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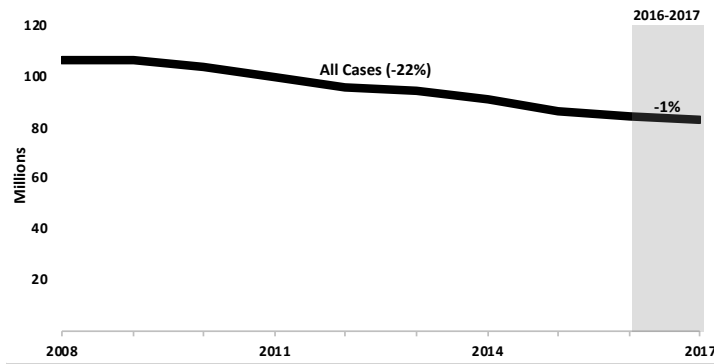
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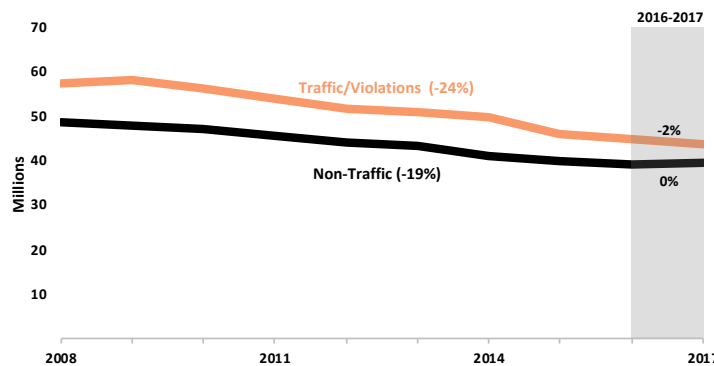
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Total Incoming Caseloads Reported by State Trial Courts 2008–2017



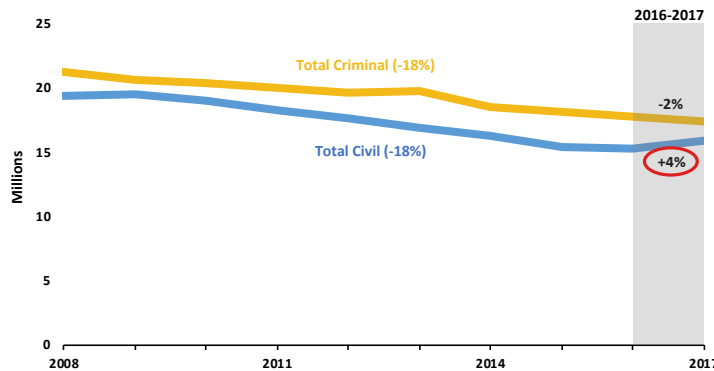
After years of increasing caseloads reported by state trial courts in the previous decade, the most recent 10-year period of state court caseloads shows a slow but steady decline from its apex in 2008, just before the start of the “Great Recession.” Total caseloads in 2017 were roughly the same as those reported in 1993.

Total Incoming Cases in State Courts, Traffic vs. Non-Traffic Caseloads 2008–2017



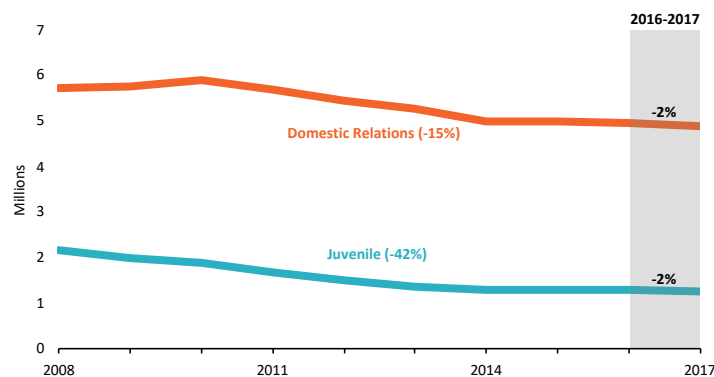
Although several states have removed specific traffic-related caseloads (e.g., parking) from the purview of the courts and placed them under the control of administrative agencies, Traffic/Violations cases still exceed the combined total of all other trial court caseloads at the national level. Nonetheless, Traffic caseloads have continued to decline while non-Traffic caseloads leveled off in 2017.

Incoming Civil and Criminal Caseloads 2008–2017



Disaggregation of the non-traffic caseloads show some interesting differences despite each of the four categories that comprise these caseloads having declined noticeably over the last decade. Civil and Criminal are each 18 percent lower than in 2008 but Civil, unlike any of the other three categories, saw a 4 percent increase in 2017, its first in eight years.

Incoming Domestic Relations and Juvenile Caseloads 2008–2017



Domestic Relations and Juvenile caseloads together account for less than 8 percent of all incoming cases in state trial courts (see following display). However, these cases can often be the most complex and resource intensive among a court’s caseload. Both categories saw precipitous declines between 2010 and 2014 (-15% and -31%, respectively) but have edged down only slightly since that time.

Number of Incoming Cases by Case Category and Tier 2017

Case Category	Single	Two Tier		Total	Percent of Total
		General	Limited		
Traffic/Violations	8.3	2.5	32.9	43.7	52.6%
Criminal	2.2	3.3	11.9	17.4	20.9%
Civil	2.2	5.2	8.5	15.9	19.2%
Domestic Relations	0.8	3.4	0.7	4.9	5.8%
Juvenile	0.2	0.9	0.2	1.2	1.5%
Total Incoming	13.7	15.3	54.2	83.2	100.0%

Number of States*	11	42	53
Population (in Millions) ¹	75.0	254.2	329.2
Percent of Population	23%	77%	100%

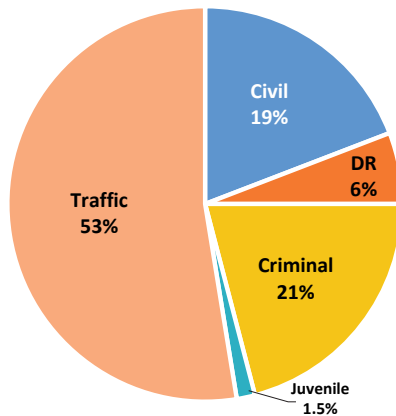
* Includes District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico

¹ Source: U.S. Census Bureau

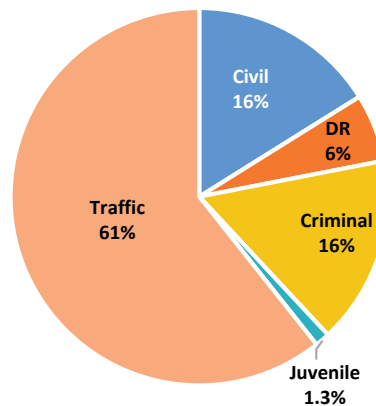
Note: Single-tier states include CA, DC, GU, ID, IL, IA, ME, MN, MO, PR, VT

State trial courts reported over 83 million cases in 2017. These cases are distributed between the general and limited jurisdiction courts of the 42 states and territories with two-tier court systems and the 11 states with a single-tier system. The differences in composition for the national total and each of the three distinct kinds of courts are shown in these charts.

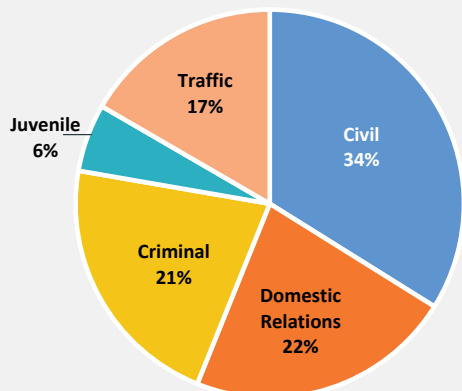
COMPOSITION OF INCOMING CASES 2017
83.2 Million Cases (All Trial Courts)



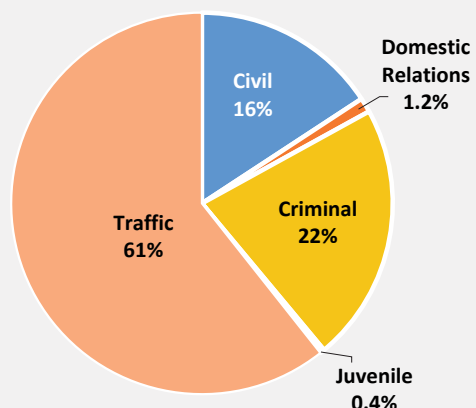
SINGLE-TIER COURTS
13.7 Million Cases



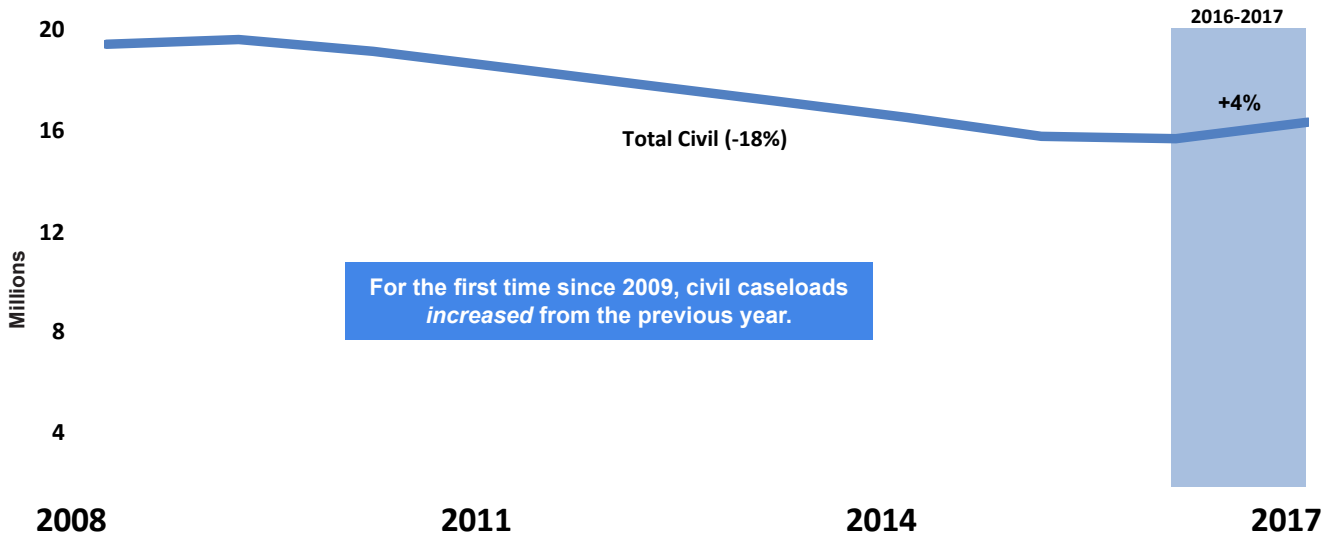
GENERAL JURISDICTION COURTS
15.3 Million Cases



