

Current and Future Caseload: The  
Need for Additional County Courts  
at Law in Collin County, Texas

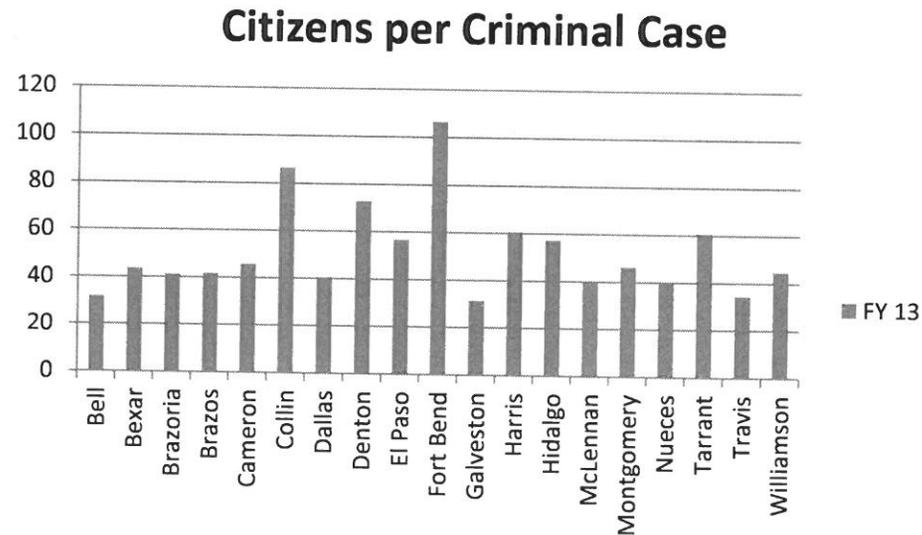
# Roadmap

- Population Trend
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- Criminal Case Trend
- Total Case Trend
- Additional Courts
  - Why/When do we need one
  - 1 additional court now
  - 1 additional court later
  - 2 additional courts later
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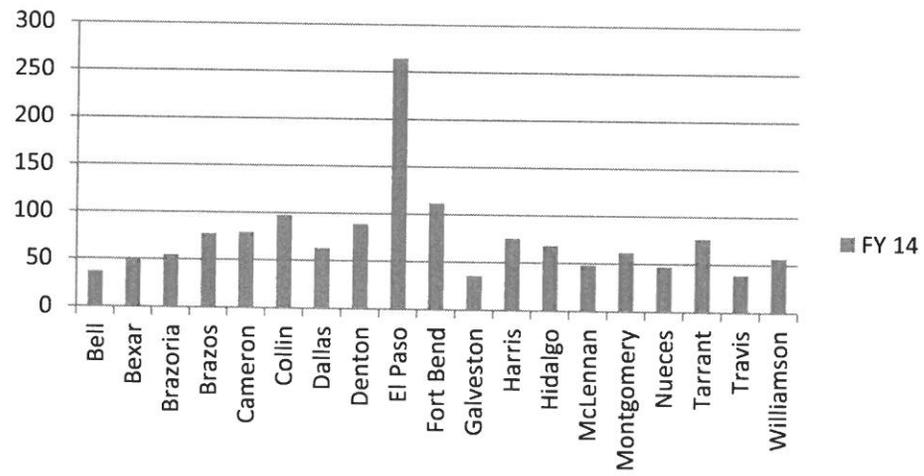
# Population Trend

