

Circuit Domestic Relations Overview

The Circuit Domestic Relations division includes the following five categories of family court cases: simplified dissolution, dissolution, child support, domestic violence, and other domestic relations. Within these categories are the following case types:

Simplified Dissolution - simplified dissolution

Dissolution - dissolution

Child Support - child support and Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) cases.

Domestic Violence - domestic violence and repeat violence

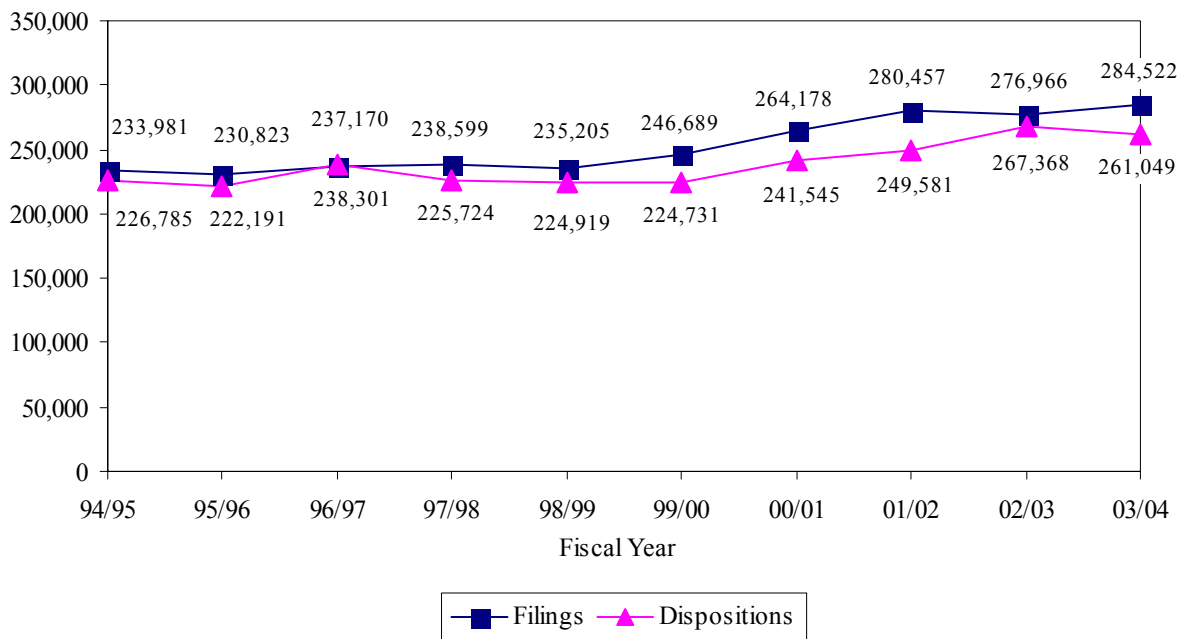
Other Domestic Relations - other domestic relations⁶

In the Circuit Domestic Relations division, *Filings* correspond to each complaint or petition filed. *Dispositions* correspond to each complaint or petition disposed. *Jury Trials* are defined as trials in which a group of citizens are impaneled, selected and sworn to determine the issues of fact in a case.



CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

FY 1994-95 TO FY 2003-04



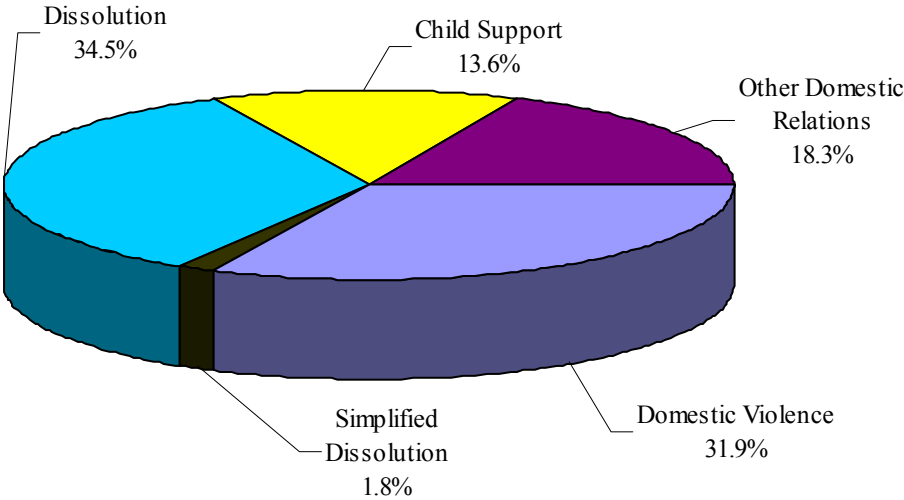
⁶Examples of other domestic relations cases include: adoption, paternity, change of name, change of custody, separate maintenance, annulment, and other similar events.

