# Maryland Judiciary FY 2015 Statewide Caseflow Assessment

## **Circuit Courts**



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### **Main Analysis**

The analysis of case processing performance in Maryland's circuit courts for FY 2015 is based on samples of original terminations from circuit court jurisdictions<sup>1</sup> for the following case types: Criminal, Civil General, Family Law (one-year standard), Limited Divorce (two-year standard), Juvenile Delinquency, Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) Shelter, CINA Non-Shelter, and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR). Samples of up to 500 original terminations were used for each case type, yielding a grand total of 39,591 cases for analysis (less invalid terminations).<sup>2</sup>

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

Historical case processing performance, by jurisdiction and case type, is provided in Appendix C of this report.

#### Within-Standard Percentages

Statewide case processing performance in FY 2015 varied by 2% or less from that observed in FY 2014 in five of the eight case types examined (Civil General, Family Law, Limited Divorce, Juvenile Delinquency, and CINA Non-Shelter). While decreases in statewide within-standard performance were observed in the CINA Shelter (by 3%) and TPR (by 6%) case types in FY 2015 over FY 2014, performance results were the second-highest in the most recent five-year period for these two case types, at 71% within-standard for CINA Shelter cases and 66% within-standard for TPR cases. Statewide Criminal performance decreased by 4% between Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015, at 84% within-standard.

Civil General performance increased by 2% in FY 2015 over FY 2014, at 91% within-standard statewide. This statewide performance result (91%) was observed in seven of the eight most recent fiscal years; the only exception being FY 2014, at which time Civil General cases closed at 89% within-standard statewide. Foreclosure cases were included in the FY 2015 analysis, and comprised 60% of the statewide Civil General case sample (compared to 56% of the statewide Civil General case sample in FY 2014 and 41% of the sample in FY 2013). On an unweighted basis, foreclosure cases were 88% within-standard statewide, whereas all non-foreclosure Civil General cases were 95% within-standard statewide.

Twelve circuit court jurisdictions showed either no change or improved foreclosure case processing performance in Fiscal Year 2015 over Fiscal Year 2014. This between-year variance was similar to that observed between Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014, in which 11 circuit court jurisdictions either maintained or improved foreclosure case processing performance. Moreover,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County was <u>excluded</u> from the FY 2015 analysis of case processing performance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cases without case start dates and those with negative case processing times (i.e., case stop dates occurring before start dates) were excluded from the current analysis. An analysis of these invalid cases is included in the Methodology section of the statewide report.

this follows a general pattern of year-to-year variance in foreclosure case processing performance among circuit court jurisdictions; for example, all but one but one jurisdiction showed improved foreclosure case processing performance in Fiscal Year 2013 over Fiscal Year 2012, and the one jurisdiction with decreased performance only dropped by 1% during this period. Conversely, between Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012, all but two circuit court jurisdictions showed decreased foreclosure case processing performance.

Statewide within-standard case processing performance among civil non-foreclosure cases increased by 2% between Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015, at 95% within-standard statewide on an <u>unweighted</u> basis. Civil non-foreclosure cases were 94% within-standard statewide each year between Fiscal Years 2009 and 2013. Nineteen circuit court jurisdictions showed either no change or improved civil non-foreclosure within-standard case processing performance between Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015. For those jurisdictions that showed improved civil non-foreclosure performance, the largest increase was 11%.

Despite a 6% decrease in performance between Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015, the 66% within-standard performance observed among TPR cases in FY 2015 was the second-highest result in the five-year period spanning Fiscal Years 2011 through 2015, and follows an 8% increase in performance between Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 in this case type. Further, nine circuit court jurisdictions met the 100% case time standard goal in TPR cases in FY 2015.

Juvenile Delinquency performance, at 96% statewide in FY 2015, was unchanged from FY 2014. Eight circuit court jurisdictions met the 98% performance goal in FY 2015, and three circuit court jurisdictions performed at 97% within-standard. Statewide within-standard performance among Juvenile Delinquency cases has remained at either 96% or 97% each fiscal year between 2011 and 2015.

Statewide CINA Non-Shelter case processing performance (90% within-standard in FY 2015) has shown a similar pattern of low variance, as statewide performance has been at either 89% or 90% annually between Fiscal Years 2011 and 2015. Even with a 4% decrease in within-standard performance between Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 (84% within-standard statewide), seven circuit court jurisdictions attained the 98% Criminal case processing goal in FY 2015.

At 71% within-standard statewide in FY 2015, CINA Shelter performance decreased by 3% from FY 2014, but the FY 2015 performance result was the second-highest observed between Fiscal Years 2011 and 2015 in this case type. When analyzing performance in child welfare case types (CINA Shelter, CINA Non-Shelter, and TPR), it must be noted that performance within jurisdictions may show moderate to high degrees of variance from year to year partially due to relatively small numbers of cases of these types, especially in smaller jurisdictions.

Both Family Law (one-year standard) and Limited Divorce (two-year standard) cases performed at 89% within-standard, statewide, in FY 2015.<sup>3</sup> Performance under the one-year Family Law standard has remained between 85% and 89% statewide between Fiscal Years 2011 and 2015. In

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Beginning with the FY 2014 Assessment, Family Law cases (formerly "Domestic Relations") were analyzed only under the one-year standard (<u>98% within-standard</u>, changed from 90% within-standard previously) for all except Limited Divorce cases, for which performance was assessed under the two-year standard only (<u>98% goal</u>).

FY 2015, eight circuit court jurisdictions met the 98% performance goal. Despite the 2% decreased in Limited Divorce statewide performance in FY 2015 over FY 2014, 17 circuit court jurisdictions attained the 98% (two-year) performance goal.

Statewide weighted percentages of cases terminated within-standard, by case type, for FY 2015 are shown in Table 1 below. Appendix C on pages 39 to 64 provides five-year (Fiscal Years 2011 through 2015) within-standard case processing performance, by case type, for all circuit court jurisdictions.

<u>Table 1. Valid Terminations and Percent of Cases Terminated Within-Standard (Weighted) by</u> Case Type, Circuit Courts, Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015

	Judiciai	w Coole		With	erminations		
	Judiciai	y Guais	FY 2015 Valid	F	Y 2015		FY 2014-15
Case Type	Time Standard	Percent Within- Standard	<b>Terminations</b>	N	%* (weighted)	FY 2014 %*	Change
Criminal	180 days	98%	9,797	8,892	84%	88%	-4%
Civil General**,* **	548 days	98%	10,347	9,414	91%	89%	+2%
Family Law****	365 days	98%	10,427	9,733	89%	87%	+2%
Limited Divorce****	730 days	98%	1,662	1,475	89%	91%	-2%
Juvenile Delinquency	90 days	98%	5,238	5,036	96%	96%	0%
CINA Shelter	30 days	100%	1,435	1,020	71%	74%	-3%
CINA Non- Shelter	60 days	100%	352	317	90%	89%	+1%
TPR	180 days	100%	333	220	66%	72%	-6%

<sup>\*</sup>Percentages of cases closed within the Time Standards are weighted averages of jurisdiction-specific statistics.

\*\*The Circuit Court Civil General time standard is 98% of cases closed within 18 months (548 days) from filing.

The District Court Civil time standard initiates at service, with the associated goal of closing 98% of Civil Large cases in 250 days and 98% of Civil Small cases in 120 days.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Foreclosure cases are <u>included</u> in statewide the FY 2015 Civil General case sample. These cases were excluded from both the FY 2011 and FY 2012 Civil case samples.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Beginning with the FY 2014 Assessment, the 365-Day (98%) Family Law case time standard became applicable to all <u>except</u> Limited Divorce cases. The 730-Day (98%) case time standard is now applicable <u>only</u> to Limited Divorce cases.

Fiscal Year 2015 case processing performance aggregated by jurisdiction size is shown in Table 2 below. When analyzed in conjunction with Table A-2 in Appendix A, it illustrates the impact that the performance of large jurisdictions has on the statewide within-standard percentages, due to the higher volume of cases terminated in larger jurisdictions. In FY 2015, this impact was especially apparent for the Criminal case type, for which 84% statewide within-standard performance was observed. Only four of five large circuit court jurisdictions were included in the FY 2015 analysis, however (excluding the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County). Large circuit court jurisdictions, collectively, performed at 81% within-standard in the Criminal case type in FY 2015, whereas small circuit court jurisdictions collectively attained the 98% (180 day) Criminal case time standard goal in FY 2015. Medium (92%) and medium-large (87%) jurisdiction size tiers also performed above the statewide percentage in FY 2015.

Consistent with performance observed in recent years, large circuit court jurisdictions collectively performed at the highest rate in the Juvenile Delinquency case type in FY 2015, at 96% within-standard. This performance result (96% within-standard) in the Juvenile Delinquency case type was the same for each jurisdiction size tier in FY 2015. Large circuit court jurisdictions also performed at comparatively similar levels in the Civil General and CINA Non-Shelter case types (both at 92% within-standard) in FY 2015. Large jurisdictions have performed at comparatively high rates in the CINA Non-Shelter case type in recent fiscal years.

Small circuit court jurisdictions performed, collectively, at the highest rate among the size classifications in FY 2015 in the Criminal, Family Law, Limited Divorce, and TPR case types. Medium-large sized jurisdictions performed at the highest comparative rate in the CINA Shelter case type (80% within-standard) in FY 2015.

In the area of foreclosure cases, small- and medium-sized circuit court jurisdictions performed at the highest rate (90% within-standard) in FY 2015. Three large circuit court jurisdictions showed improved foreclosure case processing performance between Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015. Civil non-foreclosure performance increased by 2% statewide between Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015, at 95% within-standard (unweighted). Each jurisdiction size tier showed improved civil non-foreclosure performance in FY 2015, with the largest improvement occurring among large circuit court jurisdictions (at 95% within-standard; a 4% increase over FY 2014).

<u>Table 2. Percent of Cases Closed Within-Standard (Weighted) as a Function of Jurisdiction Size</u> and Case Type, Circuit Courts, FY 2015

	Time Judiciary Standard Goals		Statewide		Jui	risdiction Siz	ze
Case Type			Within- Standard Percentage*	Small*	Medium*	Medium -Large*	Large*
Criminal	180 days	98%	84%	98%	92%	87%	81%
Civil General	548 days	98%	91%	92%	91%	90%	92%
Family Law	365 days	98%	89%	96%	95%	94%	86%
<b>Limited Divorce</b>	730 days	98%	89%	100%	97%	94%	84%
Juvenile Delinquency	90 days	98%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%
<b>CINA Shelter</b>	30 days	100%	71%	60%	68%	80%	70%
<b>CINA Non-Shelter</b>	60 days	100%	90%	90%	83%	92%	92%
TPR	180 days	100%	66%	85%	67%	70%	63%

<sup>\*</sup>Percentages of cases closed within the Time Standards are weighted averages of jurisdiction-specific statistics.

#### Five-Year Within-Standard Percentages

A five-year history of the number and percentage of jurisdictions that performed at or better than the Judiciary's case time standard goals, by case type, is provided in Table 3.<sup>4</sup>

Consistent with findings from FY 2014, in FY 2015 the highest number of circuit court jurisdictions met or exceeded the Limited Divorce (two-year standard) goal (17 jurisdictions). Prior to the FY 2014 modification in the Family Law case time standard, in which Limited Divorce cases only were subject to a two-year standard and all other Family Law cases a one-year standard, the two-year Family Law standard was consistently attained at the highest rate. All seven small jurisdictions met the Limited Divorce goal in FY 2015, as did four of the six medium-sized jurisdictions and five of the six medium-large sized jurisdictions.

On a statewide basis, the second-highest rate of attainment of case time standard goals in FY 2015 was observed in the CINA Non-Shelter case type, in which 10 jurisdictions achieved the 100% goal (60 days). Performance in this case type was largely consistent across jurisdiction size groupings in FY 2015. Between seven and nine circuit court jurisdictions attained or exceeded the case time standard goals in the Criminal, Family Law (one-year standard), Juvenile Delinquency, and TPR case types in FY 2015. No significant change was observed in the number of jurisdictions meeting the case time standard goals for these case types, on a statewide basis, between Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County was not subject to the analysis of case processing performance in FY 2015. As such, calculations on the percentage of circuit court jurisdictions that met or exceeded the case type-specific time standard goals were based on a total of 4 large jurisdictions and 23 total jurisdictions in FY 2015.

The fewest circuit court jurisdictions attained the case time standard goals in the Civil General and CINA Shelter case types in FY 2015, at three jurisdictions in each case type. These results are, however, generally consistent with recent fiscal years. Small circuit court jurisdictions generally attain the case time standard goals in these case types more frequently than medium and large jurisdictions. Despite only three jurisdictions meeting the 98% (548 days) Civil General case time standard goal in FY 2015, there were six circuit court jurisdictions that closed either 96% or 97% of their Civil General cases within the goal.

Table 3: Counties Performing At or Above the Case Time Standard Goals, statewide and by number and percent of jurisdictions of like-size, Fiscal Years 2011 through 2015

Jurisdiction	Criminal	Civil General	Family Law Standard 1*	Family Law Standard 2/Limited Divorce*	Juvenile Delinquency	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	TPR
	<u>N (%)</u>	<u>N (%)</u>	<u>N (%)</u>	<u>N (%)</u>	<u>N (%)</u>	<u>N (%)</u>	<u>N (%)</u>	<u>N (%)</u>
FY 2011								
Small	3 (33%)	4 (44%)	8 (89%)	9 (100%)	6 (67%)	1 (11%)	4 (44%)	5 (56%)
Medium	3 (30%)	2 (20%)	9 (90%)	9 (90%)	5 (50%)	0 (0%)	9 (90%)	6 (60%)
Large	1 (20%)	2 (40%)	2 (40%)	2 (40%)	2 (40%)	2 (40%)	3 (60%)	0 (0%)
Statewide	7 (29%)	8 (33%)	19 (79%)	20 (83%)	13 (54%)	3 (13%)	16 (67%)	11 (46%)
FY 2012								
Small	7 (78%)	4 (44%)	7 (78%)	9 (100%)	4 (44%)	2 (22%)	4 (44%)	3 (33%)
Medium	2 (20%)	2 (20%)	8 (80%)	10 (100%)	5 (50%)	1 (10%)	5 (50%)	6 (60%)
Large	1 (20%)	2 (40%)	2 (40%)	2 (40%)	3 (60%)	1 (20%)	1 (20%)	0 (0%)
Statewide	10 (42%)	8 (33%)	17 (71%)	21 (88%)	12 (50%)	4 (17%)	10 (42%)	9 (38%)
FY 2013								
Small	5 (56%)	3 (33%)	6 (67%)	7 (78%)	4 (44%)	2 (22%)	3 (33%)	4 (44%)
Medium	3 (30%)	2 (20%)	8 (80%)	9 (90%)	5 (50%)	2 (20%)	6 (60%)	4 (40%)
Large	1 (20%)	0 (0%)	2 (40%)	3 (60%)	2 (40%)	1 (20%)	2 (40%)	1 (20%)
Statewide	9 (38%)	5 (21%)	16 (67%)	19 (79%)	11 (46%)	5 (21%)	11 (46%)	9 (38%)
<u>FY 2014</u>								
Small	3 (43%)	1 (14%)	3 (43%)	7 (100%)	3 (43%)	3 (43%)	5 (71%)	1 (14%)
Medium	3 (50%)	0 (0%)	2 (33%)	3 (50%)	3 (50%)	0 (0%)	2 (33%)	1 (17%)
Medium-Large	1 (17%)	0 (0%)	2 (33%)	4 (67%)	3 (50%)	0 (0%)	4 (67%)	4 (67%)
Large	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (40%)	1 (20%)	0 (0%)	3 (60%)	2 (40%)
Statewide	7 (29%)	1 (4%)	7 (29%)	16 (67%)	10 (42%)	3 (13%)	14 (58%)	8 (33%)
<b>FY 2015</b>								
Small	4 (60%)	1 (14%)	3 (43%)	7 (100%)	2 (29%)	2 (29%)	3 (43%)	3 (43%)
Medium	3 (50%)	2 (33%)	2 (33%)	4 (67%)	4 (67%)	0 (0%)	2 (33%)	2 (33%)
Medium-Large	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (50%)	5 (83%)	1 (17%)	1 (17%)	3 (50%)	3 (50%)
Large*	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (25%)	1 (25%)	0 (0%)	2 (50%)	1 (25%)
Statewide**	7 (30%)	3 (13%)	8 (35%)	17 (74%)	8 (35%)	3 (13%)	10 (43%)	9 (39%)

Note: Percentages in Table 3 are computed as the proportion of all jurisdictions of like-size performing at or above the Case Time Standards goal.

