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A Message from the Chief Justice

This second annual report of the Nevada Judiciary documents the continued dedication and hard work of Nevada judges at every level of the court system. It also documents the excellence with which our Administrative Office of the Courts is assisting Nevada judges throughout the state.

We are now in an unprecedented period of innovation designed to improve the delivery of formal dispute resolution to all Nevadans. Over the last several legislative sessions, we have joined in partnership with the other branches of state government to increase the availability and quality of our judicial resources. The results are amply demonstrated by the productivity figures contained in this report. I will highlight just a few.

The Nevada Supreme Court continues with its commitment to reduce one of the most serious appeals backlogs in the United States. From 1997 to 2001, we reduced the court's pending inventory from 2,500 to some 1,650 cases.

Statewide, Nevada District Courts, our courts of general jurisdiction, disposed of 71,445 criminal, civil, family and juvenile matters.

Our busiest court system, comprised of our Justice and Municipal Courts, continues to resolve several hundred thousand matters annually.

Every year the influx of cases increases with the general population growth. With that growth, the concomitant levels of complexity of the new cases, particularly in construction defect matters, present our judicial system with many new challenges. All of our information confirms that these challenges are being met.

While the urban judicial districts have encountered the bulk of filings at all levels, we also recognize the particular difficulties that face our rural judges. The Administrative Office of the Courts continues its efforts to service all areas of the state and assist in the improvement of important information sharing between the judges themselves, and between the judiciary and law enforcement.

The Nevada court system provides vital constitutional services to all of our citizens. I am very proud of the judges, clerical staffs in the various courthouses around Nevada, and our Nevada lawyers. This state is well served by these very dedicated people.

Chief Justice A. William Maupin

A Report From the Administrative Office of the Courts

The second Annual Report of the Nevada Judiciary contains caseload information for all Nevada courts – the Supreme Court, District Courts, Justice Courts, and Municipal Courts. The courts of our state remain busy forums of dispute resolution with case filings increasing from last year.

The report contains a comparison of our busy Supreme Court to other supreme courts with similar characteristics around the nation. In addition to cases filed in each court in the state, we are now including the number of cases disposed. Along with dispositions we have also collected information concerning “quasi-judicial positions.” These are positions that have limited judicial authority and are accountable to an elected judge. This enabled us to account for all resources available to the courts for the processing of their ever increasing caseload. The report on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program previously submitted biennially to the legislature is now included in our annual report. This will be a regular section of this report.

The reporting of case statistics has not been easy for our courts, but they are making an exceptional effort to count case filings and dispositions. The automated systems in most courts are record keeping systems and are not designed to report the type of information now required by the Supreme Court and the Uniform System for Judicial Records Statistical Reporting Requirements. Thus, many courts are forced to count their statistics by hand. Manual counting negatively impacts the accuracy and completeness of court statistics and you will see several areas where this is reflected in our report.

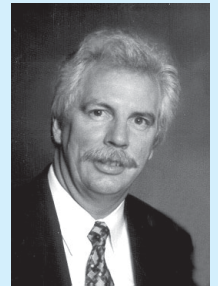
In the coming years this problem will be resolved. New case management systems are being purchased and installed across the state that will include the capability to report court statistics. Two major projects include the Nevada Rural Courts System (NRCS), where more than thirty rural courts are collaborating on a single case management system, and the Clark County Justice Courts, who are also installing this same system. Several municipal courts in Clark County are also acquiring new case management systems. The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is actively participating in these projects and will host the NRCS case management system for our rural courts.

These technology projects are just a few of the many projects that were started during the last few years under the leadership of our previous State Court Administrator and Director Karen Kavanau. Karen retired in November 2001. The Judicial Branch made significant progress in technology and court administration under her leadership. As the new State Court Administrator and AOC Director, I will continue to advance these projects.

Technology and professional court administration will be key for our courts to meet the needs of Nevada citizens and the increasing expectations of state and local governments. The Supreme Court’s Judicial Council, with their recently revised mission, will have an active role in the administration of the Nevada judiciary. All this will happen while the Nevada judiciary continues to provide equal access to equal justice.



Ron Titus
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Nevada Judiciary

The Nevada Judiciary is one of three branches of government—the other two are the Executive and Legislative branches. The Nevada Judiciary has the responsibility to provide impartial, efficient, and accessible dispute resolution in legal matters.

Most of the public is familiar with or has contact with the Municipal and Justice Courts as these are the courts that handle traffic and parking citations and lesser civil filings. Both of these courts have limited jurisdictions.

The Municipal Courts manage cases involving violations of traffic and misdemeanor ordinances that occur within the city limits of incorporated municipalities. Each of these courts are funded by the city and most of the funds collected by the Municipal Court go into the municipalities' general fund. During fiscal year 2000-01, Nevada had 18 municipal courts that were presided over by 28 municipal judges with 11 of them also serving as justices of the peace. See Table A1 for the number of judges in each court.

The Justice Courts handle misdemeanor crime and traffic matters, small claims disputes, evictions, and other civil matters less than \$7,500. The justices of the peace also preside over felony and gross misdemeanor arraignments and conduct preliminary hearings to determine if sufficient evidence exists to hold criminals for trial at District Court. Each county funds Justice Courts and the funds collected by the courts go to their respective county treasurer for disbursement to county and state entities. During fiscal year 2000-01, Nevada had 55 justice courts presided over by 68 justices of the peace with 11 of them also serving as municipal court judges. See Table A1 for the number of judges in each court.

The District Courts have general jurisdiction over all legal disputes. These are the courts where criminal, civil, family, and juvenile matters are generally resolved through arbitration,

mediation, and bench or jury trials. [See section *Alternative Dispute Resolution Program.*] The judges also hear appeals from Justice and Municipal Court cases. The funding for District Courts is split between the state and counties. District Court judges' salaries are paid by the state while the county pays for support staff and court facilities. The 17 county courts in Nevada are divided into 9 Judicial Districts presided over by 56 judges. See Table A1 for the number of judges in each court.

The Supreme Court is the state's highest court and its primary responsibility is to review and rule on appeals from District Court cases. The court does not conduct fact-finding trials; rather, the justices determine if legal or procedural errors were committed during the case. The Supreme Court is funded almost equally from the state general fund and from administrative assessments. In fiscal year 2000-01, the Supreme Court had seven justices.

Uniform System for Judicial Records

In June 1999, the Supreme Court issued a court order implementing the Uniform System for Judicial Records, Nevada Court Statistical Reporting Model (USJR Model). The order requires trial courts to submit information defined in the USJR Model to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) monthly. The information in the USJR Model is divided into four case categories: criminal, civil, family, and juvenile. In fiscal year 2000-01, two types of statistics were collected in each of these categories. The two are caseload inventory, which is the number of cases filed, and dispositions, the number and type of cases adjudicated or closed. The caseload inventory (filings) and dispositions for each case category have been defined so they may be consistently categorized by every court.

This annual report provides caseload inventory (filing) and disposition statistics for all 90 trial courts in the state. This is only the second year for collecting case filings and the first year for dispositions. Many courts must count statistics manually and are having problems providing complete and accurate data, especially for dispositions. Where court statistics vary from the model or are incomplete, explanatory footnotes are added to the tables. The AOC is continuing to work with the courts to improve accuracy and completeness.

Also new in the report this year is an attempt to begin quantifying the assistance provided by quasi-judicial court staff. This quasi-judicial assistance is usually provided by commissioners, referees, or masters in civil, family, and juvenile cases. These staff are not equivalent to elected judges and, in most cases, do not have the same authority. This is the first year for this assistance to be quantified.

Statewide, the number of filings varied among courts with some increasing and some decreasing, even though the state had a continued increase in population. District Courts experienced about a 5 percent increase in

overall caseload (see Table 1). The criminal and family caseloads showed nominal increases and the civil caseload had a slight decrease for District Courts. The juvenile caseload saw the largest jump with almost 24 percent; however, that is misleading. A large part of the increase in the juvenile numbers can be attributed to the increased and improved reporting by the courts.

In Justice Courts, Table 1 shows a slight decrease in the criminal and traffic numbers. The civil case filings showed an 11 percent increase. This increase is believed to be caused by two primary circumstances. One is the civil limit increase from \$5,000 to \$7,500 during the previous fiscal year; this fiscal year is the first full year of information following that increase. The other is the increase in public and private entities seeking what they believe is owed them due to changing economic times.

In Municipal Courts, Table 1 shows larger decreases in criminal (6 percent) and traffic (9 percent). As these courts rely largely on local law enforcement, these numbers are greatly influenced by current events, including the number of law enforcement positions filled or vacant.

Table 1. Reported Total Nevada Statewide Trial Court Caseload, Fiscal Years 1999-2001

Court	Fiscal Year	Filings				Total Non-Traffic Caseload	Traffic and Parking Charges**
		Criminal*	Civil	Family	Juvenile		
District	2000-01	11,782	23,123	42,080	23,003	99,988	NJ
	1999-2000	11,477	23,427	41,363	18,617	94,884	NJ
Justice	2000-01	74,727	93,306	NJ	NJ	168,033	399,423
	1999-2000	77,159	83,942	NJ	NJ	161,101	406,551
Municipal	2000-01	65,161	NJ	NJ	NJ	65,161	230,845
	1999-2000	69,663	NJ	NJ	NJ	69,663	253,078
TOTAL	2000-01	151,670	116,429	42,080	23,003	333,182	630,268
	1999-2000	158,299	107,369	41,363	18,617	325,648	659,629

NJ Not within court jurisdiction.

* Criminal includes felony, gross misdemeanor, and non-traffic misdemeanor and is counted by defendants.

** Traffic and parking numbers are counted by charges, not defendants. Not all courts process parking violations.

Supreme Court

The Nevada Supreme Court is the court of last resort. It is the only appellate court in the state as Nevada does not have an intermediate appellate court. The main constitutional function of the Supreme Court is to review appeals from the decisions of the District Courts. As the only appellate court, the Supreme Court does not have discretionary review and must consider all cases filed. Death penalty cases are appealed automatically. The Supreme Court does not conduct any fact-finding trials, but rather determines whether procedural or legal errors were made in the rendering of the lower court decision.

As can be seen in Table 2, the Supreme Court had 1,760 filings during the last fiscal year, down slightly from the year before. The Justices continued to make every effort to reduce the backlog of cases. More than 2,000 cases were disposed in fiscal year 2000-01, up slightly from the year before. This effort reduced the Supreme Court backlog to 1,628 cases pending. The highest backlog was 2,521 cases pending at the end of 1997—a reduction of 893 cases.

Appeals from the District Courts comprise the majority of the Court caseload. The breakdown by judicial district is provided in Table 3. Although the Eighth Judicial District (Clark

Table 2. Nevada Supreme Court Cases Filed and Disposed, Fiscal Years 1999-2001

	Fiscal Year 2000-01	Fiscal Year 1999-2000
Cases Filed		
Bar Matters	35	23
Appeals	1,474	1,661
Original Proceedings	231	240
Other	2	6
Reinstated	18	10
Total Cases Filed	1,760	1,940
Cases Disposed		
By Opinions	112	111
By Order	1,896	1,821
Total Cases Disposed	2,008	1,932
Cases Pending	1,628	1,890
Number of Opinions Written*	102	106

* Includes opinions that do not dispose of cases.

Source: Nevada Supreme Court Clerk's Office.

County) still leads in caseload and appeals, their appeals dropped about 16 percent from last fiscal year. The Second Judicial District (Washoe County) had the second highest number of appeals filed with the Supreme Court and had a 5 percent increase in appeals filed over last year.

Table 3. Nevada Supreme Court Appeals Filed by Judicial District, Fiscal Years 1999-2001

Court & County	Civil				Criminal				Total			
	FY01	%	FY00	%	FY01	%	FY00	%	FY01	%	FY00	%
First Judicial District Carson Storey	23	3%	34	4%	30	4%	42	5%	53	4%	76	5%
Second Judicial District Washoe	125	19%	126	16%	244	30%	226	27%	369	25%	352	21%
Third Judicial District Churchill Lyon	15	2%	14	2%	30	4%	29	3%	45	3%	43	3%
Fourth Judicial District Elko	14	2%	11	1%	22	3%	29	3%	36	2%	40	2%
Fifth Judicial District Esmeralda Mineral Nye	12	2%	6	1%	11	1%	26	3%	23	2%	32	2%
Sixth Judicial District Humboldt Lander Pershing	11	2%	8	1%	27	3%	25	3%	38	3%	33	2%
Seventh Judicial District Eureka Lincoln White Pine	10	1%	7	1%	16	2%	16	2%	26	2%	23	1%
Eighth Judicial District Clark	452	67%	590	73%	419	52%	451	53%	871	59%	1,041	63%
Ninth Judicial District Douglas	9	1%	13	2%	4	<1%	8	1%	13	1%	21	1%
Total	671	100%	809	100%	803	100%	852	100%	1,474	100%	1,661	100%

Percentages may not add up to 100 percent in each column due to rounding.

