

Circuit Probate ❖ Overview

The Circuit Probate division includes the following two categories of probate cases: probate & other probate and trust & guardianship. Within these categories are the following case types:

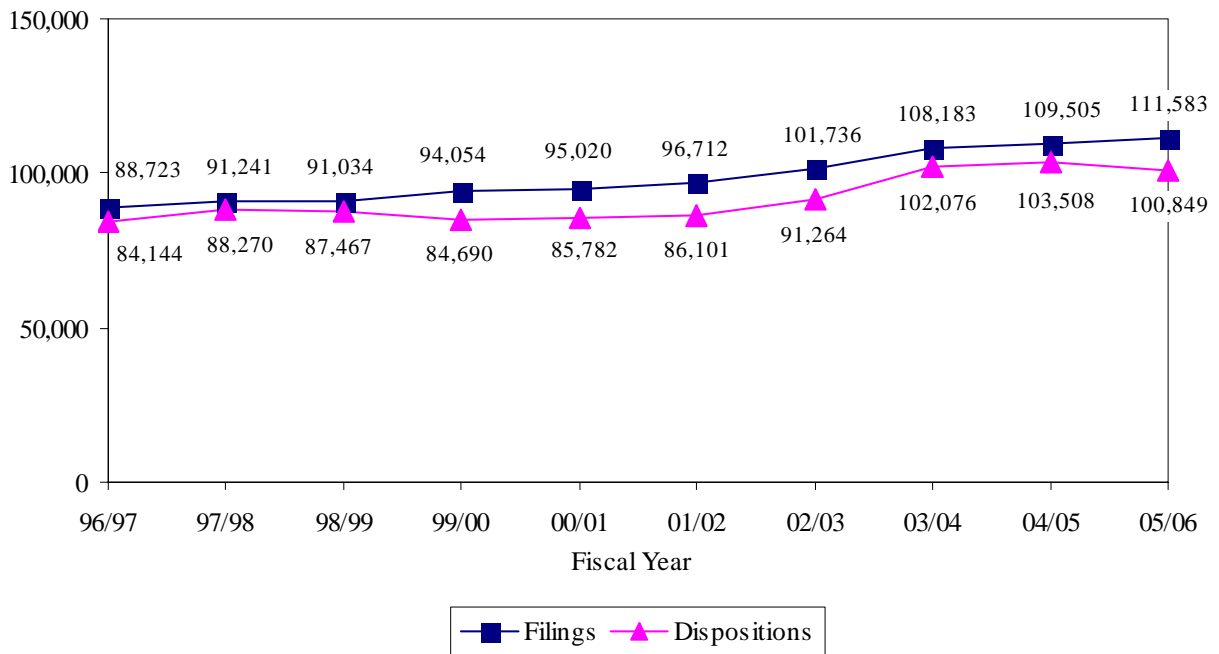
Probate & Other Probate - probate, Baker Act, substance abuse, and other social cases

Trust & Guardianship - guardianship and trust

In the Circuit Probate division, *Filings* correspond to each petition filed. *Dispositions* correspond to each petition disposed.

CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS

FY 1996-97 to FY 2005-06

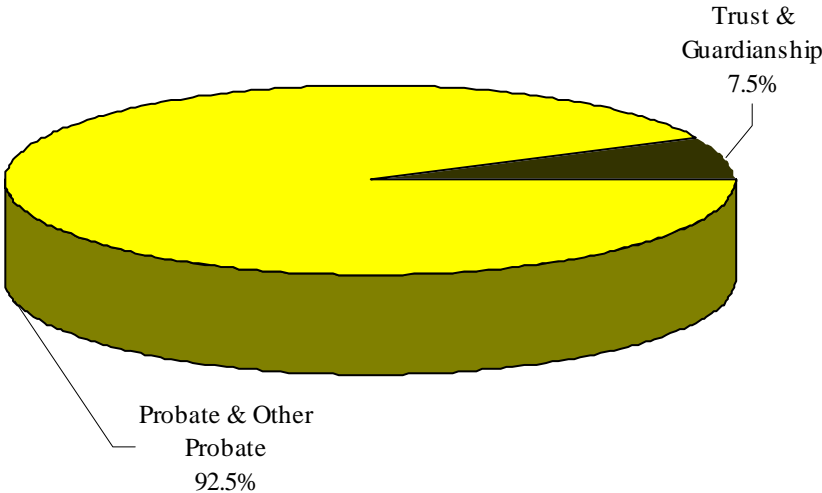


CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS
Statewide by Category, Case Type and Month
FY 2005-06

Category/ Case Type	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Probate & Other Probate	8,384	9,615	8,715	7,894	8,118	7,936	8,343	8,388	9,741	8,321	9,064	8,667	103,186
Probate	5,192	5,972	5,484	4,847	5,114	4,942	5,071	5,276	6,032	5,073	5,488	5,335	63,826
Baker Act	2,179	2,471	2,197	2,040	2,015	2,011	2,221	2,037	2,384	2,137	2,350	2,170	26,212
Substance Abuse	634	676	648	603	597	576	668	620	753	700	737	724	7,936
Other Social Cases	379	496	386	404	392	407	383	455	572	411	489	438	5,212
Trust & Guardianship	702	760	699	681	651	658	666	700	785	631	751	713	8,397
Guardianship	630	679	617	614	555	566	604	620	720	576	662	656	7,499
Trust	72	81	82	67	96	92	62	80	65	55	89	57	898
Total	9,086	10,375	9,414	8,575	8,769	8,594	9,009	9,088	10,526	8,952	9,815	9,380	111,583

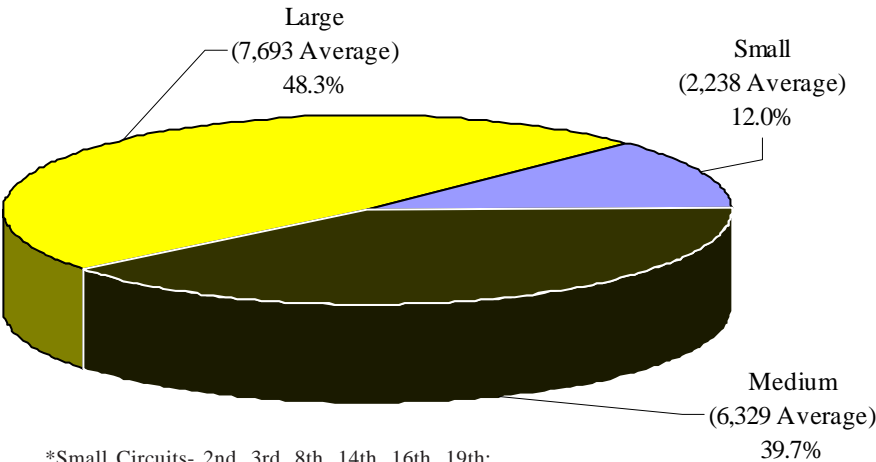
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CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS
by Category
FY 2005-06



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CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS
*by Circuit Size**
FY 2005-06



*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 PROBATE FILINGS
by Case Type and Circuit
FY 2005-06