<sup>\*</sup>Large jurisdiction calculations based on a total of 4 jurisdictions in FY 2015 (excluding Anne Arundel).

<sup>\*\*</sup>Statewide jurisdiction total calculations based on 23 jurisdictions in FY 2015 (excluding Anne Arundel).

The 365-Day (98%) Family Law case time standard became applicable to all except Limited Divorce cases in FY 2014. The 730-Day (98%) case time standard is now applicable only to Limited Divorce cases beginning with the FY 2014 Assessment.

#### Average Case Processing Times

Statewide overall, within-, and over-standard average case processing times in the circuit courts for FY 2015 are provided in Table 4. Consistent with recent years, statewide overall average case processing times were within-standard for each case type except CINA Shelter in FY 2015, despite a four-day reduction in the statewide overall average case time for CINA Shelter cases in that year (38 days in FY 2014 and 34 days in FY 2015).

Reductions in statewide overall average case times in FY 2015 over FY 2014 were also observed in the Civil General (4 day reduction, at 308 days), Family Law (16 day reduction, at 185 days), and Juvenile Delinquency (1 day reduction, at 42 days) case types. The statewide overall average case time for CINA Non-Shelter cases remained at 41 days in FY 2015. Increases in the statewide overall average case times between Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 were recorded in the Criminal (10 day increase, at 117 days), TPR (13 day increase, at 179 days), and Limited Divorce (33 day increase, at 385 days) case types.

For the sixth consecutive fiscal year in FY 2015 (2010 through 2015), overall average case times among foreclosure cases exceeded that of Civil non-foreclosure cases. In FY 2015, on an <a href="unweighted">unweighted</a> basis, the statewide overall average case time among foreclosure cases was 352 days, whereas it was 217 days for Civil non-foreclosure cases. Both of these averages were well within the time standard goal of 18 months (548 days).

Following increases in statewide within-standard average case processing times among all case types between Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014, changes of three or fewer days were observed in five of the eight circuit court case type categories analyzed in FY 2015 over FY 2014 (Criminal, Family Law, Juvenile Delinquency, CINA Shelter, and TPR), and no change occurred in the statewide within-standard average case time among CINA Non-Shelter cases during this period. Moderate increases in statewide within-standard average case times occurred among Civil General (a 24 day increase) and Limited Divorce (a 15 day increase) cases in FY 2015 over FY 2014.

Moderate to somewhat large decreases occurred in the statewide over-standard average case times between Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 in the Limited Divorce (a 156 reduction, at 987 days) and Civil General (a 55 day reduction, at 735 days) case types. Reductions in statewide over-standard average case times of between 12 and 21 days in FY 2015 over FY 2014 also occurred in the Criminal, Family Law, Juvenile Delinquency, and CINA Shelter case types, whereas the statewide over-standard average case times rose in the CINA Non-Shelter and TPR case types during this period, by two and 18 days, respectively. Statewide average case times for over-standard compared to within-standard cases in FY 2015 ranged from 2.1 times as long (TPR cases) to 4.0 times as long (Criminal cases).

<u>Table 4. Average Overall, Within- and Over-Standard Case Processing Time (Weighted) by Case</u> <u>Type, Circuit Courts, FY 2015</u>

Case Type	Time	FY 2	FY 2014 Overall		
Case Type	Standard	Overall	Within- Standard	Over- Standard	Average Case Time
Criminal	180 days	117	75	301	107
Civil General	548 days	308	267	735	312
Family Law	365 days	185	139	531	201
<b>Limited Divorce</b>	730 days	385	300	987	352
Juvenile Delinquency	90 days	42	38	150	43
CINA Shelter	30 days	34	23	58	38
CINA Non- Shelter	60 days	41	33	102	41
TPR	180 days	179	130	274	166

<sup>\*</sup>Average case times (in days) are weighted averages of jurisdiction-specific statistics.

#### Median Case Processing Times

Table 5 provides the statewide overall, within-, and over-standard median case processing times (the middle value in the distribution of case processing times from lowest to greatest case time) in the circuit courts for FY 2015. Median case times are useful to examine as, unlike the measure of average case time, they are not affected by cases with rather extreme case lengths (or "outliers") in terms of the total sample of cases.

Statewide overall median case times varied by 11 days or less in FY 2015 over FY 2014 within the Criminal, Family Law, Juvenile Delinquency, CINA Shelter, CINA Non-Shelter, and TPR case types, and rose by 19 days among Limited Divorce cases and by 26 days among Civil General cases during this time period. Statewide over-standard median case times decreased in FY 2015 over FY 2014 in six of the eight case type categories subject to analysis; increases occurred only in the Criminal (by 11 days) and TPR (by 14 days) case types. The largest difference between over- versus within-standard median case times in FY 2015 was recorded in Criminal cases (4.0 times as long), followed closely by Family Law (one-year standard) cases, at 3.8 times as long. The smallest difference in this measure occurred in TPR cases (1.9 times as long for over- versus within-standard median case times, statewide).

An examination of the differences between the average and median case processing times highlights case types which contain especially long cases ("outliers") that have a more pronounced effect on average case times. In FY 2015, the biggest differences between statewide

overall average and median case times were found in Limited Divorce cases, in which the overall median case time was 49 days lower than the average, followed by Family Law, with an overall median case time that was 45 days lower than the average case time. A comparison of overstandard average and median case time in FY 2015 shows the largest difference in the Limited Divorce case type (median was 68 days less), followed by Civil General cases (median was 66 days less) and Family Law cases (median was 55 days less).

<u>Table 5. Median Overall, Within- and Over-Standard Case Processing Time (Weighted) by Case Type, Circuit Courts, FY 2015</u>

Cogo Turo	Time	FY 2	FY 2014 Overall		
Case Type	Standard	Overall	Within- Standard	Over- Standard	Median Case Time
Criminal	180 days	82	66	266	86
Civil General	548 days	292	269	669	266
Family Law	365 days	140	124	476	151
<b>Limited Divorce</b>	730 days	336	298	919	317
Juvenile Delinquency	90 days	38	36	122	36
CINA Shelter	30 days	28	24	49	27
CINA Non- Shelter	60 days	36	32	90	39
TPR	180 days	163	133	257	167

<sup>\*</sup>Median case times (in days) are weighted averages of jurisdiction-specific statistics.

#### <u>Distribution of Over-Standard Cases</u>

Table 6 provides data on the statewide distribution of cases closed past the case time standard goals, by case type. Appendix B on pages 30 to 38 contains diagrams on the distribution of cases closed over-standard in FY 2015, by case type.

While having the fourth-highest number of statewide over-standard cases in FY 2015, at 415, over-standard CINA Shelter cases took the least amount of time, proportionally, to close both within one week (30%) and one month (69%) beyond the 30-day case time standard goal. It took approximately 2.4 weeks to close half of the statewide over-standard CINA Shelter cases in FY 2015, which was the least amount of time on this measure among all circuit court case types.

Juvenile Delinquency cases closed at the second-highest rate within one week past the 90-day time standard goal in FY 2015, at 21%. Within one month past the respective time standard

goals, 54% of both over-standard Juvenile Delinquency and CINA Non-Shelter cases had closed within the FY 2015 statewide sample. There were, however, only 35 total over-standard CINA Non-Shelter case in the FY 2015 statewide sample (202 over-standard Juvenile Delinquency cases).

Similar to results observed in FY 2014, Limited Divorce cases closed at the lowest rate overstandard in FY 2015 (only 4% closing within one month past the two-year standard). It took approximately seven months past the two-year standard to close half of the statewide overstandard Limited Divorce cases in FY 2015. By comparison, it took approximately 3.7 months to close half of the over-standard Family Law (one-year standard) cases in FY 2015, which is consistent with recent fiscal years. Also consistent with recent years, it took approximately one month to close half of the over-standard Juvenile Delinquency cases in FY 2015.

The pace of closure of over-standard Criminal cases in FY 2015 was similar to that observed in recent fiscal years, as half of the statewide over-standard cases of this type closed within 2.6 months of the 180-day goal (2.3 months in FY 2014, and 2.4 months in both Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013). The median amount of time to close cases past the 180-day goal in TPR cases continued to shorten in FY 2015, at 2.0 months past the standard (2.2 months in FY 2014 and 2.7 months in FY 2013). Additionally, it took approximately 3.5 months to close half of the statewide 933 over-standard Civil General cases in FY 2015.

<u>Table 6. Percent of Over-Standard Cases Closed shortly beyond the Time Standard and Time</u> <u>Required to Close 50% of Over-Standard Cases by Case Type, Circuit Courts, FY 2015</u>

Case Type	Time Standard	Number of Over- Standard	Closing Over Standard*				Time to Close 50% of Over- Standard Cases
		Cases	Within 1 week		Within 1 month		
Criminal	180 days	905	6%	52 cases	20%	185 cases	2.6 months
Civil General	548 days	933	5%	46 cases	20%	185 cases	3.5 months
Family Law	365 days	694	4%	31 cases	17%	116 cases	3.7 months
<b>Limited Divorce</b>	730 days	187	0%	0 cases	4%	8 cases	7.0 months
Juvenile Delinquency	90 days	202	21%	42 cases	54%	110 cases	4.0 weeks
<b>CINA Shelter</b>	30 days	415	30%	125 cases	69%	287 cases	2.4 weeks
<b>CINA Non-Shelter</b>	60 days	35	11% 4 cases		54%	19 cases	4.0 weeks
TPR	180 days	113	6%	7 cases	32%	36 cases	2.0 months

<sup>\*</sup>The aggregate percent of cases closing (just) over their respective time standards are **not** weighted; therefore, caution should be used when generalizing this information to the statewide level.

#### **Postponements**

The number and proportion of cases containing one or more postponements is tracked as part of the Caseflow Assessment process, and court personnel verify this information in the case records for accuracy. For the purpose of this analysis, a "case with valid postponement information" is defined as a case with either valid information in the "number of postponements" data field or postponement reasons provided, except for where both the number and reason fields indicated no postponement.

Cases with "matching postponement information" are those where the number of identified postponements matches the number of postponement reasons. Cases with "mismatched postponement information" are those where, (1) a postponement is identified but no reason is provided, (2) the number of postponements and the number of postponement reasons do not match, or (3) no postponement is identified based on the number of postponements but postponement reasons are provided.

The highest postponement rate in the FY 2015 Assessment was observed among Juvenile Delinquency cases, in which 47% of statewide terminations contained one or more postponements, followed closely by CINA Non-Shelter and TPR cases, with postponement rates of 46% and 45%, respectively, in FY 2015. The lowest postponement rates in FY 2015 were observed in the Civil General (16%) and Family Law (12%) case types.

<u>Table 7. Number and Percent of Cases with Postponement Information by the Match</u> <u>between the Number of Postponements and Postponement Reasons, by Case Type, Circuit</u> Courts, FY 2015

Case Type	FY 2015 Valid Terminations	Cases with Valid Postponement Information*		Matching Postponement Information**		Mismatched Postponement Information***		
		N	%	FY 2014 %	N	%	N	%
Criminal	9,797	3,818	39%	40%	3,783	99%	35	1%
Civil General	10,347	1,654	16%	13%	1,634	99%	20	1%
Family Law****	10,427	1,297	12%	12%	1,261	97%	36	3%
Limited Divorce	1,662	424	26%	25%	322	76%	102	24%
Juvenile Delinquency	5,238	2,440	47%	44%	2,321	95%	119	5%
CINA Shelter	1,435	516	36%	31%	495	96%	21	4%
CINA Non- Shelter	352	163	46%	51%	162	>99%	1	<1%
TPR	333	149	45%	39%	143	96%	6	4%

<sup>\*</sup>Excludes cases with no postponements and no postponement reasons listed.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Total number of cases in which the number of postponement reasons provided matches the postponement count.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Total number of cases in which the number of postponement reasons provided does not match the postponement count.

#### Suspensions

The Maryland Judiciary's case time standards provide for suspensions of case time upon the occurrence of certain events in the life of a case over which courts have no control in moving a case forward. Suspension start and suspension stop dates are extracted by the Assessment Application from UCS or county source systems, and users are requested to review and correct, as necessary, suspension information contained in Assessment data.<sup>5</sup>

Less than 1% of Limited Divorce, CINA Shelter, CINA Non-Shelter, and TPR cases contained a suspension event in FY 2015. The highest proportion of cases suspended was observed in Juvenile Delinquency cases in FY 2015, at 31% (27% in FY 2014).

Table 8 also shows the extent to which suspension events in the circuit courts contain valid data (i.e., no missing suspension start or stop dates and a positive value for the time from suspension start to suspension stop). For the fifth consecutive year in FY 2015, more than 90% of all suspensions recorded statewide in the circuit courts contained valid data.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As this review is strongly suggested but not mandatory, variation in the completeness and accuracy of suspension information is likely and, as such, suspension data should be interpreted with caution.

<u>Table 8. Suspensions with Valid and Invalid Data as a Function of Case Type, Circuit Courts,</u> FY 2015

	FY 2015	Cases with One or	Overall Suspensions					
Case Type	Valid Terminations	More Suspensions (N, %)*	Total Suspensions	With Valid Data (N, %)**	Without Valid Data (N, %)***			
Criminal	9,797	2,003 (20%)	2,292	2,260 (99%)	32 (1%)			
Civil General	10,347	1,150 (11%)	1,370	1,230 (90%)	140 (10%)			
Family Law	10,427	890 (9%)	1,000	998 (>99%)	2 (<1%)			
Limited Divorce	1,662	6 (<1%)	6	3 (50%)	3 (50%)			
Juvenile Delinquency	5,238	1,612 (31%)	1,995	1,840 (92%)	155 (8%)			
<b>CINA Shelter</b>	1,435	5 (<1%)	5	3 (60%)	2 (40%)			
CINA Non- Shelter	352	1 (<1%)	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)			
TPR	333	2 (<1%)	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)			
Total	39,591	5,669 (14%)	6,671	6,337 (95%)	334 (5%)			

<sup>\*</sup> Percent of valid terminations.