Source: Nevada Supreme Court Clerk's Office.

Appellate Court Comparisons

Nationwide, the 1999 caseload numbers published by the National Center for State Courts^{1,2} indicate that in states without an intermediate appellate court, the Nevada Supreme Court with 105 appeals per 100,000 persons was ranked third, behind District of Columbia (344) and West Virginia (196). Additionally, in filings per justice, the Nevada Supreme Court with 271 was second behind West Virginia with 708.

One important difference between Nevada and West Virginia Supreme Courts is that Nevada has no discretionary jurisdiction (must consider all filings) and West Virginia is completely opposite with no mandatory jurisdiction (so even though cases are filed, they may not be heard). The West Virginia Supreme Court actually granted hearings for 1,251 filings, a breakdown of 250 filings per justice. Considering this adjusted number of cases heard per justice, Nevada ranks the highest among courts without an intermediate appellate court. The District of Columbia had 198 cases filed per judge.

Throughout the nation, only 11 states (Delaware, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming) and the District of Columbia do not have intermediate appellate courts. With increasing case-loads during the last 30 years, many states either expanded their discretionary jurisdiction (which Nevada does not have) or added intermediate appellate courts.

A comparison of selected courts with some similarities³ to Nevada is provided in Table 4. Information about some states with intermediate appellate courts is included also. Nevada has more filings per justice than most other appellate courts and more than a national average, 225 filings per justice, determined from data published by the National Center for State Courts.^{1,2} Of the two other states in Table 4 without intermediate appellate courts, Nevada has more than double the filings per justice.

Table 4. Characteristics of Nevada and Other Selected Appellate Courts With and Without Intermediate Appellate Courts. All data from National Center for State Courts for 1999.

	Nevada	Montana	Maine	Arizona	Oregon	New Mexico	Alaska	Arkansas
Population rank	36	45	40	20	29	38	49	34
	Intermediate Appellate Court							
Justices				22	10	10	3	12
En banc or panels				Panels	Both	Panels of 3	En Banc	Both
Appeals filed & granted*				3,710	4,024	966	307	1,318
Appeals per justice				169	402	97	102	110
	Supreme Court							
Justices	7	7	7	5	7	5	5	7
En banc or panels	Both	Both	En Banc	En Banc	En Banc	Panels of 3	En Banc	En Banc
Appeals filed & granted*	1,894	706	752	1,282	248	88	301	474
Appeals per justice	271	101	107	256	35	18	60	68

* This number includes all cases heard by the court. For states with discretionary petitions, the petitions granted are included.

¹ Ostrom, B.J., Kauder, N.B., and Lafountain, R.C., eds., 2001, *Examining the Work of the State Courts, 1999-2000, A National Perspective from the Court Statistics Project*: National Center for State Courts, p. 77.

² Cantrell, M.T., Flango, C.R., and Way, K.G., comps., 2000, *State Court Caseload Statistics, 1999-2000*: National Center for State Courts, 230 p.

³ The states were selected because of their population ranking (Maine, New Mexico, Arkansas), their regional location (Montana, Arizona, Oregon, New Mexico, Alaska), and(or) they had five or seven justices in their Supreme Court (all) without regard to how many justices were in the Intermediate Appellate Court.

District Courts

The District Courts have general jurisdiction. Their jurisdiction is over all felony and gross misdemeanor cases, which are considered together as criminal cases, and civil cases where the amount in question exceeds \$7,500. They also have jurisdiction for all family and juvenile cases; however, some districts have assigned authority for juvenile traffic cases to justices of the peace and others who serve as District Court Juvenile Masters.

Statistical Summary

The District Court case filing information for the last two fiscal years is summarized in Table 5. This is the second year of statistics for trial courts. Although no trends and little other analysis can be made with only two years of data, some generalizations may be made.

Statewide, the District Court criminal caseload for fiscal year 2000-01 increased almost 3 percent over last year. Interestingly, Clark County experienced a slight decline and Washoe County had a large increase in criminal filings from last fiscal year. Several other counties saw notable changes in their caseload filings as well. For some counties, the increase reflects an

increased or improved ability by court staff to count the filings. For some counties, the increase or decrease of state and local law enforcement positions caused a similar increase or decrease in criminal filings.

The civil caseload was the only one of the four District Court categories that saw an overall decrease statewide. The decrease from last fiscal year was minor, about 1 percent. One contributing factor is the limit increase on civil cases from \$5,000 to \$7,500 at the Justice Court level during fiscal year 1999-2000. This limit increase may have affected the number of cases filed at District Court. Fiscal year 2000-01 is the first full year of data collection following that dollar increase.

Family-related cases are handled at the District Court level although some Justice Courts handle domestic violence protection orders. The statewide numbers for the fiscal year saw an almost 2 percent increase over last year.

Juvenile cases had the highest increase of the four categories statewide. Fiscal year 2000-01 was almost 24 percent higher than the previous year. A large part of that increase is attributable to the improved and more complete

Table 5. Summary of District Court Cases Filed, Fiscal Years 1999-2001

Court	Criminal Caseload		Civil Caseload		Family Caseload		Juvenile Caseload		Total Caseload	
	FY01	FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01	FY00
First Judicial District										
Carson City District Court	342	334	566	569	861	793	1,958	1,504	3,727	3,200
Storey County District Court	28	30	35	26	32	21	61	12	156	89
Second Judicial District										
Washoe County District Court	3,046	2,345	3,410	3,698	7,532	7,632	2,273	1,425	16,261	15,100
Third Judicial District										
Churchill County District Court	134	171	129	160	693	825	597	712	1,553	1,868
Lyon County District Court	193	221	207	200	351	336	2,031	1,577	2,782	2,334
Fourth Judicial District										
Elko County District Court	265	259	346	380	718	856	2,076	1,204	3,405	2,699
Fifth Judicial District										
Esmeralda County District Court	14	19	2	10	16	23	38	18	70	70
Mineral County District Court	39	58	40	41	159	91	238	69	476	259
Nye County District Court	265	199	259	342	545	374	1,008	597	2,077	1,512
Sixth Judicial District										
Humboldt County District Court	111	165	91	121	290	305	124	410	616	1,001
Lander County District Court	24	47	37	41	62	77	179	300	302	465
Pershing County District Court	60	46	57	73	105	115	88	112	310	346
Seventh Judicial District										
Eureka County District Court	14	17	13	21	13	10	21	26	61	74
Lincoln County District Court	22	23	29	43	39	45	30	23	120	134
White Pine County District Court	60	39	145	174	149	136	104	85	458	434
Eighth Judicial District										
Clark County District Court	7,065	7,382	17,375	17,161	29,746	28,810	11,870	10,225	66,056	63,578
Ninth Judicial District										
Douglas County District Court	100	122	382	367	769	914	307	318	1,558	1,721
Total	11,782	11,477	23,123	23,427	42,080	41,363	23,003	18,617	99,988	94,884

NR Not reported.

Italic indicates numbers that are incomplete or estimated.

Table 6. Summary of District Court Cases Disposed, Fiscal Year 2000-01

Court	Criminal Cases Disposed	Civil Cases Disposed	Family Cases Disposed	Juvenile Cases Disposed	Total Cases Disposed
First Judicial District					
Carson City District Court	NR	NR	NR	1,704	1,704
Storey County District Court	26	14	26	41	107
Second Judicial District					
Washoe County District Court	232	NR	NR	NR	232
Third Judicial District					
Churchill County District Court	136	98	570	665	1,469
Lyon County District Court	222	56	194	1,036	1,508
Fourth Judicial District					
Elko County District Court	244	81	784	1,251	2,360
Fifth Judicial District					
Esmeralda County District Court	14	4	4	NR	22
Mineral County District Court	50	34	29	230	343
Nye County District Court	168	139	385	NR	692
Sixth Judicial District					
Humboldt County District Court	111	73	285	68	537
Lander County District Court	30	20	80	111	241
Pershing County District Court	58	21	68	58	205
Seventh Judicial District					
Eureka County District Court	13	1	9	10	33
Lincoln County District Court	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
White Pine County District Court	5	NR	0	1	6
Eighth Judicial District					
Clark County District Court	10,390	14,458	27,685	8,100	60,633
Ninth Judicial District					
Douglas County District Court	130	264	716	243	1,353
Total	11,829	15,263	30,835	13,518	71,445

NR Not reported.

Italic indicates numbers that are incomplete or estimated.

reporting by many courts (last year almost half of the courts had incomplete juvenile filing information).

The disposition information for District Courts is provided in Table 6. This is the first year for collecting and reporting disposition information. Some courts had to count manually, some courts had their case management systems modified during the year, and some courts were unable to provide accurate and complete information. As with most new projects, the accuracy and completeness of this information will improve through time.

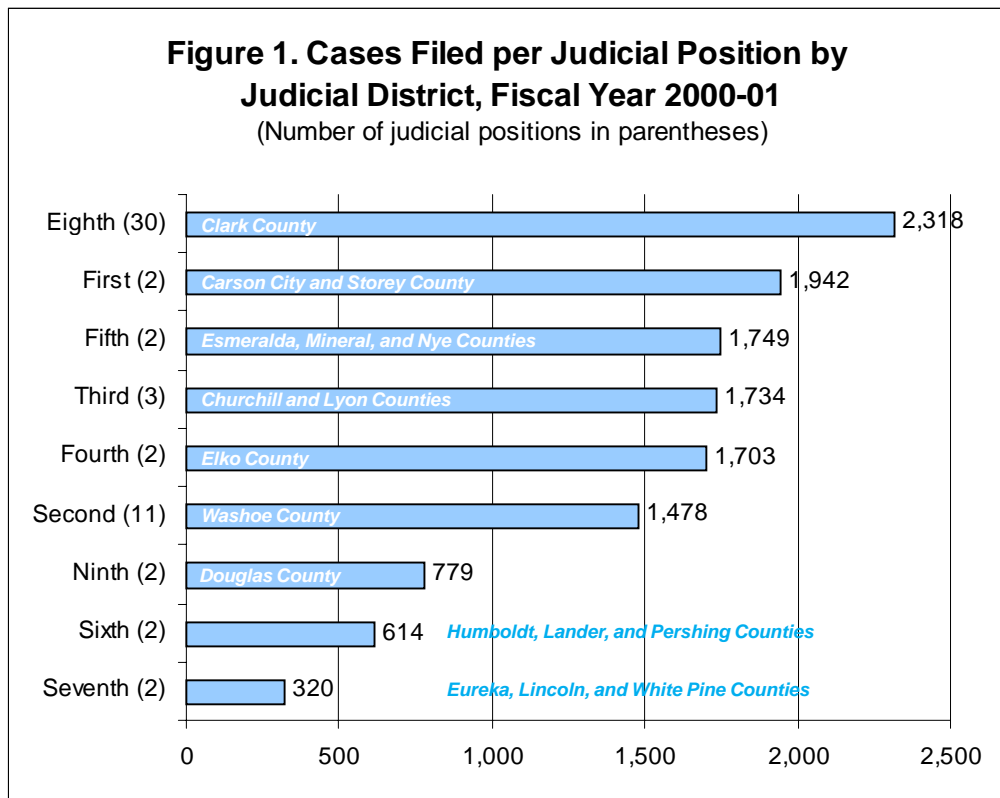
Cases Per Judicial Position

The number of cases per judicial position (or elected judge) for all District Courts in Nevada is shown in Figure 1. In the judicial districts that contain more than one county (First, Third, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh), the cases for those counties are summed and then divided by the number of judges for that district. The Third, Fifth, and Eighth Judicial Districts added judges in January 2001. The cases

per judicial position for those three districts were adjusted to reflect those additions.

As expected, the Eighth Judicial District (Clark County) has the largest number of cases per judicial position at 2,318. With the addition of three judges, this fiscal year average is slightly lower than last year (2,355). The First Judicial District (Carson City and Storey County) was next with 1,942 cases per judicial position. The additional judge for the Fifth Judicial District (Esmeralda, Mineral, and Nye Counties) helped lower their average from last year (1,841) to 1,749 cases per judicial position this year. The statewide average number of cases filed per judicial positions for District Courts is 1,869.

Those District Court Judges with a smaller caseload assist the busier District Courts, however, the AOC and the courts are currently unable to quantify this assistance. Additionally, the multi-county judicial districts require judges to travel hundreds of miles each month among their counties to hear cases. This travel time reduces the amount of time available to hear cases.