# Collin County Population Trend



FY 13 - 1:86

### Citizens per Criminal Case



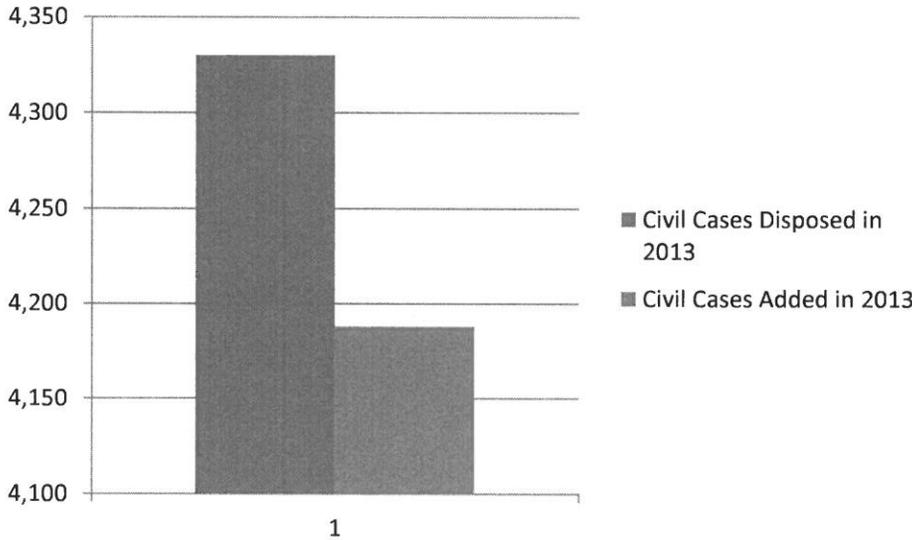
FY 14 - 1:98

# Collin County Population Trend

- In FY 13 we added 1 criminal case for every 86 people who moved to Collin County
  - 1:86
- In FY14 we added 1 criminal case for every 98 people who moved to Collin County
  - 1:98
- Our citizens are generally law abiding.

# Civil Case Trend

# Civil Caseload Trend



4330 v 4188

# Civil Caseload Trend

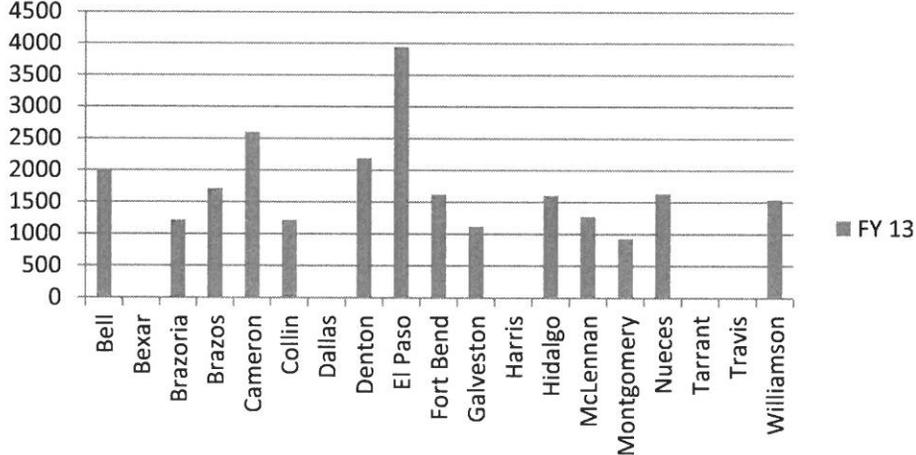
- In FY 2013, we disposed of 4330 civil cases
- So far in FY 2014, we have already disposed of 3040; therefore, projected to dispose of 4050 cases.
  - FY 13 = 4330
  - FY 14 = 4050
- We are disposing of more civil cases than are being filed.
- We are able to handle our civil caseload.
  - We spend less time on civil than criminal!

