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**Summary Tables** 

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## Introduction

The summary tables published in this <u>State Trial Court Jurisdiction</u> <u>Guide for Statistical Reporting</u> provide, in greatly condensed form, the information relating to completeness and comparability of state court statistics. These tables are derived from the individual court profiles in a much longer working document being used by the Court Statistics and Information Management Project to classify the caseload statistics of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

#### Background and purpose

Preparation of the jurisdiction guide was an outgrowth of the automation of the database for the State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report series, implemented in 1983. The coding of the various data elements required a precision which at that time did not exist. For example, where states were reporting general terms (like "civil" and "criminal"), these statistics could only be coded as "unclassified" if the Court Statistics and Information Management Project (CSIM) staff did not know exactly what types of cases were included in those categories. Data in an unclassified category are not comparable to any other data. A second problem resulted when a case category that a court system handled was unidentified. If, for example, the case category "mental health" was missing in a state's statistics and it was unknown which court(s) in the system had jurisdiction over that case type, there was no way to tell whether caseload statistics for that category were unavailable or were collapsed into a broader category. Lack of these kinds of information made it impossible to determine which data were complete and comparable.

The jurisdiction guide was undertaken to permit the accurate coding of the annual report database. Since a major research effort would be required to gather the jurisdictional information needed, the Court Statistics and Information Systems (CSIS) Committee of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) agreed that staff should at the same time ask other questions that significantly affect the comparability of caseload data. Issues such as how criminal cases are counted, the definition of a felony, how felonies are counted in the pre-indictment stage, how dollar limits in civil cases vary, and the like, affect the comparability of state court statistics. The jurisdiction guide would systematically gather as much information as possible regarding completeness and comparability of state court caseload statistics.

#### Methodology

The members of the Conference of State Court Administrators, at the behest of their CSIS Committee, agreed to complete jurisdiction profiles for each court in their state. Four trial court jurisdiction guide profiles (civil, criminal, traffic/other violation, and juvenile--see Appendix A for prototypes) were devised. A set for each state court in the country was filled in for the year 1981 by CSIM staff, based on available information, and then sent to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) in each state. A contact person (or persons) in each AOC, knowledgeable about that state's statistics, was assigned to correct and complete the profiles. When the profiles were returned to the National Center for State Courts, CSIM staff matched the 1981 statistics for each state to the jurisdiction guide profiles. Lengthy telephone conversations were held with AOC staff to reconcile differences, clarify responses, and inquire further into the reporting practices of each state.

When the contact person and CSIM staff agree that the jurisdiction profiles were correct, each State Court Administrator was asked to provide the name of a court official in each court in his state to which the profile would be sent for a field check. The field checks were completed by about half the states.

The 1981 profiles asked if any jurisdictional changes had occurred that affected the data reported for 1982 and 1983. Telephone calls were used to obtain the same information regarding changes in 1984. The summary tables produced here are based on the information contained in 482 revised 1984 profiles for 206 state and local courts in 49 of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Courts were included whether or not they provide data to the AOC; only by including the entire state court system could it be determined where all case types were being handled and whether data reported for each case type were complete.

In the process of completing the first jurisdiction guide, the questions that CSIM staff asked changed as more was learned about the mechanics of individual court operations. Assumptions about generic terms like small claims had to be revised as it became apparent that the small claims process is not uniform, but varies from state to state, permitting jury trials and lawyers in some jurisdictions but excluding them in others. Some questions remain unanswered; AOC staff in some states had more time to devote to and more interest in this effort than others. New questions were added during the compilation process, such as how reopened cases are counted.

The jurisdiction profiles are working documents and will not be published. They will, however, be revised annually before data for each nation-wide annual report in the <u>State Court Caseload Statistics</u> series are collected. Court systems change and reporting systems are modified. Further probing will be needed in future guides to clarify anomalies such as the fact that many jurisdictions do not count support-custody cases as separate from marriage dissolution cases but consider them a step in the processing of a dissolution case. Thus the jurisdiction profiles will be a continually evolving resource. Comments and corrections from court officials in the field will be a welcome part of the revision process and should be directed to the CSIM Project, 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, Virginia, 23185.

#### Significance of the jurisdiction guide

Probably the most significant accomplishment of the jurisdiction guide is the improvement in the integrity of the annual report database. Complete data are now much more clearly identified, and all of the information collected in the jurisdiction guide is available in the

database. This will permit identification of courts with comparable jurisdictions, from which data can be extracted and analyzed, not only by CSIM project staff, but by court officials and researchers through access to the data tapes available through the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48206.

The other major benefit is that the guide's contents make it possible for the annual report series to be brought up to date and kept current. Instead of waiting for each state to publish its annual report, which causes a two-year time lag in the production of the national Annual Report, CSIM staff can now classify raw data from the states according to the jurisdiction guide. This will permit the production of the nation-wide annual report within the year following the actual handling of the caseload by the states.

#### Learning process

The jurisdiction guide has collected an enormous amount of information about the state courts, all of which has been integrated into the annual report series database. A great deal more is known now about which jurisdictions and which data are comparable and which data are complete. CSIM staff have found the guide a demanding, but exciting learning task. Many AOC staff have also commented in the struggle to complete their jurisdiction profiles that they have been forced to examine issues and answer questions they had never before tackled. A number of the AOC contacts asked how their state compared with other states. The summary tables presented here should answer both that question and a related one expressed in phone conversations--"Doesn't everyone do it this way?"

## Table 1. State trial court jurisdictions and record requirements, 1984

Comments:

This table is the most general of all the tables derived from the trial court jurisdiction guide, in that it shows which courts in each state court system handle cases in the broad categories civil, criminal, traffic/other violations, and juvenile. These broad categories are used in the State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report series and were approved by the COSCA CSIS Committee.

Detailed tables for each of these broad categories are found in Table 2 (civil), Table 7 (criminal), Table 14 (traffic/other violations), and Table 16 (juvenile).

	Ceneral/ limited	Verbatim	Verbatim		Case categ	ories handled	
State/court	juris- dic- tion	tran- script required	transcript not required	Civil	Criminal	Traffic/ other violations	Juvenile
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Probate Court	L		X	X	~ ~ ~		^ 
Municipal Court	L		x	<u> </u>	x	x	
ALASKA		· · · · · ·		~ <u>~~~~</u>			·
Superior Court	C	x		X	x		x
District Court	L	X		X	X	X	
ARIZONA			<u> </u>		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Superior Court Justices of the Peace	C	X		X	<b>X</b>	· · · ·	X
Court	L		X (unless serious)	x	X	X	
Municipal Court	L		X (some may record)	, <del></del> .	X	X	
ARKANSAS							
Circuit Court	G	х	1	X	х		
Chancery and Probate							
Court	G	X		X			
Court of Common Pleas	L	x		X			
County Court	L		X	X		, <del></del> *	X
Municipal Court City Court, Police Court	L L	X	X	X X	X X	X X	
CALIFORNIA							1
Superior Court	G	х		Χ.	Х		X
Justice Court	L		X	x	Х	x	
Municipal Court	L	x		x	X	X	
COLORADO			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				· · · · ·
District Court	G	x		х	X		X
Water Court	G	X		· X			
County Court	L	X		X	Х	X	·
Municipal Court	Ľ	depends	on municip.	· · · ·	, <u> </u>	X	
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Superior Court	G	X		X	X	X	X
Probate Court	L	only by	agreement	х			
DELAWARE	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u>,</u>		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		. '	
Court of Chancery	G	Х		х			·
Superior Court	G	x		X	X		
Family Court	L	х		X	Х	X	x
Court of Common Pleas	L	X		X	X		
Justice of the Peace							
Court	Ľ		X	x	Х	X	· ·
Municipal Court of							
Wilmington	L		X	·	X	X	
Alderman's Court	L		x	х	х	X	-

	General/ limited	Verbatim	Verbatim		Case categ	ories handled	
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	dic-	script	not			other	
State/court	tion	required	required	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	violations	Juvenile
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Superior Court	G	x		x	х	x	X
FLORIDA			·····			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Circuit Court	G	x		х	x		x
County Court	<b>L</b> .	x		Х	, <b>X</b>	X	
GEORGIA			1 1				·····
Superior Court	G	Х		X	X	X	Х
Juvenile Court	L.	X				Х	X
State Court	L		X	X	X	X	
Probate Court	L		X	Х.	Х	X	
Magistrate Court	L		X	x	X	х	
Civil Court	Ĺ.		X	x	X		
Municipal Court	Ĺ		X	X	X		
Recorder's Court	L		X		X	X	· `
HAWAII	· · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u></u>	·	
Circuit Court	C	X		х	x	x	x
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INDIANA			·····	,,,,,			
Circuit Court and							
Superior Court	G	Х		X	X	X	X
Probate Court	L	X		X	· · · · ·		X
County Court	L	x		х	X	X	
Municipal Court of							
Marion County	Ľ	X		X	x	X	
Small Claims Court of		~			•	•	
Marion County	L		X	X	х		
City Court and Town Court	L ,	1	X	x	X	X	· 
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IOWA District Court	G	x		х	X	x	x
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KANSAS District Court	C	X		х	а <b>Х</b>	x	X
Municipal Court	L		X			X	, <del></del> ,
KENTUCKY	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u></u>					
Circuit Court	G	х		X	X		
District Court	L	Recorde		X	x	X	х
LOULGTANA		electro	nically	· · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
LOUISIANA District Court	G	X		X	X		х
City Court and Parish Court, and Municipal	6	<b>^</b>					Λ.
Court and Traffic							
Court of New Orleans	L	X		X	x	х	x
Family Court and				••			
Juvenile Court	L	X		X	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		х
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Superior Court	G	X		X	X	X	
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MARYLAND					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u> </u>
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MICHIGAN	· · · · ·		_ <del></del>	· · · ·			:
Circuit Court	G	X		х	X		:
Court of Claims	G	х		х			
District Court	L	х		X	x	X	
Municipal Court	L		Х	X	X	X	· ·
Probate Court	L	Unknown		x		X	х
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MINNESOTA							
District Court	G	х		, X	X		х
County Court,							
Probate Court,							
Conciliation Court, and							
County Municipal Court	L	X		х	X	Х	X
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Source is State Co				icor			
Circuit Court	G	X		х	x		
Chancery Court	G	X		X		· · · ·	x
					x	X	
County Court	L	Unknown		X			
Family Court	L	Unknown		X	Х		X
Municipal Court	L	Unknown			х	X	X
Justice Court	L	Unknown		Х	X	X	
MISSOURI	<u>-</u>	····					<u> </u>
Circuit Court	G	X		X	X	Х	X
MONTANA							
District Court	G	X		X	X		х
Justice of the Peace							
Court and Municipal Court	ι.		X	X	X	X	
City Court	L		X	X	X	X	<b></b> '
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NEBRASKA	<u>.</u>						
District Court	G	х		X	X		
Workmen's Compensation							
Court	L	X		X			
Separate Juvenile Court	· L	Х					X
County Court	L	x		Х	Х	X	x
Municipal Court	, <b>L</b>	X		X	X	X	
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NEVADA District Court	G	X		X	X	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	x
Justice Court	L	X		X	x	х	·
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Municipal Court	L		X	х	. X	X	

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NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Superior Court	G	X		x	X		
District Court	L		х	x	x	х	х
Probate Court	ĩ	Recorded		X			
	-	electro					
Municipal Court	L		X	X	X	X	
IEW JERSEY				<u> </u>			
Superior Court (Law							
Division and							
Chancery Division)	G	X		X	Х		х
Superior Court Law							
Division, Special							
Civil Part	L	X		X	х	. X	
Municipal Court	L	х		·	X	х	
Surrogate's Court	L	X		X			
NEW MEXICO		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	······································		·····		
District Court	G	x		х	X	·	x
Magistrate Court	L		X	x	X	x	
Bernalillo County							
Metropolitan Court	L		X	X	X	X	
Probate Court	L		X	x			· '
Municipal Court	L	x				x	
NEW YORK							
Supreme Court	G	x	1. S.	x	x	·	
County Court	G	X		X	x		
Civil Court of the City	9	n .					
of New York	L	X		x			·
Criminal Court of the	H .	•		A			
City of New York	L	X			x	x	
Family Court	L	X		x	~		х
District Court and City		~ ~					~
Court	L	x		x	X	x	
Surrogates' Court	L L	x		Â		<u> </u>	
	L			X			
Court of Claims	L	x					
Town Court and Village		4 - C - C				v	
Justice Court	L		X	X	X	X	
NORTH CAROLINA	······				·····		
Superior Court	G	X		X	X		
District Court	L	X		X	X	X	<b>X</b> .
NORTH DAKOTA			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
District Court	Ĝ	x		X	x	х	Χ.
County Court	L	X		X	X	X	
Municipal Court	L		x		X	x	, <del>, , ,</del> ,
0110							
Court of Common Pleas	G	x		Х	x	<b></b> , *	<b>X</b> .
County Court	L.	X		x	X	<b>X</b>	
Municipal Court	L	x		X	x	X	
Court of Claims	Ľ	x		x			
Mayor's Court	L	-	x		X	X	
OKLAHOMA	<del>,</del> .		· ····································				
District Court	G	Х		Х	<b></b>	x	X
Court of Tax Review	L	x		x			
Municipal Criminal Court	Ц	•		Λ.			
of Record and Municipal					1. A.		
Court Not of Record	L ·	X	X	·	· • · ·	x	
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ORECON							
Circuit Court	G	x		Х	X	·	X
Tax Court	G	x		X			
District Court	L	x		X	x	x	
County Court	L L	^	X		~~	^	x
			· •	X			~
Justice Court Municipal Court	L	Unknown Unknown		X	X X	X X	
PENNSYLVANIA				·			
Court of Common Pleas	G	х		х	x		X
		~	v		x	x	^
District Justice Court	L		х	X	•	· <b>·</b>	
Philadelphia Municipal	<u>.</u>						
Court	L İ	X		х	<b>X</b> .	X	
Philadelphia Traffic							
Court	L		х	÷		Х	'
Pittsburgh City							
Magistrates Court	L		X	X	X	Х	
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Superior Court	G	Х		х	X	· · · ·	х
District Court	L	x		X	X	X	
Municipal Judges	L		x			x	
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RHODE ISLAND			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			······································	
Superior Court	G	X		х	, X,		
District Court	L	Х		X	X	X	
Family Court	L	X		х			X
Probate Court	L	Unknown		X		· '	
Municipal Court	L		<b>X</b>	· ·		× X.	
SOUTH CAROLINA		· 				· ·	
Circuit Court	G	X		X	X		
Family Court	L	X		x		. X	x
Magistrate Court	L .	л	х	X	x	x	A
		v	<b>^</b>			<u>^</u>	
Probate Court	L	X	v	Χ.			
Municipal Court	Ľ		X	 	X	X	
SOUTH DAKOTA			······				
Circuit Court	G	X		X	X	X	x
TENNESSEE		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Circuit Court and							
Criminal Court	G	X		х	X	X	
Law and Equity Court	G	x		X		'	
Chancery Court	G	X		X		· ·	
General Sessions Court	L		X	x	X	х	X
Probate Court	Ľ	x		X			
Municipal Court	. Ľ		X		х	х	
Juvenile Court	L	X	ĸ	<b>X</b>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		X
TCVAC		i					<u> </u>
TEXAS District Court and							
	<u> </u>	v		÷	v		v
Criminal District Court	G	X		X	X		X
County Court at Law,					1. A.		
Constitutional County							
Court, and Probate							
	L	Х		X	Х	X	X
Court	L.						
Court Municipal Court	L		X (8 excep-		X	X	
			X (8 excep- tions)				

	General/					_		
	limited juris-	Verbatim tran-	Verbatim transcript			Case categ	ories handled Traffic/	· · · · ·
	dic-	script	not				other	
State/court	tion	required	required		Civil	Criminal	violations	Juvenile
UTAH								
District Court	G	X			Χ.	х	. <b></b>	
Circuit Court	L	Х			X	X	X	
Justice of the Peace								
Court	L		Х		X	x	X	
Juvenile Court	L	X					x	X
VERMONT	· ·							
Superior Court	G	х			Х			
District Court	G	X			Х	Х	Х	X
Probate Court	L		x		х		·	
VTRGINIA								
Circuit Court	G	X			x	х	x	·
District Court	<b>L</b> *		X		X	х	X	X
WASHINGTON	······	······		·	,			
Superior Court	G	х			X	x		X
District Court	L	Electro	nically		X	Χ.	X	
Municipal Court	, L		X			X	X	
WEST VIRGINIA					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · ·		
Circuit Court	G	X			X	X		X
Magistrate Court	L		Х		X	х	X	
Municipal Court	L		X		· ·	X	X	
WISCONSIN								
Circuit Court	G	X			X	Х	X	X
Municipal Court	L	Electro	nically			X	X	
WYOMING		······································	<u></u>			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
District Court	G	х			X	X		X
County Court	L	Electro	nically		X	х	X	
Justice of the Peace								
Court	L		X		X	х	X	
Municipal Court	L		X			x	•	

## Table 2. Civil case type jurisdiction by state trial courts, 1984

Comments:

The civil case type classifications used in this table are those used in the <u>State Court Caseload</u> <u>Statistics: Annual Report series</u>. They have been chosen as a model set of data elements for caseload inventory by the COSCA Court Statistics and Information Systems Committee and are defined in <u>State Court</u> <u>Model Statistical Dictionary</u> and <u>Supplement</u>.

In the trial court jurisdiction guide, CSIM staff have ascertained from AOC staff in each state exactly what case types are handled in each court and how they should be classified into the CSIM caseload inventory.

State/court	General/ limited juris- dic- tion	Tort	Con- tract	Real prop- erty rights	Small <u>claims</u>		Mental health	Estate	Adminis- trative agency appeal		Miscel- laneous
ALABAMA											
Circuit Court	C	X	X	Х		Х		1	х	Χ.,	. <u> </u>
District Court	L	х	Х	X	X						
Probate Court	L				· ·		Х	х			
(does not report data to AOC)											
ALASKA											
Superior Court	Ċ	х	X	X		х	Х	· X	x	Х	X I
District Court	Ľ	х	x		X	· '				<u> </u>	
ARIZUNA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					· · · · ·				
Superior Court	G	x	х	X		X	х	X	X	X	x
Justices of the Peace Court	, <b>L</b>	Х	X	х	X	<b>_~</b>				·	
ARKANSAS							····			<u> </u>	
Circuit Court	G	Х	x	X	÷	· ·			X	x	
Chancery Court and Probate	0	A	A.	, <b>A</b> .					A	~	
Court	G	X	x	X		X	X	х			
Court of Common Pleas	L	· · ·	x	<u> </u>				<u>^</u>			
County Court	L		~	X		x					
Municipal Court	L.		(x)	(x)	x	^ 	-				
City Court, Police Court	L		X	X			· ·		· ·		
CALIFORNIA						······			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		- <u></u>
Superior Court	C	х	х	×		X	x	x	x	X	x
Justice Court	L	x	x	x '	X	A -	~	·		~	X
Municipal Court	L	x	x	x	x						X
Municipal Court	L	Λ.	^	^							<u>^</u>
COLORADO	· · · ·										-
District Court	G	х	х	X		Х	x	X	х	х	
Water Court	C			Χ.	· · · · ·						
County Court	. <b>L</b>	Х	x	X	x					X	
CONNECTICUT						· · · · · · · · ·		<u></u>			
Superior Court	G	X	x	х	X	X	X		X	<u> </u>	
Probate Court	L	· <del></del>				х	х	х			X
DELAWARE	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·										
Court of Chancery	G	X	х	х			x	х			
Superior Court	G	X	x	X			x		х	x	X
Family Court	L	^ 	^			X	'		· '	· A	
Justice of the Peace Court	L	х	x	X		· · ·				·	·
Court of Common Pleas	L	x	x	X						·	x
Alderman's Court	L	A.	<u> </u>	<u>^</u>	x .						^ 
Aluerman's Gourc	<u></u> . Ц				<b>A</b>						

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State/court	General/ limited juris- dic- tion	Tort	Con- tract	Real prop- erty rights	Small		Mental		Adminis- trative agency appeal	court	Miscel-
state/court	<u></u>	1010	tract	rights	claims	LIONS	nearch	Estate	appear	appeal	laneous
DISTRICT OF CULUMBIA Superior Court	G	x	Χ.,	x	x	X	x	x	x		x
FLORIDA		····		···				·	·		
Circuit Court	G	x	x	X		x	x	х	X	X	X
County Court	L	x	x	x	х						x
GEORGIA									· · · · · ·		
Superior Court	G	х	х	X		X		·	X	х	х
State Court	L ·	х	х		X						Х
Probate Court	L			~			Х	X			
Magistrate Court	L	(X)	(X)		X		··				
Municipal Court	L	X	X		X						·
(does not report data to AOC)											
Civil Court	L	Х	х		X						
(does not report data to AOC)			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·							
HAWAII Circuit Court	G	х	X	x		x	x	x	x	х	x
District Court	L	х	X	х	х						х
ΙΔΑΗΟ											
District Court	ç	х	X	X	<b>X</b>	X	x	<b>x</b> •	x	x	x
ILLINOIS		<u>-</u>			·	······					i <del>a</del>
Circuit Court	G	X	x	X	X	х	х	X	X	·• ···	X
			· · · · ·				·				
INDIANA											
Superior Court and Circuit Court	c	v	x	v	v	v	v	v	v	x	v
	GL	X	× ~	x 	x 	X X	x .	X	X		X
Probate Court	ւ Ն	x	x	X	 x	x 	x	X 			X
County Court Municipal Court of Marion	L	. ^ .	X	X	X		X				, <b>^</b>
County	L	x	х	X			X			x	X
Small Claims Court of Marion	r	~	•	•			A .			. <b>^</b>	^
County	L				х			-			
City Court and Town Court	L	х	x								
									a		
IOWA											
District Court	C	X,	X	X	x	X	X	x		X	
KANSAS										·····	,
District Court	G	X	x	X	X	X	x	x	X	X	X
KENTUCKY			L				· · · · ·				
Circuit Court	G	x	x	X		X	x	x	X	x	X
District Court	L	х	х	x	х	Y	·	X			
										· · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
LOUISIANA		:							1		
District Court	G	х	Х	Х	, <del>~ -</del> ,	Х	X	Х		Х	X
City Court and Parish Court	L	X	X	X	Х						
Family Court and Juvenile Court			<b>—</b> .			X	Y.	· `			<u> </u>
Justice of the Peace Court	L -		、		X					·	
(does not report data to AOC) MAINE		<u>_</u>		·	<u> </u>			<del></del>			
Superior Court	C	x	x	x		X			х	X	X
District Court	L,	X	x	X	X	X	x				
Probate Court	L			~		X		X		<u> </u>	
(does not report data to AOC)											

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	General/ limited			Real		Domes-			Adminis-		
	juris-		0	prop-	<b>6</b>	tic			trative		
State/court	dic- tion	Tort	Con- tract	erty rights	Small claims	rela- tions		Estate	agency appeal	court appeal	Miscel- laneous
MARYLAND											
Circuit Court	G	Х	X	X		x	X	х	X	X	X
District Court	L	х	х	X	X		·			<b></b> '	X
Orphans' Court	L							X	÷		'
(does not report data to AOC)	-, ··· .								-		
MASSACHUSETTS					4						
Trial Court of the Commonwealth:	G	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Superior Court Dept.	G	х	Х	X					x	х	
Housing Court Dept.	L			X	X	-+					<del>- ;-</del>
District Court Dept.	L	X	х	Х	Х	Х	Х		'	- <u>-</u>	Х
Boston Municipal Court Dept.	L	х	X	Х	X	X	X			X	х
Land Court Dept.	L			X		X		Х			х
Probate and Family Ct. Dept.	L					X		. X.			х
MICHIGAN	· · · · ·		····								· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Circuit Court	G	х	X	x		X			x	X	x
Court of Claims	G			~					x	· · ·	^ 
District Court	L	x	X	X	x				A	·	
Municipal Court	L	x	x	x	x						
Probate Court	Ľ		^	~	<u> </u>	x	х	X			X
riobate court	L					^	~	^			. ^
MINNESOTA											
District Court	G	х	X	X		х	X	X	х	X	X
County Court,	L	х	X	X	X	Х	Х	Х	· '	Х	<b></b>
Probate Court,											
Conciliation Court, County Municipal Court											
MISSISSIPPI No data available											
MISSOURI				· · · ·				······			
Circuit Court	G	x	Х			х	х		X		X
			~	X	X	^	~	, X		Х	· · ·
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			• •	X	X	^	^	X =		X .	···-
MONTANA					X						
District Court	G	<b>x</b>	х х	х х	× 	х Х	x	X =	х х	X	x
	G	x									
District Court Justice of the Peace Court and Municipal Court	G L	x									
District Court Justice of the Peace Court and			, X	X :		x	x				
District Court Justice of the Peace Court and Municipal Court (does not report data to AOC) City Court			, X	X :		x	x				
District Court Justice of the Peace Court and Municipal Court (does not report data to AOC)	L	X	X X	X	 X	X 	x				
District Court Justice of the Peace Court and Municipal Court (does not report data to AOC) City Court (does not report data to AOC)	L	X	X X	X	 X	X 	x				
District Court Justice of the Peace Court and Municipal Court (does not report data to AOC) City Court (does not report data to AOC) NEBRASKA	L	x x	x x x	X X X	 X X	X 	<b>X</b>		X	<b>x</b>	x 
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District Court Justice of the Peace Court and Municipal Court (does not report data to AOC) City Court (does not report data to AOC) NEBRASKA District Court Workmen's Compensation Court	L L G L	x x x	x x x x	X X X X	 X X	X 	<b>X</b>	X  	X	<b>x</b>	x 
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District Court Justice of the Peace Court and Municipal Court (does not report data to AOC) City Court (does not report data to AOC) NEBRASKA District Court Workmen's Compensation Court County Court Municipal Court NEVADA	L L G L L L	x x x x x x	x x x x x x x	x x x x x x x	 x x  x	x  x x x	x  x 	x  x	x  x 	x  x 	x 
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Table 2: (continued)	General/			0 = = 1		De			A		
	limited juris- dic-		Con-	Real prop- erty	Small	Domes- tic rela-	Mental		Adminis- trative agency	Trial court	Miscel-
State/court	tion	Tort	tract	rights	claims	tions	<u>health</u>	Estate	appeal	appeal	Laneous
NEW JERSEY											
Superior Court (Law Division											
and Chancery Division)	G	Х	X	X		x	х	X			X
Law Division, Special Civil											· · · · ·
Part Summaratala Count	L L	Х	X	X	X	?		x			
Surrogate's Court (does not report data to AOC)			· · · ·	~~	~-	1		•			
NEW MEXICO						:				· · · · ·	
District Court	G	X	X	Χ.		х	X	x	X	X. 1	x
Magistrate Court	L	х	х	х		,	'				
Bernalillo County Metropolitan											
Court	L	X	X	X					· ~~ `		
Probate Court	L .		~~					х			
(does not report data to AOC) NEW YORK			<u>_</u>		<u> </u>	······································	(Handled			·	
							in lower				
							criminal				
							courts)				
Supreme Court	C	X	х	X	· '	X					X
County Court	C	X	х	x					·	X	х
Civil Court of the City of	<b>.</b> .										
New York	L L	X 	X .	X	x 	 v		 \ ¥			X
Family Court District Court and City Court	L.	x	x	x	 x	х 	X(juv	/) X :			
Surrogates' Court	L	^ 	<u> </u>	~	·	x		х			<u>منہ</u>
Court of Claims	L	x	x	х							
Town Court and Village											
Justice Court	L	х	х	X	X		- <u>-</u> -			÷	
(does not report data to AOC)	) <u> </u>										······································
NORTH CAROLINA											
Superior Court	G	X	X	X		X	Х	X	X		X
District Court	L	X	X	X	x	, X,				Х	
NORTH DAKOTA				<u> </u>		·					
District Court	C	x	х	x		Х		х	X	х	x
County Court	L	x	x	X	х	,	X	X		'	
								1			· · · · · · · · · · ·
OHIO		-	,								,
Court of Common Pleas	G	X	Х	X		X	X	X	X		Х
County Court	L	X	X	X	X		`		· · · ·	· ·	X
Municipal Court Court of Claims	L L	X	X	X 	X 				 X		X
Court of Clarms	L								· A		^
OKLAHOMA	······································			,			<u></u>	·····	··		
District Court	G	x	X	Х	• X •	X	х	х	X		χ.
Court of Tax Review	L				,				X		
	·						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			· · ·	
OREGON			••								
Circuit Court	G . ·	X	X.	x		X	X	X	X X	X	
Tax Court District Court	ն	 x	 X	 x	x			 X	X		
County Court	L	<u> </u>	× 	× 	·	x	 X	x			
Justice Court	L	х	x	x	X						÷-
			:					<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
PENNSYLVANIA											
Court of Common Pleas	G	х	X	X		X	X	х	X	X,	X
District Justice Court	L	X	X	X	 	<u> </u>		:			
Philadelphia Municipal Court	L	(x)	(x)	x	X					<u> </u>	X
Pittsburgh City Magistrates				U.							
Court	L			X							