Detail on the nature of suspensions with "invalid" data (i.e., missing a suspension start or stop date or with a negative suspension time recorded) by case type in FY 2015 is provided in Table 9. Tables 10 through 17 on pages 17 through 22 present the statewide number of valid and invalid suspensions, by event, for each of the circuit court case types in FY 2015. As detailed in Table 9, CINA Non-Shelter and TPR cases each contained entirely valid suspension data in FY 2015, and 1% or less of Criminal and Family Law suspensions contained invalid suspension data.

Besides Limited Divorce and CINA Shelter cases, for which there were only six and five cases with any suspension events in FY 2015, respectively, Civil General and Juvenile Delinquency cases had the highest number and proportion of cases with invalid suspension data. There was, however, a decrease observed in the number of Civil General suspensions with invalid data in FY 2015 (140) compared to FY 2014 (201).

As was the case in FY 2014, invalid Civil General suspensions were almost evenly split between the bankruptcy and foreclosure mediation suspensions, both of which were mainly attributable to

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

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

missing suspension stop dates. Missing pre-disposition investigation (PDI) receipt dates were the most common reason for invalid suspension data in Juvenile Delinquency cases in FY 2015.

Table 9. Invalid Suspension Data as a Function of Case Type, Circuit Courts, FY 2015

	Without	Suspensions with Invalid Data by Error Type						
Case Type	Valid Data (N, %)*	Missing Stop Date (N, %)**	Missing Start Date (N, %)**	Negative Suspension Time (N, %)**				
Criminal	32 (1%)	20 (63%)	9 (28%)	3 (9%)				
Civil General	140 (10%)	134 (96%)	0 (0%)	6 (4%)				
Family Law	2 (<1%)	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)				
<b>Limited Divorce</b>	3 (50%)	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)				
<b>Juvenile Delinquency</b>	155 (8%)	133 (86%)	16 (10%)	6 (4%)				
CINA Shelter	2 (40%)	1 (50%)	0 (0%)	1 (50%)				
CINA Non-Shelter	0 (0%)	-	-	-				
TPR	0 (0%)	-	-	-				
Total	334 (5%)	293 (88%)	25 (7%)	16 (5%)				

<sup>\*</sup>Percent of total suspensions \*\*Percent of invalid suspensions

Table 10. Suspension Data for Criminal Cases, Circuit Courts, FY 2015

				In	ıvalid Suspe	nsions
Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N (%)*	Missing Stop N (%)**	Missing Start N (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N (%)**
FTA 1	1,862	1,861 (>99%)	1 (<1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (100%)
FTA 2	178	178 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 3	23	23 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Mistrial	19	19 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
NCR Evaluation	61	60 (98%)	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)
Reverse Waiver Petition	24	22 (92%)	2 (8%)	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Competency Evaluation***	67	61 (91%)	6 (9%)	5 (83%)	0 (0%)	1 (17%)
Interlocutory Appeal	6	5 (83%)	1 (17%)	0 (0%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
Problem- Solving Court Diversion	9	2 (22%)	7 (78%)	7 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
DNA/Forensic Evidence	16	10 (62%)	6 (38%)	6 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Psychological Evaluation	27	19 (70%)	8 (30%)	0 (0%)	7 (88%)	1 (12%)
Total	2,292	2,260 (99%)	32 (1%)	20 (63%)	9 (28%)	3 (9%)

<sup>\*</sup> Percent of total suspensions. \*\* Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event. \*\*\*Includes both the original and additional competency evaluation suspension date fields.

Table 11. Suspension Data for Civil General Cases, Circuit Courts, FY 2015

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
Bankruptcy***	568	497 (88%)	71 (12%)	65 (92%)	0 (%)	6 (8%)
Foreclosure Mediation	780	711 (91%)	69 (9%)	69 (100%)	0 (%)	0 (%)
Non-Binding Arbitration	7	7 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Interlocutory Appeal	7	7 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
FTA 1	6	6 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 2	0	-	-	-	-	-
FTA 3	0	-	-	-	-	-
Mistrial	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Receivership	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Total	1,370	1,230 (90%)	140 (10%)	134 (96%)	0 (0%)	6 (4%)

<sup>\*</sup>Percent of total suspensions, by suspension event.

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

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

Table 12. Suspension Data for Family Law Cases, Circuit Courts, FY 2015

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspensio n Time N, (%)**
Bankruptcy	7	7 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
<b>Interlocutory Appeal</b>	0	-	-	-	-	-
Military Leave	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 1	193	193 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 2	30	30 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 3	3	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
No Service in Child Support after 90 days	766	764 (>99%)	2 (<1%)	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Collaborative Law	0	-	-	-	-	-
Receivership	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,000	998 (>99%)	2 (<1%)	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

<sup>\*</sup> Percent of total suspensions. \*\* Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

Table 13. Suspension Data for Limited Divorce Cases, Circuit Courts, FY 2015

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspensio n Time N, (%)**
Bankruptcy	1	0 (0%)	1 (100%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Interlocutory Appeal	4	2 (50%)	2 (50%)	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
FTA 1	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA 2	0	-	-	-	-	-
FTA 3	0	-	-	-	-	-
No Service in Child Support after 90 days	0	-	-	-	-	-
Collaborative Law	0	-	-	-	-	-
Receivership	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6	3 (50%)	3 (50%)	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

<sup>\*</sup> Percent of total suspensions. \*\* Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

Table 14. Suspension Data for Juvenile Delinquency Cases, Circuit Courts, FY 2015

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspension s N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
FTA 1	509	499 (98%)	10 (2%)	7 (70%)	0 (0%)	3 (30%)
FTA 2	60	57 (95%)	3 (5%)	3 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
FTA 3	8	8 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
Competency Evaluation	109	109 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Mistrial	0	-	-	-	-	-
Waiver to Adult Court	183	164 (90%)	19 (10%)	19 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Interlocutory Appeal	0	-	-	-	-	-
Pre-Disposition Treatment Program	142	130 (92%)	12 (8%)	12 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
PDI Order	786	694 (88%)	92 (12%)	90 (98%)	0 (0%)	2 (2%)
Psychological Evaluation	192	175 (91%)	17 (9%)	2 (12%)	14 (82%)	1 (6%)
DNA/Forensic Evidence	6	4 (67%)	2 (33%)	0 (0%)	2 (100%)	0 (0%)
Total	1,995	1,840 (92%)	155 (8%)	133 (86%)	16 (10%)	6 (4%)

<sup>\*</sup> Percent of total suspensions. \*\* Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

Table 15. Suspension Data for CINA Shelter Cases, Circuit Courts, FY 2015

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
FTA/Body Attachment 1	5	3 (60%)	2 (40%)	1 (50%)	0 (0%)	1 (50%)
FTA/Body Attachment 2	0	-	-	-	-	-
FTA/Body Attachment 3	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	3 (60%)	2 (40%)	1 (50%)	0 (0%)	1 (50%)

<sup>\*</sup> Percent of total suspensions. \*\* Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

Table 16. Suspension Data for CINA Non-Shelter Cases, Circuit Courts, FY 2015

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
FTA/Body Attachment 1	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
FTA/Body Attachment 2	0	-	-	-	-	-
FTA/Body Attachment 3	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> Percent of total suspensions. \*\* Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

Table 17. Suspension Data for TPR Cases, Circuit Courts, FY 2015

Suspension Event	Total Suspensions N	Valid Suspensions N, (%)*	Invalid Suspensions N, (%)*	Missing Stop Date N, (%)**	Missing Start Date N, (%)**	Negative Suspension Time N, (%)**
Interlocutory Appeal	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-
Military Leave	0	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2 (100%)	0 (0%)	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> Percent of total suspensions. \*\* Percent of invalid suspensions, by suspension event.

## Appendix A

## **FY 2015 Statewide Caseflow Assessment**

## **Circuit Courts**

Within-Standard Percentages

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Overall and Over-Standard Average and Median Case Processing Times, by Case Type and Jurisdiction

Table A-1. Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type and Jurisdiction - FY 2015

Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction Size	Criminal	Civil General	Family Law	Limited Divorce	Juvenile Delinquency	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	TPR
Allegany	Medium	100%	96%	97%	100%	99%	86%	100%	100%
Anne Arundel	Large	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Baltimore City	Large	72%	96%	79%	78%	96%	68%	-	54%
Baltimore County	Large	87%	91%	82%	69%	96%	65%	81%	58%
Calvert	Medium	84%	89%	92%	93%	99%	73%	100%	67%
Caroline	Small	98%	93%	97%	100%	92%	88%	-	-
Carroll	MedLarge	87%	83%	95%	98%	96%	84%	100%	100%
Cecil	Medium	87%	82%	93%	100%	89%	62%	-	33%
Charles	MedLarge	89%	84%	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Dorchester	Small	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	75%	100%
Frederick	MedLarge	97%	95%	98%	100%	97%	81%	95%	75%
Garrett	Small	90%	87%	83%	100%	82%	16%	100%	100%
Harford	MedLarge	72%	86%	83%	79%	92%	76%	76%	25%
Howard	MedLarge	92%	96%	98%	100%	96%	85%	100%	33%
Kent	Small	91%	76%	91%	100%	95%	33%	-	-
Montgomery	Large	94%	96%	95%	99%	94%	57%	100%	100%
Prince George's	Large	91%	85%	85%	97%	100%	99%	100%	87%
Queen Anne's	Small	100%	96%	98%	100%	100%	-	-	-
Somerset	Small	100%	97%	99%	100%	97%	100%	100%	100%
St. Mary's	Medium	85%	87%	91%	90%	86%	69%	-	60%
Talbot	Small	95%	85%	97%	100%	97%	83%	100%	67%
Washington	MedLarge	90%	90%	98%	100%	95%	72%	92%	100%
Wicomico	Medium	99%	99%	99%	100%	99%	0%	50%	67%
Worcester	Medium	100%	98%	99%	100%	99%	43%	70%	100%
Statewide*		84%	91%	89%	89%	96%	71%	90%	66%

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>Source</u>: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (December 10, 2015). "--" denotes jurisdictions for which no cases of a certain type were terminated in FY 2015.

<sup>‡</sup>The Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County was <u>excluded</u> from the FY 2015 analysis of case processing performance.

<sup>\*</sup>Statewide average is weighted based on the number of terminations reported to the State for each jurisdiction.

Table A-2. Percent of Cases Terminated Within Standard by Case Type and Jurisdiction Size, FY 2015

Jurisdiction	Criminal	Civil General	Family Law	Limited Divorce	Juvenile Delinquency	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	TPR
Small								
Caroline	98%	93%	97%	100%	92%	88%	-	-
Dorchester	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	75%	100%
Garrett	90%	87%	83%	100%	82%	16%	100%	100%
Kent	91%	76%	91%	100%	95%	33%	-	-
Queen Anne's	100%	96%	98%	100%	100%	-	-	-
Somerset	100%	97%	99%	100%	97%	100%	100%	100%
Talbot	95%	85%	97%	100%	97%	83%	100%	67%
Small Overall*	98%	92%	96%	100%	96%	60%	90%	85%
Medium								
Allegany	100%	96%	97%	100%	99%	86%	100%	100%
Calvert	84%	89%	92%	93%	99%	73%	100%	67%
Cecil	87%	82%	93%	100%	89%	62%	-	33%
St. Mary's	85%	87%	91%	90%	86%	69%	-	60%
Wicomico	99%	99%	99%	100%	99%	0%	50%	67%
Worcester	100%	98%	99%	100%	99%	43%	70%	100%
Medium Overall*	92%	91%	95%	97%	96%	68%	83%	67%
Medium-Large								
Carroll	87%	83%	95%	98%	96%	84%	100%	100%
Charles	89%	84%	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Frederick	97%	95%	98%	100%	97%	81%	95%	75%
Harford	72%	86%	83%	79%	92%	76%	76%	25%
Howard	92%	96%	98%	100%	96%	85%	100%	33%
Washington	90%	90%	98%	100%	95%	72%	92%	100%
Medium-Large Overall*	87%	90%	94%	94%	96%	80%	92%	70%
Large								
Anne Arundel	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Baltimore City	72%	96%	79%	78%	96%	68%	-	54%
Baltimore County	87%	91%	82%	69%	96%	65%	81%	58%
Montgomery	94%	96%	95%	99%	94%	57%	100%	100%
Prince George's	91%	85%	85%	97%	100%	99%	100%	87%
Large Overall*	81%	92%	86%	84%	96%	70%	92%	63%

Source: Maryland Judiciary Assessment Application (December 10, 2015).

<sup>‡</sup>The Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County was excluded from the FY 2015 analysis of case processing performance.

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

Table A-3. Overall (Total) and Over-Standard (OST) Average Case Processing Time in Days by Case Type and Jurisdiction (Weighted), FY 2015

Jurisdiction	Crim	inal	Civil G	eneral	Family	y Law	Limited	Divorce	Juvo Deling	enile Juency	CINA S	Shelter	CINA Shel		TI	PR
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Allegany	68	-	221	627	151	462	239	-	25	91	27	51	37	-	131	-
Anne Arundel	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Baltimore City	137	360	293	660	244	576	432	1,019	50	185	37	63	-	-	189	259
Baltimore County	112	260	322	959	230	657	634	1,189	37	125	36	64	47	128	206	406
Calvert	110	288	332	794	159	489	369	1,072	35	95	27	50	15	-	191	256
Caroline	102	252	315	684	146	476	210	-	53	107	31	65	-	-	-	-
Carroll	114	263	363	727	177	468	289	847	50	146	26	39	27	-	57	-
Cecil	130	299	366	711	162	504	317	-	46	127	35	51	-	-	213	240
Charles	127	274	367	748	163	498	260	-	30	227	25	-	21	-	155	-
Dorchester	102	-	232	587	120	483	161	-	29	-	24	-	26	78	143	-
Frederick	83	289	280	725	149	437	231	-	37	124	27	45	42	62	191	333
Garrett	119	250	305	705	197	524	237	-	42	149	49	53	1	-	110	-
Harford	151	345	319	748	229	714	484	1,058	45	145	32	52	40	80	252	293
Howard	95	289	239	683	139	439	248	-	41	105	22	47	31	-	178	202
Kent	136	243	347	641	160	444	109	-	43	185	30	31	-	-	-	-
Montgomery	76	273	242	676	130	443	324	769	52	153	32	47	33	-	133	-
Prince George's	105	267	370	722	223	546	295	844	41	102	24	50	45	-	154	257
Queen Anne's	65	199	251	647	133	448	186	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	86	-	188	963	89	470	111	-	39	267	27	-	47	-	174	-
St. Mary's	136	392	339	724	161	536	347	970	69	205	32	50	-	-	154	207
Talbot	122	268	324	761	141	470	205	-	47	129	27	37	21	-	168	226
Washington	107	255	319	702	124	466	226	-	30	140	37	65	35	71	125	-
Wicomico	101	224	250	616	102	451	197	-	24	109	44	44	108	196	154	226
Worcester	93	203	251	621	120	521	158	-	16	119	42	55	51	90	152	-
Statewide	117	301	308	735	185	531	385	987	42	150	34	58	41	102	179	274

‡The Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County was excluded from the FY 2015 analysis of case processing performance.

