

Important Dates Related to the Creation of Courts

January 13, 2015 Session begins

June 1, 2015 Session ends

Option A:

September 1, 2015 Possible creation date of new court

District Judge appointed by Governor

CC at Law Judge appointed by Commissioners Court

December 2015 Primary candidate filing

March 2016 Primary election

May 2016 Possible runoff election

November 8, 2016 Election date for unexpired term

Mid-November 2016 Results are canvassed and winner takes office

Option B:

September 1, 2016 Possible creation of a new court(s)

District Judge appointed by Governor

CC at Law Judge appointed by Commissioners Court

September 2016 County party executive committee nominates candidate for

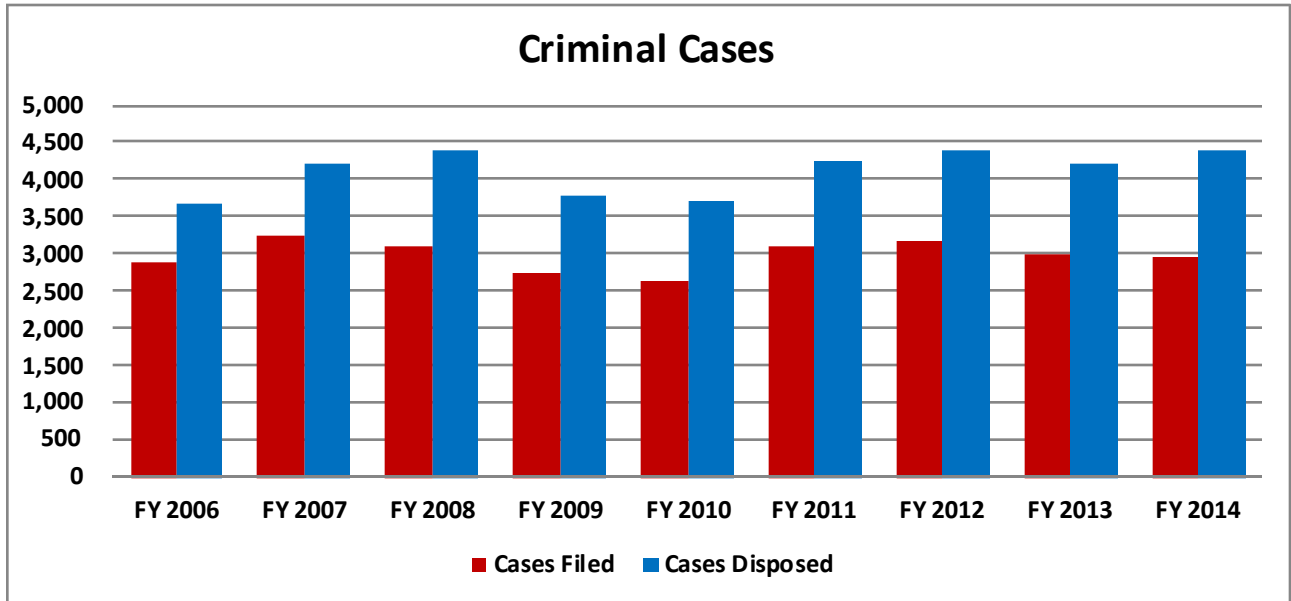
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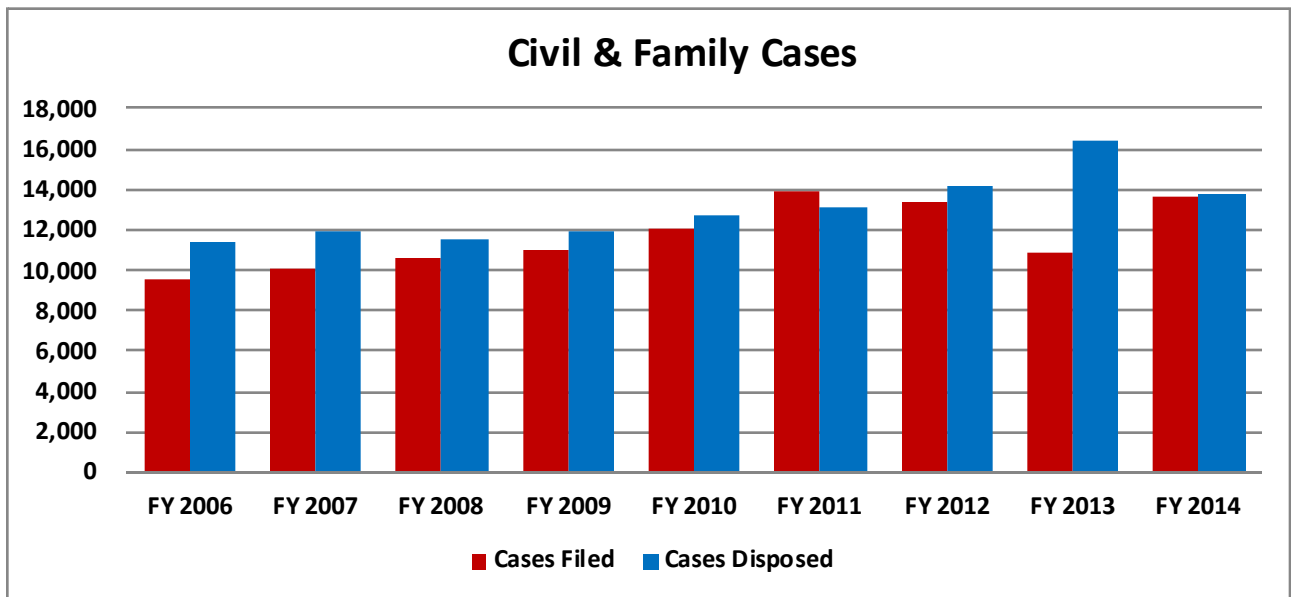
District Court