Circuit	Probate	Baker Act	Substance Abuse	Other Social Cases	Guardianship	Trust	Total
1	2,166	1,575	334	99	249	11	4,434
2	1,156	1,343	141	419	206	31	3,296
3	682	156	213	28	76	4	1,159
4	2,719	1,275	1,047	189	529	0	5,759
5	5,613	1,405	91	398	459	15	7,981
6	5,677	2,866	172	403	569	103	9,790
7	4,091	1,329	727	111	295	17	6,570
8	982	979	144	238	86	9	2,438
9	2,500	1,130	662	281	434	46	5,053
10	3,089	1,198	297	199	290	27	5,100
11	4,196	3,525	521	992	989	64	10,287
12	3,279	1,071	169	156	497	75	5,247
13	2,588	1,918	435	383	461	60	5,845
14	1,272	488	213	45	110	0	2,128
15	5,037	941	1,068	292	538	249	8,125
16	492	52	29	13	40	1	627
17	5,124	2,231	594	425	535	85	8,994
18	3,094	986	586	193	416	35	5,310
19	2,346	854	266	88	198	28	3,780
20	7,723	890	227	260	522	38	9,660
Total	63,826	26,212	7,936	5,212	7,499	898	111,583

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CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2005-06

Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 1	4,174	260	4,434
Escambia	2,070	121	2,191
Okaloosa	1,249	83	1,332
Santa Rosa	528	37	565
Walton	327	19	346
Circuit 2	3,059	237	3,296
Franklin	81	2	83
Gadsden	554	100	654
Jefferson	100	7	107
Leon	2,034	109	2,143
Liberty	37	3	40
Wakulla	253	16	269
Circuit 3	1,079	80	1,159
Columbia	367	30	397
Dixie	110	15	125
Hamilton	51	6	57
Lafayette	45	0	45
Madison	110	8	118
Suwannee	203	14	217
Taylor	193	7	200
Circuit 4	5,230	529	5,759
Clay	454	81	535
Duval	4,505	413	4,918
Nassau	271	35	306

CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS, Continued
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2005-06

Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 5	7,507	474	7,981
Citrus	1,402	87	1,489
Hernando	1,634	165	1,799
Lake	1,487	76	1,563
Marion	2,704	137	2,841
Sumter	280	9	289
Circuit 6	9,118	672	9,790
Pasco	2,900	161	3,061
Pinellas	6,218	511	6,729
Circuit 7	6,258	312	6,570
Flagler	561	36	597
Putnam	847	21	868
St. Johns	725	66	791
Volusia	4,125	189	4,314
Circuit 8	2,343	95	2,438
Alachua	1,551	59	1,610
Baker	215	8	223
Bradford	139	8	147
Gilchrist	81	4	85
Levy	278	10	288
Union	79	6	85
Circuit 9	4,573	480	5,053
Orange	3,675	386	4,061
Osceola	898	94	992

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CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS, Continued
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2005-06

Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 10	4,783	317	5,100
Hardee	121	21	142
Highlands	1,524	47	1,571
Polk	3,138	249	3,387
Circuit 11	9,234	1,053	10,287
Dade	9,234	1,053	10,287
Circuit 12	4,675	572	5,247
Desoto	111	28	139
Manatee	1,663	149	1,812
Sarasota	2,901	395	3,296
Circuit 13	5,324	521	5,845
Hillsborough	5,324	521	5,845
Circuit 14	2,018	110	2,128
Bay	1,115	50	1,165
Calhoun	57	7	64
Gulf	88	3	91
Holmes	112	9	121
Jackson	388	25	413
Washington	258	16	274
Circuit 15	7,338	787	8,125
Palm Beach	7,338	787	8,125
Circuit 16	586	41	627
Monroe	586	41	627

CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS, Continued
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2005-06

Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 17	8,374	620	8,994
Broward	8,374	620	8,994
Circuit 18	4,859	451	5,310
Brevard	3,178	284	3,462
Seminole	1,681	167	1,848
Circuit 19	3,554	226	3,780
Indian River	972	66	1,038
Martin	737	54	791
Okeechobee	297	17	314
St. Lucie	1,548	89	1,637
Circuit 20	9,100	560	9,660
Charlotte	2,223	103	2,326
Collier	1,618	175	1,793
Glades	40	9	49
Hendry	211	3	214
Lee	5,008	270	5,278
State Total	103,186	8,397	111,583