Statewide number of cases filed per judicial position for District Courts is 1,869.
The Third, Fifth, and Eighth Judicial Districts numbers are adjusted for the new positions added in January.

Quasi-Judicial Assistance

The AOC and the courts have started the process of calculating the judicial assistance provided by the courts. These positions have limited authority and are accountable to an elected judge; they cannot be considered equivalent to a full judicial position and, therefore, are called quasi-judicial positions.

The first step was to identify and assign a measure to quasi-judicial positions that help with the adjudication process. The courts were asked to provide an estimate of the full-time equivalent assistance provided during the year; a summary is provided in Table 7. In District Courts, most of the assistance is provided as commissioners, referees, and masters for alternative dispute resolution, family, and juvenile cases. The work of these quasi-judicial officials must still be reviewed and approved by elected judges.

Table 7. Estimated Full-Time Equivalent Quasi-Judicial Assistance Provided to Judicial Districts, Fiscal Year 2000-01.

Court & County	Quasi-Judicial Positions as FTE
First Judicial District Carson City Storey	1.0
Second Judicial District Washoe	6.5
Third Judicial District Churchill Lyon	1.0
Fourth Judicial District Elko	1.0
Fifth Judicial District Esmeralda Mineral Nye	0.9
Sixth Judicial District Humboldt Lander Pershing	3.0
Seventh Judicial District Eureka Lincoln White Pine	0.1
Eighth Judicial District Clark	11.15
Ninth Judicial District Douglas	0.5

Alternative Dispute Resolution Program

The Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program began on July 1, 1992, after passage by the 1991 Legislature of Senate Bill 366. The legislation required the Second and Eighth Judicial Districts (Washoe and Clark Counties) to implement the ADR Program. The First and Ninth Judicial Districts (Carson City, Storey County, and Douglas County) subsequently adopted the program voluntarily. An Arbitration Commissioner administers the program in each judicial district.

Initially, the ADR Program was for certain civil cases with probable jury award value less than \$25,000. A subsequent revision increased the amount to \$40,000; however, the Ninth Judicial District, in the program voluntarily, opted to keep the lower amount.

Caseload and Settlement Rate

The caseloads entering the arbitration program for fiscal year 2000-01 were higher in the First, Eighth, and Ninth Judicial Districts than their respective long-term annual average caseloads (sum of annual caseloads divided by number of years for the program, respectively). In the Second Judicial District, the caseload was lower and has been declining for the last three years. The caseload and settlement rate numbers for the fiscal year and the long-term annual average for each district are given in Table 8.

The settlement rate can vary greatly from one year to another within each district with the increase or decline in the number of arbitrators, training sessions, and support staff. The settlement rate is the number of cases settled or dismissed after entering the arbitration program compared with those cases requesting trials de novo (new, full bench or jury trials).

The First and Eighth Judicial Districts had settlement rates that were higher during the fiscal year than their long-term average. In addition, their trial de novo request rates were lower than their long-term average. The Second and Ninth Judicial Districts had settlement rates that were lower during the fiscal year than their long-term average; their trial de novo request rates were higher than their long-term average.

The Second, Eighth, and Ninth Judicial Districts collect fees (\$5 per case filing) for the program. All three have expenses that exceed the amount collected in filing fees. The First Judicial District does not collect fees. The judicial districts use the fees for the administration of the arbitration program, including staff and technology expenses.

All four judicial districts continue to find the program a successful alternative to regular trials. The program is well received by members of the bar, litigants, and public with cases in the program processed expeditiously at minimal time and expense.

Table 8. Alternative Dispute Resolution Caseload and Settlement Rates, Fiscal Year 2000-01.

	First Judicial District		Second Judicial District		Eighth Judicial District		Ninth Judicial District	
	Fiscal Year 2000-01	Long- term average	Fiscal Year 2000-01	Long- term average	Fiscal Year 2000-01	Long- term average	Fiscal Year 2000-01	Long- term average
Civil Caseload	601		3,410		17,375		382	
Cases Entered**	215	203	523	564	3,994	3,597	205	103
Cases Removed	71	50	28	31	186	192	40	17
Cases Settled or Dismissed	126	115	369	392	1,509	1,863	40	44
Settlement Rate	96%	90%	79%	88%	84%	71%	93%	95%
Trials De Novo requested	5	13	101	56	294	775	3	2
Trial De Novo request rate	4%	10%	21%	12%	16%	29%	7%	5%

** First, Second and Eighth Judicial Districts have a \$40,000 maximum for cases to be in the program; Ninth Judicial District has a \$25,000 maximum. Cases that qualify are automatically included in the program and parties have to request to be removed.

Justice Courts

The Justice Courts are limited jurisdiction courts, meaning the caseload is restricted to particular types of cases or actions as prescribed by the Nevada Revised Statutes. Justice Courts determine whether felony and gross misdemeanor cases have enough evidence to be bound over to District Court. They hear misdemeanor non-traffic cases as well as general civil cases (amounts up to \$7,500), small claims (up to \$5,000), summary eviction cases, and requests for temporary protective orders (domestic violence or stalking and harassment). They also hear traffic and, in some communities, parking, both of which are counted by violation.

Statistical Summary

The Justice Court case filing information for the last two fiscal years is summarized in Table 9. This is the second year of caseload statistics for these courts. Although no trends and little other analysis can be made with only two years of data, some generalizations may be made.

The statewide Justice Court criminal numbers in fiscal year 2000-01 were down slightly (about 3 percent) from last year. Statewide traffic and parking numbers were down about 2 percent. However, many of the rural courts saw large changes, increases or decreases, in criminal and traffic numbers. Much of this change can be attributed to the increase or decrease of state or local law enforcement staffing. Some of these areas received federal grants to increase the number of patrol officers or pay for overtime. Some areas are facing economic hardships and law enforcement officers were not replaced when the positions were vacated. Some changes may be because courts modified their reporting during the year.

As expected, the Las Vegas Justice Court had the highest criminal and traffic numbers with 59 and 57 percent (respectively) of the statewide totals. Reno Justice Court was next with almost 10 percent of the criminal and 7 percent of the traffic. Carson City Justice and Municipal Court followed closely with 5 percent of the traffic.

Civil filings for fiscal year 2000-01 increased more than 11 percent from last year. One contributing factor is the limit increase on general civil cases from \$5,000 to \$7,500 during fiscal year 1999-2000. Fiscal year 2000-01 is

the first full year of data collection following that increase. Another known factor for several courts is that more public and private agencies are seeking collection of debts owed, which increased small claims filings (Table A7).

Although Las Vegas Justice Court had the highest percentage of the statewide civil cases (53 percent), Reno Justice Court had an unusually high percentage (21 percent) given the population distribution (Tables A1, A7).

The Gabbs and Schurz Justice Courts were closed during fiscal year 2000-01.

The disposition information for Justice Courts is provided in Table 10. This is the first year for collecting and reporting disposition information. Some courts had to count manually, some courts had their case management systems modified during the year, and some courts were unable to provide accurate information. As with most new projects, the accuracy and completeness of this information will improve through time.

Cases Per Judicial Position

Justice Courts present a unique problem when comparing cases per judicial position. Many of the rural Justices of the Peace are part-time positions. Cases in Justice Courts tend to be much simpler than cases in District Courts, thus a Justice Court can handle a larger number of cases per judicial position. Traffic cases are not included in calculating the cases per judicial position because traffic data are by charges not cases. To simplify the presentation in Figure 2, only those Justice Courts that have more than 1,000 cases per judicial position or more are shown⁴. The break at 1,000 was arbitrarily selected. The caseload information for Carson City Justice and Municipal Court is combined for the consolidated municipality and is provided in Figure 2 and Table 9 with Justice Courts.

The Las Vegas and North Las Vegas Justice Courts added judges in January 2001. The cases per judicial position for those two Justice Courts were adjusted to reflect the additions. Nine of the 14 courts shown in Figure 2 have more than 2,000 cases per judicial position with Las Vegas having the most at 12,473. The statewide average number of cases filed per judicial position for Justice Courts is 2,435.

Table 9. Summary of Justice Court Cases Filed, Fiscal Years 1999-2001

Court	Criminal Caseload		Civil Caseload		Traffic & Parking Violations	
	FY01	FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01	FY00
First Judicial District						
Carson City						
Carson City Justice Court	2,436	2,628	4,050	4,011	18,090	15,297
Storey County						
Virginia City Justice Court	144	141	81	126	903	1,379
Second Judicial District						
Washoe County						
Gerlach Justice Court	38	19	5	6	161	115
Incline Village Justice Court	617	611	336	335	1,949	1,475
Reno Justice Court	7,210	6,852	19,483	18,477	26,898	26,308
Sparks Justice Court	2,657	3,049	4,241	4,070	8,206	9,111
Verdi Justice Court	125	119	31	24	2,336	4,144
Wadsworth Justice Court	1	0	10	8	1,501	2,260
Third Judicial District						
Churchill County						
New River Justice Court	919	540	1,063	757	3,449	2,157
Lyon County						
Canal Justice Court	254	378	573	535	3,985	5,497
Dayton Justice Court	763	540	601	614	3,036	2,678
Mason Valley Justice Court	224	208	281	291	3,000	2,698
Smith Valley Justice Court	42	22	13	22	250	280
Fourth Judicial District						
Elko County						
Carlin Justice Court	55	90	100	169	765	817
East Line Justice Court	198	129	251	164	1,511	174
Elko Justice Court	1,057	1,409	1,408	1,452	9,694	10,469
Jackpot Justice Court	81	106	71	65	1,738	2,030
Mountain City/Jarbridge Justice Court	3	26	NR	0	54	65
Tecoma Justice Court	0	6	8	4	393	473
Wells Justice Court	13	63	64	53	5,019	5,093
Fifth Judicial District						
Esmeralda County						
Esmeralda Justice Court	49	36	25	28	4,525	3,373
Mineral County						
Hawthorne Justice Court	468	282	225	251	2,224	1,330
Mina Justice Court	7	17	10	2	662	512
Schurz Justice Court	0	4	0	3	1	8
Nye County						
Beatty Justice Court	132	169	26	52	3,014	3,418
Gabbs Justice Court	0	4	22	38	3	5
Pahrump Justice Court	862	681	697	937	3,708	3,441
Tonopah Justice Court	205	171	149	169	3,158	2,663
Sixth Judicial District						
Humboldt County						
Goldrun Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
McDermitt Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paradise Valley Justice Court	0	0	1	1	0	0
Union Justice Court	1,829	943	924	1,009	5,100	6,134
Lander County						
Argenta Justice Court	284	395	505	536	2,363	3,100
Austin Justice Court	8	11	8	11	634	572
Pershing County						
Lake Justice Court	121	195	409	212	1,554	3,811
Seventh Judicial District						
Eureka County						
Beowawe Justice Court	17	41	14	10	1,258	1,019
Eureka Justice Court	28	48	20	29	1,196	1,414
Lincoln County						
Meadow Valley Justice Court	43	39	22	51	1,493	1,739
Pahrnagat Valley Justice Court	30	16	12	6	3,562	3,191
White Pine County						
Ely (No. 1) Justice Court	196	298	288	364	3,175	4,238
Lund (No. 2) Justice Court	6	2	2	2	179	265
Baker (No. 3) Justice Court	0	0	0	3	24	33
Eighth Judicial District						
Clark County						
Boulder Justice Court	108	118	290	217	602	1,158
Bunkerville Justice Court	31	56	5	12	675	973
Goodsprings Justice Court	313	264	47	37	4,923	9,901
Henderson Justice Court	2,225	2,958	3,039	2,759	6,024	8,667
Las Vegas Justice Court	43,973	45,933	49,573	41,986	228,647	220,655
Laughlin Justice Court	1,702	2,163	441	359	6,441	10,158
Mesquite Justice Court	85	93	190	209	0	0
Moapa Justice Court	126	185	3	12	4,420	4,681
Moapa Valley Justice Court	113	175	71	47	1,107	1,364
North Las Vegas Justice Court	2,734	2,396	2,779	2,454	908	833
Searchlight Justice Court	269	299	24	17	4,180	5,709
Ninth Judicial District						
Douglas County						
East Fork Justice Court	849	1,069	669	681	7,168	5,769
Tahoe Justice Court	1,077	1,162	146	255	3,557	3,897
Total	74,727	77,159	93,306	83,942	399,423	406,551

NR Not reported.