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS
Statewide by Category, Case Type and Month
FY 2003-04

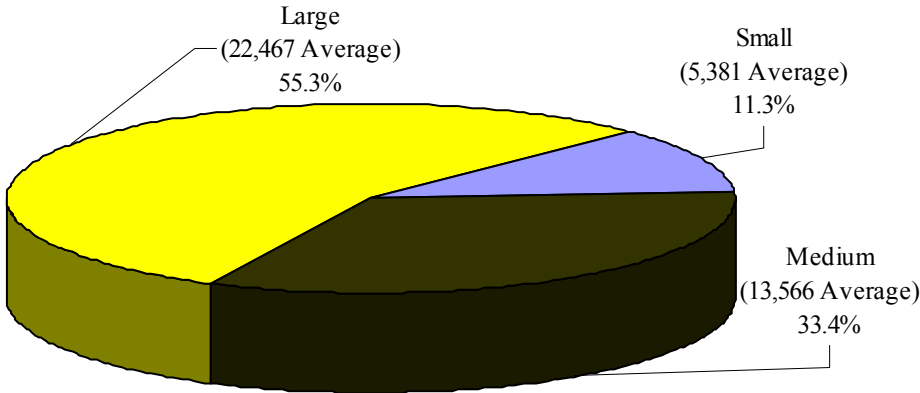
Category/ Case Type	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Simplified Dissolution	406	412	387	444	334	347	403	414	499	451	387	601	5,085
Simplified Dissolution	406	412	387	444	334	347	403	414	499	451	387	601	5,085
Dissolution	8,117	7,460	7,803	8,281	6,462	6,782	7,237	8,392	9,691	8,425	7,884	11,597	98,131
Dissolution	8,117	7,460	7,803	8,281	6,462	6,782	7,237	8,392	9,691	8,425	7,884	11,597	98,131
Child Support	2,674	2,769	3,197	3,506	2,434	3,136	2,746	3,357	4,218	3,209	3,612	3,810	38,668
Child Support	2,322	2,425	2,797	3,000	2,087	2,679	2,399	2,960	3,537	2,691	3,064	3,351	33,312
UIFSA	352	344	400	506	347	457	347	397	681	518	548	459	5,356
Domestic Violence	8,051	7,436	7,805	8,035	6,209	6,797	7,159	6,823	8,385	7,958	7,830	8,206	90,694
Domestic Violence	5,699	5,229	5,405	5,516	4,361	4,781	4,863	4,682	5,687	5,456	5,353	5,793	62,825
Repeat Violence	2,352	2,207	2,400	2,519	1,848	2,016	2,296	2,141	2,698	2,502	2,477	2,413	27,869
Other Domestic Relations	4,200	4,333	4,372	4,662	3,500	3,837	3,634	4,282	5,029	4,197	4,418	5,480	51,944
Other Domestic Relations	4,200	4,333	4,372	4,662	3,500	3,837	3,634	4,282	5,029	4,197	4,418	5,480	51,944
Total	23,448	22,410	23,564	24,928	18,939	20,899	21,179	23,268	27,822	24,240	24,131	29,694	284,522

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CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS
by Category
FY 2003-04



CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS
*by Circuit Size**
FY 2003-04



*Small Circuits- 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 14th, 16th, 19th;
Medium Circuits- 1st, 5th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 18th, 20th;
Large Circuits- 4th, 6th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th (as defined in the Glossary).