Cases Filed & Disposed

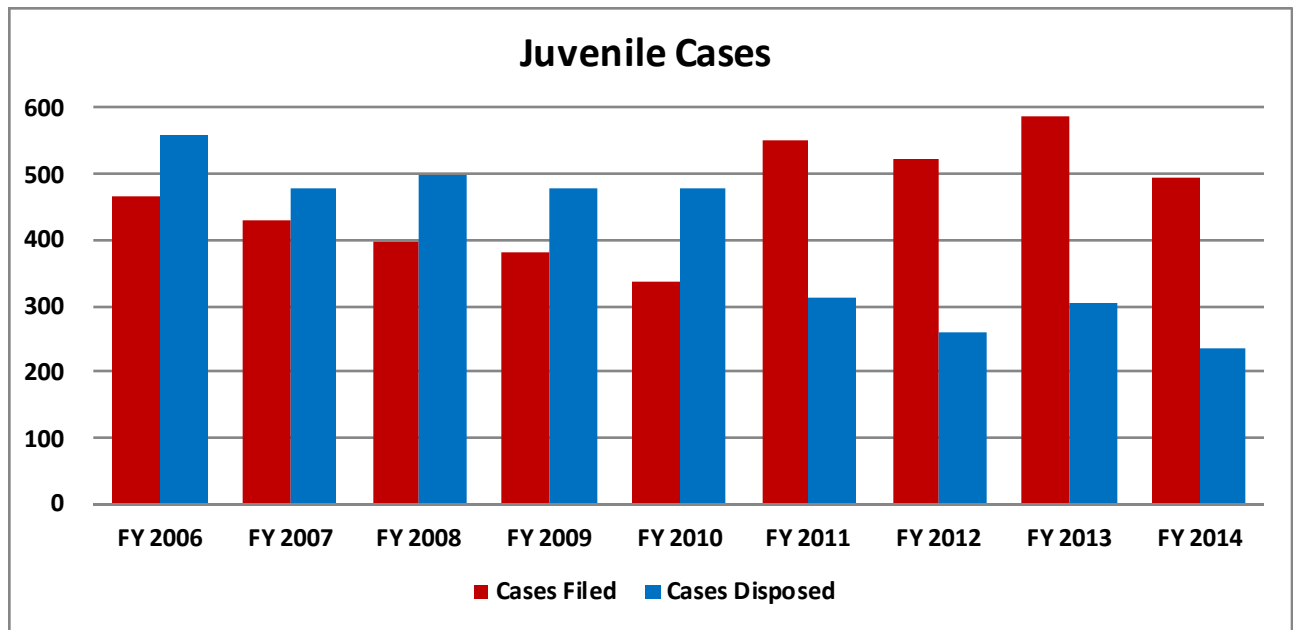
2006 - 2014



	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Cases Filed	2,914	3,248	3,108	2,748	2,660	3,108	3,177	2,991	2,988
Cases Disposed	3,676	4,227	4,402	3,786	3,740	4,264	4,394	4,243	4,398
DIFFERENCE	(762)	(979)	(1,294)	(1,038)	(1,080)	(1,156)	(1,217)	(1,252)	(1,410)



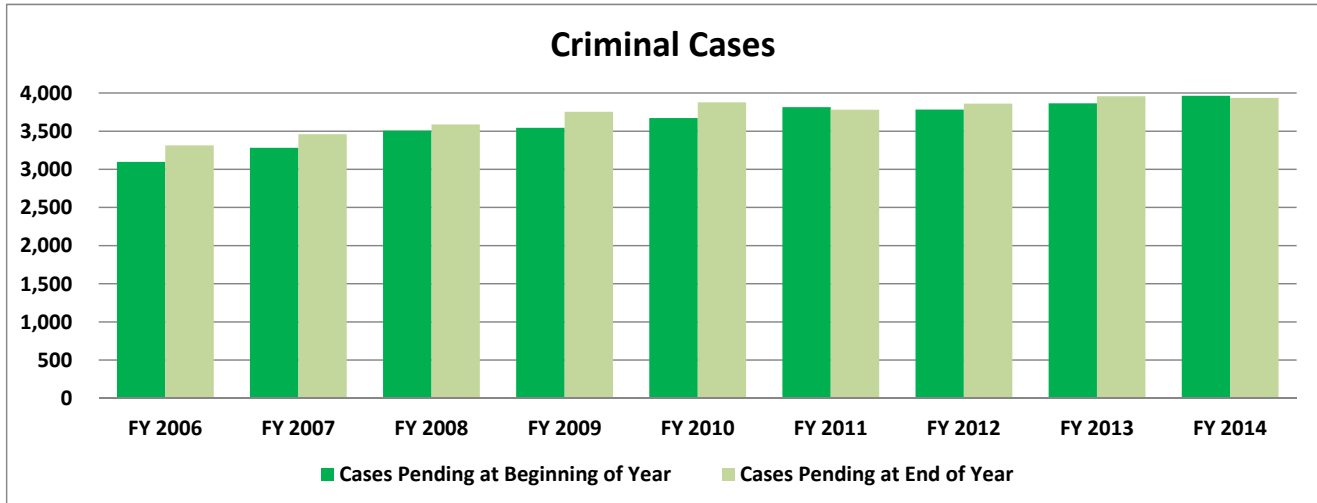
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Cases Filed	9,663	10,122	10,651	11,028	12,134	13,993	13,505	10,943	13,761
Cases Disposed	11,399	12,043	11,605	12,009	12,804	13,123	14,234	16,517	13,872
DIFFERENCE	(1,736)	(1,921)	(954)	(981)	(670)	870	(729)	(5,574)	(111)