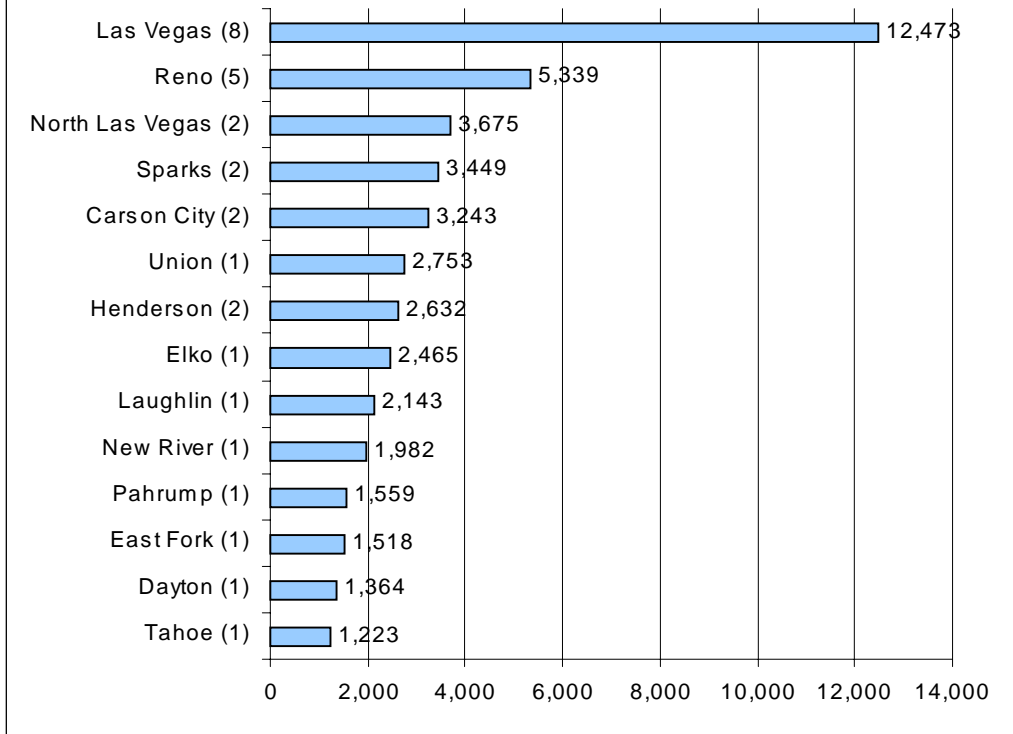
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Table 10. Summary of Justice Court Cases Disposed, Fiscal Year 2000-01

Court	Criminal Cases Disposed	Civil Cases Disposed	Traffic & Parking Violations Disposed
First Judicial District			
Carson City			
Carson City Justice Court	NR	NR	NR
Storey County			
Virginia City Justice Court	174	79	550
Second Judicial District			
Washoe County			
Gerlach Justice Court	26	5	131
Incline Village Justice Court	371	145	827
Reno Justice Court	564	3,146	NR
Sparks Justice Court	1,124	1,146	2,667
Verdi Justice Court	81	4	1,583
Wadsworth Justice Court	NR	NR	NR
Third Judicial District			
Churchill County			
New River Justice Court	13	58	566
Lyon County			
Canal Justice Court	272	290	3,056
Dayton Justice Court	NR	162	NR
Mason Valley Justice Court	28	18	284
Smith Valley Justice Court	48	8	229
Fourth Judicial District			
Elko County			
Carlin Justice Court	NR	NR	NR
East Line Justice Court	151	119	1,381
Elko Justice Court	377	NR	3,917
Jackpot Justice Court	130	56	1,053
Mountain City/Jarbidge Justice Court	NR	NR	NR
Tecoma Justice Court	8	1	310
Wells Justice Court	NR	NR	5,697
Fifth Judicial District			
Esmeralda County			
Esmeralda Justice Court	9	3	2,968
Mineral County			
Hawthorne Justice Court	100	NR	1,205
Mina Justice Court	7	22	739
Schurz Justice Court	NR	NR	NR
Nye County			
Beatty Justice Court	178	29	2,983
Gabbs Justice Court	NR	15	4
Pahrump Justice Court	826	553	3,519
Tonopah Justice Court	113	136	62
Sixth Judicial District			
Humboldt County			
Goldrun Justice Court	0	0	0
McDermitt Justice Court	0	0	0
Paradise Valley Justice Court	0	0	0
Union Justice Court	346	683	5,406
Lander County			
Argenta Justice Court	283	310	2,335
Austin Justice Court	16	4	591
Pershing County			
Lake Justice Court	153	360	1,518
Seventh Judicial District			
Eureka County			
Beowawe Justice Court	12	17	1,188
Eureka Justice Court	21	9	9
Lincoln County			
Meadow Valley Justice Court	29	11	1,111
Pahranagat Valley Justice Court	29	3	3,315
White Pine County			
Ely (No. 1) Justice Court	294	287	3,066
Lund (No. 2) Justice Court	5	1	191
Baker (No. 3) Justice Court	0	0	24
Eighth Judicial District			
Clark County			
Boulder Justice Court	6	NR	102
Bunkerville Justice Court	NR	NR	158
Goodsprings Justice Court	6	NR	827
Henderson Justice Court	NR	NR	2,588
Las Vegas Justice Court	NR	NR	216,527
Laughlin Justice Court	39	NR	789
Mesquite Justice Court	52	53	0
Moapa Justice Court	NR	NR	843
Moapa Valley Justice Court	7	NR	677
North Las Vegas Justice Court	NR	11	NR
Searchlight Justice Court	5	NR	851
Ninth Judicial District			
Douglas County			
East Fork Justice Court	597	481	5,651
Tahoe Justice Court	730	53	3,101
Total	7,230	8,278	284,599

NR Not reported.
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Figure 2. Cases Filed Per Judicial Position by Justice Court, Fiscal Year 2000-01
(Numbers of judicial positions in parentheses)



Statewide number of cases filed per judicial position for Justice Courts is 2,435.
Las Vegas and North Las Vegas Justice Courts are adjusted for the new positions added in January.

Quasi-Judicial Assistance

The AOC and the courts have started the process of calculating the judicial assistance provided by the courts. Because these positions have limited authority and are accountable to an elected judge, they cannot be considered equivalent to a full judicial position and thus, are called quasi-judicial positions.

The first step was to identify and assign a measure to quasi-judicial positions that help with the adjudication process. The courts were

asked to provide an estimate of the full-time equivalent (FTE) assistance provided during the year.

Las Vegas is the only Justice Court that reported quasi-judicial positions to help with their burgeoning caseload. They have 1.0 FTE as a traffic judge who helps with traffic matters only, and 0.30 FTE for traffic referees who help with traffic matters also. Las Vegas Justice Court also has 0.80 FTE in other quasi-judicial positions to help with small claims cases.

⁴ The remaining Justice Courts and their cases per judicial position.

Incline Village Justice Court	1	953	Moapa Valley Justice Court	1	184	Beowawe Justice Court	1	31
Canal Justice Court	1	827	Beatty Justice Court	1	158	Gabbs Justice Court	1	22
Argenta Justice Court	1	789	Verdi Justice Court	1	156	Mina Justice Court	1	17
Hawthorne Justice Court	1	693	Carlin Justice Court	1	155	Austin Justice Court	1	16
Lake Justice Court	1	530	Jackpot Justice Court	1	152	Wadsworth Justice Court	1	11
Mason Valley Justice Court	1	505	Moapa Justice Court	1	129	Lund Justice Court	1	8
Ely No. 1 Justice Court	1	484	Wells Justice Court	1	77	Tecoma Justice Court	1	8
East Line Justice Court	1	449	Esmeralda Justice Court	1	74	Mountain City/Jarbridge Justice Court	1	3
Boulder Justice Court	1	398	Meadow Valley Justice Court	1	65	Paradise Valley Justice Court	1	1
Goodsprings Justice Court	1	360	Smith Valley Justice Court	1	55	Baker No. 3 Justice Court	1	0
Tonopah Justice Court	1	354	Eureka Justice Court	1	48	Goldrun Justice Court	1	0
Searchlight Justice Court	1	293	Gerlach Justice Court	1	43	McDermitt Justice Court	1	0
Mesquite Justice Court	1	275	Pahrnagat Valley Justice Court	1	42	Schurz Justice Court	1	0
Virginia City Justice Court	1	225	Bunkerville Justice Court	1	36			

Municipal Courts

Municipal Courts are city courts and only handle cases that involve violation of city ordinances. Their jurisdiction covers the handling of traffic and non-traffic misdemeanors and, in some cities, parking. (They generally do not handle civil cases although they have limited jurisdiction under Nevada Revised Statute 5.050.)

Statistical Summary

The Municipal Court case filing information for the last two fiscal years is summarized in Table 11. This is the second year of statistics for these courts. Although no trends and little other analysis can be made with only two years of data, some generalizations may be made.

The statewide Municipal Court criminal cases filed in fiscal year 2000-01 were down more than 6 percent from the year before.

The statewide traffic numbers were down almost 9 percent.

Individual courts saw large increases or decreases in criminal cases and traffic charges. Some of these areas received federal grants to increase their number of officers or pay for overtime. Some cities are facing economic hardships and law enforcement officers were not replaced when the positions were vacated.

The Gabbs Municipal Court was closed during fiscal year 2000-01.

The disposition information for Municipal Courts is provided in Table 12. This is the first year for collecting and reporting disposition information. Some courts had to count manually, some courts had their case management systems modified during the year, and some courts were unable to provide accurate information. As with most new projects, the

Table 11. Summary of Municipal Court Cases Filed, Fiscal Years 1999-2001

Court	Misdemeanor, Non-traffic Defendants Charged		Traffic Violations	Parking Violations	Total Traffic & Parking	
	FY01	FY00	FY01	FY01	FY01	FY00
Boulder Municipal Court	317	329	4,082 <i>a</i>	155	4,237 <i>a</i>	3,588
Caliente Municipal Court	11	10	55 <i>a</i>	1	56 <i>a</i>	57
Carlin Municipal Court	76	64	341	0	341	201
Carson City Municipal Court	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(b)</i>
Elko Municipal Court	234	293	1,028	21	1,049	1,029
Ely Municipal Court	187	417	352	6	358	509
Fallon Municipal Court	425	493	1,060	22	1,082	1,075
Gabbs Municipal Court	<i>1</i>	0	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	6
Henderson Municipal Court	4,713	4,006	22,074 <i>a</i>	1,934	24,008 <i>a</i>	20,732
Las Vegas Municipal Court	43,014	47,783	132,432	<i>(c)</i>	132,432	156,935
Lovelock Municipal Court	88	49	236	0	236	120
Mesquite Municipal Court	545	1,039	1,964	26	1,990	2,442
North Las Vegas Municipal Court	6,204	5,895	28,202 <i>d</i>	4,225 <i>d</i>	32,427 <i>d</i>	33,249
Reno Municipal Court	7,135	6,420	19,430	<i>(c)</i>	19,430	17,209
Sparks Municipal Court	1,958	2,471	9,753	1,781	11,534	15,129
Wells Municipal Court	31	8	335	0	335	334
West Wendover Municipal Court	98	<i>175</i>	1,017 <i>d</i>	31	1,048	<i>200</i>
Yerington Municipal Court	124	211	277	4	281	263
Total	65,161	69,663	222,639	8,206	230,845	253,078

Italic indicates numbers that are incomplete or estimated.

NR Not reported.

a Juvenile traffic numbers are included in total. For Boulder City, 190 charges are included; for Caliente, 1 charge; for Henderson, 2,188 charges.

b Municipal court data combined with justice court data (Table A6) for the consolidated municipality of Carson City.

c Parking violations are handled administratively by the city.

d Court reported traffic or parking numbers by defendants; could not report by charges.

Source: Uniform System for Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Planning & Analysis Division.

Table 12. Summary of Municipal Court Cases Disposed, Fiscal Year 2000-01

Court	Misdemeanor, Non-traffic Cases Disposed	Traffic & Parking Violations Disposed
Boulder Municipal Court	604	3,681 ^a
Caliente Municipal Court	7	51 ^a
Carlin Municipal Court	NR	NR
Carson City Municipal Court	(b)	(b)
Elko Municipal Court	27 ⁱ	289 ⁱ
Ely Municipal Court	278	411
Fallon Municipal Court	175	775
Gabbs Municipal Court	3 ⁱ	2 ⁱ
Henderson Municipal Court	NR	823 ⁱ
Las Vegas Municipal Court	43,325 ^e	119,707 ^e
Lovelock Municipal Court	77	121
Mesquite Municipal Court	303 ⁱ	822 ⁱ
North Las Vegas Municipal Court	4,607	35,490
Reno Municipal Court	11,509 ^{c,i}	19,608
Sparks Municipal Court	169 ^e	81 ^e
Wells Municipal Court	NR	433
West Wendover Municipal Court	17 ^e	123 ^e
Yerington Municipal Court	97	191
Total	61,198	182,608

NR Not reported.