LIMITED JURISDICTION COURTS
54.2 Million Cases

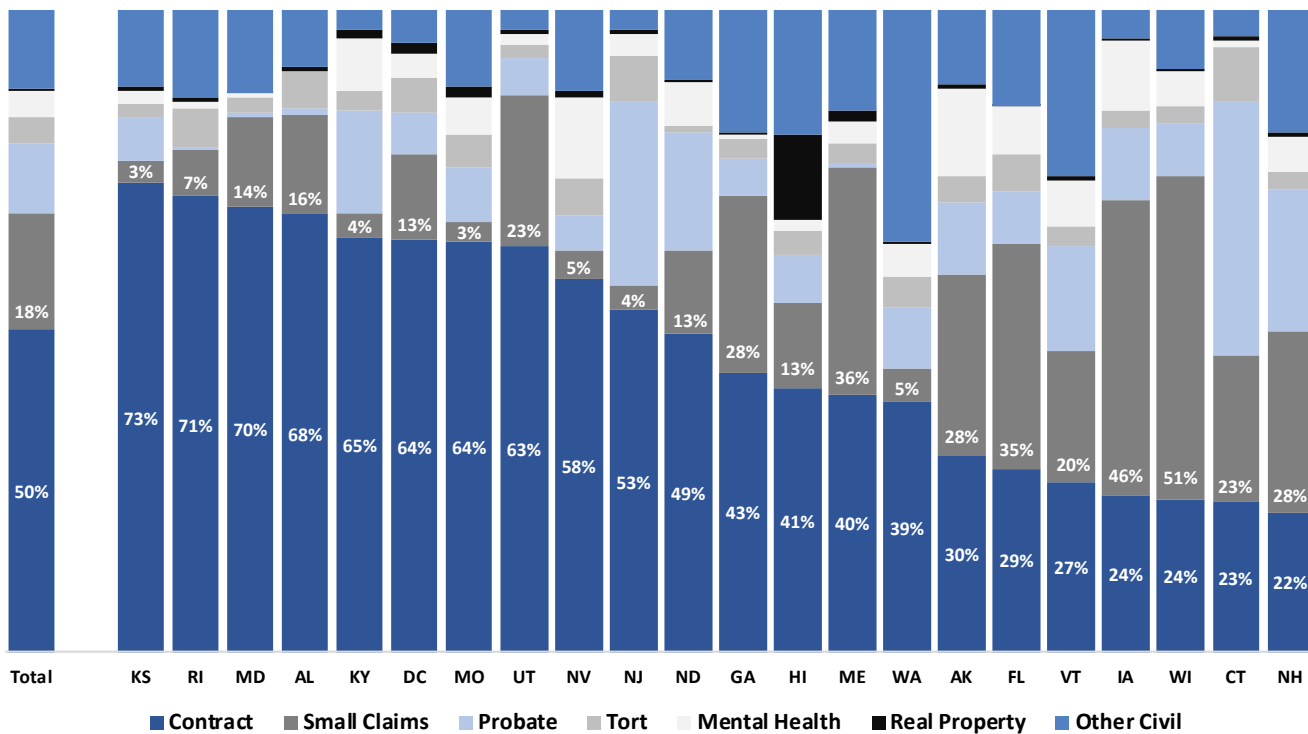


Total Incoming Civil Cases in State Trial Courts 2008–2017



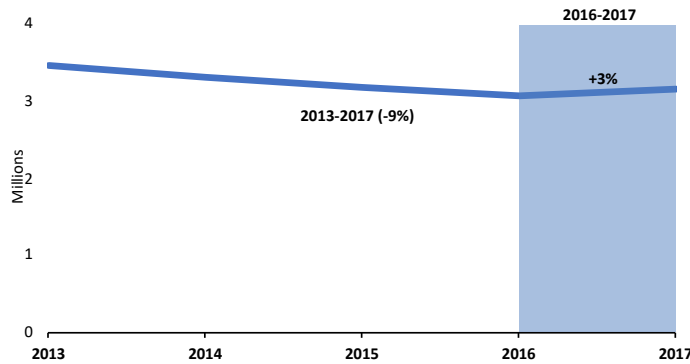
After seven straight years of decline, aggregate Civil caseloads increased in 2017. The underlying data for this trend suggests that 75 percent of states saw an increase in their Civil caseload filings in 2017 over the previous year (not shown).

Civil Caseload Composition in 22 States 2017

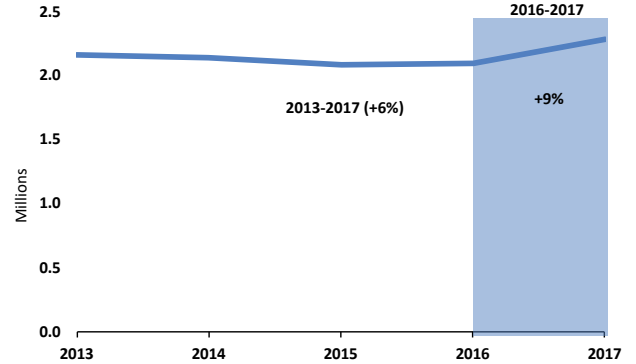


An examination of Civil caseload composition in 22 states clearly shows how distinct their Civil caseloads can be. In the aggregate, contract cases represent exactly half of these Civil caseloads while small claims—which are often contractual in nature—contribute an additional 18 percent. When combined, contract and small claims cases represent no less than 44 percent and as much as 87 percent of the Civil caseload among these 22 states.

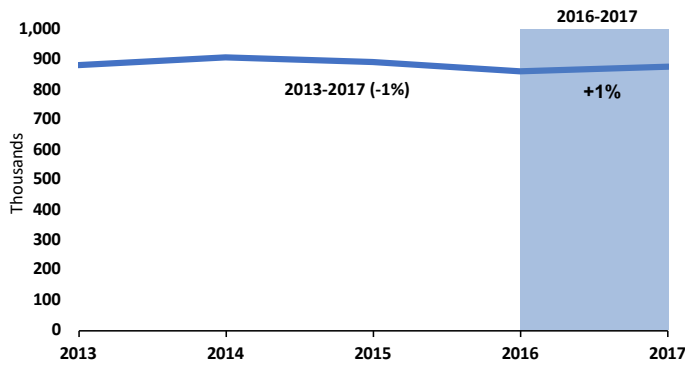
Contract Caseloads in 22 States 2013-2017



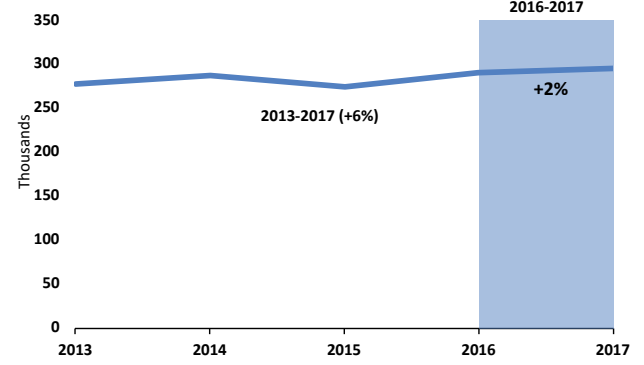
Small Claims Caseloads in 36 States 2013-2017



Probate/Estate Caseloads in 33 States 2013-2017



Tort Caseloads in 21 States 2013-2017

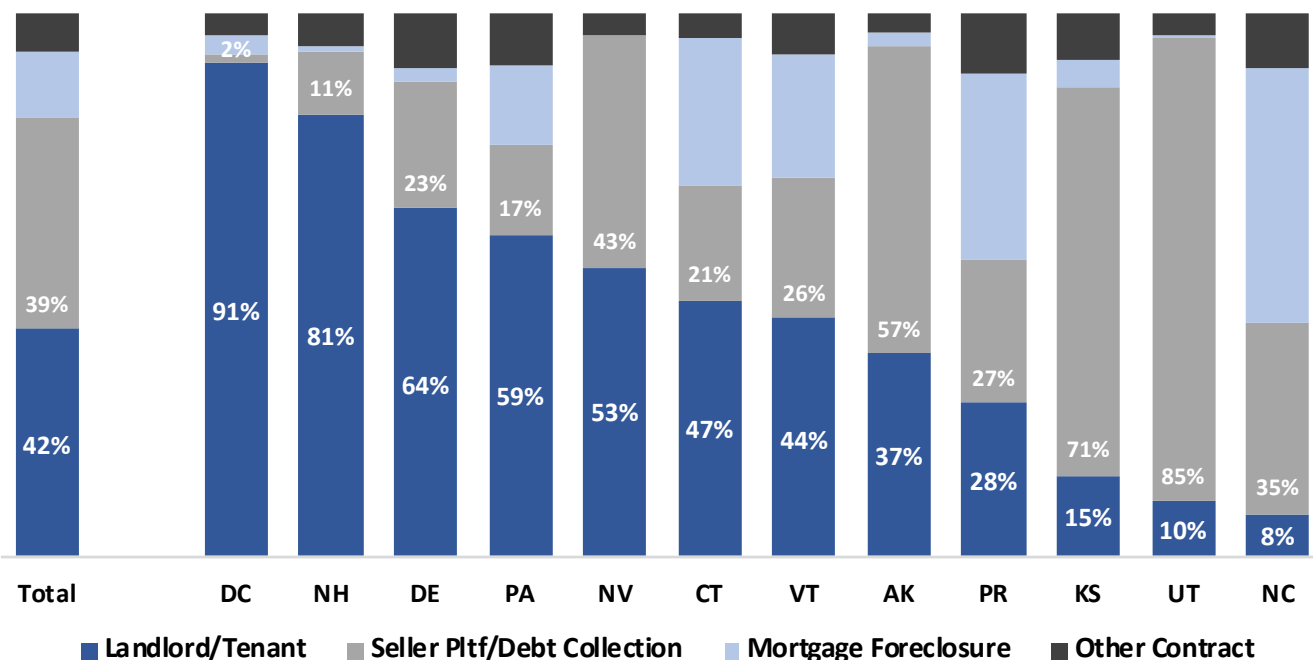


Contract, small claims, probate/estate, and tort cases combine to comprise the majority (83%) of Civil caseloads. In an effort to reveal what is driving the increase in Civil caseloads reported in 2017, the individual trends for those four case types from the states able to report this level of specificity for the latest five years are shown here.

In most instances, the caseloads for these four case types had been either in decline or flat prior to 2017 but each is now shown to be rising to varying degrees. Contracts, which could account for as many as 8 million cases nationally, increased in these 22 states by nearly 100,00 cases (3%) in 2017. Small claims, the next most common type of Civil case, increased by 9 percent in 36 states, followed by probate at +1 percent and torts at +2 percent.

