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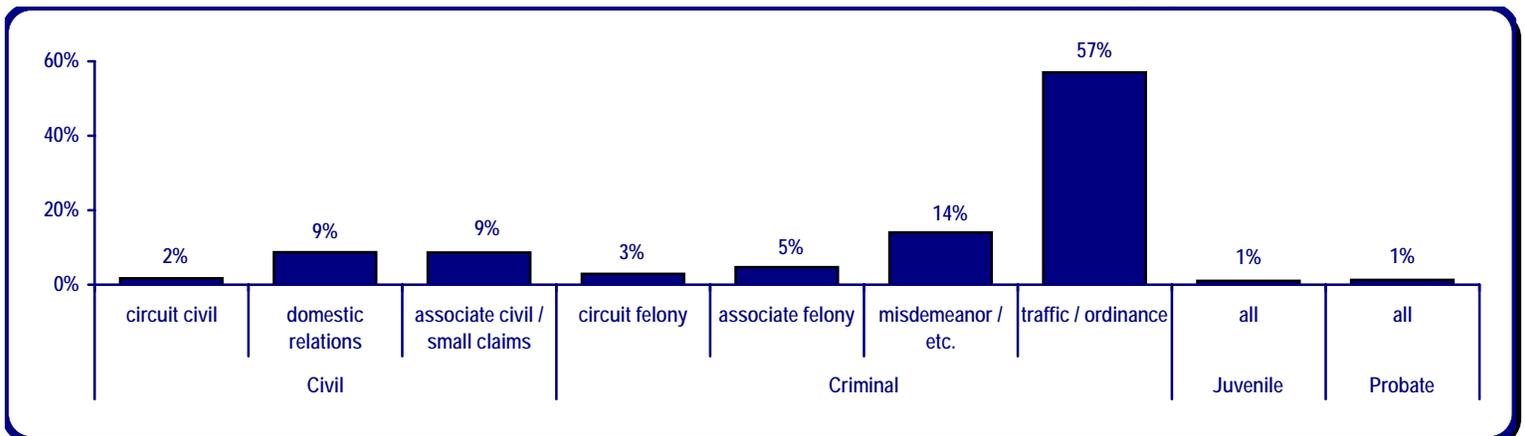
27th Circuit Court and Fine Collection Center Filings: Fiscal Years 2003-2007

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	5-Year Average	Average Annual Percent Change	Average Annual Count Change
<b>Civil Division</b>	<b>2,556</b>	<b>2,695</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>2,546</b>	<b>2,714</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>40</b>
circuit civil	266	199	240	247	220	234	-3.1%	-12
domestic relations	1,214	1,273	1,119	1,161	1,173	1,188	-0.6%	-10
associate civil and small claims	1,076	1,223	1,122	1,138	1,321	1,176	5.7%	61
<b>Criminal Division</b>	<b>14,624</b>	<b>12,698</b>	<b>13,217</b>	<b>13,590</b>	<b>11,496</b>	<b>13,125</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>	<b>-782</b>
circuit felony	326	393	410	447	436	402	7.9%	28
associate felony	579	611	630	695	674	638	4.0%	24
misdemeanor, municipal/cert., trial de novo	1,686	1,704	1,923	2,294	2,012	1,924	5.2%	82
traffic and ordinance	9,057	7,469	8,125	7,984	6,374	7,802	-7.7%	-671
Fine Collection Center (FCC)	2,976	2,521	2,129	2,170	2,000	2,359	-9.2%	-244
<b>Juvenile Division</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>	<b>-4</b>
abuse and neglect	47	91	50	38	54	56	16.7%	2
termination of parental rights*	10	2	10	8	6	7	68.8%	-1
adoption	31	33	32	46	34	35	5.3%	1
delinquency, status offense, ext. jurisdiction	55	43	45	38	33	43	-11.5%	-6
<b>Probate Division</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>3</b>
estates	163	177	200	162	175	175	2.7%	3
petitions	1	1	7	3	0	2	N/C	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,487</b>	<b>15,740</b>	<b>16,042</b>	<b>16,431</b>	<b>14,512</b>	<b>16,042</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>	<b>-744</b>

\*Divergence in +/- indicators for percent/count change may indicate little overall change coupled with relatively wide annual fluctuation in case filings.

- On average, over 16,000 cases were filed with the 27th Circuit Court and FCC each year.
  - Although filings for several case categories increased, overall filings decreased by approximately 700 each year.
- By count, the largest decrease in filings were in traffic/ordinance cases and with the FCC, while the largest increases were in misdemeanor/etc. and associate civil/small claims cases.
- Traffic/ordinance cases accounted for over one-half of the court's caseload, while misdemeanor/etc. accounted for approximately one-seventh and domestic relations and associate civil/small claims for one-tenth each (see below).

Fiscal Years 2003-07: Circuit Court Caseload, by Case Category\*



\*Fine Collection Center filings/cases excluded from calculations.