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State/court	juris- dic- tion	Tort	Con- tract	prop- erty rights	Small <u>claims</u>	Domes- tic rela- tions	Mental health	Estate	Adminis- trative agency appeal		Miscel- <u>laneous</u>
PUERTO RICO											
Superior Court	G	X	х	X		X		х	X	X	X
District Court	L	X	X	x		X	'		X		X
RHODE ISLAND			·							· · · · · ·	
Superior Court	G	X	X	X	-				X	X	X
District Court	L	х	X	X	X		X		X		
Family Court	L			· · · · ·		Х					
Probate Court	L							. X -			
(does not report data to AOC) SOUTH CAROLINA			· · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u></u>						
Circuit Court	G	X	x	x				!	X	X	
Family Court	L				·	X					
Magistrate Court	L	Х	X	X	х	x			<del>-</del>	<u> </u>	
Probate Court	L						х	X			· ·
SOUTH DAKOTA		<del></del>		······						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Circuit Court	G	x	X	X	X.	X	x	x	X	X	X
TENNESSEE	······································	'a	· _ · ·						1		
Circuit Court	G	X	x	X ,		X	x	х	X	X	X
Law and Equity Court	G	. X	X	X		Х	х	Х	X	X	X
Chancery Court	G		X	X		X	• X · · ·	X	X	X	X
General Sessions Court	L	X	X	X •	х	X	X	х	X		<b></b> .
(does not report data to AOC) Probate Court											
(does not report data to AOC)	L				<b></b>	~-		x			
Juvenile Court	Ľ			'		x	X				'
(does not report data to AOC) TEXAS	·							·····			·····
District Court	G	х	X	X		x		X	X		x
County Court at Law, Consti-		Λ	V.	•		•		~	Α.		A
tutional County											
Court, and Probate Court	L	X	Х	X	Х	х	X	X		X	X
Justice of the Peace Court	L	х	x	X	X		X	·			
UTAH				<u>.</u>		:				·	_i
District Court	G	х	х	X		х	х	x	X	X	X
Circuit Court	L	X	.X :	X	х			· •••		<del></del>	· <b></b> '
Justice of the Peace Court	L	X	X		x				<u> -</u> -		
VERMONT			· ·		·						
Superior Court	G	Х	х	X	<u> </u>	X			X	X	
District Court	G	X	X	<del>~ -</del>	X	X	х				
Probate Court	L		'			X	х	X	,		X
VIRGINIA	<u></u>		·····			<u> </u>			· · ·		
Circuit Court	G G	X	X	х		X	х	x	• <b>X</b>	X	
District Court	L	X	X	X		<b>X</b>	X		X		
WASHINGTON		÷				<u> </u>		••• •••• <u>•</u> ••••••••		·	
Superior Court	G	X	х	X		X	Х	X	X	X	X
District Court	<b>L</b>	X	X		X	X					
WEST VIRGINIA		-*						·			
Circuit Court	G	X	Х	X		X	х	X	X	X	
Magistrate Court											

X = This court has jurisdiction in this case type.

-- = This court does not have jurisdiction in this case type.

 () = Small claims cases do not include one of the usual three case types: torts, contracts, and real property rights. Unless otherwise indicated, it is assumed that small claims cases may be any of the three.

State/court				Gener limit juris dic- tion	ed	Tort	Con- tract	Real prop- erty rights		Domes- tic rela- tions		Estate	Adminis- trative agency appeal		Miscel- laneous
WISCONSIN Circuit Court				C		X	X	x	x	X	x	x	X	x	X
WYOMING	 	·	·										······································	·	
District Court				G		X	x	X	ا عدها ر	X	X	X	X	х	'
County Court Justice of the			,	L		X	X	X	X	X					
Peace Court				L		X	X	x	X			· •• *			<b></b>

X = This court has jurisdiction in this case type.
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## Table 3. Dollar range for original civil filings in state trial courts, 1984

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Comments: This table indicates a wide variation in dollar amounts in civil cases, which affects the comparability of caseloads among individual courts.

The jurisdiction guide has pointed up the difficulty of classifying civil cases in which damages are sought. Most states have one court in which there is no maximum dollar amount that can be sought, one or more courts in which the dollar amount is limited, and one or more courts that hear small claims cases. This table has been constructed to illustrate these three different situations.

The jurisdiction guide has also revealed that there is no uniformity in what states are calling small claims cases. Three state and Puerto Rico have no small claims procedure. Some states permit jury trials in small claims; some do not permit lawyers; informal summary procedures predominate but are not universal-as indicated in the table.

	General/ limited		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Small c	lains	
Name of court	juris- dic- tion	Unlimited dollar amount Torts, contracts, real property Minimum/maximum	Limited dollar amount Torts, contracts, real property Minimum/maximum	Maximum dollar	Jury	Summary procedures	Lawyers per- mitted
ALABAMA Circuit Court District Court	с. С. Е	\$ 500/No maximum	\$ 500/ \$5,000	\$ 500	No	Yes	Optional
ALASKA Superior Court District Court	Ç	0 /No maximum	0 /010 000	<b>A</b> D 000	· · · ·		
District Court	L		0 /\$10,000 \$15,000 auto tor	\$2,000 t	No	Yes	No
ARIZONA				· · · · · ·			
Superior Court Justices of the Peace Court	L C	\$ 500/No maximum	0 /\$ 2,500	- <b>\$</b> 500 .	No	Yes	?
ARKANSAS				÷	·	· · · ·	
Circuit Court Court of Common Pleas	G L	\$ 100/No maximum	\$ 500/\$ 1,000 (contract	only)			
Municipal Court City Court, Police Court	L L		0 /\$ 300 (contract	\$ 300	No	Yes	No
			real prop	erty)		<del></del>	
CALIFORNIA	-						
Superior Court Justice Court	GL	\$15,000/No maximum	0 /\$15,000	\$1,500	No	Yes	No
Municipal Court	L .		0 /\$15,000	\$1,500	No	Yes	No
COLORADO							
District Court Water Court	G G	0 /No maximum 0 /No maximum (only re		ана 1911 — Ала			
County Court			0 /\$ 5,000	\$1,000	No	Yes	No

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Table 3: (continued)	General/					
	limited				Small c	laims
	jur s- dic- To	Unlimited dollar amount rts, contracts, real property	Limited dollar amount Torts, contracts, real property	/ Maximum	 Tu mu	S
Name of court	<u>tion</u>	Minimum/maximum			Jury trials	Summary procedu
CONNECTICUT						
Superior Court	G	0 /No maximum		\$1,000	No	Yes
					i	
DELAWARE	· · · ·	0 (1)				
Court of Chancery Superior Court	G G	0 /No maximum 0 /No maximum				
Court of Common Pleas	L		\$ 1,500/\$15,000			
Justice of the Peace Court	L		0 /\$ 1,500	At the -		
Alderman's Court	L	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		\$1,500	No	Yes
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		before Nov. 1, 1984:				·
Superior Court	G	\$750* / No maximum		\$ 750	Yes	Yes
			jurisdiction below \$750 is concur	rent with s	mall cl	laims)
		after Nov. 1, 1984: \$2,000/no maximum		\$2,000		
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
FLORIDA						
Circuit Court	G	\$ 5,000/ No maximum				
County Court	L .		\$ 1,500/ \$5,000	\$1,500	Yes	Yes
GEORGIA				· · ·		
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
	G	0 /No maximum				
Superior Court State Court	G L	0 /No maximum 0 /Varies (no real p		Varies	No	Yes
Superior Court State Court Civil Court	G L L		roperty) 0 /\$3,000-25,000	?	No	Yes
Superior Court State Court Civíl Court Magistrate Court	G L L L L		0 /\$3,000-25,000	? \$2,500	No Yes	Yes Yes
Superior Court State Court Civíl Court	G L L L L			? \$2,500	No Yes	Yes
Superior Court State Court Civil Court Magistrate Court	G L L L L	0 /Varies (no real p	0 /\$3,000-25,000	? \$2,500	No Yes	Yes Yes
Superior Court State Court Civil Court Magistrate Court Municipal Court HAWAII Circuit Court	G		0 /\$3,000-25,000 0 /\$1,500-7,500 \$	? \$2,500 1,500-7,500	No Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes
Superior Court State Court Civil Court Magistrate Court Municipal Court HAWAII		0 /Varies (no real p	0 /\$3,000-25,000	? \$2,500	No Yes	Yes Yes
Superior Court State Court Civil Court Magistrate Court Municipal Court HAWAII Circuit Court District Court	G	0 /Varies (no real p	0 /\$3,000-25,000 0 /\$1,500-7,500 \$	? \$2,500 1,500-7,500	No Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes
Superior Court State Court Civil Court Magistrate Court Municipal Court HAWAII Circuit Court District Court IDAHO District Court	G	0 /Varies (no real p	0 /\$3,000-25,000 0 /\$1,500-7,500 \$ 0 /\$10,000	? \$2,500 1,500-7,500 \$2,500	No Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes
Superior Court State Court Civil Court Magistrate Court Municipal Court HAWAII Circuit Court District Court IDAHO	G L	0 /Varies (no real p \$ 1,000/No maximum	0 /\$3,000-25,000 0 /\$1,500-7,500 \$	? \$2,500 1,500-7,500	No Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes
Superior Court State Court Civil Court Magistrate Court Municipal Court HAWAII Circuit Court District Court IDAHO District Court Magistrates Division	G L G	0 /Varies (no real p \$ 1,000/No maximum	0 /\$3,000-25,000 0 /\$1,500-7,500 \$ 0 /\$10,000	? \$2,500 1,500-7,500 \$2,500	No Yes Yes No	Yes Yes Yes Yes
Superior Court State Court Civil Court Magistrate Court Municipal Court HAWAII Circuit Court District Court IDAHO District Court	G L G	0 /Varies (no real p \$ 1,000/No maximum	0 /\$3,000-25,000 0 /\$1,500-7,500 \$ 0 /\$10,000	? \$2,500 1,500-7,500 \$2,500	No Yes Yes No	Yes Yes Yes Yes

TUDTANA									
INDIANA Superior Court and Circuit Court County Court Municipal Court of Marion County Small Claims Court of Marion	G L L	0 /No maximum			5,000 515,000	\$1,500 \$3,000 (July 1, 198	No No 84)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
County City Court and Town Court	L. L	· · · · ·		0 / 9	500-2,500 (no prop	\$3,000 real erty)	No	Yes	Yes
OWA District Court	G	0 /No maximum				\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
ANSAS District Court	G	0 /No maximum				<b>\$</b> 500	No	Yes	No
ENTUCKY Circuit Court District Court	G L	<b>\$</b> 2,500/No maximum		0 /1	5 2,500	\$1,000	No	Yes	Yes
OUISIANA District Court City Court and Parish Court Justice of the Peace Court	C L L	0 /No maximum		0 /\$	\$5,000	\$1,500 \$1,200	No No	Yes Yes	Yes ?
AINE Superior Court District Court	G L	0 /No maximum		0 /1	\$30,000	\$1,400	No	Yes	Yes
ARYLAND Circuit Court District Court	G L	\$ 2,500/No maximum	<u> </u>	0 /1	510,000	\$1,000	No	Yes	?
ASSACHUSETTS Trial Court of the Commonwealth Superior Court Department Housing Court Department	G G L	<b>\$</b> 7,500 /No maximum		0/ <b>\$</b> 7.500	(only real	\$1,200	No	Yes	Yes
District Court Department Boston Municipal Court Dept.	L L			0 /1	property) 5 7,500 5 7,500	\$1,200 \$1,200	No No	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
MICHIGAN Circuit Court District Court Municipal Court	G L L	\$10,000/No maximum			\$10,000 \$ 1,500	\$ 600 \$1,500	No No	Yes Yes	? ?

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Table 3: (continued)	General/						
	limited				Small c	laims	
	juris- dic-	Unlimited dollar amount Torts, contracts, real property	Limited dollar amount Torts, contracts, real property		Jury	Summary	Lawyers per-
Name of court	<u>tion</u>	Minimum/maximum	Minimum/maximum	dollar	triats	procedures	mitted
MINNESOTA District Court	G.	0 /No maximum					
County Court County Municipal Court	L L		\$ 1,000/\$15,000 \$ 1,000/\$15,000	\$1,250 \$1,250	No No	Yes Yes	?
Conciliation Court	L			\$1,250	No : land ti	Yes	· · ·
MISSISSIPPI No data available							
MISSOURI	· .			· · · ·			
Circuit Court Associates Division	G	0 /No maximum	0 /\$ 5,000	\$1,000	No	Yes	No
							······
IONTANA District Court	G	\$ 50 /No maximum					
Justice of the Peace Court City Court and Municipal Court	L L		0 /\$ 3,000 0 /\$ 300	\$3,000 \$300	No No	Yes Yes	No
NEBRASKA	·····	<u> </u>			· · · ·		
District Court	G	0 /No maximum	0 (110,000	÷1 000	Na	¥	·····
County Court Municipal Court	L		0 /\$10,000 0 /\$10,000	\$1,000 \$1,000	No No	Yes Yes	?
NEVADA	· .					**	
District Court Justice Court	G L	\$ 1,000 /No maximum	0 /\$ 1,250	\$1,000	No	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court	L		0 /\$ 1,250	\$1,000	No	Yes	Yes
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Superior Court	G	\$ 500/No maximum	0 /\$ 5,000		N -	Yo-	Vee
District Court Municipal Court	L L		0 /\$ 5,000	\$ 500 \$ 500	No	Yes	Yes Yes
				(only	landlord small c	l-tenant, laims)	
NEW JERSEY	<u></u>				· .		
Superior Court (Law Division and Chancery Division)	<u> </u>	0 <i>u</i>					
Chancery Division)	G	O /No maximum					

NEW MEXICO	6	0 /No maximum						
District Court	G	0 /No maximum		0 14 2 000				
Magistrate Court	L			0 /\$ 2,000				
Bernalillo County Metropolitan				0 (1 5 000				
Court	L			0 /\$ 5,000				
	_							
NEW YORK								
Supreme Court	G ···	\$ 6,000- \$25,000/No maximum						
County Court	G			0 /\$ 6,000-25,000				
Civil Court of the City of								
New York	L .			0 /\$25,000	\$1,500	Yes	Yes	
District Court and City Court	L			0 /\$ 2,000-6,000	\$1,000	Yes	Yes	
Court of Claims	L	0 /No maximum						
Town Court and Village								
Justice Court	L			0 /\$ 3,000	\$1,000	No	Yes	
						·		
NORTH CAROLINA								
Superior Court	G	\$ 5,000/No maximum						
District Court	L			0 /\$ 5,000	\$1,000	No	Yes	
						-		
NORTH DAKOTA								
District Court	G	\$ 1,000/No maximum						
County Court	L	• -,		0 /\$10,000	\$1,500	No	Yes	
			· · · · · · · ·		,			
оніо								
Court of Common Pleas	G	\$ 500/No maximum						
County Court	L	•		0 /\$ 3,000	\$1,000	No	Yes	
Municipal Court	L			0 /\$10,000	\$1,000	No	Yes	
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		_ , • · · , · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
OKLAHOMA								
District Court	G	0 /No maximum			\$1,500	Yes	Yes	
					······		-	
OREGON								
Circuit Court	G	\$ 3,000/No maximum						
District Court	L			0 /\$ 3,000	\$1,000	No	Yes	
Justice Court	- Ľ. "			0 /\$ 2,500	\$1,000	No	Yes	-
e <u>e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e </u>		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·	-	· <u> </u>	· · ·	
PENNSYLVANIA								
Court of Common Pleas	G	0 /No maximum						
District Justice Court	L			0 /\$ 4,000				
Philadelphia Municipal Court	L				\$ 1,000	No	Yes	
Pittsburgh City Magistrates Court	L ·			0 /No maximum (onl	У.,			
				real property)				

PUER	e of court	limited juris- dic-								
PUER	of court	dic-		mited dollar amoun		Limited dollar amount	•	Small c		Lawyers
		tion		contracts, real pr inimum/maximum	operty Lor	rts, contracts, real property Minimum/maximum	Maximum dollar		Summary procedures	per- s mitted
	RTO RICO									
	Superior Court District Court	G L	\$1	10,000/No maximum.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	0 /\$10,000				· · · · ·
זטעפ	DE ISLAND	· · ·	10 a				· · · · ·			
	Superior Court District Court	G G	\$	5,000/No maximum		<b>\$</b> 1,000/ <b>\$</b> 5,000-10,000	\$1,000	No	Yes	Yes
SOUT	TH CAROLINA	<b>F.</b>		· · · ·	·····	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · .	· · · ·	·	·
	Circuit Court	G		0 /No maximum						
	Magistrate Court	L				0 /\$ 1,000 (no max in landlord-tenan		Yes	Yes	Yes
						-				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	TH DAKOTA Circuit Court	G		0 /No maximum			\$2,000	No	Yes	Yes
TENN	VESSEE				<u> </u>		·····		<u>i</u>	<u> </u>
	Circuit Court and Criminal Court		\$	50/No maximum						
	Law and Equity Court	G	\$	50/No maximum 50/No maximum						
	Chancery Court General Sessions Court	G L		JU/NO WEXINGN	(no luils)	0 /\$ 5,000-\$10,000	\$5,000	No	Yes	?
TEXA								· .		······
	District Court County Court at Law, Consti-	G	· · <b>\$</b> .	500/No maximum						
	tutional County Court, and Probate Court	L				\$ 200/\$ 1,000-5,000	<b>\$</b> 150-	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Justice of the Peace Court	L			an an an an an an	0 /\$1,000	200 \$1,000	No	Yes	Yes
-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-	-			no max in real property	·	· .		
UTAH	La constante de	··· .		· · · · · · · · ·	- ^					
	District Court	G		0 /No maximum						
	Circuit Court	L.				0 /\$10,000	\$ 600	No	Yes	Yes
- <u></u>	Justice Court	L				0 /\$ 750	\$ 600	No	Yes	Yes
VERM	IONT		· · ·				-			
	Superior Court District Court	G	\$	200/No maximum	e e e e	0 /\$ 5,000	\$2,000	Yes	Yes	Yes

WTDOTNTA						
VIRGINIA Circuit Court	G	\$ 1,000/No maximum				
District Court	Î.	0 /No maximum in condemnation	0 /\$ 7,000			
WASHINGTON Superior Court District Court	G L	0 /No maximum	0 /\$ 7,500	<b>\$</b> 500	No Yes	Yes
WEST VIRGINIA Circuit Court Magistrate Court	G L	<b>\$</b> 300/No maximum	0 /\$ 2,000			
WISCONSIN Circuit Court	G	0 /No maximum		\$1,000	Yes No	Yes
WYOMING District Court County Court and Justice of the Peace Court	G	<b>\$</b> 4,000/No maximum	0 /\$7,000	<b>\$</b> 750	No Yes	Yes

## Table 4. Point at which filing and disposition are counted in civil cases for statistical reporting purposes; counting of reopened/reinstated cases, 1984

Comments: If courts are counting the filing and disposition of cases at different points, then time to disposition data and status of cases data are not comparable. In caseload inventory, states that do not count a civil case until note of issue will have a lower case count per capita than will states that begin counting civil cases at a much earlier point.

> Caseloads can also vary according to whether reopened/reinstated cases are counted as new filings. Answers to this question indicate that those courts that do count reopened filings as new cases are not including all the same categories in their count. This question will have to be explored in much further detail in future jurisdiction guide revisions to determine when and if cases are put on an inactive list, when cases are purged, and which cases are recounted if they are reopened.

This table indicates that most civil case filings are counted at the filing of the petition (or complaint), with a very few exceptions. There is much less unanimity in the dispositions (for statistical reporting purposes) point, with many courts counting a trial disposition at the time judgment is pronounced, but many others waiting until posttrial activity is completed and the judgment is formally entered.

	Point at which fili At filing of peti- tion of complaint	cases		djudi-	position counte At entry of judgment
ALABAMA		Yes			
Circuit Court	X		х		
District Court	X		X		
Probate Court	X			Inknown	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	?			
ALASKA Superior Court	X	ан <b>б</b>	x		
•			x		
District Court	X		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•	
ARIZONA	······································		ded in	······	
		"tran	sfer in"		
Superior Court	X				X
Justices of the Peace Co	urt X		X		
ARKANSAS		Yes (	not out-	·····	
			ing warrants)		
Circuit Court	X		х х	r	
Chancery Court	X	1		·	x
Court of Common Pleas	X				x
County Court	X		X	• 14.	~
Municipal Court	X		X		
City Court, Police Court			X		
				: بىرىيى بىرىكى بىر	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
CALIFORNIA		?		-	
Superior Court	X		2	-	
Justice Court	X		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Municipal Court	X		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Constant and the second se	
COLORADO		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
District Court	X				X
Water Court	X				X
County Court	X				X
CONNECTICUT	·	Voc	(some)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Superior Court	X	100	(30012)	۰. ۲	
Probate Court	X		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
itobate court	<b>A</b>		- 1	•	
DELAWARE			(except for		
		R	ew trials)		4
Court of Chancery	X				X
Superior Court	X				X
Family Court	X				· X
The start of all proves out	irt X				X
Justice of the Peace Cou					
Court of Common Pleas	X				X

Table 4: (continued)	Point at which fil	ing counted	Reopened	Point at which disp	osition counte
	At filing of peti-		cases counted	At adjudi-	At entry of
State/court DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	tion of complaint	Other	as new filings No	cation	judgment
Superior Court		At issue	NO	X	
FLOBIDA					
FLORIDA			Reported separately		
Circuit Court	X			X	
County Court	X			X	
GEORGIA		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	?		
Superior Court	X				X
State Court	X				X
Probate Court	X			It's to be	X
Magistrate Court Municipal Court	Unknown Unknown			Unknown	X
Civil Court	Unknown				X
HAWAII		··	10	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
HAWALI			"Reopened prior case" reported		
Circuit Court	X				х
District Court	<b>X</b> a a 1				X
IDAHO	· •		Yes		
District Court	<b>X</b>		1		x
ILLINOIS			If new case num-		
			ber is assiged		
Circuit Court	X				X
INDIANA			"Redocketed cases"	1	······································
Superior Court and			are reported		
Circuit Court	x			X	
Probate Court	X				X
County Court	X				X
Municipal Court of					
Marion County	Х			X	
Small Claims Court of	10				v
Marion County City Court and Town Cour	X t X				X X
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
IOWA District Court	X		Yes	X (jury trial)	X (bench
	~			A (july cliai)	trial)
	· · · ·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
KANSAS District Court	X SA SA SA		Yes	X	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			••	
KENTUCKY			?		1. A
Circuit Court	X				x
District Court	X				X
LOUISIANA			?	a the second	- <u></u>
District Court	X			X	
City Court and Parish					
Court Family Court and Juvenil	X			X	
Court	X			X	
Justice of the Peace Cou					
MAINE	······································		Some		
Superior Court	X				X
District Court	X				X
Probate Court	X			Unknown	
MARYLAND			Yes		
Circuit Court	X				X
District Court	X				X
Orphans' Court	X			Unknown	

able 4: (continued)	Point at which fil	ing counted	Reopened	Point at which	disposition count
	At filing of peti-		cases counted	At adjudi-	At entry of
itate/court	tion of complaint	Other	as new filings	cation	judgment
EW YORK Supreme Court		At issue	<b>f</b> 1	x	
County Court		At issue		x	
Civil Court of the City	of				
New York	X		1	X	
Family Court	X			X	
District Court and City Court	x		1	x	
Surrogates' Court	X			X	
Court of Claims	X			X	
Town Court and Village					
Justice Court	X			X	
ORTH CAROLINA			No		······
Superior Court	X			X	
District Court	X			X	
ORTH DAKOTA		· · · · · ·	?		
District Court	X				X
County Court	X				X
HIO			Yes		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Court of Common Pleas	X		123		x
County Court	X				x
Municipal Court	X				X
Court of Claims	X				X
Mayor's Court	X			Unknown	
KLAHOMA			?		
District Court	X			X	
Court of Tax Review	X			X	
REGON	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Yes		
Circuit Court	X			X	
Tax Court	X			X	
District Court	X			X	
County Court	X			X	
Justice Court Municipal Court	X			X X	
Municipal Court	•			Α.	
ENNSYLVANIA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		"Reinstated cases		
Court of Common Pleas	x		reported separate	x	
District Justice Court	X			x	
Philadelphia Municipal					
Court	Χ			X	
Pittsburgh City	v			v	
Magistrates Court	X			X	
UERTO RICO	······································		?		
Superior Court	X			X	
District Court	X			X	
RHODE ISLAND			Some		
Superior Court	x				X
District Court	X				X
Family Court	X				X
Probate Court	X			Unknown	
OUTH CAROLINA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Generally		
Circuit Court	X		<b>-</b> ,		X
Family Court	X				X
Magistrate Court	X				X
Probate Court	X				X
OUTH DAKOTA			?		

