



## Uniform System for Judicial Records



# The Nevada Judiciary Caseload Statistics Report

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*Congratulations to all the  
Nevada courts and their staffs!*

*The Division of Planning and Analysis is  
proud to present, for the first time, the  
Nevada Judiciary Caseload Statistics Report*

*All 91 trial courts submitted  
caseload data for fiscal year 1999-2000.  
In order to comply with the USJR Model,  
many courts compiled their monthly  
reports manually while courts  
with automation had to modify their  
programs to gather the statistics  
contained herein.*

*The Supreme Court and  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
recognize the hard work and cooperation  
of all judicial personnel and the  
countless others who contributed  
during this inaugural year.*

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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. This act was more than one year in the planning stage and brought the Nevada judiciary in line with other states for the reporting of statewide court information.

The information in the USJR Model is divided into four case categories: civil, criminal, family, and juvenile. Ultimately, each category will have four types of statistics:

- Caseload inventory (number of cases filed),
- Dispositions (number and type),
- Specific events in case processing (number and type), and
- Status of pending cases (number of cases at certain milestones).

All these statistics will yield valuable information, both at the local and state levels. However, it was neither practical, nor financially feasible, to require Nevada courts to capture and report all four types of statistics immediately. The collection of each statistic type was prioritized in terms of complexity and expense of measurement. Collection of caseload inventory<sup>1</sup> was first and collection of dispositions will be added next.

*This annual report provides caseload inventory (filing) statistics only.* Future reports will contain additional information as the USJR Model is expanded to meet judicial and legislative information needs.

Caseload inventory statistics are useful only if the case categories (case types) are defined and then consistently categorized and reported by every court. To provide for consistent analysis, case types and sub-types were carefully defined and documented in the USJR Model. Almost 50 individuals representing the courts and county clerks' offices assisted with the development of the USJR Model. A national model developed by the National Center for State Courts and the Conference of State Court Administrators was used as a guide. The Appendix contains a glossary of case types included in this report.

The USJR Model standardizes the information collected from Nevada courts to facilitate comparisons among courts. This is the first year courts were required to report caseload information; many are still modifying their systems to follow the Supreme Court approved definitions. The courts are required to report their information to the AOC even if they are unable to comply completely with the case-type definitions. Footnotes are used in the Appendix tables to identify those courts that are unable to completely comply with the approved definitions.

Meeting the requirements of the USJR Model was a hardship for most trial courts. The courts, recognizing the benefits of statewide statistics, managed the additional workload of the data collection and submission despite no new resources. Many of the courts had systems for counting their caseload that may or may not meet minimum requirements for data collection. Court staffs must focus on counting cases according to the approved USJR Model definitions and categories. These definitions sometimes required changes to the way staff managed court processes or environment. Some courts had to change what they were counting, such as changing from counting traffic citations to traffic violations (many citations have more than one violation). The AOC will continue to work with all the trial courts to assist them in modifying their systems and to ensure that the definitions are consistently applied. However, expanding the USJR requirements without advanced technology for the courts will be difficult.

(1) Felony, gross misdemeanor, and misdemeanor (non-traffic) cases are counted by defendants. Traffic and parking violations are counted by charges. Civil, family, and juvenile cases are counted by filing, petition, or complaint.

## Court Comparisons Using Judicial Statistics

The generally accepted method to assess a court’s workload is to use cases per judicial position. Judicial positions are the number of judges authorized for a court. Cases per judicial position has become a standard that courts use to get some indication concerning the volume of their caseload and the need for additional resources. This is such a common measure that the cases per judicial position have been calculated for all Nevada courts and are discussed later in this report.

As this is the first year for the collection and reporting of judicial statistics, these numbers should be viewed **with caution**. Some courts were unable to comply with the Supreme Court approved definitions for this reporting period, thus their caseload may be either over or under stated. Some courts also have more judicial resources available to them than indicated by the number of judicial positions. Many urban courts use commissioners, referees, and masters appointed by the court and funded by the local jurisdiction to assist judges with their caseload. These quasi-judicial positions perform judicial tasks under the direction of a judge and free up a judge’s time for trials and other pressing judicial responsibilities. Many of the busier courts also receive assistance from judges of courts that are not as busy. In addition, some courts make use of senior judges - retired judges who make themselves available for temporary assignments.

The USJR Model will eventually include a definition for quasi-judicial positions, thus allowing for the measurement of total judicial resources available to a court. At this time, the USJR Model is unable to consistently measure total judicial resources and, therefore, a very important part of the judicial resource picture for each court is not available for this report.

Reliable historical data is not available for comparison to previous years of statewide judicial workload. Lacking historical data for comparison, the proportion of population was compared to the proportion of caseloads. The analysis in the following pages is focused on the distribution of the many case types around the state. There should be a general correlation between population and court workload. Although a one-to-one relation is not expected, generally, as the population increases so do court cases. One would expect also to see the distribution of caseload across the state at least roughly at the same proportion as the population. This is indeed so, with a few exceptions.

## Statewide Summary

Some interesting comparisons are made using the statewide population estimates (Table A1 in the Appendix, Nevada State Demographer) and the caseloads of several areas. Washoe County has approximately 16 percent of the state population and an equal amount of the total District Court caseload. Clark County has approximately 68 percent of the population and 67 percent of the District Court caseload. Both of these areas see large influxes of tourists throughout the year, yet the comparisons are strikingly similar.

At the Justice Court level, Reno Justice Court has 11 percent of the population but twice as much of the statewide civil caseload (22 percent) while Las Vegas Justice Court has 50 percent of the population with 50 percent of the civil caseload.

Statewide, for District Courts, family case filings are almost twice civil case filings (Table 1). The number of juvenile cases ranks third with criminal cases last. In Justice Courts, traffic and parking violations are almost five times higher than the criminal or civil caseload filings. In Municipal Courts, traffic and parking violations are more than three times higher than the misdemeanor criminal caseload. Traffic and parking statistics represent violations or charges and not defendants as with the other criminal information. Combining defendants and violations significantly distorts the total caseload; therefore, traffic and parking violations are listed separately from the other criminal statistics.

The statewide number of cases filed per judicial position is 1,860 for District Courts; 2,335 for Justice Courts; and 2,402 for Municipal Courts (including the 11 justices of the peace who also hear Municipal Court cases). The number of cases filed per judicial position for each court (excluding traffic and parking violations) is discussed in this report (see Figures 2, 3, and 4). For fiscal year 1999-2000, the cases per judicial position for trial courts range from zero at several small rural courts to 12,559 at Las Vegas Justice Court.

Table 1

Reported Total Nevada Statewide Trial Court Caseload, Fiscal Year 1999-2000						
	Criminal*	Civil	Family	Juvenile	Total Non-traffic	Traffic and Parking**
District Courts	11,477	23,427	41,363	18,617	94,884	NJ
Justice Courts	77,159	83,942	NJ	NJ	161,101	406,551
Municipal Courts	69,663	NJ	NJ	NJ	69,663	253,078
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,299</b>	<b>107,369</b>	<b>41,363</b>	<b>18,617</b>	<b>325,648</b>	<b>659,629</b>

NJ Not within court jurisdiction

\* Criminal includes felony, gross misdemeanor, and non-traffic misdemeanors and are 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 only appellate court in the state. The main constitutional function of the Supreme Court is to review appeals from the decisions of the District Courts. Death penalty cases have an automatic appeal. The Supreme Court does not conduct fact-finding trials, but rather determines whether legal errors were committed in the rendering of the lower court decision. The Court must consider all cases filed.

The numbers of cases filed and disposed for calendar year 1999 and fiscal year 1999-2000 are presented in Table 2. For the fiscal year, the Supreme Court disposed of almost the same number of cases as were filed. The main difference between the calendar year and fiscal year statistics is that the court wrote almost twice the number of opinions during the fiscal year while the number of cases disposed of by order is down almost 200. Comparatively, those cases disposed of by opinion are normally precedent setting cases and require much more time and effort than the cases that are disposed by order. For the 18-month period that includes the calendar year and fiscal year, the Court disposed of 275 more cases than filed. As shown in Figure 1, the Court has reduced the backlog a total of 535 cases since 1997.

The Court's main caseload is from appeals filed from the District Courts. The sources of appeals to the Supreme Court are provided in Table 3. The Eighth Judicial District (Clark County) had 63 percent of the total number of appeals filed by judicial district statewide (Table 3). The Second Judicial District (Washoe County) was next with 21 percent. The other seven judicial districts shared the remaining 16 percent of the appeals. The percentage for Clark and Washoe County District Courts is consistent with the percentage of the statewide caseload.