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS
by Case Type and Circuit
FY 2003-04

Circuit	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	UIFSA	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Repeat Violence	Total
1	361	4,279	2,323	183	2,645	2,711	1,062	13,564
2	233	1,732	932	127	1,611	1,473	762	6,870
3	103	1,155	745	119	687	1,161	525	4,495
4	123	6,962	2,128	393	4,752	4,272	2,105	20,735
5	154	4,704	2,449	237	2,886	3,116	1,348	14,894
6	688	5,968	2,004	75	3,018	5,798	2,182	19,733
7	260	4,212	1,279	747	2,279	3,212	1,415	13,404
8	233	1,520	1,037	79	1,270	992	418	5,549
9	235	7,428	2,731	329	4,544	4,974	2,455	22,696
10	208	3,490	1,812	521	2,610	3,527	1,498	13,666
11	410	15,988	2,207	721	5,883	5,761	2,531	33,501
12	202	3,279	1,482	646	1,651	2,884	1,167	11,311
13	243	6,277	1,780	83	3,308	4,772	2,354	18,817
14	36	2,110	975	211	823	941	132	5,228
15	112	6,525	1,953	198	3,216	2,978	1,391	16,373
16	68	488	159	1	145	390	244	1,495
17	685	9,782	2,743	213	4,358	5,138	2,497	25,416
18	283	4,609	1,360	125	2,171	3,205	1,342	13,095
19	95	2,699	1,137	229	1,576	1,949	966	8,651
20	353	4,924	2,076	119	2,511	3,571	1,475	15,029
Total	5,085	98,131	33,312	5,356	51,944	62,825	27,869	284,522

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Circuit Domestic Relations ❖ Filings

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2003-04

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 1	361	4,279	2,506	3,773	2,645	13,564
Escambia	95	1,852	1,133	1,763	1,505	6,348
Okaloosa	160	1,464	782	850	537	3,793
Santa Rosa	74	700	374	681	435	2,264
Walton	32	263	217	479	168	1,159
Circuit 2	233	1,732	1,059	2,235	1,611	6,870
Franklin	27	56	32	106	16	237
Gadsden	23	225	263	467	355	1,333
Jefferson	38	99	62	58	5	262
Leon	132	1,143	566	1,418	1,194	4,453
Liberty	12	24	37	44	6	123
Wakulla	1	185	99	142	35	462
Circuit 3	103	1,155	864	1,686	687	4,495
Columbia	45	502	386	620	287	1,840
Dixie	0	77	98	118	30	323
Hamilton	6	68	89	44	46	253
Lafayette	6	46	14	36	11	113
Madison	21	97	73	119	111	421
Suwannee	25	198	140	445	138	946
Taylor	0	167	64	304	64	599
Circuit 4	123	6,962	2,521	6,377	4,752	20,735
Clay	19	1,028	148	32	365	1,592
Duval	104	5,591	2,291	5,813	4,276	18,075
Nassau	0	343	82	532	111	1,068

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS, Continued
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2003-04

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 5	154	4,704	2,686	4,464	2,886	14,894
Citrus	35	610	320	820	302	2,087
Hernando	4	794	712	831	292	2,633
Lake	22	1,301	545	798	845	3,511
Marion	86	1,769	938	1,819	1,322	5,934
Sumter	7	230	171	196	125	729
Circuit 6	688	5,968	2,079	7,980	3,018	19,733
Pasco	194	1,689	813	2,799	989	6,484
Pinellas	494	4,279	1,266	5,181	2,029	13,249
Circuit 7	260	4,212	2,026	4,627	2,279	13,404
Flagler	7	298	106	428	107	946
Putnam	42	560	350	460	424	1,836
St. Johns	16	732	363	582	444	2,137
Volusia	195	2,622	1,207	3,157	1,304	8,485
Circuit 8	233	1,520	1,116	1,410	1,270	5,549
Alachua	133	889	523	739	898	3,182
Baker	31	161	113	140	111	556
Bradford	17	134	115	84	91	441
Gilchrist	12	94	87	98	58	349
Levy	21	189	180	256	83	729
Union	19	53	98	93	29	292
Circuit 9	235	7,428	3,060	7,429	4,544	22,696
Orange	127	5,654	2,687	5,992	4,044	18,504
Osceola	108	1,774	373	1,437	500	4,192

Circuit Domestic Relations Filings

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS, Continued
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2003-04