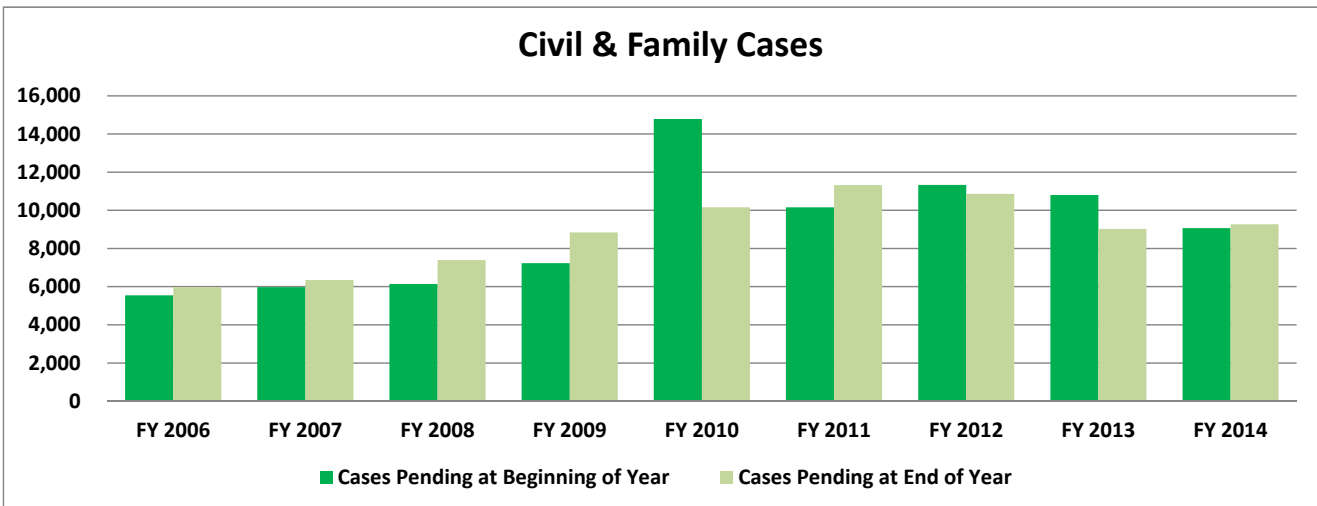
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Cases Filed	467	432	401	383	340	552	525	590	495
Cases Disposed	560	479	502	479	479	314	260	306	239
DIFFERENCE	(93)	(47)	(101)	(96)	(139)	238	265	284	256

