

Circuit Domestic Relations ~ Overview

The Circuit Domestic Relations division includes family court cases which are divided into the following categories: simplified dissolution, dissolution, child support, domestic violence, and other domestic relations. 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

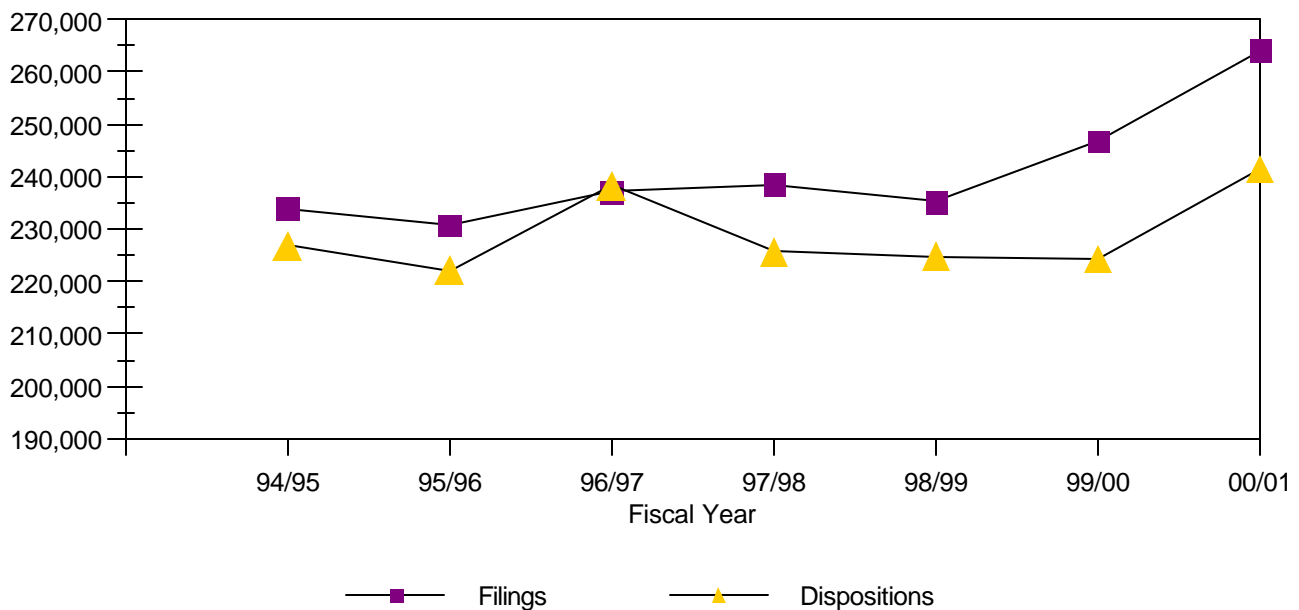
Domestic Violence - domestic violence and repeat violence

Other Domestic Relations - other domestic relations⁵

In the Circuit Domestic Relations division, *filings* are defined as each complaint or petition filed. *Dispositions* are defined as each complaint or petition disposed. *Jury trials* are defined as trials in which a group of citizens are empaneled to determine the issues of fact in a case.

Domestic Relations Filings & Dispositions

FY 1994-95 to FY 2000-01



⁵Other domestic relations cases include: adoption, paternity, change of name, change of custody, separate maintenance, annulment, etc.