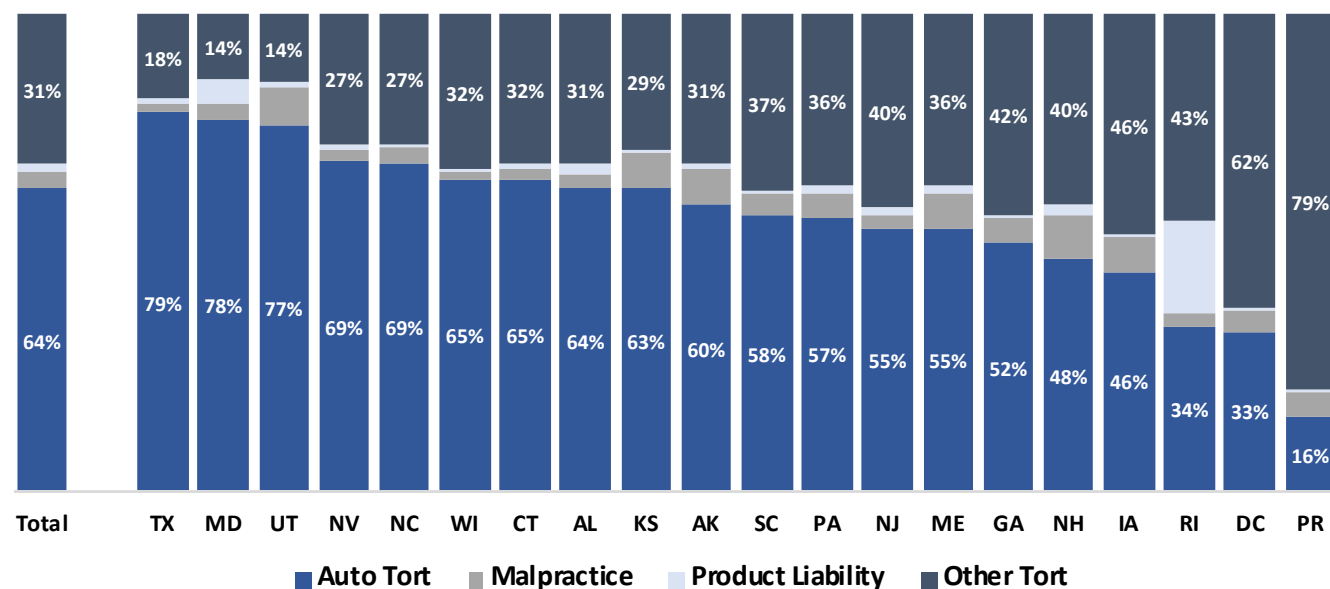
Overall, state trial courts reported over 680,000 more Civil cases in 2017 than the previous year. The available data suggest that caseloads for all Civil case types increased, even if only modestly, defying a trend of decline seen since 2009.

Contract Caseload Composition in 12 States 2017



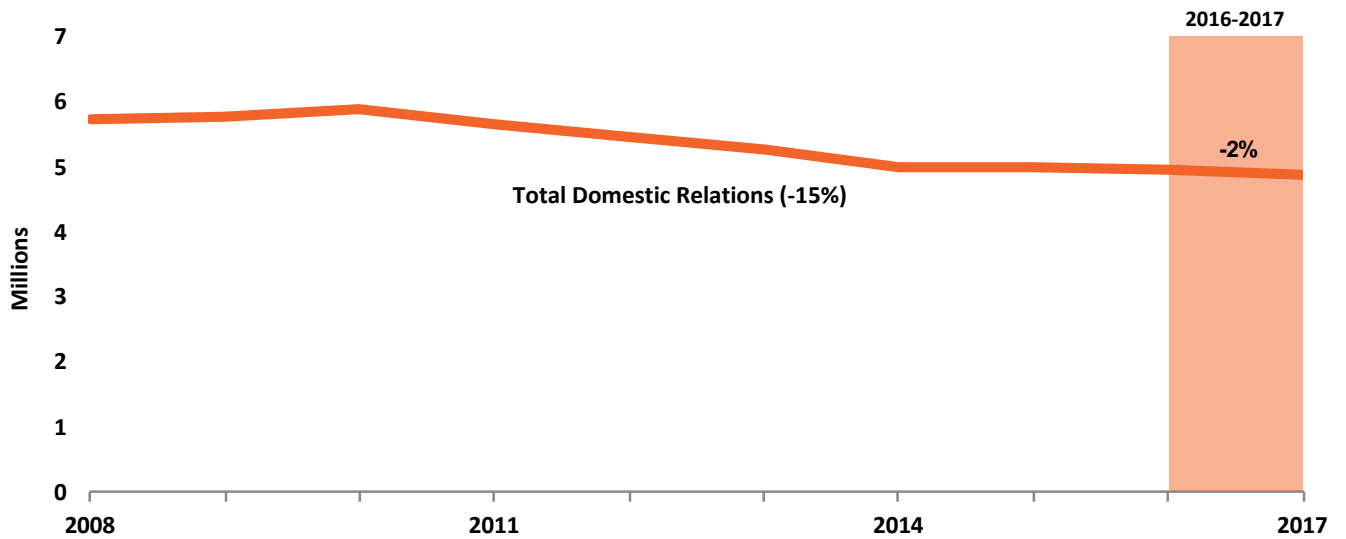
In a more detailed look at contract cases, data from 12 states show a breakdown into the three case types that constitute the majority of contract caseloads: landlord/tenant disputes, seller plaintiff (debt collection) cases, and mortgage foreclosure, plus a residual "other" category. Overall, landlord/tenant and seller plaintiff each account for about 40 percent of contract cases, but composition can vary dramatically from state to state.

Tort Caseload Composition in 20 States 2017



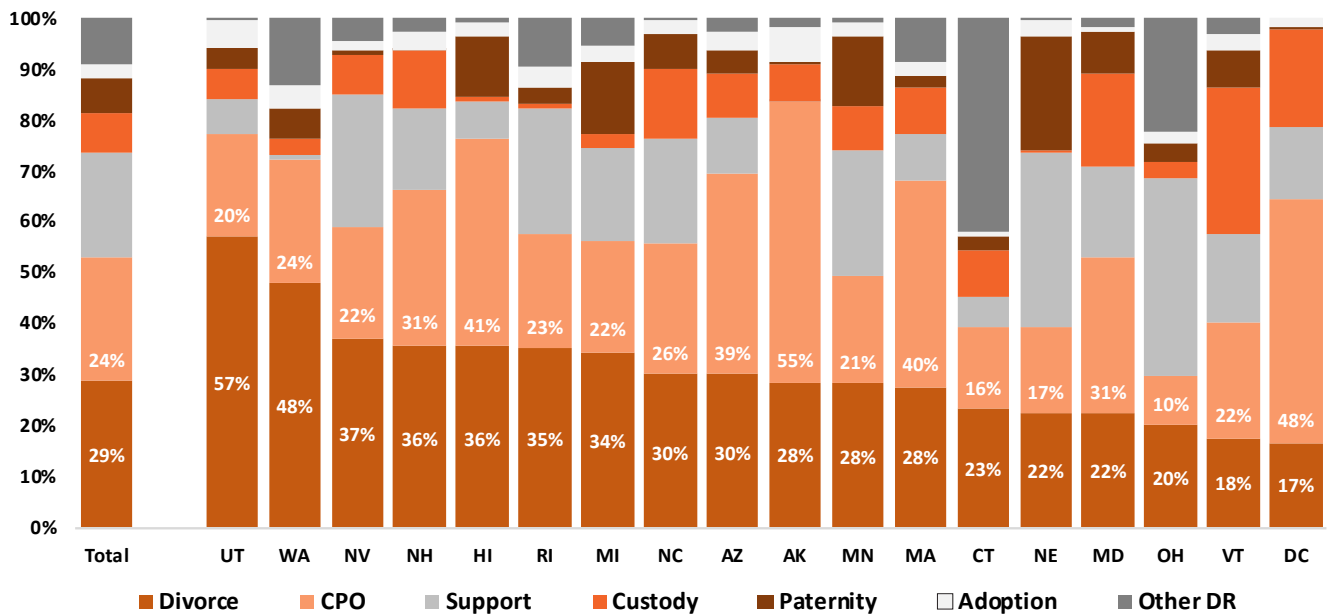
Tort cases garner a great deal of public interest but generally account for only about 4 percent of Civil caseloads and about 1.5 percent of all non-Traffic caseloads. In the 20 states that provided a composition of tort case types, i.e., auto, malpractice, product liability, and other torts (which include slip and fall, slander, and intentional acts), most are dominated by automobile accident cases. Malpractice, both medical and other professional, accounts for 4 percent of torts, and product liability cases comprise only 2 percent.

Total Incoming Domestic Relations Cases in State Trial Courts 2008–2017



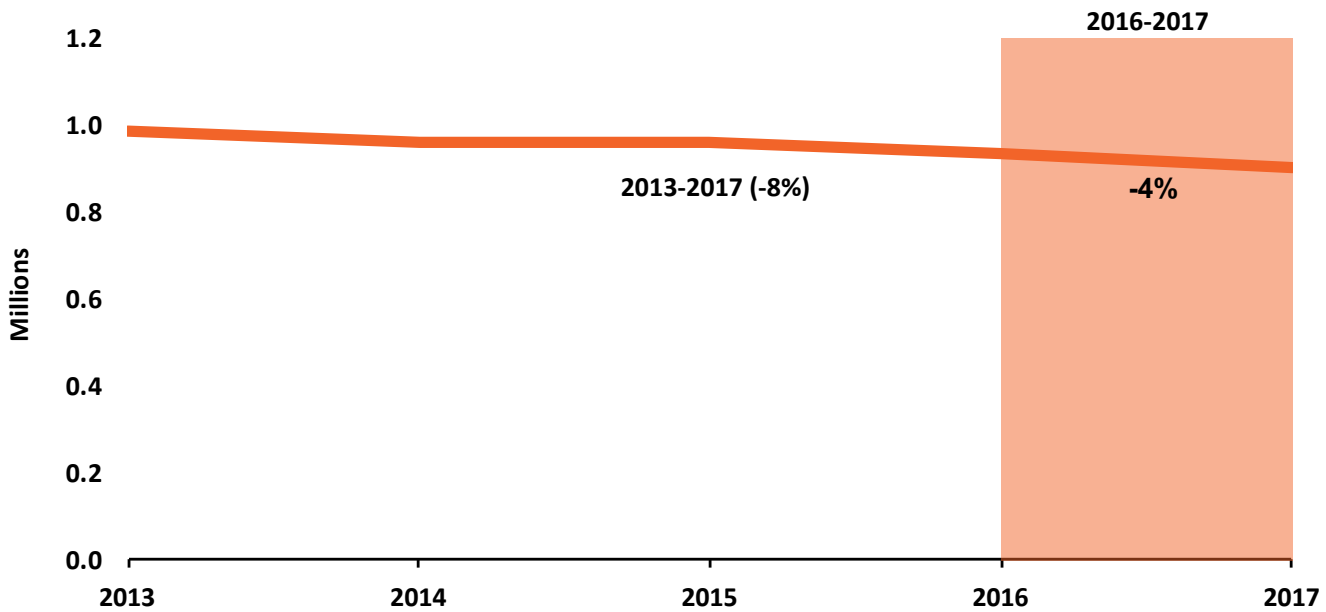
Domestic Relations (DR) cases account for 6 percent of all trial court cases nationally or about 12 percent of the non-Traffic caseload. DR includes divorce, civil protection orders (CPO), child support, custody, paternity, adoption, and other domestic issues. The Domestic Relations caseload peaked in 2010 at about 5.9 million cases, but by 2017 had declined by one million cases.

Domestic Relations Caseload Composition in 18 States 2017



This bar chart shows the composition of DR caseloads in the 18 states able to report this level of detail. In the aggregate, about 30 percent of cases involve divorce/dissolution and about 25 percent are filings of civil protection orders. Nonetheless, the range of percentages for these two case types is quite large: 17 percent to 57 percent for divorce and 10 percent to 55 percent for CPOs.

