

BEXAR COUNTY

Judicial Services

BEXAR COUNTY JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

CRIMINAL COUNTY COURTS 1st QUARTER REPORT FY 2014-15 (October, 2014 - December, 2014)

JUDICIAL SYSTEM WORKLOAD AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES

Brief Summary:

This report reflects County Court workload and efficiency measures for FY 2014-2015 between the months of October through December (Quarter 1). The report only includes criminal county courts in the Bexar County judicial system:

Between the months of October 2014 and December 2014 the following judges were in office:

County Court 1: Judge John D. Fleming
County Court 2: Judge Jason Wolff
County Court 4: Judge Sarah Garrahan
County Court 5: Judge Jason Pulliam
County Court 6: Judge Wayne Christian
County Court 7: Judge Eugenia “Genie” Wright
County Court 8: Judge Liza Rodriguez
County Court 9: Judge Walden Shelton
County Court 11: Judge Carlo Key
County Court 12: Judge Scott Roberts
County Court 13: Judge Monica Gonzalez
County Court 14: Judge Bill C. White
County Court 15: Judge Michael T. LaHood

This report includes the following six measures and shows how the individual courts performed relative to each other and the court-wide average.

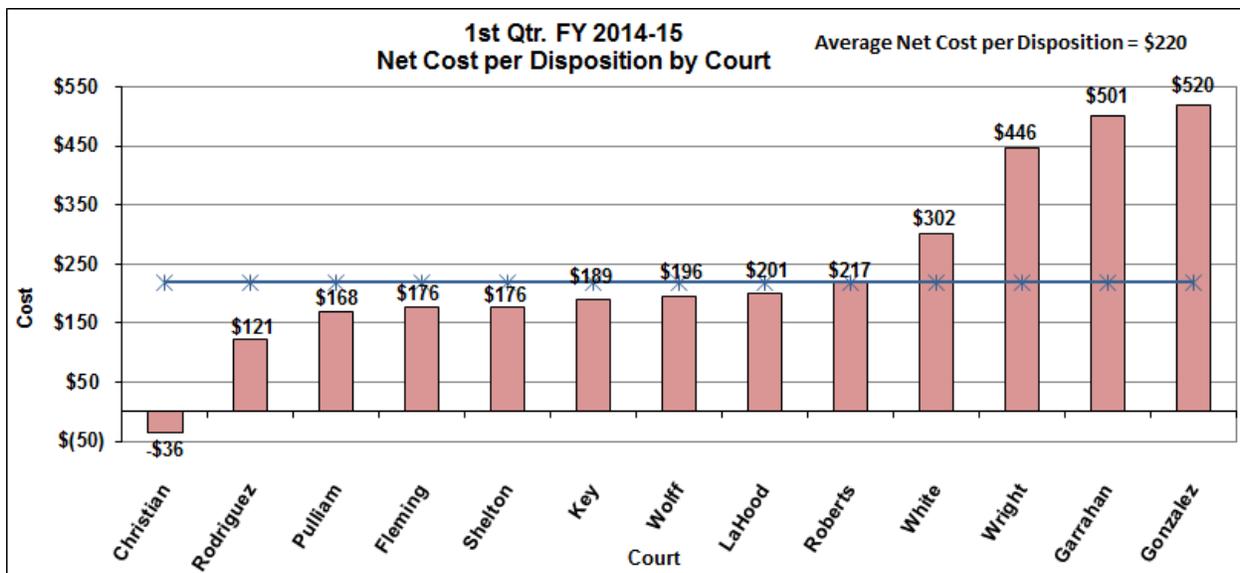
Measure 1: Cost per Disposition
Measure 2: Jail Bed Days
Measure 3: Clearance Rate
Measure 4: Disposition Rate
Measure 5: Time to Disposition
Measure 6: Age of Active Cases Pending

Measure 1: Cost per Disposition

Definition: The net cost of disposing of a single case.

Analysis and Interpretation: The following graph and table show a court by court comparison of Cost per Disposition and Cost per Court Appointment for Indigent Defense based on 1st Quarter FY 2014-15 data. Courts are listed in order from lowest to highest net cost per disposition. Indigent defense is included in the net cost per disposition. Of the total expenses for the court system, **27.1** percent are indigent defense costs. The second graph represents the average net cost (revenue collected versus cost) per court appointed attorney assignment. The final graph shows the average cost per disposition for the County Court over the past eight quarters.

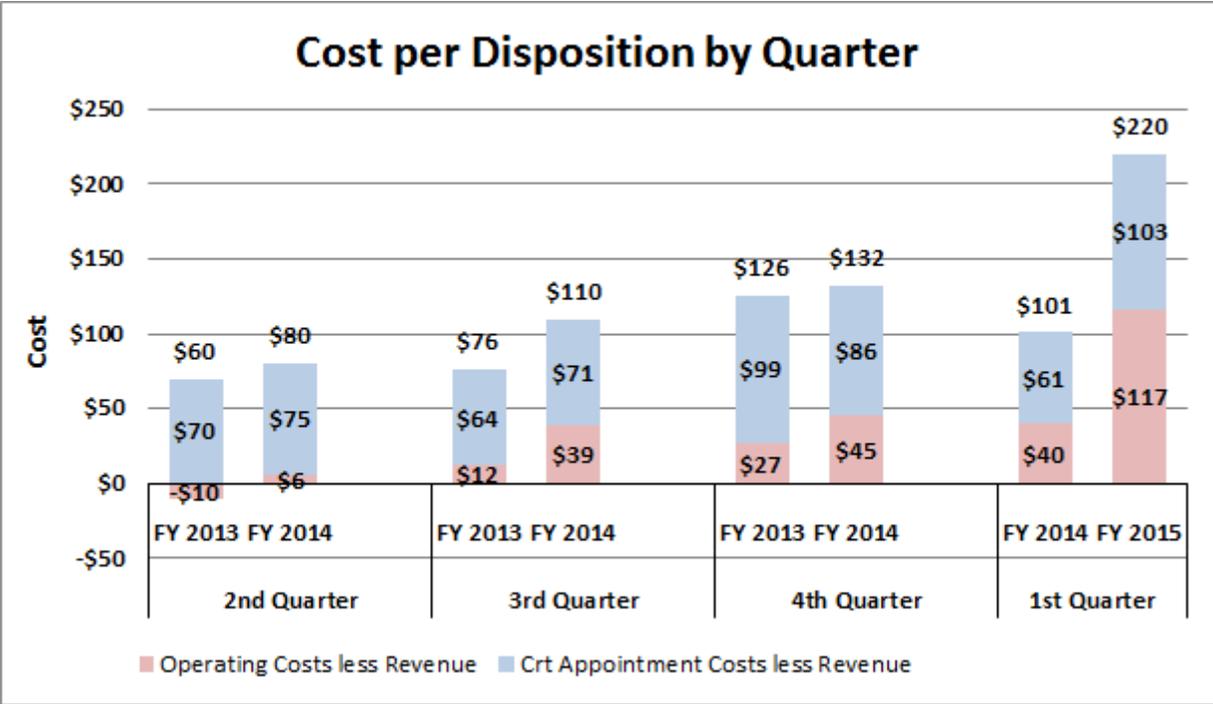
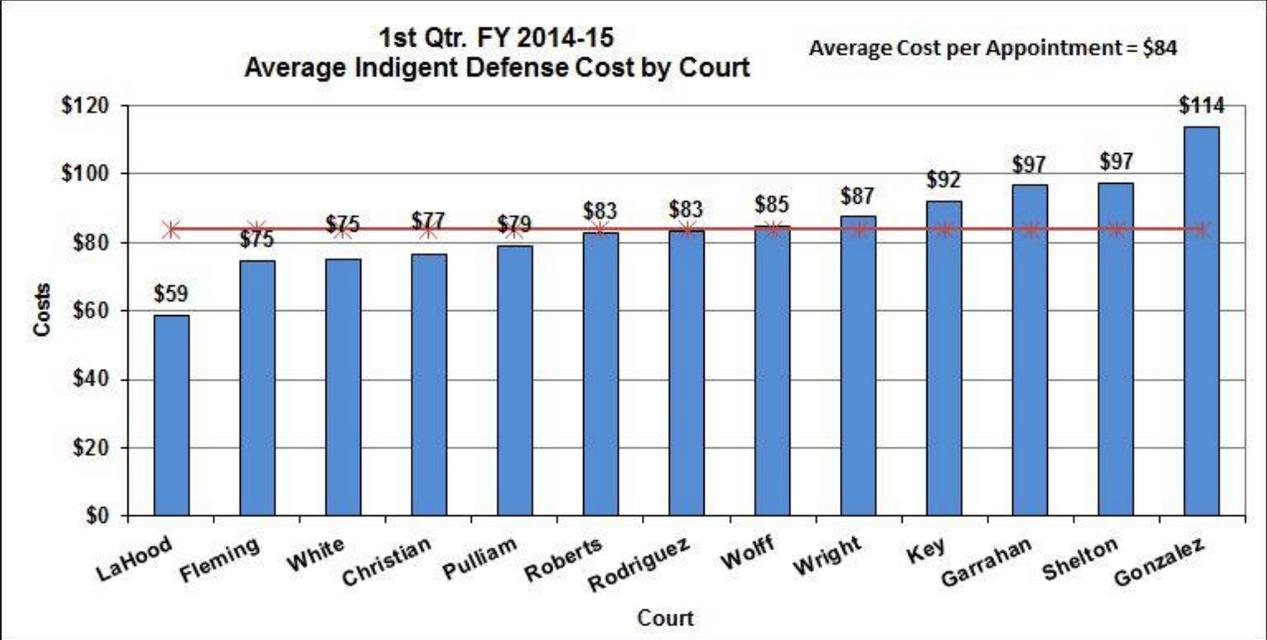
Differences in the net cost per disposition are mostly explained by the differences in the revenue collection and in the number of dispositions of the type that generate fees. For example, the defendant in case dismissal is not assessed fees.



1st Qtr. FY 2014-15 Cost per Disposition

| Court Number | Judge | Operating Expenses | Ct. Appointed Atty. Costs | Total Expenses | Indigent Defense Revenues | Court Fine Revenues | Court Costs | Total County Revenues | Net Cost/ (Savings) | Number of Dispositions | Net Cost (Savings) per Disposition |
|---------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CC1 | Fleming | \$ 121,467 | \$ 42,793 | \$ 164,260 | \$ 9,331 | \$ 38,431 | \$ 39,683 | \$ 87,445 | \$ 76,816 | 437 | \$175.78 |
| CC2 | Wolff | \$ 119,027 | \$ 37,490 | \$ 156,517 | \$ 5,378 | \$ 45,424 | \$ 43,719 | \$ 94,521 | \$ 61,997 | 317 | \$195.57 |
| CC4 | Garrahan | \$ 121,870 | \$ 43,325 | \$ 165,195 | \$ 25 | \$ 37,086 | \$ 32,462 | \$ 69,573 | \$ 95,622 | 191 | \$500.64 |
| CC5 | Pulliam | \$ 116,605 | \$ 45,446 | \$ 162,051 | \$ 9,281 | \$ 43,598 | \$ 38,026 | \$ 90,905 | \$ 71,146 | 423 | \$168.19 |
| CC6 | Christian | \$ 115,644 | \$ 50,455 | \$ 166,099 | \$ 13,927 | \$ 86,515 | \$ 76,331 | \$ 176,773 | \$ (10,673) | 298 | (\$35.82) |
| CC7 | Wright | \$ 112,779 | \$ 40,520 | \$ 153,299 | \$ 4,210 | \$ 4,514 | \$ 17,801 | \$ 26,525 | \$ 126,774 | 284 | \$446.39 |
| CC8 | Rodriguez | \$ 116,917 | \$ 50,975 | \$ 167,892 | \$ 8,243 | \$ 46,603 | \$ 53,643 | \$ 108,489 | \$ 59,403 | 489 | \$121.48 |
| CC9 | Shelton | \$ 117,003 | \$ 52,718 | \$ 169,721 | \$ 6,548 | \$ 40,247 | \$ 36,032 | \$ 82,828 | \$ 86,893 | 493 | \$176.25 |
| CC11 | Key | \$ 130,218 | \$ 49,989 | \$ 180,206 | \$ 6,282 | \$ 38,619 | \$ 37,641 | \$ 82,542 | \$ 97,664 | 517 | \$188.91 |
| CC12 | Roberts | \$ 113,141 | \$ 45,730 | \$ 158,871 | \$ 2,211 | \$ 36,318 | \$ 34,035 | \$ 72,564 | \$ 86,307 | 397 | \$217.40 |
| CC13 | Gonzalez | \$ 117,731 | \$ 38,896 | \$ 156,628 | \$ 3,114 | \$ 2,307 | \$ 20,271 | \$ 25,692 | \$ 130,936 | 252 | \$519.59 |
| CC14 | White | \$ 128,857 | \$ 45,355 | \$ 174,212 | \$ 9,885 | \$ 36,021 | \$ 36,812 | \$ 82,718 | \$ 91,494 | 303 | \$301.96 |
| CC15 | LaHood | \$ 127,462 | \$ 36,920 | \$ 164,382 | \$ 8,739 | \$ 40,584 | \$ 37,772 | \$ 87,095 | \$ 77,287 | 385 | \$200.75 |
| | Admin* | \$ 256,997 | | | N/A | N/A | | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Total: | | \$1,558,720 | \$580,613 | \$2,139,333 | \$87,175 | \$496,265 | \$504,228 | \$1,087,668 | \$1,051,666 | 4786 | \$ 219.74 |