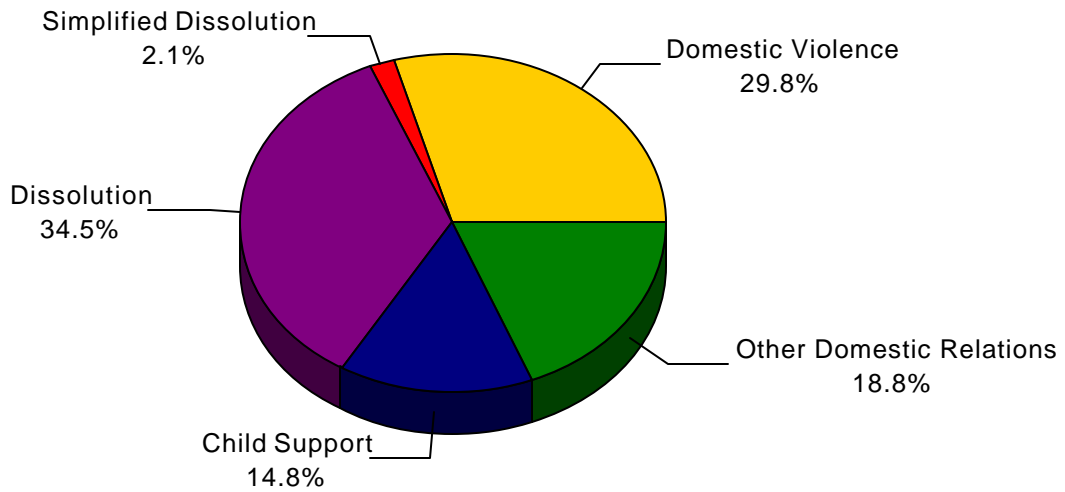
Circuit Domestic Relations ~ Filings

STATEWIDE CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS													
by Category, Case Type, and Month													
FY 2000-01													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Simplified Dissolution													5,530
Simplified Dissolution	422	487	462	476	433	387	523	464	523	460	460	433	5,530
Dissolution													91,060
Dissolution	6,875	7,920	7,138	7,776	7,004	5,925	7,208	8,081	9,008	7,887	8,413	7,825	91,060
Child Support													39,058
Child Support	2,244	2,470	2,535	2,895	2,631	2,252	2,717	2,609	2,863	2,955	3,133	2,703	32,007
UIFSA	527	612	665	557	558	471	566	475	767	583	680	590	7,051
Domestic Violence													78,736
Domestic Violence	4,987	5,506	4,804	5,034	4,489	4,139	4,792	4,574	5,105	5,132	5,231	5,129	58,922
Repeat Violence	1,624	1,866	1,532	1,704	1,475	1,251	1,560	1,552	1,791	1,844	1,884	1,731	19,814
Other Domestic Relations													49,794
Other Domestic Relations	3,634	4,188	3,865	4,238	3,634	3,290	3,984	4,164	4,706	4,585	4,937	4,569	49,794
Total	20,313	23,049	21,001	22,680	20,224	17,715	21,350	21,919	24,763	23,446	24,738	22,980	264,178

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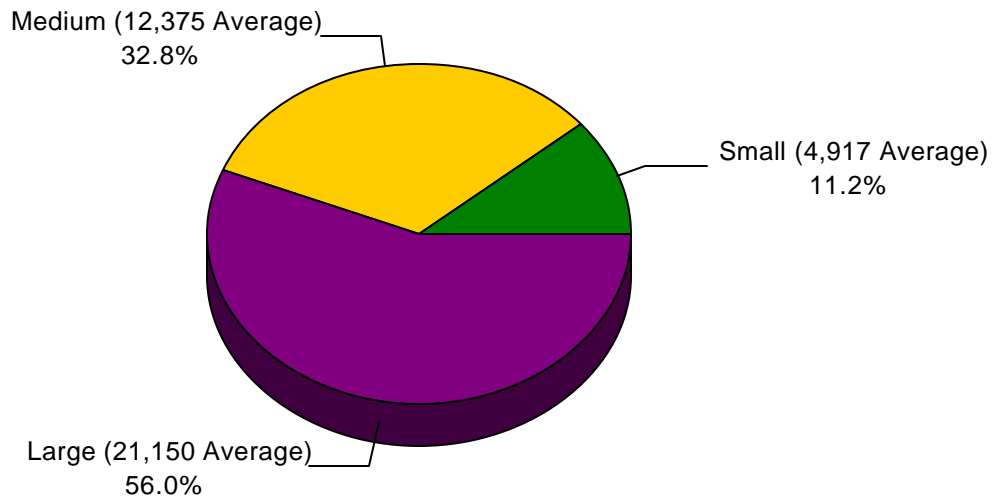
Domestic Relations Filings by Category

FY 2000-01



Domestic Relations Filings by Circuit Size*

FY 2000-01



*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 Domestic Relations ~ Filings