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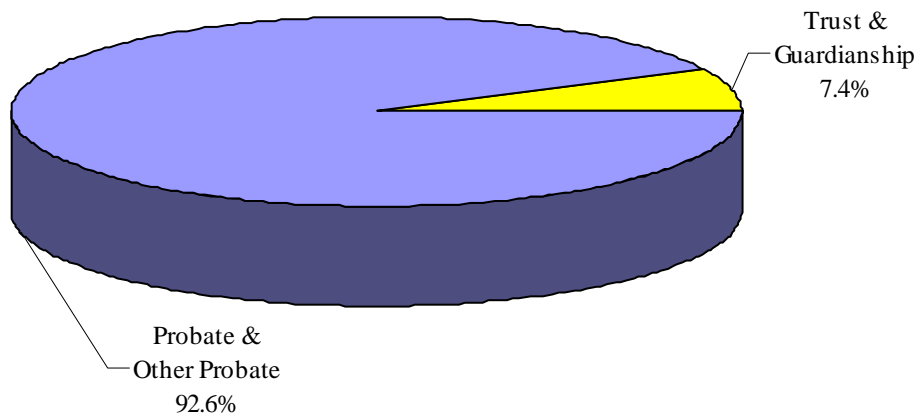
Circuit Probate ❖ **Dispositions**

CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS
Statewide by Category, Case Type and Month
FY 2005-06

Category/ Case Type	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Probate & Other Probate	7,477	8,844	8,346	7,038	7,534	7,175	7,624	7,369	8,803	7,367	8,105	7,726	93,408
Probate	4,583	5,562	5,318	4,443	4,743	4,517	4,708	4,500	5,324	4,478	4,920	4,675	57,771
Baker Act	1,919	2,236	2,042	1,756	1,917	1,817	2,008	1,915	2,367	1,929	2,142	2,049	24,097
Substance Abuse	636	641	620	547	522	539	562	633	698	625	680	655	7,358
Other Social Cases	339	405	366	292	352	302	346	321	414	335	363	347	4,182
Trust & Guardianship	563	704	716	552	656	544	623	572	704	563	625	619	7,441
Guardianship	498	643	647	506	537	494	563	543	670	523	570	572	6,766
Trust	65	61	69	46	119	50	60	29	34	40	55	47	675
Total	8,040	9,548	9,062	7,590	8,190	7,719	8,247	7,941	9,507	7,930	8,730	8,345	100,849

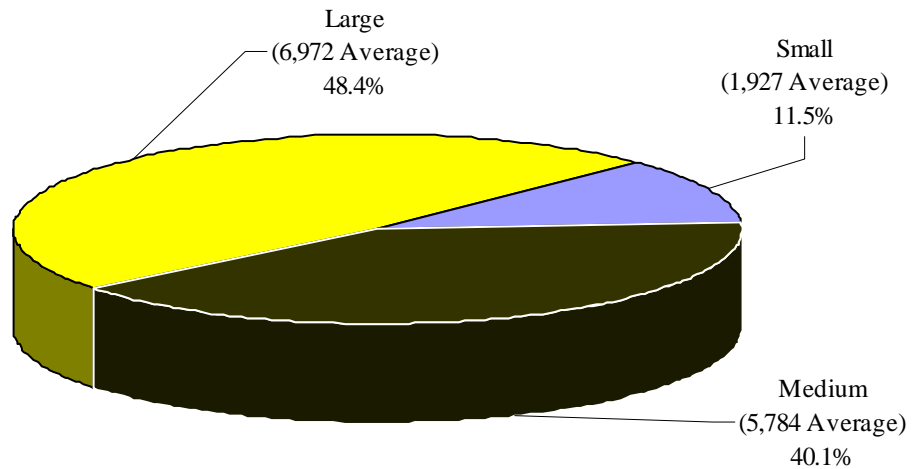
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by Category
FY 2005-06



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CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS
by Case Type and Circuit
FY 2005-06