District Court

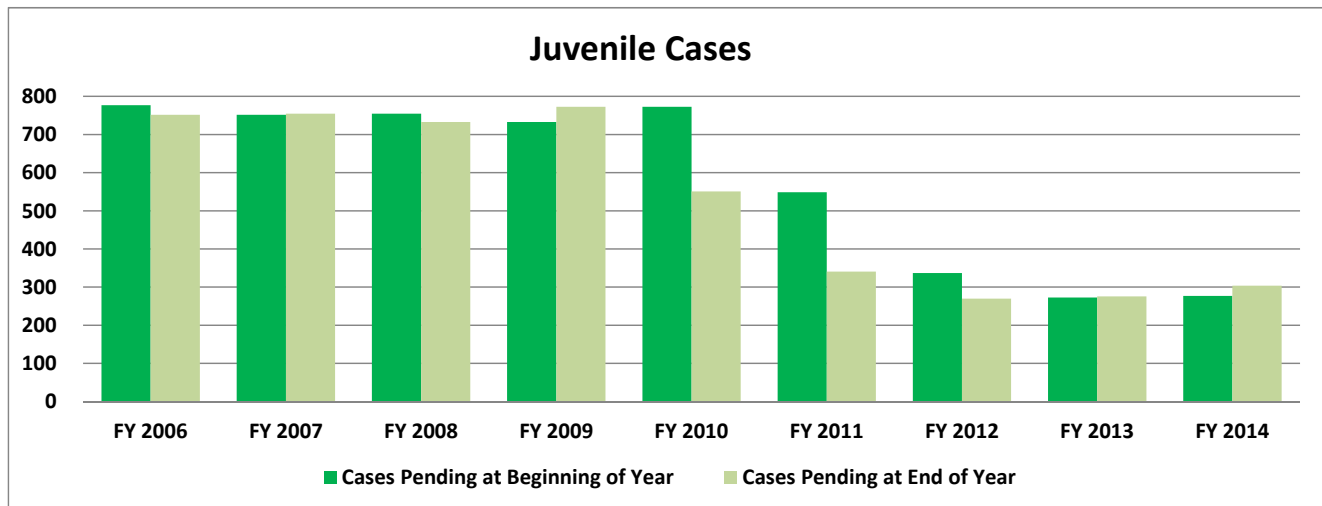
Case Loads
2006 - 2014



	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Cases Pending at Beginning of Year	3,098	3,284	3,507	3,545	3,674	3,816	3,784	3,867	3,965
Cases Pending at End of Year	3,314	3,462	3,590	3,755	3,878	3,783	3,863	3,959	3,938
DIFFERENCE	(216)	(178)	(83)	(210)	(204)	33	(79)	(92)	27



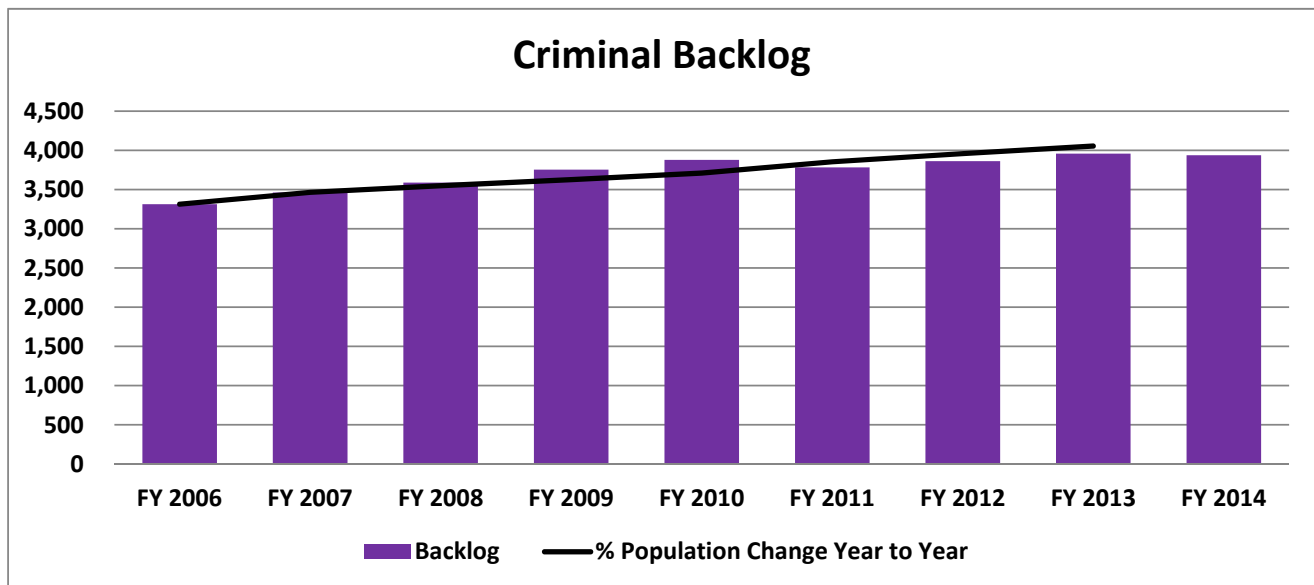
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Cases Pending at Beginning of Year	5,554	5,978	6,147	7,236	14,788	10,159	11,334	10,812	9,075
Cases Pending at End of Year	5,978	6,356	7,398	8,846	10,160	11,329	10,863	9,028	9,275
DIFFERENCE	424	378	1,251	1,610	(4,628)	1,170	(471)	(1,784)	200