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS								
by Case Type and Circuit								
FY 2000-01								
Circuit	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	UIFSA	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Repeat Violence	Total
1	396	3,947	2,529	210	3,045	2,431	671	13,229
2	184	1,742	754	149	1,366	1,204	437	5,836
3	174	1,053	562	131	757	770	201	3,648
4	77	6,556	2,023	491	3,769	4,768	1,531	19,215
5	191	4,482	1,958	365	2,529	2,533	680	12,738
6	765	5,900	1,903	463	3,824	5,010	1,614	19,479
7	301	3,693	1,152	587	2,001	3,014	903	11,651
8	227	1,620	1,088	38	1,107	1,011	362	5,453
9	161	6,785	2,219	944	4,212	4,558	1,591	20,470
10	217	3,486	2,255	486	2,518	3,224	1,016	13,202
11	530	14,192	2,382	1,078	6,101	6,371	2,564	33,218
12	258	3,530	1,419	326	1,247	2,581	709	10,070
13	267	5,860	2,794	327	3,213	4,327	1,210	17,998
14	95	1,863	1,223	547	869	821	101	5,519
15	304	5,590	1,467	281	2,902	2,949	985	14,478
16	80	522	250	22	122	367	196	1,559
17	550	9,254	2,249	157	4,077	4,799	2,104	23,190
18	337	4,319	1,536	176	2,050	3,267	1,092	12,777
19	88	2,428	694	198	1,651	1,774	654	7,487
20	328	4,238	1,550	75	2,434	3,143	1,193	12,961
Total	5,530	91,060	32,007	7,051	49,794	58,922	19,814	264,178

Circuit Domestic Relations ~ Filings

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS						
by Category and Circuit/County						
FY 2000-01						
Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 1						13,229
Escambia	132	1,813	1,641	1,504	1,799	6,889
Okaloosa	128	1,347	668	623	760	3,526
Santa Rosa	102	568	325	617	311	1,923
Walton	34	219	105	358	175	891
Circuit 2						5,836
Franklin	28	63	92	54	40	277
Gadsden	16	213	278	342	436	1,285
Jefferson	10	189	35	38	37	309
Leon	112	1,081	380	1,055	820	3,448
Liberty	8	49	44	33	7	141
Wakulla	10	147	74	119	26	376
Circuit 3						3,648
Columbia	82	434	277	259	326	1,378
Dixie	9	81	65	98	13	266
Hamilton	6	74	53	34	66	233
Lafayette	14	37	34	19	39	143
Madison	24	82	89	65	83	343
Suwannee	38	187	115	338	112	790
Taylor	1	158	60	158	118	495
Circuit 4						19,215
Clay	10	934	405	524	211	2,084
Duval	66	5,244	2,016	5,260	3,416	16,002
Nassau	1	378	93	515	142	1,129

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CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS, Continued						
by Category and Circuit/County						
FY 2000-01						
Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 5						12,738
Citrus	47	590	293	394	259	1,583
Hernando	22	731	539	717	188	2,197
Lake	7	1,261	653	527	774	3,222
Marion	96	1,650	674	1,335	1,151	4,906
Sumter	19	250	164	240	157	830
Circuit 6						19,479
Pasco	202	1,486	923	2,048	825	5,484
Pinellas	563	4,414	1,443	4,576	2,999	13,995
Circuit 7						11,651
Flagler	25	254	157	238	56	730
Putnam	61	464	338	475	396	1,734
St. Johns	35	552	72	571	267	1,497
Volusia	180	2,423	1,172	2,633	1,282	7,690
Circuit 8						5,453
Alachua	147	940	548	693	894	3,222
Baker	35	127	70	80	104	416
Bradford	13	175	155	126	44	513
Gilchrist	12	88	65	98	18	281
Levy	7	233	206	253	33	732
Union	13	57	82	123	14	289
Circuit 9						20,470
Orange	59	5,632	2,148	5,087	3,745	16,671
Osceola	102	1,153	1,015	1,062	467	3,799