^a Juvenile traffic numbers are included in total. For Boulder City, 173 dispositions are included; for Caliente, 1 disposition; for Henderson, 823 dispositions.

^b Municipal court data combined with justice court data (Table A6) for the consolidated municipality of Carson City.

^c Dispositions are by charges, not defendants.

^e Estimated.

ⁱ Data are incomplete. See Table 13 for details.

Source: Uniform System for Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Planning & Analysis Division.

accuracy and completeness of this information is expected to improve through time.

Cases Per Judicial Position

The number of cases per judicial position for Municipal Courts is shown in Figure 3. As expected, the two Municipal Courts with the largest caseload per judicial position are Las Vegas and North Las Vegas with Henderson, Reno, and Sparks following. The statewide number of cases filed per judicial position for Municipal Courts is 2,413.

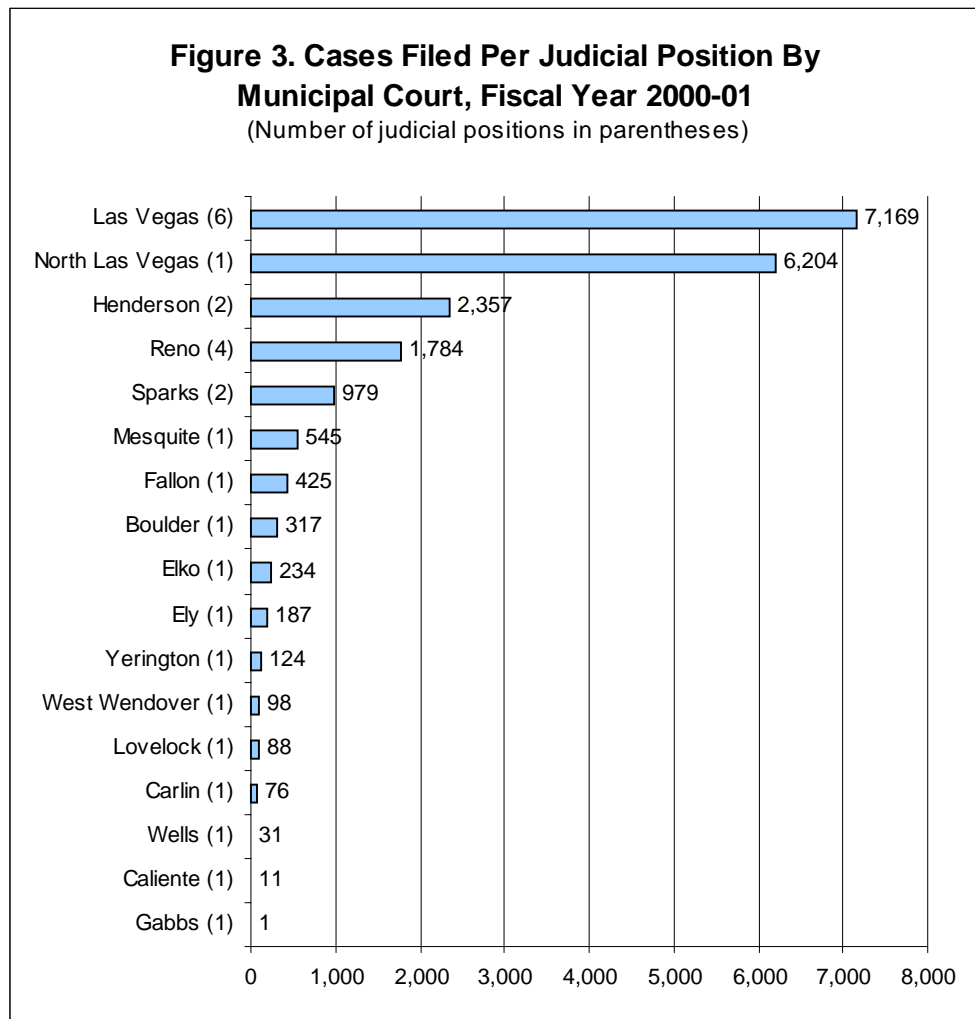
The caseload information for Carson City Justice and Municipal Court is combined for the consolidated municipality and is provided in Figure 2 and Table 9 with Justice Courts.

Quasi-Judicial Assistance

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The first step was to identify and assign a measure to quasi-judicial positions that help with the adjudication process. The courts were asked to provide an estimate of the full-time equivalent (FTE) assistance provided during the year.

North Las Vegas is the only Municipal Court that reported quasi-judicial positions to help with their large caseload. They have 0.1 FTE as a traffic judge who helps with traffic matters only.



Statewide number of cases filed per judicial position for Municipal Courts is 2,413.

Courts with Incomplete Data

The courts that did not provide their monthly data for fiscal year 2000-01 are listed in Table 13, as are the specific elements of the data missing during the year.

Other tables in this report will have a footnote (i) indicating the data are incomplete and referring the reader here to determine what is missing. In a few instances, the court submitted all that it could count, but acknowledges that there are issues with the numbers and they are working to correct them. In those instances, the data will be flagged with a footnote e, estimated, but the court may not appear here if all monthly reports were filed.

Last fiscal year, 23 courts were unable to provide all their caseload filing information. This year, only four courts were unable to provide all their filing information. However, 39 courts are missing some or all of their disposition information.

The disposition data requirements are harder for court staff to collect than the filing information. Many courts throughout Nevada do not have automated case management systems; they have to manually collect the information from each case or citation.

The Supreme Court has requested that these courts make a greater effort to provide more information next fiscal year. The Administrative Office of the Courts is working with the courts on technology projects that will bring case management systems to many of the rural courts and similar technology to some urban courts. This new system is being modified to help provide the courts with automated mechanism to prepare their monthly statistics reports while also improving court processes and procedures.

Table 13. Courts with Incomplete Data

Court	Missing Data	
First Judicial District		
Carson City District Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Family Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Carson City Justice & Municipal Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Second Judicial District		
Washoe County District Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - May 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Family Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Juvenile Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Incline Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July - December 2000
	Civil Disposition Data	July - December 2000
Reno Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - April 2001
	Traffic Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - January 2001
Sparks Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July - December 2000
	Civil Disposition Data	July - December 2000
Wadsworth Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Sparks Municipal Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - March 2001
Third Judicial District		
New River Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July - December 2000, February - March 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - January 2001, March - May 2001
Dayton Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Mason Valley Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - April 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - April 2001
Fourth Judicial District		
Carlin Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Elko Justice Court	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Mountain City/Jarbridge Justice Court	Civil Filing & Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Criminal Filing & Disposition Data	July - December 2000
Wells Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data (except traffic)	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Carlin Municipal Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Elko Municipal Court	Criminal Disposition Data	August 2000 - March 2001
Wells Municipal Court	Criminal Disposition Data (except traffic)	July 2000 - June 2001
Fifth Judicial District		
Esmeralda County District Court	Juvenile Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Nye County District Court	Juvenile Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Hawthorne Justice Court	Traffic Filing & Disposition Data	August - December 2000
	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Schurz Justice Court	Criminal Filing & Disposition Data	September - December 2000
	Civil Filing & Disposition Data	September - December 2000
Gabbs Justice Court	Criminal Filing & Disposition Data	November 2000
	Civil Filing & Disposition Data	November 2000
Seventh Judicial District		
Lincoln County District Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Family Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Juvenile Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
White Pine County District Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July - November 2000
	Civil Disposition Data	July - November 2000
	Family Disposition Data	July - November 2000
	Juvenile Disposition Data	July - November 2000
Eureka Justice Court	Traffic Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Eighth Judicial District		
Boulder Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July - December 2000, February-March, May-June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Bunkerville Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Traffic Disposition Data	July - December 2000, February-March, May-June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Goodsprings Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July - December 2000, February-March, May-June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Henderson Justice Court	Traffic Disposition Data	October 2000 - June 2001
	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Las Vegas Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data (except traffic)	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Laughlin Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July - December 2000, February - March, May-June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Mesquite Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - February 2001
	Traffic Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	January - June 2001
Moapa Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data (except traffic)	July 2000 - June 2001
	Traffic Disposition Data	July - December 2000, February-March, May-June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Moapa Valley Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July - January 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
North Las Vegas Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July, November 2000 - June 2001
Searchlight Justice Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July - December 2000, February-March, May-June 2001
	Civil Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Henderson Municipal Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July 2000 - June 2001
Mesquite Municipal Court	Criminal Disposition Data	July - October 2000

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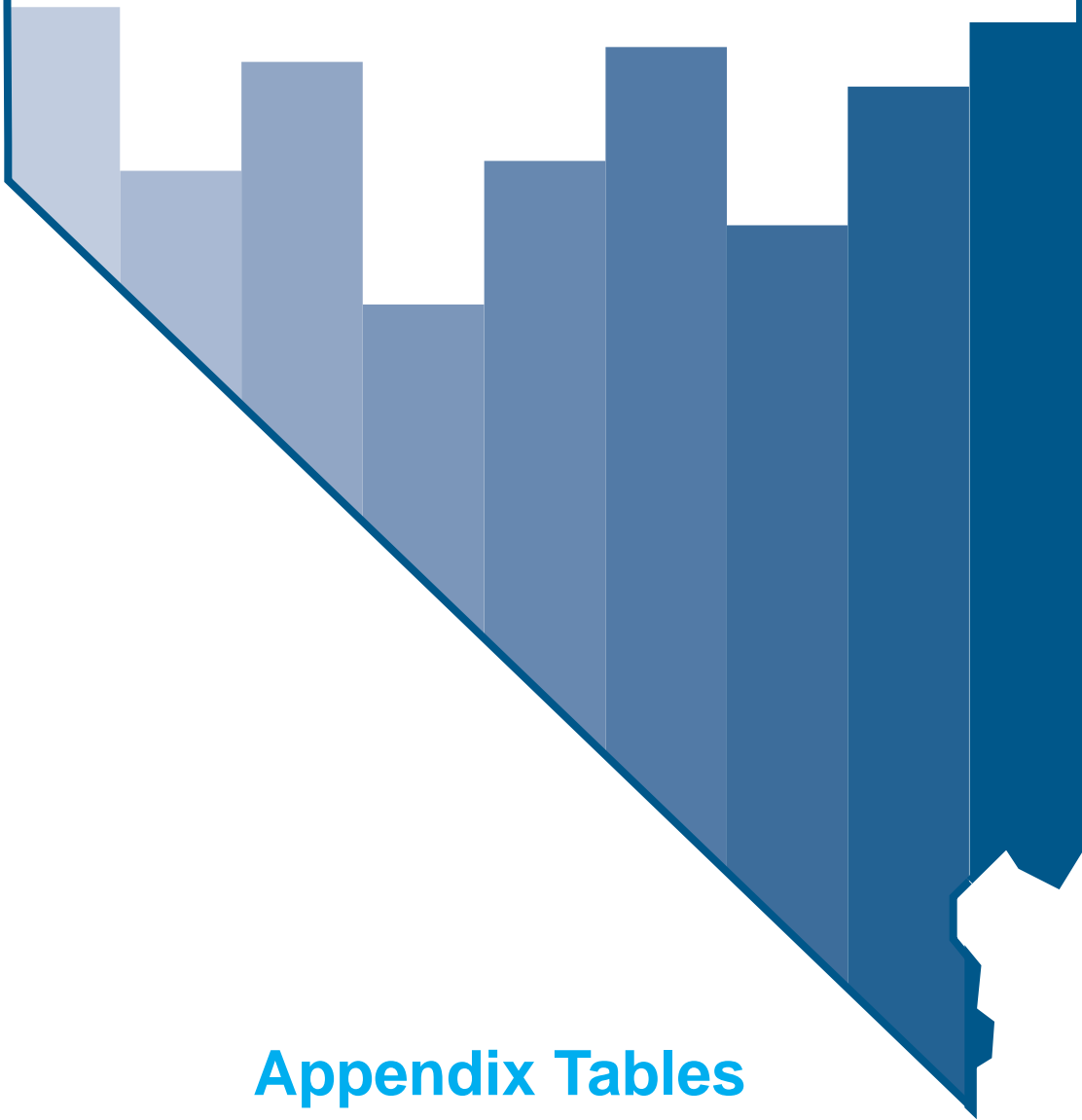


Table A1. Summary of Population, Judicial Positions, and Cases Processed by Court for Nevada Judiciary, Fiscal Year 2000-01

