

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

Subject: Support Legislation, Creation of District Courts – Commissioners Court

On **February 4, 2019**, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in **regular session** with the following members present and participating, to wit:

**Chris Hill
Susan Fletcher
Cheryl Williams
Darrell Hale
Duncan Webb**

**County Judge, Presiding
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Commissioner, Precinct 2
Commissioner, Precinct 3
Commissioner, Precinct 4**

During such session the court considered a request to support the creation by the 86th Legislative Session of ___ District Courts to be created beginning September 1, ___ and September 1, _____ and having jurisdiction over _____ and _____.

Thereupon, a motion was made, seconded and carried with a majority vote of the court to support the creation by the 86th Legislative Session of ___ District Courts to be created beginning September 1, _____ and September 1, _____ and having jurisdiction over _____ and _____. Same is hereby approved in accordance with the attached documentation.

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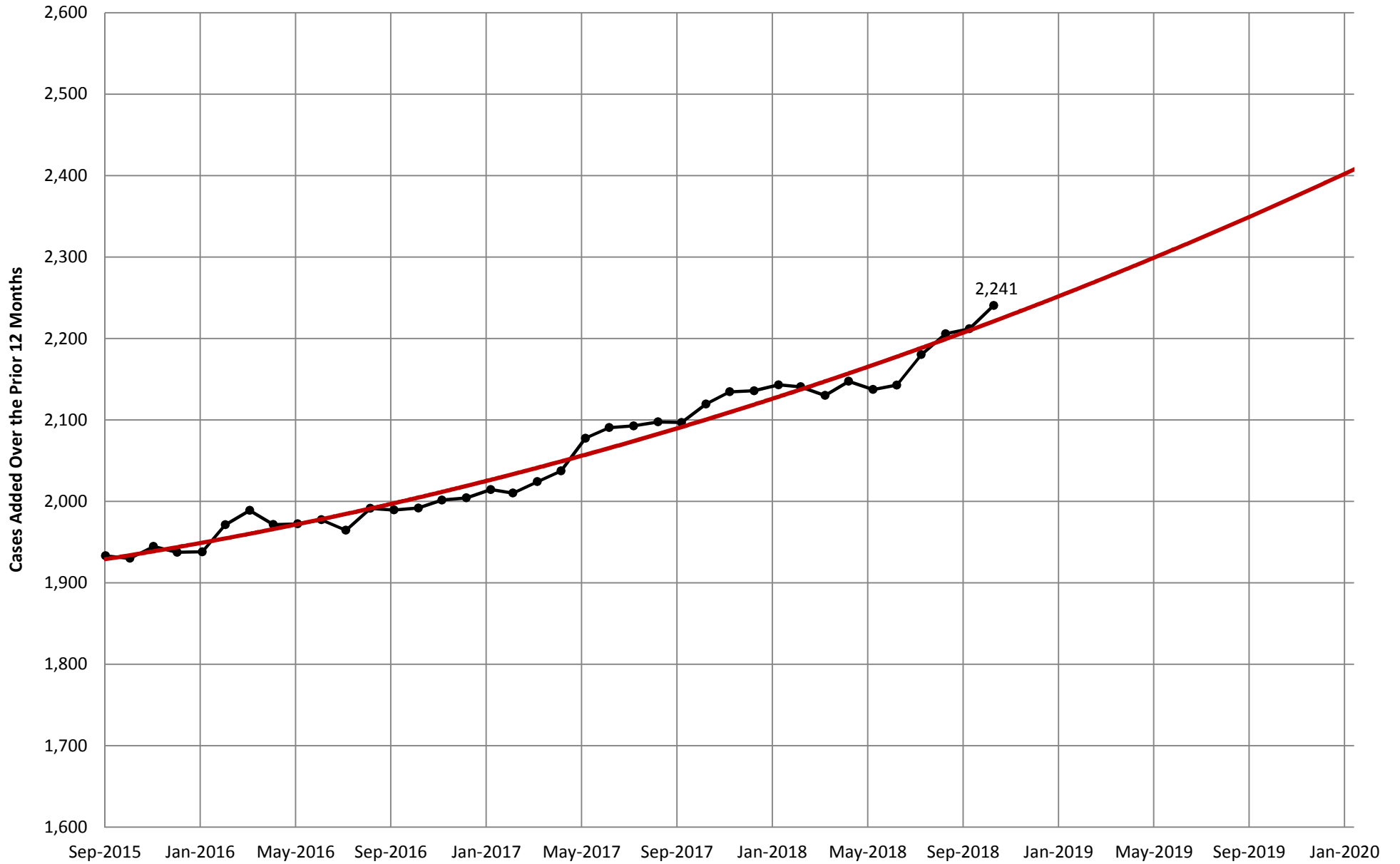
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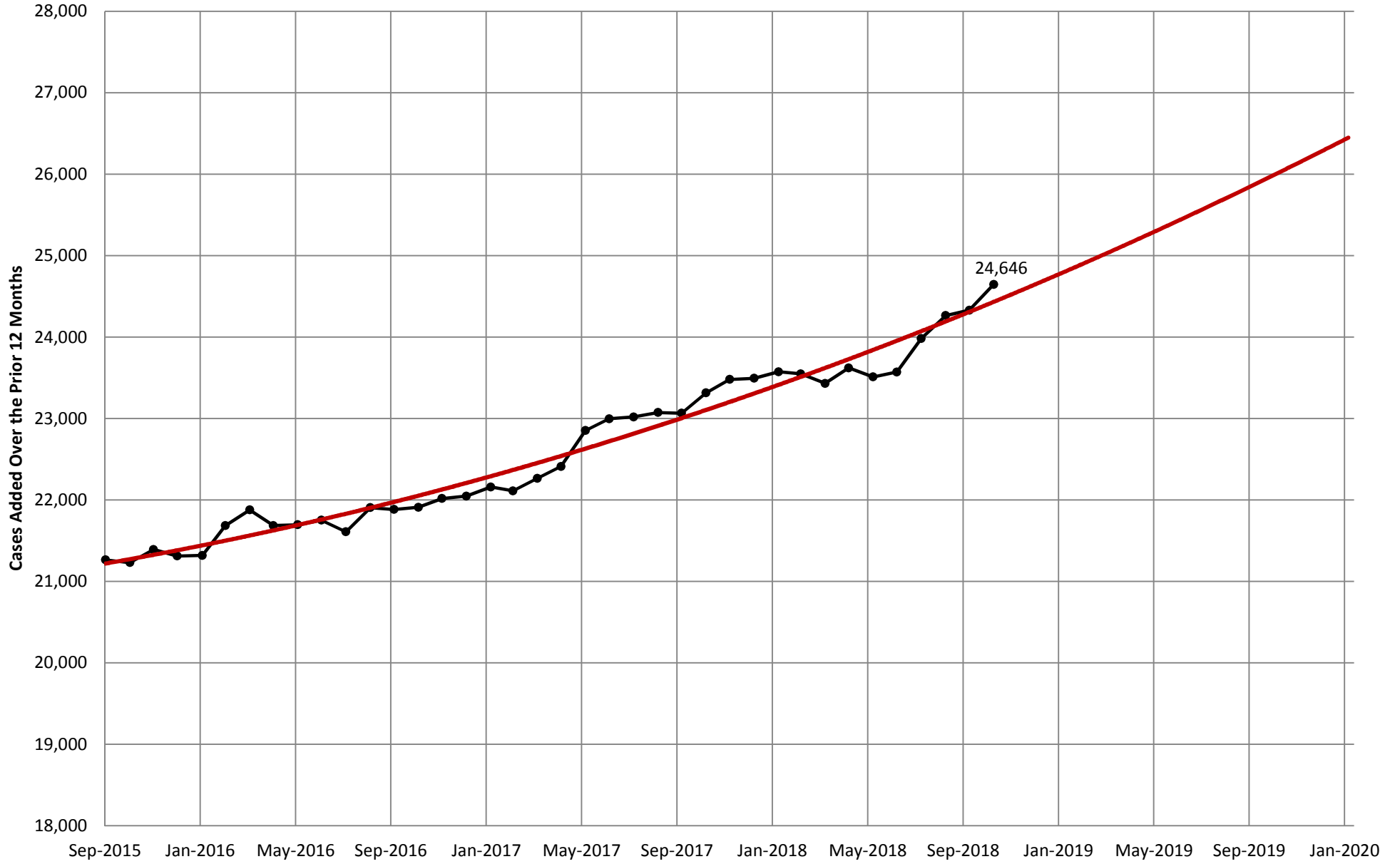
ATTEST:

**Stacey Kemp, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners' Court
Collin County, T E X A S**

12-Month Running Total of Cases Filed Per Court



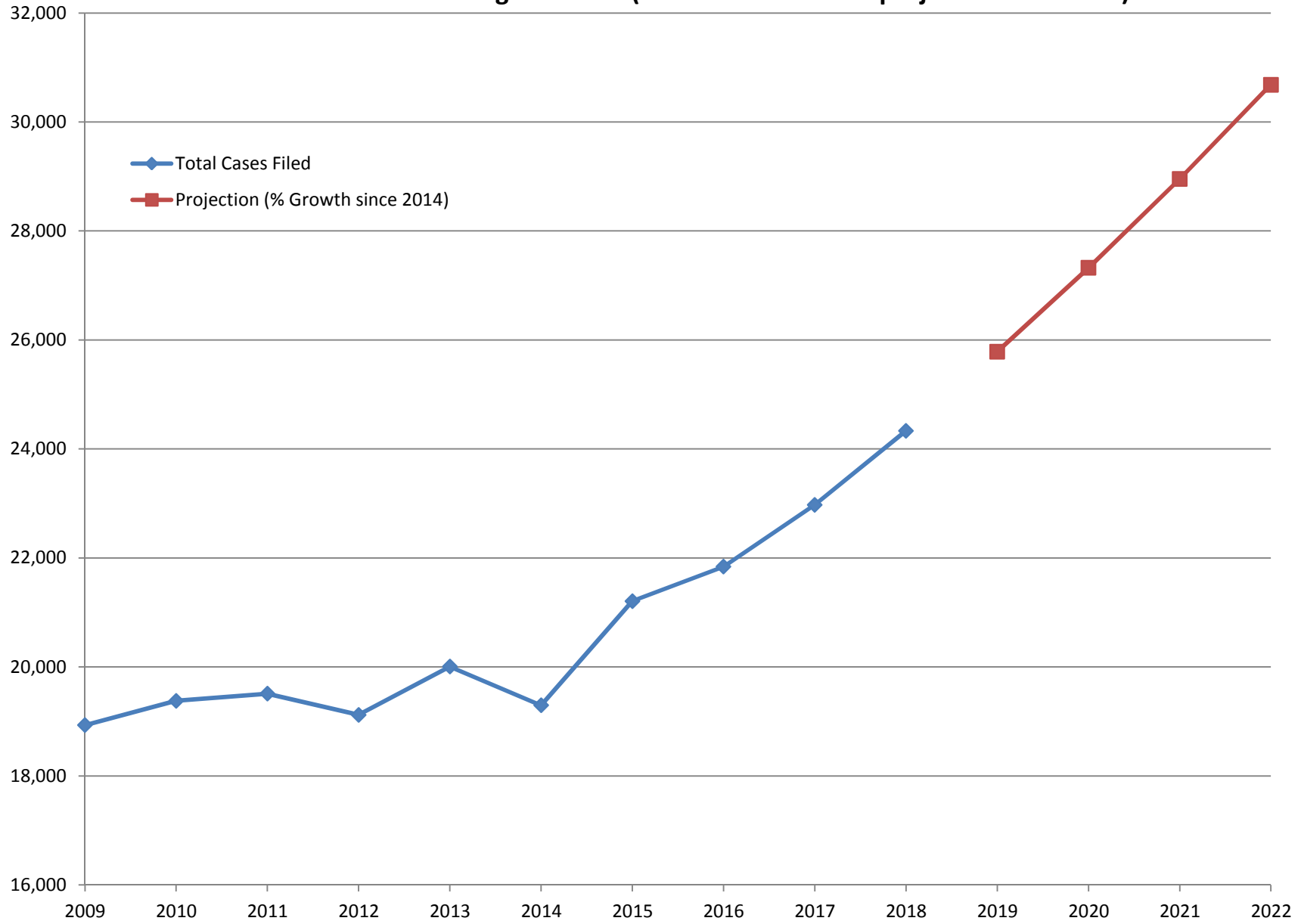
12-Month Running Total of Cases Filed in Collin County



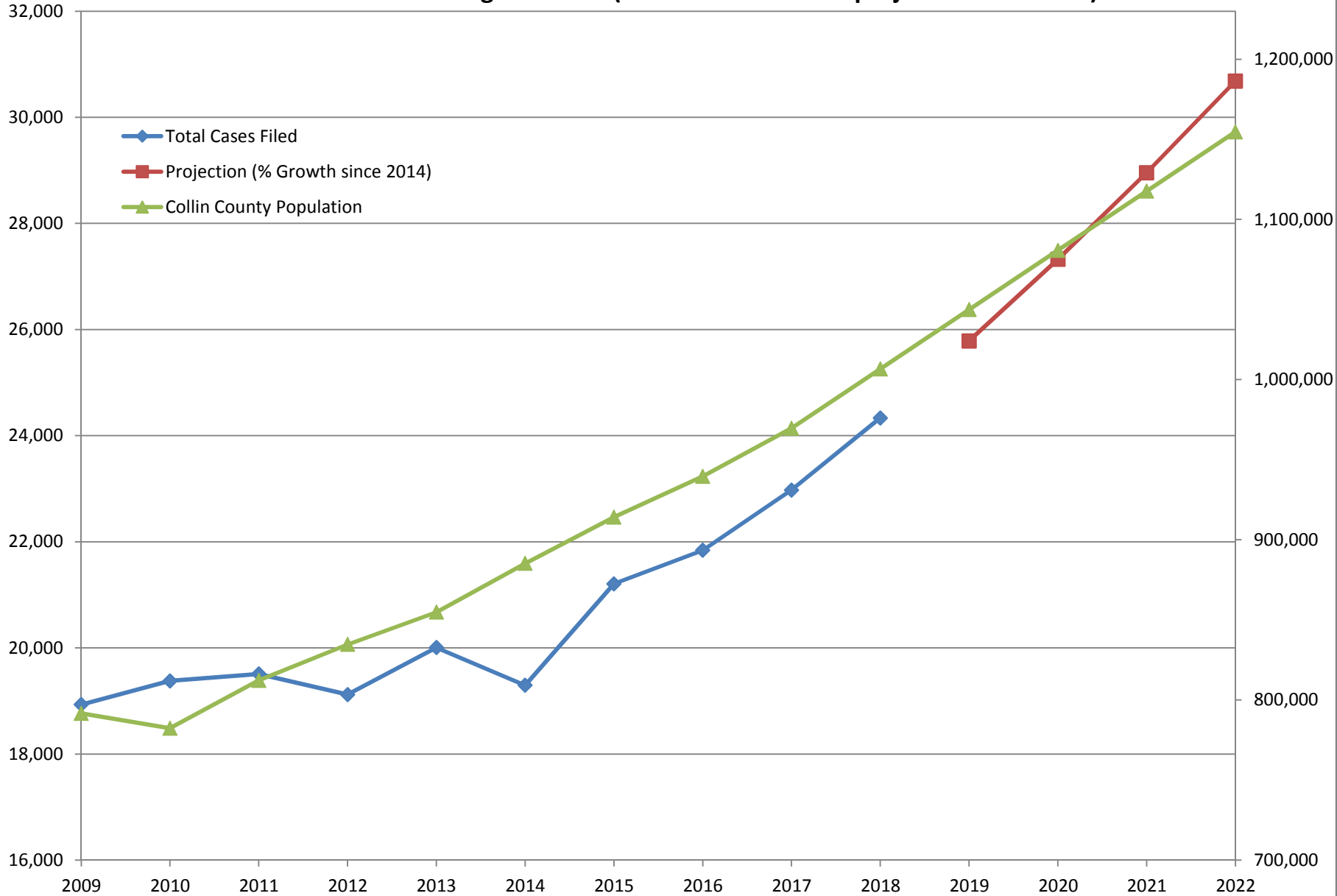
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2009	9	18,933	2,104	791,631	87,959
2010	9	19,379	2,153	782,341	86,927
2011	9	19,509	2,168	812,226	90,247
2012	9	19,121	2,125	834,642	92,738
2013	9	20,006	2,223	854,778	94,975
2014	9	19,297	2,144	885,241	98,360
2015	9	21,208	2,356	914,127	101,570
2016	11	21,840	1,985	939,585	85,417
2017	11	22,976	2,089	969,603	88,146
2018	11	24,333	2,212	1,006,603	91,509
2019	11	25,785	2,344	1,043,603	94,873
2020	11	27,324	2,484	1,080,603	98,237
2021	11	28,955	2,632	1,117,603	101,600
2022	11	30,683	2,789	1,154,603	104,964

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2020	13	27,324	2,102	1,080,603	83,123
2021	15	28,955	1,930	1,117,603	74,507
2022	15	30,683	2,046	1,154,603	76,974

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Fiscal Year	Civil Cases Filed	Family Cases Filed	Juvenile Cases Filed	Criminal Cases Filed	Total Cases Filed
2009	13,619		1,318	3,996	18,933
2010	14,248		1,186	3,945	19,379
2011	5,443	8,850	985	4,231	19,509
2012	5,020	8,743	885	4,473	19,121
2013	5,298	9,435	938	4,335	20,006
2014	5,189	8,883	854	4,371	19,297
2015	5,533	10,119	779	4,777	21,208
2016	5,696	9,841	807	5,496	21,840
2017	6,234	10,155	760	5,827	22,976
2018	6,729	10,514	903	6,187	24,333

Growth Rate	1.0671	1.0430	1.0140	1.0907	1.0597
% Annual Growth (Compound 2014-2018)	6.71%	4.30%	1.40%	9.07%	5.97%

If the number of courts increased at the same rate as the case filings:	
2015	11
2016	12
2017	12
2018	13
2019	14
2020	15
2021	16

**Average Minutes Available for Each Case
(Based on Current Filings)**

24,646 cases were filed in Collin County District Courts from November 2017 – October 2018.