Table 4: (continued)	Point at which f	iling counted	Reopened	Point at which disposition coun				
	At filing of pet	i-	cases counted	At adjudi-	At entry of			
State/court	tion of complain	t Other	as new filings	cation	judgment			
ASSACHUSETTS			Yes					
Trial Court of the								
Commonwealth	х			x				
1ICHIGAN			No					
Circuit Court	Х				X			
Court of Claims	X			Unknown				
District Court	X				Χ.,			
Municipal Court	Х				x			
Probate Court	X				Χ.			
IINNESOTA	,,,,,,		?	· · · · ·				
District Court	X				X			
County Court, Probate								
Court, County Municipa	al							
Court, Conciliation	a de la companya de l							
Court	х				X			
1ISSISSIPPI no data avai	lable	- 						
1ISSOURI			?	<u> </u>				
	<b>v</b>		<b>1</b>		X			
Circuit Court	X				×			
IONTANA District Court	¥		Yes		X			
	X				X			
Justice of the Peace Cou City Court	JFT X X				X			
EBRASKA			No		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
District Court	v		NO	· · ·				
	X			X				
Workmen's Compensation					and the second			
Court	X			X				
County Court	X			X				
Municipal Court	X			X				
NEVADA		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	No	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	······································			
District Court	X			X				
Justice Court	X			X				
Municipal Court	X			X				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	<u></u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	?					
Superior Court	X				X			
District Court	X				x			
Probate Court	X				X			
Municipal Court	X				X			
NEW JERSEY			?					
Superior Court (Law Div-								
ision and Chancery Div ision)	v	At issue			x			
Superior Court, Law Div-	-	AL ISSUE			•			
		1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 -			x			
ision, Special Civil I Surrogate's Court					X			
NEW MEXICO			"Reopened cases"					
			reported separate	ly	and a start of the			
District Court	X				X			
Magistrate Court	X				X			
Probate Court	Unknown			Unknown				
Barralilla Carrate Matar								
Bernalillo County Metro-								

	At filing of peti-	ling counted	Reopened cases counted	At adjudi-	sposition count At entry of		
	tion of complaint		as new filings	cation	judgment		
TENNESSEE	and the second		?	<u></u>	4		
Circuit Court and		. · · · ·					
Criminal Court	X			Not consistent	statewide		
Law and Equity Court	Х			Not consistent			
Chancery Court	X			Not consistent			
General Sessions Court	X			Not consistent			
Probate Court	X			X			
County Court	X			Unknown			
Juvenile Court	Unknown			Unknown			
TEXAS	······································		"Other cases added	•			
			reported separately				
District Court	X		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		x		
County Court at Law, Con-					4		
stitutional County							
Court, and Probate Cour	rt X				x		
Justice of the Peace Cour					x		
Тан				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
District Court	X		•		X		
Circuit Court	X				X		
Justice Court	x				X		
TERMONT		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	?		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Superior Court	Х				X		
District Court	X				X		
Probate Court	X				x		
<b>JIRGINIA</b>			Reported	· · · ·	······································		
			separately				
Circuit Court	X				X		
District Court	X		and the second		x		
ASHINGTON			Not generally				
Superior Court	X		<b>.</b>	X			
District Court	X				X		
EST VIRGINIA			Some civil	·			
Circuit Court	X				X		
Magistrate Court	x			X			
ISCONSIN			Yes				
Circuit Court	X				x		
VYOMING	· · · ·		Yes	• <u> </u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
District Court	X		163	X			
County Court	Ŷ			X	1. State 1.		
Justice of the Peace Cour				X			

## Table 5. Civil case tyse in which jury trials and bench trials are used in state trial courts, 1984

Comments: The information contained in this table permits the identification of each case type where a jury trial and/or bench trial is used, as well as the case types over which each court does not have jurisdiction. This permits the identification of courts from which trial data could be reported and the kind of trial data to expect.

Superior CourtGXXXXX000District CourtLXX0ARIZONA Superior CourtCXXXXXXXXJustices of the Peace CourtLXXX0	<u>State/court</u>	General/ limited juris- diction	Tort	Contract	Real property rights	Small claims	Domestic relations	Mental health	Estate	Adminis- trative agency appeal	Trial court appeal
Circuit Court       G       X       X       x        X	A1 A B A M A										
District Court         L         O         O         O         O             O         O             O         O            O         O           O         O            O         O         O         O         O         O         O         O           O <t< td=""><td></td><td></td><td>v</td><td>v</td><td>v</td><td></td><td>v</td><td></td><td></td><td>v</td><td>v</td></t<>			v	v	v		v			v	v
Probate Court         L             0         0             ALASKA         Superior Court         C         X         X         X          X         X         0         0         0         0           District Court         L         X         X          0   <											~
ALASKA       Superior Court       C       X       X       X        X       X       0       0       0       0         District Court       L       X       X        0											
Superior Court         C         X         X         X          X         X         0         0         0         0           ARIZONA         Superior Court         C         X         X          0	Probace Courc	. با ا						0	U		
District Court         L         X         X          0	ALASKA								· · ·		
ARIZONA       Superior Court       C       X			X	х	X		X	X	υ	0	0
Superior Court       G       X	District Court	L.	X	Х	, —— ,	0			·		<b></b> '
Superior Court       G       X	ARIZONA									· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Justices of the Peace Court       L       X       X       X       0		C	Y	v	¥.	·	Y	x	<sup>'</sup> Y	Y	. <b>y</b>
Court         L         X         X         X         X         0   Court	•	0	~	· · · ·			л	Λ		. ^	~
ARKANSAS       Circuit Court       G       X       X       X          X       X         Chancery and Probate       Court       C       0       0            X       X         Court of Common Pleas       L        0        0		T	v	v	v	0	· · · ·				
Circuit Court       C       X       X       X          X       X         Chancery and Probate       C       0       0       0         0       0       0 <th< td=""><td>Gourt</td><td>۰. ۱</td><td>Λ</td><td>Λ.</td><td><b>^</b></td><td>U I</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></th<>	Gourt	۰. ۱	Λ	Λ.	<b>^</b>	U I					
Chancery and Probate Court       C       O	ARKANSAS			· · · · ·			······································	· · ·			
Chancery and Probate Court       C       O       O        O       O         O       O	Circuit Court	G	х	х	X, .		·			x	X
Court       C       0       0        0       0  -	Chancery and Probate									1 A. 1997	
Court of Common Pleas       L        0		G	0	O	0		. 0	0	0		·
County Court       L        0        0        0	Court of Common Pleas	L		ō		· ·					
Municipal Court       L        (0)       (0)       0				· <u> </u>	0		0				
City Court, Police Court       L        0  <					-		-				
CALIFORNIA       Superior Court       G       X       Q <td></td> <td><u></u></td>											<u></u>
Superior Court       G       X					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				· · · ·		
Justice Court       L       X       X       X       X       X       0   0       0          0       0         0       0          0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0											
Municipal Court       L       X       X       X       X       0  0       0           0       0							X		X		
COLORADO       District Court       C       X       X       X       Y <thy< th="">       Y</thy<>											
District Court       C       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       Q       O         Water Court       C         X   0       0          0       0         0         0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0              <	Municipal Court	L	X	Х	X	0			<u> </u>		
District Court       C       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       X       Q       O         Water Court       C         X   0       0          0       0         0         0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0              <	COLORADO								· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·	
Water Court       G         X                                 0       0          0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0          0          0          0          0		G	x	x	X		x	×	x	0	0
County Court       L       X       X       X       X       X       0          0         CONNECTICUT       Superior Court       C       X       X       X       0       0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0          0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0       0         0         0       0       0       1       1       0       0       1        1						خد هد					-
CONNECTICUT       Superior Court       G       X       X       X       0       0       0        0         Probate Court       L          0       0       0       0        0          0       0           0       0           0       0           0       0           0       0           0       0           0       0           0       0                 0       0             0       0          0       0            0       0           0 <td></td> <td>-</td> <td>x</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>. <u></u></td> <td></td> <td>, <u> </u></td> <td></td> <td>0</td>		-	x				. <u></u>		, <u> </u>		0
Superior Court       C       X       X       X       0       0       0        0        Probate Court       L          0       0       0          0       0       0          0       0       0          0       0       0            0       0       0           0       0			1								
Probate Court       L          0       0       0											
DELAWARE       Court of Chancery       C       0       0         0       0           Superior Court       G       X       X       X         X        0       0         Family Court       L          X        0       0         Justice of the Peace         0 <td></td> <td></td> <td>X X</td> <td>X</td> <td>X</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>0</td> <td> ,</td>			X X	X	X	0				0	,
Court of Chancery       G       O       O       O         O       O          Superior Court       G       X       X       X         O       O	Probate Court	Ļ		'		-,-	0	0	0		
Court of Chancery       G       O       O       O         O       O          Superior Court       G       X       X       X         O       O	DELAWARE	·								<u> </u>	
Superior Court       G       X       X         X        0       0         Family Court       L          0         0       0       0         Justice of the Peace       Court       L       0       0       X (rare) <t< td=""><td></td><td>6</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>0</td><td></td><td></td><td>•</td><td></td><td></td><td>·</td></t<>		6	0	0	0			•			·
Family Court       L          0									_		
Justice of the Peace       Court       L       0       0       X (rare)	•	-						Χ.			U.
Court         L         O         O         X (rare)   <		L j					U				
Court of Common Pleas         L         O         O <td></td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td><u> </u></td> <td></td> <td>,</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>		-		<u> </u>		,		1			
Alderman's Court L 0											
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA					-						
	Alderman's Court	L	-			0		·		<del></del> • •	
	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA										
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Table 5: (continued)	General/ limited juris-			Real property		Domestic	Mental		Adminis- trative agency	Trial court
State/court	diction	Tort	Contract	rights	<u>claims</u>	relations	health	Estate	appeal	appeal
FLORIDA										
Circuit Court County Court	G L	X X	X X	X X	 X	X	X	x 	0	0 
GEORGIA				·		<u> </u>				
Superior Court	G	X	x	X	, <b></b>	x			X	Χ.
State Court	ւ	x	X		х			· · · ·	'	
Probate Court	L · L	(0)					0	0		
Magistrate Court Civil Court	L	(0) X	(0) X		0					
Municipal Court	Ľ	x	X		0	:				
	·					·				
HAWAII Circuit Court	G	X	х	х		X	X	x	х	x
District Court	L	0	0	0	0					
ІДАНО					·			<del></del>		
District Court	G	x	X	x		X	X	x	X	x
						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			<u>-</u>	
ILLINOIS Circuit Court	G	X	x	x	X	x/o	x	0	0	
		. ^	^	^	· •	×/0	. ^	0	0	
INDIANA			:						1	
Superior Court and Circuit Court	<u> </u>				0				v	U
Probate Court	G L	X	X	X 	0	X	X	XX	X	X
County Court	L	x	X	X	0			× • •		
Municipal Court of		A .	A A	A						
Marion County	L	X	X	x		<u> </u>	Х	<sup>-</sup>	· `	X
Small Claims Court										
of Marion County	L				0	<del></del> ,	·			· ·
City Court and Town Cour	t L .	Χ.	Х		<u> </u>			'		
IOWA		:						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
District Court	G	х	X	X	0	X	0	X		0
KANSAS	·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						· -, - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
District Court	G	х	X	x	0	X	X	X	X	x
		<u> </u>					·			
KENTUCKY	2								•	•
Circuit Court District Court	GL	x x	X	X	, 0	X X	X _~	. X O	0	0
District Court	L,	.^	^	~	U			U,		
LOUISIANA				······		······································				
District Court	G	х	X	X		0	0	0	0	0
City Court and Parish				1						
Court	_ <b>L</b> .	• 0	0	0	0		'			
Family Court and	•					<u>^</u>	0			
Juvenile Court Justice of the Peace	L					0	0	,		
Court	L			1	0					
MAINE Superior Court	G	x	X	x		X			0	0
District Court	L	Ô	0	0	0	Ô	0			
Probate Court	L					0		0	'	
MARYLAND	· · · · · · · · · · · · ·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u> </u>	······		· · ·		
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X		x/o	0	X	X	х
District Court	L	0	0	0	0					
Orphans' Court	Ľ					, <b></b> , (		X		
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State/court	juris- diction	Tort	Contract	property rights	Small <u>claims</u>	Domestic relations	Mental health	Estate	agency appeal	court appeal
ASSACHUSETTS										
Trial Court of the Comm	onwealth:									
Superior Court										
Department	G	X	X	х					X	X
Housing Court										
Department	G	'		X	0					
District Court										
Department	G	0	• 0	0	0	Ú	0		0	0
Boston Municipal										
Court Department	G	0	0	0	0	0	0	'		0
Land Court										
Department	G			X			· ·			· ·
Probate and Family										
Court Department	G		·	<del></del> .		0	,	X		
MICHIGAN										
Circuit Court	G	x	x	x		х		·	X	X
Court of Claims	Ğ								??	
District Court	L	х	X	x	0	`				·
Municipal Court	Ĺ	x	x	x	õ					
Probate Court	L					0	0	0		
MINNESOTA							·	·		
District Court	0	v		<b>v</b>		· ·	v	v		•
	G	x	X	X		X	X	X	0,	0
County Court, Probate	<b>1</b>									
Court County Municipa	1.									
Court, Conciliation	•						••			
Court	L	X	Х	X	0	X	X	X		х
MISSISSIPPI no data ava	ilable	•		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
MISSOURI										
Circuit Court	G	x	X	X	O	0	0	• X	X	x
offedie obait	9	· ^	~	^	U	U U	. 0	n n	~	~
MONTANA					······					
District Court	G	x	X	X		x	X	x	X	х
Justice of the Peace		Λ.	~	^		<b>^</b>	^	~	~	~
Court and Municipal										
Court		Х	x	v	0					_
	Ľ	X		X						
City Court	L	•	X	A	0					
NEBRASKA		· · ·								
District Court	G	x	X	X	· '	x	х		0	Ó
Workmen's Compensation		A .	~	· · ·		A	~			Ū
Court	L								0	
County Court	L	X	X	x	0	x		X		
Municipal Court	L	X	X	X	0	x 	· · · ·			
Addicipal Court	L	٨	Å	Λ.	U .					
NEVADA					,				,	
District Court	G	X	X	х		x/o	X	Х	X	х
Justice Court	L	X	Х	X	0					
Municipal Court	t L	0	0	0	0			<u>-</u>		
NEW HAMPSHIRE			<u> </u>							
Superior Court	G	X	x	X	·	x				
District Court	L	ô	Ô	0	0	0		·		
								-		
	r		·			· 0		0		
Probate Court Municipal Court	L L	···		0	0	0	0	. O		

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State/court	diction	Tort	Contract	rights	claims	relations	health	Estate	appeal	appeal
NEW JERSEY										
Superior Court (Law										
Division and	1 - C									
Chancery Division)	G	х	X	x	·	0	0	0		· ·
Superior Court Law	Ų	<b>^</b>				0	Ū,			
Division, Special										
Civil Part	G	X	X	0	0	~~ `		~~ ,		
Surrogate's Court	L '			+		?	·	0		
NEW MEXICO						·			······	
District Court	G	Х	х	х		X	X	х	X	х
Magistrate Court	L	0	0	0						
Probate Court	L L							0		
Bernalillo County	H.							Ŭ		
Metropolitan Court	L	0	0	0					1	
Metropolitan court	<b>با</b>	U.	U,	0						
NEW YORK							······································			
Supreme Court	G	х	X	X		х			<sup>`</sup>	
County Court	G	X	x	X			<u> </u>			0
Civil Court of the City		-								
of New York	L	X	x	X	X	·			·	
Family Court	Ĺ					0	Ó	0		
District Court and						Ū	Ū	U		
	•									
City Court	L	x	X	, <b>X</b>	X					
Surrogates' Court	L				,	0		х		
Court of Claims	L	0	0	0		'				
Town Court and Village										
Justice Court	L	X	X	X	0				·	
NORTH CAROLINA										
Superior Court	G	x	x	X		v	X	x	X	
•						X =		· ·		х
District Court	L	X	X	X	0	X				~
NORTH DAKOTA	······									
District Court	G	X	Х	X	· ·	X		x	X	х
County Court	L	X	X	X	0		X	0		
					Ū,					
OHIO										
Court of Common Pleas	G	X	X	X	<u> -</u>	x/o	X	х	0	
County Court	L	Χ.	· X	X	0					÷
Municipal Court	L	х	X	X	0	<b></b> '			· ·	
Court of Claims	L ·			`				<b></b>	x	
				·	· · · · · ·					·
OKLAHOMA										
District Court	G	х	X	x	X	X	X	X	, · X · ·	
Court of Tax Review	L	<u> </u>	<b></b> '	'					0	
OREGON				<u>_</u>		<u></u>	<u></u>			<u> </u>
				V.		. 0		<u> </u>	v	x
Circuit Court	G	x	X	x		0	0	0	X	X
Tax Court	G	<u>`</u>					·		0	
District Court	L	Х	X	X	0			0		
County Court	L					0	0	0		
Justice Court	L	X	х	х	0					
PENNSYLVANIA	÷			······································						
Court of Common Pleas	G	х	x	х		x/o	x	х	X	x
District Justice Court		0	. 0 .	0		A/U	<u>^</u>	~		
	L		U U	U .						
Philadelphia Municipal				_						
Court	L	(0)	(0)	0	0	,				
Pittsburgh City										
Magistrates Court				0						

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Table 5: (continued)	General/ limited juris-			Real property	Small	Domestic	Mental		Adminis- trative agency	Trial
State/court	diction	Tort	Contract	• • •	<u>claims</u>	relations	health	Estate		appeal
PUERTO RICO										
Superior Court	G	0	0	0		0	1	0	0	0
District Court	L	0	0	0		0			0	
RHODE ISLAND		· · · · ·			: 		<del>.</del>			
Superior Court	G	X	х	x					X	× X -
District Court	G	Ô	Ő	Ô	Ó		0		0	
Family Court	L					0			·	
Probate Court	L				<u> </u>			0	:	'
SOUTH CAROLINA										
Circuit Court	G	X	× X	x					0	0
Family Court	L					0				
Magistrate Court	L	X	X	X	x	X	·			
Probate Court	L						0	0		
SOUTH DAKOTA						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	0	X	х	X	X	x
TENNESSEE	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							<u> </u>		
Circuit Court and										
Criminal Court	G	X	X	X		х	х	x	x	x
Law and Equity Court	Ğ	x	x	X		x	x	x	x	x
Chancery Court	G		X	X	·	X	X	x	X	X
							0	ô		^ 
General Sessions Court	L	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	
Probate Court	L			· · · ·	'			0	 	
Juvenile Court	L		·		,	0	0			
TEXAS				· · · ·						
District Court	G	X	Х	х		X		X	х	
County Court at Law,										
Constitutional County Court, and Probate									· · · · ·	
Court	L	х	х	х	X	x	X	х		X
Justice of the Peace	5		••	<b>^</b>	, A		n .			•
Court	L	x	x	х	0		0	<u> </u>		
UTAH District Court	G	X	X	X		X	X	X	0	o
Circuit Court						Δ.	× 	<b>^</b>	0	U
	L	х	X	<b>X</b>	0					
Justice of the Peace	•	0	0		0		1			
Court	L	U	0		0					
VERMONT		·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		1	· · · ·		
Superior Court	G	Х	x	X	· • • ·	X			х	X
District Court	G	Х	X		0	X	Х			
Probate Court	L			· `	, <del></del> .	0	0	0		
VIRGINIA			1	`						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Circuit Court	G	x	х	х		x/o	X	х	X	х
District Court	Ľ	0	0	0	· <sup>·</sup>	0	0		0	
WASHINGTON			·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
	C C					0	v	v	v	v
Superior Court District Court	G L	X. X	X X	X	0	O X	X	X	X 	x 
·										
				····						
WEST VIRGINIA				v	· · · ·	v	v		Y	v
WEST VIRGINIA Circuit Court Magistrate Court	G L	X X	X X	<u>x</u>		X	x	X	X	X

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held in this case type. O = Only bench trials are held in this case type.

X/O = Jury trials are used in some subcategories, but not in others.

-- = This court does not have jurisdiction in this case type.

() = Small claims cases do not include one of the usual three case types: torts, contracts, and real property rights. Unless otherwise indicated, it is assumed that small claims cases may be any of the three.

Table 5: (continued) State/court	General/ limited juris- diction	Tort	Contract	Real property rights	Small claims	Domestic relations	Mental health Estate	Adminis- trative Trial agency court appeal appeal
WISCONSIN Circuit Court	G	x	x	. <b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	x/o	X O	X X
WYOMING District Court County Court and Justic	G	X	X	x		x	x x	x x
of the Peace Court	L	x	, <b>X</b>	* <b>X</b>	0	x	<b></b>	· · · · · · · ·

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# Table 6. Point at which a trial is counted in civil cases, 1984

Comments:

In presenting trial data from state courts, those jurisdictions that are counting trials at their beginning will not have data comparable with jurisdictions that do not count trials until their completion. States, for example, that do not count trials until a decision is rendered will have a much lower trial rate than states that count at the beginning of the trial because the latter will include cases that are settled before decision. This table shows the point of counting (for statistical reporting purposes) both civil jury trials and civil bench trials.

		Jury	trials		Bench	trials
State/court	At jury selection	When jury is sworn/ empaneled	At opening statement or swearing of first witness	At judgment, completion, decision	At opening statement, swearing of first witness, introduction of evidence	At judgment, completion, decision
		· · · ·	· · ·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
ALABAMA Circuit Court District Court Probate Court				X X	Unknown	X X
ALASKA						
Superior Court District Court				X X		X X
ARIZONA Superior Court Justices of the Peace Court	X t X				X X	
ARKANSAS		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Circuit Court Chancery Court Court of Common Pleas County Court Municipal Court City Court, Police Court		X			X X X X X X X	
CALIFORNIA Superior Court Justice Court Municipal Court	X X X				X X X	
COLORADO District Court Water Court County Court		X X X			X X X	
CONNECTICUT Superior Court Probate Court		X	1999 - 1999 -	1	X X	
DELAWARE Court of Chancery Superior Court Family Court Justice of the Peace Court Court of Common Pleas Alderman's Court		x			X X X X X X X	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Superior Court		: :		x		X
FLORIDA Circuit Court County Court	1	X X			X X	

		JUT	y trials		Bench At opening	
			At opening		statement, swearing of	
tate/court	At jury selection	When jury is sworn/ empaneled	statement or swearing of first witness	At judgment, completion, decision	first witness, introduction of evidence	At judgment, completion, decision
EORGIA		a				
Superior Court				x		x
State Court				X		x
Probate Court				A		
Magistrate Court					line a sum	X
Municipal Court				v	Unknown	v
Civil Court				X X		X X
AWAII		·····				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Circuit Court		X			X	
District Court					X	
					·	·
DAHO District Court		X			X	
		A .			· · ·	
LLINOIS Circuit Court				v		v
CIFCUIL COUFL		4		<b>X</b>		X
IDIANA		:	· · · · ·			
Superior Court and						
Circuit Court				X		X
Probate Court				X		X
County Court				X		X
Municipal Court of Mari	on County			X		X
Small Claims Court of M	arion					
County						X
City Court and Town Cou	rt			x		x
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·····
District Court		х			X	
ANSAS	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
District Court		x			X	
District Godit						
ENTUCKY				······		
Circuit Court		х			Not consiste	nt statewide
District Court		X			Not consiste	nt statewide
DUISIANA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
District Court			v		<b>v</b> :	
			X		X	
City Court and Parish C					X	
Family C and Juveni					X	
Justice of the Peace Co	urt				X	
INE	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Superior Court	X				X	
District Court					Unknown	
Probate Court					Unknown	
RYLAND	· .					
Circuit Court		x			X	
District Court		x			X	
Orphans' Court	Unknown	-			**	
Signand Oddit	JIKNOWI	· · ·		: · · ·		
SSACHUSETTS				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
		•		and the second		
Trial Court of the		X			X	
Trial Court of the Commonwealth						
Commonwealth ICHIGAN			·····	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Commonwealth ICHIGAN Circuit Court		x			X	
Commonwealth ICHIGAN Circuit Court Court of Claims	Unknown	X			X	
Commonwealth ICHIGAN Circuit Court	Unknown	X X	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		x x	
Commonwealth ICHIGAN Circuit Court Court of Claims	Unknown	4.000				

	<del></del>	Jury	y trials		Bench t	rials
		When jury	At opening statement or	At judgment,	At opening statement, swearing of first witness,	At judgmen2,
	t jury election	is sworn/ empaneled	swearing of first_witness	completion, decision	introduction of evidence	completion, decision
MINNESOTA						
District Court		X			X	
County Court, Probate Court,			1			
County Municipal Court, Conciliation Court		x			x	
MISSISSIPPI no data available				······		
MISSOURI				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u> </u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Circuit Court			<b>X</b>		X	
MONTANA			·····	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
District Court				X		X
Justice of the Peace Court and Municipal Court				X		X
City Court	, '			X		X
NEBRASKA		'				<u> </u>
District Court Workmen's Compensation Court	linknown	X			X	
County Court	Unknown	X			X	
Municipal Court		X			X	
NEVADA			<u> </u>	·····		
District Court				x		X
Justice Court Municipal Court				<b>X</b>		X X
NEW HAMPSHIRE		<del></del>		<u>````````````````````````````````</u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Superior Court	A trial	is counted a	at the point tri	ial is requested	l –	
District Court			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Trials are no	
Probate Court Municipal Court					Trials are no Trials are no	
	1	1				
NEW JERSEY Superior Court (Law Division				1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -		
	X				X	
and Chancery Division)						
and Chancery Division) Superior Court Law Division,						
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part	X				X	
Superior Court Law Division,					X Unknown	
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part						
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court				X		×.
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court	X			X X		X X
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court Probate Court						
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court	X					
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Bernalillo County Metro- politan Court NEW YORK	X			X X		X
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Bernalillo County Metro- politan Court NEW YORK Supreme Court	X			x x x		X X X
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Bernalillo County Metro- politan Court NEW YORK Supreme Court County Court	X			X X		X
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Bernalillo County Metro- politan Court NEW YORK Supreme Court County Court Civil Court of the City of New York	X			x x x		X X X
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Bernalillo County Metro- politan Court NEW YORK Supreme Court County Court Civil Court of the City of	X			x x x x	Unknown Factfinding f	X X X X X nearings are
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Bernalillo County Metro- politan Court NEW YORK Supreme Court County Court Civil Court of the City of New York Family Court	X Unknown			x x x x x x	Unknown Factfinding f	X X X X x hearings are her than trial
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Bernalillo County Metro- politan Court NEW YORK Supreme Court County Court Civil Court of the City of New York Family Court District Court and City Cour	X Unknown			x x x x	Unknown Factfinding f	X X X X X nearings are
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Bernalillo County Metro- politan Court NEW YORK Supreme Court County Court Civil Court of the City of New York Family Court District Court and City Cour Surrogates' Court Court of Claims	X Unknown			x x x x x x x	Unknown Factfinding f	X X X X nearings are her than trial X
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Bernalillo County Metro- politan Court NEW YORK Supreme Court County Court Civil Court of the City of New York Family Court District Court and City Cour Surrogates' Court	X Unknown			x x x x x x x	Unknown Factfinding H counted, rath	X X X X nearings are her than trial X
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court NEW MEXICO District Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Bernalillo County Metro- politan Court County Court Civil Court of the City of New York Family Court District Court and City Cour Surrogates' Court Court of Claims Town Court and Village Justice Court	X Unknown			x x x x x x x	Unknown Factfinding H counted, rath	X X X X Nearings are ner than trial X X
Superior Court Law Division, Special Civil Part Surrogate's Court Magistrate Court Probate Court Bernalillo County Metro- politan Court NEW YORK Supreme Court County Court Civil Court of the City of New York Family Court District Court and City Cour Surrogates' Court Court of Claims Town Court and Village	X Unknown	X		x x x x x x x	Unknown Factfinding H counted, rath	X X X X nearings are ner than trial X X