	Population as of 7/1/00 <i>a</i>	Authorized Judicial Positions as of 6/30/01	Criminal Cases Filed <i>b</i>	Non- Criminal Cases Filed <i>c</i>	Total Non-Traffic Cases		Traffic and Parking	
					Filed	Disposed	Violations	Disposed
First Judicial District Court	56,992	2	370	3,513	3,883	1,811	NJ	NJ
Carson City District Court	53,095		342	3,385	3,727	1,704	NJ	NJ
Storey County District Court	3,897		28	128	156	107	NJ	NJ
Carson City								
Carson City Justice/Municipal Court <i>d</i>	53,095	2	2,436	4,050	6,486	NR	18,090	NR
Storey County								
Virginia City Justice Court	3,897	1	144	81	225	253	903	550
Second Judicial District	333,566	11	3,046	13,215	16,261	NR	NJ	NJ
Washoe County District Court	333,566		3,046	13,215	16,261	NR	NJ	NJ
Washoe County								
Gerlach Justice Court	646	1	38	5	43	31	161	131
Incline Village Justice Court	10,999	1	617	336	953	516	1,949	827
Reno Justice Court	220,193	5	7,210	19,483	26,693	3,710	26,898	NR
Sparks Justice Court	97,238	2	2,657	4,241	6,898	2,270	8,206	2,667
Verdi Justice Court	2,939	1	125	31	156	85	2,336	1,583
Wadsworth Justice Court	1,550	1	1	10	11	NR	1,501	NR
Reno Municipal Court	182,818	4	7,135	NJ	7,135	11,509	19,430	19,608
Sparks Municipal Court	66,420	2	1,958	NJ	1,958	169 <i>e</i>	11,534	81 <i>e</i>
Third Judicial District	63,640	3 <i>f</i>	327	4,008	4,335	2,977	NJ	NJ
Churchill County District Court	26,247		134	1,419	1,553	1,469	NJ	NJ
Lyon County District Court	37,393		193	2,589	2,782	1,508	NJ	NJ
Churchill County								
New River Justice Court	26,247	1	919	1,063	1,982	71	3,449	566
Fallon Municipal Court	8,386	1	425	NJ	425	175	1,082	775
Lyon County								
Canal Justice Court	9,726	1	254	573	827	562	3,985	3,056
Dayton Justice Court	17,678	1	763	601	1,364	162	3,036	NR
Mason Valley Justice Court	8,200	1	224	281	505	46	3,000	284
Smith Valley Justice Court	1,789	1	42	13	55	56	250	229
Yerington Municipal Court	3,210	<i>(g)</i>	124	NJ	124	97	281	191
Fourth Judicial District	50,756	2	265	3,140	3,405	2,360	NJ	NJ
Elko County District Court	50,756		265	3,140	3,405	2,360	NJ	NJ
Elko County								
Carlin Justice Court	3,177	1	55	100	155	NR	765	NR
East Line Justice Court	3,766	1	198	251	449	270	1,511	1,381
Elko Justice Court	38,591	1	1,057	1,408	2,465	377 <i>e</i>	9,694	3,917 <i>e</i>
Jackpot Justice Court	1,162	1	81	71	152	186	1,738	1,053
Mountain City/Jarbidge Justice Court	1,152	1	3	NR	3	NR	54	NR
Tecoma Justice Court	218	1	0	8	8	9	393	310
Wells Justice Court	2,690	1	13	64	77	NR	5,019	5,697
Carlin Municipal Court	2,395	<i>(h)</i>	76	NJ	76	NR	341	NR
Elko Municipal Court	18,642	<i>(i)</i>	234	NJ	234	NR	1,049	289
Wells Municipal Court	1,563	<i>(j)</i>	31	NJ	31	NR	335	NR
West Wendover Municipal Court	3,867	1 <i>k</i>	98	NJ	98	17 <i>e</i>	1,048	123 <i>e</i>
Fifth Judicial District	43,707	2 <i>f</i>	318	2,305	2,623	1,057	NJ	NJ
Esmeralda County District Court	1,513		14	56	70	22	NJ	NJ
Mineral County District Court	6,270		39	437	476	343 <i>e</i>	NJ	NJ
Nye County District Court	35,924		265	1,812	2,077	692	NJ	NJ
Esmeralda County								
Esmeralda Justice Court	1,513	1	49	25	74	12	4,525	2,968
Mineral County								
Hawthorne Justice Court	5,156	1	468	225	693	100	2,224	1,205
Mina Justice Court	369	1	7	10	17	29	662	739
Schurz Justice Court	745	0	0	0	0	NR	1	NR
Nye County								
Beatty Justice Court	4,151	1	132	26	158	207	3,014	2,983
Gabbs Justice Court	700	<i>(l)</i>	0	22	22	15	3	4
Pahrump Justice Court	24,558	1	862	697	1,559	1,379	3,708	3,519
Tonopah Justice Court	6,515	1	205	149	354	249	3,158	62
Gabbs Municipal Court	459	<i>(l)</i>	1	NJ	1	3	1	2

NJ Not within court jurisdiction.
a Source: Nevada State Demographer. "Township boundaries may not correspond to incorporated cities, and are estimated using a different method than the city/town estimates. Because of this, they will differ from city estimates."

b Criminal cases include felony, gross misdemeanor, and non-traffic misdemeanor defendants. They do not include traffic and parking violations.
c Non-criminal cases include civil, family, and juvenile cases for District Court and civil cases for Justice Court.

d Two Carson City Justice Court judges also serve as municipal court judges.
e Estimated.

f Court added one new judicial position effective January 1, 2001.

Source: Uniform System for Judicial Records,
 Nevada AOC, Planning & Analysis Division.

Table A1. Summary of Population, Judicial Positions, and Cases Processed by Court for Nevada Judiciary, Fiscal Year 2000-01 (cont.)

	Population as of 7/1/00 ^a	Authorized Judicial Positions as of 6/30/01	Criminal Cases Filed ^b	Non- Criminal Cases Filed ^c	Total Non-Traffic Cases		Traffic and Parking	
					Filed	Disposed	Violations	Disposed
Sixth Judicial District	32,429	2	195	1,033	1,228	983	NJ	NJ
Humboldt County District Court	18,149		111	505	616	537	NJ	NJ
Lander County District Court	6,822		24	278	302	241	NJ	NJ
Pershing County District Court	7,458		60	250	310	205	NJ	NJ
Humboldt County								
Goldrun Justice Court	430	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
McDermitt Justice Court	1,294	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paradise Valley Justice Court	975	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Union Justice Court	15,449	1	1,829	924	2,753	1,029	5,100	5,406
Lander County								
Argenta Justice Court	5,925	1	284	505	789	593	2,363	2,335
Austin Justice Court	897	1	8	8	16	20	634	591
Pershing County								
Lake Justice Court	7,458	1	121	409	530	513	1,554	1,518
Lovelock Municipal Court	2,772	1	88	NJ	88	77	236	121
Seventh Judicial District	17,330	2	96	543	639	39	NJ	NJ
Eureka County District Court	1,847		14	47	61	33	NJ	NJ
Lincoln County District Court	4,420		22	98	120	NR	NJ	NJ
White Pine County District Court	10,650		60	398	458	6 ^e	NJ	NJ
Eureka County								
Beowawe Justice Court	600	1	17	14	31	29	1,258	1,188
Eureka Justice Court	1,247	1	28	20	48	30	1,196	9
Lincoln County								
Meadow Valley Justice Court	3,162	1	43	22	65	40	1,493	1,111
Pahrnagat Valley Justice Court	1,258	1	30	12	42	32	3,562	3,315
Caliente Municipal Court	1,132	(m)	11	NJ	11	7	56	51
White Pine County								
Ely No. 1 Justice Court	9,881	1	196	288	484	581	3,175	3,066
Lund No. 2 Justice Court	568	1	6	2	8	6	179	191
Baker No. 3 Justice Court	201	1	0	0	0	0	24	24
Ely Municipal Court	5,118	1	187	NJ	187	278	358	411
Eighth Judicial District	1,425,723	30 ⁿ	7,065	58,991	66,056	60,633	NJ	NJ
Clark County District Court	1,425,723		7,065	58,991	66,056	60,633	NJ	NJ
Clark County								
Boulder Justice Court	16,303	1	108	290	398	6	602	102
Bunkerville Justice Court	909	1	31	5	36	NR	675	158
Goodsprings Justice Court	3,432	1	313	47	360	6	4,923	827
Henderson Justice Court	198,691	2	2,225	3,039	5,264	NR	6,024	2,588
Las Vegas Justice Court	1,046,144	8 ^f	43,973	49,573	93,546	NR	228,647	216,527 ^e
Laughlin Justice Court	8,083	1	1,702	441	2,143	39	6,441	789
Mesquite Justice Court	15,605	1	85	190	275	105	0	0
Moapa Justice Court	1,075	1	126	3	129	NR	4,420	843
Moapa Valley Justice Court	9,095	1	113	71	184	7	1,107	677
North Las Vegas Justice Court	124,936	2 ^f	2,734	2,779	5,513	11	908	NR
Searchlight Justice Court	1,451	1	269	24	293	5	4,180	851
Boulder Municipal Court	15,519	(o)	317	NJ	317	604	4,237	3,681
Henderson Municipal Court	198,691	2	4,713	NJ	4,713	NR	24,008	823
Las Vegas Municipal Court	483,448	6	43,014	NJ	43,014	43,325 ^e	132,432	119,707 ^e
Mesquite Municipal Court	15,605	(p)	545	NJ	545	303	1,990	822
North Las Vegas Municipal Court	124,936	1	6,204	NJ	6,204	4,607	32,427	35,490
Ninth Judicial District	43,101	2	100	1,458	1,558	1,353	NJ	NJ
Douglas County District Court	43,101		100	1,458	1,558	1,353	NJ	NJ
Douglas County								
East Fork Justice Court	31,052	1	849	669	1,518	1,078	7,168	5,651
Tahoe Justice Court	12,049	1	1,077	146	1,223	783	3,557	3,101
TOTALS	2,066,831							
District Court Judges		56	11,782	88,206	99,988	71,445	NJ	NJ
Justice Court Judges		68	74,727	93,306	168,033	15,508	399,423	284,599
Municipal Court Judges		28	65,161	NJ	65,161	61,198	230,845	182,608

^g Smith Valley Justice Court judge also serves as Yerington Municipal Court judge.
^h Carlin Justice Court judge also serves as Carlin Municipal Court judge.
ⁱ Elko Justice Court judge also serves as Elko Municipal Court judge.
^j Wells Justice Court judge also serves as Wells Municipal Court judge.
^k East Line Justice Court judge served as West Wendover Municipal Court judge for most of the year.

^l Gabbs Justice Court judge also served as Gabbs Municipal Court judge through December 2000, when the court closed.
^m Pahrnagat Valley Court judge also serves as Caliente Municipal Court judge.
ⁿ Court added three new judicial positions effective January 1, 2001.
^o Boulder Justice Court judge also serves as Boulder City Municipal Court judge.
^p Mesquite Justice Court judge also serves as Mesquite Municipal Court judge.

Table A2. Criminal Caseload Processed by District Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 2000-01

	Criminal Defendants Charged		Criminal Appeals from Lower Court	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Disposed
	Felony	Gross Misdemeanor			
First Judicial District					
Carson City District Court	280	36	26	342	NR
Storey County District Court	26	0	2	28	26
Second Judicial District					
Washoe County District Court	2,279	733	34	3,046	232 <i>i</i>
Third Judicial District					
Churchill County District Court	91	37	6	134	136
Lyon County District Court	157	28	8	193	222
Fourth Judicial District					
Elko County District Court	255	3	7	265	244
Fifth Judicial District					
Esmeralda County District Court	14	0	0	14	14
Mineral County District Court	27	11	1	39	50
Nye County District Court	238	20	7	265	168
Sixth Judicial District					
Humboldt County District Court	89	12	10	111	111
Lander County District Court	19	5	0	24	30
Pershing County District Court	57	2	1	60	58
Seventh Judicial District					
Eureka County District Court	9	0	5	14	13
Lincoln County District Court	17	4	1	22	NR
White Pine County District Court	55	2	3	60	5 <i>e</i>
Eighth Judicial District					
Clark County District Court	6,247 <i>a</i>	685 <i>a</i>	133 <i>a</i>	7,065 <i>a</i>	10,390 <i>a</i>
Ninth Judicial District					
Douglas County District Court	90	4	6	100	130
Total	9,950	1,582	250	11,782	11,829

NR Not reported.

a Data are by cases instead of defendants.

e Estimated.

i Data are incomplete. See Table 13 for details.