Circuit	Probate	Baker Act	Substance Abuse	Other Social Cases	Guardianship	Trust	Total
1	2,075	1,422	331	87	245	9	4,169
2	735	1,158	90	151	97	8	2,239
3	576	139	199	13	28	0	955
4	2,349	1,254	927	146	353	0	5,029
5	5,357	1,279	89	380	372	16	7,493
6	5,333	2,847	171	378	514	81	9,324
7	3,857	1,259	693	89	225	19	6,142
8	913	939	142	186	81	5	2,266
9	2,282	1,095	657	276	406	38	4,754
10	3,113	834	327	141	292	23	4,730
11	4,064	3,468	513	912	1,173	52	10,182
12	3,234	543	144	145	411	112	4,589
13	2,497	1,907	444	399	481	54	5,782
14	1,331	480	210	26	66	0	2,113
15	4,329	838	1,011	229	411	165	6,983
16	285	42	25	13	44	0	409
17	3,408	2,139	441	149	590	21	6,748
18	2,590	790	527	140	332	21	4,400
19	2,246	818	242	81	169	24	3,580
20	7,197	846	175	241	476	27	8,962
Total	57,771	24,097	7,358	4,182	6,766	675	100,849

CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS
by Category and Circuit/County
FY 2005-06

Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 1	3,915	254	4,169
Escambia	2,074	125	2,199
Okaloosa	1,026	71	1,097
Santa Rosa	552	43	595
Walton	263	15	278
Circuit 2	2,134	105	2,239
Franklin	21	0	21
Gadsden	183	25	208
Jefferson	61	1	62
Leon	1,712	70	1,782
Liberty	19	0	19
Wakulla	138	9	147
Circuit 3	927	28	955
Columbia	358	11	369
Dixie	79	2	81
Hamilton	3	0	3
Lafayette	46	1	47
Madison	111	9	120
Suwannee	187	4	191
Taylor	143	1	144
Circuit 4	4,676	353	5,029
Clay	313	73	386
Duval	4,085	250	4,335
Nassau	278	30	308

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CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS, Continued
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FY 2005-06

Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 5	7,105	388	7,493
Citrus	1,286	81	1,367
Hernando	1,503	105	1,608
Lake	1,414	62	1,476
Marion	2,605	129	2,734
Sumter	297	11	308
Circuit 6	8,729	595	9,324
Pasco	2,737	157	2,894
Pinellas	5,992	438	6,430
Circuit 7	5,898	244	6,142
Flagler	546	20	566
Putnam	752	13	765
St. Johns	544	21	565
Volusia	4,056	190	4,246
Circuit 8	2,180	86	2,266
Alachua	1,459	66	1,525
Baker	189	2	191
Bradford	135	12	147
Gilchrist	51	1	52
Levy	276	1	277
Union	70	4	74
Circuit 9	4,310	444	4,754
Orange	3,478	362	3,840
Osceola	832	82	914

CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS, Continued
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FY 2005-06

Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 10	4,415	315	4,730
Hardee	95	13	108
Highlands	1,520	39	1,559
Polk	2,800	263	3,063
Circuit 11	8,957	1,225	10,182
Dade	8,957	1,225	10,182
Circuit 12	4,066	523	4,589
Desoto	98	16	114
Manatee	1,646	136	1,782
Sarasota	2,322	371	2,693
Circuit 13	5,247	535	5,782
Hillsborough	5,247	535	5,782
Circuit 14	2,047	66	2,113
Bay	1,045	15	1,060
Calhoun	43	4	47
Gulf	51	2	53
Holmes	82	5	87
Jackson	549	25	574
Washington	277	15	292
Circuit 15	6,407	576	6,983
Palm Beach	6,407	576	6,983
Circuit 16	365	44	409
Monroe	365	44	409