Table 6: (continued)		Jur	y trials		Bench ( At opening	rials
	At jury	When jury is sworn/	At opening statement or swearing of	At judgment, completion,	statement, swearing of first witness, introduction	At judgment completion,
tate/court	selection	empaneled	first witness	decision	of evidence	decision
ORTH DAKOTA						
District Court County Court				X X		X X
HIO						
Court of Common Pleas		X			X X	
County Court Municipal Court	×	X			X	
Court of Claims Mayor's Court		X			X Unknown	
					UNKNOWN	
KLAHOMA District Court		X			X (when cour to order)	
Court of Tax Review					co bidet)	X
REGON						
Circuit Court		x			X	
Tax Court					X	
District Court County Court		x			X X	
Justice Court		X			x	
ENNSYLVANIA			······································			
Court of Common Pleas				X		X
District Justice Court Philadelphia Municipal Cour Pittsburgh City Magistrates						X X X
UERTO RICO		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Superior Court District Court		4 1				X X
HODE ISLAND		1				- <u></u>
Superior Court				X		X
District Court						X
Family Court Probate Court					Unknown	. <b>Х</b> .
OUTH CAROLINA			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Circuit Court			nted at filing orney			
Family Court	2.001	and by all				x
Magistrate Court				X		X
Probate Court						X
OUTH DAKOTA		·			<u> </u>	
Circuit Court		X			X	
ENNESSEE					-	
Circuit Court		X			Not consiste	
Law and Equity Court Chancery Court		X X			Not consiste Not consiste	
General Sessions Court		<b>^</b>			Not consiste	
Probate Court Juvenile Court	a (1997) a				Not consiste Unknown	nt statewide X
						••• ·
NOVA C				*	X	
					Δ.	
District Court County Court at Law, Const	i-	<b>X</b> (1997)				
District Court County Court at Law, Const tutional County		X				: : : <b>:</b> <b>:</b>
County Court at Law, Const		X		X X		X X

			Jury	Bench trials			
State/court		At jury selection	When jury is sworn/ empaneled	At opening statement or swearing of first witness	At judgment, completion, decision	At opening statement, swearing of first witness, introduction of evidence	At judgment, completion, decision
UTAH							
District Court			X			X	
Circuit Court			X			X	
Justice Court						X	
VERMONT							
Superior Court					X		X
District Court					X		X
Probate Court							х
IRGINIA			·····		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Circuit Court			x			X	
District Court						X	
ASHINGTON							
Superior Court			X			X	
District Court			X			X	
EST VIRGINIA				<u> </u>	······································	<u> </u>	
Circuit Court		X				X (not consi	
Magistrate Court		Not con	sistent state	ewide		statewide	
VISCONSIN		·····			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		- <u></u>
Circuit Court					X.		X
YOMING					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
District Court			X			X	
County Court			X			X	
Justice of the Peace	Court	:	X			<b>X</b> 1	

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### Table 7. Criminal case type jurisdiction by state trial court, 1984

Comments:

The criminal case type classifications used in this table are those used in the <u>State Court Caseload</u> <u>Statistics: Annual Report</u> series. They have been chosen as a model set of data elements for caseload inventory by the COSCA Court Statistics and Information Systems Committee and are defined in <u>State Court</u> <u>Model Statistical Dictionary</u> and <u>Supplement</u>.

One additional case type has been added to this table--"limited felony"--to identify that stage in case processing that takes place before the filing of the information or indictment, in contrast to "triable felony," which is the stage following the filing of the information or indictment. In two-tier trial court systems, these two stages of felony case processing generally take place in different courts. In single-tier trial courts, the limited felony stage of case processing is generally not counted.

In the trial court jurisdiction guide, CSIM staff have ascertained from AOC staff in each state exactly what case types are handled in each court and how they should be classified into the CSIM caseload inventory.

State/court	General/ limited juris- diction	Triable felony	Limited felony	Misde- meanor	DWI/ DUI	Trial court appeal	Miscellaneous
ALABAMA							
Circuit Court	G	x		x	x	X	
District Court	L		x	X	X		
Municipal Court	L			x	x	·	
(does not report da	ta to the AOC)						
ALASKA	<u> </u>				······		······································
Superior Court	G	x		x		X	X
District Court	L		х	x	X		x
ARIZONA					······		
Superior Court	G	х		х		x	X
Justices of the							
Peace Court	L		X	х	X		
Municipal Court	L			X	X	1 <b></b> 1	
ARKANSAS	···· ····	<u></u>		·	<u> </u>	 '	
Circuit Court	G	Х		X	X	· X .	
Municipal Court	L		X	Х	х		
City Court, Police							
Court	L	· · ·	,	X	x		
CALIFORNIA						·····	
Superior Court	G	x			Х	X	. <del></del>
Justice Court	L		X	X	x	. <b></b>	
Municipal Court	L	:	X	X	x		
COLORADO							·
District Court	G	X	X (for	some		X	X
			cour	nties)			
County Court	L	· <b>-</b>	X	X	X	X	
CONNECTICUT	·····		·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Superior Court	G	X	X (not	X nted)	X		
DELAWARE	······································	<u></u>	coui	iceu)	n de la composition de la comp	e	
Superior Court	G	X		X	·	X	
Family Court	5 <b>L</b>			X			
Justice of the Peace	L			X	X		
Court of Common Pleas	L		X	X	<del></del>		
Municipal Court of							
Wilmington	L		X (not coun	X .	X		<u> </u>
Alderman's Court	L			X	X		

X = The court has jurisdiction over this case type.

-- = The court does not have jurisdiction over this case type.

(not counted) = This court reports data to the AOC, but does not include this case category in its reported caseload inventory because the court does not count felony cases until the filing of the information or indictment.

	General/ limited juris-	Triable	Limited	Misde-	DWI/	Trial court	
State/court	diction	felony	felony	meanor	DUI	<u>appeal</u>	Miscellaneous
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Superior Court	G	X	X (not coun	X ted)	x		X
FLORIDA							
Circuit Court	G	X	X (not coun	X ted)	X	<b>X</b>	X
County Court	Ĺ		<del></del>	X	x		<del></del>
GEORGIA							
Superior Court	G	X	· · · ·	x	X	х	
State Court	L		X (not coun	X ted)	X		
Probate Court	Ľ		· · ·	x	x		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Magistrate Court			. <b>X</b>		, <b></b> .		
(does not report Municipal Court (does not report	L		X	x			
Civil Court	L L		x				
(does not report	data to the AOC)			e de la companya de l			
Recorder's Court			X	· ·	x	. <del></del>	<b>~</b> #
(does not report	data to the AUC)						
HAWAII			- -				
Circuit Court District Court	G L	X	x	X X	x x		
IDAHO							i
District Court	G	X	X	*	X	X	
ILLINOIS					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1	
Circuit Court	G	X	X (not coun	X ted	X		X
			exce	pt in County)			
						and the second second	
INDIANA					÷		
Superior Court and Circuit Court	G	X		X	x	x	x
County Court	L	'	x	X	x		X
Municipal Court of	•						
Marion County Small Claims Court	L		X	X	X		<b>X</b>
Marion County	L		· · · ·				X
City Court and Town							
Court	L			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b> .		
IOWA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · ·
District Court	G	, <b>X</b>	X (not coun	X ted)	X	<b>X</b> ,	
KANCAC						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
KANSAS District Court	G	X	<b>X</b> (	x	x	X	a
KENTUCKY		-					
Circuit Court District Court	G L	X 	x	XX	 x	<b>X</b>	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
LOUISIANA District Court	G	X	X (not coun	X ted)	x	X	X
City Court and Par	ish		court				
Court, and Munic: Court		· · · ·		x	X		

X = The court has jurisdiction over this case type. -- = The court does not have jurisdiction over this case type.

(not counted) = This court reports data to the AOC, but does not include this case category in its reported caseload inventory because the court does not count felony cases until the filing of the information or indictment.

State/court	General/ limited juris- diction	Triable felony	Limited <u>felony</u>	Misde- meanor	DWI/ DUI	Trial court appeal	Miscellaneous
MAINE							
Superior Court	G	X		x	X	x	<b>X</b> '
District Court	L		х	x	X		
MARYLAND						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · ·
Circuit Court	G	X		x	`	x	X
District Court	L		(filed	here X	X		
			but a				
			felon	ies go			
			to Ci	rcuit			
			Court	)			
					·		
MASSACHUSETTS							
Trial Court of the							
Commonwealth:							
Superior Court Dept.		х		<del></del>			
Housing Court Dept.	L	X .	×	X	X		·
District Court Dept.	L.	X	X	X	<b>X</b>	X	
Boston Municipal							
Court Dept.	L	X	X	X	X	X	
MICHIGAN	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					······································	
Circuit Court	G	X		· · · ·	х	X	
District Court	L	,	X	X	· X		<b></b>
Municipal Court	L		. <b>X</b>	x	<b>X</b> .	·	. <b></b> '
MINNESOTA			<del></del>			······	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	<b>^</b>	v					
District Court	G	X .	· ·	x	 v	, <b>X</b> ,	
County Court County Municipal Court	L L		XX	X	X		X
							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
MISSISSIPPI no data ava	ilable						
MISSOURI							
Circuit Court	G	X	X	. X -	X	X	x
MONTANA			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				: 
District Court	G	x		x		х	
Justice of the Peace	1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 -						
and Municipal Court	L			х	x		
(does not report dat		) · ·		1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -			
City Court	L	'		x	х		
(does not report dat	a to the AOC	)					
NEBRASKA							
District Court	G	x		x	x	X	
County Court	L		X	x	x		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Municipal Court	L		x	x	X		
	: 					·	·
NEVADA							
District Court	G	X		X	X	X	X
Justice Court	L		X	X	x		'
Municipal Court	L			X	X	· ·	
NEW HAMPSHIRE			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Superior Court	G	X				X	<b></b> •
District Court	Ĺ		X	X	X	· •••	

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Table 7: (continued)	General/ limited		••••			Trial	
State/court	juris- diction	Triable felony	Limited <u>felony</u>	Misde- meanor	DWI/ DUI	court appeal	Miscellaneous
NEW JERSEY							
Superior Court (Law							
Division and Chancery Division)	G	X				x	
Superior Court, Law		~				Λ.	. <del></del> .
Division, Special							
Civil Part, Viola-							
tions Section	L		X	X	х		
Municipal Court	L		X	X	X	· •••	
NEW MEXICO							
District Court	G	x		x		x	
Magistrate Court	L C		x	X	x		
Bernalillo County							
Metropolitan Court	L		х	Х	<b>X</b>		
NEW YORK				••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••			(
Supreme Court	G	x		<b></b>	X		
County Court	G	X	<sup>1</sup>		x	х	
Criminal Court of the							
City of New York	L		X	<b>X</b>	X	-,-	
District Court and							
City Court	- <b>L</b>		X	х	X		
Town Court and Village							
Justice Court	L		х	Х	X		
NORTH CAROLINA			1				1 · · · · ·
Superior Court	G	x		x	· · · · ·	x	
District Court	Ľ		X	x	x		. <del></del>
NORTH DAKOTA					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
District Court	G	<b>. x</b>		x		x	
County Court	L		х	X	X	X	
Municipal Court	Ľ.				X		<b></b>
OHIO	<u> </u>			· ·	<u> </u>		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Court of Common Pleas	G	х					
County Court	L		X	X	x	х	
Municipal Court	ī.		x	x	x	X	
Mayor's Court	L				X		· ·
(does not report dat	a to the AOC	)					
OKLAHOMA		-					
District Court	G	<b>X</b>	X (no cou	t X nted)	<b>X</b>	X	X
OREGON					·····		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Circuit Court	G	X				X	<b></b>
District Court	L	<del></del>	X	X	X		
Justice Court	L		<b>X</b> .	X	X		
Municipal Court	L			X	X		
PENNSYLVANIA	· · · · ·		······································	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Court of Common Pleas	G	, X		X	X	X	
District Justice Court	L		X	х	X	, <del></del> .	
Philadelphia	4 <sup>1</sup>						
Municipal Court	L		X	X	X		
Pittsburgh City							
Magistrates Court	L		X	X	X		

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Table 7: (continued)	General/						
	limited					Trial	
	juris-	Triable	Limited	Misde-	DWI/	court	
State/court	diction	felony	felony	meanor	DUI	appeal	Miscellaneous
PUERTO RICO							
Superior Court	G	x		x	<b></b>	x	
District Court	L		x	x	X		
District Gourt	<b>.</b>		A		A		
RHODE ISLAND							
Superior Court	G	х		X	X	Х	
District Court	L		X	x	X		
SOUTH CAROLINA	<u>, </u>			· · · · ·		<u></u>	
Circuit Court	G	X	•••	X	х	х	
Magistrate Court	L	· '	х	X	X		
Municipal Court	L		x	X	X		
SOUTH DAKOTA			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	······		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	: 
Circuit Court	G	X	x	X	X	x	· · · · · ·
TENNESSEE	·····						······································
Circuit Court and							
Criminal Court	G	X	X (not coun		X	<b>X</b> , 1	
General Sessions Court	E L		coun		X		
(does not report dat			. == .	Х	Λ ·		
Municipal Court	L L LINE AUG			x	X		
(does not report dat	-			Α .	• • •		
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
TEXAS District Court and							
Criminal District							
Court	G	x		X	x		X
County Court at Law,		Λ.		^	~		A
Constitutional Count	ty						
Court	L			X	X	X	
Municipal Court	L			X		·	
Justice of the Peace							
Court	L		(filed	X	· · · ·	<b></b>	
			here	but all			
			felon	ies go to			
and the second			Crimi	nal District			
			Court	.)		1	
UTAH	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
District Court	G	X		X		X	
Circuit Court	. <b>L</b>		X	X	X		
Justice of the							
Peace Court	L		X	X	X		
VERMONT							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
District Court	G	X	X	X	X		-
VIRGINIA		<u></u>	·····		······		······································
Circuit Court	G	x		X		Х	
District Court	L		X	X	х		X
WASHINGTON							
						X	
Superior Court	G	x				~ ~	
Superior Court District Court	GL	X	¥	 x	x		
Superior Court District Court Municipal Court	G L L		X	x x	X		

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Table 7: (continued)	Gene limi	ted				•	Trial	
State/court	juri <u>dict</u>		Triable felony	Limited felony	Misde- meanor	DWI/ DUI	court appeal	Miscellaneous
WEST VIRGINIA					a			
Circuit Court	G		X		х	х	X	
Magistrate Court	L		,	X	х	X		
Municipal Court (does not report	L data to	the AOC	)			X	<del>.</del>	·
WISCONSIN			<u> </u>				····	
Circuit Court	G		X	X	X	X	X	
Municipal Court	L					X		
WYOMING				1				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
District Court	G		X				X	
County Court Justice of the	L			X	X	X	· · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Peace Court	1 <b>L</b>			X	X	<b>X</b> -		<del></del> .
Municipal Court	L			· · · · ·		x		•••• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

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# Table 8. Felony definitions (minimum length of sentence), 1984

Comments:

In an attempt to clarify how states were defining felonies, each AOC was asked to identify the minimum length of sentence that a convicted felon could receive in state prison. This table indicates that the length of the sentence is not an adequate defining characteristic to clarify what is included in the felony case category. This subject will need further exploration in subsequent revisions of the jurisdiction guide.

	No Less than minimum* 1 year	<u>l year</u>	More than 1 year		State		Less than <u>l year</u>	<u>l year</u>	More than 1 year
LABAMA			x		NEBRASKA	x			
LASKA		X			NEVADA	<b>X</b>			
RIZONA		X			NEW HAMFSHIRE	Unknow	'n		
RKANSAS		X			NEW JERSEY			X	
ALIFORNIA		x			NEW MEXICO				. <b>X</b>
OLORADO	6 months				NEW YORK				x
CONNECTICUT		X			NORTH CAROLINA			x	
DELAWARE	x				NORTH DAKOTA				x
SISTRICT OF COLUMBI	<b>A</b>	x			OHIO	6	months		
LORIDA		X			OKLAHOMA				x
EORGIA			X		OREGON			x	,
IAWAII			x		PENNSYLVANIA				X
DAHO			X						(5 years)
LLINOIS		x			PUERTO RICO	t i	months		
NDIANA			<b>X</b>		RHODE ISLAND			X	
OWA	x			÷	SOUTH CAROLINA	·	months		v
ANSAS		X			SOUTH DAKOTA			v	X
ENTUCKY			x		TENNESSEE			X	v
OUISIANA	X				TEXAS	a			X (2 years)
AINE		X			UTAH				x
IARYLAND	x				VERMONT	x			
ASSACHUSETTS	X				VIRGINIA				а. 1. <b>Х</b> . 1. 1.
IICHIGAN	s a constante de la constante d	X			WASHINGTON				x
IINNESOTA			а. <b>Х</b>		WEST VIRGINIA			x	
AISSISSIPPI no d	lata available				WISCONSIN			1	x
1ISSOURI			X		WYOMING			x	
ONTANA	<b>X</b>								

\*In some jurisdictions, felonies are defined by statutes without specifying length of sentence.

# Table 9. Criminal case unit of count used by state trial courts, 1984

Comments:

Criminal caseloads are not comparable if the courts are not defining cases in similar ways. This table indicates the point at which a criminal case is counted, the way in which defendants are counted, and the contents of the charging document. Each of these affects the comparability of caseload statistics. Courts that count criminal cases at the complaint are beginning the count at a much earlier point in the process than courts that wait until the information or indictment. Those courts counting at the filing of the complaint will have a larger case count than courts that count cases at a later point in the process. Similarly, the number of defendants per case and the contents of the charging document can affect the case count. Courts, for example, that count each charge as a case will have a much larger case count than courts that count all charges relevant to a single incident as one case.

					Co	intents of C	narging Docu	ument
	General/ limited		Single		· ·	Single incident (set ∉ of	Single incident (unlimi-	One
Name of Court	juris- diction	Point of counting criminal case	defen- dant	defen- dants	Single charge	charges per case)	ted # of	

					C	ontents of Cl	arging Doc	ument
						Single	Single	
	General/			One or		incident	incident	
	limited		Single	more		(set 0 of	(unlimi-	One
	juris-	Point of counting	defen-	defen-	Single	charges	ted 0 of	or more
Name_of_Court	diction	criminal case	dant	dants	charge	per case)	charges)	incident
FLORIDA		Information/indictment						
Circuit Court	G	or sworn complaint	X		(Pros	ecutor decide	s)	
County Court	L ·	Complaint	Х		Х			
							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
GEORGIA	· C	Tediaberen en e		v			v	
Superior Court	G	Indictment, accusation		X			X	
State Court and County	· · _ ·							
Court	L	Accusation		X			X	
Magistrate Court	L	Complaint	Х				X	
Probate Court	L	Accusation	X				X	
Municipal Court	Ļ	No data reported						
Civil Court	L	No data reported						
Recorder's Court	Ľ	No data reported						
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·								
HAWAII							·	
Circuit Court	G	Complaint/indictment	X				X (most	
District C-			v					harge
District Court	L	Information or complaint	X				X (most	
							ous c	harge
IDAHO								
								· · ·
District Court	G	Information	X					Х
Magistrates Division	G	Complaint	х					X
ILLINOIS								
Circuit Court	G	Complaint/information/in	distant	t X			X	
Circuit Court	<b>G</b> .	comptaint/information/in	urcement				A	
INDIANA	······································	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	····· •·······························					
Superior Court and	G	Information/indictment		х			X (may	not be
Circuit Court								stent)
County Court	L	Information/complaint		х			X (may	
								stent)
Municipal Court of	L	Information/complaint		X			X (may	
Marion County	5	informacion/comptaine		Δ.				stent)
City Court and Town	L	Information/complaint	X				Collar	X
Court	-	intormation/comptaine	. ••					may not
	1. A.							e con-
								sistent
IOWA								
District Court	G	Information/indictment	x				X	
						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
KANSAS								
District Court	G	First appearance/	а, <b>Х</b> а				х	
		information/indictment						
MINIMU CHAN				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
KENTUCKY	C I							
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				X	
District Court	L ·	Complaint	X				X	
LOUISIANA	·	·				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
District Court	G	Information/indictment	Varie	a g	Varie	9		
City Court and Parish		Into Emac Font/ Ind Pe Emene	Valte	<b></b>	Valie	3		
Court, and Municipal								
Court and Traffic								
Court of New Orleans		Information, complaint		. X.			X	
Justice of the Peace Ct	. L	No data reported						
MATNE	i		······	······	<u></u>			
MAINE	C	T. 6	v					
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	x	ν			X	v
District Court	L	Information, complaint		X				X
MARYLAND						······	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Circuit Court	G	Information/indictment	X				х	
District Court	L	Citation/information	x				x	

						tents of Cl Single	Single	ument
	General/ limited		Single	One or more		incident (set l of	incident (unlimi-	One
Name of Court	juris- diction	Point of counting criminal case		defen- dants	-	charges per case)	ted l of charges)	or more incident
MASSACHUSETTS								
Trial Court of the Commonwealth:								
Superior Court Dept.	G	Information/indictment	Not co	unted			x	
Housing Court Dept.	L	Complaint	x	unceu			X	
District Court Dept.	L	Complaint	x				X	
Boston Municipal Ct.	L	Complaint	x				x	
MICHIGAN	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·····		<del>.</del>	<u></u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Circuit Court	G	Information	x				х	
District Court	L	Complaint	X				x	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
MINNESOTA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				· ·			
District Court	G	Complaint	X				X	
County Court	L	Complaint	x		x			
County Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
MISSISSIPPI	No data	available						
MISSOURI			•••		,		· · ·	
Circuit Court	G	Complaint/information/ indictment	Not co	onsistent	statewide	depends	on prosecut	or)
MONTANA			<b></b>					•
District Court Justice of Peace Court	G	Information/indictment		X			X	
and Municipal Court	L	Complaint	x				X	
City Court	L .	Complaint	X				X	
NEBRASKA		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(n	ot consiste	nt
District Court	G	Information/indictment	х				X stat	ewide)
County Court	L .	Information/complaint	X				x	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	х				X	
NEVADA	······································				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
District Court	G	Information/indictment	Varies		Varies.	depending	on prosecu	tor
Justice Court	L	Complaint	Varies			depending		
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	Varies			depending		
NEW HAMPSHIRE			1					
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X		x			
District Court	L	Complaint	X		x			
Municipal Court	, <b>L</b>	Complaint	X		X			
NEW JERSEY		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					· · ·	
Superior Court (Law Division and				. 4				
Chancery Division)	G	Indictment/accusation	х				X	
Superior Court (Law							a	
Division, Special Civil Part,		en e						
Violations Section)	L	Complaint	Х				Х	
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
		<u> </u>			1		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
NEW MEXICO	G	Complaint	x				X	
NEW MEXICO District Court	G L	Complaint Complaint	X X				X X	
NEW MEXICO	G L	Complaint Complaint	X X				X X	

					C	ontents of Ci	arging Do	ument
	General/ limited juris-	Point of counting	Single defen-	defen-	Single	Single incident (set 2 of charges	Single incident (unlimi- ted 2 of	One or more
Name of Court	diction	criminal case	dant	dants	charge	<u>per case)</u>	<u>charges)</u>	incidents
NEU YORY								
NEW YORK Supreme Court	G	Information/indictment		v			¥ (	
Supreme Court	U.	information/indictment		X			X (may	vary rosec.)
County Court	G	Information/indictment		Х			X (may	
Criminal Court of the	Ū.	into the tony the tethene		~			ii (iiid)	vary,
City of New York	L	Issue of docket number		X				X
District Court and								
City Court	L	Complaint	Х				х	
Town Court and Village								
Justice Court	L	Complaint	Х		X			
NORTH CAROLINA					·			
Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	х				X	
District Court	Ľ	Complaint/summons	X			X (2 max)		
						. (2		
NORTH DAKUTA		······································				·····		
District Court	G	Information/indictment	, <b>X</b> -				X (may	vary)
County Court	L	Complaint, information	X	Varie	8			
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	х				x	
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
OHIO Court of Common Pleas	G	A	v				τ.	
County Court	L	Arraignment Warrant, summons	X X				X	
Municipal Court	L	Warrant, summons	X				x	
Mayor's Court	L	No data reported	A .				A	
OKLAHOMA								
District Court	G	Information/indictment		Х				X
OREGON				·	······	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·	·····
Circuit Court	G	Complaint/indictment	x		(Numb	er of charges	not cons	stopt
circuit court		comptaint/indicement	<b>^</b>			tewide)	i not cons.	lacent
District Court	L	Complaint/Indictment	X		dit			
Justice Court	L	Complaint	X		dit			
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X		X			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		•			- '			
PENNSYLVANIA		Information or		1			,	
Court of Common Pleas	G	docket transcript	X				. X	
District Justice Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Phila. Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
Pittsburgh City Magistrates Court	L	Complaint	X				X	
magistrates could	L	comptaint	^				A	
PUERTO RICO							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Superior Court	G	Accusation	X		X			
District Court	L	Complaint (charge)	X		X			
RHODE ISLAND Superior Court	G	Information/indictment	X					X
District Court	L	Complaint	X X		X			~
PIGLICE OULL	~	Sombrarit	•		. <b>^</b>			
SOUTH CAROLINA	····	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					·	
	<b>G G G G</b>	Indictment	X					x
Circuit Court		and the second					X	1 (1) (1) (1) (1)
Circuit Court Magistrate Court	L	Warrant, summons	Х				n .	
	L L	Warrant, summons Warrant, summons	X				X	
Magistrate Court Municipal Court				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · ·			
Magistrate Court					1			

					Co	ntents of Ch		ument
Name of Court	General/ límíted juris- diction	Point of counting criminal case	Single defen- dant	One or more defen- dants	Single charge	Single incident (set 3 of charges per case)	Single incident (unlimi- ted 3 of <u>charges</u> )	One or more incidents
TENNESSEE								
Circuit Court and								
Criminal Court	G	Information/indictment	Not c	onsistent	statewid	e		
General Sessions Court	L	No data reported						
Municipal Court	L	No data reported						
TEXAS		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	÷					
District Court and								
Criminal District Cour Constitutional County	ct G	Information/indictment	X			,	x	
Court	Ľ	Complaint/information	х			(varies)		
Municipal Court	τ	Complaint	X		X			
Justice of the Peace CT.	. L	Complaint	x		X			
UTAH								······
District Court	G	Information		х			1. A.	x
Circuit Court	L	Information/citation		X				x
Justice Court	L	Citation	Х				X	
VERMONT							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
District Court	G	First appearance	x		x			ан <b>Х</b> ан и и
VIRCINIA		<del>,</del>		<del></del>	·		<u> </u>	·······
Circuit Court	C	Information/indictment	X		X			
District Court	L	Warrant/summons	X		X			
WASHINGTON								
Superior Court	G	Information		X			X	
District Court	L	Complaint/citation	х			X (2 max)		
Municipal Court	L	Complaint/citation	Х			X (2 max)		
WEST VIRGINIA		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				·····		
Circuit Court	G	Indictment/information		Х				X
Magistrate Court	L	Warrant		х				x
Municipal Court	L	Complaint	X.		х			
WISCONSIN						······································	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Circuit Court	G	Initial appearance	X				X	
Municipal Court	. <b>L</b>	Complaint/citation	Х		x			
WYOMING	•			<u></u>		·		
District Court	G	Information/indictment		X				X
County Court	L,	Complaint/information		X				х
Justice of the Peace								
Court	L	Complaint/information		X				X
Municipal Court	L	Citation/complaint	X		х			

# Table 10. Criminal case types in which jury trials and bench trials are used in state trial courts, 1984

<u>Comments:</u> The information contained in this table permits the identification of each case type where a jury trial and/or bench trial is used, as well as the case types over which each court does not have jurisdiction. This permits the identification of courts from which trial data could be reported and the kind of trial data to expect.