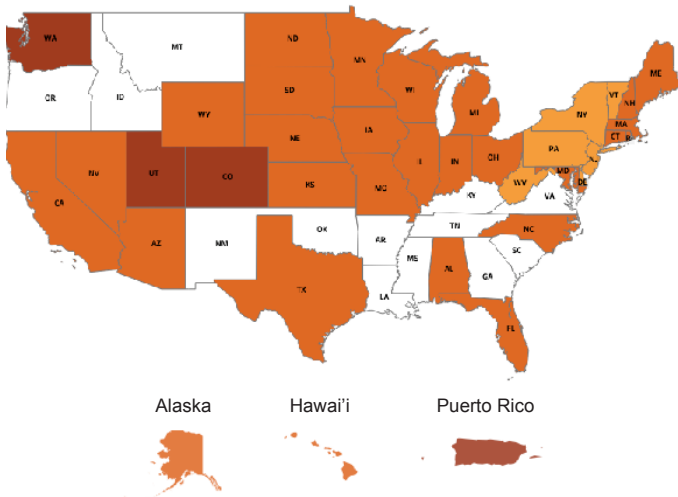
Divorce/Dissolution Caseloads in 31 States 2013-2017



As shown in the previous bar chart, the largest portion of Domestic Relations caseloads is typically comprised of divorce/dissolution cases. Data from 31 states for the latest five years indicate an 8 percent decrease for the entire period with half of that decrease occurring in 2017.

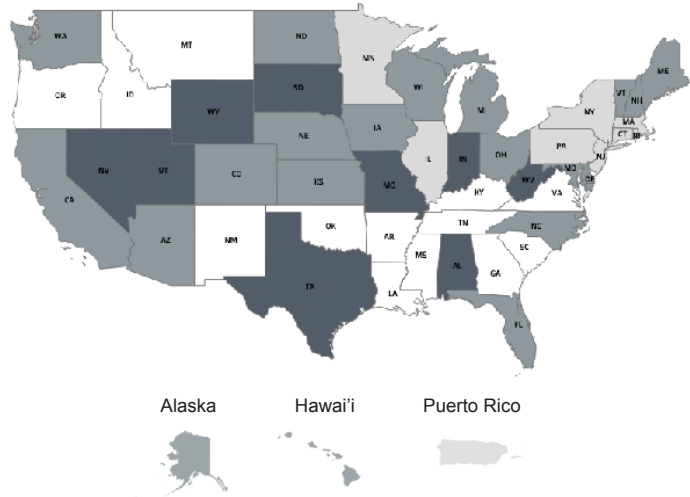
Divorce as a Percentage of Total DR in 39 States 2017

■ Less than 20%
 ■ 20-39%
 ■ Over 40% of DR Caseload



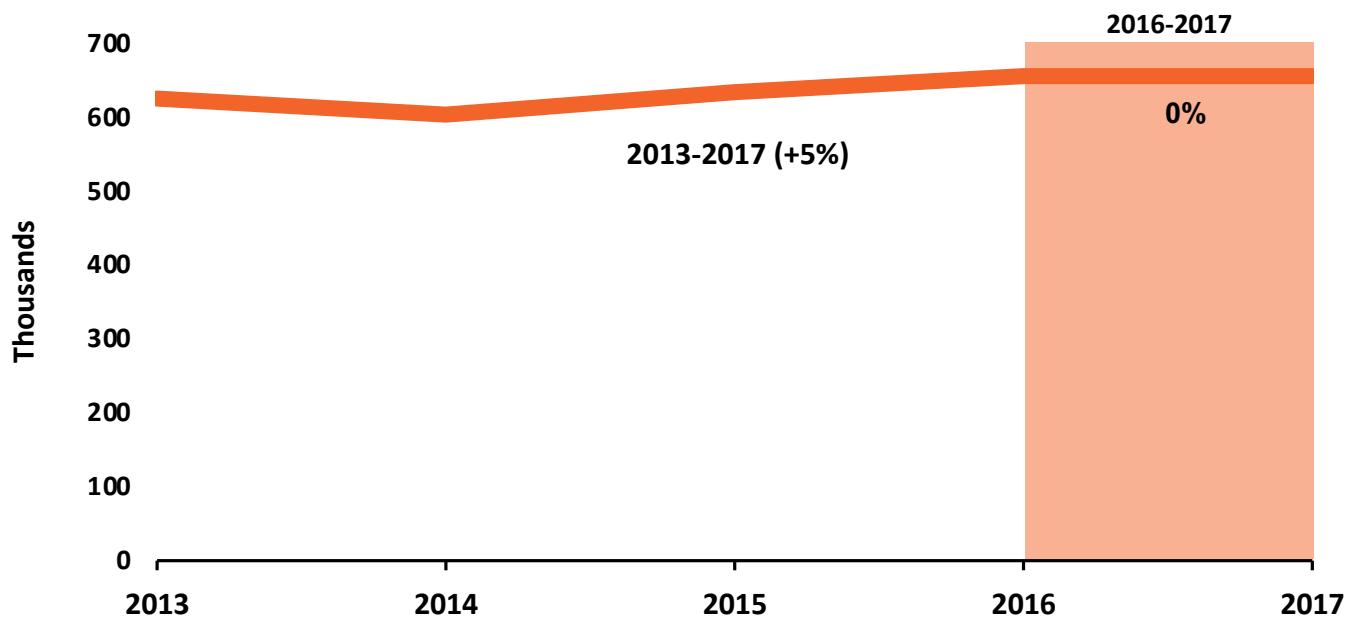
Divorce Cases per 100k Adult Population in 39 States 2017

■ Less than 400
 ■ 400-600
 ■ Over 600 per 100k Pop.



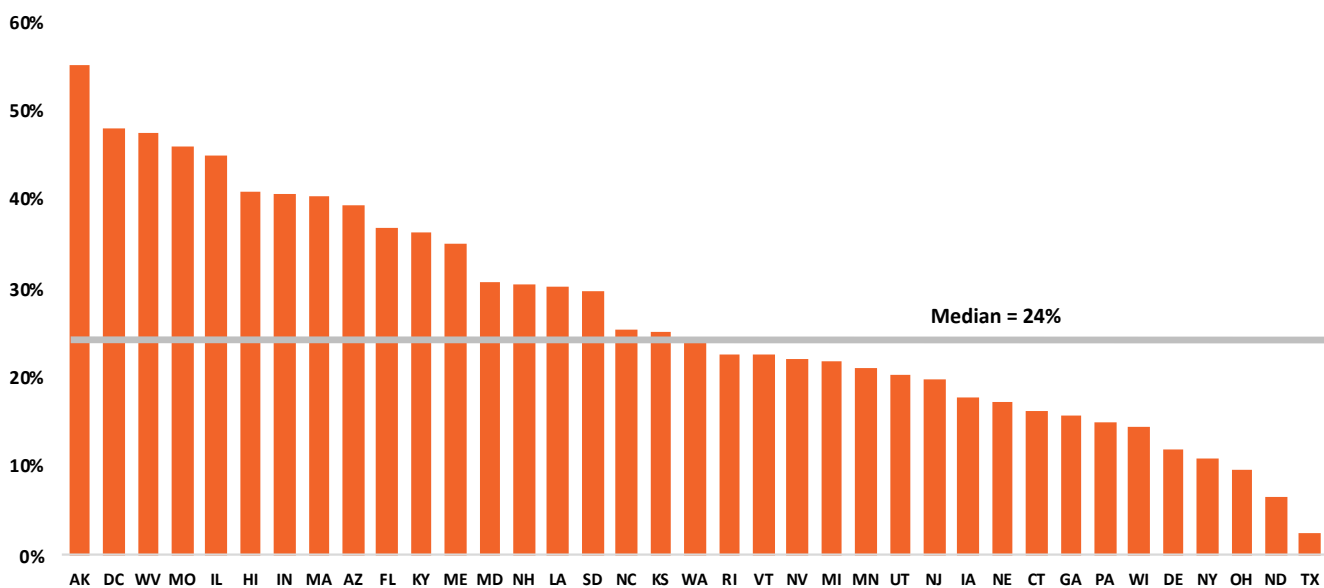
These maps separate 39 states with available data into two metrics: divorce as a percentage of total DR caseload, and number of incoming divorce cases per 100,000 adults in the state, respectively. Each metric divides the states into three groups. With a range of 9 percent (DE) to 58 percent (CO), nearly three-quarters of these 39 states have divorce caseloads in the middle group comprising 20 percent-39 percent of DR caseloads. In contrast, the range of divorce filings per 100,000 adults was 264 (IL) to 929 (NV) with about half falling in the middle group of 400-600 filings per 100,000 adults.

Civil Protection Order Caseloads in 29 States 2013–2017



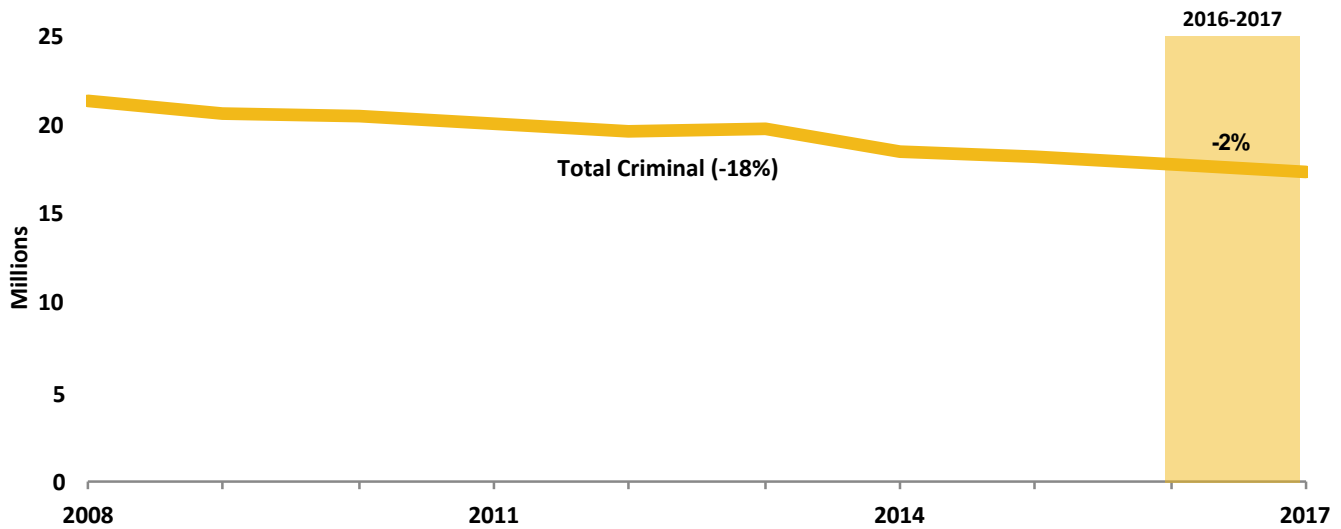
The 2 percent overall decline in DR caseloads seen between 2016 and 2017 seems to be largely attributable to the decrease in divorce cases (-4%). Civil protection order cases, often the second most common among DR cases, held steady in 2017 after increasing the previous two years.