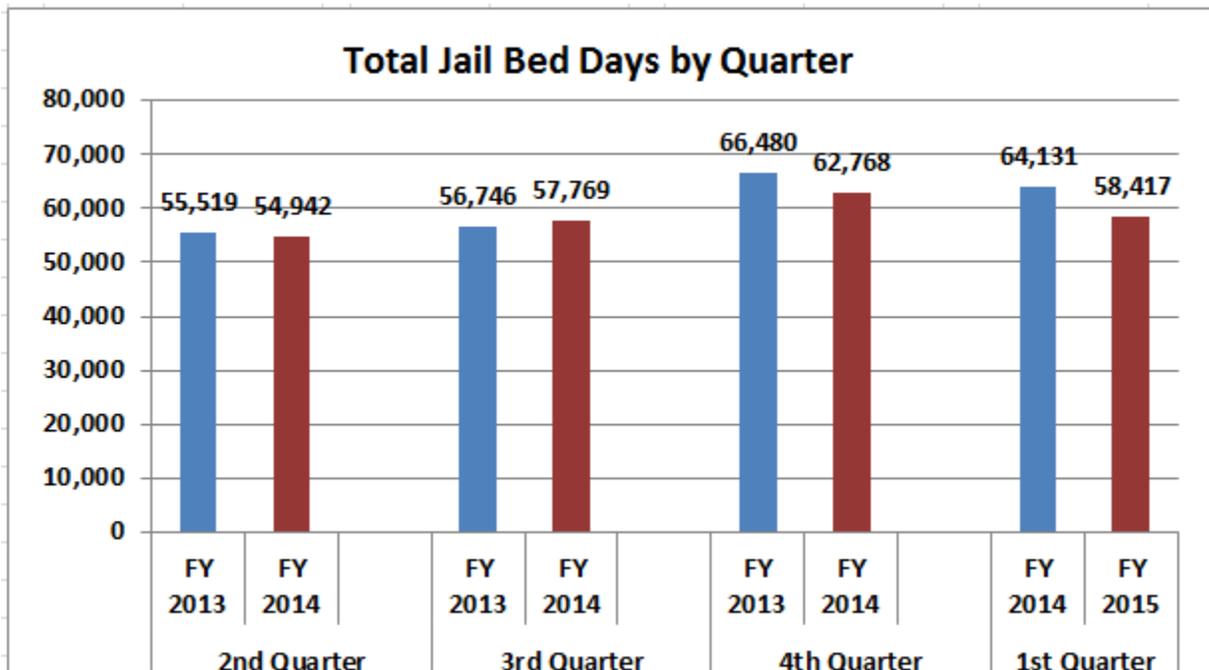
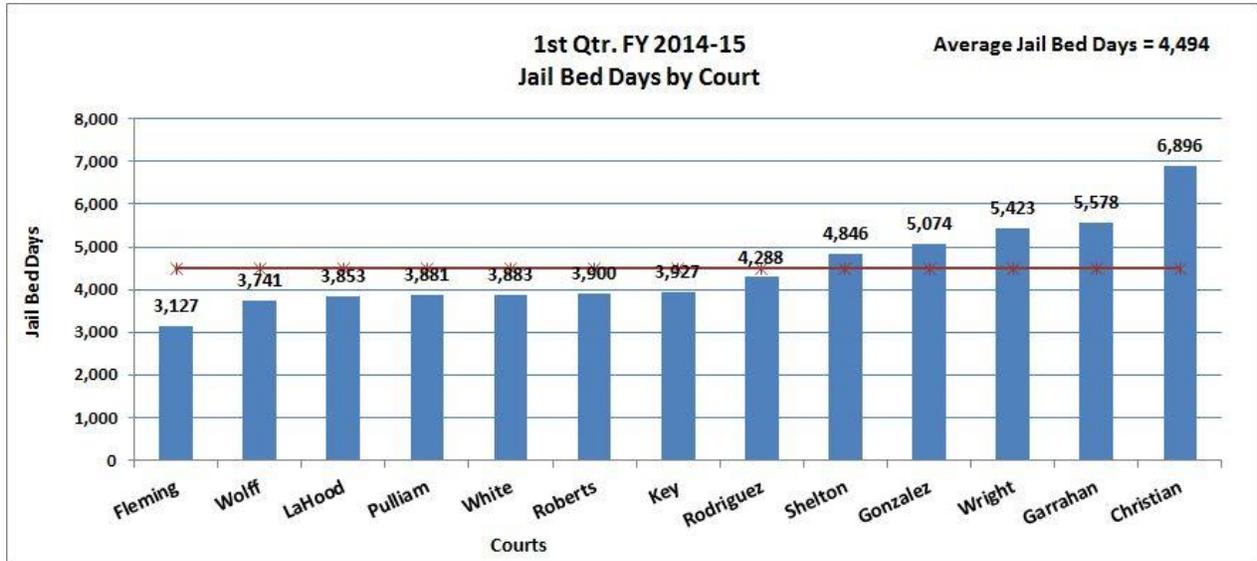
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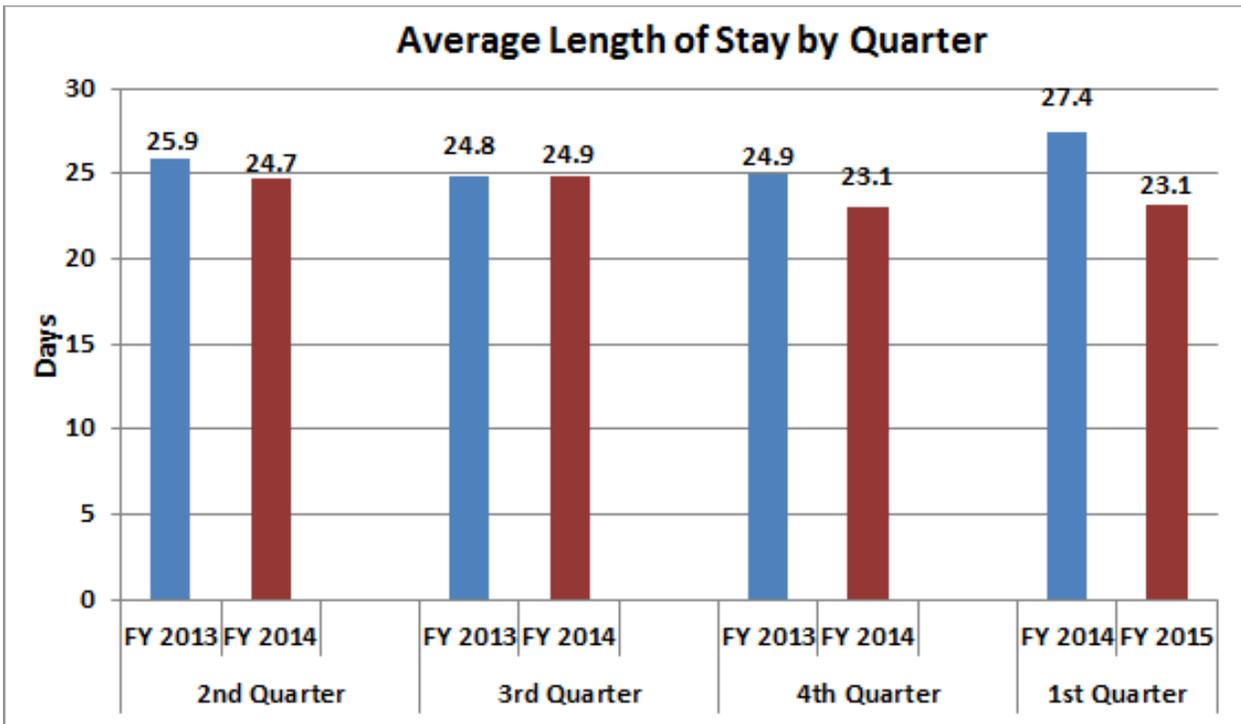
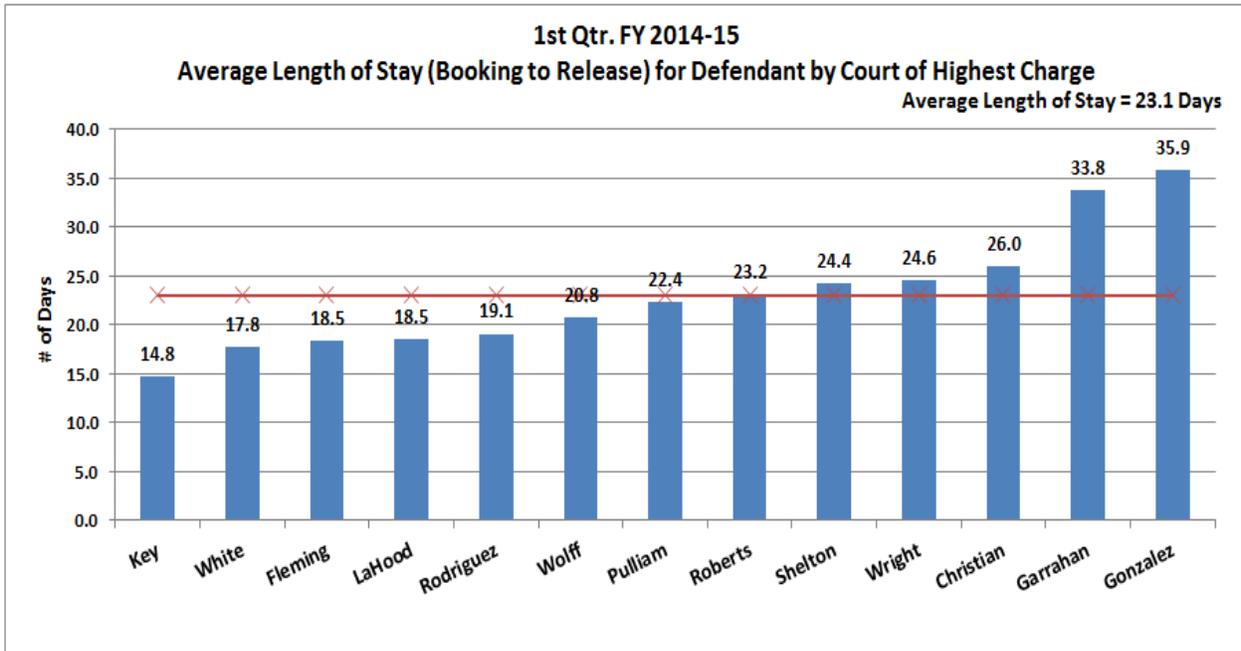
Measure 2: Jail Bed Days

Definition: The number of jail bed days consumed.

Analysis and Interpretation: The first chart below shows a court by court comparison of Jail Bed Days for 1st Quarter of FY 2014-15 assigned to the County Courts from least jail bed days to the greatest jail bed days. The second chart displays the total number of jail bed days consumed court wide for each of the last eight quarters. The third chart shows the average length of stay for the custodies by County Court for the 1st Quarter of FY 2014-15. The final chart displays the average length of stay for the past eight quarters for the entire court.



The average length of stay only measures the time spent for the highest charge for a defendant in that court.