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CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS, Continued						
by Category and Circuit/County						
FY 2000-01						
Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 10						13,202
Hardee	11	109	137	117	128	502
Highlands	31	421	368	320	327	1,467
Polk	175	2,956	2,236	3,803	2,063	11,233
Circuit 11						33,218
Dade	530	14,192	3,460	8,935	6,101	33,218
Circuit 12						10,070
Desoto	13	218	196	176	45	648
Manatee	93	1,221	828	1,618	550	4,310
Sarasota	152	2,091	721	1,496	652	5,112
Circuit 13						17,998
Hillsborough	267	5,860	3,121	5,537	3,213	17,998
Circuit 14						5,519
Bay	4	1,181	1,021	310	594	3,110
Calhoun	22	77	64	121	48	332
Gulf	25	70	164	61	5	325
Holmes	32	91	180	105	18	426
Jackson	6	299	171	240	199	915
Washington	6	145	170	85	5	411
Circuit 15						14,478
Palm Beach	304	5,590	1,748	3,934	2,902	14,478
Circuit 16						1,559
Monroe	80	522	272	563	122	1,559

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CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS FILINGS, Continued						
by Category and Circuit/County						
FY 2000-01						
Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 17						23,190
Broward	550	9,254	2,406	6,903	4,077	23,190
Circuit 18						12,777
Brevard	66	2,602	1,046	2,929	1,227	7,870
Seminole	271	1,717	666	1,430	823	4,907
Circuit 19						7,487
Indian River	41	640	300	576	330	1,887
Martin	19	550	170	524	237	1,500
Okeechobee	5	231	346	358	100	1,040
St. Lucie	23	1,007	76	970	984	3,060
Circuit 20						12,961
Charlotte	92	481	153	767	178	1,671
Collier	161	1,157	610	792	797	3,517
Glades	10	21	22	61	10	124
Hendry	35	148	157	269	148	757
Lee	30	2,431	683	2,447	1,301	6,892
State Total	5,530	91,060	39,058	78,736	49,794	264,178

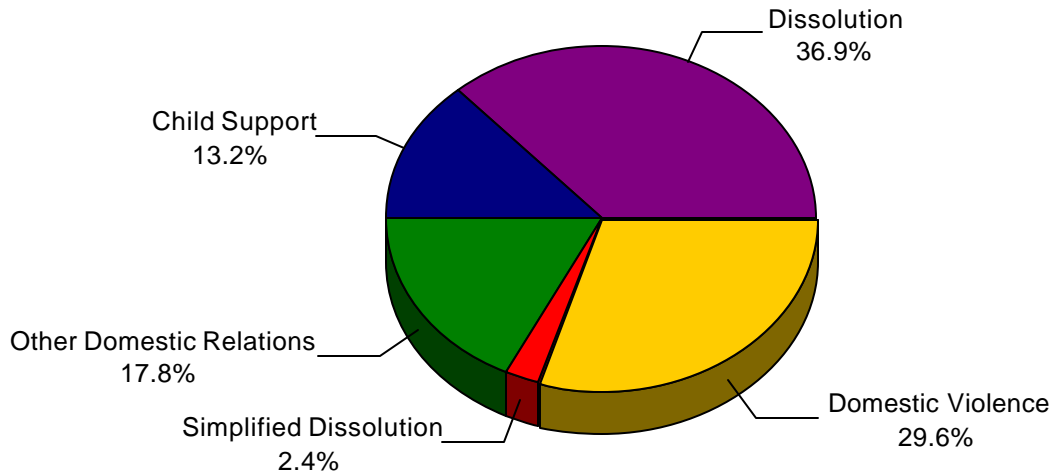
Circuit Domestic Relations ~ Dispositions

STATEWIDE CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS													
by Category, Case Type, and Month													
FY 2000-01													
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Simplified Dissolution													5,716
Simplified Dissolution	503	502	395	608	478	409	422	487	504	472	498	438	5,716
Dissolution													89,217
Dissolution	7,155	8,013	7,014	7,469	7,418	6,649	6,735	6,993	8,025	7,737	8,693	7,316	89,217
Child Support													31,917
Child Support	1,787	2,294	1,992	2,199	1,905	1,649	2,222	2,149	2,374	2,078	2,492	2,261	25,402
UIFSA	516	881	486	517	551	352	424	606	612	524	580	466	6,515
Domestic Violence													71,605
Domestic Violence	4,562	5,141	4,482	4,455	4,535	3,762	4,324	4,136	4,556	4,575	4,771	4,454	53,753
Repeat Violence	1,462	1,705	1,376	1,510	1,488	1,219	1,312	1,390	1,442	1,617	1,774	1,557	17,852
Other Domestic Relations													43,090
Other Domestic Relations	3,296	4,312	3,695	3,813	3,512	2,818	3,441	3,366	3,685	3,526	4,034	3,592	43,090
Total	19,281	22,848	19,440	20,571	19,887	16,858	18,880	19,127	21,198	20,529	22,842	20,084	241,545