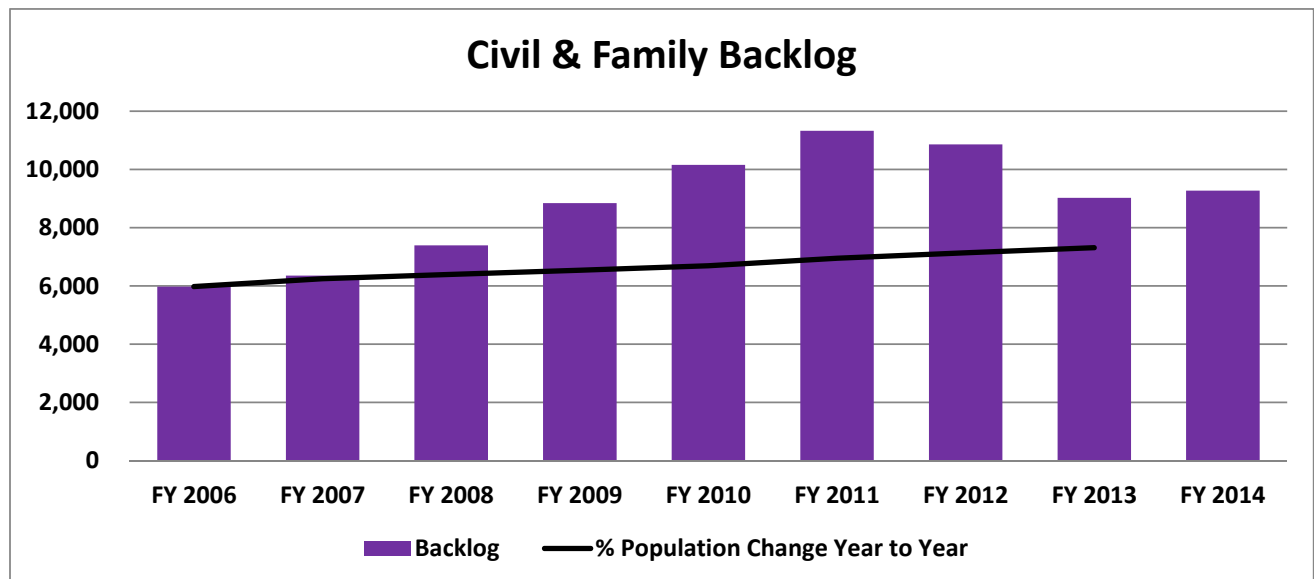
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Cases Pending at Beginning of Year	777	752	755	733	773	549	337	273	277
Cases Pending at End of Year	752	755	733	773	551	341	270	276	304
DIFFERENCE	(25)	3	(22)	40	(222)	(208)	(67)	3	27

District Courts

Case Backlog from 2006 - 2014

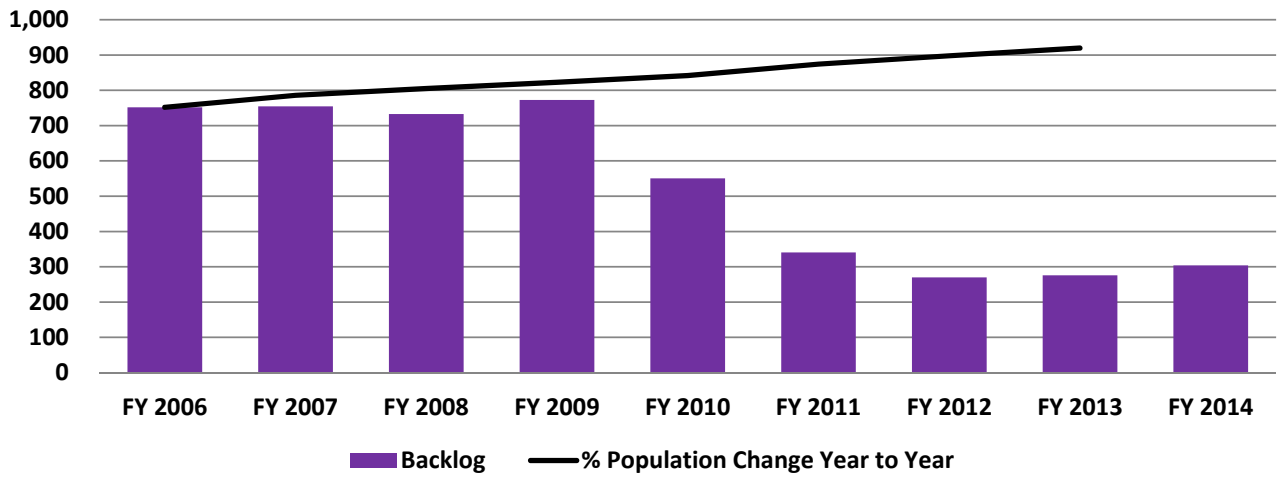


	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Backlog	3,314	3,462	3,590	3,755	3,878	3,783	3,863	3,959	3,938
Trend Year to Year	N/A	4.47%	3.70%	4.60%	3.28%	-2.45%	2.11%	2.49%	-0.53%
Population	698,851	730,690	748,050	764,500	782,341	812,698	834,642	854,778	N/A