Table A-4. Overall and Over-Standard Average Case Processing Time in Days, by Case Type/Jurisdiction Size (Weighted), FY 2015

Jurisdiction	Crim	inal	Civil G	eneral	Family	Law	Limited	Divorce	Juvei Delinqu		CINA S	Shelter	CINA No	on-Shelter	TP	R
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Small																
Caroline	102	252	315	684	146	476	210	-	53	107	31	65	-	-	-	-
Dorchester	102	-	232	587	120	483	161	-	29	-	24	-	26	78	143	-
Garrett	119	250	305	705	197	524	237	-	42	149	49	53	1	-	110	-
Kent	136	243	347	641	160	444	109	-	43	185	30	31	-	-	-	-
Queen Anne's	65	199	251	647	133	448	186	-	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	86	-	188	963	89	470	111	-	39	267	27	-	47	-	174	-
Talbot	122	268	324	761	141	470	205	-	47	129	27	37	21	-	168	226
Small, Overall	96	233	273	704	138	475	172	-	38	164	36	51	28	<b>78</b>	161	226
Medium																
Allegany	68	-	221	627	151	462	239	-	25	91	27	51	37	-	131	-
Calvert	110	288	332	794	159	489	369	1,072	35	95	27	50	15	-	191	256
Cecil	130	299	366	711	162	504	317	-	46	127	35	51	-	-	213	240
St. Mary's	136	392	339	724	161	536	347	970	69	205	32	50	-	-	154	207
Wicomico	101	224	250	616	102	451	197	-	24	109	44	44	108	196	154	226
Worcester	93	203	251	621	120	521	158	-	16	119	42	55	51	90	152	-
Medium, Overall	111	280	297	687	142	490	298	1,020	34	125	32	51	49	112	173	237
Medium-Large																
Carroll	114	263	363	727	177	468	289	847	50	146	26	39	27	-	57	-
Charles	127	274	367	748	163	498	260	-	30	227	25	-	21	-	155	-
Frederick	83	289	280	725	149	437	231	-	37	124	27	45	42	62	191	333
Harford	151	345	319	748	229	714	484	1,058	45	145	32	52	40	80	252	293
Howard	95	289	239	683	139	439	248	-	41	105	22	47	31	-	178	202
Washington	107	255	319	702	124	466	226	-	30	140	37	65	35	71	125	-
Medium-Large, Overall	115	291	307	721	163	509	314	976	37	146	30	52	34	71	183	302
Large																
Anne Arundel	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Baltimore City	137	360	293	660	244	576	432	1,019	50	185	37	63	-	-	189	259
Baltimore County	112	260	322	959	230	657	634	1,189	37	125	36	64	47	128	206	406
Montgomery	76	273	242	676	130	443	324	769	52	153	32	47	33	-	133	-
Prince George's	105	267	370	722	223	546	295	844	41	102	24	50	45	-	154	257
Large, Overall	120	311	312	747	205	551	456	986	45	155	35	61	43	128	180	278

<sup>‡</sup>The Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County was <u>excluded</u> from the FY 2015 analysis of case processing performance.

Table A-5. Overall and Over-Standard Median Case Processing Time in Days, by Case Type and Jurisdiction (Weighted), FY 2015

Jurisdiction	Crim	inal	Civil G	eneral	Family	Law	Limi Divo		Juve Deling		CINA S	helter	CINA No	n-Shelter	TP	R
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Allegany	63	-	204	606	123	457	267	-	21	91	24	31	38	-	131	-
Anne Arundel	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Baltimore City	63	307	290	660	191	500	307	925	47	128	28	50	-	-	174	239
Baltimore County	86	238	278	801	133	524	525	1,054	29	111	28	52	35	102	146	364
Calvert	87	257	295	623	125	449	328	1,072	32	95	20	55	15	-	174	249
Caroline	106	249	316	630	125	404	162	-	49	109	27	65	-	-	-	-
Carroll	99	247	358	652	169	419	260	847	48	114	27	35	23	-	57	-
Cecil	119	265	372	651	130	453	327	-	39	118	28	45	-	-	190	215
Charles	131	253	348	672	134	457	275	-	28	227	28	-	24	-	155	-
Dorchester	107	-	224	563	111	483	171	-	28	-	24	-	11	78	143	-
Frederick	69	284	275	667	119	440	196	-	31	111	26	45	36	62	164	360
Garrett	128	244	270	656	127	467	251	-	14	125	42	54	1	-	110	-
Harford	103	286	272	689	142	625	406	958	34	115	28	49	34	83	219	256
Howard	77	256	202	645	118	412	268	-	36	98	27	47	25	-	202	202
Kent	139	212	322	578	117	433	78	-	37	185	31	31	-	-	-	-
Montgomery	59	249	225	595	111	416	333	765	54	113	28	41	33	-	132	-
Prince George's	95	238	372	662	180	495	251	818	42	102	24	50	45	-	146	257
Queen Anne's	56	199	246	624	112	398	180	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	80	-	153	661	70	439	100	-	28	267	28	-	50	-	174	-
St. Mary's	110	267	322	645	120	477	245	943	52	175	28	42	-	-	140	210
Talbot	128	243	300	686	111	438	183	-	49	129	28	37	21	-	145	226
Washington	88	231	299	657	90	464	190	-	21	139	28	62	31	65	118	-
Wicomico	97	231	247	574	89	442	188	-	15	101	35	35	112	196	149	226
Worcester	91	203	245	589	90	521	175	-	1	119	53	53	38	91	139	-
Statewide	82	266	292	669	140	476	336	919	38	122	28	49	36	90	163	257

‡The Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County was <u>excluded</u> from the FY 2015 analysis of case processing performance.

Table A-6. Overall and Over-Standard Median Case Processing Time in Days, by Case Type/Jurisdiction Size (Weighted), FY 2015

Jurisdiction	Crim	inal	Civil G	eneral	Family	Law	Limited	Divorce	Juve Delinqu		CINA S	Shelter	CINA Shel		TP	'R
	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST	Total	OST
Small																
Caroline	106	249	316	630	125	404	162	-	49	109	27	65	-	-	-	-
Dorchester	107	-	224	563	111	483	171	-	28	-	24	-	11	78	143	-
Garrett	128	244	270	656	127	467	251	-	14	125	42	54	1	-	110	-
Kent	139	212	322	578	117	433	78	-	37	185	31	31	-	-	-	-
Queen Anne's	56	199	246	624	112	398	180	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	80	-	153	661	70	439	100	-	28	267	28	-	50	-	174	-
Talbot	128	243	300	686	111	438	183	-	49	129	28	37	21	-	145	226
Small, Overall	95	224	258	626	111	436	162	-	34	161	33	52	23	<b>78</b>	151	226
Medium																
Allegany	63	-	204	606	123	457	267	-	21	91	24	31	38	-	131	-
Calvert	87	257	295	623	125	449	328	1,072	32	95	20	55	15	-	174	249
Cecil	119	265	372	651	130	453	327	-	39	118	28	45	-	-	190	215
St. Mary's	110	267	322	645	120	477	245	943	52	175	28	42	-	-	140	210
Wicomico	97	231	247	574	89	442	188	-	15	101	35	35	112	196	149	226
Worcester	91	203	245	589	90	521	175	-	1	119	53	53	38	91	139	-
Medium, Overall	100	249	284	616	113	461	275	1,006	25	116	27	41	45	113	159	228
Medium-Large																
Carroll	99	247	358	652	169	419	260	847	48	114	27	35	23	-	57	-
Charles	131	253	348	672	134	457	275	-	28	227	28	-	24	-	155	-
Frederick	69	284	275	667	119	440	196	-	31	111	26	45	36	62	164	360
Harford	103	286	272	689	142	625	406	958	34	115	28	49	34	83	219	256
Howard	77	256	202	645	118	412	268	-	36	98	27	47	25	-	202	202
Washington	88	231	299	657	90	464	190	-	21	139	28	62	31	65	118	-
Medium-Large, Overall	95	263	282	664	125	476	286	915	31	135	27	50	30	69	166	291
Large																
Anne Arundel	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	İ.	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Baltimore City	63	307	290	660	191	500	307	925	47	128	28	50	-	-	174	239
Baltimore County	86	238	278	801	133	524	525	1,054	29	111	28	52	35	102	146	364
Montgomery	59	249	225	595	111	416	333	765	54	113	28	41	33	-	132	-
Prince George's	95	238	372	662	180	495	251	818	42	102	24	50	45	-	146	257
Large, Overall	75	272	298	681	154	482	389	913	42	119	28	50	38	102	163	257

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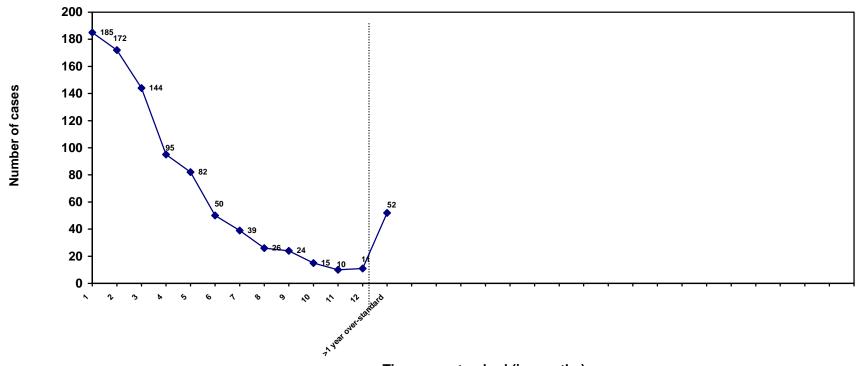
## Appendix B

## **FY 2015 Statewide Caseflow Assessment**

## **Circuit Courts**

Statewide Distribution of Over-Standard Cases

Figure B-1. Distribution of Over-Standard Criminal Cases (N=905) by the Time beyond the 180-Day Time Standard, FY 2015



#### Time over standard (in months)

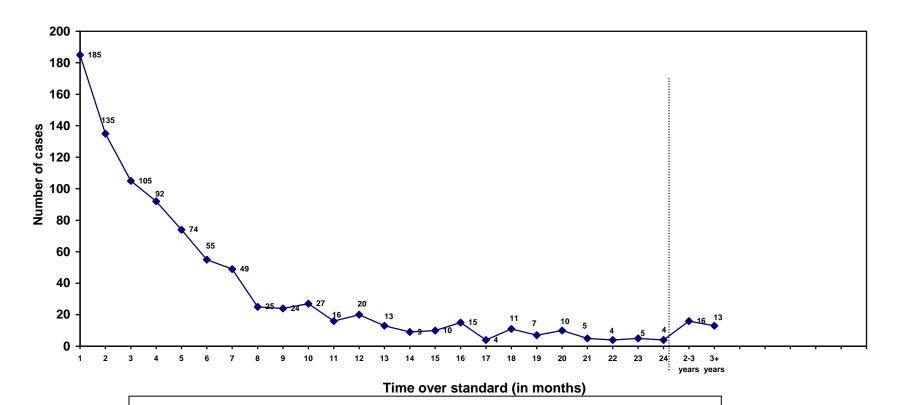
• The average case processing time (weighted)

Overall: 117 days (FY 2014: 107 days)

Within-standard cases: 75 days (FY 2014: 78 days) Over-standard cases: 301 days (FY 2014: 313 days)

- 6% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 week over standard.
- 20% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 month over standard.
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 2.6 months over standard.

Figure B-2. Distribution of Over-Standard Civil General Cases (N=933) by the Time beyond the 548-Day Time Standard, FY 2015



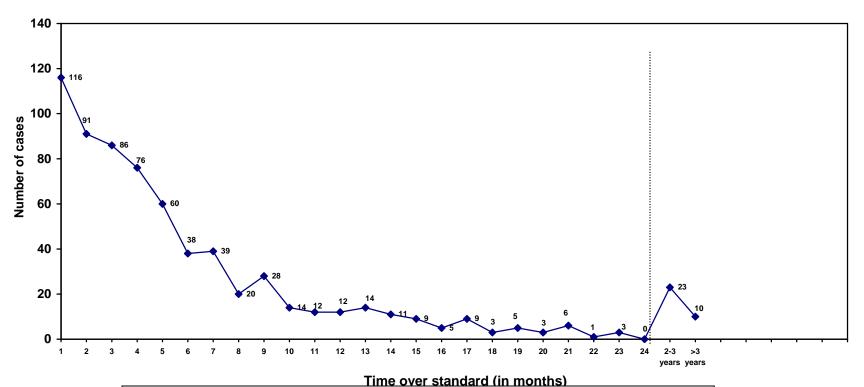
• The average case processing time (weighted)

Overall: 308 days (FY 2014: 312 days)

Within-standard cases: 267 days (FY 2014: 243 days) Over-standard cases: 735 days (FY 2014: 790 days)

- 5% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 week over standard.
- 20% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 month over standard.
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 3.5 months over standard.

Figure B-3. Distribution of Over-Standard Family Law Cases (N=694) by the Time beyond the 365-Day Time Standard, FY 2015

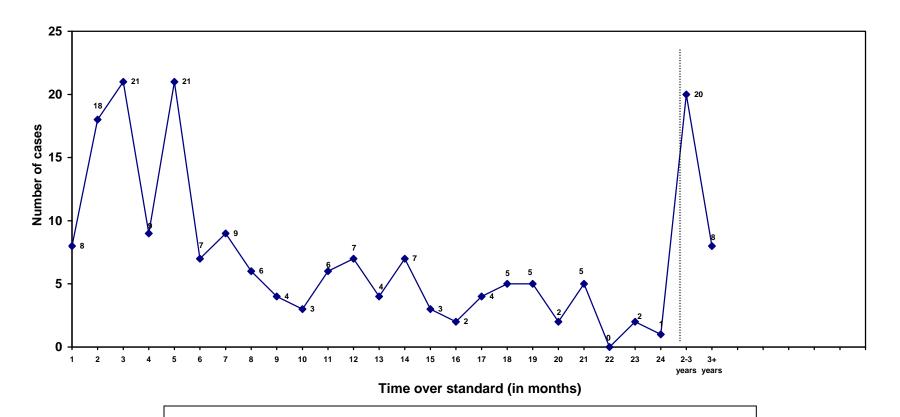


- The average case processing time (weighted)
  - Overall: 185 days (FY 2014: 201 days)

Within-standard cases: 139 days (FY 2014: 142 days) Over-standard cases: 531 days (FY 2014: 552 days)

- 4% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 week over standard.
- 17% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 month over standard.
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 3.7 months over standard.

Figure B-4. Distribution of Over-Standard Limited Divorce Cases (N=187) by the Time beyond the 730-Day Time Standard, FY 2015



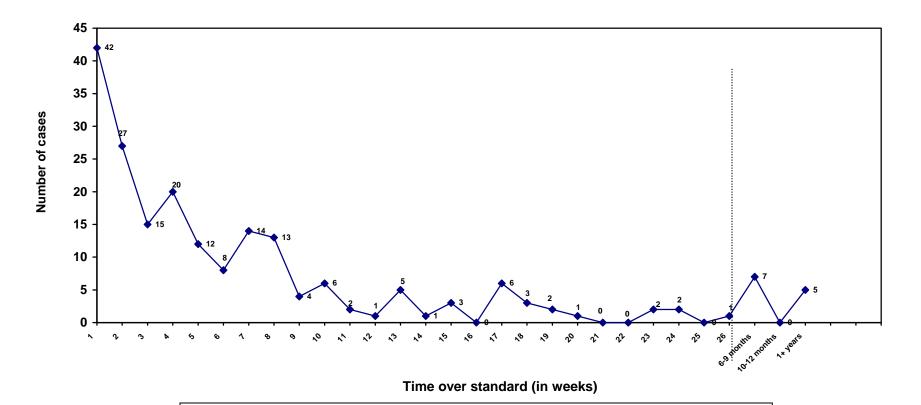
• The average case processing time (weighted)

Overall: 385 days (FY 2014: 352 days)

Within-standard cases: 300 days (FY 2014: 285 days) Over-standard cases: 987 days (FY 2014: 1,143 days)

- 0% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 week over standard.
- 4% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 month over standard.
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 7.0 months over standard.