That's 2,241 per court.

This means each court must finalize 187 cases per month,

or more than **9 cases per day**,

to keep even with new filings.

That means **each case is entitled to a total of 51 minutes of time**—on and off the bench.

A temporary orders hearing in a family law case uses about 60 minutes of court time.

That means that each case that has a temporary orders hearing has already used more than its allotment of court time, before we even get to a final trial.

As an additional example, if a trial will take 3 days, that case is taking up 28 cases worth of court time.

(not including any time needed for reading pleadings, researching the law, preparing orders, etc)

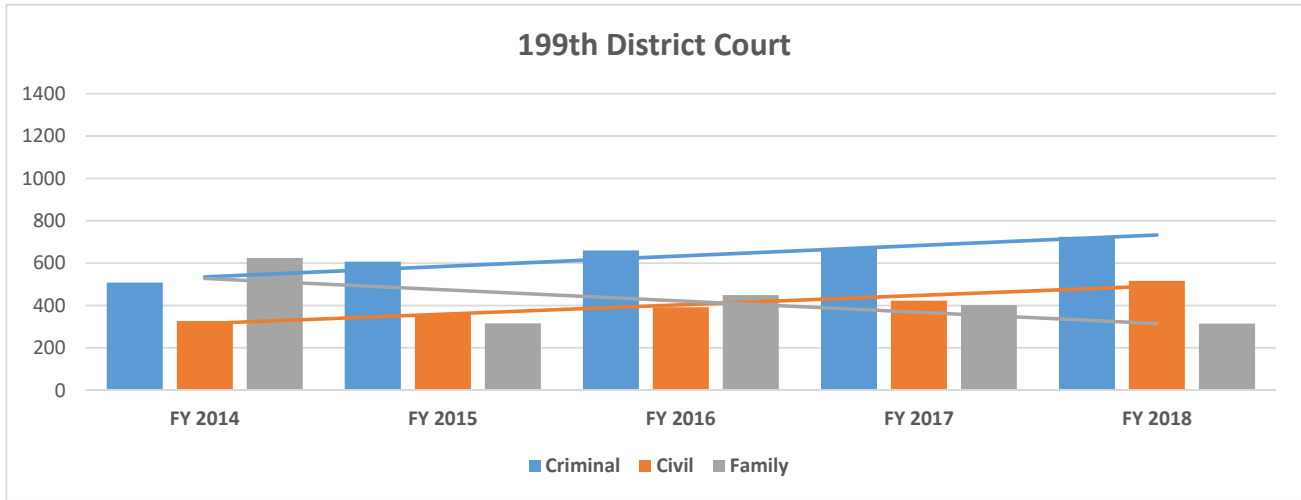
Area	2017 Population	District Courts	Associate Judges?	Pop per Court	Collin Courts Serve __ % More People
Texas	28,304,596	468		60,480	146%
Dallas	2,618,148	39	+10	53,432	165%
Tarrant	2,054,475	27	+8	58,699	150%
Collin	969,603	11		88,146	
Denton	836,210	9		92,912	95%
Grayson	131,140	3		43,713	202%
Kaufman	122,883	2		61,442	143%
Rockwall	96,788	2		48,394	182%
Hunt	93,872	2		46,936	188%

Data from US Census TX County Population Estimate

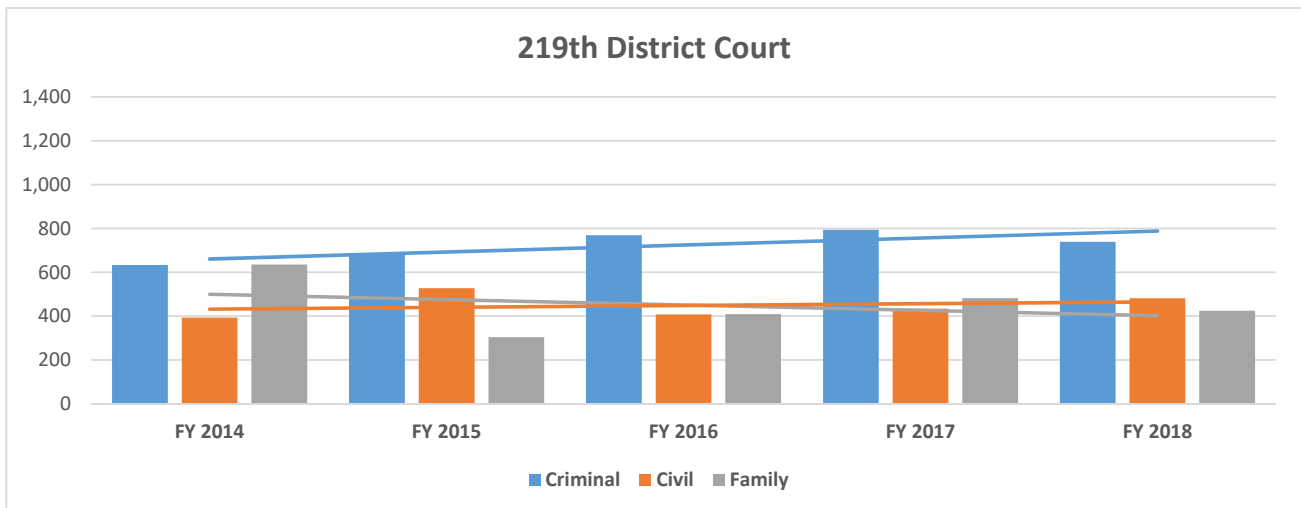
FY 2017 Judicial Workload Summary Data
to Assess Need for Additional District Courts

Region	County	Estimated Full-Time Judicial Officers Needed ¹	Reported Actual Full-Time Equivalent Judicial Officers	Unmet Judicial Officer Need
Single-County Districts				
11	Harris	122.7	89.0	33.7
1	Dallas	83.7	60.8	22.9
4	Bexar	52.9	44.5	8.4
5	Hidalgo	17.6	12.9	4.7
1	Collin	15.7	11.4	4.3
3	Travis	32.1	28.5	3.6
8	Tarrant	45.5	42.0	3.5
8	Denton	11.1	8.9	2.2
Multi-County Districts				
3	Bell & Lampasas	10.9	6.9	4.0
11	Brazoria, Matagorda, Wharton	10.2	8.6	1.6
10	Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, Rains, Red River	9.8	8.7	1.1
<p>1. Based on 2017 filings as reported to the Office of Court Administration, applied to case weights in "Measuring Current Judicial Workload in Texas, 2007," National Center for State Courts, available at: http://www.courts.state.tx.us/oca/jnas/pdf/WeightedCaseloadStudy.pdf. CPS filings applied to the case weights from the "Texas Child Protective Services Workload Assessment, 2016," National Center for State Courts, available at: http://www.txcourts.gov/media/1436073/texas-child-protective-workload-final-report-2016.pdf.</p>				

District Court Backlog by Court & Case Type

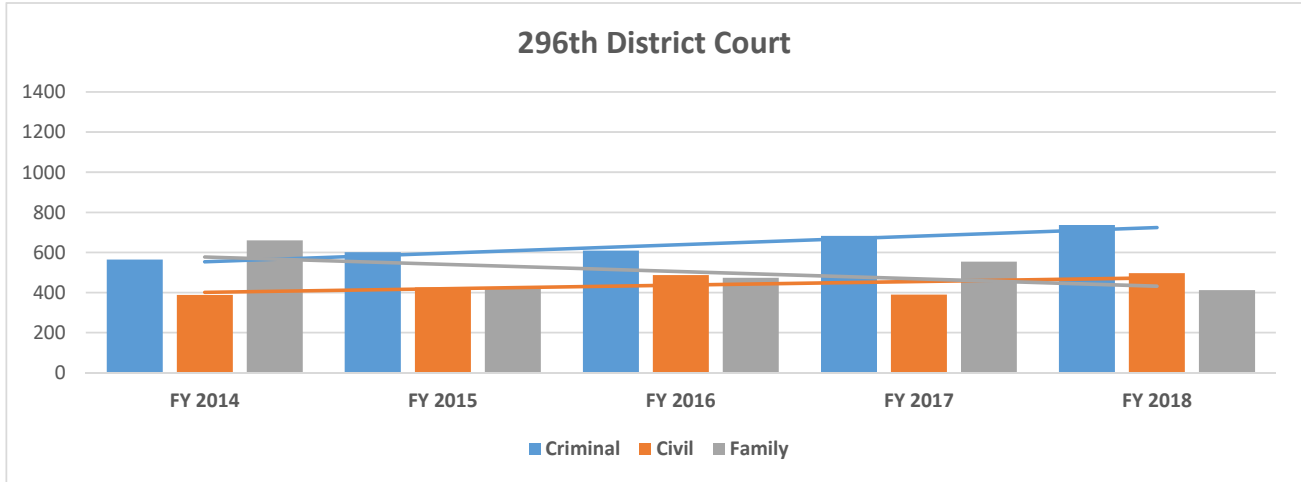


	Criminal	Civil	Family	TOTAL
FY 2014	508	327	624	1,459
FY 2015	607	358	316	1,281
FY 2016	660	392	449	1,501
FY 2017	670	423	402	1,495
FY 2018	724	516	315	1,555