Table 2

Nevada Supreme Court Cases Filed and Disposed, Fiscal Year 1999-2000		
	Calendar Year 1999	Fiscal Year 1999 - 2000
<b>Cases Filed</b>		
Bar Matters	25	23
Appeals	1,607	1,661
Original Proceedings	249	240
Other	4	6
Reinstated	9	10
<b>Total Cases Filed</b>	<b>1,894</b>	<b>1,940</b>
<b>Cases Disposed</b>		
By Opinions	60	111
By Order	2,013	1,821
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>1,932</b>
Cases Pending	1,986	1,890
<b>Number of Opinions Written*</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>106</b>

\* Includes opinions that do not dispose of cases.  
 Source: Nevada Supreme Court Clerk's Office.

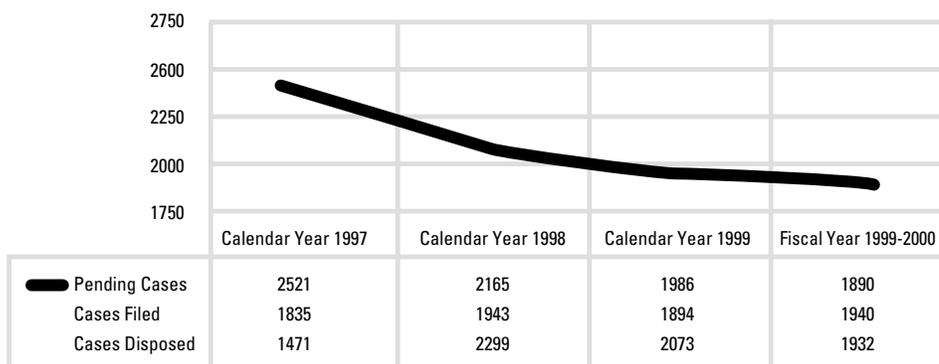
Table 3

Nevada Supreme Court Appeals Filed by Judicial District, Fiscal Year 1999-2000				
Judicial District	Civil	Criminal	Total	Percent
First	34	42	76	5
Second	126	226	352	21
Third	14	29	43	3
Fourth	11	29	40	2
Fifth	6	26	32	2
Sixth	8	25	33	2
Seventh	7	16	23	1
Eighth	590	451	1,041	63
Ninth	13	8	21	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Nevada Supreme Court Clerk's Office.

Figure 1

### Nevada Supreme Court Pending Cases, Calendar Years 1997-99 and Fiscal Year 1999-2000



## 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.

## Statistical Summary

The District Court case filing information is summarized in Table 4.

In District Court, criminal defendants are counted when the court receives the bind over from Justice Court or the grand jury files an indictment. Almost two-thirds of the statewide criminal cases were filed in Clark County (Table 4). Washoe County handled about 20 percent of the criminal cases with the remaining 16 percent spread throughout the rural judicial districts.

Civil caseloads are counted when a petition or complaint is filed with District Court. Almost three-quarters of the civil cases were filed in Clark County (Table 4), which is slightly more than the 68 percent of the state population residing in Clark County. Washoe County handled about 16 percent of the civil cases (and has 16 percent of the population) with the remaining 11 percent spread throughout the rural judicial districts.

Family-related cases, handled only by District Courts, are counted when a petition, request, or complaint is filed with the court. Again, Clark County led the filings, which were largely dominated by marriage dissolution cases, with 70 percent (Table 4). Washoe County handled about 18 percent of the family cases with the remaining 12 percent spread throughout the rural judicial districts.

Juvenile cases (except traffic) are handled by District Court and are counted when a petition or complaint is filed. Clark County had 55 percent of the juvenile cases with Carson City, Washoe County, and Lyon County at 8 percent each (Table 4). The remaining 21 percent was spread throughout the rural judicial districts.

Table 4

### Summary of District Court Case Filings, Fiscal Year 1999-2000

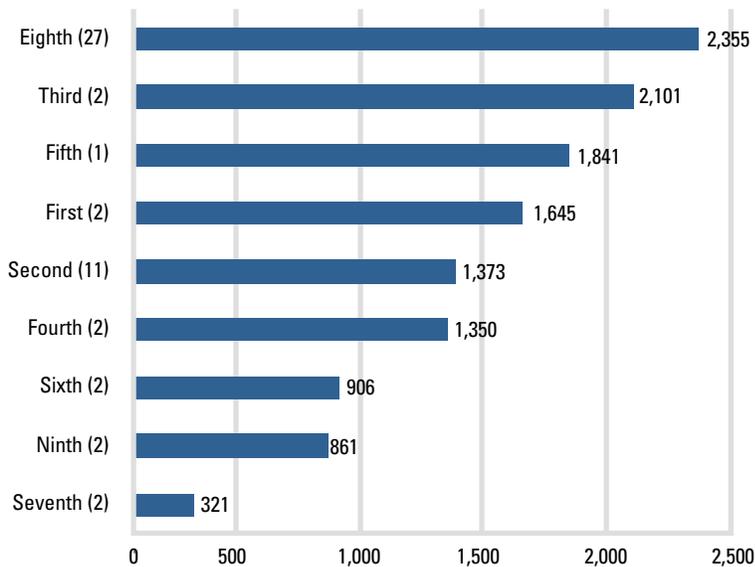
Court	Criminal Caseload (%)	Civil Caseload (%)	Family Caseload (%)	Juvenile Caseload (%)	Total Caseload (%)
<b>First Judicial District</b>					
Carson City District Court	334 (3)	569 (2)	793 (2)	1,504 (8)	3,200 (3)
Storey County District Court	30 (<1)	26 (<1)	21 (<1)	12 (<1)	89 (<1)
<b>Second Judicial District</b>					
Washoe County District Court	2,345 (20)	3,698 (16)	7,632 (18)	1,425 (8)	15,100 (16)
<b>Third Judicial District</b>					
Churchill County District Court	171 (1)	160 (1)	825 (2)	712 (4)	1,868 (2)
Lyon County District Court	221 (2)	200 (1)	336 (1)	1,577 (8)	2,334 (2)
<b>Fourth Judicial District</b>					
Elko County District Court	259 (2)	380 (2)	856 (2)	1,204 (6)	2,699 (3)
<b>Fifth Judicial District</b>					
Esmeralda County District Court	19 (<1)	10 (<1)	23 (<1)	18 (<1)	70 (<1)
Mineral County District Court	58 (<1)	41 (<1)	91 (<1)	69 (<1)	259 (<1)
Nye County District Court	199 (2)	342 (1)	374 (1)	597 (3)	1,512 (2)
<b>Sixth Judicial District</b>					
Humboldt County District Court	165 (1)	121 (1)	305 (1)	410 (2)	1,001 (1)
Lander County District Court	47 (<1)	41 (<1)	77 (<1)	300 (2)	465 (<1)
Pershing County District Court	46 (<1)	73 (<1)	115 (<1)	112 (1)	346 (<1)
<b>Seventh Judicial District</b>					
Eureka County District Court	17 (<1)	21 (<1)	10 (<1)	26 (<1)	74 (<1)
Lincoln County District Court	23 (<1)	43 (<1)	45 (<1)	23 (<1)	134 (<1)
White Pine County District Court	39 (<1)	174 (1)	136 (<1)	85 (<1)	434 (<1)
<b>Eighth Judicial District</b>					
Clark County District Court	7,382 (64)	17,161 (73)	28,810 (70)	10,225 (55)	63,578 (67)
<b>Ninth Judicial District</b>					
Douglas County District Court	122 (1)	367 (2)	914 (2)	318 (2)	1,721 (2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,477</b>	<b>23,427</b>	<b>41,363</b>	<b>18,617</b>	<b>94,884</b>

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

Figure 2

**Cases Filed Per Judicial Position By Judicial District,  
Fiscal Year 1999-2000**

(Number of judicial positions in parentheses)



Statewide number of cases filed per judicial position for District Courts is 1,860.

## Cases per Judicial Position

The number of cases per judicial position for all District Courts in Nevada is shown in Figure 2. In the judicial districts that contain more than one county (First, Third, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh), the cases for those counties in the district are summed and divided by the number of judges for that district. As expected, the Eighth Judicial District (Clark County District Court) has the largest number of cases per judicial position at 2,355. The Third Judicial District (Churchill and Lyon County District Courts) and Fifth Judicial District (Esmeralda, Mineral, and Nye County District Courts) are second and third with 2,101 and 1,841 cases per judicial position, respectively. The Eighth, Fifth, and Third Judicial Districts are each adding new judges<sup>2</sup> effective January 1, 2001.

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 cuts into the amount of time available to hear cases.

(2) Eighth Judicial District is adding three new family court judges; Third and Fifth Judicial Districts are each adding one new judge.

## Justice Courts

The Justice Courts (as well as Municipal 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 cases, which are counted by charge.

## Statistical Summary

The Justice Court case filing information is summarized in Table 5.

In Justice Court, criminal cases are counted when the courts receive the citation or complaint. Las Vegas Justice Court had more than half of the non-traffic (59 percent) and traffic (54 percent) cases filed in the state. Reno Justice Court followed with 9 percent non-traffic and 6 percent traffic. Several other jurisdictions followed with 3-5 percent each in one or both categories: Carson City Justice Court, Elko Justice Court, Henderson Justice Court, Laughlin Justice Court, and Sparks Justice Court. The rest of the Justice Courts, mostly rural, shared the remaining 18 percent.