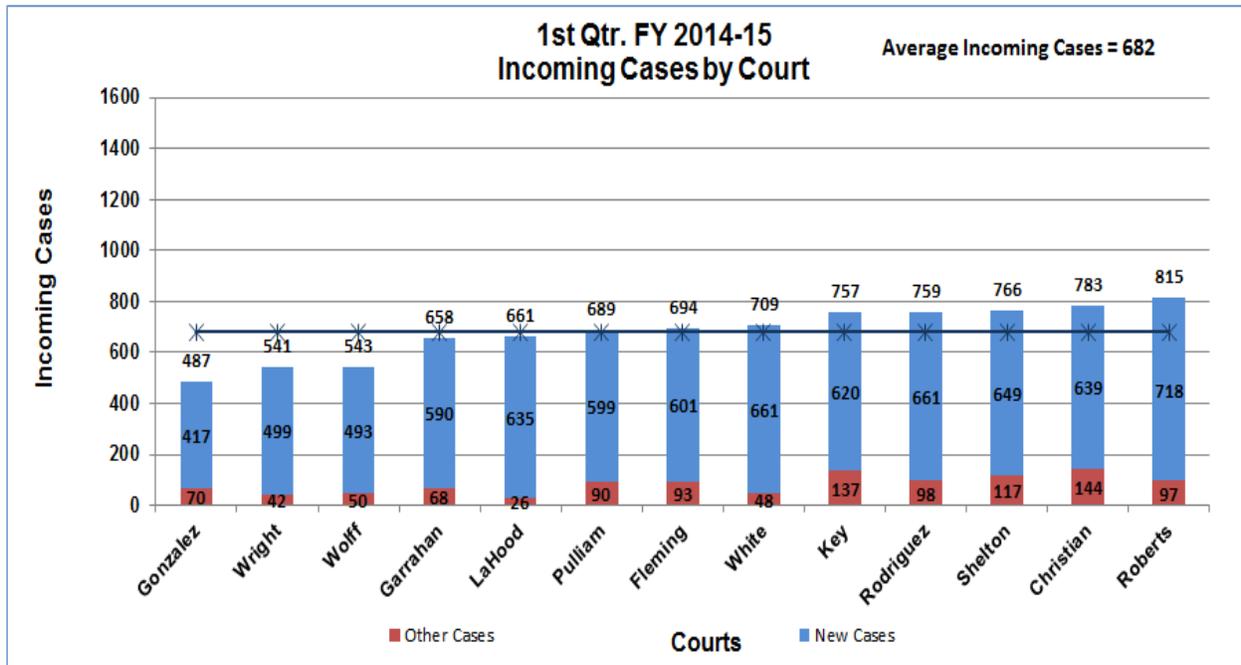
Measure 3: Clearance Rates

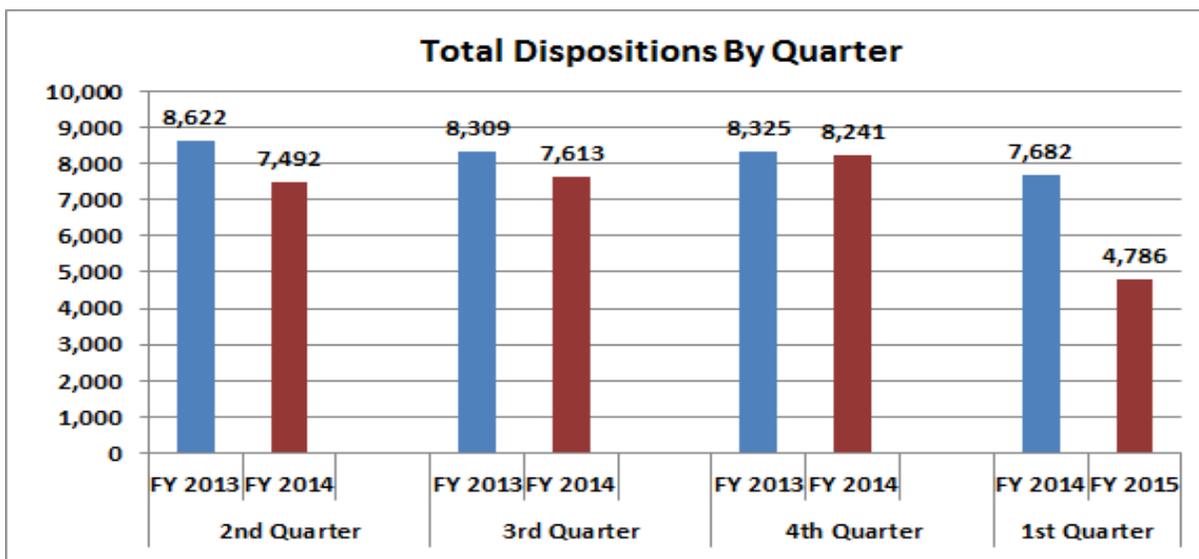
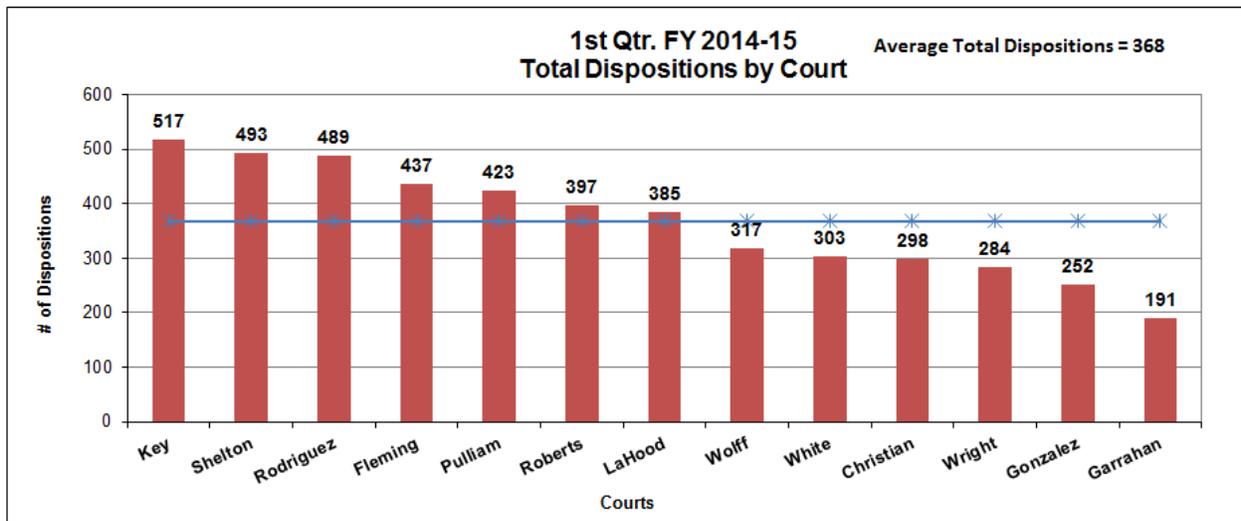
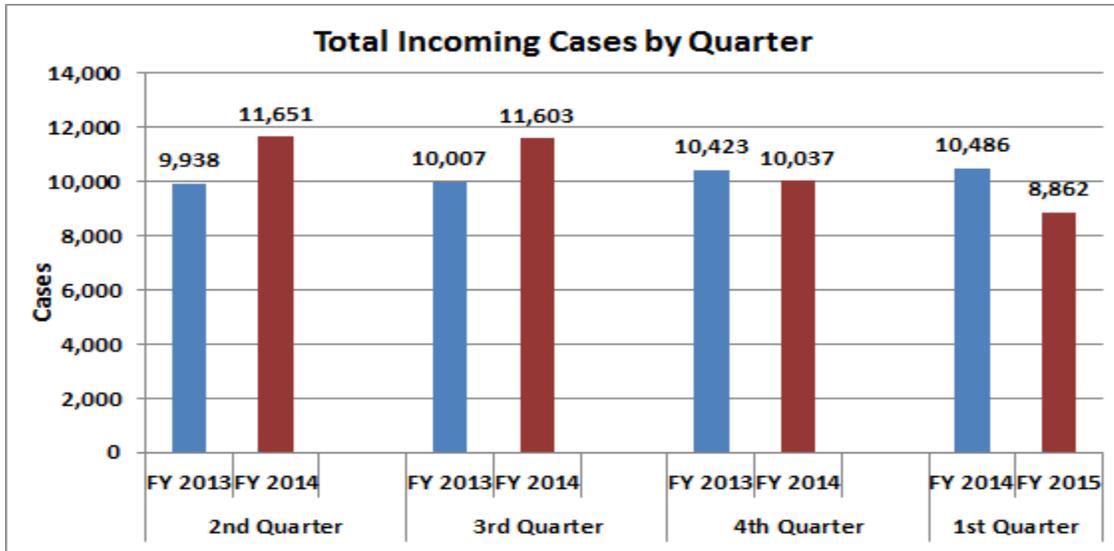
Definition: The number of disposed cases as a percentage of the number of incoming cases.

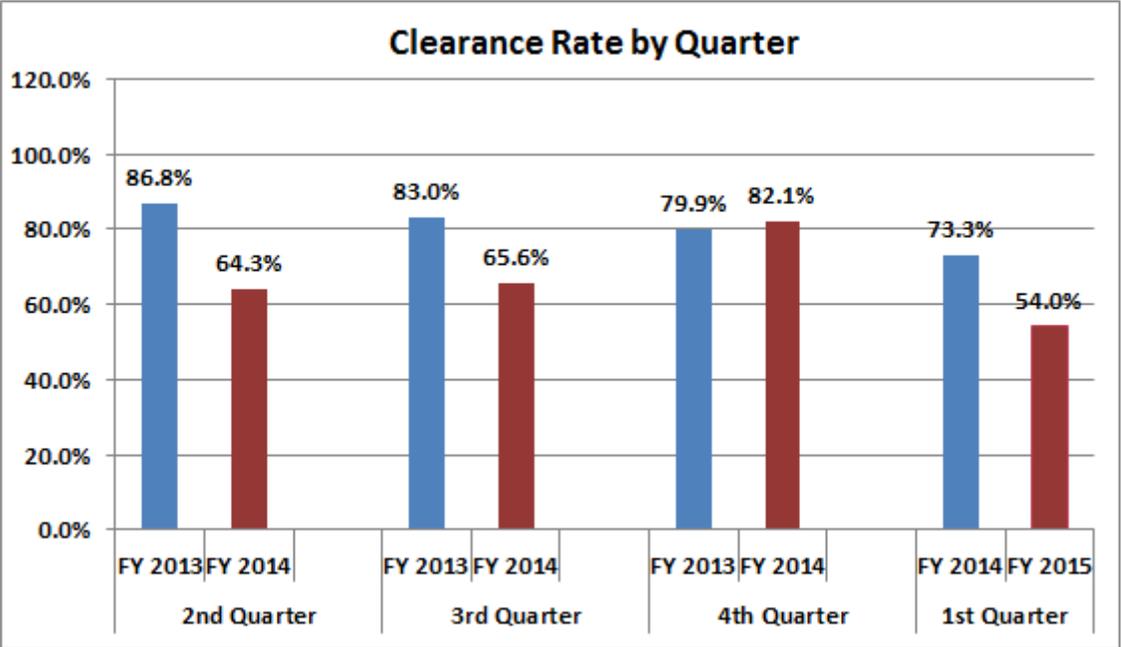
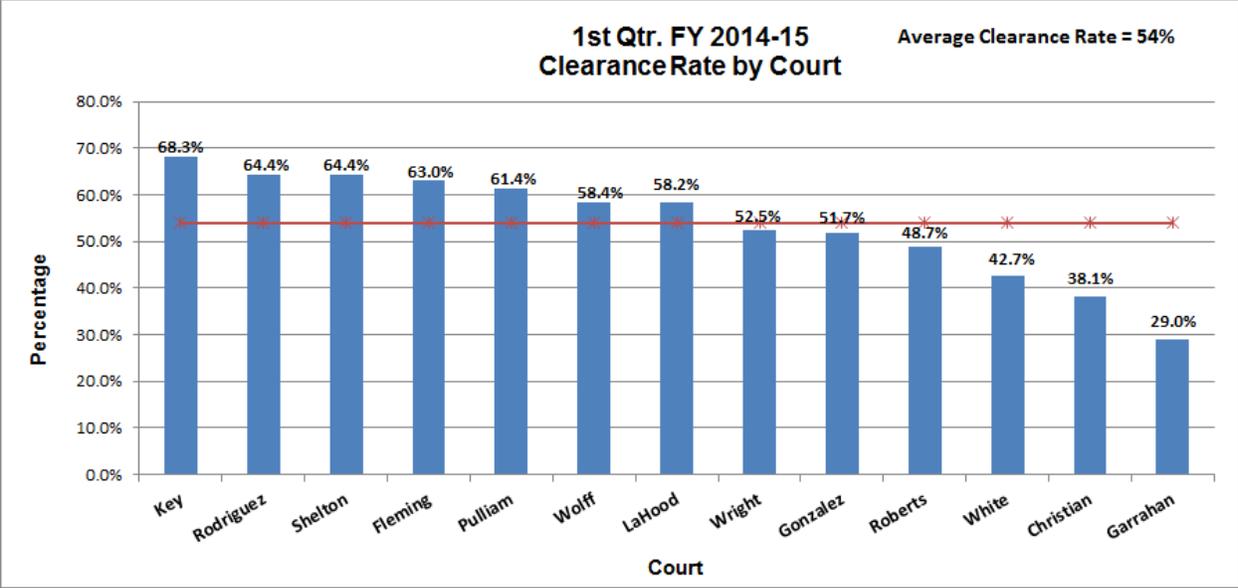
Analysis and Interpretation: The clearance rate is a measure of incoming cases a court receives compared to cases disposed monthly. A clearance rate of 100% represents a court that is disposing of the same number of incoming cases. A clearance rate above 100% represents a court that is disposing of more incoming cases than it is receiving. A clearance rate below 100% represents a court that is disposing of fewer incoming cases than it is receiving. This measure can be used to determine whether or not a backlog may occur.