Civil Protection Order Cases as a Proportion of Total DR Caseloads in 37 States 2017



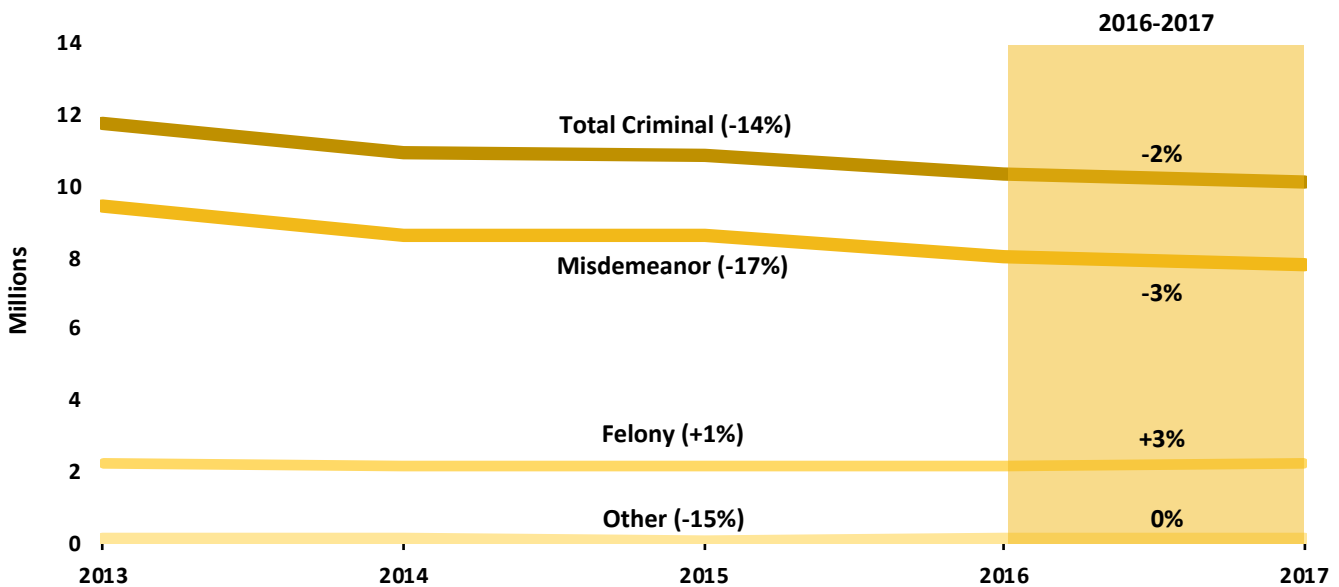
The median percentage of civil protection order (CPO) cases in DR caseloads is 24 percent, with an average slightly higher at 27 percent (not shown). However, as the chart above clearly shows, in these 37 states CPOs can account for as much as 55 percent and as little as 2 percent of a state's DR caseload.

Total Incoming Criminal Cases in State Trial Courts, All States 2008–2017



Criminal caseloads comprise person cases (including homicide), property cases, drug cases, weapons cases, DUI/DWI cases, and others. The U.S. has seen state trial court Criminal caseloads drop at an average annual rate of about 2 percent for the last 9 years. There was a slight increase reported in 2013 but caseloads continued the decline in the following year.

Incoming Felony and Misdemeanor Caseloads in 26 States 2013–2017



States broadly classify their Criminal caseloads into three subcategories of cases: felonies, misdemeanors, and a residual “other” category that includes appeals from limited jurisdiction courts. The chart above focuses on Criminal caseload data from 26 states for the last five years and shows not only the difference in volume between misdemeanor and felony cases (presently about 3.5-to-1) but also that the decrease in overall Criminal caseloads has been driven primarily by a decline in misdemeanor cases.

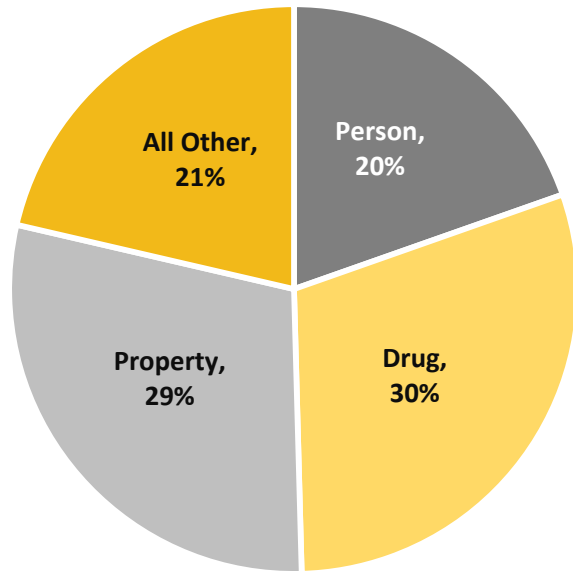
Incoming Felony-Person Caseloads and Rates in 26 States 2017

State	Incoming Total Cases		Percent of Felony Caseload	Cases per 100k Adults	
	Felony- Person	Total Felony		Felony- Person	Total Felony
<i>States that process felonies in a single court tier</i>					
Alaska	2,368	6,751	35%	427	1,217
Kansas	7,159	21,933	33%	325	997
Maine	1,356	6,175	22%	125	570
District of Columbia	1,251	6,066	21%	220	1,065
Florida	35,336	174,803	20%	211	1,042
Wisconsin	7,462	40,829	18%	165	905
Minnesota	8,265	45,252	18%	193	1,058
Vermont	589	3,443	17%	116	679
Oregon	5,269	31,542	17%	161	965
Connecticut	3,248	21,088	15%	114	741
Indiana	10,204	84,174	12%	200	1,653
Utah	2,865	23,646	12%	132	1,087
Iowa	2,120	21,590	10%	88	894
Aggregate	87,492	487,292	18%	189	1,053
Median	3,248	21,933	18%	165	997
<i>States that process felonies in both court tiers</i>					
Maryland	23,279	63,653	37%	495	1,353
Massachusetts	12,842	44,825	29%	234	817
Pennsylvania	32,167	130,352	25%	317	1,285
Nevada	14,360	63,269	23%	621	2,736
Washington	11,537	53,679	21%	200	932
Hawai'i	1,140	5,810	20%	102	518
New Hampshire	2,226	13,157	17%	205	1,214
Texas	59,452	359,963	17%	284	1,719
Kentucky	16,082	98,724	16%	467	2,867
Arizona	21,492	139,769	15%	399	2,597
Colorado	10,639	80,032	13%	245	1,842
Alabama	18,441	148,070	12%	488	3,918
North Carolina	28,989	267,467	11%	364	3,355
Aggregate	252,646	1,468,770	17%	330	1,921
Median	16,082	80,032	17%	317	1,719

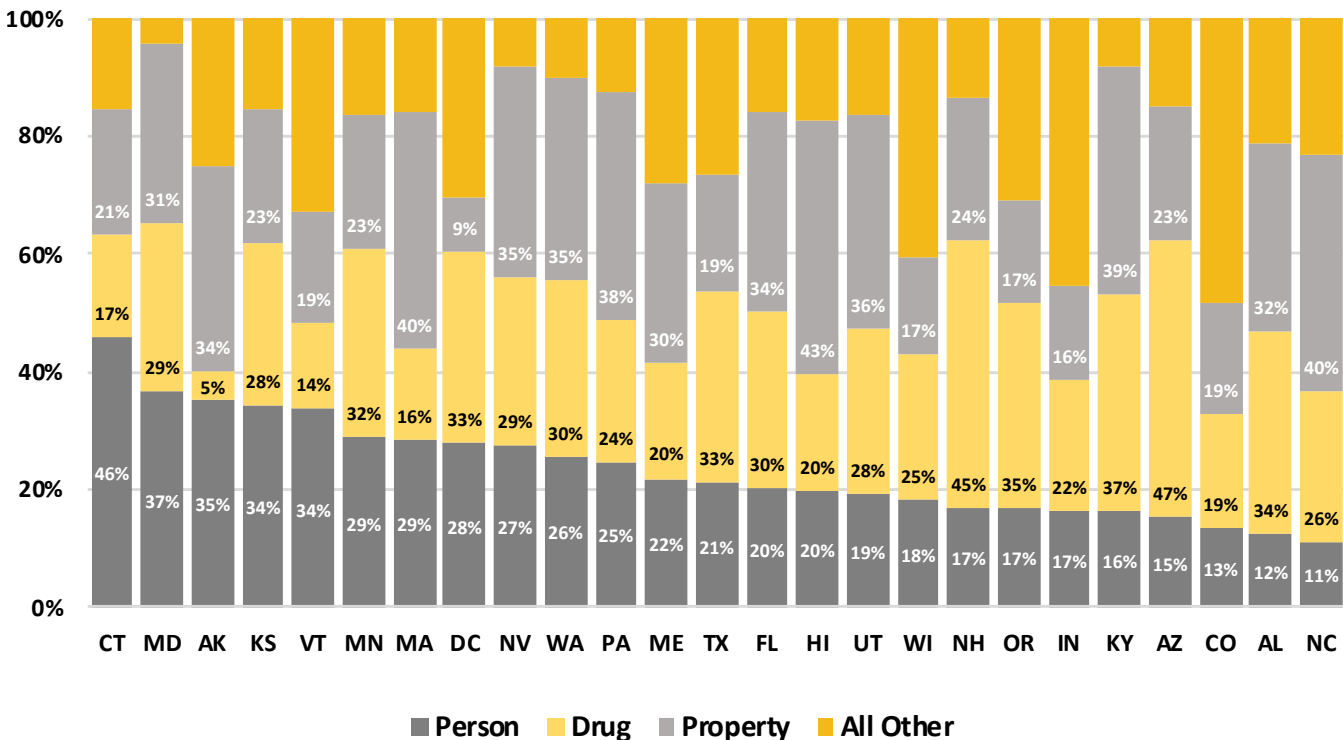
Criminal person cases include murder, rape, robbery, sex offenses, and other crimes against people. Felony person cases are the most serious of these offenses carrying with them the potential for substantial prison time and fines. This table distinguishes 26 states into two groups: 13 that process all felony cases in their court of general jurisdiction and 13 that can process, and in some instances dispose of, felony cases in either their limited or general jurisdiction courts. Depending on the laws, many of the states in this second group may conduct felony preliminary hearings in their lower court and then, if adequate evidence exists, bind over the case for trial in the upper tier, legitimately counting it in both tiers.

Felony Caseload Composition in 25 States 2017

The *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting* defines 10 different types of felony cases. As this chart shows, nearly 80 percent of felony cases fall into one of three case types: drug, property, and person (including domestic violence and elder abuse). The remaining 21 percent of cases, here aggregated into the “all other” category contain weapons, public order, motor vehicle/DUI, and other felony cases.

