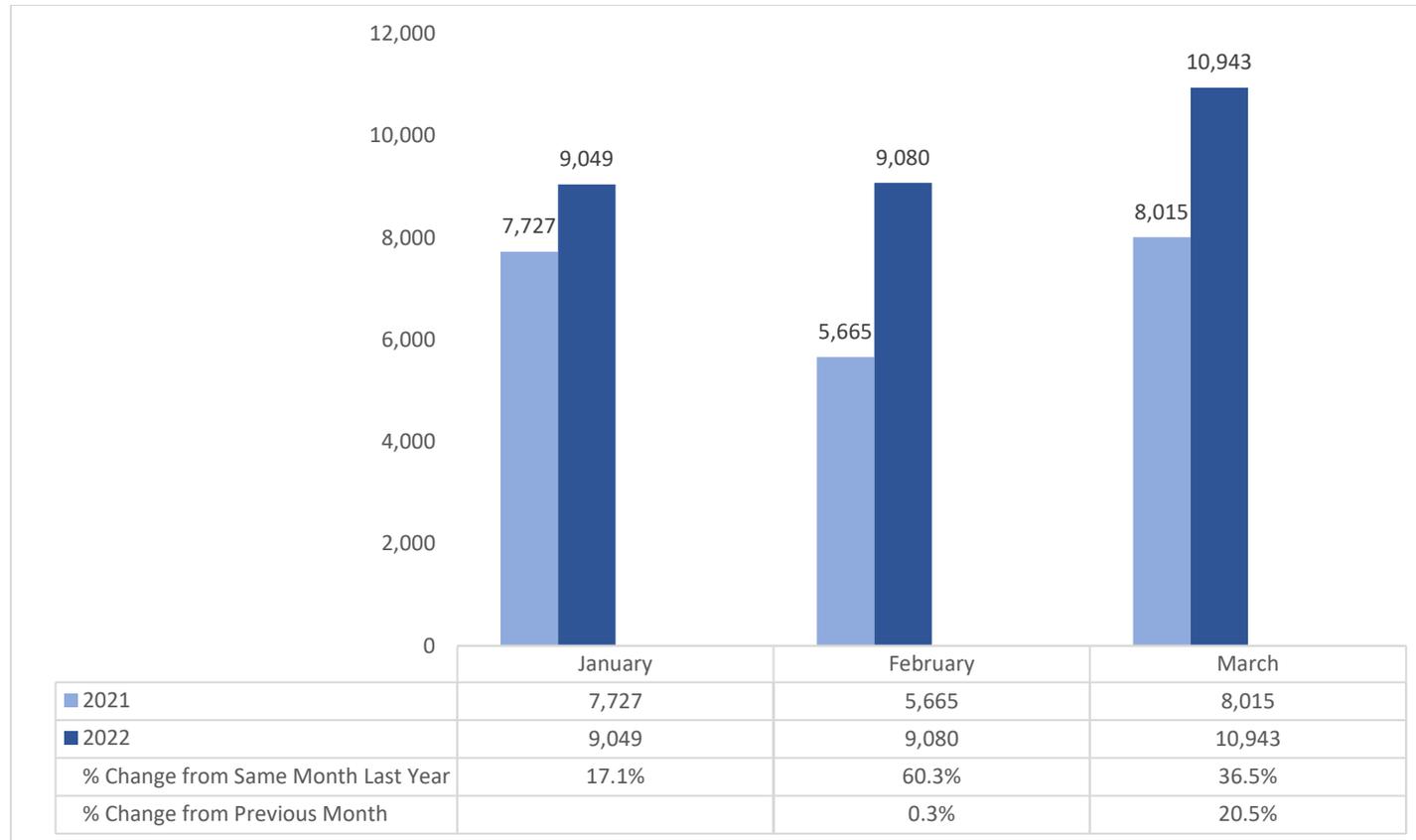
There were 10,932 circuit court criminal pleas (total charges pled) from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court criminal pleas (total charges pled) increased 101.9% in January 2022 (2,550 circuit court criminal pleas (total charges pled)) compared to January 2021 (1,263 circuit court criminal pleas (total charges pled)). In February 2022, there were 2,741 circuit court criminal pleas (total charges pled), an increase of 106.4% from February 2021 and an increase of 7.5% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 5,641 circuit court criminal pleas (total charges pled), an increase of 106.1% from March 2021 and an increase of 105.8% from February 2022.

Figure 20: Monthly Circuit Court — Criminal Pleas (Unique Cases), 2021 and 2022



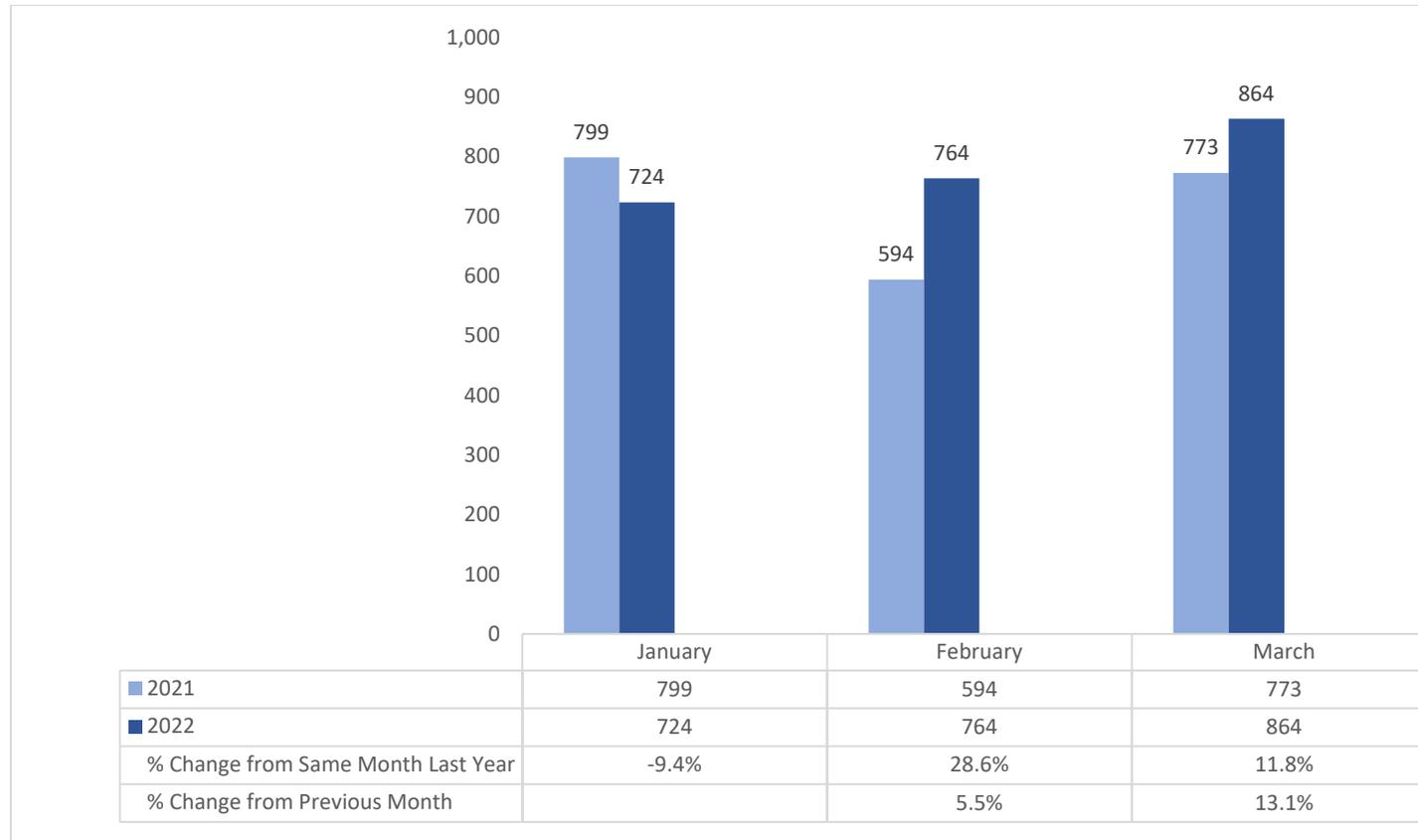
There were 4,982 circuit court criminal pleas (unique cases) from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court criminal pleas (unique cases) increased 92.7% in January 2022 (1,320 circuit court criminal pleas (unique cases)) compared to January 2021 (685 circuit court criminal pleas (unique cases)). In February 2022, there were 1,406 circuit court criminal pleas (unique cases), an increase of 97.7% from February 2021 and an increase of 6.5% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 2,256 circuit court criminal pleas (unique cases), an increase of 60.8% from March 2021 and an increase of 60.5% from February 2022.

Figure 21: Monthly Circuit Court Criminal Hearings Held/Concluded, 2021 and 2022



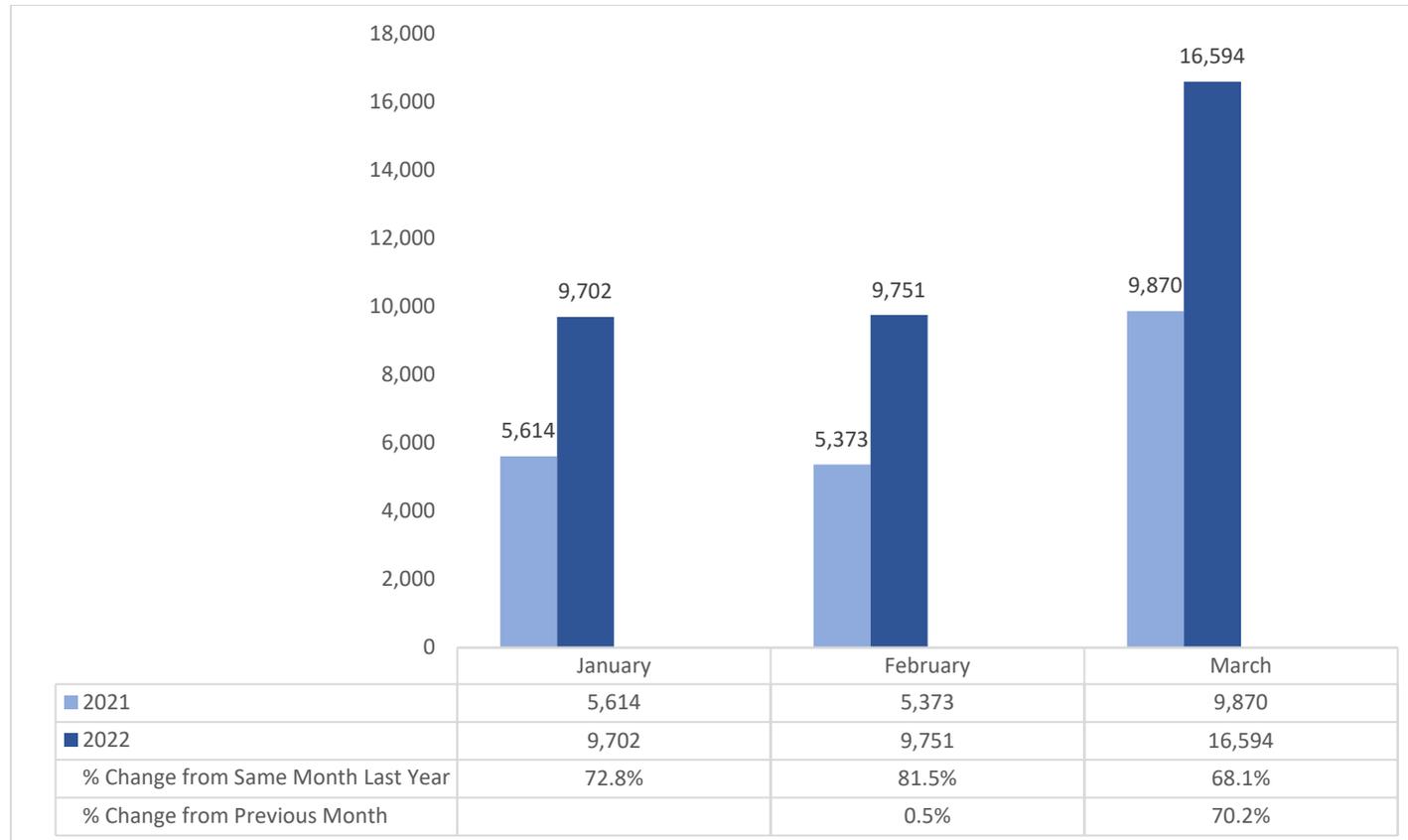
There were 29,072 circuit court criminal hearings held/concluded from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court criminal hearings held/concluded increased 17.1% in January 2022 (9,049 circuit court criminal hearings held/concluded) compared to January 2021 (7,727 circuit court criminal hearings held/concluded). In February 2022, there were 9,080 circuit court criminal hearings held/concluded, an increase of 60.3% from February 2021 and an increase of 0.3% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 10,943 circuit court criminal hearings held/concluded, an increase of 36.5% from March 2021 and an increase of 20.5% from February 2022.

Figure 22: Monthly Circuit Court Bail Review Hearings Held/Concluded, 2021 and 2022



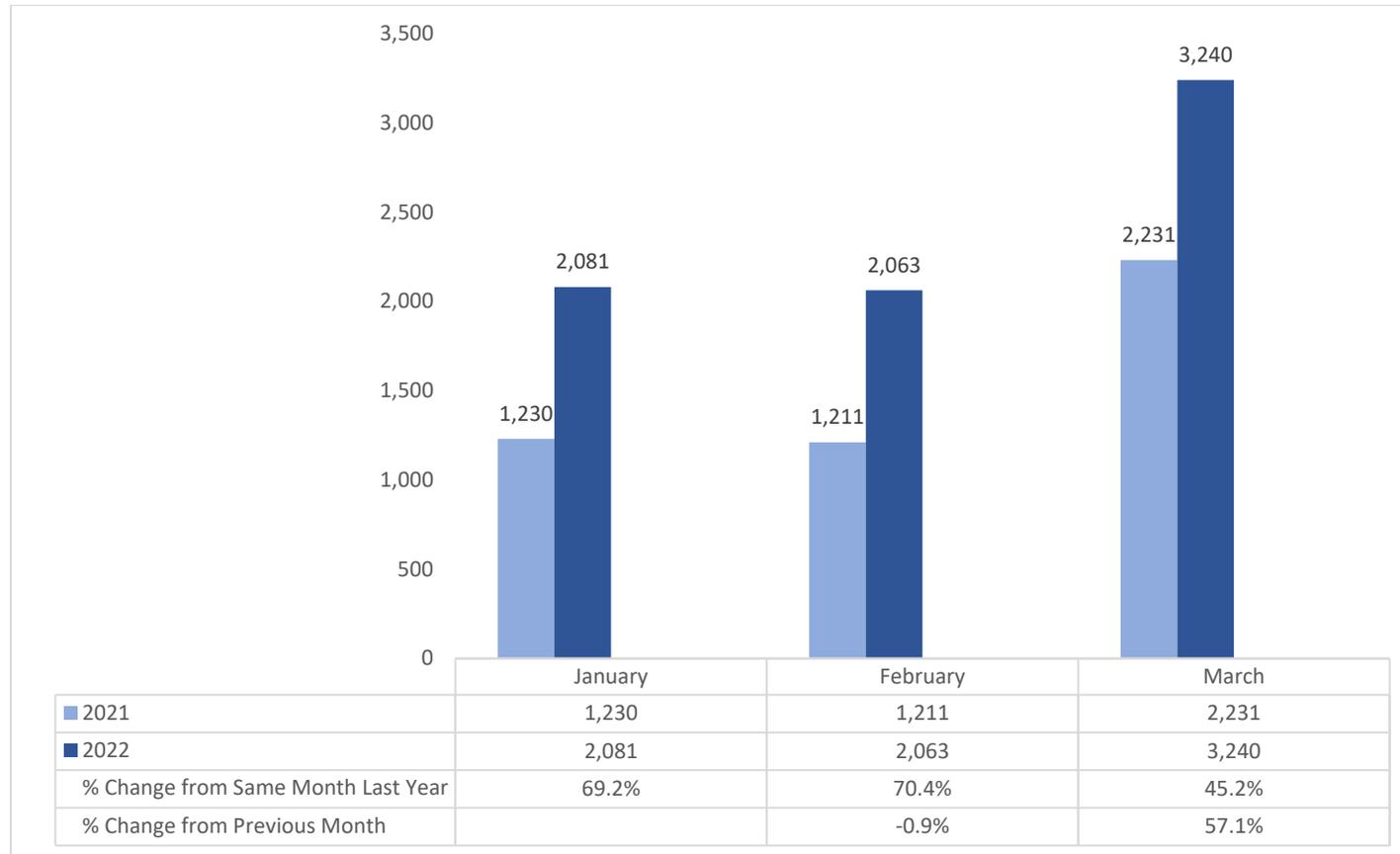
There were 2,351 circuit court bail review hearings held/concluded from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court bail review hearings held/concluded declined 9.5% in January 2022 (723 circuit court bail review hearings held/concluded) compared to January 2021 (799 circuit court bail review hearings held/concluded). In February 2022, there were 764 circuit court bail review hearings held/concluded, an increase of 11.2% from February 2021 and an increase of 5.7% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 864 circuit court bail review hearings held/concluded, a decrease of 6.7% from March 2021 and an increase of 13.1% from February 2022.

Figure 23: Monthly Circuit Court — Criminal Dispositions (Charges), 2021 and 2022



There were 36,047 circuit court criminal dispositions (charges) from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court criminal dispositions (charges) increased 72.8% in January 2022 (9,702 circuit court criminal dispositions (charges)) compared to January 2021 (5,614 circuit court criminal dispositions (charges)). In February 2022, there were 9,751 circuit court criminal dispositions (charges), an increase of 81.5% from February 2021 and an increase of 0.5% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 16,594 circuit court criminal dispositions (charges), an increase of 68.1% from March 2021 and an increase of 70.2% from February 2022.

Figure 24: Monthly Circuit Court — Criminal Dispositions (Cases), 2021 and 2022



There were 7,384 circuit court criminal dispositions (cases) from January 2022 to March 2022. Circuit court criminal dispositions (cases) increased 69.2% in January 2022 (2,081 circuit court criminal dispositions (cases)) compared to January 2021 (1,230 circuit court criminal dispositions (cases)). In February 2022, there were 2,063 circuit court criminal dispositions (cases), an increase of 70.4% from February 2021 and a decrease of 0.9% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 3,240 circuit court criminal dispositions (cases), an increase of 45.2% from March 2021 and an increase of 57.1% from February 2022.

### District Court - Original Case Filings

Table 12: District Court Original Case Filings — By Case Category\*, January-March 2021 and 2022

District Court Original Case Filings by Case Category	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Motor Vehicle	56,538	50,122	-11%	47,118	54,353	8%	15%	73,876	76,198	40%	3%
Criminal	7,502	7,254	-3%	6,885	7,224	0%	5%	8,098	8,291	15%	2%
Civil	17,613	11,026	-37%	16,220	11,390	3%	-30%	22,384	13,503	19%	-40%
Landlord-Tenant	26,283	19,047	-28%	23,883	18,018	-5%	-25%	33,053	27,746	54%	-16%
Total Filings	107,936	87,449	-19%	94,106	90,985	4%	-3%	137,411	125,738	38%	-8%

\*Case Category Notes:

- Motor vehicle filings include all citations associated with an incident, including Transportation Article §21-902, payable and must appear, mass transit, natural resource and parking and red-light violations.
- Criminal filings include criminal cases filed and fugitive warrants.
- Civil filings include civil cases and citations, domestic violence, peace order, ERPO, aids of execution, municipal infractions, emergency evaluations, forfeiture of contraband and injunctions filed.
- Landlord-tenant filings represent failure to pay rent filings.