# Criminal Case Trend

# Criminal Caseload

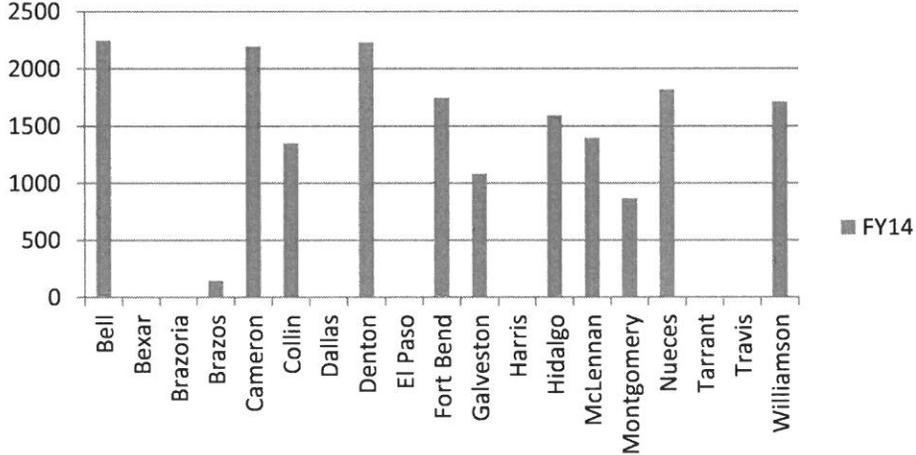
- Criminal Cases are the majority of our dockets
  - 1300 criminal v 200 civil
- Criminal Cases are driving our dockets
- Many Civil Cases are Quasi-Criminal
  - ODL
  - NISI

