



**SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI**  
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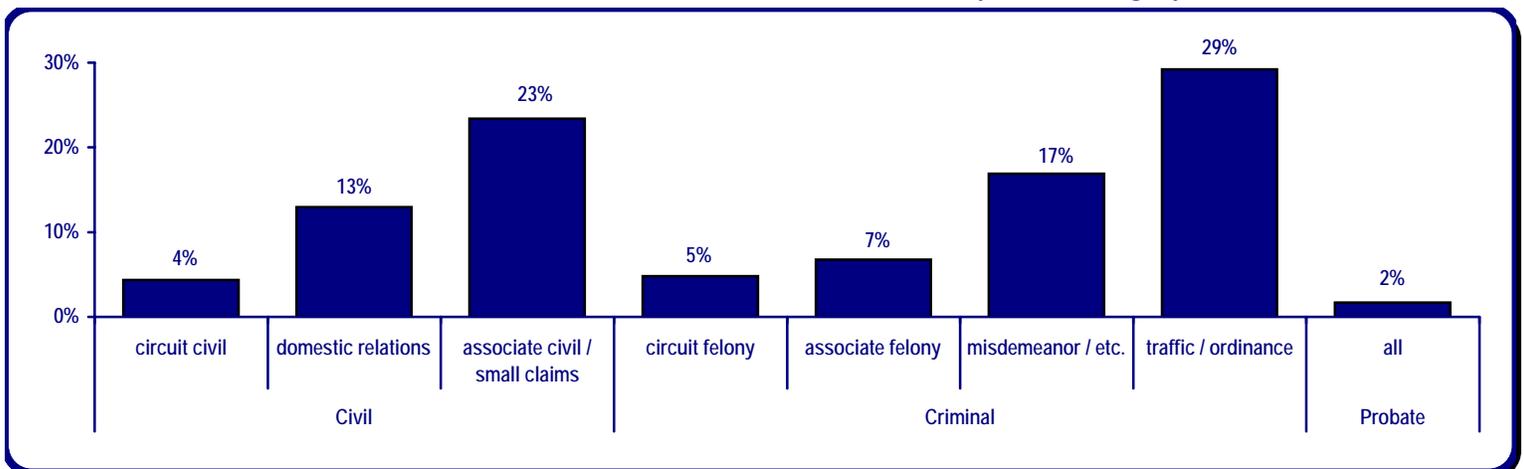
**Missouri's Circuit Court and Fine Collection Center Filings: Fiscal Years 2003-2007**

|  | FY 2003        | FY 2004        | FY 2005        | FY 2006          | FY 2007        | 5-Year Average  | Average Annual Percent Change | Average Annual Count Change |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Civil Division</b>                          | <b>321,336</b> | <b>338,592</b> | <b>337,343</b> | <b>345,229</b>   | <b>352,214</b> | <b>338,943</b>  | <b>2.3%</b>                   | <b>7,720</b>                |
| circuit civil                                  | 35,124         | 35,275         | 36,197         | 41,619           | 33,394         | 36,322  | -0.4%                         | -433                        |
| domestic relations                             | 106,358        | 109,753        | 109,646        | 109,987          | 103,472        | 107,843   | -0.6%                         | -722                        |
| associate civil and small claims               | 179,854        | 193,564        | 191,500        | 193,623          | 215,348        | 194,778   | 4.7%                          | 8,874                       |
| <b>Criminal Division</b>                       | <b>625,281</b> | <b>627,488</b> | <b>633,117</b> | <b>655,160</b>   | <b>621,659</b> | <b>632,541</b>  | <b>-0.1%</b>                  | <b>-906</b>                 |
| circuit felony                                 | 38,298         | 39,231         | 38,619         | 41,361           | 42,177         | 39,937  | 2.5%                          | 970                         |
| associate felony                               | 55,216         | 54,617         | 54,607         | 58,775           | 57,721         | 56,187  | 1.2%                          | 626                         |
| misdemeanor, municipal/cert., trial de novo    | 135,256        | 138,804        | 141,949        | 146,659          | 141,470        | 140,828   | 1.2%                          | 1,554                       |
| traffic and ordinance                          | 278,294        | 258,533        | 250,028        | 232,671          | 197,021        | 243,309   | -8.2%                         | -20,318                     |
| Fine Collection Center (FCC)                   | 118,217        | 136,303        | 147,914        | 175,694          | 183,270        | 152,280   | 11.7%                         | 16,263                      |
| <b>Juvenile Division</b>                       | <b>37,198</b>  | <b>32,650</b>  | <b>31,471</b>  | <b>27,484</b>    | <b>23,230</b>  | <i>Summary statistics not calculated due to non-standardized statewide reporting during this time period.</i> |                               |                             |
| abuse and neglect                              | 22,249         | 17,098         | 16,427         | 9,971            | 9,271          |   |                               |                             |
| termination of parental rights                 | 1,490          | 1,585          | 1,599          | 4,533            | 1,469          |   |                               |                             |
| adoption                                       | 3,375          | 3,417          | 3,345          | 3,247            | 2,826          |   |                               |                             |
| delinquency, status offense, ext. jurisdiction | 10,084         | 10,550         | 10,100         | 9,733            | 9,664          |   |                               |                             |
| <b>Probate Division</b>                        | <b>13,738</b>  | <b>13,704</b>  | <b>13,842</b>  | <b>15,024</b>    | <b>14,084</b>  | <b>14,078</b>   | <b>0.8%</b>                   | <b>87</b>                   |
| estates  | 11,281         | 11,581         | 11,611         | 12,734           | 11,766         | 11,795  | 1.2%                          | 121                         |
| petitions                                      | 2,457          | 2,123          | 2,231          | 2,290            | 2,318          | 2,284   | -1.2%                         | -35                         |
| <b>Total - excluding Juvenile Division</b>     | <b>960,355</b> | <b>979,784</b> | <b>984,302</b> | <b>1,015,413</b> | <b>987,957</b> | <b>985,562</b>  | <b>0.7%</b>                   | <b>6,901</b>                |

*\*Divergence in +/- indicators for percent/count change may indicate little overall change coupled with relatively wide annual fluctuation in case filings.*

- Excluding Juvenile Division cases, almost 1 million cases were filed with Circuit Courts & the FCC each year.
  - Although filings decreased for some categories, overall filings increased by almost 7,000 each year.
- By count, the largest increases in filings were with the FCC and in associate civil/small claims, misdemeanor/etc. and felony cases, while the largest decreases were in traffic/ordinance, domestic relations and circuit civil cases.
- Traffic/ordinance and associate civil/small claims cases cases accounted for approximately one-quarter of the courts' caseload each, while domestic relations and felony cases each accounted for about one-sixth (see below).

**Fiscal Years 2003-07: Circuit Court Caseload, by Case Category\***



*\*Fine Collection Center and Juvenile Division filings/cases excluded from calculations.*