Figure B-5. Distribution of Over-Standard Juvenile Delinquency Cases (N=202) by the Time beyond the 90-Day Time Standard, FY 2015



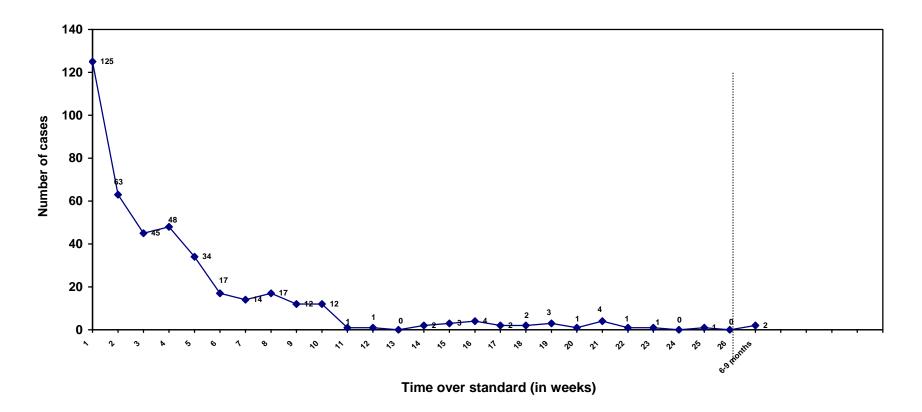
• The average case processing time (weighted)

Overall: 42 days (FY 2014: 43 days)

Within-standard cases: 38 days (FY 2014: 37 days) Over-standard cases: 150 days (FY 2014: 170 days)

- 21% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 week over standard.
- 54% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 month over standard.
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 4.0 weeks over standard.

Figure B-6. Distribution of Over-Standard CINA Shelter Cases (N=415) by the Time beyond the 30-Day Time Standard, FY 2015



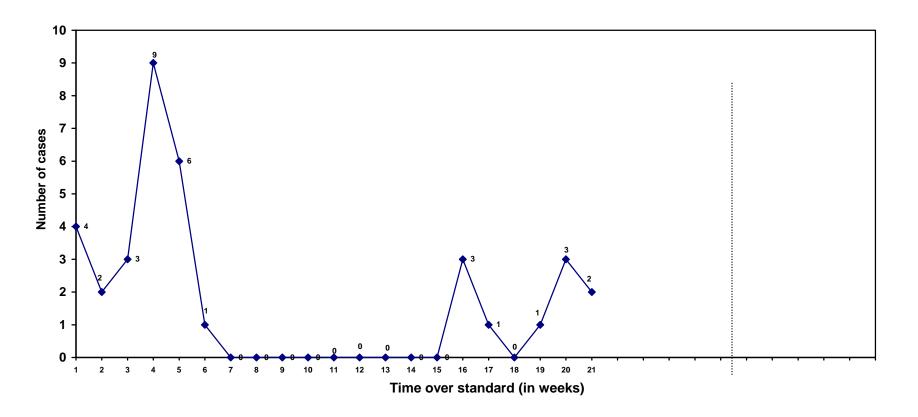
• The average case processing time (weighted)

Overall: 34 days (FY 2014: 38 days)

Within-standard cases: 23 days (FY 2014: 24 days) Over-standard cases: 58 days (FY 2014: 75 days)

- 30% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 week over standard.
- 69% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 month over standard.
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 2.4 weeks over standard.

Figure B-7. Distribution of Over-Standard CINA Non-Shelter Cases (N=35) by the Time beyond the 60-Day Time Standard, FY 2015



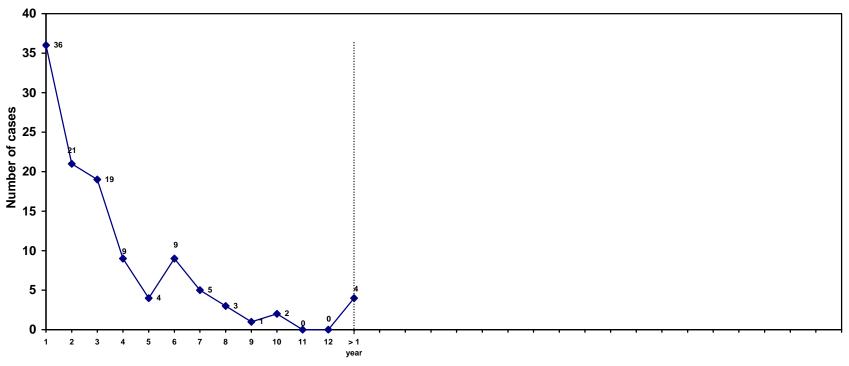
• The average case processing time (weighted)

Overall: 41 days (FY 2014: 41 days)

Within-standard cases: 33 days (FY 2014: 33 days) Over-standard cases: 102 days (FY 2014: 100 days)

- 11% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 week over standard.
- 54% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 month over standard.
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 4.0 weeks over standard.

Figure B-8. Distribution of Over-Standard Termination of Parental Rights Cases (N=113) by the Time beyond the 180-Day Time Standard, FY 2015



Time over standard (in months)

• The average case processing time (weighted)

Overall: 179 days (FY 2014: 166 days)

Within-standard cases: 130 days (FY 2014: 129 days) Over-standard cases: 274 days (FY 2014: 256 days)

- 6% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 week over standard.
- 32% of the over-standard cases closed within 1 month over standard.
- 50% of the over-standard cases closed within approximately 2.0 months over standard.

#### **Appendix C**

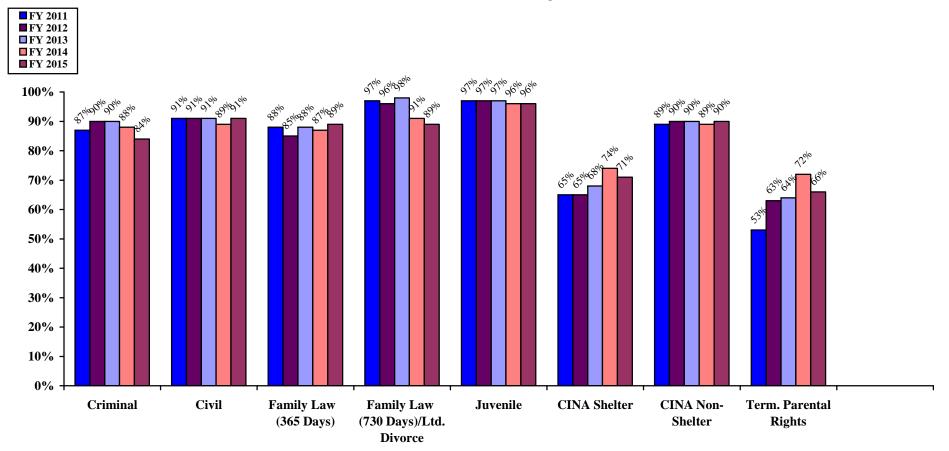
#### **FY 2015 Statewide Caseflow Assessment**

#### **Circuit Courts**

Percent of Cases Terminated Within-Standard, by Jurisdiction Fiscal Years 2011 through 2015\*

<sup>\*&</sup>quot;NA" in the following tables denotes jurisdictions for which no cases of a certain type were terminated in a given fiscal year.

#### Percent of Cases Terminated Within-Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015\* Statewide (Weighted)

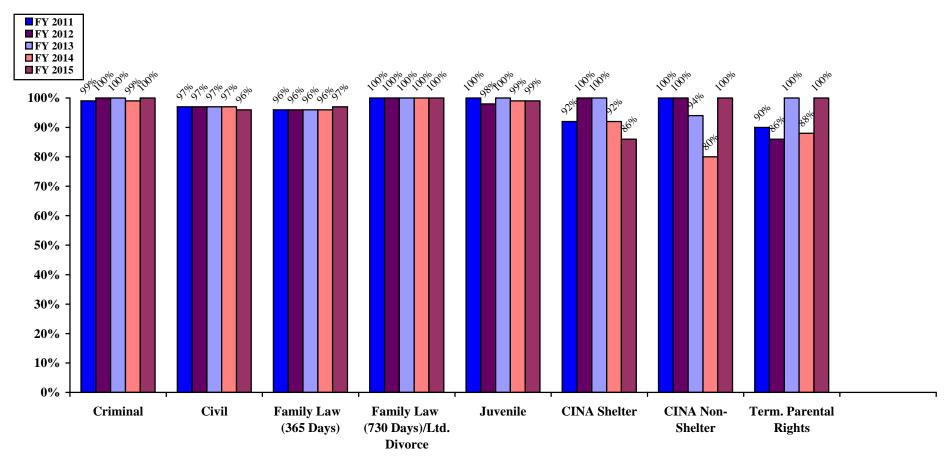


	Criminal	Civil	Family Law (365 Days)	FL (730 Days) / Ltd. Divorce**	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	Term. Parental Rights
FY 2011	87%	91%	88%	97%	97%	65%	89%	53%
FY 2012	90%	91%	85%	96%	97%	65%	90%	63%
FY 2013	90%	91%	88%	98%	97%	68%	90%	64%
FY 2014	88%	89%	87%	91%	96%	74%	89%	72%
FY 2015	84%	91%	89%	89%	96%	71%	90%	66%
FY 11 -15 Change	-3%	0%	1%	-8%	-1%	6%	1%	13%

<sup>\*</sup> Jurisdiction-specific data is presented, unweighted, for Fiscal Years 2011 through 2015 on all subsequent pages within Appendix C.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The 730-Day time standard goal became applicable to Limited Divorce cases only beginning with the FY 2014 Assessment.

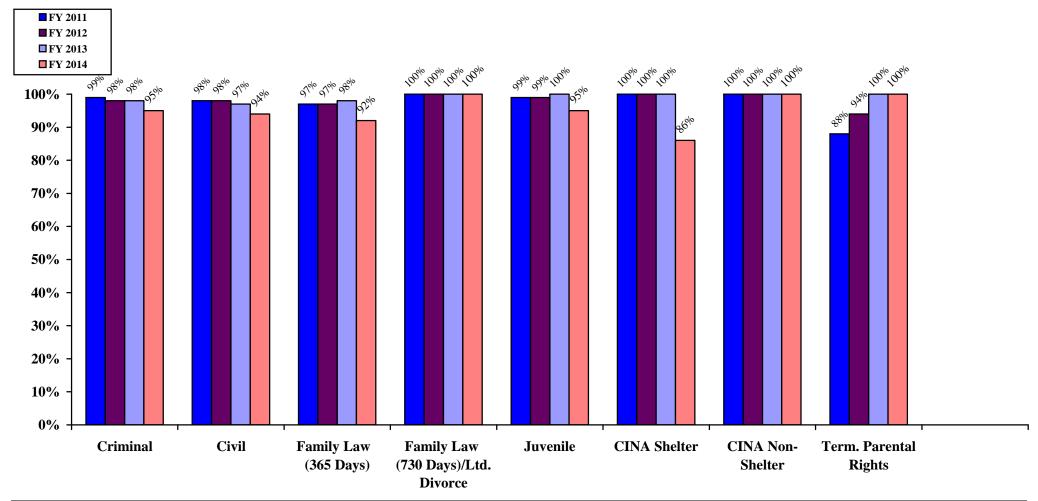
# Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 **Allegany County** (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law (365 Days)	FL (730 Days) / Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	Term. Parental Rights
FY 2011	99%	97%	96%	100%	100%	92%	100%	90%
FY 2012	100%	97%	96%	100%	98%	100%	100%	86%
FY 2013	100%	97%	96%	100%	100%	100%	94%	100%
FY 2014	99%	97%	96%	100%	99%	92%	80%	88%
FY 2015	100%	96%	97%	100%	99%	86%	100%	100%
FY 11-15 Change	1%	-1%	1%	0%	-1%	-6%	0%	10%

<sup>\*</sup>The 730-Day time standard goal became applicable to Limited Divorce cases only beginning with the FY 2014 Assessment.

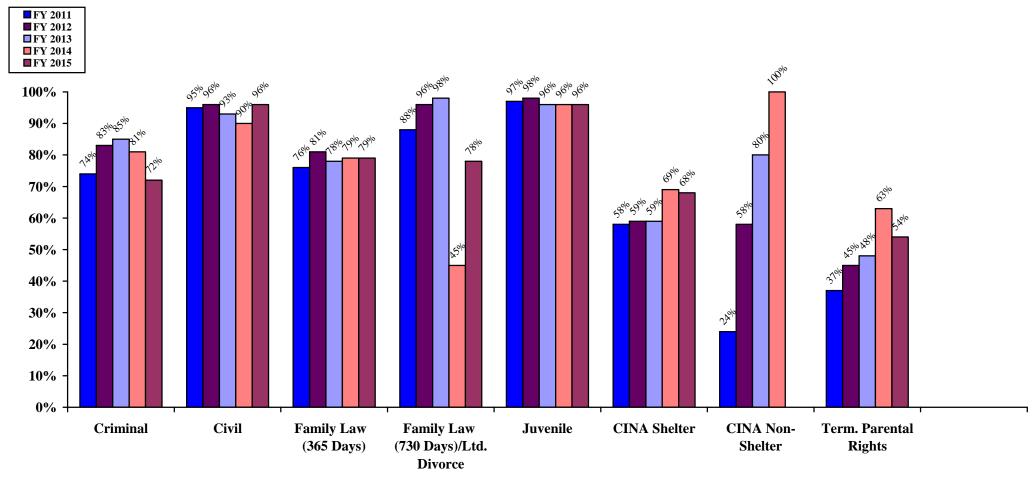
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2014 Anne Arundel County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Cililliai	CIVII	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CINA Sileitei	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	99%	98%	97%	100%	99%	100%	100%	88%
FY 2012	98%	98%	97%	100%	99%	100%	100%	94%
FY 2013	98%	97%	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
FY 2014	95%	94%	92%	100%	95%	86%	100%	100%
FY 2015	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡

<sup>‡</sup>The Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County was excluded from the FY 2015 analysis of case processing performance.