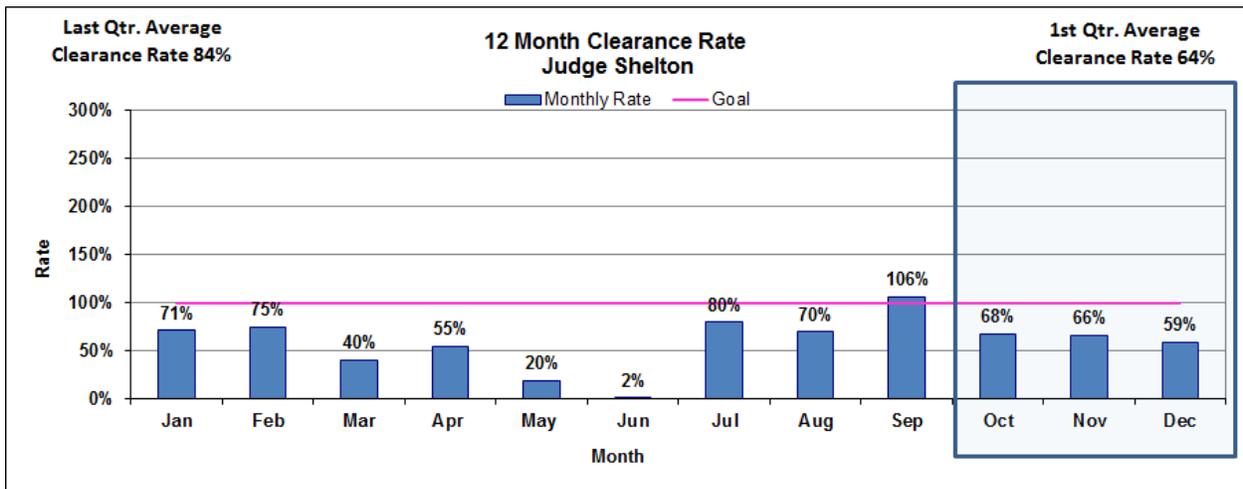
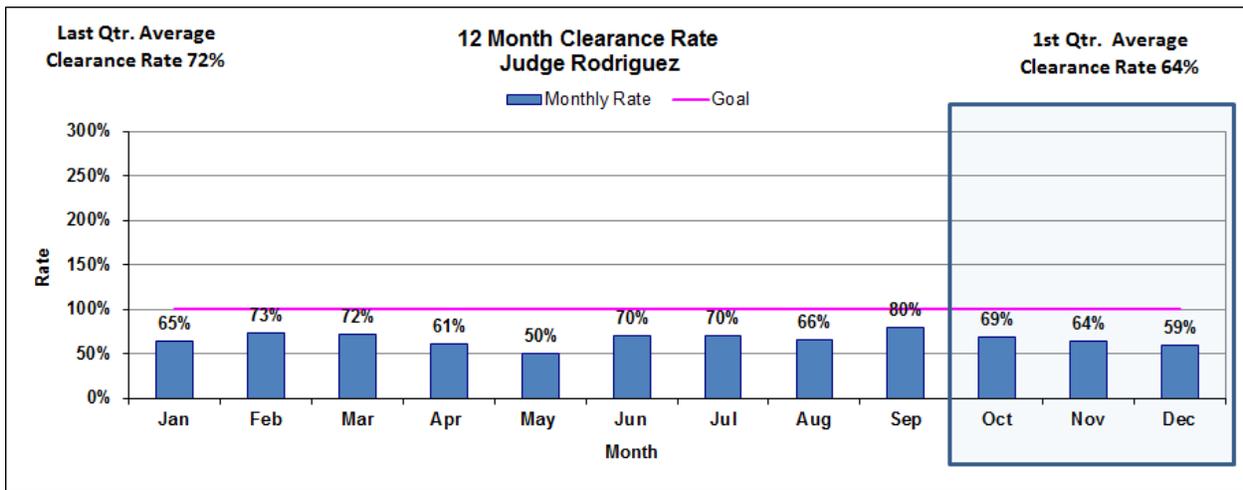
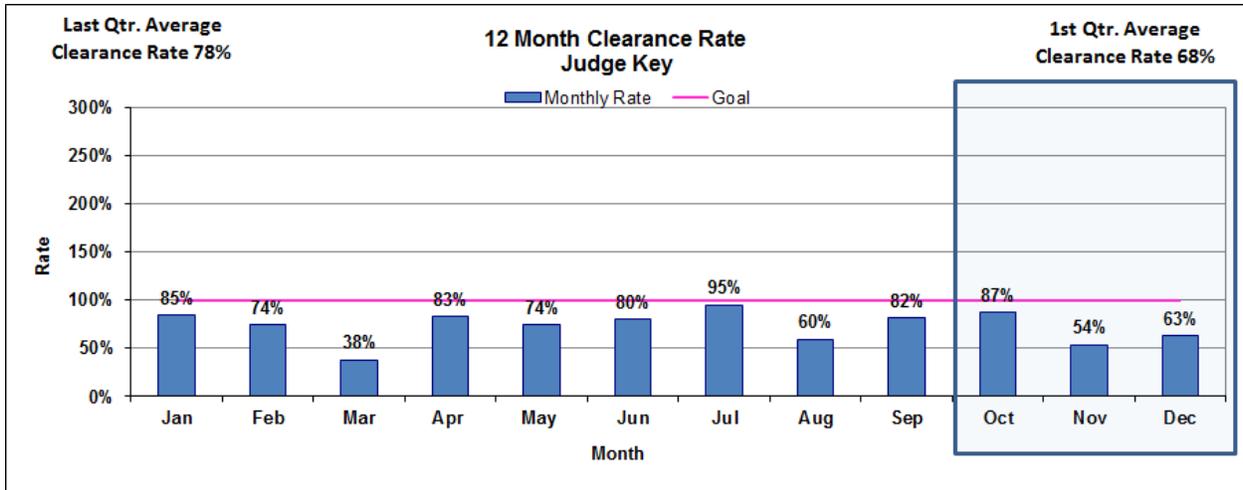
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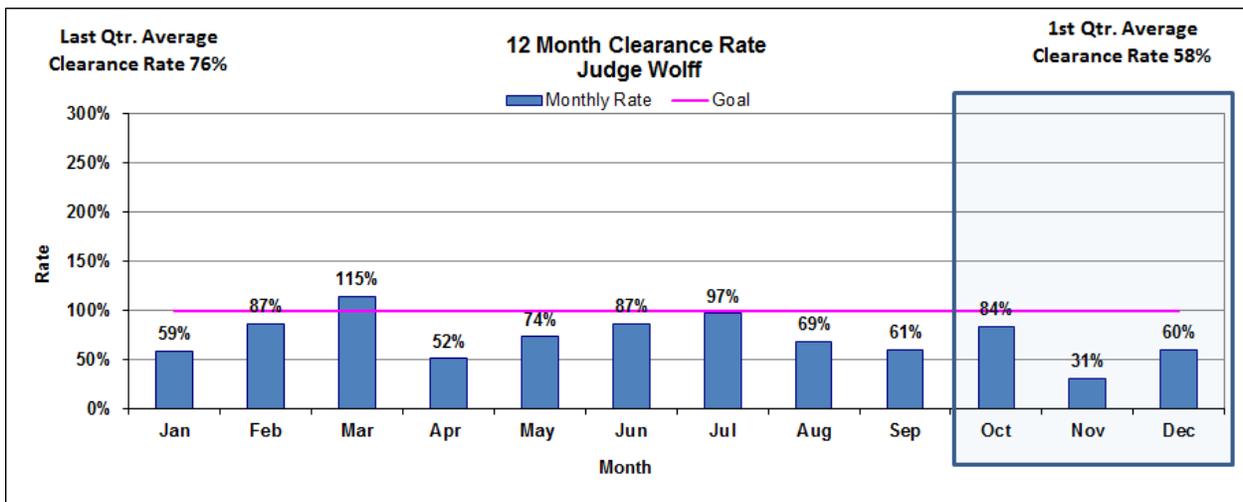
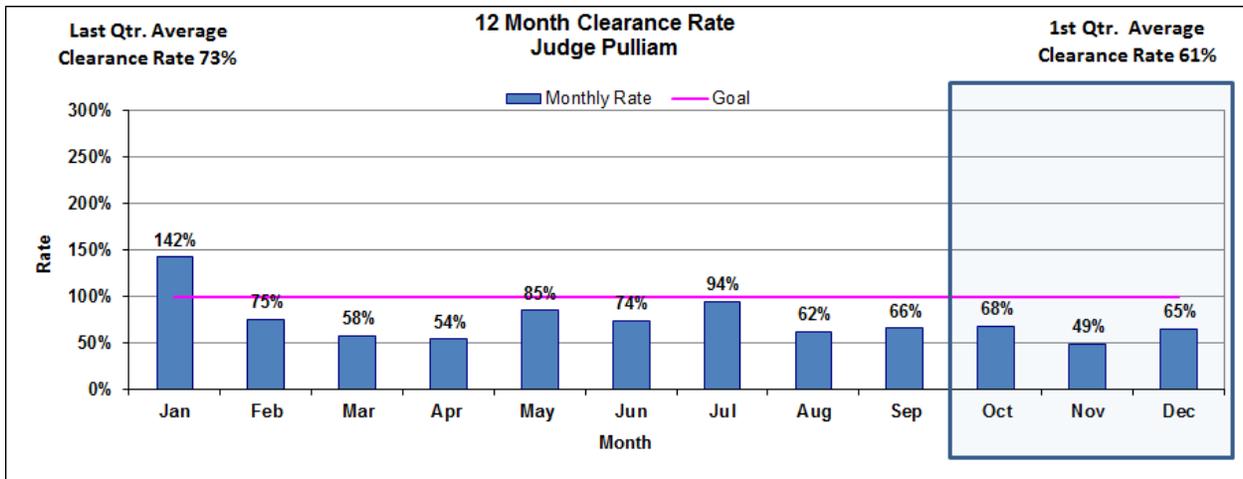
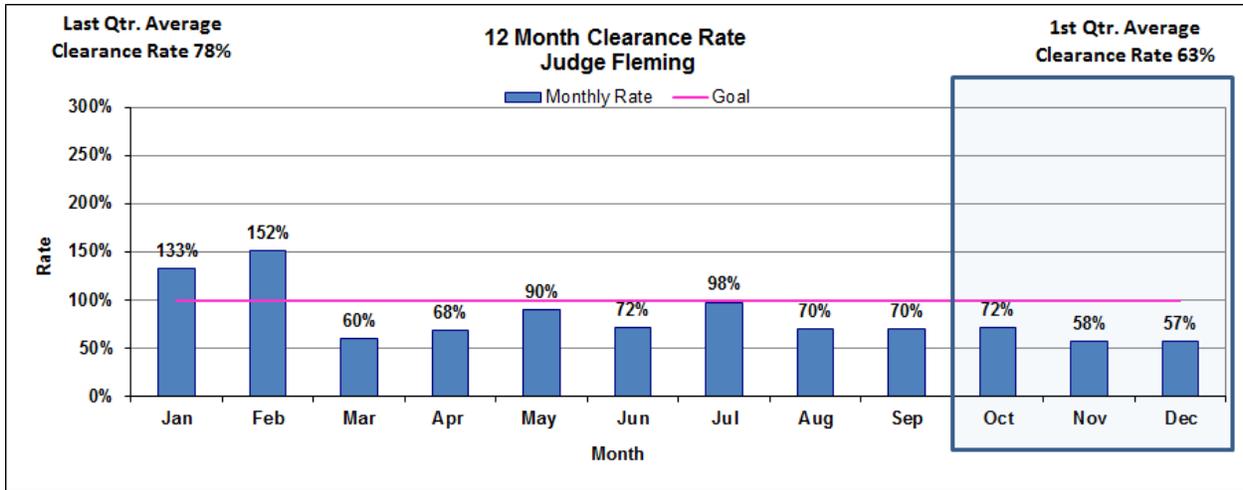
1. The first graph shows the total incoming cases for the quarter by Court, which indicates the incoming workload for the quarter.
2. The second graph displays the court-wide total incoming cases for the past eight quarters.
3. The third graph displays total cases that were disposed by each court during the quarter, which indicate the amount of work that was produced for the quarter.
4. The fourth chart shows the court-wide total dispositions for the past eight quarters
5. The fifth chart shows the clearance rate by court from the highest to the lowest.
6. The sixth chart displays the court-wide average clearance rate for the past eight quarters.
7. The final set of graphs display by court the Clearance Rates over the past twelve months. The Court with the highest clearance rate is displayed first.

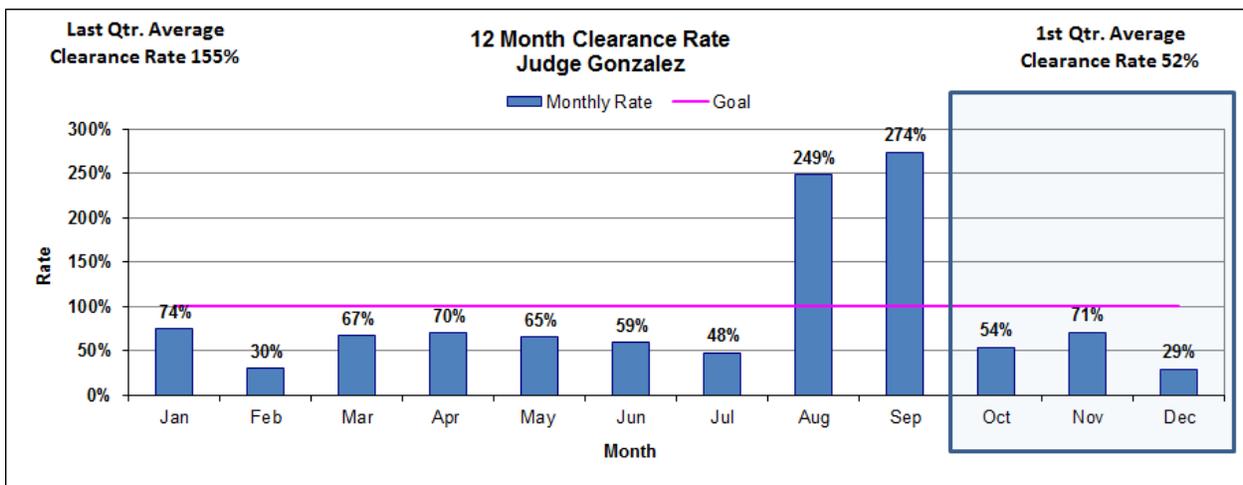
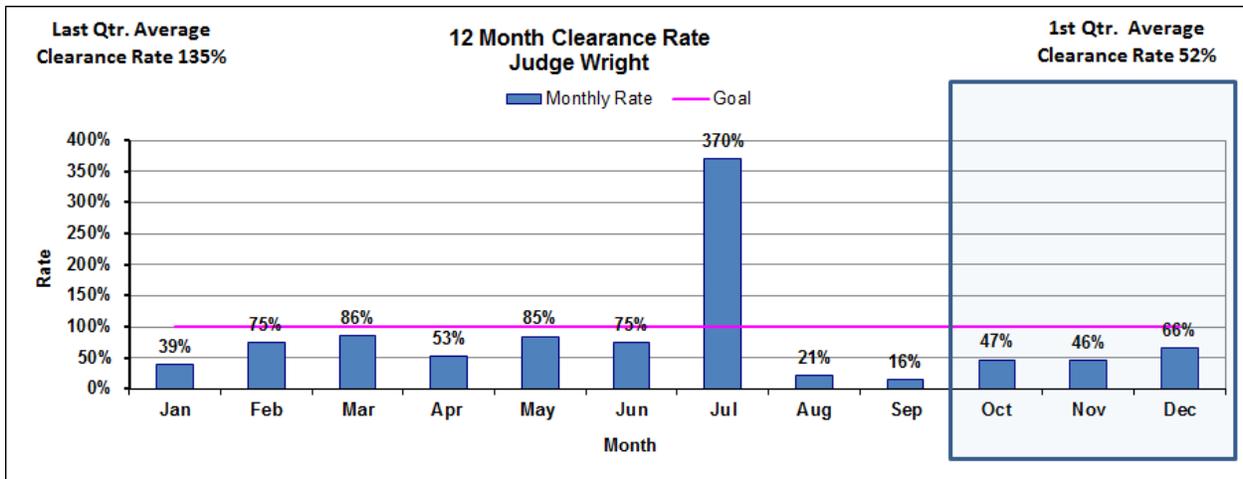
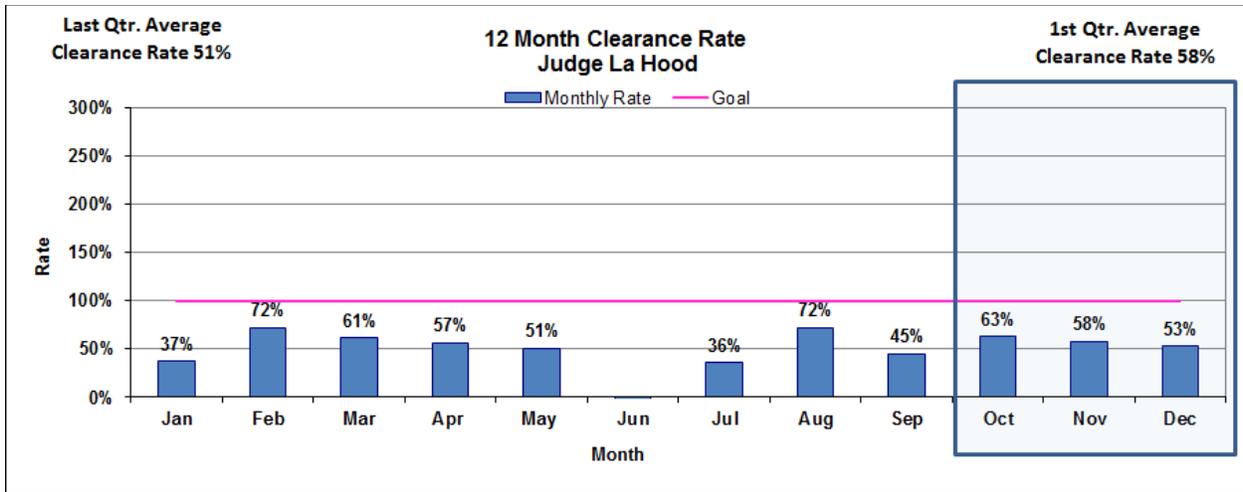