Table 13: District Court Total Original Case Filings — By County, January-March 2021 and 2022

District Court Original Case Filings by County	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
<b>District 1</b>	14,644	11,371	-22%	11,379	11,271	-1%	-1%	15,294	17,496	55%	14%
Baltimore City	14,644	11,371	-22%	11,379	11,271	-1%	-1%	15,294	17,496	55%	14%
<b>District 2</b>	6,409	5,275	-18%	6,134	5,842	11%	-5%	9,690	7,519	29%	-22%
Dorchester	1,138	630	-45%	831	655	4%	-21%	1,273	903	38%	-29%
Somerset	935	879	-6%	988	847	-4%	-14%	1,352	1,237	46%	-9%
Wicomico	2,632	2,131	-19%	2,650	2,553	20%	-4%	3,708	2,829	11%	-24%
Worcester	1,704	1,635	-4%	1,665	1,787	9%	7%	3,357	2,550	43%	-24%
<b>District 3</b>	5,404	4,205	-22%	4,783	4,733	13%	-1%	7,676	6,701	42%	-13%
Caroline	671	569	-15%	690	516	-9%	-25%	1,035	965	87%	-7%
Cecil	2,358	1,992	-16%	2,034	2,089	5%	3%	3,604	2,973	42%	-18%
Kent	323	265	-18%	257	314	18%	22%	481	395	26%	-18%
Queen Anne's	1,256	762	-39%	1,082	1,056	39%	-2%	1,578	1,374	30%	-13%
Talbot	796	617	-22%	720	758	23%	5%	978	994	31%	2%
<b>District 4</b>	6,064	4,775	-21%	4,724	5,396	13%	14%	7,160	6,439	19%	-10%
Calvert	1,371	1,110	-19%	1,143	1,276	15%	12%	1,736	1,496	17%	-14%
Charles	2,449	1,907	-22%	2,012	2,383	25%	18%	3,101	3,022	27%	-3%
St. Mary's	2,244	1,758	-22%	1,569	1,737	-1%	11%	2,323	1,921	11%	-17%
<b>District 5</b>	21,603	16,392	-24%	20,530	18,027	10%	-12%	24,577	24,762	37%	1%
Prince George's	21,603	16,392	-24%	20,530	18,027	10%	-12%	24,577	24,762	37%	1%
<b>District 6</b>	10,259	8,592	-16%	8,451	7,693	-10%	-9%	11,985	10,754	40%	-10%
Montgomery	10,259	8,592	-16%	8,451	7,693	-10%	-9%	11,985	10,754	40%	-10%
<b>District 7</b>	8,812	8,261	-6%	9,582	8,587	4%	-10%	14,106	12,586	47%	-11%
Anne Arundel	8,812	8,261	-6%	9,582	8,587	4%	-10%	14,106	12,586	47%	-11%
<b>District 8</b>	19,768	15,245	-23%	15,402	15,424	1%	0%	25,155	20,470	33%	-19%
Baltimore	19,768	15,245	-23%	15,402	15,424	1%	0%	25,155	20,470	33%	-19%
<b>District 9</b>	3,782	3,053	-19%	3,501	3,506	15%	0%	5,500	5,231	49%	-5%
Harford	3,782	3,053	-19%	3,501	3,506	15%	0%	5,500	5,231	49%	-5%
<b>District 10</b>	5,187	4,532	-13%	4,091	4,213	-7%	3%	7,054	5,681	35%	-19%
Howard	3,357	2,890	-14%	2,292	2,518	-13%	10%	4,400	3,621	44%	-18%
Carroll	1,830	1,642	-10%	1,799	1,695	3%	-6%	2,654	2,060	22%	-22%
<b>District 11</b>	4,448	4,280	-4%	3,895	4,414	3%	13%	6,483	5,787	31%	-11%
Frederick	2,216	2,423	9%	2,086	2,441	1%	17%	3,694	3,400	39%	-8%
Washington	2,232	1,857	-17%	1,809	1,973	6%	9%	2,789	2,387	21%	-14%
<b>District 12</b>	1,556	1,468	-6%	1,634	1,879	28%	15%	2,731	2,312	23%	-15%
Allegany	1,204	919	-24%	1,253	1,211	32%	-3%	1,975	1,410	16%	-29%
Garrett	352	549	56%	381	668	22%	75%	756	902	35%	19%
<b>State Totals</b>	107,936	87,449	-19%	94,106	90,985	4%	-3%	137,411	125,738	38%	-8%

Table 14: District Court Civil Original Case Filings — By County, January-March 2021 and 2022

District Court Civil Original Case Filings by County	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
<b>District 1</b>	2,274	1,982	-13%	2,108	1,889	-5%	-10%	2,978	2,488	32%	-16%
Baltimore City	2,274	1,982	-13%	2,108	1,889	-5%	-10%	2,978	2,488	32%	-16%
<b>District 2</b>	900	404	-55%	934	526	30%	-44%	1,126	573	9%	-49%
Dorchester	136	45	-67%	160	91	102%	-43%	158	93	2%	-41%
Somerset	82	61	-26%	95	43	-30%	-55%	153	79	84%	-48%
Wicomico	488	191	-61%	467	281	47%	-40%	575	289	3%	-50%
Worcester	194	107	-45%	212	111	4%	-48%	240	112	1%	-53%
<b>District 3</b>	643	361	-44%	655	394	9%	-40%	829	433	10%	-48%
Caroline	98	59	-40%	92	39	-34%	-58%	111	103	164%	-7%
Cecil	273	174	-36%	293	189	9%	-35%	377	172	-9%	-54%
Kent	32	17	-47%	49	15	-12%	-69%	47	22	47%	-53%
Queen Anne's	149	56	-62%	126	75	34%	-40%	167	65	-13%	-61%
Talbot	91	55	-40%	95	76	38%	-20%	127	71	-7%	-44%
<b>District 4</b>	1,082	658	-39%	1,014	655	0%	-35%	1,374	810	24%	-41%
Calvert	279	166	-41%	219	151	-9%	-31%	293	184	22%	-37%
Charles	546	330	-40%	559	325	-2%	-42%	794	426	31%	-46%
St. Mary's	257	162	-37%	236	179	10%	-24%	287	200	12%	-30%
<b>District 5</b>	3,719	3,239	-13%	3,392	2,869	-11%	-15%	4,787	3,408	19%	-29%
Prince George's	3,719	3,239	-13%	3,392	2,869	-11%	-15%	4,787	3,408	19%	-29%
<b>District 6</b>	1,966	941	-52%	1,852	1,301	38%	-30%	2,722	1,403	8%	-48%
Montgomery	1,966	941	-52%	1,852	1,301	38%	-30%	2,722	1,403	8%	-48%
<b>District 7</b>	1,398	572	-59%	1,266	818	43%	-35%	1,724	888	9%	-48%
Anne Arundel	1,398	572	-59%	1,266	818	43%	-35%	1,724	888	9%	-48%
<b>District 8</b>	3,051	1,559	-49%	2,688	1,586	2%	-41%	3,597	1,830	15%	-49%
Baltimore	3,051	1,559	-49%	2,688	1,586	2%	-41%	3,597	1,830	15%	-49%
<b>District 9</b>	785	402	-49%	568	405	1%	-29%	867	499	23%	-42%
Harford	785	402	-49%	568	405	1%	-29%	867	499	23%	-42%
<b>District 10</b>	813	372	-54%	738	391	5%	-47%	985	544	39%	-45%
Howard	550	263	-52%	509	265	1%	-48%	674	378	43%	-44%
Carroll	263	109	-59%	229	126	16%	-45%	311	166	32%	-47%
<b>District 11</b>	801	450	-44%	823	445	-1%	-46%	1,117	495	11%	-56%
Frederick	415	241	-42%	452	234	-3%	-48%	605	259	11%	-57%
Washington	386	209	-46%	371	211	1%	-43%	512	236	12%	-54%
<b>District 12</b>	181	86	-52%	182	111	29%	-39%	278	132	19%	-53%
Allegany	136	62	-54%	117	82	32%	-30%	217	87	6%	-60%
Garrett	45	24	-47%	65	29	21%	-55%	61	45	55%	-26%
<b>State Totals</b>	17,613	11,026	-37%	16,220	11,390	3%	-30%	22,384	13,503	19%	-40%

Table 15: District Court Motor Vehicle Original Case Filings — By County, January-March 2021 and 2022

District Court Motor Vehicle Original Case Filings by County	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
<b>District 1</b>	6,263	4,020	-36%	4,062	4,518	12%	11%	6,086	7,972	76%	31%
Baltimore City	6,263	4,020	-36%	4,062	4,518	12%	11%	6,086	7,972	76%	31%
<b>District 2</b>	4,744	4,095	-14%	4,223	4,291	5%	2%	7,161	5,827	36%	-19%
Dorchester	888	465	-48%	592	436	-6%	-26%	955	666	53%	-30%
Somerset	745	694	-7%	786	698	1%	-11%	1,047	957	37%	-9%
Wicomico	1,711	1,568	-8%	1,516	1,615	3%	7%	2,329	1,974	22%	-15%
Worcester	1,400	1,368	-2%	1,329	1,542	13%	16%	2,830	2,230	45%	-21%
<b>District 3</b>	4,127	3,321	-20%	3,469	3,752	13%	8%	5,881	5,563	48%	-5%
Caroline	501	477	-5%	520	402	-16%	-23%	804	756	88%	-6%
Cecil	1,688	1,472	-13%	1,342	1,550	5%	15%	2,594	2,357	52%	-9%
Kent	264	220	-17%	175	268	22%	53%	392	345	29%	-12%
Queen Anne's	1,034	659	-36%	883	917	39%	4%	1,311	1,243	36%	-5%
Talbot	640	493	-23%	549	615	25%	12%	780	862	40%	11%
<b>District 4</b>	3,845	3,354	-13%	2,762	3,792	13%	37%	4,644	4,715	24%	2%
Calvert	919	806	-12%	773	966	20%	25%	1,211	1,154	19%	-5%
Charles	1,276	1,265	-1%	921	1,543	22%	68%	1,784	2,164	40%	21%
St. Mary's	1,650	1,283	-22%	1,068	1,283	0%	20%	1,649	1,397	9%	-15%
<b>District 5</b>	10,640	8,215	-23%	9,349	11,445	39%	22%	12,858	13,698	20%	7%
Prince George's	10,640	8,215	-23%	9,349	11,445	39%	22%	12,858	13,698	20%	7%
<b>District 6</b>	4,821	5,421	12%	3,949	4,432	-18%	12%	5,588	6,056	37%	8%
Montgomery	4,821	5,421	12%	3,949	4,432	-18%	12%	5,588	6,056	37%	8%
<b>District 7</b>	6,279	6,269	0%	5,563	5,921	-6%	6%	8,558	8,761	48%	2%
Anne Arundel	6,279	6,269	0%	5,563	5,921	-6%	6%	8,558	8,761	48%	2%
<b>District 8</b>	6,726	6,280	-7%	5,442	6,490	3%	19%	8,763	10,605	63%	21%
Baltimore	6,726	6,280	-7%	5,442	6,490	3%	19%	8,763	10,605	63%	21%
<b>District 9</b>	2,091	1,961	-6%	2,042	2,335	19%	14%	3,676	3,465	48%	-6%
Harford	2,091	1,961	-6%	2,042	2,335	19%	14%	3,676	3,465	48%	-6%
<b>District 10</b>	3,259	3,211	-1%	2,927	3,028	-6%	3%	4,686	3,926	30%	-16%
Howard	1,964	1,875	-5%	1,616	1,681	-10%	4%	2,643	2,326	38%	-12%
Carroll	1,295	1,336	3%	1,311	1,347	1%	3%	2,043	1,600	19%	-22%
<b>District 11</b>	2,587	2,801	8%	2,163	2,826	1%	31%	3,868	3,777	34%	-2%
Frederick	1,396	1,669	20%	1,175	1,708	2%	45%	2,329	2,351	38%	1%
Washington	1,191	1,132	-5%	988	1,118	-1%	13%	1,539	1,426	28%	-7%
<b>District 12</b>	1,156	1,174	2%	1,167	1,523	30%	31%	2,107	1,833	20%	-13%
Allegany	901	693	-23%	885	930	34%	5%	1,487	1,040	12%	-30%
Garrett	255	481	89%	282	593	23%	110%	620	793	34%	28%
<b>State Totals</b>	56,538	50,122	-11%	47,118	54,353	8%	15%	73,876	76,198	40%	3%

Table 16: District Court Landlord-Tenant Original Case Filings — By County, January-March 2021 and 2022

District Court Landlord-Tenant Cases Filed by County	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
<b>District 1</b>	4,838	4,128	-15%	4,042	3,581	-13%	-11%	4,840	5,637	57%	16%
Baltimore City	4,838	4,128	-15%	4,042	3,581	-13%	-11%	4,840	5,637	57%	16%
<b>District 2</b>	300	301	0%	543	580	93%	7%	844	601	4%	-29%
Dorchester	0	39	-	0	55	41%	-	65	72	31%	11%
Somerset	24	60	150%	30	67	12%	123%	82	142	112%	73%
Wicomico	273	187	-32%	493	441	136%	-11%	612	358	-19%	-42%
Worcester	3	15	400%	20	17	13%	-15%	85	29	71%	-66%
<b>District 3</b>	138	93	-33%	171	136	46%	-20%	365	223	64%	-39%
Caroline	2	7	250%	1	13	86%	1200%	33	13	0%	-61%
Cecil	121	76	-37%	138	104	37%	-25%	299	192	85%	-36%
Kent	1	1	0%	3	1	0%	-67%	7	0	-100%	-100%
Queen Anne's	13	2	-85%	11	11	450%	0%	17	14	27%	-18%
Talbot	1	7	600%	18	7	0%	-61%	9	4	-43%	-56%
<b>District 4</b>	594	234	-61%	439	411	76%	-6%	511	388	-6%	-24%
Calvert	24	23	-4%	8	22	-4%	175%	45	18	-18%	-60%
Charles	391	106	-73%	303	285	169%	-6%	266	216	-24%	-19%
St. Mary's	179	105	-41%	128	104	-1%	-19%	200	154	48%	-23%
<b>District 5</b>	6,205	4,063	-35%	6,821	2,798	-31%	-59%	5,917	6,628	137%	12%
Prince George's	6,205	4,063	-35%	6,821	2,798	-31%	-59%	5,917	6,628	137%	12%
<b>District 6</b>	2,974	1,666	-44%	2,229	1,409	-15%	-37%	3,107	2,635	87%	-15%
Montgomery	2,974	1,666	-44%	2,229	1,409	-15%	-37%	3,107	2,635	87%	-15%
<b>District 7</b>	119	569	378%	1,861	1,031	81%	-45%	2,856	1,944	89%	-32%
Anne Arundel	119	569	378%	1,861	1,031	81%	-45%	2,856	1,944	89%	-32%
<b>District 8</b>	9,076	6,471	-29%	6,539	6,458	0%	-1%	11,910	7,029	9%	-41%
Baltimore	9,076	6,471	-29%	6,539	6,458	0%	-1%	11,910	7,029	9%	-41%
<b>District 9</b>	600	425	-29%	613	469	10%	-23%	613	931	99%	52%
Harford	600	425	-29%	613	469	10%	-23%	613	931	99%	52%
<b>District 10</b>	800	619	-23%	106	501	-19%	373%	1,038	870	74%	-16%
Howard	675	573	-15%	6	443	-23%	7283%	917	767	73%	-16%
Carroll	125	46	-63%	100	58	26%	-42%	121	103	78%	-15%
<b>District 11</b>	636	478	-25%	476	643	35%	35%	985	810	26%	-18%
Frederick	219	216	-1%	223	282	31%	26%	527	424	50%	-20%
Washington	417	262	-37%	253	361	38%	43%	458	386	7%	-16%
<b>District 12</b>	3	0	-100%	43	1	-	-98%	67	50	4900%	-25%
Allegany	3	0	-100%	41	0	-	-100%	55	41	-	-25%
Garrett	0	0	-	2	1	-	-50%	12	9	800%	-25%
<b>State Totals</b>	26,283	19,047	-28%	23,883	18,018	-5%	-25%	33,053	27,746	54%	-16%

Table 17: District Court Criminal Original Case Filings — By County, January-March 2021 and 2022

District Court Criminal Original Case Filings by County	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
<b>District 1</b>	1,269	1,241	-2%	1,167	1,283	3%	10%	1,390	1,399	9%	1%
Baltimore City	1,269	1,241	-2%	1,167	1,283	3%	10%	1,390	1,399	9%	1%
<b>District 2</b>	465	475	2%	434	445	-6%	3%	559	518	16%	-7%
Dorchester	114	81	-29%	79	73	-10%	-8%	95	72	-1%	-24%
Somerset	84	64	-24%	77	39	-39%	-49%	70	59	51%	-16%
Wicomico	160	185	16%	174	216	17%	24%	192	208	-4%	8%
Worcester	107	145	36%	104	117	-19%	13%	202	179	53%	-11%
<b>District 3</b>	496	430	-13%	488	451	5%	-8%	601	482	7%	-20%
Caroline	70	26	-63%	77	62	138%	-19%	87	93	50%	7%
Cecil	276	270	-2%	261	246	-9%	-6%	334	252	2%	-25%
Kent	26	27	4%	30	30	11%	0%	35	28	-7%	-20%
Queen Anne's	60	45	-25%	62	53	18%	-15%	83	52	-2%	-37%
Talbot	64	62	-3%	58	60	-3%	3%	62	57	-5%	-8%
<b>District 4</b>	543	529	-3%	509	538	2%	6%	631	526	-2%	-17%
Calvert	149	115	-23%	143	137	19%	-4%	187	140	2%	-25%
Charles	236	206	-13%	229	230	12%	0%	257	216	-6%	-16%
St. Mary's	158	208	32%	137	171	-18%	25%	187	170	-1%	-9%
<b>District 5</b>	1,039	875	-16%	968	915	5%	-5%	1,015	1,028	12%	1%
Prince George's	1,039	875	-16%	968	915	5%	-5%	1,015	1,028	12%	1%
<b>District 6</b>	498	564	13%	421	551	-2%	31%	568	660	20%	16%
Montgomery	498	564	13%	421	551	-2%	31%	568	660	20%	16%
<b>District 7</b>	1,016	851	-16%	892	817	-4%	-8%	968	993	22%	3%
Anne Arundel	1,016	851	-16%	892	817	-4%	-8%	968	993	22%	3%
<b>District 8</b>	915	935	2%	733	890	-5%	21%	885	1,006	13%	14%
Baltimore	915	935	2%	733	890	-5%	21%	885	1,006	13%	14%
<b>District 9</b>	306	265	-13%	278	297	12%	7%	344	336	13%	-2%
Harford	306	265	-13%	278	297	12%	7%	344	336	13%	-2%
<b>District 10</b>	315	330	5%	320	293	-11%	-8%	345	341	16%	-1%
Howard	168	179	7%	161	129	-28%	-20%	166	150	16%	-10%
Carroll	147	151	3%	159	164	9%	3%	179	191	16%	7%
<b>District 11</b>	424	551	30%	433	500	-9%	15%	513	705	41%	37%
Frederick	186	297	60%	236	217	-27%	-8%	233	366	69%	57%
Washington	238	254	7%	197	283	11%	44%	280	339	20%	21%
<b>District 12</b>	216	208	-4%	242	244	17%	1%	279	297	22%	6%
Allegany	164	164	0%	210	199	21%	-5%	216	242	22%	12%
Garrett	52	44	-15%	32	45	2%	41%	63	55	22%	-13%
<b>State Totals</b>	7,502	7,254	-3%	6,885	7,224	0%	5%	8,098	8,291	15%	2%

## District Court Domestic Violence Case Activity

### Protective Orders

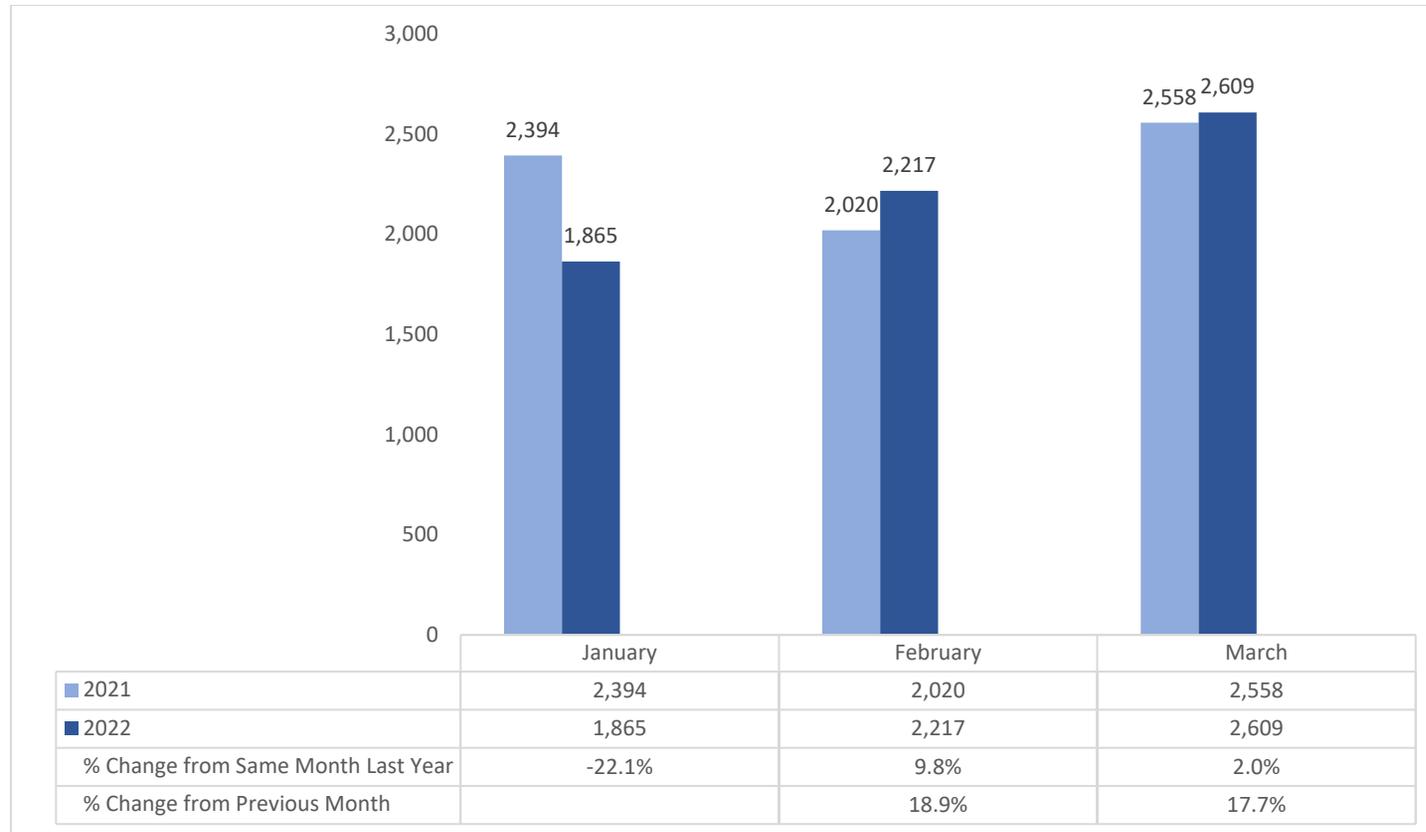
Table 18: District Court Domestic Original Case Filings, Protective Orders\* by Order Type and Hearings Held/Concluded, January-March 2021 and 2022

District Court Domestic Violence Protective Orders, Hearings and Case Filings by Month and Year	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Domestic Violence Cases Filed	2,394	1,865	-22.1%	2,020	2,217	18.9%	9.8%	2,558	2,609	17.7%	2.0%
Domestic Violence Protective Orders	5,224	4,794	-8.2%	4,333	4,558	-4.9%	5.2%	5,367	5,400	18.5%	0.6%
Interim	1,250	1,164	-6.9%	993	1,053	-9.5%	6.0%	1,136	1,108	5.2%	-2.5%
Temporary	3,336	3,060	-8.3%	2,762	2,845	-7.0%	3.0%	3,481	3,485	22.5%	0.1%
Final	638	570	-10.7%	578	660	15.8%	14.2%	750	807	22.3%	7.6%
Domestic Violence Protective Order Hearings	6,775	6,417	-5.3%	5,848	6,030	-6.0%	3.1%	7,158	7,185	19.2%	0.4%

Source: Maryland District Court Headquarters Monthly Statistics.

