



TEXAS COURT SECURITY INCIDENTS REPORT

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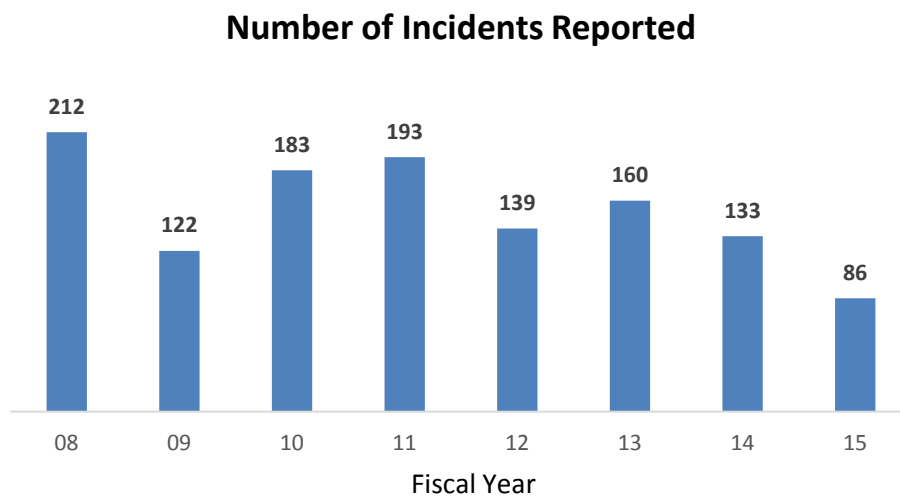
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Background

[Article 102.017\(f\)](#), Code of Criminal Procedure, requires a local administrative judge to submit a written report to the Office of Court Administration (OCA) regarding any incident involving court security that occurs in or around a building housing a court. A security incident is defined as any adverse event that threatens the security of a person or property, or causes or may cause significant disruption to functions of the court due to a breach in security.

The purpose of the Security Incident Report is to collect concrete, quantitative information about the frequency and nature of the security threats facing the judiciary.

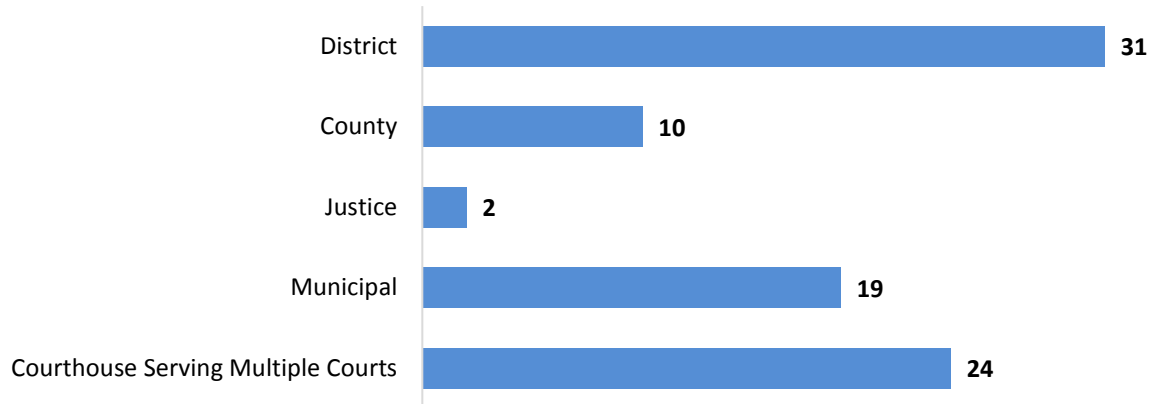
Incidents Reported Since Fiscal Year 2008