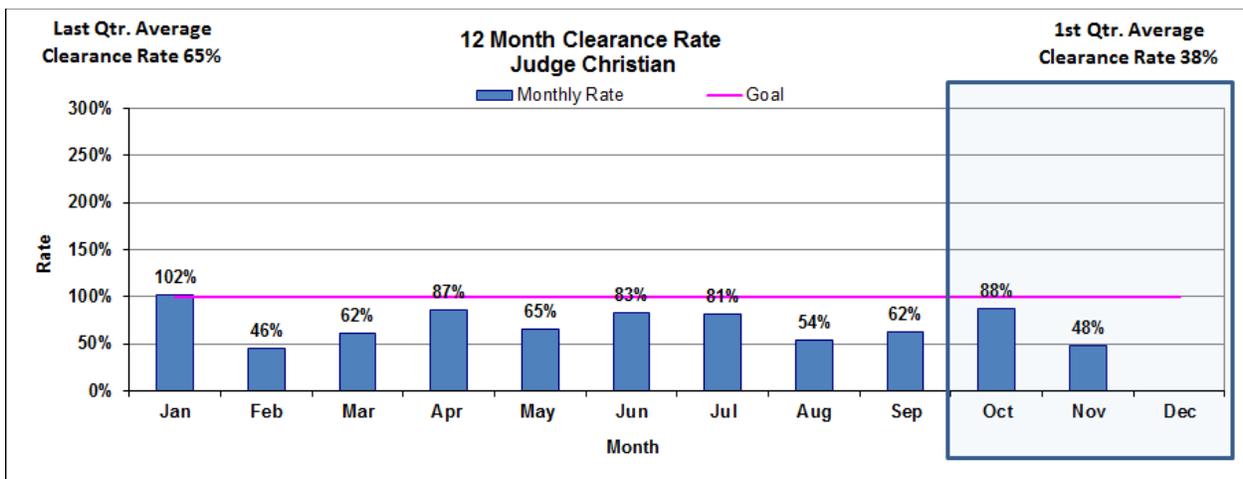
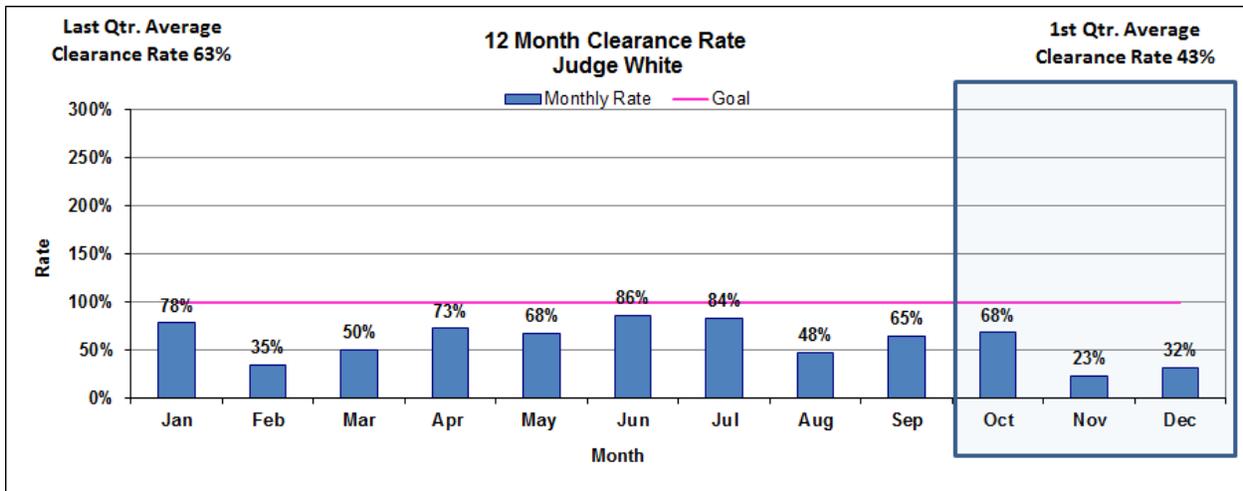
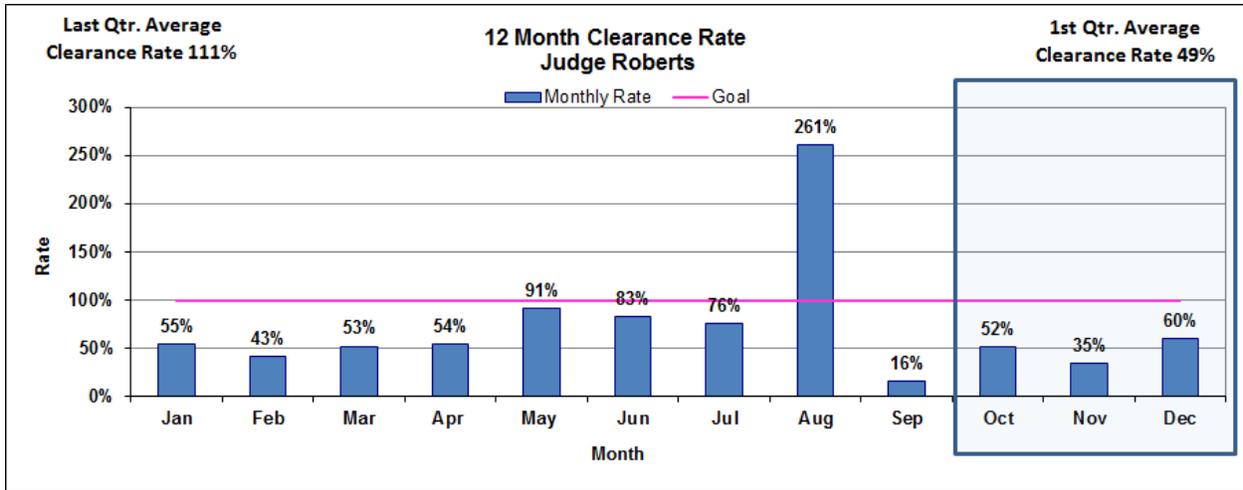




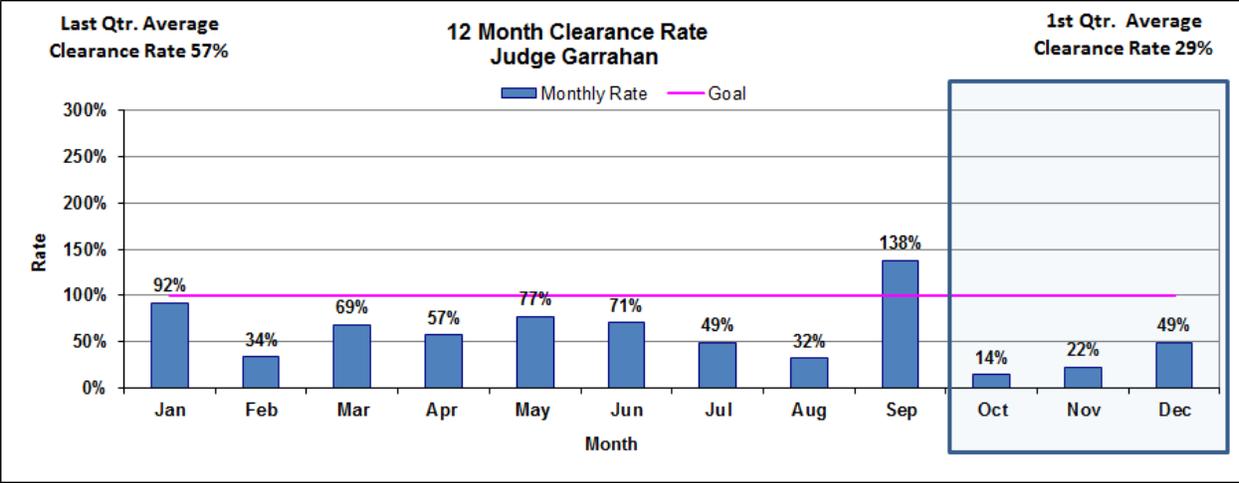








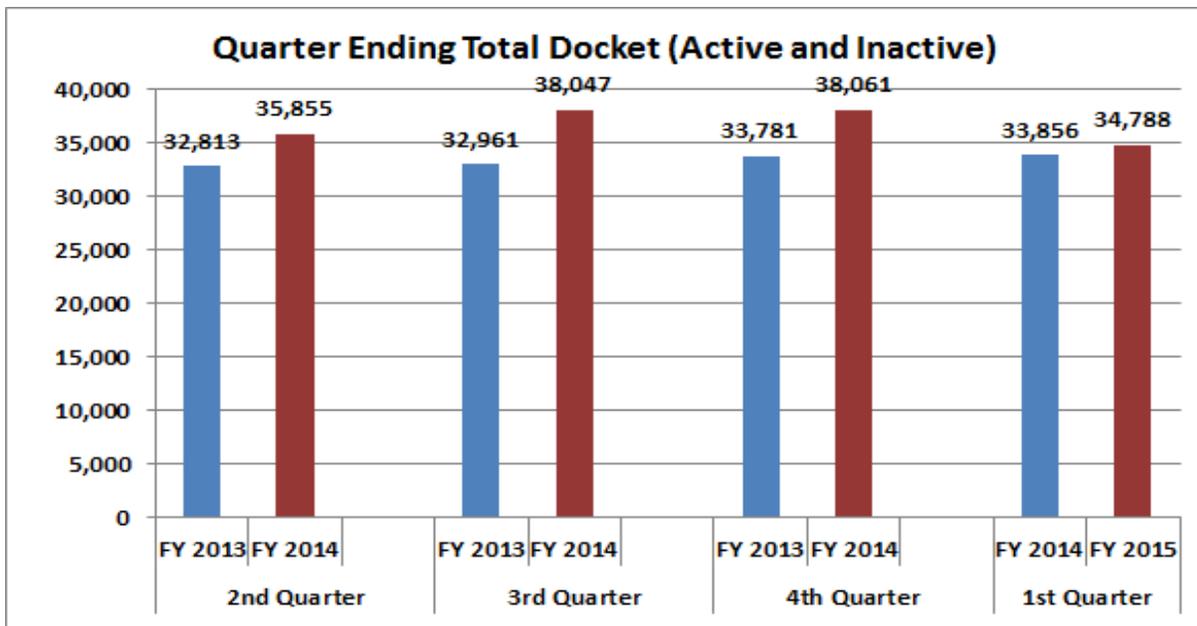
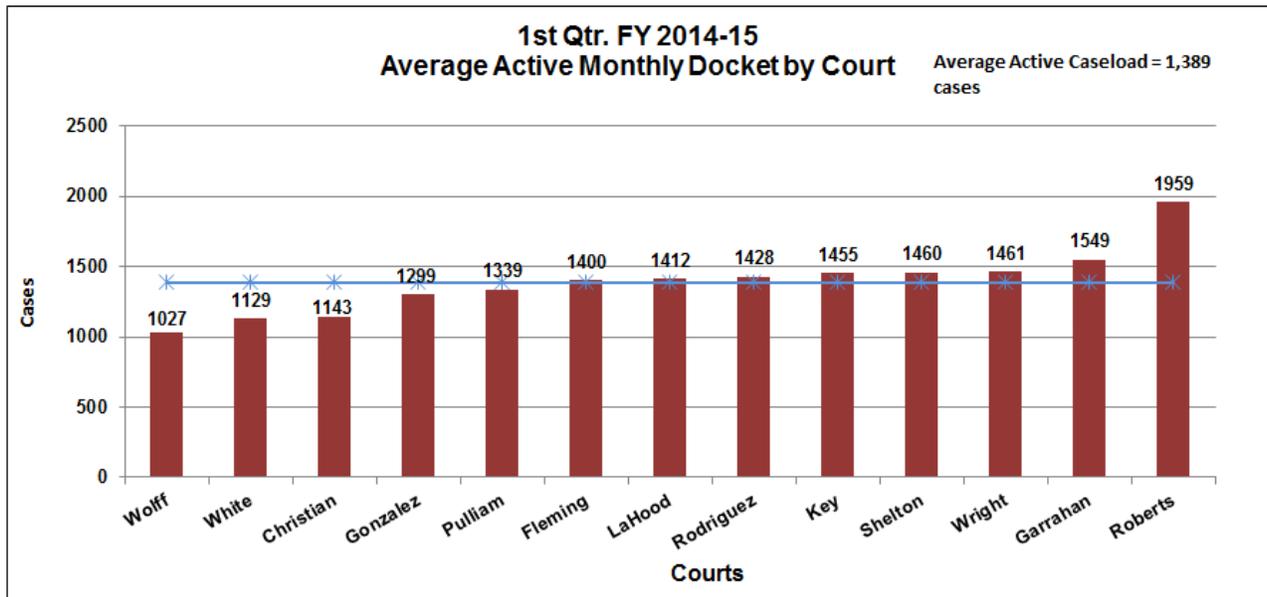
*The no. of allowed dispositions was greater than the no. of dispositions accounted for Judge Christian for Dec, resulting in a negative clearance rate estimation.

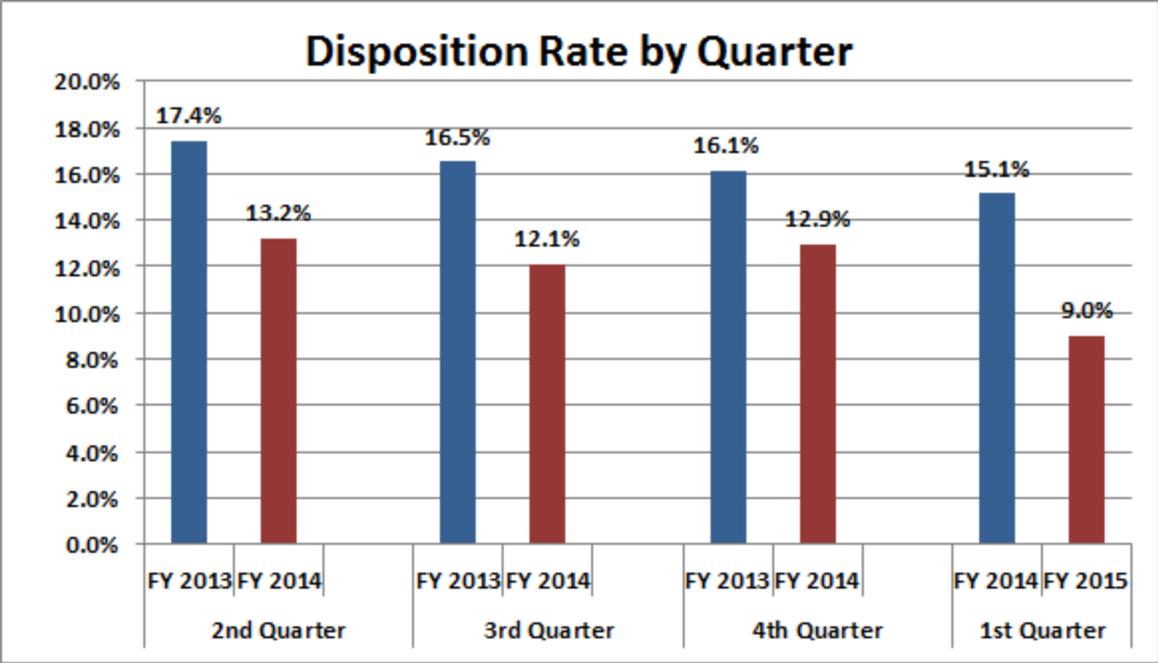
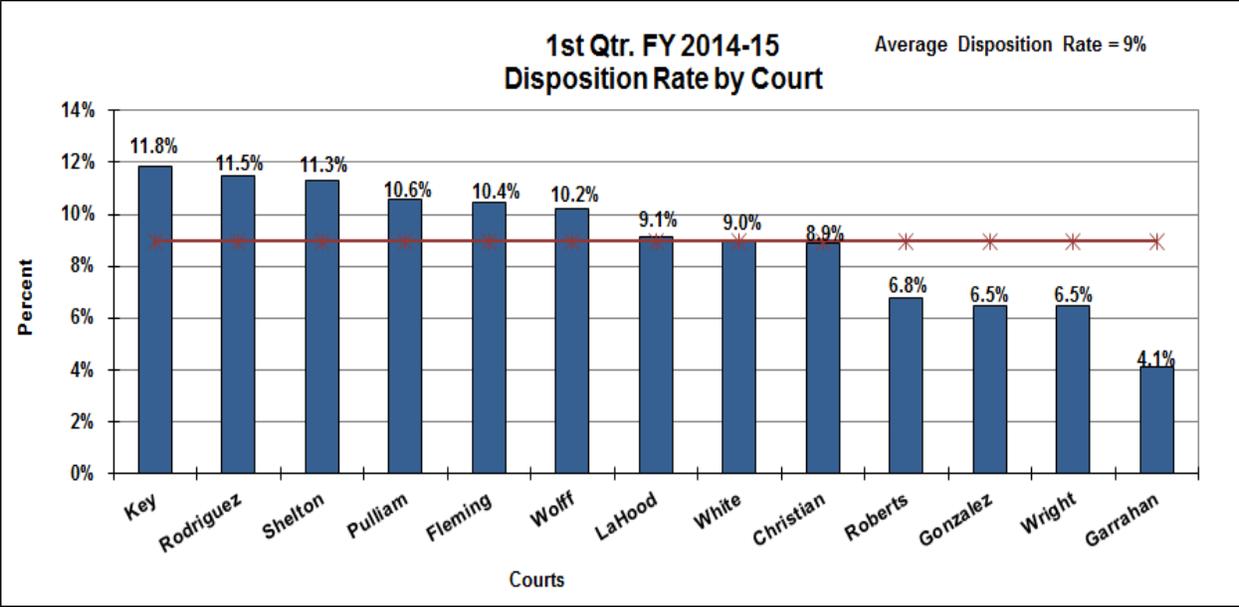