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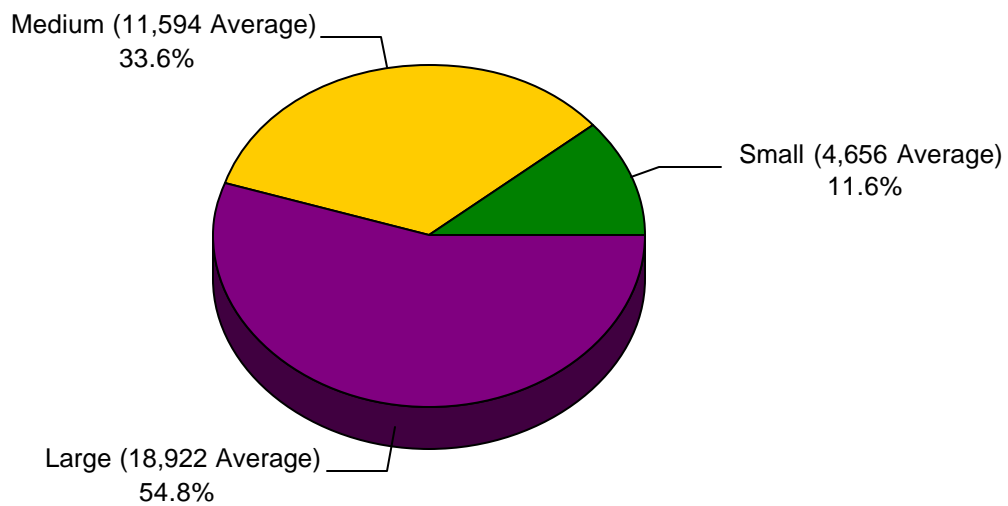
Domestic Relations Dispositions by Category

FY 2000-01



Domestic Relations Dispositions by Circuit Size*

FY 2000-01



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CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS by Case Type and Circuit FY 2000-01

Circuit	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	UIFSA	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Repeat Violence	Total
1	402	3,872	1,646	193	1,937	2,230	622	10,902
2	219	1,710	751	122	1,661	1,199	437	6,099
3	173	1,043	488	75	730	778	191	3,478
4	195	6,174	1,289	232	2,925	4,176	1,408	16,399
5	205	4,426	1,796	488	2,848	2,561	683	13,007
6	773	6,098	1,494	584	3,289	5,061	1,623	18,922
7	310	3,595	1,220	499	1,882	3,042	900	11,448
8	247	1,617	973	30	1,139	993	355	5,354
9	159	6,416	1,678	918	3,154	2,397	782	15,504
10	219	3,278	1,926	519	2,315	3,101	955	12,313
11	525	13,197	1,471	951	5,205	5,237	2,007	28,593
12	253	2,798	1,182	313	1,015	2,403	656	8,620
13	270	5,997	1,958	508	2,864	4,310	1,237	17,144
14	90	1,721	960	148	721	750	97	4,487
15	295	5,665	1,540	354	2,718	2,835	949	14,356
16	78	566	159	26	135	366	197	1,527
17	543	9,065	1,845	190	3,416	4,529	1,945	21,533
18	329	5,565	1,243	142	1,593	3,127	1,014	13,013
19	79	2,379	532	146	1,440	1,780	632	6,988
20	352	4,035	1,251	77	2,103	2,878	1,162	11,858
Total	5,716	89,217	25,402	6,515	43,090	53,753	17,852	241,545

