

Circuit Civil ❖ Overview

The Circuit Civil division includes the following four categories of civil cases: professional malpractice and product liability, auto and other negligence, contracts, and other circuit civil. Within these categories are the following case types:

Professional Malpractice and Product Liability - professional malpractice and product liability

Auto and Other Negligence - auto negligence and other negligence

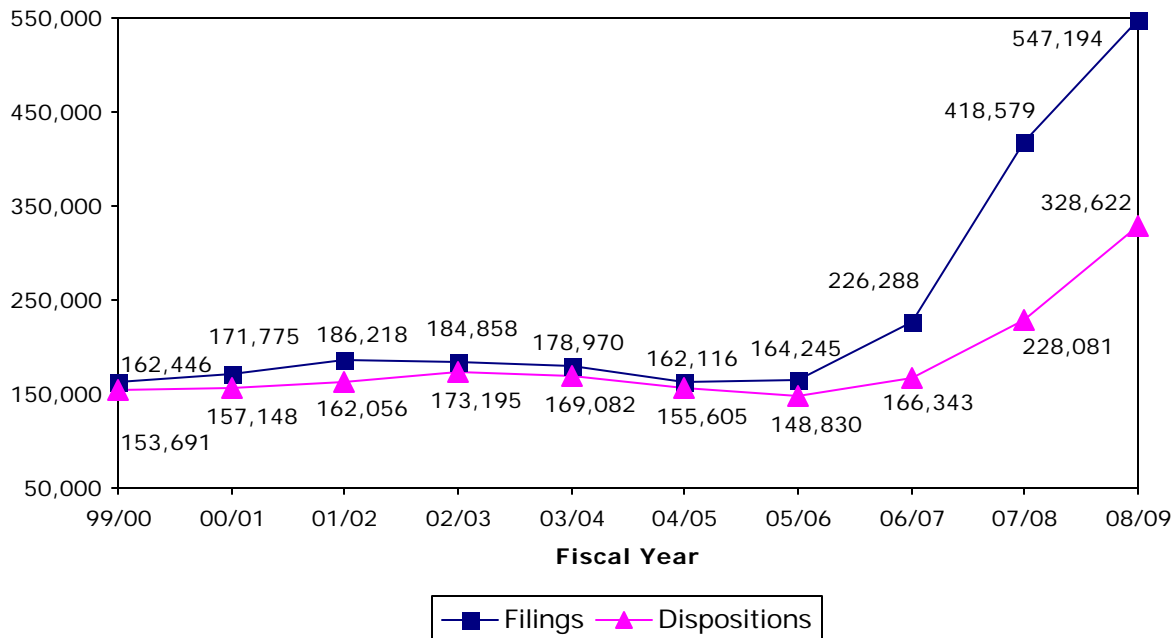
Contracts - condominium, contract and indebtedness, and real property/mortgage foreclosure

Other Circuit Civil - eminent domain and other⁸

In the Circuit Civil 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 is impaneled, selected and sworn to determine the issues of fact in a case.

CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

FY 1999-00 to FY 2008-09



Note: FY 2006-07 to FY 2008-09 circuit civil filings increase driven by real property/mortgage foreclosure.

⁸ Examples of other cases include: declaratory judgments, injunctions, administrative agency appeals, bond estreatures, replevins, habeas corpus proceedings, forfeitures, interpleaders, and other similar events.

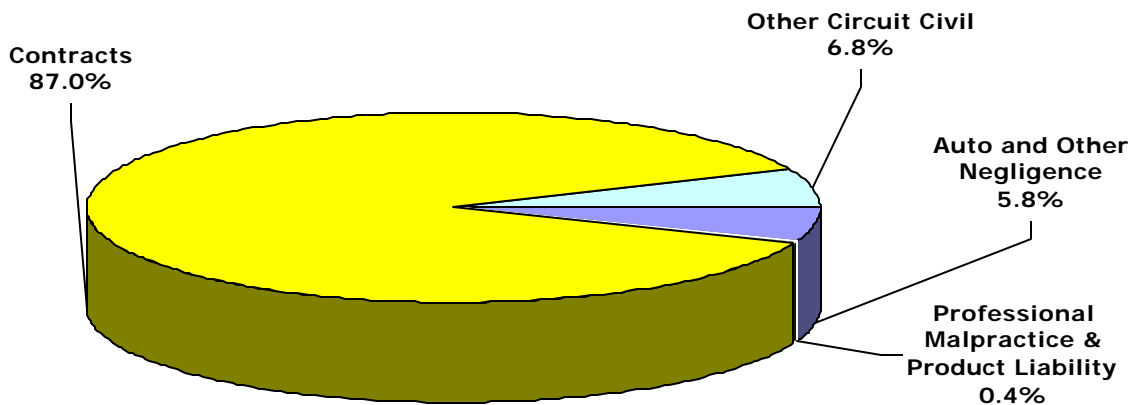
CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS
Statewide by Category, Case Type, and Month
FY 2008-09