Incidents Reported in Fiscal Year 2015

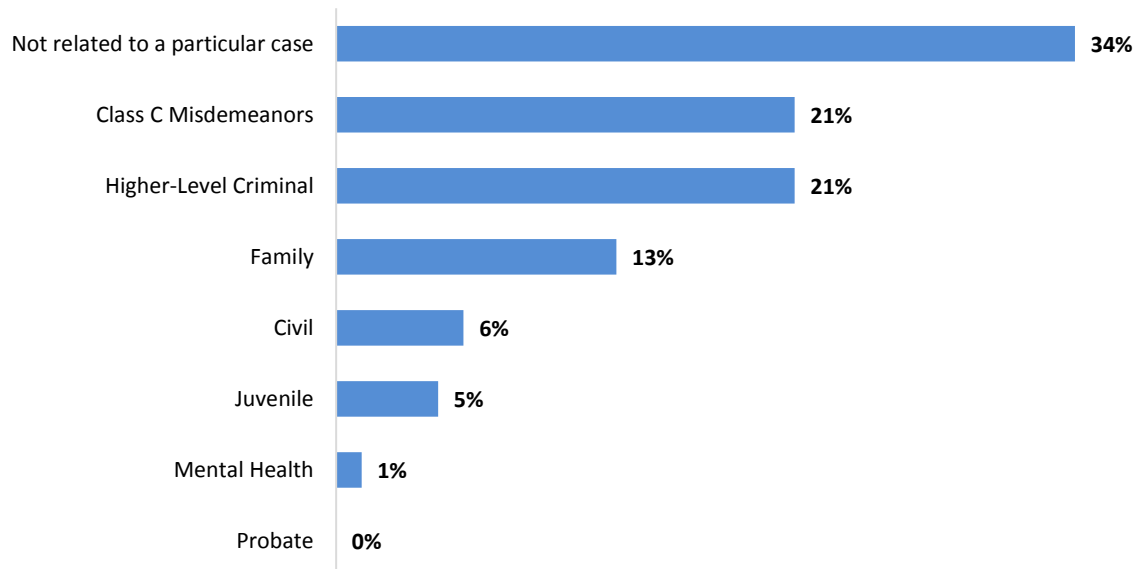
Incidents Reported by Court Type

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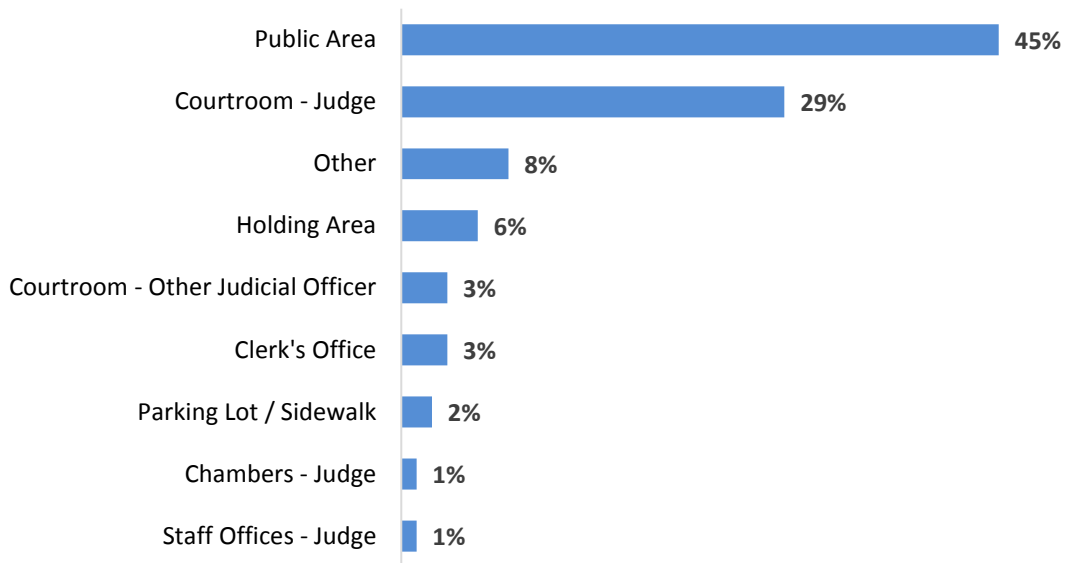
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Location of Incidents