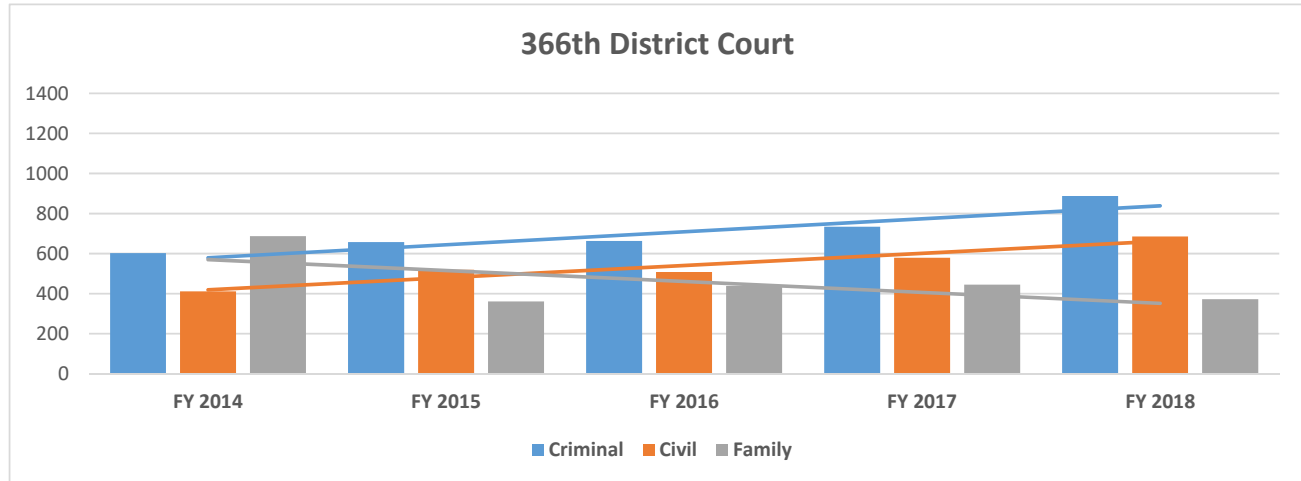


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FY 2014	633	393	635	1,661
FY 2015	687	527	304	1,518
FY 2016	769	407	409	1,585
FY 2017	794	434	482	1,710
FY 2018	739	481	424	1,644

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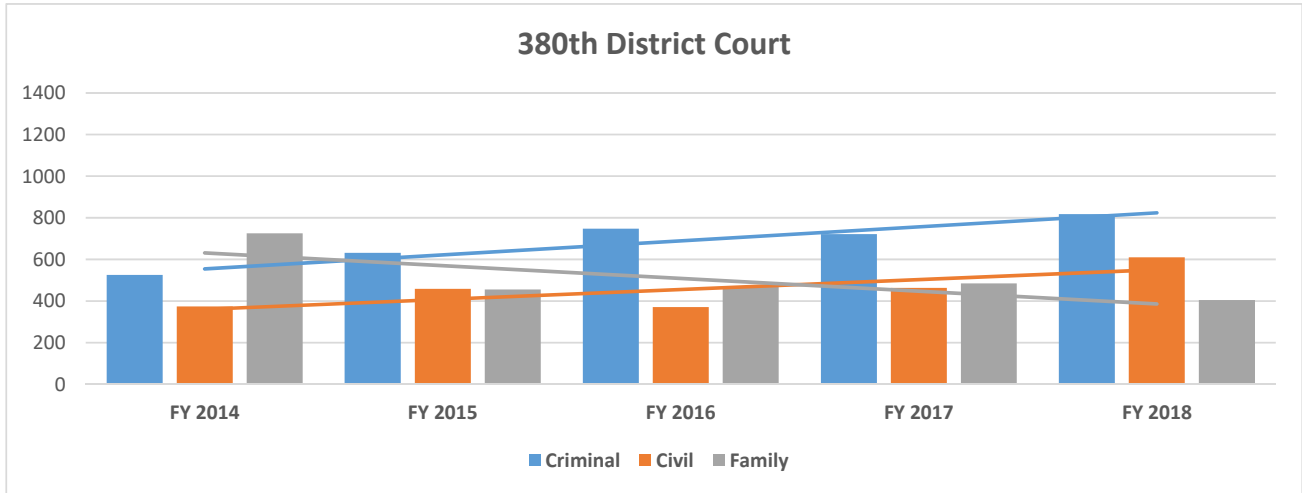


	Criminal	Civil	Family	TOTAL
FY 2014	564	388	660	1,612
FY 2015	601	425	422	1,448
FY 2016	609	487	473	1,569
FY 2017	682	389	554	1,625
FY 2018	737	496	412	1,645

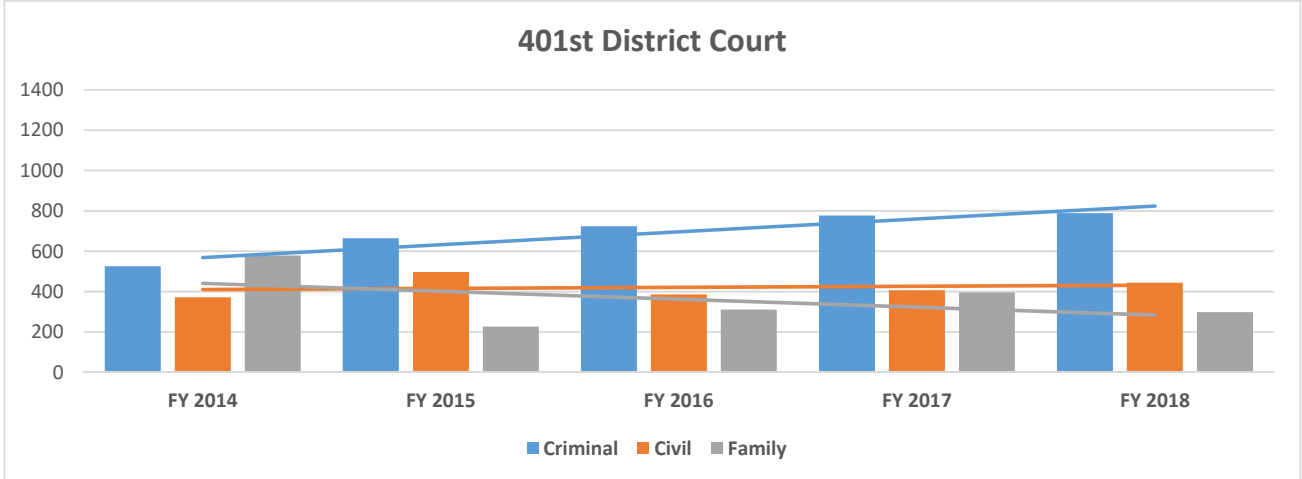


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FY 2014	602	411	687	1,700
FY 2015	657	519	361	1,537
FY 2016	663	508	438	1,609
FY 2017	734	579	445	1,758
FY 2018	888	685	372	1,945

