



New York State Unified Court System
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Overview

Purpose of Dashboard

This dashboard contains aggregate caseload statistics by court type, case type, time period and location from 2019 to latest complete, available term, refreshed daily. A new term becomes available a week after the term ends.

For information about terms, view the [Court Terms & Holidays page \(opens new tab\)](#).

Caseload Variables

Fillings – incoming cases (e.g., petitions filed in family, indictments in criminal, requests for judicial intervention in civil)

Dispositions – resolved cases (e.g., pleas, verdicts, settlements, dismissals)

Pending – active cases – have not reached disposition

Trials Commenced – trial begins (jury & non-jury/bench), including trials that never reach a verdict (e.g., settled, pled guilty, or dismissed mid-trial).

Trials Commenced is not available for Small Claim, Commercial Claim, Unconstructed Matrimonial, Family and Surrogate's Cases.

More detailed information on Caseload Variables is available on the [State-Paid Trial Court Caseload Trends – Caseload Variable Definitions PDF \(Opens new tab\)](#)

State-Paid Court Types

Local Criminal – criminal misdemeanors & lesser offenses plus pre-indicted felonies

Supreme & County Criminal – indictments & SCI's along with local accusatory instruments (unindicated cases transferred from local court, integrated domestic violence, & felony complaints)

Local Civil – Civil Claims up to a monetary amount, housing matters, and small/commercial claims up to a monetary amount

Supreme & County Civil – civil cases with higher monetary value (e.g., Torts & Contracts) and matrimonial proceedings

Family Court – matters involving children & families and integrated domestic violence (IDV) (e.g., Paternity, Child Protection)

Surrogate's – proceedings related to deceased individuals (e.g., probate, trust)

More detailed information about court types is available on the [State-Paid Trial Court Caseload Trends Dashboard – Court & Case Type Definitions PDF \(Opens new tab\)](#).

Data Notes

- **Small Claim and Commercial Claim pending** counts are now available. However, it is not included in the annual graphs on the Overview & Overall Trends tabs because statewide totals were not available until 2021.
- The logic was recently updated for Housing & Civil Matter pending counts to only include "active" pending cases. These are cases that are truly in the court's control meaning it has everything it needs to move the case forward.
- There have been administrative cleanups of NYC Civil Matters & Housing pending cases. The data during the cleanup periods will show a large increase in dispositions and a decrease in pending counts.
 - NYC Civil Matters & Housing in June 2024
 - NYC Housing in February 2023
 - NYC Civil Matters in August 2023
- **Permanency Planning Hearings in Family Court** are counted as both a filing and a disposition and does not get a pending count.
- During 2023, all Supreme & County courts started using a case management system that allowed for automation of data collection.
 - Reporting of Local Accusatory Instrument dockets in Supreme & County criminal will increase October 2023 moving forward because not all cases were reported prior to the new system.
 - Prior to October 2023, only filings of indictments and superior court information (SCI) are reported separately.
 - Beginning in 2024, more detailed case types become available statewide.
- **Trials Commenced** counts are not available for Family & Surrogate's courts. Both courts do conduct non-jury trials, but the data is not available.
- **Disposition outcomes** are only available for Local Criminal, Supreme & County Criminal, and Supreme & County Civil courts. The reporting forms for Local Civil, Family, and Surrogate's courts were not designed to include a breakout of the type of dispositions.
- **Surrogate's Court** follows a month calendar instead of the term calendar. Thus, data for Surrogate's may become available earlier or later than the other courts.
 - Pending becomes available the day after the month ends.
 - Filings and dispositions become available the Tuesday after the month ends.

List of Critical Proceedings for Surrogates Court

FILING TYPE	PROCEEDING TYPE
ACCOUNTING	OTHER ACCOUNTING W/FEE PETITION
ACCOUNTING	JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF FINAL ACCOUNT
ACCOUNTING	COMPEL FIDUCIARY TO ACCOUNT PETITION
ADMINISTRATION	ADMINISTRATION PETITION
ADMINISTRATION	LIMITED ADMINISTRATION
ADMINISTRATION	OTHER ADMINISTRATION W/FEE PETITION
ADMINISTRATION	ADMINISTRATION (DE BONIS NON) PETITION
ADMINISTRATION	SUSPEND, MODIFY, REVOKE Or REMOVE A FIDUCIARY
ADMINISTRATION	COMPEL FIDUCIARY TO ACCOUNT PETITION
MISCELLANEOUS	WRONGFUL DEATH PETITION
MISCELLANEOUS	SUSPEND, MODIFY, REVOKE Or REMOVE A FIDUCIARY
MISCELLANEOUS	COMPROMISE OF A CAUSE OF ACTION (NOT WRONGFUL DEATH)
MISCELLANEOUS	EX PARTE ADVANCE PAYMENT OF FEES OR COMMISSIONS
MISCELLANEOUS	RELIEF-OTHER
MISCELLANEOUS	DISCOVERY
PROBATE	PROBATE PETITION
PROBATE	TRUSTEE-APPOINTMENT OF TESTAMENTARY
PROBATE	TRUSTEE-APPOINTMENT OF TESTAMENTARY FILED WITH PROBATE
PROBATE	PRELIMINARY PROBATE PETITION
PROBATE	PROBATE & PRELIMINARY PETITIONS
PROBATE	ADMINISTRATOR CTA-APPOINTMENT OF
PROBATE	EXECUTOR-APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR EXECUTOR
PROBATE	TRUSTEE-APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TESTAMENTARY
PROBATE	ADMINISTRATION (CTA) AFTER PROBATE