<u>State/court</u>	General/ limited juris- diction	Triable <u>felony</u>	Misdemeanor	DWI/ DUI	Trial court appeal
ALABAMA					
Circuít Court	G	X	X	X	X
District Court	L		0	0	
Municipal Court	L a constraint		0	0	
ALASKA			- <u></u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Superior Court	G	X	X	<b></b>	0
District Court	L		X	X	
ARIZONA					
Superior Court	G	X	X		X
Justices of the					
Peace Court	L	. <b>.</b>	X	X	
Municipal Court	L		X	X	
ARKANSAS	- <u></u>	······································	<u></u>		·
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	X
Municipal Court	L		0	0	
City Court,					
Police Court	L	<b></b>	0	0	
CALIFORNIA		3 		• <u></u> -	: 
Superior Court	G	X		X	X
Justice Court	L	·	Х	X	<b></b> •,
Municipal Court	L	. <b></b> .	X	X	
COLORADO		· 			<u> </u>
District Court	G	Х			0
County Court	L	ه <del>مخ جب</del> ر	x	X	0
CONNECTICUT	<u></u>		- <u></u>		
Superior Court	G	X	X	X	

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held.

0 = Bench trials are held in this case type.

State/court	General/ limited juris- diction	Triable felony	Misdemeanor	DWI/ DUI	Trial court appeal
DELAWARE					
Superior Court	G	х	X		X
Family Court	L		0		
Justice of the					
Peace Court	L	· .	0	0	
Court of Common	<b>.</b>			Ũ	
Pleas	L		X		
Municipal Court	<b>.</b>				
of Wilmington	L		Ó	0	
Alderman's Court	L		Ŏ	0	·
Alderman's court		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		U	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Superior Court	G	<b>X</b>	X	<b>X</b> •	<del></del> -
FLORIDA				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Circuit Court	G	X	X	<b>X</b>	Ο
County Court	L		X	х	
GEORGIA			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Superior Court	G	Х	Х	X	X
State Court	L		X	X	
Probate Court	L		0	0	
Municipal Court	L		0		
Recorder's Court	L			0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
HAWAII			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Circuit Court	G	X	х	X	x
District Court	L	· • · ·	0	0	~ ~
District Court					
ІДАНО		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
District Court	G	X	X	X	X
ILLINOIS		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Circuit Court	G	X	X	· <b>X</b>	
INDIANA					
Superior Court and					
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	X
County Court	L		X	X	
Municipal Court of					
Marion County	$\mathbf{L}$		X	X	
City Court and Town	-				
Court Court	L	· ·	X	Х	X
	<b>_</b>			41	<b>*</b> 1

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held.

0 = Bench trials are held in this case type.

General/				
		and the second second		Trial
				court
diction	felony	Misdemeanor	DUI	appeal
G	X	X	X	X
			<u></u>	
G	X	X	X	<b>X X</b>
				-
G	X	X		X
L		x	X	
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G	х	X	X	0
		· · · ·	••	
Ľ	`	Ο	0	
G	X	X	х	X
$\mathbf{L}$		0	0	
·				
G	X	Х		X
L		0	0	
- <u></u>		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	1			
G	X		·	
L	X	X	X	
а. <sup>1</sup>				
L	X	X	X	X
L	X	X	X	X
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
G	X		X	X
L	_ <del></del>	X X	X X	<b></b> .
	limited juris- diction G G L G L G L G L G L G L L L L L L	limited juris- diction felony G X G X G X G X C X C X C X C X C X C X C X C	limited juris- Triable diction felony Misdemeanor G X X G X X L O G X X L O G X X L O G X X L O G X X L O C X X X L O C X X X L O C X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X	limited juris- dictionTriable felonyDWI/ MisdemeanorDWI/ DUIGXXXGXXXCXXXCXX $$ LXXQXXXLOCXXXLOCXXXLOCXXLOCXLXXLXXLXXLXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held.

0 = Bench trials are held in this case type.

State/court	General/ limited juris- diction	Triable felony	Misdemeanor	DWI/ DUI	Trial court appeal
MINNESOTA					
District Court County Court and	G	X	X		0
County Muni- cipal Court	L		X	X	
MISSISSIPPI no data	available				
MISSOURI		••••••••••••••••			
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	X
MONTANA					<u></u>
District Court Justice of the Peace Court	G	X	X	. <b></b> .	X
and Municipal					
Court	L		X	X	
City Court	L		X	x	
NEBRASKA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
District Court	G	X	X	X	0
County Court	L		X	X	
Municipal Court	L ···		0	0	
NEVADA				·. · · · · ·	· · · · ·
District Court	G	X	X	X	X
Justice Court	$\mathbf{L}$		X	X	
Municipal Court	L		0	0	. <b></b>
NEW HAMPSHIRE				<u></u>	
Superior Court	G	X			X
District Court	su <b>L</b>		0	0	
Municipal Court	L		<b>O</b>	0	
NEW JERSEY				: 	
Superior Court					
(Law Division					
and Chancery				4	
Division)	G	X			0
Superior Court					
Law Division,			and a second		an an an Arran an Ar Arran an Arran an Arr
Special Civil					
Part, Viola-	<b>T</b>		•	0	n an an Anna a Anna an Anna an
tions Section Municipal Court	L L		0 0	0 0	

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held.

0 = Bench trials are held in this case type.

Sta	te/court	General/ limited juris- diction	Triable felony	Misdemeanor	DWI/ DUI	Trial court appeal
NEW	MEXICO					
	District Court	G	X	X		X
	Magistrate Court	L		X	X	
	Bernalillo County					
	Metropolitan Ct.	L		X	X	·
NEW	YORK					
	Supreme Court	G	X		Х	
	County Court	G	X		X	0
	Criminal Court of					
	the City of					
	New York	L		X	X	
	District Court					
	and City Court	L		X	X	<del></del>
	Town Court and					
	Village Justice					and the second
	Court	L		<b>X</b> .	X	
NOR	TH CAROLINA		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u> </u>	
	Superior Court	G	X (re	quired)	X	. <del></del>
X	District Court	L	<u> </u>	0	0	
NOR'	ΤΗ DAKOTA	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			
	District Court	G	X	X	· ·	X
	County Court	L		X	X	X
	Municipal Court	L		с. 1	0	
OHI	0					·····
	Court of Common					
	Pleas	G	X			<del></del>
	County Court	L	·	Х	Х	X
	Municipal Court	L		X	X	X
	Mayor's Court	L	- <del></del>		0	
	A1101/A				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
UKL	AHOMA	<b>C</b>	v	v	v	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	District Court	G	X	X	X	X
ORE						
	Circuit Court	G	X		<del></del>	X
	District Court	L		<b>X X</b>	<b>X</b> . *	
	Justice Court	L		X	X	- <b></b>
	Municipal Court	L		X	X	

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held.

0 = Bench trials are held in this case type.

<u>State/court</u>	General/ limited juris- diction	Triable felony	Misdemeanor	DWI/ DUI	Trial court appeal
PENNSYLVANIA					
Court of Common					
Pleas	G	X	X	Х	X
District Justice					
Court	L		0	0	
Philadelphia Munic	ipal				
Court	L		0	0	
Pittsburgh City					
Magistrates Ct.	L		0	0	<b></b>
PUERTO RICO	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Superior Court	G	X	X	<b></b> ,	<b>X</b>
District Court	L		0	0	<del>~~</del>
RHODE ISLAND			<u> </u>		
Superior Court	G	X	Х	X	X
District Court	G		<b>0</b>	0	
SOUTH CAROLINA		: 			: · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Circuit Court	G	Х	X	X	0
Magistrate Court	L	-	X	X	
Municipal Court	L	<b></b> _	X	X	
SOUTH DAKOTA					
Circuit Court	G	X	X	X	X
TENNESSEE					
Circuit Court and					
Criminal Court	G	X	X	X	X
General Sessions					
Court	L		0	0	
Municipal Court	i L		0	0	<b></b> .
TEXAS	:				
District Court					
and Criminal					
District Court	G	X	X	X	
Constitutional					
County Court	L	'	X	X	X
Municipal Court	L.	. <b></b> '	X		
Justices of the				н. 1. с. н.	
Peace Court	L		X	8 <b></b> 	

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held.

0 = Bench trials are held in this case type.

State/court	General/ limited juris- diction	Triable <u>felony</u>	Misdemeanor	DWI/ DUI	Trial court appeal
UTAH					
District Court	G	X	X		0
Circuit Court	L		X	X	
Justice of the	. –				
Peace Court	L		0	0	۰ ۱ ۱
VERMONT		<u></u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
District Court	G	X	X	X	<u></u>
VIRGINIA					е
Circuit Court	G	X	Х		Х
District Court	L		0	0	
WASHINGTON					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Superior Court	G	x			X
District Court	L		X	Х	
Municipal Court	$\mathbf{L}_{\mathrm{cl}}$	· ·	X	X .	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
WEST VIRGINIA					
Circuit Court	G	Х	X	X	<b>X</b>
Magistrate Court	L		X	X	
Municipal Court				0	<b>——</b> `
WISCONSIN		·			
Circuit Court	G	X	Х	X	. <del></del>
Municipal Justice					
Court	L	· ·		0	. <b></b>
WYOMING		······································			
District Court	G	X			X
County Court	L	<u></u>	Х	X	<b></b>
Justice of the					
Peace Court	L	· · · · · ·	X	Х	
Municipal Court	L	· <u></u>		X	

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held.

0 = Bench trials are held in this case type.

# Table 11. Point at which disposition is counted in criminal cases, 1984

Comments: In presenting trial data for state courts, trial data from those jurisdictions that are counting trials at their beginning are not comparable with trial data from jurisdictions that do not count trials until their completion. This table shows the point of counting (for statistical reporting purposes) both criminal jury trials and criminal bench trials.

		Jury	trial		Ben	ch trial
<u>State/court</u>	At jury selection	When jury is sworn/ empaneled	At opening statement or swearing of first witness	At verdict, completion, or decision	At opening statement, introduction of evidence	At judgment, completion, decision
ALABAMA Circuit Court District Court Municipal Court				X	Unknown	X X
ALASKA Superior Court District Court				X X		X X
ARIZONA Superior Court Justices of the Peace Ct. Municipal Cou	X X X X				X X X	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
ARKANSAS Circuit Court Municipal Court City Court, Police Ct.		X			X X X	
CALIFORNIA Superior Court Justice Court Municipal Court	X X	X			X X X	
COLORADO District Court County Court		X X			X X	
CONNECTICUT Superior Court		X	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		X	
DELAWARE Superior Court Family Court Justice of the Peace Ct. Court of Common Pleas Municipal Court of Wilmington		x x			X X X X X	
Alderman's Court DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Superior Court		x			X X	
FLORIDA Circuit Court County Court		X X			X X	
GEORGIA Superior Court State Court Probate Court Municipal Court Recorder's Court				X X	Unknown	X X X X

able II. (concluded)		Jury	trial		Bend	ch trial
	At jury selection	When jury is sworn/ empaneled	At opening statement or swearing of first witness	At verdict, completion, or decision	At opening statement, introduction of evidence	At judgment, completion, decision
IAWAII						
Circuit Court District Court		X			X X	
IDAHO District Court		x			x	
ILLINOIS Circuit Court				X		X
INDIANA		<del>~,</del>				· 
Superior Court and Circuit Court County Court				X X		X X
Municipal Court of Marion County City Ct. and Town Court				x x		x x
		· · ·	·	A	-	~
IOWA, District Court		X			X	
KANSAS	:					
District Court		X			X	
KENTUCKY Circuit Court		×		··· <u>·····</u>	Not concie	tent statewide
District Court		x				tent statewide
LOUISIANA District Court City Court and Parish Court, and Municipal Court and Traffic			X		X	
Court of New Orleans					<b>X</b>	
MAINE Superior Court District Court	X Unknown	<u>- 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10</u>	<u></u>		X	
MARYLAND						
Circuit Court District Court	· ·	X	ана (1) 1 — К. К.		X X	
MASSACHUSETTS Trial Court of the Commonwe	ealth:	x			X	
MICHIGAN			······································			
Circuit Court District Court		X X			X X	
Municipal Court		X			X	
MINNESOTA		<u></u>				
District Court County Court, County Municipal Court		X X			X X	
MISSISSIPPI no data availab	le					
MISSOURI			X	<u> </u>		<u></u>

tate/court		When jury	At opening statement or		At opening	
late/could	At jury selection	is sworn/ empaneled	swearing of first witness	At verdict, completion, or decision	statement, introduction of evidence	At judgment, completion, decision
ONTANA						
District Court				X		x
Justice of the Peace Court	t					
and Municipal Court City Court				X		XX
EBRASKA		······	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·····	
District Court		x			X	
County Court		X			X	
Municipal Court					Х	
EVADA						
District Court				X		X
Justice Court				х		X
Municipal Court						x
EW HAMPSHIRE						ни на пред на население и селение и селен
Superior Court	Trial is	counted at p	point a jury tri	al is requested		
District Court					Trials not	
Municipal Court					Trials not	counted
W JERSEY					·	
Superior Court (Law						
Division and		1				
Chancery Division)	X				X	1
Superior Court, Special						
Civil Part, Violations						
Section Municipal Court					X	
Hunicipat Court					<b>^</b>	
EW MEXICO						
District Court				X		X
Magistrate Court				X		X
Bernalillo County				v		
Metropolitan Court				x		X
EW YORK	· · · · · · · ·		······································	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Supreme Court				X		X
County Court				X		X
Criminal Court of the				Y		v
City of New York District Court and				X		X
City Court				X		x
Town Court and Village				· · · ·		-
Justice Court				X		X
ORTH CAROLINA			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			·
Superior Court		X			X	
District Court					X	
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			;;;;;;;;;	
DRTH DAKOTA District Court				X		X
County Court				X		X
Municipal Court						x
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
HIO Court of Common Pleas		x			<b>X</b>	
County Court		x			X	
Municipal Court		X			X	
				-		
KLAHOMA District Court	x				y f y	urt is called

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	<u></u>	Jury	trial	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Ben	ch trial
State/court	At jury selection	When jury is sworn/ empaneled	At opening statement or swearing of first witness	At verdict, completion, or decision	At opening statement, introduction of evidence	At judgment, completion, decision
REGON						
Circuit Court District Court Justice Court Municipal Court		X X X X			x x x x x	
ENNSYLVANIA	·····					·
Court of Common Pleas District Justice Court Phila. Municipal Court Pittsburgh City				X		X X X
Magistrates Court	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					X
UERTO RICO Superior Court District Court				X		X X
HODE ISLAND Superior Court District Court	<u></u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		X		X X
OUTH CAROLINA Circuit Court Magistrate Court Municipal Court	- <u> </u>			X X X		X X X
OUTH DAKOTA Circuit Court		X			X	
						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
ENNESSEE Circuit Court and Criminal Court General Sessions Court Municipal Court		x			Not consis Unknown Unknown	tent statewide
EXAS		· · · ·			· .	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
District Court and Criminal District Court Constitutional County Cour Municipal Court Justice of the Peace Ct.	t	x		X X X	X	X X X
ТАН						
District Court Circuit Court Justice of the Peace Court		X X			x x x	
ERMONT District Court			<u></u>	X		x
IRGINIA Circuit Court District Court		X			X X	
ASHINGTON Superior Court District Court Municipal Court	<u> </u>	X X X			X X X	
VEST VIRGINIA Circuit Court Magístrate Court Municipal Court		istent state istent state			X	

		Jury	trial		Beno	ch trial
<u>State/court</u>	At jury selection	When jury is sworn/ empaneled	At opening statement or swearing of first witness	At verdict, completion, or decision	At opening statement, introduction of evidence	At judgment, completion, decision
WISCONSIN Circuit Court Municipal Court				X		x x
WYOMING						
District Court		x			х	
County Court		х			X	
Justice of the Peace Court		X			X	
Municipal Court		X			X	

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# Table 12. Point at which disposition is counted in criminal cases for statistical reporting purposes, 1984

#### Comments:

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If courts are counting the disposition of cases at different points, then time-to-disposition data and status of cases data are not comparable. This is more important in caseflow data than for caseload inventory.

This table indicates that the counting of dispositions (for statistical reporting purposes) varies, with many courts counting trial dispositions at the time judgment is pronounced, but many others wait until sentencing.

State/court	At adju- dication	At entry of judgment	At sentencing	State/court	At adju- dication	At entry of judgment	At sentencing
ALABAMA Circuit Court District Court	X X			DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Superior Court	x		
Municipal Court	Unknown			FLORIDA Circuit Court	<b>X</b>		
ALASKA	· · ·		······································	County Court	х		
Superior Court			X				
District Court			X	GEORGIA			
			·····	Superior Court		Х	
ARIZONA				State Court		X	
Superior Court	-		x	Probate Court		х	
Justice of the				Municipal Court		<b>X</b>	
Peace Court			x	Civil Court	Unknown		
Municipal Court			• X	Recorder's Court	Unknown		
ARKANSAS	··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ··· ···		······	HAWAII		······································	
Circuit Court			X	Circuit Court		X	
Municipal Court	X			District Court		х	
City Court,							
Police Court	X			IDAHO		<u>'</u>	
				District Court		X	
CALIFORNIA	······································	······································					-
Superior Court	х			ILLINOIS			-
Justice Court	X			Circuit Court			X
Municipal Court	x						
······································			-	INDIANA			
COLORADO				Superior Court and			
District Court			X	Circuit Court			X
County Court				County Court			X
oo aaa ji oo aa a			•	Municipal Court of			••••
CONNECTICUT			· · · ·	Marion County			х
Superior Court			X	City Ct. and Town			
caferror opart				Court			X
DELAWARE		······					
Superior Court	and the second	X		IOWA			
Family Court		X		District Court	X (jury	trial)	X (bench trial)
Justice of the						*/	
Peace		x		KANSAS	·····		······································
Court of Common	and the second second			District Court	x		
Pleas		x					
Municipal Court	of .	<b>*</b>		KENTUCKY			
Wilmington		x		Circuit Court		x	
Alderman's Court		x		District Court		X	
Winderman a Anger		•		DISCICC OUGL		**	

LOUISIANA					
District Court	X				
City Court and					
Parish Court,					
and Municipal Court					
and Traffic Court					
of New Orleans	X.				
MAYNO				····	····
MAINE Superior Court	X				
Superior Court District Court	X				
District Court	<b>^</b> .				
MARYLAND			·	· .	
Circuit Court				Х	
District Court				Χ	
MASSACHUSETTS					
Trial Court of the					
Commonwealth				X	
MICHIGAN		·····			
Circuit Court		x			
District Court		X .			
Municipal Court		x	-		
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MINNESOTA				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	······································
District Court				Х	
County Court				Х·	
County Municipal					
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Circuit Court	х				
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MONTANA				<del></del>	
District Court				X	
Justice of the					
Peace and Municipal					
Court				Χ	
City Court				х	
NEBRASKA				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u></u>
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County Court				X	
Municipal Court				x	
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NEVADA			· · · · · ·		
District Court	x				
Justice Court	X ·				
Municipal Court	Х		-		
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NEW HAMPSHIRE				v	
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Superior Court					
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State/court	At adju- dication	At entry of judgment	At sentencing
PUERTO RICO Superior Court District Court			X X
RHODE ISLAND			
Superior Court	X		
District Court	X		
SOUTH CAROLINA			
Circuit Court			X
Magistrate Court		X	
Municipal Court		X	
SOUTH DAKOTA		······	
Circuit Court	X		
TENNESSEE	<u> </u>		· · ·
Circuit Court			
and Criminal			
Court	X		
General Sessions	· · ·		
Court	Unknown		
Municipal Court	Unknown		
TEXAS	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	······································	
District Court and			
Criminal District	-		
Court			X
Constitutional	e - 11		
County Court			X
Municipal Court			X
Justice of the			
Peace Court			

State/court	At adju- dication	At entry of judgment	At sentencing
UTAN			
District Court			X
Circuit Court			X
Justice Court			X
VERMONT	···-		
District Court			X
VIRGINIA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·····	
Circuit Court			X
District Court			Χ
WASHINGTON			······································
Superior Court	Not cons	istent statewid	le
District Court		X	
Municipal Court		X.	
WEST VIRGINIA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Circuit Court			Х
Magistrate Court			X
Municipal Court	Unknown		
WISCONSIN			
Circuit Court			X
Municipal Court			x
WYOMING	<u> </u>	·····	<u></u>
District Court	X		
County Court	X		
Justice of the			
Peace Court	х		
Municipal Court	- X		

### Table 13. Initiation of limited and triable felony cases in state trial courts, 1984

Comments:

This table was initially planned to indicate the use of felony preliminary hearings in trial courts, but in the course of collecting information on preliminary hearings from the AOCs, CSIM project staff learned that a great deal of additional information was needed to understand and compare the felony statistics being reported by state trial courts.

The first three columns in this table indicate the process used in each state to protect the defendant's rights. The fourth and fifth columns indicate the court jurisdiction and when a felony filing is counted in each court. The next four columns define whether felonies filed are triable or limited in each court. The final two columns are important for statistical aggregation because they indicate whether statistics reported by each court permit the subtraction of defendants bound over after preliminary hearing from total felony filings in the state, thus avoiding double counting of felony cases. Each of the last two columns must contain a yes for the statistics to be usable. Any state that has a no in the next to the last column is counting fewer felony cases than states that have a yes in that column.

	Process used to protect defendant's rights					Limited/triable felonies					
	Are grand juries re- quired in this state?	Are felony prelim. hearings re- quired in this state?	Is prelim. in lieu of or in addi- tion to grand jury?	Juris- diction	At what point does this court count a felony case?	Are felonies tried in this court?	Are prelim. hearings held in this	Can judge in this court	Can judge in this court dismiss felony case?	*Are limited felony filings reported by this court?	Are limited felony manner of disposition data reported by this court?
ALABAMA	Yes	Yes	Addition								
Circuit Court				G	Indictment	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
District Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	No
Municipal Court				L	Complaint	No	No				
ALASKA	Eicher	prelim	In lieu of								
Superior Court	or gran	d jury		G	Indictment	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
District Court				Ĺ	Complaint	No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes
ARIZONA	Eicher	prelim	In lieu of						<u> </u>		
Superior Court	or gran	d jury		G	Info/indict	Yes	No .	Yes	Yes		
Justices of the Peace Cou	rt		-	L -	Complaint	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Municipal Court				L	Complaint	No	No				
ARKANSAS	Rare	Yes	In lieu of			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				······	
Circuit Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
Municipal Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
City Court, Police Court				Ľ	Complaint	No	No				
CALIFORNIA	No	Yes	In lieu of								
Superior Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		1
Justice Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court				Ľ	Complaint	No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes

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\*This question applies only to felony charges, not to charges reduced to misdemeanors.