| Category/ Case Type | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Total |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Professional Malpractice and Product Liability | 183 | 176 | 181 | 178 | 136 | 242 | 197 | 196 | 191 | 203 | 143 | 213 | 2,239 |
| Professional Malpractice | 86 | 119 | 93 | 129 | 100 | 108 | 100 | 111 | 121 | 82 | 103 | 134 | 1,286 |
| Product Liability | 97 | 57 | 88 | 49 | 36 | 134 | 97 | 85 | 70 | 121 | 40 | 79 | 953 |
| Auto and Other Negligence | 2,417 | 2,455 | 2,627 | 2,747 | 2,321 | 2,592 | 2,618 | 2,691 | 2,971 | 2,757 | 2,634 | 2,840 | 31,670 |
| Auto Negligence | 1,489 | 1,477 | 1,628 | 1,668 | 1,496 | 1,589 | 1,589 | 1,653 | 1,834 | 1,720 | 1,607 | 1,747 | 19,497 |
| Other Negligence | 928 | 978 | 999 | 1,079 | 825 | 1,003 | 1,029 | 1,038 | 1,137 | 1,037 | 1,027 | 1,093 | 12,173 |
| Contracts | 35,538 | 35,365 | 41,612 | 44,230 | 31,752 | 40,214 | 40,171 | 40,731 | 47,181 | 43,015 | 39,056 | 37,405 | 476,270 |
| Condominium | 203 | 242 | 153 | 174 | 103 | 144 | 206 | 231 | 212 | 222 | 203 | 234 | 2,327 |
| Contract and Indebtedness | 4,278 | 4,506 | 5,425 | 5,683 | 4,846 | 6,311 | 5,446 | 6,145 | 7,854 | 6,845 | 7,132 | 5,995 | 70,466 |
| Real Property/ Mortgage Foreclosure | 31,057 | 30,617 | 36,034 | 38,373 | 26,803 | 33,759 | 34,519 | 34,355 | 39,115 | 35,948 | 31,721 | 31,176 | 403,477 |
| Other Circuit Civil | 2,994 | 2,946 | 3,066 | 3,331 | 2,810 | 3,364 | 2,897 | 3,041 | 3,362 | 3,161 | 3,173 | 2,870 | 37,015 |
| Eminent Domain | 49 | 60 | 66 | 108 | 79 | 118 | 58 | 51 | 93 | 82 | 45 | 47 | 856 |
| Other | 2,945 | 2,886 | 3,000 | 3,223 | 2,731 | 3,246 | 2,839 | 2,990 | 3,269 | 3,079 | 3,128 | 2,823 | 36,159 |
| Total | 41,132 | 40,942 | 47,486 | 50,486 | 37,019 | 46,412 | 45,883 | 46,659 | 53,705 | 49,136 | 45,006 | 43,328 | 547,194 |

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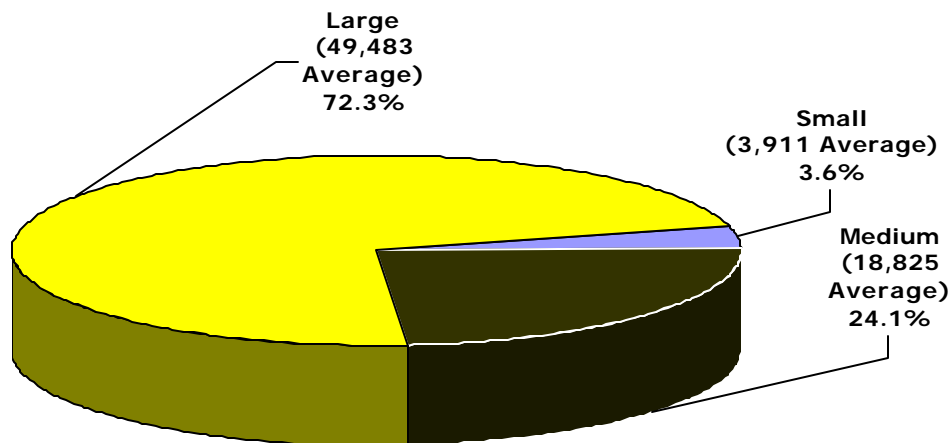
Circuit Civil ❖ Filings

**CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS
by Category
FY 2008-09**



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**CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS
by Circuit Size*
FY 2008-09**



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

CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS
by Case Type and Circuit
FY 2008-09

| Circuit | Professional Malpractice | Product Liability | Auto Negligence | Other Negligence | Condominium | Contract and Indebtedness | Real Property/ Mortgage Foreclosure | Eminent Domain | Other | Total |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | 37 | 53 | 507 | 252 | 11 | 1,845 | 8,416 | 32 | 1,061 | 12,214 |
| 2 | 29 | 5 | 259 | 168 | 6 | 789 | 2,931 | 10 | 2,127 | 6,324 |
| 3 | 7 | 1 | 81 | 50 | 0 | 191 | 1,159 | 1 | 571 | 2,061 |
| 4 | 68 | 31 | 1,421 | 571 | 36 | 3,325 | 16,194 | 31 | 1,470 | 23,147 |
| 5 | 54 | 17 | 722 | 323 | 0 | 2,548 | 17,001 | 92 | 1,877 | 22,634 |
| 6 | 110 | 22 | 2,002 | 1,063 | 3 | 4,907 | 23,918 | 68 | 1,229 | 33,322 |
| 7 | 58 | 101 | 703 | 450 | 9 | 2,083 | 15,351 | 9 | 1,384 | 20,148 |
| 8 | 19 | 45 | 179 | 145 | 0 | 572 | 2,287 | 4 | 698 | 3,949 |
| 9 | 81 | 24 | 1,654 | 894 | 22 | 5,192 | 41,489 | 243 | 2,213 | 51,812 |
| 10 | 43 | 6 | 580 | 206 | 0 | 1,555 | 11,982 | 108 | 1,275 | 15,755 |
| 11 | 163 | 111 | 2,154 | 2,507 | 1,963 | 13,615 | 65,826 | 17 | 6,736 | 93,092 |
| 12 | 55 | 8 | 666 | 289 | 7 | 2,880 | 15,374 | 17 | 1,014 | 20,310 |
| 13 | 116 | 103 | 2,360 | 733 | 0 | 4,166 | 22,886 | 49 | 2,109 | 32,522 |
| 14 | 19 | 5 | 160 | 83 | 5 | 652 | 3,152 | 11 | 649 | 4,736 |
| 15 | 144 | 257 | 1,978 | 1,191 | 66 | 6,025 | 31,858 | 42 | 2,510 | 44,071 |
| 16 | 3 | 1 | 54 | 88 | 5 | 336 | 1,737 | 1 | 261 | 2,486 |
| 17 | 122 | 53 | 1,890 | 1,752 | 154 | 9,253 | 51,668 | 2 | 5,219 | 70,113 |
| 18 | 51 | 16 | 771 | 386 | 7 | 2,964 | 17,375 | 61 | 1,009 | 22,640 |
| 19 | 45 | 18 | 554 | 349 | 23 | 1,982 | 13,796 | 18 | 1,287 | 18,072 |
| 20 | 62 | 76 | 802 | 673 | 10 | 5,586 | 39,077 | 40 | 1,460 | 47,786 |
| Total | 1,286 | 953 | 19,497 | 12,173 | 2,327 | 70,466 | 403,477 | 856 | 36,159 | 547,194 |

