

# Orientation to Texas Trial Court Data: How to Research and Download Court Statistics



# Texas Judicial Council – Ch. 71, Government Code



Judicial  
Council






OCA

Judge or  
Clerk

- Duty to **gather judicial statistics** and other pertinent information from judges and other court officials
- Collects statistics on behalf of Judicial Council
- Must submit monthly court activity reports as a duty of office



# How are Data Collected?

Court Level	Level of Detail
District County Courts at Law/Statutory Probate	County 
Constitutional County Justice	Court 
Municipal	Court 

At court levels where reports are filed by **county**, **no information is available by court** unless there is only 1 court in the county

**Counties with more than 1 court:**  
District: 48%  
County courts at law: 82%



# What Data Do We Collect?



## Aggregate statistics

- **Count** of cases in each category, **no case level** information
- Case types: civil, family, criminal, juvenile, probate, mental health
- Case categories broad, **no further detail** collected

MISDEMEANOR CASES												
	DWI - First Offense	DWI - Second Offense	Theft	Theft by Check	Drug Possession- Marijuana	Drug Offenses- Other	Family Violence Assault	Assault - Other	Traffic	DWLS / DWLI	All Other Misdemeanor Cases	Total Cases
Cases on Docket:												



# What Data Do We Collect?

## Basic workload data

- ❖ Filings, type of filings
- ❖ Dispositions, type of dispositions
- ❖ Number of pending cases
- ❖ Additional information varies by court level and case type

No further detail available



# Accessing the Data – Annual Statistical Report

<http://www.txcourts.gov/statistics/annual-statistical-reports/>

## ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

The Office of Court Administration produces the Annual Statistical Report covering each state fiscal year beginning September 1 and ending August 31. The report includes an overview of Texas court structure and jurisdiction, analyses of case activity and trends, and statistics from appellate and trial courts.

### FY 2018 Annual Statistical Report

- [FY 2018](#)

### Past Annual Statistical Reports

- [FY 2017](#)
- [FY 2016](#)
- [FY 2015 - Print Version](#), [Flip Book](#), [Interactive Detail](#)
- [FY 2014](#)
- [FY 2004-2013](#)

### Annual Statistical Supplement

The Annual Statistical Supplement consists of individual data files including information on judges and detailed case activity statistics for each court level.

- [FY 2018](#)
- [FY 2017](#)
- [FY 2016](#)
- [FY 2015](#)
- [FY 2014](#)
- [FY 1966-2013](#)



## Statistical Report:

- Discussion of trends
- Statewide totals for fiscal year

## Statistical Supplement:


























- Also totals by county or court
- Totals by case type



# Accessing the Data – Statistical Supplement





























## Activity by Court Level

### District Courts

- [Explanation of Case Categories](#) 
- [Counties Missing Reports for FY 2018](#) 
- [Activity Detail](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Summary by County](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
  - [Sorted by population](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Age of Cases Disposed](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
  - [Sorted by population](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Performance Measures](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
  - [Performance Measure Definitions](#) 
- [Sentencing Information by County](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Other Civil and Family Case Activity by County](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Other Criminal Case Activity by County](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Other Juvenile Case Activity by County](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Human Trafficking Cases](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 

## Activity by Case Type

### District and County-level Courts - Combined Case Activity

- [Statewide Civil Case Activity \(District and Statutory County\)](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Statewide Family Case Activity](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Statewide Felony Case Activity](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Statewide Misdemeanor Case Activity](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Statewide Probate, Guardianship and Mental Health Case Activity](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
  - [Probate Activity by County](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
  - [Guardianship Activity by County](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
  - [Mental Health Activity by County](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
- [Statewide Juvenile Case Activity](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
  - [Juvenile Activity by County](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
    - [Sorted by population](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
  - [Age of Cases Disposed](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
    - [Sorted by population](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 
  - [Other Juvenile Case Activity by County](#) [pdf](#)  [Excel](#) 

### Justice and Municipal Courts - Combined Case Activity

- [Activity Detail](#) [Excel](#) 



# Accessing the Data – Reporting Database

- Offers same reports posted on Supplement webpage
- Most up to date data
- Select your own date range
- Run detail report for particular county or court

## Court Activity Data

Run one of our standard reports or your own query from our court activity database.