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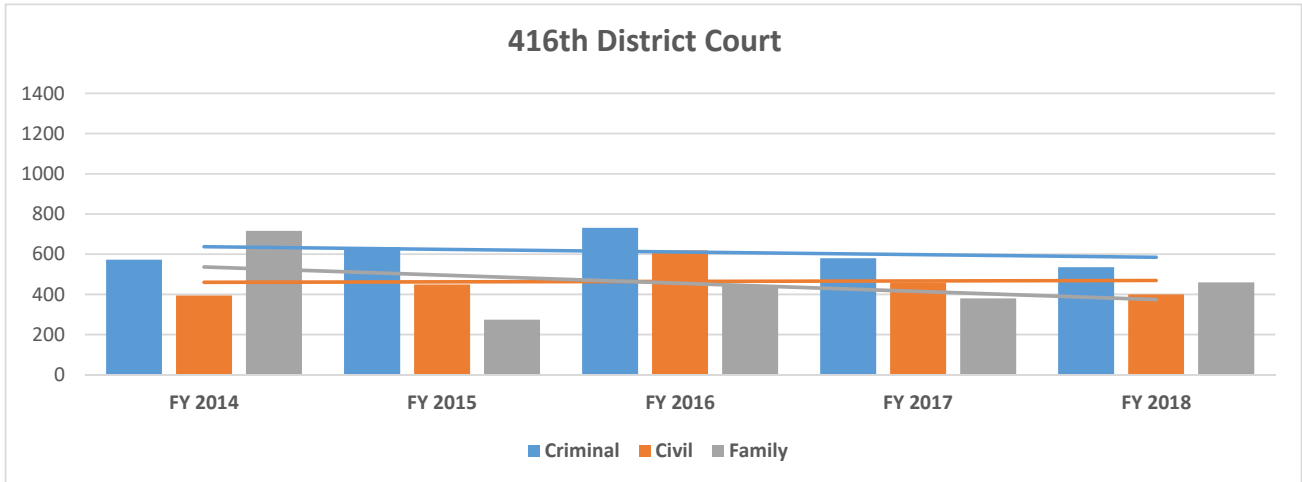


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FY 2014	526	374	726	1,626
FY 2015	632	459	456	1,547
FY 2016	748	371	472	1,591
FY 2017	722	463	485	1,670
FY 2018	818	610	405	1,833

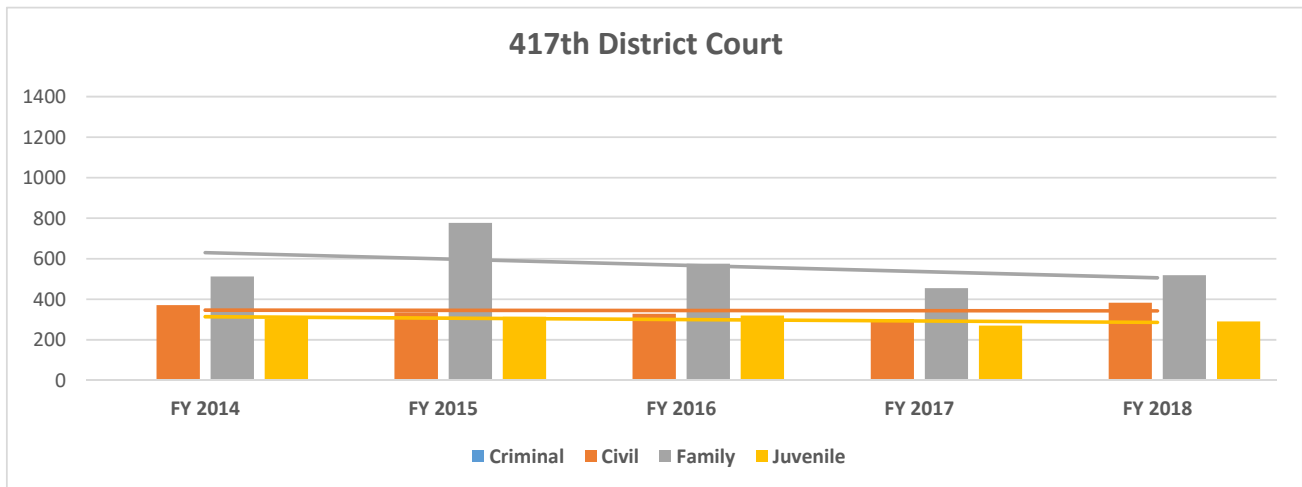


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FY 2014	526	372	579	1,477
FY 2015	665	497	227	1,389
FY 2016	724	386	311	1,421
FY 2017	777	407	396	1,580
FY 2018	789	444	298	1,531

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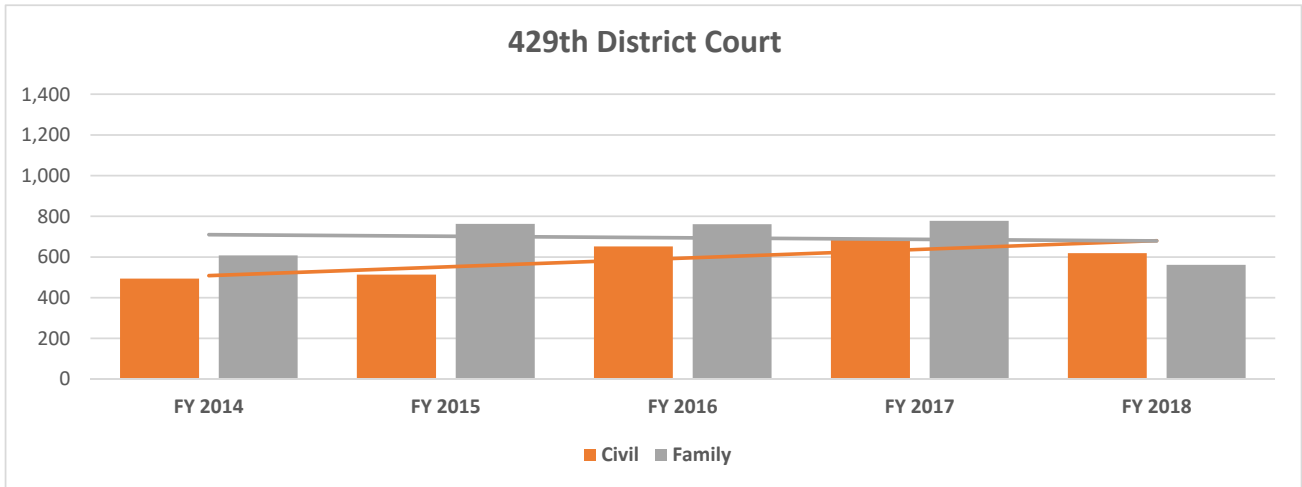


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FY 2014	573	394	716	1,683
FY 2015	635	449	274	1,358
FY 2016	731	619	445	1,795
FY 2017	580	460	380	1,420
FY 2018	535	400	460	1,395

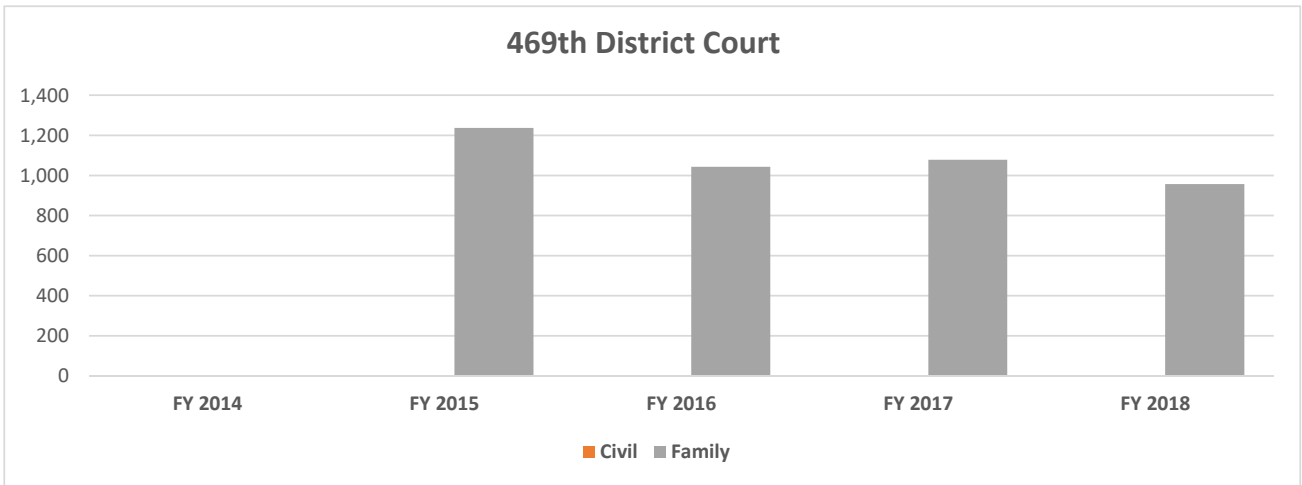


	Criminal	Civil	Family	Juvenile	TOTAL
FY 2014	3	371	513	304	1,191
FY 2015	3	336	777	314	1,430
FY 2016	2	329	576	320	1,227
FY 2017	0	303	455	270	1,028
FY 2018	0	383	519	291	1,193