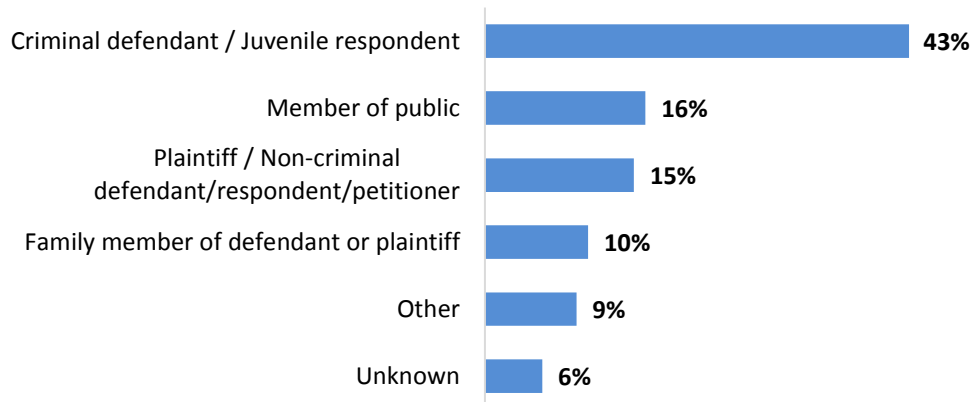
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“Other” areas included a parking garage, alley, screening station, transport vehicle, near entrance of courthouse, inmate court holdover, and inmate court tunnel.

Perpetrator of Incident

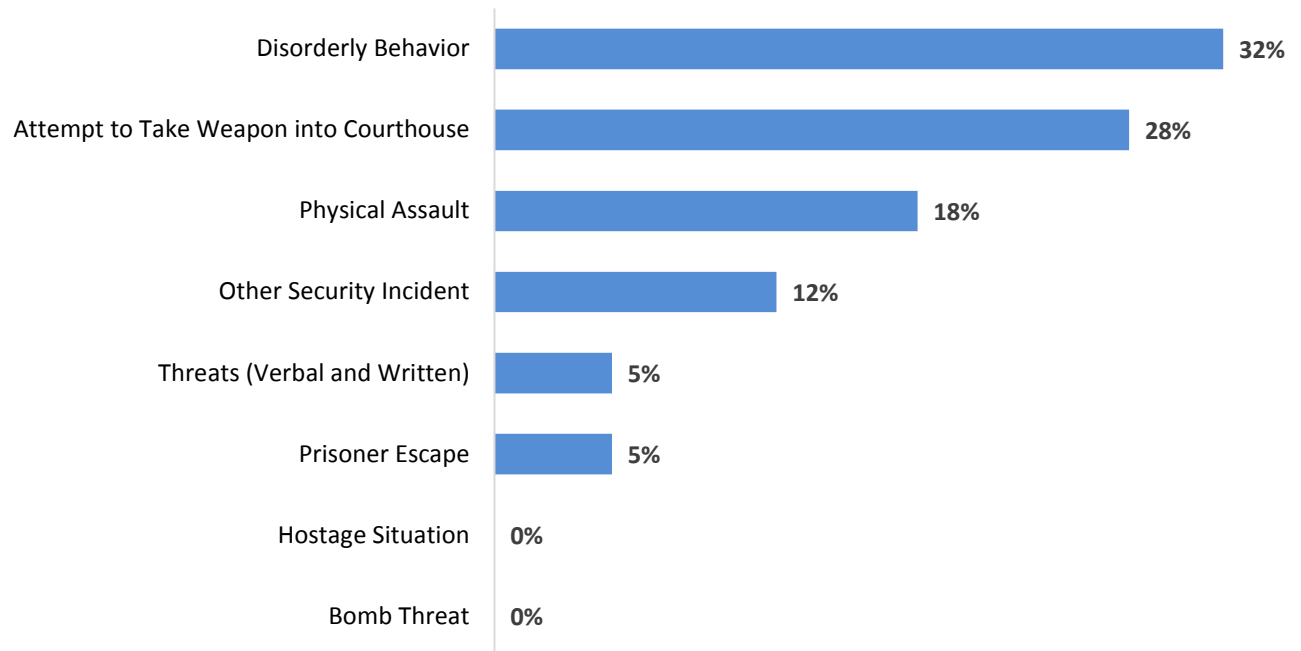
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“Other” perpetrators included an intern, juror, attorney, and a paralegal.

