

**Circuit Family Court ❖ Overview**

The Circuit Family Court includes Domestic Relations, Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Dependency. The Circuit Family Court comprises the following seven categories of family court cases: simplified dissolution, dissolution, child support, domestic violence, other domestic relations, juvenile delinquency, and juvenile dependency. 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.

**Other Domestic Relations** - other domestic relation<sup>6</sup>

**Domestic Violence** - domestic violence and repeat violence

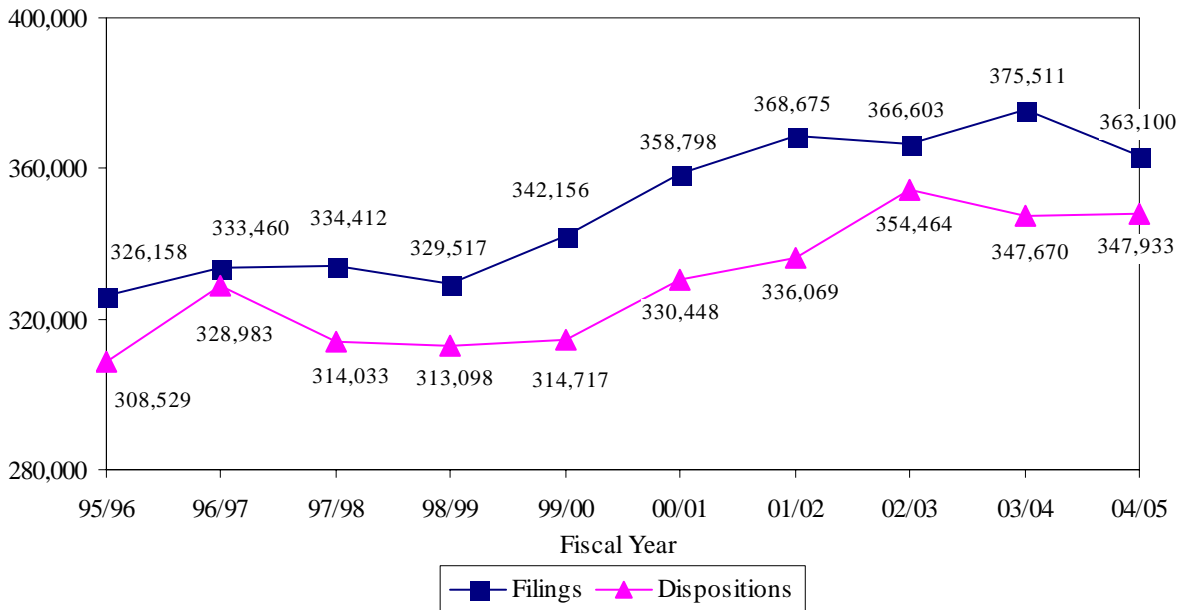
**Delinquency** - delinquency

**Dependency** - dependency and termination of parental rights (TPR)

In the Circuit Family Court, *Filings* correspond to each complaint or petition filed. *Dispositions* correspond to each complaint or petition disposed. *Contested Dependency Dispositions* include each dependency petition disposed where an adjudicatory hearing is held, pursuant to section 39.507, Florida Statutes. *Uncontested Dependency Dispositions* include each dependency petition disposed in which the parent or legal guardian consents or admits to the allegations in the dependency petition consequently proceeds directly from the arraignment hearing to the disposition hearing, without an adjudicatory hearing, pursuant to sections 39.506 and 39.521, Florida Statutes. It should be noted that the number of dispositions in TPR cases is not collected as a part of the Summary Reporting System. *Jury Trials* are defined as trials in which a group of citizens is impaneled, selected and sworn to determine the issues of fact in a case.

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS\***

**FY 1995-96 TO FY 2004-05**



\*Termination of Parental Rights filings and dispositions are not included.

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

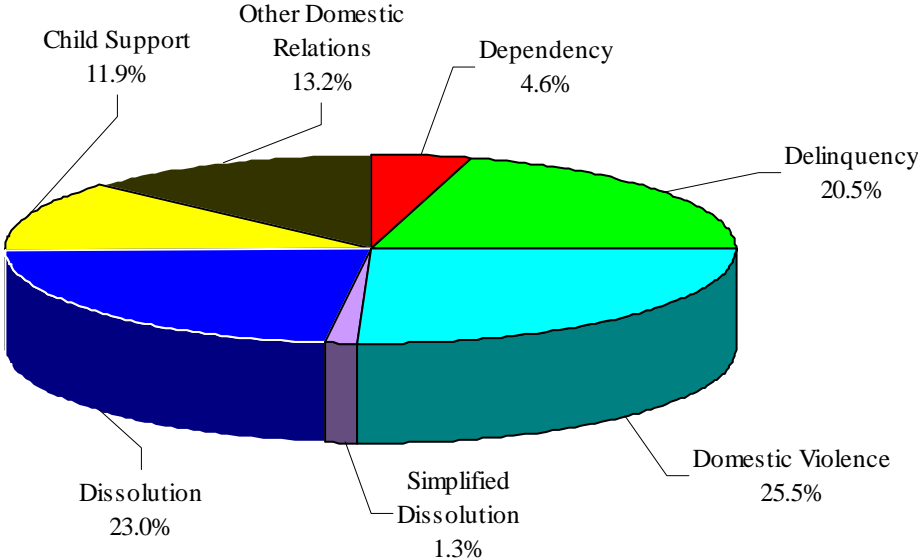


**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT FILINGS**  
**Statewide by Category, Case Type and Month**  
**FY 2004-05**