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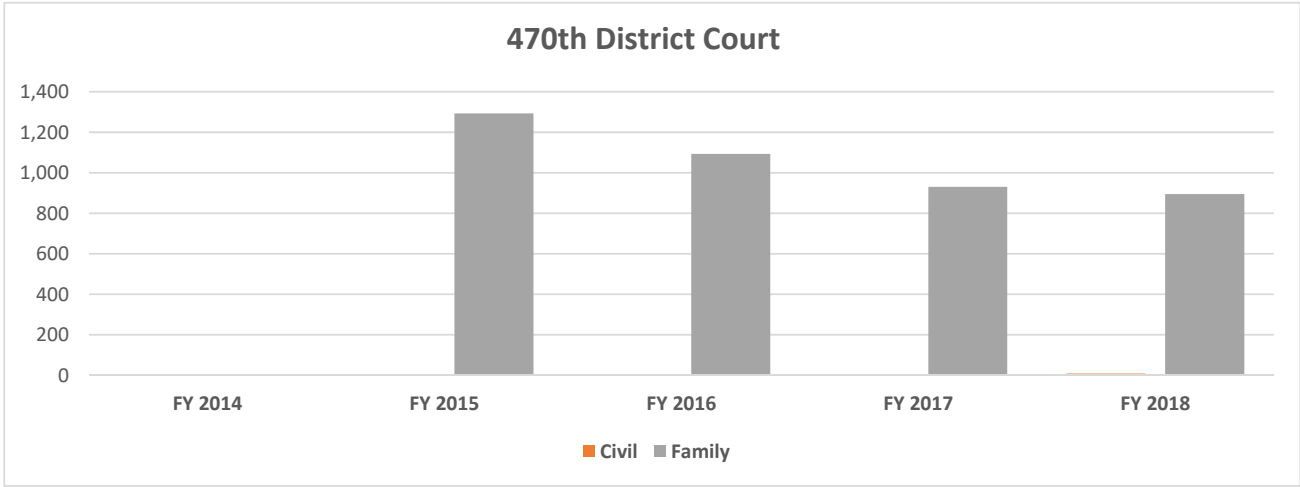


	Civil	Family	TOTAL
FY 2014	494	608	1,102
FY 2015	514	763	1,277
FY 2016	652	762	1,414
FY 2017	693	778	1,471
FY 2018	619	562	1,181



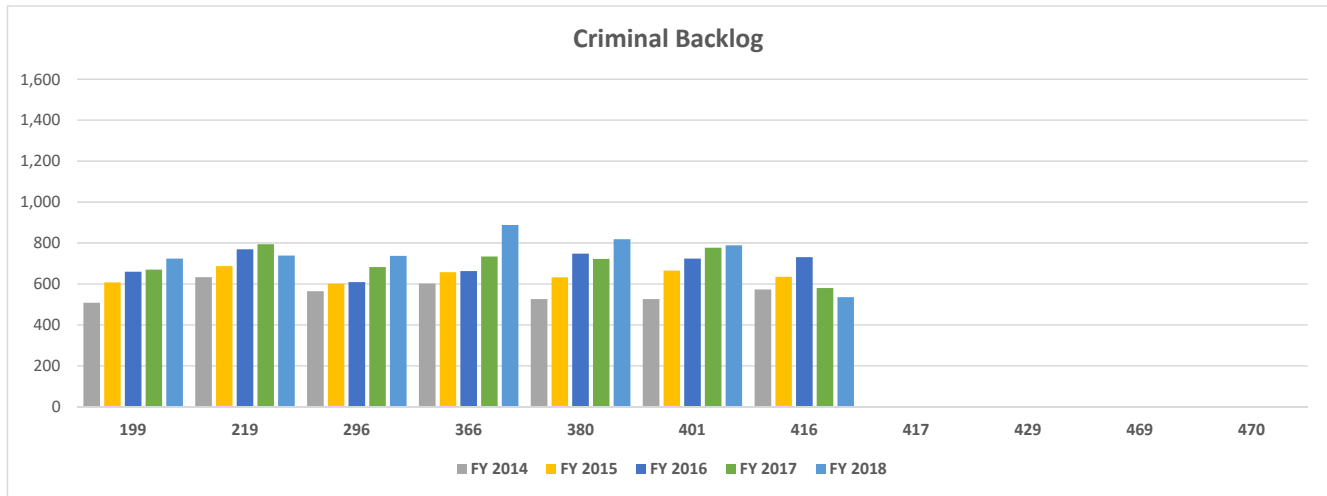
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FY 2014	0	0	0
FY 2015	0	1,237	1,237
FY 2016	3	1,043	1,046
FY 2017	4	1,078	1,082
FY 2018	4	957	961

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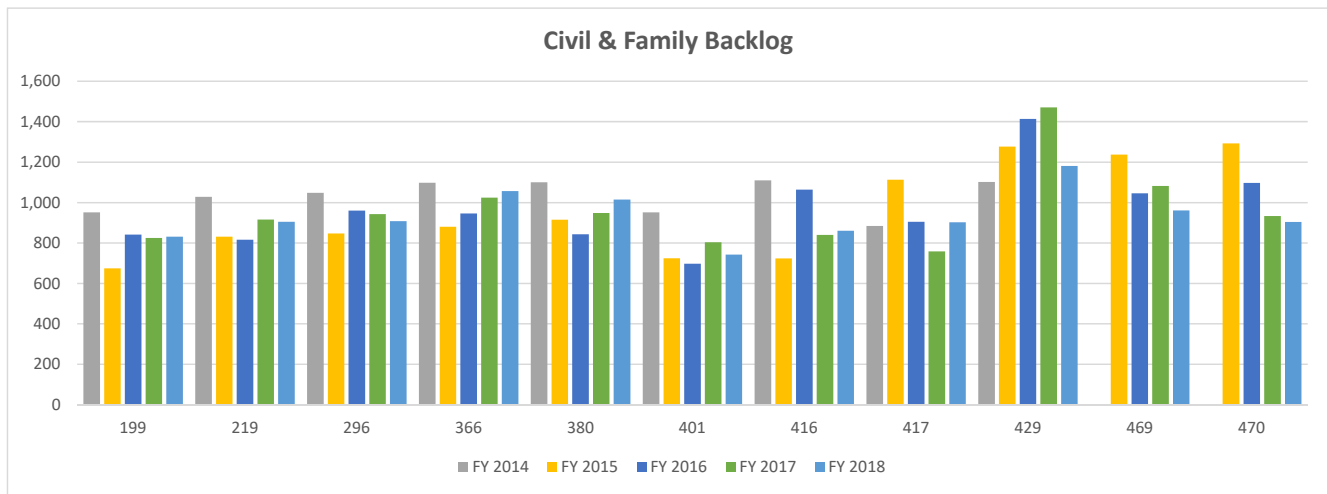


	Civil	Family	TOTAL
FY 2014	0	0	0
FY 2015	0	1,293	1,293
FY 2016	4	1,093	1,097
FY 2017	3	930	933
FY 2018	9	895	904