### District & County Courts

[Run reports for September 2010 to present](#)  
[Run reports for September 1992 to August 2010](#)

[Run query for September 2010 to present](#)  
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### Justice & Municipal Courts

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[Run query for September 2011 to present](#)  
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# Accessing the Data - Court Activity Reporting and Directory Database

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**COURT ACTIVITY DATABASE**

## **District and County Courts**

Number of criminal, civil, family, probate, mental health, and juvenile cases filed and disposed. Reports for Sept. 2010 and later have statistics for county courts and county courts at law reported separately. Reports may be run for individual counties or statewide totals.

Sept. 2010 to present     [Run Reports](#) | [Run a Query](#)

Sept. 1992 to Aug. 2010     [Run Reports](#) | [Run a Query](#)

## **Justice of the Peace and Municipal Courts**

Number of criminal and civil cases filed and disposed. Also contains data on cases filed involving juveniles or minors, magistrate activity, and total amount of fines, court costs and fees collected. Reports may be run for individual counties, courts, or statewide totals.

Sept. 2011 to present     [Run Reports](#) | [Run a Query](#)

Sept. 1992 to Aug. 2011     [Run Reports](#) | [Run a Query](#)

## **Trial Court Activity Reporting Instructions**

Reporting procedures and definitions for categories used in the Judicial Council Monthly Court Activity Reports.

### **District and County Reports**

[Sept. 2010 to present](#) | [Prior to Sept. 2010](#)

### **Justice of the Peace and Municipal Courts**

[Sept. 2011 to present](#) | [Prior to Sept. 2011](#)

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# Reports - Select the Appropriate Link

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# Reports – Select a Report Type

- **Constitutional County** (the County Court)
- **County-Level** (combines misdemeanor cases for all county courts)
- **District**
- **District and Statutory** (combines civil, family and felony cases)
- **Juvenile** (combines juvenile for district and county courts)
- **Justice Court**
- **Municipal Court**
- **Probate and Mental Health** (combines for all county courts)
- **Statutory County** (county courts at law and statutory probate courts)
- **Management Reports** (shows which reports have been received)

[Main](#) > Report Selection

**Report Type:**

**Report:**

**Report Description:**

Select a Report Type
Constitutional County Courts
County-Level Courts
Court Data Reports
District and Statutory County Court
District Court Data Reports
Justice Courts
Juvenile Courts
Management Reports
Municipal Courts
Probate and Mental Health
Statutory County Courts

Note: Counties or courts may not have submitted all reports for

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# Reports – Select a Report

[Main](#) > Report Selection

Report Type:

Constitutional County Courts

Report:

Constitutional County Court Activity Detail

Report Description:

This report mirrors the Official Constitutional County Court Report form. It contains detailed data on the number of criminal, civil and juvenile cases filed, disposed, and pending for the time period selected. It also contains data on probate, guardianship, and mental health cases. Reports may be run for individual counties or statewide totals.

Note: Counties or courts may not have submitted all reports for the fiscal year. To determine which reports have been submitted and which are missing, select Management Re

Continue

[Report Descriptions](#)

The **Activity Detail** report at any court level provides the most comprehensive data

When a report is chosen, a brief description of the content is provided

Report descriptions are also available here



# Reports – Select Report Criteria

Select the date range as well as any other available criteria for the report

Some reports offer the option to sort by county or city population

[Main](#) > [Report Selection](#) > [Report Criteria](#)

**Report: Activity by County Summary**

**From:** Year: 2018 ▼ Month: January ▼

**To:** Year: 2018 ▼ Month: December ▼

**Format:** Export to Acrobat ▼  
Selecting the Acrobat version will provide a 'printer friendly' version.

**Sort:** County-Alpha ▼

Run

- County-Alpha
- County-Population



# Reports – District and Statutory County Detail Reports

Remember that district and statutory county activity is reported by **county**, so you **cannot select a particular court**