### Criminal Cases per Court



FY 13 - 1212

### Criminal Cases per Court

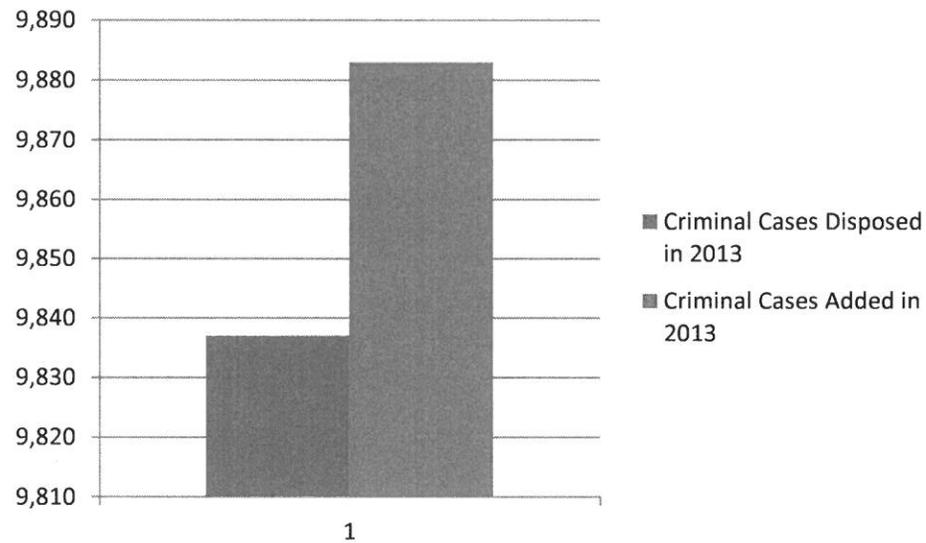


FY 14 - 1349

# Criminal Caseload Trend

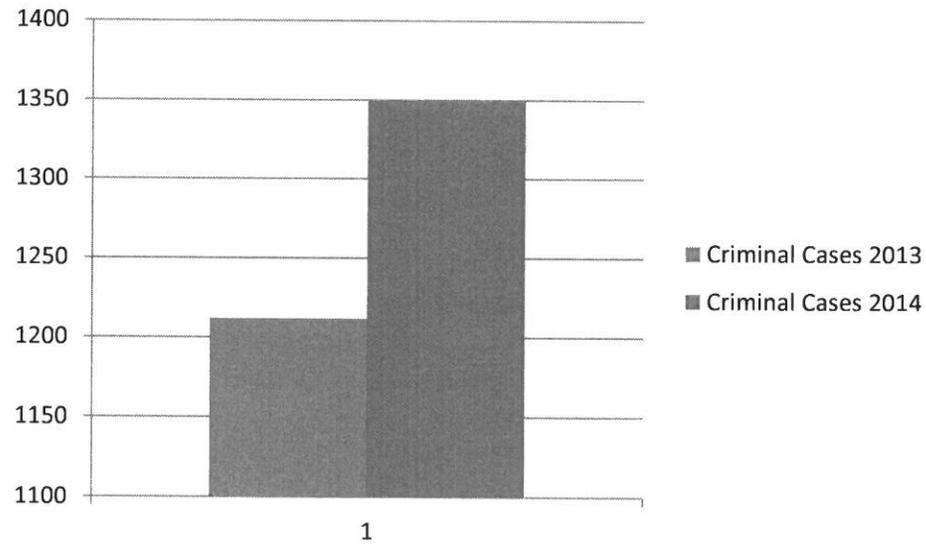
- We increased the number of criminal cases per court from 1212 in FY 13 to 1349 so far in FY 14.
  - FY 13 = 1212
  - FY 14 = 1349
- Even though our additional citizens are statistically more law abiding we are increasing in criminal cases at an increasing rate.

# Criminal Caseload Trend



9837 v 9883  
Carried over 46 cases or  
7.6 cases per court

# Criminal Caseload Trend



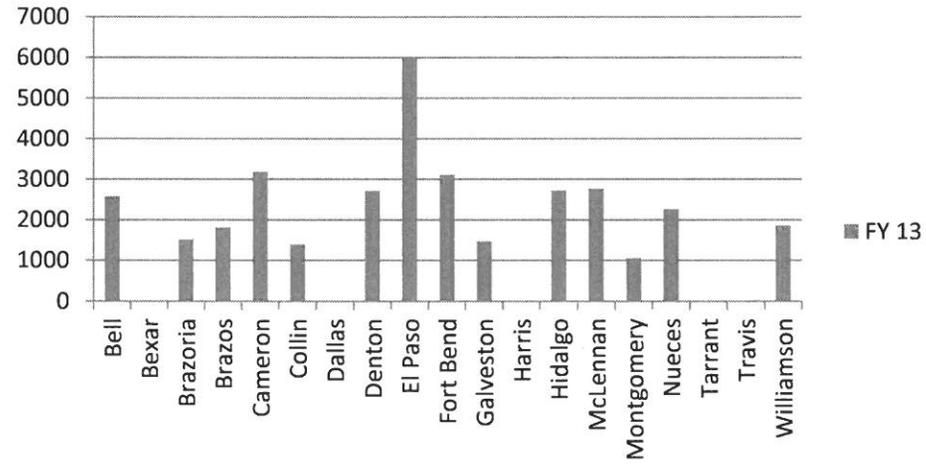
1212 v 1349  
Projected carry over of 145  
cases (137+8) cases per court

# Criminal Caseload Trend

- In FY 2013, we disposed of 9837 criminal cases
- So far in FY 2014, we have already disposed of 7934; therefore, projected to dispose of 10,500 cases.
  - FY 13 = 9837
  - FY 14 = 10500
- We have peaked out!
  - We are getting more criminal cases filed than we can dispose.
  - We are able to allocate more time to criminal cases because of fewer civil cases.