Table 13: continued	Process	used to pr	otect								
		it's rights				Limite	d/triable	felonies			
ame of court	Are grand juries re- quired in this state?	Are felony prelim. hearings re- quired in this state?	Is prelim. in lieu of or in addi- tion to grand jury?	Juris- diction	At what point does this court count a felony case?	Are felonies tried in this court?	hearings held in this	Can judge in this court accept plea in felony case?	Can judge in this court dismiss felony case?	*Are limited felony filings reported by this court?	Are limited felony manner of dispositio data reported t this court
OLORADO District Court	No	Yes	(No grand ju	ry) G	Initial appear	r- Vac	Yes	Yes	Yes	For some	No
biberie obaie					rance; info.	163	103	103	163	counties	NO
County Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
CONNECTICUT Superior Court	??	Yes	Addition	G	Info/indict	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
ELAWARE	Yes	Yes	In lieu of							······	····· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Superior Court				G	Info/indicc	Yes	No.	Yes	Yes		
Justice of the Peace Co	urt			· Ľ, ,	Complaint	No	No				
Court of Common Pleas				L	Complaint	No	Yes	Misdem	eanor only	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court of											
Wilmington	· .			L.	Complaint	No	Yes	?	?	No	No
Alderman's Court				L	Complaint	No	No				
ISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	;,,						·····				
Superior Court	Yes	Yes	Addition	G	Complaint/ info/indict	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LORIDA	Yes	No	In lieu of								
Circuit Court	165	110	(rare)	G	Complaint/ info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	·	
County Court				L	Complaint	No	Rarely	No	No	No	
EORGIA	Yes	No	In lieu of	· · · ·			<u> </u>			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Superior Court	- ·	- · ·		G	Indict/ accusation	Yes	Rare	Yes	Yes	No	
State Court				L	Accusation	No	Rare	No	Yes	No	
Probate Court				L	Accusation	No	No				
Magistrate Court				L	Complaint	No	Rare	No	Yes	No	
Municipal Court				L	Unknown	No	Unknown	<b>i</b>			
Civil Court				L	Unknown	No	Unknowr	n			
Recorder's Court				L	Unknown	No	Unknowr	<b>1</b>			
AWAII	Yes	No	In lieu of				-				
Circuit Court				G	Complaint/ indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
District Court				۲	Info/complaint	: No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes

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IDAHO	No	Yes	No grand jury								
District Court		103	no grana jary	G	Information	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
Magistrates Division of						100				· · · ·	
District Court	· .			G	Complaint	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
LINOIS	No	No	In lieu of							- <u></u>	····
Circuit Court				G	Complaint/	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cook County	No
					info/indict					only	
VDIANA	No	Yes	Addition								
Superior Court and				<b>•</b>	T C-lt-at-	V			• · · ·		
Circuit Court				G	Info/indict Info/complaint	Yes	Yes	Yes Class D	Yes felonies	No Yes	N
County Court Municipal Court of				L	info/complaint	NO	ies	Class D	reionies	Ies	No
Marion County				L	Info/complaint	No	Yes	Class D	felonies	Yes	No
City Ct. and Town											
Court				L	Info/complaint	No	No				
WA	No	No	(Both rare)			· · · · ·		······································		······································	
District Court				G G	Info/indict	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ANSAS	No	Yes	In lieu of				<u> </u>				
District Court				G	Info/indict,	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
					first appearan	ice					
NTUCKY	Yes	No	Addition				······································	· · · ·	······································		
Circuit Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	<del></del> ·	
District Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	No
DUISIANA	Yes	Yes	In lieu of		<u> </u>						
District Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
City Court and Parish											
Court, and Municipal Court and Traffic											
Court and frarric Court of New Orleans				L	Info/complaint	No	No				
COULD OF NEW OFFEats				<b>L</b>	init/comptaine		NO				
AINE	Yes	Yes	Addition		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Superior Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
District Court				L	Info/complaint	No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	No
ARYLAND	No	No	In lieu of								
Circuit Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
District Court				L	Info/citation	No	Rare	No	Yes	No	No
										(Felonies go	
										Circuit Court	:)
SSACHUSETTS	Yes	Yes	Addition								
Trial Court of the											
Commonwealth:					· · · ·						
Superior Court Dept.			1	G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Not. applic.	
Housing Court Dept.	-			L	Complaint	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
District Court Dept.	•			L	Complaint	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Boston Municipal Ct. De	ept.			L	Complaint	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
CHIGAN	No	Yes	In lieu of					·····			
Circuit Court				G	Information	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Not. applic.	
District Court Municipal Court				L L	Complaint Complaint	No No	Yes	No No	Yes	Yes Yes	No
									Yes	VOP	No

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	grand juries	prelim. hearings	Is prelim.		At what		Are prelim.	in this court	judge in this	*Are limited	felony manner of
	juries. re-	re-	in lieu of		point does	Are	hearings		court	felony	disposition
	quired	quired	or in addi-		this court	felonies	held	plea in	dismiss	filings	data
	in this	in this	tion to	Juris-	count a	tried in	in this	felony	felony	reported by	reported by
Name of court	state?	state?	grand jury?	diction	felony case?	this court?	court?	case?	case?	this court?	this court?
MINNESOTA	Yes	Yes	In lieu of								
District Court County Court and				G	Complaint	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	<u></u>	
County Municipal Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	?	Yes	No	No
MISSISSIPPI no trial cour	t data a	vailable		·			-	· .			
MISSOURI	No	Yes	In lieu of						·····		
Circuit Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	Yes-in Assoc	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
							Div.	• •			
MONTANA	No	No	(Both rare)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
District Court	140	NO	(both fate)	G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
Justice of the Peace Ct.		-		L	Complaint	No	No -	No	No	No	
and Municipal Court											
City Court	т., к		the second second	L	Complaint	No	No	No	No	No	
NEBRASKA	No	Yes	(Grand jury			······································					
District Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
County Court				Ĺ	Info/complaint		Yes	?	Yes	Yes	No
Municipal Court				<b>L</b> .	Complaint	No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	No
NEVADA	Yes	Yes	Addition								
District Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
Justice Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Municipal Court				L	Complaint	No	No				
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Yes	No	In lieu of			-					
Superior Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
District Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Municipal Court			· · ·	L	Complaint	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
NEW JERSEY	Yes	Yes	Addition		-					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Superior Court (Law Division and					1						
Chancery Division)				G	Indictment/ accusation	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	· · · ·	
Superior Court Law Div.,					accusacion						
Special Civil Part,					· -						
Violations Section				L	Complaint	No	Yes	?	?	No	
Municipal Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	No	No	No	

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NEU MENTCO	No	Yes	In lieu of								
NEW MEXICO District Court	NO	IES	In Lieu of	G	Complaint	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
Magistrate Court				L -	Complaint	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Bernalillo County											
Metropolitan Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
IEW YORK	Yes	- V	Addition		·		· · · ·	·······			
Supreme Court	ies	Yes	AGGILION	G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
County Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
Criminal Court of the				Q	Into/Indici	ies	NO	162	ies		
City of New York				L	Issue docket	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
CILY DI NEW TOLK				<b>-</b> .	number	10	163	10	163	163	163
District Court and					Humber						
City Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Town Court and Village		-									
Justice Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
					· · · · · · · · ·						
NORTH CAROLINA	Yes	Yes	Addition								
Superior Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
District Court				L	Complaint/	No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes
					summons						
								·	·		
NORTH DAKOTA	No	Yes	In lieu of		- c //						
District Court				G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
County Court		-		L	Info/complaint	No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	No
Municipal Court				Ľ	Complaint	No	No				
OHIO	No	No	In lieu of			· Lune ·					
Court of Common Pleas				G	Arraignment	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	· ·	
County Court	-	·		L	Warrant/summons		Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Municipal Court				Ľ	Warrant/summons	No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes
OKLAHOMA	No	Yes	Neither				-				
District Court	NO .	ies	Neither	G	Info/indict.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
District Godit				U.	init, indict.	163	163	163	103	NO	
OREGON	No	No	In lieu of								
Circuit Court				G	Complaint/	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
					indictment				•		
District Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	? -	?	Yes	No
Justice Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	?	?	Yes	No
Municipal Court				L	Complaint	No	No				-
PENNSYLVANIA	No	Yes	In lieu of				······································		<u> </u>		
Court of Common Pleas			* · ·	G	Information	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	· ·	
District Justice Court				L	Complaint	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phila. Municipal Court				Т	Complaint	No	Yes	No	?	Yes	No
Pittsburgh City					•	1	1994 - A.				
Magistrates Court			· · · · · ·	L.	Complaint	No	Yes	No	?	Yes	No
		<u> </u>			· · ·			·······			
PUERTO RICO	No	Yes	No grand jury					.,			- <b>.</b>
Superior Court				G	Accusation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Court			······	L	Complaint	No	Yes	?	?	No	No
RHODE ISLAND	Yes	No	In lieu of					-			
Superior Court				Ġ	Info/indict.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
				L	Complaint	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
District Court				1.4	COMPLAINT	NO	14(3	80			

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		used to pr nt's rights				Limite	ed/triable	felonie	5		
Name of court	Are grand juries re- quired in this state?	Are felony prelim. hearings re- quired in this state?	Is prelim. in lieu of or in addi- tion to grand jury?	Juris- diction	At what point does this court count a felony case?	Are felonies tried in this court?	Are prelim. hearings held in this court?	Can judge in this court accept plea in felony case?		*Are limited felony filings reported by this court?	Are limited felony manner of disposition data reported by this court
SOUTH CAROLINA Circuit Court Magistrate Court Municipal Court	Yes "	Yes	Addition	G L L	Indictment Warrant/summor Warrant/summor		No Yes Yes	Yes No No	Yes Yes Yes	 No No	Yes Yes
SOUTH DAKOTA Circuit Court	No	No	In lieu of	G	Complaint	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, but separate	
TENNESSEE	Yes ?	No	(No felony prelims)	· · · · ·					· · ·		
Circuit Court and Criminal Court General Sessions Court	· · ·			C L	Info/indict No data	Yes No	No Misde- meano	Yes Nodat rs	Yes a	- <del></del>	
Municipal Court				L	No data	No	only No				
TEXAS District Court and Criminal District Court County Court at Law, Constitutional County Court, & Probate Ct. Municipal Court Justice of the Peace Ct.	No	No	In lieu of	G L L L	Info/indict Info/complaint Complaint Complaint	Yes - No No No	? No No	Yes No No	Yes No No	No	
UTAH District Court Circuit Court Justice of the Peace	No	Yes	In lieu of	G L	Information Information	Yes No	No Yes	Yes ?	Yes Yes	 Yes	Yes
Court			"	- L .	Citation	No	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes
VERMONT District Court	Nc	No	(No grand jun	cy) G	First appear- ance	Yes	If reques	Yes ted	Yes		
VIRGINIA Circuit Court District Court	Yes	Yes	Addition	G L	Info/indict Warrant/summon	Yes ns No	No Yes	Yes ?	Yes Yes	 Yes	No

-- = Not applicable. \*This question applies only to felony charges, not to charges reduced to misdemeanors.

No	No	(No grand jury	)							
			G	Information	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
			L	Complaint/	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
	100 A.			citation						
			L	Complaint/	No	No				
				citation						
 		•		the second second						<u> </u>
 Yes	Yes	Addition								
			G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
			L	Warrant	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
 No	Yes	(No grand jury)	)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
			G	First appear-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
				ance						
No	No	In lieu of		······································						
			G	Info/indict	Yes	No	Yes	Yes		
			L	Complaint/info	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
		· · · ·								
				Info/complaint		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Yes No	Yes Yes No Yes	Yes Yes Addition No Yes (No grand jury)	G L L Yes Yes Addition G L No Yes (No grand jury) G No No In lieu of G	G Information L Complaint/ citation L Complaint/ citation Yes Yes Addition G Info/indict L Warrant No Yes (No grand jury) G First appear- ance No No In lieu of G Info/indict	G Information Yes L Complaint/ No citation L Complaint/ No citation Yes Yes Addition G Info/indict Yes L Warrant No No Yes (No grand jury) G First appear- Yes ance No No In lieu of G Info/indict Yes	G Information Yes No L Complaint/ No Yes citation L Complaint/ No No citation Yes Yes Addition G Info/indict Yes No L Warrant No Yes No Yes (No grand jury) G First appear- Yes Yes ance No No In lieu of G Info/indict Yes No	G Information Yes No Yes L Complaint/ No Yes No citation L Complaint/ No No citation Yes Yes Addition G Info/indict Yes No Yes No Yes (No grand jury) G First appear- Yes Yes Yes ance No No In lieu of G Info/indict Yes No Yes	GInformationYesNoYesYesLComplaint/NoYesNoYescitationLComplaint/NoNoYesYesAdditionGInfo/indictYesNoYesYesAdditionGInfo/indictYesNoYesNoYes(No grand jury)GFirst appear-YesYesYesYesNoNoIn lieu ofGInfo/indictYesNoYesYesNoNoYesYesYesYesYesYes	G Information Yes No Yes Yes L Complaint/ No Yes No Yes Yes Yes citation L Complaint/ No No citation Yes Yes Addition G Info/indict Yes No Yes Yes L Warrant No Yes No No Yes Yes No Yes (No grand jury) G First appear- Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes ance No No In lieu of G Info/indict Yes No Yes Yes

-- = Not applicable. \*This question applies only to felony charges, not to charges reduced to misdemeanors.

### Table 14. Traffic/other violations handled by state trial courts, 1984

Comments:

The traffic/other violations case type classifications used in this table are those used in the <u>State Court</u> <u>Caseload Statistics:</u> <u>Annual Report</u> series. They have been chosen as a model set of data elements for caseload inventory by the COSCA Court Statistics and Information Systems Committee and are defined in the <u>Supplement to</u> the State Court Model Statistical Dictionary.

The broad classification "traffic/other violations" is new and resulted from a decision in 1984 by the COSCA CSIS Committee to move ordinance violations out of the criminal category and combine them with traffic violations. This decision resulted from the Committee's belief that serious criminal cases should be separated from less serious cases.

In the trial court jurisdiction guide, CSIM staff have ascertained from AOC staff in each state exactly what case types are handled in each court and how they should be classified into the CSIM caseload inventory. The guide has made it clear that a large proportion of traffic/other violations cases are handled in limited jurisdiction courts that do not report data to state administrative offices.

itate/court	General/ limited juris- diction	Moving traffic violations	Miscel- laneous (nonmoving) traffic violations	Parking violations Contested is included in Court has another traf- jurisdiction fic category	Ordinance violations
ALA BAMA					
District Court	L	X	Х	X (not counted) Yes	
Municipal Court	L	Х	х <u>х</u>	X Unknown	X
(does not reported data t	o AOC)				
LASKA			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
District Court	L	X	, <b>X</b>	X (very few Yes counted)	X
ARIZONA					1
Justices of the Peace Court	L	X	X (not counted)	X (not counted) Yes	
Municipal Court	L	x	X (not	X (not counted) Yes	X (not counted)
Hunterpar Gourt	ц Ц		counted)	x (not counted) les	A (HOL COUNCES)
	4				
RKANSAS					
Municipal Court	L	X	X	X (not counted) Yes	Х
City Court, Police Court	L	х	X	X (not counted) Yes	X
CALIFORNIA				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Justice Court	L	х	X	X ?	X
Municipal Court	L	X	X	Х ?	X
COLORADO	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
County Court	L	x	X	<b></b>	
Municipal Court	Ľ	x	x	X (not counted) Unknown	X
(does not reported data t	o AOC)				
CONNECTICUT					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Superior Court	G	x	х	X (not counted) Yes	Х
DELAWARE					
Family Court*	L	X	X		
Justice of the Peace			·		
Court	L	X	X	·	••••••
Municipal Court of Wilmington	. <b>т</b>	v	X	X No	х
Alderman's Court	L L	XX	X	X No X No	X
AIGELMAN & COULL	Ц	<b>^</b>		A IO	^
ISTRICT OF COLUMBIA					
Superior Court	G	X	X	X (Capitol po-Yes	X
				lice only)	

\* = Only juvenile traffic cases are handled in this court.

X = This court has jurisdiction in this case type

-- = This court does not have jurisdiction in this case type.

### Table 14. (continued)

			Miscel-	Parking viol		
	General/ limited	Moving	laneous (nonmoving)		Contested is included in	
State/court	juris- diction	traffic violations	traffic violations		another traf- <u>fic category</u>	Ordinance violations
FLORIDA	4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -					
County Court	L	X	X	X (not counted)	Yes	x
GEORGIA	<u> </u>			:		
Superior Court	G	X	Х	<del></del>		X
State Court	L	X	X			·
Probate Court Juvenile Court*	L	X X	X			
Magistrate Court	L		<u>^</u>			x
(does not report data to						
Recorder's Court	L ,	X	x	<b>X</b>	Unknown	X
(does not report data to	AOC)					
IAWAII				. <u> </u>		
Circuit Court	G	х	X			'
District Court	L	x	X	X	No	X
IDAHO		······	······		••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
District Court	G	. <del></del> .				X
Magistrates Division	G	X	x	X (not counted)	Yes	X
ILLINOIS		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Circuit Court	G	х	Х	X (in	No	X
				Chicago		
				and some		
				other cities)		
INDIANA	1					
Circuit Court and						
Superior Court	G	x	X	X (not known if		· · · · · ·
				in caseload)		
County Court Municipal Court of	L	X	X	X	Yes	X
Marion County	L	X	X	X	Yes	X
City Court and Town Court	L	X	X	X	Yes	X
IOWA					· · · · · ·	
District Court	G	x	x	X (not counted)	Yes	<b>X</b>
		, <b>A</b>	~		163	A
KANSAS District Court	0	X	v	· · · · ·		
Municipal Court	G L	X	X X	X	Unknown	x
(does not report data to	-	~	^	Δ.	UIKIIOWII	• •
		· ·				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
KENTUCKY District Court	L	x	x	X (not counted)	Yes	X
					1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
LOUISIANA City Court and Parish						
Court, and Municipal						
Court and Traffic						
Court of New Orleans	L	x	x	X (not counted)	Yes	X
Justice of the Peace	-				,	· · ·
Court	L	X	X	X	Unknown	X
(does not report data to	AOC)					
Mayor's Court	L	X	X	X	Unknown	X
(does not report data to	AOC)					
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			·····	
1AINE						
MAINE Superior Court District Court	G L	X X	 X	<b>x</b>	Yes	X X

Table 14. (continued)			Miscel-	Parking viola	*:	
	General/		laneous		ontested is	
	limited	Mandua				
		Moving	(nonmoving)		ncluded in	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	juris-	traffic	traffic		nother traf-	Ordinance
State/court	diction	violations	violations	jurisdiction f	ic category	violations
MARYLAND						
District Court	L	x	X			x
Distille Goult	<b>.</b>		A			Λ.
MASSACHUSETTS			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	······································		
Trial Court of the						
Commonwealth:		v	<b>v</b>			
District Court Dept Boston Municipal Court De	L, entr (,	X	XXX			X X
bobeon Manzelpur Goule St	LPC D		A			A .
MICHIGAN						
District Court	. <b>L</b>	X	X			X
Municipal Court	L	X	X			X
Probate Court*	L	<b>X</b> ,	х			·
MINNESOTA	·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
County Court and						
County Municipal Court	L	x	x	<b>X</b>	?	X
			· · · · ·			
MISSISSIPPI (No data are availa	able)					
MISSOURI			2			
Circuit Court	G	x	x	x	Yes	X (uncontested
(Municipal Department ha						not counted)
MONTANA				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Justice of the Peace				<b>.</b>	•• •	
Court and Municipal Court		X	X	Х	Unknown	
(does not report data to City Court		Y	X	Y	linknorm	Y
(does not report data to	L AOC)	x	•	X	Unknown	X
NEBRASKA		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	······			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
County Court	Ľ	X	X	X (not counted)	Yes	X
Municipal Court	L	X	x	X (not counted)	Yes	Х
NEVADA		, <u>,,,,,,,</u>	·······			
Justice Court	L	x	х	x	?	
Municipal Court	L	x	X	X	?	X (not counted
					-	
NEW HAMPSHIRE						
District Court	L	X	X	X (not counted)	Yes	X
Municipal Court	L	X	X	X (not counted)	Yes	X
NEW JERSEY						
Superior Court Law Division	n .					
Special Civil Part,						
Violations Sections	L	X	x	X (not counted)	No	x
Municipal Court	L	X	x	X	No	X
NEU MENTOO	······	·····				i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
NEW MEXICO Magistrate Court	1	v	v			1. · ·
Magistrate Court Municipal Court	L . L	X X	X X	X	Unknown	 X
(does not report data to		<b>^</b>	A	Λ	Unknown	^
Bernalillo County	1007			and the second		
Metropolitan Court	L	x	x	X	No	X
	1 · · · ·		·	····		
NEW YORK			1			
Criminal Court of the			17			Y
City of New York	$\mathbf{L}$	X	Х	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		X
District Court and City	7	· ·	v			v
Court Town Court and Village	. L	X	X			X
Town Court and Village	ंज	X	x	Y	?	x
Justice Court	L	Λ	^	X	•	Δ.

### Table 14. (continued)

Table 14. (continued)				Miscel-	Banking wiel	ationa	
	General/			laneous	Parking viol	Contested is	
	limited	Moving		(nonmoving)		included in	<b>C</b>
State/court	juris- diction	traffic violati		traffic violations	Court has jurisdiction	another traf- fic category	Grdinance Sichtions
NORTH CAROLINA							
District Court	L	X		X	X (not counted)	) Yes	<b>X</b>
NORTH DAKOTA							
District Court*	G	X		X	X	?	X
County Court Municipal Court	L L	X X		X X	X (not counted) X (not counted)		X (not counted
<u>OHIO</u>		·		·			
County Court	L	x		X			X
Municipal Court	Ľ	X		x	Y (not counted)	) Yes	x
Mayor's Court	Ľ	X		X	X	Unknown	X
(does not report data to							
OKLAHOMA					······································		
District Court	G	x		x	<del></del>		X
Municipal Criminal Court							
of Record and Municipal							
Court Not of Record	L	X		X	X	Unknown	X
(does not report data to	AOC)						
ORECON	·····					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u> </u>
District Court	L	Х		Х	. <del></del> .		
Justice Court	L	X		Х	X (not counted)	) Yes	' <b></b>
Municipal Court	L	х		X	X (not counted)	) Yes	X
PENNSYLVANIA						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
District Justice Court	L	Х		X	X	Yes	Х
Philadelphia Municipal							
Court	L	<sup>1</sup>			_ <b></b> _		Х
Philadelphia Traffic							
Court	L	x		X	X and the	Yes	
Pittsburgh City							
Magistrates Court	L ,	X		x	X	?	X
PUERTO RICO		<u>_</u>	· · · ·			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	······
District Court	, <b>L</b> -	X		X			X
Municipal Judges (does not report data to	L AOC)	Only	uncont	ested violati	ions handled in the	is court	X
					· · ·		
RHODE ISLAND							2
District Court	L	X			 V	Unknown	X X
Municipal Court (does not report data to					X	UNKNOWN	· A
does not report data to	AUC						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
SOUTH CAROLINA	· · · · ·				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Family Court*	L	Х		X	and the second		 
Magistrate Court	L	Х		X	X	Yes	X
Municipal Court	L	X		X	X (not counted)	) Yes	X
SOUTH DAKOTA	-					······································	······································
Circuit Court	G	X		X	X (not counted)	) Yes	X
TENNESSEE	· · · ·				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u> </u>	
Circuit Court and							
Criminal Court	G	X		Х	<del></del>		
(does not report data to	AOC)						
General Sessions Court	L	X		X	X	Unknown	X
(does not report data to	AOC)						
Municipal Court	L	X		X	X (not counted	) Unknown	X
(does not report data to	AOC)						
-		<u> </u>					

### Table 14. (continued)

			Miscel-	Parking vio	lations	
State/court	General/ limited juris- diction	Moving traffic violations	laneous (nonmoving) traffic violations	Court has jurisdiction	Contested is included in another traf- fic category	Ordinance violations
				Jarroaccion	<u></u>	
TEXAS						
County Court at Law and						
Constitutional County Cou		X	X		n .	
Municipal Court	L	X	X	X	?	· X.
Justice of the Peace Court	L	X	X	x	Yes	
UTAH	·····		······		·	^
Circuit Court	L 1	Х	X	Х	No	x
Justice of the Peace Court	L	x	X	X	No	Х
Juvenile Court*	L	X	x			
VERMONT				<u></u>		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
District Court	G	X	x			X
VIRGINIA						
Circuit Court	G	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				Х
District Court	L	X	x	x	Yes	X
WASHINGTON	······································	······				<u></u>
District Court	L	X	X	X (not counted	1) Yes	
Municipal Court	L	Х	x	X	?	X
WEST VIRGINIA				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Magistrate Court	L ·	X	X			
Municipal Court	L.	x	x	X	Unknown	X
(does not report data to	AOC)		••			
WISCONSIN			······		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Circuit Court	G	X	х	х	Yes	X
Municipal Justice Court	L	X	x	x	?	x
WYOMING				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
County Court	L	X	Х	Х	Yes	
Justice of the Peace Court	L	x	х	Х	Yes	
Municipal Court	L	X	X	x	Yes	X

# Table 15. Traffic/other violation case types in which jury trials andbench trials are used in state trial courts, 1984

Comments:

The information contained in this table permits the identification of each case type where a jury trial and/or bench trial is used, as well as the case types over which each court does not have jurisdiction. This permits the identification of courts from which trial data could be reported and the kind of trial data to expect.

State/court		ing t latio		fic		arkin iolat		Misc traf		neous		rdinanc iolatio	
ALABAMA													
District Court		0				0			0			·	
Municipal Court		0				0			0			0	
ALASKA		:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				···						
District Court		0				0			0			X	
ARIZONA			_ <u>'</u>			<u> </u>		 					:
Justices of the Peace Court		X				0			0				
Municipal Court		X				0			0			, <b>0</b>	
ARKANSAS	1			:				:	····-				
Municipal Court		0				0			0			0	
City Court, Police Court		· 0 °				• 0			0			Q	
CALIFORNIA								 -, ,					
Justice Court		Х				0			X			X	
Municipal Court		X				0		1	Х			X	
COLORADO										·····			
County Court		Х							X			'	
Municipal Court		0							0			0	
CONNECTICUT	······································				· · ·			 			i		
Superior Court		X				0			Х			. <b>O</b> t 1	
DELAWARE					·		•	 		,	iiiiii		
Family Court*		0							0				
Justice of the Peace													
Court		0				,			0				
Municipal Court of													
Wilmington		0				, O			0			0	
Alderman's Court	i.	0	· · · ·			0			0			0	

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held in this case type.

0 = Bench trials sre held in this case type.

-- = This court does not have jurisdiction in this case type.

\*Only juvenile traffic handled in this court.

Table 15. (continued) State/court	Moving traffic violations	Parking violations	Miscellaneous traffic	Ordinance violations
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Superior Court	x	0	x	X
FLORIDA			- <u></u>	
County Court	X	0	0	X
GEORGIA			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Superior Court	X		X	X
State Court	X		X	
Probate Court	0		Ο	
Juvenile Court*	0		0	
Magistrate Court		. <del></del> .		0
Recorder's Court	0	0	0	
IAWAII		<u> </u>		
Circuit Court	X	<del>- , -</del>	X	
District Court	<b>0</b>	0	0	0
ГДАНО				
District Court				X
Magistrates Division	X	0	X	X
ILLINOIS		**************************************	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Circuit Court	X	X	X	x
INDIANA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Circuit Court and				
Superior Court	x	0	X	: 
County Court	X	Х	X	X
Municipal Court of				
Marion County	X	X	X	X
City Court and Town Court	X	<b>X</b>	X	X
IOWA				
District Court	X	0	X	X
CANSAS				•
District Court	X		X	· '
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
KENTUCKY		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	: 	
District Court	X	X	X	X

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held in this case type.
O = Bench trials are held in this case type.
-- = This court does not have jurisdiction in this case type.
\*Only juvenile traffic handled in this court.