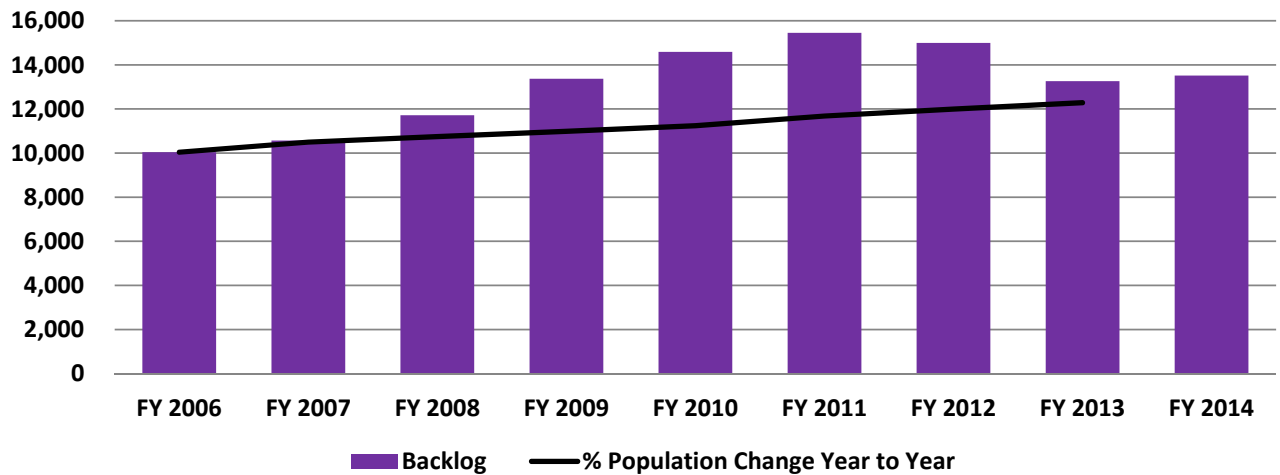
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Backlog	5,978	6,356	7,398	8,846	10,160	11,329	10,863	9,028	9,275
Trend Year to Year	N/A	6.32%	16.39%	19.57%	14.85%	11.51%	-4.11%	-16.89%	2.74%
Population	698,851	730,690	748,050	764,500	782,341	812,698	834,642	854,778	N/A

Juvenile Backlog



	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Backlog	752	755	733	773	551	341	270	276	304
Trend Year to Year	N/A	0.40%	-2.91%	5.46%	-28.72%	-38.11%	-20.82%	2.22%	10.14%
Population	698,851	730,690	748,050	764,500	782,341	812,698	834,642	854,778	N/A

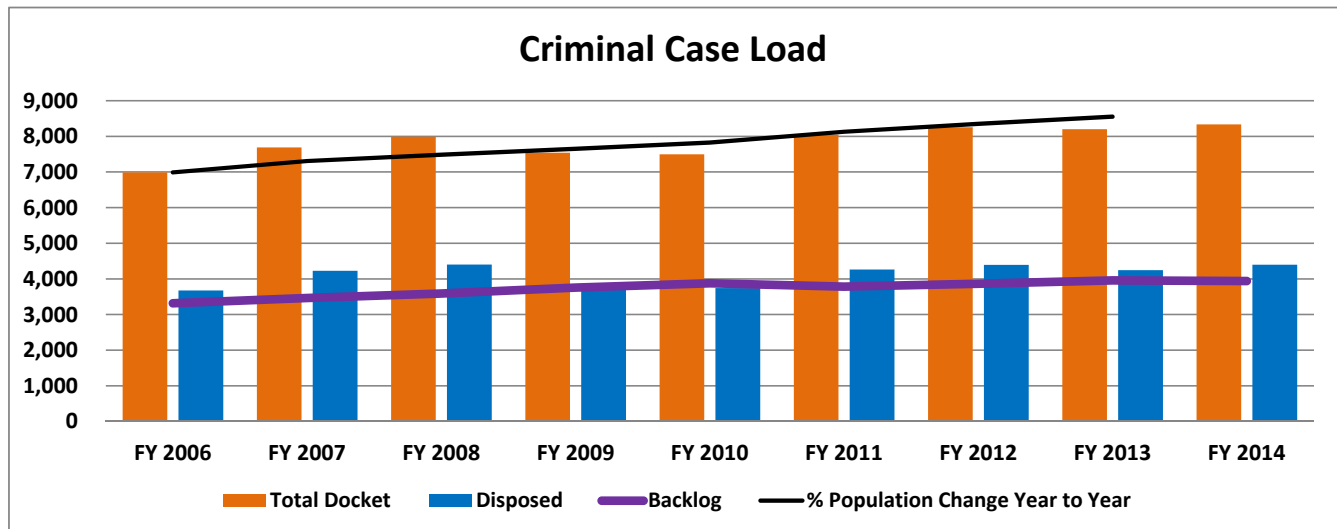
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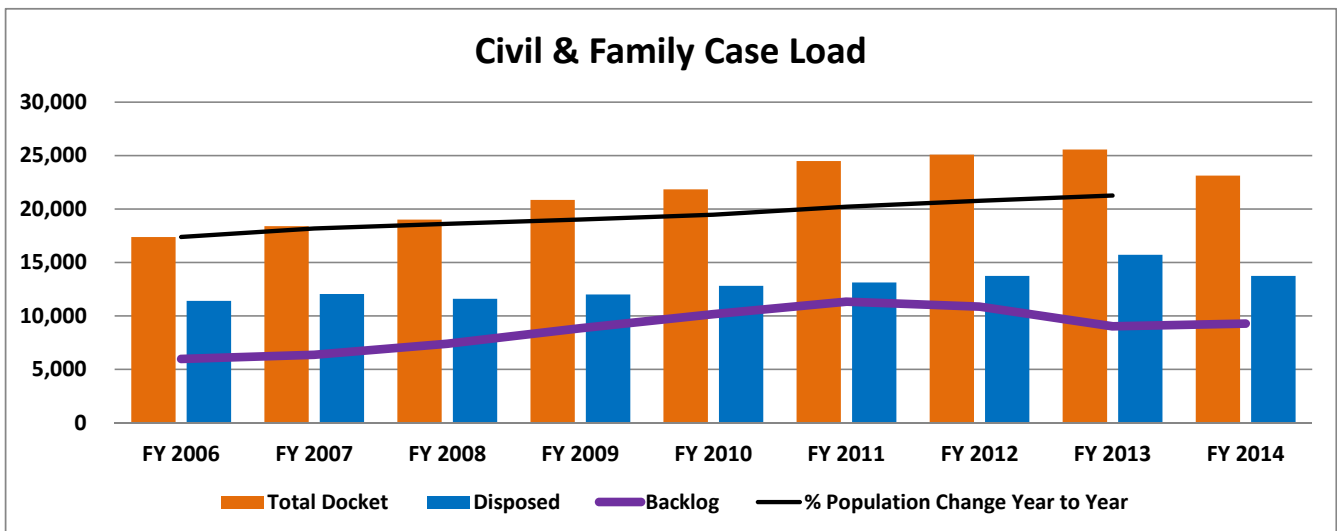
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Backlog	10,044	10,573	11,721	13,374	14,589	15,453	14,996	13,263	13,517
Trend Year to Year	N/A	5.27%	10.86%	14.10%	9.08%	5.92%	-2.96%	-11.56%	1.92%
Population	698,851	730,690	748,050	764,500	782,341	812,698	834,642	854,778	N/A