Category/ Case Type	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
<b>Simplified Dissolution</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>4,672</b>
Simplified Dissolution	350	345	264	392	420	321	363	396	471	445	448	457	4,672
<b>Dissolution</b>	<b>5,404</b>	<b>6,355</b>	<b>5,593</b>	<b>6,964</b>	<b>6,628</b>	<b>6,039</b>	<b>6,794</b>	<b>7,739</b>	<b>8,756</b>	<b>8,323</b>	<b>7,823</b>	<b>7,709</b>	<b>84,127</b>
Dissolution	5,404	6,355	5,593	6,964	6,628	6,039	6,794	7,739	8,756	8,323	7,823	7,709	84,127
<b>Child Support</b>	<b>3,446</b>	<b>4,403</b>	<b>2,779</b>	<b>3,765</b>	<b>3,497</b>	<b>3,839</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>3,455</b>	<b>3,979</b>	<b>3,495</b>	<b>3,818</b>	<b>3,681</b>	<b>43,621</b>
Child Support	3,047	3,910	2,434	3,205	3,039	3,391	3,044	3,000	3,392	3,045	3,385	3,206	38,098
UIFSA	399	493	345	560	458	448	420	455	587	450	433	475	5,523
<b>Other Domestic Relations</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>4,346</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>3,897</b>	<b>3,981</b>	<b>3,613</b>	<b>3,825</b>	<b>4,538</b>	<b>4,246</b>	<b>4,609</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>48,241</b>
Other Domestic Relations	3,430	4,346	3,204	4,102	3,897	3,981	3,613	3,825	4,538	4,246	4,609	4,450	48,241
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>7,723</b>	<b>8,135</b>	<b>7,201</b>	<b>8,085</b>	<b>7,286</b>	<b>6,829</b>	<b>7,787</b>	<b>6,878</b>	<b>8,093</b>	<b>8,139</b>	<b>8,562</b>	<b>8,762</b>	<b>93,480</b>
Domestic Violence	5,491	5,723	4,962	5,569	5,024	4,695	5,401	4,678	5,593	5,488	5,888	5,958	64,470
Repeat Violence	2,232	2,412	2,239	2,516	2,262	2,134	2,386	2,200	2,500	2,651	2,674	2,804	29,010
<b>Delinquency</b>	<b>5,910</b>	<b>5,417</b>	<b>4,639</b>	<b>6,349</b>	<b>5,991</b>	<b>6,377</b>	<b>6,555</b>	<b>6,401</b>	<b>6,899</b>	<b>6,382</b>	<b>7,093</b>	<b>6,857</b>	<b>74,870</b>
Delinquency	5,910	5,417	4,639	6,349	5,991	6,377	6,555	6,401	6,899	6,382	7,093	6,857	74,870
<b>Dependency</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>1,516</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>16,979</b>
Dependency	1,114	1,050	987	1,030	1,014	1,106	1,166	1,269	1,401	1,284	1,313	1,355	14,089
Termination of Parental Rights	240	199	204	215	235	225	269	247	257	268	272	259	2,890
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,617</b>	<b>30,250</b>	<b>24,871</b>	<b>30,902</b>	<b>28,968</b>	<b>28,717</b>	<b>30,011</b>	<b>30,210</b>	<b>34,394</b>	<b>32,582</b>	<b>33,938</b>	<b>33,530</b>	<b>365,990</b>

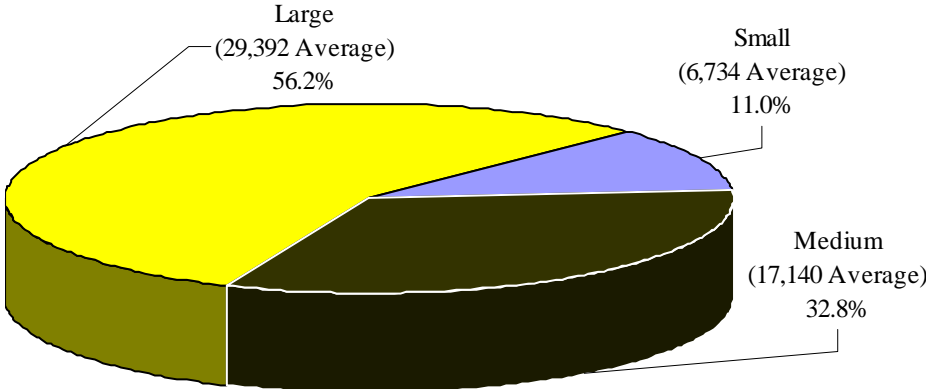
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CIRCUIT FAMILY COURTS FILINGS by Category FY 2004-05



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CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT FILINGS by Circuit Size\* FY 2004-05



\*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 FAMILY COURT FILINGS**  
*by Case Type and Circuit*  
**FY 2004-05**

Circuit	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	UIFSA	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Repeat Violence	Delinquency	Dependency	Termination of Parental Rights	Total
1	332	3,346	1,872	212	2,248	3,107	1,241	3,274	870	107	16,609
2	141	1,303	696	57	1,349	1,218	667	1,771	225	9	7,436
3	49	793	840	65	510	1,125	612	709	195	24	4,922
4	94	5,523	2,313	325	4,288	4,995	1,780	3,591	1,200	420	24,529
5	121	3,747	2,669	296	2,349	3,118	1,454	3,755	1,944	158	19,611
6	712	5,289	3,254	110	3,549	5,648	2,103	6,342	967	376	28,350
7	183	3,485	1,270	518	1,973	3,165	1,463	4,598	594	173	17,422
8	228	1,191	1,005	67	1,337	1,215	505	1,909	313	65	7,835
9	226	6,356	2,594	350	3,775	5,071	2,498	7,215	771	116	28,972
10	116	2,814	2,234	479	2,404	3,696	1,726	4,312	879	115	18,775
11	345	15,116	2,770	1,019	5,410	5,950	2,663	7,308	659	305	41,545
12	195	2,573	1,797	767	1,323	2,899	1,237	2,310	340	61	13,502
13	299	5,558	4,117	105	4,745	4,923	2,424	4,342	1,389	406	28,308
14	35	1,511	1,285	208	735	1,130	197	1,895	420	44	7,460
15	233	5,614	1,417	203	2,504	2,758	1,252	3,735	547	160	18,423
16	79	429	147	12	101	392	227	321	68	16	1,792
17	694	9,140	3,510	282	4,637	5,309	2,939	7,958	848	161	35,478
18	251	4,044	1,355	169	1,979	2,996	1,318	2,999	678	30	15,819
19	67	2,249	1,358	160	1,060	1,954	863	2,611	591	48	10,961
20	272	4,046	1,595	119	1,965	3,801	1,841	3,915	591	96	18,241
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,672</b>	<b>84,127</b>	<b>38,098</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>48,241</b>	<b>64,470</b>	<b>29,010</b>	<b>74,870</b>	<b>14,089</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>365,990</b>