	Moving traffic violations	Parking violations	Miscellaneous traffic	Ordinance violations
LOUISIANA				
City Court and Parish				
Court, and Municipal				
Court and Traffic				
Court of New Orleans	0		0	0
Justice of the Peace	. 0		Ū	
Court	0	0	0	0
Mayor's Court	0	0	0	0
Hayor 3 Goure	0	<b>v</b>		U
1A INE				
Superior Court	X	a di angla ang Angla angla ang	. <u></u>	0
District Court	0	0	0	0
	·		: 	
MARYLAND	•			•
District Court	0		0	0
MASSACHUSETTS	: 	······································		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Trial Court of the				
Commonwealth:				
District Court Dept	Х	÷	0	X
Boston Municipal Court Dep		~~	X	X
MICHIGAN			1	
District Court	Х		0	X
Municipal Court	X		<b>0</b>	X
Probate Court*	0	· · · ·	0	, <del></del> · · · · ·
MINNESOTA		0		
County Court and	X	0	X	X
County Municipal Court				
MISSISSIPPI no data available				
MISSOURI				
Circuit Court	0	0	0	X
MONTANA				
Justice of the Peace Court				
and Municipal Court	X	X	X	
City Court	0	0	0	0
		н. Н		-
NEBRASKA				
County Court	X	0	X	X
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held in this case type.
0 = Bench trials are held in this case type.
-- = This court does not have jurisdiction in this case type.
\*Only juvenile traffic handled in this court.

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Table 15. (continued)				
State/court	Moving traffic violations	Parking violations	Miscellaneous traffic	Ordinance violations
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
IEVADA			н 	
Justice Court	X	0	X	
Municipal Court	0	0	O	0
EW HAMPSHIRE				
District Court	0	0	0	0
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
EW JERSEY	<u> </u>	1		
Superior Court Law Divisio Special Civil Part,	n,			
Violations Section	0	0	0	0
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
EW MEXICO	, 		<u> </u>	
Magistrate Court	X	0	X	
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
Bernalillo County				
Metropolitan Court	0	0	Ο	
EW YORK		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u> </u>
Criminal Court of the				
City of New York	0		0	0
District Court and City				
Court	0		0	X
Town Court and Village				
. Justice Court	0	0	0	X
ORTH CAROLINA				
District Court	Ο	0	0	0
ORTH DAKOTA				
District Court*	0	0	0	· · · · · · · · ·
County Court	X	0	X	
HIO			ан 1997 - Политика Саландар 1997 - Политика Саландар	
County Court	X		X	X
Municipal Court	X	0	X	X
Mayor's Court	0	0	0	0
KLAHOMA District Court	x	1	X	x
Municipal Criminal Court	••			••
of Record and Municipal				
Court Not of Record	X	X	X	x
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X = Jury trials and bench trials are held in this case type. 0 = Bench trials are held in this case type.
 -- = This court does not have jurisdiction in this case type.
 \*Only juvenile traffic handled in this court.

State/court	Moving traffic violations	Parking violations	Miscellaneous traffic	Ordinance violations
OREGON				
District Court	0	0	0	X
Justice Court	X	?	0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Municipal Court	X	?	Ο	X
PENNSYLVANIA				
District Justice Court	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Philadelphia Municipal Court	<del></del>			0
Philadelphia Traffic				
Court	0	0	0	
Pittsburgh City Magistrates Court	0	0	0	0
PUERTO RICO			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
District Court	0		0	0
Municipal Judges	0	0	0	Ó
RHODE ISLAND				
District Court	0			0
Municipal Court	1	Ο		0
SOUTH CAROLINA				
Family Court*	0		, · · · <b>0</b> · · · ·	:
Magistrate Court	X	?	X	X
Municipal Court	X	X	X	X
SOUTH DAKOTA				
Circuit Court	X	<b></b> '	Х	X
TENNESSEE	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u> </u>	
Circuit Court and			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Criminal Court	X		?	
General Sessions Court	0	0	0	0
Municipal Court	0	0	0	0
TEXAS				
Constitutional County Court		X	X	· · · · ·
Municipal Court	X	X	X	Х
Justice of the Peace Court	X	X	X	
UTAH	······	· · · · ·		
Circuit Court	X	0	X	X
Justice of the Peace Court	X	X	X	X
Juvenile Court*	0		0	

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held in this case type.

0 = Bench trials are held in this case type.

(continued)

Table 15.

-- = This court does not have jurisdiction in this case type.

\*Only juvenile traffic handled in this court.

Table 15. (continued)								
State/court	Moving violatio		Parking violation		liscellan raffic	eous		nance ations
VERMONT District Court	X		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		X			X
VIRGINIA								
Circuit Court		_			· · ·			х
District Court	0		0		0			Ô
WASHINGTON				·····	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			<u> </u>
District Court	X		• 0		Х			
Municipal Court	X		0		x			X
WEST VIRGINIA	· · · ·			<u> </u>				
Magistrate Court	X				X			
Municipal Court	0		0		0			0
WISCONSIN					<u> </u>		<u> </u>	· · · · ·
Circuit Court	X		X		X			x
Municipal Court	0		0		0			0
WYOMING			·····					
County Court	X		X		X			
Justice of the Peace Court	÷ X		X		X			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Municipal Court	X		Х		X			X

X = Jury trials and bench trials are held in this case type.

O = Bench trials are held in this case type.

-- = This court does not have jurisdiction in this case type.

\*Only juvenile traffic handled in this court.

### Table 16. Juvenile jurisdiction in state trial courts, 1984

Comments:

The juvenile case type classifications in this table are those recommended by the National Juvenile Information Systems Task Force of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and adopted by the COSCA Court Statistics and Information Systems Committee. They are defined in the Supplement to the Model Statistical Dictionary.

The Task Force also recommended that caseloads of courts counting juvenile referrals be separated from the caseload of courts counting juvenile petitions. This table indicates both what each court counts as a case and when a disposition is counted for statistical purposes.

This information has been obtained by CSIM staff from the AOC in each state, along with the proper classification of each state's juvenile data into the CSIM case categories.

State/court	Filings a At in- take or referral	Are counted At filing of petition	Dispositior At adjudi- cation of petition	A counted At dispo- sition of juvenile	Criminal- type juvenile petition	Status	Child victim petition	Miscel- laneous juvenile petition	Age at which juvenile jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
ALABAMA Circuit Court District Court		X X	X X		X X	X X	X X		19
ALASKA Superior Court		x	<b>X</b>		x	x	x	· · · ·	18
ARIZONA Superior Court		X		x	X	X	x		18
ARKANSAS County Court	X			X	X	x	X		18
CALIFORNIA Superior Court		X		X	X	x	X		18
COLORADO District Court (includes Denver Juvenile Court)		X		X	X	× X	X	X	18
CONNECTICUT Superior Court	x			X	X	x	X		16
DELAWARE Family Court		X ***		X	X	X	X		18
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Superior Court	x			X	X	x	x	X	18
FLORIDA Circuit Court		x	X		X	• <b>x</b>	X	X .	18
GEORGIA Superior Court and Juvenile Court	X N			x	×	x	, X	x	17
HAWAII Circuit Court	x			X	x	x	<b>X</b>	X	18
IDAHO District Court	<u> </u>	X	x		x	x	X		18
ILLINOIS Circuit Court		X	x		X	x	x	X	17

X = This court has jurisdiction in this case type.

-- = This court does not report this category of juvenile case.

### Table 16: (continued)

State/court	Filings a At in- take or referral	At filing of petition	Disposition At adjudi- cation of petition	At dispo- sition of juvenile	Criminal- type juvenile petition		Child victim petition	Miscel- laneous juvenile petition	Age at which juvenile jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
INDIANA									18
Circuit Court and									
Superior Court		x	X		x	X	X	X	
Probate Court		X	х		X	X	x		
IOWA	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		At matur	ity				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	18
District Court		X	of juven		X	X	х	х	
KANSAS	· · · · · ·		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				· · · · · ·		18
District Court		X		X, L	X	x	x		10
KENTUCKY	·····								18
District Court		X	X		X	x	X	X	
LOUISIANA		···· · ····			·······			<u> </u>	15 (in
District Court		а <b>Х</b> с а	x		x	Х	X	X	capital
Family Court and						<u>.</u>	e		cases)
Juvenile Court		X	X		X	X	X	~-	
City Court		X	X		<b>X</b>		X	X	
MAINE			:				• •,••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••		18
District Court		X		Х	X	X	X	· ·	
MARYLAND									18
Circuit Court		х		X	X	X	X	x	
District Court		X		х	х	X	X	X	
MASSACHUSETTS			· · · · · ·	·	·····	<u> </u>			17
Trial Court of the									17
Commonwealth:									
District Court Dept.		x	х		х	х	x		
Juvenile Court Dept.	X		X		X	X	X	X	
MICHIGAN		······			<u></u>				17
Probate Court	Unknow	vn ·	Unknown		X	X	X	·	
					a de la composición d				
MINNESOTA									18
District Court and County Court		X	X		X	x	X	x	
councy court		•	•		~	Λ	• • •	<b>^</b>	
MISSISSIPPI (no data ava	ilable)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				• 1		· · ·	
MISSOURI	······								17
Circuit Court		X	x		X	X	Х	х	
MONTANA									18
District Court		X		x	x	Х	х	<sup>1</sup>	10
District source		~		A		A	•		
NEBRASKA		······		······					18
Separate Juvenile Cour County Court	<b>t</b>	X X		X X	x x	X X	X X	X X	
NEVADA				·····					18
District Court		X		X	x	<b>X</b> .	x	х	
NEW HAMPSHIRE		-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · ·			18
District Court		X		X	X	X	X		an an taon an t
									1.0
NEW JERSEY									18
NEW JERSEY Superior Court, Chance	ry							X	18 .

X = This court has jurisdiction in this case type. -- = This court does not report this category of juvenile case.

Table 16: (continued)

State/court	At in- take or	At filing of petition	Dispositio At adjudi- cation of petition	n counted At dispo- sition of juvenile	Criminal- type juvenile petition		Child victim petition	Miscel- laneous juvenile petition	Age at which juvenile jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
NEW MEXICO							1		18
District Court		X		X	x	x	x	·	
NEW YORK Family Court		X	· · · · ·	X	X	X	x	X.	16
NORTH CAROLINA District Court		X	At matu of juve		X	x	x		16
NORTH DAKOTA District Court	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	x		X	X	X	X	X	18
OHIO Court of Common Pleas	X (war	rant)		X	x	x	× X *	x	18
OKLAHOMA			•					a a <sup>1</sup>	18
District Court (does not report dat		se number)	, X .		X	X	X	х	
OREGON Circuit Court		X	A. 6		v	x	v		18
County Court		x	At matu of juve		x x	X	X X	x	
PENNSYLVANIA				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	. ·				18
Court of Common Pleas	X	1	X		X	X	х		
PUERTO RICO Superior Court	X		X		X	X	x	·	18
RHODE ISLAND Family Court	X		x		X	X	х	X	18
SOUTH CAROLINA Family Court		X	x	а. а.	x	X	X	x	17
SOUTH DAKOTA			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						18
Circuit Court		X	<b>X</b>		X	X	X	X	
TENNESSEE General Sessions Court Juvenile Court	X X		. · ·	X X	X X	X X	X		18
(does not report dat									· · · ·
TEXAS District Court County Court at Law,		X		X	X	x	X		17
Constitutional Count Court, and Probate C		X		x	. <b>X</b>	x	X		
UTAH Juvenile Court	······································	X	·······	X	x	X	X	x	18
VERMONT District Court	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	те <b>Х</b> г		. <b>X</b>	x	<b>X</b> .	× X		16
VIRGINIA District Court	a	× X		× X	x	X	X	X	18
WASHINGTON			······	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					18

X = This court has jurisdiction in this case type.
-- = This court does not report this category of juvenile case.

### Table 16: (continued)

	Filings a	ire counted	Disposition	counted	Criminal-			Miscel-	Age at which juvenile
State/court	At in- take or <u>referral</u>	At filing of petition	At adjudi- cation of petition	At dispo- sition of juvenile	type juvenile petition		Child victim petition	laneous juvenile petition	jurisdiction transfers to adult courts
WEST VIRGINIA Circuít Court		<b>X</b>		x	x	x	X		18
WISCONSIN Circuít Court		X		X	X	X	x	x	18
WYOMING District Court	1	x	X		X	X	x		19

X = This court has jurisdiction in this case type. -- = This court does not report this category of juvenile case.

### Table 17. Time standards for civil case processing in state trial courts, 1984

Comments: Time limits within which case processing should or must take place are not of concern in gathering statistics, but were of interest to the members of COSCA at the time the jurisdiction guide was undertaken. Thus questions about time standards were asked of each AOC staff contact.

This table does not attempt to show the time standards now in effect in any detail, but rather gives a general indication of the most important time standard. It does indicate the wide variation in the time standards being followed by the various states.

Att     Att       State/court     Authority/ for non-       State/court     Source       Compliance     of con-       ALASMA none       ALASMA none       ALASMA none       ALASMA none       ARIZONA none       COLORADO       District Court       Statute       Water Court none       COUNT Court none       COUNT Court none       DELMARE none       DISTRICT OF COURT       Superior Court				· · · ·		ints in c	ivil cas	e proces	sing		4
ALABANA none ALABANA none ALABANA none AKTZONA none GALIFORNIA none GALIFORNIA none GOLDRADO District Court statute			for non-	of com-	issue/ note of	advise-				ing/	
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CALIFORNIA none COLORADO District Court	ARIZONA none										
COLORADO       District Court       Statute       90 days         Mater Court none       90 days         CONNECTICUT       Superior Court individual Judicial District locations have guidelines       90 days         Probate Court none       Probate Court none       90 days         DELAMARE none       DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA       Superior Court       Judicial None       3 months to 18 months, depending on case type         PLORIDA none       Nore       18 months to 18 months, depending on case type       10 more         FLORIDA none       Court rule None       18 months       18 months         District Court none       Court rule None       18 months, depending on case type         IDAHO       COSCA       None       3 months to 18 months, depending on case type         ILLINOIS       Circuit Court none       18 months to 18 months, depending on case type         INDIANA none       None       3 months to 18 months, depending on case type         INDIANA none       None       From 60 to 120 days, depending on case type         KENTUCKY none       LOUISIANA none       Maine none	ARKANSAS none										
District Court     Statute     90 days       Water Court none     CONNECTICUT     Superior Court individual Judicial District locations have guidelines       Probate Court none     DELAMARE none       DELAMARE none     Judicial None <u>3 months to 18 months, depending on case type</u> PLORIDA none     norm       GEORGIA none     18 months       HAWAII     Court none       District Court none     18 months       DAHO     COSCA       None <u>3 months to 18 months, depending on case type</u> IDAHO     COSCA       Statudards <u>3 months to 18 months, depending on case type</u> ILLINOIS     Circuit Court none       IOMA none <u>18 months to 18 months, depending on case type</u> IDAHO     COSCA       Statudards <u>3 months to 18 months, depending on case type</u> ILLINOIS     Circuit Court none       IOMA none <u>Statute</u> NORA <u>Statute</u> None <u>From 60 to 120 days, depending on case type</u> KENTUCKY none     LOUISIANA none       LOUISIANA none <u>MAINE none</u>	CALIFORNIA none			•							
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				Points in civ	1 case processing		
		<b>n 1</b>		At	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	Authority/	Penalty for non-	Filing	issue/ Under		Hear-	<b>D 1 .</b> .
State/court	Source	compliance	of com- plaint	note of advise- issue ment		ing/ trial	Dispo- sition
MASSACHUSETTS							
Superior Court Dept	none						
Housing Court Dept m					1 · · · · ·		
District Court Dept							
Boston Municipal Court							
Land Court Dept none Probate and Family	2	1. A.					
Court Dept.				Uncontested30 d	lays, contested60	days	
MICHIGAN							
Circuit Court none							
District Court	Statute	1		Varies depe	nding on case type		
Municipal Court none	<b>2</b> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				······································		
Probate Court none							
MINNESOTA none							
MISSISSIPPI no data avai	lable						
MISSOURI none							
MISSOURI none					and a second	÷	
MONTANA none							
NEBRASKA					1		
District Court	Standards	None	9 mc	onthsdom.rel.; 1 ye			
Workmen's Compensation	Court none			18 monthsc	ivil jury		
County Court	Standards	None		6 month	•		
Municipal Court	Standards	None		6 months			
NEVADA none							
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Superior Court	Court rule			1:	months		
District Court none							
Probate Court none							
Municipal Court none					1		
NEW JERSEY							
Superior Court Law							
Division and Chan-							
cery Division)	Goal	None			3 years		
Superior Court Law							
Division, Special Civil Part none							
Surrogate's Court no	me						
NEW MEXICO none							
NEW YORK							
Supreme Court	Court rule	Yes			15 months		
County Court	Court rule	Yes		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	15 months	-	
Civil Court of the						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
City of New York n							
	Court rule	Yes		180	days		
District Court and City Court none							
Surrogates' Court none	ne						
Court of Claims none							
Town Court and Village	•			ang ang banang sa			
	1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 -						- 

NORTH CAROLINA -- none

### Table 17: (continued)

			Points in civil case processing At
		Penalty	Filing issue/ Under Hear-
	Authority/	for non-	of com- note of advise- ing/ Disp
State/court	Source	compliance	plaint issue ment trial siti
IORTH DAKOTA			
District Court	Admin. rule	None	2 years
County Court none			
0110			
Court of Common Pleas	Guidelines	None	6 to 24 months, depending on case type
County Court	Guidelines	None	6 to 24 months, depending on case type
Municipal Court	Guidelines		6 to 24 months, depending on case type
Court of Claims none			
Mayor's Court none			
KLAHOMA none			
RECON			[1] A. B. Martin and M. Martin a Martin and M. Martin and Martin and M. Martin and
REGON none			
PENNSYLVANIA			
Court of Common Pleas -	- none		
District Justice Court			60 days (in trespass and assumpsit)
Philadelphia Munici-	obure nure		to days (in crespass and assumption)
pal Court	Court Rule		4 to 6 weeks
Pittsburgh City			
Magistrates Court	Court Rule		60 days
C .			
UERTO RICO none			
HODE ISLAND			
Superior Court	Goal	None	18 months
District Court none			
Family Court none			
Probate Court none			
SOUTH CAROLINA	<b>0</b>	•	
Circuit Court Family Court	Court rule Court rule	Yes Yes	l year
Magistrate Court	Admin. order		6 months 90 days
Probate Court none	Admin. Order	Hone	90 days
riobace source none			
OUTH DAKOTA			
Circuit Court	Court rule	Yes	l year
ENNESSEE none			
TEXAS	Supreme Ct.	None	3 months to 18 months, depending on case type
	order		
JTAH			
District Court	Court rule	Yes	90 days
Circuit Court	Court rule	Yes	90 days
Justice of the	0		<b>^</b>
Peace Court	Court rule	Yes	90 days
/ERMONT			
Superior Court			1
District Court	Coal	No	l year 6 months (for 80 % of cases)
Probate Court none	Juar		U HUHLHS (IUL OV A UL CASES)

VIRGINIA -- none

WASHINGTON -- none

### Table 17: (continued)

		Points in civil case processing
State/court	Penalty Authority/ for non- Source compliance	At Filing issue/ Under Hear- of com- note of advise- ing/ Dispo plaint issue ment trial sitio
WEST VIRGINIA none		
WISCONSIN Circuit Court	Bench/Bar	
	Committee recommendation None	6 to 18 months, depending on case type

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WYOMING -- none

NOTE: The time standards in many jurisdictions are quite complex and would be difficult to display in a table like this. This table shows the simplest interpretation of the standard, but does not mean that variations on the length of time shown here do not exist.

### Table 18. Time standards for criminal case processing in state trial courts, 1984

Comments: Time limits within which case processing should or must take place are not of concern in gathering statistics, but were of interest to the members of COSCA at the time the jurisdiction guide was undertaken. Thus questions about time standards were asked of each AOC staff contact.

This table does not attempt to show the time standards now in effect in any detail, but rather gives a general indication of the most important time standard for comparison purposes. It does indicate the wide variation in the time standards being followed by the various states.

In some jurisdictions, the events that appear in the heading below may not occur in this order. First appearance and arraignment may be the same event in some jurisdictions, but not in others.

Penalty       Filing       First       Ar-       Prelim.       Filing of         Authority/       for non-of com-of					Points in criminal o	case processing
State/court       source       compliance       plaint       Arrest ance       menic       bindover indictment       Trial siti         ALABAMA none       ALASKA       Superior Court       Court rule       Dismissal       120 days		Authority/			First Ar- Prelim.	Filing of
ALASKA       Superior Court       Court rule       Dismissal       120 days         District Court       Court rule       Dismissal       120 days         ARIZONA       Superior Court       Court rule       Dismissal       120 days (whichever is less)         Justice of the Peace Ct       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         Municipal Court       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         ARKANSAS       0 days (whichever is less)       120 days (whichever is less)         Circuit Court       Statute       Dismissal       9 months or 2 terms f court (whichever is less)         ALASKA       Superior Court       Statute       Dismissal       10 days	State/court					
Superior Court       Court rule       Dismissal       120 days         ARIZONA       Superior Court       Court rule       Dismissal       120 days         Justice of the Peace Ct       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         Justice of the Peace Ct       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         Municipal Court       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         ARKANSAS       Circuit Court       Statute       Dismissal         Municipal Court, Police Ct none       Dismissal       9 months or 2 terms f court (whichever is less)         CALIFORNIA       Superior Court       Statute       Dismissal         Justice Court       Statute       Dismissal       60 days	ALABAMA none	- 1				
District Court       Court rule       Dismissal         ARIZONA       90 days (whichever is less)         Justice of the Peace Ct       Court rule       Dismissal         Municipal Court       Court rule       Dismissal         Municipal Court       Court rule       Dismissal         ARKANSAS       90 days (whichever is less)         Circuit Court       Statute       Dismissal         Municipal Court       Statute       Dismissal         9 months or 2 terms f court (whichever is less)         City Court, Police Ct none       Dismissal         CALIFORNIA       Superior Court       Statute         Justice Court       Statute       Dismissal         Justice Court       Statute       Dismissal	ALASKA					
Superior Court       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         Justice of the Peace Ct       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         Municipal Court       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         Municipal Court       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         ARKANSAS       90 days (whichever is less)       120 days (whichever is less)         Circuit Court       Statute       Dismissal       9 months or 2 terms i court (whichever is less)         Municipal Court, Police Ct none       CALLFORNIA       Superior Court       Statute       Dismissal         Superior Court       Statute       Dismissal       10 days       60 days						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Superior Court       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         Justice of the Peace Ct       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         Municipal Court       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         Municipal Court       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         ARKANSAS       90 days (whichever is less)       120 days (whichever is less)         Circuit Court       Statute       Dismissal       9 months or 2 terms i court (whichever is less)         Municipal Court, Police Ct none       CALIFORNIA       Superior Court       Statute       Dismissal         Superior Court       Statute       Dismissal       10 days       60 days				· · ·	······································	
Justice of the Peace Ct Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         Municipal Court       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         Municipal Court       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         ARKANSAS       90 days (whichever is less)       120 days (whichever is less)         ARKANSAS       9 months or 2 terms if court (whichever is less)         Municipal Court none       00 days       00 days (whichever is less)         CALIFORNIA       Superior Court       Statute       Dismissal         Justice Court       Statute       Dismissal       10 days		Court rule	Dismissal			
Municipal Court       Court rule       Dismissal       90 days (whichever is less)         ARKANSAS       120 days (whichever is less)       120 days (whichever is less)         ARKANSAS       0 months or 2 terms f court (whichever is less)         Municipal Court none       9 months or 2 terms f court (whichever is less)         CALIFORNIA       0 days         Superior Court       Statute         Dismissal       10 days	Justice of the Peace Ct	Court rule	Dismissal			90 days (whichever is less)
ARKANSAS       Circuit Court       Statute       Dismissal       9 months or 2 terms i court (whichever is less)         Municipal Court none       City Court, Police Ct none         CALIFORNIA       Superior Court       Statute       Dismissal         Justice Court       Statute       Dismissal       60 days	Municipal Courr	Court rule	Dismissal			
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Superior Court     Statute     Dismissal     60 days       Justice Court     Statute     Dismissal     10 days		none				
Superior Court     Statute     Dismissal     60 days       Justice Court     Statute     Dismissal     10 days	CALTFORNTA					
	Superior Court					60 days
15 days	Justice Court	Statute	Dismissal			days
30 days, if in custody; 45 days if not					30 days, if in custody;	45 days if not
Municipal Court Statute Dismissal same as Justice Court	Municipal Court	Statute	Dismissal		same as Justice	e Court
COLORADO	COLORADO	· · · · · ·				
District Court Statute Dismissal180 days						
County Court Statute Dismissal 180 days	County Court	Statute	Dismissal			180 davs
CONNECTICUT	CONNECTICUT					
Superior Court Statute Dismissal 18 months (12 months if no bail)	Superior Court	Statute	Dismissal			18 months (12 months if no bail)

### Table 18: (continued)

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	Authority/	Penalty for non-	Filing of com-		First	Ar- raign-	Prelim. hearing/	Filing of information/			Dispo
State/court	source	compliance	plaint	Arrest	appear⇒ ance	nent		indictment		Trial	sitio
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DELAWARE							··· · ·				
Superior Court	Goal	None		· · ·			120				
Family Court	Goal	None					120	days			
Justice of the Peace	Unknown			· · ·							
Court of Common Pleas	Coal	None					120	days			
Municipal Court of											
Wilmington	Unknown										
Alderman's Court none											
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA											
Superior Court	Norm	None			90	daysfe	lony; 60 d	aysmisdemeanor			
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FLORIDA	<b>d</b>	n:- : :					100 1				
Circuit Court	Court rule	Dismissal					180 da				
County Court	Court rule	Dismissal			1	·	90 dav	S		·	
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GEORGIA	<b>6 a b b</b>	n· · ·						utakta av		<b>.</b>	
Superior Court	Statute	Dismissal							ne term; 2 ter	ms for	
								capi	tal felonies		
State Court none											
Probate Court none			· · · ·							· .	
Magistrate Court none											
Municipal Court none											
Civil Court none											
Recorder's Court none				-							
HAWAII											
Circuit Court	Statute								l year		
District Court	Internal	Nana						90 days	i year		
DISCRICE COURL	Incernat	None						90 days			
IDAHO											
District Court	Court rule	Dismissal						6 months			
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ILLINOIS											
Circuit Court	Statute	Dismissal			120 dave	s. if in	custody: 1	60 days if on bai	1		
WALGURE WOMEN											
INDIANA					·						
Superior Court and											
Circuit Court	Court rule		-					70 days			
County Court none					······					······	
Municipal Court of						· · ·					
Marion County none						-					
City Court and Town			-								
Court none											
IOWA											
District Court	Court rule	Dismissal							90 days		
KANSAS											
District Court	Court rule	None				-120	) daysfel	onies; 60 daysm	nisdemeanors	<u> </u>	