District Courts

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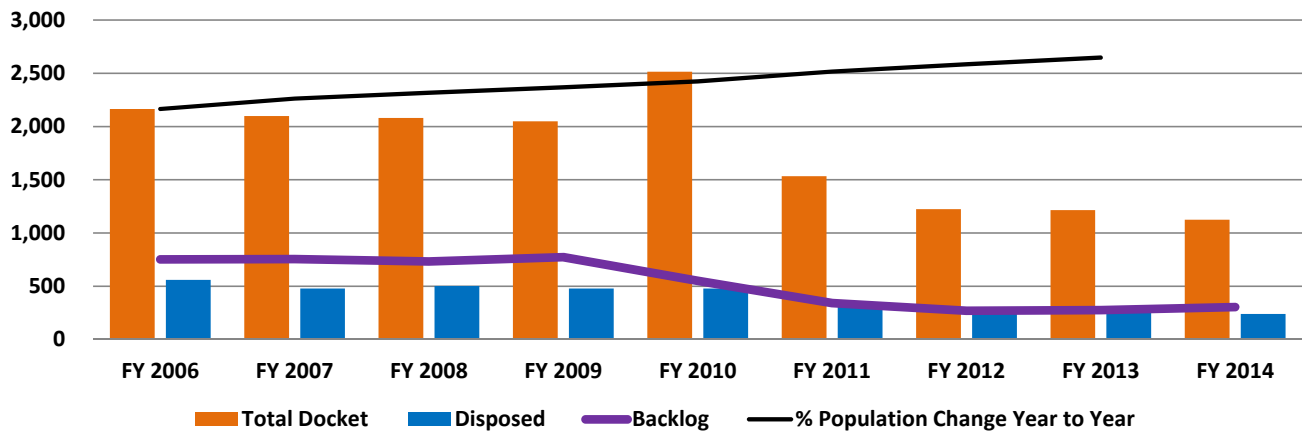


	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Docket	6,990	7,689	7,992	7,541	7,498	8,047	8,257	8,202	8,336
Disposed	3,676	4,227	4,402	3,786	3,740	4,264	4,394	4,243	4,398
Backlog	3,314	3,462	3,590	3,755	3,878	3,783	3,863	3,959	3,938
% Change in Backlog from 2006	N/A	4.47%	8.33%	13.31%	17.02%	14.15%	16.57%	19.46%	18.83%
Population	698,851	730,690	748,050	764,500	782,341	812,698	834,642	854,778	N/A



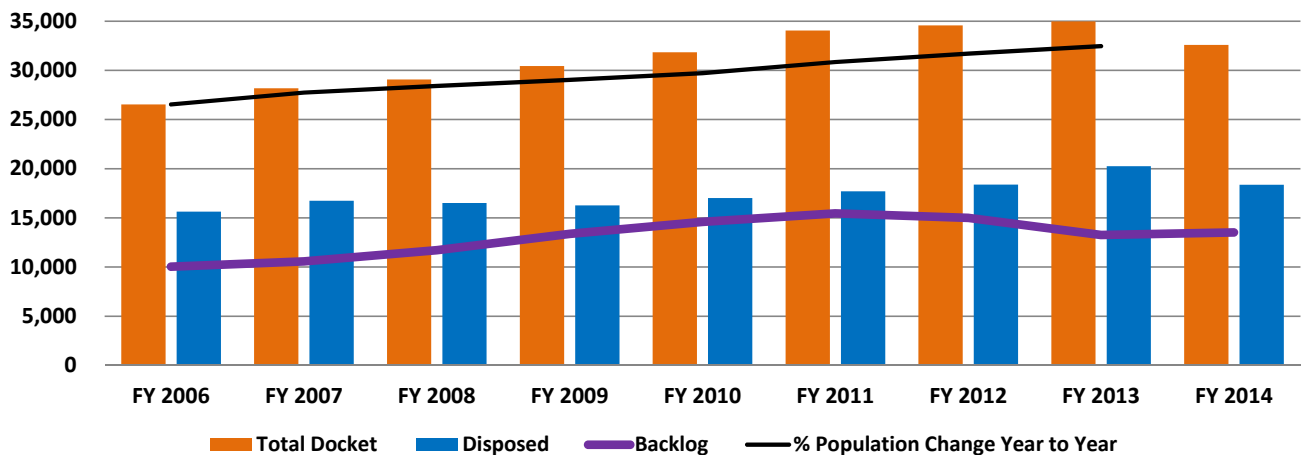
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Docket	17,377	18,399	19,003	20,855	21,831	24,479	25,090	25,562	23,123
Disposed	11,399	12,043	11,605	12,009	12,804	13,123	13,735	15,711	13,736
Backlog	5,978	6,356	7,398	8,846	10,160	11,329	10,863	9,028	9,275
% Change in Backlog from 2006	N/A	6.32%	23.75%	47.98%	69.96%	89.51%	81.72%	51.02%	55.15%
Population	698,851	730,690	748,050	764,500	782,341	812,698	834,642	854,778	N/A