Justice Court civil caseloads are counted when a petition or complaint is filed with the court. Las Vegas Justice Court also led the civil caseload with half of the statewide filings. Reno Justice Court followed with 22 percent. Carson City and Sparks Justice Courts each had 5 percent, Henderson and Laughlin Justice Courts each had 3 percent, with the remaining percentage spread throughout the other urban and rural areas. Interestingly, Henderson passed Reno as the second largest populated city in Nevada during fiscal year 1999-2000 but the civil caseload is notably higher in Reno.

Table 5

Summary of Justice Court Case Filings, Fiscal Year 1999-2000						
Court	Criminal Filings (%)		Civil Filings (%)		Traffic & Parking Violations (%)	
<b>First Judicial District</b>						
Carson City						
Carson City Justice Court	2,628	(3)	4,011	(5)	15,297	(4)
Storey County						
Virginia City Justice Court	141	(<1)	126	(<1)	1,379	(<1)
<b>Second Judicial District</b>						
Washoe County						
Gerlach Justice Court	19	(<1)	6	(<1)	115	(<1)
Incline Village Justice Court	611	(<1)	335	(<1)	1,475	(<1)
Reno Justice Court	6,852	(9)	18,477	(22)	26,308	(6)
Sparks Justice Court	3,049	(4)	4,070	(5)	9,111	(2)
Verdi Justice Court	119	(<1)	24	(<1)	4,144	(1)
Wadsworth Justice Court	0	(<1)	8	(<1)	2,260	(<1)
<b>Third Judicial District</b>						
Churchill County						
New River Justice Court	540	(1)	757	(1)	2,157	(<1)
Lyon County						
Canal Justice Court	378	(<1)	535	(1)	5,497	(1)
Dayton Justice Court	540	(1)	614	(1)	2,678	(<1)
Mason Valley Justice Court	208	(<1)	291	(<1)	2,698	(<1)
Smith Valley Justice Court	22	(<1)	22	(<1)	280	(<1)
<b>Fourth Judicial District</b>						
Elko County						
Carlin Justice Court	90	(<1)	169	(<1)	817	(<1)
East Line Justice Court	129	(<1)	164	(<1)	174	(<1)
Elko Justice Court	1,409	(2)	1,452	(2)	10,469	(3)
Jackpot Justice Court	106	(<1)	65	(<1)	2,030	(<1)
Jarbridge Justice Court	1	(<1)	0	(<1)	0	(<1)
Mountain City Justice Court	25	(<1)	0	(<1)	65	(<1)
Tecoma Justice Court	6	(<1)	4	(<1)	473	(<1)
Wells Justice Court	63	(<1)	53	(<1)	5,093	(1)
<b>Fifth Judicial District</b>						
Esmeralda County						
Esmeralda Justice Court	36	(<1)	28	(<1)	3,373	(1)
Mineral County						
Hawthorne Justice Court	282	(<1)	251	(<1)	1,330	(<1)
Mina Justice Court	17	(<1)	2	(<1)	512	(<1)
Schurz Justice Court	4	(<1)	3	(<1)	8	(<1)
Nye County						
Beatty Justice Court	169	(<1)	52	(<1)	3,418	(1)
Gabbs Justice Court	4	(<1)	38	(<1)	5	(<1)
Pahrump Justice Court	681	(1)	937	(1)	3,441	(1)
Tonopah Justice Court	171	(<1)	169	(<1)	2,663	(<1)
<b>Sixth Judicial District</b>						
Humboldt County						
Goldrun Justice Court	0	(<1)	0	(<1)	0	(<1)
McDermitt Justice Court	0	(<1)	0	(<1)	0	(<1)
Paradise Valley Justice Court	0	(<1)	1	(<1)	0	(<1)
Union Justice Court	943	(1)	1,009	(1)	6,134	(2)
Lander County						
Argenta Justice Court	395	(<1)	536	(<1)	3,100	(<1)
Austin Justice Court	11	(<1)	11	(<1)	572	(<1)
Pershing County						
Lake Justice Court	195	(<1)	212	(<1)	3,811	(1)
<b>Seventh Judicial District</b>						
Eureka County						
Beowawe Justice Court	41	(<1)	10	(<1)	1,019	(<1)
Eureka Justice Court	48	(<1)	29	(<1)	1,414	(<1)
Lincoln County						
Meadow Valley Justice Court	39	(<1)	51	(<1)	1,739	(<1)
Pahrnagat Valley Justice Court	16	(<1)	6	(<1)	3,191	(<1)
White Pine County						
Ely (No. 1) Justice Court	298	(<1)	364	(<1)	4,238	(1)
Lund (No. 2) Justice Court	2	(<1)	2	(<1)	265	(<1)
Baker (No. 3) Justice Court	0	(<1)	3	(<1)	33	(<1)
<b>Eighth Judicial District</b>						
Clark County						
Boulder Justice Court	118	(<1)	217	(<1)	1,158	(<1)
Bunkerville Justice Court	56	(<1)	12	(<1)	973	(<1)
Goodsprings Justice Court	264	(<1)	37	(<1)	9,901	(2)
Henderson Justice Court	2,958	(4)	2,759	(3)	8,667	(2)
Las Vegas Justice Court	45,933	(59)	41,986	(50)	220,655	(54)
Laughlin Justice Court	2,163	(3)	359	(<1)	10,158	(2)
Mesquite Justice Court	93	(<1)	209	(<1)	0	(<1)
Moapa Justice Court	185	(<1)	12	(<1)	4,681	(1)
Moapa Valley Justice Court	175	(<1)	47	(<1)	1,364	(<1)
North Las Vegas Justice Court	2,396	(3)	2,454	(3)	833	(<1)
Searchlight Justice Court	299	(<1)	17	(<1)	5,709	(1)
<b>Ninth Judicial District</b>						
Douglas County						
East Fork Justice Court	1,069	(1)	681	(1)	5,769	(1)
Tahoe Justice Court	1,162	(2)	255	(<1)	3,897	(1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,159</b>		<b>83,942</b>		<b>406,551</b>	

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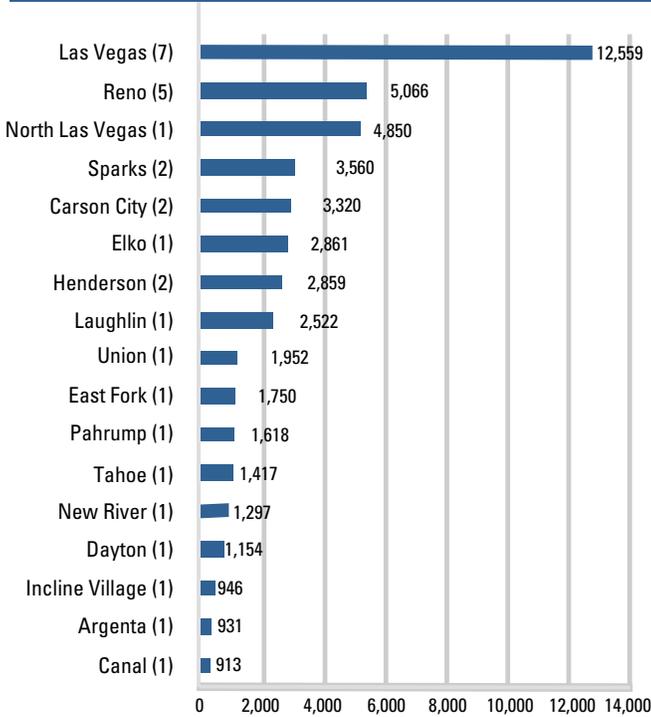
## Cases per Judicial Position

Justice Courts present a unique problem when comparing cases per judicial position. Many of the Justices of the Peace only work part-time. 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 for Justice Courts. To simplify the presentation in Figure 3, only those Justice Courts that have 750 cases per judicial position or more are shown<sup>3</sup>. The break at 750 was arbitrary based on the interval between Canal and Ely Justice Courts. The caseload information for Carson City Justice and Municipal Court is combined for the consolidated municipality and is provided in Figure 3 and Table 5 with Justice Courts.

As can be seen in Figure 3, the urban Justice Courts tend to have more than 2,000 cases per judicial position with Las Vegas Justice Court topping out at more than 12,000 cases per judicial position. The rural Justice Courts tend to have less than 2,000 cases per judicial position. Some Justice Courts hear juvenile traffic cases under the supervision of the District Courts. Those juvenile cases are included with the Justice Court criminal caseload.

Figure 3

**Cases Filed Per Judicial Position By Justice Court, Fiscal Year 1999-2000**  
(Number of judicial positions in parentheses)



Statewide number of cases filed per judicial position for Justice Courts is 2,335.

(3) Here are the remaining Justice Courts and the cases per judicial position.