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CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS						
by Category and Circuit/County						
FY 2000-01						
Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 1						10,902
Escambia	138	1,732	1,041	1,457	971	5,339
Okaloosa	127	1,306	475	453	592	2,953
Santa Rosa	106	601	238	589	213	1,747
Walton	31	233	85	353	161	863
Circuit 2						6,099
Franklin	26	60	55	47	51	239
Gadsden	20	199	148	336	371	1,074
Jefferson	10	219	44	36	67	376
Leon	150	1080	544	1,076	1,122	3,972
Liberty	5	25	26	36	5	97
Wakulla	8	127	56	105	45	341
Circuit 3						3,478
Columbia	81	403	187	245	281	1,197
Dixie	8	64	77	97	10	256
Hamilton	10	51	10	24	38	133
Lafayette	14	41	7	15	10	87
Madison	25	89	48	65	59	286
Suwannee	35	174	115	336	132	792
Taylor	0	221	119	187	200	727
Circuit 4						16,399
Clay	8	911	178	462	184	1,743
Duval	185	4,941	1,306	4,632	2,640	13,704
Nassau	2	322	37	490	101	952

Circuit Domestic Relations ~ Dispositions

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS, Continued						
by Category and Circuit/County						
FY 2000-01						
Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 5						13,007
Citrus	44	629	288	386	260	1,607
Hernando	25	670	399	724	191	2,009
Lake	11	1,162	470	524	612	2,779
Marion	105	1,749	991	1,382	1,664	5,891
Sumter	20	216	136	228	121	721
Circuit 6						18,922
Pasco	200	1,533	991	2,071	774	5,569
Pinellas	573	4,565	1,087	4,613	2,515	13,353
Circuit 7						11,448
Flagler	24	225	16	236	45	546
Putnam	68	393	385	449	398	1,693
St. Johns	32	572	38	575	211	1,428
Volusia	186	2,405	1,280	2,682	1,228	7,781
Circuit 8						5,354
Alachua	156	958	480	676	924	3,194
Baker	39	110	51	81	98	379
Bradford	21	146	91	127	22	407
Gilchrist	11	91	46	97	28	273
Levy	8	256	253	247	53	817
Union	12	56	82	120	14	284
Circuit 9						15,504
Orange	54	5,219	1,640	2,124	2,760	11,797
Osceola	105	1,197	956	1,055	394	3,707

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CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS, Continued						
by Category and Circuit/County						
FY 2000-01						
Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 10						12,313
Hardee	6	107	70	106	97	386
Highlands	39	500	340	323	352	1,554
Polk	174	2,671	2,035	3,627	1,866	10,373
Circuit 11						28,593
Dade	525	13,197	2,422	7,244	5,205	28,593
Circuit 12						8,620
Desoto	27	172	186	46	19	450
Manatee	90	1,054	782	1,580	572	4,078
Sarasota	136	1,572	527	1,433	424	4,092
Circuit 13						17,144
Hillsborough	270	5,997	2,466	5,547	2,864	17,144
Circuit 14						4,487
Bay	2	1,101	534	276	480	2,393
Calhoun	19	83	89	126	42	359
Gulf	28	62	107	59	6	262
Holmes	32	70	138	96	10	346
Jackson	5	290	161	228	176	860
Washington	4	115	79	62	7	267
Circuit 15						14,356
Palm Beach	295	5,665	1,894	3,784	2,718	14,356
Circuit 16						1,527
Monroe	78	566	185	563	135	1,527

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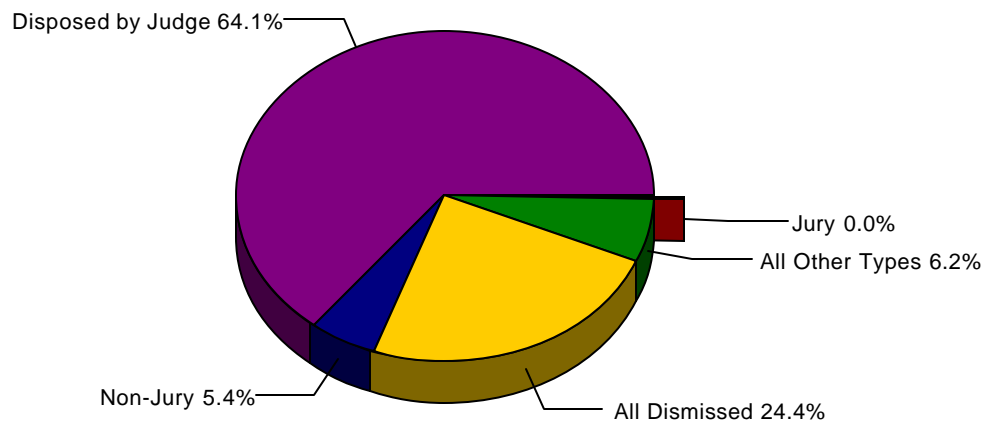
CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS, Continued						
by Category and Circuit/County						
FY 2000-01						
Circuit/County	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	Domestic Violence	Other Domestic Relations	Total
Circuit 17						21,533
Broward	543	9,065	2,035	6,474	3,416	21,533
Circuit 18						13,013
Brevard	65	3,693	812	2,733	865	8,168
Seminole	264	1,872	573	1,408	728	4,845
Circuit 19						6,988
Indian River	40	596	216	573	269	1,694
Martin	19	583	165	525	274	1,566
Okeechobee	4	188	251	349	75	867
St. Lucie	16	1,012	46	965	822	2,861
Circuit 20						11,858
Charlotte	90	439	165	548	150	1,392
Collier	174	1,210	484	826	771	3,465
Glades	11	21	10	51	16	109
Hendry	33	118	140	244	136	671
Lee	44	2,247	529	2,371	1,030	6,221
State Total	5,716	89,217	31,917	71,605	43,090	241,545