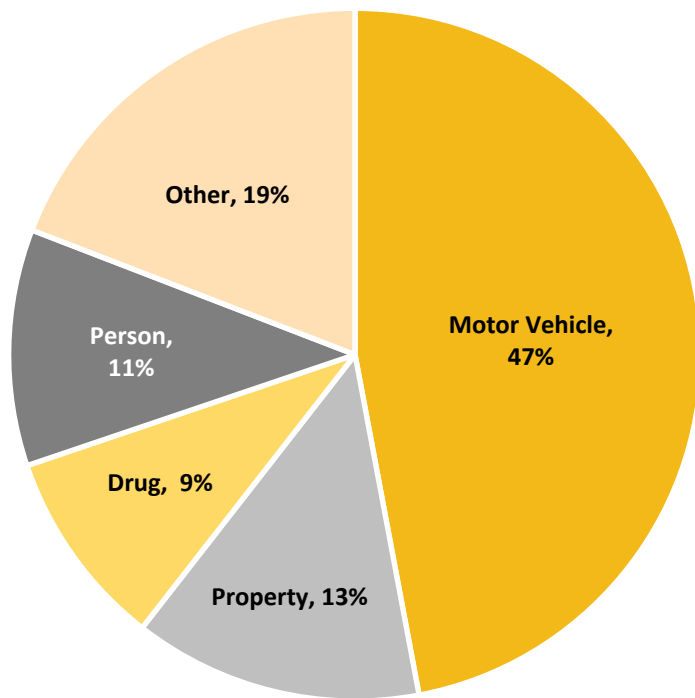


Felony Caseload Composition in 25 States 2017



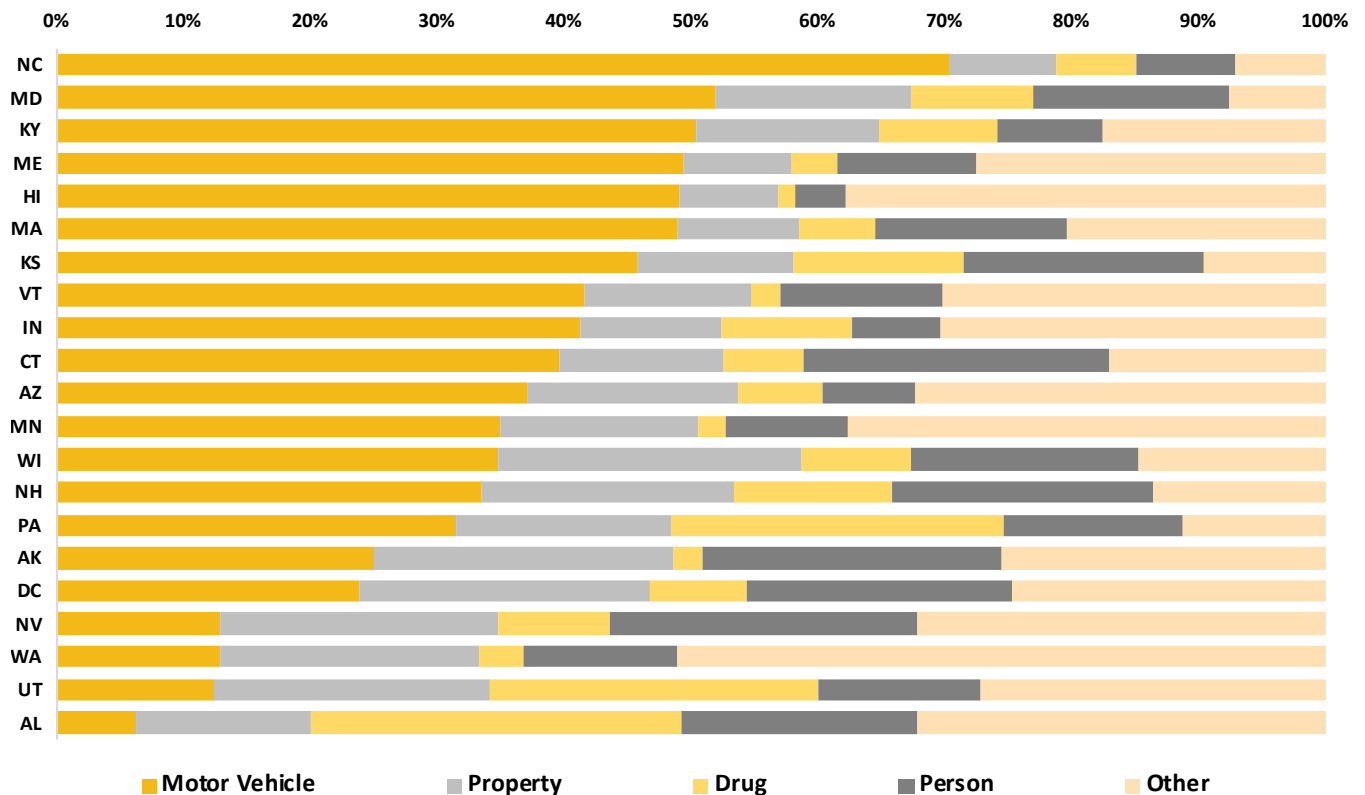
Variation among the 25 states comprising the felony composition at the top is noticeable. The chart above is sorted by percent of person cases — the most serious types of cases — but, in the aggregate, the third most common. However, the widest range of felony case percentages among these states is in drug cases, from a high of 47 percent in Arizona to a low of 5 percent in Alaska. The opioid crisis may be contributing to increased numbers of drug cases filed in some states and not affecting caseloads in others.

Misdemeanor Caseload Composition in 21 States 2017

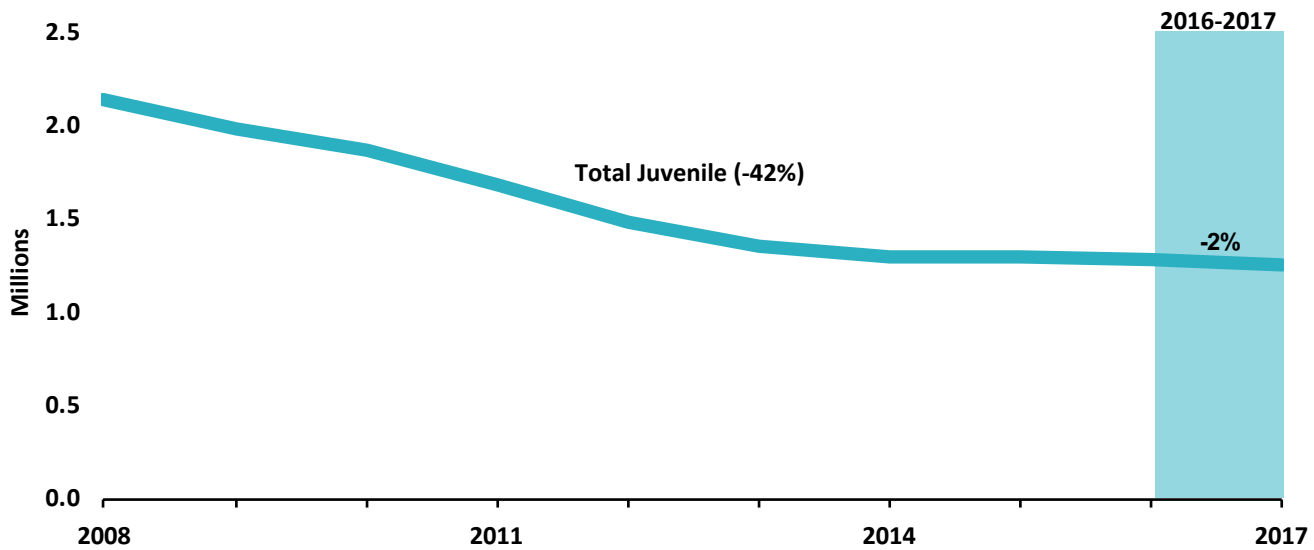


The case types subsumed beneath the misdemeanor category of Criminal cases are the same as those that comprise felonies. However, a closer inspection of the misdemeanor composition in 21 states shows clear differences between felony and misdemeanor caseloads. The first and most apparent difference is that nearly half of all misdemeanors in these 21 states are motor vehicle cases comprising DWI/ DUI, reckless driving, and other criminal offenses relating to the operation of a motor vehicle. Since very few of these types of offenses are charged as felonies, they are often, but not always, the most common type of misdemeanor. The person case type includes domestic violence and elder abuse cases. Contained within the "Other" misdemeanor category in these charts are weapons cases, public order (e.g., public drunkenness, disorderly conduct), protection order violations, and other unspecified misdemeanors.

Misdemeanor Composition in 21 States 2017

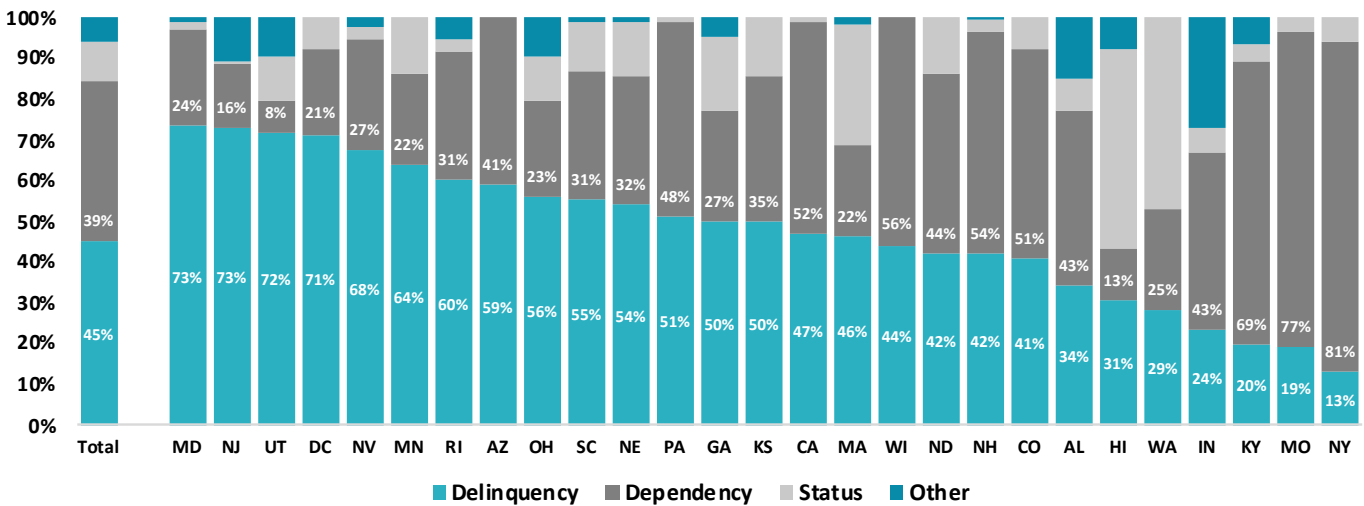


Total Incoming Juvenile Cases in State Trial Courts 2008–2017



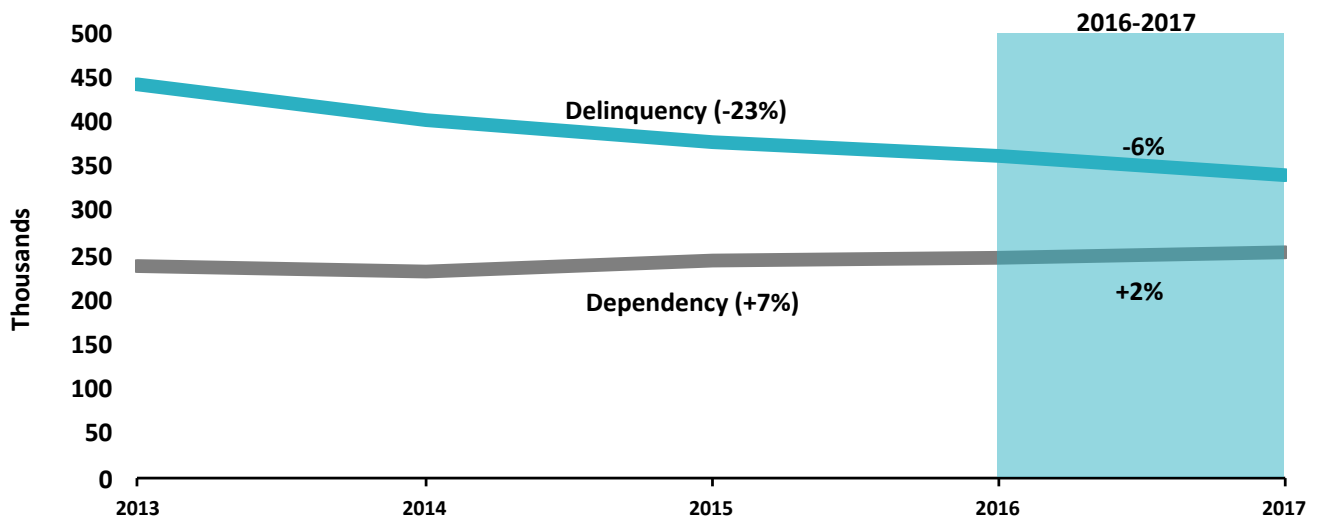
Although Juvenile cases presently account for just 1.5 percent of all state trial court caseloads and slightly over 3 percent of total non-Traffic caseloads, they are unquestionably among the most important and resource intensive type of cases processed by state courts. For reasons not entirely clear, Juvenile caseloads declined from over 2.1 million cases in 2008 to less than 1.3 million cases in 2014 but have remained mostly stable since that time.