Court	Authorized Judicial Positions	Cases Filed per Judicial Position	Court	Authorized Judicial Positions	Cases Filed per Judicial Position	Court	Authorized Judicial Positions	Cases Filed per Judicial Position
Ely (No. 1) Justice Court	1	662	Beatty Justice Court	1	221	Mountain City Justice Court	1	25
Hawthorne Justice Court	1	533	Moapa Justice Court	1	197	Austin Justice Court	1	22
Mason Valley Justice Court	1	499	Jackpot Justice Court	1	171	Pahrangat Valley Justice Court	1	22
Lake Justice Court	1	407	Verdi Justice Court	1	143	Mina Justice Court	1	19
Tonopah Justice Court	1	340	Wells Justice Court	1	116	Tecoma Justice Court	1	10
Boulder Justice Court	1	335	Meadow Valley Justice Court	1	90	Wadsworth Justice Court	1	8
Searchlight Justice Court	1	316	Eureka Justice Court	1	77	Schurz Justice Court	1	7
Mesquite Justice Court	1	302	Bunkerville Justice Court	1	68	Lund (No. 2) Justice Court	1	4
Goodsprings Justice Court	1	301	Esmeralda Justice Court	1	64	Baker (No. 3) Justice Court	1	3
East Line Justice Court	1	293	Beowawe Justice Court	1	51	Jarbridge Justice Court	1	1
Virginia City Justice Court	1	267	Smith Valley Justice Court	1	44	Paradise Valley Justice Court	1	1
Carlin Justice Court	1	259	Gabbs Justice Court	1	42	Goldrun Justice Court	1	0
Moapa Valley Justice Court	1	222	Gerlach Justice Court	1	25	McDermitt Justice Court	1	0

# Municipal Courts

Municipal Courts are city courts and only handle cases that involve 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 is summarized in Table 6.

The Municipal Courts are courts of limited jurisdiction. Their primary caseload is the handling of parking, traffic, and local non-traffic misdemeanor violations.

Criminal cases are counted when a complaint or citation is filed with the court. Las Vegas Municipal Court had the most non-traffic misdemeanors with 69 percent. Reno, North Las Vegas, and Henderson Municipal Courts followed with 9, 8, and 6 percent, respectively. Traffic numbers were slightly different, however, Las Vegas still led with 62 percent. North Las Vegas, Henderson, Reno, and Sparks followed with 13, 8, 7, and 6 percent, respectively.

## Cases per Judicial Position

The two Municipal Courts with the largest caseload per judicial position are Las Vegas and North Las Vegas (Figure 4). Henderson, Reno, Sparks, and Mesquite Municipal Courts are next and relatively equally spaced between about 1,000 and 2,000 cases per judicial position. All the remaining Municipal Courts are less than 500 cases per judicial position. The caseload information for Carson City Justice and Municipal Court is combined for the consolidated municipality and is provided in Figure 3 and Table 5 with Justice Courts.

Table 6

Court	Criminal Defendants Charged		Charges		
	Non-Traffic Misdemeanor (%)		Traffic Violations	Parking Violations	Traffic Total (%)
Boulder City Municipal Court	329 <i>i</i> (<1)		3,388 <i>a,i</i>	200 <i>i</i>	3,588 <i>a,i</i> (1)
Caliente Municipal Court	10 (<1)		56	1	57 (<1)
Carlin Municipal Court	64 (<1)		196	5	201 (<1)
Carson City Municipal Court	( <i>b</i> )		( <i>b</i> )	( <i>b</i> )	( <i>b</i> )
Elko Municipal Court	293 (<1)		1,029 <i>c</i>	( <i>c</i> )	1,029 (<1)
Ely Municipal Court	417 (1)		488	21	509 (<1)
Fallon Municipal Court	493 (1)		1,053	22	1,075 (<1)
Gabbs Municipal Court	0 (<1)		5	1	6 (<1)
Henderson Municipal Court	4,006 (6)		19,576 <i>a</i>	1,156	20,732 <i>a</i> (8)
Las Vegas Municipal Court	47,783 (69)		156,935 <i>d</i>	( <i>b</i> )	156,935 <i>d</i> (62)
Lovelock Municipal Court	49 (<1)		120	0	120 (<1)
Mesquite Municipal Court	1,039 (1)		2,417	25	2,442 (1)
North Las Vegas Municipal Court	5,895 (8)		28,261 <i>d</i>	4,988	33,249 <i>d</i> (13)
Reno Municipal Court	6,420 (9)		17,209	( <i>e</i> )	17,209 (7)
Sparks Municipal Court	2,471 (4)		13,346	1,783	15,129 (6)
Wells Municipal Court	8 <i>i</i> (<1)		334 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	334 <i>i</i> (<1)
West Wendover Municipal Court	175 <i>i</i> (<1)		200 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	200 <i>i</i> (<1)
Yerington Municipal Court	211 (<1)		232	31	263 (<1)
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,663</b>		<b>244,845</b>	<b>8,233</b>	<b>253,078</b>

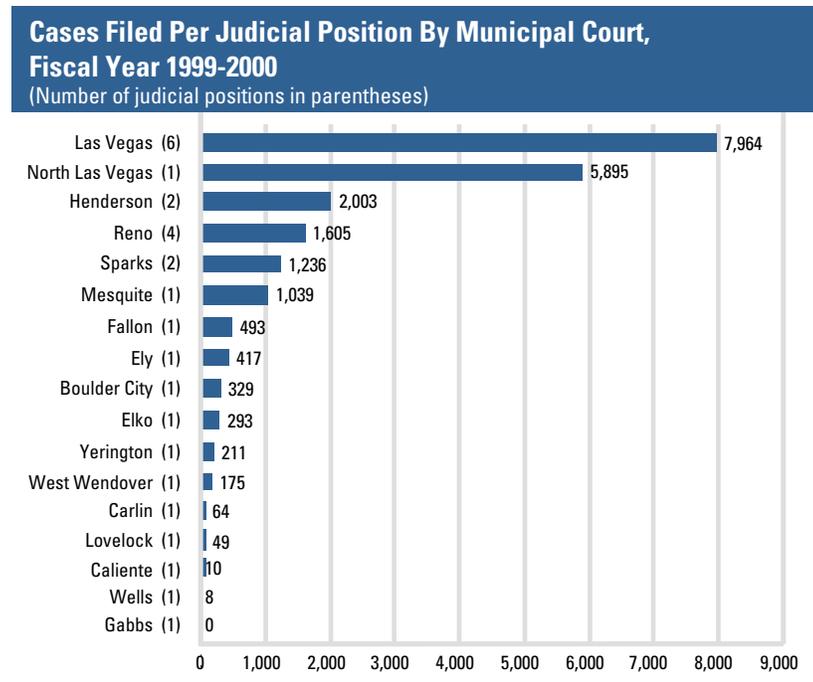
Percentages in parenthesis may not add up to 100 percent in each column due to rounding.

*NJ* Not within court jurisdiction.

- (a) Juvenile traffic numbers for six months are included in total. For Boulder City, 68 charges are included. For Henderson, 602 charges are included.
- (b) Municipal court data combined with Justice Court data (Table A6 in the Appendix) for the consolidated municipality of Carson City.
- (c) Parking violations are included with traffic numbers.
- (d) Court reported traffic or parking numbers by defendants; could not report by charges.
- (e) Parking violations are banded administratively by the city.
- (i) Data are incomplete. See Table A8 in the Appendix for details. Wells Municipal Court data for July through October were included with Wells Justice Court data.

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

Figure 4



Statewide number of cases filed per judicial position for Municipal Courts is 2,402.