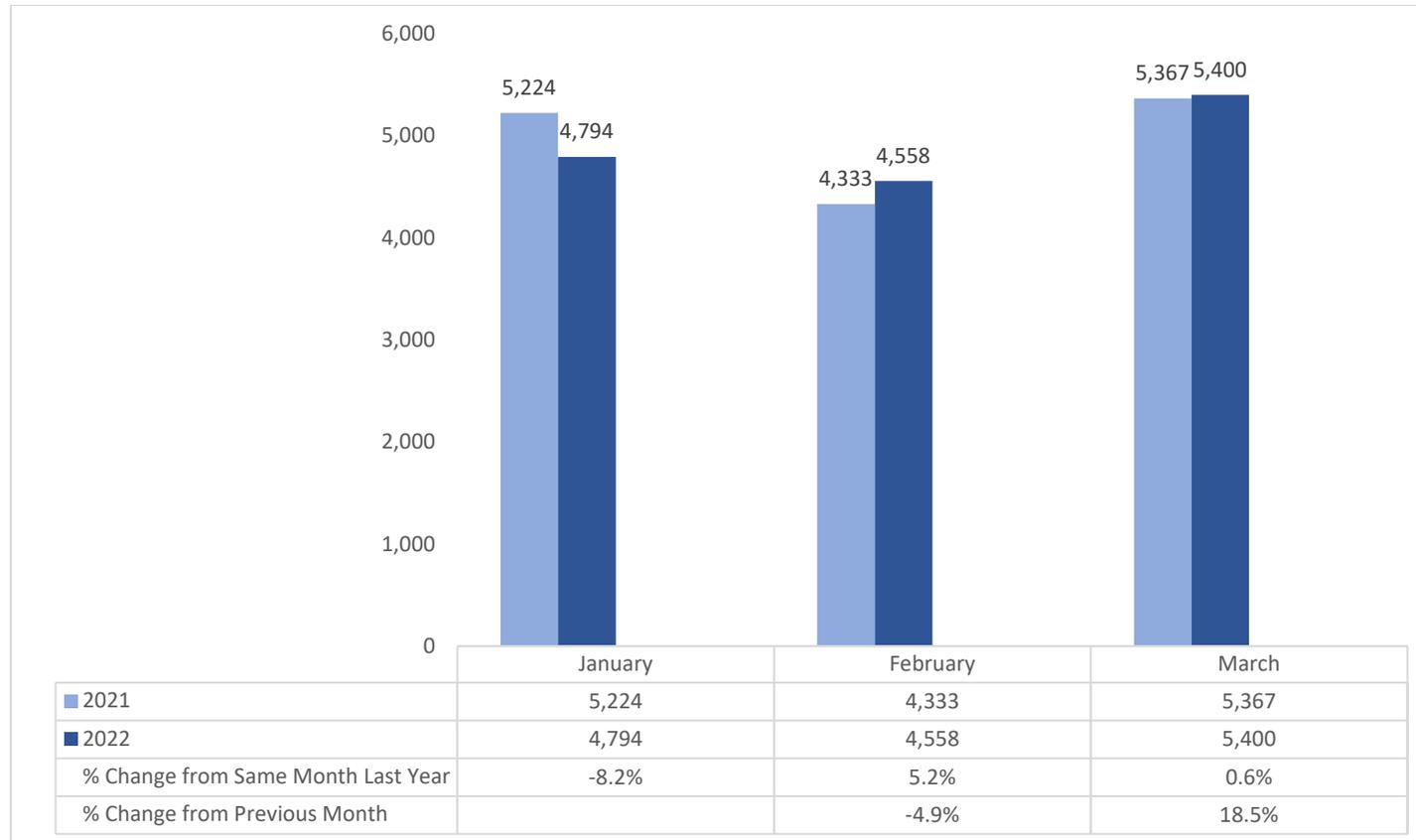
\*During Phase I, the clerks’ offices were closed resulting in all protective, peace, and ERPOs being handled as interim hearings by commissioners. Interim orders remained in place until acted upon by the court or when the clerks’ offices reopened on July 20, 2020. Prior to the pandemic, commissioners only heard interims when clerks’ offices were not open.

Figure 25: Monthly District Court Domestic Violence Original Case Filings for Protective Orders 2021 and 2022



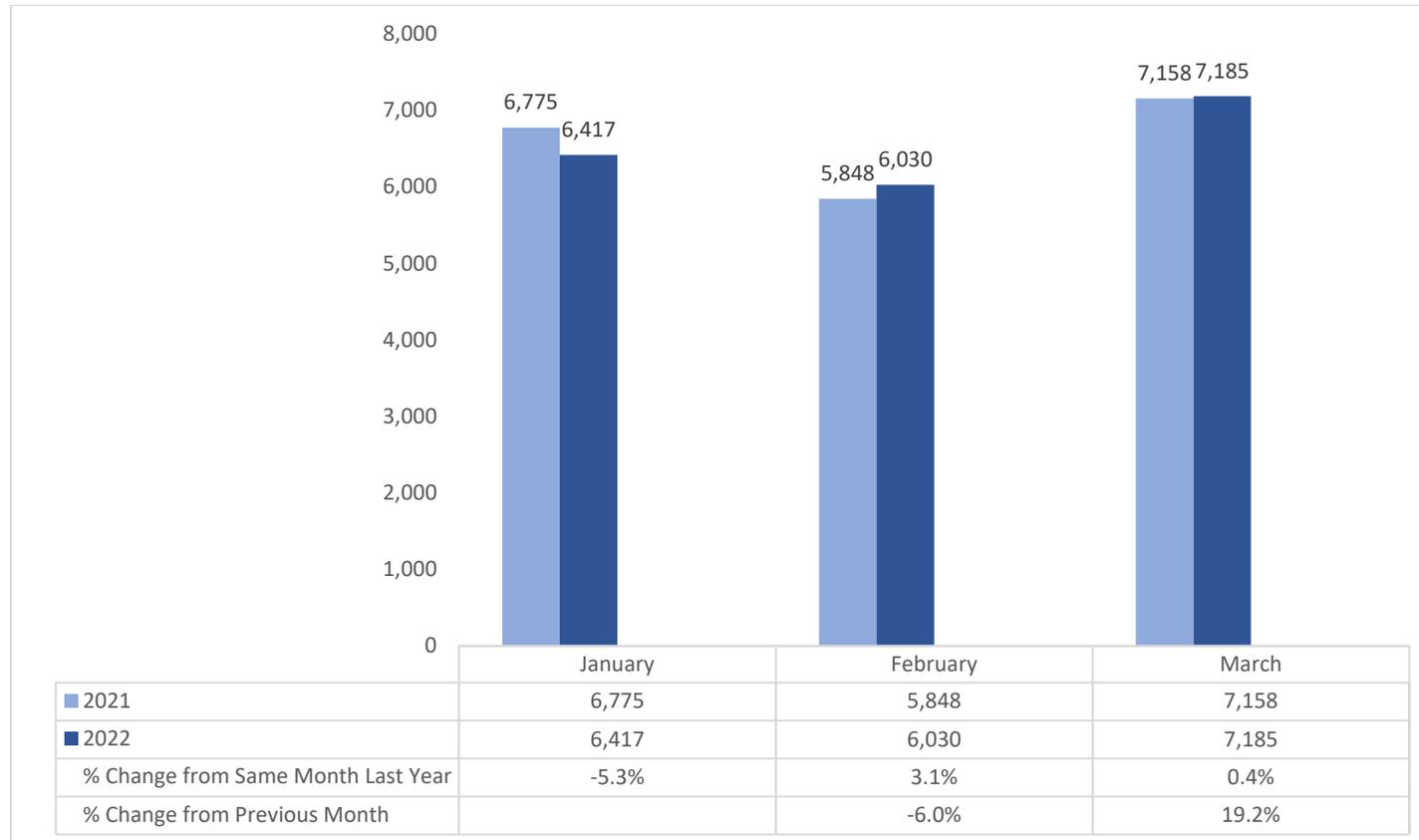
There were 6,691 domestic violence cases filed from January 2022 to March 2022. Domestic violence cases filed declined 22.1% in January 2022 (1,865 domestic violence cases filed) compared to January 2021 (2,394 domestic violence cases filed). In February 2022, there were 2,217 domestic violence cases filed, an increase of 9.8% from February 2021 and an increase of 18.9% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 2,609 domestic violence cases filed, an increase of 2.0% from March 2021 and an increase of 17.7% from February 2022.

Figure 26: Monthly Total District Court Domestic Violence Protective Orders, 2021 and 2022



There were 14,752 domestic violence protective orders from January 2022 to March 2022. Domestic violence protective orders declined 8.2% in January 2022 (4,794 domestic violence protective orders) compared to January 2021 (5,224 domestic violence protective orders). In February 2022, there were 4,558 domestic violence protective orders, an increase of 5.2% from February 2021 and a decrease of 4.9% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 5,400 domestic violence protective orders, an increase of 0.6% from March 2021 and an increase of 18.5% from February 2022.

Figure 27: Monthly District Court Domestic Violence Protective Order Hearings Held/Concluded, 2021 and 2022



There were 19,632 domestic violence protective order hearings from January 2022 to March 2022. Domestic violence protective order hearings declined 5.3% in January 2022 (6,417 domestic violence protective order hearings) compared to January 2021 (6,775 domestic violence protective order hearings). In February 2022, there were 6,030 domestic violence protective order hearings, an increase of 3.1% from February 2021 and a decrease of 6.0% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 7,185 domestic violence protective order hearings, an increase of 0.4% from March 2021 and an increase of 19.2% from February 2022.

### Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPO)

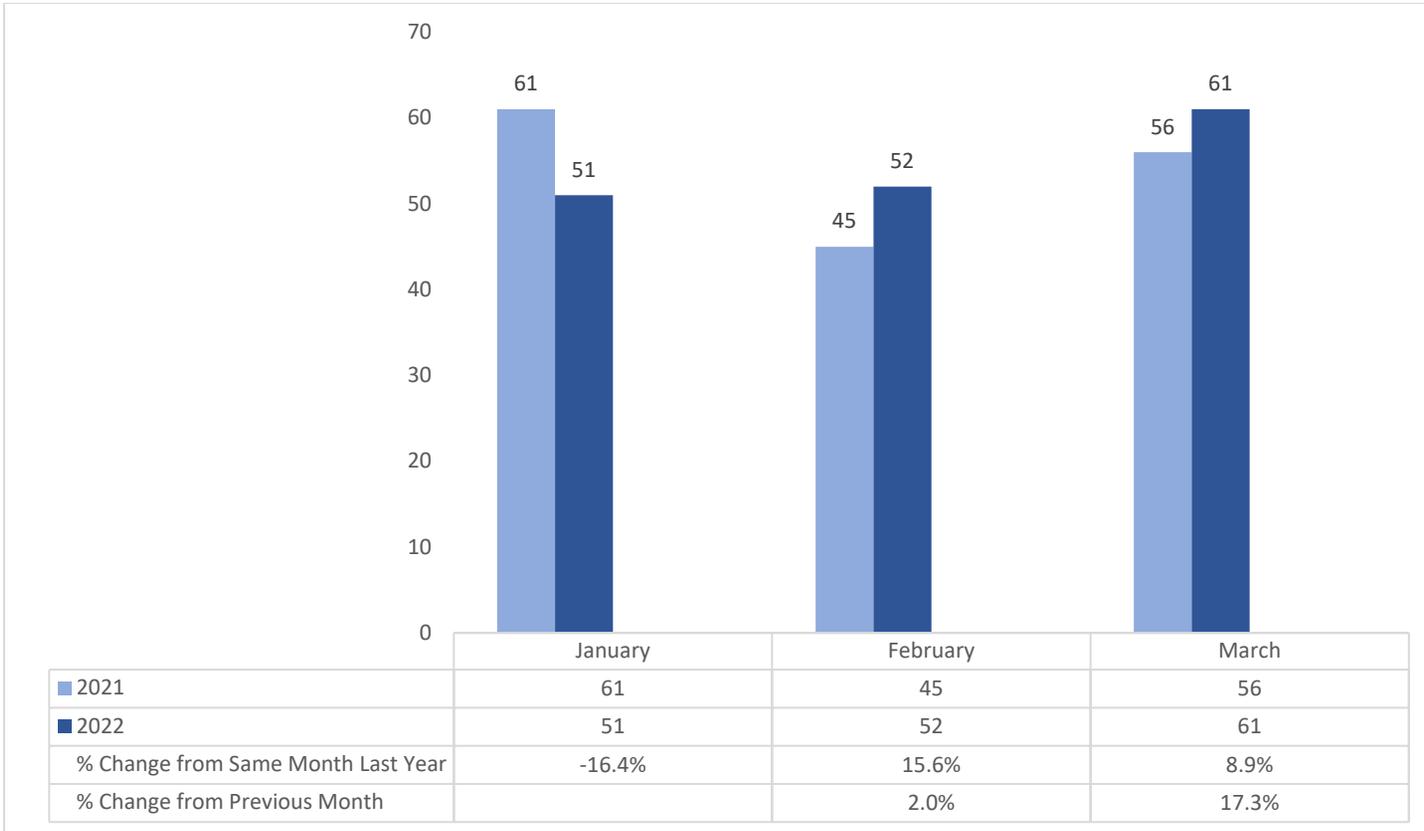
Table 19: District Court ERPO\* Original Case Filings, ERPOs by Order Type and Hearings Held/Concluded, January-March 2021 and 2022

District Court ERPO Case Activity by Month and Year	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
ERPO Cases Filed	61	51	-16.4%	45	52	2.0%	15.6%	56	61	17.3%	8.9%
ERPOs	140	124	-11.4%	123	109	-12.1%	-11.4%	151	153	40.4%	1.3%
Interim	47	39	-17.0%	29	34	-12.8%	17.2%	37	41	20.6%	10.8%
Temporary	70	56	-20.0%	70	53	-5.4%	-24.3%	80	67	26.4%	-16.3%
Final	23	29	26.1%	24	22	-24.1%	-8.3%	34	45	104.5%	32.4%
ERPO Hearings	171	152	-11.1%	143	133	-12.5%	-7.0%	185	174	30.8%	-5.9%

Source: Maryland District Court Headquarters Monthly Statistics.

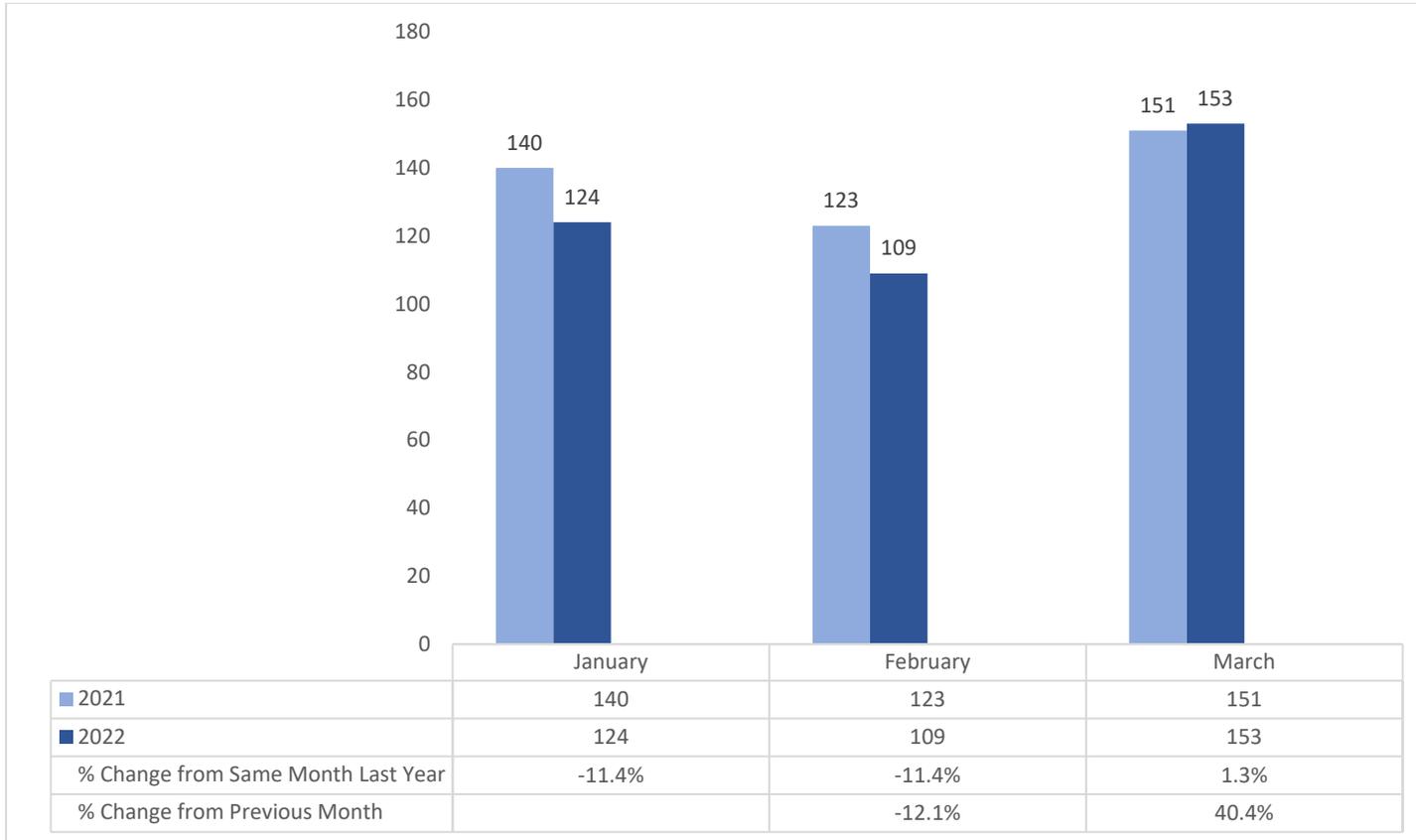
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Figure 28: Monthly District Court ERPO Original Case Filings, 2021 and 2022



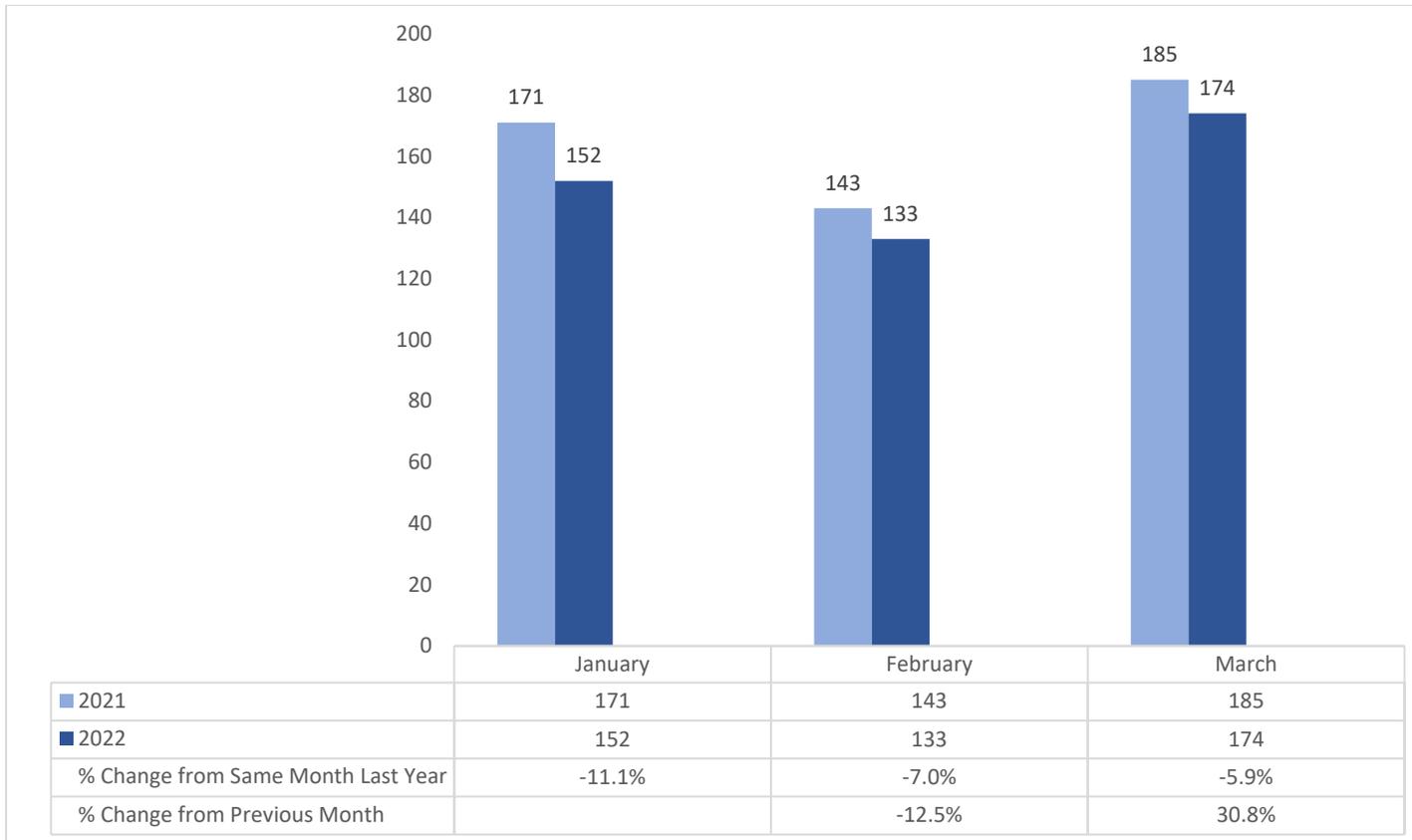
There were 164 ERPO cases filed from January 2022 to March 2022. ERPO cases filed declined 16.4% in January 2022 (51 ERPO cases filed) compared to January 2021 (61 ERPO cases filed). In February 2022, there were 52 ERPO cases filed, an increase of 15.6% from February 2021 and an increase of 2.0% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 61 ERPO cases filed, an increase of 8.9% from March 2021 and an increase of 17.3% from February 2022.

Figure 29: Monthly Total District Court ERPOs, 2021 and 2022



There were 386 ERPOs from January 2022 to March 2022. ERPOs declined 11.4% in January 2022 (124 ERPOs) compared to January 2021 (140 ERPOs). In February 2022, there were 109 ERPOs, a decrease of 11.4% from February 2021 and a decrease of 12.1% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 153 ERPOs, an increase of 1.3% from March 2021 and an increase of 40.4% from February 2022.

Figure 30: Monthly District Court ERPO Hearings Held/Concluded, 2021 and 2022



There were 459 ERPO hearings from January 2022 to March 2022. ERPO hearings declined 11.1% in January 2022 (152 ERPO hearings) compared to January 2021 (171 ERPO hearings). In February 2022, there were 133 ERPO hearings, a decrease of 7.0% from February 2021 and a decrease of 12.5% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 174 ERPO hearings, a decrease of 5.9% from March 2021 and an increase of 30.8% from February 2022.