Measure 4: Disposition Rate

Definition: The number of disposed cases as a percentage of the Active Caseload.

Analysis and Interpretation: The disposition rate is a measure of cases disposed during the quarter compared to the average active caseload during the same quarter. This calculation includes the disposition of cases on the existing docket in addition to the other matters addressed by the Court. The first chart displays the number of active cases by court from the smallest to the largest. The second chart shows the court-wide docket size at the end of each of the last eight quarters. The third chart shows the disposition rate by court, from the highest to lowest. The final chart displays the court-wide active caseload and average disposition rate for the past eight quarters.





Measure 5: Time to Disposition

Definition: The percentage of cases disposed or otherwise resolved within established time frames. This is a comparison of data from *age of disposed cases* and only considers cases that are disposed, not the full docket.

Analysis and Interpretation: For each case, the report calculates the time, in days, from filing of the case until the date the case was disposed. The case processing time standards published by the American Bar Association (ABA) and those published by the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) are utilized. The following charts display for each court the time periods required to dispose of their cases. The courts with the greatest number of dispositions are shown first.

Note: Although the time to disposition is measured only using active cases that have been disposed, the case time that elapsed when the defendant was a fugitive or when the defendant had an accompanying felony cases to be adjudicated is included in this measure.

COSCA Case Processing Standards – Criminal Misdemeanor

| COSCA Case Processing Standards | Criminal County Courts |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 100% within 90 Days | 44% within 90 Days |

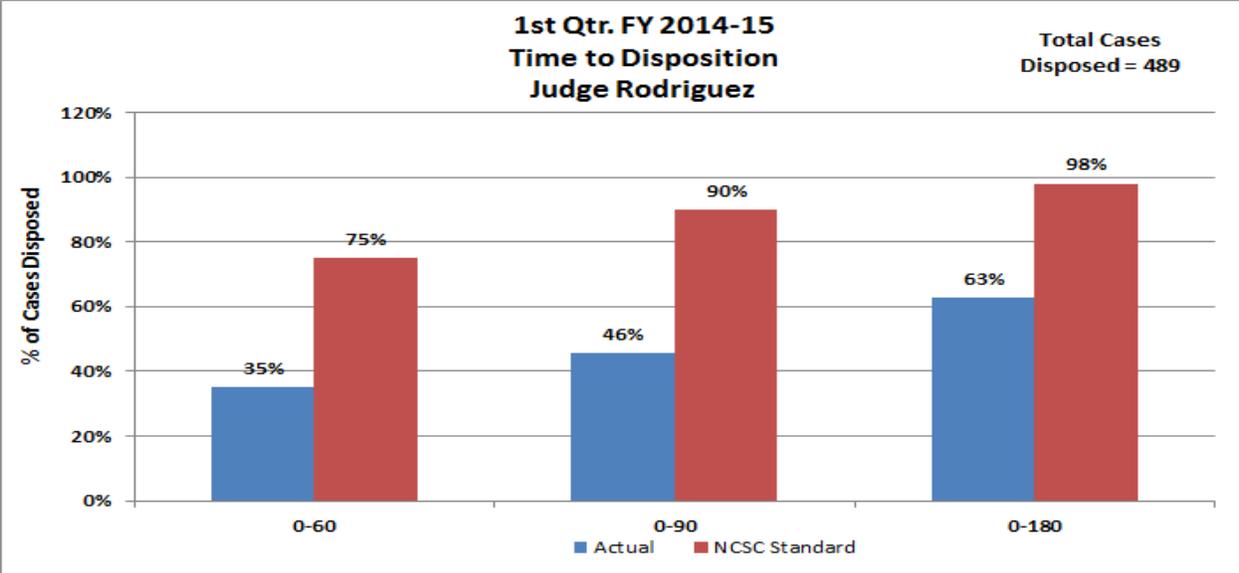
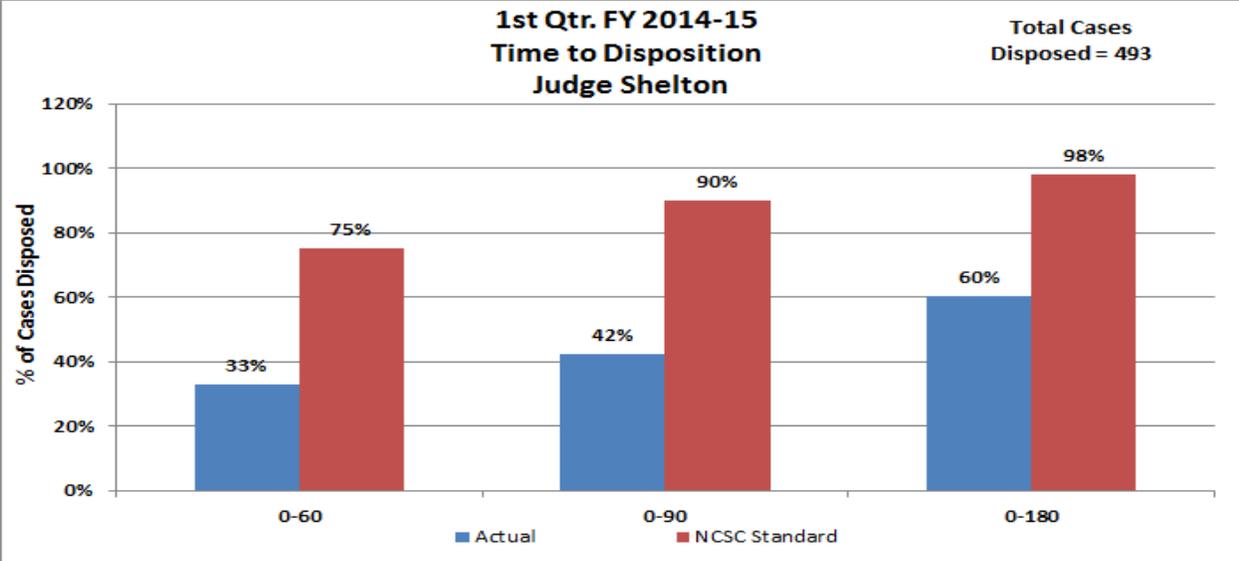
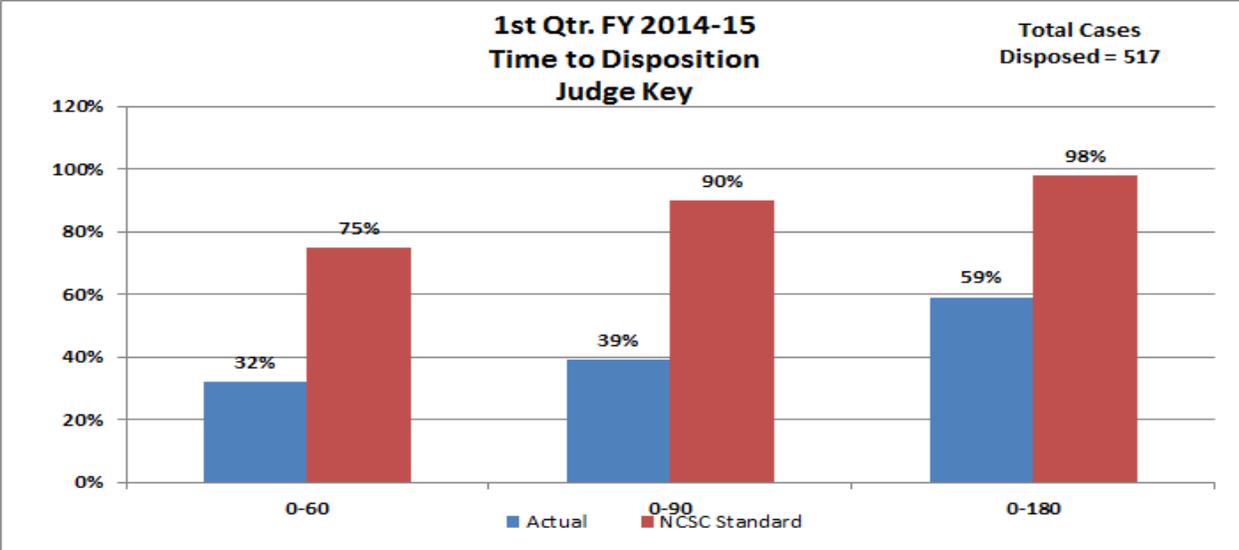
ABA Case Processing Standards – Criminal Misdemeanor

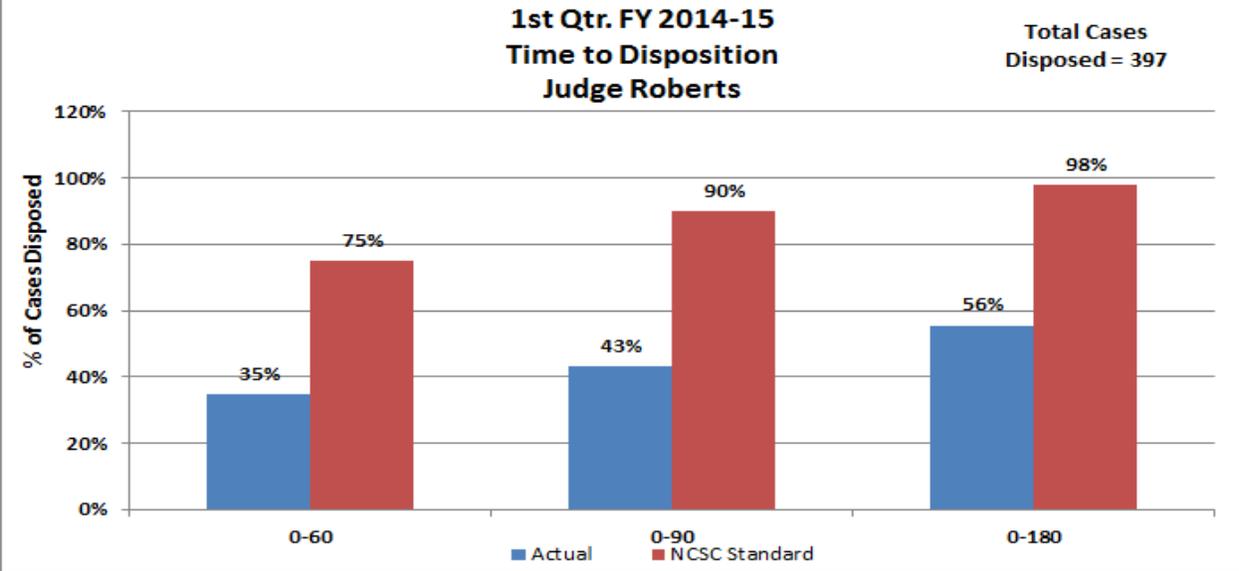
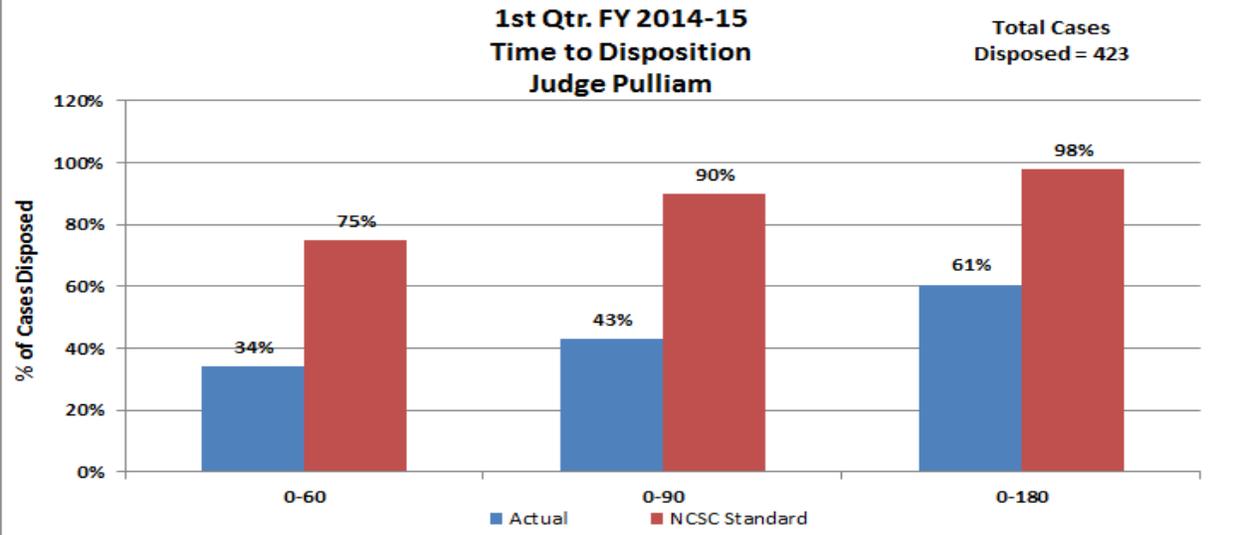
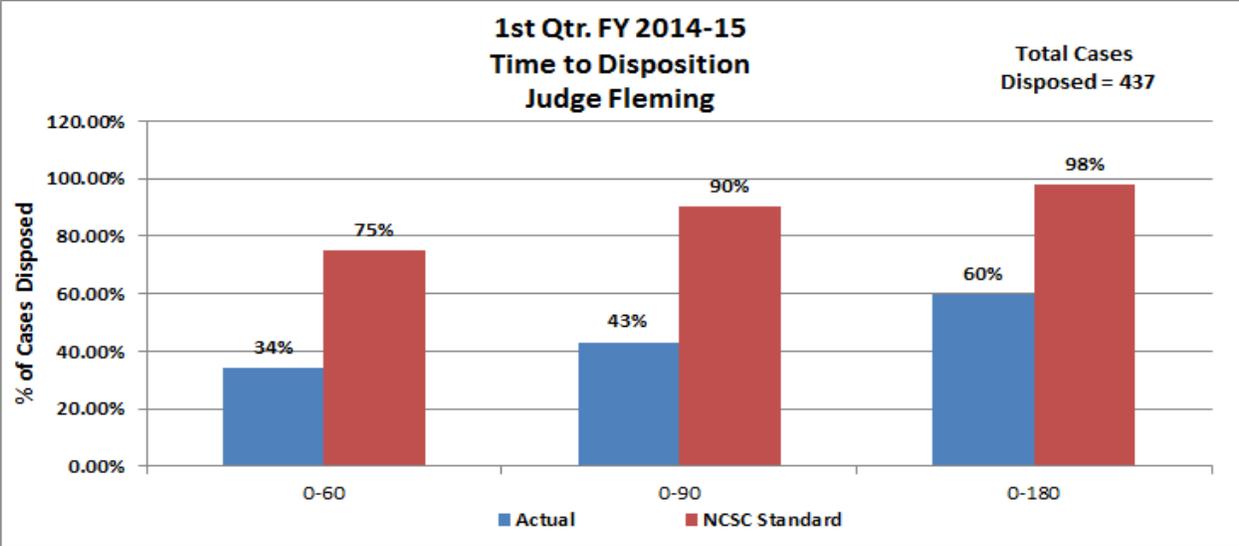
| ABA Case Processing Standards | Criminal County Courts |
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| 90 % within 30 Days | 15% within 30 Days |
| 100% within 90 Days | 44% within 90 Days |