# UNIFORM SYSTEM FOR JUDICIAL RECORDS

## APPENDIX TABLES

Table A1

Summary of Judicial Positions, Population, and Total Filings by Court for Nevada Judiciary, Fiscal Year 1999-2000						
Court	Population as of 7/1/99 <sup>(a)</sup>	Authorized Judicial Positions as of 6/30/00	Criminal Cases Filed <sup>(b)</sup>	Non-Criminal Cases Filed <sup>(c)</sup>	Total Non-Traffic Cases Filed	Traffic & Parking Violations
<b>First Judicial District Court</b>	<b>56,290</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Carson City District Court</b>	<b>52,620</b>		<b>334</b>	<b>2,866</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Storey County District Court</b>	<b>3,670</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>89</b>	<i>NJ</i>
Carson City						
Carson City Justice/Municipal Court <sup>(d)</sup>	52,620	2	2,628	4,011	6,639	15,297
Storey County						
Virginia City Justice Court	3,670	1	141	126	267	1,379
<b>Second Judicial District</b>	<b>323,670</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,345</b>	<b>12,755</b>	<b>15,100</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Washoe County District Court</b>	<b>323,670</b>				<b>15,100</b>	<i>NJ</i>
Washoe County						
Gerlach Justice Court	627	1	19	6	25	115
Incline Village Justice Court	10,673	1	611	335	946	1,475
Reno Justice Court	213,660	5	6,852	18,477	25,329	26,308
Sparks Justice Court	94,353	2	3,049	4,070	7,119	9,111
Verdi Justice Court	2,852	1	119	24	143	4,144
Wadsworth Justice Court	1,504	1	0	8	8	2,260
Reno Municipal Court	176,910	4	6,420	<i>NJ</i>	6,420	17,209
Sparks Municipal Court	64,210	2	2,471	<i>NJ</i>	2,471	15,129
<b>Third Judicial District</b>	<b>59,460</b>	<b>2<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>392</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>4,202</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Churchill County District Court</b>	<b>25,310</b>		<b>171</b>	<b>1,697</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Lyon County District Court</b>	<b>34,150</b>		<b>221</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<i>NJ</i>
Churchill County						
New River Justice Court	25,310	1	540	757	1,297	2,157
Fallon Municipal Court	8,280	1	493	<i>NJ</i>	493	1,075
Lyon County						
Canal Justice Court	8,709	1	378	535	913	5,497
Dayton Justice Court	15,009	1	540	614	1,154	2,678
Mason Valley Justice Court	8,622	1	208	291	499	2,698
Smith Valley Justice Court	1,809	1	22	22	44	280
Yerington Municipal Court	3,070	<i>(f)</i>	211	<i>NJ</i>	211	263
<b>Fourth Judicial District</b>	<b>50,620</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Elko County District Court</b>	<b>50,620</b>				<b>2,699</b>	
Elko County						
Carlin Justice Court	3,168	1	90	169	259	817
East Line Justice Court	3,756	1	129	164	293	174
Elko Justice Court	38,486	1	1,409	1,452	2,861	10,469
Jackpot Justice Court	1,159	1	106	65	171	2,030
Jarbridge Justice Court	92	1	1	0	1	0
Mountain City Justice Court	1,057	1	25	0	25	65
Tecoma Justice Court	217	1	6	4	10	473
Wells Justice Court	2,683	1	63	53	116	5,093
Carlin Municipal Court	2,390	<i>(g)</i>	64	<i>NJ</i>	64	201
Elko Municipal Court	18,510	<i>(h)</i>	293	<i>NJ</i>	293	1,029
Wells Municipal Court	1,510	<i>(i)</i>	8	<i>NJ</i>	8	334
West Wendover Municipal Court	3,540	<i>(j)</i>	175	<i>NJ</i>	175	200
<b>Fifth Judicial District</b>	<b>42,420</b>	<b>1<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>276</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Esmeralda County District Court</b>	<b>1,520</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>70</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Mineral County District Court</b>	<b>6,450</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>259</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Nye County District Court</b>	<b>34,450</b>		<b>199</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<i>NJ</i>
Esmeralda County						
Esmeralda Justice Court	1,520	1	36	28	64	3,373
Mineral County						
Hawthorne Justice Court	5,304	1	282	251	533	1,330
Mina Justice Court	380	1	17	2	19	512
Schurz Justice Court	766	1	4	3	7	8
Nye County						
Beatty Justice Court	3,981	1	169	52	221	3,418
Gabbs Justice Court	671	1	4	38	42	5
Pahrump Justice Court	23,550	1	681	937	1,618	3,441
Tonopah Justice Court	6,248	1	171	169	340	2,663
Gabbs Municipal Court	671	<i>(k)</i>	0	<i>NJ</i>	0	6

*NJ* Not within court jurisdiction.

*(a)* Source: Nevada State Demographer. "Township boundaries may not correspond to incorporated areas, and are estimated using a different method than city estimates, therefore they may differ from city estimates."

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

*(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 Carson City Municipal Court judges.

*(e)* Court will be adding one new judicial position effective January 1, 2001.

Table A1 (continued)

Summary of Judicial Positions, Population, and Total Filings by Court for Nevada Judiciary, Fiscal Year 1999-2000						
Court	Population as of 7/1/99 <sup>(a)</sup>	Authorized Judicial Positions as of 6/30/00	Criminal Cases Filed <sup>(b)</sup>	Non-Criminal Cases Filed <sup>(c)</sup>	Total Non-Traffic Cases Filed	Traffic & Parking Violations
<b>Sixth Judicial District</b>	<b>32,370</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>1,554</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Humboldt County District Court</b>	<b>18,090</b>		<b>165</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Lander County District Court</b>	<b>7,010</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>465</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Pershing County District Court</b>	<b>7,270</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>346</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<i>Humboldt County</i>						
<i>Goldrun Justice Court</i>	429	1	0	0	0	0
<i>McDermitt Justice Court</i>	1,290	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Paradise Valley Justice Court</i>	972	1	0	1	1	0
<i>Union Justice Court</i>	15,399	1	943	1,009	1,952	6,134
<i>Lander County</i>						
<i>Argenta Justice Court</i>	6,088	1	395	536	931	3,100
<i>Austin Justice Court</i>	922	1	11	11	22	572
<i>Pershing County</i>						
<i>Lake Justice Court</i>	7,270	1	195	212	407	3,811
<i>Lovelock Municipal Court</i>	2,820	1	49	<i>NJ</i>	49	120
<b>Seventh Judicial District</b>	<b>17,330</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>642</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Eureka County District Court</b>	<b>1,930</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>74</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Lincoln County District Court</b>	<b>4,250</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>134</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>White Pine County District Court</b>	<b>11,150</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>434</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<i>Eureka County</i>						
<i>Beowawe Justice Court</i>	627	1	41	10	51	1,019
<i>Eureka Justice Court</i>	1,303	1	48	29	77	1,414
<i>Lincoln County</i>						
<i>Meadow Valley Justice Court</i>	3,040	1	39	51	90	1,739
<i>Pahrnagat Valley Justice Court</i>	1,210	1	16	6	22	3,191
<i>Caliente Municipal Court</i>	1,130	(l)	10		10	57
<i>White Pine County</i>						
<i>Ely (No. 1) Justice Court</i>	10,345	1	298	364	662	4,238
<i>Lund (No. 2) Justice Court</i>	595	1	2	2	4	265
<i>Baker (No. 3) Justice Court</i>	210	1	0	3	3	33
<i>Ely Municipal Court</i>	5,400	1	417	<i>NJ</i>	417	509
<b>Eighth Judicial District</b>	<b>1,343,540</b>	<b>27</b> <i>m</i>	<b>7,382</b>	<b>56,196</b>	<b>63,578</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Clark County District Court</b>	<b>1,343,540</b>				<b>63,578</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<i>Clark County</i>						
<i>Boulder Justice Court</i>	14,940	1	118	217	335	1,158
<i>Bunkerville Justice Court</i>	880	1	56	12	68	973
<i>Goodsprings Justice Court</i>	1,400	1	264	37	301	9,901
<i>Henderson Justice Court</i>	177,030	2	2,958	2,759	5,717	8,667
<i>Las Vegas Justice Court</i>	983,750	7 <i>e</i>	45,933	41,986	87,919	220,655
<i>Laughlin Justice Court</i>	7,910	1	2,163	359	2,522	10,158
<i>Mesquite Justice Court</i>	14,070	1	93	209	302	0
<i>Moapa Justice Court</i>	440	1	185	12	197	4,681
<i>Moapa Valley Justice Court</i>	5,620	1	175	47	222	1,364
<i>North Las Vegas Justice Court</i>	136,760	1 <i>e</i>	2,396	2,454	4,850	833
<i>Searchlight Justice Court</i>	740	1	299	17	316	5,709
<i>Boulder City Municipal Court</i>	14,860	(n)	329	<i>NJ</i>	329	3,588
<i>Henderson Municipal Court</i>	177,030	2	4,006	<i>NJ</i>	4,006	20,732
<i>Las Vegas Municipal Court</i>	465,050	6	47,783	<i>NJ</i>	47,783	156,935
<i>Mesquite Municipal Court</i>	14,070	(o)	1,039	<i>NJ</i>	1,039	2,442
<i>North Las Vegas Municipal Court</i>	117,250	1	5,895	<i>NJ</i>	5,895	33,249
<b>Ninth Judicial District</b>	<b>42,590</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Douglas County District Court</b>	<b>42,590</b>				<b>1,721</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<i>Douglas County</i>						
<i>East Fork Justice Court</i>	34,525	1	1,069	681	1,750	5,769
<i>Tahoe Justice Court</i>	8,065	1	1,162	255	1,417	3,897
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,968,290</b>					
<b>District Court Judges</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>11,477</b>	<b>83,407</b>	<b>94,884</b>	<i>NJ</i>
<b>Justice Court Judges</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>77,159</b>	<b>83,942</b>	<b>161,101</b>	<b>406,551</b>
<b>Municipal Court Judges</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>69,663</b>	<i>NJ</i>	<b>69,663</b>	<b>253,078</b>

(f) Smith Valley Justice Court judge also serves as Yerington Municipal Court judge.