**Peace Orders**

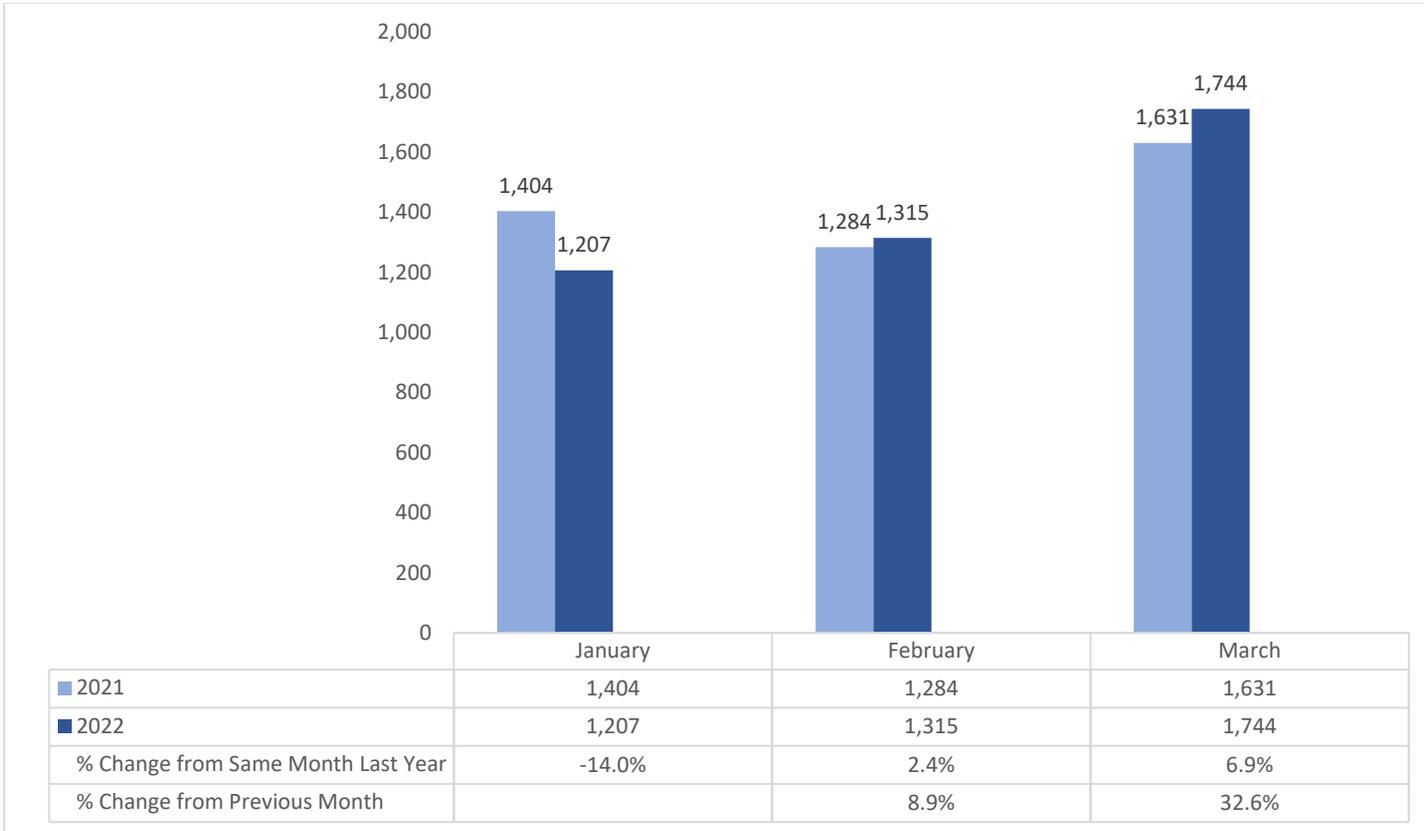
*Table 20: District Court Peace Order\* Original Case Filings, Peace Orders by Order Type and Hearings Held/Concluded, January-March 2021 and 2022*

District Court Peace Orders, Cases Filed and Hearings by Month and Year	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Peace Order Cases Filed	1,404	1,207	-14.0%	1,284	1,315	8.9%	2.4%	1,631	1,744	32.6%	6.9%
Peace Orders	2,100	1,912	-9.0%	2,010	1,967	2.9%	-2.1%	2,593	2,680	36.2%	3.4%
Interim	578	490	-15.2%	520	497	1.4%	-4.4%	544	646	30.0%	18.8%
Temporary	1,125	1,078	-4.2%	1,130	1,124	4.3%	-0.5%	1,521	1,506	34.0%	-1.0%
Final	397	344	-13.4%	360	346	0.6%	-3.9%	528	528	52.6%	0.0%
Peace Order Hearings	3,003	2,874	-4.3%	2,908	2,819	-1.9%	-3.1%	3,704	3,936	39.6%	6.3%

Source: Maryland District Court Headquarters Monthly Statistics.

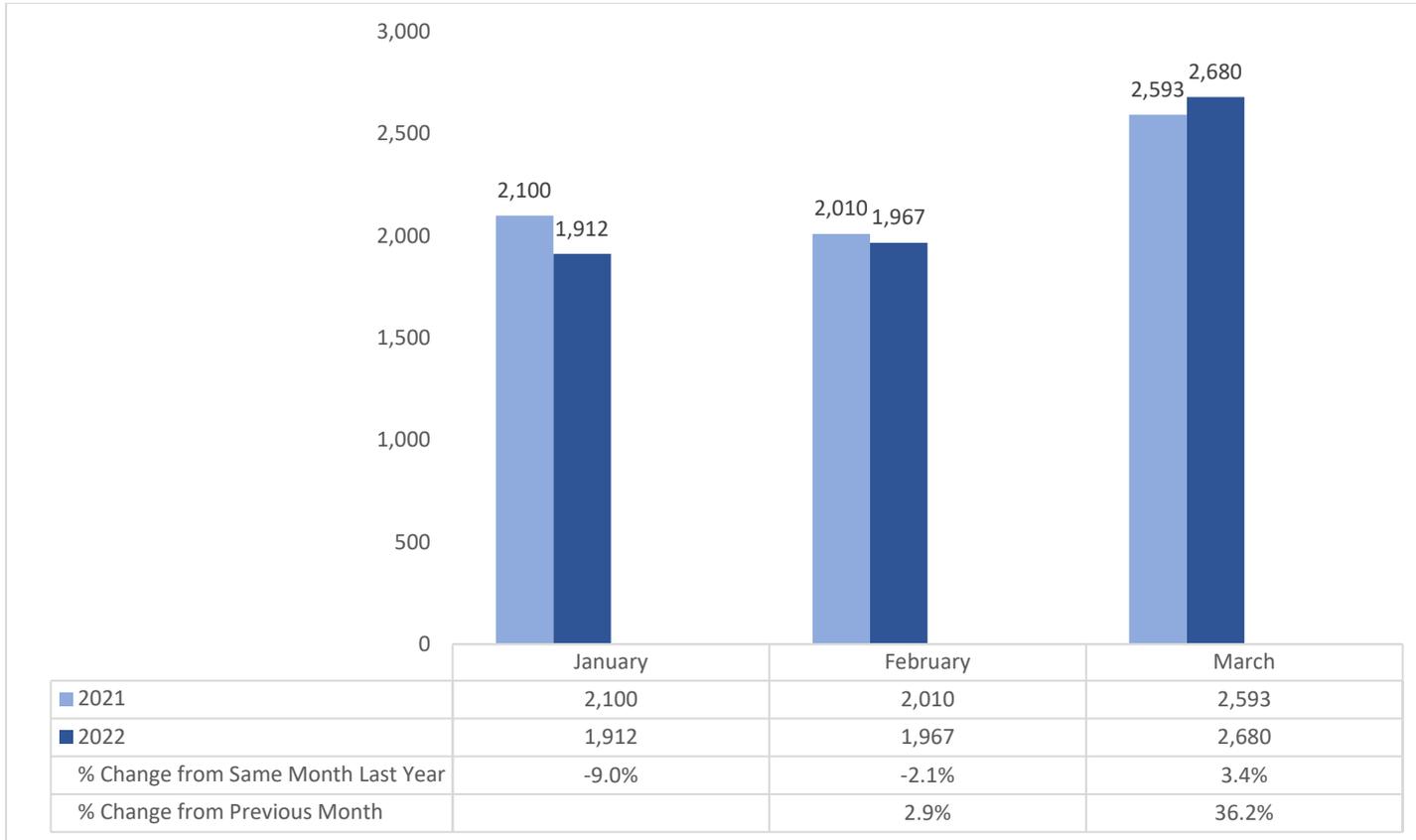
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Figure 31: Monthly District Court Peace Order Original Case Filings, 2021 and 2022



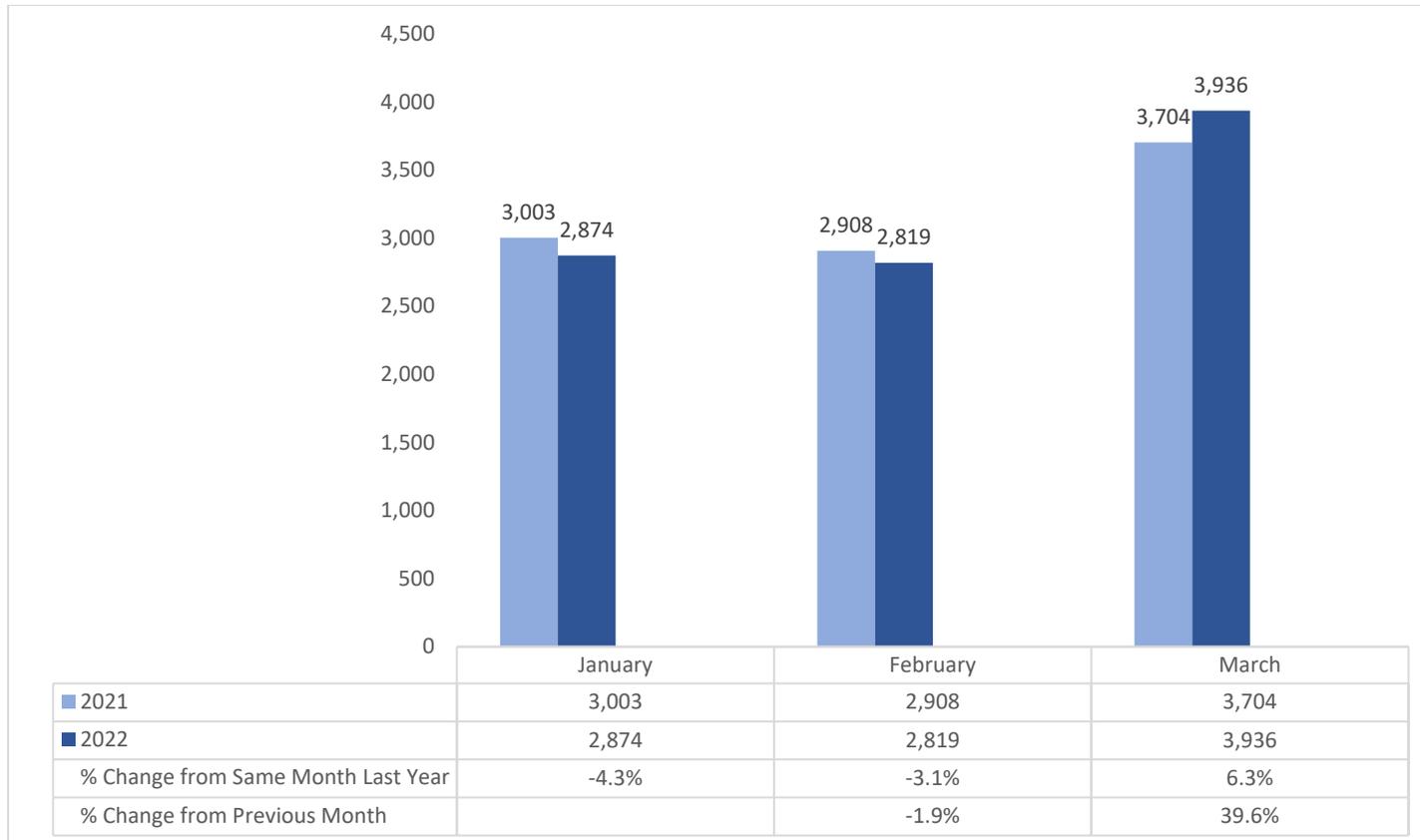
There were 4,266 peace order cases filed from January 2022 to March 2022. Peace order cases filed declined 14.0% in January 2022 (1,207 peace order cases filed) compared to January 2021 (1,404 peace order cases filed). In February 2022, there were 1,315 peace order cases filed, an increase of 2.4% from February 2021 and an increase of 8.9% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 1,744 peace order cases filed, an increase of 6.9% from March 2021 and an increase of 32.6% from February 2022.

Figure 32: Monthly Total District Court Peace Orders, 2021 and 2022



There were 6,559 peace orders from January 2022 to March 2022. Peace orders declined 9.0% in January 2022 (1,912 peace orders) compared to January 2021 (2,100 peace orders). In February 2022, there were 1,967 peace orders, a decrease of 2.1% from February 2021 and an increase of 2.9% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 2,680 peace orders, an increase of 3.4% from March 2021 and an increase of 36.2% from February 2022.

Figure 33: Monthly District Court Peace Order Hearings Held/Concluded, 2021 and 2022



There were 9,629 peace order hearings from January 2022 to March 2022. Peace order hearings declined 4.3% in January 2022 (2,874 peace order hearings) compared to January 2021 (3,003 peace order hearings). In February 2022, there were 2,819 peace order hearings, a decrease of 3.1% from February 2021 and a decrease of 1.9% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 3,936 peace order hearings, an increase of 6.3% from March 2021 and an increase of 39.6% from February 2022.

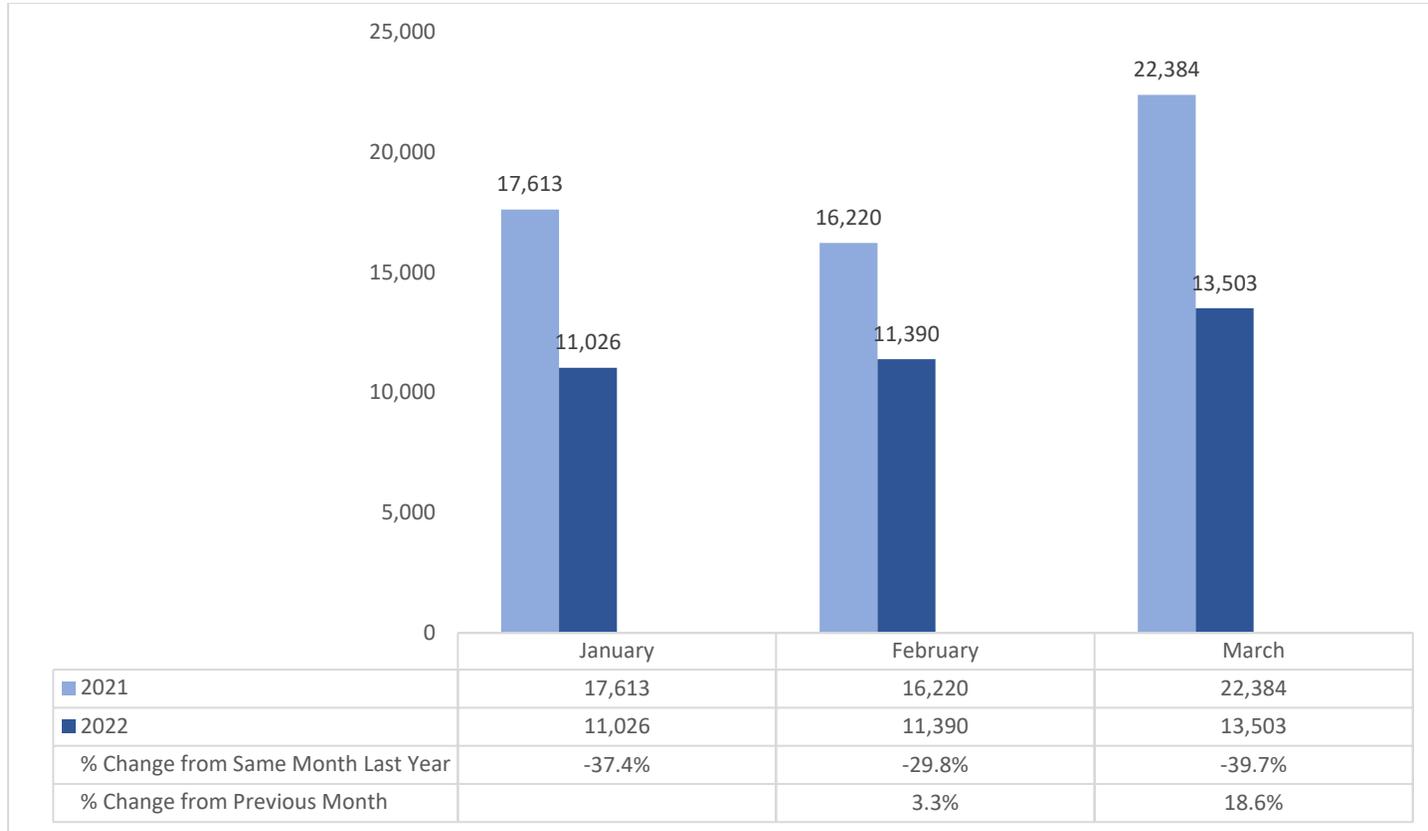
### District Court Civil Case Activity

Table 21: District Court Original Civil Case Filings and Hearings Held/Concluded, January-March 2021 and 2022

District Court Civil Case Activity	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Total Original Civil Filings	17,613	11,026	-37.4%	16,220	11,390	3.3%	-29.8%	22,384	13,503	18.6%	-39.7%
Total Civil Hearings	12,823	12,415	-3.2%	11,431	11,886	-4.3%	4.0%	16,759	18,102	52.3%	8.0%
Highlight - Emergency Evaluations Filed	338	360	6.5%	290	408	13.3%	40.7%	417	339	-16.9%	-18.7%
Highlight - Emergency Evaluations Granted	269	284	5.6%	219	318	12.0%	45.2%	315	278	-12.6%	-11.7%

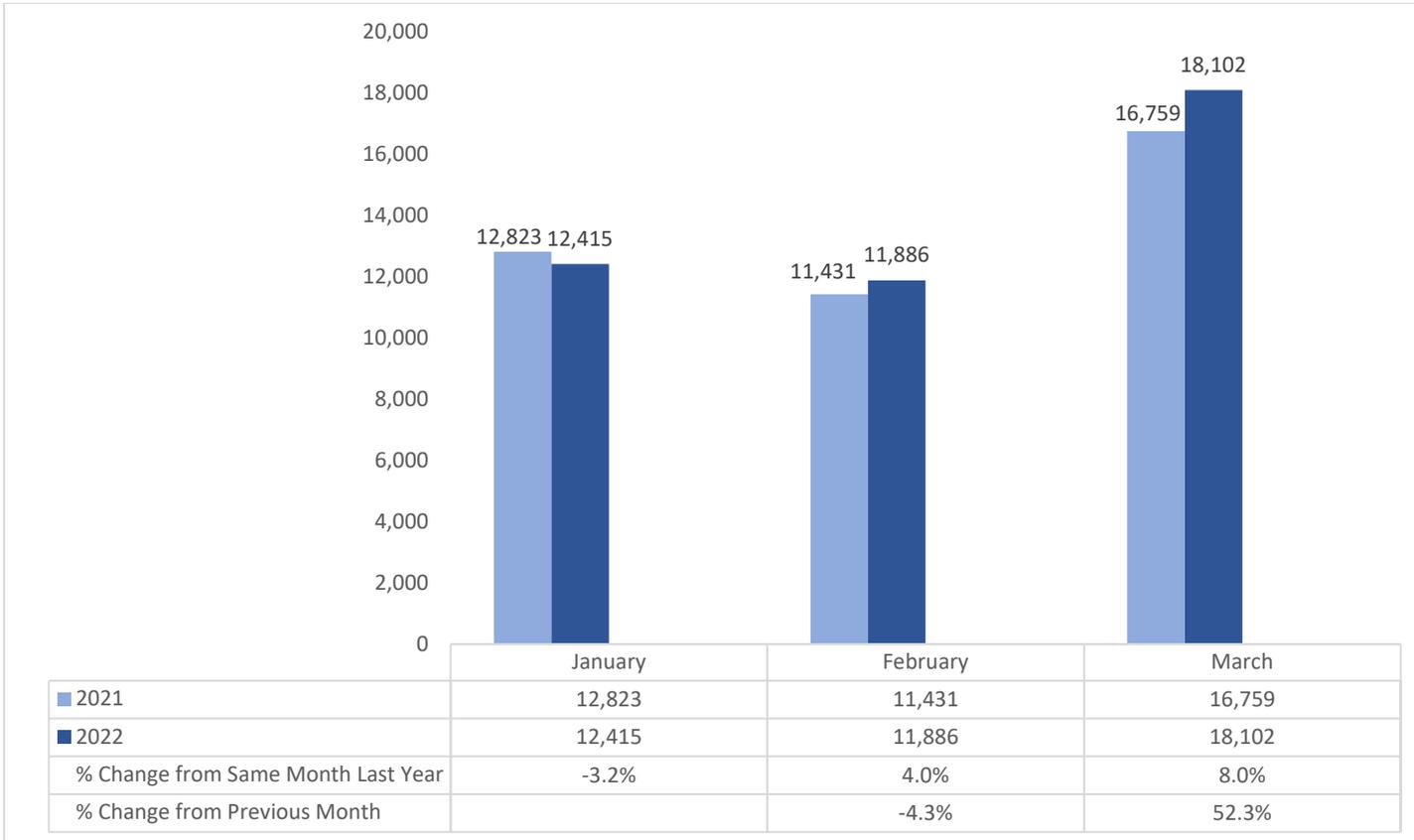
Note: Civil filings and hearings include civil cases and citations, domestic violence, peace order, ERPO, aids of execution, municipal infractions, emergency evaluations, forfeiture of contraband and injunctions filed.