Juvenile Caseload Composition in 27 States 2017



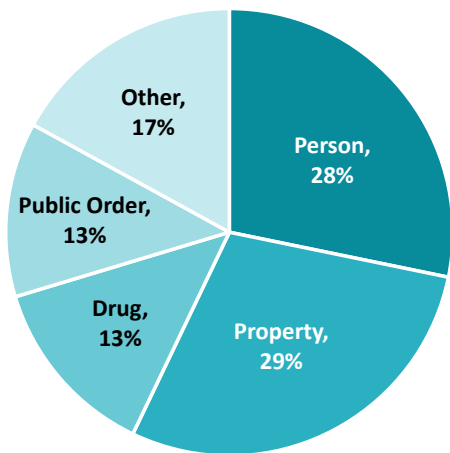
Juvenile caseloads are divided primarily into four subcategories: delinquency (cases that would be considered criminal were it not for the defendant’s age), dependency (cases alleging abuse or neglect, or without proper adult supervision), status offense (misbehavior only by virtue of the defendant’s minor status, such as curfew violation or truancy), and other. In the 27 states able to report this level of specificity for 2017, delinquency represents the largest share of the aggregate at 45 percent, followed by dependency at 39 percent. However, as the chart above shows, there is considerable composition variation in the individual states comprising this total.

Delinquency and Dependency Caseloads in 23 States 2013–2017

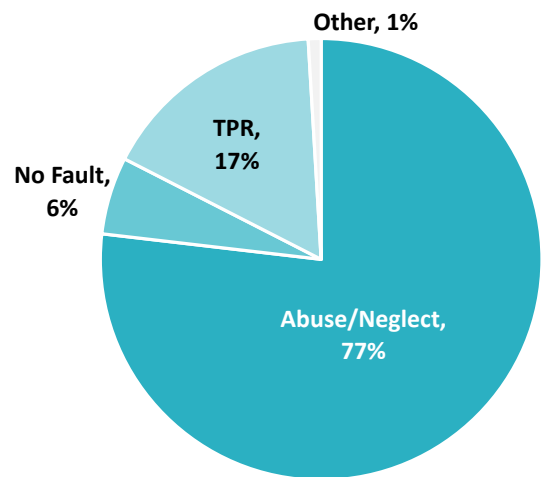


Delinquency cases have historically accounted for the majority of Juvenile caseloads but there are signs that may be changing. In the 23 states able to provide a delinquency/dependency breakdown for the last 5 years, delinquency caseloads have fallen 23 percent, including 6 percent in 2017. Conversely, dependency caseloads have increased an average of 3 percent annually in the last 3 years. If these trends continue, dependency may overtake delinquency as the dominant Juvenile case category within the next few years.

Juvenile Delinquency Composition in 18 States 2017

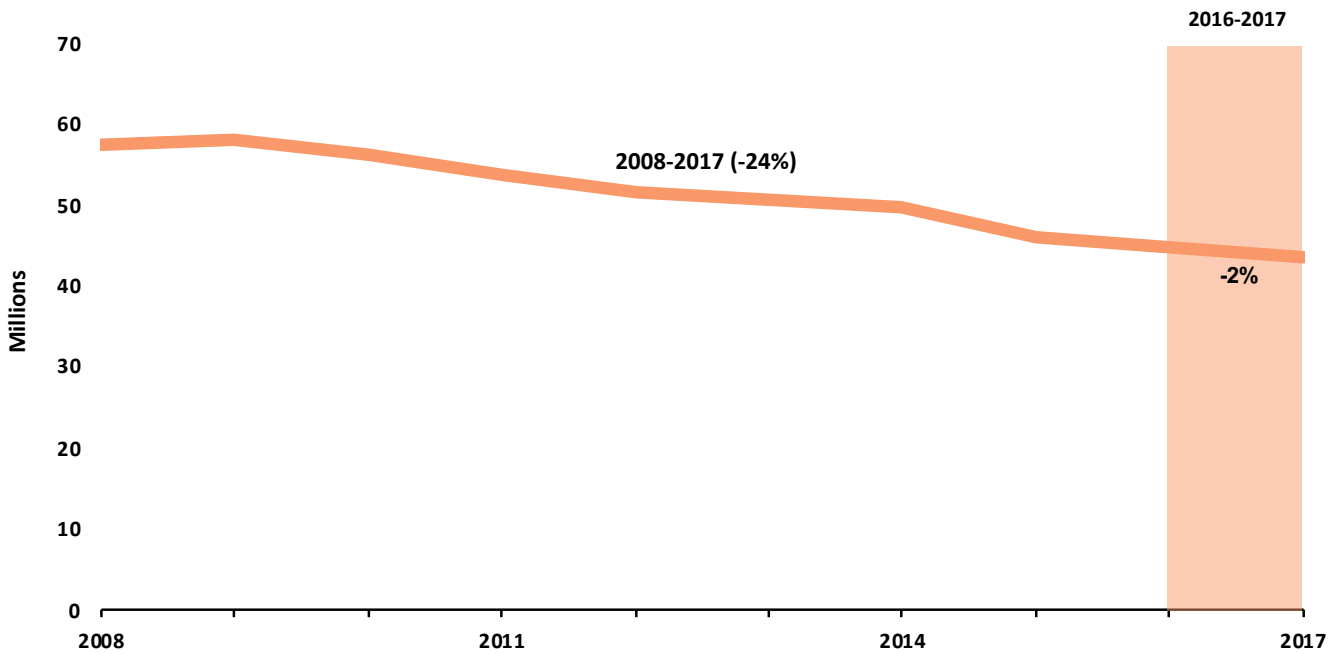


Juvenile Dependency Composition in 12 states 2017



Juvenile delinquency and dependency each comprise several case types. Similarly to Criminal, delinquency is reported in person, property, drug, public order, and a residual other category. Unlike Criminal, the *State Court Guide to Statistical Reporting* does not specify an individual case type for DUI and weapons cases, both of which are reported here as "other" delinquency. The vast majority of dependency cases result from an allegation of abuse/neglect, but a small percentage (6%) determine dependency without specifically faulting the parent or guardian. Termination of parental rights (TPR) cases comprise 17 percent of dependency caseloads and arise from an abuse/neglect case, but here the TPR is counted as an additional separate case.

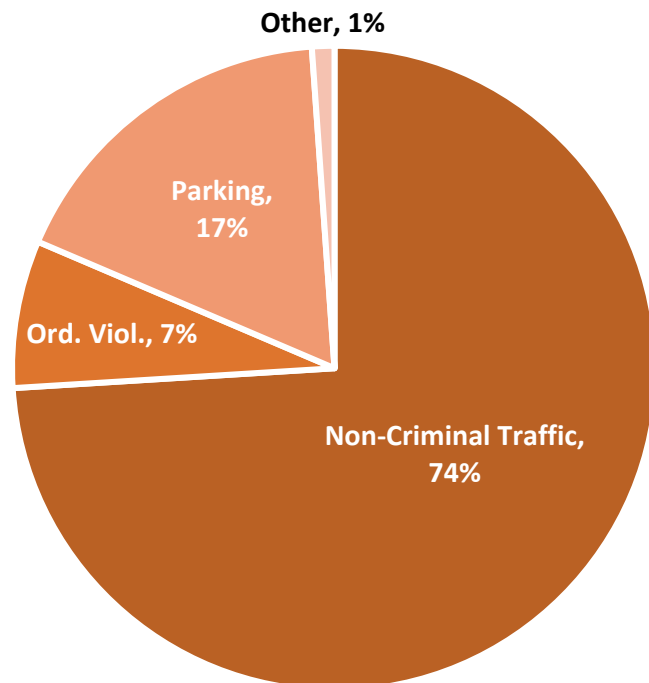
Total Incoming Traffic/Violations Caseloads Reported by State Trial Courts 2008-2017



State trial court caseloads are dominated by Traffic/Violations cases. Despite a fairly precipitous drop during the last decade (-24%), they still comprised over 50 percent of all cases processed in state courts in 2017. Part of this decrease over time is likely the result of some states removing jurisdiction for all or most of their parking cases from the courts to administrative agencies, which are not captured by the CSP.

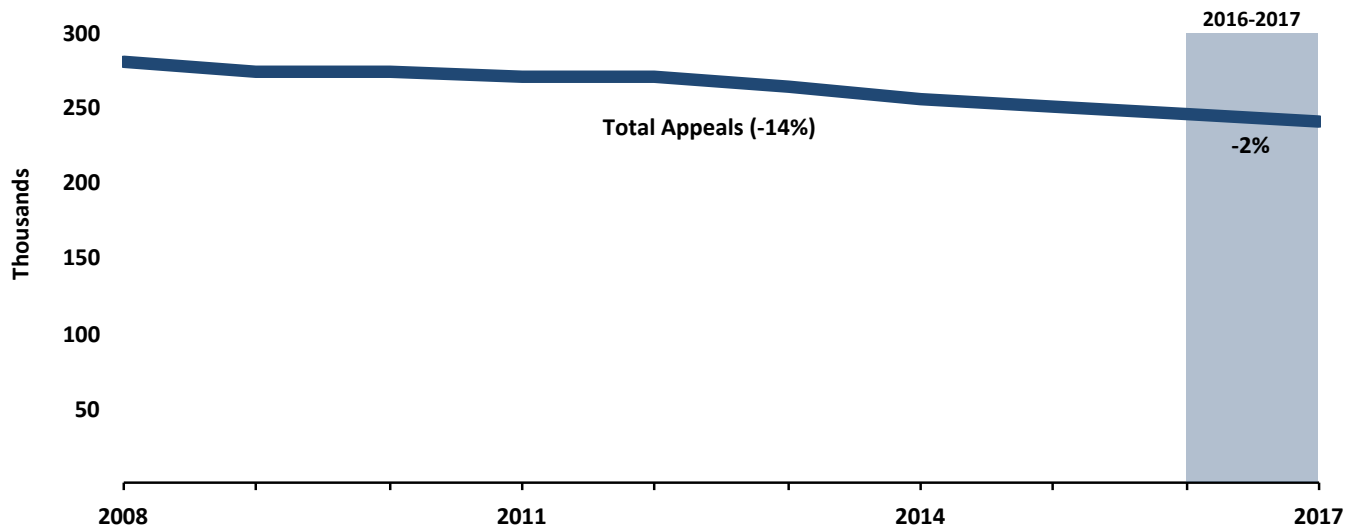
Incoming Traffic/Violations Caseload Composition in 20 States 2017

Traffic/Violations cases comprise the largest portion of trial court caseloads while having the fewest constituent case types: Non-Criminal traffic, ordinance violation, parking, and a residual other category. Data from the 20 states able to report complete Traffic/Violations caseload compositions suggest that 3 of 4 cases, or roughly 33 million cases nationally, may be non-Criminal traffic in nature. These include moving violations, such as speeding or running a stop light, and driving with an expired license.