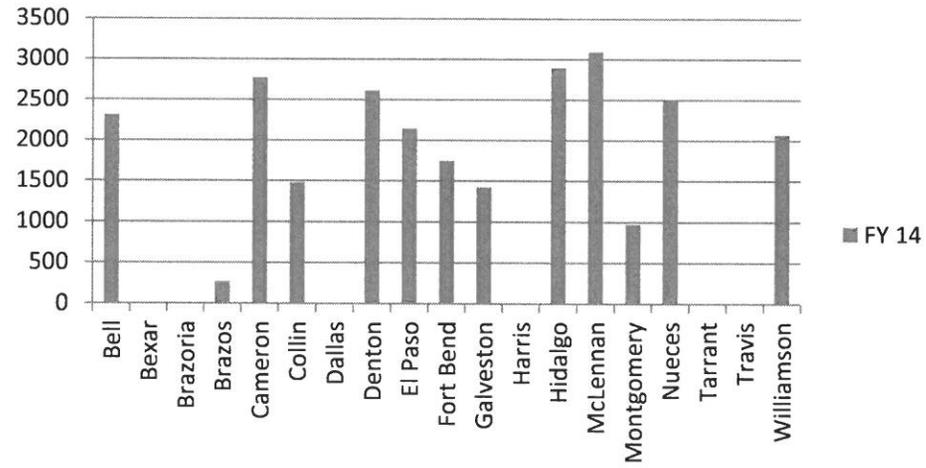
# Total Case Trend

### Total Cases per Court



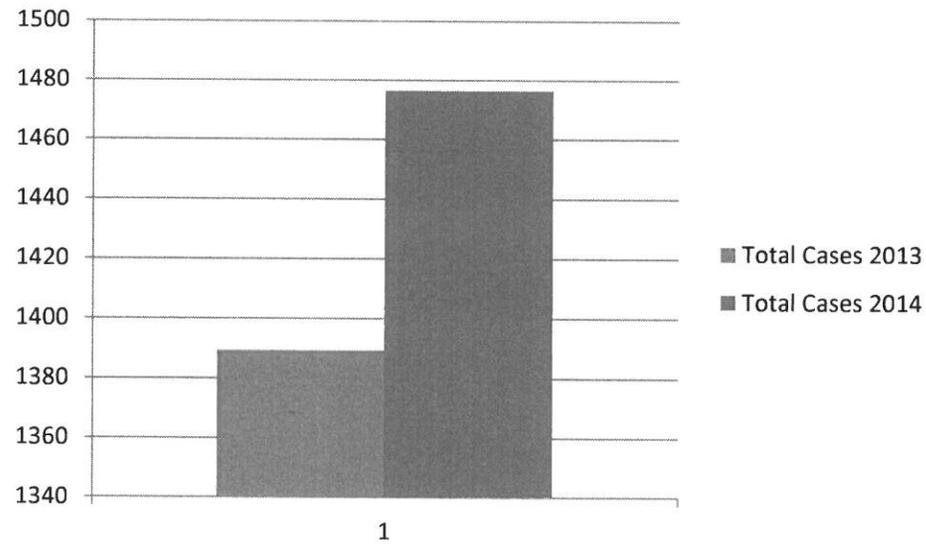
FY 13 - 1389

### Total Cases per Court



FY 14 - 1477

# Total Caseload Trend



1389 v 1477

# Total Caseload Trend

- We increased the number of total cases per court from 1389 to 1477.
  - FY 13 = 1389
  - FY 14 = 1477
- At 1389 we could dispose what was added.
- At 1477 we cannot dispose what was added.
- Sweet spot per court is somewhere between 1389 and 1477.

# Total Case Trend

2013 levels were sustainable

2014 levels are not sustainable

2013	ADDED	DISPOSED	DELTA
CIVIL	4188	4330	-142
CRIMINAL	9883	9837	46
TOTAL	14071	14167	-96
2014	ADDED	DISPOSED	DELTA
CIVIL	2749	3040	-291
CRIMINAL	8747	7934	813
TOTAL	11496	10974	522

{ Carried over 46 criminal cases to 2014

{ Projected to carry over more than 500 cases and 800 criminal cases into 2015

Civil Cases are trending downward but will level out at sometime, but Criminal Cases are trending upward at an increasing rate.