Figure 34: District Court Civil Case Filings, 2021 and 2022



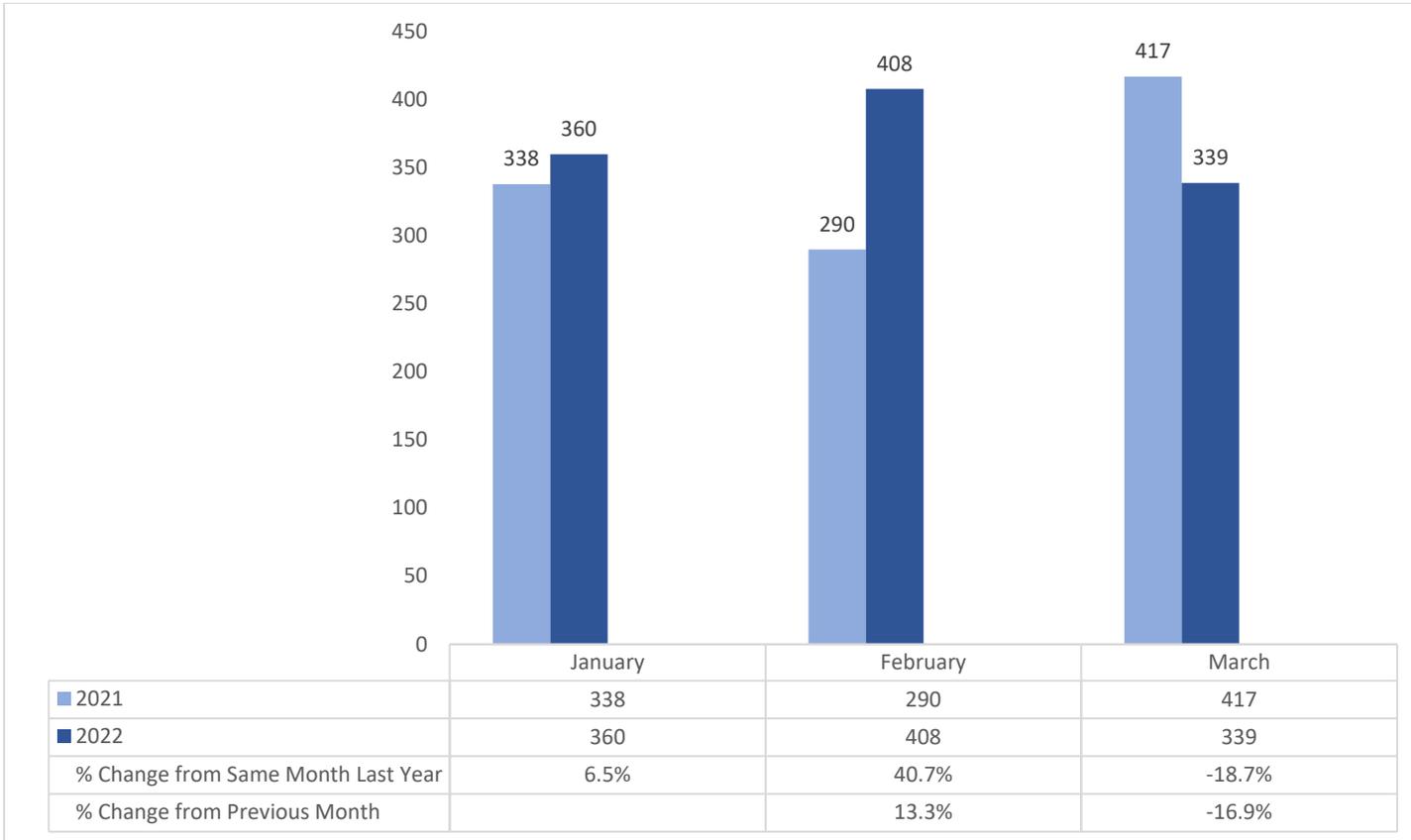
There were 35,919 civil case filings from January 2022 to March 2022. Civil case filings declined 37.4% in January 2022 (11,026 civil case filings) compared to January 2021 (17,613 civil case filings). In February 2022, there were 11,390 civil case filings, a decrease of 29.8% from February 2021 and an increase of 3.3% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 13,503 civil case filings, a decrease of 39.7% from March 2021 and an increase of 18.6% from February 2022.

Figure 35: District Court Civil Hearings Held/Concluded 2021 and 2022



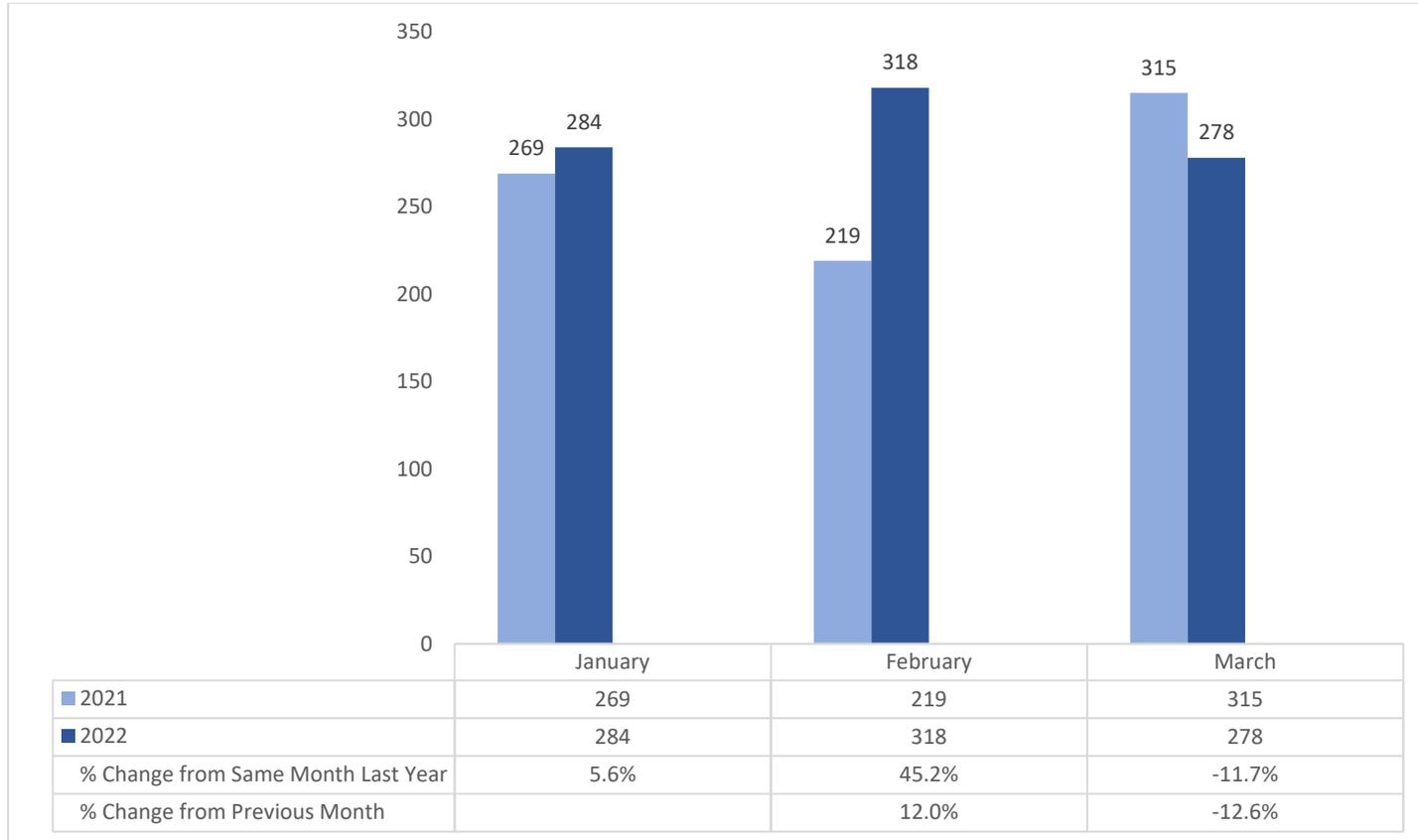
There were 42,403 civil hearings held/concluded from January 2022 to March 2022. Civil hearings held/concluded declined 3.2% in January 2022 (12,415 civil hearings held/concluded) compared to January 2021 (12,823 civil hearings held/concluded). In February 2022, there were 11,886 civil hearings held/concluded, an increase of 4.0% from February 2021 and a decrease of 4.3% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 18,102 civil hearings held/concluded, an increase of 8.0% from March 2021 and an increase of 52.3% from February 2022.

Figure 36: District Court Emergency Evaluations Filed, 2021 and 2022



There were 1,107 emergency evaluations filed from January 2022 to March 2022. Emergency evaluations filed increased 6.5% in January 2022 (360 emergency evaluations filed) compared to January 2021 (338 emergency evaluations filed). In February 2022, there were 408 emergency evaluations filed, an increase of 40.7% from February 2021 and an increase of 13.3% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 339 emergency evaluations filed, a decrease of 18.7% from March 2021 and a decrease of 16.9% from February 2022.

Figure 37: District Court Emergency Evaluations Granted, 2021 and 2022



There were 880 emergency evaluations granted from January 2022 to March 2022. Emergency evaluations granted increased 5.6% in January 2022 (284 emergency evaluations granted) compared to January 2021 (269 emergency evaluations granted). In February 2022, there were 318 emergency evaluations granted, an increase of 45.2% from February 2021 and an increase of 12.0% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 278 emergency evaluations granted, a decrease of 11.7% from March 2021 and a decrease of 12.6% from February 2022.

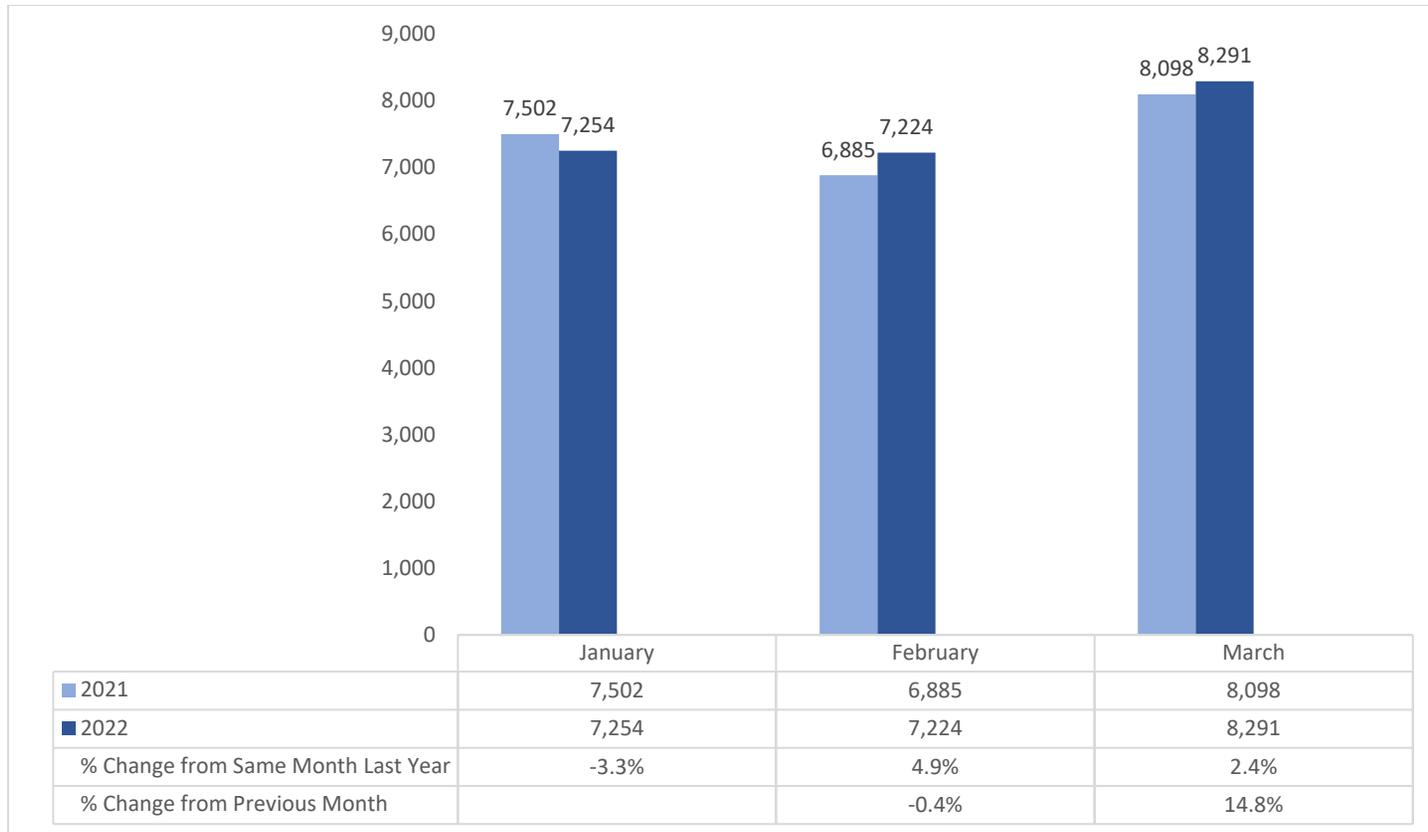
### District Court Criminal Case Activity

Table 22: District Court Original Criminal Case Filings, Hearings Held/Concluded, Pleas and Dispositions January-March 2021 and 2022

District Court Criminal Case Activity	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Total Original Criminal Filings	7,502	7,254	-3.3%	6,885	7,224	-0.4%	4.9%	8,098	8,291	14.8%	2.4%
Criminal Pleas	10,969	12,055	9.9%	9,905	12,518	3.8%	26.4%	17,773	20,396	62.9%	14.8%
Total Criminal Hearings	14,493	15,545	7.3%	14,752	16,078	3.4%	9.0%	22,394	21,926	36.4%	-2.1%
Highlight - Bail Review Hearings	3,283	3,494	6.4%	2,992	3,471	-0.7%	16.0%	3,768	3,838	10.6%	1.9%
All Other Criminal Hearings	11,210	12,051	7.5%	11,760	12,607	4.6%	7.2%	18,626	18,088	43.5%	-2.9%
Total Dispositions	7,452	7,514	0.8%	6,635	7,780	3.5%	17.3%	11,750	12,705	63.3%	8.1%
Trial Dispositions	1,471	1,450	-1.4%	1,354	1,593	9.9%	17.7%	3,374	3,103	94.8%	-8.0%
Non-Trial Dispositions	5,981	6,064	1.4%	5,281	6,187	2.0%	17.2%	8,376	9,602	55.2%	14.6%

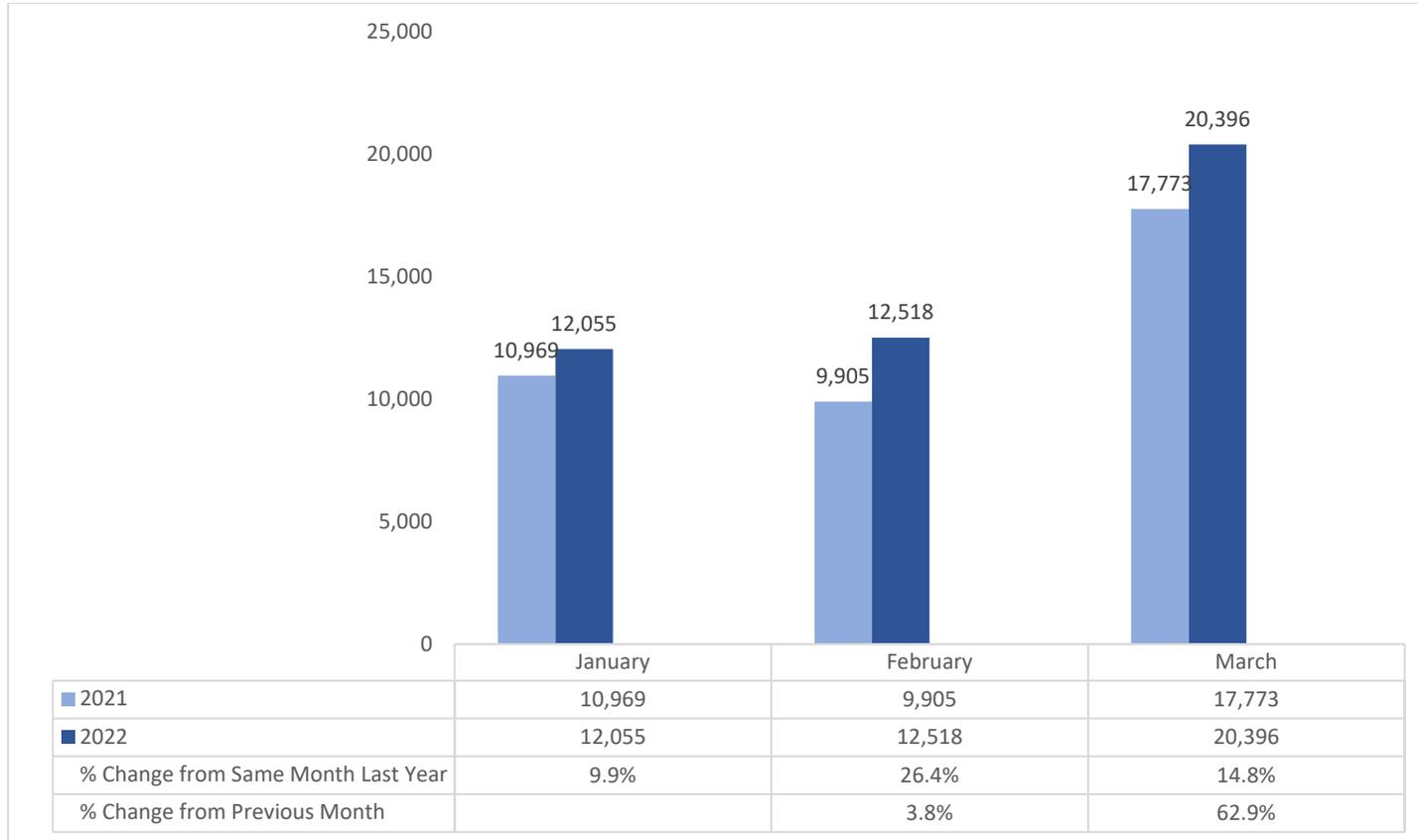
Note: Total criminal case filings, pleas, and hearings include fugitive warrants. Criminal filings, pleas, and hearings do not include those associated with motor vehicle violation.

Figure 38: District Court Criminal Cases Filed 2021 and 2022



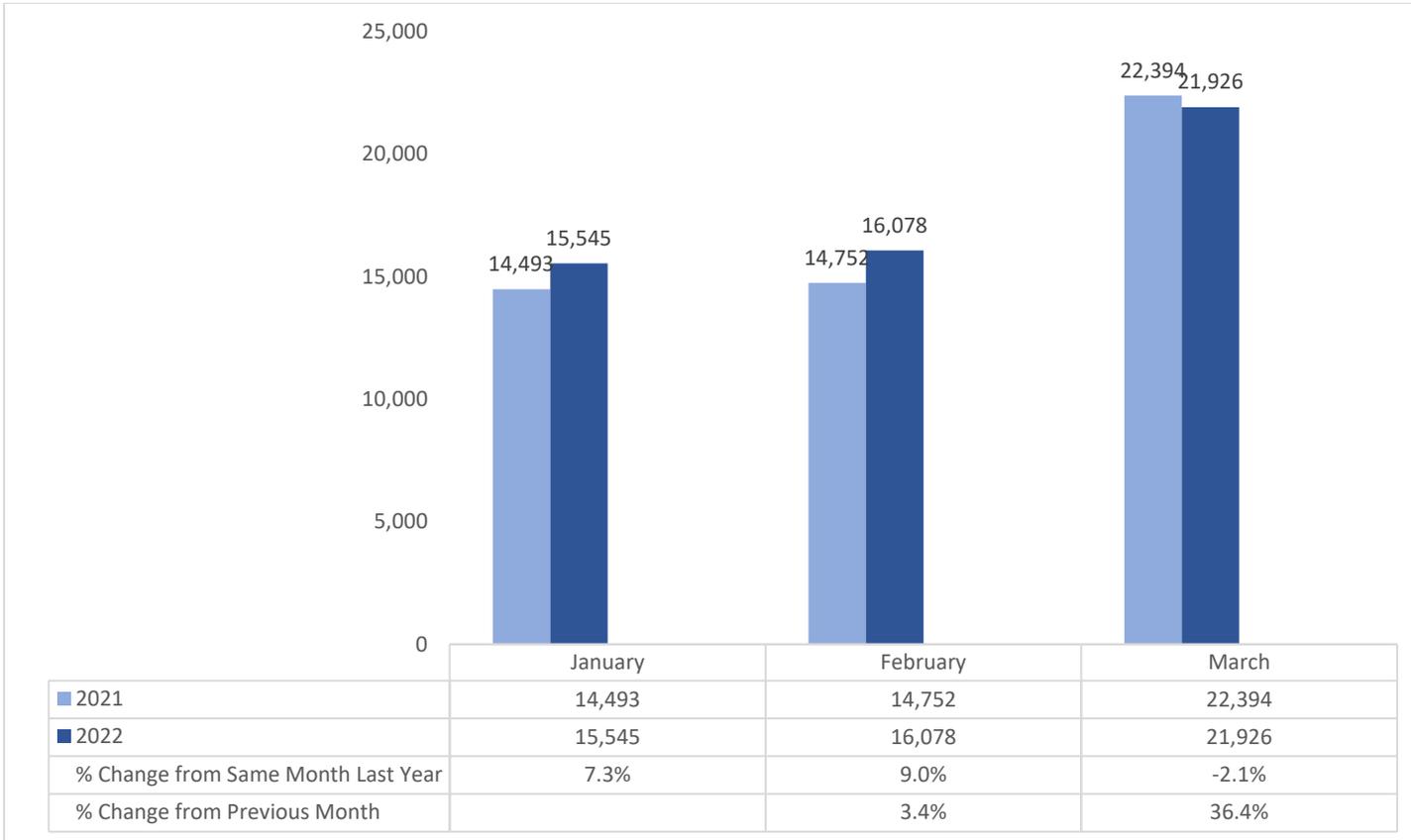
There were 22,769 total original criminal filings from January 2022 to March 2022. Total original criminal filings declined 3.3% in January 2022 (7,254 total original criminal filings) compared to January 2021 (7,502 total original criminal filings). In February 2022, there were 7,224 total original criminal filings, an increase of 4.9% from February 2021 and a decrease of 0.4% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 8,291 total original criminal filings, an increase of 2.4% from March 2021 and an increase of 14.8% from February 2022.