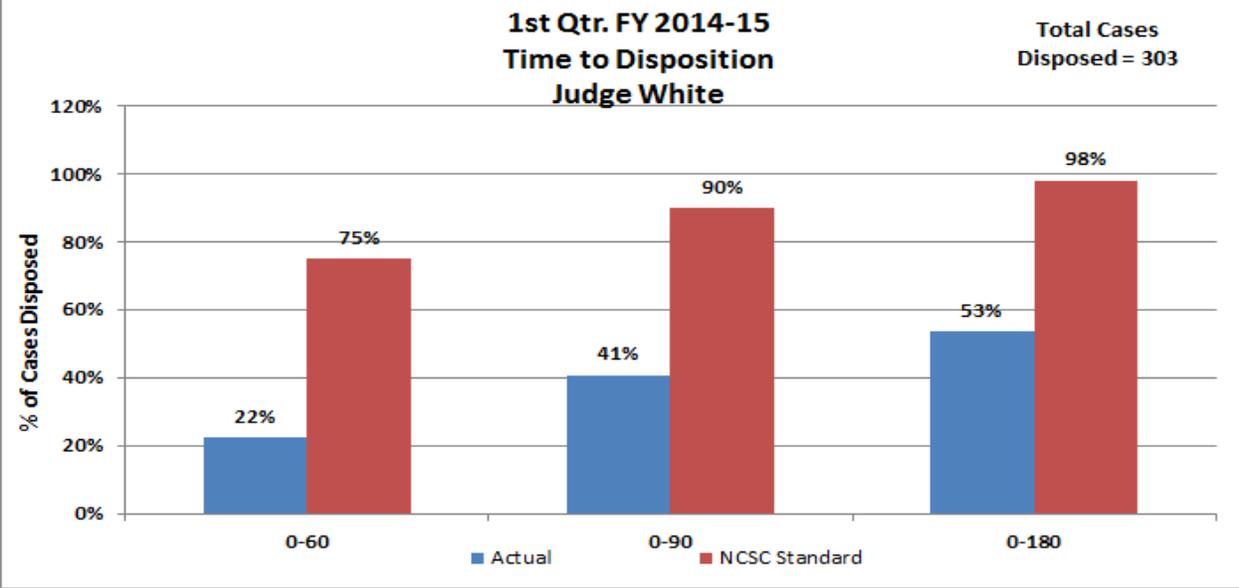
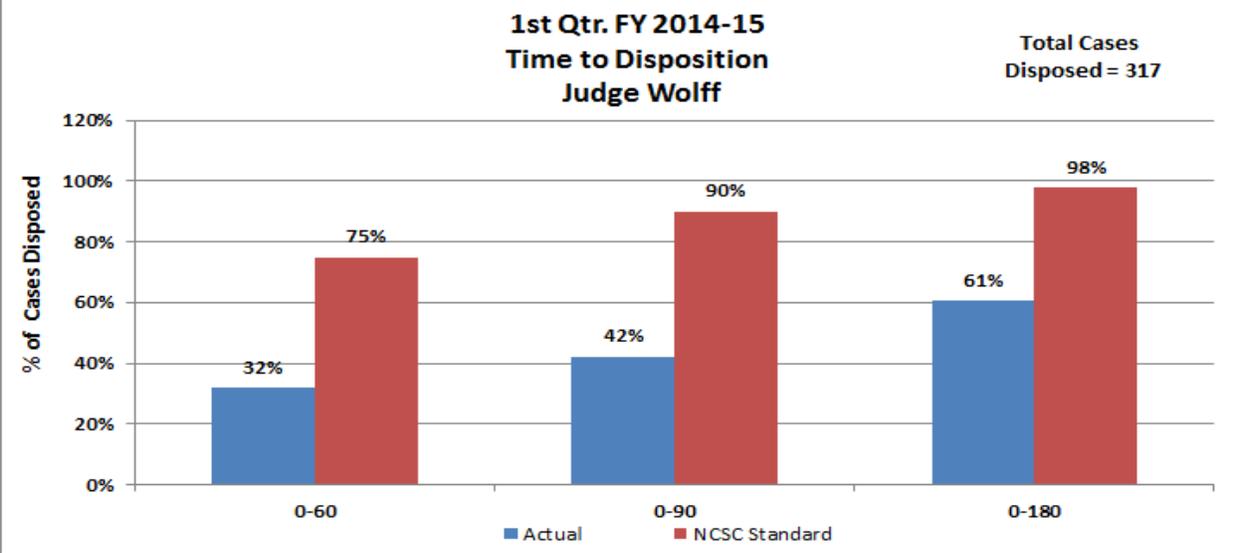
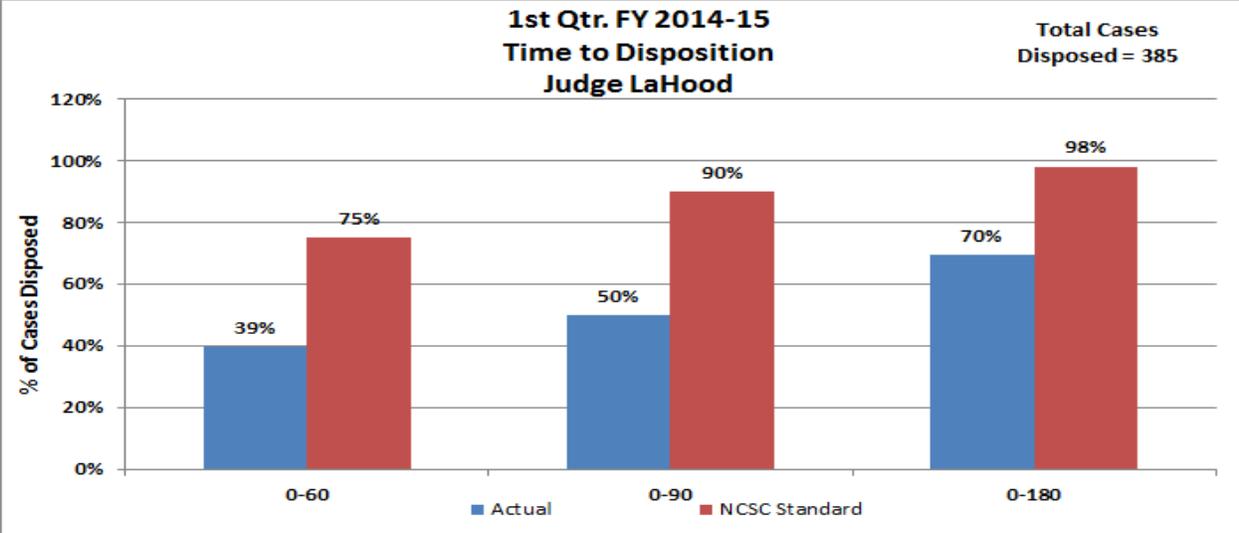
NCSC Model Case Processing Standards – Criminal Misdemeanor

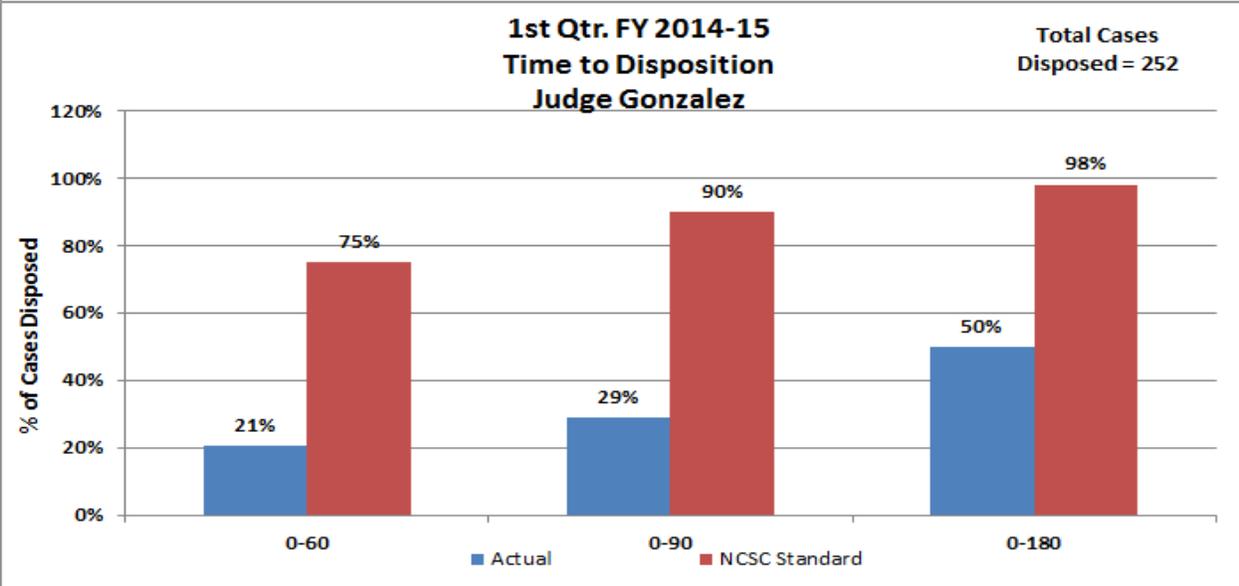
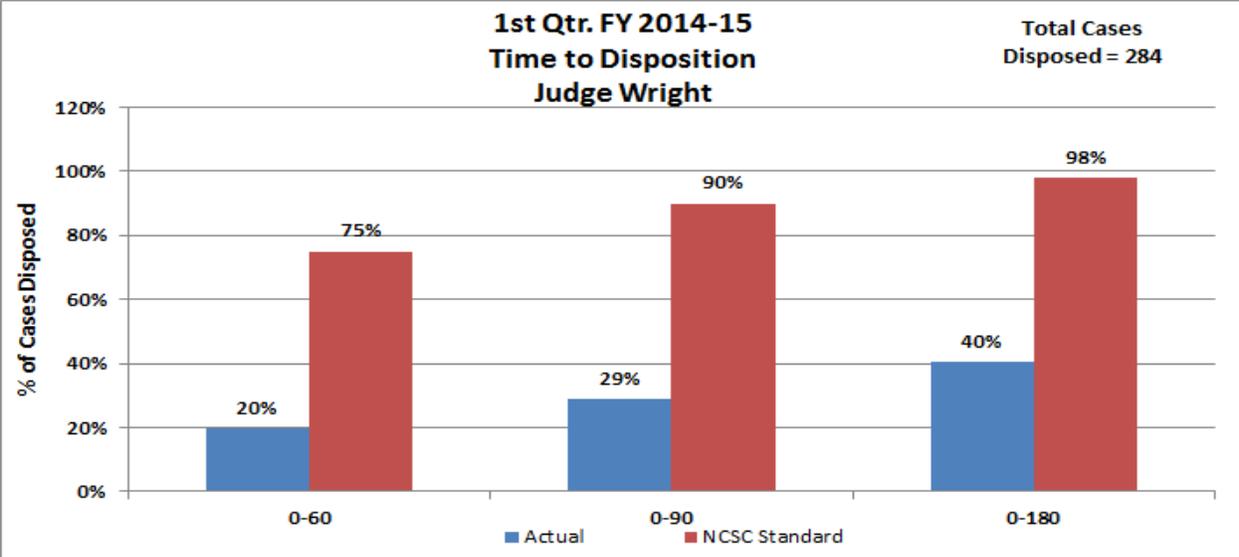
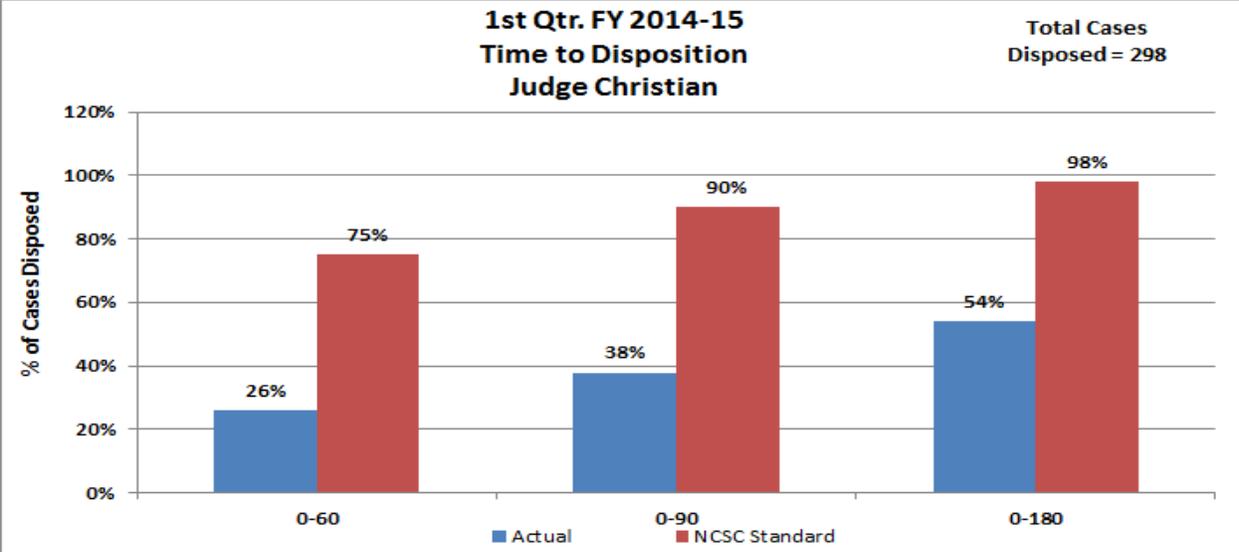
| NCSC Case Processing Standards | Criminal County Courts |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 75% within 60 Days | 35% within 60 Days |
| 90% within 90 Days | 44% within 90 Days |
| 98% within 180 Days | 60% within 180 Days |