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**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT FILINGS**  
**by Category and Circuit/County**  
**FY 2004-05**

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Delinquency	Dependency*	Total
<b>Circuit 1</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>2,084</b>	<b>2,248</b>	<b>4,348</b>	<b>3,274</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>16,609</b>
Escambia	96	1,338	1,032	1,353	1,834	1,923	373	7,949
Okaloosa	151	1,216	638	449	1,092	734	321	4,601
Santa Rosa	52	567	260	346	837	511	181	2,754
Walton	33	225	154	100	585	106	102	1,305
<b>Circuit 2</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>7,436</b>
Franklin	9	21	16	6	151	67	9	279
Gadsden	10	153	172	317	413	352	35	1,452
Jefferson	8	60	63	6	40	51	9	237
Leon	99	939	399	972	1,091	1,155	151	4,806
Liberty	14	26	47	6	69	22	7	191
Wakulla	1	104	56	42	121	124	23	471
<b>Circuit 3</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>4,922</b>
Columbia	18	342	241	225	656	166	109	1,757
Dixie	2	85	186	18	171	0	30	492
Hamilton	10	49	48	47	59	44	2	259
Lafayette	0	37	27	24	37	17	7	149
Madison	14	56	137	25	161	123	24	540
Suwannee	5	132	110	139	415	290	28	1,119
Taylor	0	92	156	32	238	69	19	606
<b>Circuit 4</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>4,288</b>	<b>6,775</b>	<b>3,591</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>24,529</b>
Clay	12	851	357	432	528	495	166	2,841
Duval	82	4,346	2,203	3,734	5,686	2,917	1,360	20,328
Nassau	0	326	78	122	561	179	94	1,360

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT FILINGS, Continued**  
**by Category and Circuit/County**  
**FY 2004-05**

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Delinquency	Dependency*	Total
<b>Circuit 5</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>3,747</b>	<b>2,965</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>4,572</b>	<b>3,755</b>	<b>2,102</b>	<b>19,611</b>
Citrus	32	517	386	278	891	393	286	2,783
Hernando	2	676	734	158	903	504	506	3,483
Lake	10	1,086	521	694	663	1,156	531	4,661
Marion	71	1,289	1,161	1,072	1,830	1,533	600	7,556
Sumter	6	179	163	147	285	169	179	1,128
<b>Circuit 6</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>5,289</b>	<b>3,364</b>	<b>3,549</b>	<b>7,751</b>	<b>6,342</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>28,350</b>
Pasco	207	1,474	977	996	2,802	1,641	412	8,509
Pinellas	505	3,815	2,387	2,553	4,949	4,701	931	19,841
<b>Circuit 7</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>3,485</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>1,973</b>	<b>4,628</b>	<b>4,598</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>17,422</b>
Flagler	8	262	108	122	491	292	9	1,292
Putnam	16	360	292	389	570	444	130	2,201
St. Johns	20	601	391	307	495	995	117	2,926
Volusia	139	2,262	997	1,155	3,072	2,867	511	11,003
<b>Circuit 8</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>7,835</b>
Alachua	138	735	644	954	875	1,476	233	5,055
Baker	29	87	116	107	125	94	43	601
Bradford	18	117	80	72	120	107	29	543
Gilchrist	11	70	59	42	140	41	15	378
Levy	18	135	124	98	332	144	46	897
Union	14	47	49	64	128	47	12	361
<b>Circuit 9</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>6,356</b>	<b>2,944</b>	<b>3,775</b>	<b>7,569</b>	<b>7,215</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>28,972</b>
Orange	146	4,875	2,487	3,330	6,147	5,955	645	23,585
Osceola	80	1,481	457	445	1,422	1,260	242	5,387

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT FILINGS, Continued**  
**by Category and Circuit/County**  
**FY 2004-05**

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Delinquency	Dependency*	Total
<b>Circuit 10</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>2,814</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>5,422</b>	<b>4,312</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>18,775</b>
Hardee	6	85	195	108	186	316	66	962
Highlands	18	288	291	278	444	393	121	1,833
Polk	92	2,441	2,227	2,018	4,792	3,603	807	15,980
<b>Circuit 11</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>15,116</b>	<b>3,789</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>8,613</b>	<b>7,308</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>41,545</b>
Dade	345	15,116	3,789	5,410	8,613	7,308	964	41,545
<b>Circuit 12</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>2,573</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>4,136</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>13,502</b>
Desoto	17	182	197	31	244	125	4	800
Manatee	53	1,008	1,075	707	2,012	1,185	236	6,276
Sarasota	125	1,383	1,292	585	1,880	1,000	161	6,426
<b>Circuit 13</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>5,558</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>7,347</b>	<b>4,342</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>28,308</b>
Hillsborough	299	5,558	4,222	4,745	7,347	4,342	1,795	28,308
<b>Circuit 14</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>7,460</b>
Bay	16	904	654	490	540	1,468	346	4,418
Calhoun	10	70	97	51	116	55	28	427
Gulf	0	65	76	0	135	62	2	340
Holmes	9	82	94	61	117	49	17	429
Jackson	0	273	384	117	296	168	68	1,306
Washington	0	117	188	16	123	93	3	540
<b>Circuit 15</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>5,614</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>2,504</b>	<b>4,010</b>	<b>3,735</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>18,423</b>
Palm Beach	233	5,614	1,620	2,504	4,010	3,735	707	18,423
<b>Circuit 16</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1,792</b>
Monroe	79	429	159	101	619	321	84	1,792

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT FILINGS, Continued**  
**by Category and Circuit/County**  
**FY 2004-05**