Figure 39: District Court Criminal Pleas, 2021 and 2022



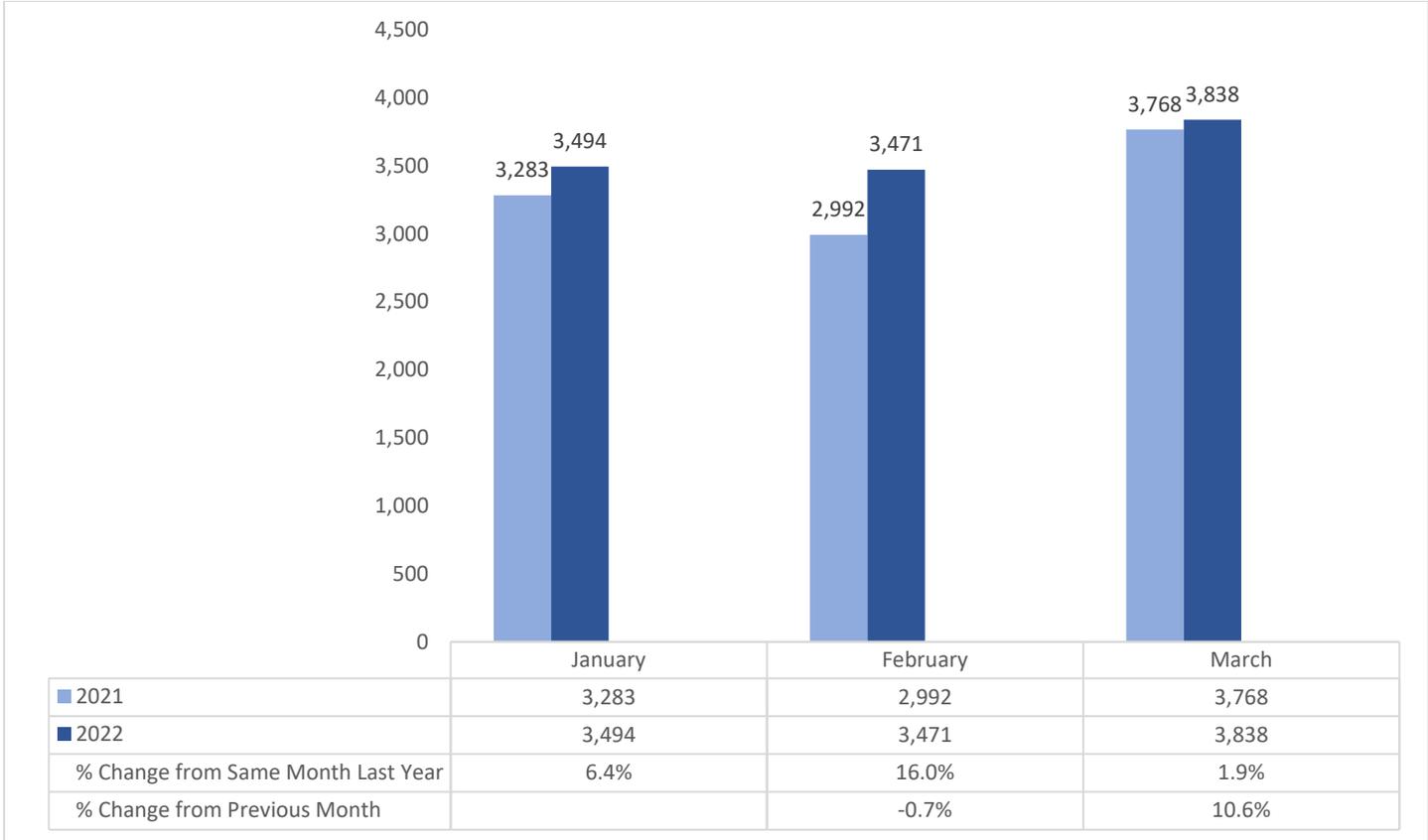
There were 44,969 criminal pleas from January 2022 to March 2022. Criminal pleas increased 9.9% in January 2022 (12,055 criminal pleas) compared to January 2021 (10,969 criminal pleas). In February 2022, there were 12,518 criminal pleas, an increase of 26.4% from February 2021 and an increase of 3.8% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 20,396 criminal pleas, an increase of 14.8% from March 2021 and an increase of 62.9% from February 2022.

Figure 40: District Court Criminal Hearings Held/Concluded 2021 and 2022



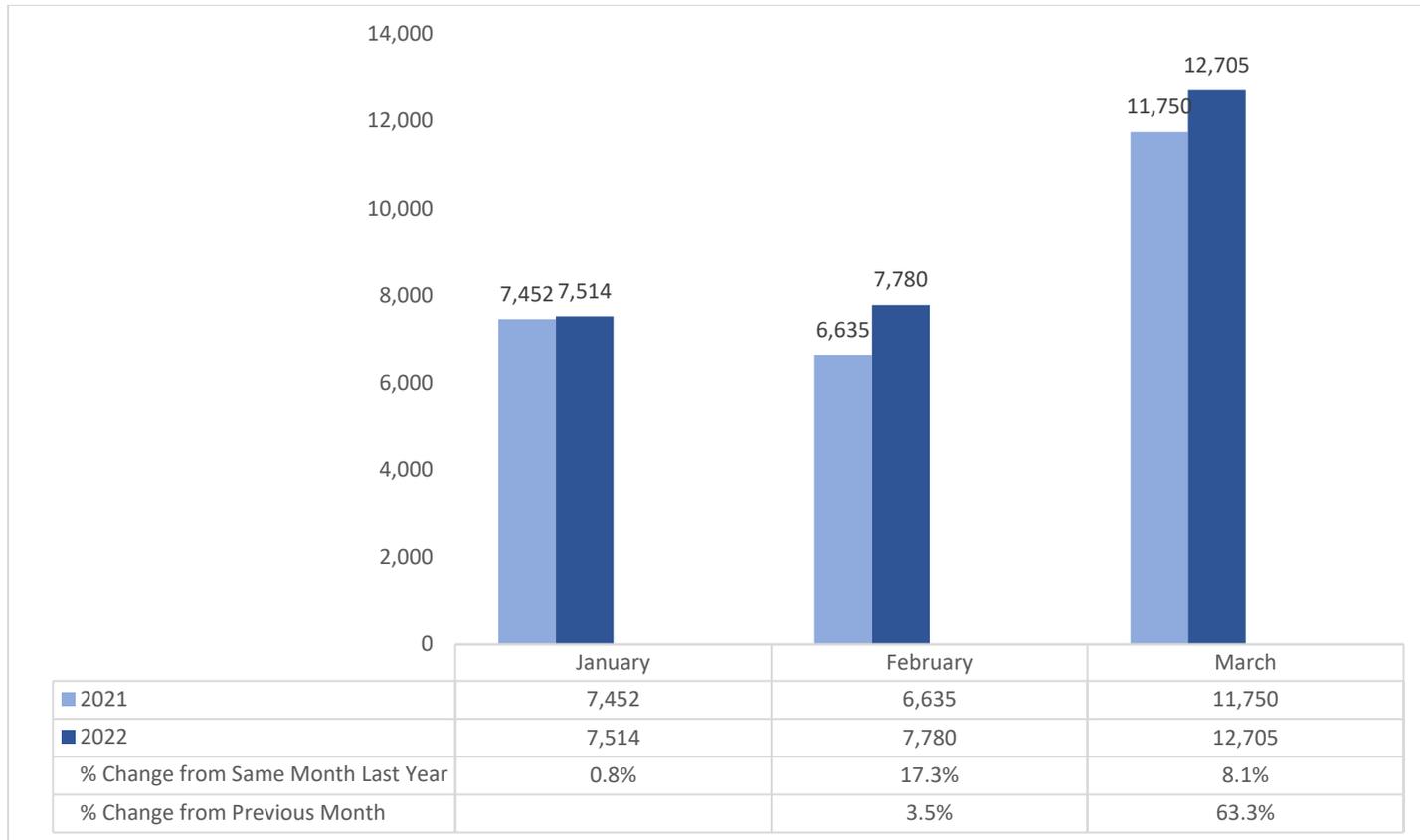
There were 53,549 criminal hearings from January 2022 to March 2022. Criminal hearings increased 7.3% in January 2022 (15,545 criminal hearings) compared to January 2021 (14,493 criminal hearings). In February 2022, there were 16,078 criminal hearings, an increase of 9.0% from February 2021 and an increase of 3.4% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 21,926 criminal hearings, a decrease of 2.1% from March 2021 and an increase of 36.4% from February 2022.

Figure 41: District Court Criminal Bail Review Hearings 2021 and 2022



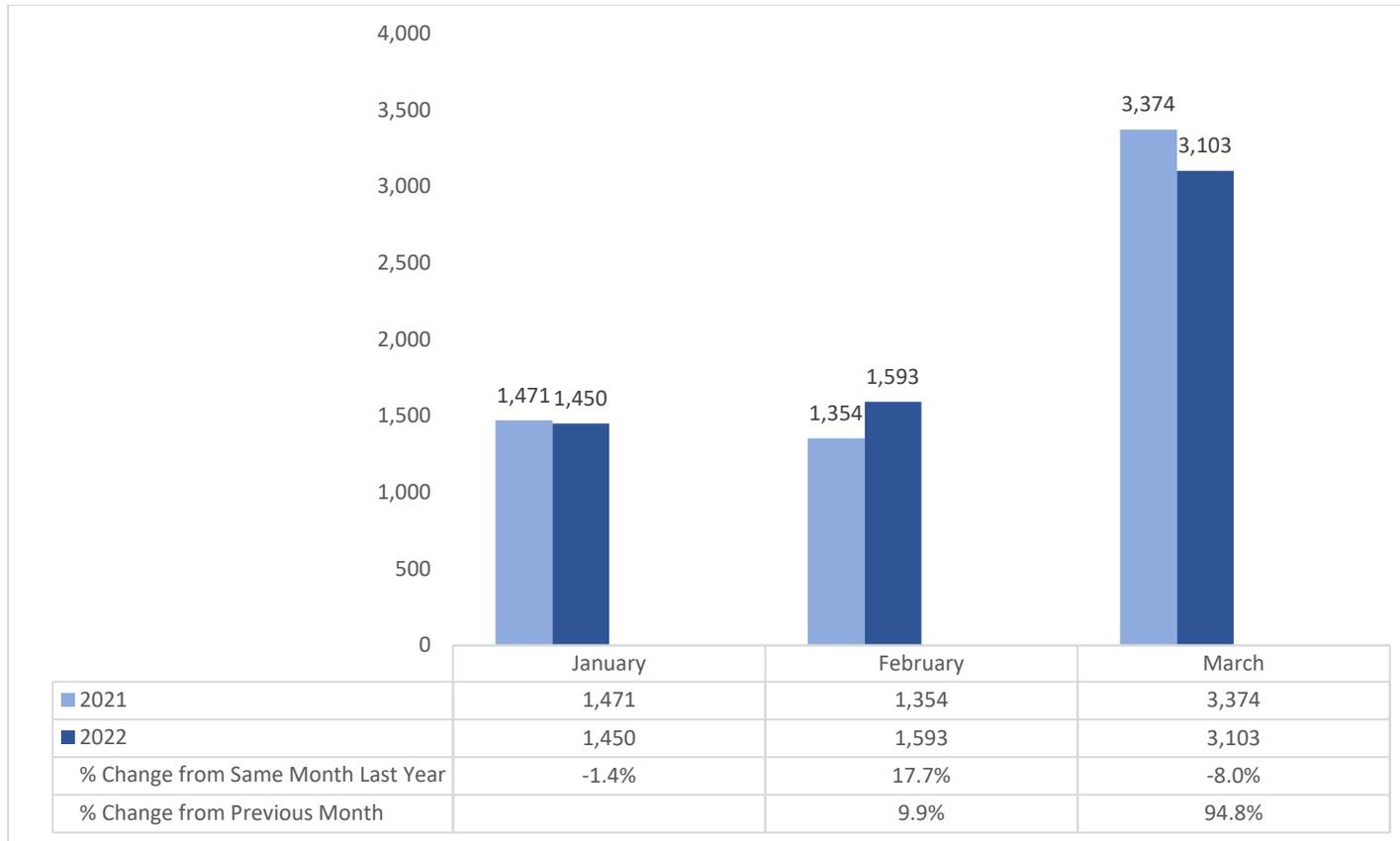
There were 10,803 bail review hearings from January 2022 to March 2022. Bail review hearings increased 6.4% in January 2022 (3,494 bail review hearings) compared to January 2021 (3,283 bail review hearings). In February 2022, there were 3,471 bail review hearings, an increase of 16.0% from February 2021 and a decrease of 0.7% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 3,838 bail review hearings, an increase of 1.9% from March 2021 and an increase of 10.6% from February 2022.

Figure 42: District Court Criminal Dispositions 2021 and 2022



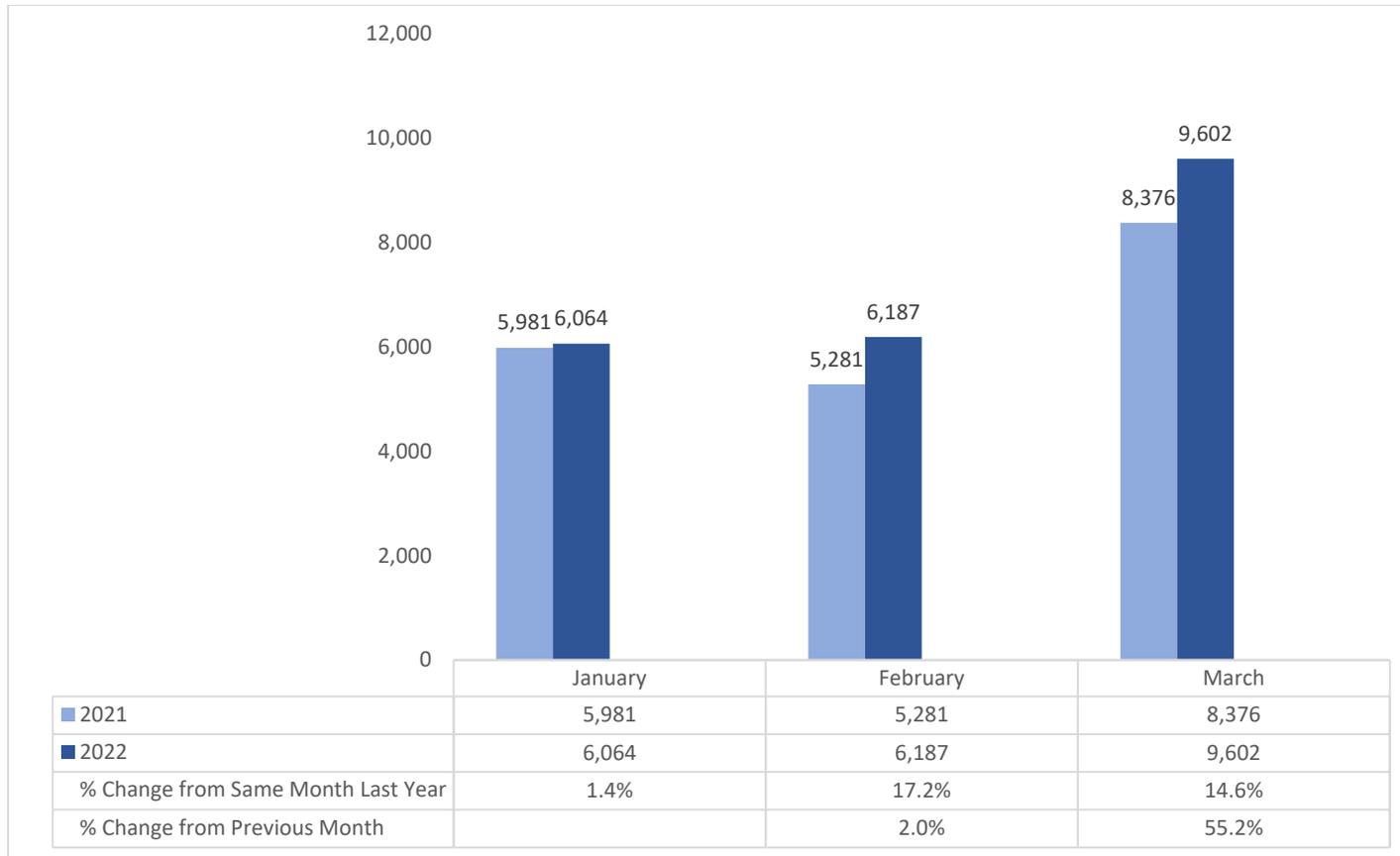
There were 27,999 total dispositions from January 2022 to March 2022. Total dispositions increased 0.8% in January 2022 (7,514 total dispositions) compared to January 2021 (7,452 total dispositions). In February 2022, there were 7,780 total dispositions, an increase of 17.3% from February 2021 and an increase of 3.5% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 12,705 total dispositions, an increase of 8.1% from March 2021 and an increase of 63.3% from February 2022.

Figure 43: District Court Criminal Trial Dispositions, 2021 and 2022



There were 6,146 total trial dispositions from January 2022 to March 2022. Total trial dispositions declined 1.4% in January 2022 (1,450 total trial dispositions) compared to January 2021 (1,471 total trial dispositions). In February 2022, there were 1,593 total trial dispositions, an increase of 17.7% from February 2021 and an increase of 9.9% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 3,103 total trial dispositions, a decrease of 8.0% from March 2021 and an increase of 94.8% from February 2022.

Figure 44: District Court Criminal Non-Trial Dispositions 2021 and 2022



There were 21,853 total non-trial dispositions from January 2022 to March 2022. Total non-trial dispositions increased 1.4% in January 2022 (6,064 total non-trial dispositions) compared to January 2021 (5,981 total non-trial dispositions). In February 2022, there were 6,187 total non-trial dispositions, an increase of 17.2% from February 2021 and an increase of 2.0% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 9,602 total non-trial dispositions, an increase of 14.6% from March 2021 and an increase of 55.2% from February 2022.

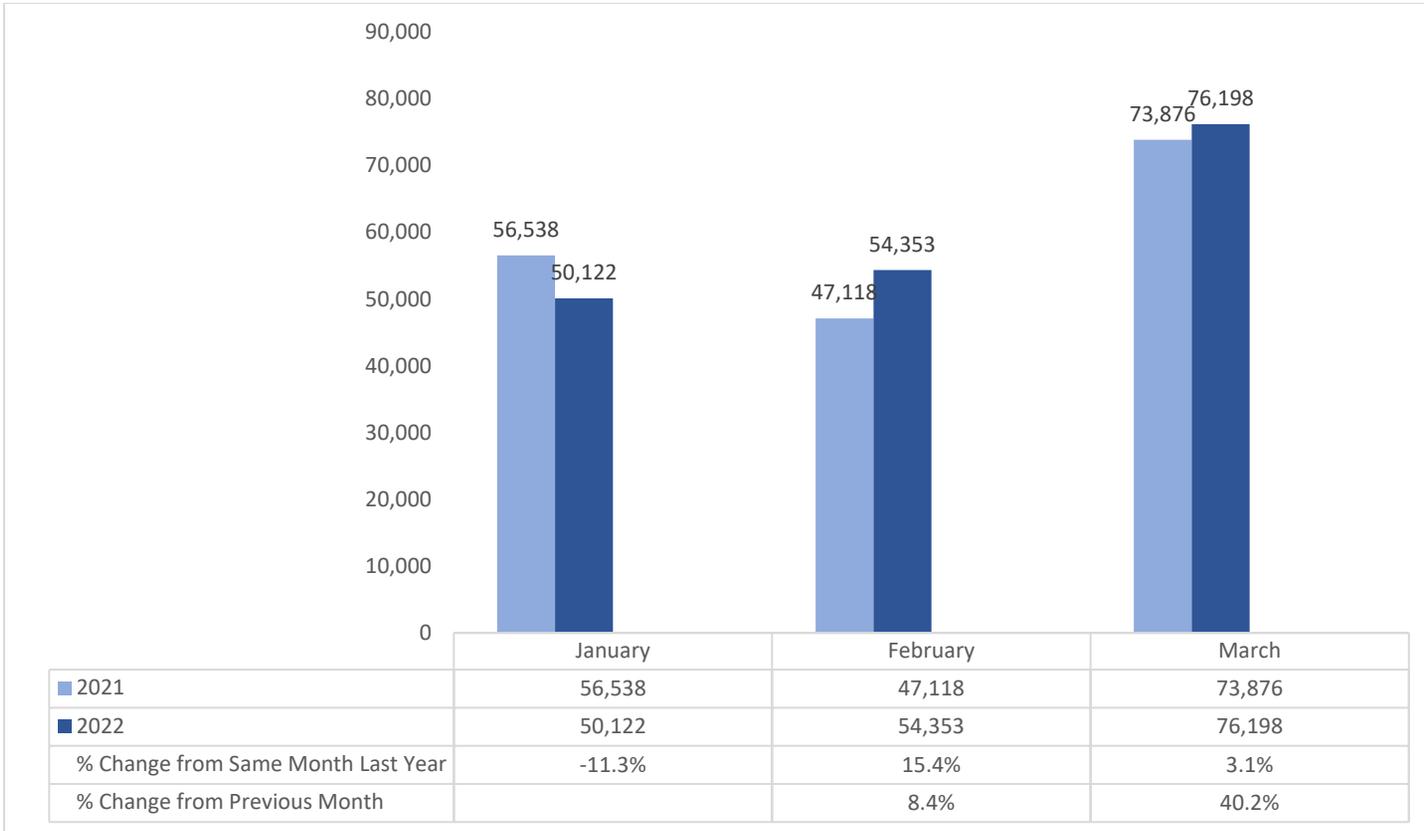
### District Court Motor Vehicle Case Activity

Table 23: District Court Motor Vehicle Cases Filed, Hearings Held/Concluded and Dispositions January-March 2021 and 2022

District Court Motor Vehicle Case Activity	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
Total Original Motor Vehicle Filings	56,538	50,122	-11.3%	47,118	54,353	8.4%	15.4%	73,876	76,198	40.2%	3.1%
Motor Vehicle Pleas	29,402	36,968	25.7%	25,804	34,295	-7.2%	32.9%	40,121	67,724	97.5%	68.8%
Total Motor Vehicle Hearings	11,215	13,826	23.3%	11,854	14,903	7.8%	25.7%	22,417	32,915	120.9%	46.8%
Highlight -Bail Review Hearings	254	318	25.2%	211	254	-20.1%	20.4%	346	374	47.2%	8.1%
All Other Motor Vehicle Hearings	10,961	13,508	23.2%	11,643	14,649	8.4%	25.8%	22,071	32,541	122.1%	47.4%
Total Motor Vehicle Dispositions	31,632	48,085	52.0%	31,851	43,241	-10.1%	35.8%	48,375	73,010	68.8%	50.9%

