

Circuit Probate ❖ Overview

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

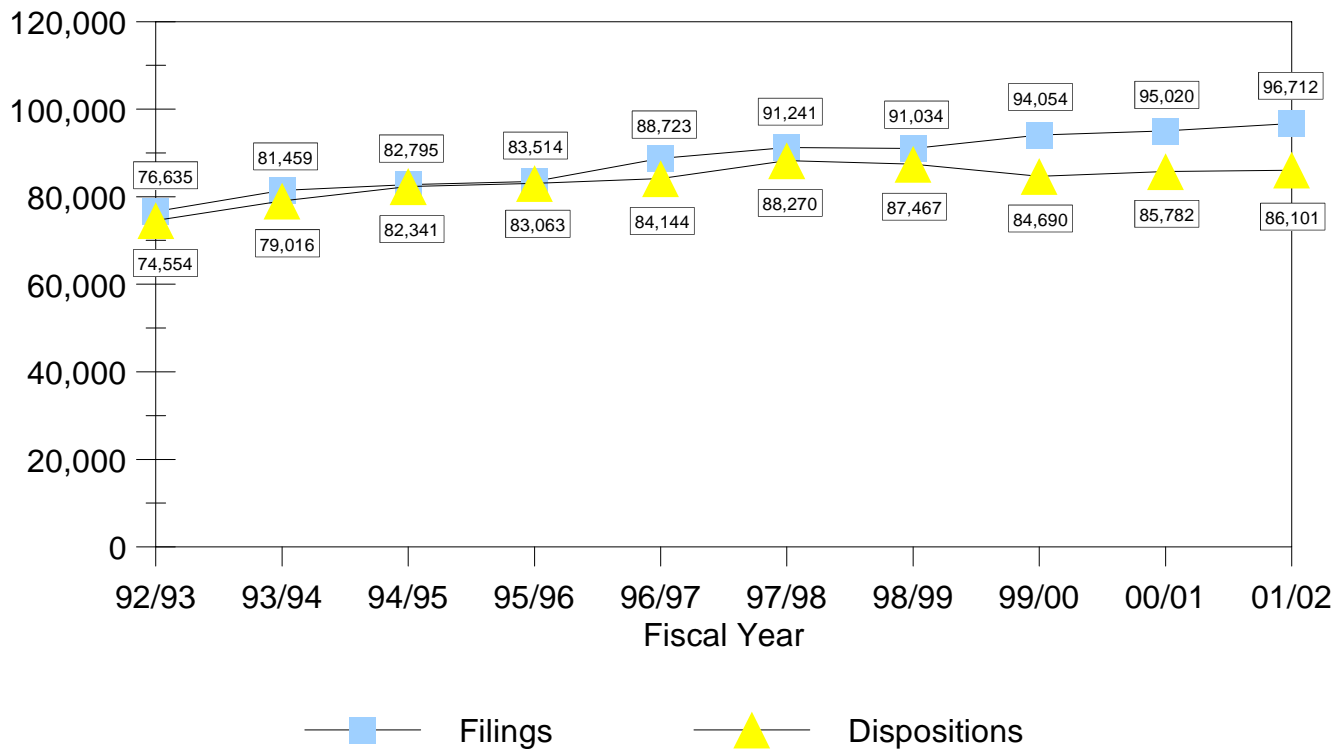
Probate & Other Probate - probate, Baker Act, substance abuse, and other social cases

Trust & Guardianship - guardianship and trust

In the Circuit Probate division, *filings* are defined as each petition filed. *Dispositions* are defined as each petition disposed.