Circuit Domestic Relations ~ Dispositions

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISPOSITIONS								
by Case Type and Disposition Type								
FY 2000-01								
Disposition Type	Simplified Dissolution	Dissolution	Child Support	UIFSA	Other Domestic Relations	Domestic Violence	Repeat Violence	Total
Dismissed Before Hearing	111	4,332	4,105	1,659	4,672	3,445	1,690	20,014
Dismissed After Hearing	176	3,967	2,357	360	3,218	21,481	7,018	38,577
Disposed by Default	13	5,759	2,343	201	2,846	94	13	11,269
Disposed by Judge (No Trial)	5,242	66,538	14,709	2,635	28,831	28,033	8,985	154,973
Disposed by Non-Jury	152	8,038	1,307	262	2,635	421	128	12,943
Disposed by Jury	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	5
Other	22	582	581	1,398	887	276	18	3,764
Total	5,716	89,217	25,402	6,515	43,090	53,753	17,852	241,545

Domestic Relations Dispositions

by Disposition Type for FY 2000-01



Circuit Domestic Relations ~ Special Proceedings

The Circuit Domestic Relations division also involves special proceedings such as reopenings. Two types of reopenings exist for this division: modifications and other.

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

Modification - cases previously reported as disposed which are reactivated or resubmitted to the court for action to modify a previous judgment or decision (ie. modifications relating to a change in the amount of child support, modifications relating to a change in residential status of a child, and modifications relating to the conditions or length of visitation of a non-resident parent).

Other - cases previously reported as disposed which are reactivated or resubmitted to the court for action other than modification requests (ie. motion to enforce judgement, motion and order to show cause, motion to enforce visitation, and motion for contempt).

Circuit Domestic Relations ~ Special Proceedings

CIRCUIT DOMESTIC RELATIONS SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS			
by Circuit			
FY 2000-01			
Reopenings			
Circuit	Modifications	Other	Total
First (Pensacola)	1,431	12,647	14,078
Second (Tallahassee)	178	2,432	2,610
Third (Lake City)	238	736	974
Fourth (Jacksonville)	1,112	9,966	11,078
Fifth (Tavares)	3,005	6,827	9,832
Sixth (Clearwater)	1,313	13,068	14,381
Seventh (Daytona Beach)	1,732	7,428	9,160
Eighth (Gainesville)	481	3,898	4,379
Ninth (Orlando)	1,400	5,930	7,330
Tenth (Bartow)	1,808	3,217	5,025
Eleventh (Miami)	1,488	25,783	27,271
Twelfth (Sarasota)	1,167	8,544	9,711
Thirteenth (Tampa)	3,766	3,504	7,270
Fourteenth (Panama City)	608	1,158	1,766
Fifteenth (West Palm Beach)	2,585	14,098	16,683
Sixteenth (Key West)	117	426	543
Seventeenth (Ft. Lauderdale)	1,113	17,491	18,604
Eighteenth (Sanford)	1,549	7,952	9,501
Nineteenth (Ft. Pierce)	1,077	4,609	5,686
Twentieth (Ft. Myers)	2,717	9,630	12,347
Total	28,885	159,344	188,229