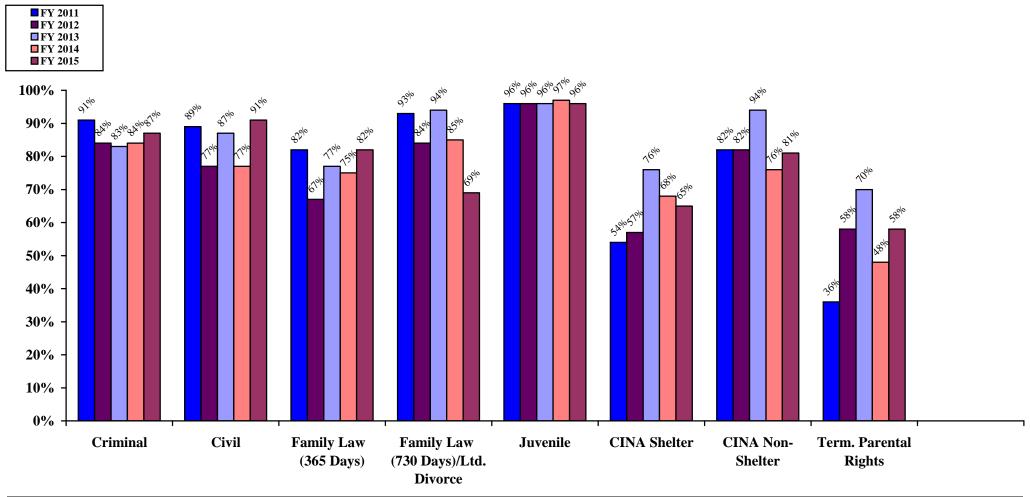
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 **Baltimore City** (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law (365 Days)	FL (730 Days) / Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	Term. Parental Rights
FY 2011	74%	95%	76%	88%	97%	58%	24%	37%
FY 2012	83%	96%	81%	96%	98%	59%	58%	45%
FY 2013	85%	93%	78%	98%	96%	59%	80%	48%
FY 2014	81%	90%	79%	45%	96%	69%	100%	63%
FY 2015	72%	96%	79%	78%	96%	68%	N/A	54%
FY 11-15 Change	-2%	1%	3%	-10%	-1%	10%	N/A	17%

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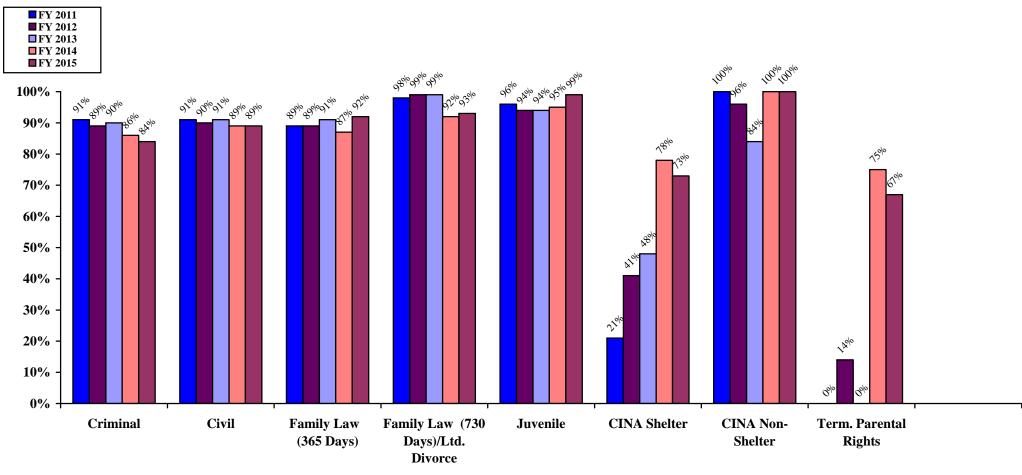
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 **Baltimore County** (Unweighted)



	Caimin al	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Criminal	Civil	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CINA Sheller	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	91%	89%	82%	93%	96%	54%	82%	36%
FY 2012	84%	77%	67%	84%	96%	57%	82%	58%
FY 2013	83%	87%	77%	94%	96%	76%	94%	70%
FY 2014	84%	77%	75%	85%	97%	68%	76%	48%
FY 2015	87%	91%	82%	69%	96%	65%	81%	58%
FY 11-15 Change	-4%	2%	0%	-24%	0%	11%	-1%	22%

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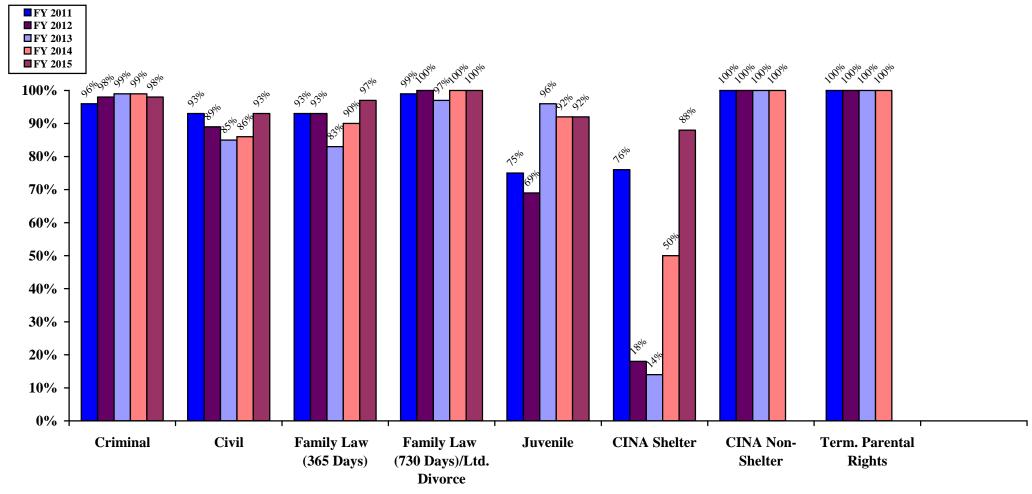
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Calvert County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law (365 Days)	FL (730 Days) / Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	Term. Parental Rights
FY 2011	91%	91%	89%	98%	96%	21%	100%	0%
FY 2012	89%	90%	89%	99%	94%	41%	96%	14%
FY 2013	90%	91%	91%	99%	94%	48%	84%	0%
FY 2014	86%	89%	87%	92%	95%	78%	100%	75%
FY 2015	84%	89%	92%	93%	99%	73%	100%	67%
FY 11-15 Change	-7%	-2%	3%	-5%	3%	52%	0%	67%

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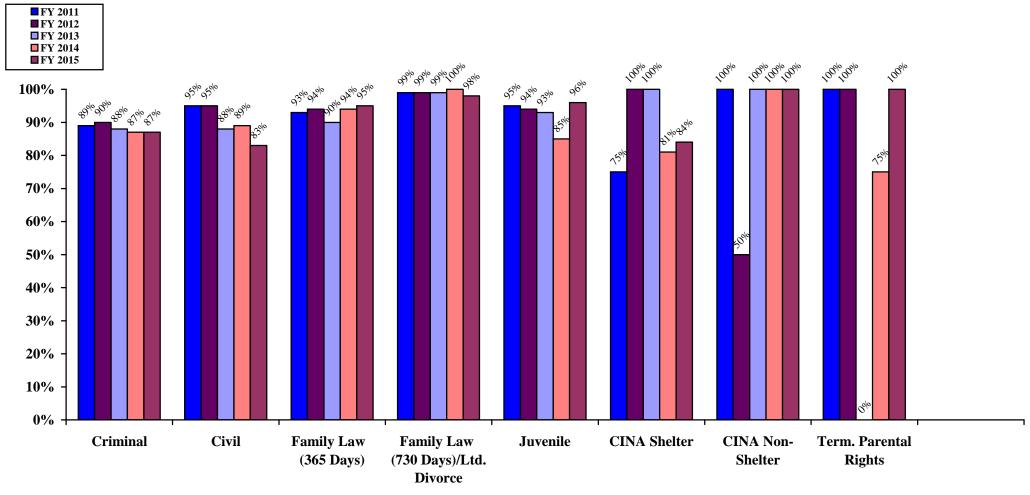
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Caroline County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law (365 Days)	FL (730 Days) / Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	Term. Parental Rights
FY 2011	96%	93%	93%	99%	75%	76%	100%	100%
FY 2012	98%	89%	93%	100%	69%	18%	100%	100%
FY 2013	99%	85%	83%	97%	96%	14%	100%	100%
FY 2014	99%	86%	90%	100%	92%	50%	100%	100%
FY 2015	98%	93%	97%	100%	92%	88%	N/A	N/A
FY 11-15 Change	2%	0%	4%	1%	17%	12%	N/A	N/A

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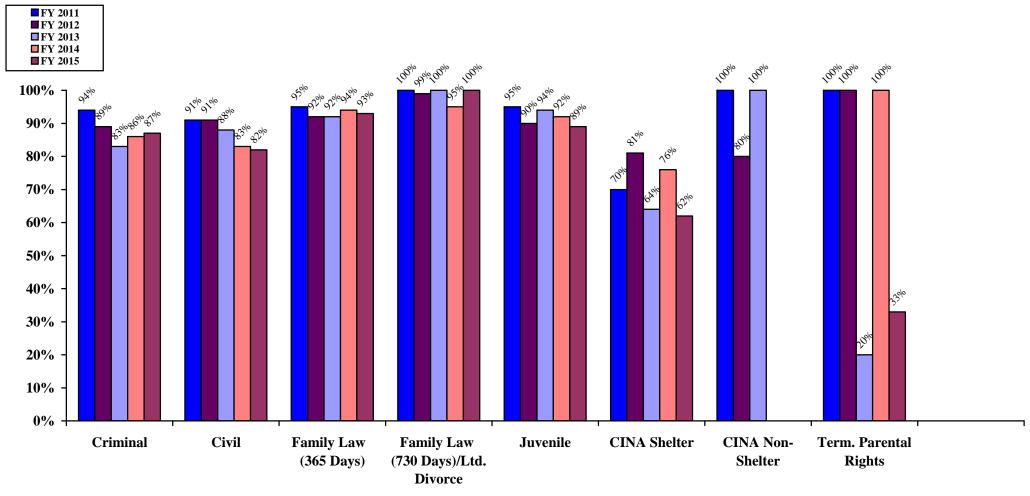
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Carroll County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Criminai	CIVII	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CIT VI DIICITOI	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	89%	95%	93%	99%	95%	75%	100%	100%
FY 2012	90%	95%	94%	99%	94%	100%	50%	100%
FY 2013	88%	88%	90%	99%	93%	100%	100%	0%
FY 2014	87%	89%	94%	100%	85%	81%	100%	75%
FY 2015	87%	83%	95%	98%	96%	84%	100%	100%
FY 11-15 Change	-2%	-12%	2%	-1%	1%	9%	0%	0%

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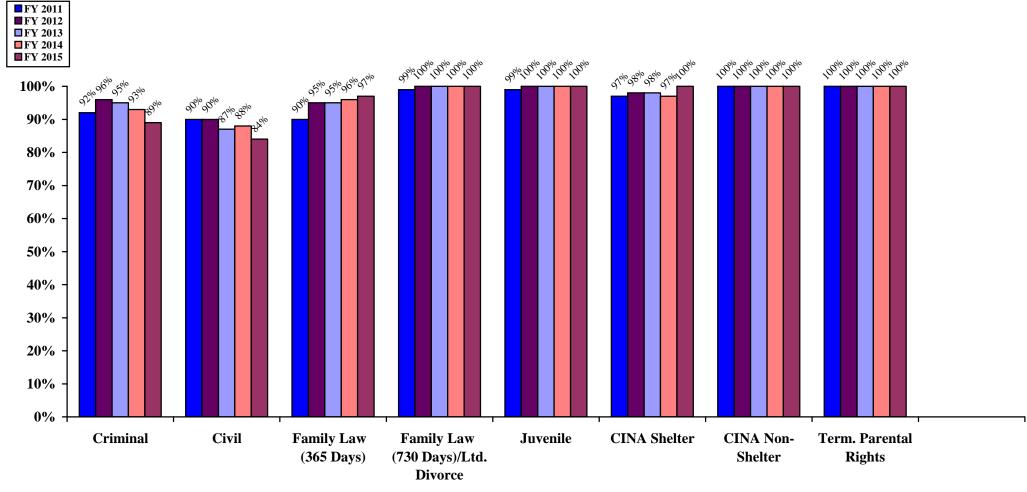
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Cecil County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Cililliai	Civii	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CINA Sileilei	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	94%	91%	95%	100%	95%	70%	100%	100%
FY 2012	89%	91%	92%	99%	90%	81%	80%	100%
FY 2013	83%	88%	92%	100%	94%	64%	100%	20%
FY 2014	86%	83%	94%	95%	92%	76%	N/A	100%
FY 2015	87%	82%	93%	100%	89%	62%	N/A	33%
FY 11-15 Change	-7%	-9%	-2%	0%	-6%	-8%	N/A	-67%

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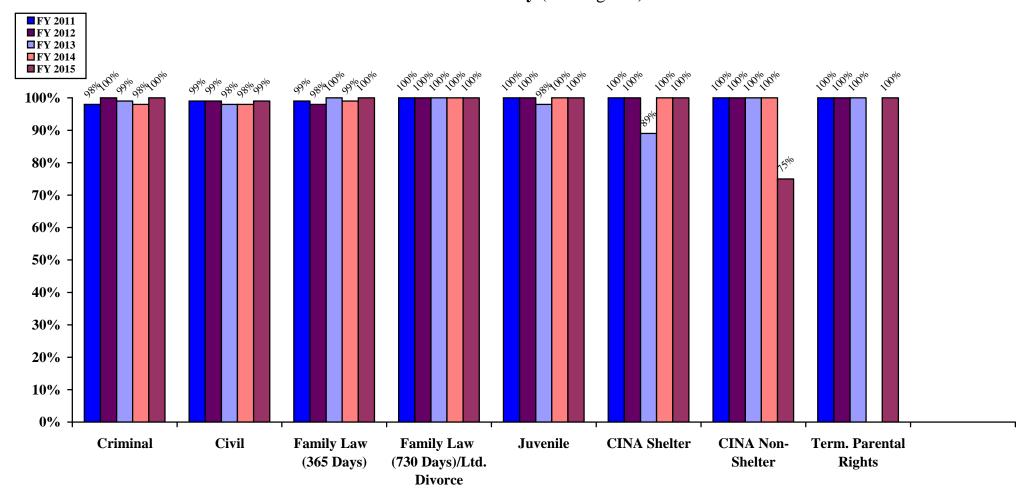
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Charles County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Crimmai	CIVII	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CITYT SHORE	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	92%	90%	90%	99%	99%	97%	100%	100%
FY 2012	96%	90%	95%	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%
FY 2013	95%	87%	95%	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%
FY 2014	93%	88%	96%	100%	100%	97%	100%	100%
FY 2015	89%	84%	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
FY 11-15 Change	-3%	-6%	7%	1%	1%	3%	0%	0%

<sup>\*</sup>The 730-Day time standard goal became applicable to Limited Divorce cases only beginning with the FY 2014 Assessment.