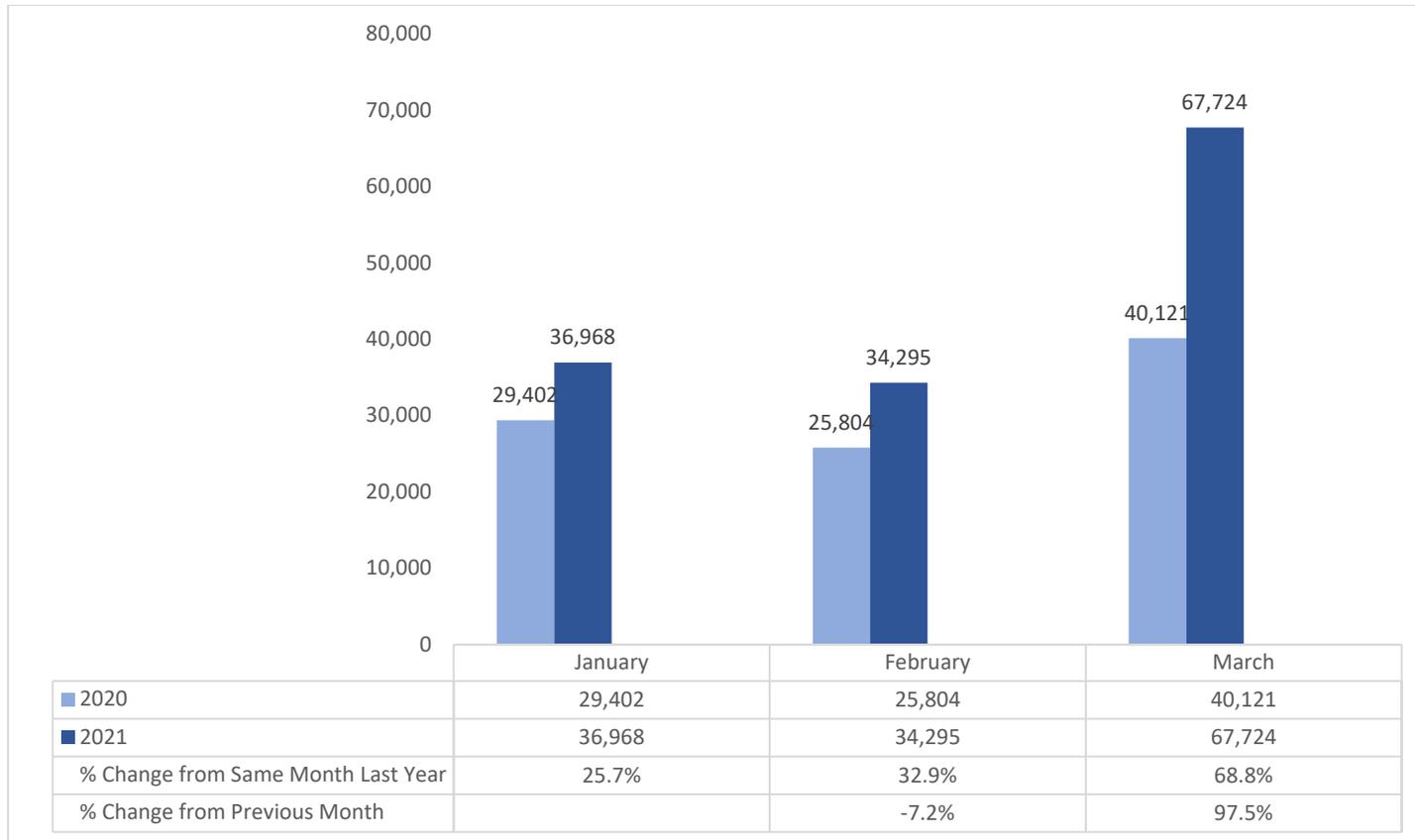
Note: Motor vehicle filings, hearings, and pleas include all citations associated with an incident, including Transportation Article §21-902, payable and must appear, mass transit, natural resource and parking and red-light violations.

Figure 45: District Court Motor Vehicle Cases Filed, 2021 and 2022



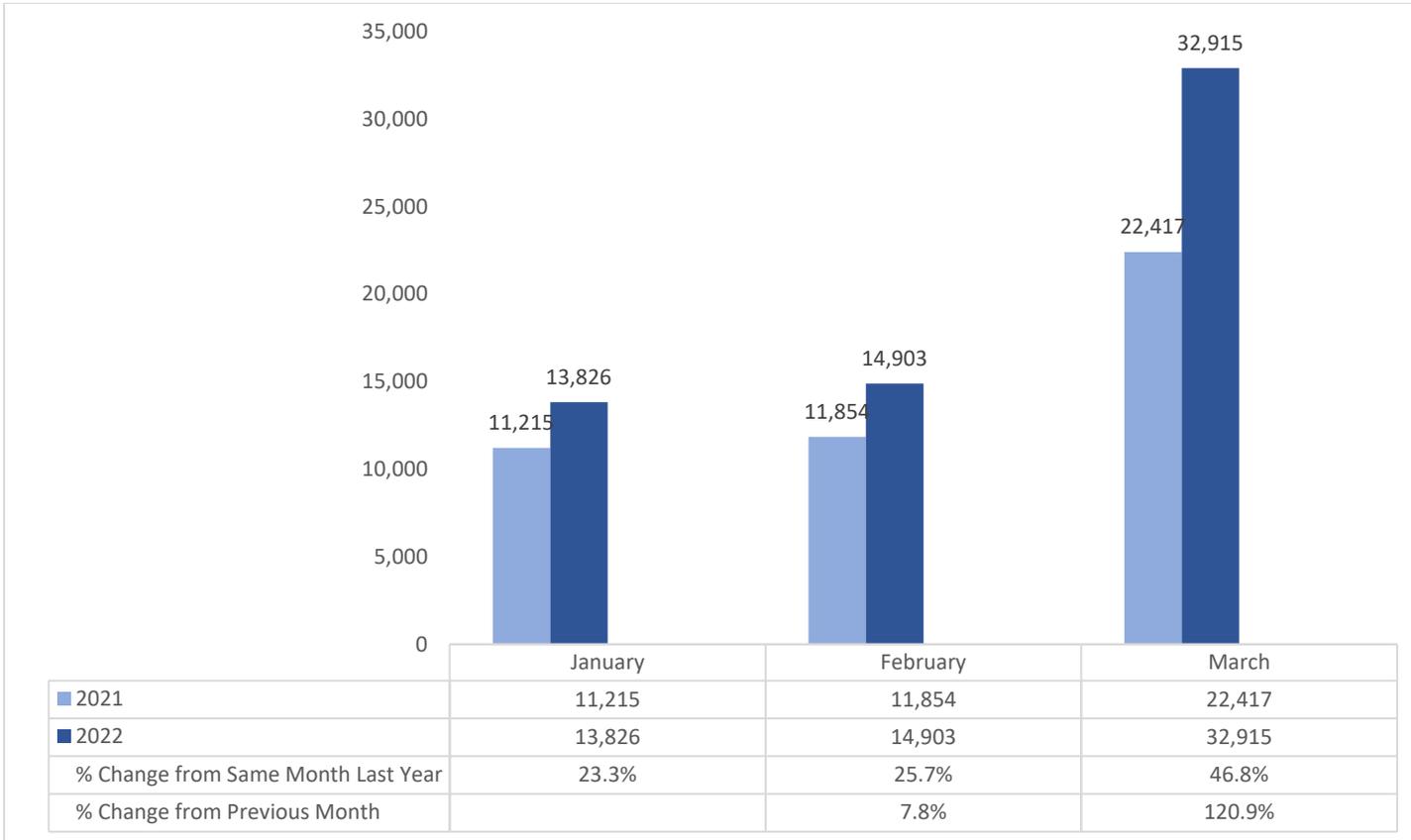
There were 180,673 motor vehicle cases filed from January 2022 to March 2022. Motor vehicle cases filed declined 11.3% in January 2022 (50,122 motor vehicle cases filed) compared to January 2021 (56,538 motor vehicle cases filed). In February 2022, there were 54,353 motor vehicle cases filed, an increase of 15.4% from February 2021 and an increase of 8.4% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 76,198 motor vehicle cases filed, an increase of 3.1% from March 2021 and an increase of 40.2% from February 2022.

Figure 46: District Court Motor Vehicle Case Pleas, 2021 and 2022



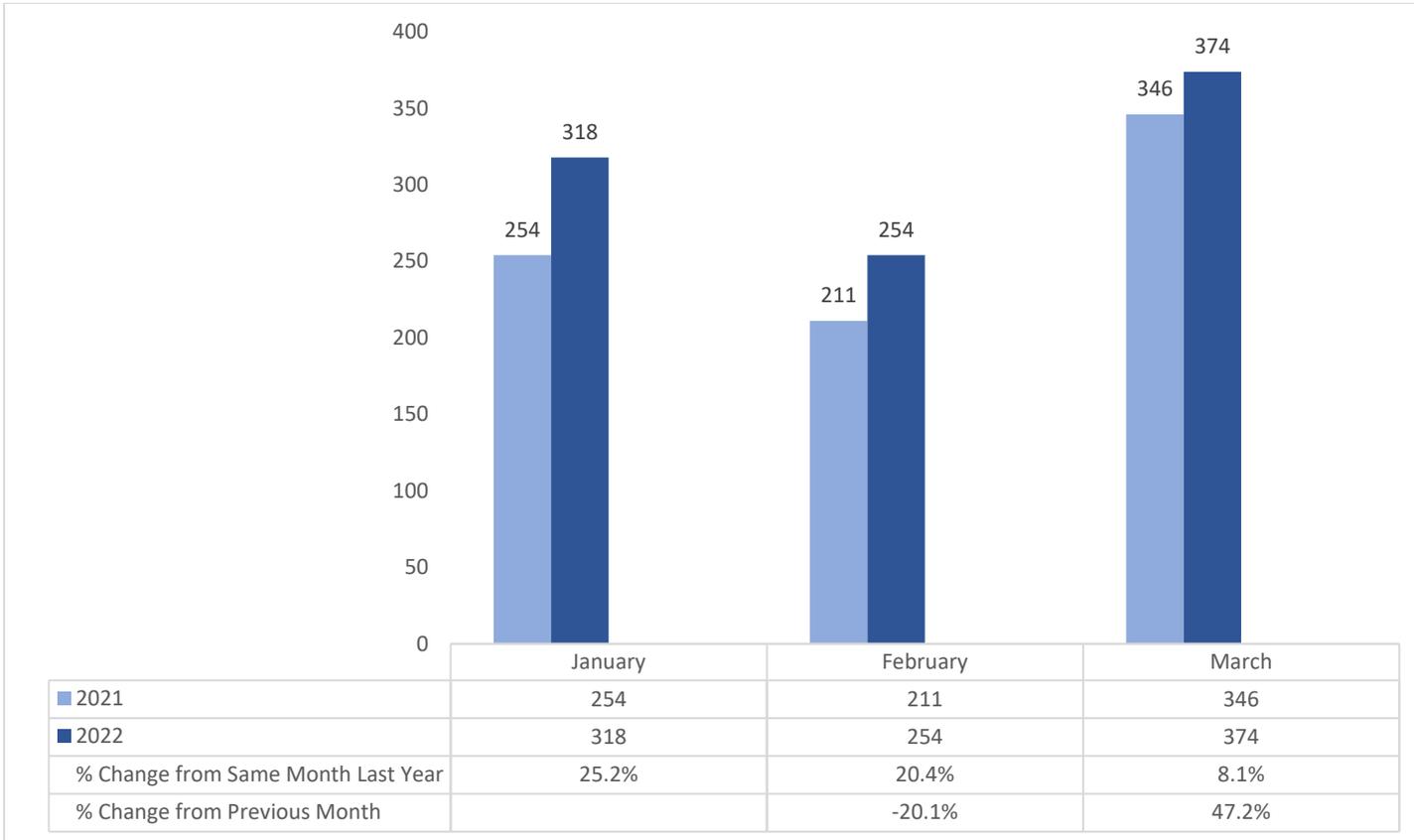
There were 138,987 motor vehicle pleas from January 2021 to March 2021. Motor vehicle pleas increased 25.7% in January 2021 (36,968 motor vehicle pleas) compared to January 2020 (29,402 motor vehicle pleas). In February 2021, there were 34,295 motor vehicle pleas, an increase of 32.9% from February 2020 and a decrease of 7.2% from January 2021. In March 2021, there were 67,724 motor vehicle pleas, an increase of 68.8% from March 2020 and an increase of 97.5% from February 2021.

Figure 47: District Court Motor Vehicle Hearings Held/Concluded, 2021 and 2022



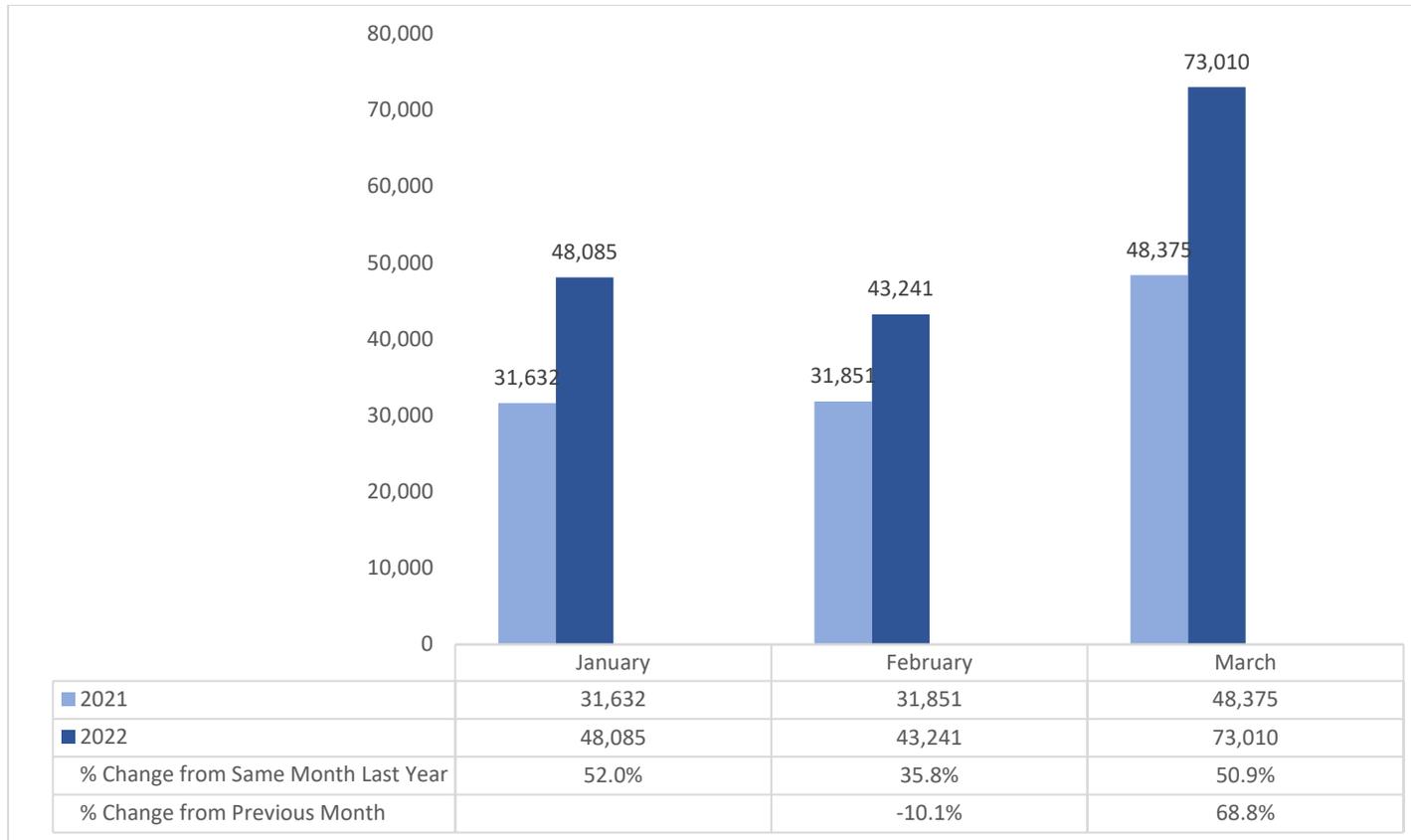
There were 61,644 motor vehicle hearings from January 2022 to March 2022. Motor vehicle hearings increased 23.3% in January 2022 (13,826 motor vehicle hearings) compared to January 2021 (11,215 motor vehicle hearings). In February 2022, there were 14,903 motor vehicle hearings, an increase of 25.7% from February 2021 and an increase of 7.8% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 32,915 motor vehicle hearings, an increase of 46.8% from March 2021 and an increase of 120.9% from February 2022.

Figure 48: District Court Motor Vehicle Bail Review Hearings, 2021 and 2022



There were 946 bail review hearings from January 2022 to March 2022. Bail review hearings increased 25.2% in January 2022 (318 bail review hearings) compared to January 2021 (254 bail review hearings). In February 2022, there were 254 bail review hearings, an increase of 20.4% from February 2021 and a decrease of 20.1% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 374 bail review hearings, an increase of 8.1% from March 2021 and an increase of 47.2% from February 2022.

Figure 49: District Court Motor Vehicle Dispositions, 2021 and 2022



There were 164,336 total motor vehicle dispositions from January 2022 to March 2022. Total motor vehicle dispositions increased 52.0% in January 2022 (48,085 total motor vehicle dispositions) compared to January 2021 (31,632 total motor vehicle dispositions). In February 2022, there were 43,241 total motor vehicle dispositions, an increase of 35.8% from February 2021 and a decrease of 10.1% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 73,010 total motor vehicle dispositions, an increase of 50.9% from March 2021 and an increase of 68.8% from February 2022.

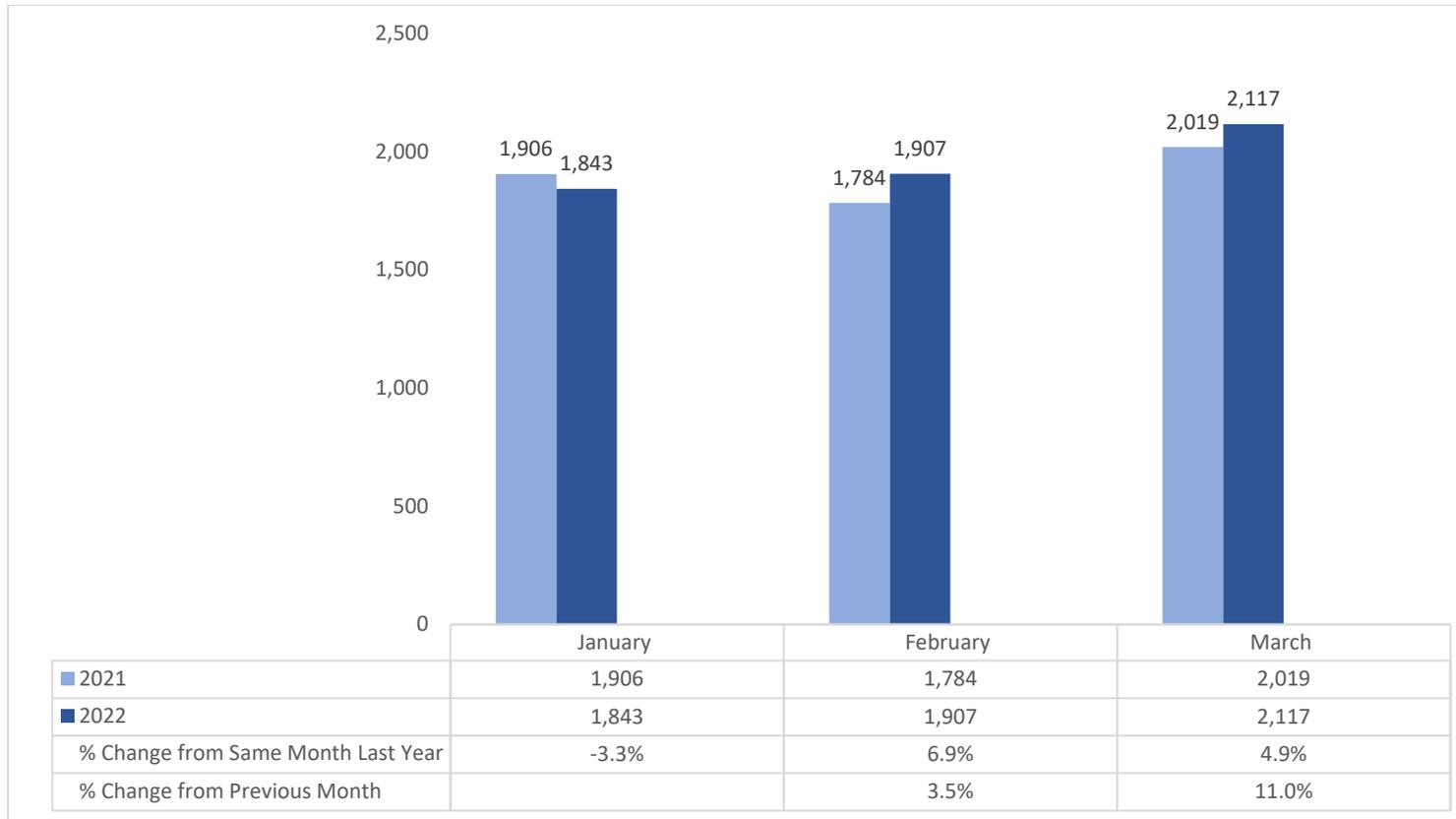
**Problem-Solving Court Activity**

*Table 24: Problem-Solving Court (PSC) Hearings, Number of Participants in Attendance January-March 2021 and 2022*

	January			February				March			
	2021	2022	Percent Change from Last Year: January 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: February & January 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: February 2021 & 2022	2021	2022	Percent Change from Previous Month: March & February 2022	Percent Change from Last Year: March 2021 & 2022
# of Participants Participating in Court Hearings	1,906	1,843	-3.3%	1,784	1,907	3.5%	6.9%	2,019	2,117	11.01%	4.85%

Source: Statewide Maryland Automated Record Tracking (SMART)