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 10	208	3,490	2,333	5,025	2,610	13,666
Hardee	15	134	184	209	109	651
Highlands	40	407	309	383	312	1,451
Polk	153	2,949	1,840	4,433	2,189	11,564
Circuit 11	410	15,988	2,928	8,292	5,883	33,501
Dade	410	15,988	2,928	8,292	5,883	33,501
Circuit 12	202	3,279	2,128	4,051	1,651	11,311
Desoto	20	156	165	262	52	655
Manatee	60	1,369	1,113	1,957	792	5,291
Sarasota	122	1,754	850	1,832	807	5,365
Circuit 13	243	6,277	1,863	7,126	3,308	18,817
Hillsborough	243	6,277	1,863	7,126	3,308	18,817
Circuit 14	36	2,110	1,186	1,073	823	5,228
Bay	11	1,339	599	453	564	2,966
Calhoun	5	94	43	124	56	322
Gulf	0	102	86	76	5	269
Holmes	20	110	120	109	30	389
Jackson	0	320	139	250	139	848
Washington	0	145	199	61	29	434
Circuit 15	112	6,525	2,151	4,369	3,216	16,373
Palm Beach	112	6,525	2,151	4,369	3,216	16,373
Circuit 16	68	488	160	634	145	1,495
Monroe	68	488	160	634	145	1,495



CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS, Continued
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2003-04

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 17	685	9,782	2,956	7,635	4,358	25,416
Broward	685	9,782	2,956	7,635	4,358	25,416
Circuit 18	283	4,609	1,485	4,547	2,171	13,095
Brevard	58	2,642	851	2,845	1,221	7,617
Seminole	225	1,967	634	1,702	950	5,478
Circuit 19	95	2,699	1,366	2,915	1,576	8,651
Indian River	49	637	251	574	377	1,888
Martin	23	610	143	642	259	1,677
Okeechobee	3	240	198	302	130	873
St. Lucie	20	1,212	774	1,397	810	4,213
Circuit 20	353	4,924	2,195	5,046	2,511	15,029
Charlotte	86	605	268	1,102	302	2,363
Collier	229	1,390	423	1,168	653	3,863
Glades	6	21	30	49	8	114
Hendry	32	160	192	277	159	820
Lee	0	2,748	1,282	2,450	1,389	7,869
State Total	5,085	98,131	38,668	90,694	51,944	284,522

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Circuit Domestic Relations ❖ Dispositions

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS
Statewide by Category, Case Type and Month
FY 2003-04

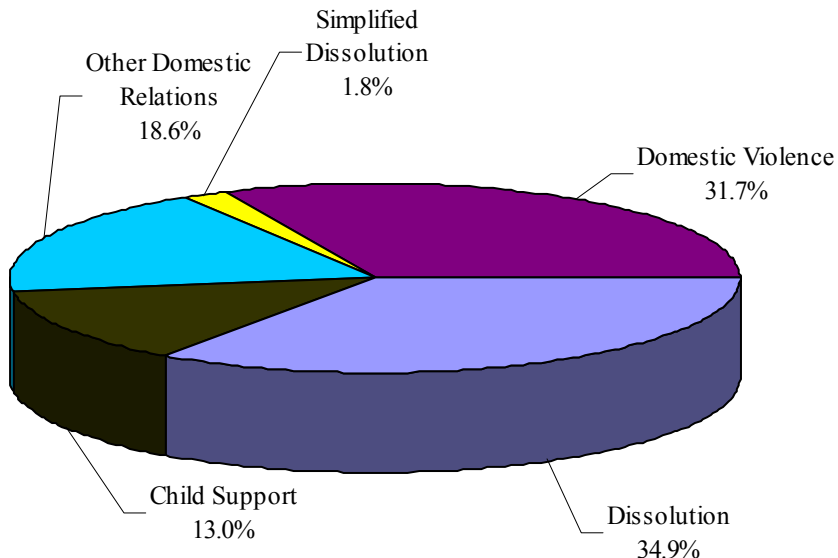
Category/ Case Type	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Simplified Dissolution	412	363	428	384	332	395	400	387	474	459	389	388	4,811
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Dissolution	8,272	7,433	7,799	7,679	6,157	7,783	6,931	7,202	8,504	7,765	7,526	7,936	90,987
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Child Support	3,726	3,085	2,964	2,814	2,153	2,491	2,608	2,286	2,874	2,694	2,675	3,528	33,898
Child Support	2,795	2,594	2,625	2,333	1,865	2,168	2,119	2,042	2,555	2,342	2,372	3,049	28,859
UIFSA	931	491	339	481	288	323	489	244	319	352	303	479	5,039
Domestic Violence	7,318	7,218	7,407	7,144	5,834	6,397	6,208	6,081	7,557	7,076	6,931	7,604	82,775
Domestic Violence	5,319	5,124	5,143	4,985	4,094	4,467	4,337	4,129	5,242	4,864	4,779	5,339	57,822
Repeat Violence	1,999	2,094	2,264	2,159	1,740	1,930	1,871	1,952	2,315	2,212	2,152	2,265	24,953
Other Domestic Relations	4,900	4,222	4,210	3,978	3,306	3,856	3,521	4,302	4,333	4,085	3,625	4,240	48,578
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Total	24,628	22,321	22,808	21,999	17,782	20,922	19,668	20,258	23,742	22,079	21,146	23,696	261,049