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CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS
by Category and Circuit/County
 FY 2008-09

| Circuit/ County | Professional Malpractice and Product Liability | Auto and Other Negligence | Contracts | Other Circuit Civil | Total |
|--------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Circuit 1 | 90 | 759 | 10,272 | 1,093 | 12,214 |
| Escambia | 62 | 396 | 3,372 | 366 | 4,196 |
| Okaloosa | 18 | 195 | 2,951 | 299 | 3,463 |
| Santa Rosa | 8 | 115 | 1,783 | 214 | 2,120 |
| Walton | 2 | 53 | 2,166 | 214 | 2,435 |
| Circuit 2 | 34 | 427 | 3,726 | 2,137 | 6,324 |
| Franklin | 1 | 4 | 332 | 59 | 396 |
| Gadsden | 1 | 30 | 403 | 118 | 552 |
| Jefferson | 0 | 17 | 109 | 69 | 195 |
| Leon | 31 | 352 | 2,470 | 1,768 | 4,621 |
| Liberty | 0 | 3 | 39 | 26 | 68 |
| Wakulla | 1 | 21 | 373 | 97 | 492 |
| Circuit 3 | 8 | 131 | 1,350 | 572 | 2,061 |
| Columbia | 2 | 73 | 574 | 194 | 843 |
| Dixie | 1 | 1 | 88 | 75 | 165 |
| Hamilton | 0 | 11 | 108 | 51 | 170 |
| Lafayette | 0 | 3 | 30 | 45 | 78 |
| Madison | 1 | 13 | 140 | 64 | 218 |
| Suwannee | 3 | 19 | 283 | 75 | 380 |
| Taylor | 1 | 11 | 127 | 68 | 207 |
| Circuit 4 | 99 | 1,992 | 19,555 | 1,501 | 23,147 |
| Clay | 6 | 179 | 2,862 | 229 | 3,276 |
| Duval | 93 | 1,737 | 15,814 | 1,139 | 18,783 |
| Nassau | 0 | 76 | 879 | 133 | 1,088 |

CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS, Continued
by Category and Circuit/County
 FY 2008-09

| Circuit/ County | Professional Malpractice and Product Liability | Auto and Other Negligence | Contracts | Other Circuit Civil | Total |
|--------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Circuit 5 | 71 | 1,045 | 19,549 | 1,969 | 22,634 |
| Citrus | 5 | 133 | 2,144 | 163 | 2,445 |
| Hernando | 14 | 245 | 3,945 | 296 | 4,500 |
| Lake | 21 | 258 | 6,508 | 348 | 7,135 |
| Marion | 28 | 360 | 6,458 | 480 | 7,326 |
| Sumter | 3 | 49 | 494 | 682 | 1,228 |
| Circuit 6 | 132 | 3,065 | 28,828 | 1,297 | 33,322 |
| Pasco | 25 | 782 | 10,628 | 405 | 11,840 |
| Pinellas | 107 | 2,283 | 18,200 | 892 | 21,482 |
| Circuit 7 | 159 | 1,153 | 17,443 | 1,393 | 20,148 |
| Flagler | 5 | 103 | 3,072 | 165 | 3,345 |
| Putnam | 7 | 91 | 769 | 160 | 1,027 |
| St. Johns | 15 | 169 | 3,208 | 335 | 3,727 |
| Volusia | 132 | 790 | 10,394 | 733 | 12,049 |
| Circuit 8 | 64 | 324 | 2,859 | 702 | 3,949 |
| Alachua | 50 | 285 | 1,757 | 357 | 2,449 |
| Baker | 0 | 7 | 193 | 85 | 285 |
| Bradford | 12 | 2 | 229 | 88 | 331 |
| Gilchrist | 0 | 6 | 130 | 25 | 161 |
| Levy | 1 | 17 | 480 | 74 | 572 |
| Union | 1 | 7 | 70 | 73 | 151 |
| Circuit 9 | 105 | 2,548 | 46,703 | 2,456 | 51,812 |
| Orange | 92 | 2,158 | 33,611 | 1,962 | 37,823 |
| Osceola | 13 | 390 | 13,092 | 494 | 13,989 |