# Additional Courts

## Why/When do we need one

**IF** FY 13 levels at 1389 criminal cases per court is **sustainable**

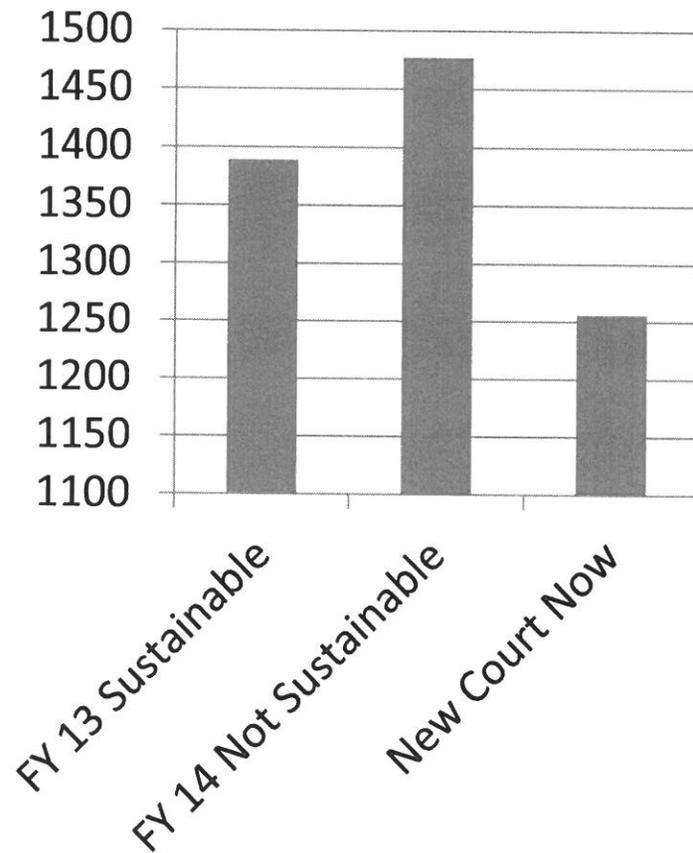
**AND** FY 14 levels of 1477 criminal cases per court is **not sustainable**

**THEN** the an additional County Court at Law is needed when the current courts, however many that may be, pending criminal case load is greater than 1389 but less than 1477

## Add 1 Court Now

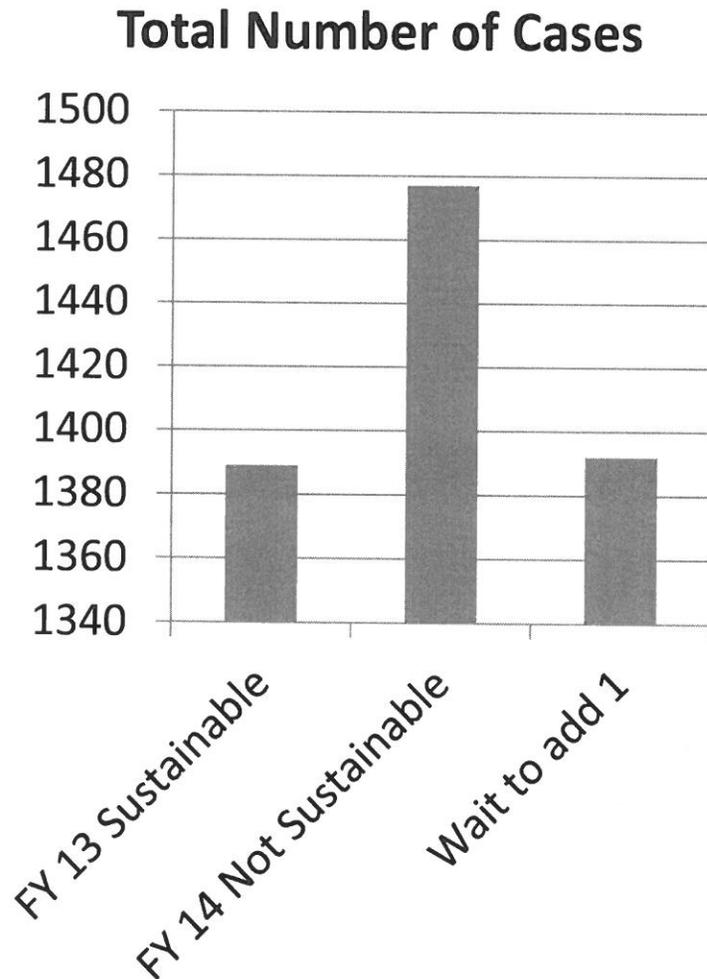
- Total caseload per 7 courts would be 1265.