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Delinquency	Dependency*	Total
<b>Circuit 17</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>3,792</b>	<b>4,637</b>	<b>8,248</b>	<b>7,958</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>35,478</b>
Broward	694	9,140	3,792	4,637	8,248	7,958	1,009	35,478
<b>Circuit 18</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>4,044</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>4,314</b>	<b>2,999</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>15,819</b>
Brevard	49	2,469	1,040	1,293	2,658	1,722	468	9,699
Seminole	202	1,575	484	686	1,656	1,277	240	6,120
<b>Circuit 19</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>2,249</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>2,817</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>10,961</b>
Indian River	25	516	291	310	632	402	151	2,327
Martin	15	566	117	268	624	628	84	2,302
Okeechobee	2	183	199	116	316	321	85	1,222
St. Lucie	25	984	911	366	1,245	1,260	319	5,110
<b>Circuit 20</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>4,046</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>5,642</b>	<b>3,915</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>18,241</b>
Charlotte	80	452	190	215	958	721	60	2,676
Collier	168	1,150	504	528	1,176	942	207	4,675
Glades	6	27	36	9	97	30	13	218
Hendry	18	122	147	128	299	317	33	1,064
Lee	0	2,295	837	1,085	3,112	1,905	374	9,608
<b>State Total</b>	<b>4,672</b>	<b>84,127</b>	<b>43,621</b>	<b>48,241</b>	<b>93,480</b>	<b>74,870</b>	<b>16,979</b>	<b>365,990</b>

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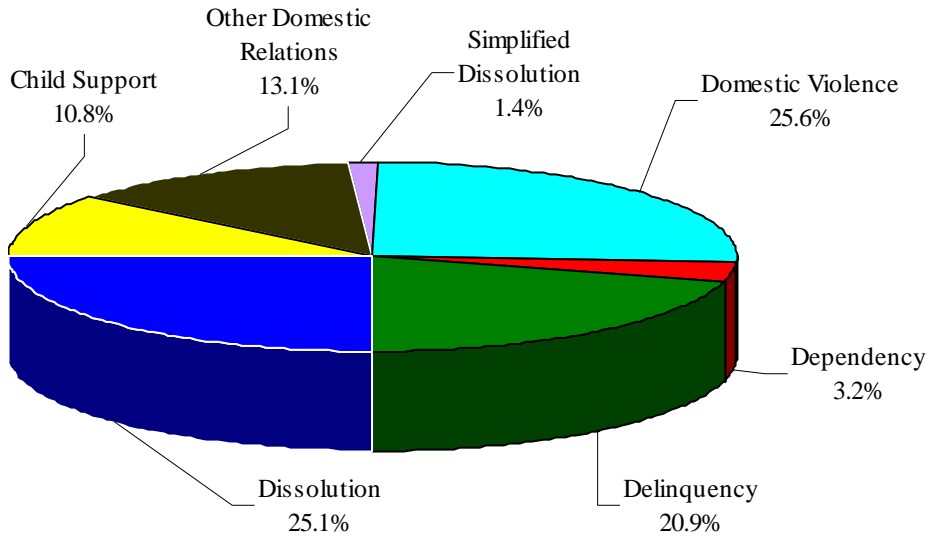
**Circuit Family Court ❖ Dispositions**

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS**  
**Statewide by Category, Case Type and Month**  
**FY 2004-05**

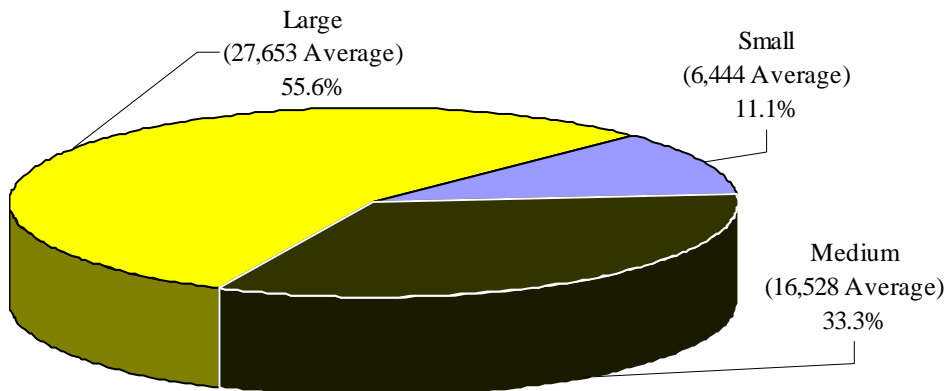
Category/ Case Type	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
<b>Simplified Dissolution</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>4,768</b>
Simplified Dissolution	415	442	322	347	377	409	361	356	406	454	427	452	4,768
<b>Dissolution</b>	<b>7,732</b>	<b>7,589</b>	<b>6,202</b>	<b>7,298</b>	<b>6,880</b>	<b>6,701</b>	<b>6,764</b>	<b>6,419</b>	<b>7,693</b>	<b>7,962</b>	<b>7,782</b>	<b>8,203</b>	<b>87,225</b>
Dissolution	7,732	7,589	6,202	7,298	6,880	6,701	6,764	6,419	7,693	7,962	7,782	8,203	87,225
<b>Child Support</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>3,726</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>3,007</b>	<b>2,896</b>	<b>2,769</b>	<b>2,827</b>	<b>2,773</b>	<b>3,646</b>	<b>3,614</b>	<b>3,567</b>	<b>3,677</b>	<b>37,693</b>
Child Support	2,344	2,911	2,269	2,703	2,548	2,439	2,491	2,450	3,219	3,277	3,228	3,313	33,192
UIFSA	296	815	282	304	348	330	336	323	427	337	339	364	4,501
<b>Other Domestic Relations</b>	<b>3,745</b>	<b>3,958</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>3,484</b>	<b>3,622</b>	<b>3,420</b>	<b>3,473</b>	<b>3,459</b>	<b>4,255</b>	<b>4,179</b>	<b>4,266</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>45,448</b>
Other Domestic Relations	3,745	3,958	2,987	3,484	3,622	3,420	3,473	3,459	4,255	4,179	4,266	4,600	45,448
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>7,204</b>	<b>6,997</b>	<b>6,412</b>	<b>7,842</b>	<b>7,646</b>	<b>7,068</b>	<b>6,965</b>	<b>6,709</b>	<b>7,820</b>	<b>7,607</b>	<b>7,978</b>	<b>8,685</b>	<b>88,933</b>
Domestic Violence	5,210	4,947	4,412	5,416	5,240	4,899	4,841	4,565	5,456	5,143	5,461	5,896	61,486
Repeat Violence	1,994	2,050	2,000	2,426	2,406	2,169	2,124	2,144	2,364	2,464	2,517	2,789	27,447
<b>Delinquency</b>	<b>6,061</b>	<b>5,820</b>	<b>4,785</b>	<b>5,542</b>	<b>5,669</b>	<b>5,229</b>	<b>6,173</b>	<b>6,219</b>	<b>7,167</b>	<b>6,429</b>	<b>6,577</b>	<b>7,178</b>	<b>72,849</b>
Delinquency	6,061	5,820	4,785	5,542	5,669	5,229	6,173	6,219	7,167	6,429	6,577	7,178	72,849
<b>Dependency*</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>11,017</b>
Dependency*	845	910	668	881	874	816	876	915	1,063	1,005	985	1,179	11,017
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,642</b>	<b>29,442</b>	<b>23,927</b>	<b>28,401</b>	<b>27,964</b>	<b>26,412</b>	<b>27,439</b>	<b>26,850</b>	<b>32,050</b>	<b>31,250</b>	<b>31,582</b>	<b>33,974</b>	<b>347,933</b>