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CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS, Continued
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 FY 2008-09

| Circuit/ County | Professional Malpractice and Product Liability | Auto and Other Negligence | Contracts | Other Circuit Civil | Total |
|--------------------|--|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Circuit 10 | 49 | 786 | 13,537 | 1,383 | 15,755 |
| Hardee | 4 | 24 | 163 | 57 | 248 |
| Highlands | 10 | 71 | 1,607 | 173 | 1,861 |
| Polk | 35 | 691 | 11,767 | 1,153 | 13,646 |
| Circuit 11 | 274 | 4,661 | 81,404 | 6,753 | 93,092 |
| Miami-Dade | 274 | 4,661 | 81,404 | 6,753 | 93,092 |
| Circuit 12 | 63 | 955 | 18,261 | 1,031 | 20,310 |
| Desoto | 2 | 27 | 412 | 46 | 487 |
| Manatee | 18 | 409 | 7,190 | 447 | 8,064 |
| Sarasota | 43 | 519 | 10,659 | 538 | 11,759 |
| Circuit 13 | 219 | 3,093 | 27,052 | 2,158 | 32,522 |
| Hillsborough | 219 | 3,093 | 27,052 | 2,158 | 32,522 |
| Circuit 14 | 24 | 243 | 3,809 | 660 | 4,736 |
| Bay | 17 | 180 | 2,822 | 283 | 3,302 |
| Calhoun | 2 | 2 | 70 | 31 | 105 |
| Gulf | 0 | 2 | 326 | 68 | 396 |
| Holmes | 2 | 8 | 120 | 39 | 169 |
| Jackson | 3 | 35 | 310 | 134 | 482 |
| Washington | 0 | 16 | 161 | 105 | 282 |
| Circuit 15 | 401 | 3,169 | 37,949 | 2,552 | 44,071 |
| Palm Beach | 401 | 3,169 | 37,949 | 2,552 | 44,071 |
| Circuit 16 | 4 | 142 | 2,078 | 262 | 2,486 |
| Monroe | 4 | 142 | 2,078 | 262 | 2,486 |

CIRCUIT CIVIL FILINGS, Continued
by Category and Circuit/County
 FY 2008-09

| Circuit/ County | Professional Malpractice and Product Liability | Auto and Other Negligence | Contracts | Other Circuit Civil | Total |
|--------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Circuit 17 | 175 | 3,642 | 61,075 | 5,221 | 70,113 |
| Broward | 175 | 3,642 | 61,075 | 5,221 | 70,113 |
| Circuit 18 | 67 | 1,157 | 20,346 | 1,070 | 22,640 |
| Brevard | 41 | 708 | 11,132 | 677 | 12,558 |
| Seminole | 26 | 449 | 9,214 | 393 | 10,082 |
| Circuit 19 | 63 | 903 | 15,801 | 1,305 | 18,072 |
| Indian River | 14 | 161 | 2,957 | 184 | 3,316 |
| Martin | 11 | 199 | 2,702 | 553 | 3,465 |
| Okeechobee | 7 | 59 | 597 | 102 | 765 |
| St. Lucie | 31 | 484 | 9,545 | 466 | 10,526 |
| Circuit 20 | 138 | 1,475 | 44,673 | 1,500 | 47,786 |
| Charlotte | 12 | 152 | 5,460 | 226 | 5,850 |
| Collier | 36 | 421 | 9,959 | 433 | 10,849 |
| Glades | 0 | 3 | 103 | 26 | 132 |
| Hendry | 2 | 29 | 635 | 80 | 746 |
| Lee | 88 | 870 | 28,516 | 735 | 30,209 |
| State Total | 2,239 | 31,670 | 476,270 | 37,015 | 547,194 |

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Circuit Civil ❖ Dispositions

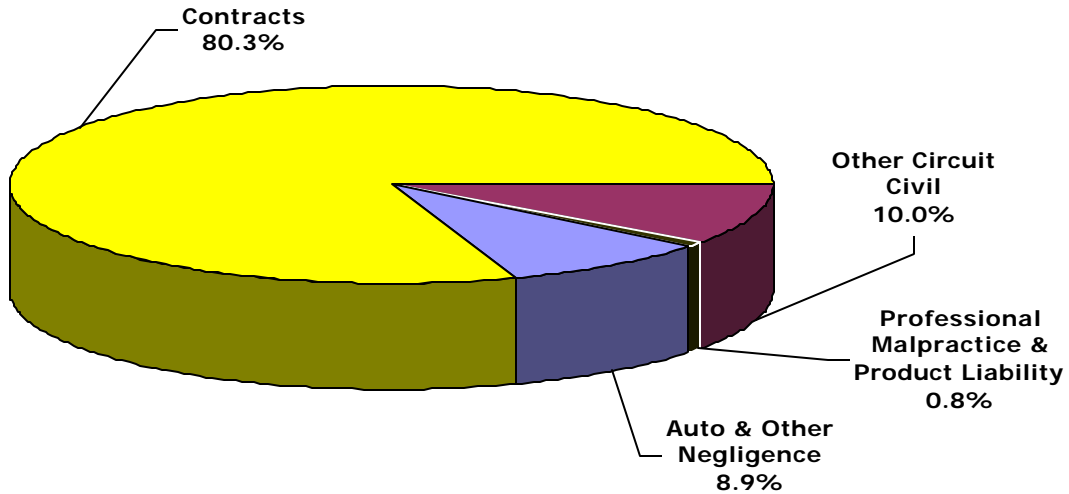
CIRCUIT CIVIL DISPOSITIONS
Statewide by Category, Case Type, and Month
FY 2008-09