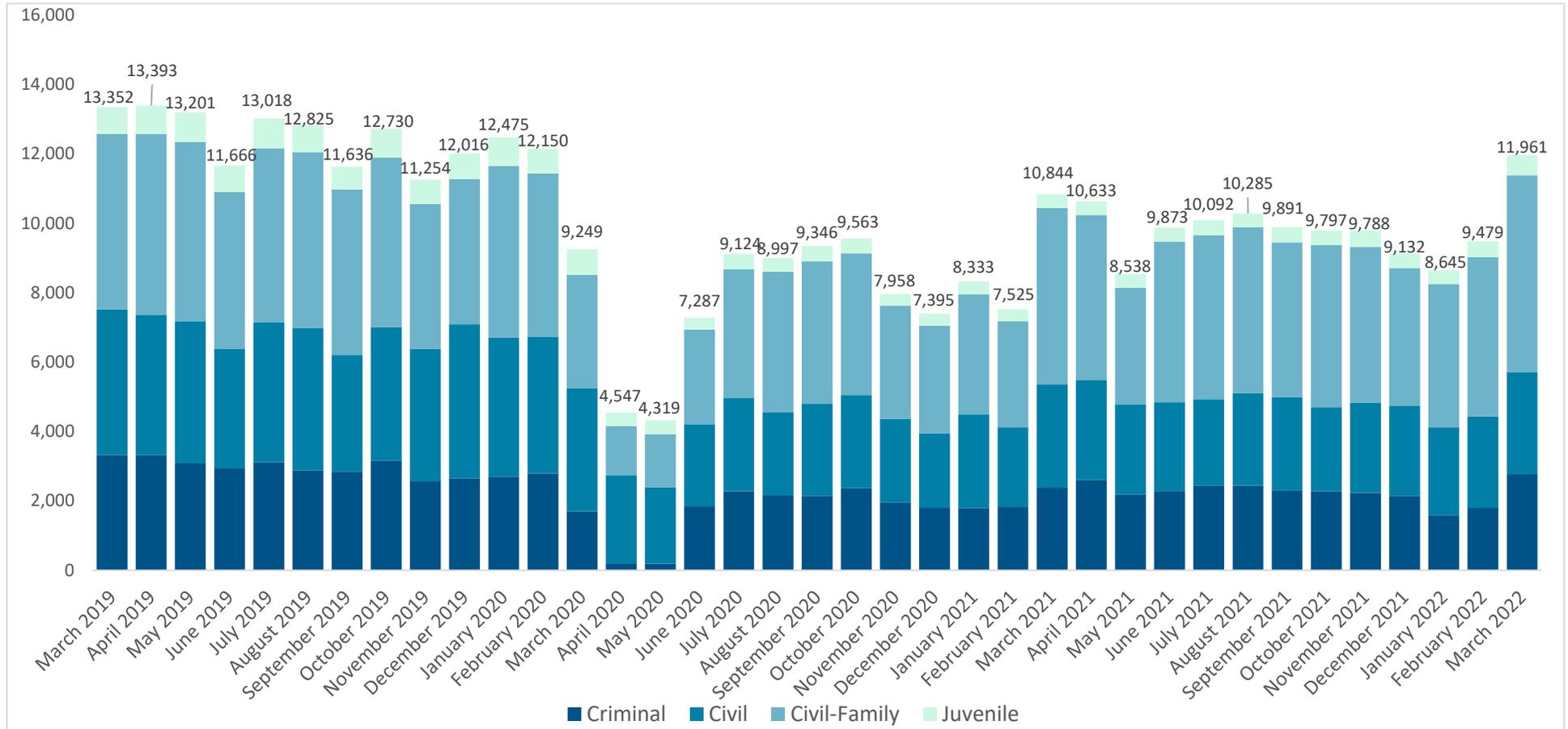
Figure 50: Problem-Solving Court (PSC) Hearings, Number of Participants in Attendance 2021 and 2022



There were 11,734 participants participating in court hearings from January 2022 to March 2022. Participants participating in court hearings increased 2.8% from January to March 2022 compared to January to March 2021 (5,709 participants participating in court hearings). Participants participating in court hearings declined 3.3% in January 2022 (1,843 participants participating in court hearings) compared to January 2021 (1,906 participants participating in court hearings). In February 2022, there were 1,907 participants participating in court hearings, an increase of 6.9% from February 2021 and an increase of 3.5% from January 2022. In March 2022, there were 2,117 participants participating in court hearings, an increase of 4.9% from March 2021 and an increase of 11.0% from February 2022.

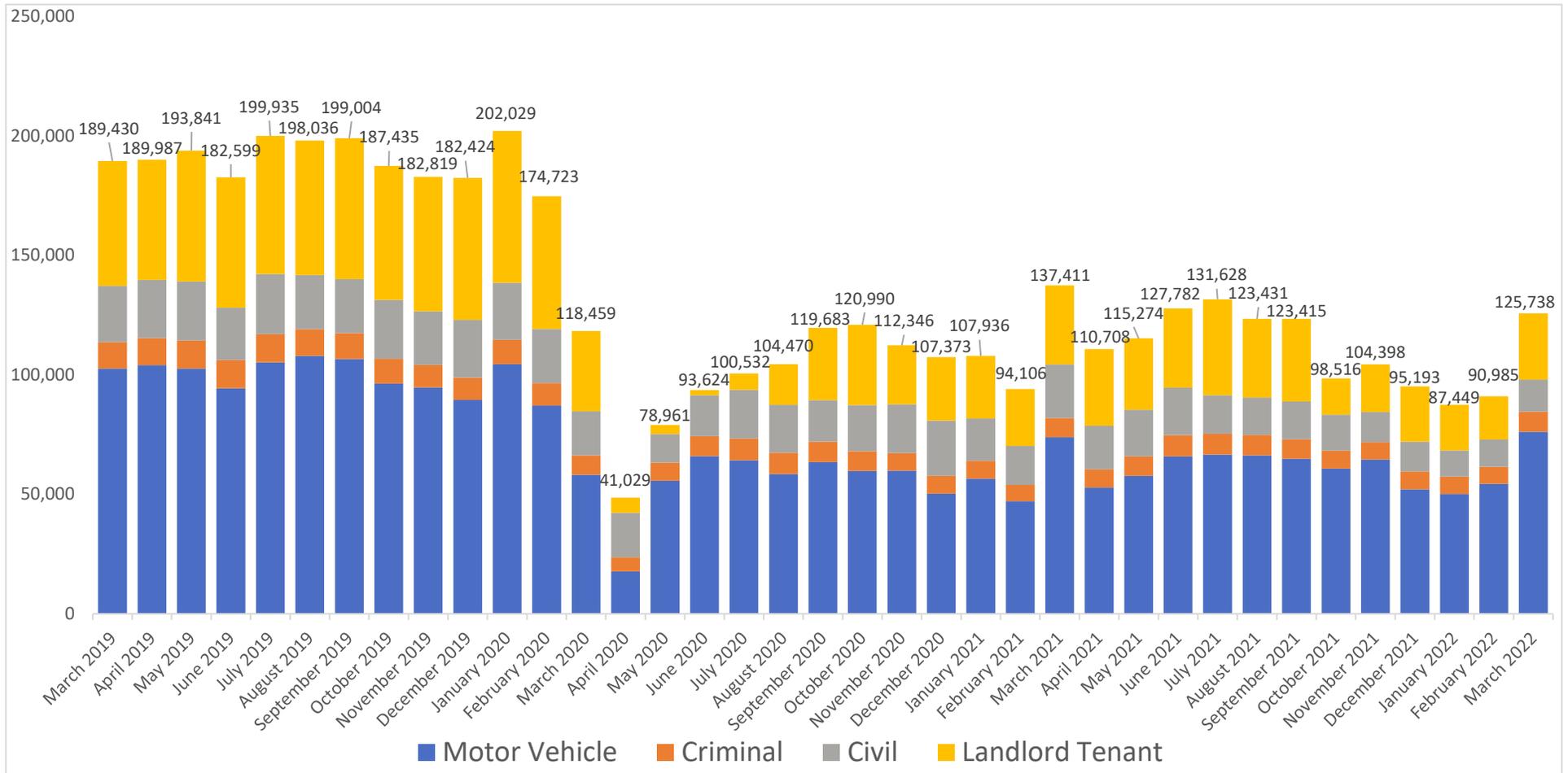
### Long-term Case Activity Tracker – March 2019 to March 2022

Figure 51: Circuit Court Case Monthly Original Filings by Category – March 2019-March 2022



During the 37-month period from March 2019 to March 2022, the greatest number of circuit court original filings occurred in April 2019 (13,393 original filings) and the fewest filings occurred in May 2020 (4,319 original filings). The greatest monthly percentage decrease in filings occurred from March 2020 to April 2020 (a 50.8% decrease, 4,702 fewer filings). The greatest monthly percentage increase in filings occurred from May 2020 to June 2020 (a 68.7% increase). The greatest numeric increase in filings occurred from February to March 2021 (3,319 more filings in March). From January to March 2022, there was a monthly average of 10,028 circuit court original filings, an increase of 12.7% from January to March 2021 (8,901 average monthly filings) and a decrease of 11.2% from January to March 2020 (11,291 average monthly filings).

Figure 52: District Court Case Monthly Original Filings by Category – March 2019-March 2022



During the 37-month period from March 2019 to March 2022, the greatest number of District Court original filings occurred in January 2020 (202,029 original filings) and the fewest filings occurred in April 2020 (41,029 original filings). The greatest percentage decrease in filings occurred from March 2020 to April 2020 (a 65.4% decrease, 77,430 fewer filings). The greatest percentage increase in filings occurred from April 2020 to May 2020 (a 92.5% increase). The greatest numeric increase in filings occurred from February to March 2021 (43,305 more filings in March). From January to March 2022, there was a monthly average of 101,391 District Court original filings, a decrease of 10.4% from January to March 2021 (113,151 average monthly filings) and a decrease of 38.6% from January to March 2020 (165,070 average monthly filings).

## Appendices

### Appendix A: [COVID 19 Timeline](#)

### Appendix B: COVID Administrative Orders\*(Active)

<a href="#">COVID 19 Administrative Orders</a>	
<b>March 28, 2022</b>	<p><a href="#">Lifting the COVID-19 Health Emergency as to the Maryland Judiciary</a></p> <p><a href="#">Final Administrative Order on the Emergency Tolling or Suspension of Statutes of Limitations and Statutory and Rules Deadlines Related to the Initiation of Matters and Certain Statutory and Rules Deadlines in Pending Matters</a></p> <p><a href="#">Final Administrative Order on Jury Trials and Grand Juries During the COVID-19 Emergency</a></p> <p><a href="#">Final Amended Administrative Order on the Suspension During the COVID-19 Emergency of Foreclosures, Evictions, and Other Ejectments Involving Residences</a></p> <p><a href="#">Implementation of Remote Electronic Judicial Proceedings</a></p>
<b>March 1, 2022</b>	<p><a href="#">Fifth Amended Administrative Order Expanding Statewide Judiciary Operations in Light of the Covid-19 Emergency</a></p> <p><a href="#">Twelfth Revised Administrative Order on the Emergency Tolling or Suspension of Statutes of Limitations and Statutory and Rules Deadlines Related to the Initiation of Matters and Certain Statutory and Rules Deadlines in Pending Matters</a></p> <p><a href="#">Sixth Amended Administrative Order on Lifting the Statewide Suspension of Jury Trials and Maintaining Grand Juries</a></p> <p><a href="#">Twelfth Amended Administrative Order on the Suspension During the COVID-19 Emergency of Foreclosures, Evictions, and Other Ejectments Involving Residences</a></p>
<b>January 14, 2022</b>	<p><a href="#">Extension of Interim Administrative Order of December 27, 2021 Restricting Statewide Judiciary Operations in Light of the Omicron Variant of the COVID-19 Emergency</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ninth Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments</a></p>
<b>December 28, 2021</b>	<a href="#">Eighth Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments</a>
<b>December 27, 2021</b>	<a href="#">Interim Administrative Order of December 27, 2021 Restricting Statewide Judiciary Operations in Light of the Omicron Variant of the COVID-19 Emergency</a>
<b>October 29, 2021</b>	<a href="#">Limitation on Applications and Covid-19 Vaccination/Testing Requirements for Applicants for the February 2022 Uniform Bar Exam in Maryland</a>
<b>October 22, 2021</b>	<a href="#">Seventh Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments</a>
<b>September 15, 2021</b>	<a href="#">Sixth Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments</a>

<u>COVID 19 Administrative Orders</u>	
<b>August 20, 2021</b>	<a href="#">COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for Judiciary Personnel in Courthouses and Judicial Branch Facilities</a>
<b>August 18, 2021</b>	<a href="#">Fifth Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments</a>
<b>August 6, 2021</b>	<a href="#">Third Amended Administrative Order Expanding Statewide Judiciary Operations in Light of the COVID-19 Emergency</a> <a href="#">Ninth Administrative Order Clarifying COVID-19 Health Measures in Courthouses and Judicial Branch Facilities</a> <a href="#">Fourth Amended Administrative Order on Lifting the Statewide Suspension of Jury Trials and Maintaining Grand Juries</a> <a href="#">Tenth Amended Administrative Order on the Suspension During the COVID-19 Emergency of Foreclosures, Evictions, and Other Ejectments Involving Residences</a> <a href="#">Tenth Revised Administrative Order on the Emergency Tolling or Suspension of Statutes of Limitations and Statutory and Rules Deadlines Related to the Initiation of Matters and Certain Statutory and Rules Deadlines in Pending Matters</a>
<b>February 2, 2021,</b>	<a href="#">First Amended Administrative Order on Case Time Standards and Related Reports for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 in Light of the COVID-19 Emergency</a>
<b>December 16, 2020</b>	<a href="#">Second Administrative Order on Remote Oral Arguments</a>
<b>October 26, 2020</b>	<a href="#">Remote Oral Arguments</a>
<b>May 26, 2020</b>	<a href="#">Postponement of the July 2020 Maryland Bar Examination</a>
<b>May 18, 2020</b>	<a href="#">Rescheduling May Oral Arguments and Postponing Other Oral Arguments</a>
<b>May 01, 2020</b>	<a href="#">Amended Administrative Order on Remote Proceedings Held During the COVID-19 Emergency</a> <a href="#">Case Time Standards and Related Reports for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 in Light of the COVID-19 Emergency</a>
<b>April 14, 2020</b>	<a href="#">Guiding the Response of the Trial Courts of Maryland to the COVID-19 Emergency as it Relates to Those Persons who are Incarcerated or Imprisoned</a>
<b>April 13, 2020</b>	<a href="#">Guiding the Response of Circuit Courts Sitting as Juvenile Courts to the COVID-19 Emergency as it Relates to those Juveniles who are Detained, Committed Pending Placement or in Commitments</a>
<b>March 18, 2020</b>	<a href="#">Statewide Operations That Must Be Maintained During the COVID-19 Emergency: Land Records</a>

*\*Does not include rescinded or obsolete orders*

## **Appendix C: Judicial Operations by Court and Phase**

### **Phase I: March 16, 2020-June 5, 2020**

During this phase court activity was limited to emergency operations only with few exceptions.

#### **District Court**

- Bail reviews
- Bench warrants
- Emergency evaluations
- Quarantine and isolation violations
- Body attachments

#### **District Court Commissioners**

- New extreme risk protective order petitions
- New domestic violence protective order petitions (adult respondents)
- New peace order petitions
- Initial appearances
- Applications for statement of charges
- Bail bonds
- Bench warrant satisfactions

#### **Circuit Courts**

- Bail reviews
- Bench warrants
- Arraignments for detained defendants
- Juvenile detention
- Juvenile shelter care
- Peace order petitions (juvenile respondents)
- Emergency evaluations
- Quarantine and isolation
- Extradition
- Body attachments
- Extreme risk protective order appeals

#### **Court of Special Appeals**

- Injunctive relief pending appeal
- Appeals if lack of action would result in dispositive outcome
- Appeals from quarantine and isolation matters

#### **Court of Appeals**

- Certain election law matters
- Mandamus
- Certified questions of law

- Quarantine and isolation

## **Phase II: June 5, 2020-July 19, 2020 and December 22, 2020-March 14, 2021**

Phase II includes Phase I matters in addition to items below:

### **District Court**

#### Criminal and Traffic

- Bail reviews and reconsiderations
- Matters regarding locally incarcerated defendants (in accordance with April 14, 2020 order)
- Trials for incarcerated individuals
- Trials for other criminal actions alleging violent acts
- Trials for alcohol-related motor vehicle cases
- Guilty pleas with deferral of incarceration start date considered
- Mental health evaluations and competency matters
- Preliminary hearings
- Hearings on petitions for violation of probation
- Juvenile waiver hearings
- Any other criminal proceeding that can be conducted remotely

### **District Court Commissioners**

- Commissioners shall continue to hear all Phase I matters, including after regular court hours for interim domestic violence protective, peace, and extreme risk protective order petitions.; continued acceptance of circuit court bail bonds.

### **Circuit Courts**

#### Civil

- Emergency habeas corpus matters
- Temporary restraining orders
- Scheduling conferences
- Status conferences
- On the record appeals
- Matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both.

#### Criminal

- Bail reviews, bail reconsiderations, and bench warrants including matters involving locally incarcerated defendants (in accordance with April 14, 2020 order)
- Arraignments for detained defendants
- Extradition cases
- Competency, criminal responsibility issues not requiring witness testimony status, and discovery and Hicks issues
- Deferred sentencing for non-incarcerated defendants
- Pleas agreements without recommendations for incarceration

- Motions that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

### Family

- Scheduling conferences
- Status conferences
- Uncontested divorce and other uncontested matters
- Domestic violence protective orders
- Domestic violence, peace, and extreme risk protective order appeals
- Family law emergencies that have been determined to require an expedited hearing
- Emergency issues in guardianship matters
- Temporary restraining orders
- Default hearings
- Exceptions not requiring witness testimony
- Matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

### Child in Need of Assistance (CINA)

- Shelter care hearings
- CINA matters that are uncontested or can be heard by proffer including adjudications, dispositions, permanency plans, and permanency plan reviews.
- Termination of parental rights that are by consent or proffer
- Exceptions (uncontested, consented to, or requiring legal argument only)
- Family Treatment/Recovery Court reviews
- Guardianships under juvenile causes
- Adoptions re: CINA and TPR youth
- Matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

### Juvenile Delinquency

- Detention hearings
- Peace order petitions (juvenile respondents)
- Arraignments and first appearances
- Emergency delinquency matters
- Adjudication with agreed to plea and/or by proffer
- Disposition by consent or proffer
- Disposition reviews
- Delinquency juvenile treatment plans and reviews
- Closure of probation and jurisdiction not requiring testimony
- Juvenile expungements not requiring testimony
- Juvenile permanency plans and reviews by consent or proffer
- Juvenile waivers by consent and not requiring testimony
- Exceptions no requiring witness testimony
- Matters that can be heard remotely or without testimony or both

### Problem-solving Courts

- Proceedings of drug, mental health, family/dependence recovery, DUI, veterans, juvenile drug, and truancy courts.

### **Court of Special Appeals**

- Fully operational
- The court will hear all matters in its jurisdiction.
- Most hearings will be held remotely.
- Mediation conducted by COSA ADR Division may be handled remotely.

### **Court of Appeals**

- Fully operational
- The court will hear all matters in its jurisdiction.
- Hearings will be held remotely.

## **Phase III: July 20, 2020-August 30, 2020, November 16, 2020-November 29, 2020<sup>2</sup> and December 29, 2021-March 6, 2022**

Includes Phase I and Phase II matters in addition to items below:

### **District Court**

#### Criminal and Traffic

- Trials for incarcerated defendants
- Other cases alleging violent acts, alcohol-related motor vehicle matters
- Preliminary hearings
- Begin scheduling minor traffic matters for dockets that begin during Phase IV, including previously postponed matters
- Violation of probation

#### Civil

- Resume handling temporary domestic violence protective, peace, and extreme risk protective order petitions during court hours.
- Begin scheduling civil matters, including trials, for dockets that begin during Phase IV, including previously postponed matters.

#### Landlord-Tenant

- Rent escrow actions, provided local inspection practices can be conducted
- Tenant holding over actions and associated warrants of restitution
- Breach of lease actions and any associated warrants of restitution
- Wrongful detainer actions and associated warrants of restitution

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<sup>2</sup> A plain-language description of updated Phase III operating activities as of the [December 27, 2021 Administrative Order](#) can be found on the [Judiciary's Coronavirus Phased Reopening Plan](#) page (<https://mdcourts.gov/coronavirusphasedreopening>).

- Processing of warrants of restitution for failure to pay rent actions to begin after July 25, 2020, consistent with the Amended Order in regard to Foreclosures, Evictions, and Other Ejectments involving Residences.

#### District Court Commissioners

- Commissioners will resume hearing interim domestic violence protective order, peace, and extreme risk protective order petitions only after regular court hours.
- Continue to accept circuit court bail bonds through Phase IV.

#### **Circuit Courts**

##### Civil

- Motions requiring witness testimony
- Settlement hearings
- Attorney disciplinary hearings

##### Criminal

- Motions
- Expungements
- Violation of probation
- Non-jury trials
- Jury prayer status hearings
- Sentencings previously deferred

##### Family

- Resume handling temporary domestic violence protective order petitions during court hours
- Motions requiring witness testimony
- Pendente lite hearings
- Contempt proceedings
- Adoptions
- Guardianship – non-emergency
- Child support establishment
- Settlement hearings
- Court-ordered mediation

##### Child in Need of Assistance (CINA)

- All matters and motions that are contested and/or require testimony
- Adjudications, dispositions, permanency plans, and permanency plan reviews
- Exceptions hearings requiring witness testimony
- Contested TPRs

##### Juvenile Delinquency

- All matters that are contested and/or require testimony

- Adjudications
- Dispositions
- Disposition review
- Closure of probation and jurisdiction
- Motions
- Juvenile expungements
- Juvenile Permanency plan and permanency plan review
- Juvenile and adult sex offender registration
- Waiver hearings, including to and from Juvenile Court
- Exception hearings

**Court of Special Appeals**

- Same as Phase II.

**Court of Appeals**

- Same as Phase II.

**Phase IV: August 31, 2020-November 15, 2020 and March 15, 2021-April 25, 2021**

Includes Phase I, II and III matters plus:

**District Court**Criminal and Traffic

- All criminal matters
- Minor traffic matters
- Begin scheduling dockets that begin during Phase IV for:
  - Red light
  - Parking
  - Speed camera
  - School bus
  - Toll/MTA
  - Other civil citations including previously postponed matters

**Civil**

- All civil matters

Landlord-Tenant

- Failure to pay rent

**District Court Commissioners**

- Fully operational
- Continue to accept circuit court bail bonds through Phase IV.

**Circuit Courts**Civil

- Non-jury trials
- De novo appeals

Criminal

- Post-conviction hearings
- Three-judge panel sentence reviews

Family

- Hearings and trials
- Child support contempt

Child in Need of Assistance (CINA)

- Fully operational

Juvenile Delinquency

- Fully operational

Problem-solving Courts

- Fully operational

**Court of Special Appeals**

- Same as Phase II.

**Court of Appeals**

- Same as Phase II

**Phase V: April 26, 2021-December 28, 2021 and beginning March 7, 2022**

- All courts resume full operations.

**Phase V: Current Phase**