Circuit Probate Filings and Dispositions

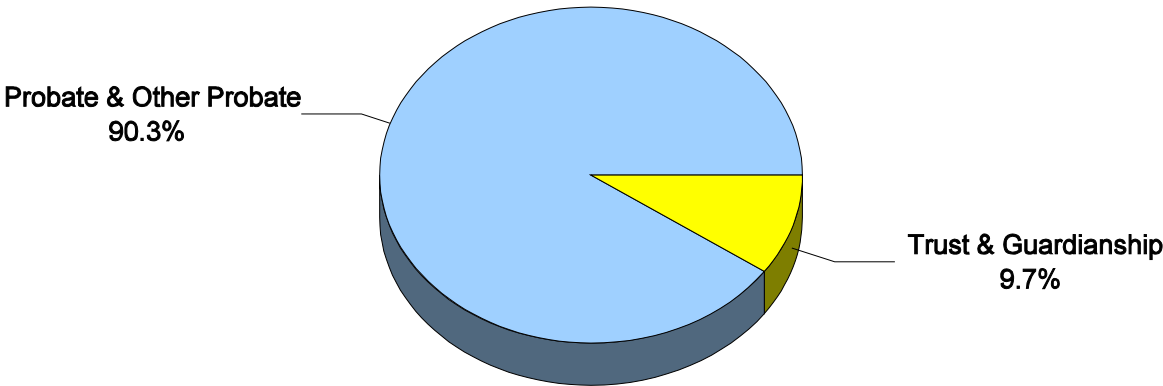
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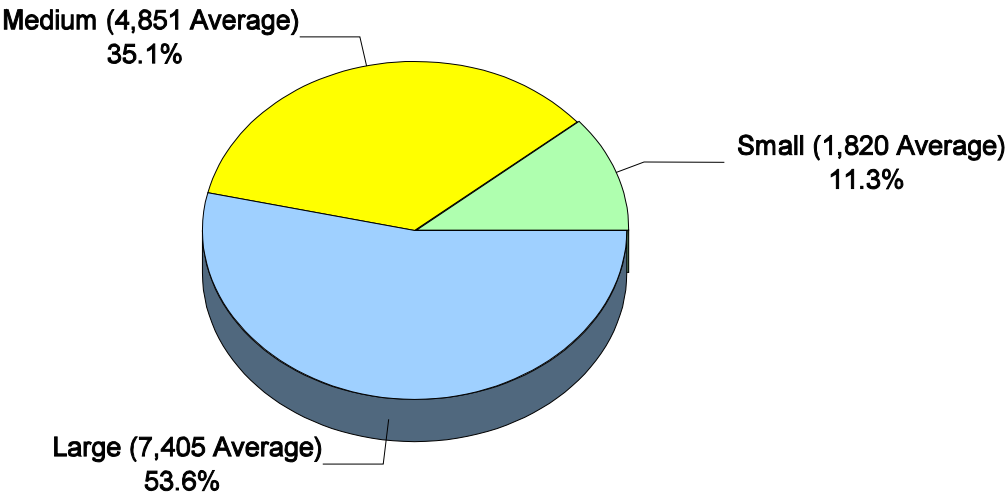
Circuit Probate ❖ Filings

STATEWIDE CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS													
by Category, Case Type, and Month													
FY 2001-02													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Probate & Other Probate													87,321
Probate	4,437	5,050	3,921	4,930	4,091	4,117	4,589	4,688	4,915	5,166	5,004	4,570	55,478
Baker Act	1,854	1,830	1,657	1,919	1,648	1,553	1,912	1,751	1,923	2,017	1,947	1,773	21,784
Substance Abuse	406	451	353	432	420	334	467	457	436	548	512	468	5,284
Other Social Cases	405	391	342	405	320	327	395	415	422	471	457	425	4,775
Trust & Guardianship													9,391
Guardianship	770	727	638	784	646	623	707	653	765	806	750	651	8,520
Trust	97	78	69	75	59	77	63	51	74	66	90	72	871
Total	7,969	8,527	6,980	8,545	7,184	7,031	8,133	8,015	8,535	9,074	8,760	7,959	96,712

Circuit Probate Filings by Category
FY 2001-02



Circuit Probate Filings by Circuit Size*
FY 2001-02



*Small Circuits- 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 14th, 16th, 19th;
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Circuit Probate ❖ Filings

CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS by Case Type and Circuit FY 2001-02							
Circuit	Probate	Baker Act	Substance Abuse	Other Social Cases	Guardianship	Trust	Total
1	1,936	1,233	154	144	325	54	3,846
2	955	756	53	207	222	0	2,193
3	713	146	194	22	78	6	1,159
4	2,536	958	694	174	472	16	4,850
5	3,811	985	57	275	512	74	5,714
6	6,189	2,619	61	415	710	60	10,054
7	2,978	894	379	117	315	67	4,750
8	870	718	112	61	147	7	1,915
9	2,356	881	160	201	398	8	4,004
10	2,133	1,159	183	152	353	22	4,002
11	4,111	3,006	471	874	953	73	9,488
12	3,246	936	9	293	639	22	5,145
13	2,541	1,687	237	374	551	58	5,448
14	946	354	157	42	149	4	1,652
15	5,105	872	842	363	664	180	8,026
16	337	85	22	14	36	0	494
17	5,633	2,565	522	463	696	85	9,964
18	2,234	709	392	182	440	31	3,988
19	2,055	683	375	97	229	67	3,506
20	4,793	538	210	305	631	37	6,514
Total	55,478	21,784	5,284	4,775	8,520	871	96,712

Circuit Probate ❖ Filings

CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS			
by Category and Circuit/County			
FY 2001-02			
Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 1	3,467	379	3,846
Escambia	1,800	172	1,972
Okaloosa	994	131	1,125
Santa Rosa	441	62	503
Walton	232	14	246
Circuit 2	1,971	222	2,193
Franklin	81	5	86
Gadsden	367	48	415
Jefferson	71	14	85
Leon	1,318	129	1,447
Liberty	27	6	33
Wakulla	107	20	127
Circuit 3	1,075	84	1,159
Columbia	400	27	427
Dixie	79	8	87
Hamilton	53	3	56
Lafayette	37	3	40
Madison	117	6	123
Suwannee	234	26	260
Taylor	155	11	166
Circuit 4	4,362	488	4,850
Clay	339	77	416
Duval	3,808	384	4,192
Nassau	215	27	242

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CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS, Continued by Category and Circuit/County FY 2001-02			
Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 5	5,128	586	5,714
Citrus	826	87	913
Hernando	1,319	202	1,521
Lake	1,225	108	1,333
Marion	1,529	172	1,701
Sumter	229	17	246
Circuit 6	9,284	770	10,054
Pasco	2,641	191	2,832
Pinellas	6,643	579	7,222
Circuit 7	4,368	382	4,750
Flagler	356	29	385
Putnam	301	24	325
St. Johns	601	119	720
Volusia	3,110	210	3,320
Circuit 8	1,761	154	1,915
Alachua	1,192	98	1,290
Baker	187	18	205
Bradford	100	8	108
Gilchrist	40	7	47
Levy	191	21	212
Union	51	2	53
Circuit 9	3,598	406	4,004
Orange	2,935	313	3,248
Osceola	663	93	756

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CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS, Continued by Category and Circuit/County FY 2001-02			
Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 10	3,627	375	4,002
Hardee	83	20	103
Highlands	762	83	845
Polk	2,782	272	3,054
Circuit 11	8,462	1,026	9,488
Dade	8,462	1,026	9,488
Circuit 12	4,484	661	5,145
Desoto	120	27	147
Manatee	1,697	137	1,834
Sarasota	2,667	497	3,164
Circuit 13	4,839	609	5,448
Hillsborough	4,839	609	5,448
Circuit 14	1,499	153	1,652
Bay	962	61	1,023
Calhoun	46	5	51
Gulf	77	8	85
Holmes	88	2	90
Jackson	206	66	272
Washington	120	11	131
Circuit 15	7,182	844	8,026
Palm Beach	7,182	844	8,026
Circuit 16	458	36	494
Monroe	458	36	494