Incidents by Behavior Reported

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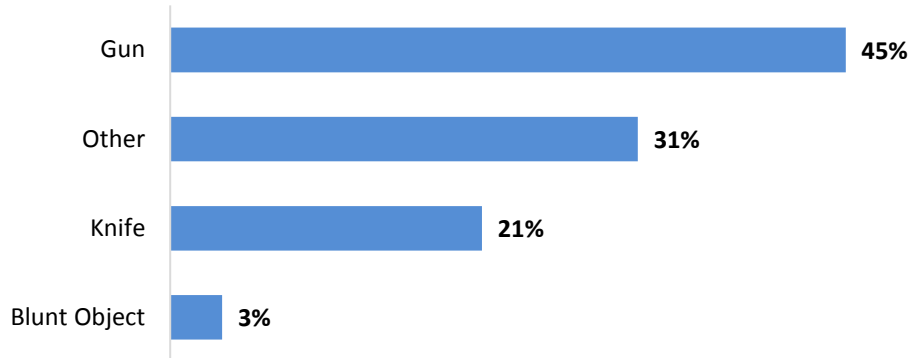
Incidents may involve multiple behaviors; for example, a security incident may involve both a verbal threat and a physical assault. Therefore, the number of behaviors reported is more than the number of reported incidents (86 incidents).

Incidents classified as “Other Security Incident” included a suspicious person, possession of a weapon, criminal mischief, resisting arrest, and a machete found near the non-public entrance where high profile inmates are brought into the courthouse.

Weapons

Weapons Involved in Attempts to Bring Weapon into Courthouse

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Most of the weapons classified as "Other" were knuckles.

Weapons Used in Security Incidents

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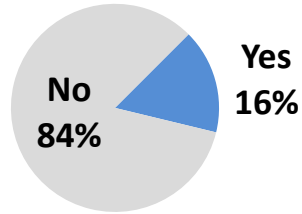


Weapons classified as "Other" were a box cutter and pepper spray.

Incidents Involving Injury

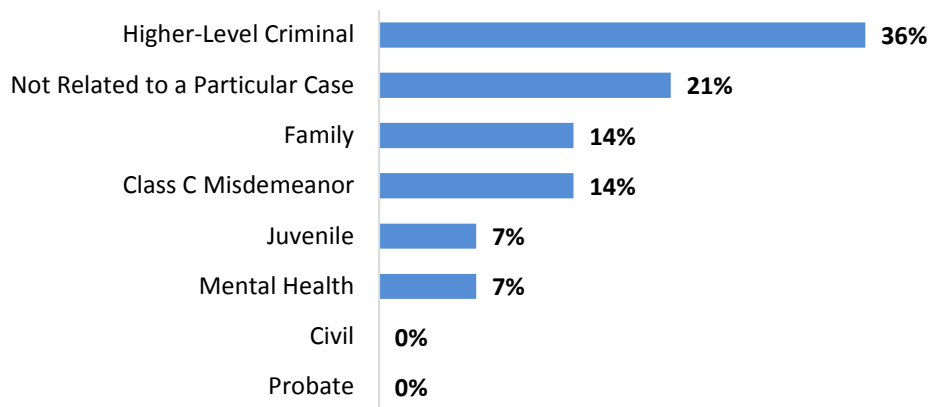
Incidents Resulting in Injury

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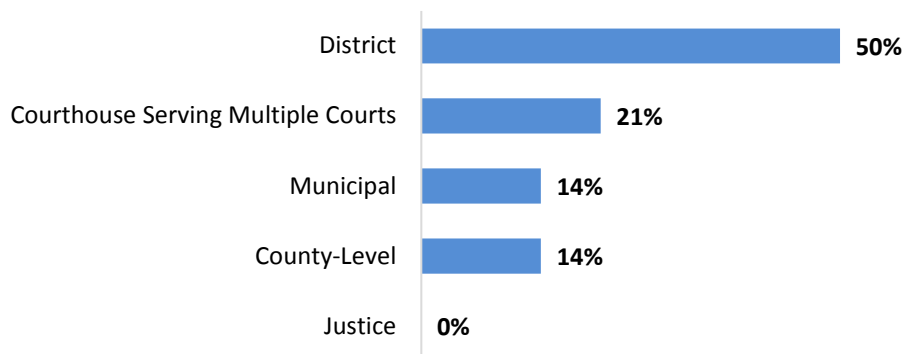
By Case Type