[Main](#) > [Report Selection](#) > [Report Criteria](#)

## Report: Statutory County Court Activity Detail

**From:**

**To:**

Year  
2018 ▼

Month  
September ▼

Year  
2019 ▼

Month  
January ▼

Separate Monthly Report for each Month in Range (Aggregate Report if unchecked)

County: Brazos ▼

Court: All ▼

Format: Export to Acrobat ▼

Selecting the Acrobat version will provide a 'printer friendly' version.

**Run Report**



## Reports – Select Format

Reports may be run in Acrobat, Excel or Word, with Acrobat providing a “printer friendly” version

Because the report software produces all output in the style of the “printer friendly” version, Excel files require editing to be able to sort or otherwise manipulate the data

[Main](#) > [Report Selection](#) > [Report Criteria](#)

**Report: Statutory County Court Activity Detail**

**From:** Year: 2018 ▼ Month: January ▼ **To:** Year: 2018 ▼ Month: December ▼

Separate Monthly Report for each Month in Range (Aggregate Report if unchecked)

County: All ▼  
Court: All ▼

**Format:** Export to Acrobat ▼  
Selecting the Export to Acrobat as a 'printer friendly' version.

Run

Export to MS Excel  
Export to MS Word





# Some Notes about the Activity Detail Report

## Statutory County Courts

Activity Detail from September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017

County: Brown

100.0 Percent Reporting Rate

12 Reports Received Out of a Possible 12



Indicates that **at least 1 section** was reported per month

Does not ensure that all reports are complete

FELONY CASES				
Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Agg. Assault or Attempted Murder	Sexual Assault of Adult
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0



# Some Notes about the Activity Detail Report

If numbers present (including zeroes) in report, activity was reported for the period

County: Travis  
100.0 Percent Reporting Rate  
12 Reports Received Out of a Possible 12

FELONY CASES								
	Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicides	Agg. Assault or Attempted Murder	Sexual Assault of Adult	Indecency With or Sexual Assault of Child	Family Violence Assault	Aggravated Robbery or Robbery
Cases on Docket:								
<b>Cases Pending 9/1/2016:</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Docket Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
Filed by Indictment or Information	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

If blank, no reports were submitted for the period

County: Travis  
100.0 Percent Reporting Rate  
12 Reports Received Out of a Possible 12

FAMILY CASES										
	Divorce		Parent-Child - No Divorce	Child Protective Services	Termination of Parental Rights	Adoption	Protective Orders - No Divorce	Title IV-D		
	Children	No Children						Paternity	Support Order	UIFSA
Cases on Docket:										
<b>Cases Pending 9/1/2016:</b>										
<i>Active Cases</i>										
<i>Inactive Cases</i>										
Docket Adjustments										
<b>Cases Added:</b>										
New Cases Filed										
Other Cases Reaching Docket:										
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>										
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>										



# Query - Select the Appropriate Link

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# Query – Select a Court Type

- **Constitutional County** (the County Court)
- **District**
- **Justice of the Peace**
- **Municipal**
- **Statutory County** (county courts at law and statutory probate courts)

**Ad-Hoc Search**

[Main](#) > Ad-Hoc Search

To run a query for information in our judicial activity database, use the search criteria:

<b>Court Type:</b>	Select a Court Type
<b>Section:</b>	Constitutional County
	District
	Justice of the Peace
	Municipal
	Statutory County

Column Selection

Row Selection

**Run Report**



# Query – Select a Section

[Main](#) > [Ad-Hoc Search](#)

To run a query for information in our judicial activity database, use the

<b>Court Type:</b>	Constitutional County	▼
<b>Section:</b>	Select a Section	
	Criminal	
	Civil	
<b>County:</b>	Juvenile	▼
	Probate	
<b>From:</b>	Mental Health	
	Month	Year