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CIRCUIT PROBATE FILINGS, Continued			
by Category and Circuit/County			
FY 2001-02			
Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 17	9,183	781	9,964
Broward	9,183	781	9,964
Circuit 18	3,517	471	3,988
Brevard	2,377	272	2,649
Seminole	1,140	199	1,339
Circuit 19	3,210	296	3,506
Indian River	899	72	971
Martin	750	63	813
Okeechobee	166	12	178
St. Lucie	1,395	149	1,544
Circuit 20	5,846	668	6,514
Charlotte	1,307	140	1,447
Collier	1,685	205	1,890
Glades	27	5	32
Hendry	77	18	95
Lee	2,750	300	3,050
State Total	87,321	9,391	96,712

Circuit Probate ♦ Dispositions

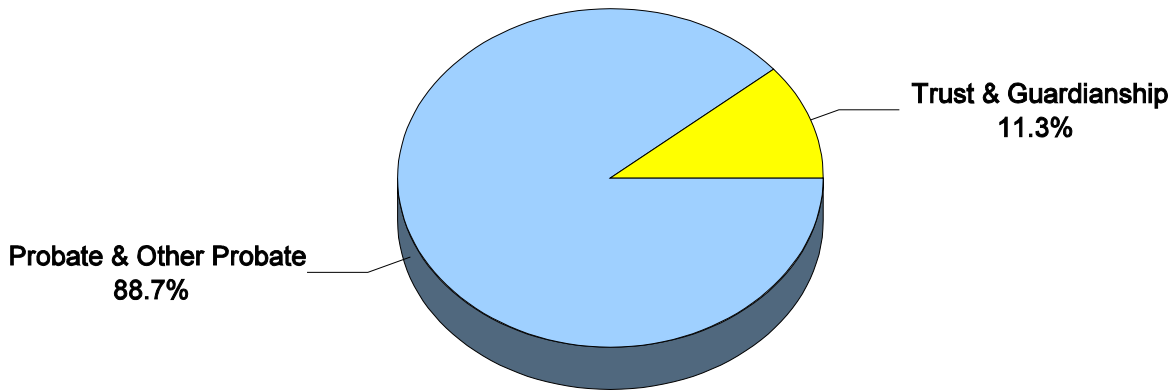
STATEWIDE CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS by Category, Case Type, and Month FY 2001-02

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Probate & Other Probate													76,370
Probate	3,727	4,525	3,666	5,001	4,131	3,473	4,434	3,948	4,272	4,740	4,538	4,119	50,574
Baker Act	1,498	1,464	1,294	1,509	1,219	1,258	1,441	1,368	1,594	1,630	1,530	1,286	17,091
Substance Abuse	327	388	325	409	357	360	386	475	388	483	510	444	4,852
Other Social Cases	346	324	269	333	275	268	268	318	348	366	397	341	3,853
Trust & Guardianship													9,731
Guardianship	823	878	639	798	718	598	769	739	831	783	780	707	9,063
Trust	65	63	47	71	62	63	53	41	47	62	56	38	668
Total	6,786	7,642	6,240	8,121	6,762	6,020	7,351	6,889	7,480	8,064	7,811	6,935	86,101