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By Court Type

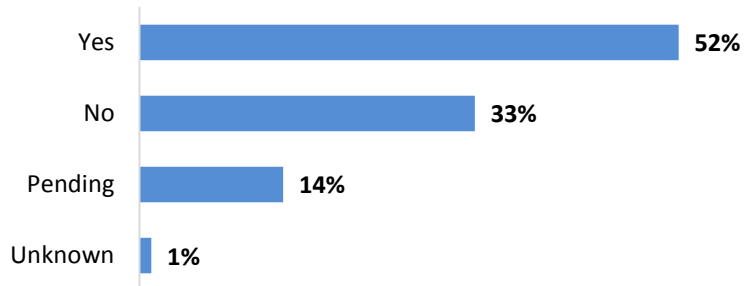
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Charges Filed

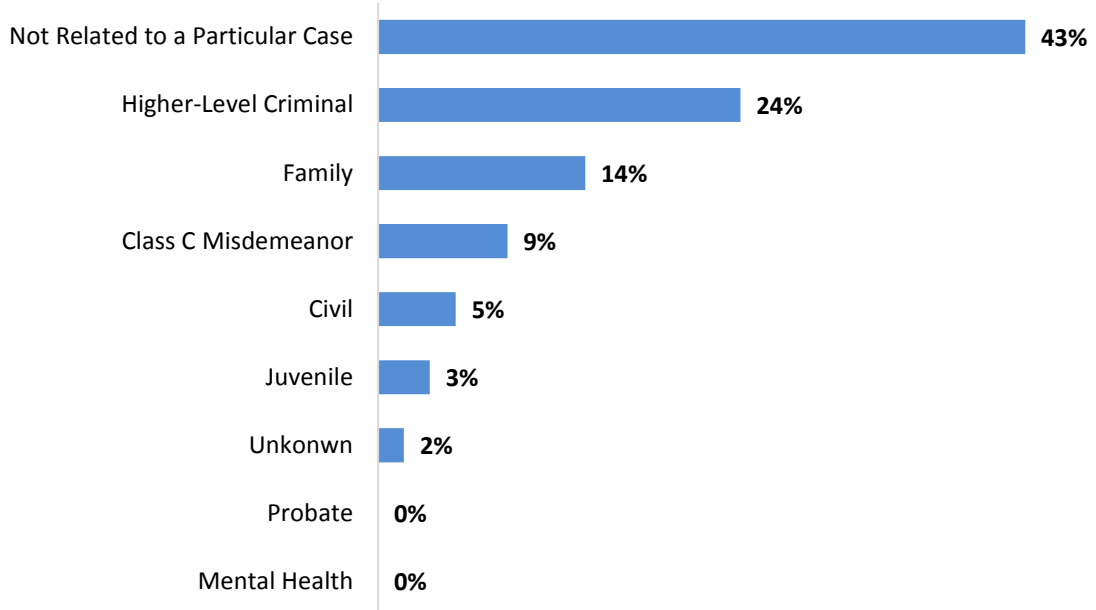
Charges Filed as a Result of the Incident

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Case Type Associated with Incidents in Which Charges were Filed or Pending