| Category/ Case Type | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Total |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Professional Malpractice and Product Liability | 165 | 469 | 141 | 157 | 589 | 183 | 139 | 159 | 151 | 167 | 284 | 178 | 2,782 |
| Professional Malpractice | 109 | 83 | 99 | 89 | 84 | 131 | 99 | 104 | 108 | 92 | 121 | 98 | 1,217 |
| Product Liability | 56 | 386 | 42 | 68 | 505 | 52 | 40 | 55 | 43 | 75 | 163 | 80 | 1,565 |
| Auto and Other Negligence | 2,611 | 2,354 | 2,417 | 2,606 | 2,088 | 2,387 | 2,343 | 2,403 | 2,523 | 2,399 | 2,433 | 2,568 | 29,132 |
| Auto Negligence | 1,595 | 1,449 | 1,452 | 1,649 | 1,284 | 1,443 | 1,422 | 1,444 | 1,556 | 1,462 | 1,477 | 1,593 | 17,826 |
| Other Negligence | 1,016 | 905 | 965 | 957 | 804 | 944 | 921 | 959 | 967 | 937 | 956 | 975 | 11,306 |
| Contracts | 18,965 | 17,463 | 19,416 | 21,538 | 18,523 | 20,486 | 22,538 | 23,115 | 24,902 | 26,419 | 25,543 | 25,049 | 263,957 |
| Condominium | 123 | 126 | 111 | 133 | 90 | 106 | 124 | 109 | 126 | 157 | 197 | 181 | 1,583 |
| Contract and Indebtedness | 3,931 | 3,433 | 3,851 | 4,066 | 3,103 | 3,685 | 3,867 | 3,939 | 4,644 | 4,570 | 5,001 | 4,900 | 48,990 |
| Real Property/ Mortgage Foreclosure | 14,911 | 13,904 | 15,454 | 17,339 | 15,330 | 16,695 | 18,547 | 19,067 | 20,132 | 21,692 | 20,345 | 19,968 | 213,384 |
| Other Circuit Civil | 3,039 | 2,523 | 2,900 | 2,747 | 2,258 | 2,548 | 2,683 | 2,877 | 2,721 | 2,674 | 2,875 | 2,906 | 32,751 |
| Eminent Domain | 45 | 79 | 55 | 47 | 34 | 78 | 51 | 93 | 58 | 45 | 61 | 131 | 777 |
| Other | 2,994 | 2,444 | 2,845 | 2,700 | 2,224 | 2,470 | 2,632 | 2,784 | 2,663 | 2,629 | 2,814 | 2,775 | 31,974 |
| Total | 24,780 | 22,809 | 24,874 | 27,048 | 23,458 | 25,604 | 27,703 | 28,554 | 30,297 | 31,659 | 31,135 | 30,701 | 328,622 |

CIRCUIT CIVIL DISPOSITIONS

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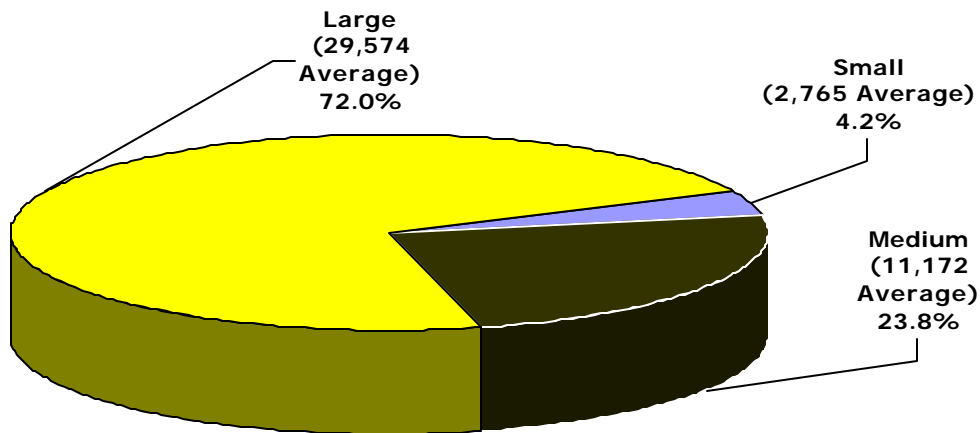
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CIRCUIT CIVIL DISPOSITIONS

by Circuit Size*

FY 2008-09



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**CIRCUIT CIVIL DISPOSITIONS
by Case Type and Circuit
FY 2008-09**

| Circuit | Professional Malpractice | Product Liability | Auto Negligence | Other Negligence | Condominium | Contract and Indebtedness | Real Property/Mortgage Foreclosure | Eminent Domain | Other | Total |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | 50 | 184 | 506 | 234 | 11 | 1,510 | 4,549 | 32 | 920 | 7,996 |
| 2 | 21 | 8 | 312 | 150 | 3 | 510 | 1,700 | 25 | 1,646 | 4,375 |
| 3 | 6 | 3 | 95 | 36 | 0 | 187 | 844 | 0 | 362 | 1,533 |
| 4 | 55 | 41 | 1,212 | 511 | 13 | 1,871 | 9,324 | 5 | 1,283 | 14,315 |
| 5 | 60 | 13 | 694 | 338 | 0 | 1,966 | 10,913 | 34 | 1,779 | 15,797 |
| 6 | 107 | 17 | 1,989 | 1,008 | 5 | 3,708 | 11,294 | 16 | 1,215 | 19,359 |
| 7 | 49 | 25 | 688 | 425 | 6 | 1,525 | 8,199 | 2 | 1,136 | 12,055 |
| 8 | 25 | 31 | 175 | 101 | 0 | 434 | 1,450 | 0 | 675 | 2,891 |
| 9 | 71 | 19 | 1,398 | 634 | 13 | 3,222 | 24,969 | 45 | 1,592 | 31,963 |
| 10 | 42 | 8 | 632 | 245 | 0 | 1,247 | 8,104 | 111 | 1,173 | 11,562 |
| 11 | 213 | 496 | 2,229 | 2,555 | 1,326 | 9,268 | 31,365 | 17 | 6,534 | 54,003 |
| 12 | 41 | 11 | 533 | 230 | 3 | 1,569 | 5,734 | 8 | 824 | 8,953 |
| 13 | 82 | 41 | 1,628 | 515 | 0 | 2,897 | 10,318 | 162 | 1,634 | 17,277 |
| 14 | 8 | 3 | 135 | 104 | 15 | 695 | 1,970 | 3 | 654 | 3,587 |
| 15 | 131 | 70 | 1,813 | 1,163 | 48 | 4,369 | 7,340 | 87 | 2,134 | 17,155 |
| 16 | 5 | 4 | 68 | 122 | 5 | 231 | 733 | 0 | 272 | 1,440 |
| 17 | 129 | 63 | 1,806 | 1,754 | 98 | 6,598 | 30,515 | 24 | 4,958 | 45,945 |
| 18 | 25 | 12 | 606 | 272 | 1 | 1,639 | 7,193 | 32 | 625 | 10,405 |
| 19 | 32 | 17 | 482 | 310 | 20 | 1,395 | 8,032 | 12 | 1,136 | 11,436 |
| 20 | 65 | 499 | 825 | 599 | 16 | 4,149 | 28,838 | 162 | 1,422 | 36,575 |
| Total | 1,217 | 1,565 | 17,826 | 11,306 | 1,583 | 48,990 | 213,384 | 777 | 31,974 | 328,622 |