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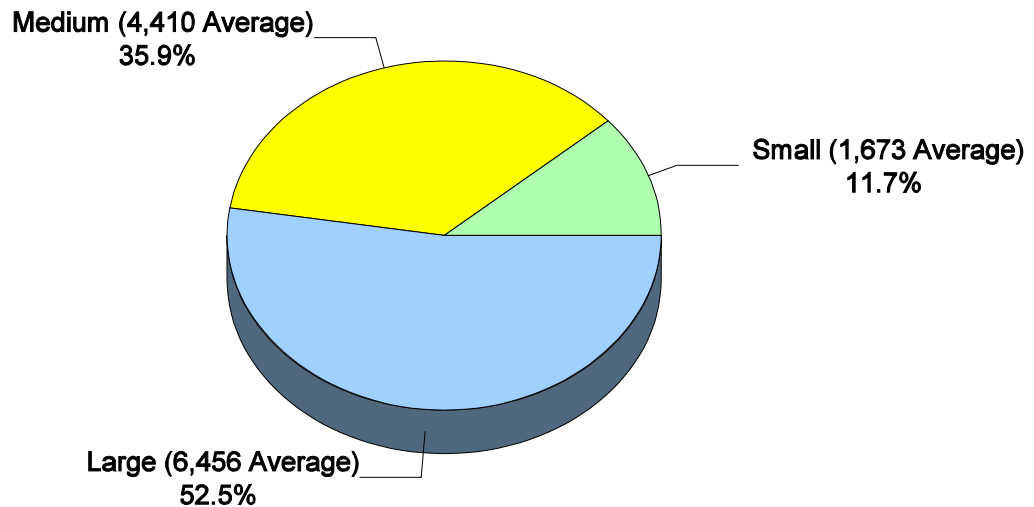
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CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS by Case Type and Circuit FY 2001-02							
Circuit	Probate	Baker Act	Substance Abuse	Other Social Cases	Guardianship	Trust	Total
1	1,858	947	153	170	321	15	3,464
2	780	685	40	183	145	0	1,833
3	509	109	166	13	38	0	835
4	2,277	933	646	212	282	3	4,353
5	3,475	744	50	259	403	27	4,958
6	6,195	2,576	59	376	859	43	10,108
7	3,052	927	351	104	299	10	4,743
8	832	762	108	65	183	7	1,957
9	2,223	841	156	188	373	1	3,782
10	2,280	530	204	125	292	17	3,448
11	4,040	2,223	308	442	1,115	31	8,159
12	2,950	487	7	215	505	11	4,175
13	2,416	1,693	307	372	625	56	5,469
14	784	341	152	35	125	2	1,439
15	5,006	689	813	294	351	130	7,283
16	332	95	14	8	39	0	488
17	2,582	751	405	286	1,815	197	6,036
18	2,020	672	409	135	414	18	3,668
19	2,159	550	296	81	334	66	3,486
20	4,804	536	208	290	545	34	6,417
Total	50,574	17,091	4,852	3,853	9,063	668	86,101

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CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS by Category and Circuit/County FY 2001-02			
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Circuit 1	3,128	336	3,464
Escambia	1,823	164	1,987
Okaloosa	693	103	796
Santa Rosa	401	67	468
Walton	211	2	213
Circuit 2	1,688	145	1,833
Franklin	40	2	42
Gadsden	334	20	354
Jefferson	52	14	66
Leon	1,201	108	1,309
Liberty	14	1	15
Wakulla	47	0	47
Circuit 3	797	38	835
Columbia	289	8	297
Dixie	40	6	46
Hamilton	27	1	28
Lafayette	1	0	1
Madison	100	5	105
Suwannee	209	16	225
Taylor	131	2	133
Circuit 4	4,068	285	4,353
Clay	271	51	322
Duval	3,655	226	3,881
Nassau	142	8	150

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CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS, Continued by Category and Circuit/County FY 2001-02			
Circuit/County	Probate & Other Probate	Trust & Guardianship	Total
Circuit 5	4,528	430	4,958
Citrus	766	66	832
Hernando	984	74	1,058
Lake	1,162	103	1,265
Marion	1,410	174	1,584
Sumter	206	13	219
Circuit 6	9,206	902	10,108
Pasco	2,510	270	2,780
Pinellas	6,696	632	7,328
Circuit 7	4,434	309	4,743
Flagler	376	28	404
Putnam	282	25	307
St. Johns	488	25	513
Volusia	3,288	231	3,519
Circuit 8	1,767	190	1,957
Alachua	1,177	126	1,303
Baker	230	19	249
Bradford	101	16	117
Gilchrist	15	1	16
Levy	192	22	214
Union	52	6	58
Circuit 9	3,408	374	3,782
Orange	2,817	295	3,112
Osceola	591	79	670