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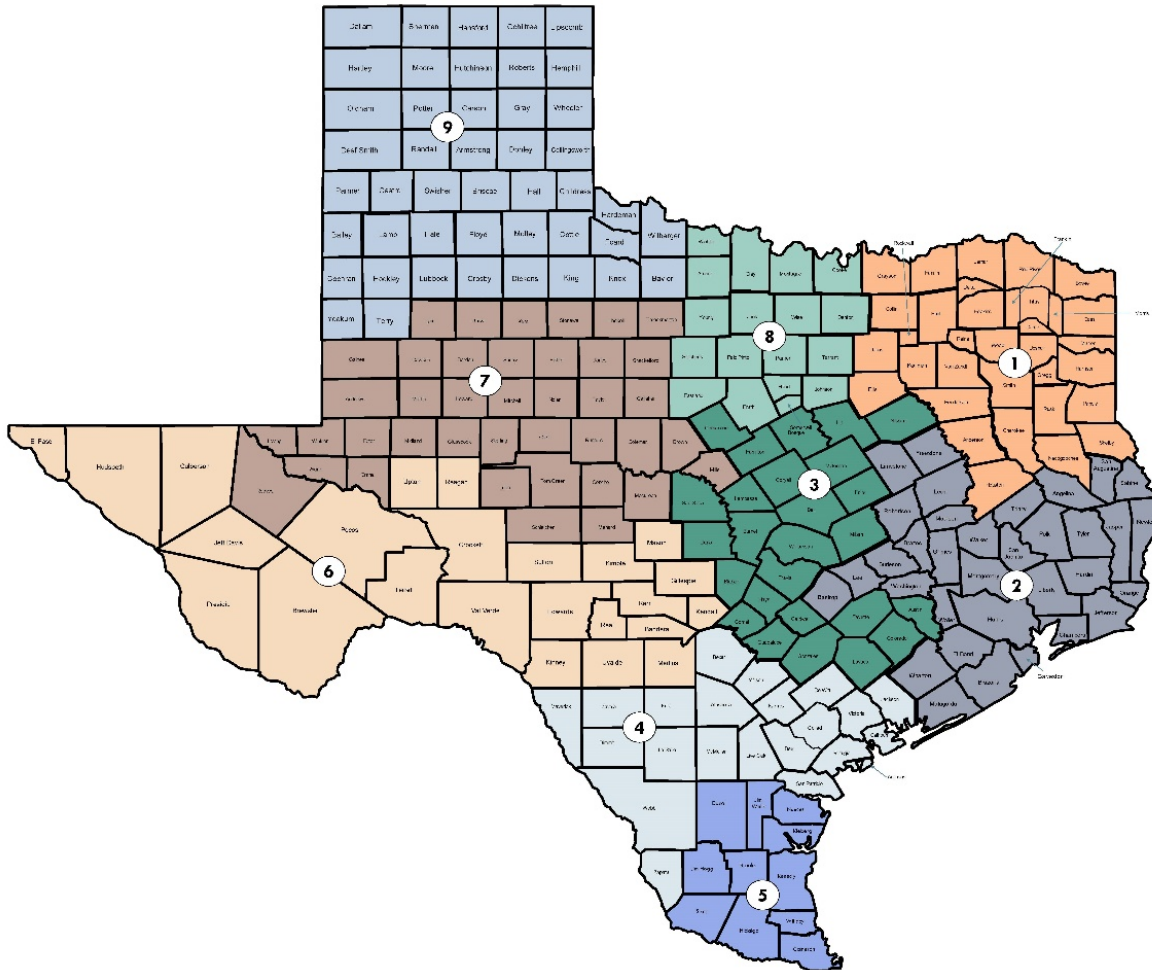
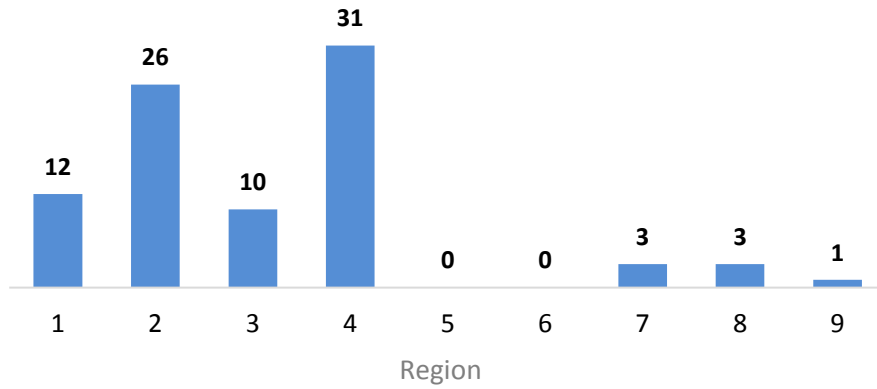


Higher-level criminal cases refers to felony or Class A or B misdemeanor cases.

Incidents Reported by Geographic Location

Incidents Reported by Administrative Judicial Region

n=86



Jurisdictions Reporting the Most Security Incidents, by Court Level

Court Level	County or City	Number Incidents Reported
<i>Courthouse Serving Multiple Courts</i>		
	Bexar	15
	Fort Bend	2
<i>District</i>		
	Bee	3
	Dallas	5
	Harris	8
<i>County</i>		
	Bexar	3
	Harris	2
<i>Justice</i>		
	Bell	1
	McLennan	1
<i>Municipal</i>		
	Austin	4
	Houston	3
	Killeen	3