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 FY 2008-09

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| Circuit 1 | 234 | 740 | 6,070 | 952 | 7,996 |
| Escambia | 201 | 349 | 2,374 | 310 | 3,234 |
| Okaloosa | 25 | 219 | 1,453 | 279 | 1,976 |
| Santa Rosa | 6 | 118 | 1,196 | 186 | 1,506 |
| Walton | 2 | 54 | 1,047 | 177 | 1,280 |
| Circuit 2 | 29 | 462 | 2,213 | 1,671 | 4,375 |
| Franklin | 1 | 9 | 223 | 56 | 289 |
| Gadsden | 1 | 55 | 290 | 101 | 447 |
| Jefferson | 1 | 14 | 81 | 67 | 163 |
| Leon | 26 | 371 | 1,400 | 1,378 | 3,175 |
| Liberty | 0 | 2 | 25 | 10 | 37 |
| Wakulla | 0 | 11 | 194 | 59 | 264 |
| Circuit 3 | 9 | 131 | 1,031 | 362 | 1,533 |
| Columbia | 3 | 62 | 412 | 118 | 595 |
| Dixie | 0 | 2 | 31 | 36 | 69 |
| Hamilton | 0 | 5 | 71 | 34 | 110 |
| Lafayette | 0 | 0 | 17 | 23 | 40 |
| Madison | 3 | 18 | 149 | 59 | 229 |
| Suwannee | 2 | 23 | 248 | 53 | 326 |
| Taylor | 1 | 21 | 103 | 39 | 164 |
| Circuit 4 | 96 | 1,723 | 11,208 | 1,288 | 14,315 |
| Clay | 10 | 159 | 1,873 | 220 | 2,262 |
| Duval | 82 | 1,506 | 8,825 | 973 | 11,386 |
| Nassau | 4 | 58 | 510 | 95 | 667 |

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| Citrus | 10 | 126 | 1,468 | 133 | 1,737 |
| Hernando | 16 | 274 | 2,426 | 241 | 2,957 |
| Lake | 23 | 232 | 4,517 | 335 | 5,107 |
| Marion | 22 | 342 | 4,139 | 389 | 4,892 |
| Sumter | 2 | 58 | 329 | 715 | 1,104 |
| Circuit 6 | 124 | 2,997 | 15,007 | 1,231 | 19,359 |
| Pasco | 23 | 709 | 4,613 | 342 | 5,687 |
| Pinellas | 101 | 2,288 | 10,394 | 889 | 13,672 |
| Circuit 7 | 74 | 1,113 | 9,730 | 1,138 | 12,055 |
| Flagler | 8 | 79 | 1,129 | 106 | 1,322 |
| Putnam | 14 | 69 | 504 | 107 | 694 |
| St. Johns | 11 | 180 | 1,825 | 284 | 2,300 |
| Volusia | 41 | 785 | 6,272 | 641 | 7,739 |
| Circuit 8 | 56 | 276 | 1,884 | 675 | 2,891 |
| Alachua | 31 | 224 | 1,182 | 344 | 1,781 |
| Baker | 0 | 9 | 90 | 72 | 171 |
| Bradford | 21 | 2 | 123 | 72 | 218 |
| Gilchrist | 2 | 6 | 131 | 35 | 174 |
| Levy | 0 | 20 | 295 | 68 | 383 |
| Union | 2 | 15 | 63 | 84 | 164 |
| Circuit 9 | 90 | 2,032 | 28,204 | 1,637 | 31,963 |
| Orange | 74 | 1,704 | 21,271 | 1,333 | 24,382 |
| Osceola | 16 | 328 | 6,933 | 304 | 7,581 |