KENTUCKY			
Circuit Court none		· · ·	
District Court	Court Rule	None	10 days (if in custody);
			20 days (if free on bond)
LOUISIANA			
	Course and a	Nama	60 January Falance JS January mindanagana
District Court	Court rule	None	60 daysfelony, 45 daysmisdemeanor
City Court and Parish			
Court, and Municipal			
Court and Traffic			
Court of New Orleans	Informal	None	
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MAINE none	0		
INTINC INTINE			
NA BULLAND		and the second second second	
MARYLAND			
Circuit Court	Statute	Dismissal	180 days
District Court none			
MASSACHUSETTS			
Trial Court of the			
Commonwealth	Court rule	Dismissal	l year
Southout Actu	JUNE LUNG		
MICUICAN	n e e e		
MICHIGAN			
Circuit Court	Court rule	ROR	felony6 months (if incarcerated); misdemeanor30 days
District Court	Court rule	ROR	misdemeanor (if incarcerated)30 days
Municipal Court	Unknown		
MINNESOTA none			
MINNESOTA none			
MICCICCIPPI	able		
MICCICCIPPI	able		
MISSISSIPPI no data avail	able		
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI			
D MISSISSIPPI no data avail	able Court rule	None	as soon as possible after defendant requests tr'il
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MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA	Court rule	None	
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court		None	as soon as possible after defendant requests tr'il 180 days
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA	Court rule	None	
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA District Court Justice of the Peace	Court rule	None	180 davs
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA District Court Justice of the Peace and Municipal Court	Court rule Court rule Court rule	None	180 days
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA District Court Justice of the Peace	Court rule Court rule	None	180 davs
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA District Court Justice of the Peace and Municipal Court City Court	Court rule Court rule Court rule	None	180 days
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA District Court Justice of the Peace and Municipal Court City Court NEBRASKA	Court rule Court rule Court rule Court rule		180 days 180 days 180 days
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA District Court Justice of the Peace and Municipal Court City Court NEBRASKA District Court	Court rule Court rule Court rule Court rule Standards	None	<u>180 days</u> <u>180 days</u> <u>180 days</u> 6 months
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA District Court Justice of the Peace and Municipal Court City Court NEBRASKA District Court County Court	Court rule Court rule Court rule Court rule Standards Standards	None None	180 days         180 days         180 days         6 months         60 days in mon-jury cases; 6 months in jury cases
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA District Court Justice of the Peace and Municipal Court City Court NEBRASKA District Court	Court rule Court rule Court rule Court rule Standards	None	<u>180 days</u> <u>180 days</u> <u>180 days</u> 6 months
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA District Court Justice of the Peace and Municipal Court City Court NEBRASKA District Court County Court	Court rule Court rule Court rule Court rule Standards Standards	None None	180 days         180 days         180 days         60 days in non-jury cases; 6 months in jury cases
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MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA District Court Justice of the Peace and Municipal Court City Court NEBRASKA District Court Municipal Court NEVADA District Court	Court rule Court rule Court rule Court rule Standards Standards Standards Standards	None None	180 days         180 days         180 days         60 days in non-jury cases; 6 months in jury cases
MISSISSIPPI no data avail MISSOURI Circuit Court MONTANA District Court Justice of the Peace and Municipal Court City Court NEBRASKA District Court County Court Municipal Court NEVADA	Court rule Court rule Court rule Court rule Standards Standards Standards	None None	180 days         180 days         180 days         180 days         60 days in non-jury cases; 6 months in jury cases         60 days in non-jury cases; 6 months in jury cases

Table 18: (continued)

	Table 10. (concluded)					Po	ints in	criminal c	ase processing		
		Authority/	Penalty for non-	Filing of com-		First appear-	Ar- raign-	Prelim. hearing/	Filing of		Dispo
	State/court	source	compliance -	plaint	Arrest	ance	ment		indictment	Trial	
	NEW HAMPSHIRE		<u>.</u>								
	Superior Court	Court rule	Dismissal			60 day	s				
					·			· -	120 days if incarcerated		
	District Court	Statute	Dismissal		2	4 hours	_				
	Municipal Court none										
	NEW JERSEY Superior Court (Law	Supreme									
	Division and	Court							**		
	Chancery Division)	Admin. Con				60 day					
	Guancery Division,	Admin. CO			·	00 049	3		120 days		
	Superior Court Law							·			
	Division, Special Civi	1									
	Part, Violations Secti										
	Municipal Court	None									
	· ·										
	NEW MEXICO										
	District Court	Statute	Dismissal					6 months			
	Magistrate Court	Statute	Dismissal					6 months			
	Bernalillo County										
	Metropolitan Court	Statute	Dismissal		· · · · ·			6 months			
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	NEW YORK	Court rule	Dismissal							antha -	
n in the	Supreme Court County Court	Court rule	Dismissal							onths onths	
	Criminal Court of the	Court fule	DISMISSAI						<u> </u>	untus	
	City of New York	Court rule	Dismissal					· .	6	onths	
	District Court and	COULT THE	DISMISSAL		· · ·				<u> </u>		•••••
	City Court none										
	Town Court and Village										
	Justice Court none										
	NORTH CAROLINA										
	Superior Court	Court rule					1	20 days			
	District Court	Court rule						20 days			
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	NORTH DAKOTA										
	District Court	Admin. rule	None						120 days		
	County Court none										
	Municipal Court	Admin. rule	None						120 days		
	OHIO										
	Court of Common Pleas	Stitute					<u> </u>	· · · · · · · · · · · ·	6 months	<u> </u>	
	County Court	Statute							6 months	<u></u>	
	Municipal Court	Statute							6 months		

	OKLAHOMA							
	District Court	Rule	None			6 months		
	Municipal Criminal						-	
	Court of Record and							
	Municipal Court Not							
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	or Record Hone							
	200000							
	OREGON none							
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	PENNSYLVANIA						a de la companya de l	
	Court of Common Pleas	Court rule	Dismissal	······································	180 days			
	District Justice Court	Guidelines	None	45 davs				
	Phila. Municipal Court	Court rule				120 days		
	Pittsburgh City							
	Magistrates Court	Guidelines	None	45 days				
	HERISCIELCS COULD	outournui						
	DUEDTO DICO							
	PUERTO RICO none				1			
				and the second				
	RHODE ISLAND							
	Superior Court	Goal	None			180 days		
	District Court	Goal	None	30 davs, felony				
		1			· · · · ·	60 days		
	Municipal Court			·····				
	THE PROPERTY AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE PR							
	SOUTH CAROLINA							
		Goal	None	90 days	and the second			· · · ·
	Circuit Court			60 days		2		
	Magistrate Court	Admin. order						
	Municipal Court	Admin. order	None	60 days		?		
·	SOUTH DAKOTA			·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
97	Circuit Court	Informal	None	? 90 days	smisdemeanor; 18	0 daysfelony	?	
-		standard						
	TENNESSEE none							
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	TEXAS							
	District Court and Crimi						·	
	nal District Court	Statute	Dismissal			120 daysfelony, 60-90m		
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	County Court at Law,							
	Constitutional County							
	Court, & Probate Ct.	Statute		60-90 davs	depending on type	of misdemeanor		
	Municipal Court	Jedeueu			60 days		· · · · ·	
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· · ·	Justice of the Peace				60 dawa			
	Court				60 days			
	UTAH						······································	
	District Court	Statute	None	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		30 days		
	Circuit Court	Statute	None			30 days		
	Justice of the			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
1.1.1	Peace Court	Statute	None			30 days		
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Points in criminal case processingPenaltyFilingFirstAr-Prelim.Filing ofAuthority/for non-of com-appear-raign-hearing/information/Di		Table 18: (continued)									
Penalty       Filing       Fist       Ar-       Prelim       Filing of         Authority/       for non-       of coar       appear-       raign-       hearing/       information/       Di         State/court       source       compliance       plaint       Arrest       ance       ment       bindover       information/       Di         VERMONT       District Court       Goal       None       45 to 180 days, depending on case type         VIRGINIA       Circuit Court       Court rule       None       45 to 180 days, depending on case type         VIRGINIA       Circuit Court       Court rule       None       45 to 180 days, depending on case type         VIRGINIA       Court Court       Court rule       None       5 months         District Court       Court rule       Dismissal       60 days, if in detention; 90 if not         Muncipal Court       Court rule       60 days       60 days         WEST VIRGINIA none       WISCONSIN       go days, if in custody; 120 days, misdemeanor         WOMING       District Court       Court rule       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not         VOMING       District Court       Court rule       None       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not         O       Peace					and the second		Points in	criminal o	ase processing		
District Court     Goal     None     45 to 180 days, depending on case type       VIRGINIA     Circuit Court     Court rule     None     Within 2nd rerm       District Court     Court rule     None     Within 2nd rerm       WASHINGTON     Superior Court     Court rule     Dismissal       Municipal Court     Court rule     60 days, if in detention; 90 if not       WEST VIRGINIA none     60 days       WISCONSIN     Circuit Court     Statute       Circuit Court     Statute     Release from bond conditions       WYOMINC     District Court     Court rule       District Court     Court rule     90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not       Ounty Court and Justice of the     Peace Court     90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not		State/court	•	for non-	of com-	app	st Ar- ear- raign-	Prelim. hearing/	Filing of information/	Trial	Dis siti
VIRGINIA Circuit Court       Court rule       None       Within 2nd rerm         District Court       District Court       5 months         WASHINGTON       Superior Court       Court rule       60 days, if in detention; 90 if not         Superior Court       Court rule       60 days       60 days         Municipal Court       Court rule       60 days       60 days         WEST VIRGINIA none       WISCONSIN       60 cays, if in custody; 60 days, misdemeanor         WISCONSIN       Circuit Court       Statute       Release from bond conditions         WYOMING       District Court       Court rule       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not         Outy Court and Justice of the       Peace Court       Court rule       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not			Goal	None				45 to 180 d	lays, depending on case type		
Circuit Court       Court rule       None       Within 2nd cerm         District Court       District Court       5 months         WASHINGTON       Superior Court       Court rule         District Court       Court rule       60 days, if in detention; 90 if not         District Court       Court rule       60 days         Municipal Court       Court rule       60 days         WEST VIRGINIA none       WISCONSIN       60 days, misdemeanor         VISCONSIN       Statute       Release from bond conditions       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not         WYOMING       District Court       Court rule       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not         Ustrice of the       Peace Court       Court rule       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not						· · · · ·					
District Court none WASHINGTON Superior Court Court rule Dismissal <u>60 days, if in detention; 90 if not</u> District Court Court rule <u>60 days</u> Municipal Court Court rule <u>60 days</u> WEST VIRGINIA none WISCONSIN Circuit Court Statute Release from <u>90 daysfelony; 60 days, misdemeanor</u> bond conditions WYOMING District Court Court rule None <u>90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not</u> County Court and Justice of the Peace Court Court Court rule None <u>90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not</u>			Court rule	None		W	ithin 2nd ce	rm	- - -		
WASHINGTON       Superior Court       Court rule       District Court       Court rule         District Court       Court rule       60 days, if in detention; 90 if not         Municipal Court       Court rule       60 days         WEST VIRGINIA none       WISCONSIN         Circuit Court       Statute       Release from bond conditions         WYOMING       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not         District Court and Justice of the       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not		District Court none							5 months	<u> </u>	
Superior Court       Court rule       Dismissal       60 days, if in detention; 90 if not         District Court       Court rule       60 days         Municipal Court       Court rule       60 days         WEST VIRGINIA none       60 days       60 days         WISCONSIN       Circuit Court       Statute       Release from bond conditions         WYOMING       District Court       Court rule       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not         WYOMING       District Court and Justice of the       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not         Q       Peace Court       Court rule       None         90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not											
District Court       Court rule       60 days         Municipal Court       Court rule       60 days         WEST VIRGINIA none       WISCONSIN       60 days         WISCONSIN       Circuit Court       Statute       Release from bond conditions         WYOMING       District Court       Court rule       None       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not         Ustice of the       Peace Court       Court rule       None       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not			Court rule	Dismissal				60 days, if	in detention; 90 if not		
WEST VIRGINIA none         WISCONSIN         Circuit Court       Statute         Release from       90 daysfelony; 60 days, misdemeanor         bond conditions         WYOMING         District Court       Court rule         County Court and         Justice of the         Peace Court       Court rule         None       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not		District Court	Court rule						60 days		
WISCONSIN       Circuit Court       Statute       Release from bond conditions       90 daysfelony; 60 days, misdemeanor         WYOMING       District Court       Court rule       None       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not         County Court and       Justice of the       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not		Municipal Court	Court rule				· · · ·		60 days		
WYOMING         District Court       Court rule         None       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not         County Court and       Justice of the         Peace Court       Court rule         None       90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not											
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District Court Court rule None 90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not County Court and Justice of the Peace Court Court rule None 90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not		WISCONSIN	Statute		ns		90	daysfelor	y; 60 days, misdemeanor		
Justice of the Peace Court Court rule None 90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not		WISCONSIN Circuit Court	Statute		ns		90	daysfelor	y; 60 days, misdemeanor		
		WISCONSIN Circuit Court WYOMING District Court		bond condition	ns		· ·				
Municipal Court Court rule None 90 days, if in custody; 120 days if not		WISCONSIN Circuit Court WYOMING District Court County Court and Justice of the		bond condition	ns		· ·				
	36	WISCONSIN Circuit Court WYOMING District Court County Court and Justice of the Peace Court	Court rule Court rule	bond condition None None	ns		90 day 90 day	s, if in cu s, if in cu	stody; 120 days if not stody; 120 days if not		
	86	WISCONSIN Circuit Court WYOMING District Court County Court and Justice of the Peace Court	Court rule Court rule	bond condition None None	ns		90 day 90 day	s, if in cu s, if in cu	stody; 120 days if not stody; 120 days if not		
	98	WISCONSIN Circuit Court WYOMING District Court County Court and Justice of the Peace Court	Court rule Court rule	bond condition None None	ns		90 day 90 day	s, if in cu s, if in cu	stody; 120 days if not stody; 120 days if not		
	88	WISCONSIN Circuit Court WYOMING District Court County Court and Justice of the Peace Court	Court rule Court rule	bond condition None None	ns		90 day 90 day	s, if in cu s, if in cu	stody; 120 days if not stody; 120 days if not		

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# Table 19. Time standards for juvenile case processing in state trial courts, 1984

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<u>Comments</u>: Time limits within which case processing should or must take place are not of concern in gathering statistics, but were of interest to the members of COSCA at the time the jurisdiction guide was undertaken. Thus questions about time standards were asked of each AOC staff contact.

This table does not attempt to show the time standards now in effect in any detail, but rather gives a general indication of the most important time standard for comparison purposes. It does indicate the wide variation in the time standards being followed by the various states.

			Points in juvenile case proce	
State/court	Penalty Authority/ for non- source compliance	Arrest/ deten- Plea tion hearing	Fact Filing find- of pe- ing tition	Adjudi- Dispo- cation sition <u>hearing</u> <u>hearin</u>
ALABAMA none				
ALASKA none				
RIZONA none				
ARKANSAS County Court		96 hours		
CALIFORNIA Superior Court			10 days	
OLORADO				
District Court	Statute Dismissal	·	180 days (delinquency) 90 days (neglect)	45 days
CONNECTICUT Superior Court	Guidelines for individua	l court locations		45 uays
DELAWARE none				
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA				
Superior Court	Judicial None norm	· · ·	30 days	

### Table 19: (continued)

					Point	s in juv	enile case processing		
State/court	Authority/ source	Penalty for non- compliance	Arrest/ deten- tion	Plea hearing	Fact find- ing	Filing of pe- tition		Adjudi- cation hearing	Dispo- sitior hearir
FLORIDA Circuit Court						· · ·	90 days	- 	
GEORGIA Juvenile Court	Statute					1	0 days, if in detention 60 days otherwise	<u>ı;</u>	
HAWAII Circuit Court	Court rule					1	5 to 90 days depending	on case t	уре
IDAHO none	<u>-</u>								
ILLINOIS Circuit Court	Statut <sup>2</sup>	Yes				- <u>.</u> .	10 days (in detention) 30 days otherwise		то ц. Колдонија С
INDIANA none			- -						
IOWA none				· .					
KANSAS none					n				
KENTUCKY none									
LOUISIANA District Court Family Court and	•		12 hc	ours					
Juvenile Court			72 hc	ours		· · · · ·	60 days		
City Court and Parish	Unknown								

ARYLAND			60 dama	/ 20
Circuit Court Court rule District Court Court rule	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	60 days 60 days	/ <u>30 day</u> / <u>30 day</u>
		in a second s		
ASSACHUSETTS Trial Court of the				
Commonwealth:		n an		
Juvenile Court Dept Court rule	Dismissal	l year	(delinquency)	· .
IICHIGAN				
Probate Court no data				
INNESOTA none	на н			
ISSISSIPPI no data available				
ISSOURI none				
IONTANA District Court			180 days	
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EBRASKA none				
IEVADA				
	Dismissal	24 hours		
IEVADA	Dismissal	<u>24 hours</u>		
EVADA District Court Statute	Dismissal Yes	Delinquency:		
IEVADA District Court Statute IEW HAMPSHIRE		Delinquency: 24 hours	custody: 30 days if not	
EVADA District Court Statute EW HAMPSHIRE		Delinquency: 24 hours 21 days, if in	custody; 30 days if not	21 days
IEVADA District Court Statute IEW HAMPSHIRE		Delinquency: 24 hours	custody; 30 days if not 28 days	
IEVADA District Court Statute IEW HAMPSHIRE		Delinquency: <u>24 hours</u> <u>21 days, if in</u> CHINS: Child victims:		
EVADA District Court Statute EW HAMPSHIRE		Delinquency: 24 hours 21 days, if in CHINS:	28 davs	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
EVADA District Court Statute EW HAMPSHIRE		Delinquency: <u>24 hours</u> <u>21 days, if in</u> CHINS: Child victims:		30 days
VEVADA District Court Statute NEW HAMPSHIRE District Court Statute		Delinquency: <u>24 hours</u> <u>21 days, if in</u> CHINS: Child victims:	28 davs	30 days
EVADA District Court Statute EW HAMPSHIRE District Court Statute EW JERSEY Superior Court (Law Division and		Delinquency: <u>24 hours</u> <u>21 days, if in</u> CHINS: Child victims:	28 davs	30 days
VEVADA District Court Statute NEW HAMPSHIRE District Court Statute		Delinquency: <u>24 hours</u> <u>21 days, if in</u> CHINS: Child victims: <u>1-7 days</u>	28 davs	30 days
IEVADA District Court Statute IEW HAMPSHIRE District Court Statute IEW JERSEY Superior Court (Law Division and		Delinquency: <u>24 hours</u> <u>21 days, if in</u> CHINS: Child victims: <u>1-7 days</u>	28 davs 30 days	21 days 30 days 30 days
IEVADA District Court Statute IEW HAMPSHIRE District Court Statute IEW JERSEY Superior Court (Law Division and		Delinquency: <u>24 hours</u> <u>21 days, if in</u> CHINS: Child victims: <u>1-7 days</u>	28 davs 30 days	30 days

Table 19: (continued)

			Poin	ts in juvenile case processing	
State/court	Authority/ source	Penalty for non- compliance	Arrest/ Fact deten- Plea find- tion hearing ing	-	Adjudi- Dispo- cation sition <u>hearing hearin</u>
NEW MEXICO District Court	Court rule		30 days, if in	detention; 90 days otherwise	·
NEW YORK Family Court			(90 days) /	180 days	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
NORTH CAROLINA none					
NORTH DAKOTA District Court	Statute			10 days, if in custod 30 days if not	<u>/;</u>
OHIO Court of Common Pleas	Court rule			3 to 6 months, depending	g on case type
OKLAHOMA none					
OREGON none					
PENNSYLVANIA none					
PUERTO RICO none					
RHODE ISLAND Family Court	Goal	None	(Referral)	90 days	
SOUTH CAROLINA none					
SOUTH DAKOTA none		*			
TENNESSEE none					

TEXAS		
District Court and		
Criminal District Court	2 days	
County Court at Law,		
Constitutional County		
Court, and Probate		
Court	<u>    2 days                                    </u>	
UTAH none		
VERMONT		
District Court Statute Dismissal	47 da	ys, if in detention; 70 days if not
VIRGINIA none		
WASHINGTON		
Superior Court	30-60 days	
Superior obuit	50 00 uays	
WEST VIRGINIA none		
WISCONSIN		
Circuit Court	If in custody:	
	10 days	
	20 days	
		10 days
	If not in custody:	
	30 days	
	<u> </u>	
	т	30 days

WYOMING -- none

NOTE: The time standards in many jurisdictions are quite complex and would be difficult to display in a table like this. This table shows the simplest interpretation of the standard, but does not mean that variations on the length of time shown here do not exist.

# Appendix A

Prototypes for trial court jurisdiction guide profiles

#### <u>1981</u> NAME OF CUURT Jurisdiction Court of record/not of record

### risdiction organization:

### CIVIL CASELOAD INVENTORY

What is the unit of count in civil cases? When is a civil case filing counted?

			What is the		Does the court re- port con-	Does the court re port jud	- i-	
	Is this casetype	e	dollar range for original	Are jury	tested cases separate	cial reso lution separate		
CSIM case classifications	in this	What is the terminology this court uses for this case type in its annual report?	(non-appeal) filings? Minimum/maximum	avail-	from un- contested cases?	from nonju- dicial?	Source/ comments	an a
Tort case								(1)
Auto tort								(``
Professional tort Product liability tort	· · ·	·		<u> </u>			<u></u>	
Miscellaneous tort			1	<u> </u>				
Contract case							-	(2)
Real property rights case						·	- <del></del>	(2)
	: <u></u>							
Small claims case		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	/			<u> </u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(4)
Domestic relations case Marriage dissolution		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						(5)
Support/custody case		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			· · · ·			
Adoption case Paternity and bastardy								
Miscellaneous								
ntal health case							-	(6)
_state case								(7)
Probate/wills/intestate						<u> </u>		
Guardianship/conserva- torship/trusteeship				1.1			AR	
Miscellaneous estate								
ppeal case								(8)
Administrative agency Trial court			De novo		From what	court(s):	······	
xtraordinary writ case			On the record			-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(9)
	<u> </u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
ostconviction remedy case								(10)
iscellaneous civil case	<u></u>		/		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·		(11)
		······································	/					
		CIVIL CASE MANN	EROFDI	S 2 O S	TION			
		What terminology is used for t	his disposition	tyne				
SIM classification		in this court's annual report?			Source/com	ments		· · · ·
ury trial					· <u> </u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(12)
<pre>von-jury trial</pre>								(13)
_ismissed during trial								(15)
ismissed/withdrawn/settled trial								(16)
Iransferred		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				·······		(17)
rbitration								(18)
ther manner of disposition					·			(19)
Point at which a civil case	is count	ed as disposed			· ·	<u> </u>		
ial definition:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			·			
Fime standard for civil case	process	ing					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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#### <u>1981</u> NAME OF COURT Jurisdiction Court of record/not of record

### CRIMINAL CASELOAD INVENTORY

What is the unit of count in When is the filing of a crim	ainal case	e counted? (e.g., complai	nt, indictment, information)	
	Is this casetype handled in this	2 What terminology does this court use for this	Are jury trials avail- Source/	
CSIM case classifications	court?	case type in its annual report?	able? comments	
Felony case		What is the definition of a felony in this jurisdi	ction?	(1)
Misdemeanor case			· ·	(2)
DWI/DUT	·······	(Felony or misdemeano	r?)	(3)
Appeal case			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(5)
		From What court(s): De novo		
		On the record		
Preliminary hearing Probable cause Evidence suppression Other motions				(6)
Extraordinary writ case	-			(7)
Postconviction remedy case				(8)
Sentence review only case				(9)
Miscellaneous criminal case				. (10)
1 				
CSIM classification		What terminology is used for this disposition type in this court's annual report?	Source/comments	·
Jury trial Conviction (verdict and p Guilty plea Acquittal	lea)			(11)
Dismissed Non-jury trial Conviction (verdict and p Guilty piea Acquittal	lea)			(12)
Dismissed Dismissed (before trial) Nolle prosequi				(13)
Bound over			мая на правити на правит	(14) (15) (16)
Bound over Transferred Diverted Guilty plea (before trial) Bail forfeiture Other manner of disposition	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			(15)
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#### Court of record/not of record

### TRAFFIC/OTHER VIOLATIONS INVENTORY

 What is the unit of count in traffic/other violations cases?

 When is a traffic/other violation filing counted?

 (e.g., complaint, information indictment,)

 Are contested violation filings reported separately from uncontested violations?

 Are contested violation dispositions counted separately from uncontested?

CS1M case classifications	Is this casetyp handled in this court?	e What					Does this court separate contested from unco tested co	1 >a-	Are jury trials avail- able?	Source/ comments	1			
Moving traffic violation														(1)
Parking violation					 	· · · ·					 	<u> </u>		(2)
Miscellaneous traffic		·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		 						 			(3)
Ordinance (non-traffic) violation	······································				:			:	1					(4)

### TRAFFIC/OTHER VIOLATIONS MANNER OF DISPOSITION

### What terminology is used for this disposition type in this court's annual report? Source/comments

CSIM classification

Jury trial								(4)
Conviction (verdict and plea)								-
Guilty plea		 		,				
Acquittal								
Dismissed							, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	
Non-jury trial								(5)
Conviction (verdict and plea)								-
Guilty plea								
Acquittal		 						
Dismissed		 						
Dismissed (before trial)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							(6)
Nolle prosequi								(7)
Bound over								(8)
Transferred		 		: 				(9)
Guilty plea (before trial)		 						(10)
Bail forfeiture		 			······	·		(11)
Payment of fine		 						(12)
Other manner of disposition		 					······································	(13)
Trial definition	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·					
Point at which traffic/other violati			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
Were there any changes to the above	in 1982? If so, what?	 ·						
Were there any changes to the above	in 1983? If so, what?	 · ·	······	······		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Contact person who completed the abo		Phona numba	-					

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### JUVENILE CASELOAD INVENTORY

What is the unit of count in juvenile cases? When is a juvenile case filing counted?

CSIM case classifications	Is this casetype handled in this What terminology does this court use court? For this case type in its annual report?	Source/ comments/definitions	
Griminal-type juvenile petition			(1
Status petition		n	
Child victim petition		د به همه دستونور هردست در موهندو و رویو و در با مربو و مربو	()
Miscellaneous juvenile		- contract of the second se	
	JUVENILE CASE MANNER OF DISP	<u>051710</u> R	

CSIM classification	What terminology is used for t in this court's annual report?		Saures/comments					
Dismissed prior to fact finding			No data			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	5)	
Dismissed after fact finding begun						(	51	
Waiver/certification/transfer for criminal prosecution						· · · · · (	7 1	
Transfer to other jurisdiction		······································				(	51	
Petition granted				1		(	4	
				1				
Point at which juvenile case is cour	nted as disposed					····	•	
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Time standard for juvenile case proc	ressing	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-			
Were there any changes to the above	in 1982? If so, what?							
Were there any changes to the above								
Contact person who completed the abo	)ve	Phone number				· · · · ·		