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Hardee	93	12	105
Highlands	665	85	750
Polk	2,381	212	2,593
Circuit 11	7,013	1,146	8,159
Dade	7,013	1,146	8,159
Circuit 12	3,659	516	4,175
Desoto	52	31	83
Manatee	1,454	184	1,638
Sarasota	2,153	301	2,454
Circuit 13	4,788	681	5,469
Hillsborough	4,788	681	5,469
Circuit 14	1,312	127	1,439
Bay	921	68	989
Calhoun	29	0	29
Gulf	33	1	34
Holmes	91	1	92
Jackson	173	54	227
Washington	65	3	68
Circuit 15	6,802	481	7,283
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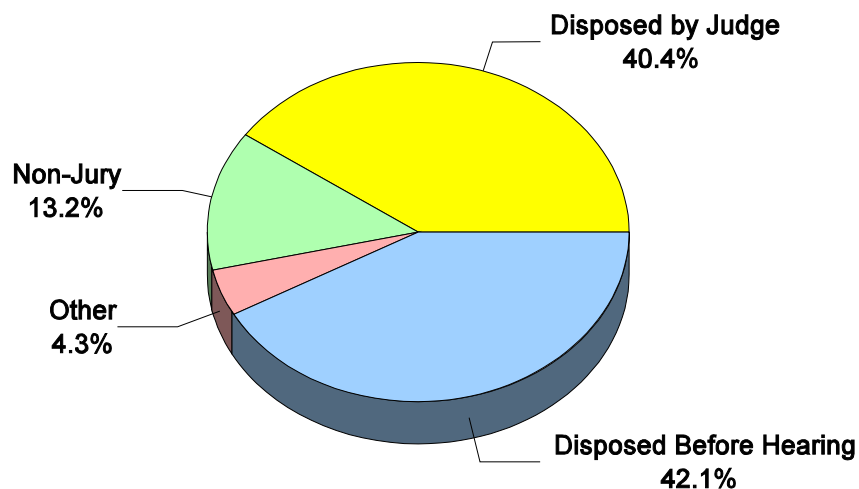
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by Category and Circuit/County			
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Circuit 17	4,024	2,012	6,036
Broward	4,024	2,012	6,036
Circuit 18	3,236	432	3,668
Brevard	1,822	224	2,046
Seminole	1,414	208	1,622
Circuit 19	3,086	400	3,486
Indian River	843	71	914
Martin	816	166	982
Okeechobee	184	12	196
St. Lucie	1,243	151	1,394
Circuit 20	5,838	579	6,417
Charlotte	1,403	100	1,503
Collier	1,813	215	2,028
Glades	24	0	24
Hendry	71	8	79
Lee	2,527	256	2,783
State Total	76,370	9,731	86,101

Circuit Probate ❖ Dispositions

CIRCUIT PROBATE DISPOSITIONS by Case Type and Disposition Type FY 2001-02							
Disposition Type	Probate	Baker Act	Substance Abuse	Other Social Cases	Guardianship	Trust	Total
Disposed Before Hearing	24,404	8,481	1,223	593	1,310	278	36,289
Disposed by Judge (No Trial)	23,932	3,786	1,989	1,373	3,524	147	34,751
Disposed by Non-Jury	612	4,472	1,512	1,821	2,970	11	11,398
Other	1,626	352	128	66	1,259	232	3,663
Total	50,574	17,091	4,852	3,853	9,063	668	86,101

Circuit Probate Dispositions by Disposition Type for FY 2001-02



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 2001-02	
Circuit	Reopenings
First (Pensacola)	3,209
Second (Tallahassee)	415
Third (Lake City)	63
Fourth (Jacksonville)	1,953
Fifth (Tavares)	2,942
Sixth (Clearwater)	9,960
Seventh (Daytona Beach)	1,948
Eighth (Gainesville)	741
Ninth (Orlando)	4,997
Tenth (Bartow)	2,304
Eleventh (Miami)	22,948
Twelfth (Sarasota)	2,187
Thirteenth (Tampa)	4,841
Fourteenth (Panama City)	106
Fifteenth (West Palm Beach)	7,742
Sixteenth (Key West)	37
Seventeenth (Ft. Lauderdale)	20,073
Eighteenth (Sanford)	1,262
Nineteenth (Ft. Pierce)	2,976
Twentieth (Ft. Myers)	3,584
Total	94,288

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