# Query – Select Criteria

Select

- ❖ All Courts/Statewide or
- ❖ A single county or court (court available for justice and municipal only)

Select the date range

<b>Court Type:</b>	Constitutional County	▼			
<b>Section:</b>	Criminal	▼			
<b>County:</b>	Statewide	▼			
<b>From:</b>			<b>To:</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Month	Year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Month	Year
	January	2018		December	2018



# Query – District & County – Select Criteria – Cases on Docket

**Column Selection = Case Category**

## Column Selection

<input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanors	<input type="checkbox"/> Felonies	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Court Activity	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cases On Docket	<input type="checkbox"/> Age Of Cases	<input type="checkbox"/> Dispositions	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Information
<input type="checkbox"/> All		<input type="checkbox"/> DWI Second Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Theft
<input type="checkbox"/> DWI First Offense		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drug Possession - Marijuana	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Offenses - Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Theft by Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Assault - Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> D.W.L.S./D.W.L.I
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence Assault		<input type="checkbox"/> Total Cases	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Misdemeanor Cases			

**Row Selection = Line item**

## Row Selection

<input type="checkbox"/> All		<input type="checkbox"/> Pending First of Month - Inactive Cases
<input type="checkbox"/> Pending First of Month - Active Cases		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Cases Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Appealed from Lower Courts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Motion to Revoke Probation/Community Supervision/Deferred Adjudication		<input type="checkbox"/> Cases Reactivated
<input type="checkbox"/> All Other Cases Added		<input type="checkbox"/> Total Disposed
<input type="checkbox"/> Placed on Inactive Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending End of Month - Active	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending End of Month - Inactive

**Run Report**



# Query – District & County – Select Criteria – Dispositions

**Column Selection = Case Category**

## Column Selection

<input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanors		<input type="checkbox"/> Felonies		<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Court Activity	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cases On Docket		<input type="checkbox"/> Age Of Cases	<input type="checkbox"/> Dispositions	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> All	<input type="checkbox"/> DWI First Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> DWI Second Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Theft		
<input type="checkbox"/> Theft By Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence Assault	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drug Possession - Marijuana	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Offenses - Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Misdemeanor Cases	<input type="checkbox"/> Assault Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> D.W.L.S/D.W.L.I		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Total Cases			

**Row Selection = Disposition Type**

## Row Selection

<input type="checkbox"/> All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convictions - Guilty Plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convictions - By the court	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convictions - By the Jury
<input type="checkbox"/> Placed on Deferred Adjudication	<input type="checkbox"/> Dismissals	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquittals - By the Court	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquittals - By the Jury
<input type="checkbox"/> Motion to Revoke Probation/Community Supervision/Deferred Adjudication - Denied/Probation Continued	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion to Revoke Probation/Community Supervision/Deferred Adjudication - Granted		
<input type="checkbox"/> All Other Dispositions	<input type="checkbox"/> Total Cases Disposed		

**Run Report**





# Query – District & County – Select Criteria – Supplemental Information (Sentencing)

**Column Selection =**  
Case Category

## Column Selection

<input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanors	<input type="checkbox"/> Felonies	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Court Activity	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cases On Docket	<input type="checkbox"/> Age Of Cases	<input type="checkbox"/> Dispositions	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Information
<input type="checkbox"/> All			
<input type="checkbox"/> DWI First Offense		<input type="checkbox"/> DWI Second Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Theft
<input type="checkbox"/> Theft By Check		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drug Possession - Marijuana	<input type="checkbox"/> Drug Offenses - Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence Assault	<input type="checkbox"/> Assault Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/> D.W.L.S./D.W.L.I
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Misdemeanor Cases		<input type="checkbox"/> Total Cases	

**Row Selection =**  
Sentence

## Row Selection

- All
- Sentencing Information - Committed Directly to Local Jail
- Sentencing Information - Probation/Community Supervision
- Sentencing Information - Other
- Sentencing Information - Fine Only

**Run Report**

[Run Report](#)