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CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS

by Category

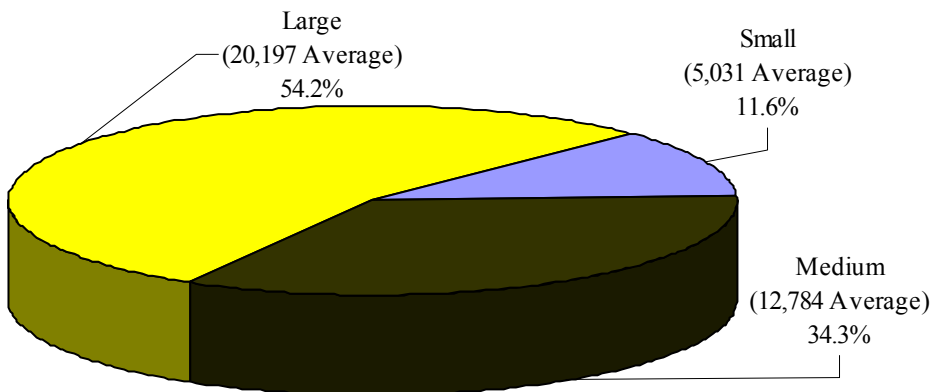
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CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS

by Circuit Size*

FY 2003-04



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Circuit Domestic Relations ♦ Dispositions

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS
by Case Type and Circuit
FY 2003-04

Circuit	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	UIFSA	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Repeat Violence	Total
1	321	4,041	2,380	216	2,756	2,649	1,027	13,390
2	180	1,466	985	68	1,681	1,293	670	6,343
3	98	1,097	729	34	695	1,079	480	4,212
4	98	5,461	2,048	241	3,920	3,447	1,844	17,059
5	145	4,430	2,702	209	2,882	3,075	1,339	14,782
6	686	5,655	1,627	202	2,930	5,617	2,078	18,795
7	243	3,896	989	605	2,123	3,170	1,387	12,413
8	218	1,446	1,144	51	1,235	947	395	5,436
9	234	6,783	1,411	264	3,308	2,345	915	15,260
10	183	3,144	1,263	453	2,216	3,551	1,474	12,284
11	406	14,998	1,868	1,247	6,331	5,403	2,319	32,572
12	180	3,107	1,290	534	1,452	2,826	1,151	10,540
13	227	5,744	800	57	2,363	4,401	2,099	15,691
14	31	1,749	1,016	102	835	936	120	4,789
15	101	5,864	1,483	175	2,843	2,891	1,347	14,704
16	72	466	156	4	129	377	222	1,426
17	688	10,053	3,272	276	5,185	5,338	2,484	27,296
18	290	4,784	1,104	133	2,100	3,103	1,295	12,809
19	90	2,402	959	75	1,534	1,956	961	7,977
20	320	4,401	1,633	93	2,060	3,418	1,346	13,271
Total	4,811	90,987	28,859	5,039	48,578	57,822	24,953	261,049



CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2003-04

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 1	321	4,041	2,596	3,676	2,756	13,390
Escambia	83	1,745	1,480	1,764	1,659	6,731
Okaloosa	146	1,396	616	819	557	3,534
Santa Rosa	67	698	358	640	406	2,169
Walton	25	202	142	453	134	956
Circuit 2	180	1,466	1,053	1,963	1,681	6,343
Franklin	21	49	24	92	14	200
Gadsden	16	211	436	464	594	1,721
Jefferson	24	118	54	31	8	235
Leon	106	911	491	1,215	1,051	3,774
Liberty	11	16	22	44	3	96
Wakulla	2	161	26	117	11	317
Circuit 3	98	1,097	763	1,559	695	4,212
Columbia	44	497	398	633	337	1,909
Dixie	0	59	43	87	19	208
Hamilton	6	74	91	14	34	219
Lafayette	5	45	13	30	10	103
Madison	19	92	110	126	139	486
Suwannee	24	191	77	428	109	829
Taylor	0	139	31	241	47	458
Circuit 4	98	5,461	2,289	5,291	3,920	17,059
Clay	13	969	270	431	302	1,985
Duval	85	4,170	1,949	4,327	3,513	14,044
Nassau	0	322	70	533	105	1,030