(g) Carlin Justice Court judge also serves as Carlin Municipal Court judge.

(h) Elko Justice Court judge also serves as Elko Municipal Court judge.

(i) Wells Justice Court judge also serves as Wells Municipal Court judge.

(j) East Line Justice Court judge also serves as West Wendover Municipal Court judge.

(k) Gabbs Justice Court judge also serves as Gabbs Municipal Court judge.

(l) Pahrnagat Valley Justice Court judge also serves as Caliente Municipal Court judge.

(m) Court will be adding three new judicial positions effective January 1, 2001.

(n) Boulder Justice Court judge also serves as Boulder City Municipal Court judge.

(o) Mesquite Justice Court judge also serves as Mesquite Municipal Court judge.

Table A2

Criminal Caseload for District Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 1999-2000				
Court	Criminal Defendants Charged			Total
	Felony	Gross Misdemeanor	Criminal Appeals from Lower Court	
<b>First Judicial District</b>				
Carson City District Court	290	26	18	334
Storey County District Court	16	12	2	30
<b>Second Judicial District</b>				
Washoe County District Court	1,892	300	153	2,345
<b>Third Judicial District</b>				
Churchill County District Court	130	41	0	171
Lyon County District Court	209	6	6	221
<b>Fourth Judicial District</b>				
Elko County District Court	237	12	10	259
<b>Fifth Judicial District</b>				
Esmeralda County District Court	19	0	0	19
Mineral County District Court	44	13	1	58
Nye County District Court	196	2	1	199
<b>Sixth Judicial District</b>				
Humboldt County District Court	123	21	21	165
Lander County District Court	33	14	0	47
Pershing County District Court	44 <i>i</i>	2 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	46 <i>i</i>
<b>Seventh Judicial District</b>				
Eureka County District Court	12	4	1	17
Lincoln County District Court	17	4	2	23
White Pine County District Court	19 <i>i</i>	17 <i>i</i>	3 <i>i</i>	39 <i>i</i>
<b>Eighth Judicial District</b>				
Clark County District Court	6,896 <i>a</i>	285 <i>a</i>	201	7,382 <i>a</i>
<b>Ninth Judicial District</b>				
Douglas County District Court	107	10	5	122
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,284</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>11,477</b>

(a) Data are by cases instead of defendants.  
(i) Data are incomplete. See Table A8 for details.  
Source: Uniform System For Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Planning & Analysis Division.

Table A3

Civil Caseload for District Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 1999-2000							
Court	Civil Cases Filed						Total
	Real Property	Construction Defect	Torts-Negligence	Torts	Probate	Other	
<b>First Judicial District</b>							
Carson City District Court	30	0	112	34	106	287	569
Storey County District Court	7	NR	2	1	9	7	26
<b>Second Judicial District</b>							
Washoe County District Court	210	NR	588	302	542	2,056	3,698
<b>Third Judicial District</b>							
Churchill County District Court	13	0	23	20	53	51	160
Lyon County District Court	24	0	22	11	63	80	200
<b>Fourth Judicial District</b>							
Elko County District Court	38	2	62	15	84	179	380
<b>Fifth Judicial District</b>							
Esmeralda County District Court	1	0	2	1	3	3	10
Mineral County District Court	4	NR	5	5	16	11	41
Nye County District Court	37	0	28	13	167	97	342
<b>Sixth Judicial District</b>							
Humboldt County District Court	5	NR	10	4	47	55	121
Lander County District Court	6	1	4	0	16	14	41
Pershing County District Court	4	0	5	14	34	16	73
<b>Seventh Judicial District</b>							
Eureka County District Court	1	0	1	0	4	15	21
Lincoln County District Court	22	0	0	1	13	7	43
White Pine County District Court	8 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	6 <i>i</i>	10 <i>i</i>	102 <i>i</i>	48 <i>i</i>	174 <i>i</i>
<b>Eighth Judicial District</b>							
Clark County District Court	1,300	NR	5,047	1,041	1,765	8,008	17,161
<b>Ninth Judicial District</b>							
Douglas County District Court	29	1	58	30	83	166	367
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5,975</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>3,107</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>23,427</b>

NR Not reported.  
(i) Data are incomplete. See Table A8 for details.  
Source: Uniform System For Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Planning & Analysis Division

Table A4

### Family Caseload for District Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 1999-2000

Family-Related Cases Filed											
Court	Marriage Dissolution	Support/ Custody	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Adoptions	Paternity	Termination of Parental Rights	Misc. Domestic Relations	Guardianship	Mental Health Case	Request for Domestic Violence Protective Orders (TPO's)	Total
<b>First Judicial District</b>											
Carson City District Court	510	11	71	29	10	22	42	82	16	0	793
Storey County District Court	17	NR	NR	NR	NR	1	1	2	NR	NR	21
<b>Second Judicial District</b>											
Washoe County District Court	2,903	50	991	168	72	148	785	364	561	1,590	7,632
<b>Third Judicial District</b>											
Churchill County District Court	605	0	156	10	3	12	21	18	0	0	825
Lyon County District Court	85	4	178	11	2	11	10	35	0	0	336
<b>Fourth Judicial District</b>											
Elko County District Court	327	18	159	38	28	26	27	25	0	208	856
<b>Fifth Judicial District</b>											
Esmeralda County District Court	10	1	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	23
Mineral County District Court	29	1	50	2	NR	1	2	6	NR	NR	91
Nye County District Court	216	13	101	2	2	7	15	18	0	0	374
<b>Sixth Judicial District</b>											
Humboldt County District Court	115	5	133	10	2	13	10	17	0	0	305
Lander County District Court	36	0	28	2	1	2	0	7	1	0	77
Pershing County District Court	36	2	52	1	1	1	8	14	0	0	115
<b>Seventh Judicial District</b>											
Eureka County District Court	4	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
Lincoln County District Court	15	1	17	2	0	2	1	7	0	0	45
White Pine County District Court	69	1	23	2	0	3	24	14	0	0	136
<b>Eighth Judicial District</b>											
Clark County District Court	11,507	863	5,264	532	180	531	711	1,021	823	7,378	28,810
<b>Ninth Judicial District</b>											
Douglas County District Court	768	19	44	18	8	15	12	30	0	0	914
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,252</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>7,282</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>9,176</b>	<b>41,363</b>

NR Not reported.

Source: Uniform System For Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Planning &amp; Analysis Division.

Table A5

### Juvenile Caseload for District Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 1999-2000

Juvenile Cases Filed									
Court	Criminal-type Juvenile Petitions	Status Petitions	Child Abuse/ Neglect Petitions	Misc. Petitions	Informal Hearings	Detention/ Extradition Hearings	Protective Custody Hearings	Juvenile Traffic	Total
<b>First Judicial District</b>									
Carson City District Court	132 <i>i</i>	7 <i>i</i>	13 <i>i</i>	274 <i>i</i>	204 <i>i</i>	204 <i>i</i>	12 <i>i</i>	658 <i>i</i>	1,504 <i>i</i>
Storey County District Court	2 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	5 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	5 <i>i</i>	12 <i>i</i>
<b>Second Judicial District</b>									
Washoe County District Court	739 <i>i</i>	410 <i>i</i>	97 <i>i</i>	13 <i>i</i>	NR	NR	166 <i>i</i>	NR	1,425 <i>i</i>
<b>Third Judicial District</b>									
Churchill County District Court	159	23	16	100	112	67	19	216	712
Lyon County District Court	504	89	16	1	88	107	18	754	1,577
<b>Fourth Judicial District</b>									
Elko County District Court	326	2	16	48	113	115	68	516	1,204
<b>Fifth Judicial District</b>									
Esmeralda County District Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18
Mineral County District Court	60	7	2	0	0	0	0	NR	69
Nye County District Court	134	235	15	2	0	0	0	211	597
<b>Sixth Judicial District</b>									
Humboldt County District Court	119	1	6	0	78	36	1	169 <i>i</i>	410
Lander County District Court	65	1	16	0	67	42	30	79	300
Pershing County District Court	36 <i>i</i>	3 <i>i</i>	3 <i>i</i>	16 <i>i</i>	27 <i>i</i>	1 <i>i</i>	2 <i>i</i>	24 <i>i</i>	112 <i>i</i>
<b>Seventh Judicial District</b>									
Eureka County District Court	4	4	0	7	11	0	0	(a)	26
Lincoln County District Court	14	0	1	5	0	0	3	(a)	23
White Pine County District Court	58 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	2 <i>i</i>	24 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	0 <i>i</i>	1 <i>i</i>	(a)	85 <i>i</i>
<b>Eighth Judicial District</b>									
Clark County District Court	7,807	3	620	105	3	748 <i>i</i>	939 <i>i</i>	0	10,225
<b>Ninth Judicial District</b>									
Douglas County District Court	216	8	11	2	0	55	26	0	318
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,375</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>18,617</b>

NR Not reported.

(a) Juvenile traffic violations handled by Justice Courts.

(i) Data are incomplete. See Table A8 for details.