District Court Backlog Comparison by Year and Court

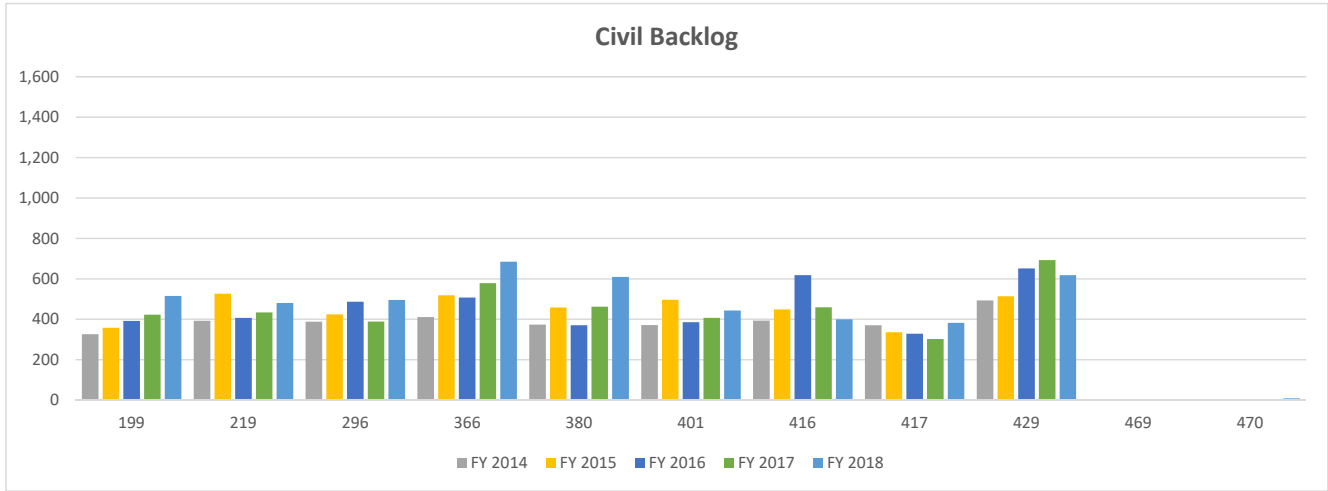


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FY 2014	508	633	564	602	526	526	573	3	0	0	0	3,935
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FY 2016	660	769	609	663	748	724	731	2	0	0	0	4,906
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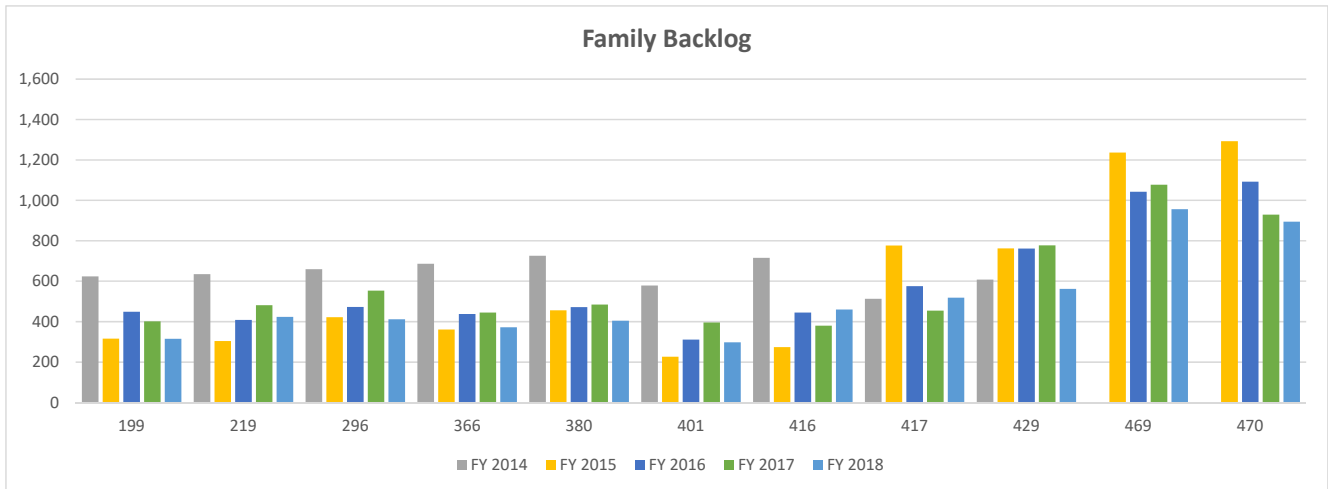


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FY 2016	841	816	960	946	843	697	1,064	905	1,414	1,046	1,097	10,629
FY 2017	825	916	943	1,024	948	803	840	758	1,471	1,082	933	10,543
FY 2018	831	905	908	1,057	1,015	742	860	902	1,181	961	904	10,266

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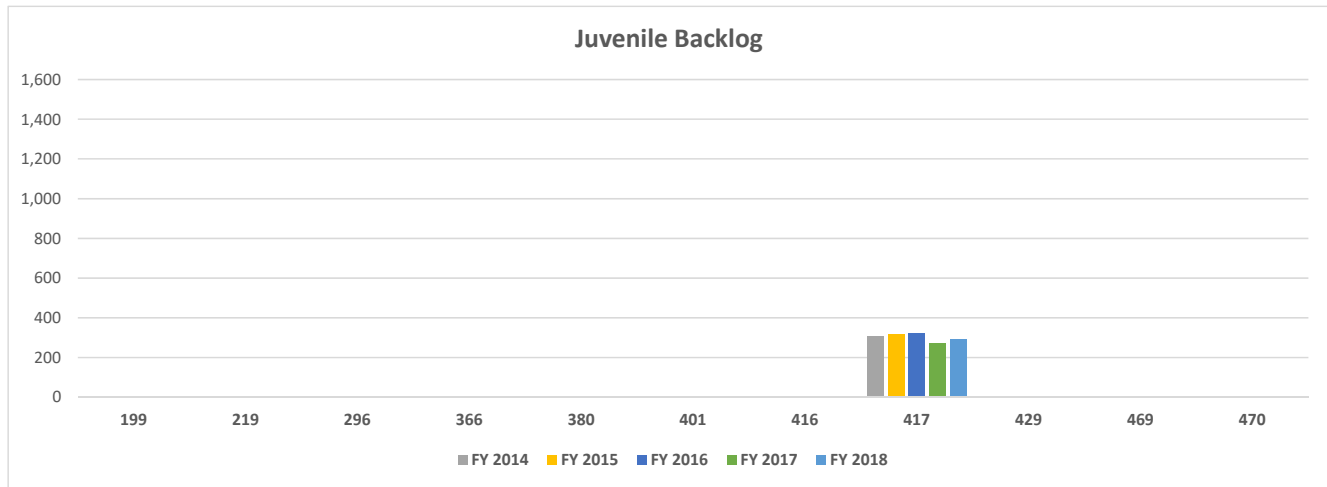


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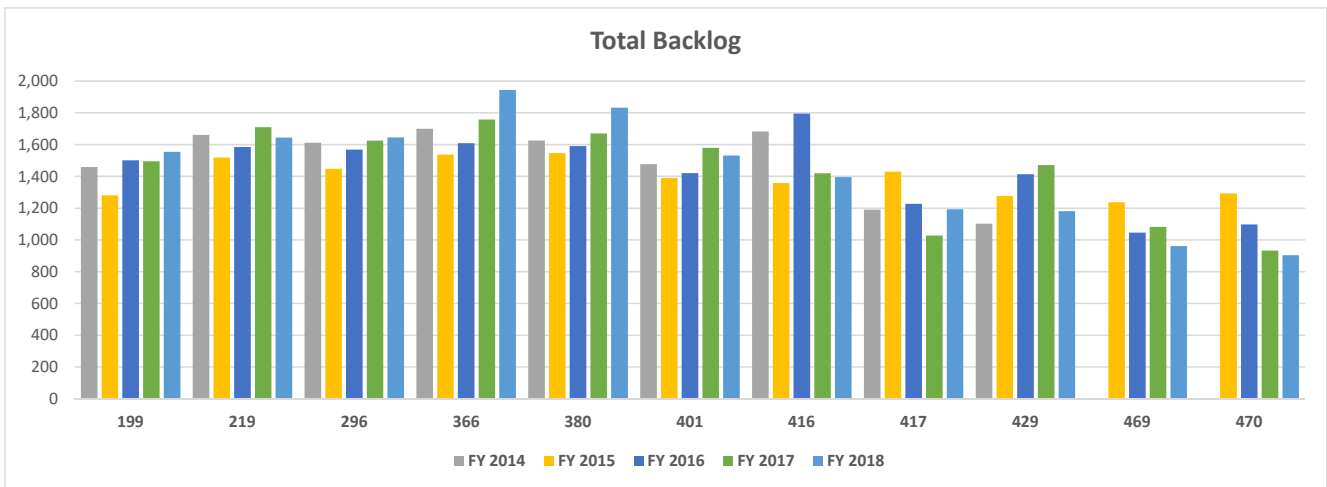


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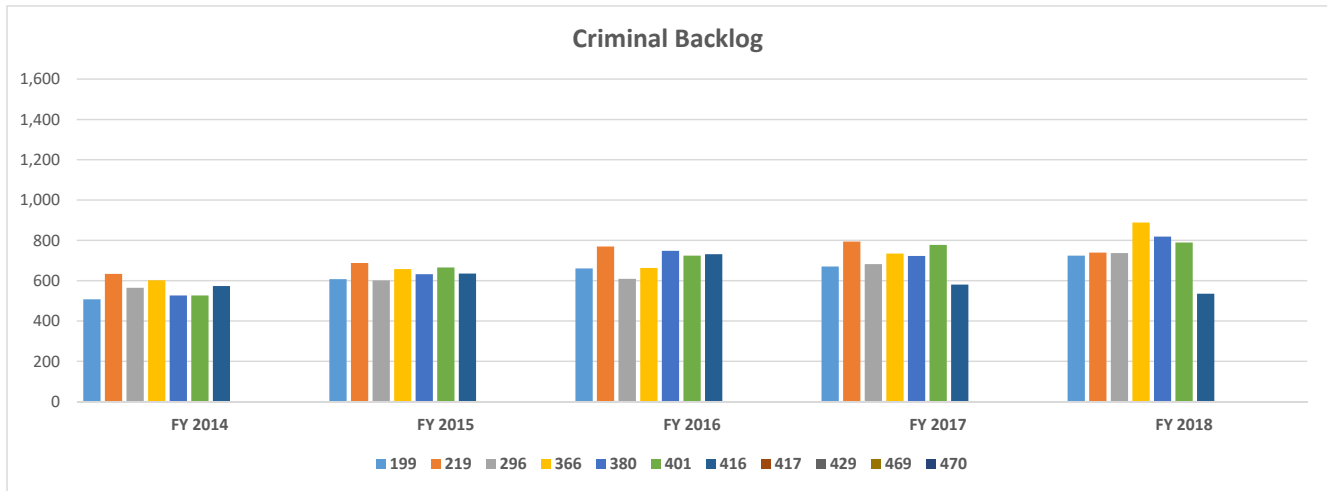