Circuit Domestic Relations ❖ Dispositions

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS, Continued
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2003-04

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 5	145	4,430	2,911	4,414	2,882	14,782
Citrus	37	634	331	790	289	2,081
Hernando	5	732	648	813	223	2,421
Lake	19	1,294	740	809	895	3,757
Marion	78	1,556	954	1,792	1,274	5,654
Sumter	6	214	238	210	201	869
Circuit 6	686	5,655	1,829	7,695	2,930	18,795
Pasco	199	1,592	577	2,601	851	5,820
Pinellas	487	4,063	1,252	5,094	2,079	12,975
Circuit 7	243	3,896	1,594	4,557	2,123	12,413
Flagler	12	292	45	432	101	882
Putnam	41	531	383	428	398	1,781
St. Johns	13	697	169	548	297	1,724
Volusia	177	2,376	997	3,149	1,327	8,026
Circuit 8	218	1,446	1,195	1,342	1,235	5,436
Alachua	120	829	597	687	874	3,107
Baker	33	120	134	138	133	558
Bradford	16	123	90	79	79	387
Gilchrist	14	113	112	100	59	398
Levy	20	186	196	251	67	720
Union	15	75	66	87	23	266
Circuit 9	234	6,783	1,675	3,260	3,308	15,260
Orange	126	5,083	1,280	1,924	2,836	11,249
Osceola	108	1,700	395	1,336	472	4,011

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS, Continued
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2003-04

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 10	183	3,144	1,716	5,025	2,216	12,284
Hardee	9	126	183	195	117	630
Highlands	32	364	282	341	338	1,357
Polk	142	2,654	1,251	4,489	1,761	10,297
Circuit 11	406	14,998	3,115	7,722	6,331	32,572
Dade	406	14,998	3,115	7,722	6,331	32,572
Circuit 12	180	3,107	1,824	3,977	1,452	10,540
Desoto	14	180	170	270	63	697
Manatee	58	1,254	1,039	1,936	757	5,044
Sarasota	108	1,673	615	1,771	632	4,799
Circuit 13	227	5,744	857	6,500	2,363	15,691
Hillsborough	227	5,744	857	6,500	2,363	15,691
Circuit 14	31	1,749	1,118	1,056	835	4,789
Bay	9	1,155	692	448	677	2,981
Calhoun	1	68	42	120	32	263
Gulf	1	80	36	72	3	192
Holmes	20	98	131	107	22	378
Jackson	0	237	94	253	83	667
Washington	0	111	123	56	18	308
Circuit 15	101	5,864	1,658	4,238	2,843	14,704
Palm Beach	101	5,864	1,658	4,238	2,843	14,704
Circuit 16	72	466	160	599	129	1,426
Monroe	72	466	160	599	129	1,426

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CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS, Continued
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2003-04

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 17	688	10,053	3,548	7,822	5,185	27,296
Broward	688	10,053	3,548	7,822	5,185	27,296
Circuit 18	290	4,784	1,237	4,398	2,100	12,809
Brevard	65	2,849	635	2,743	1,206	7,498
Seminole	225	1,935	602	1,655	894	5,311
Circuit 19	90	2,402	1,034	2,917	1,534	7,977
Indian River	44	578	257	575	354	1,808
Martin	22	485	177	615	203	1,502
Okeechobee	2	220	172	299	115	808
St. Lucie	22	1,119	428	1,428	862	3,859
Circuit 20	320	4,401	1,726	4,764	2,060	13,271
Charlotte	86	542	242	1,076	250	2,196
Collier	200	1,239	426	1,167	598	3,630
Glades	6	15	17	37	0	75
Hendry	28	164	166	256	130	744
Lee	0	2,441	875	2,228	1,082	6,626
State Total	4,811	90,987	33,898	82,775	48,578	261,049