# Query – District & County – Select Criteria – Age of Cases

Available only for:

- ❖ Total Civil cases
- ❖ Total Family cases
- ❖ Total Misdemeanor or Felony cases
- ❖ Total Juvenile cases

Column Selection

Misdemeanors      Felonies      Additional Court Activity

Cases On Docket      Age Of Cases      Dispositions      Supplemental Information

All       30 Days or Less       31 Days to 60 Days       61 Days to 90 Days       Over 90 Days       Total Cases

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Row Selection

Age of Cases Disposed

[Run Report](#)

No information for more specific case categories



# Query – District & County – Select Criteria – Additional Court Activity

- ❖ Available only for:
  - ❖ Total Civil cases
  - ❖ Total Family cases
  - ❖ Total Misdemeanor or Felony cases
  - ❖ Total Juvenile cases
  - ❖ Total Probate & Guardianship cases

## Column Selection

Misdemeanors

Felonies

Additional Information

All

Misdemeanor Cases

Felony Cases

Total

## Row Selection

All

Cases in which Jury Selected

Competency Hearings Held

Cases with Retained Counsel

Cases Filed for Compelling Prostitution

Cases in which Mistrial Declared

Cases Set for Review

Cases Filed for Trafficking of Persons

Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied

Cases in which Attorney Appointed as Counsel

Cases Filed for Prostitution

Run Report

- ❖ No information for more specific case categories



# Query – Justice & Municipal – Select Criteria

**Column Selection** = Case Category

**Row Selection** = Filing or disposition type, cases pending

**Run Report**

## Column Selection

- All
- Traffic Misdemeanors - Non-Parking
- Non-Traffic Misdemeanors - Penal Code
- Non-Traffic Misdemeanors - City Ordinance
- Traffic Misdemeanors - Parking
- Traffic Misdemeanors - City Ordinance
- Non-Traffic Misdemeanors - Other State Law

## Row Selection

- All
- Pending First of Month - Active Cases
- New Cases Filed
- Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial - Uncontested Dispositions
- Dispositions Prior to Court Appearance or Trial - Dismissed by Prosecution
- Dispositions at Trial - Convictions - Guilty Plea
- Dispositions at Trial - Convictions - By the Jury
- Dispositions at Trial - Acquittals - By the Jury
- Compliance Dismissals - After Driver Safety Course
- Compliance Dismissals - After Teen Court
- Compliance Dismissals - After Treatment for Chemical Dependency
- Compliance Dismissals - After Proof of Financial Responsibility
- Compliance Dismissals - All Other Transportation Code Dismissals
- All Other Dispositions
- Pending End of Month - Active Cases
- Show Cause Hearings Held
- Pending First of Month - Inactive Cases
- Reactivated
- All Other Cases Added
- Dispositions at Trial - Convictions - By the Court
- Dispositions at Trial - Acquittals - By the Court
- Dispositions at Trial - Dismissed by Prosecution
- Compliance Dismissals - After Deferred Disposition
- Compliance Dismissals - After Tobacco Awareness Course
- Total Cases Disposed
- Pending End of Month - Inactive Cases
- Cases Appealed - After Trial
- Cases Placed on Inactive Status
- Cases Appealed - Without Trial

Run Report

# Query - Results

Results are exported into Excel

Court Type = Municipal	Section Type = Criminal	
Court = All Courts	From Date = 01/01/2018	To Date = 12/31/2018
Row Name	Traffic Misdemeanors - Non-Parking	
New Cases Filed	3593422	
Uncontested Dispositions Prior to Court	1206264	
Convictions Guilty Plea	428809	
Convictions by The Court	70028	
Convictions by The Jury	1177	



# Query - Results

Court Type = Statutory County	Section Type = Criminal	Court = All Courts
County = Statewide	From Date = 01/01/2018	To Date = 12/31/2018
Row Name	Drug Possession - Marijuana	
Convictions Guilty Plea	20775	
Convictions By The Court	542	
Convictions By The Jury	35	



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