Total Incoming Cases in State Appellate Courts

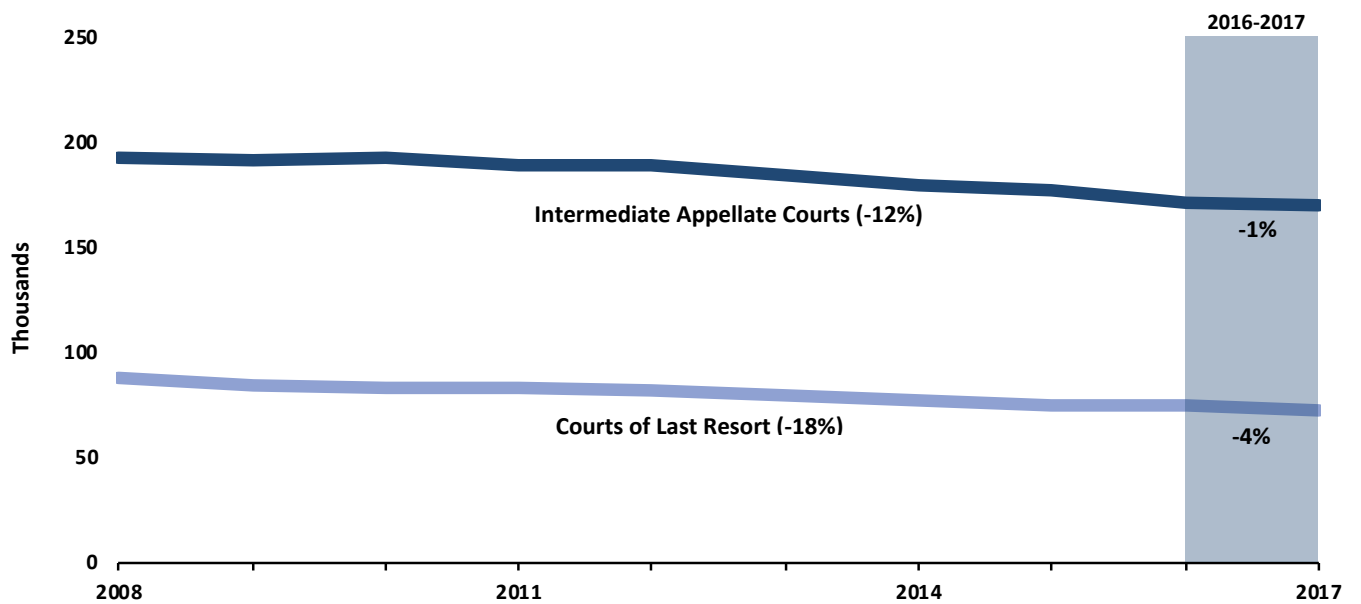
2008–2017



Given the consistent decline in trial court caseloads over the last decade, it is not surprising that appellate court caseloads would follow suit. The reported incoming appeals from all state appellate courts show a 14 percent decline since 2008, consistent with the 19 percent decline in non-Traffic trial court caseloads at the beginning of this report.

Incoming Appellate Caseloads by Court Type

2008–2017

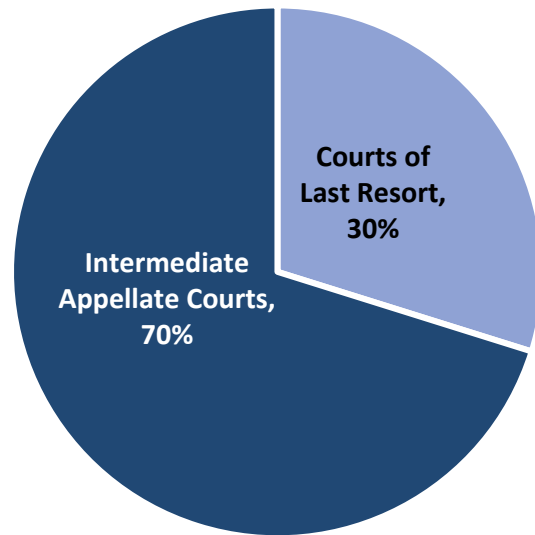


This chart displays the individual trends for Courts of Last Resort (COLR) and Intermediate Appellate Courts (IAC). It shows not only that caseloads in COLRs are dropping at a slightly higher rate, but also the volume relationship between the caseloads in each level of court. IACs are typically the first level of review for cases appealed from trial courts, and in many states a case must first pass through that process before it is eligible for a final review in the COLR.

Distribution of Incoming Appellate Caseloads 2017

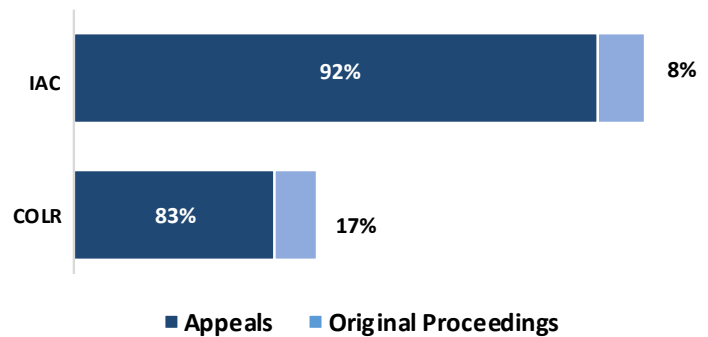
Every state has at least one Court of Last Resort (COLR) but 11 states—mostly smaller, less populous ones—have no Intermediate Appellate Courts (IAC). Nonetheless, 70 percent of the roughly 241,000 appeals cases reported in 2017 were filed in state IACs.

241,000
Total
Cases



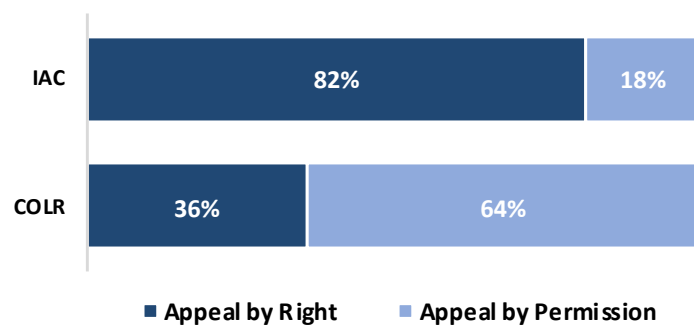
Composition of Incoming Appeals in State Appellate Courts 2017

Appellate court caseloads are primarily divided into two types of cases: appeals (both by right and by permission) and original proceedings, (i.e., cases that are not appeals from trial courts but originate in a court of appeals). Although IACs have caseloads nearly 2.4 times greater than those of COLRs, the actual number of original proceedings in each type of court are quite similar (13,700 v. 12,400, respectively).



Distribution of Appellate Caseloads, by Category 2017

Appeals by right are cases that must be accepted for review by an appellate court. Appeals by permission are not guaranteed a review and only accepted into the appellate process if the court chooses to hear it. More than 80 percent of cases processed in IACs are appeals by right and mandated for review. In contrast, slightly over one-third of COLR caseloads are appeals by right, the bulk of their caseloads having to be granted permission to be reviewed.



Index of States Included in Section Graphics

National	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA*	CO	CT	DC*	DE	FL	GA	GU*	HI	IA*	ID*	IL*	IN	KS
Total Incoming Caseloads Reported by State Trial Courts, 2008-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Total Incoming Cases in State Courts, Traffic vs. Non-Traffic Caseloads, 2008-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Incoming Civil and Criminal Caseloads, 2008-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Incoming Domestic Relations and Juvenile Caseloads, 2008-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Number of Incoming Cases by Case Category and Tier, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Composition of Incoming Cases, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Civil	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA*	CO	CT	DC*	DE	FL	GA	GU*	HI	IA*	ID*	IL*	IN	KS
Total Incoming Civil Cases in State Trial Courts, 2008-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Civil Caseload Composition in 22 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Contract Caseloads in 22 States, 2013-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Small Claims Caseloads in 36 States, 2013-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Probate/Estate Caseloads in 33 States, 2013-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Tort Caseloads in 21 States, 2013-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Contract Caseload Composition in 12 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Tort Caseload Composition in 20 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Domestic Relations	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA*	CO	CT	DC*	DE	FL	GA	GU*	HI	IA*	ID*	IL*	IN	KS
Total Incoming Domestic Relations Cases in State Trial Courts, 2008-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Domestic Relations Caseload Composition in 18 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Divorce/Disolution Caseloads in 31 States, 2013-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Divorce as a Percentage of Total DR in 39 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Divorce Cases per 100k Adult Population in 39 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Civil Protection Order Caseloads in 29 States, 2013-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
CPO Cases as a Proportion of Total DR Caseloads in 37 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Criminal	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA*	CO	CT	DC*	DE	FL	GA	GU*	HI	IA*	ID*	IL*	IN	KS
Total Incoming Criminal Cases in State Trial Courts, 2008-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Incoming Felony and Misdemeanor Caseloads in 26 States, 2013-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Incoming Felony-Person Caseloads and Rates in 26 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Felony Caseload Composition in 25 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Misdemeanor Caseload Composition in 21 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Juvenile	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA*	CO	CT	DC*	DE	FL	GA	GU*	HI	IA*	ID*	IL*	IN	KS
Total Incoming Juvenile Cases in State Trial Courts, 2008-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Juvenile Caseload Composition in 27 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Delinquency and Dependency Caseloads in 23 States, 2013-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Juvenile Delinquency Composition in 18 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Juvenile Dependency Composition in 12 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Traffic	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA*	CO	CT	DC*	DE	FL	GA	GU*	HI	IA*	ID*	IL*	IN	KS
Total Incoming Traffic/Violations Cases in State Trial Courts, 2008-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Incoming Traffic/Violations Caseload Composition in 20 States, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

* These states have a single-tiered court system.

Appellate	AK	AL	AR	AZ	CA	CO	CT	DC ¹	DE ¹	FL	GA	GU ¹	HI	IA	ID	IL	IN	KS
Total Incoming Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2008-2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Total Incoming Appellate Cases by Court Type, 2008-2017 - Courts of Last Resort	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Distribution of Incoming Appellate Caseloads, 2017	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Intermediate Appellate Courts	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

¹ These states do not have an Intermediate Appellate Court.

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