
Message from the State Courts Administrator

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Dear Friends:



I am pleased to present the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Statistical Reference Guide (Guide), which is the 10th edition published by the Office of the Courts Administrator. The Guide contains essential Summary Reporting System (SRS) information about all Florida circuit and county courts caseload, specifically the numbers and types of cases that are filed and disposed, and other statistics about the trial courts.

As with any published data, the numbers contained in this report represent the most complete and reliable information available at the time of compilation. To ensure that the statistics used for making policy decisions are as accurate as possible, all information disseminated in this report has been distributed to and verified by the county clerks of court and trial court administration.

At the direction of the Supreme Court in *In Re: Amendments to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure – Management of Cases Involving Complex Litigation*, 30 So. 3d 477 (Fla. 2009), beginning in January 2010 a change was made to the traditional format of the SRS. Expanded case type and disposition types are now available in the Circuit Civil and Family Court divisions to capture more detailed information about complex civil cases and foreclosure cases. For example, the real property/mortgage foreclosure case type was expanded to include discrete categories for commercial foreclosure, homestead residential foreclosure, non-homestead residential foreclosure, and other real property actions.

I hope this is a useful document for those of you interested in the caseloads of Florida's trial courts.

Sincerely,

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