



FY 2008-09 – Executive Summary:

On June 23, 2009, Commissioners Court directed Planning and Resource Management to develop a judicial management report on each criminal court, which included District Courts and County Courts. The report models measures from the National Center for State Courts known as “Courtools” as well as measures used by Dallas County, and the State of Texas Office of Court Administration.

Measures included in this report are Cost per Disposition, Jail Bed Days, Clearance Rate, Time to Disposition, Age of Active Cases Pending, and Caseload Comparison. The report also includes an appendix containing FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09 court data. The information was retrieved from various sources including the court summary report the County Clerk and District Clerk report to Office of Court Administration. The Jail Tracking System was also utilized to obtain number of jail bed days and length of stay for inmates.

The purpose for this report is to help manage the court system in Bexar County. These various measures should be utilized as whole and not as separate measures. These measures are intended to give each court useful indicators for monitoring and where appropriate improving management of the Court.

It is important to note that the Criminal District Courts will begin a Felony Case Plan beginning January 2010. Many stakeholders were involved in developing a modeled differentiated case management system in 2009. Three District Courts will begin the system, which will include District Court 186th, District Court 226th, and District Court 290th. The purpose for this plan is to have a more efficient judicial process. During the 81st Legislature, three additional Criminal County Courts and one Criminal District Courts were added to Bexar County. The three additional Criminal Count Courts would continue to operate as the Plea, Auxiliary (Jail), and Impact courts.

County Court FY 2008-09 Snapshot:

Budget: \$8,509,787
Court Cost Revenue: \$4,952,460
Estimated Jurors Serving: 111,124*
Judges: 13
Court Administrator: 1
Court Coordinators: 13
Misdemeanor Prosecutors: 41
Court Clerks: 26
Court Reporters: 15
Bailiffs: 20

District Court FY 2008-09 Snapshot:

Budget: \$10,069,094
Court Cost Revenue: \$2,183,359
Estimated Jurors Serving: 111,124*
Judges: 9**
General Administrative Counsel: 10
Court Coordinators: 13
Attorneys: 27
Court Clerks: 25
Court Reporters: 17
Bailiffs: 27

**Includes both County and District Courts*

*** New Criminal District Court Judge not included until January 1, 2010.*