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| Circuit 10 | 50 | 877 | 9,351 | 1,284 | 11,562 |
| Hardee | 0 | 29 | 108 | 59 | 196 |
| Highlands | 7 | 94 | 1,095 | 188 | 1,384 |
| Polk | 43 | 754 | 8,148 | 1,037 | 9,982 |
| Circuit 11 | 709 | 4,784 | 41,959 | 6,551 | 54,003 |
| Miami-Dade | 709 | 4,784 | 41,959 | 6,551 | 54,003 |
| Circuit 12 | 52 | 763 | 7,306 | 832 | 8,953 |
| Desoto | 0 | 12 | 161 | 15 | 188 |
| Manatee | 17 | 327 | 2,780 | 236 | 3,360 |
| Sarasota | 35 | 424 | 4,365 | 581 | 5,405 |
| Circuit 13 | 123 | 2,143 | 13,215 | 1,796 | 17,277 |
| Hillsborough | 123 | 2,143 | 13,215 | 1,796 | 17,277 |
| Circuit 14 | 11 | 239 | 2,680 | 657 | 3,587 |
| Bay | 7 | 190 | 2,001 | 293 | 2,491 |
| Calhoun | 0 | 4 | 48 | 34 | 86 |
| Gulf | 0 | 6 | 184 | 73 | 263 |
| Holmes | 0 | 6 | 102 | 46 | 154 |
| Jackson | 4 | 25 | 199 | 93 | 321 |
| Washington | 0 | 8 | 146 | 118 | 272 |
| Circuit 15 | 201 | 2,976 | 11,757 | 2,221 | 17,155 |
| Palm Beach | 201 | 2,976 | 11,757 | 2,221 | 17,155 |
| Circuit 16 | 9 | 190 | 969 | 272 | 1,440 |
| Monroe | 9 | 190 | 969 | 272 | 1,440 |

Circuit Civil ❖ Dispositions

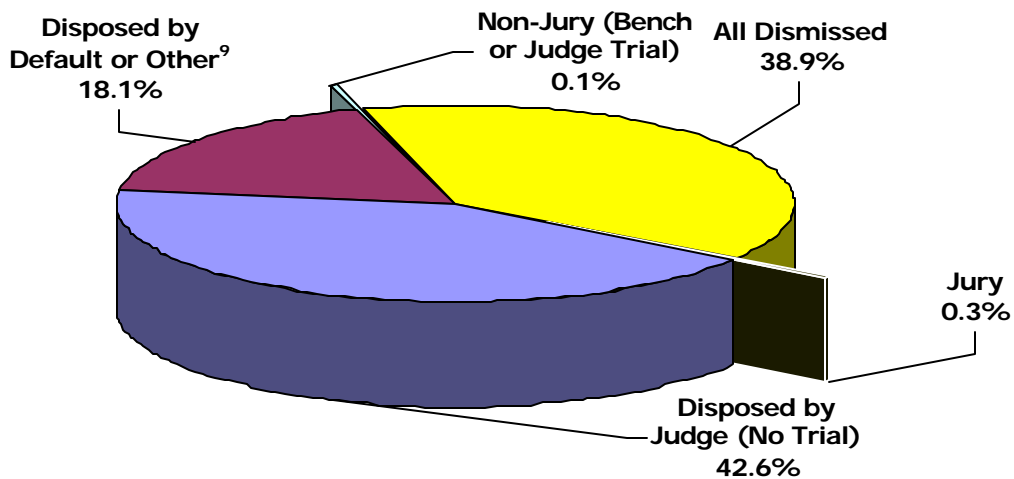
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| Circuit/ County | Professional Malpractice and Product Liability | Auto and Other Negligence | Contracts | Other Circuit Civil | Total |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Circuit 17 | 192 | 3,560 | 37,211 | 4,982 | 45,945 |
| Broward | 192 | 3,560 | 37,211 | 4,982 | 45,945 |
| Circuit 18 | 37 | 878 | 8,833 | 657 | 10,405 |
| Brevard | 21 | 437 | 4,145 | 316 | 4,919 |
| Seminole | 16 | 441 | 4,688 | 341 | 5,486 |
| Circuit 19 | 49 | 792 | 9,447 | 1,148 | 11,436 |
| Indian River | 10 | 171 | 1,572 | 149 | 1,902 |
| Martin | 17 | 217 | 1,692 | 568 | 2,494 |
| Okeechobee | 13 | 41 | 400 | 85 | 539 |
| St. Lucie | 9 | 363 | 5,783 | 346 | 6,501 |
| Circuit 20 | 564 | 1,424 | 33,003 | 1,584 | 36,575 |
| Charlotte | 14 | 153 | 2,306 | 185 | 2,658 |
| Collier | 32 | 359 | 6,006 | 478 | 6,875 |
| Glades | 0 | 2 | 50 | 17 | 69 |
| Hendry | 0 | 20 | 387 | 61 | 468 |
| Lee | 518 | 890 | 24,254 | 843 | 26,505 |
| State Total | 2,782 | 29,132 | 263,957 | 32,751 | 328,622 |

CIRCUIT CIVIL DISPOSITIONS
Statewide by Case Type and Disposition Type
 FY 2008-09

| Disposition Type | Professional Malpractice | Product Liability | Auto Negligence | Other Negligence | Condo-minium | Contract and Indebtedness | Real Property/ Mortgage Foreclosure | Eminent Domain | Other | Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Dismissed Before Hearing | 300 | 360 | 7,927 | 3,798 | 878 | 14,620 | 50,725 | 50 | 8,745 | 87,403 |
| Dismissed After Hearing | 612 | 169 | 7,035 | 5,493 | 217 | 10,044 | 10,131 | 68 | 6,716 | 40,485 |
| Disposed by Default | 7 | 2 | 416 | 85 | 60 | 9,517 | 36,784 | 14 | 2,611 | 49,496 |
| Disposed by Judge (No Trial) | 191 | 636 | 1,596 | 1,129 | 391 | 11,605 | 112,795 | 596 | 10,922 | 139,861 |
| Disposed by Non-Jury | 1 | 2 | 18 | 20 | 3 | 220 | 105 | 3 | 132 | 504 |
| Disposed by Jury | 59 | 13 | 340 | 256 | 0 | 162 | 22 | 3 | 130 | 985 |
| Disposed by Other ¹⁰ | 47 | 383 | 494 | 525 | 34 | 2,822 | 2,822 | 43 | 2,718 | 9,888 |
| Total | 1,217 | 1,565 | 17,826 | 11,306 | 1,583 | 48,990 | 213,384 | 777 | 31,974 | 328,622 |

CIRCUIT CIVIL DISPOSITIONS
by Disposition Type
 FY 2008-09



⁹ The disposition category "Disposed by Other" is used to report cases as disposed when they are: consolidated into a primary case, transferred or have a change of venue, disposed upon estreatment of a bond, etc.