Juvenile Case Load



	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Docket	2,164	2,098	2,080	2,049	2,515	1,534	1,224	1,215	1,125
Disposed	560	479	502	479	479	314	260	306	239
Backlog	752	755	733	773	551	341	270	276	304
% Change in Backlog from 2006	N/A	0.40%	-2.53%	2.79%	-26.73%	-54.65%	-64.10%	-63.30%	-59.57%
Population	698,851	730,690	748,050	764,500	782,341	812,698	834,642	854,778	N/A

All Case Loads



	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Total Docket	26,531	28,186	29,075	30,445	31,844	34,060	34,571	34,979	32,584
Disposed	15,635	16,749	16,509	16,274	17,023	17,701	18,389	20,260	18,373
Backlog	10,044	10,573	11,721	13,374	14,589	15,453	14,996	13,263	13,517
% Change in Backlog from 2006	N/A	5.27%	16.70%	33.15%	45.25%	53.85%	49.30%	32.05%	34.58%
Population	698,851	730,690	748,050	764,500	782,341	812,698	834,642	854,778	N/A

Court Notes

1. New District and County Courts must be specifically created by the legislature.
2. When the legislature approves new courts, they are created effective at a specific date. If multiple courts are created, they are typically staggered over two fiscal years.
3. As long as a Judge has not been appointed or duly elected, a newly created County Court at Law can be staffed and funded at a time to be determined by the Commissioners Court. For example, if a new County Court at Law is created effective September 1, 2015, the Commissioners Court could wait until the election results are canvassed in November 2016 to provide the budget for operations.
4. The Commissioners Court must provide a budget for a new District Court at the time the Governor makes the appointment to fill the vacancy. In the past, the Governor has been willing to delay making appointments to meet County budget requirements.
5. Although there is no fiscal impact to the State for a new County Court at Law Judge, the State pays the majority of the salary and benefits costs for District Judges.
6. County Court at Law vacancies are filled by a majority vote of Commissioners Court. The Court is under no time limit to make an appointment.
7. District Court vacancies are filled by the Governor. The Governor is under no time limit to make an appointment.
8. There are 6 unassigned standard courtrooms. None of the 6 courtrooms have technology installed or office furniture.
9. In addition to the 6 unassigned courtrooms, there are 2 smaller auxiliary hearing rooms and 1 large ceremonial larger gallery courtroom.
10. Collin County currently has 6 County Courts at Law, 1 Probate, and 9 District Courts.
11. The 429th was the last District Court created effective January 1, 2009.
12. County Court at Law No. 6 was created effective January 1, 2005.
13. All District Courts and County Courts at Law in Collin County have general jurisdiction over their respective jurisdictions. The 417th District Court does have the additional requirement to give "preference to juvenile matters". Since 2007, one district court has voluntarily recused hearing criminal cases to avoid any perceived conflicts of interest.

14. The first year startup cost of \$1.1 million include the purchase and installation of technology in a courtroom, furniture for the chambers and new employees, and employee salaries and benefits.

15. The ongoing cost to operate a new District Court, after the first year, (in FY15 dollars) is approximately \$775,000.

16. The addition of each new District Court results in 11 new employees.

<u>District Court</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
Judge	\$18,000.00	\$2,881.80	\$20,881.80
Court Coordinator	\$42,524.00	\$17,676.72	\$60,200.72
Bailiff	\$44,399.00	\$17,981.60	\$62,380.60
Court Reporter	\$96,214.00	\$26,406.72	\$122,620.72

<u>District Attorney</u>			
Chief Felony Prosecutor	\$93,394.00	\$25,948.18	\$119,342.18
Felony Prosecutor	\$73,157.00	\$22,657.65	\$95,814.65
Felony Investigator	\$54,636.00	\$19,646.13	\$74,282.13
Legal Secretary I	\$32,966.00	\$16,122.59	\$49,088.59

<u>District Clerk</u>			
Clerk II / Civil Family	\$32,966.00	\$16,122.59	\$49,088.59
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Criminal Clerk II	\$32,966.00	\$16,122.59	\$49,088.59