Table A3. Civil Caseload Processed by District Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 2000-01

	Real Property	Construction Defect	Torts-			Other	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Disposed
			Negligence	Torts	Probate			
First Judicial District								
Carson City District Court	22	0	125	31	89	299	566	NR
Storey County District Court	3	0	6	8	13	5	35	14
Second Judicial District								
Washoe County District Court	183	0	699	321	530	1,677	3,410	NR
Third Judicial District								
Churchill County District Court	12	0	13	8	43	53	129	98
Lyon County District Court	31	0	24	6	58	88	207	56
Fourth Judicial District								
Elko County District Court	34	0	71	7	82	152	346	81
Fifth Judicial District								
Esmeralda County District Court	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Mineral County District Court	5	0	1	0	27	7	40	34
Nye County District Court	40	1	21	12	123	62	259	139
Sixth Judicial District								
Humboldt County District Court	7	NR	13	NR	37	34	91	73
Lander County District Court	4	0	10	0	10	13	37	20
Pershing County District Court	5	NR	4	10	20	18	57	21
Seventh Judicial District								
Eureka County District Court	0	0	0	0	12	1	13	1
Lincoln County District Court	8	0	2	2	12	5	29	NR
White Pine County District Court	4	0	23	16	65	37	145	NR
Eighth Judicial District								
Clark County District Court	1,092	NR	4,822	966	1,903	8,592	17,375	14,458
Ninth Judicial District								
Douglas County District Court	44	1	66	14	75	182	382	264
Total	1,496	2	5,900	1,401	3,099	11,225	23,123	15,263

NR Not reported.

Source: Uniform System for Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Planning & Analysis Division.

Table A4. Family Caseload Processed by District Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 2000-01

	Marriage Dissolution	Support/ Custody	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Adop- tions	Paternity	Termination of Parental Rights	Misc. Domestic Relations	Guard- ian- ship	Mental Health Case	Request for Domestic Violence Protection Orders (TPOs)	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Disposed
First Judicial District												
Carson City District Court	466	19	178	19	13	20	33	82	31	0	861	NR
Storey County District Court	24	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	32	26
Second Judicial District												
Washoe County District Court	3,380	156	1,051	151	87	137	239	397	388	1,546	7,532	NR
Third Judicial District												
Churchill County District Court	460	0	158	17	4	16	17	20	0	1	693	570
Lyon County District Court	104	8	170	14	3	17	12	23	0	0	351	194
Fourth Judicial District												
Elko County District Court	277	8	158	27	9	13	17	33	0	176	718	784
Fifth Judicial District												
Esmeralda County District Court	5	2	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	16	4
Mineral County District Court	24	0	127	2	0	1	0	5	0	0	159	29 ^e
Nye County District Court	330	21	146	9	1	4	19	15	0	0	545	385
Sixth Judicial District												
Humboldt County District Court	112	7	123	10	1	16	6	15	0	0	290	285
Lander County District Court	31	0	19	3	0	5	0	4	0	0	62	80
Pershing County District Court	37	2	57	1	NR	2	NR	6	NR	NR	105	68
Seventh Judicial District												
Eureka County District Court	7	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	13	9
Lincoln County District Court	15	3	9	1	1	3	1	6	0	0	39	NR
White Pine County District Court	94	1	38	1	0	3	7	5	0	0	149	0 ^e
Eighth Judicial District												
Clark County District Court	12,049	921	5,235	487	196	462	814	1,173	833	7,576	29,746	27,685
Ninth Judicial District												
Douglas County District Court	609	17	50	21	13	14	15	30	0	0	769	716
Total	18,024	1,165	7,529	764	328	716	1,182	1,821	1,252	9,299	42,080	30,835

NR Not reported.

^e Estimated.

Table A5. Juvenile Caseload Processed by District Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 2000-01

	Criminal- type Juvenile Petitions	Status Petitions	Child Abuse/ Neglect Petitions	Miscel- laneous Petitions	Informal Hearings	Detention/ Extradition Hearings	Protective Custody Hearings	Juvenile Traffic	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Disposed
First Judicial District										
Carson City District Court	165	22	17	188	188	285	21	1,072	1,958	1,704
Storey County District Court	11	0	0	1	1	27	0	21	61	41
Second Judicial District										
Washoe County District Court	1,752	143	320	4	NR	NR	54	NR	2,273	NR
Third Judicial District										
Churchill County District Court	261	43	17	18	0	62	8	188	597	665
Lyon County District Court	492	96	12	8	127	128	36	1,132	2,031	1,036
Fourth Judicial District										
Elko County District Court	319	1	0	48	182	105	65	1,356	2,076	1,251
Fifth Judicial District										
Esmeralda County District Court	8	0	0	0	3	3	0	24	38	NR
Mineral County District Court	68	37	1	4	24	58	0	46	238	230
Nye County District Court	213	226	13	0	229	116	0	211	1,008	NR
Sixth Judicial District										
Humboldt County District Court	121	NR	3	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	124	68
Lander County District Court	32	0	4	0	8	30	26	79	179	111
Pershing County District Court	71	NR	2	3	6	NR	1	5	88	58
Seventh Judicial District										
Eureka County District Court	9	4	0	0	8	0	0	(a)	21	10
Lincoln County District Court	21	0	1	5	1	0	2	(a)	30	NR
White Pine County District Court	100	0	1	0	0	3	0	(a)	104	1 ^e
Eighth Judicial District										
Clark County District Court	7,813	0	573	89	1	1,483	1,911	0	11,870	8,100
Ninth Judicial District										
Douglas County District Court	211	2	7	3	0	76	8	0	307	243
Total	11,667	574	971	371	778	2,376	2,132	4,134	23,003	13,518

NR Not reported

^a Juvenile traffic violations handled by Justice Courts.

^e Estimated.

Source: Uniform System for Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Planning & Analysis Division.

Table A6. Criminal Caseload Processed by Justice Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 2000-01

	Criminal Defendants Charged				Total Disposed	Charges				
	Felony	Gross Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor, Non-Traffic	Total Filed		Juvenile Traffic	Traffic Violations	Parking Violations	Total Filed	Total Disposed
First Judicial District										
Carson City										
Carson City Justice Court	791	76	1,569 <i>a</i>	2,436	NR	NJ	17,882 <i>a</i>	208 <i>a</i>	18,090 <i>a</i>	NR
Storey County										
Virginia City Justice Court	36	4	104	144	174	NJ	867	36	903	550
Second Judicial District										
Washoe County										
Gerlach Justice Court	10	0	28	38	26	NJ	161	0	161	131
Incline Village Justice Court	33	10	574	617	371 <i>i</i>	52	1,613	284	1,949	827 <i>i</i>
Reno Justice Court	2,812	260	4,138	7,210	564 <i>i</i>	NJ	26,898 <i>b</i>	NJ	26,898 <i>b</i>	NR
Sparks Justice Court	1,179	143	1,335	2,657	1,124 <i>i</i>	NJ	8,206	NJ	8,206	2,667 <i>i</i>
Verdi Justice Court	44	3	78	125	81	NJ	2,308	28	2,336	1,583
Wadsworth Justice Court	NR	NR	1	1	NR	NJ	1,501	0	1,501	NR
Third Judicial District										
Churchill County										
New River Justice Court	370	93	456	919	13 <i>i</i>	NJ	3,449	0	3,449	566 <i>i</i>
Lyon County										
Canal Justice Court	50	8	196	254	272	NJ	3,985	0	3,985	3,056
Dayton Justice Court	94	12	657	763	NR	NJ	3,036	0	3,036	NR
Mason Valley Justice Court	49	15	160	224	28 <i>i</i>	NJ	3,000	0	3,000	284 <i>i</i>
Smith Valley Justice Court	1	3	38	42	48	NJ	250	NJ	250	229
Fourth Judicial District										
Elko County										
Carlin Justice Court	NR	NR	55	55	NR	NJ	762	3	765	NR
East Line Justice Court	NR	NR	198	198	151	NJ	1,511 <i>b</i>	0	1,511	1,381
Elko Justice Court	340	33	684	1,057	377 <i>e</i>	NJ	9,694 <i>c</i>	<i>(c)</i>	9,694	3,917 <i>e</i>
Jackpot Justice Court	2	0	79	81	130	NJ	1,725	13	1,738	1,053
Mountain City/Jarbridge Justice Court	NR	NR	3 <i>i</i>	3 <i>i</i>	NR	NJ	54 <i>i</i>	NR	54 <i>i</i>	NR
Tecoma Justice Court	0	0	0	0	8	NJ	393	0	393	310
Wells Justice Court	NR	NR	13	13	NR	NJ	5,019	0	5,019	5,697
Fifth Judicial District										
Esmeralda County										
Esmeralda Justice Court	23	7	19	49	9	NJ	4,525	NJ	4,525	2,968
Mineral County										
Hawthorne Justice Court	124	7	337	468	100 <i>i</i>	NJ	2,224 <i>b,i</i>	0	2,224 <i>b,i</i>	1,205 <i>i</i>
Mina Justice Court	2	0	5	7	7	NJ	659	3	662	739
Schurz Justice Court	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	NR	NJ	1 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	1 <i>i</i>	NR
Nye County										
Beatty Justice Court	36	4	92	132	178	NJ	3,014	0	3,014	2,983
Gabbs Justice Court	NR	NR	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	NR	NJ	3 <i>i</i>	NR	3 <i>i</i>	4 <i>i</i>
Pahrump Justice Court	342	59	461	862	826	NJ	3,702	6	3,708	3,519
Tonopah Justice Court	124	7	74	205	113 <i>e</i>	NJ	3,157	1	3,158	62 <i>e</i>
Sixth Judicial District										
Humboldt County										
Goldrun Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	NJ	0	0	0	0
McDermitt Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	NJ	0	0	0	0
Paradise Valley Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	NJ	0	0	0	0
Union Justice Court	151	24	1,654	1,829	346	NJ	4,949	151	5,100	5,406
Lander County										
Argenta Justice Court	39	4	241	284	283	NJ	2,362	1	2,363	2,335
Austin Justice Court	1	2	5	8	16	NJ	634	0	634	591
Pershing County										
Lake Justice Court	55	10	56	121	153	NJ	1,554	0	1,554	1,518
Seventh Judicial District										
Eureka County										
Boowawe Justice Court	2	0	15	17	12	10	1,248	NJ	1,258	1,188
Eureka Justice Court	7	0	21	28	21	2	1,194	0	1,196	9 <i>i</i>
Lincoln County										
Meadow Valley Justice Court	23	5	15	43	29	20	1,473	0	1,493	1,111
Pahrangat Valley Justice Court	4	3	23	30	29	29	3,533	NR	3,562	3,315
White Pine County										
Ely (No. 1) Justice Court	43	5	148	196	294	91	3,083	1	3,175	3,066
Lund (No. 2) Justice Court	1	2	3	6	5	0	179	0	179	191
Baker (No. 3) Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	22 <i>b</i>	2	24 <i>b</i>	24
Eighth Judicial District										
Clark County										
Boulder Justice Court	63	2	43	108	6 <i>i</i>	8	568	26	602	102 <i>i</i>
Bunkerville Justice Court	14	0	17	31	NR	41	634	0	675	158 <i>i</i>
Goodsprings Justice Court	102	0	211	313	6 <i>i</i>	57	4,832	34	4,923	827 <i>i</i>
Henderson Justice Court	1,745	135	345	2,225	NR	<i>(d)</i>	5,976 <i>d</i>	48	6,024	2,588 <i>i</i>
Las Vegas Justice Court	16,768	1,174	26,031	43,973	NR	6,036	218,203	4,408	228,647	216,527 <i>e</i>
Laughlin Justice Court	642	20	1,040	1,702	39 <i>i</i>	103	5,949	389	6,441	789 <i>i</i>
Mesquite Justice Court	78	6	1	85	52 <i>i</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Moapa Justice Court	4	0	122	126	NR	80	4,340	0	4,420	843 <i>i</i>
Moapa Valley Justice Court	26	7	80	113	7 <i>i</i>	149	958	0	1,107	677 <i>i</i>
North Las Vegas Justice Court	1,750	111	873	2,734	NR	46	862	0	908	NR
Searchlight Justice Court	42	9	218	269	5 <i>i</i>	44	4,136	0	4,180	851 <i>i</i>
Ninth Judicial District										
Douglas County										
East Fork Justice Court	208	33	608	849	597	NJ	7,055	113	7,168	5,651
Tahoe Justice Court	222	12	843	1,077	730	NJ	3,409	148	3,557	3,101
Total	28,452	2,308	43,967	74,727	7,230	6,768	386,752	5,903	399,423	284,599

NJ Not within court jurisdiction.

NR Not reported.

a Municipal Court data included in totals.

b Court reported traffic numbers by defendants; could not report by charges.