Circuit Civil ❖ Dispositions

CIRCUIT CIVIL JURY TRIAL RATES
by Circuit
FY 2008-09

| Circuit (County Seat) | Disposed by Jury | Total Dispositions | Jury Trial Rates |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| First (Pensacola) | 23 | 7,996 | 0.3% |
| Second (Tallahassee) | 0 | 4,375 | 0.0% |
| Third (Lake City) | 5 | 1,533 | 0.3% |
| Fourth (Jacksonville) | 29 | 14,315 | 0.2% |
| Fifth (Tavares) | 16 | 15,797 | 0.1% |
| Sixth (Clearwater) | 104 | 19,359 | 0.5% |
| Seventh (Daytona Beach) | 28 | 12,055 | 0.2% |
| Eighth (Gainesville) | 18 | 2,891 | 0.6% |
| Ninth (Orlando) | 31 | 31,963 | 0.1% |
| Tenth (Bartow) | 55 | 11,562 | 0.5% |
| Eleventh (Miami) | 219 | 54,003 | 0.4% |
| Twelfth (Sarasota) | 27 | 8,953 | 0.3% |
| Thirteenth (Tampa) | 39 | 17,277 | 0.2% |
| Fourteenth (Panama City) | 3 | 3,587 | 0.1% |
| Fifteenth (West Palm Beach) | 107 | 17,155 | 0.6% |
| Sixteenth (Key West) | 7 | 1,440 | 0.5% |
| Seventeenth (Ft. Lauderdale) | 163 | 45,945 | 0.4% |
| Eighteenth (Sanford) | 27 | 10,405 | 0.3% |
| Nineteenth (Ft. Pierce) | 31 | 11,436 | 0.3% |
| Twentieth (Ft. Myers) | 53 | 36,575 | 0.1% |
| Total | 985 | 328,622 | 0.3% |

The Circuit Civil division also includes other statistics such as clearance rates, reopenings, and appeals filed from county court. **These data are provided by the 67 clerks of court. However, dispositions and special proceedings data are not audited for accuracy by the OSCA.**

Clearance Rate - The clearance rate is a useful measure of the responsiveness of a court to the demand for services, and is nationally recognized as a measure of court performance. The rate is determined by taking the total number of cases *disposed* divided by the total number of cases *filed* during a specific time period. If a court received 1,000 new cases a month and disposed of 900 cases within the same month, the clearance rate for that month would be 90%.

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

Appeal Filed From County Court - An appeal filed from county court is a request that a case be removed from the county court and sent to the circuit court for review.

Circuit Civil ❖ Other Statistics

CIRCUIT CIVIL CLEARANCE RATES*
by Circuit
FY 2008-09

| Circuit | Filings | Dispositions | Clearance Rates |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 12,214 | 7,996 | 65.5% |
| 2 | 6,324 | 4,375 | 69.2% |
| 3 | 2,061 | 1,533 | 74.4% |
| 4 | 23,147 | 14,315 | 61.8% |
| 5 | 22,634 | 15,797 | 69.8% |
| 6 | 33,322 | 19,359 | 58.1% |
| 7 | 20,148 | 12,055 | 59.8% |
| 8 | 3,949 | 2,891 | 73.2% |
| 9 | 51,812 | 31,963 | 61.7% |
| 10 | 15,755 | 11,562 | 73.4% |
| 11 | 93,092 | 54,003 | 58.0% |
| 12 | 20,310 | 8,953 | 44.1% |
| 13 | 32,522 | 17,277 | 53.1% |
| 14 | 4,736 | 3,587 | 75.7% |
| 15 | 44,071 | 17,155 | 38.9% |
| 16 | 2,486 | 1,440 | 57.9% |
| 17 | 70,113 | 45,945 | 65.5% |
| 18 | 22,640 | 10,405 | 46.0% |
| 19 | 18,072 | 11,436 | 63.3% |
| 20 | 47,786 | 36,575 | 76.5% |
| Total | 547,194 | 328,622 | 60.1% |

* Low clearance rates in circuit civil are attributed to increase in real property/mortgage foreclosure filings.

CIRCUIT CIVIL SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS
by Circuit
FY 2008-09

| Circuit | Reopenings | Appeals Filed From County Court | Total |
|--------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 2,332 | 4 | 2,336 |
| 2 | 1,418 | 32 | 1,450 |
| 3 | 164 | 15 | 179 |
| 4 | 6,266 | 124 | 6,390 |
| 5 | 5,288 | 30 | 5,318 |
| 6 | 4,749 | 40 | 4,789 |
| 7 | 4,173 | 32 | 4,205 |
| 8 | 947 | 14 | 961 |
| 9 | 12,301 | 66 | 12,367 |
| 10 | 3,978 | 6 | 3,984 |
| 11 | 20,102 | 210 | 20,312 |
| 12 | 4,673 | 19 | 4,692 |
| 13 | 4,737 | 40 | 4,777 |
| 14 | 971 | 1 | 972 |
| 15 | 4,581 | 65 | 4,646 |
| 16 | 207 | 10 | 217 |
| 17 | 18,555 | 169 | 18,724 |
| 18 | 5,796 | 59 | 5,855 |
| 19 | 1,486 | 15 | 1,501 |
| 20 | 11,943 | 15 | 11,958 |
| Total | 114,667 | 966 | 115,633 |