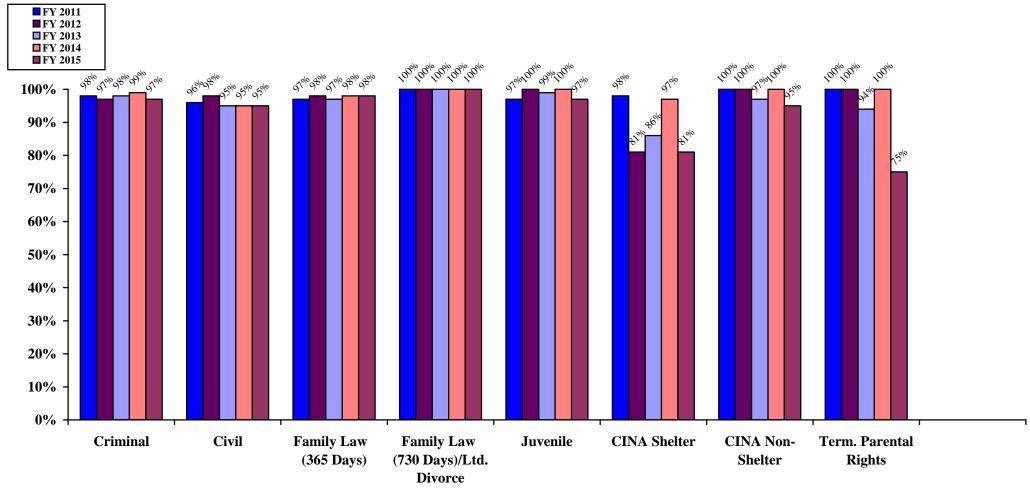
#### Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 **Dorchester County** (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law (365 Days)	FL (730 Days) / Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	Term. Parental Rights
FY 2011	98%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
FY 2012	100%	99%	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
FY 2013	99%	98%	100%	100%	98%	89%	100%	100%
FY 2014	98%	98%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N/A
FY 2015	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	75%	100%
FY 11-15 Change	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	-25%	0%

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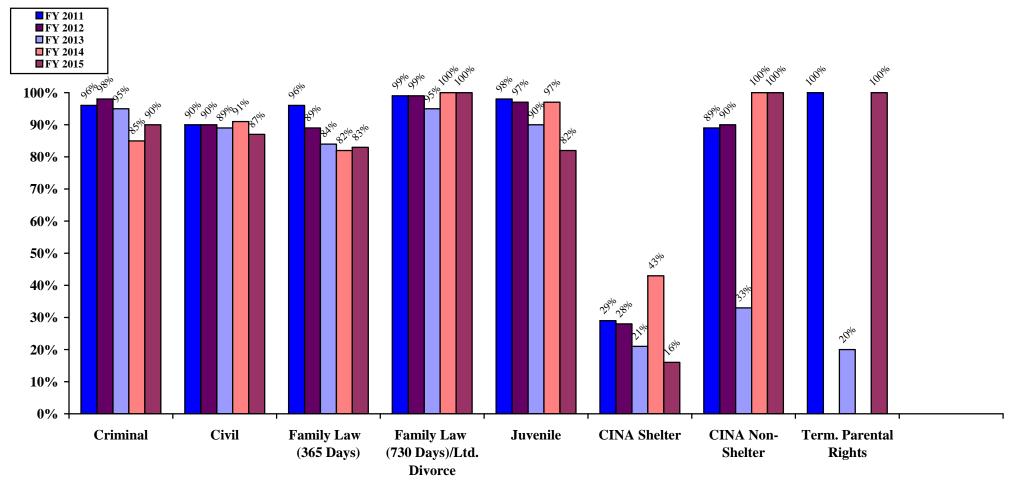
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Frederick County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Criminai	CIVII	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	ou venne	CHAIL SHORE	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	98%	96%	97%	100%	97%	98%	100%	100%
FY 2012	97%	98%	98%	100%	100%	81%	100%	100%
FY 2013	98%	95%	97%	100%	99%	86%	97%	94%
FY 2014	99%	95%	98%	100%	100%	97%	100%	100%
FY 2015	97%	95%	98%	100%	97%	81%	95%	75%
FY 11-15 Change	-1%	-1%	1%	0%	0%	-17%	-5%	-25%

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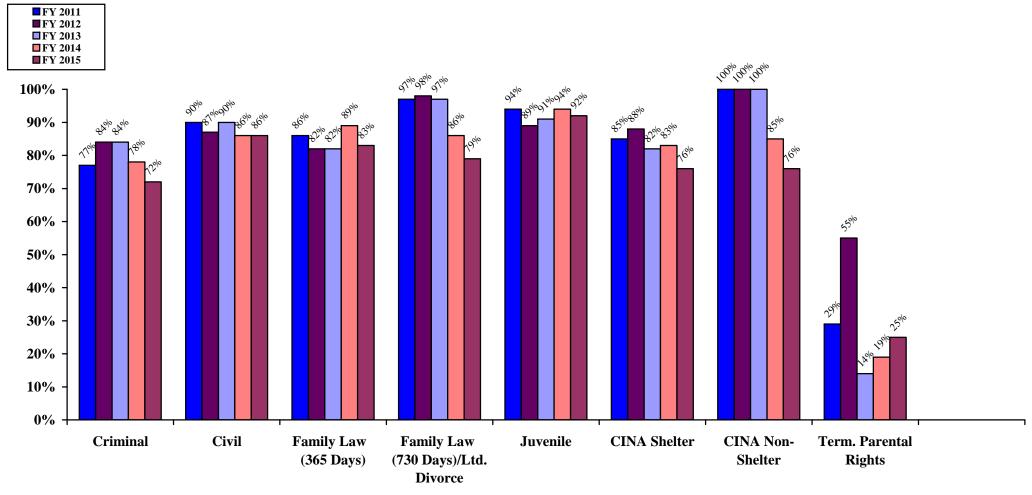
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Garrett County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law (365 Days)	FL (730 Days) / Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	Term. Parental Rights
FY 2011	96%	90%	96%	99%	98%	29%	89%	100%
FY 2012	98%	90%	89%	99%	97%	28%	90%	N/A
FY 2013	95%	89%	84%	95%	90%	21%	33%	20%
FY 2014	85%	91%	82%	100%	97%	43%	100%	N/A
FY 2015	90%	87%	83%	100%	82%	16%	100%	100%
FY 11-15 Change	-6%	-3%	-13%	1%	-16%	-13%	11%	0%

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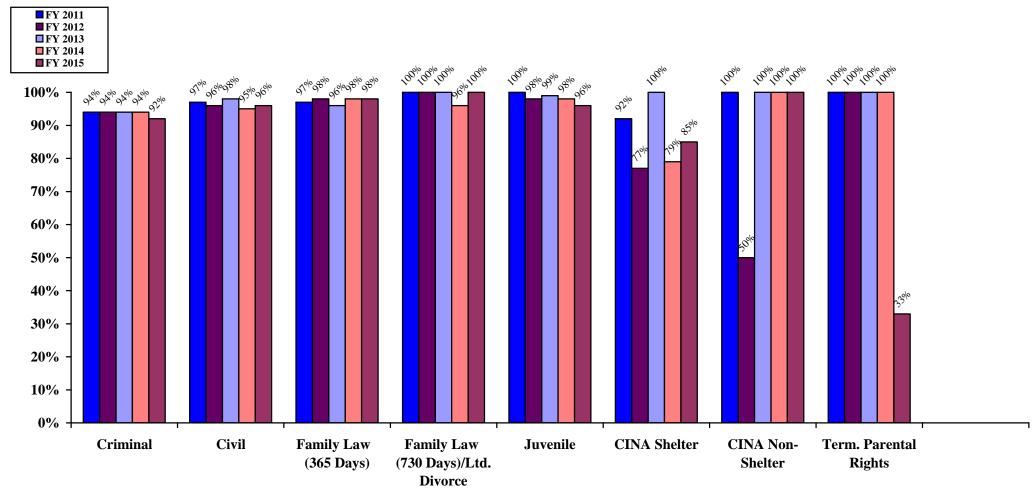
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Harford County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
			(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*			Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	77%	90%	86%	97%	94%	85%	100%	29%
FY 2012	84%	87%	82%	98%	89%	88%	100%	55%
FY 2013	84%	90%	82%	97%	91%	82%	100%	14%
FY 2014	78%	86%	89%	86%	94%	83%	85%	19%
FY 2015	72%	86%	83%	79%	92%	76%	76%	25%
FY 11-15 Change	-5%	-4%	-3%	-18%	-2%	-9%	-24%	-4%

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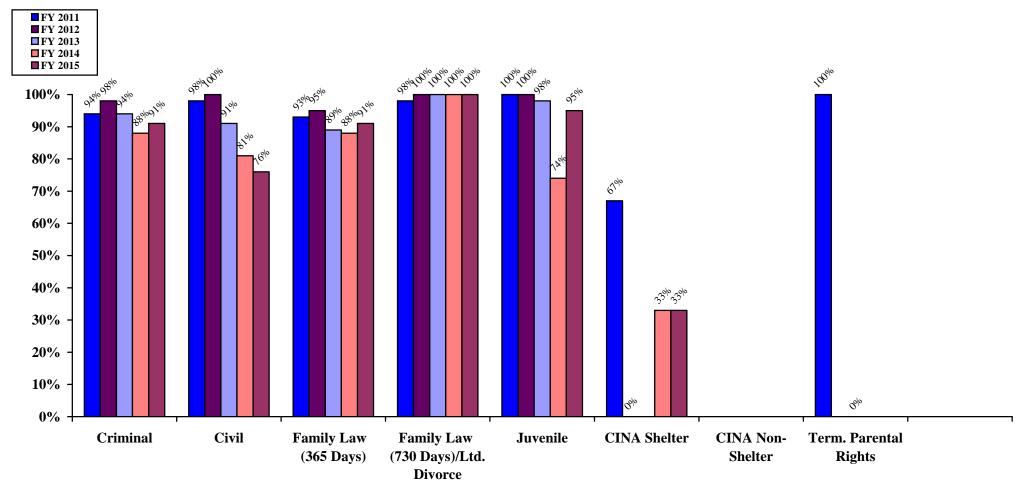
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 **Howard County** (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Criminai	CIVII	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CITYT SHORE	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	94%	97%	97%	100%	100%	92%	100%	100%
FY 2012	94%	96%	98%	100%	98%	77%	50%	100%
FY 2013	94%	98%	96%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
FY 2014	94%	95%	98%	96%	98%	79%	100%	100%
FY 2015	92%	96%	98%	100%	96%	85%	100%	33%
FY 11-15 Change	-2%	-1%	1%	0%	-4%	-7%	0%	-67%

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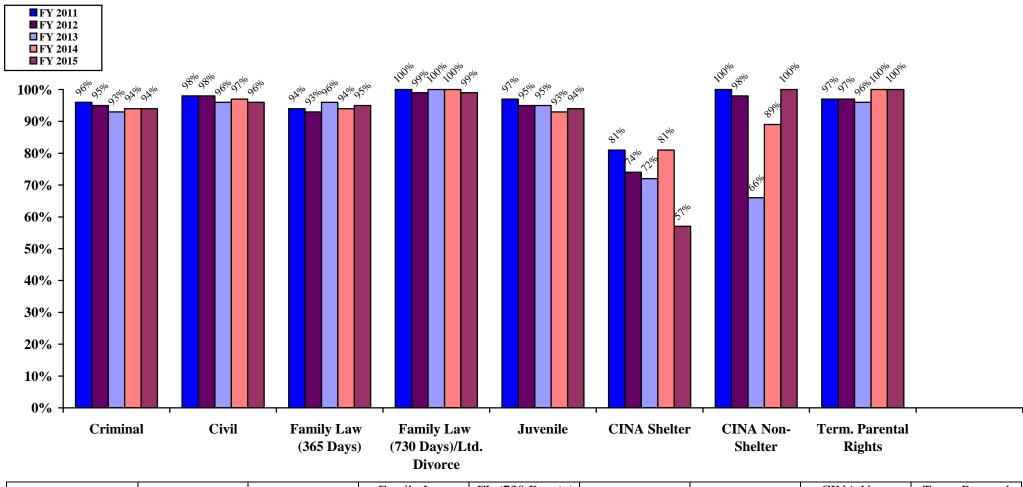
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Kent County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law (365 Days)	FL (730 Days) / Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	Term. Parental Rights
FY 2011	94%	98%	93%	98%	100%	67%	N/A	100%
FY 2012	98%	100%	95%	100%	100%	0%	N/A	N/A
FY 2013	94%	91%	89%	100%	98%	N/A	N/A	0%
FY 2014	88%	81%	88%	100%	74%	33%	N/A	N/A
FY 2015	91%	76%	91%	100%	95%	33%	N/A	N/A
FY 11-15 Change	-3%	-22%	-2%	2%	-5%	-34%	N/A	N/A

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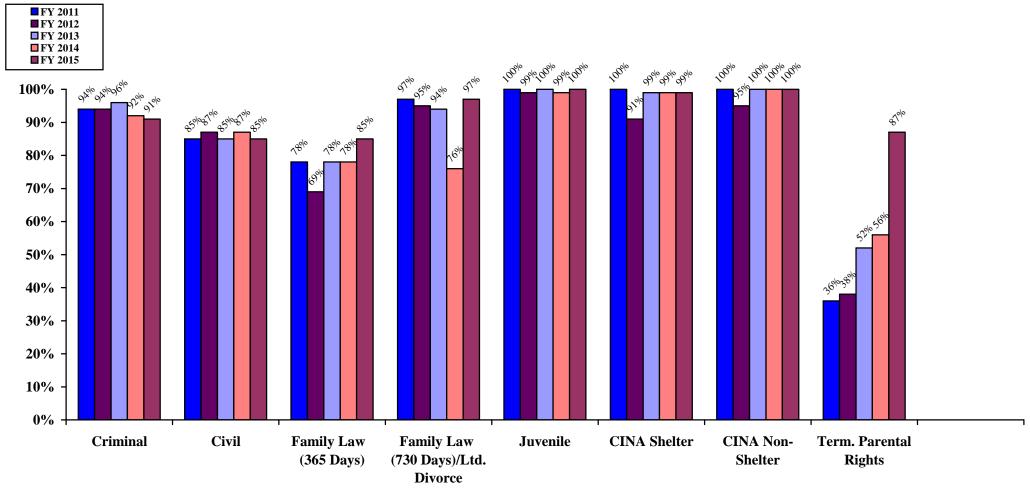
### Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Montgomery County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental	
	Criminai	Civii	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CINA Sheller	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	96%	98%	94%	100%	97%	81%	100%	97%
FY 2012	95%	98%	93%	99%	95%	74%	98%	97%
FY 2013	93%	96%	96%	100%	95%	72%	66%	96%
FY 2014	94%	97%	94%	100%	93%	81%	89%	100%
FY 2015	94%	96%	95%	99%	94%	57%	100%	100%
FY 11-15 Change	-2%	-2%	1%	-1%	-3%	-24%	0%	3%

<sup>\*</sup>The 730-Day time standard goal became applicable to Limited Divorce cases only beginning with the FY 2014 Assessment.