Source: National Center for State Courts Web site,
www.ncsconline.org/WC/Publications/KIS_CasManCPTSPub.pdf.



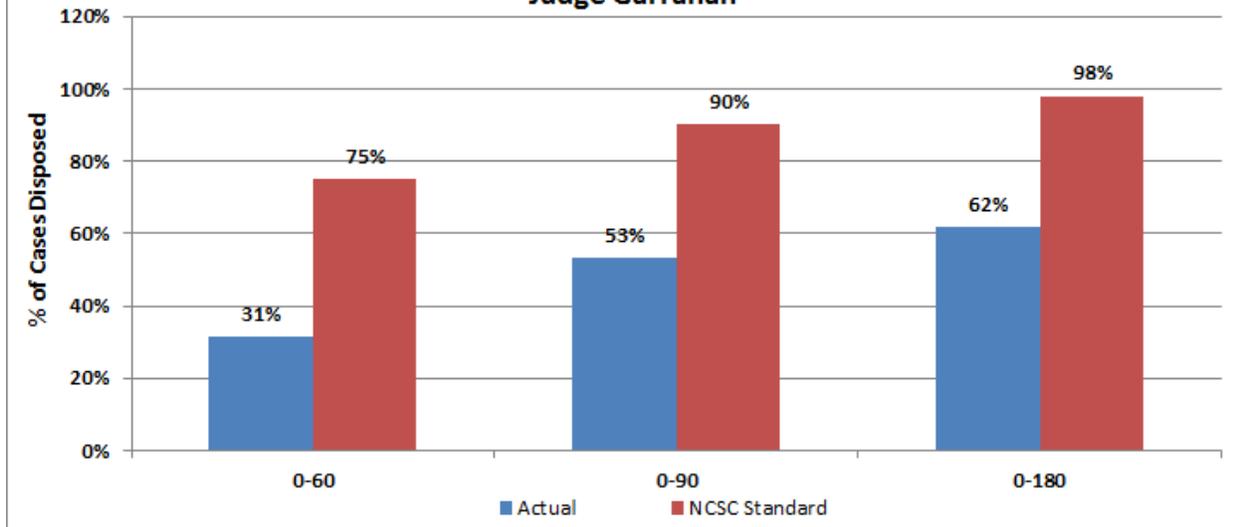






**1st Qtr. FY 2014-15
Time to Disposition
Judge Garrahan**

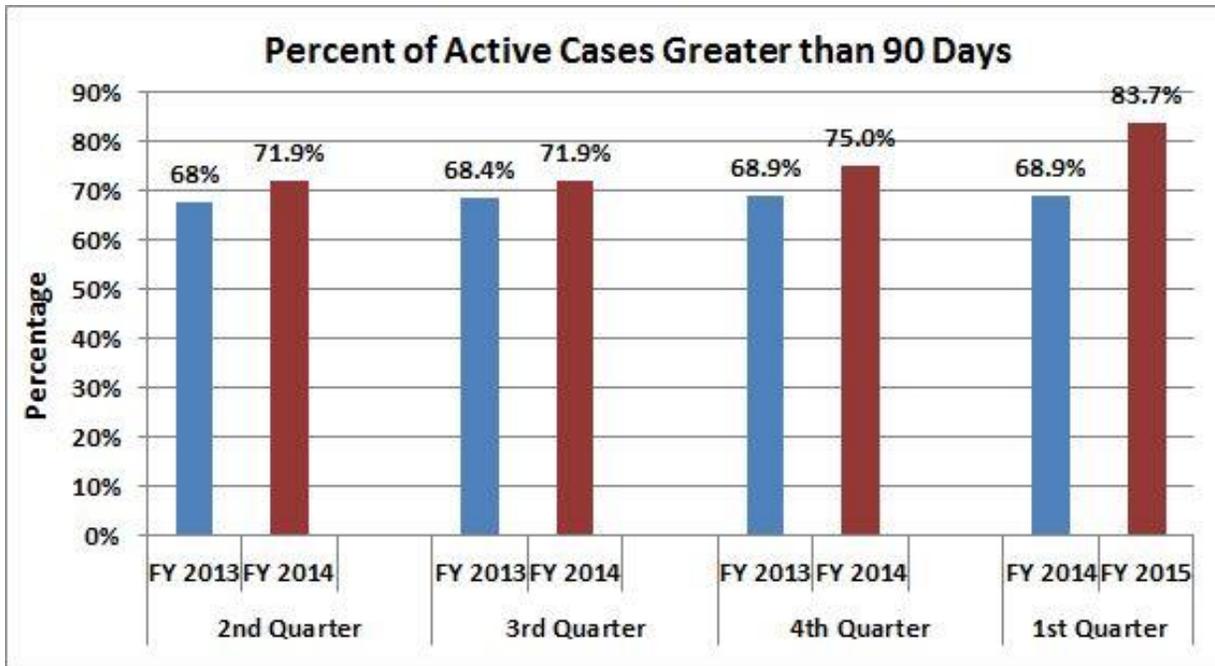
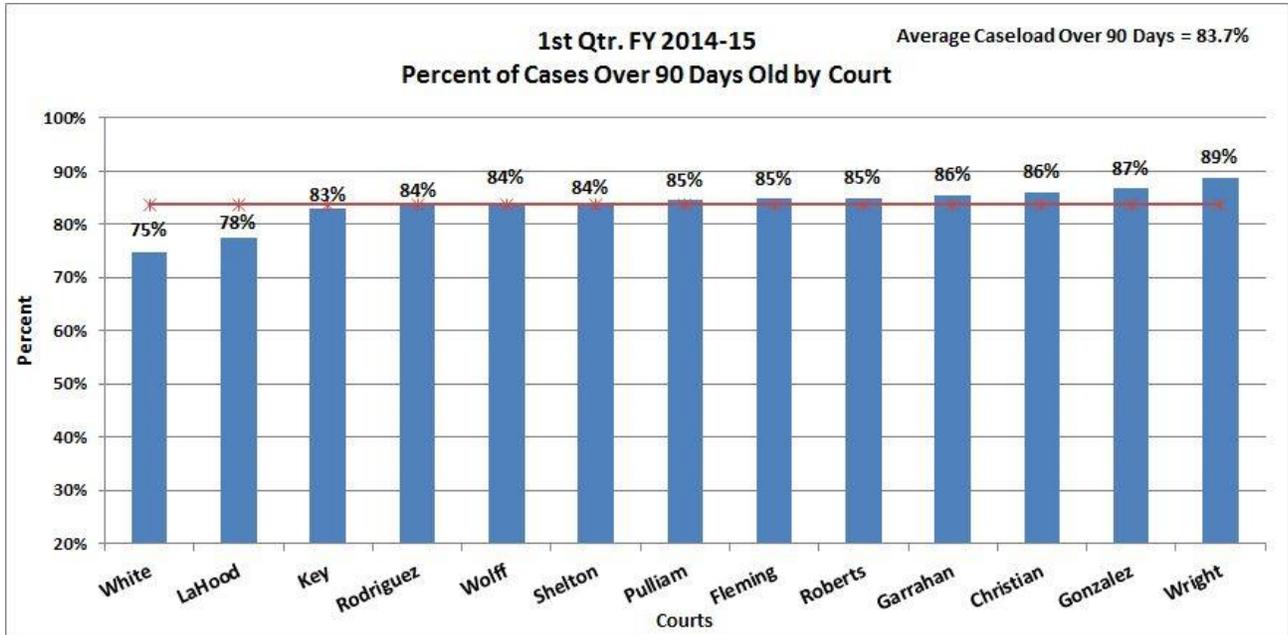
Total Cases
Disposed = 191



Measure 6: Age of Active Cases Pending Cases

Definition: The age of active cases pending before the court is measured as the number of days from filing until the time of measurement.

Analysis and Interpretation: This measure illustrates how a court's time to disposition compares to ABA standards. The first chart displays the percent of active cases that are over 90 days old for each of the courts. The second charts show the court-wide average over 90 days for the past four quarters. *Note: Fugitives are not included in the data.*



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APPENDIX A
Explanation and Method of Collection for Different Measures

Measure 1: Cost per Disposition

Definition: The net cost of disposing of a single case.

Method: Cost per disposition is the net cost of the court divided by the number of dispositions. Net cost per disposition includes revenue collected and costs between October 2014 and December 2014 from each court. This measure allows the court to compare average cost per case to other courts. Other personnel associated with the cost of disposing of a case are budgeted within other respective County departments, such as the District Attorney's Office, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, and the County Clerk's Office and are not included in the calculation for net Court cost per disposition.

Measure 2: Jail Bed Days

Definition: The number of jail bed days consumed.

Method: This information is retrieved from the Jail Track Management System and counts the total number of jail bed days used by court.

The average length of stay for inmates is calculated by totaling the number of jail bed days consumed from booking to release and dividing by the number of inmates incarcerated. It only measures the time spent on the highest level of charge by a defendant in a particular court.

Measure 3: Clearance Rates

Definition: The number of disposed cases as a percentage of the number of incoming cases.

Method: Clearance rates are measured using two variables, incoming cases and the number of cases disposed monthly. Incoming cases include new cases filed during the month, cases appealed from lower courts, and other cases reaching docket (motions to revoke probation/deferred adjudication, cases reactivated, and all other cases). The number of outgoing cases includes all monthly dispositions.

Due to new reporting requirements by the Office of Court Administration, certain types of dismissals (such as, Dismissed – Defendant Deceased, Dismissed – Reduced to Class C, Dismissed and Reduced) are not included in the number of dispositions.

Measure 4: Disposition Rate

Definition: The number of disposed cases as a percentage of the Active Caseload.

Method: Disposition rates are measured using two variables, active caseload and the number of cases disposed. The active caseload includes any cases assigned to the Court, but excludes those cases where the defendant has been declared a fugitive. The number of disposed cases includes all cases adjudicated less certain dismissals not allowed by OCA directive. **Due to new reporting requirements by the Office of Court Administration, the disposition rate is now a percentage of the active docket and not of the entire docket as previously reported.*

Measure 5: Time to Disposition

Definition: The percentage of cases disposed or otherwise resolved within established time frames. This is a comparison of data from *age of disposed cases* and only considers cases that are disposed, not the full docket.

Method: For each case, the report calculates the time in days from filing of the case until the date the case was disposed. The case processing time standards published by the American Bar Association (ABA), the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and the National Center for State Courts were used when establishing the benchmarks.

COSCA Case Processing Standards -Criminal

- Misdemeanor – 100% within 90 days

ABA Case Processing Standards-Criminal

- Misdemeanor
- 90% within 30 days
- 100% within 90 days

NCSC Model Case Processing Standards – Criminal

- Misdemeanor
- 75% within 60 days
- 90% within 90 days
- 98% within 180 days

*Source: National Center for State Courts Web site,
www.ncsconline.org/WC/Publications/KIS_CasManCPTSPub.pdf.*

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Measure 6: Age of Active Cases Pending Cases

Definition: The age of active cases pending before the court is measured as the number of days from filing until the time of measurement.

Method: For each case type being analyzed, the report calculates the time, in days, from filing of the case until the date established for the reporting period being examined (December 30, 2014 for 1st Quarter).

BEXAR COUNTY JUDICIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT
 APPENDIX B
 Source Documents for Different Measures

Sources:

| Measure(s) | Data Source | Date & Time of Source |
|---|---|--|
| Cost per Disposition | Bexar County Court Collection System Report: Misdemeanor | December 2014 |
| Cost per Disposition; Clearance Rate; Disposition Rate; Time to Disposition; | Bexar County Criminal Justice Information System: County Court Criminal Section Summary Report KJJ3161M October 2014 KJJ3161M November 2014 KJJ3161M December 2014 | 01/26/15, 11:47:01 01/26/15, 09:52:02 01/26/15, 07:14:33 |
| Clearance Rate; Disposition Rate; | Bexar County Criminal Justice Information System: Disposition Report Summary KJJDSPRA October 2014 KJJDSPRA November 2014 KJJDSPRA December 2014 | 01/27/15, 11:47:54 01/27/15, 11:50:36 01/27/15, 11:39:32 |
| Cost per Disposition | Lawson Financial System GL298 Commitment Analysis Report | Fiscal Year 2015 Period 1-3 |
| Jail Bed Days | Bexar County Criminal Justice Information System: Jail Track Report | 01/01/15 |
| ALOS | Bexar County Criminal Justice Information System: Custody Report | 12/30/14 |
| Age of Active Cases | Bexar County Criminal Justice Information System: Misdemeanors Pending | 12/28/14 |