FILING TYPE	PROCEEDING TYPE
PROBATE	PROBATE PETITION & APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR CTA
PROBATE	SUSPEND, MODIFY, REVOKE Or REMOVE A FIDUCIARY
VOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATION	VOLUNTARY ADMIN AFFIDAVIT (ARTICLE 13) WITHOUT WILL
VOLUNTARY ADMINISTRATION	VOLUNTARY ADMIN AFFIDAVIT (ARTICLE 13) WITH WILL
GUARDIANSHIP	(ARTICLE 17-A) PERSON ONLY GUARDIANSHIP PETITION
GUARDIANSHIP	(ARTICLE 17) PROPERTY ONLY GUARDIANSHIP PETITION
GUARDIANSHIP	CLOSE ACCOUNT (FILED BY INFANT) PETITION
GUARDIANSHIP	(ARTICLE 17-A) PERSON AND PROPERTY GUARDIANSHIP PETITION
LIFETIME TRUST	PETITION TO ESTABLISH SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS TRUST
LIFETIME TRUST	OTHER W/FEE PETITION-INTER VIVOS
LIFETIME TRUST	APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE- INTER VIVOS
LIFETIME TRUST	COMPEL TRUSTEE TO ACCOUNT PETITION
LIFETIME TRUST	SUSPEND, MODIFY, REVOKE Or REMOVE A FIDUCIARY
LIFETIME TRUST	JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT-INTER VIVOS

State-Paid Trial Court Caseload Trends – Caseload Variable Definitions

Filings

Incoming cases in the reporting period

- **Local Criminal** – number of dockets arraigned (excludes traffic and parking cases where the top charge is a violation or infraction)
- **Supreme & County Criminal** – number of dockets filed (includes un-arraigned dockets)
- **Local Civil** – new civil indexes filed
- **Supreme & County Civil** – number of new RJI's filed (Request for Judicial Intervention) and cases restored (reopened) to active status
- **Family Court** – number of original and supplemental petitions filed, incoming transfers, and permanency planning hearings held
- **Surrogate's Court** – number of proceedings filed

Dispositions

Number of cases resolved in the reporting period

- **Local Criminal** – number of dockets that reached a final disposition where all charges are resolved (excludes traffic and parking cases where the top charge is a violation or infraction) (see disposition outcomes on page 2)
- **Supreme & County Criminal** – number of dockets that reached final disposition where all charges are resolved (see disposition outcomes on page 2)
- **Local Civil** – number of indexes that have reached a final disposition
- **Supreme & County Civil** – number of active or restored cases that reached final disposition (excludes resolution of post-disposition motions & appearances) (see disposition outcomes on page 2)
- **Family Court** - number of original and supplemental petitions disposed, outgoing transfers, and permanency planning hearings held
- **Surrogate's Court** – number of proceedings where a decree, order, certificate, or judgement was issued

Pending

Cases that remain active (not resolved) at the end of the reporting period

- **Local Criminal** – excludes un-arraigned dockets, tolled* dockets, and dockets with an active warrant or scofflaw
- **Supreme & County Criminal** – excludes tolled* dockets and dockets with an active warrant or scofflaw
- **Local Civil** – includes undisposed cases that are truly in the court's control meaning they have everything needed to move forward
- **Supreme & County Civil** – includes both active and restored cases (excludes stayed (paused) cases)
- **Family Court** – excludes tolled* dockets and dockets with an active warrant
- **Surrogate's Court** – includes both contested and uncontested proceedings (excludes adoption proceedings)*Tolled dockets are paused for a specific reason, such as drug court participation, mental hygiene commitment, appellate stay, etc.

Trials Commenced

Trials started in the reporting period (includes trials that do not reach completion)

- **Jury Trials** – number of criminal jury trials commenced (jury selection begins) or civil jury trials commenced (opening statement given or first witness sworn)
- **Non-Jury (AKA bench) Trials**– number of non-jury criminal & civil trials commenced (opening statement given or first witness sworn)

Disposition Outcomes

Available for Local Criminal, Supreme & County Criminal, & Supreme & County Civil (excludes Local Civil, Family, & Surrogate's Courts)

Guilty Pleas

Defendant pled guilty to a criminal offense

- **Criminal** – number of dockets where the defendant pled guilty to a felony, misdemeanor, violation, or infraction (excludes dockets where the guilty plea is withdrawn)

Trial Verdicts

Trials where a jury (jury trial) or a judge (non-jury trial) reach a verdict - not all trials commenced reach a verdict

- **Criminal** – number of dockets where the trial resulted in a conviction (of some or all charges) or a complete acquittal
- **Supreme & County Civil** – number of trial-ready cases disposed by verdict or directed verdict

Dismissals

Docket was dismissed by the court

- **Criminal** – number of dockets that are dismissed (includes Adjourned in Contemplation of Dismissal)

*See OCA-STAT Act for detailed breakdown of criminal dismissal reasons.

Motions

Decision by judge closes the case

- **Supreme & County Civil** – number of cases where a motion decision disposed of an active or restored case (excludes post-disposition motions, motions in uncontested divorces, & ex-parte applications)

Settlements

Parties agree to a settlement•

- **Supreme & County Civil** – number of active or restored cases where a settlement was reached

Other – cases disposed in a manner not listed above

- **Criminal** – examples of other dispositions that are not a plea, verdict, or dismissal▪ abated by death of defendant▪ covered by conviction in another court▪ civil compromise▪ final order of observation▪ probation transferred▪ transferred to another court
- **Supreme & County Civil** – examples of other dispositions that are not a verdict, motion, or settlement▪ discontinued▪ dismissed▪ transferred to arbitration▪ transferred to local civil court (CPLR 325d)▪ judgement granted