\*Termination of Parental Rights filings are not included.

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS**  
*by Category*  
**FY 2004-05**



**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS**  
*by Circuit Size\**  
**FY 2004-05**



\*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 Family Court ❖ Dispositions**

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS**  
**by Case Type and Circuit**  
**FY 2004-05**

<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Simplified Dissolution</b>	<b>Dissolution</b>	<b>Child Support</b>	<b>UIFSA</b>	<b>Other Domestic Relations</b>	<b>Domestic Violence</b>	<b>Repeat Violence</b>	<b>Delinquency</b>	<b>Dependency*</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	330	3,587	1,783	169	2,247	2,963	1,153	2,702	815	15,749
2	185	1,454	752	61	1,430	1,177	629	1,664	167	7,519
3	63	922	539	18	491	1,040	560	802	175	4,610
4	98	4,775	2,133	412	3,439	4,146	1,568	3,062	907	20,540
5	120	4,065	2,729	276	2,639	3,066	1,414	3,433	1,093	18,835
6	722	5,724	2,309	67	2,672	5,553	2,070	5,842	936	25,895
7	204	3,881	1,308	459	2,045	3,207	1,456	3,889	536	16,985
8	232	1,370	1,003	92	1,388	1,200	503	1,476	253	7,517
9	196	6,446	2,507	378	3,837	4,280	2,101	8,269	562	28,576
10	127	2,942	2,360	468	2,410	3,616	1,659	3,675	736	17,993
11	364	15,722	1,754	682	4,777	5,830	2,615	7,741	495	39,980
12	201	2,791	1,330	558	1,262	2,884	1,216	2,462	460	13,164
13	269	5,737	3,205	47	3,872	4,661	2,122	6,143	1,123	27,179
14	33	1,642	677	78	599	1,133	193	1,474	323	6,152
15	213	5,635	1,293	135	2,292	2,732	1,255	3,435	408	17,398
16	68	460	123	5	98	391	219	303	45	1,712
17	715	9,441	3,445	278	4,379	5,095	2,817	7,248	583	34,001
18	253	4,165	1,296	126	1,797	2,878	1,252	2,505	579	14,851
19	64	2,336	891	84	1,810	1,926	844	2,921	280	11,156
20	311	4,130	1,755	108	1,964	3,708	1,801	3,803	541	18,121
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,768</b>	<b>87,225</b>	<b>33,192</b>	<b>4,501</b>	<b>45,448</b>	<b>61,486</b>	<b>27,447</b>	<b>72,849</b>	<b>11,017</b>	<b>347,933</b>

\*Termination of Parental Rights dispositions are not included.

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS**

**by Category and Circuit/County**

**FY 2004-05**

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Delinquency	Dependency*	Total
<b>Circuit 1</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>3,587</b>	<b>1,952</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>4,116</b>	<b>2,702</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>15,749</b>
Escambia	95	1,470	996	1,374	1,740	1,506	329	7,510
Okaloosa	146	1,306	594	490	999	526	247	4,308
Santa Rosa	55	592	242	302	839	514	140	2,684
Walton	34	219	120	81	538	156	99	1,247
<b>Circuit 2</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>1,454</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>7,519</b>
Franklin	10	28	20	10	127	43	12	250
Gadsden	15	202	206	377	416	392	32	1,640
Jefferson	11	64	44	2	25	41	0	187
Leon	133	1,006	499	1,016	1,076	1,070	102	4,902
Liberty	13	23	24	4	45	23	2	134
Wakulla	3	131	20	21	117	95	19	406
<b>Circuit 3</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>4,610</b>
Columbia	26	403	238	232	644	236	79	1,858
Dixie	2	101	55	17	155	26	41	397
Hamilton	9	48	30	31	5	59	1	183
Lafayette	1	33	11	9	35	14	2	105
Madison	17	72	66	61	158	135	26	535
Suwannee	7	145	91	105	397	264	26	1,035
Taylor	1	120	66	36	206	68	0	497
<b>Circuit 4</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>2,545</b>	<b>3,439</b>	<b>5,714</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>20,540</b>
Clay	21	879	328	344	565	317	112	2,566
Duval	77	3,584	2,119	2,968	4,595	2,540	763	16,646
Nassau	0	312	98	127	554	205	32	1,328

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**Circuit Family Court ❖ Dispositions**