Source: Uniform System For Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Planning &amp; Analysis Division.

Table A6

## Criminal Caseload for Justice Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 1999-2000

Court	Criminal Defendants Charged					Charges		
	Felony	Gross Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor Non-Traffic	Juvenile Traffic	Total	Traffic Violations	Parking Violations	Total
<b>First Judicial District</b>								
Carson City								
Carson City Justice Court	805	94	1,729 <i>a</i>	<i>NJ</i>	2,628	15,003 <i>a</i>	294 <i>a</i>	15,297 <i>a</i>
Storey County								
Virginia City Justice Court	45	2	94	<i>NJ</i>	141	1,286	93	1,379
<b>Second Judicial District</b>								
Washoe County								
Gerlach Justice Court	0	1	18	<i>NJ</i>	19	115	0	115
Incline Village Justice Court	40	12	525	34	611	1,242	233	1,475
Reno Justice Court	2,628	258	3,966	<i>NJ</i>	6,852	26,308 <i>b</i>	<i>NJ</i>	26,308 <i>b</i>
Sparks Justice Court	973	146	1,930	<i>NJ</i>	3,049	9,111	<i>NJ</i>	9,111
Verdi Justice Court	25	1	93	<i>NJ</i>	119	4,065	79	4,144
Wadsworth Justice Court	0	0	0	<i>NJ</i>	0	2,260 <i>b</i>	0	2,260 <i>b</i>
<b>Third Judicial District</b>								
Churchill County								
New River Justice Court	233 <i>i</i>	20 <i>i</i>	287 <i>i</i>	<i>NJ</i>	540 <i>i</i>	2,157 <i>i</i>	0	2,157 <i>i</i>
Lyon County								
Canal Justice Court	99	18	261	<i>NJ</i>	378	5,497	0	5,497
Dayton Justice Court	93	7	440	<i>NJ</i>	540	2,678	0	2,678
Mason Valley Justice Court	47	22	139	<i>NJ</i>	208	2,698	0	2,698
Smith Valley Justice Court	7	2	13	<i>NJ</i>	22	280	<i>NJ</i>	280
<b>Fourth Judicial District</b>								
Elko County								
Carlin Justice Court	<i>NR</i>	<i>NR</i>	90	<i>NJ</i>	90	817	<i>NJ</i>	817
East Line Justice Court	<i>NR</i>	<i>NR</i>	129 <i>i</i>	<i>NJ</i>	129 <i>i</i>	174 <i>b,i</i>	0	174 <i>i</i>
Elko Justice Court	384	15	1,010	<i>NJ</i>	1,409	10,469 <i>c</i>	( <i>c</i> )	10,469
Jackpot Justice Court	0	0	106	<i>NJ</i>	106	1,996	34	2,030
Jarbridge Justice Court	0	0	1	<i>NJ</i>	1	0	0	0
Mountain City Justice Court	0	0	25	<i>NJ</i>	25	65	0	65
Tecoma Justice Court	0	0	6	<i>NJ</i>	6	473	0	473
Wells Justice Court	<i>NR</i>	<i>NR</i>	63 <i>a,i</i>	<i>NJ</i>	63 <i>a,i</i>	5,093 <i>a</i>	0	5,093 <i>a</i>
<b>Fifth Judicial District</b>								
Esmeralda County								
Esmeralda Justice Court	22 <i>i</i>	6 <i>i</i>	8 <i>i</i>	<i>NJ</i>	36 <i>i</i>	3,373 <i>i</i>	<i>NJ</i>	3,373 <i>i</i>
Mineral County								
Hawthorne Justice Court	74	5	203	<i>NJ</i>	282	1,330 <i>b,i</i>	0	1,330
Mina Justice Court	8	0	9	<i>NJ</i>	17	506	6	512
Schurz Justice Court	4	0	0	<i>NJ</i>	4	8 <i>b</i>	0	8
Nye County								
Beatty Justice Court	34	7	128	<i>NJ</i>	169	3,418	0	3,418
Gabbs Justice Court	3	0	1	<i>NJ</i>	4	5	0	5
Pahrump Justice Court	206	42	433	<i>NJ</i>	681	3,436	5	3,441
Tonopah Justice Court	75	7	89	<i>NJ</i>	171	2,659	4	2,663
<b>Sixth Judicial District</b>								
Humboldt County								
Goldrun Justice Court	0	0	0	<i>NJ</i>	0	0	0	0
McDermitt Justice Court	0	0	0	<i>NJ</i>	0	0	0	0
Paradise Valley Justice Court	0	0	0	<i>NJ</i>	0	0	0	0
Union Justice Court	202	29	712	<i>NJ</i>	943	5,895	239	6,134
Lander County								
Argenta Justice Court	70	8	317	<i>NJ</i>	395	3,093	7	3,100
Austin Justice Court	0	7	4	<i>NJ</i>	11	571	1	572
Pershing County								
Lake Justice Court	79	4	112	<i>NJ</i>	195	3,811	0	3,811
<b>Seventh Judicial District</b>								
Eureka County								
Beowawe Justice Court	6	2	31	2	41	1,019	<i>NJ</i>	1,019
Eureka Justice Court	7	5	30	6	48	1,394	20	1,414
Lincoln County								
Meadow Valley Justice Court	5	1	0	33	39	1,739	0	1,739
Pahranagat Valley Justice Court	2	1	2	11	16	3,191	<i>NR</i>	3,191
White Pine County								
Ely (No. 1) Justice Court	51	18	106	123	298	4,238	<i>NR</i>	4,238
Lund (No. 2) Justice Court	0	0	2	0	2	265	0	265
Baker (No. 3) Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	33 <i>b</i>	0	33 <i>b</i>
<b>Eighth Judicial District</b>								
Clark County								
Boulder Justice Court	79	4	30	5 <i>i</i>	118	1,082	76	1,158
Bunkerville Justice Court	6	0	20	30 <i>i</i>	56	973	0	973
Goodsprings Justice Court	72	0	140	52 <i>i</i>	264	9,901	0	9,901
Henderson Justice Court	2,172	117	669	( <i>d</i> )	2,958	8,667 <i>d</i>	<i>NJ</i>	8,667
Las Vegas Justice Court	17,872	945	24,480	2,636 <i>i</i>	45,933	214,293	6,362	220,655
Laughlin Justice Court	829	24	1,223	87 <i>i</i>	2,163	9,742	416	10,158
Mesquite Justice Court	89	0	4	0	93	0	0	0
Moapa Justice Court	12	0	91	82 <i>i</i>	185	4,681	0	4,681
Moapa Valley Justice Court	33	0	58	84 <i>i</i>	175	1,364	0	1,364
North Las Vegas Justice Court	1,705	101	542	48 <i>i</i>	2,396	832	1	833
Searchlight Justice Court	44	6	204	45 <i>i</i>	299	5,709	0	5,709
<b>Ninth Judicial District</b>								
Douglas County								
East Fork Justice Court	239	30	800 <i>e</i>	<i>NJ</i>	1,069	5,655	114	5,769
Tahoe Justice Court	216	18	928 <i>e</i>	<i>NJ</i>	1,162	3,692	205	3,897
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,595</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>42,301</b>	<b>3,278</b>	<b>77,159</b>	<b>398,362</b>	<b>8,189</b>	<b>406,551</b>

*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.*(c)* Parking violations are included with traffic violations.*(d)* Juvenile traffic violations included with adult traffic violations.*(e)* Misdemeanor driving under the influence charges are included in this category instead of in misdemeanor traffic.*(i)* Data are incomplete. See Table A8 for details.

Source: Uniform System For Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Planning &amp; Analysis Division