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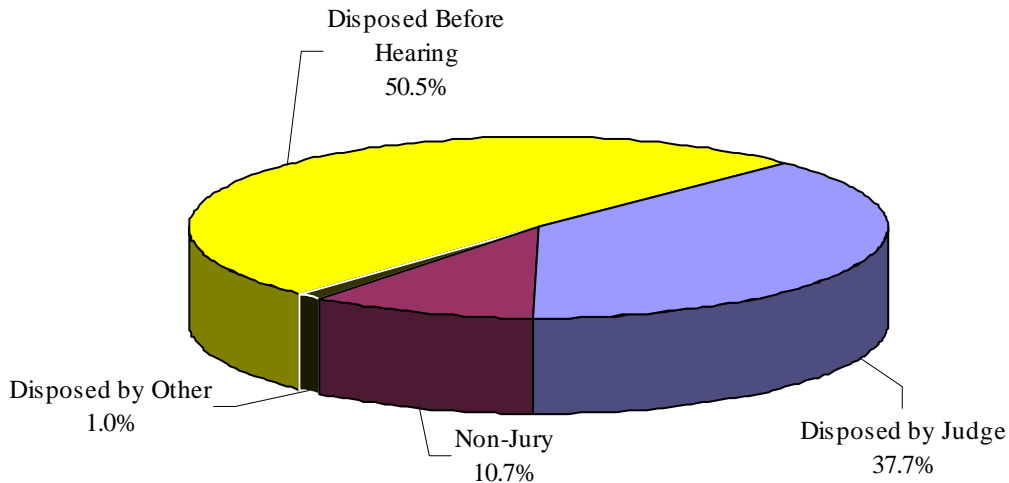
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FY 2005-06

Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 17	6,137	611	6,748
Broward	6,137	611	6,748
Circuit 18	4,047	353	4,400
Brevard	2,457	194	2,651
Seminole	1,590	159	1,749
Circuit 19	3,387	193	3,580
Indian River	883	62	945
Martin	689	40	729
Okeechobee	242	3	245
St. Lucie	1,573	88	1,661
Circuit 20	8,459	503	8,962
Charlotte	2,146	98	2,244
Collier	1,518	157	1,675
Glades	27	0	27
Hendry	186	10	196
Lee	4,582	238	4,820
State Total	93,408	7,441	100,849

CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS
Statewide by Case Type and Disposition Type
 FY 2005-06

Disposition Type	Probate	Baker Act	Substance Abuse	Other Social Cases	Guardianship	Trust	Total
Disposed Before Hearing	33,048	13,491	2,404	763	945	322	50,973
Disposed by Judge (No Trial)	24,200	5,277	3,227	1,532	3,485	340	38,061
Disposed by Non-Jury	313	4,881	1,604	1,750	2,250	10	10,808
Disposed by Other	210	448	123	137	86	3	1,007
Total	57,771	24,097	7,358	4,182	6,766	675	100,849

CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS
by Disposition Type
 FY 2005-06



Circuit Probate ❖ Special Proceedings

The Circuit Probate division also involves special proceedings in the form of reopenings. **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.

CIRCUIT PROBATE SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS
by Circuit
FY 2005-06

Circuit	Reopenings
First (Pensacola)	3,210
Second (Tallahassee)	175
Third (Lake City)	72
Fourth (Jacksonville)	1,617
Fifth (Tavares)	2,750
Sixth (Clearwater)	9,309
Seventh (Daytona Beach)	2,472
Eighth (Gainesville)	604
Ninth (Orlando)	4,865
Tenth (Bartow)	3,283
Eleventh (Miami)	24,211
Twelfth (Sarasota)	452
Thirteenth (Tampa)	4,304
Fourteenth (Panama City)	211
Fifteenth (West Palm Beach)	5,767
Sixteenth (Key West)	165
Seventeenth (Ft. Lauderdale)	1,640
Eighteenth (Sanford)	2,817
Nineteenth (Ft. Pierce)	3,264
Twentieth (Ft. Myers)	3,664
Total	74,852

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