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS, Continued**  
**by Category and Circuit/County**  
**FY 2004-05**

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Delinquency	Dependency*	Total
<b>Circuit 5</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>4,065</b>	<b>3,005</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>18,835</b>
Citrus	29	533	407	271	858	388	54	2,540
Hernando	0	771	665	179	834	400	159	3,008
Lake	12	1,116	716	789	665	860	375	4,533
Marion	71	1,434	1,051	1,175	1,838	1,623	408	7,600
Sumter	8	211	166	225	285	162	97	1,154
<b>Circuit 6</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>5,724</b>	<b>2,376</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>7,623</b>	<b>5,842</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>25,895</b>
Pasco	224	1,657	755	752	2,659	1,601	316	7,964
Pinellas	498	4,067	1,621	1,920	4,964	4,241	620	17,931
<b>Circuit 7</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>3,881</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>3,889</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>16,985</b>
Flagler	9	294	73	134	487	339	14	1,350
Putnam	18	551	381	546	583	529	71	2,679
St. Johns	24	660	262	288	486	372	105	2,197
Volusia	153	2,376	1,051	1,077	3,107	2,649	346	10,759
<b>Circuit 8</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>7,517</b>
Alachua	140	732	580	991	881	995	149	4,468
Baker	28	136	138	107	126	108	27	670
Bradford	18	202	116	108	123	96	22	685
Gilchrist	11	81	58	51	115	44	6	366
Levy	18	173	127	77	330	171	47	943
Union	17	46	76	54	128	62	2	385
<b>Circuit 9</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>6,446</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>3,837</b>	<b>6,381</b>	<b>8,269</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>28,576</b>
Orange	130	5,055	2,473	3,456	5,107	6,789	404	23,414
Osceola	66	1,391	412	381	1,274	1,480	158	5,162

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS, Continued**  
**by Category and Circuit/County**  
**FY 2004-05**

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Delinquency	Dependency*	Total
<b>Circuit 10</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>2,942</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>5,275</b>	<b>3,675</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>17,993</b>
Hardee	7	120	194	95	186	155	46	803
Highlands	27	376	304	278	445	447	121	1,998
Polk	93	2,446	2,330	2,037	4,644	3,073	569	15,192
<b>Circuit 11</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>15,722</b>	<b>2,436</b>	<b>4,777</b>	<b>8,445</b>	<b>7,741</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>39,980</b>
Dade	364	15,722	2,436	4,777	8,445	7,741	495	39,980
<b>Circuit 12</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>2,791</b>	<b>1,888</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>2,462</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>13,164</b>
Desoto	19	101	114	17	195	165	38	649
Manatee	60	1,164	1,051	703	1,999	993	168	6,138
Sarasota	122	1,526	723	542	1,906	1,304	254	6,377
<b>Circuit 13</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>5,737</b>	<b>3,252</b>	<b>3,872</b>	<b>6,783</b>	<b>6,143</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>27,179</b>
Hillsborough	269	5,737	3,252	3,872	6,783	6,143	1,123	27,179
<b>Circuit 14</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>6,152</b>
Bay	13	1,022	348	406	543	1,096	269	3,697
Calhoun	11	68	25	32	114	45	17	312
Gulf	0	63	19	0	115	80	6	283
Holmes	9	117	99	40	129	51	3	448
Jackson	0	253	173	103	310	128	26	993
Washington	0	119	91	18	115	74	2	419
<b>Circuit 15</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>5,635</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>3,987</b>	<b>3,435</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>17,398</b>
Palm Beach	213	5,635	1,428	2,292	3,987	3,435	408	17,398
<b>Circuit 16</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,712</b>
Monroe	68	460	128	98	610	303	45	1,712

**Circuit Family Court ❖ Dispositions**

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS, Continued**  
**by Category and Circuit/County**  
**FY 2004-05**

Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Delinquency	Dependency*	Total
<b>Circuit 17</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>9,441</b>	<b>3,723</b>	<b>4,379</b>	<b>7,912</b>	<b>7,248</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>34,001</b>
Broward	715	9,441	3,723	4,379	7,912	7,248	583	34,001
<b>Circuit 18</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>4,165</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>4,130</b>	<b>2,505</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>14,851</b>
Brevard	47	2,437	905	1,073	2,490	1,589	381	8,922
Seminole	206	1,728	517	724	1,640	916	198	5,929
<b>Circuit 19</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>2,921</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>11,156</b>
Indian River	30	541	232	277	629	390	91	2,190
Martin	10	602	180	259	612	416	33	2,112
Okeechobee	2	155	152	112	294	347	62	1,124
St. Lucie	22	1,038	411	1,162	1,235	1,768	94	5,730
<b>Circuit 20</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>4,130</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>5,509</b>	<b>3,803</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>18,121</b>
Charlotte	93	498	162	175	858	806	50	2,642
Collier	191	1,241	496	577	1,152	846	147	4,650
Glades	6	20	15	4	88	24	7	164
Hendry	21	152	160	103	280	243	28	987
Lee	0	2,219	1,030	1,105	3,131	1,884	309	9,678
<b>State Total</b>	<b>4,768</b>	<b>87,225</b>	<b>37,693</b>	<b>45,448</b>	<b>88,933</b>	<b>72,849</b>	<b>11,017</b>	<b>347,933</b>