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS

Statewide by Case Type and Disposition Type

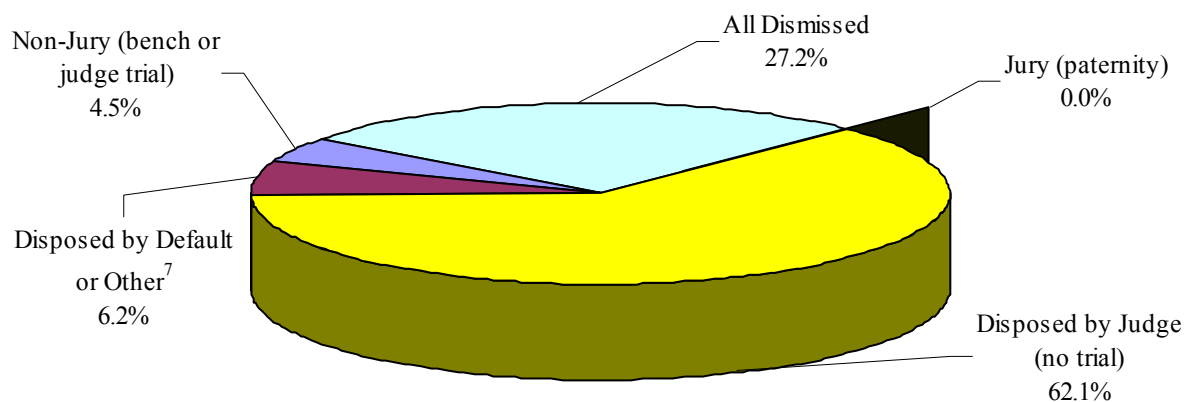
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Disposition Type	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	UIFSA	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Repeat Violence	Total
Dismissed Before Hearing	86	4,456	4,785	609	4,841	6,046	4,146	24,969
Dismissed After Hearing	148	4,614	3,761	377	5,068	22,835	9,238	46,041
Disposed by Default	4	7,074	2,139	122	2,811	6	8	12,164
Disposed by Judge (No Trial)	4,537	66,783	16,284	2,300	32,520	28,376	11,398	162,198
Disposed by Non-Jury	26	7,397	1,292	119	2,451	313	128	11,726
Disposed by Jury	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	7
Disposed by Other ⁷	10	662	598	1,512	886	244	32	3,944
Total	4,811	90,987	28,859	5,039	48,578	57,822	24,953	261,049

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⁷The disposition category "Disposed by Other" is used to report cases as disposed when they are: consolidated into a primary case, transferred to another court, or have a change of venue.

Circuit Domestic Relations ❖ Special Proceedings

The Circuit Domestic Relations division involves special proceedings such as reopenings. Two types of reopenings exist for this division: modifications and other. **These data are provided by the 67 clerks of court. However, special proceedings data are not audited for accuracy by the OSCA.**

Reopening - A reopening occurs when a case that has previously been reported as disposed is resubmitted to the court through a motion or petition.

Modification - cases previously reported as disposed that are reactivated or resubmitted to the court for action to modify a previous judgment or decision (i.e., modifications relating to a change in the amount of child support, a change in residential status of a child, and changes in conditions or length of visitation of a non-resident parent).

Other - cases previously reported as disposed that are reactivated or resubmitted to the court for action other than modification requests (i.e., motion to enforce judgment, motion and order to show cause, motion to enforce visitation, and motion for contempt).

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Circuit	Reopenings		Total
	Modifications	Other	
First (Pensacola)	3,099	11,668	14,767
Second (Tallahassee)	382	2,608	2,990
Third (Lake City)	621	583	1,204
Fourth (Jacksonville)	1,473	14,468	15,941
Fifth (Tavares)	2,951	7,556	10,507
Sixth (Clearwater)	2,292	9,305	11,597
Seventh (Daytona Beach)	2,080	8,666	10,746
Eighth (Gainesville)	794	4,366	5,160
Ninth (Orlando)	1,475	6,495	7,970
Tenth (Bartow)	2,070	8,894	10,964
Eleventh (Miami)	2,130	28,844	30,974
Twelfth (Sarasota)	1,004	9,567	10,571
Thirteenth (Tampa)	1,576	14,929	16,505
Fourteenth (Panama City)	1,181	2,912	4,093
Fifteenth (West Palm Beach)	2,712	11,736	14,448
Sixteenth (Key West)	69	481	550
Seventeenth (Ft. Lauderdale)	2,559	17,064	19,623
Eighteenth (Sanford)	1,781	11,008	12,789
Nineteenth (Ft. Pierce)	1,172	5,024	6,196
Twentieth (Ft. Myers)	2,194	8,783	10,977
Total	33,615	184,957	218,572