Table A7

Civil Caseload for Justice Courts in Nevada, Fiscal Year 1999-2000						
Court	Civil Cases Filed					
	General Civil	Small Claims	Summary Eviction	Requests for Domestic Violence Protective Orders (TPO's)	Requests for Protection Orders (non-domestic violence)	Total
<b>First Judicial District</b>						
Carson City						
Carson City Justice Court	1,616	504	1,144	502	245	4,011
Storey County						
Virginia City Justice Court	11	53	24	35	3	126
<b>Second Judicial District</b>						
Washoe County						
Gerlach Justice Court	0	5	0	1	0	6
Incline Village Justice Court	47	153	97	22	16	335
Reno Justice Court	7,550	3,024	7,609	(a)	294	18,477
Sparks Justice Court	671	1,151	2,235	(a)	13	4,070
Verdi Justice Court	2	9	12	0	1	24
Wadsworth Justice Court	1	4	3	0	0	8
<b>Third Judicial District</b>						
Churchill County						
New River Justice Court	117 i	275 i	201 i	137 i	27 i	757 i
Lyon County						
Canal Justice Court	74	275	127	59	0	535
Dayton Justice Court	183	105	188	105	33	614
Mason Valley Justice Court	80	163	15	33	0	291
Smith Valley Justice Court	1	17	1	3	0	22
<b>Fourth Judicial District</b>						
Elko County						
Carlin Justice Court	41	119	9	(a)	(a)	169
East Line Justice Court	42 i	99 i	17 i	6 i	0 i	164 i
Elko Justice Court	744	573	135	(a)	(a)	1,452
Jackpot Justice Court	5	55	2	3	0	65
Jarbridge Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountain City Justice Court	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tecoma Justice Court	0	2	0	2	0	4
Wells Justice Court	12	34	2	5	0	53
<b>Fifth Judicial District</b>						
Esmeralda County						
Esmeralda Justice Court	0 i	25 i	0 i	3 i	0 i	28 i
Mineral County						
Hawthorne Justice Court	2 i	200 i	18 i	31 i	0 i	251 i
Mina Justice Court	0 i	1 i	0 i	1 i	0 i	2 i
Schurz Justice Court	0	0	0	3	0	3
Nye County						
Beatty Justice Court	8	21	4	17	2	52
Gabbs Justice Court	0	35	1	2	0	38
Pahrump Justice Court	102	561	89	174	11	937
Tonopah Justice Court	12	118	11	26	2	169
<b>Sixth Judicial District</b>						
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	1	0	0	0	1
Union Justice Court	330	493	75	111	0	1,009
Lander County						
Argenta Justice Court	62	437	4	31	2	536
Austin Justice Court	3	7	0	1	0	11
Pershing County						
Lake Justice Court	25	142	24	19	2	212
<b>Seventh Judicial District</b>						
Eureka County						
Beowawe Justice Court	1	8	1	0	(a)	10
Eureka Justice Court	9	15	2	2	1	29
Lincoln County						
Meadow Valley Justice Court	2	43	2	4	0	51
Pahrnagat Valley Justice Court	1	2	0	3	0	6
White Pine County						
Ely (No. 1) Justice Court	128	169	16	46	5	364
Lund (No. 2) Justice Court	1	1	0	0	0	2
Baker (No. 3) Justice Court	0	0	0	3	0	3
<b>Eighth Judicial District</b>						
Clark County						
Boulder Justice Court	23	76	37	52	29	217
Bunkerville Justice Court	0	7	0	3	2	12
Goodsprings Justice Court	1	16	1	11	8	37
Henderson Justice Court	323	868	1,403	(a)	165	2,759
Las Vegas Justice Court	12,589	10,142	18,406	(b)	849 b	41,986
Laughlin Justice Court	20	217	72	24	26	359
Mesquite Justice Court	2	135	23	38	11	209
Moapa Justice Court	1	3	1	3	4	12
Moapa Valley Justice Court	1	21	4	10	11	47
North Las Vegas Justice Court	147	895	1,382	(a)	30	2,454
Searchlight Justice Court	0	6	4	7	0	17
<b>Ninth Judicial District</b>						
Douglas County						
East Fork Justice Court	184	295	87	115	0	681
Tahoe Justice Court	75	99	65	16	0	255
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,249</b>	<b>21,679</b>	<b>33,553</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>83,942</b>

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

(b) Temporary protective orders are not differentiated by case management system. Combined number is reported in one column.

(i) Data are incomplete. See Table A8 for details.

Source: Uniform System For Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Planning &amp; Analysis Division.

Table A8

<b>Courts with Incomplete Data</b>	
<b>Court</b>	<b>Missing Data</b>
<b>First Judicial District</b>	
Carson City District Court	Juvenile Data July and August 1999
Storey County District Court	Juvenile Data July 1999 - February 2000
<b>Second Judicial District</b>	
Washoe County District Court	Juvenile Data July - December 1999
<b>Third Judicial District</b>	
New River Justice Court	Criminal Data July and August 1999 Civil Data July and August 1999
<b>Fourth Judicial District</b>	
East Line Justice Court	Criminal Data May - June 2000 Civil Data February, May, and June 2000
Wells Justice Court	Criminal Data December 1999 - June 2000
West Wendover Municipal Court	Criminal Data June 2000 Traffic Data July 1999 - February 2000
<b>Fifth Judicial District</b>	
Esmeralda Justice Court	Criminal Data July and August 1999 Civil Data July and August 1999
Hawthorne Justice Court	Traffic Data July - September 1999 and April - June 2000 Civil Data March 2000
Mina Justice Court	Civil Data October 1999 - January 2000 and April - June 2000
<b>Sixth Judicial District</b>	
Humboldt County District Court	Juvenile Data February and June 2000 Juvenile Traffic Data July 1999 - January 2000
Pershing County District Court	Criminal Data July 1999 Juvenile Data July 1999
<b>Seventh Judicial District</b>	
White Pine County District Court	Criminal Data July and August 1999 Civil Data February 2000 Juvenile Data July and August 1999
<b>Eighth Judicial District</b>	
Clark County District Court	Juvenile Data for July 1999 - February 2000 were incomplete.
Boulder Justice Court	Juvenile Traffic Data July - December 1999
Bunkerville Justice Court	Juvenile Traffic Data July - December 1999
Goodsprings Justice Court	Juvenile Traffic Data July - December 1999
Las Vegas Justice Court	Juvenile Traffic Data July - December 1999 and May 2000
Laughlin Justice Court	Juvenile Traffic Data July - December 1999
Moapa Justice Court	Juvenile Traffic Data July - December 1999
Moapa Valley Justice Court	Juvenile Traffic Data July - December 1999
Searchlight Justice Court	Juvenile Traffic Data July - December 1999
Boulder City Municipal Court	Criminal Data July 1999

## Criminal Case Types

<b>When to Count Filings</b>	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 by defendants and traffic violations are counted by charges.
<b>Felony</b>	Cases heard at 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.
<b>Gross Misdemeanor</b>	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.
<b>Misdemeanor, Non-traffic</b>	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.
<b>Traffic Misdemeanor</b>	Cases heard at Justice and Municipal Courts for moving and non-moving violations of traffic law or ordinances that do not pertain to parking of a motor vehicle. (Counted by charges, not defendants.)
<b>Parking Violations</b>	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.)
<b>Appeal from Lower Court</b>	Cases heard at District Court in which the court reviews the judgment of a Justice or Municipal Court for a criminal case.

## Civil Case Types

<b>When to Count Filings</b>	Cases are counted when a petition or complaint is filed with the court or the court receives a motion.
<b>Real Property</b>	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.
<b>Construction Defect</b>	Cases heard at District Court that deal with defects in construction.
<b>Negligence Torts</b>	Cases heard at District Court that deal with an 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.
<b>Torts</b>	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.
<b>Probate</b>	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.
<b>Other Civil</b>	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.
<b>General Civil</b>	Cases heard at Justice Court that deal with recovery of money or damages where the amount does not exceed the limit of \$7,500.
<b>Small Claims</b>	Cases heard at Justice Court that deal with recovery of money where the amount does not exceed the limit of \$5,000.
<b>Summary Eviction</b>	Cases heard at Justice Court that deal with the exclusion of tenant for default of rent or specific categories of unlawful detainer.
<b>Temporary Protective Orders</b>	Cases heard at Justice Court for temporary order for protection. TPOs are counted as domestic violence protective orders or stalking and harassment protective orders.

### Family Case Types

<b>When to Count Filings</b>	Cases are counted when the court receives an originating petition, request, or complaint.
<b>Marriage Dissolution</b>	Cases heard at District Court that involve either divorce or annulment.
<b>Support/Custody</b>	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.
<b>Uniform Interstate Family Support Act</b>	Cases heard at District Court that require maintenance of a spouse or child when one party resides in another state.
<b>Adoptions</b>	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.
<b>Paternity</b>	Cases heard at District Court that involve paternity issues as defined by Nevada statute.
<b>Termination of Parental Rights</b>	Cases heard at District Court that involve termination of the rights of a legal parent.
<b>Miscellaneous Domestic Relations Case</b>	Cases heard at District Court that involves a domestic relations issue that does not fit in one of the other family case types. Examples include name change or permission to marry.
<b>Guardianship</b>	Cases heard at District Court that deal with guardianship issues involving adults, minors, or trusts.
<b>Mental Health Cases</b>	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.
<b>Domestic Violence Protective Orders</b>	Cases heard at District Court for temporary order for protection when sufficient evidence exists that there has been domestic violence or the threat exists.

### Juvenile Case Types

<b>When to Count Filings</b>	Cases are counted when the court receives the petition or citation.
<b>Criminal-Type Juvenile Petitions</b>	Cases heard at District Court that include a behavior that would be a crime if committed by an adult.
<b>Status Petitions</b>	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.
<b>Child Abuse / Neglect Petitions</b>	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.
<b>Miscellaneous Petitions</b>	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.
<b>Informal Hearing</b>	Any hearing by a judicial officer in which no formal charge has been filed with the court.
<b>Detention / Extradition Hearing</b>	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.
<b>Protective Custody Hearing</b>	Any hearing held to determine if the risk to a child is great enough to warrant removal, or continued removal, from their custodian.