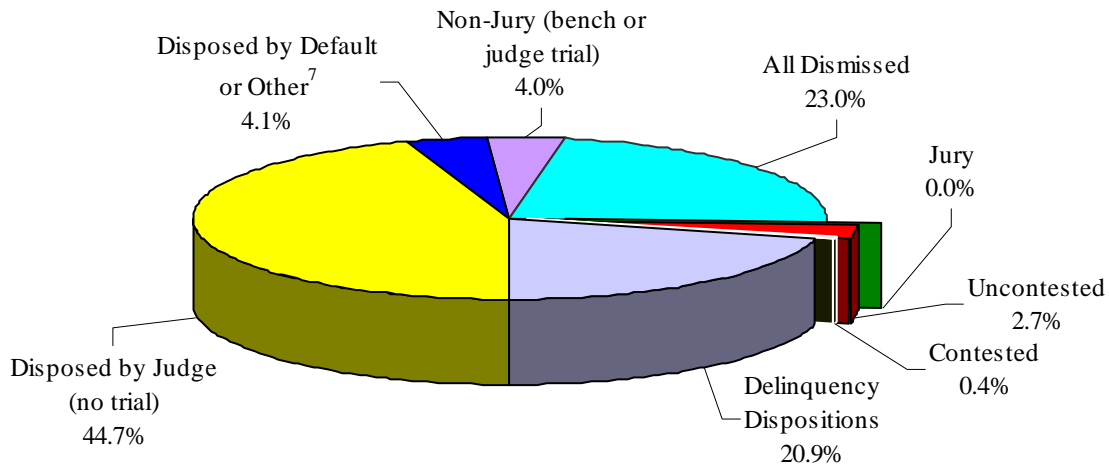
\*Termination of Parental Rights dispositions are not included.

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS**  
**Statewide by Case Type and Disposition Type**  
**FY 2004-05**

Disposition Type*	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	UIFSA	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Repeat Violence	Delinquency	Dependency**	Total
Dismissed Before Hearing	70	4,444	5,662	615	5,479	6,818	4,485	NA	NA	27,573
Dismissed After Hearing	105	4,429	4,958	312	5,299	25,972	11,536	NA	NA	52,611
Disposed by Default	5	6,220	1,803	129	1,953	71	37	NA	NA	10,218
Disposed by Judge (No Trial)	4,525	64,100	17,830	1,708	28,378	27,881	10,946	NA	NA	155,368
Disposed by Non-Jury	53	7,418	2,079	376	3,216	560	387	NA	NA	14,089
Disposed by Jury	0	7	1	0	1	0	1	NA	NA	10
Disposed by Other <sup>7</sup>	10	607	859	1,361	1,122	184	55	NA	NA	4,198
Contested	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1,521	1,521
Uncontested	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	9,496	9,496
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,768</b>	<b>87,225</b>	<b>33,192</b>	<b>4,501</b>	<b>45,448</b>	<b>61,486</b>	<b>27,447</b>	<b>72,849</b>	<b>11,017</b>	<b>347,933</b>

\* NA represents Disposition Type does not apply.  
 \*\*Termination of Parental Rights dispositions are not included.

**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT DISPOSITIONS**  
**by Disposition Type**  
**FY 2004-05**



<sup>7</sup>The 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.



The Circuit Family Court also involves special proceedings. In the Family Court, special proceedings include complaints, modification reopenings, other reopenings, certifications to criminal division, direct files to criminal division, detention hearings, foster care review hearings, and shelter hearings. **These data are provided by the 67 clerks of court. However, special proceedings data are not audited for accuracy by the OSCA.**

**Complaint** - A complaint is a formal written document submitted to the court by a law enforcement officer, prosecutor or other person, alleging that a specified juvenile has committed a specific delinquent act and requests prosecution of said juvenile. A complaint may be disposed before a petition is ever filed. For example, the court may dispose of a complaint through termination of the charges, direct filing or transfer to criminal court, diversion or alternative sanctions, or arbitration/mediation.

**Modification Reopenings** - 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, changes in conditions or length of visitation of a non-resident parent, etc.).

**Other Reopenings** - A reopening occurs when a case that has previously been reported as disposed is reactivated or resubmitted to the court for action other than modification requests.

**Certification to Circuit Criminal Division** - A certification to the circuit criminal division occurs when a juvenile is transferred to circuit court for prosecution as an adult following a waiver hearing pursuant to section 985.226, Florida Statutes.

**Direct File to Criminal Division** - A direct file to the criminal division refers to a juvenile who has been transferred to criminal court for prosecution as an adult following the filing of an information by the state attorney pursuant to section 985.227, Florida Statutes.

**Detention Hearing** - A detention hearing is a hearing held to determine whether a juvenile is to be detained, is to remain in detention, or is to be released while proceedings are pending.

**Foster Care Judicial Review Hearing** - A foster care judicial review hearing is a hearing held periodically before a judge, general master, or citizen review panel to determine the status of a child until the child reaches permanency pursuant to section 39.701, Florida Statutes.

***Shelter Hearing*** - A shelter hearing is a hearing held to determine whether a child is to be sheltered, is to remain in shelter, or is to be released while proceedings are pending pursuant to section 39.402, Florida Statutes.

***Adoption Petition*** - An adoption petition is a petition filed for the adoption of a child in foster care pursuant to sections 39.812(5) and 39.813, Florida Statutes.

**DELINQUENCY COMPLAINTS**  
**by Circuit/County**  
**FY 2004-05**

<b>Circuit/County</b>	<b>Complaints Filed</b>	<b>Complaints Disposed Prior to Petition</b>	<b>% Complaints Disposed Prior to Petition</b>
<b>Circuit 1</b>	<b>5,052</b>	<b>2,026</b>	<b>40.1%</b>
Escambia	2,609	844	32.3%
Okaloosa	1,444	727	50.3%
Santa Rosa	739	305	41.3%
Walton	260	150	57.7%
<b>Circuit 2</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
Franklin	114	26	22.8%
Gadsden	390	68	17.4%
Jefferson	43	27	62.8%
Leon	1,460	424	29.0%
Liberty	22	6	27.3%
Wakulla	212	27	12.7%
<b>Circuit 3</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>41.2%</b>
Columbia	633	323	51.0%
Dixie	79	23	29.1%
Hamilton	124	96	77.4%
Lafayette	17	0	0.0%
Madison	239	89	37.2%
Suwannee	405	70	17.3%
Taylor	215	105	48.8%
<b>Circuit 4</b>	<b>9,135</b>	<b>4,920</b>	<b>53.9%</b>
Clay	1,132	562	49.6%
Duval	7,685	4,231	55.1%
Nassau	318	127	39.9%