Total Number of Cases



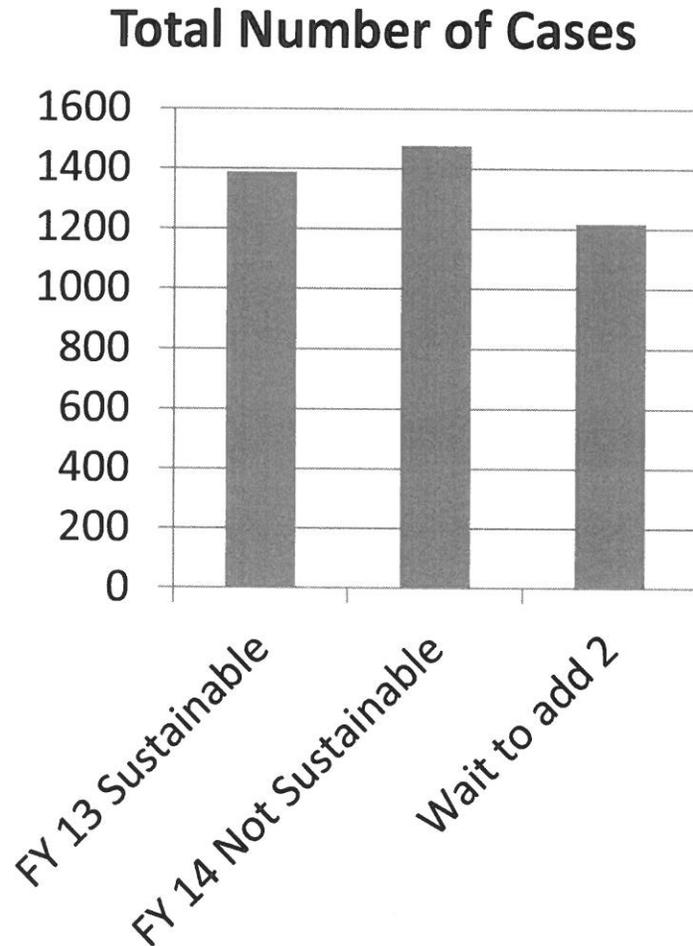
- 1389 cases per court
- 1477 cases per court

## Add 1 Court Later



- If we increase caseload 10% (from 1476 per court to 1624) then add 1 additional court, the total caseload per 7 courts would be 1392.
  - 1389 cases per court
  - 1477 cases per court
- FY 13 to FY 14 increase was 88 cases per court.
- At current case rate increase, we should expect to reach the 10% increase in 1 year and 8 months

## Add 2 Courts Later



- If we increase caseload 10% (from 1476 per court to 1624) then add 2 additional courts, the total caseload per 8 courts would be 1218.
  - 1389 cases per court
  - 1477 cases per court
- FY 13 to FY 14 increase was 88 cases per court.
- At current case rate increase, we should expect to reach the 10% increase in 1 year and 8 months

# Unknown Effects

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- Previous Efficiencies:
  - Presiding vs. Visiting Judges
  - Policy Changes
    - Pre-Trial Diversion
    - Blood Draw Warrants
    - Specialty Courts (DWI, Mental Health)
    - DA Policies
  - Changes in Technology
    - Odyssey
    - Judges Edition
    - iPad

# Unknown Effects

- Future Efficiencies:
  - Paperless Criminal Cases
  - Judges Edition
  - Other changes in technology