Source: Uniform System for Judicial Records, Nevada ADC, Planning & Analysis Division.

c Parking violations are included with traffic violations.

d Juvenile traffic violations included with adult traffic violations.

e Estimated.

i Data are incomplete. See Table 13 for details.

Table A7. Civil Caseload Processed by Justice Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 2000-01

	Civil Cases Filed					Total Filed	Total Disposed
	General Civil	Small Claims	Summary Eviction	Request for Domestic Violence Protective Orders (TPOs)	Request for Protection Orders (non-domestic violence)		
First Judicial District							
Carson City							
Carson City Justice Court	1,641	534	1,190	445	240	4,050	NR
Storey County							
Virginia City Justice Court	6	29	23	14	9	81	79
Second Judicial District							
Washoe County							
Gerlach Justice Court	0	4	0	1	0	5	5
Incline Village Justice Court	66	142	90	21	17	336	145 <i>i</i>
Reno Justice Court	7,880	2,908	8,377	(a)	318	19,483	3,146 <i>i</i>
Sparks Justice Court	634	1,228	2,309	(a)	70	4,241	1,146 <i>i</i>
Verdi Justice Court	1	20	8	1	1	31	4
Wadsworth Justice Court	0	4	4	2	0	10	NR
Third Judicial District							
Churchill County							
New River Justice Court	286	367	237	140	33	1,063	58 <i>i</i>
Lyon County							
Canal Justice Court	63	263	191	56	0	573	290
Dayton Justice Court	54	159	242	107	39	601	162
Mason Valley Justice Court	48	198	10	25	0	281	18 <i>i</i>
Smith Valley Justice Court	1	9	1	2	0	13	8
Fourth Judicial District							
Elko County							
Carlin Justice Court	44	53	3	(a)	(a)	100	NR
East Line Justice Court	28	178	32	10	3	251	119
Elko Justice Court	777	529	99	3	(a)	1,408	NR
Jackpot Justice Court	1	67	NR	3	NR	71	56
Mountain City/Jarbridge Justice Court	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Tecoma Justice Court	0	6	0	2	0	8	1
Wells Justice Court	19	31	0	9	5	64	NR
Fifth Judicial District							
Esmeralda County							
Esmeralda Justice Court	2	16	1	5	1	25	3
Mineral County							
Hawthorne Justice Court	14	146	30	35	0	225	NR
Mina Justice Court	0	8	1	0	1	10	22
Schurz Justice Court	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	NR
Nye County							
Beatty Justice Court	4	11	2	9	0	26	29
Gabbs Justice Court	0 <i>i</i>	22 <i>i</i>	NR <i>i</i>	NR <i>i</i>	NR <i>i</i>	22 <i>i</i>	15 <i>i</i>
Pahrump Justice Court	80	297	124	195	1	697	553
Tonopah Justice Court	23	97	4	23	2	149	136
Sixth Judicial District							
Humboldt County							
Goldrun Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McDermitt Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paradise Valley Justice Court	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Union Justice Court	280	486	65	75	18	924	683
Lander County							
Argenta Justice Court	65	404	5	29	2	505	310
Austin Justice Court	1	5	2	0	0	8	4
Pershing County							
Lake Justice Court	18	297	46	46	2	409	360
Seventh Judicial District							
Eureka County							
Beowawe Justice Court	4	9	1	0	(a)	14	17
Eureka Justice Court	7	8	1	0	4	20	9
Lincoln County							
Meadow Valley Justice Court	3	13	0	6	0	22	11
Pahrangat Valley Justice Court	3	6	0	3	0	12	3
White Pine County							
Ely (No. 1) Justice Court	108	123	11	38	8	288	287
Lund (No. 2) Justice Court	0	2	0	0	0	2	1
Baker (No. 3) Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eighth Judicial District							
Clark County							
Boulder Justice Court	35	93	63	80	19	290	NR
Bunkerville Justice Court	0	4	0	1	0	5	NR
Goodsprings Justice Court	3	17	4	17	6	47	NR
Henderson Justice Court	374	966	1,537	(a)	162	3,039	NR
Las Vegas Justice Court	15,723	12,629	20,312	(a)	909	49,573	NR
Laughlin Justice Court	28	295	79	27	12	441	NR
Mesquite Justice Court	12	119	23	23	13	190	53 <i>i</i>
Moapa Justice Court	0	2	0	1	0	3	NR
Moapa Valley Justice Court	5	7	6	28	25	71	NR
North Las Vegas Justice Court	150	989	1,600	(a)	40	2,779	11 <i>i</i>
Searchlight Justice Court	1	14	5	4	0	24	NR
Ninth Judicial District							
Douglas County							
East Fork Justice Court	185	279	98	107	0	669	481
Tahoe Justice Court	43	60	36	7	0	146	53
Total	28,720	24,154	36,872	1,600	1,960	93,306	8,278

a Temporary protective orders are processed and recorded at the District Court level.

e Estimated.

i Data are incomplete. See Table 13 for details.

Source: Uniform System for Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Planning & Analysis Division.

Glossary of Case Types

CRIMINAL CASE TYPES

When to Count Filings: Cases are counted by defendants in District Court when the court receives notification of a bind over from a lower court or receives the formal charging document from the District Attorney's Office. Felony and gross misdemeanor filings in Justice Court are counted by defendants when the court receives the formal charging document, generally a complaint or citation. Misdemeanor and traffic filings in Justice and Municipal Courts are counted when the court receives the citation or complaint. Misdemeanors are counted with a violation of a state law that is punishable by death or imprisonment in state prison.

Felony - Cases heard District Court with preliminary hearings at Justice Court for defendants charged with a violation of a state law that is punishable by death or imprisonment in the state prison.

Gross Misdemeanor – Cases heard at District Court with preliminary hearings at Justice Court for defendants charged with a violation of state law that involves an offense that does not fit within the definitions of felony, misdemeanor, or traffic case.

Misdemeanor, Non-traffic – Cases heard at Justice and Municipal Courts for defendants charged with the violation of a state law or local ordinance that involves an offense punishable by fine or incarceration or both for no more than \$1,000 or six months, respectively.

Traffic Misdemeanor – Cases heard at Justice and Municipal Courts for moving and non-moving violations of traffic law or ordinance that do not pertain to parking of a motor vehicle. (Counted by charges, not defendants.)

Parking Violations – Cases heard at Justice and Municipal Courts for parking of a motor vehicle in violation of a traffic law or ordinance. (Counted by charges, not defendants.)

Appeal from Lower Court – Cases heard at District Court in which the court reviews the judgment of a Justice or Municipal Court for a criminal case.

When to Count Dispositions: A criminal case is considered disposed when final adjudication for that case occurs. For statistical purposes, final adjudication is defined as date of sentencing, date of adjudication, or date charges are disposed, whichever occurs last.

Criminal Cases Disposed – For District Court, cases are disposed when transferred before or during trial, dismissed after diversion or before trial, guilty plea before trial, bench trial, jury trial, and other manner of disposition. For Justice and Municipal Courts, cases are dismissed before or during preliminary hearing, guilty plea before or during preliminary hearing, waiver of preliminary hearing, bound over to District Court, bail forfeiture, transferred before or during trial, dismissed after diversion, dismissed before trial, guilty plea before trial, bench trial, and jury trial.

CIVIL CASE TYPES

When to Count Filings: Cases are counted when a petition or complaint is filed with the court or the court receives a motion.

Real Property – Cases heard at District Court that deal with ownership or rights in real property excluding construction defect or negligence; includes landlord and tenant disputes, title to property, condemnation, eminent domain, and other real property cases that do not fit in one of the above categories.

Construction Defect – Cases heard at District Court that deal with defects in construction.

Negligence Torts – Cases heard at District Court that deal with an alleged omission to perform an act or use care to perform an act that causes personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death; includes auto, medical, dental, premises liability, and other negligence tort cases that do not fit in one of the above categories.

Torts – Cases heard at District Court that deal with an injury or wrong committed either against a person or person's property by a party who either did or did not do something they were not or were supposed to do; includes product liability, intentional misconduct, employment, and other tort cases that do not fit in one of the above categories.

Probate – Cases heard at District Court that deal with the probate of a will or estate of a deceased person; includes summary administration, general administration, special administration, set asides, probate trusts, and other probate cases that do not fit in one of the above categories.

Other Civil – Cases heard at District Court that include breach of contract, civil petition for judicial review, appeals from lower courts, civil writs, and all other civil matters that do not fit in one of the above categories or case types.

General Civil – Cases heard at Justice Court that deal with recovery of money or damages where the amount does not exceed the limit of \$7,500.

Small Claims – Cases heard at Justice Court that deal with recovery of money where the amount does not exceed the limit of \$5,000.

Summary Eviction – Cases heard at Justice Court that deal with the exclusion of tenant for default of rent or specific categories of unlawful detainer.

Temporary Protective Orders – Cases heard at Justice Court for temporary order for protection. TPOs are counted as either domestic violence protective orders or stalking and harassment protective orders.

When to Count Dispositions: A civil case is considered disposed when adjudication of the matter occurs. For statistical purposes, final adjudication is defined as the date judgment is entered.

Civil Cases Disposed – For all trial courts, civil cases are disposed by voluntary dismissal, transfer before or during trial, involuntary dismissal, judgment on arbitration award, stipulated dismissal, stipulated judgment, default judgment, and adjudication on the merits by motion to dismiss, summary judgment, bench trial, and jury trial. Additionally, in Justice Courts, temporary protective orders are disposed by involuntary dismissal, transferred before or during trial, voluntary dismissal, decision without trial or hearing, decision with hearing, and decision with trial.

FAMILY CASE TYPES

When to Count Filings: Cases are counted when the court receives an originating petition, request, or complaint.

Marriage Dissolution – Cases heard at District Court that involve either divorce or annulment.

Support/Custody – Cases heard at District Court that require maintenance of a spouse or child or determination with regard to maintenance. Both parties must reside in Nevada.

Uniform Interstate Family Support Act – Cases heard at District Court that require maintenance of a spouse or child when one party resides in another state.

Adoptions – Cases heard at District Court that involve a request for the establishment of a new, permanent relationship of parent and child between persons not having that relationship naturally.

Paternity – Cases heard at District Court that involve paternity issues as defined by Nevada statute.

Termination of Parental Rights – Cases heard at District Court that involve termination of parental rights.

Miscellaneous Domestic Relations Case – Cases heard at District Court that involve a domestic relations issue that does not fit in one of the other family case types. Examples include name change or permission to marry.

Guardianship – Cases heard at District Court that deal with guardianship issues involving adults, minors, or trusts.

Mental Health Cases – Cases heard at District Court that deal with legal determination as to whether an individual is mentally ill or incompetent and should be placed or remain under care, custody, or treatment.

Domestic Violence Protective Orders – Cases heard at District Court for temporary order for protection when sufficient evidence exists that there has been domestic violence or the threat exists.

When to Count Dispositions: A family case is considered disposed when the decision is handed down and(or) the final order is filed, whichever occurs first.

Family Cases Disposed – For District Courts, family cases are disposed by involuntary dismissal, transfer, voluntary dismissal, decision without trial, decision with hearing, and decision with trial. Additionally, guardianship cases can be disposed for a person by death, reaching the age of majority, or restoration of competency; and for property by an order terminating guardianship or final accounting.

JUVENILE CASE TYPES

When to Count Filings: Cases are counted when the court receives the petition or citation.

Criminal-Type Juvenile Petitions – Cases heard at District Court that include a behavior that would be a crime if committed by an adult.

Status Petitions – Cases heard at District Court that includes petitions involving a juvenile in need of supervision. The juvenile may require guidance, treatment, or rehabilitation because of habitual truancy, habitual disobedience, being ungovernable, or behavior that is injurious or dangerous to others.

Child Abuse/Neglect Petitions – Cases heard at District Court where the behavior of someone other than the juvenile causes the court to concern itself with the well being of the juvenile. Adults charged with abuse or neglect are counted in the appropriate criminal category.

Miscellaneous Petitions – Cases heard at District Court that involve juvenile cases that do not fit in one of the other juvenile categories. An example is Petition for Emancipation.

Informal Hearing – Any hearing by a judicial officer in which no formal charge has been filed with the court.

Detention/Extradition Hearing – Any hearing requesting a juvenile to be held in detention, or continued to be held in detention, pending further court action within the same or another jurisdiction.

Protective Custody Hearing – Any hearing held to determine if the risk to a child is great enough to warrant removal, or continued removal, from their custodian.

When to Count Dispositions: A juvenile case is considered disposed when adjudication of the matter occurs.

Juvenile Cases Disposed – For District Courts, juvenile cases are disposed by transfer, certification to adult, dismissal, plea or admission, statutory termination, wardship termination, judgment satisfied, and bench trial.