***DELINQUENCY COMPLAINTS, Continued***  
***by Circuit/County***  
***FY 2004-05***

Circuit/County	Complaints Filed	Complaints Disposed Prior to Petition	% Complaints Disposed Prior to Petition
<b>Circuit 5</b>	<b>5,723</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>35.1%</b>
Citrus	604	234	38.7%
Hernando	356	65	18.3%
Lake	2,044	815	39.9%
Marion	2,449	792	32.3%
Sumter	270	102	37.8%
<b>Circuit 6</b>	<b>12,127</b>	<b>4,413</b>	<b>36.4%</b>
Pasco	2,348	547	23.3%
Pinellas	9,779	3,866	39.5%
<b>Circuit 7</b>	<b>7,902</b>	<b>3,519</b>	<b>44.5%</b>
Flagler	583	201	34.5%
Putnam	1,167	579	49.6%
St. Johns	997	176	17.7%
Volusia	5,155	2,563	49.7%
<b>Circuit 8</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>39.4%</b>
Alachua	2,318	894	38.6%
Baker	245	98	40.0%
Bradford	242	86	35.5%
Gilchrist	130	45	34.6%
Levy	303	172	56.8%
Union	67	6	9.0%
<b>Circuit 9</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>3,517</b>	<b>32.4%</b>
Orange	8,717	2,699	31.0%
Osceola	2,129	818	38.4%

**DELINQUENCY COMPLAINTS, Continued**  
**by Circuit/County**  
**FY 2004-05**

<b>Circuit/County</b>	<b>Complaints Filed</b>	<b>Complaints Disposed Prior to Petition</b>	<b>% Complaints Disposed Prior to Petition</b>
<b>Circuit 10</b>	<b>6,150</b>	<b>2,604</b>	<b>42.3%</b>
Hardee	286	98	34.3%
Highlands	701	296	42.2%
Polk	5,163	2,210	42.8%
<b>Circuit 11</b>	<b>11,238</b>	<b>3,766</b>	<b>33.5%</b>
Dade	11,238	3,766	33.5%
<b>Circuit 12</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>40.7%</b>
Desoto	301	194	64.5%
Manatee	1,669	469	28.1%
Sarasota	910	509	55.9%
<b>Circuit 13</b>	<b>13,553</b>	<b>7,555</b>	<b>55.7%</b>
Hillsborough	13,553	7,555	55.7%
<b>Circuit 14</b>	<b>2,322</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>30.3%</b>
Bay	1,621	548	33.8%
Calhoun	77	0	0.0%
Gulf	96	35	36.5%
Holmes	92	19	20.7%
Jackson	284	89	31.3%
Washington	152	13	8.6%
<b>Circuit 15</b>	<b>6,781</b>	<b>5,165</b>	<b>76.2%</b>
Palm Beach	6,781	5,165	76.2%
<b>Circuit 16</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>19.4%</b>
Monroe	408	79	19.4%

***DELINQUENCY COMPLAINTS, Continued***  
***by Circuit/County***  
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<b>Circuit/County</b>	<b>Complaints Filed</b>	<b>Complaints Disposed Prior to Petition</b>	<b>% Complaints Disposed Prior to Petition</b>
<b>Circuit 17</b>	<b>11,725</b>	<b>5,168</b>	<b>44.1%</b>
Broward	11,725	5,168	44.1%
<b>Circuit 18</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>4,036</b>	<b>63.1%</b>
Brevard	3,607	2,329	64.6%
Seminole	2,793	1,707	61.1%
<b>Circuit 19</b>	<b>4,008</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>24.1%</b>
Indian River	616	191	31.0%
Martin	907	218	24.0%
Okeechobee	521	143	27.4%
St. Lucie	1,964	414	21.1%
<b>Circuit 20</b>	<b>5,999</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>39.5%</b>
Charlotte	877	358	40.8%
Collier	1,439	551	38.3%
Glades	85	24	28.2%
Hendry	426	98	23.0%
Lee	3,172	1,337	42.2%
<b>State Total</b>	<b>129,507</b>	<b>56,571</b>	<b>43.7%</b>

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**CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**by Circuit**  
**FY 2004-05**

<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Modification Reopenings</b>	<b>Other Reopenings</b>	<b>Delinquency Certification to Criminal Division</b>	<b>Delinquency Direct Files to Criminal Division</b>	<b>Delinquency Detention Hearings</b>	<b>Dependency Foster Care Review Hearings</b>	<b>Dependency Shelter Hearings</b>	<b>Dependency Adoption Petitions</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	1,452	10,956	7	130	2,842	2,654	1,265	74	19,380
2	300	6,191	1	72	1,172	239	163	3	8,141
3	1,072	1,278	6	45	137	628	178	7	3,351
4	1,226	20,139	0	79	5,292	5,563	2,596	230	35,125
5	2,752	11,392	13	23	843	3,039	1,420	50	19,532
6	2,081	16,033	9	416	5,935	5,020	1,819	171	31,484
7	2,241	14,620	1	95	2,974	2,639	624	118	23,312
8	954	6,913	28	62	2,686	1,168	338	5	12,154
9	1,352	31,157	0	146	6,629	2,716	1,009	47	43,056
10	2,258	12,130	0	60	2,941	4,237	869	93	22,588
11	2,150	41,316	0	598	8,027	6,281	1,490	268	60,130
12	825	13,826	0	27	2,664	1,716	520	41	19,619
13	1,877	21,496	1	61	6,357	4,120	976	148	35,036
14	708	3,025	1	70	556	815	425	7	5,607
15	2,353	13,562	9	304	3,362	2,077	518	172	22,357
16	46	1,081	0	7	255	415	137	17	1,958
17	2,755	21,468	0	174	4,706	5,779	622	191	35,695
18	1,712	17,563	7	47	6,826	3,667	1,200	49	31,071
19	1,002	9,072	1	49	3,458	1,849	557	53	16,041
20	2,082	10,411	32	74	3,445	1,771	531	56	18,402
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,198</b>	<b>283,629</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>2,539</b>	<b>71,107</b>	<b>56,393</b>	<b>17,257</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>464,039</b>



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