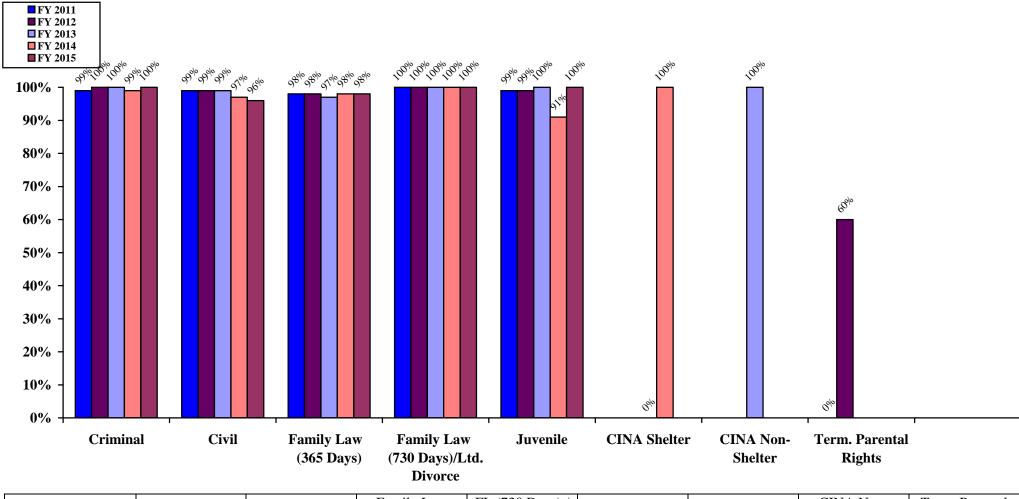
#### Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Prince George's County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Criminal Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Criminai	CIVII	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CIT VI DIICITOI	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	94%	85%	78%	97%	100%	100%	100%	36%
FY 2012	94%	87%	69%	95%	99%	91%	95%	38%
FY 2013	96%	85%	78%	94%	100%	99%	100%	52%
FY 2014	92%	87%	78%	76%	99%	99%	100%	56%
FY 2015	91%	85%	85%	97%	100%	99%	100%	87%
FY 11-15 Change	-3%	0%	7%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	51%

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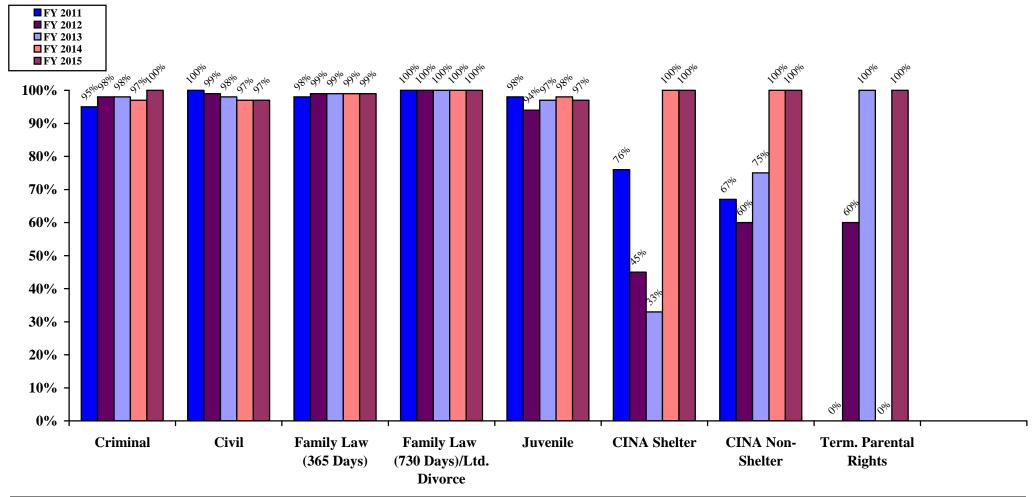
#### Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Queen Anne's County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	( 11/1	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Cilililiai	Civii	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CINA Sileitei	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	99%	99%	98%	100%	99%	N/A	N/A	0%
FY 2012	100%	99%	98%	100%	99%	N/A	N/A	60%
FY 2013	100%	99%	97%	100%	100%	0%	100%	N/A
FY 2014	99%	97%	98%	100%	91%	100%	N/A	N/A
FY 2015	100%	96%	98%	100%	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
FY 11-15 Change	1%	-3%	0%	0%	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A

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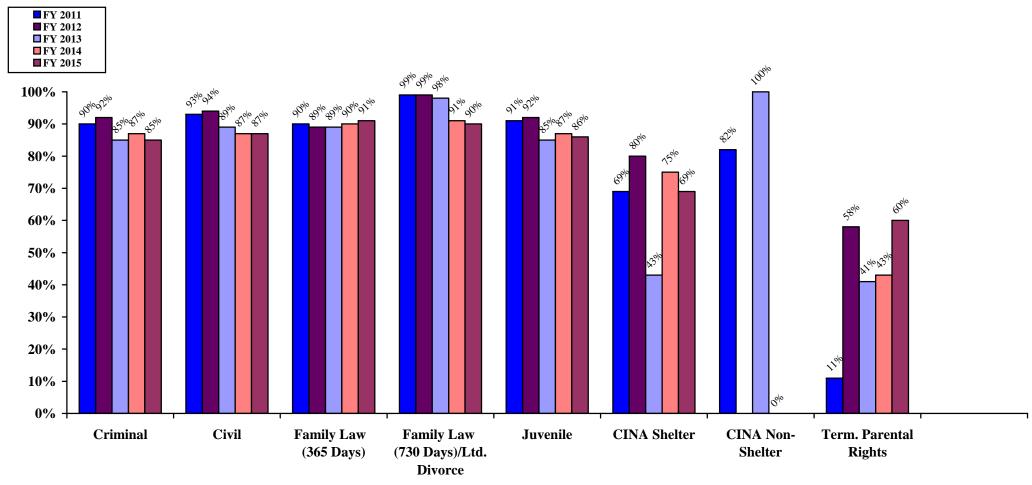
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Somerset County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Criminal	Civil	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CINA Sheller	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	95%	100%	98%	100%	98%	76%	67%	0%
FY 2012	98%	99%	99%	100%	94%	45%	60%	60%
FY 2013	98%	98%	99%	100%	97%	33%	75%	100%
FY 2014	97%	97%	99%	100%	98%	100%	100%	0%
FY 2015	100%	97%	99%	100%	97%	100%	100%	100%
FY 11-15 Change	5%	-3%	1%	0%	-1%	24%	33%	100%

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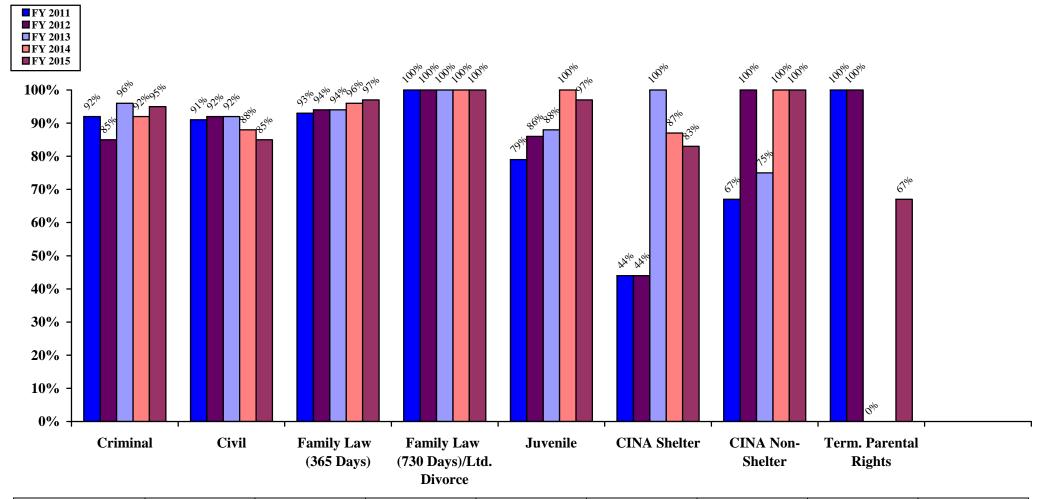
#### Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 **St. Mary's County** (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law (365 Days)	FL (730 Days) / Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	Term. Parental Rights
FY 2011	90%	93%	90%	99%	91%	69%	82%	11%
FY 2012	92%	94%	89%	99%	92%	80%	N/A	58%
FY 2013	85%	89%	89%	98%	85%	43%	100%	41%
FY 2014	87%	87%	90%	91%	87%	75%	0%	43%
FY 2015	85%	87%	91%	90%	86%	69%	N/A	60%
FY 11-15 Change	-5%	-6%	1%	-9%	-5%	0%	N/A	49%

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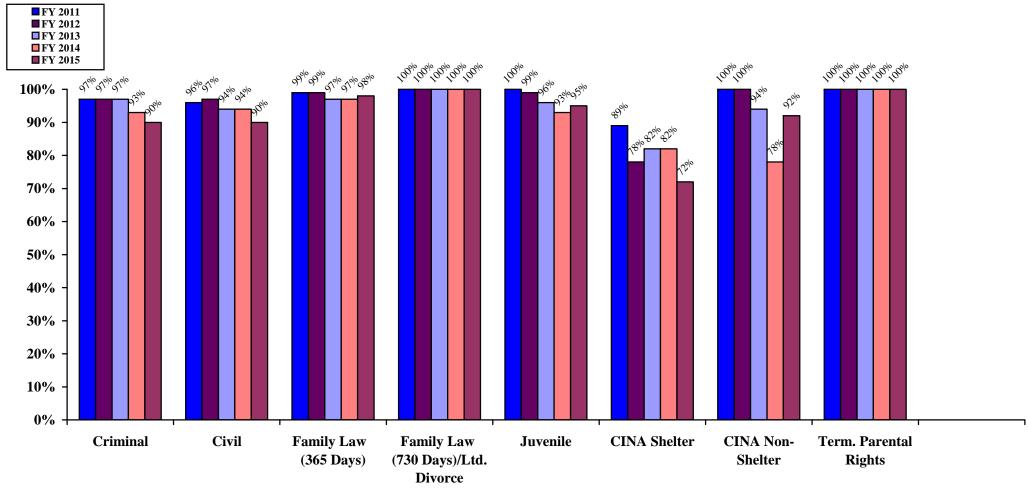
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 **Talbot County** (Unweighted)



	Criminal Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	i ilivenile i (	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental	
	Cililliai	CIVII	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CINA Silettei	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	92%	91%	93%	100%	79%	44%	67%	100%
FY 2012	85%	92%	94%	100%	86%	44%	100%	100%
FY 2013	96%	92%	94%	100%	88%	100%	75%	0%
FY 2014	92%	88%	96%	100%	100%	87%	100%	N/A
FY 2015	95%	85%	97%	100%	97%	83%	100%	67%
FY 11-15 Change	3%	-6%	4%	0%	18%	39%	33%	-33%

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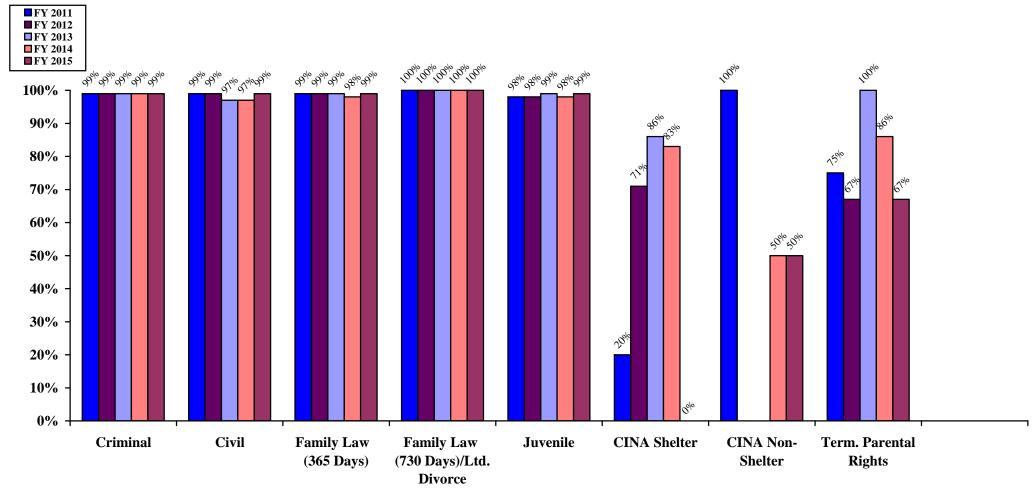
## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Washington County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Cillillai	Civii	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CINA Siletter	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	97%	96%	99%	100%	100%	89%	100%	100%
FY 2012	97%	97%	99%	100%	99%	78%	100%	100%
FY 2013	97%	94%	97%	100%	96%	82%	94%	100%
FY 2014	93%	94%	97%	100%	93%	82%	78%	100%
FY 2015	90%	90%	98%	100%	95%	72%	92%	100%
FY 11-15 Change	-7%	-6%	-1%	0%	-5%	-17%	-8%	0%

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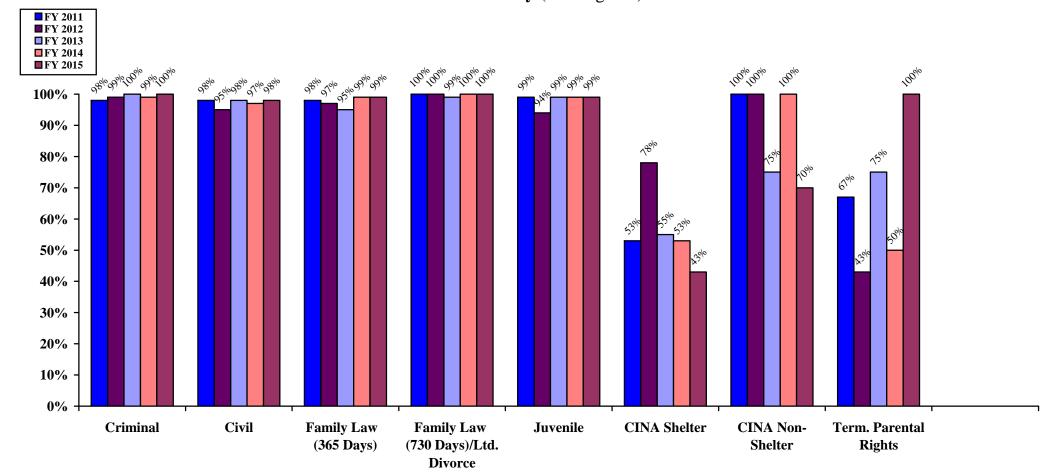
#### Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Wicomico County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law	FL (730 Days) /	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non-	Term. Parental
	Cillillai	Civii	(365 Days)	Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenne	CINA Siletter	Shelter	Rights
FY 2011	99%	99%	99%	100%	98%	20%	100%	75%
FY 2012	99%	99%	99%	100%	98%	71%	N/A	67%
FY 2013	99%	97%	99%	100%	99%	86%	N/A	100%
FY 2014	99%	97%	98%	100%	98%	83%	50%	86%
FY 2015	99%	99%	99%	100%	99%	0%	50%	67%
FY 11-15 Change	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-20%	-50%	-8%

<sup>\*</sup>The 730-Day time standard goal became applicable to Limited Divorce cases only beginning with the FY 2014 Assessment.

## Percent of Cases Terminated within Standard by Case Type, Fiscal Years 2011-2015 Worcester County (Unweighted)



	Criminal	Civil	Family Law (365 Days)	FL (730 Days) / Ltd. Divorce*	Juvenile	CINA Shelter	CINA Non- Shelter	Term. Parental Rights
FY 2011	98%	98%	98%	100%	99%	53%	100%	67%
FY 2012	99%	95%	97%	100%	94%	78%	100%	43%
FY 2013	100%	98%	95%	99%	99%	55%	75%	75%
FY 2014	99%	97%	99%	100%	99%	53%	100%	50%
FY 2015	100%	98%	99%	100%	99%	43%	70%	100%
FY 11-15 Change	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	-10%	-30%	33%

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