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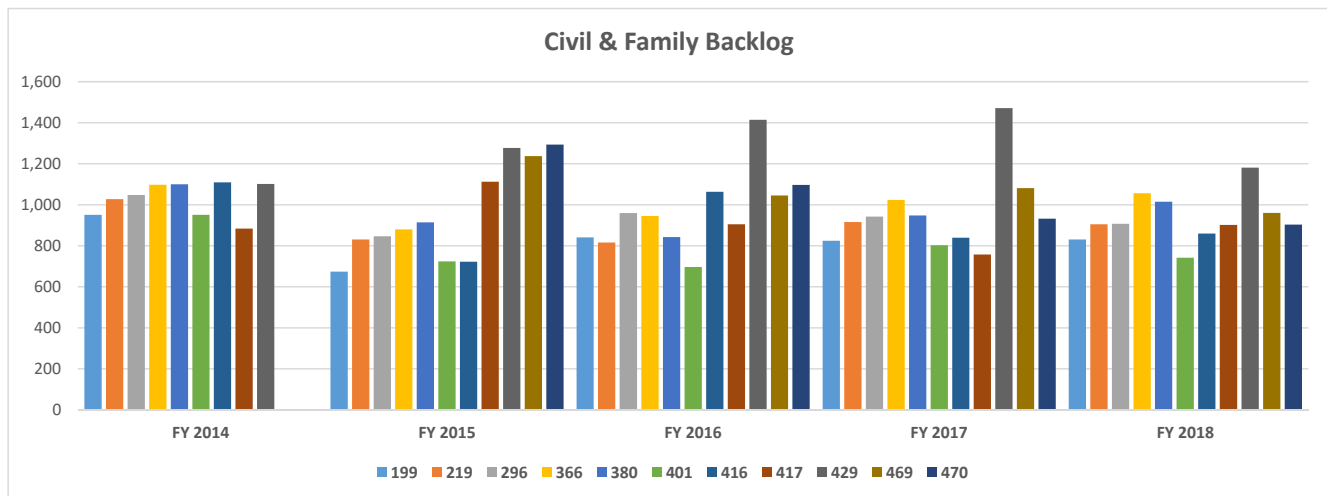


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FY 2018	1,555	1,644	1,645	1,945	1,833	1,531	1,395	1,193	1,181	961	904	15,787

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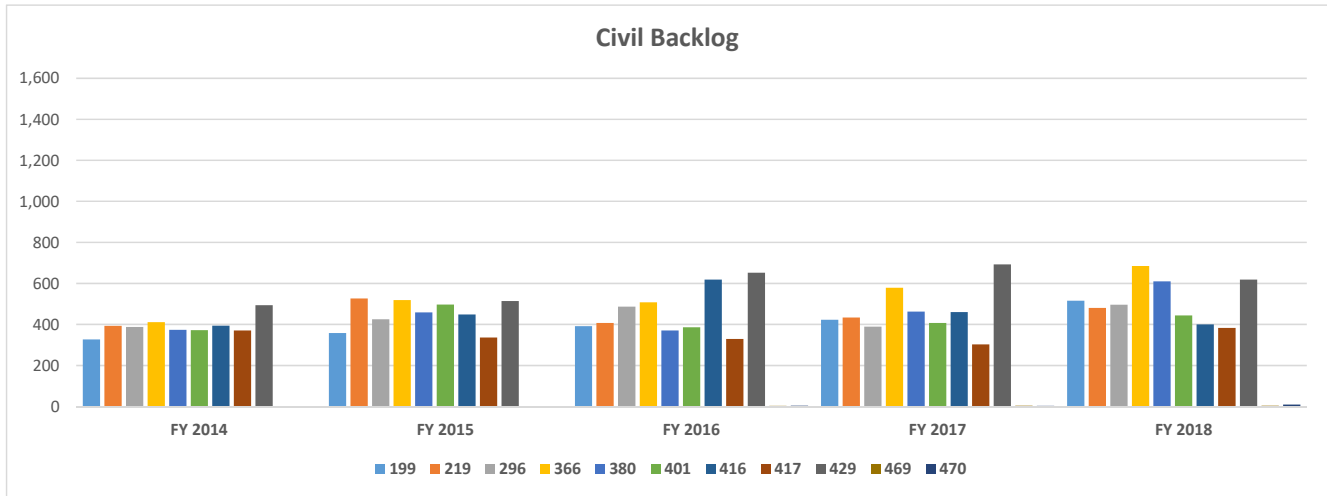


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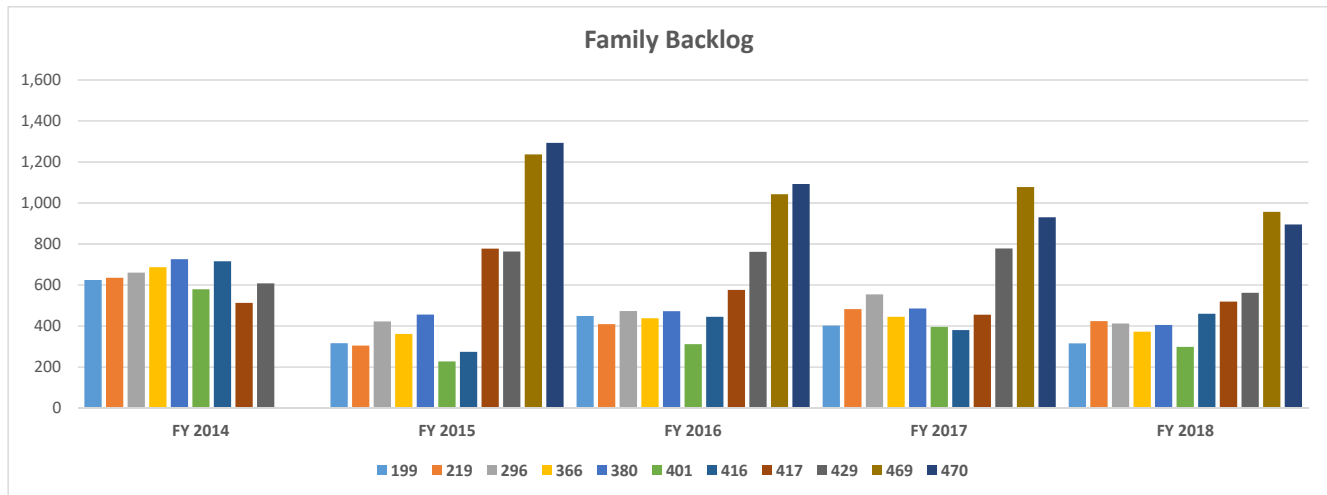


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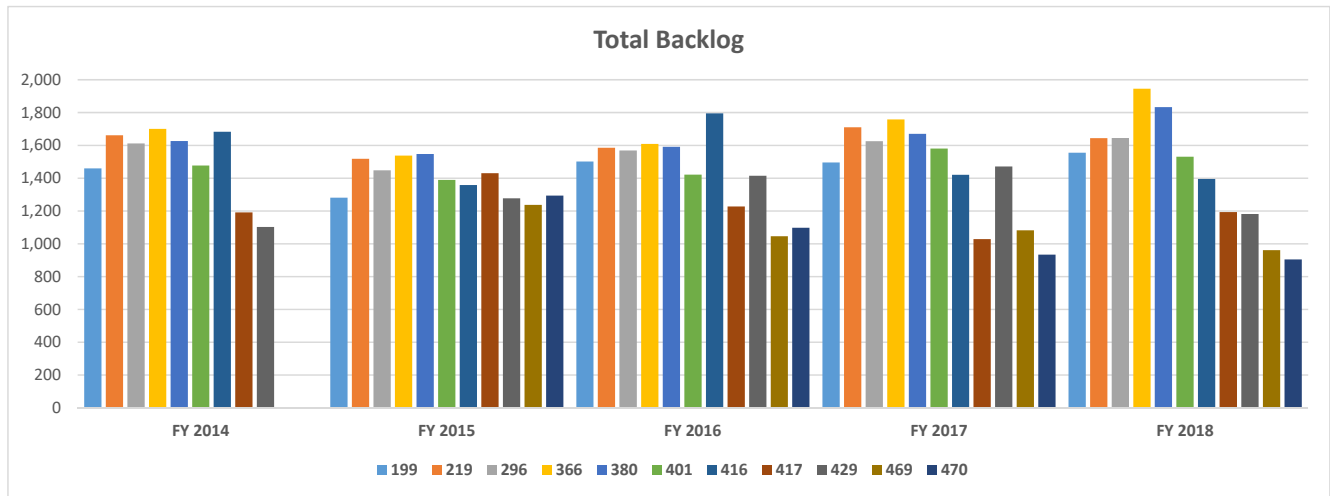


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FY 2016	1,501	1,585	1,569	1,609	1,591	1,421	1,795	1,227	1,414	1,046	1,097	15,855
FY 2017	1,495	1,710	1,625	1,758	1,670	1,580	1,420	1,028	1,471	1,082	933	15,772
FY 2018	1,555	1,644	1,645	1,945	1,833	1,531	1,395	1,193	1,181	961	904	15,787